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# Togo's Short Life, Tragic Death Remembered in Sunset Vigil

**ANGELA MCGREGOR**
Venice Current / SMDP Staff Writer



Courtesy photo
**TOGO**

Almost 100 community members stood in front of a photo of Togo Sunday and lit candles at sunset in honor the dog who lost his life in an early morning blaze believed to have been started by homeless individuals.

The vigil was held on Venice Beach by friends of Togo and his owner Dr. Courtney Gillenwater.

During the vigil - friends of Togo described the 80-pound, eight-month-old husky mix as, "the kind of dog who considered you a member of his pack the moment he met you." Gillenwater described Togo as "a talker" — smart, funny and a fantastic running companion.

During the early morning hours of April 21, Togo died after being tied to his front porch by an alleged arsonist who then set his home ablaze, according to Gillenwater.

Dr. Gillenwater said that she wanted to remember the good that

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# Sion Roy launches campaign to represent AD50 in the State Assembly

**CLARA HARTER**
SMDP Staff Writer

SMC Trustee and Harbor-UCLA physician Sion Roy is throwing his hat in the ring for AD50 Assembly Member, citing a need for more medical professionals at all levels of government.

Roy, who has lived in Santa Monica for eleven years, is running on a progressive Democratic platform with a keen interest in improving the healthcare system and increasing education funding.

Although the election is not until November 2022, his campaign is already well underway and has attracted endorsements from over 50 local leaders.

Current AD50 Assemblymember Richard Bloom announced in January that he is running for L.A. County Board of Supervisors in 2022, as he will hit his assembly term limit in 2024. This potentially opens up the AD50 seat for a political newcomer and Roy is eager to seize the opportunity to serve in Sacramento.

So far, the leading challenge comes from Rick Chavez Zbur, an environmental lawyer and the head of LGBTQ+ civil rights organization Equality California.

Roy believes that his experience serving on the frontlines of Covid-19 and his time as President of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, has equipped him with a unique skill set that would be highly valuable in the state assembly.

"Everything the world has gone through and our nation has gone through over the past year has convinced me that every level of government needs more data-backed science, scientists, and physicians," said Roy.

Currently, there are only two current state assembly members that are working doctors, one of whom will be terming out soon. As the pandemic exposed the weaknesses of our public health system, Roy feels that it is essential for more medical professionals to

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# Gas main repaired and power restored




Brennon Dixson
**REPAIR: A significant gas leak was repaired over the weekend after a contractor hit a pipe.**

**BRENNON DIXSON**
SMDP Staff Writer

The methane and natural gases threatening homes, streets and businesses in northeast Santa Monica subsided this weekend, and residents are now allowed to return to their homes.

SoCalGas first received reports that a subcontractor had damaged one of the city's largest natural gas mains near the intersection of Stanford Street and Lipton Avenue around noon Thursday. The foul smell of flammable gases prompted a large response of state and local officials, some of whom said they had worked through the night to prevent the situation from worsening.

On Friday, the smell and sounds of natural gas pouring into the neighborhood prompted the evacuation of residents, but those left behind were stuck in the dark, without power, searching for information.

Despite living a few feet from an electrical transformer that could spark the gas that roared as it flew from the main, Carrie Sedor mentioned last week that she wasn't too concerned about the situation.

"They hit the big one right here that apparently feeds all of Santa Monica, this guy said. And they don't want to shut down all of Santa Monica, so that's why they're doing it in increments," Sedor said, detailing how she has seen hundreds of workers out at the scene in the last few days.

Over the weekend, Sedor captured pictures of half a hundred workers maneuvering large cranes and pipes on her street in an effort to cap the ruptured gas line. On Monday, traffic was allowed to once again pass through the neighborhood where she walked and detailed the remnants of the work.

Black metal plates scatter the street and cover the different excavation sites. The far-right lane on Wilshire was still closed for a small stretch near the neighborhood while a SoCalGas worker shoveled dirt at the intersection of Stanford Street and Wilshire Boulevard. But Sedor said it's hard to believe the now-tranquil street was rumbling with activity just a few hours ago.

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# California senator seeks expansion of land, water protection

Associated Press

California Sen. Alex Padilla on Monday proposed a vast expansion of government protection for public lands and rivers that he said would fight climate change and safeguard natural treasures for generations to come.

His proposal would combine three bills already passed in the House and looks to take advantage of the Democratic tilt in Washington that is more welcoming to environmental protection, compared to the Republican Trump administration. Overall, it would expand protections for over 1 million acres of California public lands.

Speaking outdoors in the Los Angeles suburb of Irwindale, with the San Gabriel Mountains as a backdrop, the Democratic senator said his proposal would shelter open spaces and "keep them as wild and untouched as possible for future generations to enjoy."

Moreover, preserving public land helps in the fight against global warming, he said. It also advances California's goal to shelter more open spaces from development.

According to his office, the proposal would designate nearly 600,000 acres of new wilderness, more than 583 miles of new wild and scenic rivers and expand an existing national monument by over 100,000 acres.

California Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a fellow Democrat who is co-sponsoring the bill, said in a statement that "in light of climate change, our growing population and challenges to the flora and fauna, protecting these special places is even more important."

The Senate proposal combines provisions from three bills from the House:

— The Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act would protect approximately 262,000 acres of public lands as wilderness and designate 379 miles of new wild and scenic rivers. It also includes provisions to restore forests and fish habitat, clean up land and streams damaged by illegal marijuana cultivation and requires federal agencies to develop wildfire management plans with local communities.

— Among its provisions, the Central Coast Heritage Protection Act would designate approximately 288,000 acres of public land in the Los Padres National Forest and Carrizo Plain National Monument as wilderness, about 159 miles of streams as wild and scenic rivers and establish a 400-mile long Condor National Scenic Trail, stretching from Los Angeles to Monterey County.

—- The San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act would expand the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument by over 109,000 acres to include the western Angeles National Forest and establish a National Recreation Area along the San Gabriel Valley foothills and the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel River corridors. The bill would designate over 30,000 acres as wilderness and over 45 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers throughout the San Gabriel range.

The bills faced Republican opposition in the House, where critics said they would cost jobs. The future of Padilla's proposal in the closely divided Senate is unclear.

Padilla, who was appointed by Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom to the seat vacated in January by Vice President Kamala Harris, also says parts of the plan would make the rugged outdoors more accessible to congested urban areas. In expanding protection for open spaces "we must do so in a way that reverses racial and economic disparities in access to nature and parks," he said in a statement.




# San Diego boat wreck kills 3, shows risks of ocean smuggling

**ELLIOT SPAGAT**
Associated Press

A tractor-trailer slams into an SUV at an intersection on a remote California desert highway, killing 13 of 25 people crammed inside the late model Ford Expedition.

A man dangles a toddler over a border wall near Santa Teresa, New Mexico, allowing her to fall on her face before he disappears into Mexico.

A 40-foot (12.2-meter) cabin cruiser overloaded with 32 people capsizes just off the San Diego coast, killing three and critically injuring another person. The others aboard survived, with one in critical condition.

The incidents, which occurred over the last two months, show how smugglers put migrants at extraordinary peril for profits, whether by car, on foot or at sea.

The Coast Guard on Monday ended its search for survivors of the San Diego boat wreck, which happened on a bright Sunday morning near tidepools of Cabrillo National Monument, a popular spot for tourists and hikers.

Mexico's Foreign Relations Secretary said there were 25 men and eight women aboard, the majority of them Mexican citizens. It was unclear why the Mexican government counted one more person than the Coast Guard.

Passengers ranged from 18 to 40 and were being turned over to U.S. immigration authorities to be returned to Mexico.

The vessel had the hallmarks of a smuggling attempt from Mexico gone awry, though authorities stopped short of confirming it. The boat captain was in custody but Kelly Thornton, a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office in San Diego, declined to comment, saying prosecutors were "carefully reviewing the matter."

The SUV crash occurred in March and authorities said it was one of two vehicles crammed with occupants that entered the U.S. through an opening cut into the border wall. All were being smuggled. Those inside the other SUV were not involved in the accident and were picked up by the Border Patrol.

The toddler in the New Mexico incident was believed dropped into the country by a smuggler and survived the fall.

Smuggling off the California coast has ebbed and flowed over the years but has long been a risky alternative for migrants to avoid heavily guarded land borders. Small boats with single- or twin-engines known as "pangas" enter from Mexico in the dead of night, sometimes charting hundreds of miles north. Recreational boats, like the one that capsized Sunday, try to mix in unnoticed with fishing and pleasure vessels during the day.

The Border Patrol tallied 1,273 smuggling arrests on the California coast during the 12 months that ended Sept. 30, a 92% increase from the same period a year earlier. Since Oct. 1, it has made 909 arrests.

"The smugglers, they don't care about the people they're exploiting," said Jeff Stephenson, a Border Patrol agent and spokesman. "All they care about is profit. To them, these people are just commodities. You can see that in the way they treat them — inadequate safety equipment, really poorly equipped vessels."

Migrants sometimes get lifejackets but they tend to be old and tattered, Stephenson said.

Boats are known to launch in Mexico from Playas de Rosarito, a city that borders Tijuana and is popular with American expatriates. It's about 20 miles (32 kilometers) south of San Diego.

There are many secluded, private beaches with gated entrances between high-rises with magnificent ocean views, some only partially built because funds dried up during construction. Popotla, a fishing hamlet where narrow streets are lined with vendors selling a wide variety of local catch, is favored among smugglers for its large, sandy beach and relatively gentle waves.

In October, a 42-year-old Mexican man was sentenced to nearly seven years in federal prison for his role as captain of a panga boat with six migrants aboard, two of whom died after the engine stalled in rough waters off the coast of Imperial Beach, California. The pilot, who had a handheld GPS device, told investigators he was paid $5,000 to guide the boat, which launched in Ensenada, a port city south of Playas de Rosarito.

The same pilot was convicted of smuggling for leading a vessel to Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station near Los Angeles, in January 2019. Police found 14 people hiding amid brush and buildings in Huntington Beach.

On Friday, the Border Patrol alerted the public and boaters to increased surveillance in San Diego over the weekend, one day after intercepting a panga-type vessel off the San Diego coast. All 21 people aboard — 15 Mexican men and six Mexican women — were taken into custody and two were likely to be charged with smuggling crimes.

The pilot in Sunday's wreck was likely trying to blend in with pleasure craft, said Mike Unzueta, who witnessed an increase in marijuana smuggling from Mexico at sea when he led U.S. Immigration and Customs and Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations unit in San Diego in the late 2000s, then a shift to people and finally to hard narcotics.

"It's a tragic story and it's a sad, sad story but it just underscores the risks that desperate people are willing to take," he said.

The original call was for a handful of people overboard, said San Diego Lifeguard Services Lt. Rick Romero, who was among the first on scene. There were life preservers on board, but it wasn't known how many or whether any passengers were wearing them.

"There are people in the water, drowning, getting sucked out the rip current there," Romero said.

The passengers got lucky that a Navy sailor was in the area with his family and jumped in to assist. Cale Foy, an active duty rescue swimmer, told KGTV-TV in San Diego that he and a Navy SEAL trainee who was also there instantly knew what to do.

"Before we jumped in the water we looked at each other and said, 'Yeah I'm comfortable going into the water and shore break, washing machine effect is what we call it, and he's like, 'Yeah, I'm good for it too,' so we smiled at

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## DAILY POLICE LOG

### SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 250 CALLS ON MAY 2

Party Complaint 1600blk Berkeley St 12:02 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1200blk Palisades Park 12:04 a.m.
Party Complaint 800blk 2nd St 12:25 a.m.
Party Complaint 900blk Palisades Beach Rd 12:31 a.m.
Party Complaint 1900blk 20th St 12:33 a.m.
Person Down 1900blk Main St 12:35 a.m.
Party Complaint 400blk Hill St 12:42 a.m.
Loud Music 1500blk Berkeley St 12:42 a.m.
Party Complaint 2600blk 28th St 12:43 a.m.
Loud Music 1300blk 12th St 12:49 a.m.
Party Complaint 1900blk Virginia 12:57 a.m.
Party Complaint 800blk 2nd St 1:05 a.m.
Person With A Gun 1900blk Main St 1:16 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 800blk Wilshire Blvd 1:23 a.m.
Party Complaint 1500blk 6th St 1:35 a.m.
Loud Music 400blk 21st St 1:40 a.m.
Party Complaint 900blk Palisades Beach Rd 1:51 a.m.
Party Complaint 1400blk 6th St 1:57 a.m.
Party Complaint 1300blk Grant St 1:59 a.m.
Party Complaint 1400blk Princeton St 2:18 a.m.
Party Complaint 400blk Montana Ave 2:26 a.m.
Hit And Run Felony Investigation 11th St / Wilshire Blvd 2:49 a.m.
Loud Music 1300blk 12th St 2:55 a.m.
Party Complaint 700blk Idaho Ave 3:00 a.m.
Burglary 1300blk 2nd St 3:13 a.m.
Loud Music 400blk Montana Ave 3:37 a.m.
Party Complaint 700blk Strand St 3:49 a.m.
Trash Dumping 1400blk Ocean Ave 6:10 a.m.
Auto Burglary 2900blk Colorado Ave 6:28 a.m.
Battery 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 6:38 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1500blk Yale St 7:19 a.m.
Burglary 2900blk 4th St 7:48 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 7:48 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1300blk 16th St 7:57 a.m.
Auto Burglary 500blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:26 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:31 a.m.
Living In A Vehicle 2300blk Idaho Ave 8:44 a.m.
Bike Theft 1200blk Pico Blvd 9:12 a.m.
Petty Theft 1600blk Idaho Ave 9:26 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1800blk 7th St 9:54 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk 7th St 9:57 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 500blk The Beach 9:59 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1600blk Berkeley St 10:13 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2000blk Lincoln Blvd 10:17 a.m.
Sexual Assault 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 10:27 a.m.
Auto Burglary 500blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:29 a.m.
Petty Theft 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 10:44 a.m.
Construction Noise 1200blk 6th St 10:53 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1300blk 2nd St 11:29 a.m.
Burglary 2300blk Kansas Ave 11:55 a.m.
Public Intoxication 1800blk Ocean Ave 12:00 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 12:05 p.m.
Fraud 1400blk 2nd St 12:14 p.m.
Sexual Assault 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 12:15 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1300blk 9th St 12:25 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1800blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:17 p.m.
Auto Burglary 3000blk Colorado Ave 1:34 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1800blk 7th St 1:37 p.m.
Bike Theft 1200blk Pico Blvd 1:56 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 500blk The Beach 2:16 p.m.
Construction Noise 6th St / Wilshire Blvd 2:17 p.m.
Encampment 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 2:25 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1600blk Wilshire Blvd 2:26 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 400blk Ocean Park Blvd 2:36 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 800blk 7th St 2:56 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 10th St / Wilshire Blvd 3:13 p.m.
Petty Theft 700blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:17 p.m.
Loud Music 2700blk Barnard Way 3:36 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:51 p.m.
Battery 1500blk The Beach 4:08 p.m.
Loitering 800blk Bay St 4:08 p.m.
Burglary Now Lincoln Blvd / Bay St 4:17 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 1600blk Arizona Ave 5:09 p.m.
Keep The Peace 1800blk Ocean Park Blvd 5:21 p.m.
Runaway 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 5:34 p.m.
Loud Music 1500blk Berkeley St 5:46 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1700blk California Ave 5:47 p.m.
Red Zone Violation 2700blk 3rd St 6:23 p.m.
Person With A Gun 2000blk Ocean Front Walk 6:26 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1700blk Appian Way 6:41 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1500blk 2nd St 6:52 p.m.
Panhandling 800blk Montana Ave 7:00 p.m.
Public Intoxication 800blk Bay St 7:24 p.m.
Burglary 700blk Ermont Pl 7:37 p.m.
Burglary 2000blk Stewart St 7:44 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 1600blk Ocean Ave 8:09 p.m.
Petty Theft 600blk Wilshire Blvd 8:12 p.m.
Petty Theft 700blk Broadway 8:19 p.m.
Battery 2nd St / Wilshire Blvd 8:21 p.m.
Encampment 12th St / Wilshire Blvd 8:50 p.m.
Battery 1600blk Berkeley St 8:55 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Stanford St / Pennsylvania Ave 8:57 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1500blk Ocean Ave 9:30 p.m.
Loud Music 1100blk 3rd St 9:41 p.m.
Battery 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:50 p.m.
Person Down Cloverfield Blvd / Interstate 10 10:35 p.m.
Loud Music 100blk Hill St 10:47 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 800blk 3rd St 10:49 p.m.
Loud Music 2000blk Ocean Ave 11:20 p.m.
Petty Theft 500blk 16th St 11:26 p.m.
Battery 12th St / Wilshire Blvd 11:46 p.m.

## DAILY FIRE LOG

### SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 29 CALLS ON MAY 2

EMS 300blk Olympic Dr 3:50 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 5:47 a.m.
EMS 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:48 a.m.
EMS Euclid St / Arizona Ave 7:20 a.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 7:48 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 7:50 a.m.
Arcing Wires 23rd St / Pearl St 8:34 a.m.
Transformer Fire 23rd St / Pearl St 8:44 a.m.
Transformer Fire 2300blk 34th St 8:55 a.m.
EMS 1000blk 11th St 9:33 a.m.
EMS 1800blk Ocean Ave 12:41 p.m.
EMS 700blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:43 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 2700blk Neilson Way 1:30 p.m.
EMS 3000blk Linda Lane 1:33 p.m.
EMS 1900blk 17th St 1:36 p.m.
EMS 300blk San Vicente Blvd 1:53 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 11th St / Olympic Blvd E 3:15 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 5th St 3:37 p.m.
EMS 200blk 7th St 4:23 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 6:27 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk 21st St 7:24 p.m.
EMS 400blk Pier Ave 7:30 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 7th St 8:50 p.m.
EMS Stanford St / Pennsylvania Ave 9:05 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk 2nd St 9:19 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Ocean Ave 9:30 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1400blk 5th St 10:05 p.m.
EMS Cloverfield Blvd / Interstate 10 10:35 p.m.
EMS 400blk San Vicente Blvd 11:36 p.m.

## CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

### ON MAY 2, APPROXIMATELY 10:32 P.M.

On CHP officers responded to a fatal traffic collision on the 10 freeway near the Cloverfield on-ramp. According to CHP, a woman was driving eastbound at approximately 60 miles per hour when an unidentified homeless woman walked onto the freeway from the on-ramp. The pedestrian sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene by Santa Monica Firefighters. Witnesses called CHP and the driver was cooperating with officers. The name of the victim was unavailable at press time while pending notification of her family.

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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### SMC Celebrates Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

Santa Monica College (SMC) is proud to present four free events in May in honor of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. The events include a screening of aka DAN: A Korean Adoption Documentary Story with audience Q&A, a discussion on coping with hate and discrimination against Asian Americans, a talk about designing the user experience for consumers and enterprise, and a workshop on a new way of looking at, thinking about, and staging the stories of Indigenous Peoples in the Pacific.

All presentations are free, and will be held online as live virtual events. A Zoom link to each event will be posted with the listing on the SMC Events calendar at smc.edu/calendar. To attend, the Zoom software must be installed on the viewer's computer. A free download is available at zoom.com.

SMC's Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month events are:

• Tuesday, May 11 – Dan Matthews: "aka DAN: A Korean Adoption Documentary Story Film Screening and Q&A" at 11:15 a.m. Dan Matthews, better known as alternative Hip Hop artist DANakaDAN, presents an online screening and Q&A about aka DAN: A Korean Adoption Documentary Story, which chronicles his experience as a Korean adoptee who travels to Korea to find his biological family. He is the lead content creator and producer with ISAtv (International Secret Agents), a YouTube network founded by Far East Movement + Wong Fu Productions. Sponsored by the SMC Associates.

• Thursday, May 13 – Aastha Gaur: "UX Director at Google," at 11:15 a.m. Aastha Gaur, who has designed solutions at boutique design studios and big corporations, is a User Experience (UX) Director at Google. She will talk about her work designing for consumers and enterprise, and the importance of leading with mindfulness, intuition, creativity, and compassion. Sponsored by the SMC Associates.

• Thursday, May 13 – Dorothy Chin: "Transforming AAPI Hate into Strength and Resilience," at 1 p.m. Dorothy Chin is an SMC psychology professor and a clinical psychologist specializing in trauma, culture, discrimination, and mental health. She will talk about coping with hate and discrimination against Asian Americans and what it means to be Asian in today's climate. Sponsored by the SMC Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Alliance.

• Thursday, May 20 – Rhiana Yazzie: "New Native Theatre - Indigenous Peoples in the Pacific Workshop" at 11:15 a.m. Based in the Twin Cities, New Native Theatre (NNT) is a new way of looking at, thinking about, and staging Native American stories. Created in 2009 by playwright Rhiana Yazzie, NNT produces, commissions, and devises authentic Native American stories for the stage, making NNT's artists intricately connected to the concerns and voices of their communities. Sponsored by the SMC Associates.

More information is available by calling SMC's Office of Public Programs at 310-434-4100.

SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH

**The Pier**

### Pacific Park To Hold Job Fair To Fill More Than 200 Spring And Summer Positions On May 8

Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier is holding its next Job Fair to fill more than 200 Spring and Summer positions on Saturday, May 8 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Seaside Pavilion, which is located at the west side of Pacific Park next to Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf.

To highlight the urgent need to hire the 200 new employees, Pacific Park's 90-feet-tall Ferris wheel with its 174,000 LED lights will be displaying the following messages nightly through May 8, except on the evening of Cinco de Mayo:

- "JOB FAIR / 4-24"
- "NOW HIRING"
- "WORK HERE"

Pacific Park looks for fun, outgoing, energetic team members to work in areas like Scoops Ice Cream Shop and Beach Burger as well as rides, games, retail and security, among others.

Potential employees can visit Pacific Park to submit an application in person where they can meet face-to-face with supervisors to ask questions about available positions and explain why they are great fit for the Pacific Park team. Many applicants will be hired on site and provided with dates to begin orientation and training. Job seekers can also apply online anytime at http://www.pacpark.com/jobfair. Pacific Park is an equal opportunity employer.

"As we move closer to the spring and summer seasons, it's critical that we hire enough new employees to make sure that we're able to provide great customer service and go above and beyond our guests' expectations," says Nathan Smithson, Director of Marketing and Business Development at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier. "Pacific Park is one of Santa Monica's largest youth employers and provides employees with a variety of opportunities including gaining valuable skills and training on the job all while working at the beach and oceanfront."

Pacific Park's rides, including the Pacific Wheel, are currently open to the public. The Park is also offering select services in its over-the-ocean dining plaza, beachside retail, and midway games. Following written guidelines from the state, guests should expect new experiences including the option to purchase ride tickets online in advance of their visit, a single entrance to the ride area at the east side of the Park, and monitoring the number of people in the Park at one time.

Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier is located at 380 Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica, CA 90401. For additional information and hours of operation, call 310-260-8744, visit www.pacpark.com, follow on Instagram and Twitter: @pacpark and Like at Facebook: facebook.com/pacificpark.

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# Death draws attention to police putting suspects face down

**DON THOMPSON**
Associated Press

It's common practice for police around the U.S. to place combative suspects face down and press down on their backs with hands, elbows or knees to gain control.

They aren't supposed to do it for an "extended period" because that can lead to injuries or death. But what length of time is appropriate?

That question and the face-down method are in the spotlight after police video released last week showed officers in Northern California struggling with a man for more than five minutes as he lay face down.

He died. Two days after the video became public, a jury in Southern California awarded more than $2 million to the family of a homeless man who died in 2018 after officers in Anaheim used a similar technique to restrain him.

Now, a Los Angeles-area lawmaker who is a former police officer is trying to outlaw techniques that create a substantial risk of what's known as "positional asphyxia" — legislation police oppose as either vague or unnecessary given that most departments already restrict the practice.

"This does not mean that a police officer can no longer restrain anyone when they need to for public safety, but it would mean that they cannot keep anyone from breathing/losing oxygen when restraining them," Democratic Assemblyman Mike Gipson said in a statement.

He cited George Floyd's death in Minneapolis last year, who was face down as an officer knelt on his neck for nearly nine minutes, and another California death before Christmas involving police in the San Francisco Bay Area community of Antioch.

The legislation is getting more attention after 26-year-old Mario Gonzalez died on April 19. Body camera video released last week showed he was pinned down by four Alameda Police Department employees. Officers confronted him after receiving 911 calls that he seemed disoriented or drunk and appeared to be breaking the security tags off bottles of alcohol he had in shopping baskets.

The department's policy manual says a suspect "shall not be placed on his/her stomach for an extended period, as this could reduce the person's ability to breathe."

"Every department has policies on this," said Ed Obayashi, a use-of-force consultant to law enforcement agencies and a deputy sheriff and legal adviser for the Plumas County, California, sheriff's office. "Every law enforcement agency trains their officers, advises them, cautions them on this very restraint issue — positional asphyxia."

Timothy T. Williams Jr., a police tactics expert who spent nearly 30 years with the Los Angeles Police Department, said the policy should be clearer.

"The policy needs to be more specific and directed: Once he or she is handcuffed, they are to be immediately removed from the prone position, put on their side and if possible set up," Williams said. Otherwise, "you leave everything to subjective interpretation: What may be short to you may be long to me."

That's not new: A 1995 bulletin from the U.S. Department of Justice advised agencies that "as soon as the suspect is handcuffed, get him off his stomach."

Williams and Obayashi agree that the officers in Alameda should have known that they needed to get Gonzalez onto his side more quickly. In fact, the video captures an officer suggesting they do so about 15 seconds before Gonzalez loses consciousness. Another officer refused, apparently fearing he would lose his grip.

The video shows one officer putting an elbow on Gonzalez's neck and a knee on his shoulder, while another appears to put a knee on his back and leaves it there for about four minutes, even as Gonzalez gasps for air. Officers handcuffed him about two minutes after they pinned him to the ground but didn't turn him on his back until three minutes later, when he had lost consciousness.

From a medical standpoint, any restriction of oxygen or blood flow is too long, said University of California, San Francisco, neurologist Nicole Rosendale.

"There are no kind of safe, defined ways to have someone in a position like this and reduce oxygen," she said. "There's no way to predict who might be at higher risk or lower risk of complications from this positioning."

That's the premise of the proposed California ban, which would outlaw applying pressure or body weight to a restrained person's neck, torso or back or laying them face up or face down without proper monitoring.

The California State Sheriffs' Association said the language is too broad, violations would be too difficult to judge and a ban would leave officers fewer options against violent suspects and more likely to use batons or stun guns.

The National Conference of State Legislatures said Nevada enacted a similar ban last year as part of broader legislation.

After Floyd's death, California last year barred police from using arm-based grips, including chokeholds that apply pressure to a person's windpipe and carotid holds that slow the flow of blood to the brain.

It was similarly once common to hog-tie, or hobble, combative suspects by binding their ankles to their wrists behind their backs, though the Los Angeles and New York police departments were among those that abandoned that practice nearly a quarter-century ago after it was blamed for too many deaths.

An attorney for the Alameda officers, Alison Berry Wilkinson, said they "used the lowest degree of force possible given the intensity of Mr. Gonzalez's efforts to evade their grasp." She said officers never pressed down hard enough to stop his breathing.

Eugene O'Donnell, a former New York City police officer and professor of police studies at New York's John Jay College of Criminal Justice, said the body camera footage of Gonzalez's arrest "is a training video for anybody who's reasonably fair to see how hard it is if a situation becomes physical."

"What you have now in many police departments is prohibitions that make physical arrests very hard — avoiding the chest, avoiding putting somebody on their stomach, avoiding their neck," O'Donnell said. "And there's always the possibility somebody can die in an arrest situation."

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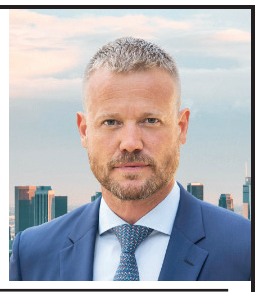
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## Strictly Business

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# The Value of a Good Coach Never Ends

"Men teach men how to be men." This is what I learned from the men's group I attend. I've been a member for 21 years now, and in that time I've experienced the love and support of many different men. They've been there for me at various times in my professional career as I've hit roadblocks, or crisis points. I've had men come to my aid and comfort as I went through a brutally painful breakup. These men were there for me when my mother died. When my business died. When I wanted to run away.

Older men have always shared with younger men their experiences. For years that was how you got a good job, you apprenticed. In professional settings there would be a mentoring program in place, and today that still holds true in the fields of law and medicine. To become a good lawyer, one usually clerks for a judge, or is the 'bag carrier' for an older lawyer who helps to show a youngster the ropes. In medicine young doctors go through stages of mentorship so they can develop skills and confidence in their practice.

That same relationship model - the older experienced resource sharing with the younger enthusiastic neophyte is applicable in so many other areas. It comes so naturally to men, that it seems odd to think we should remind ourselves of its benefits.

When I was a young man I had a wrestling coach in high school. He taught me diet, and moves, and strategies. His name was Roger Durant and he was one of the best men I've ever known. He didn't just teach wrestlers to wrestle, he taught us life skills in resilience, persistence, doing your homework, and how to show up. We were not allowed to go to wrestling meets unless we had coats and ties. He bought many a boy their first coat and tie. He taught us pride in ourselves and our team.

I am a mentor, coach and friend to others. My students come to me for help with writing their first book, building a marketing campaign, or crafting their podcast shows. I help them with seeing their ideas turned into reality.

Today I have coaches, mentors or friends that I rely on to give me direction, advice and share their experience. I have spiritual guides, relationship mentors and men who share their success stories with me so that I can follow in their footsteps.

One of my coaches is a man named Gary Barnes. We work on my web presence, my online course, and my business structure and procedures. He is a confidante and cheerleader and taskmaster and spiritual adviser.

I'm 54 years old, and still I need a coach to help me get my skills to the next level. We're never too old to ask for help, or to benefit from it. Whatever you are pursuing, professionally or personally, whether it is weight training, learning a musical instrument or become a better accountant - there's good reason to find someone who has experience and is willing to share it with you.

There are good coaches available for everything in this world and the key to success is knowing that you can access their knowledge and they can lift you up, to get you to the next level in whatever you want to do. From relationships to remodeling, from painting to podcasting, there's someone out there to provide the needed educational, moral, spiritual and emotional support. We need to be reminded that we already know how this relationship works, and that it is valuable.

On the phone yesterday with Gary he reminded me that 80% of success is dependent upon the emotional and psychological growth that is needed to break free of our mental chains. The negative self-talk we all engage in, and the limits that were picked up along the way from bad messages, and misunderstood comments by our parents. I know for myself that is true. I have had limiting beliefs that come to me from my mother. It wasn't her intention to slow me down, but it was the impact of her words and worries. Today I am still correcting those thoughts and ideas by going to therapy and rewiring what I think. Therapy is a form of coaching, and we have many great therapists in Santa Monica.

For years I had a psychologist I saw weekly. He was crucial to keeping me emotionally stable and able to do my work. But it was maintenance work. Like going to the gym for 20 minutes a day will keep you where you are, but an hour a day will get you progress. My new therapist and I are doing EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing). It's like going to the gym for an hour. In the two months I've been seeing him, I've made more progress than in years of talk therapy. I feel happier, better and more engaged in my business.

I don't have all the answers, but I know enough to know that someone does have the answers to the questions I have.

We're never too old for a good mentor.

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# Apple's 'walled garden' faces Epic attack in app store trial

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Apple's lucrative app store was alternately portrayed as a price-gouging monopoly and a hub of world-changing innovation during the preamble to a trial that may reshape the technological landscape.

The contrasting portraits were drawn on Monday as lawyers for Apple and its foe, Epic Games, outlined their cases in an Oakland, California, federal court before U.S. District Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers, who will decide the case.

While Apple depicted its app store as an invaluable service beloved by consumers and developers alike, Epic Games attacked it as a breakthrough idea that has morphed into an instrument of financial exploitation that illegally locks out competition.

The trial, expected to last most of this month, revolves around the 15% to 30% commission that Apple charges for subscriptions and purchases made from apps downloaded from its store -- the only one accessible on the iPhone, iPad and iPod.

Epic, the maker of the popular Fortnite video game, laid out evidence drawn mostly from Apple's internal documents in an attempt to prove the company has built a digital "walled garden" during the past 13 years as part of a strategy crafted by its late co-founder, Steve Jobs. The formula, Epic contends, is designed to make it as difficult as possible for consumers to stop buying its products and services.

"The most prevalent flower in the walled garden is the Venus fly trap," said Epic lawyer Katherine Forrest. Later, Forrest highlighted expert testimony that will be submitted during the trial that estimated Apple reaped profit margins of 75% to 78% during 2018 and 2019, even though Jobs publicly said the company didn't expect to make large sums of money from the app store when it opened in 2008.

The app store is now an integral piece of a services division that generated nearly $17 billion in revenue during the first three months of this year alone.

Apple brushed off Epic's arguments as a case brimming with unfounded allegations made by a company that wants to get rid of the app store commission to increase its own profits while freeloading off an iPhone ecosystem that has cost more than $100 billion to build.

Karen Dunn, Apple's attorney, pointed to Epic's internal documents outlining a strategy called "Project Liberty" that paved a way for Fortnite to purposefully breach its app store contract last summer and set up a showdown over the fees.

"Rather than investing in innovation, Epic invested in lawyers, PR and policy consultants in an effort to get all of the benefits Apple provides without paying," Dunn said.

In sworn testimony, Epic CEO Tim Sweeney acknowledged that the company is trying to increase its current annual revenue of about $5.1 billion through its own app store. The Epic store, which is currently banned from the iPhone and other Apple products, charges a 12% commission on in-app transactions. That model isn't profitable yet, Sweeney said, but he predicted the Epic store will start making money during the next three or four years.

"Epic is solely seeking changes to Apple's future behavior," Sweeney testified so the company won't have to pay higher commissions and still be able to offer Fortnite and other games on the iPhone. Apple ousted Fortnite from its app store last August after Epic tried to use its own payment system.

Sweeney also acknowledged that Epic decided to brazenly violate its contract with Apple to make a point. "I wanted to show the world through action exactly what the ramifications of Apple's policies were," he testified.

In his cross-examination, Apple lawyer Richard Doren repeatedly pressed why Epic seemed to have no problem paying a mandatory 30% commission on payments made on Fortnite through Sony's PlayStation Microsoft's Xbox and Nintendo's Switch consoles as well as other devices. During the same questioning, Doren also highlighted evidence showing those three video game consoles have accounted for about $10.5 billion of the $13.1 billion in revenue that Fortnite has brought into Epic the game's release in 2017.

Apple CEO Tim Cook -- Jobs' hand-picked successor -- will testify during the trial, too, but his appearance isn't expected until near the end of a courtroom drama that will unfold before only a handful of mask-wearing people being allowed inside each day because of pandemic restrictions.

While the trial will involve moments of high intrigue that could divulge closely guarded secrets, the nuts and bolts of the case will likely hinge on more mundane matters such as market definitions.

Epic contends the iPhone has become so ingrained in society that the device and its peripheral services such as the app store has become a market by itself. As part of that argument, Epic contends the Apple should be forced to open up its walled garden to alternative options, such as allowing other app stores and payment options besides its own.

"The garden could have a door," Epic lawyer Forrest insisted. "It was artificially closed."

Apple Inc. is seeking a far more broader market definition that would encompass the consoles, computers and other devices that people use to play video games. To prove that point, the Cupertino, California, company cited an internal Epic analysis done last year

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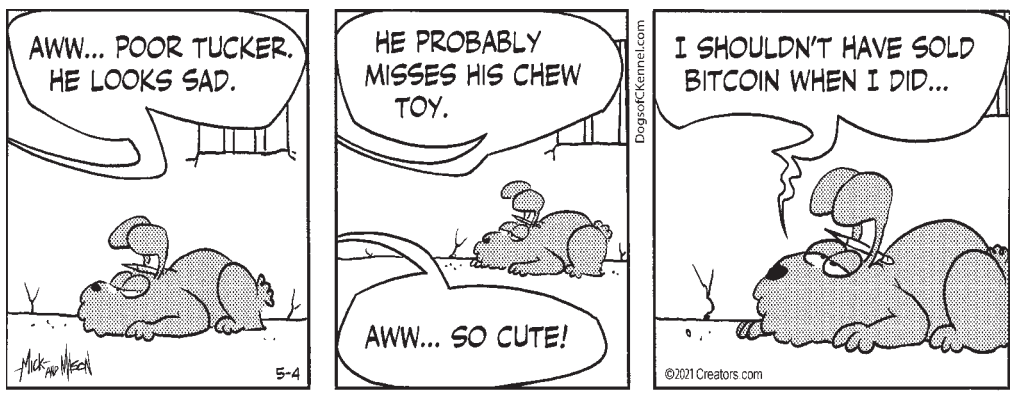
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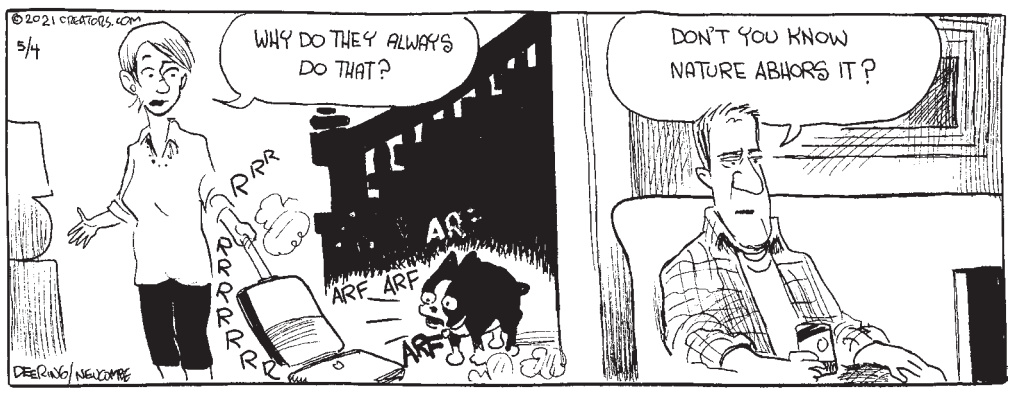

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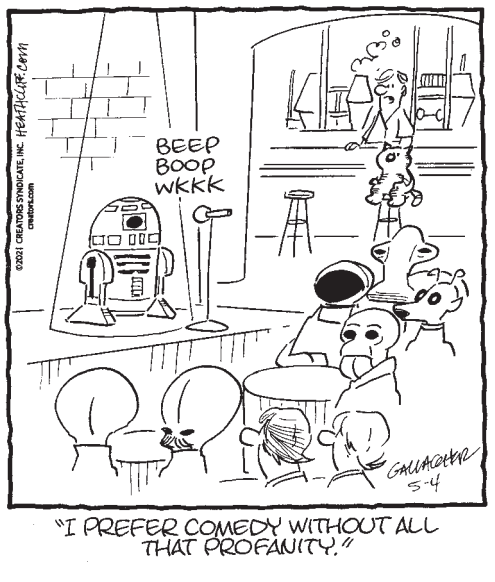

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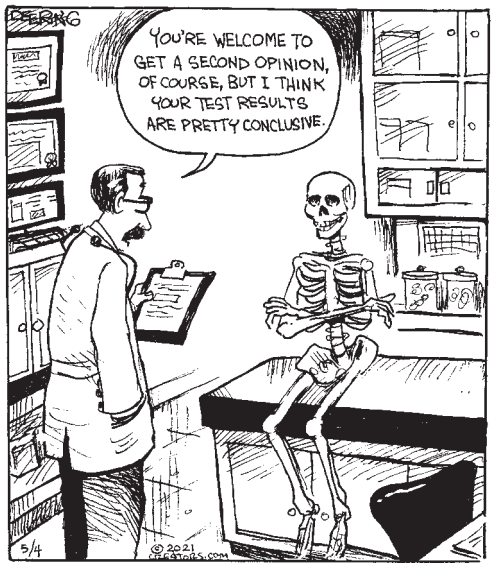

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## SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 58.8°

TUESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
SSW/S swell gradually fades, blending with small WNW swell. Most size west of Pt. Dume. Expecting E/SE flow for the morning, which would be bad for points but ok for beachbreaks. Midday wind is light.

WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Thigh to waist high
Smaller mix of swells on tap, but still rideable as the early morning high tide drops. Should be peaks at the beachbreaks/combo spots west of Pt Dume off the leftover blend of NW and S swells.

## WEATHER

**Tuesday:** Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 68.
**Tuesday Night:** Patchy dense fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.
**Wednesday:** Patchy dense fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 71.

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Jackpot: 345 M

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1 6 13 22 31
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**Fantasy 5** — Draw Date: 5/2
3 4 30 33 39

**Daily 3** — Draw Date: 5/2
EVENING: 7 0 0

Draw Date: 5/2
MIDDAY: 8 6 9

**Daily Derby** — Draw Date: 5/2
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You'll benefit from a profound sense of purpose driving the year. At first, you'll crave indicators that you're on the right track. But soon, you'll lose the need for external validation, because something inside you will have rooted into your plan and there will be no other option than to fulfill the promise of the occurring momentum. Virgo and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 18, 4, 44 and 32.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When little things can thrill you, you're with the right person. This is especially true if you happen to be alone. Being receptive to your own wonder and making arrangements to have more of it are major acts of self-love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Making the other person look good is a chief priority for you in every interaction. People feel and appreciate this. You listen intently and consider other people's questions and curiosities as you move conversations forward.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll spend a good deal of time custom tailoring your offerings to those around you, and rightly so. Efficiency depends on it. To forward your aims, everything you do must also work for the other party.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's an art to wanting well. It will take a bit of exploration to understand whether your want is reasonable given your current circumstances. If not, there is something adjacent that will work brilliantly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll return to a handful of ideas that keep popping back to mind. The reason they won't leave is because they are relevant or need to be processed and either let go or venerated.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Whether there are too many people involved, there is too much information to include or there are too many options for spending money, you'll be in a position to make some cuts. You'll be skillful and swift!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It won't be enough to make your point -- everyone wants to do that! There very well could be as many "points" in the room as there are people. If you decide to speak, you'll concern yourself with being memorable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Systems seem more complex than necessary. However, in a new job, you have neither the overview nor the microview to know what's necessary. For now, stay in observation mode and focus on learning, not fixing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Enlist others to bounce your ideas off of because you are too familiar with your subject matter to get the objectivity that will help you move forward.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You use the rhythms of the past to figure out what to expect from the current situation. Frustration is a function of an unmet expectation. The golden question: Should you adjust reality or the expectation?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If something makes a difference to you, then it matters -- period. There is no one else more worthy of your amazing talent for customization. Pour your efforts into your own satisfaction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll interact with supportive people who want to see you succeed. But you have to show them your version of success or they won't be able to support you in the correct direction.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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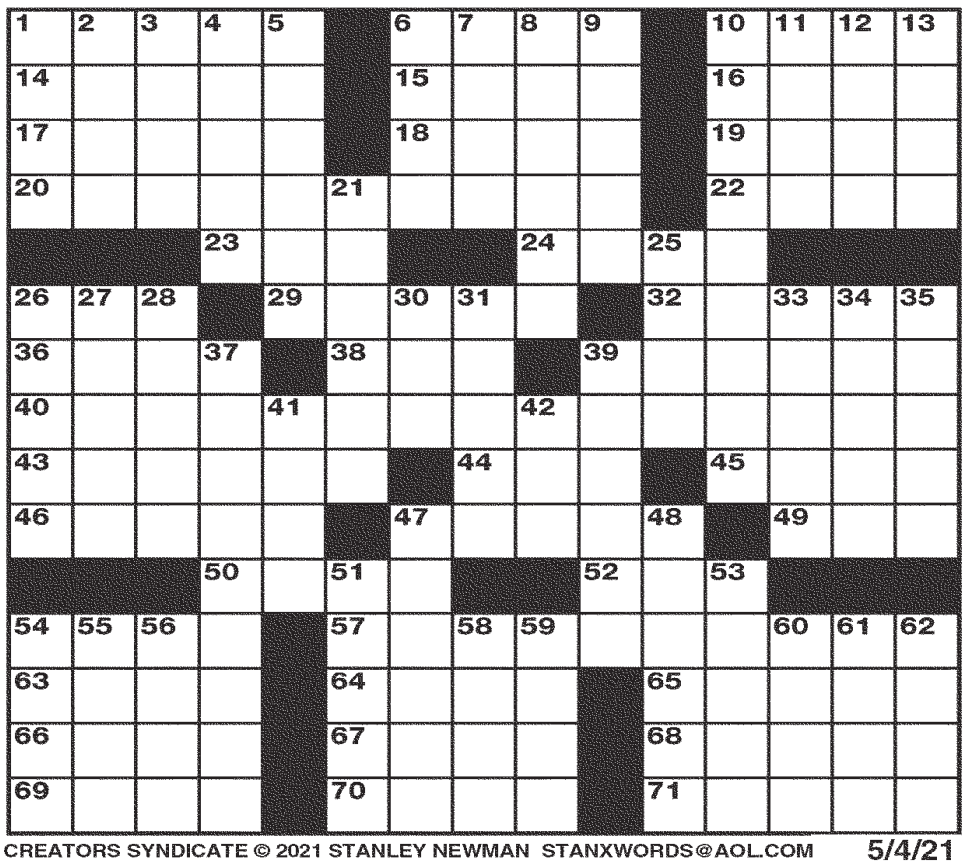
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## Newsday Crossword

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**ACROSS**
1 Measures for land parcels
6 Therefore
10 Not at all colorful
14 Grandfather clock signal
15 Wish for
16 Money in Italy and France
17 Career soldier
18 Ancient Peruvian
19 Large quantity (of)
20 Cold as ICE in personality
22 Ring, as church bells
23 Strong craving
24 Speck of land in an ocean
26 *Antiques Roadshow* network
29 Post office purchase
32 Very angry
36 Car
38 Slugger's stat: Abbr.
39 Wiped clean
40 Keeping a situation on ICE
43 Snoozing
44 Two less than penta-
45 Simplify
46 Stand in good __ (be useful)
47 Customary practice
49 Prescription, for short
50 Person, place, or thing
52 Very angry
54 Serb or Bulgarian
57 On thin ICE
63 Prefix for final or circle
64 Count in a quintet
65 Florida Gulf city
66 Christen
67 __ FOR BUSINESS (store door sign)
68 Irritate
69 Blizzard stuff
70 Landlord's income
71 Financial profits

**DOWN**
1 Human rights org.
2 Goatee's location
3 Repeated musical phrase
4 Manicurist's __ board
5 Weekly TV program
6 Exact copy
7 What's placed in a mitten
8 Detach, as a brooch
9 Lingers
10 In dire straits
11 Reign over
12 Region
13 What soup is served in
21 Lure into wrongdoing
25 Italy's former money
26 Daddies
27 Pop, as a bubble
28 Committed robbery
30 "Six-pack" muscles
31 Catchers' gloves
33 Just like me
34 Feeling antsy
35 Double-__ sword
37 Beach house's selling point
39 Baffling puzzle
41 Make over
42 Nest-egg acronym
47 Not ready to harvest
48 Label placed on cattle
51 Willing to do
53 Prince William's mother
54 Taxpayer IDs
55 Low in fat
56 Armory stockpile
58 Smooth out
59 Penny
60 Prefix meaning "all"
61 "Once __ a time . . ."
62 Expresses orally



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## Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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# FIND THE WORDS

**This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.** © australianwordgames.com.au 5103

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## GAS
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"It was a mess down here. You could smell gas, we were talking about the street lifting and now it's quiet," Sedor said. "There were a few different groups of people in all their different outfits. I saw them come around and they all huddled like they were saying, 'OK, we're going to do this.' And then some big pieces of material started coming in… and they started just working through the night. My husband sent me a shot of some stuff at two in the morning and we have videos of all that stuff happening."

By the time Sunday morning had arrived, workers were patching holes, visiting homes to fix old stoves and conducting other safety checks in the area.

"I was like wow they've been working," Sedor said, noting she was asked if she wanted to leave like her neighbors, but the Sedor family opted to stay since it was one of five houses that had electricity.

"They said, 'If you made it this far, it's going to be okay and it's getting better,'" Sedor said, "so we just believed."

SoCalGas officials said Monday afternoon that repairs are complete, service has been restored to all customers.

"We were one of the lucky ones," Sedor said, adding, "I don't think anybody should be afraid, but it does seem like nobody knows what's going on down there. So, that's a discomfort; the fact that we don't really know what's going on underneath the street."

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## CAMPAIGN
FROM PAGE 1

have a voice in government.

"Communities of color really suffered disproportionately during COVID, but even prior to the pandemic the healthcare disparities were there, they were just not as public," said Roy. "And so I think our healthcare system needs more physician input and more changes going forward."

While serving as Santa Monica College Trustee, Roy helped expand medical career pathways by establishing a mentorship program between students and healthcare professionals of color. Education is also a cause very close to his heart and an issue he seeks to work on in state government.

"If I get to Sacramento, I will be a huge advocate for educational funding and particularly at the community college level," said Roy, adding that he also seeks resources to support students who fell behind at school during the pandemic.

While this is Roy's first run for state politics, he has been involved in local politics for many years. Stretching back to high school and college, Roy was a member of his school democratic clubs. More recently he served as president of the Santa Monica Democratic Club.

"I've been tied in with local government and with legislative advocacy in Sacramento, so I know how all of those things interact," said Roy. "I really intend to take the voice of the people in Santa Monica and the people in AD50 to Sacramento."

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## VENICE
FROM PAGE 1

came out of the terrible night, specifically the neighbors who tried to come to her dog's aid banging through windows and doors at 3 a.m. on behalf of a woman they hardly knew. As a first responder, Gillenwater she said she was used to helping others, not the other way around.

Gillenwater told the crowd on Sunday that the love and support of her neighbors have shown her the powerful way that "everyone can come together when there's something to do".

She hopes that Togo's death will not be in vain. A website set up in his memory (https://www.togolighttheway.com/) states:

"Togo is our unsung HERO to bringing reform to Venice. Born during the Pandemic, he saved us not knowing we needed saving... We are determined to give meaning to this senseless loss and bring attention to the violence in Venice that has terrorized both our housed and unhoused neighbors. We want to call out our absent politicians who ignore the cries of the community. We demand action, we demand change."

After the candlelight vigil, the Gillenwaters friends reiterated their frustration with Councilman Bonin's failure to reach out to the community [or Gillenwater].

To date, the only public statement he has made was on April 22, when Bonin insisted via Twitter that the Los Angeles Fire Department had determined that there was "no evidence" that the person who started the fire "was homeless".

Despite Bonin's implication that the crime has been solved [which some have understood to mean that arson was not involved], the investigation is ongoing by LAFD's Arson and Counter-Terrorism Section. Recently, Gillenwater told the press that she believes her dog was likely targeted by drug abusers who would gather by a dumpster near her home and become angry when Togo barked at them.

Just before Togo's death, the city removed a dumpster at Gillenwater's behest. Neighbors at the vigil said they'd seen a group of homeless running from her home just after the fire broke out.

As reported in the Venice Current, Bonin's office was offered 20 shared beds for unhoused persons living in encampments near Westminster Elementary (just a block from the fire) on April 8, but refused them. City officials were warned multiple times of the dangerous conditions in the neighborhood — open drug use, threats of violence, home invasions and arson — were likely to have tragic consequences.

As one neighbor who spoke at the memorial stated, "This could have happened to any of us."

Midnight Runners set up a GoFundMe page (https://www.gofundme.com/f/arsonandadoglost) in Togo's memory that has raised over $20,000, much of which Dr. Gillenwater stated would go to the dog rescue where she'd found the husky mix she "instantly fell in love with."

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# Letter to the Editor

By Ray and Dina Johnson

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## Library Lovers

Why can't the Santa Monica Main Library be opened for we library lovers? The inside is very spacious. It is easy to socially distance. The tables and chairs could be removed and stored. We book lovers could go in, have the enjoyment of browsing the new fiction and nonfiction again. Or, if we want a book in the stacks we could just go get it. There are usually few people in the stacks. The checkout is automated. Please open our library.

Ray and Dina Johnson, Santa Monica

## SMUGGLING
FROM PAGE 2

each other and we jumped in and did what we had to do," Foy said.

If confirmed the survivors were trying to enter the country illegally they likely will be taken to Mexico and won't face any penalties in the U.S.

Under pandemic-related public health orders in effect since March 2020. Mexicans and people from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador who are in the country illegally are immediately expelled to Mexico without an opportunity to seek asylum.

President Joe Biden exempted unaccompanied children from expulsions but the vast majority of adults are still quickly removed from the country without facing legal consequences, prompting many to try again until they succeed.

## APPLE
FROM PAGE 7

that concluded 38% of Fortnite users who play the game on mobile devices also rely on consoles and other devices, as well.

As part of its case, Apple is also highlighting the roughly 2 billion other smartphones that run on Google's Android software, which allows alternative ways to download apps.

The different way that Google manages apps on Android is one example that Apple believes proves that consumers have other choices, but many of them prefer keeping their digital experiences within a carefully controlled walled garden.

Epic is "asking us to remove our competitive advantage," Apple lawyer Dunn said. "Epic wants us to be Android, but we don't want to be."

Epic also is suing Google in a separate case accusing that company of illegally gouging apps through its Play store for Android devices.



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