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DONATION: The Santa Monica Elks has donated $2,500 to the Santa Monica Breakfast Club to help fund a community dental program for underprivileged kids with free dental and orthodontic care services. Santa Monica Elks have faithfully teamed up with annual donations to the Breakfast Club for the past few years. Pictured is Don Checchi, PDDGER of Santa Monica Elks presenting the donation check to Breakfast Club Co-President Kathy Checchi. Santa Monica Breakfast Club provides supplies for dental hygiene kits given to about 620 1st graders in Santa Monica schools. These are given out during the UCLA dental students' presentations on oral hygiene to the students. Three students received care for serious problems. Several students are receiving professional cleanings.

U.S. Senator Alex Padilla endorses Rick Chavez Zbur for AD50 seat

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

While the election to represent California's 50th Assembly District is still 18 months away, the race is already heating up with candidate Rick Chavez Zbur clinching an influential endorsement from U.S. Senator Alex Padilla.

AD50 has been represented by Richard Bloom since 2012, who previously served on Santa Monica City Council for 13 years. In January, Bloom announced that he is running for the L.A. County Board of Supervisors in 2022, freeing up his assembly seat for a political newcomer.

Zbur announced his run for AD50 on March 30, drawing on his experiences as an environmental lawyer and the Executive Director of LGBTQ+ civil rights organization Equality California. Santa Monica College Trustee and UCLA-Harbor physician Sion Roy announced his candidacy on April 22, citing a need for more medical professionals in government.



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CANDIDATE: Rick Chavez Zbur is running to replace Richard Bloom.

Both candidates launched early campaigns and have attracted scores of endorsements from local leaders. However, gaining the support of Senator Padilla, who assumed Vice President Kamala Harris's former position in January, is a notable accomplishment for Zbur.

"My friend Rick Chavez Zbur is exactly the type of leader we need in the Assembly, and I'm proud to support his campaign," said Padilla, in a statement released with

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Two guns seized in separate arrests this week

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica police officers arrested a pair of individuals this week in unrelated cases that both involved a gun.

Officers arrested one suspect for assault with a deadly weapon after an altercation in a liquor store and the second involved trespassing in a carport.

In the first case, officers were dispatched to the 200 block of Bay Street and met with the victims who were standing outside of a liquor store.

According to Lt. Rudy Flores, officers were informed that five suspects approached the victims' vehicle and tried to start a conversation. The victims asked to be left alone and after a short argument, one suspect went to a black BMW with Texas plates parked nearby and retrieved a handgun. He returned to the victims and pointed the handgun directly at them. The suspect then joined up with his friends and fled in a separate vehicle.

According to Flores, the subjects were detained and the victims identified Blake Josephs Sheets, a 21-year-old male, as the person who pointed the gun at them. Officers then located a loaded firearm in the black BMW that was parked where the incident occurred. Blake was arrested and booked for assault with a deadly weapon. The four other

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Dolores Huerta advocates for Venice Mexican American Monument before L.A. City Council

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After a stirring speech by labor leader and civil rights activist Dolores Huerta, L.A. City Council voted unanimously on Wednesday to approve the installation of a monument to Mexican American traquero workers in Venice.

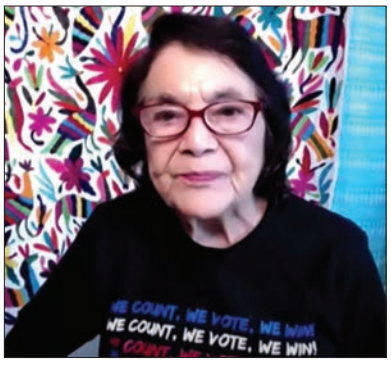
This vote marks many months of hard work from community volunteers to establish a monument celebrating the often unacknowledged history and contributions of Mexican Americans in Los Angeles.

The bronze sculpture was designed by Mexican artist Jorge Marin and depicts a traquero worker standing proudly on a railroad track holding hands with his family.

Traquero workers labored hard from the 1870s to the 1930s to build critical transportation infrastructure across California, receiving little wages in return. The monument will be placed at Windward Circle in Venice, giving recognition to these laborers and their descendants who still live in the local community.

"This is so important because we have to honor the working people of our country, who are often ignored, disrespected and forgotten," said Huerta. "For the people whose grandfathers and great grandfathers worked on the railroads, it really gives them a sense of dignity."

Huerta has dedicated her life to uplifting the American working class and improving conditions for women and children. She co-founded the United Farm



Courtesy image

MONUMENT: Dolores Huerta is advocating for a Venice memorial.

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Court upholds California governor's use of emergency powers

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

California Gov. Gavin Newsom's use of emergency powers to make far-reaching policies during the pandemic was upheld Wednesday by state appellate judges who rejected a lower court finding that the Democrat had done too much unilaterally.

Three judges from the 3rd District Court of Appeal in Sacramento ruled unanimously that the prior judge "erred in interpreting the Emergency Services Act to prohibit the Governor from issuing quasi-legislative orders in an emergency."

"We conclude the issuance of such orders did not constitute an unconstitutional delegation of legislative power," Presiding Justice Vance Raye wrote in ruling on a lawsuit brought by Republican state legislators.

The court already had stayed the earlier ruling by Sutter County Superior Court Judge Sarah Heckman that Newsom unconstitutionally usurped the Legislature's power.

Heckman more broadly issued an injunction — which also had been temporarily halted by the appeals court — barring Newsom from issuing any orders under the California Emergency Services Act that amended state laws or legislative policy.

Newsom did so dozens of times during the pandemic in what amounted to one-man rule, Assemblymen James Gallagher and Kevin Kiley said.

The appeals court said the lower court rulings raised "matters of great public concern regarding the Governor's orders in the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic emergency" but agreed with the governor's contention that he acted within the broad emergency authority granted him under state law in times of crisis.

The appeals court relied on a section of the law that says the governor shall "have complete authority over all agencies of the state government and the right to exercise within the area designated all police power vested in the state by the Constitution and laws of the State of California."

Kiley and Gallagher said they would appeal to the state Supreme Court.

The appeals court reached "a startling conclusion: that a State of Emergency gives a California Governor 'the power to legislate.' The California Supreme Court has repeatedly held this is forbidden by our State Constitution," the two lawmakers said in a statement.

"The issue now squarely presented for the high court is whether the separation of powers still exists in California," they said, expressing confidence that the justices "will uphold this bedrock principle of constitutional government."

Newsom's office called the ruling "a win for public safety and all Californians."

The decision "upholds the state's ability to save lives and protect Californians in response to a disaster — whether an earthquake, wildfire, or this unprecedented pandemic," his administration said in a statement.

The governor faces a recall election this fall driven in large part by frustration with his management of the crisis. His office said the emergency efforts "have been critical to protecting public health during the pandemic."

Newson issued the nation's first statewide lockdown order in March 2020 and followed up with a torrent of executive orders, acting unilaterally on everything from halting evictions to allowing marriages to be conducted by video or teleconference.

He also suspended school deadlines, gave consumers and businesses more time to pay taxes, changed the rules for public meetings, suspended medical privacy rules, and allowed grocery stores to hand out free single-use bags, among many other changes.

The lawsuit itself centered on just one executive order requiring election officials to open hundreds of locations statewide where voters could cast ballots, despite the potential health risk.

The Legislature subsequently approved the same requirement, which Newsom said showed he was working with lawmakers. The assemblymen said it showed the governor could often have used the usual legislative process.

The appeals court said that portion of the claim was moot because the governor's order was superseded by the legislation which was directed at an election that has already occurred.

Heckman's ruling was the second time a judge in Sutter County reached the same conclusion, but the first ruling was also quickly halted.

Both countered other state and federal court decisions backing the governor's emergency powers, but the U.S. Supreme Court more recently has ruled that California unconstitutionally restricted indoor worship services, both in churches and in homes.



US backs waiving intellectual property rules on vaccines

JAMEY KEATEN AND ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

The Biden administration on Wednesday joined calls for more sharing of the technology behind COVID-19 vaccines to help speed the end of the pandemic, a shift that puts the U.S. alongside many in the developing world who want rich countries to do more to get doses to the needy.

United States Trade Representative Katherine Tai announced the government's position, amid World Trade Organization talks about a possible temporary waiver of its protections that would allow more manufacturers to produce the life-saving vaccines.

"The Administration believes strongly in intellectual property protections, but in service of ending this pandemic, supports the waiver of those protections for COVID-19 vaccines," Tai said in a statement.

She cautioned that it would take time to reach the required global "consensus" to waive the protections under WTO rules, and U.S. officials said it would not have an immediate effect on the global supply of COVID-19 shots.

"This is a global health crisis, and the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic call for extraordinary measures," said Tai. "The Administration's aim is to get as many safe and effective vaccines to as many people as fast as possible."

Tai's announcement came hours after WTO Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala spoke to a closed-door meeting of ambassadors from developing and developed countries that have been wrangling over the issue, but agree on the need for wider access to COVID-19 treatments.

The WTO's General Council took up the issue of a temporary waiver for intellectual property protections on COVID-19 vaccines and other tools, which South Africa and India first proposed in October. The idea has gained support among some progressive lawmakers in the West.

More than 100 countries have come out in support of the proposal, and a group of 110 members of Congress — all fellow Democrats of Biden — sent him a letter last month that called on him to support the waiver.

Opponents — especially from industry — say a waiver would be no panacea. They insist that production of coronavirus vaccines is complex and can't be ramped up by easing intellectual property. They also say lifting protections could hurt future innovation.

"In the midst of a deadly pandemic, the Biden Administration has taken an unprecedented step that will undermine our global response to the pandemic and compromise safety," said Stephen Ubl, president and CEO of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America.

"This decision will sow confusion between public and private partners, further weaken already strained supply chains and foster the proliferation of counterfeit vaccines," he said.

Dr. Michelle McMurry-Heath, chief executive of the Biotechnology Innovation Organization trade group, said in a statement that the Biden administration's decision will undermine incentives to develop vaccines and treatments for future pandemics.

"Handing needy countries a recipe book without the ingredients, safeguards, and sizable workforce needed will not help people waiting for the vaccine," she said. "Handing them the blueprint to construct a kitchen that — in optimal conditions — can take a year to build will not help us stop the emergence of dangerous new COVID variants."

It remained unclear how some countries in Europe, which have influential pharmaceutical industries and had previously shared U.S. reservations about the waiver, would respond.

WTO spokesman Keith Rockwell said a panel on intellectual property at the trade body was expected to take up the waiver proposal again at a "tentative" meeting later this month, before a formal meeting June 8-9. That means any final deal could be weeks away at best.

He pointed to a change in tone in WTO talks Wednesday, after months of wrangling.

"I would say that the discussion was far more constructive, pragmatic. It was less emotive and less finger pointing than it had been in the past," Rockwell said, citing a surge in cases in places like India.

Authors of the proposal have been revising it in hopes of making it more palatable.

Okonjo-Iweala, in remarks posted on the WTO website, said it was "incumbent on us to move quickly to put the revised text on the table, but also to begin and undertake text-based negotiations."

"I am firmly convinced that once we can sit down with an actual text in front of us, we shall find a pragmatic way forward" that is "acceptable to all sides," she said.

Co-sponsors of the idea were shuttling between different diplomatic missions to make their case, according to a Geneva trade official who was not authorized to speak publicly on the matter. A deadlock persists, and opposing sides remain far apart, the official said.

The argument, part of a long-running debate about intellectual property protections, centers on lifting patents, copyrights and protections for industrial design and confidential information to help expand the production and deployment of vaccines during supply shortages. The aim is to suspend the rules for several years, just long enough to beat down the pandemic.

The issue has become more pressing with a surge in cases in India, the world's second-most populous country and a key producer of vaccines — including one for COVID-19 that relies on technology from Oxford University and British-Swedish pharmaceutical maker AstraZeneca.

Proponents, including WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, note that such waivers are part of the WTO toolbox and insist there's no better time to use them than during the once-in-a-century pandemic that has taken 3.2 million lives, infected more than 437 million people and devastated economies, according to Johns Hopkins University.

"This is a monumental moment in the fight against COVID-19," Tedros said in Wednesday statement. He said the U.S. commitment "to support the waiver of IP protections on vaccines is a powerful example of American leadership to address global health challenges."

Keaten reported from Geneva.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 305 CALLS ON MAY 4

Burglary Report 1100blk Wilshire Blvd 1:11 a.m.
Loud Music 600blk Hill St 2:05 a.m.
Loud Music 500blk Wilshire Blvd 3:59 a.m.
Loud Music 500blk Wilshire Blvd 5:05 a.m.
Found Property 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 5:33 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk The Beach 6:00 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk The Beach 6:20 a.m.
Encampment 1300blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:34 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 800blk 11th St 6:40 a.m.
Burglary Report 2800blk Neilson Way 7:23 a.m.
Encampment 100blk San Vicente Blvd 7:26 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2400blk Virginia Ave 7:49 a.m.
Encampment 2500blk The Beach 7:52 a.m.
Person With A Gun 200blk Bicknell Ave 8:23 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 2600blk Centinela Ave 8:36 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto In Progress 600blk Ashland Ave 8:48 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:50 a.m.
Sexual Assault 100blk Colorado Ave 8:56 a.m.
Sexual Assault 2400blk Olympic Blvd 8:58 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 700blk Marine St 9:09 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 900blk Wilshire Blvd 9:20 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2100blk Montana Ave 9:52 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2000blk San Vicente Blvd 9:55 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2000blk 14th St 9:56 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1600blk Ashland Ave 9:57 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 300blk Ocean Ave 9:58 a.m.
Drinking In Public Main St / Bay St 9:59 a.m.
Illegal Weapon 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 10:05 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2200blk Colorado Ave 10:06 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 900blk 4th St 10:14 a.m.
Encampment 2400blk The Beach 10:22 a.m.
Found Property 1300blk 4th St 10:22 a.m.
Lost Property 300blk Olympic Dr 10:47 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 1900blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:49 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 700blk 17th St 11:13 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1300blk 4th St 11:25 a.m.
Grand Theft Just Occurred 3100blk Pico Blvd 11:26 a.m.
Stakeout 600blk Broadway Venice 11:45 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 800blk Cedar St 11:45 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2600blk Wilshire Blvd 12:00 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2900blk 31st St 12:03 p.m.
Fraud Report 2400blk 3rd St 12:16 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 12:25 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 900blk 4th St 12:27 p.m.
Burglary Report 500blk Ashland Ave 12:35 p.m.
Burglary Report 3000blk Wilshire Blvd 12:35 p.m.
Public Intoxication 2600blk Lincoln Blvd 12:38 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 200blk Wilshire Blvd 12:51 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2800blk Pico Blvd 1:08 p.m.
Identity Theft 600blk Ashland Ave 1:16 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1800blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:33 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 23rd St / Pico Blvd 1:34 p.m.
Bike Theft Report Main St / Bicknell Ave 1:41 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 4th St / Montana Ave 1:45 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 23rd St / Pico Blvd 2:08 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 200blk Arizona Ave 2:26 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 800blk Wilshire Blvd 2:26 p.m.
Found Property 1800blk 4th St 2:53 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 7th St / Pico Blvd 2:56 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1300blk 18th St 3:09 p.m.
Person With A Gun 3000blk Ocean Front Walk 3:11 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1000blk 7th St 3:13 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1000blk 7th St 3:18 p.m.
Missing Person 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:31 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2500blk Montana Ave 3:35 p.m.
Burglary Report 3000blk Wilshire Blvd 4:03 p.m.
Burglary Just Occurred 900blk California Ave 4:08 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1900blk Broadway 4:09 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 4:24 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 4:24 p.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 300blk Ashland Ave 4:35 p.m.
Battery Now 2000blk Ocean Ave 4:38 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2700blk Wilshire Blvd 4:56 p.m.
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Found Property 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 5:22 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 2800blk Ocean Park Blvd 5:30 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1000blk 7th St 5:35 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1000blk 7th St 5:35 p.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk 23rd St 5:57 p.m.
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Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1100blk Wilshire Blvd 6:12 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2700blk Wilshire Blvd 6:28 p.m.
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Lost Property 2000blk Ocean Front Walk 6:54 p.m.
Construction Noise 700blk Montana Ave 6:57 p.m.
Public Intoxication 2500blk Arizona Ave 7:04 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 700blk Marine St 7:11 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 300blk Santa Monica Pier 7:31 p.m.
Loud Music 10th St / Idaho Ave 8:10 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 3300blk Exposition Blvd 9:05 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1100blk Wilshire Blvd 9:07 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 400blk The Beach 9:18 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2600blk Barnard Way 9:47 p.m.
Loud Music 900blk 5th St 10:46 p.m.
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DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 24 CALLS ON MAY 4

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EMS 2900blk Pico Blvd 4:50 a.m.
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Traffic Collision With Injury 900blk Wilshire Blvd 9:19 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 11:04 a.m.
Lock In/Out 500blk Wilshire Blvd 12:19 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:26 p.m.
EMS 2600blk Lincoln Blvd 12:42 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 12:43 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 12:43 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Neilson Way 1:11 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:31 p.m.
EMS 1700blk 15th St 1:44 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 2nd St 2:19 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 2:30 p.m.
Lock In/Out 700blk Euclid St 3:06 p.m.
EMS 800blk Pico Blvd 3:22 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Wilshire Blvd 4:29 p.m.
EMS Main St / Strand St 5:19 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1800blk Stewart St 5:39 p.m.
EMS Berkeley St / Santa Monica Blvd 6:53 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Arizona Ave 6:56 p.m.
Arcing Wires 2200blk Neilson Way 11:35 p.m.

Tourism Talks

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The Power of Travel: Santa Monica Can Help Drive America's Economic Rebound

Travel's ability to bounce back after periods of economic hardship—and inject much-needed jobs and revenue directly into Santa Monica's economy—is why the theme of this year's National Travel and Tourism Week (NTTW) is the Power of Travel.

NTTW (May 2-8), the 38th annual celebration of the U.S. travel industry's contributions, is an opportunity to remind us of the incredible value the travel industry holds not just for our local economy and workforce, but to our community's identity and culture—and to remind policymakers of travel's ability to help power recovery efforts.

Travel and tourism is such an important part of who we are as a community. One need only to recall how visitors to our destination delighted in visits to our eight great and distinct neighborhoods including stops at the Ferris wheel at Pacific Park, the Santa Monica Pier, Third Street Promenade, Montana Avenue, Main Street, Pico Blvd., and so much more.

Before the pandemic, Santa Monica enjoyed total annual visitor spending of approximately $1.89 billion, hotel tax revenue to the city of approximately $58 million, and jobs supported by tourism were at a record high of 12,000. Nationally, travel generated $2.6 trillion in economic output, supported 17 million American jobs and delivered a $51 billion trade surplus to the U.S. in 2019.

However, this vital revenue source stemming from business and leisure travelers was severely diminished. In 2020, the entire U.S. travel industry lost half a trillion dollars in travel-related spending—10 times the economic impact of 9/11. Nationally, total travel-supported jobs accounted for a staggering 65% of all U.S. jobs lost amid the pandemic. Santa Monica experienced a 76% decline in total annual visitor spending to approximately $454 million, a 67.9% decline in hotel tax revenue to the city to approximately $19 million, and a decline of 74% of jobs supported by tourism to about 3,000.

With such disparate losses, it is clear that

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Facebook board's Trump decision could have wider impacts

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AP Technology Writer

Since the day after the deadly Jan. 6 riots on the U.S. Capitol, former President Donald Trump's social media accounts have been silent — muzzled for inciting violence using the platforms as online megaphones.

On Wednesday, his fate on Facebook, the biggest social platform around, will be decided. The company's quasi-independent Oversight Board will announce its ruling around 9 a.m. ET. If it rules in Trump's favor, Facebook has seven days to reinstate the account. If the board upholds Facebook's decision, Trump will remain "indefinitely" suspended.

Politicians, free speech experts and activists around the world are watching the decision closely. It has implications not only for Trump but for tech companies, world leaders and people across the political spectrum — many of whom have wildly conflicting views of the proper role for technology companies when it comes to regulating online speech and protecting people from abuse and misinformation.

After years of handling Trump's inflammatory rhetoric with a light touch, Facebook and Instagram took the drastic step of silencing his accounts in January. In announcing the unprecedented move, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg said the risk of allowing Trump to continue using the platform was too great.

"The shocking events of the last 24 hours clearly demonstrate that President Donald Trump intends to use his remaining time in office to undermine the peaceful and lawful transition of power to his elected successor, Joe Biden," Zuckerberg wrote on his Facebook page on Jan. 7.

A day before the announcement, Trump unveiled a new blog on his personal website, "From the Desk of Donald J. Trump." While the page includes a dramatic video claiming, "A BEACON OF FREEDOM ARISES" and hailing "A PLACE TO SPEAK FREELY AND SAFELY," the page is little more than a displays of Trump's recent statements — available elsewhere on the website — that can be easily shared on Facebook and Twitter, the platforms that banished him after the riot.

While Trump aides have spent months teasing his plans to launch his own social media platform, his spokesman Jason Miller said the blog was something separate.

"President Trump's website is a great resource to find his latest statements and highlights from his first term in office, but this is not a new social media platform," he tweeted. "We'll have additional information coming on that front in the very near future."

Barred from social media, Trump has embraced other platforms for getting his message out. He does frequent interviews with friendly news outlets and has emailed a flurry of statements to reporters through his official office and political group.

Trump has even said he prefers the statements to his old tweets, often describing them as more "elegant."

Facebook created the oversight panel to rule on thorny content on its platforms following widespread criticism of its difficulty responding swiftly and effectively to misinformation, hate speech and nefarious influence campaigns. Its decisions so far — all nine of them — have tended to favor free expression over the restriction of content.

In its first rulings, the panel overturned four out of five decisions by the social network to take down questionable material. It ordered Facebook to restore posts by users that the company said broke standards on adult nudity, hate speech, or dangerous individuals.

Critics of Facebook, however, worry that the Oversight Board is a mere distraction from the company's deeper problems — ones that can't be addressed in a handful of high-profile cases by a semi-independent body of experts.

"Facebook set the rules, are judge, jury and executioner and control their own appeals court and their own Supreme Court. The decisions they make have an impact on our democracies, national security and biosecurity and cannot be left to their own in house theatre of the absurd," said Imran Ahmed, CEO Center for Countering Digital Hate, a nonprofit critical of Facebook. "Whatever the judgement tomorrow, this whole fiasco shows why we need democratic regulation of Big Tech."

Gautam Hans, a technology law and free speech expert and professor at Vanderbilt University, said he finds the Oversight Board structure to be "frustrating and a bit of a sideshow from the larger policy and social questions that we have about these companies."

"To some degree, Facebook is trying to create an accountability mechanism that I think undermines efforts to have government regulation and legislation," Hans said. "If any other company decided, well, we're just going to outsource our decision-making to some quasi-independent body, that would be thought of as ridiculous."

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US parents excited over prospect of virus shots for children

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Associated Press

After more than a year of fretting over her 13-year son with a rare liver disease, Heather Ousley broke into tears when she learned that he and millions of other youngsters could soon be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

"This day is the best day in the history of days!!! I love this day!!!" she texted, joining other parents and educators in welcoming the news that the Food and Drug Administration is expected to authorize Pfizer's vaccine by next week for children ages 12 to 15.

Ousley, president of the school board for the 27,000-student Shawnee Mission School District in Kansas, plans to get her 13- and 15-year-olds promptly vaccinated and then celebrate with ice cream. They have been learning from home with their younger brother since the start of the outbreak.

Pfizer is also anticipating the FDA will endorse use of its vaccine in even younger children sometime this fall. And results are expected by the middle of this year from a U.S. study of Moderna's shots in 12- to 17-year-olds.

Officials are hoping that extending vaccinations to children will drive down the nation's caseload even further and allow schools to reopen with minimal disruption this fall.

It could also reassure parents and teachers alike. While children rarely get seriously ill from the coronavirus, then can still get sick and spread it to others.

Pfizer in March released preliminary results from a study of 2,260 U.S. volunteers ages 12 to 15, showing there were no cases of COVID-19 among fully vaccinated children compared with 18 among those given dummy shots.

That is welcome news for Robin and Aaron Perry of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, who have five boys, ages 5 to 17. Their oldest, Cooper, has been battling leukemia and contracted COVID-19 in November, in what his mother described as a "terrifying" time for the family. The disease spread to the rest of the family.

They all pulled through, and Cooper and his parents have all since been vaccinated. But his mother can't wait for her 15-year-old, Reece, and 12-year-old, Tucker, to get their shots so their brother is as protected as possible.

"It feels like more security around Cooper with a compromised immune system," Robin Perry said. "It's just being part of the solution. That's what excites me the most. It's an added level of protection. Maybe you can take a deeper breath."

Educators have already embraced vaccines for students 16 and up, with some scheduling vaccine clinics during school hours and dangling prize drawings and other incentives.

In New York's Erie County, prom-themed vaccination clinics were held this past weekend, including one with a tropical feel where health care workers wore grass skirts and 16- and 17-year-olds went home with gift bags of masks and hand sanitizer. Similar efforts are expected to draw in 12- to 15-year-olds.

Dan Domenech, executive director of AASA, the School Superintendents Association, said vaccinating younger students should help parents feel more comfortable about sending their children back to classrooms and ease concerns among some teachers.

"Say you have a class where every student is vaccinated and so is the teacher. That becomes a very different environment," Domenech said.

He added: "Schools were very pleased when the CDC came out with the 3-foot spacing as opposed to the 6-foot spacing, because that immediately allowed them to have more students in school at one time. This will have a similar effect."

Seventy-four-year-old Pat Shepard, a retired Spanish teacher from Lincoln, Nebraska, who has worked as a substitute during the outbreak, is eager to see eligibility expand, saying students are increasingly resisting wearing masks.

"You are starting to see more and more of them wearing them down below their nose because they are just tired of it," she said. "And then, too, they want to get out and do more things."

Keri Rodrigues, a co-founder of the education advocacy group the National Parents Union, said she rushed out to get vaccinated after becoming eligible but has more trepidation about immunizing her oldest son, who is 13.

She plans to go ahead with it, though, in part because he is demanding it.

"He has cabin fever and he wants to get out," explained Rodrigues, who lives near Boston.

The group's newly released survey from April of 1,151 parents around the country found that others are also conflicted. Forty percent planned to get their children vaccinated immediately, 22% eventually and 23% never, and the remaining 15% were unsure.

"Obviously parents are torn right now because you are watching your kids really go through an emotional struggle, especially our teens," she said. "I think we are all taking a leap of faith, but I think what we have to do is trust science in this moment."

President Joe Biden said Tuesday that if the FDA authorizes the use of Pfizer's vaccine in children as young as 12, the administration is prepared to ship doses to 20,000 pharmacies around the country and directly to pediatricians.

Coy Marquardt, associate executive director of Iowa's teachers union, said his 14-year-old son is excited to get vaccinated and has been asking for months when he would be eligible. Marquardt said that because of vaccine hesitancy, it doesn't look as if herd immunity is going to be achieved anytime soon.

"That makes it even more important to expand the use to 12- to 15-year-olds, including my son, just to protect him," he said.

Tom Rosenberg, president and CEO of the American Camp Association, which accredits 3,200 camps and works with about 12,000 others, said he has ben deluged with messages since the news broke.

Last year, 40% of day camps and 82% of overnight camps didn't operate, but many were gearing up to reopen this summer, with masks and socially distancing, he said. He said the vaccine would offer another layer of protection and might persuade some hesitant parents to sign up their children.

"It could be a game changer," said Rosenberg, who plans to get his own 13-year-old vaccinated.

Associated Press journalist Carolyn Thompson reported from Buffalo, New York. Richmond reported from Madison, Wisconsin.

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Distance, Mask, – MUSIC!!



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SHOWS: As Los Angeles advances into the Yellow Tier, shows could return.

SO CLOSE I CAN ALMOST HEAR IT

Live music. My lifeblood. The passion I have been writing, talking, radio, television and podcasting (coming soon) about since college. I am an evangelist, for its uplifting, healing, soul satisfying qualities. Look out, I will drag you to a show you shouldn't miss.

And now, for the first time ever, I, we, have all had to live without it for lo these 14 long, lackadaisical months. Might as well be in Taliban Afghanistan. Why did I not die, just wither away?

Because we humans can adjust to anything. It's not like I got up every morning thinking about it, teardrops splashing into my coffee. I have tried to not think about it. No sense putting time, effort, heart and soul into things you know you cannot change.

IF THINGS GO WELL

It will return soon. But we have never known if it would go well. Still not certain. Could this turn into an endless cycle of spreading constantly, of new surges, new variations that vaccines can't control? A dystopian, masked and distanced brave new world?

Especially since there are so many incredibly ignorant, self-consumed people, especially in this country, who believe in Q but not in science and believe that making small common-sense sacrifices, like wearing masks, temporarily, for the good of the whole, is the same as being, marched into a concentration camp. Exactly the same. (Some Republican Congress member said that.)

The ignorance now on display in this once-great country has been an appalling revelation, for the degree and the numbers. We now understand we have a lot more than just the worst pandemic in a century to worry about.

ALMOST 600,000 AMERICAN LIVES LOST

How can deniers block that out? Yeah, sorry. I know you read NOTEWORTHY to be entertained. But while the rules imposed in California seemed to have helped (we're not FL or TX), and we have now moved up from dead last among states for vaccinations to 29th, we are ascending the tiers to "normalcy." Right now, it looks good.

I reported in a previous NOTEWORTHY column that it was an encouraging sign that Pacific Opera Project (POP) was mounting in-person performances that weekend, for the first time in more than a year. Of course, their "Trouble in Tahiti" was done at Heritage Square Museum, on the lawn, with proper separation outdoors of non-family member attendees. Cast of only five. But they have optimistically scheduled "Don Procopio" ("It's time to get Bizet again!") for June 4-6.

I know, it's not the same as wandering down to Harvelle's on Fourth Street to catch some bangin' blues band, or the Jazz Bakery for epic improv, McCabe's for acoustic excellence or the Cinema Bar for cryin' country music (they hope to reopen very soon), but I take the POP live shows as a good sign, a harbinger. It looks like we'll make it.

BUT AT WHAT PRICE?

This has been so costly, so much more so because of the criminal mismanagement of the response by Trump, for artists, venues, and all associated. Some iconic and community-loved spaces have been shuttered for good. Never get them back. They died from COVID. Now more than ever before we must step up to support the remaining venues, and the performers. But how has it affected you personally, psychologically?

I think sometimes, for only a moment, about that first time I will be able to again see a band come on stage and hear and feel the first notes of the magic of music created before my very ears, filling all consciousness, erasing all troubles, worry and pain. Will it be grand and glorious, sending my soul to the rafters? Or just the comfortable experience of, oh yeah, back home again. Will it seem like it was never gone?

Of course I have still been listening to music at home, and you have too. I also have the advantage of a musical family whose harmonies are tighter than the Donald's wallet. But I have avoided the streaming "live" performances. Just doesn't make it for me. Like watching a video.

So whenever it happens, the cosmic shift back, the return of the joy of hearing and feeling music -- amen, brothers and sisters. Do it. Just do it. I have come to value so much more that which I thought would always be there, then wasn't.

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DOLORES HUERTA

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Workers Association and was a prominent activist in the Chicano civil rights movement.

At the age of 89, Huerta continues to tirelessly advocate for the working poor and people of color. She strongly supports the installation of the monument and the honor it gives to the Mexican American community.

The initiative to create this monument was spearheaded by Venice resident and community organizer Laura Ceballos. She was inspired by the success of the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument, which was installed in 2017, and felt compelled to ensure Venice's Mexican American community was also recognized.

CD11 Councilmember Mike Bonin has put his full support behind the initiative and spoke passionately about the project during Wednesday's meeting.

"For the past several years this nation has been offering thoughtful and sometimes controversial discussion about monuments that need to come down," said Bonin. "It is equally important that we find the time to build monuments to those we honor, and on the Westside, where the nature of the community has changed due to gentrification over the past several decades, it is vitally important that we remember and celebrate our history."

City Council has now instructed the Bureau of Engineering to report with recommendations for installing the monument, which will be the next step in moving the project forward.

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VENICE: Advocates want a memorial in the traffic circle in Venice.

AD50

FROM PAGE 1

the announced endorsement. "I've worked closely with Rick over the years to combat climate change, advance civil rights and make healthcare more affordable."

In his role at the helm of Equality California, Zbur said he worked closely with Padilla on a range of civil rights issues, including expanding voting rights for LGBTQ+ individuals and training poll workers to meet the needs of people who have gone through name or gender changes.

"I was elated and very honored," said Zbur in regards to Padilla's announcement. "He's someone that I admire and respect and I am very grateful for his support."

Zbur added that he was also especially proud to receive an endorsement from L.A. County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, who is a personal hero of his.

In addition to civil rights issues, Zbur has a keen interest in healthcare reform. His decision to run for public office was spurred on in part by conversations held with his sister, who passed away from ALS last September.

While Zbur's sister was a middle class real estate agent and a homeowner, she was unable to afford the medical care she needed under her insurance. She lost her job and had to move into an assisted care facility, because it was too expensive to receive treatment at home.

"She made me promise that I was going to try to find a role in public service," said Zbur. "The decision was also guided by challenges my sister faced with an inadequate social safety net for people living with disabilities."

Zbur also has a longstanding passion for addressing the climate crisis. Prior to joining Equality California, he worked as an environmental lawyer and has served on the Board of the California League of Conservation Voters for over 20 years.

In the first 10 days following his candidacy announcement, Zbur raised over $100,000. He entered the campaign with an additional $200,000 of cash-on-hand, having previously opened an account for a potential LA City Attorney run.

These numbers are indeed impressive, but with over 550 days to go before the election, the race is still very much anyone's game.

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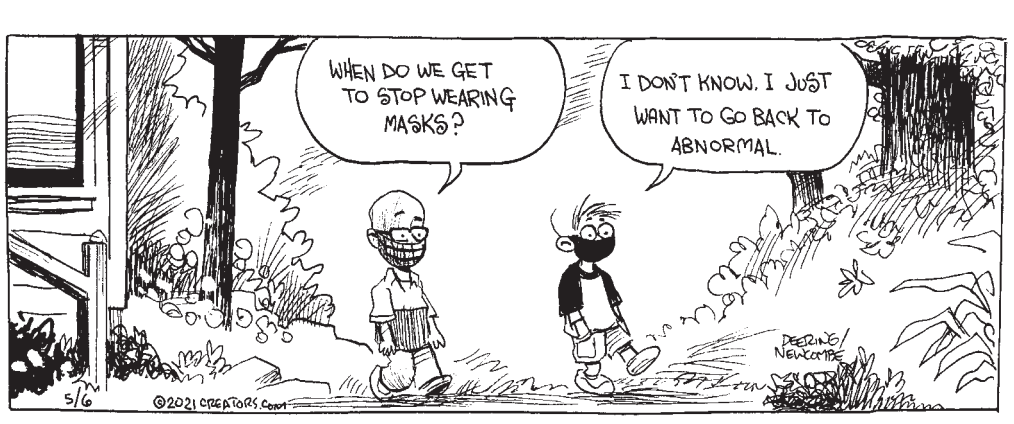
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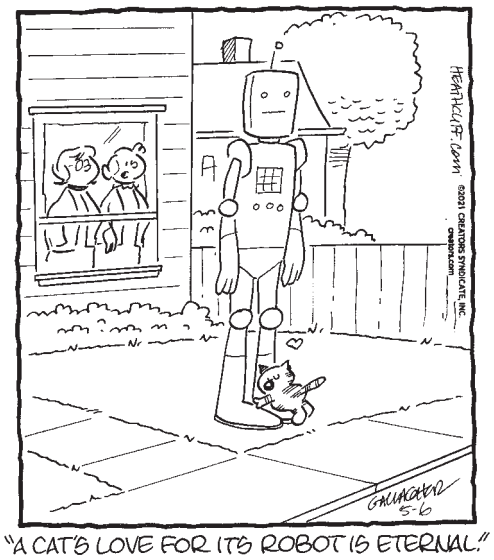
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THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Thigh to waist high
Modest blend of swells on tap - rideable as the early morning high tide drops. Should be peaks at the beach-breaks/combo spots and morning wind looks light. New S/SSE swell creeps up late.

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Modest blend of S/SSE swell with minor bump in NW swell mix. Slow around the early AM high tide but wind looks to stay light as it drops through late-morning/midday. Small but peaky, pack some foam.

WEATHER

Thursday: Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 64.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 56.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 65.

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2021/05/06	Thu	7:48 PM	4.75	H
2021/05/07	Fri	01:57 AM	1.08	L
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Your optimism is a choice, a habit you lead with and part of an overall strategy for your new solar year. You'll attract like-minded people and enjoy celebrating each other's victories in the months to come. Putting the effort into relationships to keep them interesting and sweet will be an effort that pays you back all year! Gemini and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 40, 23, 18 and 21.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're already thinking about what's on the other side of today's task, and the thought of moving on will motivate you to do what it takes to get a job done efficiently and completely.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll have a sense of it today: "You are loved. There's an invisible world all around you. A kingdom of spirits commissioned to guard you, do you not see it?" from "Jane Eyre," by your sign-mate Charlotte Bronte.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Beware: Meeting the expectations of powerful and enthusiastic people is its own kind of thrilling experience, so potent that it becomes easy to confuse who you are with who they want you to be.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The plot will highlight your expertise. Your wins are partly due to good planning and partly due to good instinct and you'll seamlessly swing between these modes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Speak your mind. This may be the very thing the other person is thinking but hasn't said. Or it may be that you've synthesized ideas that the others haven't quite put together yet. Either way, the world needs your voice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). At some point, you have to stop learning and planning because action will teach you the rest. You're almost there. Give yourself the deadline and start the countdown.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Avoid those bored people who have nothing better to do than work up one another's emotions over petty things. You benefit from sticking with the kindred souls with varied interests and wide horizons.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Caring people bring out a soft, sweet side of your heart. Uncaring people do the same, as you consciously decide to oppose their bad example. So, what calls out stoutness of heart? Being needed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Those who point out the faults of others would imply that they have fewer by comparison, which is rarely the case. The need to impress is itself a fault to be examined.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Once upon a time, you launched yourself into the unknown for adventure's sake. Now, you're much more purposeful. You want answers! New friends! Resources! Adventure is just a byproduct of the quest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't take the focus of others for granted. You expect to earn any attention you get. You'll deliberately structure interactions so as to keep things interesting.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Those who bite off more than they can chew are at risk of choking. But there are safer ways to approach ambition, for instance, cutting and saving the big portion to slice into manageable segments.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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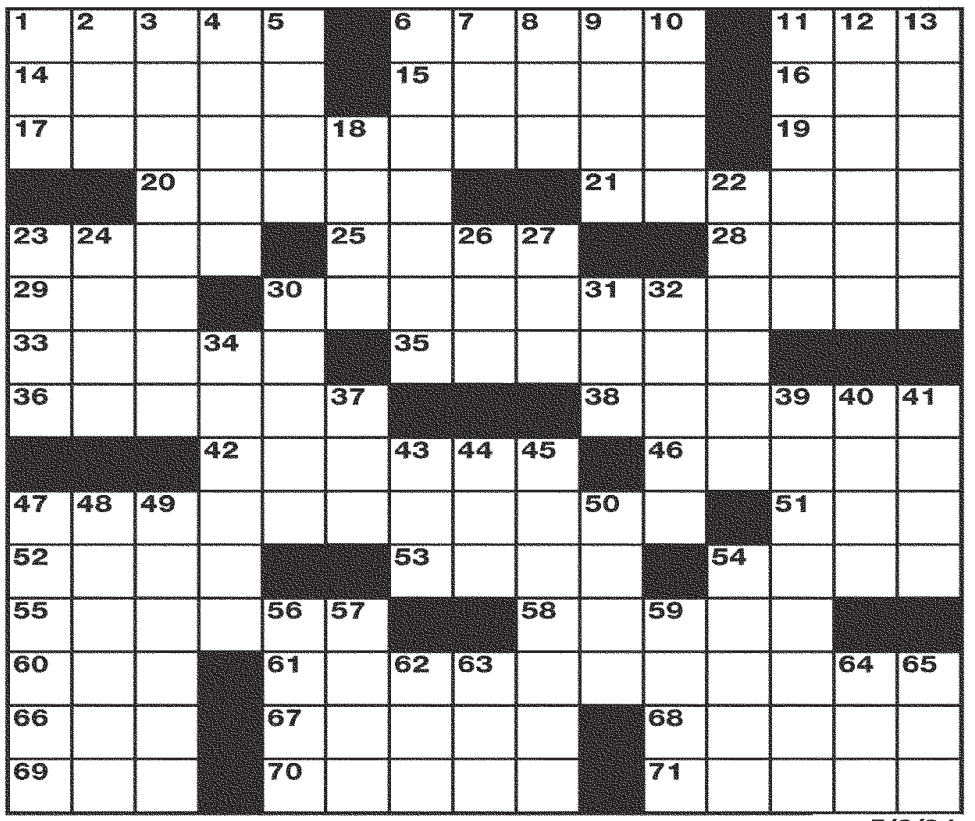
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 "Go check it out" job
6 Anatomical food grabber
11 Sometimes called
14 Panhandle state
15 Alphabet ender
16 Business card abbr.
17 Throwaways from chewers
19 Three-part prefix
20 Scoreboard addition
21 Unburdening
23 Office-inappropriate, for short
25 Stoppers in soccer
28 Big name among British builders
29 Ring master of yore
30 Throwaways from fruit eaters
33 Coat for snow days
35 You, at the moment
36 Disinclined (to)
38 Maintains order at a meeting
42 Pump-filled furniture
46 Name meaning "born again"
47 Throwaways after breakfasts
51 Neutral slacks shade
52 English horn cousin
53 Island east of Java
54 Sort (through)
55 Where ink meets paper
58 Knock over
60 Boiling feeling
61 Throwaways from nut eaters
66 "No goals yet" score
67 Multiple choice choices, at times
68 Farm song conclusion
69 Merry
70 Bond's boss in *Skyfall*
71 Range through seven nations

DOWN
1 Construct hastily, with "up"
2 Dean's address ender
3 Construction near tents
4 "That's exciting news!"
5 "Me neither"
6 Lists of bests
7 Box for blasting
8 Common Korean surname
9 Mean monster
10 Spacesuit logo
11 What to wear
12 Central part
13 Straightens
18 Tolstoy woman
22 Steer to avoid something
23 Wine Train valley
24 Balkans native
26 Confucian principle
27 NBC weekend staple
30 Elementary
31 Mean, in brief
32 Certain orchard harvest
34 Seattle's new "sea monster" NHL team
37 Significant stretch
39 Deserving to get it
40 "The Maple __ Forever" (Canadian anthem)
41 Emailer notification
43 "Returning soon" letters
44 Touchdown stat
45 Meet to eat, maybe
47 Acting down
48 Where Gibraltar is
49 "I Wandered __ as a Cloud" (Wordsworth poem)
50 Chills in the air
54 Greet while butlering
56 Server's order-taking tech
57 Actress Neuwirth
59 __ butter (moisturizer)
62 With, in musical directions
63 Rocket trajectory
64 Trust buster
65 Plea for rescue



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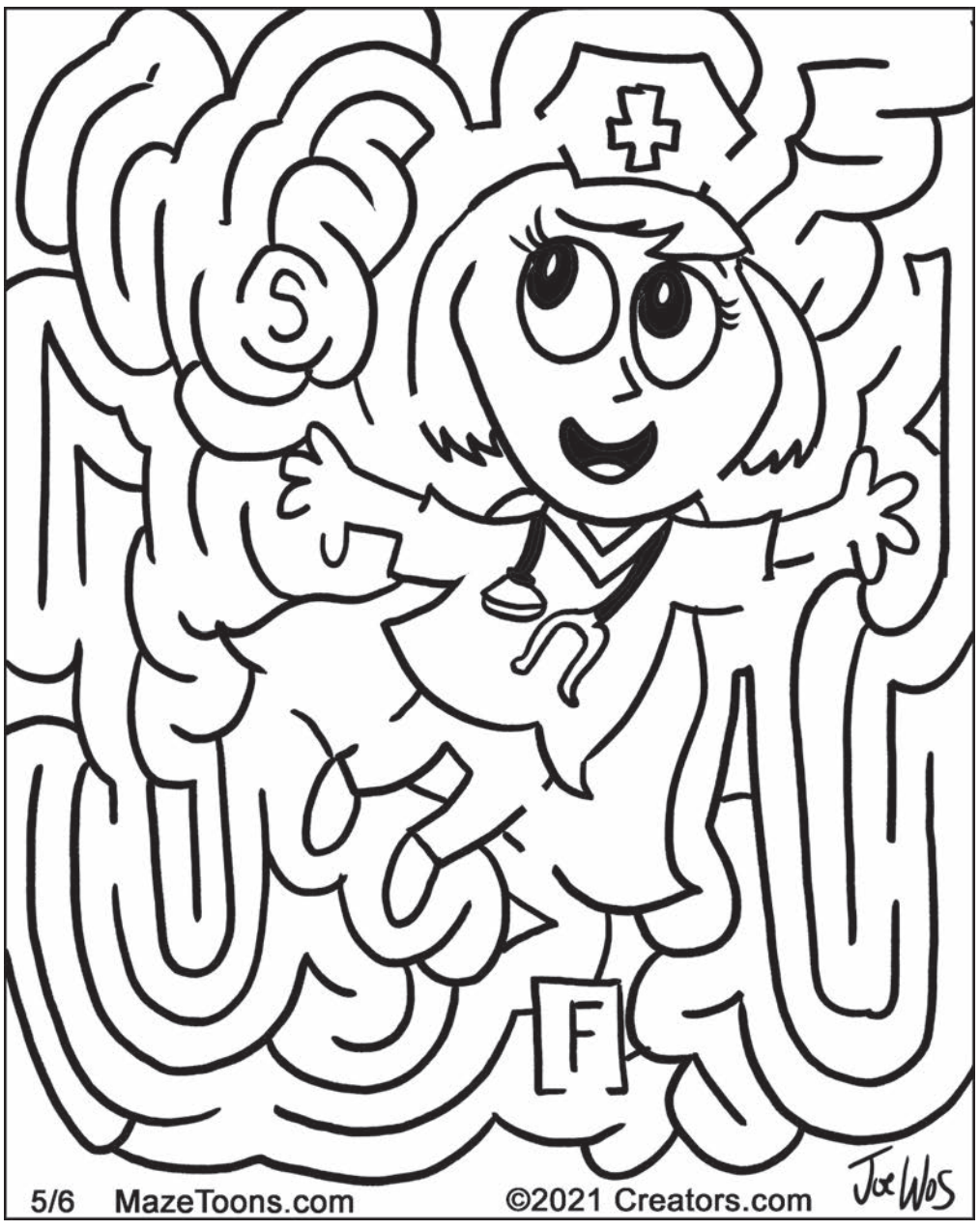
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ARRESTS

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individuals were interviewed and released.

In the second case, officers accompanied by a Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Clinician responded to the 1400 block of 16th Street on May 4 for a call of an individual trespassing in the carport.

Officers contacted the suspect, later identified as Javier Alvarez, a 38-year-old male from East Los Angeles. During a search of Alvarez's belongings, officers located an unregistered and unmarked loaded handgun along with approximately 97 grams methamphetamine.

Alvarez was booked into the Santa Monica Jail for a concealed firearm on a person unregistered, carrying a loaded unregistered firearm and possession of methamphetamine.

Anyone with additional information pertaining to either incident is strongly encouraged to contact the Criminal Investigations Division at 310-458-8451 or the Santa Monica Department's Watch Commander (24 hours) at 310-458-8427.

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DISTANCE

FROM PAGE 6

But you, my dear friends in music, are invited, by me, by your human heart, your higher self, by the artist in you, to experience that great privilege. Maybe you decided long ago that going out for live music was too much hassle. Arrange your day's schedule, drive somewhere, find parking, and squeeze in with dozens or hundreds of other smart, alive people. Too old for that.

I used to have a poster in my office, showing some happy 20-somethings in a club, that read, "If it's too much trouble at 26 to go out for live music tonight, what will you do when you're 76?" Well, I'm only two years away from that and I can't imagine the loss if I didn't have the last 50 years of music magic.

It was gone. It soon will be back. Go grab it.

ANOTHER OSCARS NOTE

I wrote about the failings of this year's show last week but I left out an important faux pas. The In Memoriam segment of any major awards show is anticipated as a moment of reflection and respect. All the more relevant after a year of pandemic loss. But those who put this together for the Academy should be given three seconds to get out of town. It went by way too fast, leaving no time to reflect. You could barely read the name and glance at the photo, and it was gone. So different from every other year, and it didn't have to be.

Not only that, some were given maybe 2.5 seconds, others half a second at most. The uneven times didn't seem to reflect someone's idea of "career worth" (I was looking for that); it was just ridiculously incompetent. On a three hour show, you couldn't have rearranged to give another 3-4 minutes to this segment? Since it was done in pre-production, there is no excuse.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 34 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

TRAVEL

FROM PAGE 3

a broader economic recovery hinges on a recovery within the travel industry. While the rapid pace of vaccinations has provided hope that a return to normal is on the horizon, a resurgence in travel demand is not inevitable. Without aggressive federal action to reopen the travel economy and spur demand, the travel industry's recovery is expected to take as long as five years—far too long to wait for the workers whose livelihoods depend on this vital industry.

But with the right measures in place, we will get people moving again in a safe, healthy and responsible way, restore our work force, while helping to build a broader economic recovery. The travel industry needs sustained relief to ensure businesses can maintain operation and workers can stay on payrolls until sustained demand can truly take hold.

Importantly, policymakers must also identify the path to reopening our borders and safely restarting international inbound travel, which represents 50% of our visitors here to Santa Monica as well as restarting professional meetings and events; these are crucial segments of our local economy, without which we cannot fully recover. This means we in the tourism industry must ask visitors – including California residents – to respect our communities, our environment, our businesses, and the fellow travelers and locals they meet along the way. They should plan to take several new precautions, but they should also be excited to experience travel again – spending time with loved ones, creating new memories, and enjoying the communities and great experiences that Santa Monica has to offer.

The road ahead will be challenging, but the travel industry is resilient and has an incredible ability to bounce back from hard times. Santa Monica is strong, we recovered after the downtown Farmers Market and Santa Monica College tragedies, and 1994 Northridge earthquake, after 9/11, after the 2008 financial meltdown, and after health scares such as Zika, Ebola and SARS. This is the toughest challenge Santa Monica and the U.S. travel industry has ever faced, but we know that is one of the best-equipped industries to lead a revival.

If lawmakers act now to jump start recovery efforts and get Americans safely moving again, then all of us in Santa Monica can get back to doing what we do best more quickly providing quality job opportunities for Americans of all background, reconnecting family and friends, and showing the world what makes the U.S. and my hometown the best place to visit.

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