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Alleanna Clark

SURF: Black Girls Surf and World Surf League held a safe paddle out for "Solidarity in Surfing" at Santa Monica Inkwell Beach Tower 20 last Friday afternoon. The historic Inkwell Beach has been a place African Americans could feel safe while enjoying the ocean together and is just one of the dozens of locations where paddle outs are occurring all over the world from Senegal, to Sydney, to North Carolina, to Monterey. In 2008, the importance of this location was recognized by the city of Santa Monica with a plaque to honor Nick Gabaldon, the first historical African American and Hispanic local surf hero, and to unite the black and Hispanic communities through a time of racial tension. The purpose was to return to Inkwell Beach intentionally in peace during a time of racial tension to honor George Floyd and those lives lost to police brutality. Black Girls Surf's mission is to "encourage and inspire young women of color in the surfing community by assisting them to compete locally and professionally"

City Hall announces plans to help looted stores

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Local officials announced last week measures to help businesses that were targeted by looters during a protest against police violence last Sunday.

The city of Santa Monica said Thursday that it would fast-track permits and eliminate permit and plan review fees for Santa Monica businesses that suffered damage during the unrest May 31 and need to conduct repairs. More than 250 businesses in the City suffered an estimated $11.5 million in exterior damage alone, according to a press release.

"We mourn the damage to our beloved businesses and are moving to help them recover as quickly as they can," Interim City Manager Lane Dilg said in a statement. "We will work hand in hand with businesses and the community to recover, heal and move forward together from both the civil unrest on May 31 and the effects of COVID-19."

Also on Thursday, the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce created the Santa Monica Business Relief fund that will benefit small businesses that were damaged or lost merchandise last Sunday.

Chamber president Laurel Rosen said Jamie Montgomery with March Capital has donated $10,000 to kick off the campaign, and will give another $10,000 once the fund reaches $90,000.

The Santa Monica Police Department said Friday that it has partnered with the FBI, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Fire Department, and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office to create the "SAFE LA Task Force," which will investigate looting, burglary, robbery, vandalism, arson and assault that have occurred during the uprising in Los Angeles County.

SMMUSD talks social justice standards

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

In a conversation timely to the world's current events, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District recently provided an update on the Social Justice integration work currently being undertaken by the district.

The work of implementing the Social Justice Standards is being undertaken by the district's Teaching and Learning Council, the Social Justice Standards cohorts in Malibu and Santa Monica, and the History-Social Science teachers across the district in grades 6-12, and Thursday's presentation detailed what each group has accomplished in the prior school year as well as their future goals.

The conversation comes a few months after Malibu High School students were found to be in possession of a noose that was used to antagonize another student and amidst international protests regarding police brutality and the Black Lives Matter movement.

"We understand that for decades there has been a systemic problem in public education," board president John Kean said during Thursday's meeting. "And this board is committed to making deep systemic

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Proposed 2020-24 Consolidated Plan and FY 2020-21 Annual Action Plan, which was made available in draft form for a 30-day public review period starting March 16, 2020. Since then, additional Federal funds have been allocated to the City via the CARES Act to fund activities that address community needs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Those additional funds have been incorporated into the Proposed Plans, which are available for an additional five-day public review period starting June 4, 2020 and can be viewed online here: http://www.smgov.net/hsd.

Written comments may be submitted by June 9, 2020 by email to humanservices@smgov.net or by mail to Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides annual CDBG and HOME entitlement funds to the City of Santa Monica. As a recipient of these federal funds, HUD requires the City to develop a five-year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans for housing and community development which identify high priority needs and the associated goals, strategies, and resources anticipated over a five-year period.





Letter to the Editor

By Scott A. Kaiser

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

A Physician's Urgent Call to Support Essential Services for Our Seniors

EDITOR:

I understand, given current economic realities, that budget cuts must be made. Cutting funding for senior services that WISE & Healthy Aging provides to our community, however, would be unjust and unwise. Older people will remain at greater risk to suffer as both a direct result of COVID-19 and the prolonged social isolation and disruption of services that have been a necessary component of our public health response. Senior services will directly save the lives of our most vulnerable while lessening the potentially devastating impact on health systems and keeping our communities safe and healthy.

As a physician specializing in geriatric medicine and a leader in the aging services field, I see directly the horrific impact of the coronavirus pandemic on those I've dedicated my career to serving. Behind the staggering statistics of lives lost — something in the order of 80% of whom have been over the age of 65 — are the stories of lives lived, relationships, and experiences that constitute the very fabric of our communities. As if the ravages of the virus itself were not enough, the very measures needed to protect us from infection and spread come bearing their own bounty of collateral damage. The necessity for physical isolation and "social distancing," compounded by widespread uncertainty and fear, has ignited an underlying social isolation and loneliness epidemic that will also have devastating consequences on health and well-being, particularly for seniors.

Even under normal circumstances, chronic loneliness has been associated with poor health, reduced ability to function independently as we age, and a risk of premature mortality on par with that associated with smoking nearly one pack of cigarettes per day. Now, under our "new abnormal," researchers are only beginning to quantify the secondary impact this new level of significant, sustained, and widespread isolation will have on physical health, mental health, and overall well-being. But long before these studies will be published, direct experience will make it resoundingly clear that we are engaged in an epic battle on multiple fronts. First-hand accounts from the field speak volumes: the woman who can no longer go to her local senior center for her fitness class and healthy lunch and now may go days without talking to another person, shares how she's never felt so alone; the gentleman who lovingly cares for his wife, describes how the cognitive destruction of her Alzheimer's disease accelerates with each day that she is cut off from the daily programs that seemingly sustained her body, mind, and spirit; and there are countless others so dearly paying the price.

While talk of silver-linings these days may be trite and overplayed, there are reasons for hope. For one, there are incredible individuals and organizations that are working tirelessly to meet the needs I've described. I've long been a proponent of the invaluable role local senior services play in enabling our oldest citizens to thrive while strengthening our overall communities. Now, amidst a pandemic that is disproportionately impacting older people, senior service organizations are adapting, stretching, reaching, in every way they can to provide a critical safety net.

Please, for our seniors, for my patients, for our healthcare workers, and for all fellow Santa Monicans, I implore our City Council to reconsider the 12% reduction in funds that support critical senior services.

Scott A Kaiser, MD, Santa Monica



Letter to the Editor

By Scott A. Kaiser

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Dear Council Members and City Manager:

EDITOR

I write to ask that we, as a city, and you Council Members, as our elected officials, immediately rethink the role of, and the manner of, policing of our city.

This past Sunday, May 31, as police IN OUR CITY, right here on Ocean Avenue at the entrance to the Pier, fired teargas and rubber bullets at peaceful protesters. Why?

This should never have happened. It is the result of a fear based, control based approach to policing which our small city cannot countenance. As a small, prosperous (not withstanding the current budget crisis) city with open access to the City of LA we must collaborate closely with all officials, emergency responders, and law enforcement in surrounding areas. That does NOT mean that we must, or should, follow the same law enforcement approach as the LAPD or the LA County Sheriffs' Department. In fact, we should do everything we can to learn from what is wrong with their approach. We need holistic public safety, not aggressive law enforcement.

We are Santa Monica, as our T shirts and stickers say. We claim to be at the forefront of sustainability and well being. Sunday demonstrated that we are at the forefront of nothing.

Apparently we are followers of archaic, aggressive, provocative, and ineffective approaches to law enforcement. We looked foolish and hard headed, with a tank like vehicle and weapons pointed at peaceful protesters even as looters rampaged a few blocks away. We must use this

moment as a springboard for change.

It is time for bold action. It is time to create a new approach to public safety in Santa Monica.

Our budget and our agencies must be built for OUR city and aligned with the values we purport to stand for. To that end, I ask that the following steps be taken immediately:

1. Apologize and publicly resolve to do better. City Council, Acting City Manager Dilg and Police Chief Renaud must explain immediately, clearly and concisely why they chose to stand off against peaceful protesters rather than letting them march. You all must immediately issue an apology to the community. No qualifications, no excuses.

2. Immediately change our approach to public safety.

a. Declare a different approach and attitude toward policing that is more collaborative and less confrontational.

b. Adopt the "8 can't wait" policies and pledge to use violence only as a last resort

c. Give police the tools they need to keep that pledge: train every member of the police department in mediation and de-escalation.

3. Convene a 'blue ribbon' task force to investigate and report what happened and why. Santa Monicans deserve to know why and how police behaved the way they did, how and why the looting got out of control, and what we need to do to ensure public safety.

4. Create a process for real change to occur, and a system for accountability. We must initiate a process, facilitated by outside experts (e.g. the world-renowned Santa Monica based Center for Dispute Resolution) to invite the public to a facilitated dialogue about what happened. We must hear residents' and business owners' frustrations, invite recommendations for change, and build priorities for public safety and security. We need to create a new model based on what we want and need — a friendly, safe, humane city that is resident-, business-, tourism-, and worker-friendly. We must address the ways in which we, and especially our own police department, discriminate against black and brown people, against the unhoused, and yet still fail to ensure the safety of our people, or the integrity of our places.

5. Re-consider our budget in this time of crisis. Cutting all budgets indiscriminately except law enforcement is leading to resentment and frustration on the part of residents, businesses, and city staff, who see city services many of us value being eliminated.

A specific example of such poor priorities that directly impacts public safety is doing away with school crossing guards. Crossing guards serve as eyes and ears of the community. They know us, they greet us with a smile, they ask about our kids, AND they collaborate with police. Our crossing guards know who belongs, who is new to the neighborhood, and who is just cruising around. They see who is speeding and who yields to pedestrians, who is kind and who needs an extra smile. They give directions to the lost and know what to report to police. I would gladly cut the police budget to pay for the crossing guard program. In fact, I'd advocate cutting the police budget enough to greatly expand the crossing guard program, to increase pay and training for crossing guards and to add them to areas around parks, farmer's markets, the beach, etc. They would make our town much safer than police patrols do.

6. House our key workers in our own town. We need our teachers, our city staff, our first responders, and social service providers to be able to live here. They should be our neighbors. They should know us personally and have as much of a stake in our public safety as we do. They and their families should benefit from their own work.

Let's make this moment mean something. The time to act is now. It starts with police reform NOW.

Karen Wise, Santa Monica







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Countywide

The "8 Can't Wait" policies have proven effective in research by advocacy group Campaign Zero

Los Angeles County Supervisors Janice Hahn and Mark Ridley-Thomas want the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the county's 46 local police departments to update their Use of Force policies to include eight policies proven to reduce the number of people killed by police. These eight policies have been put forward by Campaign Zero, an advocacy group led by DeRay Mckesson, Samuel Sinyangwe, and Brittany N. Packnett Cunningham which has published vital research on police practices and is developing data-driven policies to end police brutality.

In a motion filed today by Hahn and Ridley-Thomas, the Supervisors are urging the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the 46 local police departments in the county to review their use of force policies and adapt them to include the following eight policies outlined by Campaign Zero:

Requiring officers to intervene to stop another officer from using excessive force

Restricting, or prohibiting, the use of chokeholds, strangleholds, and carotid restraints

Requiring officers to de-escalate situations, when possible, before using force

Using a Force Continuum or Matrix that defines and limits the types of force that can be used to respond to specific types of resistance

Requiring officers to give a verbal warning before using deadly force

Prohibiting officers from shooting at people in moving vehicles unless the person poses a deadly threat by means other than the vehicle

Requiring officers to exhaust all other reasonable alternatives before resorting to using deadly force

Requiring comprehensive reporting that includes both uses of force and threats of force

A 2016 analysis by Campaign Zero found that each of these eight reforms was associated with a 15% reduction in police killings for the average police department, and departments that implemented more than four of the reforms saw the largest reduction in killings. Importantly, departments with more restrictive use of force policies also experienced lower rates of assaults on officers and officers killed in the line of duty.

"The people are demanding change," said Supervisor Janice Hahn. "These are eight steps that can be taken right now by all of our law enforcement departments that are proven effective in reducing the number of people killed by police and sheriff's deputies. Most of the police departments in LA County have already implemented one or two of these policies, but no one has implemented all eight. I am calling on our Sheriff and all of our local police chiefs to update their use of force policies to include these important restrictions to use of force. We cannot wait any longer."

"The killing of George Floyd once again exposes the harsh reality that the African-American community has to endure in our country. We will not accept this injustice," Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said. "I believe that the eight reforms identified by Campaign Zero in this motion give us specific and clear changes to reduce the use of force by law enforcement that has resulted in this senseless violence. I urge dozens of police agencies in the County to adopt the policies immediately."

While there are law enforcement agencies in Los Angeles County that have made significant steps toward reform, no local law enforcement department has adopted all eight of these policies. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, for example, does not include chokeholds in their training practices. However, chokeholds, strangleholds, carotid restraints, and the knee-on-neck hold that killed George Floyd are not explicitly prohibited in department policy. Additionally, requiring the reporting of threats of use of force is one of the reforms associated with the highest reduction in police killings, but neither the LASD or Los Angeles Police Department require this type of comprehensive reporting.

In addition to the reforms put forward by Campaign Zero, the Civilian Oversight Commission of the Sheriff's Department created an Ad Hoc Committee that has, over the past several months, been reviewing and analyzing the Sheriff's use of force policies in order to make recommendations on how to strengthen these policies. The Civilian Oversight Commission is set to issue these recommendations in the coming weeks. Hahn and Ridley-Thomas' motion also directs the Civilian Oversight Commission to report back to the Board of Supervisors in 15 days with their recommendations on strengthening LASD's use of force policies and practices.

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Letter to the Editor

By Steve Lancaster
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Lip Service

EDITOR:

The amount of 'lip service' the progressive City of Santa Monica gives to minority causes is incredible. We supported the recent demonstration in town to honor the life and protest the death of George Floyd in Minn. We go to special efforts to provide housing for low income residents , we feed the homeless , we provide special programs for low income minority kids through the schools and PAL from parks and recreation , I could go on. Yet the obvious paradox with our city "progressives" in charge , is the extent to which they will go to deprive minority voters from electing their own representative to be on city council. Tens of millions of precious dollars are currently going down a 'rat hole' to fight this needless lawsuit against them and continue to ignore the obvious by appealing the judgment against them.

In light of recent racial despair in our country , one would think that wisdom on the current city council would prevail and actually embrace a more diverse point of view to represent our city , it might even give the SMPD an insight to the age old struggles of the Pico neighborhood that brought the lawsuit against the city in the first place.

Most SM residents don't know that many years ago , the Pico neighborhood was the only location in Santa Monica that Black and Latino citizens were allowed to own property or a house. It's time for change.

Steve Lancaster, Santa Monica

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Countywide

County Department of Public Health Asked To Develop Public Health Guidelines for Protests

As law enforcement agencies across LA County have responded to recent protests, they have not always used appropriate and consistent public health practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19. On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors will vote on a motion that directs the Department of Public Health to immediately develop health guidelines for public protests.

Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, the author of the motion, said, "Peaceful assembly is a cherished American right and we need policies and procedures that protect both protesters and law enforcement personnel. During the protests in Los Angeles over the last few days, not all law enforcement personnel were equipped with personal protective equipment. Protestors were detained without face masks and were not always able to maintain physical distancing. We must develop health policies and practices that reduce the risk of infection when people are exercising their First Amendment rights."

The motion directs the Department of Public Health, in collaboration with the Sheriff, and all other local law enforcement agencies in the County, to immediately issue guidance that includes health and safety measures for issuing citations, transporting protestors, and detaining protestors; recommendations regarding the use of cloth and/or other face masks; identify circumstances under which law enforcement should implement and allow for physical distancing; and advice on measures, such as the use of tear gas, that could negatively impact the spread of COVID-19. The County Department of Public Health is also directed to consult with the Departments of Public Health in Pasadena and Long Beach to ensure consistent guidelines.

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Citywide

Mayor signs Obama's pledge

Santa Monica Mayor Kevin McKeown signed Former President Obama's Mayor's pledge calling for mayors, city councils, and police oversight bodies to address police use of force policies.

"Santa Monica leadership has been in the streets with peaceful protesters. Looting and lawlessness last weekend have not distracted us from the need for real action in response to the murder of George Floyd and the unacceptable persistence of institutional racism in America," said Mayor Kevin McKeown. "I have joined with former President Obama and, as an individual, signed the 'Obama Pledge,' promising to review, engage, report, and reform, putting common-sense limits on the use of force. Further, on Tuesday night I'll ask the entire Council to affirm that action, and further authorize staff to explore Santa Monica implementation of police reforms like those just announced in Los Angeles and the '8CantWait' anti-violence policies."

The pledge includes a commitment to:

REVIEW POLICE USE OF FORCE POLICIES;

ENGAGE your communities by including a diverse range of input, experiences, and stories in your review;

REPORT the findings of your review to your community and seek feedback;

REFORM your community's police use of force policies. More info: www.obama.org/mayor-pledge/

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Citywide

Drug promising for certain advanced prostate cancer cases

A drug newly approved for a certain type of advanced prostate cancer is a game-changer, according to Providence Saint John's Health Center oncologist Przemyslaw Twardowski, M.D., who co-authored a study published last week in the New England Journal of Medicine.

The Federal Drug Administration on May 19 approved olaparib, an oral medication previously restricted for certain breast and ovarian cancers, for use in about 25 percent of advanced prostate cancer cases. These patient are those whose cancers involve a DNA repair abnormality, have spread to other parts of the body and are resistant to treatments that reduce male hormones.

"We've already prescribed it for a couple of patients who have these mutations," said Dr. Twardowski, a member of research team at the hospital's John Wayne Cancer Institute. "We were running out of standard treatments."

In a phase 3 trial, sponsored by bio-pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca and involving 387 patients, olaparib extended patients' lives while maintaining quality of life. This study ran from February 2017 to November 2018, followed by months of data analysis to determine results.

"That is our holy grail - extending life and delaying symptoms, including pain," Dr. Twardowski said. "It's a step forward, not a cure, it's a life extension. It gives these patients the gift of time."

The announcement comes during the Men's Health Month, observed nationally in June. As part of the Providence system, the John Wayne Cancer Institute will shared this expertise across the organization's 51 hospitals in seven Western states.

What stands out about this success is that the drug is specifically used to combat cancer where a defined DNA mutations exists.

Olaparib is one of the first drugs that specifically targets these mutations. It outperformed standard treatments, delaying progression and symptoms that can frequently involve bone pain related to metastases. Importantly, side effects - primarily nausea and anemia - were mild, especially when compared to more difficult cancer treatments such as chemotherapy.

"In treating prostate cancer, until this particular example, we have only used drugs where one size fits all," Dr. Twardowski said. "This is the first time we can apply treatment based on detailed analysis of patients' cancer specimens and use the drug in cases with specific, well defined DNA mutations, changes. And that seems to be the critical point where this drug really works."

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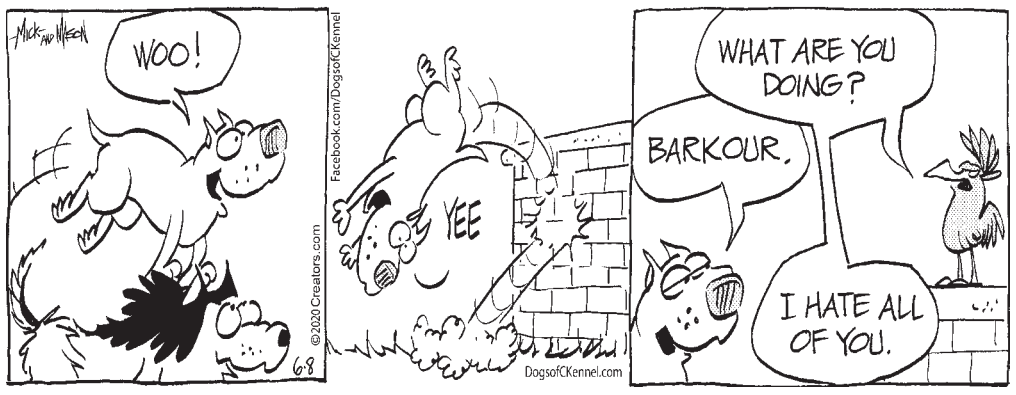
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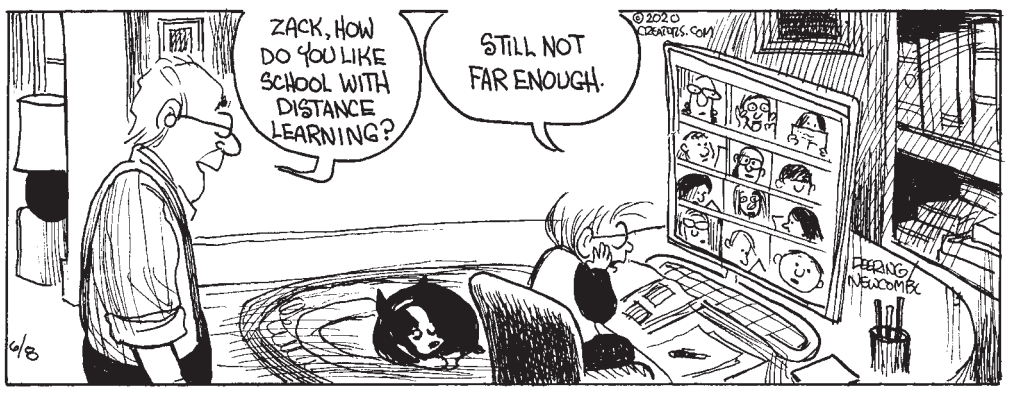
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WATER TEMP: 63.1°

MONDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
New long-period SSW swell fills in, mixing with old SSW swell remnants. Shorter-period NW swell-mix continues.

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
SSW swell continues to creep in. Smaller NW swell.

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Tuesday Night: Clear, with a low around 63.
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Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low around 64.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 78.

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2020/06/12	Fri	5:08 PM	4.10	H

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date:06/03
1 3 26 41 64
Power#: 17
Jackpot:20 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 06/02
9 20 23 26 29
Mega#: 8
Jackpot: 378 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 06/03
7 17 26 36 42
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 12 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 06/04
7 8 22 27 28

Daily 3
Draw Date: 06/03
Evening: 5 8 2
Draw Date: 06/02
Midday: 7 9 0

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 06/04
1st: 2 - LUCKY STAR
2nd: 5 - CALIFORNIA CLASSIC
3rd: 11 - MONEY BAGS
RACE TIME: 1:43.12

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JUNE 08)

The cosmic bounty that falls to you over the next 12 months involves a whole lot of love and all the building blocks for enduring and enriching relationships. You get more psychic, too. You'll think about people and then hear from them, happen on magical coincidences and have instinctive knowledge in new situations. Aries and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 23, 7, 14 and 28.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You know who your go-to people are for different needs. When new things come up today, it's the perfect excuse to enlarge your circle. Soon this network will serve others, too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The particular kind of charisma you have today involves the way you move and the focus of your words. You get to the point, and people will skip ahead to join you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What costs more will be worth more. You'll sharpen your senses and knowledge so you end up with something that gives you back all that you've invested and then some.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't have to educated or advise today; rather, you're in a position to relate to and amuse others. You'll answer objections and give people what they're looking for.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are times to stay true to the values of the people around you and society at large, and then there are times to be disruptive. The rebel in your soul needs a talking-to.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will ask your friends and colleagues for advice knowing full well that each opinion is but one point of information in a sea of other opinions. Your gut instinct is just as valid as anyone's.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The world inside a phone is low-risk and low-commitment with a return that is low-excitement. The real world requires high-level decision-making and courage and will bring commiserate returns.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). To outwardly express the version of yourself that most accurately reflects who you are on the inside and be accepted and celebrated for it too -- that's heaven on earth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The people who are right for you in business, friendship and any kind of relationship, really, are the ones who will be as honest, present and reliable as you are. Accept no less.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The more requirements and qualifications you impose, the narrower your options will be. When you get stuck, let go of some of your rules and then see if that doesn't give you the wiggle room you need to break free.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have the goodwill to give your best even when you can't see an end to your efforts. That's the quality that gets you hired, promoted, befriended or even married in the weeks to come.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There is compelling charisma on offer at the intersection of humility and egomania. That's where the superstars live. Ego without humility, or humility without ego, won't sell tickets.

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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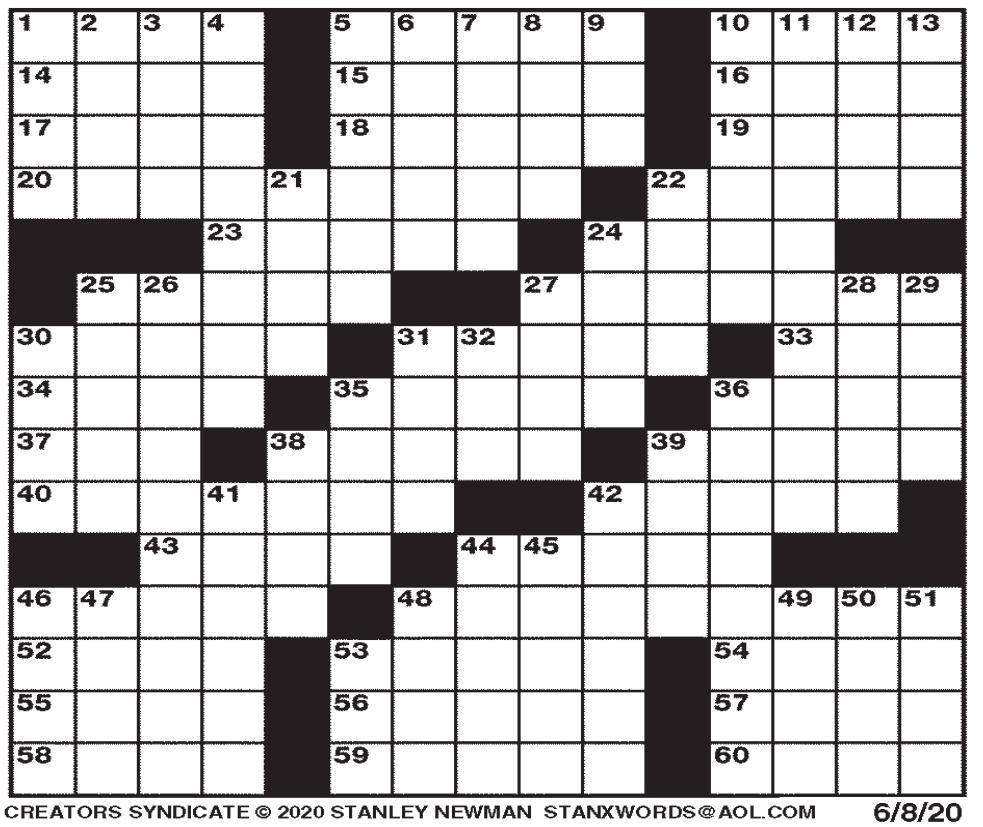
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Newsday Crossword

WOODEN QUARTET by Gail Grabowski
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ACROSS
1 Lie in the sun
5 Black-and-white "giant" bear
10 Graceful long-necked bird
14 Actor Alda
15 Online memo
16 Show concern
17 Spot of land in the ocean
18 Kept chilled, as champagne
19 Matures, as wine
20 Native American carving
22 Lie on top of a pool
23 Alternatives to suspenders
24 Adolescent
25 Stockholm native
27 Becomes drenched
30 Places for goatees
31 Dip with taco chips
33 Medical insurance grp. with copays
34 Touch down on a runway
35 Walk with a swagger
36 Professionals' charges
37 "___ we there yet?"
38 Tremble
39 Tavern beverages
40 Noah of dictionaries
42 Happy, as Santa Claus
43 Scored 100% on
44 Pirate's treasure holder
46 Scarecrow's stuffing
48 Seat for a Sunday sermon
52 Make a right or left
53 Funds that are borrowed
54 Female choir voice
55 "A likely story!"
56 "Great minds think ___"
57 Shed a ___ (weep)
58 Depend (on)
59 Multicolored spring flower
60 Reduced-price event

DOWN
1 Fishhook worm, for example
2 In addition
3 Pretzel topping
4 Squatting exercise
5 Human beings
6 "I ___ kidding!"
7 Targets for a hammer
8 Gambling cubes
9 Pub beverage
10 Devices for weighing
11 Stagecoach's "tire"
12 Region
13 Sparrow's home
21 Prescriptions, for short
22 Crumbly Greek cheese
24 Midterm or final
25 Divide up with others
26 Vintner's container for aging
27 Scrapbook adhesive
28 ___ board (manicurist's tool)
29 Soft throw
30 Cat's toenail
31 Top-billed performer
32 Biblical boat
35 Backyard storage structure
36 Stetsons and fedoras
38 Meat-and-potatoes dish
39 Variety of pear
41 Hardly enough
42 Football shirt
44 Neckwear jewelry
45 Thick slabs
46 Blend with a spoon
47 Toothpaste container
48 Coke or Pepsi
49 "Guilty" or "not guilty"
50 List-shortening abbreviation
51 Was dressed in
53 Once around a running track



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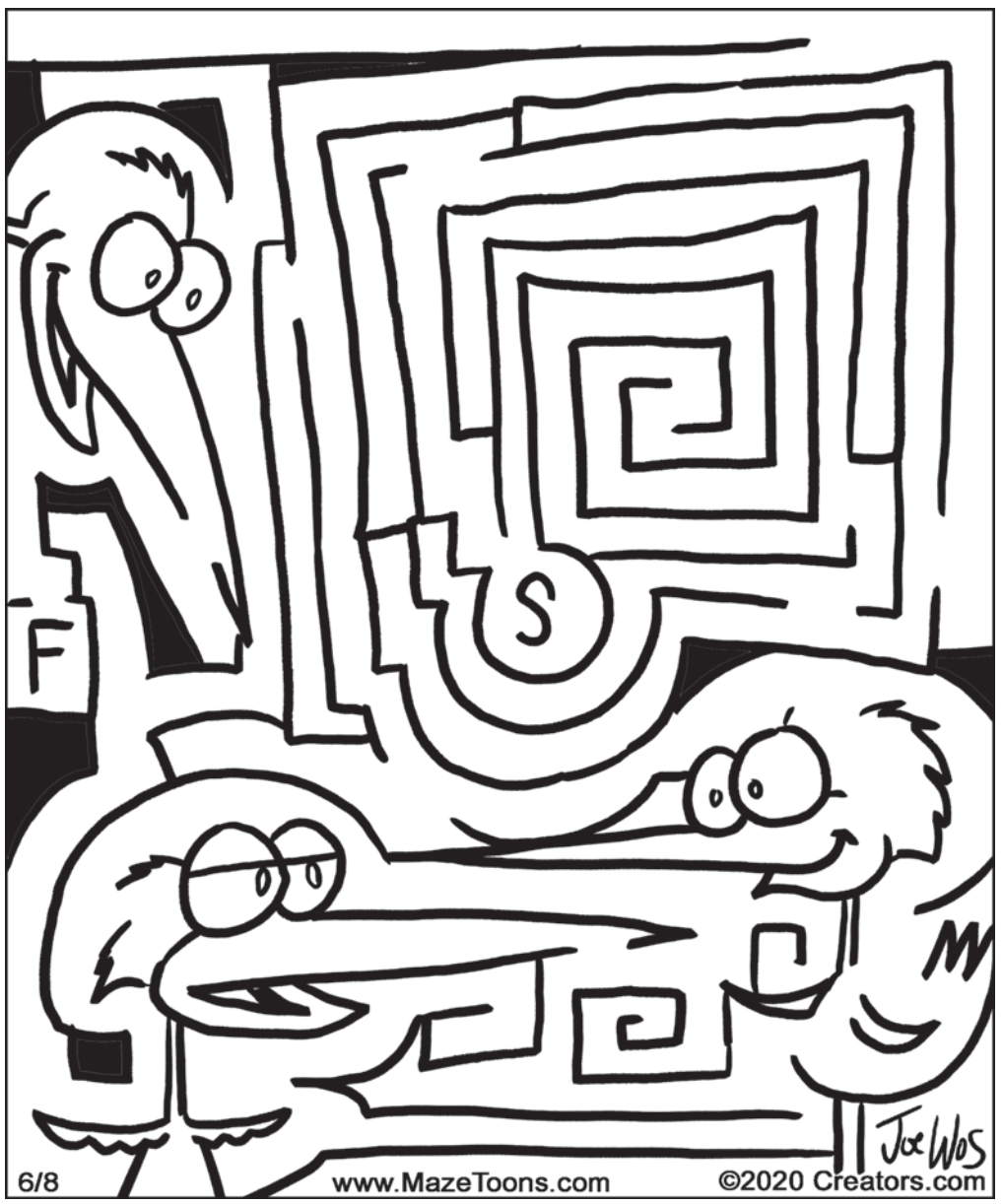
Binary Puzzle

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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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 22 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 4773

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S R R K T X A S G S S U G A R
E A A N S P W B N S L C O S Y
U W N I I L Y A I G H E A A N
G B G R R O R N T G R E E P P
P E E D U R U A A E M U E P E
I R J R O E X N E D R I S T R
L R U E T T U A L A C O L H S
L Y I W H O L E M E A L O K O
O J C O M F O R T R S W S M N
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S M R S T I U R F S K L A W L
E N I N D U L G E D G E Y M T
A W F U N N Y L E G H A M A Y

Banana	Fruit	Orange	Sleep
Bread	Funny	juice	Stay
Comfort	Guests	Personal	Strawberry
Cosy	Honey	Pillows	jam
Drinks	Indulge	Poached	Sugar
Eating	Leg ham	Room	Toiletries
Eggs	Local	Rush	Tourist
Escape	Luxury	Share	Walks
Explore	Maps	Sheets	Water
Fire	Milk	Shower	Wholemeal

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
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SMMUSD

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changes to how we educate students in Santa Monica and Malibu."

SMMUSD understands that change is not easy, Kean added, "but the status quo is no longer acceptable, (so) please realize that as new courses and programs are brought to our community, the goal is to bring equity to a flawed system."

Shortly after Kean's comments, the board introduced Dr. Satinder Hawkins, SMMUSD's coordinator of American Cultures & Ethnic Studies, who would outline how the district is ensuring that history students are learning concepts related to human rights, the distribution of wealth and pertinent topics in their various history classes from elementary through high school.

Hawkins said during her presentation, which can be viewed in its entirety online at bit.ly/3754vkS, that she was greeted with enthusiasm since she began working with the different teaching groups and student cohorts in January to integrate social justice standards into their scope.

Board members asked during the clarifying questions portion of the study session if there was an opportunity to incorporate local history like Bel Mar and other "treasure troves of information" that are available in the community. The board of education also pondered how it can best reach parents to become involved in the social justice process.

Board member Oscar de la Torre said he was pleased with the discussion but he feels its paramount for the district to have additional African-American or Chicano history classes in the curriculum. De la Torre also shared his hopes to see the results of a diversity hiring report that was previously approved by SMMUSD.

After some back-and-forth on the timing of the prospective discussion, de la Torre said he felt upset with the lack of urgency.

"We're talking about racial justice, (but) we can't even have a discussion on diversity in hiring so let's have that report and let's have that discussion," de la Torre said. "And for the discussion on ethnic studies... honestly, I feel like we're dragging our feet. We have maybe one or two ethnic studies courses at Santa Monica High School; The community has been waiting for too long. So, I think it's time to have these discussions. I mean, honestly, if we're about it, then let's be about it."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

SMC's Drescher Planetarium to Present Free, Live Virtual Shows

Santa Monica College's John Drescher Planetarium resumes its Friday evening events in June with free, live virtual shows presented online at smc.edu/planetarium. The shows include an update on plans to explore Mars, and how to use the stars to survive the zombie apocalypse.

The planetarium will also present a special Sunday Afternoon Matinee on June 21.

The evening shows are at 8 p.m. and are preceded by a streamlined, virtual digest of the popular Night Sky Show at 7 p.m., offering the latest news in astronomy and space exploration, and the chance to ask astronomy-related questions. The Sunday Afternoon Matinee is at 2 p.m. and combines abbreviated versions "The Night Sky Show" and the week's featured show.

The planetarium is exploring a variety of ways to present its shows while the Santa Monica College (SMC) campuses are closed due to public health restrictions around the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently, the planetarium is using the Zoom platform. To attend the shows, the Zoom software version 5.0 or higher must be installed on the viewer's computer. A free download is available at zoom.com.

The June shows – featuring planetarium co-lecturers Jim Mahon and Sarah Vincent – are:

• Friday, June 12: "Mars Exploration Update" – As the 2020 Mars launch window looms this July, the planet plays host to eight active spacecraft on its surface and in orbit, with more expected. Before the next arrivals go through their suspense-filled critical phases, lecturer Sarah Vincent will bring everyone up to date on the probes already at work and some of their key findings.

• Friday, June 19: "Stellar Navigation to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse!" – "When the power grid fails, society crumbles, and you are running for your life, what do you do? Look to the stars!" Lecturer Sarah Vincent will explain how to figure out a location on a starry night just by using the clues above.

• Sunday, June 21: "Stellar Navigation to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse!" – Matinee event combines the streamlined Night Sky Show with lecturer Jim Mahon and a shorter version of the week's feature show: "When the power grid fails, society crumbles, and you are running for your life, what do you do? Look to the stars!" Lecturer Sarah Vincent will explain how to figure out a location on a starry night just by using the clues above.

More information is available online at smc.edu/planetarium or by calling (310) 434-3005. Shows subject to change or cancellation without notice.

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