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Biggest-ever Queer Prom to create enchanting evening for LGBTQ+ youths



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PROM: Samohi GSA members unbox decorations for the upcoming Queer Prom

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

On Friday, the Annenberg Beach House will transform into an enchanted forest prepared to host a magical masquerade ball bringing LGBTQ+ youth together from across the Westside.

The event, known as Queer Prom, has been running in Santa Monica for 10 years and is organized by Samohi's Gender and Sexuality Alliance. This summer's iteration promises to be extra special both due to the increased importance of community for queer youth emerging from a year of isolation and its sheer scale.

"It's going be a wonderful chance for all of our queer youth, especially those who have been stuck at home and, potentially in unsupportive homes, to connect with one another and be in a community with people who support and understand them," said Roger Gawne, Co-President of the Samohi GSA.

Gawne said he was blown away with the level of interest and community support for this year's Queer Prom, which is themed Enchanted Forest Masquerade Ball.

Traditionally the event is hosted at the Church in Ocean Park for around 60 youths, however over 170 attendees have RSVPed to the now sold-out free event, which will take place at Annenberg Beach House and feature a live DJ, photographer and Prom royalty ceremony.

This feat was made possible by the sponsorship of the City, Santa Monica Travel and Tourism, Back on the Beach Cafe, as well as the longstanding support of the Church in Ocean Park.

The Church in Ocean Park's Minister, Janet Gollery McKeithen, is an ardent advocate for LGBTQ+ rights. She fought fiercely against Prop 8 and broke with the Union Methodist Church's rules by officiating same sex marriages.

McKeithen believes Queer Prom is much more than a night out and can have transformative effects on the lives of queer youth.

"I believe the Queer Prom saves lives. It's important and life-giving for people to be themselves," said McKeithen. "When we pressure young people to fit our mold of who they ought to be, it is damaging to their mental health and to us as a society. LGBTQIA+ students need to know that who they are right now is amazing. They need to be affirmed, not condemned."

For a lot of students this will

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Democratic Club readies to welcome Gascón and commissioners next week

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

The Santa Monica Democratic Club is set to host District Attorney George Gascón and members of the city's newly formed Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission next week for a virtual conversation that will cover efforts to reform the criminal justice system and local police departments.

The meeting is set to begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, according to Democratic Club President Jon Katz, who said Democratic Club members were early supporters of George Gascón's campaign for District Attorney last year because they supported his push for change.

"The former DA failed to hold countless police officers accountable for their actions, resulting in hundreds of Black lives lost. Now that DA Gascón has been in office, accomplishing all of the reforms we elected him to enact, we were thrilled for the opportunity to welcome him back to the Club and discuss the progress so far," Katz said, detailing how Gascón has been hard at work implementing policies that promote rehabilitation, eliminating cash bail for non-violent offenses, and ending the practice of transferring youths to adult courts as well as the use of the death penalty in LA County.

"With so many issues pertaining to public safety reform at the forefront of Santa Monica politics right now, we thought this would be the perfect time to bring him in to discuss these important issues pertaining to both criminal justice reform as well as public safety reform," Katz said. "We look forward to hearing DA Gascón's thoughts on the OIR Report pertaining to last

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California weighs extending eviction protections past June

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

Gov. Gavin Newsom says California will pay off all the past-due rent that accumulated in the nation's most populated state because of the fallout from the coronavirus pandemic, a promise to make landlords whole while giving renters a clean slate.

Left unsettled is whether California will continue to ban evictions for unpaid rent beyond June 30, a pandemic-related order that was meant to be temporary but is proving difficult to undo.

Federal eviction protections also are set to expire on June 30. California had passed its own protections that applied to more people.

Newsom and legislative leaders are meeting privately to decide what to do, part of the negotiations over the state's roughly $260 billion operating budget. An extension of the eviction ban seems likely to give California more time to spend all the money to cover unpaid rent. But landlords and tenants' rights groups are arguing over how long that extension should last.

"The expectation for people to be up and at 'em and ready to pay rent on July 1 is wholeheartedly unfair,"

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter "the District" will receive up to, but not later than the below-stated date and time, sealed Bid Proposals for the Contract for the Work of the Project generally described as: Prevailing wage labor, materials, services, equipment, and appliances required to repair SMC Drescher Hall AHU-1 and AHU-2, replace supply and return fan VFD's, re-connect VFD's to power source and ACL control system, provide lighting in AHU-2, test and verify operation of control dampers & VFD's, clean inside of AHU's cabinets, provide missing belt guards for supply and return fans in accordance with bid documents.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE BID PROPOSALS: 07/07/21, 2:00 pm
Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the District bidding website at: https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=13721#.

All Bid Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished by the District. Bid Proposals must conform with, and be responsive to, the Bid and Contract Documents, copies of which may be obtained from the District as set forth above. Only Bid Proposals submitted to the District at or prior to the date and time set forth shall be considered.

MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: 06/23/21 at 10:00a.m. sharp. Meet outside SMC Facilities Trailer at Receiving Lot by stadium bleachers 2121 16th St. Santa Monica CA 90405. Bidder attendance at Job Walk is mandatory. Sign-In required & late arrivals not permitted. Attendees required to maintain min. 6ft distance from others. Wear face covering over nose & mouth at all times. Small areas/rooms limited to 1 person at a time. Do not attend if sick or have cold/flu-like symptoms. Limit surfaces touched, do not touch equipment & building materials if not necessary.

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $120,000.00

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LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: n/a
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Substitute Security- In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code 22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under this contract.
Post Dates 06/15/21 & 06/22/21

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Armed Robbery Ocean Ave / Wilshire Blvd 12:02 a.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Euclid St / Wilshire Blvd 12:08 a.m.
Party Complaint 6th St / Raymond Ave 12:17 a.m.
Loud Music 1500blk Berkeley St 12:18 a.m.
Battery 1300blk Ocean Ave 12:20 a.m.
Living In A Vehicle 700blk Ozone St 12:38 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2000blk Wilshire Blvd 12:51 a.m.
Person Down 2nd St / Arizona Ave 1:14 a.m.
Trespassing 300blk Santa Monica Pl 1:32 a.m.
Party Complaint 1400blk Franklin St 1:42 a.m.
Battery 100blk Wilshire Blvd 1:51 a.m.
Loud Music 1200blk 11th St 1:51 a.m.
Party Complaint 11th St / Oak St 3:11 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1200blk 5th St 3:36 a.m.
Trespassing 1500blk Ocean Ave 5:07 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Grant St 5:15 a.m.
Encampment 2700blk Barnard Way 5:45 a.m.
Petty Theft 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 6:47 a.m.
Fight 1600blk Wilshire Blvd 7:59 a.m.
Found Property 2700blk Barnard Way 8:06 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2200blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:14 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1700blk 18th St 8:19 a.m.
Vandalism 1200blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:38 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2900blk Main St 9:03 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 900blk Palisades Beach Rd 9:10 a.m.
Person With A Gun 24th St / Wilshire Blvd 9:30 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1500blk 4th St 9:31 a.m.
Petty Theft 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 9:35 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:35 a.m.
Missing Person 1000blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:39 a.m.
Person With A Gun 2200blk Virginia Ave 9:40 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1300blk 2nd St 9:51 a.m.
Petty Theft 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:54 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1200blk 19th St 10:09 a.m.
Keep The Peace 500blk 11th St 10:09 a.m.
Found Property 00blk Vicente Ter 10:12 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk Palisades Park 10:20 a.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:36 a.m.
Drinking In Public 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 10:41 a.m.
Burglary Report 800blk Broadway 10:50 a.m.
Lost Property 100blk Wilshire Blvd 10:52 a.m.
Loud Music 2800blk The Beach 11:08 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1700blk Centinela Ave 11:34 a.m.
Encampment 900blk 4th St 11:55 a.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 12:02 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1300blk 4th St 12:34 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 500blk 9th St 12:37 p.m.
Found Property 3200blk Donald Douglas Loop S 12:41 p.m.
Petty Theft 1400blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:51 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1000blk Yale St 12:52 p.m.
Loud Music 1400blk 17th St 1:52 p.m.
Loitering 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 2:49 p.m.
Loud Music 2600blk Barnard Way 2:55 p.m.
Encampment 1100blk Pico Blvd 3:27 p.m.
Drinking In Public 1200blk 14th St 3:44 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 3:49 p.m.
Found Person 1600blk The Beach 3:55 p.m.
Bike Theft 800blk Ashland Ave 3:59 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:34 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1700blk 9th St 4:53 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1100blk 21st St 4:57 p.m.
Petty Theft 2000blk The Beach 4:57 p.m.
Trespassing 1500blk Franklin St 4:57 p.m.
Bike Theft 1500blk The Beach 5:16 p.m.
Traffic Collision 1500blk 2nd St 5:24 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1100blk Palisades Park 5:27 p.m.
Lost Property 300blk Santa Monica Pier 5:43 p.m.
Municipal Code Violation 500blk Santa Monica Pier 6:06 p.m.
Found Property 2900blk Pico Blvd 6:10 p.m.
Medical Emergency 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:15 p.m.
Trash Dumping 1500blk 16th St 6:38 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle 100blk Colorado Ave 6:38 p.m.
Trespassing 100blk Pacific St 6:43 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 1100blk 11th St 6:43 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper In Progress 100blk Wilshire Blvd 6:44 p.m.
Loud Music 2800blk Neilson Way 7:05 p.m.
Battery 1300blk 7th St 7:05 p.m.
Burglary Report 1500blk 6th St 7:26 p.m.
Domestic Violence 3100blk Virginia Ave 7:37 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 300blk Pico Blvd 7:44 p.m.
Fight Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 8:02 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 1900blk Main St 8:08 p.m.
Trespassing 2600blk Kansas Ave 8:23 p.m.
Family Disturbance 900blk Harvard St 8:30 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 3000blk 4th St 8:36 p.m.
Death Investigation 1100blk 5th St 8:49 p.m.
Burglary 800blk Ashland Ave 8:55 p.m.
Battery 1000blk 4th St 9:18 p.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 300blk California Ave 9:27 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1300blk Michigan Ave 9:40 p.m.
Municipal Code Violation 900blk Ozone Ave 9:47 p.m.
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EMS 100blk Wilshire Blvd 1:52 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk 4th St 4:08 a.m.
Traffic Collision with Physical Rescue Lincoln Blvd / Grant St 5:16 a.m.
EMS 20th St / Delaware Ave 5:51 a.m.
EMS 800blk 2nd St 5:59 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Cloverfield Blvd 7:23 a.m.
EMS 700blk Pico Blvd 7:59 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 2nd St 8:03 a.m.
EMS 5th St / Colorado Ave 8:04 a.m.
EMS 300blk Pico Blvd 8:13 a.m.
EMS 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 8:23 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 4th St 9:39 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk 4th St 10:36 a.m.
EMS 800blk Bay St 10:58 a.m.
EMS 400blk Broadway 10:59 a.m.
Lock In/Out Lincoln Blvd / Montana Ave 11:05 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 1:08 p.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 1:27 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 200blk Wilshire Blvd 4:29 p.m.
EMS 800blk Michigan Ave 5:32 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Pico Blvd 5:32 p.m.
Hydrant Leak 1700blk Olympic Blvd 5:34 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Pico Blvd 6:22 p.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 6:38 p.m.
EMS 2200blk 29th St 7:21 p.m.
EMS 3100blk Virginia Ave 7:49 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Olympic Blvd 8:01 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 2300blk 4th St 8:26 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 3000blk 4th St 8:36 p.m.
EMS 3100blk Virginia Ave 8:49 p.m.
EMS 3000blk Pico Blvd 9:26 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Franklin St 9:50 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Pier Ave 9:59 p.m.
EMS 2200blk 29th St 10:04 p.m.
Structure Fire 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:08 p.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 10:33 p.m.

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City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2673 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

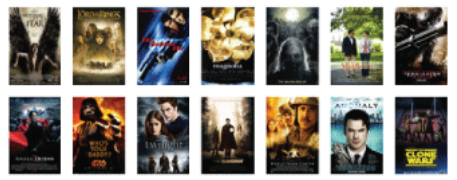
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA ADOPTING CHAPTER 6.40 TO IMPLEMENT THE SANTA MONICA OUTDOORS PILOT PROGRAM AND CONTINUE THE AUTHORIZATION FOR ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES TEMPORARILY TO USE CERTAIN PUBLIC OUTDOOR SPACE

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2673 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

This Emergency Ordinance implements a one-year pilot program under which eligible businesses will be allowed to continue, as previously authorized by emergency orders issued during the COVID-19 pandemic, to expand their operations to certain public outdoor spaces, while City staff develop and bring to Council a proposal for a permanent and expanded program for businesses to use public outdoor space for their operations. In particular, the Emergency Ordinance puts in place new Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 6.40, which, among other things:

- Authorizes the Director of the Community Development Department or designee to issue permits and enter into licensing agreements to allow restaurants and other eligible businesses to use designated public outdoor spaces, including parklets, sidewalks adjacent to the businesses, and certain outdoor areas on Main Street, the Promenade, and the Pier for outdoor dining or other business activities.
- Authorizes the Director of the Community Development Department or designee to adopt administrative regulations to implement the provisions of the Chapter, including regulations governing design and safety specifications for parklets, designations of outdoor locations at the Promenade and Pier available for use, use of adjacent or neighboring tenant or building space, application procedures, and permit conditions and requirements.
- Authorizes the City Council to establish application and permit fees and charges by resolution.
- Sets the expiration of permits issued as part of the pilot program to be June 30, 2022, unless otherwise extended or terminated earlier by the City.

This Emergency Ordinance was effective as of the date of its adoption. The full text of this Emergency Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

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Ordinance Number 2674 (CCS)
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AN EMERGENCY INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY USE OF PRIVATE OUTDOOR SPACE; TEMPORARY PERMITTED USES FOR EMERGENCY SHELTERS, PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES, AND DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITIES FOR COVID-19 TESTING AND VACCINATION PURPOSES; AND FLEXIBILITY IN ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY USE PERMITS AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES

The following is a summary of Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2674 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

This Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance ("IZO") authorizes businesses to continue to engage in certain uses of private space that were previously authorized by emergency orders issued during the COVID-19 pandemic. In particular, this Emergency IZO:

- Authorizes the Director of the Community Development Department or designee to issues permits for temporary use of private outdoor space to eligible businesses that meet the requirements set out in the IZO and associated administrative regulations.
- Temporarily permits the following use classifications in all zoning districts: public safety facility, as defined by Santa Monica Municipal Code ("SMMC') Section 9.51.030(A)(10); emergency shelter, as defined by SMMC Section 9.51.020(A)(4); and drive through facility for clinic, as defined by SMMC Section 9.51.030(A)(8)(a), hospital, as defined by SMMC Section 9.51.030(A)(8)(b), or general retail sales small or medium scale, as defined by SMMC 9.51.030(B)(22)(b), that is operating as a pharmacy, all for the limited purpose of conducting COVID-19 testing and vaccination services.
- Authorizes Business Improvement Districts and individual eligible businesses that have obtained a Temporary Use Permit in accordance with SMMC Chapter 9.44 to conduct sidewalk and other seasonal sales in accordance with SMMC Section 9.31.370 and authorizes the Director of the Community Development Department or designee to issue Temporary Use Permits for uses that are permitted pursuant to SMMC 9.31.370(b) of more than 45, but no more than 180 consecutive days.
- Authorizes off-site alcohol sales by Restaurants, Full Service and Restaurants, and Limited Service and Take-Out, as defined in SMMC Sections 9.51.030(B)(8)(b) and (c) respectively, that have obtained necessary licenses and permits from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control ("ABC") and the City, in accordance with ABC conditions and requirements.
- Authorizes retail sales of alcohol by Convenience Markets, General Markets, and Liquor Stores, as defined in SMMC Sections 9.51.030(B)(10)(a), (c), and (d) respectively, that have obtained necessary licenses and permits from the ABC and the city, in accordance with ABC conditions and requirements.

The Emergency IZO was effective as of the date of its adoption and will remain in effect through August 7, 2021, unless further extended.

The full text of the above Emergency IZO is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.



US hitting encouraging milestones on virus deaths and shots

MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
Associated Press

COVID-19 deaths in the U.S. have dipped below 300 a day for the first time since the early days of the disaster in March 2020, while the drive to put shots in arms approached another encouraging milestone Monday: 150 million Americans fully vaccinated.

The coronavirus was the third leading cause of death in the U.S. in 2020, behind heart disease and cancer, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But now, as the outbreak loosens its grip, it has fallen down the list of the biggest killers.

CDC data suggests that more Americans are dying every day from accidents, chronic lower respiratory diseases, strokes or Alzheimer's disease than from COVID-19.

The U.S. death toll stands at more than 600,000, while the worldwide count is close to 3.9 million, though the real figures in both cases are believed to be markedly higher.

About 45% of the U.S. population has been fully vaccinated, according to the CDC. Over 53% of Americans have received at least one dose of vaccine. But U.S. demand for shots has slumped, to the disappointment of public health experts.

Dr. Ana Diez Roux, dean of Drexel University's school of public health, said the dropping rates of infections and deaths are cause for celebration. But she cautioned that the virus still has a chance to spread and mutate given the low vaccination rates in some states, including Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Wyoming and Idaho.

"So far it looks like the vaccines we have are effective against the variants that are circulating," Diez Roux said. "But the more time the virus is jumping from person to person, the more time there is for variants to develop, and some of those could be more dangerous."

New cases are running at about 11,400 a day on average, down from over a quarter-million per day in early January. Average deaths per day are down to about 293, according to Johns Hopkins University, after topping out at over 3,400 in mid-January.

In New York, which suffered mightily in the spring of 2020, Gov. Andrew Cuomo tweeted on Monday that the state had 10 new deaths. At the height of the outbreak in the state, nearly 800 people a day were dying from the coronavirus.

Some states are faring worse than others. Missouri leads the nation in per-capita COVID-19 cases and is fourth behind California, Florida and Texas in the number of new cases per day over the past week despite its significantly smaller population.

The surge is being driven by new cases in a farming region in the northern part of the state and in the southwest corner, which includes the towns of Branson and Springfield. COVID-19 hospitalizations in southwest Missouri have risen 72% since the beginning of the month as of Friday.

The fall will bring new waves of infection, but they will be less severe and concentrated more in places with low vaccination rates, said Amber D'Souza, a professor of epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

"So much depends on what happens over the summer and what happens with children," D'Souza said. "Anyone who is not vaccinated can become infected and transmit the virus."

Meanwhile, because of regulatory hurdles and other factors, President Joe Biden is expected to fall short of his commitment to share 80 million vaccine doses with the rest of the world by the end of June, officials said Monday.

Associated Press reporters Carla K. Johnson and Zeke Miller contributed to this story.

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AT APPROXIMATELY 11:42 A.M.

SMPD received notification about a train versus vehicle accident at 11th St. Officers arrived at the scene and determined westbound Metro train was struck at the 11th Street intersection by a motor vehicle traveling westbound on Colorado that made an illegal left turn in front of the train. No injuries were sustained by passengers on the Metro train, or by the driver of the vehicle making the illegal turn. Train service was interrupted for approximately 20 minutes.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Earlier Start Time for Board of Education Closed Session

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education closed session meeting on Thursday, June 24, will begin at 2 p.m., instead of 4:30 p.m. Open session will begin at its normal 5:30 p.m. start time.

This change in start times will to allow the Board of Education additional time to address items during closed session.

The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the District website: https://www.smmusd.org/domain/2977.

SUBMITTED BY GAIL PINSKER SMMUSD COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

LOS ANGELES

Mark Peel, trailblazer of California cuisine, dies at 66

Mark Peel, a trailblazing chef who helped create modern California cuisine and a dining renaissance in Los Angeles, has died at age 66.

Peel died on Sunday at a Los Angeles hospital, nine days after he was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer, his daughter Vanessa Silverton-Peel, told the Los Angeles Times.

"My dad in so many ways was really ill-fit for the emergence of this whole rock star-chef era," said Vanessa Silverton-Peel. "He always thought of himself as a cook, he thought of himself as doing manual labor."

His career, however, was a roadmap of legendary dining.

Peel, who learned to cook at a small Sonoma Valley restaurant and later attended a college hotel and restaurant program, began cooking with Wolfgang Puck in 1975 at LA's famed Ma Maison, where he worked his way up to assistant chef.

He then cooked at Michael's in Santa Monica, where he met future wife Nancy Silverton in 1979, and then went on to Berkeley's famed Chez Panisse.

In 1982, Peel helped Puck open Spago in West Hollywood, and insisted that Puck hire Silverton as a pastry chef.

Spago began receiving national recognition and culinary awards under the trio's direction.

"It was so hard when we opened, but we all believed in the same thing: to make people happy and give people a great experience," Puck told the Times.

"He really had his own style and he loved working the grill," Puck said. "He was running Spago when it was so busy, but he always kept his cool and never screamed at anybody in the kitchen. He always wanted the food to be perfect; he didn't care how long it took."

Peel and Silverton married in 1984. Two years later they went to New York City to run Maxwell's Plum, then after a year they returned to Los Angeles.

After a brief stint again at Spago they opened Campanile in 1989. The restaurant would last 23 years, introducing the concept of farm-to-table to many Angelenos. Silverton left Campanile when the couple divorced.

La Brea Bakery, which the couple opened a few months before Campanile, was sold in 2001 and is now a globally recognized brand.

Peel wrote or co-authored such cookbooks as "New Classic Family Dinners. He and Silverton wrote "Mark Peel & Nancy Silverton At Home: Two Chefs Cook for Family and Friends" and "The Food of Campanile."

Peel was known for personally making frequent trips in his truck to pick up produce from a farmers market.

"He wasn't the guy who was always looking for attention, he was the guy who wanted to feed people really good food," Silverton-Peel said. "I think he was so much more influential than he ever really took stock of."

Peel is also survived by four other children, Benjamin and Oliver Silverton-Peel, and Vivien and Rex Peel.

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LOS ANGELES

SAG Awards will return in February 2022 with 2-hour show

The Screen Actors Guild Awards are returning to a two-hour format for its 2022 edition, which will air the last weekend in February.

The SAG Awards adopted a one-hour, completely virtual format for this year's show, which saw "Trial of the Chicago 7" crowned the top film ensemble and television acting honors going to the casts of "The Crown" for drama and "Schitt's Creek" for comedy.

The show's Feb. 27 airdate originally belonged to the Oscars, which has pushed its 2022 ceremony back to March 27. The show, which honors the best performances in television and film, will air on TNT and TBS.

The SAG Awards are often a reliable Oscar harbinger, though this year "Nomadland" took home the best picture Academy Award. All SAG Awards film winners this year were actors of color, but that feat was not repeated at the Oscars.

Hollywood's 2021 awards season was delayed, and upended, by the coronavirus pandemic. The 2022 season has already been shaken up by NBC's decision not to air the Golden Globe Awards in January due to that organization's response to an LA Times investigation that revealed among its findings that the Hollywood Foreign Press Association had no Black members.

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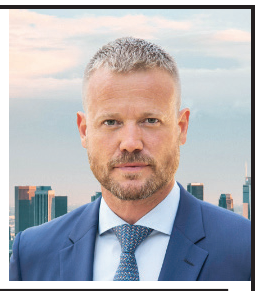
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QUEER PROM

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be the first time that they have been able to celebrate in a predominantly queer space since the pandemic began. The Samohi GSA has invited youth from similar organizations in regional schools and churches and hopes these connections will continue to grow after the event.

"Being LGBTQ+ can be really isolating because it sort of happens randomly to different people and it can be really hard to find each other," said Gawne. "So this is a really great opportunity for people to feel safe to come out and be supported and forge friendships with people from all over."

Gawne has been in Samohi's GSA for four years and before that was in a similar group at Lincoln Middle School. While he has been out for many years, he has watched how challenging and scary that process can be for a lot of his peers. As Co-president he greatly enjoyed being able to support members' in coming to terms with their identity.

The mission of the GSA is to create a supportive place for queer students to build a community and express themselves freely. Throughout the pandemic, they continued to meet on Zoom although membership dropped off as some students didn't feel safe joining in at home.

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Courtesy photos

PROM: Local youth are planning the social event of the season for queer youth.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Facebook launches podcasts, live audio service

Facebook is launching podcasts and live audio streams in the U.S. on Monday to keep users engaged on its platform and to compete with emerging rivals.

Facebook says it is allowing public figures with verified accounts to start live audio rooms and invite anyone else to speak. A handful of podcasts will be available to people in the U.S. at first and the company plans to add more down the line.

CEO Mark Zuckerberg, who has appeared on the video streaming app Clubhouse in the past, hosted his own live audio room on his Facebook page last week.

"Live Audio Rooms and podcasts rolling out in the US is just the beginning of our audio journey," wrote Fidji Simo, head of the Facebook app, in a blog post Monday. "Looking ahead, we are working with creators who will use our audio tools to further develop and launch Soundbites – short-form, creative audio clips."

But podcasts and live audio have also been an outlet for racism, misinformation and extremist material. Live audio is particularly difficult to moderate, compared with traditional social media posts.

Facebook, which announced its audio plans to push into audio streams in April, says its rules apply to live audio and podcasts and anyone can report offending material.

"In addition, our broader integrity and safety work and the tools we have built for proactively and automatically identifying harmful content are great building blocks, but we plan to adapt tech and processes as we learn more," the company said in a prepared statement.

The company says that it may also retain live audio after it is no longer live to enforce its policies, which will be done both by human moderators and machine learning.

BARBARA ORTUTAY, AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

DELANO

Purloined pistachios found in central California

California detectives say they've solved the curious caper of the purloined pistachios.

The heist was a nutty one, but nothing new to investigators in America's most productive farmland. In a nutshell, an audit by the Touchstone Pistachio Company in the San Joaquin Valley discovered that 42,000 pounds were missing.

The company contacted the Tulare County sheriff's agricultural crimes unit on Thursday, the sheriff's office wrote in a Facebook post.

The trail led to parking lots in Delano, 140 miles north of Los Angeles, authorities said. Investigators found a tractor-trailer there on Friday containing the remaining nuts, which were returned to the Touchstone Pistachio Company.

Detectives determined that the pistachios were being transferred from their 2,000-pound sacks into smaller bags for resale, the sheriff's office said.

A 34-year-old man was arrested. It was not immediately clear if he had an attorney who could speak on his behalf.

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Strictly Business

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The Power of Advertising is Here Today

"I know that 50% of all my advertising dollars are wasted. The problem is I don't know which 50%." - David Ogilvy. When Ogilvy was the grand master of the advertising world he was routinely sought out for his wisdom, insight and creativity. He was one of, if not THE, top experts in the world of advertising and marketing for easily 30 years. That gave him access to both clients, and more importantly their unlimited budgets, to experiment, try out new ideas, see what worked and do all that came to mind in the scientific exploration of selling to the masses with the new media of television.

In that dinner party question of "who would like to have to dinner for a conversation?" Ogilvy would certainly be on my short list along with a man you've never heard of, Claude C. Hopkins – another advertising giant, probably Tony Robbins', along with Mary Kay Ash, and Floyd Mayweather. I think that a dinner party of those people as we discussed the nature and potential of today's advertising and marketing would be a roundtable of epic proportions.

Today's internet marketing options are a world of opportunity that present local businesses a window into their clients like no other. The small business has the opportunity to see into the mind of their customers, prospects, and strangers in ways that Ogilvy and Hopkins could only wistfully dream about.

I know this because of two things, 1) I use a ton of internet marketing in my family law practice to be seen by those who are looking for representation in court, and 2) from the types of ads, email, texts, and pop-ups that I come across on an hour by hour, day by day way. My own experience as a small businessperson using Google Ads, Google Reviews, Google Local, a selection of various websites all aimed at a niche market, and Facebook Ads, Bing Ads, Youtube Videos and iTunes podcast episodes all raise awareness, and drive traffic to the channels for people to call and hire me.

The value of all this electronic data is that with Facebook ads I can see exactly the demographics of who is responding to my ads. For example, I have an ad campaign that targets women for my MensFamilyLawCenter.com website. Why women for a men's divorce / father's rights website? One word: Grandmothers. They are mothers protecting their sons and their own interests in seeing their grandchildren. My ads on Facebook resonate with grandmothers and they send their sons to my website and to me for business. With proper targeting on Facebook and Google I can land directly in front of them as they share family photos and go searching for grandbaby toys. I can see where they are by zip code, by age range, and by economic strata.

When I run an ad on Facebook that has a video embedded in it, I can see exactly how much of that video is regularly watched and if it converts to click throughs to my website. I can see who is watching and then I can retarget them with similar ads to let them know about my services. This allows me to segment my marketing and serve up exactly what someone needs at the exact time they need it. Ogilvy and Hopkins would likely have killed for such ability to reach into the mind on the consumer.

So then why would I want Mary Kay Ash, Tony Robbins and Floyd Mayweather to join the greats of advertising at a dinner party? Because they are the greats of modern marketing. Granted Mary Kay is no longer with us, but she was a visionary of the Direct to Consumer Multi-Level Marketing model and her Pink Cadillacs still inspire women to outsell each other. Robbins is a man who is a machine at driving sales and promotion, and Mayweather gives new meaning to "Always Be Marketing". He's made hundreds of millions by his relentless attitude to marketing and taking every opportunity to promote himself and his career. Just look at his last payday against Youtube creator Logan Paul. He said he could make $100,000,000 for what was essentially a good workout for him. That estimate could be just boxing industry bluster, but could be real also. Does it matter? not really because I'm talking about him.

The point is that marketing and advertising are crucial to all businesses, large and small, and with today's technology the small businesses like Rosti on Montana can take advantage of it in remarkable ways. I see their emails almost daily in my inbox. They know whether or not I've opened it, and when I do, if I click on the enclosed link to a special. Rocco's Cheesecake on Pico uses Yelp and Facebook posts to promote his Keto cheesecakes to his now huge international customer base. This sort of intimate customer knowledge allows them to target me with exactly what I want, when I want it.

Local businesses are taking advantage of this technology to overcome the losses of the pandemic and to get the word out that they are open for business, and it's an amazing world we're living in.

I imagine that Mr. Ogilvy's insights would only expand the opportunities and truly wish I could have him over for dinner, perhaps at Art's Table, if they knew what he wanted to eat.

If you have good idea for a story, or know of a company that is innovating in some novel way that should be brought to a wider audience, please drop me an email at DAVID@SMDP.COM and let's see what the future is looking like.



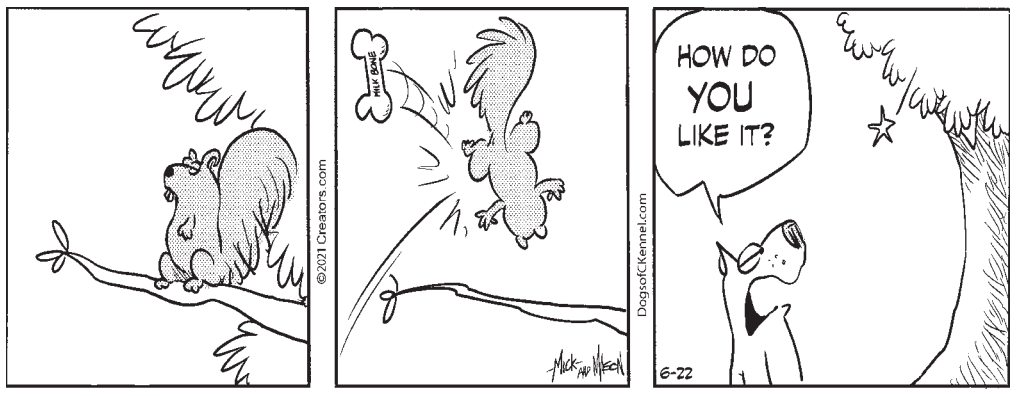
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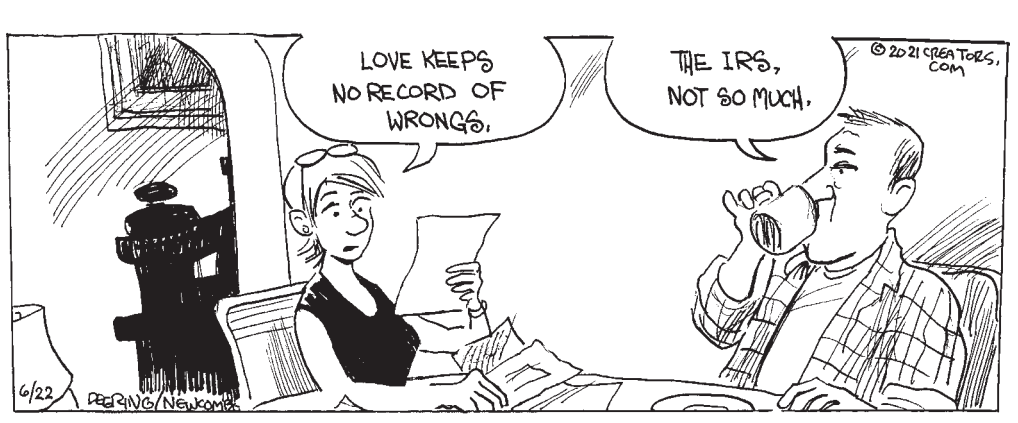
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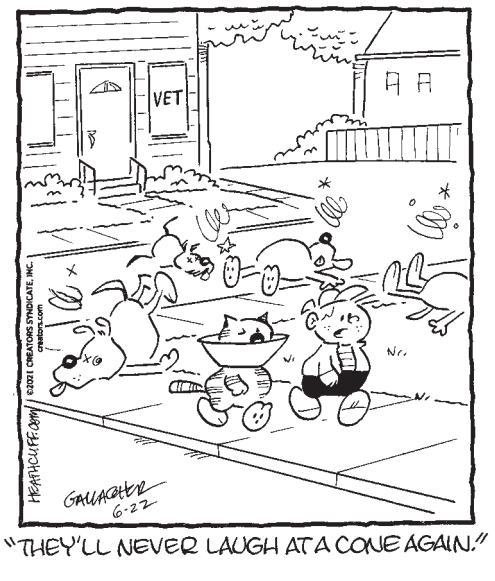
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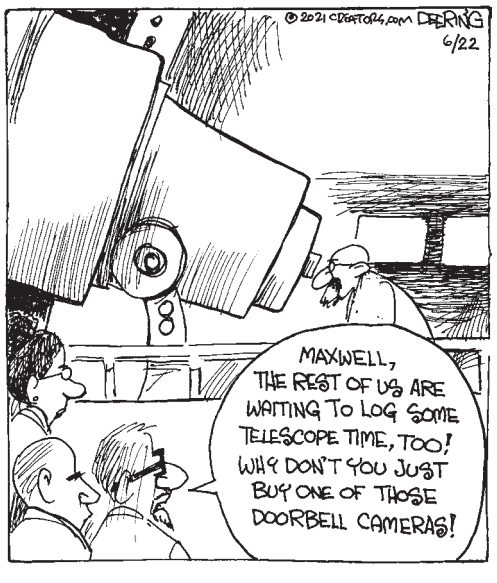
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Strange Brew

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 65.8°

TUESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high occ. 5 ft
Another clean, fun morning window with peaking SSW swell energy on offer. Spots with some structure have the best shape as there's not a lot of NW energy running.

WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4f Waist to chest high
Semi clean early morning window but some texture/lump likely and wind trends onshore more quickly than previous days. SSW swell is easing and there's still not a whole lot of NW swell energy running.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 69.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 61.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 73.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2021/06/22	Tue	8:01 PM	6.83	H
2021/06/23	Wed	03:18 AM	-1.31	L
2021/06/23	Wed	09:41 AM	3.85	H
2021/06/23	Wed	2:18 PM	1.91	L
2021/06/23	Wed	8:45 PM	7.08	H
2021/06/24	Thu	04:05 AM	-1.64	L
2021/06/24	Thu	10:33 AM	3.91	H
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2021/06/24	Thu	9:29 PM	7.12	H
2021/06/25	Fri	04:53 AM	-1.72	L
2021/06/25	Fri	11:26 AM	3.94	H
2021/06/25	Fri	3:56 PM	2.17	L
2021/06/25	Fri	10:15 PM	6.94	H
2021/06/26	Sat	05:41 AM	-1.58	L
2021/06/26	Sat	12:19 PM	3.96	H
2021/06/26	Sat	4:48 PM	2.30	L
2021/06/26	Sat	11:03 PM	6.55	H
2021/06/27	Sun	06:29 AM	-1.25	L

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POWERball calottery
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Draw Date: 6/18
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Mega#: 18
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SuperLotto PLUS calottery
Draw Date: 6/19
4 7 8 19 36
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 57 M

Fantasy 5 calottery
Draw Date: 6/20
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Daily 3 calottery
Draw Date: 6/20
EVENING: 8 9 4

Draw Date: 6/20
MIDDAY: 0 2 5

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Draw Date: 6/20
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3rd: 01 - Gold Rush
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll get through the day as you would a math quiz, one problem at a time. Just keep your mind on what you're solving and by evening, you'll be done with the hard stuff and delighted by your scores.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The action will be an adventure, not a chore, although it may come in a package labeled "work." You've never been afraid of work, only of not knowing how to do it. In today's case, figuring it out will be half the fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What you think you should be doing and what you are doing may be two different things. The lesser activity isn't "bad"; it's just not all you're capable of. You've the grit to answer your more noble calling.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's a sage feeling under your ribs steering you toward or away from someone; heed it, even if it's illogical. Your body has plenty of intelligence and feeds your conscious mind on a need-to-know basis.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Some see the negative space as full of potential to put something into. Others hold the space as a sacred and essential balance to the main beauty. To you, the beauty is the space. You'll honor it, creating much peace for yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The most exciting thing you can do today is a piece of decidedly unglamourous work. It turns out the key to creation is mostly humble actions in service of a splendid cause.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A relationship is better played out than analyzed, which is like examining a snowflake, which melts in your hand as it is observed. Stay in the moment, appreciating the natural environment of a thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What another person wants from you seems fine. But to enact it without really owning it is weak. Better to make the choice yourself and stand by it, not because they want you to but because it's something you can get behind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your mental process is settling into a new order. It's like answers are coming to you from outer space and painting your inner space in a new hue that will have you "redecorating" for weeks.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Repetition doesn't have to be tedious; in fact, it can be quite brilliant, a comfort and a deepening pleasure. The key here is progress. Repetition without progress is the very definition of boredom.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may be allowing yourself an unhelpful habit that is keeping you from realizing something very important to you. You can push through it. The first step is merely pointing to it and calling it by its name.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Prioritizing will be a little tricky today, since important items go masquerading as simple moves. The one to tackle first will bring you back to the basics of who you are, why you're here and what you want.

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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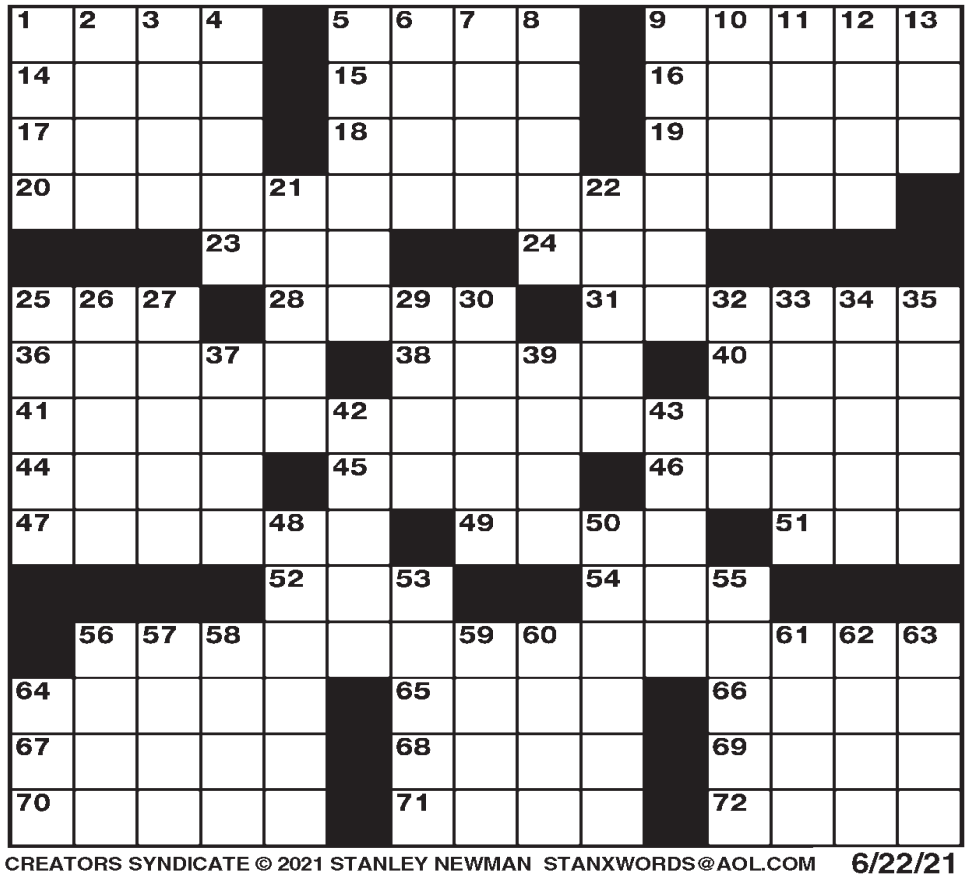
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 In the center of
5 Makes less bright
9 Wash vigorously
14 __ dish (rice or beans)
15 British prep school
16 Pursue
17 Much-admired celebrity
18 __ California (region south of San Diego)
19 Girder fastener
20 Person in an unfamiliar place
23 Rustic lodging
24 Car assemblers' grp.
25 Bubble-bursting sound
28 "All right, already!"
31 Arm of a shirt
36 "You __ big trouble, young lady!"
38 Italian auto
40 Rival of Hertz
41 Treacherous person
44 Ripped apart
45 Brief memo
46 Non-studio film, briefly
47 "About time!"
49 Community rec center: Abbr.
51 UFO passengers
52 Historic period
54 MDs' associates
56 False display of sorrow
64 Shave, as sheep
65 Without any guarantee
66 Eating plan
67 Military priest
68 Evil scheme
69 Diva's solo
70 Wintry icy coating
71 Change for a $20 bill
72 Envelope letters for Manhattan

DOWN
1 "In your dreams!"
2 Calf-length skirt
3 Wedding vows
4 New __, India
5 Show to be false
6 "Let's leave __ that"
7 Magic charm
8 Chaotic mess
9 Write illegibly
10 IOU
11 Four-star review
12 Customer for software
13 Wager
21 __ knee (preparing to propose)
22 Fritter away
25 Macaroni or ziti
26 "Ready __, here . . ."
27 Gem from the sea
29 At the point __ return
30 Baby pet that purrs
32 Be worthy of
33 Elude
34 Pay a call on
35 Four letters in "Mississippi"
37 Scandinavian furniture chain
39 "Sorry to interrupt . . ."
42 Emcee's opening speech
43 Goliath-sized
48 Confidential matter
50 Peaks of waves
53 Adjust to something new
55 Four-door car
56 Burn a bit
57 Start over with
58 Rowboat implements
59 Ireland or Oahu
60 Jungle roarer
61 Well ventilated
62 Horse rider's strap
63 Linger
64 Sunscreen letters



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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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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K O O C F R Z U L I R R I T S
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Apron	Drizzle	Pans	Sift
Bacon	Dust	Peel	Skim
Beef	Eggs	Pies	Snags
Blend	Flake	Plump	Steep
Boil	Fold	Puree	Stir
Broccoli	Fork	Rabbit	Sweets
Chilli	Fruit	Refresh	Toss
Cook	Glaze	Roast	Tripe
Coriander	Grate	Salad	Truss
Cube	Heat	Satay	Veal
Curry	Herbs	Sauce	Whip
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CALIFORNIA

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said Kelli Lloyd, a 43-year-old single mother who says she has not worked consistently since the pandemic began in March 2020.

Lloyd — a member of the advocacy group Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment — is supposed to pay $1,924 a month for a two-bedroom, two-bathroom rent-controlled apartment in the Crenshaw district of south Los Angeles. But she says she's $30,000 behind after not working for most of the last year to care for her two children as day care centers closed and schools halted in-person learning.

That debt will likely be covered by the government. But Lloyd said she recently lost a job at a real estate brokerage and hasn't found another one yet. She's worried she could be evicted if the protections expire.

"Simply because the state has opened back up doesn't mean people have access to their jobs," she said.

Meanwhile, in the wine country area of Sonoma County, property manager Keith Becker says 14 tenants are more than $100,000 behind in rent payments. It's put financial pressure on the owners, who Becker says have "resigned themselves to it."

But they have grown weary of the seemingly endless protections, which he noted were aimed at addressing a public health emergency and not meant to be permanent.

"We should do our best to get back to the starting point where we were in December of 2019. Anything other than that is taking advantage of a crisis," he said.

California has $5.2 billion to pay off people's rent, money from multiple aid packages approved by Congress. That appears to be more than enough to cover all of the unpaid rent in the state, according to Jason Elliott, senior counselor to Newsom on housing and homelessness.

But the state has been slow to distribute that money, and it's unlikely it can spend it all by June 30. A report from the California Department Housing and Community Development showed that of the $490 million in requests for rental assistance through May 31, just $32 million has been paid. That doesn't include the 12 cities and 10 counties that run their own rental assistance programs.

"It's challenging to set up a new, big program overnight," said Assemblyman David Chiu, a Democrat from San Francisco and chair of the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee. "It has been challenging to educate millions of struggling tenants and landlords on what the law is."

Landlords point to the state's rapid economic recovery as a reason not to extend the eviction moratorium much longer. California has added 495,000 new jobs since February. In April alone, California accounted for 38% of all new jobs in the U.S. This week, Newsom lifted all restrictions on businesses, heralding it as the state's grand reopening.

"We're getting back to normal," Carlton said. "It's time to go back to work. It's time to pay the rent."

While employment among middle- and high-wage jobs has exceeded pre-pandemic levels, employment rates for people earning less than $27,000 a year are down more than 38% since January 2020, according to Opportunity Insights, an economic tracker based at Harvard University.

"The stock market may be fine, we may be technically reopened, but people in low-wage jobs — which are disproportionately people of color — are not back yet," said Madeline Howard, senior attorney for the Western Center on Law and Poverty.

Some housing advocates are asking the state to keep the eviction ban in place until the unemployment rate among low-wage workers has dropped to pre-pandemic levels. It's similar to how state officials would impose restrictions on businesses in counties where COVID-19 infection rates were higher while those with lower infection rates could reopen more quickly.

Advocates say they were encouraged when Newsom told Univision earlier this month that he "definitively" wants to extend the eviction protections beyond June 30.

"We're cautiously optimistic," said Francisco Duenas, executive director of Housing Now California. "We definitely need these protections as part of our recovery."

DEMOCRATIC

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May's police actions, what the City should look for in hiring a new police chief, his thoughts on Sheriff Villanueva's recent actions on the Venice Boardwalk, his interpretation of the 'Defund The Police' movement and other issues of top concern to our community."

The event is one of many in the community that Gascón has made an effort to attend since he took office. He told the Daily Press earlier this month before talking to the Committee for Racial Justice that he recognizes how massive Los Angeles County is and many communities have interests that often overlap but are also very unique to a specific area.

"I want to understand those interests and be responsive to the needs of that community, large or small. It's easy to lose sight of that fact when you are the head of a department in a county as large as Los Angeles," Gascón said. "I am the District Attorney for ALL Angelenos. I want to meet members of the community who are impacted by our policies whenever possible. Their concerns are important to me."

Gascón didn't discuss next week's conversation but he did reiterate his belief that transparency promotes accountability and boosts public trust.

"To that end, I have been meeting virtually with community-based organizations, law enforcement, local elected officials and faith leaders since my term began," Gascón added, mentioning he is aware and supports the fact that Santa Monica created a Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission. "I believe that the reforms that are currently underway in Los Angeles County are imperative to advancing public safety."

Katz reminded local residents that all Santa Monica Democratic Club meetings are free and open to the public.

"Even if you're not sure where you stand on DA George Gascón, criminal justice reform, police oversight, or other topics, this is your opportunity to attend and listen," Katz said. "Perhaps you will learn something; perhaps, even, you will change your mind."

The Club will also be considering several pieces of state legislation for consideration of endorsement. More information on the event and a form to RSVP can be found at https://forms.gle/h6UmeeZ297vrrfRt6 or smdems.com.

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