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Bonin and Villanueva double down on independent Boardwalk interventions



Clara Harter

TENTS: The encampments in Venice have drawn County officials into a war of words.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Action is being taken to tackle the Boardwalk's homelessness crisis, but it is being led by two different men with two separate strategies and no intention of collaboration.

On Tuesday, CD-11 Councilman Mike Bonin outlined his six week "Encampment to Home Program", which plans to utilize government agencies and local non-profits to offer a "pathway to permanent housing" to almost 200 people living along Ocean Front Walk.

Bonin explicitly stated that his operation would not use the LAPD and did not clarify whether there would be any enforcement following the outreach process.

On June 7, L.A. County Sheriff Alex Villanueva announced his intention to clear the Boardwalk of encampments by July 4 by utilizing the Sheriff's Homeless Outreach and Service Team to act as a "collaborative bridge" connecting unhoused residents to services and housing.

Villanueva has said he is not opposed to enforcing no camping laws after a thorough outreach process, however he has yet to disclose any timeline for encampment clean-ups.

In a press conference on Tuesday, Villanueva made it clear that he will not be backing down in response to Bonin's plan, which he described on Monday as a "too little too late PR campaign devoid of substance."

Villanueva broke with jurisdictional tradition to intervene in Venice, because he believes there is a "humanitarian crisis" on the Boardwalk due to City and County politicians' "failure to regulate public space."

The Boardwalk's unhoused population swelled significantly during the pandemic as have rates of violent crime and encampment fires.

Bonin is highly critical of both Villanueva's administration and his current intervention in Venice.

In a Tuesday letter announcing his plan, Bonin said that the Sheriff's approach "leads to re-traumatization, breaks crucial connections with service providers, creates barriers to housing and employment, locks

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Council approves new interim city manager contract

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica has been without a permanent chief executive since Rick Cole resigned in April 2020, but City Council formally approved the contract of former City Manager John Jalili, who is set to begin serving as interim city manager when current interim manager Lane Dilg leaves this week.

Council appointed Bijan K. Jalili earlier this month to commence his term of service on June 25, 2021, and with its approval Tuesday, Jalili is expected to remain in the position until the completion of the pending recruitment for a permanent City Manager or until he hits a limit of 960 hours of time spent on the job, according to Interim City Attorney

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Council clashes on budget priorities before final approval



Matthew Hall

PICKLEBALL: Public comment during the budget discussions was almost entirely focused on Pickleball.

BRENNON DIXSON
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Santa Monica City Council unanimously adopted its biennial budget for Fiscal Years 2021–2023 Wednesday, which allocates funding that will allow for what officials called an equitable and inclusive economic recovery in the city.

The FY 2021-2022 budget totals $707.8 million while the FY 2022-23 Budget is $598.9 million, which is a difference of $2.3 million and $1.1 million, respectively, from what was presented to Council on May 25. Both entail allocations to enhance safety services on the Santa Monica Pier, Colorado Esplanade, and beach area during busy summer weekends, as well as funds to support the formation of a possible BID on the Santa Monica Pier and a rent abatement program that seeks

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'To Live and Die in LA' returns to search for missing woman

ALICIA RANCILIO
Associated Press

In 2019, a listener of writer Neil Strauss' podcast "To Live and Die in LA" came forward with information that helped solve the case of a 25-year-old missing woman, Adea Shabani. The revelations were released in almost real time, and listening seemed intimate, not to mention terrifying.

Strauss is back with a second season of his podcast, focusing on the 2017 disappearance of Elaine Park, a 20-year-old woman last seen in Calabasas, California. A new episode is released on Thursdays. Strauss became aware of the case after his then-wife, Ingrid De La O, stumbled across a news report online that said Park's abandoned car was found in Malibu — where they lived. De La O couldn't shake the idea that something disturbing may have taken place in her community and joined the search. She brought in neighbor and friend Mike Einziger — guitarist for the band Incubus — and his wife, violinist Ann Marie Simpson. Strauss helped too, now saying that at the time it was originally more to get along than to go along. Strauss alludes on the podcast to his marriage breaking up, at least in part due to the intensity of the investigation.

Strauss can attribute some of his professional success to subjecting himself to unique situations. He famously went undercover in the world of pickup artistry, where men trained to attract women with tactics such as backhanded compliments and limited availability. This was chronicled in the 2005 bestselling book "The Game: Penetrating the Secret Society of Pickup Artists." Ten years later, he examined his own struggles with intimacy and monogamy in "The Truth: An Uncomfortable Book about Relationships." Strauss has also served as a ghostwriter for celebrity memoirs by Jenna Jameson and Kevin Hart and writes for Rolling Stone.

But it's the dive into these missing persons cases that has taken up much of his focus in recent years.

"It's very just intense and stressful," said Strauss recently over Zoom. "I'm doing very current cases, not old, cold cases." Strauss wants to find out what happened to Park, but he also feels a call to help other families searching for missing loved ones. He's mulling over options, including a book of advice or offering guidance behind the scenes.

Einziger says Park's disappearance has consumed much of his own life. There's been times when he's been on stage performing with Incubus and immediately afterward, gotten on a phone call about the case.

"We've all been involved pretty constantly whether we wanted to or not," he said, also over Zoom. "It's been a huge learning experience for all of us because things are not always what they seem to be. You think one thing and then you learn something else is true."

Strauss and Einziger say the Glendale Police Department — which has jurisdiction over the case — has been receptive to their input.

"Whatever way they can get information, they're happy to get it," said Strauss, who adds that "from my limited experience, every relationship with the police is different." He's also helped amplify the case of missing California man Matthew Weaver by producing a one-off podcast episode about him.

Strauss has a theory why podcasts about unsolved cases can be more effective than articles in drawing people in.

"Articles are static," he said. "The article comes out and maybe there's some things in the comments, but a podcast unfolds week to week and it kind of spreads. It's interactive with tips coming in, people call, they get emotionally involved and attached. You don't hear people talk about articles the way they talk about podcasts."

A goal is to humanize Park. The podcast has audio of her performing a freestyle rap, and tweets and a text are read aloud to provide a window into the person behind the name.

"What a beautiful soul, what a beautiful person," said Strauss. "I tear up every time I listen to those parts of the podcast and you want people to care."

Strauss' podcast has drawn a substantial audience. Production company Tenderfoot TV says between the two seasons, there have been over 60 million episode downloads. Strauss says one challenge in keeping listeners engaged is in being concise and simple.

"When you're writing an article, you can give a lot of facts. But when someone's listening to audio, if they get too much information, they tune out," explained Strauss. "You have to be really clear. You have to really repeat stuff, and you have to really give the skeleton of necessary facts."

The investigation isn't only time consuming. It can also be scary.

Strauss says hosting a podcast with a large listenership gives him an advantage because "announcing a person I'm investigating is a tiny bit of an insurance policy" to share where the case is taking him.

Einziger adds, "Somebody is missing so the implication is that something probably happened to Elaine. We're trying to piece it together, so whoever is responsible, it's logical to assume they would not want us to figure it out. There have been times where we've been afraid for our safety for sure."

The case is now in its fourth year, but Einziger says in some ways, it feels they're only beginning. The answers uncovered in the Shabani case make him hopeful.

"Someone came forward. That's our goal in putting this podcast out. Get all of the information out there so that anyone with information who knows anything can come forward."

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 307 CALLS ON JUNE 22

Loud Music 2900blk Pennsylvania Ave 12:24 a.m.
Identity Theft 800blk Broadway 2:24 a.m.
Encampment 800blk Bay St 3:17 a.m.
Burglary Report 1500blk 7th St 3:46 a.m.
Medical Emergency 2300blk Wilshire Blvd 4:07 a.m.
Encampment 1100blk Palisades Park 4:47 a.m.
Civil Dispute 300blk Olympic Dr 5:38 a.m.
Burglary Report 800blk Colorado Ave 5:58 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk Expo Line 6:03 a.m.
Burglary Report 1500blk 6th St 7:11 a.m.
Encampment 2500blk Barnard Way 7:14 a.m.
Auto Burglary 800blk Colorado Ave 7:17 a.m.
Encampment Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 7:33 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 17th St / Santa Monica Blvd 7:59 a.m.
Death Investigation 3000blk 4th St 8:08 a.m.
Transport Prisoner 300blk Olympic Dr 8:25 a.m.
Burglary Report 800blk Colorado Ave 8:29 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 8:32 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2400blk 16th St 8:49 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk The Beach 8:55 a.m.
Loud Music 1600blk 16th St 8:57 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3100blk Broadway 9:12 a.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 2500blk 29th St 9:35 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1800blk 11th St 9:38 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2000blk Ocean Ave 9:43 a.m.
Bike Theft Report 400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:43 a.m.
Person With A Gun 1300blk 17th St 10:07 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 700blk 4th St 10:11 a.m.
Person With A Gun 1900blk Pico Blvd 10:16 a.m.
Person With A Gun 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 10:18 a.m.
Expired Registration 1000blk Ashland Ave 10:29 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1300blk 20th St 10:39 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1100blk Euclid St 10:40 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 800blk 12th St 10:43 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries Neilson Way / Hill St 11:10 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1300blk Chelsea Ave 11:12 a.m.
Trespassing 600blk Wilshire Blvd 11:30 a.m.
Administrative Incident 300blk Olympic Dr 11:38 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 2300blk 4th St 11:43 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Ocean Ave / Bay St 11:44 a.m.
Elder Abuse 1400blk 6th St 12:13 p.m.
Elder Abuse 00blk Vicente Ter 12:15 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1200blk Lincoln Blvd 12:24 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 2500blk Main St 12:51 p.m.
Identity Theft 1100blk Bay St 1:16 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 3100blk Wilshire Blvd 1:22 p.m.
Trespassing 1200blk Olympic Blvd 1:35 p.m.
Red Zone Violation 1800blk 18th St 1:43 p.m.
Burglary Report 1500blk 6th St 1:55 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 900blk 4th St 1:55 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1300blk 17th St 2:10 p.m.
Death Investigation 3000blk 31st St 2:11 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:28 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2400blk Ashland Ave 2:32 p.m.
Burglary Report 400blk San Vicente Blvd 2:32 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 500blk Wilshire Blvd 2:40 p.m.
Family Disturbance 2200blk Virginia Ave 2:52 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 1300blk 16th St 2:55 p.m.
Domestic Violence Now 1900blk Ocean Way 2:58 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1200blk Chelsea Ave 2:59 p.m.
Fight 2000blk Ocean Ave 3:00 p.m.
Overdose 1400blk Ocean Ave 3:16 p.m.
Lost Property 300blk Santa Monica Pier 3:22 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 500blk Euclid St 3:25 p.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 3:35 p.m.
Suspicious Vehicle 1500blk 17th St 3:43 p.m.
Trespassing 800blk 2nd St 3:52 p.m.
Loud Music 3000blk Ocean Front Walk 3:53 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1400blk Washington Ave 4:04 p.m.
Fraud Report 2600blk Lincoln Blvd 4:20 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 24th St / Wilshire Blvd 4:26 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 400blk The Beach 4:58 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now Euclid St / Wilshire Blvd 5:02 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1700blk Ocean Ave 5:05 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 600blk Pier Ave 5:06 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 300blk 24th St 5:17 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 400blk Colorado 5:30 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2500blk Main St 5:36 p.m.
Loud Music 2600blk Cloverfield Blvd 5:39 p.m.
Burglary Report 200blk Bicknell Ave 6:06 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1600blk 9th St 6:34 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 6:42 p.m.
Found Person 200blk Santa Monica Pier 6:42 p.m.
Hit And Run Felony Investigation 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:52 p.m.
Burglary Just Occurred 2700blk Neilson Way 6:56 p.m.
Vandalism 1700blk Delaware Ave 7:47 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1300blk 2nd St 7:51 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 2000blk The Beach 8:29 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 1400blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:39 p.m.
Fight 1500blk 16th St 9:32 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1400blk Ocean Ave 9:33 p.m.
Loitering 200blk Hill St 9:45 p.m.
Trespassing 1400blk Franklin St 10:04 p.m.
Loud Music 1800blk 11th St 10:12 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1300blk 15th St 10:19 p.m.
Municipal Code Violation 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:20 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 700blk Broadway 10:38 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 800blk 2nd St 10:42 p.m.
Party Complaint 800blk 11th St 11:29 p.m.
Sexual Assault Barnard Way / Ocean Park Blvd 11:36 p.m.
Suspicious Vehicle 1200blk Alta Ave 11:38 p.m.

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EMS 1900blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:59 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 3rd St 4:30 a.m.
EMS 2300blk Wilshire Blvd 4:34 a.m.
Structure Fire 2400blk 4th St 5:07 a.m.
Flood 2600blk Lincoln Blvd 6:27 a.m.
EMS 3000blk 4th St 7:58 a.m.
EMS 1000blk Pico Blvd 8:58 a.m.
EMS 800blk Pico Blvd 9:25 a.m.
EMS 2900blk Neilson Way 11:09 a.m.
EMS 2700blk Ocean Park Blvd 11:29 a.m.
EMS 23rd St / Pico Blvd 12:21 p.m.
EMS Chelsea Ave / California Ave 1:05 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:06 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Sunset Ave 1:25 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 900blk Euclid St 2:03 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2200blk Ocean Park Blvd 2:31 p.m.
EMS 900blk Wilshire Blvd 2:36 p.m.
EMS Frederick St / Ozone Ave 3:11 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Ozone Ave 3:16 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 12th St 3:34 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500blk Ocean Ave 3:50 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Neilson Way 4:03 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500blk Ocean Ave 4:06 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 5:19 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 5:26 p.m.
EMS 2200blk 29th St 5:30 p.m.
EMS 4th St / San Vicente Blvd 6:23 p.m.
EMS 2700blk Neilson Way 6:56 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 7:46 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 8:18 p.m.
Odor Investigation 100blk California Ave 8:27 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200blk Ocean Ave 8:47 p.m.
EMS 300blk Montana Ave 10:02 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 10:55 p.m.
Structure Fire 900blk 26th St 11:39 p.m.

MANAGER

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George Cardona.

"As a retired annuitant, Mr. Jalili's employment in this position is subject to the requirements of Government Code Section 21221(h)," staff said. "In accordance with these requirements, an agreement has been reached for Mr. Jalili's employment in this position. Under the terms of the agreement, Mr. Jalili's hourly rate will be $133.81, which equates to an annual salary of $278,332. As a retired annuitant, as required by California law, he will receive no additional benefits."

Council appointed Jalili after originally selecting René Bobadilla to become the city's permanent manager. However, shortly after receiving Council approval, Mayor Sue Himmelrich said she received a letter from Bobadilla that announced he would not move forward with contract negotiations to be Santa Monica's next city manager.

The news came a few hours after Montebello councilmembers approved a new contract with Bobadilla at their June 9 meeting by a 4-1 vote.

Bobadilla said he was grateful for the opportunity in Santa Monica but expressed regret for this matter becoming public

"While this was a very difficult decision meant to be private until appropriate, I sincerely appreciate the vote of confidence and support the Montebello Council has made and the terms of their offer demonstrate their desire to continue building on the collaboration and cooperation we've been able to establish," he said. "This is the right decision for me and my family at this stage of my career and I genuinely thank the Council for their commitment and backing as we enhance our partnership for the benefit of our residents and the community."

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Noteworthy

Charles Andrews — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

I Had A Shot At Joni

50 YEARS OLD, AND...LIVE!

I've been praying for it, foreshadowing it, hinting at it, calling it forward, using incantations — all in the proper, safe time — and now, with only a few restrictions: live music is back. Thank you Jesus. ("Far Away Eyes" — Jagger, Richards)

The Foo Fighters sold out Madison Square Garden Monday — you had to show proof of full vaccination to get in, besides your pricey ticket. Our oldest blues club (1931) Harvelle's, on 4th Street, did its first live show inside in 15 months on June 15th and target are now quickly getting back to music every night.

You should be there this weekend. Friday night they have the Damn Well Please Organ Trio, which isn't, a trio, it's more like as many musicians as the stage can hold, but it's not some sloppy cat-herding jam entertaining to the players but not the audience, because Darius is a master not only of his instrument but in organizing the whole thing into a well-played performance. He holds it all together, he is a showman, he is charismatic.

And then there is the most welcome return of The Toledo Show at Harvelle's. You know, neither you nor Toledo are going to live forever, so you'd better get your procrastinating self down there some Sunday night real soon. It's hard to describe his act so I will borrow from an LA Times attempt: "Soul singer, Jazz man, poet, dancer, choreographer, connoisseur of haberdashery and probably one of the most dramatic and entertaining performers you will ever see. He's toured the majority of the United States, as well as Australia, and has yet to get anything but a rave review."

PETER ERSKINE

LAX jazz club Sam First has been presenting shows since the end of May. They have insisted on vaccinated-only audiences (and performers, and bartenders, doormen, etc). That first show was by my favorite drummer on the planet, Santa Monica's own Peter Erskine. He's now returning with a slightly different trio, still with bass virtuoso Darek Oles and adding the exquisite Alan Pasqua on piano. Friday and Saturday nights, two shows each night. I would go to all four if I were you.

And next Wednesday and Thursday there, another don't-miss: the phenomenal piano talent of Gerald Clayon. Band TBA — doesn't matter. I would pay to hear him solo on a toy piano.

BUT – AM I BLUE?

Indeed I am but it's not what you think. Tuesday was the 50th anniversary of the release of Joni Mitchell's "Blue" album, probably her most cherished, by many. There's hardly a Top 20 all time best albums list it doesn't make, and it even tops a couple of them. There is a lot to mine in this album, but I'll send you off on your own treasure hunt, while I relate my personal connection to it.

I was on my first year-long journey around Europe and North Africa, and by Christmas 1972 I had ferried my VW van and wife and young son to the large Greek island of Crete, where the warm weather and low prices made it ideal for waiting out part of the winter. I knew of the seaside village of Matala from Joni's album, and the local intel said it was a cool place to hang out. Great sunsets, addictive cheap omelets.



Courtesy image

MERMAID: JONI MITCHELL'S Mermaid Cafe, Matala, Crete, Greece, 1970.

The curving beach cliffs were riddled with open ancient burial caves on the east, and it was a never-ending game for itinerants to settle into a cave, setting up all the comforts of home, ocean view, no rent, and for the police to finally do their duty, every once in a while, to roust them out.

When we arrived about 18 months after Joni's album, there were still people there, locals and travelers, who remembered her and Carey, a German guy who had been there some time before she arrived. Yes, he was a mean old man, they all agreed.

THE MERMAID CAFE

Was nothing special. But it was now decorated with a mermaid painted large on the outside wall, by some traveler, working from the Disney character cards that came in every "Meechy Mous" candy bar that the itinerant population became obsessed with collecting. (Almost impossible to get a complete set, though many tried.) No doubt the locals had another name for the cafe.

But I will never forget it because it was the scene of a great personal (pyrrhic) victory, that could have ended my young life. One night there I foolishly accepted a challenge from some guy for an ouzo-downing contest. The anise liqueur ouzo in the Greek countryside is handmade and usually as strong as white lightnin'.

It brought great entertainment to our companions as we hit two shots each, up to six (when I should have bowed out), eight (when I likely lost the ability to make a sound decision), then 10. I could see I was getting the best of my wobbly adversary. (Actually, I couldn't see straight at all at that point.) One more round would put him under the table, I figured.

It did. He waved the white flag when shots 11 and 12 arrived, but he declared I had to drink them to win. I would have pleaded alcohol poisoning, if I could have formed words by then. But instead I threw them down to great applause and laughter.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Murder suspect released

On June 23, Detectives from the Santa Monica Police Department's (SMPD) Criminal Investigation Division presented the homicide case involving Sean Alexander Graves to the Airport Branch of the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office. The District Attorney's Office declined to file charges against Graves at this particular time; therefore, he has been released from custody.

From when the incident occurred until the case was presented to the District Attorney's Office, detectives reviewed numerous pieces of evidence including witness statements, evidence found at the crime scene, and video footage. Detectives determined that the individuals associated with the decedent were in possession of a handgun as they followed Graves and his female companion, and at some point, discharged that weapon.

Based on this information, the District Attorney's Office believed that Graves may have acted in self-defense.

This incident remains under active investigation. SMPD detectives are asking for the public's help. Anyone with any information or video related to this incident is encouraged to contact Detective Haro at (310) 458-8432 or at david.haro@smgov.net.

SUBMITTED BY LIEUTENANT RUDY FLORES

Citywide

COVID-19 Cases Remain Low Among People Experiencing Homelessness

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has confirmed 11 new deaths and 260 new cases of COVID-19. Of the 11 new deaths reported today, five people that passed away were over the age of 80, three people who died were between the ages of 65 and 79, and three people who died were between the ages of 50 and 64.

To date, Public Health identified 1,248,128 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 24,455 deaths. There are 230 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized and 25% of these people are in the ICU. Testing results are available for nearly 6,973,000 individuals with 17% of people testing positive. Today's daily test positivity rate is 0.8%.

Similar to the overall trend in L.A. County, the number of COVID-19 cases among people experiencing homelessness have declined significantly and continue to remain low. During the last week of December, weekly cases peaked to 630 cases a week. This week, there were 60 new cases reported among people experiencing homelessness which includes 53 cases from previous weeks that were newly identified as cases associated with people experiencing homelessness and are included in the new case totals. To date, 7,296 people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County tested positive for COVID-19 and 213 people who were experiencing homelessness passed away from COVID-19. Of the people experiencing homelessness who passed away, 97 were sheltered, 70 were unsheltered, and for 46 people who passed away, their shelter status was unknown.

There are 967 providers administering vaccinations to people experiencing homelessness; together they have administered over 35,296 doses of COVID-19 vaccine to people experiencing homelessness across Los Angeles County. The County continues to work closely with partner organizations to vaccinate and protect people experiencing homelessness from COVID-19.

"I send my heartfelt condolences to everyone mourning the loss of a loved one to COVID-19," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "Given the significant increase in the circulation of the Delta variant – which is now estimated to be responsible for 20% of cases across the U.S., sensible public health precautions are recommended at all worksites and megaevents. Unless vaccination status can be verified when indoors in crowded places, masks prevent virus transmission. Workers that are unvaccinated and working indoors with sustained close contact with others should be provided with a respirator and where appropriate, a solid partition. Until we get more individuals vaccinated, let's make sure workplaces are as safe as possible."

The Pepe Aguilar at the Staples Center and Universal Studios Hollywood VIP Experience vaccination sweepstakes is currently in effect through tomorrow, Thursday, June 24. At County-run vaccination sites, participating LA City sites, and St. John's Well Child and Family Center sites, everyone 18 and older coming to get their first vaccine or who brings a first-time vaccine recipient with them to their second dose appointment, will have an opportunity to win one of three prizes: two 17-ticket packages to see Pepe Aguilar at the Staples Center this November, and one VIP Experience for 20 people at Universal Studios Hollywood. Official rules and participating site locations can be found on the Los Angeles County Vaccination Sweepstakes page online. Winners will be contacted by phone and/or email.

Anyone 12 and older living or working in L.A. County can get vaccinated. To find a vaccination site near you, to make an appointment at vaccination sites, and much more, visit: www.VaccinateLACounty.com (English) and www.VacunateLosAngeles.com (Spanish). If you don't have internet access, can't use a computer, or you're over 65, you can call 1-833-540-0473 for help finding an appointment, connecting to free transportation to and from a vaccination site, or scheduling a home-visit if you are homebound. Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status.

COVID-19 Sector Protocols, Best Practices, COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard, COVID-19 Surveillance Interactive Dashboard, Recovery Dashboard, and additional actions you can take to protect yourself, your family and your community are on the Public Health website, www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

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NOTEWORTHY

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And then — two more shots appeared, on that dreaded tray, and our waiter pointed to an older gentleman sitting in the corner who was so impressed with the capacity of this young American for his country's national drink, that he sent over two more, in recognition. How could I possibly refuse? So, 13 plus 14. I somehow managed to stagger-float back to my van, woke up the next morning not dead and without even much of a hangover.

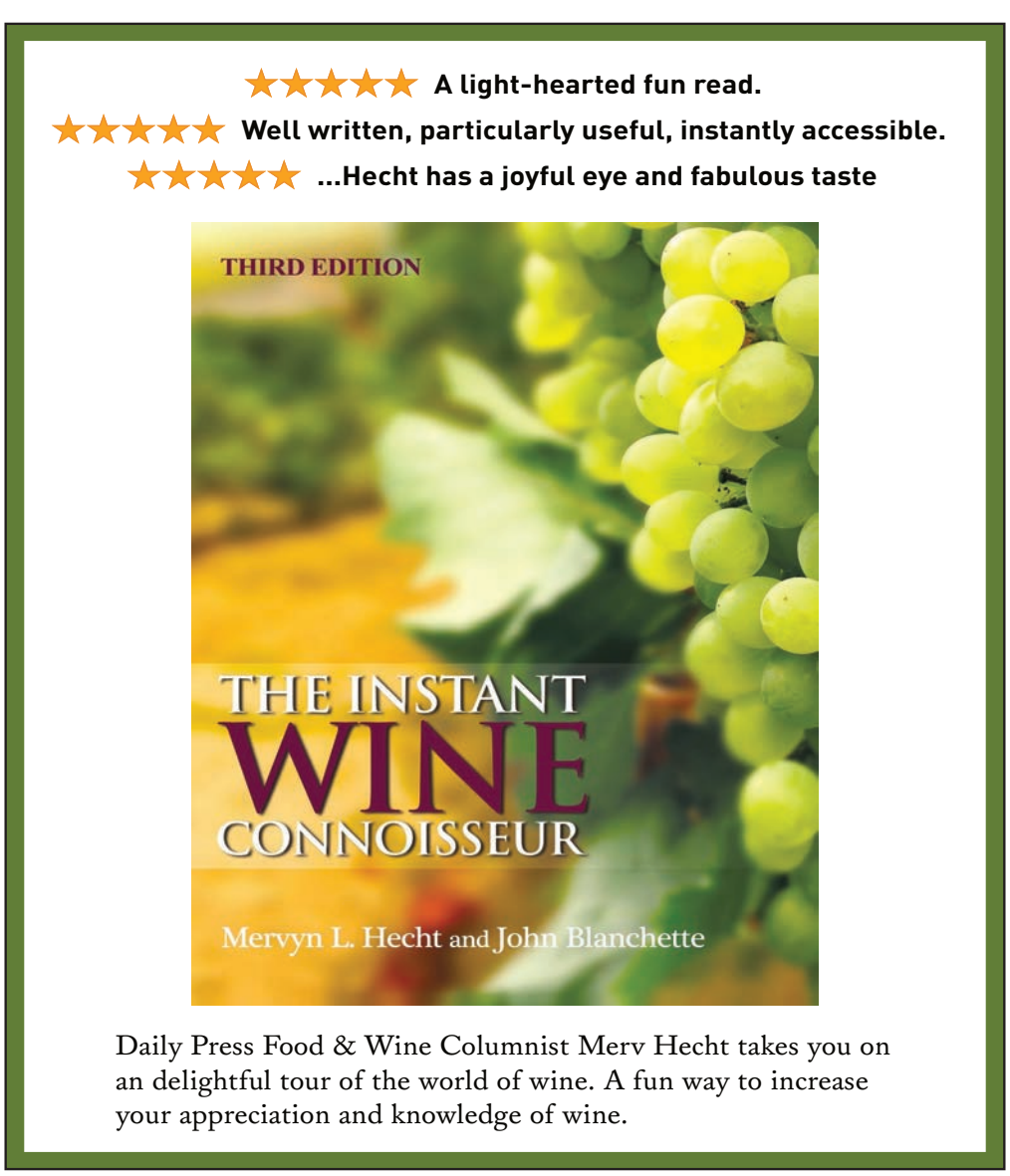
Thanks, Joni.

NICOLE RECOMMENDS:

JOHN CARROLL KIRBY LIVE WITH SPECIAL GUEST EDDIE CHACON — My first live music in a venue recommendation in over a year, and don't it feel good. Although Kirby is an LA native who has been active in the jazz scene for years, I first became aware of him when I saw him play keys for the emittable Connan Mockasin in 2019, and was notably impressed with the band. He has also collaborated with Solange (specifically on "Cranes in the Sky," which earned her first Grammy for best R&B Performance in 2016), Norah Jones, Madeleine Peyroux, Frank Ocean and many more. His latest release, "Rainmaker," gives a little taste of some of the funky, groove-based electronic jazz that will be heard at this week's show. Friday 9pm, Lodge Room, Highland Park, $18.

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





Your column here

Mayor Sue Himmelrich and Mayor Pro Tem Kristin McCowan Send comments to editor@smdp.com

City Manager Lane Dilg's Leadership Saw Us Through Our Darkest Days



Courtesy photo

LANE DILG: After serving as Interim City Manager during the pandemic, Dilg is moving on.

This week, we say goodbye to Lane Dilg, who for the last four years has served the Santa Monica community with keen intellect, clear foresight, and a resolute heart first as City Attorney and for the last 14 months as our Interim City Manager.

The work of a City Attorney is one of the most exhaustive roles in the legal profession due to the multifarious nature of the work and one Lane held with absolute distinction beginning in 2017. She took on tech giants in the name of preserving Santa Monica's housing for residents, and did so in-house – a testament to her confidence in the talented attorneys in the City Attorney's Office.

Then, in the early and most uncertain days of the pandemic the City Council had a critical decision to make: who will lead us through the darkest days in modern history? We needed a leader who was ready to go, poised to take on the challenges of a global pandemic and excruciating revenue losses. We knew Lane possessed the knowledge and fortitude to see us through. This was a giant ask that came at great personal cost, yet, miraculously because of her love of Santa Monica and commitment to public service, Lane agreed to take the job.

She hit the ground running with the complex and painful task of restructuring the City organization in the face of $224 million in projected revenue losses. The actual losses ended up being within $2 million of the original projection, so we are extremely grateful for the early action. Through her leadership, our fiscal health is strong - the FY 2021-23 Biennial Budget reflects no deficit now or in the five-year forecast. We have retained our AAA bond rating - which means we are poised for a steady and solid economic and community recovery.

With our finances stabilized, Lane and City leadership focused on providing a clean and safe Santa Monica, emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and economic recovery. Through the We Are Santa Monica Fund, $1.1 million was raised to sustain the Virginia Avenue Park Emergency Food Pantry and to support small businesses with small grants that will open soon as well as the Black Agenda for Santa Monica. Our public spaces were transformed into safe and creative spaces for dining and services with splashes of art through the Art of Recovery program. The Santa Monica Pier reopened and people came back to the beach for respite, a place Lane will undoubtedly miss most when she relocates to Washington, D.C.

Another area where the City made measurable strides under Lane's leadership is the City's tangible commitment to racial justice efforts both inside the City organization and in the community. Equity and Inclusion Officers are working to change policies and practices for more equitable operations and Santa Monica's first civilian public safety oversight commission's work is underway.

Lane has shared on multiple occasions that the strength of our organization is our city staff and that what she is most proud of is having served alongside such a talented team of people in public service together, rising up to meet each moment in order to save lives and safeguard Santa Monica's future. The challenges were many, but because of her measured approach to problem-solving, skillful diplomacy, and a little grit, Lane leaves us on a path towards a bright and verdant future. We – along with our fellow Council colleagues past and present – are grateful Lane came to us in 2017 because we couldn't have gotten through 2020 without her. As Lane always reminds us, Santa Monica is a special place. That is what she's worked so hard to preserve. Thank you for your service to Santa Monica, Lane, we are deeply grateful.

By Mayor Sue Himmelrich and Mayor Pro Tem Kristin McCowan

HOMELESS

FROM PAGE 1

people further into homelessness or poverty, and can lead to displacement into neighboring areas," adding that therefore his own effort "leads with housing, and not with handcuffs."

HOST Director Lieutenant Geoffrey Deedrick said that LASD has made zero arrests since they've been deployed to the Boardwalk. He added that through their seven outreach missions so far, they have made contact with 140 unhoused individuals and moved 15 people into housing.

Villanueva said there were four consecutive steps HOST will take to clear out encampments.

The first is offering housing through shelters, non-profits, and Project Homekey; the second is safe camping sites; the third step is people choosing to leave on their own; and the fourth is using law enforcement to make them leave.

"We don't expect to get to the fourth option because I think most people will be done with the first three," said Villanueva.

Bonin's plan focuses on the first step identified by Villanueva, which is options for traditional housing. He outlined Project Homekey, shared housing, and permanent housing vouchers as resources for people living on the Boardwalk and requested $5 million from the LA City Council to fund this.

Deedrick said that during LASD's outreach efforts they have encountered many people who traveled from out of the city or state to live on the Boardwalk. He also said several people have "dual residency", meaning both a tent on the Boardwalk and a nearby shelter bed where they store their belongings.



Clara Harter

VENICE: Several agencies have plans to do something about the homeless crisis in Venice.

"When we address the nomadic travelers and those that have dual residency, you're looking at 30 to 40 percent of this situation done," said Deedrick.

Villanueva said that by taking a tolerant attitude towards people living on the Boardwalk, politicians are attracting people to Venice.

"LA Homeless Services Authority themselves said that for every 100 that we house, they are replaced by 120 on the street," said Villanueva. "The only way to change the math is to regulate public space."

Bonin has not commented on the idea that people are traveling to be homeless in Venice and remains steadfast in his "housing, not handcuffs" approach.

"The 'Venice Beach Encampment to Home' program will not be led by law enforcement, nor driven by threats of arrest or incarceration," said Bonin in his plan announcement. "We will offer what works: housing, with counseling, or mental health services, substance abuse recovery services, and anything else needed to successfully transition people into housing."

Both officials have much at stake in this fraught political battlefield, which is making national and international headlines.

Bonin faces a recall threat from a coalition of frustrated constituents who say he is unresponsive to their calls and responsible for the spike in violent crime, fires, and homelessness across Venice.

Villanueva faces an official call to resign from the LA County Democrats and the County's Civilian Oversight Commission, while his department is being investigated by the state due to allegations of excessive force.

The outcome of their skirmish over this 2 mile strip of beach could prove a defining moment for the future of both elected officials' careers.

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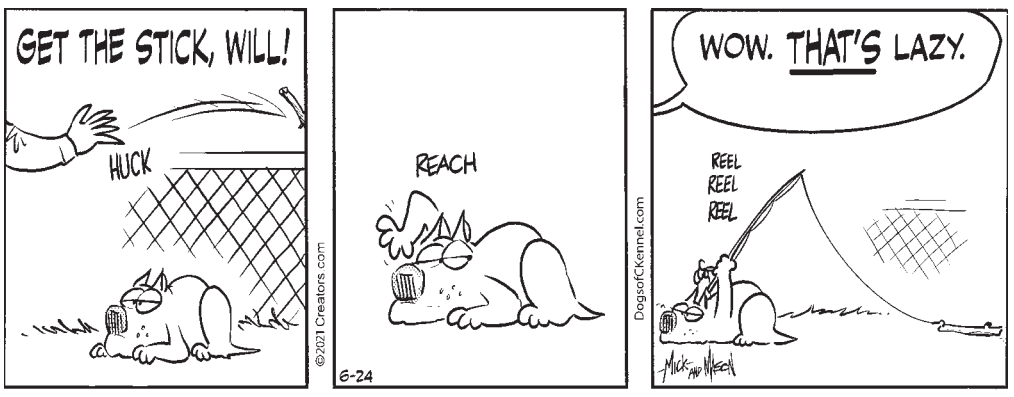
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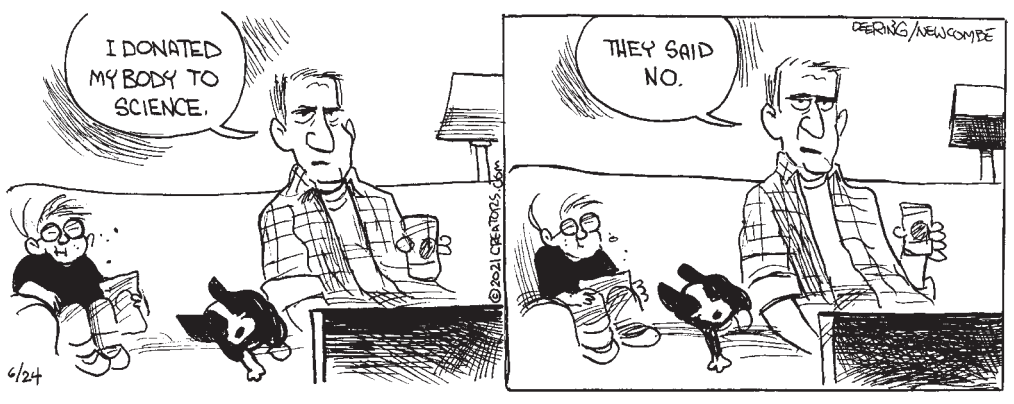
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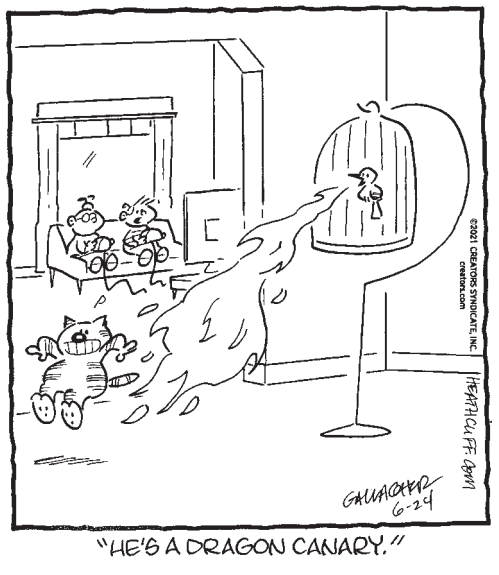
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"HE'S A DRAGON CANARY."

Strange Brew

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 66.7°

THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Semi clean early morning window then wind trends onshore. Reinforcing SSW swell levels size off and NW swell mix could rebound a touch.

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Wind looking fairly light for the morning. Fun-zone round of SSW swell continues and NW swell mix looks to rebound. Could be pretty fun for the size, especially with the early tide push.

WEATHER

Thursday: Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 69.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 60.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 69.

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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
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2021/06/26	Sat	12:19 PM	3.96	H
2021/06/26	Sat	4:48 PM	2.30	L
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2021/06/28	Mon	6:48 PM	2.58	L
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Draw Date: 6/22
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Draw Date: 6/19
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Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 57 M

Fantasy 5 calottery
Draw Date: 6/22
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Daily 3 calottery
Draw Date: 6/22
EVENING: 8 6 3

Draw Date: 6/22
MIDDAY: 2 9 0

Daily Derby calottery
Draw Date: 6/22
1st: 08 - Gorgeous George
2nd: 09 - Winning Spirit
3rd: 04 - Big Ben
Race Time: 1:47.64

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JUNE 24)

You embrace psychological complexity and messiness, and therefore, people show you who they really are. You connect in honest ways that open your year to a wide range of experiences. You'll be building something for many to enjoy, a continual and immersive project you'll need breaks from. Love is your safe haven. Pisces and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 13, 25, 6 and 2.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Protect the activities you love so you can keep on loving them. Helpful tactics: Be selective in choosing your activity partners, and spend only the amount of money you can afford.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's only human to assume that others have a similar interior style to our own, but of course, we vary widely in our thinking styles, values and boundaries. You'll find a kind way to tell people they've crossed your invisible lines.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your sense of personal responsibility is extensive. You feel it's your job to take care of those around you, uphold a standard of kindness and set a bar for generosity. Just don't forget to extend the same to yourself, and probably first.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To want something you don't think you can have and then to get it is a somersault-worthy delight. And yet, the experience pales in comparison to the resounding contentment of wanting what you already have.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Today's problem is like a lock. If you know the combination, it's easy to plug it in and pull it open. But coming up with the numbers would be hard and not worth your time. Find someone who already knows the solution.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Relationships are wrought with false starts, detours and missed connections ... all part of the magic. Believe it or not, the anticipation caused by these delays is what keeps the relationship on the dance floor.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's strange to have a talent people want and yet to feel largely unseen. You are not alone in this longing for understanding. You'll seek a deeper knowledge of others and, in secret, hope it will teach you how to reveal yourself better, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Newton's first law said it best. "A body at rest will remain at rest, and a body in motion will remain in motion unless it is acted upon by an external force." Something gets you up and going, and then you're unstoppable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a task you've been avoiding due to its dreariness as an idea, but it will go the way of so many ideas — morphed by reality into something entirely unexpected — in this case, an interesting endeavor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you don't have a system, don't worry; the world will lend you one. And if you don't like what you're lent, you'll be in a better position than you are now, a position of knowing what to improve upon.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You respect time and treat it as the valuable commodity it is, teaching others through example. You're prompt; you get to the point; and most importantly, you recognize and avoid wasteful, low-yield uses of your moments.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your unconscious mind has an agenda it's not sharing with your conscious mind yet. It has its reasons, though you'll challenge them and win, the prize being interesting and empowering self-knowledge.

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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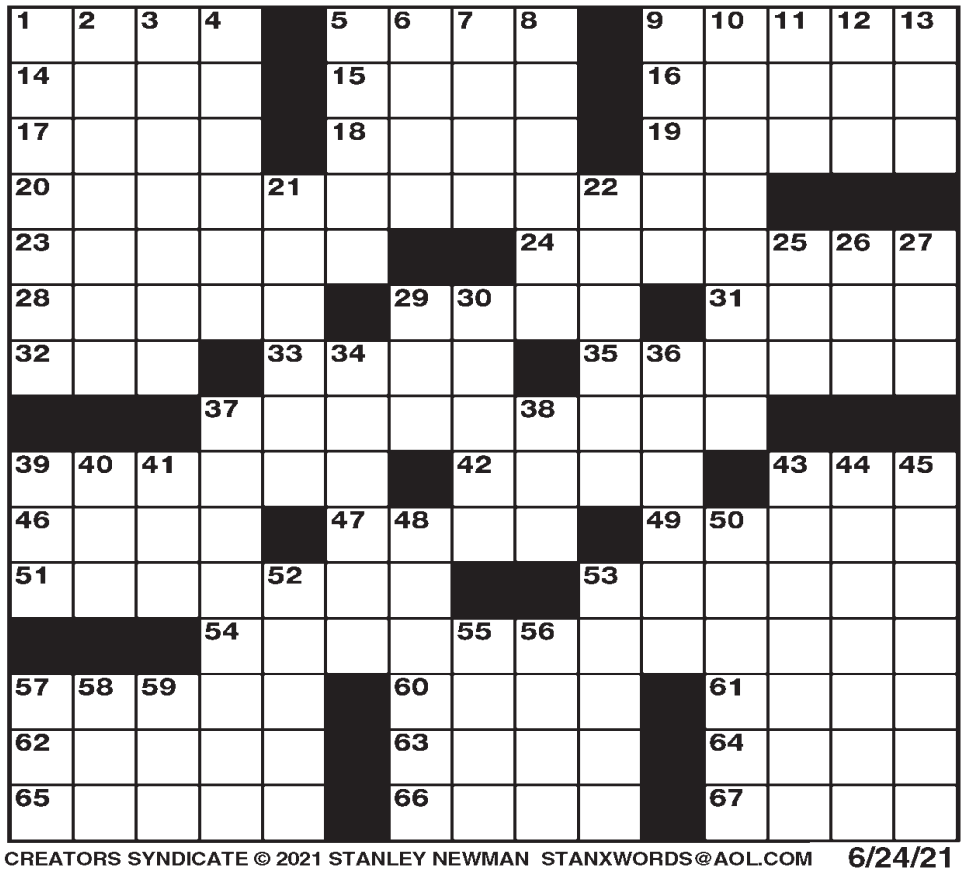
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Filmdom's Sweeney Todd
5 Inspiration for *Wicked*
9 Sounded disappointed
14 Verne's being
15 Entice
16 Give an address
17 Shove off
18 Just barely
19 Certain sandwich exteriors
20 Victorious general at the Battle of Carabobo (June 24, 1821)
23 Thrills
24 Whom Gauguin and Degas admired
28 Summing-up
29 Smartphone cover
31 Euro fraction
32 Endeavor (to)
33 Gag reaction
35 Repeated exactly
37 Where the battle took place
39 Muscular
42 Pod in some soups
43 Deplete
46 Far below par
47 Treble instrument
49 Collectors' quests
51 Little hairy pet
53 Catches on
54 What the battle led to, for 37 Across
57 Mideast capital
60 Italian endearment
61 Construct
62 Blush alternative
63 Books reviewers
64 Strait-laced
65 Ancient manuscript
66 Make a __ of (bungle)
67 Aficionado's cheers

DOWN
1 What's served last
2 Clicks-dependent business
3 Highest importance
4 What Spaniards call jai alai
5 Spills it
6 Prefix for pilot
7 Major Russian river
8 Patron of Galileo
9 Prismatic gem
10 Southeast Asian hot sauce
11 Kit __ (Hershey bar)
12 It looks like H
13 __ Moines, IA
21 Dewey, to Donald
22 Superficial appearance
25 "Latest" prefix
26 GPS reading
27 Timetable stat
29 What to call a catamaran
30 Toy tooter
34 Whichever
36 Having talons
37 Wording
38 Something plucked by Polynesians
39 UV-blocking number
40 Indebtedness initials
41 Exclusionary connector
43 Detangle
44 Office attention-getter
45 Thinks much of
48 "I won't eat that!"
50 Resume speed, on a score
52 Take over, as land
53 Grind together
55 Family guy
56 Historical studies
57 Plot's progression
58 Sound during some drives
59 Soggy dirt



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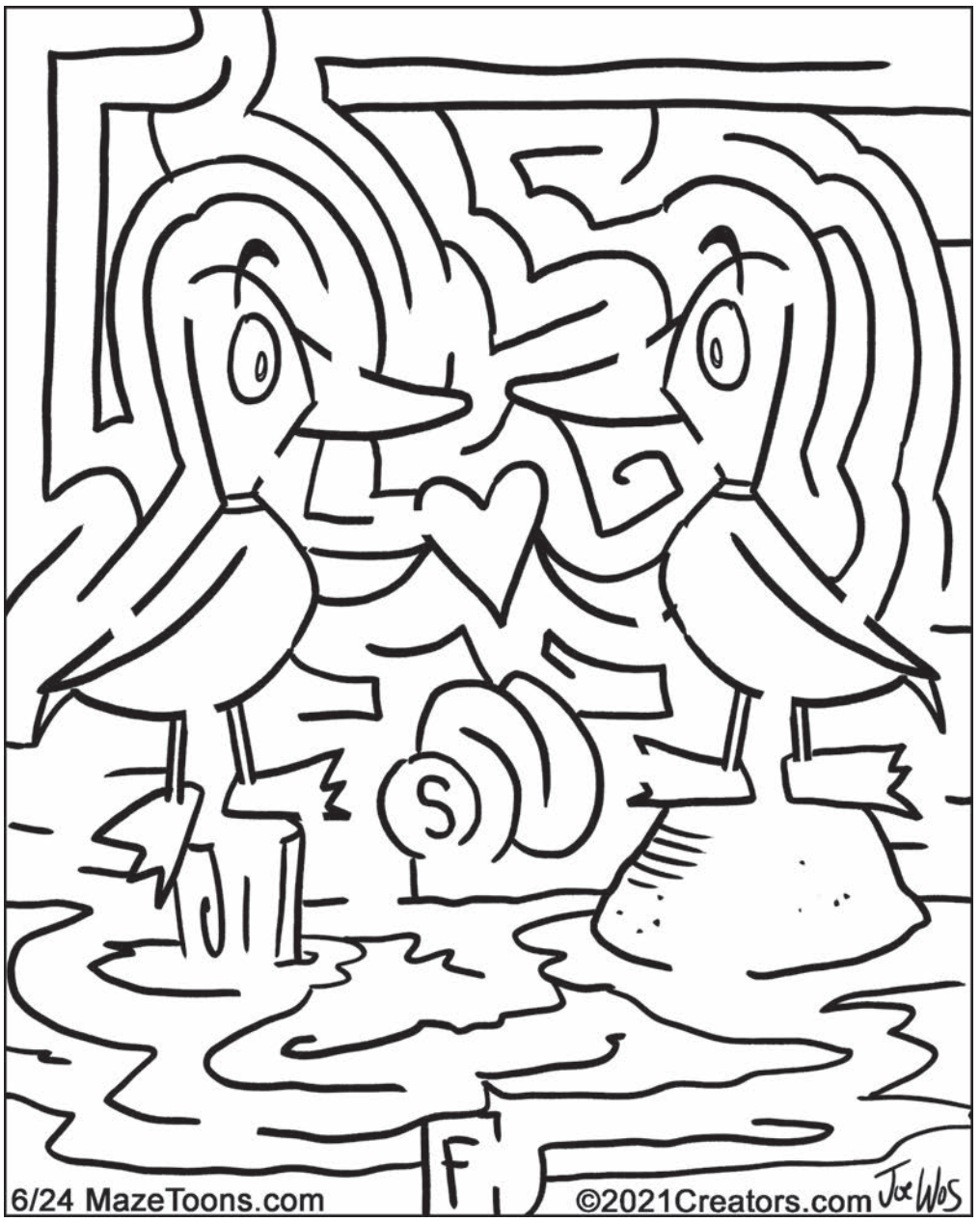
Binary Puzzle

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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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 12 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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The one that got away

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BUDGET

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to support small Santa Monica businesses.

But how much funding should be dedicated to programs relating to homelessness, neighborhood groups and pickleball dominated most of the discussion during this week's seven-hour meeting.

"I'm concerned that we haven't done as much as we can to make sure that our homeless people in our city are repetitively getting questioned about, 'How can we get them care? How can we help them?'" Councilmember Phil Brock said. "I can point to people all around the city that have been neglected… not by any of us specifically… but I want to know how we can give them more assistance?"

Councilmember Oscar de la Torre said he's also witnessed a crisis in the streets.

"Just in the past four days, three days, I've seen an individual on Pico Boulevard covered up in a blanket, you know; no one's interacted with him. And I'm assuming with the staffing and all that we have that someone's going to eventually contact him," de la Torre said. But nobody has, he added. "So we see this, we see the deterioration, you know, in terms of crime and people shooting each other and killing each other... we're seeing this escalation going on and the summer just started."

De la Torre continued on to say that in order to pass the budget, everybody in the room has to feel their values are reflected in the document and he didn't necessarily feel his were since Finance Director Gigi Decavalles-Hughes said she was unable to find an additional $20,000 in the budget to give to neighborhood groups.

"We have to pass this budget, and so we need to make sure we get more yeses than noes. And when I make a suggestion to say, 'Can we find $20,000?' and our chief financial officer says, 'I can't. I can't find $20,000 for you in the budget,' then it makes me feel like, 'Whoa, hold on here… We're trying to solve problems. My job is to listen to the residents.'"

Both Interim City Manager Lane Dilg and Mayor Sue Himmelrich took issue with the statement as they highlighted how the process has been ongoing for more than six weeks.

"This finance team has been working for a very long time to try to answer questions, to try to deal with your priorities, so I do want to resist any criticism of staff not being able to produce, in this moment, amorphous amounts of money," Dilg said.

"That's my whole thing," de la Torre quickly responded. "We're not asking for a whole lot. It's not a million dollars."

Himmelrich reiterated the budget is a zero-sum game though.

"I don't think you can just say, 'I want to do this,' without saying where you want to take it away from," Himmelrich said, and Mayor Pro Tem Kristin McCowan agreed.

"What is the thing that you came to this meeting prepared to take $40,000 away from? Because we're at that point where we don't have the ability to say, 'Staff can you look into this for another week?'" McCowan asked, referring to Council's need to pass a budget since it's set to take effect a little more than a week from the meeting. "These are all increases to what we knew was a zero-sum budget… If we're going to increase something, we have to take it away from something else. And yet, no one was suggesting the things to take it away from."

McCowan added she has held conversations with state representatives so she knows additional funding in the range of $5- to $10-million could still arrive in Santa Monica's coffers. So, some programs might simply have to wait to receive their due.

"Why vote if we can't make any suggestions?" de la Torre asked. "You want us to come here and vote yes, right?"

Himmelrich dismissed the notion, stating, "Over the last few weeks, everybody was supposed to be looking at all of these documents talking to staff who set up many meetings with us and saying, if I wanted to do this, where could I take it away from?'"

Like de la Torre, Brock was adamant that the City should find a way to restore funding to programs like West Coast Cares.

"Look, I hear what Mayor Pro Tem McCowan is saying and I agree with that…. but I don't believe we're doing enough," Brock said, making a motion to fund West Coast Cares by defunding the City Attorney's Office.

Interim City Attorney George Cardona asked where specifically the cuts should come from.

"We have a division that prosecutes crime, so I assume you don't want me to cut that. I have a division that handles tenant issues... I have a division that basically brings in money by pursuing Consumer Affairs actions and consumer fraud against the residents of Santa Monica and that helps out tenants in Santa Monica by pursuing actions for tenant harassment," Cardona said, before Brock interrupted to note the city would be cutting the equivalent of one-third of a staff member.

"What I don't want is for everybody to assume that we can do everything we are doing with less money," Cardona said. "And I also want everybody to remember that in May of last year we cut $1.9 million from our budget and, at the time, we told everybody, 'If you cut $1.9 million from our budget, it's going to decrease our services.' It hasn't decreased our services; what has happened is everybody is expecting exactly the same things from us and our people are working incredibly long hours to do essentially the same thing…. Another $70,000 doesn't sound like much on top of 1.9 million... but I'm telling you, again, we cannot keep doing everything that you want us to do if you cut that money."

Brock said he understood but if he has to choose between helping people on the ground or helping employees in administrative capacities in the City Attorney's Office then he's going to help people on the ground.

But Cardona pushed back, stating, "That's not the case. We're in court prosecuting crimes. We're in court taking actions to help tenants and consumers. We're, in every department in the city, providing legal advice that gets everything done... Now, if you want to cut that's fine, but you have to tell us what you don't want us to do."

De la Torre then turned his attention to Decavalles-Hughes.

"You know, a fair way to do it is if our Chief Financial Officer stepped up, saw the conflict that we're having right here, and found a way to resolve the conflict so that we can move forward."

McCowan and Himmelrich said that is an unfair request because few people work harder than Dilg and Decavalles-Hughes.

Dilg added staff has attempted to find a middle ground. "But if every time staff hears you and tries to be responsive, we end up with the budget effectively being held hostage unless we can come up with more," she said, "then it gives no incentive to actually do the work to try to listen to you and get in the budget, what you want in the budget."

Cardona suggested additional one-time cuts to his office, but McCowan said Council was not going about the process the correct way.

"You've basically got a gun to our head saying, 'Figure it out.' I don't think that's appropriate," McCowan said, before de la Torre again asked if newly elected officials are supposed to vote yes without asking any questions.

"That is not what happens here," McCowan said. "This has been a process. The fact that tonight... we brought up the fee study that has been in our inboxes, in our public documents, since May 10 — and brought them up as if it was the first time we saw it, and raised major questions, literally in the 11th hour, that is no one else's fault but our own. And so, no, I am not willing to do this."

A motion made by Brock and seconded by Torre to defund a portion of the City Attorney's office failed shortly after McCowan's statement as a result of an abstention by Councilmember Christine Parra and no-votes from Himmelrich, McCowan and Councilmember Gleam Davis.

Council would vote again on a separate motion and unanimously pass a budget that includes a two-year Community Response Unit program pilot focused on homelessness response, like Brock wanted, and then Council later agreed to provide $20,000 in additional funding to neighborhood groups from Council discretionary funding, like de la Torre wished for.

All six Councilmembers also agreed prior to the conclusion of this week's meeting to address community concerns regarding pickleball access by allowing tennis courts to open one hour earlier at 7 a.m. and promised to restripe the courts at Memorial Park this summer. Officials added Wednesday an approved Park Planner position will address longer-term access to pickleball in Santa Monica.

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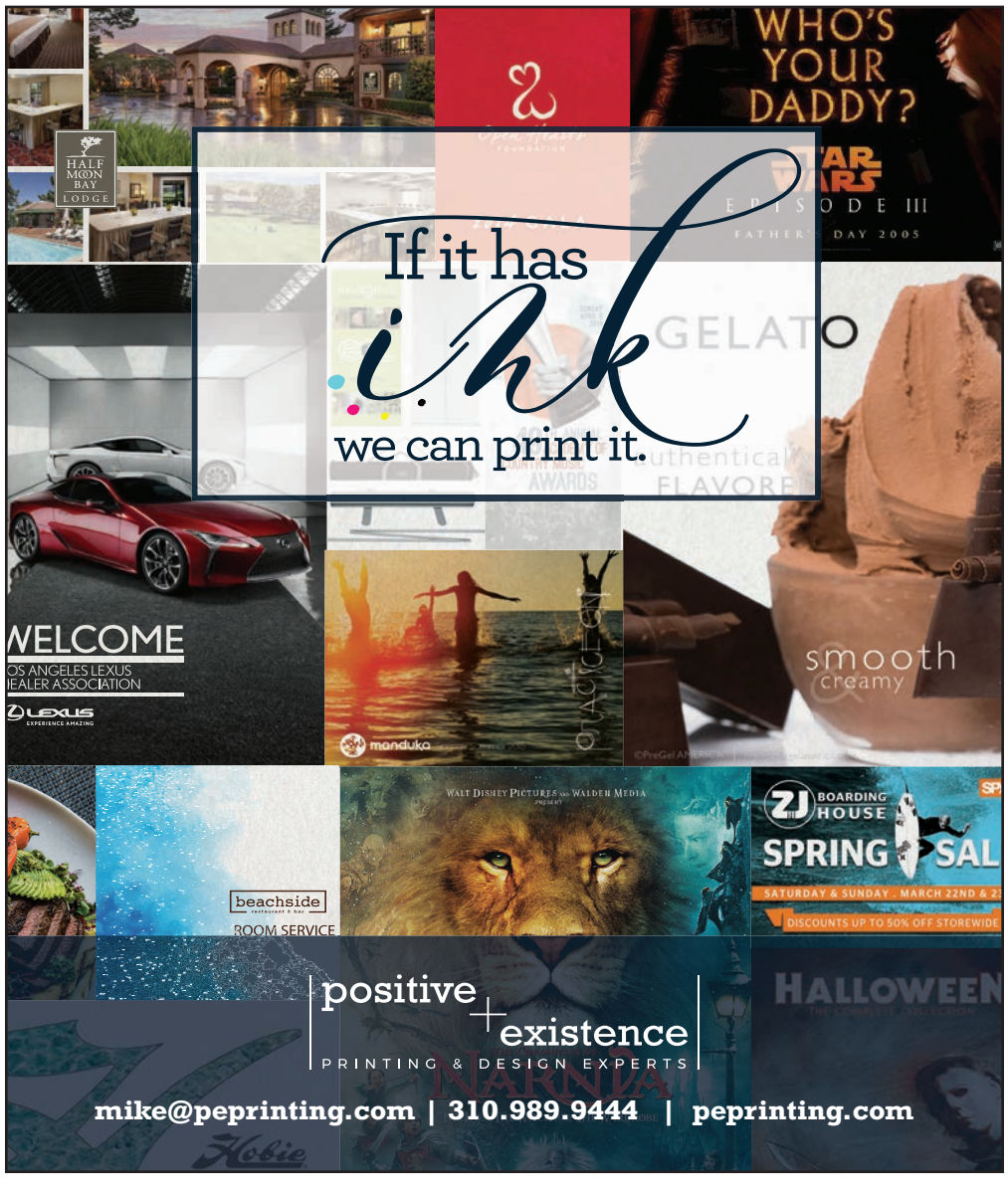
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