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Todd Allen

TITLE: The Santa Monica 10U all-star team won the district title for the first time in 10 years. They beat Malibu, Ladera and then West LA for the title.

Sewage spill closes area beaches

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Several local beaches have been closed to swimmers and surfers after 17 million gallons of sewage spilled into Santa Monica Bay on Sunday from the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant due to an unspecified mechanical failure.

"What happened yesterday was unacceptable and dangerous," said County Supervisor Hahn on Tuesday. "Not only did the Hyperion Plant release seventeen million gallons of sewage into our ocean — the public had little to no information about it for hours. We need answers from LA City Sanitation about what went wrong and led to this massive spill, but we also need to recognize that LA County Public Health did not effectively communicate with the public and could have put swimmers in danger."

At Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Hahn read-in a motion regarding the spill, seeking answers about the cause of the spill, the extent of the impacts, and, seeking a corrective action plan to ensure faster response, coordination, reporting, and communication about any future sewage discharges that may require

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Fresh Finds: Logan's Garden

TATIANA BLACKINGTON JAMES
Special to the Daily Press

Jimmy Williams and his son, Logan, know their roots. Proud descendants of the Gullah people, the Williams bring centuries of history and know-how to their plant and bespoke landscaping business, Logan's Garden.

"This whole thing is a grandma story," says Jimmy, sitting among his bright green seedlings. "The Gullah were incredible farmers. Rice began in this country in Charleston, South Carolina through the Gullah people."

In West Africa, rice had been cultivated for thousands of years,

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Tatiana Blackington James

FARMERS: Logan Williams and his father, Jimmy Williams, co-owners of Logan's Garden.

Utility company causes 9-1-1 outage

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica's 9-1-1 system was disabled this week by a utility company's as yet unknown error.

Frontier Communications is responsible for the disruption, but the exact cause remains under investigation according to City Hall. Calls to a Frontier spokesperson were not returned by press time.

The Santa Monica Police Department alerted residents to the outage at 9:20 p.m. on Monday. About an hour later the system was updated to handle 9-1-1 calls from some landlines and text services. However, service was not fully restored until 3 p.m. on Tuesday.

In a statement, officials advised everyone in Santa Monica that some 9-1-1 calls were experiencing routing issues and may not successfully connect to Santa Monica dispatch. The problem impacted both cellular and landlines in the area.

Landline and Verizon cell service customers calling 9-1-1 experienced their call being answered by another dispatch office. AT&T and T-Mobile cell service customers experienced a busy tone. Callers in proximity to nearby freeways may have had their calls routed to CHP who then forwarded information to SMPD.

"Santa Monica has a multi-departmental response team that is supporting the work of technology and regional public safety partners as they work to resolve the root cause of the disruption as quickly as possible," said Public Information Officer Constance Farrell in a statement.

The City has an emergency procedure and contingency plans in the event of phone line disruptions

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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued by
Governor Gavin Newsom**

SUBJECT: **Proposed Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance to Extend Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance 2674 (CCS) 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.**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce and adopt an Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance extending Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance 2674 (CCS) that authorized the 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 City Council adopted Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance 2674 (CCS) at the June 8, 2021 City Council meeting.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021, AT 6:30 P.M.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Gavin Newsom, the public can only attend this meeting by watching it streaming at https://www.youtube.com/user/Citytv16santamonica or https://www.smgov.net/video or Dial-In Number 1 (415) 466-7000 (US), PIN 8756194#

In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), only members of the City Council and City Staff will participate in person at City Hall. Members of the public may participate via telephone. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but individuals may also join the teleconference via other methods listed above, and provide public comment via Call-In Studio by dialing in at (310) 312-8173.

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Written public comment can be submitted via email to councilmtgitems@smgov.net. Written public comment submitted before 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

If you want to speak on a particular agenda item, please call (310) 312-8173 once the caller queue for the agenda item opens. Please note that the caller queue for each agenda item will not open until just before the item is called and will close after the first five public comments (from other callers) are heard.

Please see the July 27, 2021 City Council Agenda for more detailed instructions.

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: Extension of Santa Monica Outdoors Interim Zoning Ordinance

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Steve Mizokami by e-mail at steve.mizokami@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

California changes course on schools enforcing mask mandate

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

After initially telling schools they must send students home if they refuse to wear masks indoors, California public health officials abruptly changed course and said districts will be able to decide how to enforce the mask mandate.

While California says fully vaccinated people don't have to wear masks in most public places, the state has different rules for schools. Last week, officials said students and staff at schools must continue to wear masks indoors at all times, even if they are fully vaccinated.

California officials released details of those new rules Monday afternoon, including a requirement that schools "must exclude students from campus if they are not exempt from wearing a face covering under (the rules) and refuse to wear one provided by the school."

The mask requirement and its enforcement reignited criticism of Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom, who is facing a recall election in September. But a few hours after releasing the rules, the state changed them. Masks are still required indoors at schools at all times, but now local districts can decide how to enforce that rule — something they have been doing throughout the pandemic.

The California Department of Public Health "put out updated guidance to ensure schools can continue enforcing the mask requirement as they have been doing for the past year," Newsom spokesman Alex Stack said.

Troy Flint, spokesman for the California School Boards Association, said the updated rule "is a huge difference in terms of how districts would operate and how the public is going to receive this guidance."

The rules could also force districts into some tough decisions. All California schools are required to resume in-person instruction when the school year starts. But a new law Newsom signed last week requires districts to let students complete their work at home if their parents or guardians say coming to school puts their health at risk.

The new rules requiring masks in public schools also says districts must let students complete their work at home if officials decide to bar them from school for refusing to wear masks.

"If you have a district that chooses to take a harder line on masking and a subset of parents that doesn't want to comply, the school is obligated to provide independent study in a really robust way that asks more of the district than has been done in the past," Flint said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last week said teachers and students who are fully vaccinated don't have to wear masks indoors but recommended that students and staff stay at least 3 feet apart to reduce the spread of a disease that is primarily transmitted through the air.

State officials were worried that imposing social distancing would make it harder for some schools to accommodate all students. So, they made a choice: They won't require physical distancing in exchange for everyone wearing masks. The state plans to review the rules and possibly change them by Nov. 1.

Newsom faced heavy criticism for not moving more quickly to return students to classrooms during the last school year. Many districts, including Los Angeles with more than 550,000 K-12 students, only instituted part-time, in-person instruction for the final weeks of the semester.

The mask requirement angered some parents who say children will have added stress after already having two school years upended through remote learning and missed milestones like proms, sports, concerts and graduations.

"We're continuing to put the burden of this pandemic on our children, and it needs to stop," said Jonathan Zachreson, a father of three and founder of the group Reopen California Schools.

Dr. Monica Gandhi, an infectious disease doctor and professor of medicine at the University of California-San Francisco, said public schools should reconsider mask requirements once hospitalization rates fall below five per 100,000 people and at least two-thirds of adults have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. While those thresholds have been met in some parts of California, Gandhi called the new rules reasonable.

She said that while eliminating the physical distancing requirement is one of the best things the state can do to get kids back in classrooms, whether to require masks is a gray area because there is so little data about children.

"We've just got to get the kids back and then we can sort out those kinds of details," Gandhi said.

Dr. Jeffrey Klausner, a clinical professor of population and public health sciences at the University of Southern California, said the rules go too far and are not based on local data. He said it's unreasonable "in a state of 40 million people, just to say everyone has to be the same."

"I think they'd have better trust and credibility with Californians if they were a little more nuanced and smarter about it," he said.

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SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 256 CALLS ON JULY 12

Indecent Exposure Now 1500blk 4th St 12:27 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Franklin St / Wilshire Blvd 12:27 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300blk 7th St 12:30 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1500blk 4th St 1:05 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1100blk 20th St 1:32 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Lincoln Blvd / Arizona Ave 3:43 a.m.
Lewd Activity 1200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:25 a.m.
Pedestrian Stop 1400blk Palisades Park 4:37 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 100blk Santa Monica Pl 5:00 a.m.
Pedestrian Stop 2200blk Virginia Ave 5:24 a.m.
Death Investigation 900blk 4th St 5:40 a.m.
Attempt Auto Theft Report 2200blk 10th St 5:41 a.m.
Fire 1300blk 4th St 6:10 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2000blk 11th St 6:38 a.m.
Person With A Gun 2200blk Colorado Ave 7:06 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:11 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 1700blk Ocean Ave 7:12 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2500blk Wilshire Blvd 7:48 a.m.
Burglary Report 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:52 a.m.
Battery Report 5th St / Colorado Ave 8:02 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1300blk 2nd St 8:09 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 5th St / Colorado Ave 8:11 a.m.
Transport Prisoner 300blk Olympic Dr 8:17 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2000blk Marine St 8:36 a.m.
Fraud Report 1200blk 12th St 9:21 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 3100blk Wilshire Blvd 9:43 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 800blk 2nd St 9:46 a.m.
Stalking Report 800blk Broadway 9:47 a.m.
Attempt Burglary Report 1100blk Olympic Blvd 9:56 a.m.
Burglary Report 700blk 14th St 10:06 a.m.
Battery Report 2900blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:14 a.m.
Transport Prisoner 300blk Olympic Dr 10:44 a.m.
Fraud Report 1300blk 26th St 10:44 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 1700blk Ocean Ave 11:08 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400blk Broadway 11:26 a.m.
Found Property 1500blk Colorado Ave 11:34 a.m.
Fraud Report 2200blk 20th St 11:40 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1700blk 4th St 11:52 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 17th St / Wilshire Blvd 12:06 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 2400blk Ocean Front Walk 12:18 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 3200blk Pico Blvd 12:27 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300blk Harvard St 12:31 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 20th St / Interstate 10 12:38 p.m.
Pedestrian Stop 5th St / Arizona Ave 1:08 p.m.
Missing Person 1900blk Pico Blvd 1:35 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1200blk 2nd St 2:07 p.m.
Fraud Report 1400blk 4th St 2:23 p.m.
Prowler Report 2200blk Main St 2:24 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Marine St 2:27 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 2:49 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:53 p.m.
Transport 600blk Washington Ave 2:55 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2000blk Pico Blvd 3:06 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 500blk Ashland Ave 3:08 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1500blk Euclid St 3:23 p.m.
Arson 1300blk 2nd St 3:24 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 300blk Olympic Dr 3:34 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2500blk California Ave 3:44 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 1800blk Cloverfield Blvd 3:53 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1100blk 25th St 3:57 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 900blk Colorado Ave 3:58 p.m.
Lost Property 1500blk Ocean Front Walk 4:17 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 400blk Wilshire Blvd 4:50 p.m.
Battery Now 1100blk Ocean Front Walk 5:07 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 300blk 15th St 5:23 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500blk 4th St 5:34 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400blk 6th St 5:51 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 1400blk The Beach 6:12 p.m.
Panic Alarm 1300blk Palisades Beach Rd 6:35 p.m.
Fight 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 7:00 p.m.
Prowler Just Left 400blk 18th St 7:08 p.m.
Pedestrian Stop 200blk Arizona Ave 7:10 p.m.
Fight Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 7:11 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1200blk Euclid St 8:02 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 800blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:47 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1600blk Appian Way 9:35 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400blk Montana Ave 10:29 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper In Progress 1100blk 2nd St 10:44 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 400blk Pico Blvd 10:55 p.m.
Person Down 500blk California Ave 10:58 p.m.
Transport 300blk Olympic Dr 11:53 p.m.
Lost Property 1200blk The Beach 11:56 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 36 CALLS ON JULY 12

Traffic Collision With Injury Franklin St / Wilshire Blvd 12:27 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 4th St 1:08 a.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 1:39 a.m.
EMS 1500blk Yale St 2:51 a.m.
EMS 900blk 4th St 5:38 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 6th St 6:16 a.m.
EMS 1400blk Ocean Ave 6:39 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 4th St 7:03 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk 7th St 7:16 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 2nd St 8:09 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk 7th St 9:45 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 7th St 10:43 a.m.
EMS 2200blk Virginia Ave 10:57 a.m.
EMS 2600blk Virginia Ave 11:35 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:34 p.m.
EMS 200blk Wilshire Blvd 2:15 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Lincoln Blvd / Marine St 2:27 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 1400blk Broadway 2:39 p.m.
EMS 600blk Wilshire Blvd 2:40 p.m.
EMS Cloverfield Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 2:51 p.m.
EMS 500blk Ashland Ave 3:08 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 1500blk Euclid St 3:23 p.m.
EMS 500blk 21st Pl 4:56 p.m.
EMS 3300blk Virginia Ave 5:28 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk 4th St 6:09 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 200blk Arizona Ave 6:23 p.m.
EMS 1200blk Euclid St 6:28 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 6th St 7:00 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Pico Blvd 8:40 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 9:57 p.m.
Arcing Wires 22nd St / Delaware Ave 10:23 p.m.
EMS 500blk California Ave 10:58 p.m.

Angels 1st to select exclusively pitchers in amateur draft

JAKE SEINER
AP Baseball Writer

Mike Trout has helped the Los Angeles Angels score a lot of runs over the years. Preventing them has been a bigger issue.

LA's scouting department is going all out to solve that problem.

The Angels became the first club ever to select exclusively pitchers over a full amateur draft this week when they took 20 straight hurlers. The arms race began with Miami (Ohio) right-hander Sam Bachman at No. 9 overall Sunday and ended with TCU righty Marcelo Perez in the 20th round on Tuesday.

Scouting director Matt Swanson said the team expected to go heavy on pitching in the draft, knowing it was an area of need in the organization. He didn't expect them to forego position players entirely, though.

"You can never have enough pitching," Swanson said. "It's a good problem to have."

At full health, Los Angeles' lineup is loaded with stars, including Trout, Shohei Ohtani, Jared Walsh and Anthony Rendon. The rotation — aside from two-way phenom Ohtani — not so much.

Trout has won three MVP awards but only been to the postseason once since debuting in 2011. The Angels pitching is a prime reason why.

The club last appeared in the playoffs in 2014. Since then, Los Angeles pitchers have a 4.49 ERA, and their 61.9 combined Wins Above Replacement (per FanGraphs) ranks 29th out of 30 teams spanning 2015-21.

The Miami Marlins picked only pitchers in last year's five-round draft, which was

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City of Santa Monica

The Santa Monica Housing Authority (SMHA) is pleased to announce the selection of the following owners for the award of Project-Based Housing Choice Vouchers: Robert & Claire Heron, Alavian Family Trust, Jose Corral, HILARIA FLORES, 1128 Ocean Park Blvd LLC, Grant B. Smith, Andrew G. McDonald, 14th Street Partners, LLC, J.L. Montana Apartments LLC, Elhum Naysan, Javier Corral, Delaware Avenue Apts., LLC c/o Farid Afra, Olga Cueva et al Carmen Inglizian, William Conrad, and Euclid Equities, LLC.

SMHA wishes to thank the owners for their participation in the program and for being a part of the solution to address affordable housing needs.

The award of the vouchers furthers SMHA's goal of de-concentrating poverty and expanding economic and housing opportunities for low-income families in the City of Santa Monica, California. SMHA will continue to accept applications on an ongoing basis from owners interested in Project-Based Housing Choice Vouchers for apartments located in the City of Santa Monica. For information and the application, please contact Patrick Gregorian at 310-452-2220 x5798 or Patrick.Gregorian@santamonica.gov SMHA will continue accepting applications until further notice.

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US COVID-19 cases rising again, doubling over three weeks

HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH AND JOSH FUNK
Associated Press

The COVID-19 curve in the U.S. is rising again after months of decline, with the number of new cases per day doubling over the past three weeks, driven by the fast-spreading delta variant, lagging vaccination rates and Fourth of July gatherings.

Confirmed infections climbed to an average of about 23,600 a day on Monday, up from 11,300 on June 23, according to Johns Hopkins University data. And all but two states — Maine and South Dakota — reported that case numbers have gone up over the past two weeks.

"It is certainly no coincidence that we are looking at exactly the time that we would expect cases to be occurring after the July Fourth weekend," said Dr. Bill Powderly, co-director of the infectious-disease division at Washington University's School of Medicine in St. Louis.

At the same time, parts of the country are running up against deep vaccine resistance, while the highly contagious mutant version of the coronavirus that was first detected in India is accounting for an ever-larger share of infections.

Nationally, 55.6% of all Americans have received at least one COVID-19 shot, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The five states with the biggest two-week jump in cases per capita all had lower vaccination rates: Missouri, 45.9%; Arkansas, 43%; Nevada, 50.9%; Louisiana, 39.2%; and Utah, 49.5%.

Even with the latest surge, cases in the U.S. are nowhere near their peak of a quarter-million per day in January. And deaths are running at under 260 per day on average after topping out at more than 3,400 over the winter — a testament to how effectively the vaccine can prevent serious illness and death in those who happen to become infected.

Still, amid the rise, health authorities in places such as Los Angeles County and St. Louis are begging even immunized people to resume wearing masks in public. And Chicago officials announced Tuesday that unvaccinated travelers from Missouri and Arkansas must either quarantine for 10 days or have a negative COVID-19 test.

Meanwhile, the Health Department in Mississippi, which ranks dead last nationally for vaccinations, began blocking posts about COVID-19 on its Facebook page because of a "rise of misinformation" about the virus and the vaccine.

Mississippi officials are also recommending that people 65 and older and those with chronic underlying conditions stay away from large indoor gatherings because of a 150% rise in hospitalizations over the past three weeks.

But the political will may not be there in many states fatigued by months of restrictions.

In Michigan, Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer is facing a drive to repeal a law that she used to set major restrictions during the early stages of the pandemic.

And Republican Gov. Kay Ivey of Alabama pushed back against the idea that the state might need to reimpose preventive measures as vaccinations lag and hospitalizations rise.

"Alabama is OPEN for business. Vaccines are readily available, and I encourage folks to get one. The state of emergency and health orders have expired. We are moving forward," she said on social media.

Dr. James Lawler, a leader of the Global Center for Health Security at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, said bringing back masks and limiting gatherings would help. But he acknowledged that most of the places seeing higher rates of the virus "are exactly the areas of the country that don't want to do any of these things."

Lawler warned that what is happening in Britain is a preview of what's to come in the U.S.

"The descriptions from regions of the world where the delta variant has taken hold and become the predominant virus are pictures of ICUs full of 30-year-olds. That's what the critical care doctors describe and that's what's coming to the U.S.," he said.

He added: "I think people have no clue what's about to hit us."

President Joe Biden is putting a dose of star power behind the administration's efforts to get young people vaccinated. Eighteen-year-old actress, singer and songwriter Olivia Rodrigo will meet with Biden and Dr. Anthony Fauci on Wednesday.

While the administration has had success vaccinating older Americans, young adults have shown less urgency to get the shots.

Some, at least, are heeding the call in Missouri after weeks of begging, said Erik Frederick, chief administrative officer of Mercy Hospital Springfield. He tweeted that the number of people getting immunized at its vaccine clinic has jumped from 150 to 250 daily.

"That gives me hope," he said.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

BBB stops taking cash

As of Monday July 12, Big Blue Bus stopped accepting cash and tokens as payment, requiring a TAP card or mobile ticket instead.

The change is part of a pilot program for contactless only fare payments. Not only is contactless payment safer, but Big Blue Bus hopes the elimination of cash will make boarding more efficient.

In a June 18 press release, Big Blue Bus said, "The pilot program will study the effectiveness of contactless payments, including making buses safer for both customers and Motor Coach Operators, faster boarding times, and offering more convenient and economical ways for customers to pay their fare."

Passengers can buy a TAP card via the TAP app or at any of the TAP Vending Machines (TVM) at Metro rail stations, or download a mobile ticket via the Transit or Token Transit apps.

To help facilitate the transition, Big Blue Bus is offering a free 30 Day pass on TAP or mobile ticket. Customers can get the pass through the Transit mobile app or get at the Transit store in Downtown Santa Monica. The pass must be redeemed by Thursday July 22.

To aid the launch of the pilot program, Blue: The Transit Store is open for increased hours, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. every other Friday.

Single Ride discounts for TAP and mobile ticket users will continue during the pilot period. Fees remain at $1 per trip and $0.40 for senior, disabled, and medicare customers.

SOFIA LAUREL PIRRI, SMDP INTERN

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Feds: California suspects used 'call centers' to sell heroin

Two Southern California call centers that facilitated illegal drug deliveries distributed at least $2 million worth of heroin before a federal grand jury indicted 19 people in connection with the scheme, authorities said Tuesday.

The 13-count federal indictment charges the defendants with offenses tied to narcotics and money laundering. Twelve of them are in custody and expected to be arraigned in federal court in Santa Ana on Tuesday; it was not immediately clear if they had attorneys who could speak on their behalf. The remaining seven are being sought. They face charges that range from life in prison to 10 years incarcerated.

Authorities say the suspects operated a heroin ring between March 2017 and this April in Orange County by obtaining the drugs from suppliers in the U.S. and Mexico. Drug mules brought the heroin, sometimes concealed in their bodies, to Southern California.

Two brothers organized the call centers and tapped two other defendants to run the call centers and organize deliveries, according to the indictment. At one point, a defendant didn't mention that one of the call centers was closing early, even though more heroin was needed that day for customers.

The suspects also are accused of depositing the money in different bank accounts to avoid federal reporting requirements, an offense that dates to 2013, officials said.

The investigation included, in part, an undercover agent who bought heroin, according to the indictment.

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LOS ANGELES

Man killed climbing out of maintenance hole on LA street

A man in a maintenance hole on a Los Angeles street was killed when he tried to raise the cover just as a pickup truck drove over it, police said.

Video of the strange July 10 incident in the Panorama City area was released Monday by the Los Angeles Police Department in an effort to identify the driver.

"As the vehicle drove over the manhole cover it was pushed down on top of the pedestrian who fell back down the manhole," a police press release said.

The video showed that the maintenance hole cover was only slightly raised and the man could not be seen.

The cover flipped up behind the pickup, which continued on. It was described as a 2008-to-2012 white Chevrolet Silverado.

The victim was identified as a man in his 20s whose name was withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Police did not say what the man may have been doing in the maintenance hole.

"The public is reminded that manholes are used for city services to access various maintenance tunnels that are located underground," police said. "Manhole covers should not be disturbed or moved due to their weight and could cause serious injury or death."

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and the City's non-emergency public safety lines functioned throughout the incident without interruption. As soon as the 9-1-1 phone disruption was identified, the phone lines were immediately switched to the City's secondary public safety answering point. The secondary public safety answering point initially experienced challenges with cell phone carriers, but that issue was resolved.

During the disruption, the City's public safety communications center managed 427 9-1-1 calls. In 2019, a year that has seen similar public safety call volume, during the same time period, public safety communications handled 432 calls. SMPD and SMFD actively responded to calls for service throughout the disruption, responding to 185 total incidents. SMPD patrolled business districts and neighborhoods as an additional precaution.

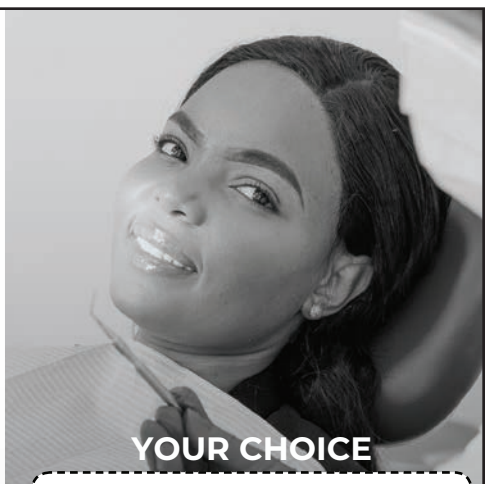
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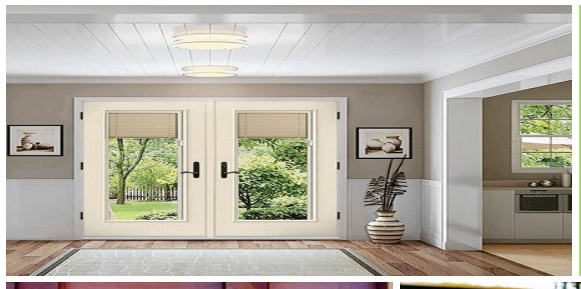
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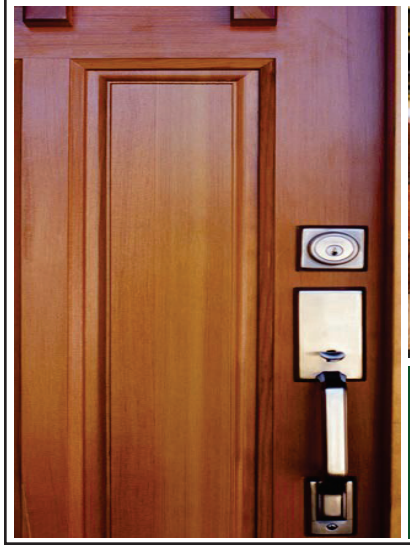
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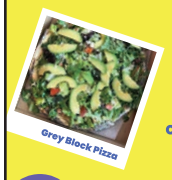



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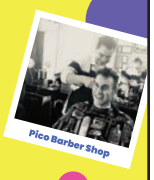
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Danger on Main Street

THE SCAM

There's a dying widow in Nigeria who needs your help, dearest one, to rescue her late husband's fortune, about to be purloined by greedy bankers. Somehow she found you, and somehow she knows your good character and will split the fortune for your (unspecified) assistance, after you send her a few thousand dollars for expenses from the large (but worthless) cashier's check she is going to send you. You won't fall for this but if your sweet old Aunt Tilly does, you may as well invite her to occupy your spare bedroom now that she's been wiped out.

Even in my dark PC past I hated Norton anti-virus software, but somehow I now have dozens of expiring subscriptions to renew, just send us your info…

IRS wants to talk with you, a $5,000 TV is being billed to your Amazon account and shipped to NC, your unpaid parking ticket is about to go to a nasty collection agency, but we can stop all this, just send us your info...

Most of us can spot those scams a mile away. But what about brands we trust? Solid gold brands? Maybe even right here in Santa Monica.

CELL PHONES?

Most of us hate our phone companies, for one reason or another. All of them. I've had three family phones with a company for about 15 years, switched halfway through but came back for the good reception and customer service.

Our go-to local shop has been the cell phone store on Main Street that carries a name brand. But we haven't been at all happy with the service there, for years, and the last time I went my wife admonished me, whatever you do, don't deal with one employee. He's bad news.

Just a few months before she took her new i12 in for activation and downloading from her old phone, buying a charger, case, etc. She came home grinding her teeth. When I got there, as luck would have it, it was that guy who called "Next!" (Never had any trouble with anyone else there.)

Oh, you think I just didn't get along with him, eh? Rubbed me the wrong way, or vice versa? I could list half our complaints with the guy over the years, but I would have to write five more columns. This is from my experiences, and my family's. Misunderstandings, maybe? Miscommunication? Possibly.

But, no, it's how he operates. And with his manager's silent approval. But how could a rogue operator continue at a big name company?

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THAT STORE ON MAIN STREET IS NOT WHO YOU THINK

I know, the logo letters are up there big as life. But it's a different company, an "authorized retailer."

Franchise stores which sell products and services, but are not subject to a lot of the corporate rules, customer service told me, on three separate occasions.

They work on commission. How much can they sell you? Whether you need it or not, or if it costs you big time in the end and makes you (unfairly) hate the company. But you don't think about that, because you think you are in good hands, in a company store.

For example, that data transfer from your old phone, which you can easily do at home for nothing, costs 50 bucks at a franchise store. The dude charged my wife for it some months ago, and told me he was required to do it for mine too. Not so, and in violation of their training, I was told by corporate. He also sold me a flat charger, for the "employee discount price" (approved by his manager sitting nearby) of $30 not $50, but I had to pay cash… And then he would not give me a receipt. I would have to return later for that, but he didn't produce any kind of receipt until my third trip there that day. That charger is so inconvenient to use once you put a cover on your phone, no one would. He had previously sold my wife a bogus charger too. Is there a back room full of them, all sold for cash/no receipt?

THE KILLER DECEPTION

But all the rest of his sales shenanigans pales to this: I decided to get the phone because there was a special limited time offer to reduce the price by more than $300. There will be monthly payments of such and such, he informed me. No, I want to pay it all off at once, first bill, I said. I can do that, right? Well, he hedged, they want you to go with the monthly payments. But I can pay it all at once if I want… Well, I guess so, he said, not telling me what he knew full well:.as soon as I did that, I would find the full price of the phone charged to my bill. More than $350 extra. I found that out in time, by calling (real) customer service when I got home. Good thing.

Upon returning to the store on Main Street, I asked about that. He didn't seem concerned that his "advice" nearly cost me 350 bucks, only that "those people at corporate stole my sale," he said, with no recognition of his deception. "Are you serious?" I asked. "You were trying to make a sale with false information that would have cost me a lot of money." He repeated his lament of a lost sale and told me they were wrong about what I would have been charged, and that he was right.

"Considering the way you have deceived my wife and me for years, not to mention just today," I said, "I think I will take their word over yours."

Charles Andrews 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

LOGAN'S GARDEN

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earlier than in China, according to Jimmy. Europeans captured and enslaved farmers from the region and brought them to South Carolina plantations. In addition to their horticultural expertise, the West Africans were resistant to malaria, an immunity the white landowners had not developed. As a result, they were left to tend the fields, enjoying a relative amount of autonomy compared to others in forced servitude. Their combined languages evolved into Gullah, the only African creole still spoken in the United States.

"There was no Trader Joe's," says Jimmy, who moved to California from the East Coast after getting married. Whatever you ate, you had to grow, a habit passed down through the generations.

Logan Williams grew up near plenty of supermarkets, but he spent his weekends helping Jimmy in their backyard garden.

"To be honest, when I was a little kid, I hated it."

After years of giving away their surplus plants, when Logan was 16, they opened a stand at the Hollywood Farmers Market. "It took about five to six years to even make a dollar."

It wasn't until they started designing and building home gardens for others that the business really took off. Now they maintain backyard plots for numerous A-list actors, writers and Hollywood executives. Everything is organic – "fertilizers, soils and seeds" – and the Williams have had to leave their home near Larchmont Village for a larger property in Silver Lake.

"Still," says Logan, "We're one of the more local vendors."

In 2010, Jimmy co-authored a book (with Susan Heeger), From Seed to Skillet (Chronicle Books), inaugurated with a blurb and a launch party by none other than Michael Pollan, the country's leading intellectual foodie. During the Covid-19 pandemic, which exposed the fragility of our supply chains, taking agency over one's food production suddenly appealed to many who had never been interested in gardening. The Williams were busy before, but demand soon exploded. Jimmy is considering another printing of the book.

Their market stand, at the intersection of Third Street and Arizona Avenue, offers potted herbs and vegetables to nurture at home, including many heirloom varieties unavailable at garden centers. Whether you need a little supply of mint for your summer salads – the Williams grow over 80 varieties – or a 1000-square-foot vegetable garden for your live-in chef – Logan's Garden can make it bloom.

Santa Monica has four weekly farmers markets including the Wednesday Downtown market on Arizona Avenue between 4th and Ocean from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Saturday Downtown market on Arizona Avenue between 4th and 2nd Streets from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Saturday Virginia Ave. Park market at 2200 Virginia Avenue from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the Sunday Main Street market at 2640 Main Street from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

SEWAGE

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timely beach closures to prevent public exposure

Katherine Pease, Director of Science and Policy at Heal the Bay, said the spill is an environmental hazard.

"Given the scale and that it was raw sewage, I am worried about the public health impact," she said.

About four miles of beaches from El Segundo to the southern end of Playa del Rey were closed indefinitely while officials conducted tests on the water. Impacted beaches include:

Beach # 110 – Dockweiler State Beach at Water Way Extension.

Beach # 111 – Dockweiler State Beach at Hyperion Plant.

Beach # 112 A – El Segundo Beach.

Beach # 112 B – Grand Ave. Storm Drain.

Public Health officials are advising residents to avoid contact with ocean water in the affected areas. Water quality samples are being collected by Public Health and LA City (Hyperion) staff and the affected beaches remain closed until samples are confirmed negative for elevated bacteria. The testing results are expected to be available within 24 hours. Beach users are advised to stay out of the water until the advisory is removed.

Pease said there are more rapid tests widely available and County officials need to explain why the 24-hour test is the only one being used at this time. She said locals should consider a wider area off-limits for the short term until test results are available.

"We are encouraging folks to stay out of the Santa Monica Bay right now," she said.

Hyperion Executive Plant Manager Timeyin Dafeta said in a statement that the facility "became inundated with overwhelming quantities of debris, causing backup of the headworks facilities."

"The plant's relief system was triggered and sewage flows were controlled through use of the plant's one-mile outfall and discharge of untreated sewage into Santa Monica Bay," Dafeta said.

About 6% of the facility's daily load was discharged through pipes that extend one mile and five miles offshore as an emergency measure to prevent the plant from going offline and spewing even more raw sewage, the statement said.

Pease said one silver lining was that most of the solid matter in the waste appears to have been filtered before hitting the ocean. However, more sewage appears to have used the shorter pipe meaning the impacts will be closer to beaches.

She said the impact to wildlife may be limited in the long term as the sewage will dissipate but algae blooms are possible after an event like this and those blooms can themselves be toxic to wildlife.

She said incidents like this should remind everyone that water quality can vary and pollution levels should be checked before visiting local beaches using a service like Heal The Bay's report cards (https://healthebay.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Beach-Report-Card-2020-2021.pdf).

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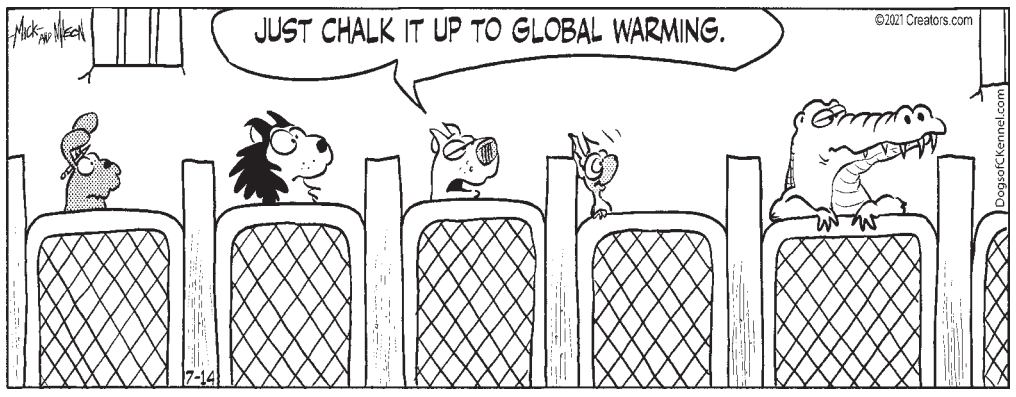
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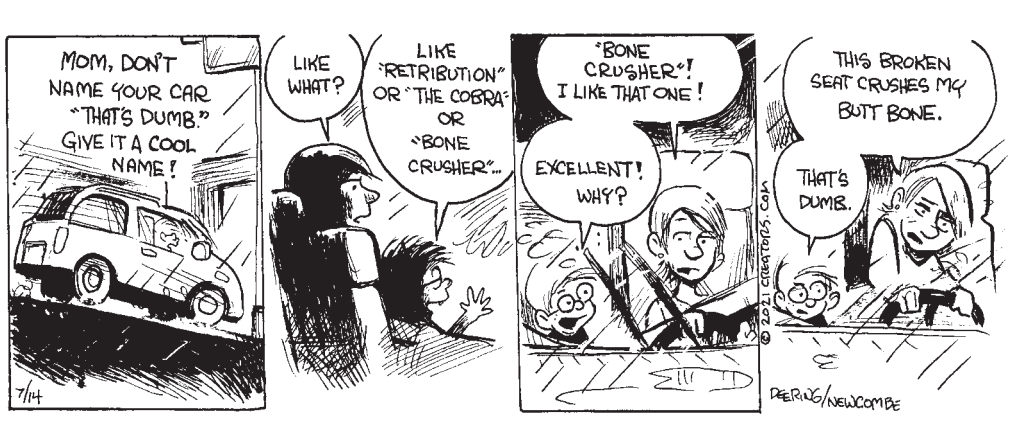
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WEATHER

Wednesday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 70.
Wednesday Night: Clouds, with a low around 64. South southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Doing your homework sounds like a chore, whereas investigating, researching and questing for answers sounds like an adventure. What you call an activity will contribute greatly to your mood about it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Speaking what's on your mind is a risk that might not accomplish exactly what you want it to, but if you end up expressing what another person feels but cannot explain, you've done something valuable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Messiness doesn't necessarily mean a lack of method. Sometimes, very effective processes are a mess to behold, yet still governed by rules that they adhere to faithfully inside the jumble of elegant chaos.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A problem that's very real to a 5-year-old may seem ridiculous to a teen and irrelevant to the autonomous adult. Life gets simple when you skip the mundane struggles, opting only for the timeless ones.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People sum one another up with quick character judgments and categorize accordingly because no one has time to go into the infinite complexities of every person they meet. Knowing this, you'll proudly project certain qualities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Though all matter is merely energy condensed to a slow vibration, the rate in which you are getting what you want seems to be particularly lethargic, and you will be forgiven, if not rewarded, for your efforts to invigorate it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Performing teaches you something about yourself, but it's better done in real-life interactions given to people in the same room. The self-conscious trap of watching yourself in a performance will distort and ruin the lesson.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The nexus of space and time where you are now is the only actionable platform in your universe. You can seize, conquer, cuddle, snuggle, sing or strut it; just don't give it over to the undeserving. It's yours to use.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll challenge yourself and push the boundaries of what you think is doable, acceptable and typical of you. Being willing to do this and then courageous enough to follow through expands you as a person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When what's being said has no relevance or interest to you, act quickly, changing the channel, setting something down or walking away to find what matters.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). While life mostly consists of trades (oxygen for carbon dioxide, work for money, money for food, loyalty for security), today you'll revel in an unusual scenario — the joy of a thing that gives and doesn't take.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a vitality that comes with people paying attention to your ideas. But when everyone is trying to be seen at the same time, the energy implodes on itself. The answer is to work in obscurity, a joy and a freedom.

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.

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9	6	7	3	1	5	4	8	2
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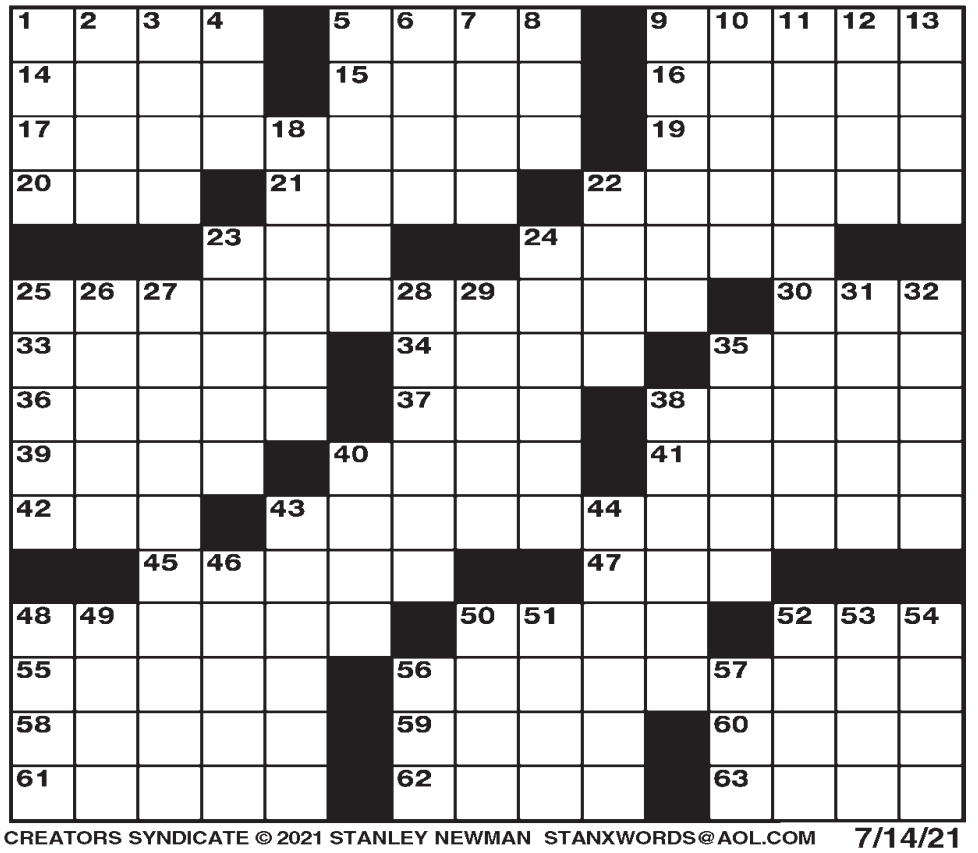
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Urban district
5 Fascinated by
9 Ledges for houseplants
14 Midterm or final
15 Test that's shorter than a 14 Across
16 Move like a snake or a sneak
17 Glass on lab tables
19 Trooper's speed detector
20 Get __ for effort
21 Flagmaker Betsy
22 Overly diluted
23 Granola morsel
24 Video arcade enthusiast
25 Glass above ballrooms
30 Trendy, so to speak
33 Remove soap from
34 Friend in war
35 Prepare to be photographed
36 Prefix for view or mural
37 "Mamma __!"
38 Reverend Jackson
39 Revise writing
40 Heroic deed
41 Do a bit better than
42 Total amount
43 Glass in storefronts
45 In pieces
47 Totally
48 Cast members
50 Yuletide wise trio
52 Justice Department agcy.
55 Contribute to a poker pot
56 Glass in pantries
58 Santa-like
59 Similar (to)
60 Pizza appliance
61 Peeled, as potatoes
62 Small green veggies
63 Small salamander

DOWN
1 Letter after epsilon
2 Plow-pulling animals
3 Mars Pathfinder org.
4 CPR expert
5 Words preceding a speaker's citation
6 Very short pencils
7 Makes a knot
8 Fractions of a lb.
9 Shoves off
10 Hopping mad
11 German shorts worn with suspenders
12 Shakespearean king
13 Quick and agile
18 Bartering participant
22 On one's guard
23 Initial stage
24 Italian ice cream
25 Sheds tears
26 Typical Delhi resident
27 "Negative" particle physics material
28 Bemoan
29 Trojan War epic
31 Comic book edition
32 Sounds of baby chicks
35 Of punishment
38 Scott of ragtime music
40 Evergreen trees
43 Alerted to danger
44 Pioneer vehicles going west
46 Self-assurance
48 Each, informally
49 Island south of Florida
50 Construct
51 Himalayas' continent
52 Most-liked thing, for short
53 Make coffee or beer
54 Has no existence
56 Reference at a mall entrance
57 Georgia senator Ossoff



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Binary Puzzle

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

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I	I	O	I	I	O	O	I	O	I	O	O
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D	I	K	S	L	E	E	H	W	G	R	Y	A	T	K
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Amps	Dirty	Mats	Skid
Appeal	Disc	Mirror	Steering
Axle	Door	Oils	Suitable
Boot	Drive	Overheat	Sump
Care	Filter	Paint	Tank
Check	Fuel	Parts	Torque
Choke	Hood	Pedal	Truck
Clutch	Hub caps	Plug	Tyres
Colour	Jets	Price	Used
Complicated	Kits	Rims	Utes
Cool	Lens	Roof	Valve
Core	Lift	Rust	Washer
Coupe	Lock	Shaft	Wheels

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BASEBALL

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drastically shortened by Major League Baseball after the coronavirus pandemic wiped out nearly all amateur and minor league ball. The draft had been 40 rounds prior to that, but even then, no team had taken a pitcher with every pick through the first 20 rounds.

Nineteen of the pitchers selected by Los Angeles came from college, with 12th-rounder Mason Albright from IMG Academy in Florida the only prep arm. That means reinforcements could be close for a club with a 4.89 ERA this season, 26th in the majors.

"This group of pitchers is going to be in an awesome situation to thrive really quick out the door and hopefully impact the upper levels in short order, and you never know, but hopefully in Anaheim sooner or later," Swanson said.

Several other teams also stocked up on arms. The Los Angeles Dodgers took pitchers with their first 15 picks before sprinkling in position players in the 16th and 18th rounds. The Cleveland Indians ended up with 19 pitchers out of 21 picks.

The first round of this year's draft was held Sunday night at Denver's Bellco Theater, with Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred announcing the picks as Major League Baseball moved the event from June to July's All-Star weekend. Days 2 and 3 were held via conference call, with the draft wrapping Tuesday afternoon.

The Astros got perhaps the most famous name on Day 3 with Liberty second baseman Will Wagner, the son of former Houston closer Billy Wagner. The elder Wagner is the franchise's career saves leader at 225, while the younger hit .333 with seven homers this spring.

A day after New York native Jacob Steinmetz became the first known practicing Orthodox Jewish player selected, the Nationals selected a Jewish player who observes the Sabbath in catcher Elie Kligman from Las Vegas. Steinmetz was taken in the third round by the Arizona Diamondbacks, and Kligman went to Washington in the 20th round.

Steinmetz is a right-handed pitcher who plays on the Sabbath, but he walks to games on those days to avoid taking transportation. He also eats only Kosher food.

Kligman told the Jewish Telegraph Agency in April that he won't play between sundown Friday and sundown Saturday, but that he didn't think it had to hinder his baseball career.

"Most guys don't play 162 games a year. If I'm a catcher, not playing three days in the week or two days in the week is pretty normal, so I don't think it would be that different from other guys," he said. "I would just be missing different days."

No Orthodox Jewish player has played in the major leagues.

Good news for Dabo Swinney: the Clemson football coach is likely to get quarterback/wide receiver commit Will Taylor to campus after the two-sport star fell all the way to the 19th round to Texas. The Rangers are unlikely to have the bonus pool space needed to sign the outfielder away from campus.

Another Clemson quarterback commit, Bubba Chandler, was taken as a right-handed pitcher by Pittsburgh in the third round and said he plans to sign.

Connecticut shortstop Michael Sirota, great-nephew of Yankees Hall of Famer Whitey Ford, was taken by the Dodgers in the 16th round.

The Milwaukee Brewers finished their draft with an unusual pick — 28-year-old junior college right-hander Samuel Mendez. A former semipro basketball player in the Dominican Republic, Mendez gave pitching a try at Cisco College in Texas and struck out 100 batters over 65 1/3 innings as a freshman.

AP Sports Writer Greg Beacham contributed.

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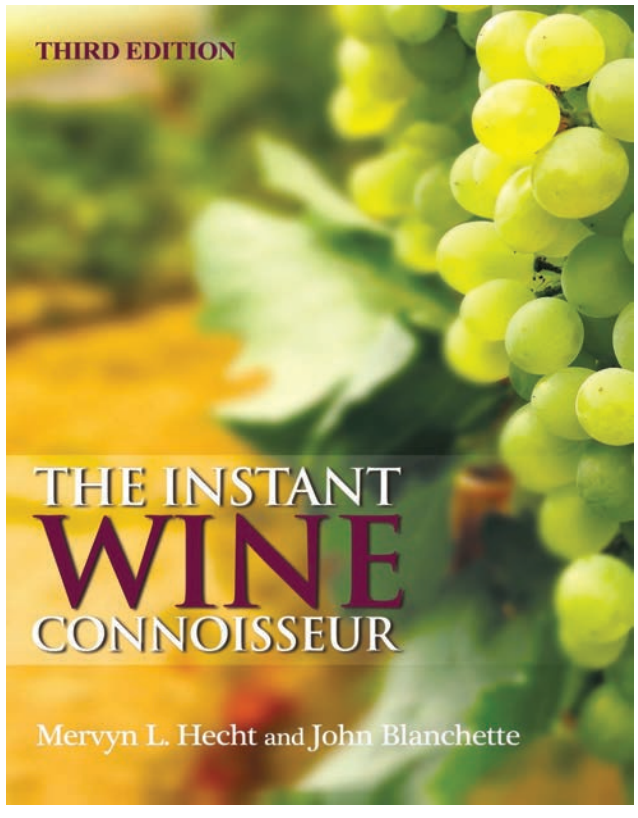
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