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Main Street will close to cars this weekend



Sofia Pirri

BARS: The closure will allow businesses to extend further into the street for the weekend.

KAILYN FORBES
Special to the Daily Press

Beginning July 24-25, for four weekends this summer, The two blocks between Hill and Kinney streets will become a pedestrian friendly marketplace where the Santa Monica public can safely enjoy al fresco dining and family activities with local businesses.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the City's economic recovery efforts to reopen Santa Monica included repurposed travel lanes and converted parking spaces to allow businesses to temporarily launch outdoor dining, shopping, and recreation. As an extension of this concept, the Main Street Business Improvement Association and Ocean Park Association initiated the Sharing an Open Main Street, which was approved by The City Council on a pilot basis.

"This is building on our creative use of public space that ramped up during the pandemic," said Jason Kligier, the City's Interim Mobility Manager. "Given the nature of the emergency, we implemented the Alfresco project."

From 4 a.m. Saturday to midnight on Sunday, vehicle traffic will be detoured from Main Street to Neilson Way. The traffic light at Main Street and Ashland Avenue will remain operational to support passthrough traffic to and from the public parking lots.

According to the city of Santa Monica, during the four weekends, bus stops within the plaza footprint will be temporarily closed. Big Blue Bus riders will be served from westbound Marine Street near side Neilson Way, eastbound Marine Street near side Main Street, and southbound Main Street near Ocean Park Boulevard.

Bicyclists and scooter users need to dismount within the plaza footprint. Parking is available in the public lots west of Main Street and after 8 p.m. on the west side of Neilson Way.

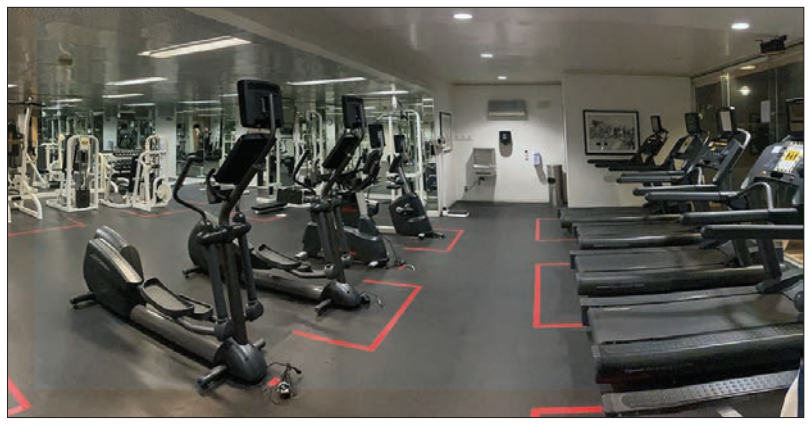
Some businesses and residents of the area voiced opposition to the plan last month saying the closure would drive traffic into the neighborhood and only benefit a few stores.

Supporters say the two-day closures are an experiment that will help the street recover from pandemic-era shutdowns.

"The community needs a great

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With return of sweaty masks, fitness industry struggles to lure customers back



Courtesy photo

GYM: The new mask mandate is driving clients away from gyms.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

The reinstatement of an indoor mask mandate was a blow to many businesses, but for those in the fitness industry it felt more like a gut punch.

While most customers are fine wearing a mask at the grocery store and don't mind donning it to walk to their restaurant table, several gym owners reported that their clients are much less willing to put it back on for a workout.

From the first day of the new mask mandate, Molly Niles Renshaw, the co-owner of Phoenix Classical Pilates, saw a drop off in sign ups for her classes. The Pilates company struggled to stay afloat during the pandemic using online

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Brazen shoplifting spurs California law for organized thefts

STEFANIE DAZIO AND DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

With violent smash-and-grab shoplifting costing California businesses millions of dollars annually, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a law Wednesday aimed at curbing organized retail theft.

The law reestablishes the crime of organized retail theft, which lawmakers first created in 2018 but allowed to lapse as of July 1. Prosecutors can again seek to charge the crime as either a misdemeanor or a felony. It applies to those who work with others to steal merchandise either from brick-and-mortar stores or online, with the intent to sell or return the merchandise.

The legislation also applies to someone who works with others to receive stolen merchandise, those who steal for others as part of an organized theft ring or people who do the recruiting or organizing for the theft ring.

The rings have become bolder in recent years, officials said, and videos of their smash-and-grabs have gone viral.

"The overall problem is a challenge — the brazenness of some of these crimes," San Francisco

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US virus cases nearly triple in 2 weeks amid misinformation

HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH AND JIM SALTER
Associated Press

COVID-19 cases nearly tripled in the U.S. over two weeks amid an onslaught of vaccine misinformation that is straining hospitals, exhausting doctors and pushing clergy into the fray.

"Our staff, they are frustrated," said Chad Neilsen, director of infection prevention at UF Health Jacksonville, a Florida hospital that is canceling elective surgeries and procedures after the number of mostly unvaccinated COVID-19 inpatients at its two campuses jumped to 134, up from a low of 16 in mid-May.

"They are tired. They are thinking this is déjà vu all over again, and there is some anger because we know that this is a largely preventable situation, and people are not taking advantage of the vaccine."

Across the U.S., the seven-day rolling average for daily new cases rose over the past two weeks to more than 37,000 on Tuesday, up from less than 13,700 on July 6, according to data from Johns Hopkins University. Health officials blame the delta variant and slowing vaccination rates. Just 56.2% of Americans have gotten at least one dose of the vaccine, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In Louisiana, health officials reported 5,388 new COVID-19 cases Wednesday — the third-highest daily count since the beginning of the pandemic in early 2020. Hospitalizations for the disease rose to 844 statewide, up more than 600 since mid-June. New Orleans leaders urged people to resume wearing masks indoors.

Utah reported having 295 people hospitalized due to the virus, the highest number since February. The state has averaged about 622 confirmed cases per day over the last week, about triple the infection rate at its lowest point in early June. Health data shows the surge is almost entirely connected to unvaccinated people.

"It is like seeing the car wreck before it happens," said Dr. James Williams, a clinical associate professor of emergency medicine at Texas Tech, who has recently started treating more COVID-19 patients. "None of us want to go through this again."

He said the patients are younger — many in their 20s, 30s and 40s — and overwhelmingly unvaccinated.

As lead pastor of one of Missouri's largest churches, Jeremy Johnson has heard the reasons congregants don't want the COVID-19 vaccine. He wants them to know it's not only OK to get vaccinated, it's what the Bible urges.

"I think there is a big influence of fear," said Johnson, whose Springfield-based church also has a campus in Nixa and another about to open in Republic. "A fear of trusting something apart from scripture, a fear of trusting something apart from a political party they're more comfortable following. A fear of trusting in science. We hear that: 'I trust in God, not science.' But the truth is science and God are not something you have to choose between."

Now many churches in southwestern Missouri, like Johnson's Assembly of God-affiliated North Point Church, are hosting vaccination clinics. Meanwhile, about 200 church leaders have signed onto a statement urging Christians to get vaccinated, and on Wednesday announced a follow-up public service campaign.

Opposition to vaccination is especially strong among white evangelical Protestants, who make up more than one-third of Missouri's residents, according to a 2019 report by the Pew Research Center.

"We found that the faith community is very influential, very trusted, and to me that is one of the answers as to how you get your vaccination rates up," said Ken McClure, mayor of Springfield.

The two hospitals in his city are teeming with patients, reaching record and near-record pandemic highs. Steve Edwards, who is the CEO of CoxHealth in Springfield, tweeted that the hospital has brought in 175 traveling nurses and has 46 more scheduled to arrive by Monday.

"Grateful for the help," wrote Edwards, who previously tweeted that anyone spreading misinformation about the vaccine should "shut up."

Jacob Burmood, a 40-year-old Kansas City, Missouri, artist, said his mother has been promoting vaccine conspiracy theories even though her husband — Burmood's stepfather — is hospitalized on a ventilator in Springfield.

"It is really, really sad, and it is really frustrating," he said.

Burmood recalled how his mother had recently fallen ill and "was trying to tell me that vaccinated people got her sick, and it wasn't even COVID. I just shut her down. I said, 'Mom, I can't talk to you about conspiracy theories right now.' ... You need to go to a hospital. You are going to die."

His mother, who is in her 70s, has since recovered.

In New York City, workers in city-run hospitals and health clinics will be required to get vaccinated or get tested weekly as officials battle a rise in COVID-19 cases, Mayor Bill de Blasio said Wednesday.

De Blasio's order will not apply to teachers, police officers and other city employees, but it's part of the city's intense focus on vaccinations amid an increase in delta variant infections.

The number of vaccine doses being given out daily in the city has dropped to less than 18,000, down from a peak of more than 100,000 in early April. About 65% of all adults are fully vaccinated, compared with about 60% of public hospital system staffers, said system leader Dr. Mitchell Katz.

Meanwhile, caseloads have been rising in the city for weeks, and health officials say the variant makes up about 7 in 10 cases they sequence.

"We have got to deal with it aggressively. And in the end, there is also a thing called personal responsibility," de Blasio said, urging inoculated people to raise the issue with unvaccinated relatives and "get up in their face."

Back in Louisiana, New Orleans officials issued the new guidance on indoor masks, hoping to avoid the kind of virus-related shutdowns that devastated the city's tourism economy in 2020. Mayor LaToya Cantrell stopped short of requiring masks. She said the advisory "puts the responsibility on individuals themselves."

The announcement came as the city's seven-day average of new cases rose to 117, the highest level since early February. It had fallen as low as eight in mid-June.

Salter reported from St. Louis.

Biden says getting vaccinated 'gigantically important'

ALEXANDRA JAFFE AND AAMER MADHANI
Associated Press

President Joe Biden expressed pointed frustration Wednesday over the slowing COVID-19 vaccination rate in the U.S. and pleaded that it's "gigantically important" for Americans to step up and get inoculated for the virus as it surges once again.

Biden, speaking at a televised town hall in Cincinnati, said the public health crisis has turned largely into a plight of the unvaccinated as the spread of the delta variant has led to a surge in infections around the country.

"We have a pandemic for those who haven't gotten the vaccination — it's that basic, that simple," he said on the CNN town hall.

The president also expressed optimism that children under 12 will be approved for vaccination in the coming months. But he displayed exasperation that so many eligible Americans are still reluctant to get a shot.

"If you're vaccinated, you're not going to be hospitalized, you're not going to be in the IC unit, and you're not going to die," Biden said at the forum at Mount St. Joseph University. "So it's gigantically important that ... we all act like Americans who care about our fellow Americans."

U.S. hospitalizations and deaths are nearly all among the unvaccinated. But COVID-19 cases nearly tripled in the U.S. over two weeks amid an onslaught of vaccine misinformation that is straining hospitals, exhausting doctors and pushing clergy into the fray.

Across the U.S., the seven-day rolling average for daily new cases rose over the past two weeks to more than 37,000 on Tuesday, up from less than 13,700 on July 6, according to data from Johns Hopkins University. Just 56.2% of Americans have gotten at least one dose of the vaccine, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The president noted that the rise has become so concerning that even his critics are pushing back against vaccine disinformation.

Biden made an indirect reference to high-profile conservative personalities at Fox News who have "had an altar call" and are now more openly speaking to their skeptical guests about the benefits of getting vaccinated. Sean Hannity recently told viewers, "I believe in the science of vaccination" and urged them to take the disease seriously. Steve Doocy, who cohosts "Fox & Friends," this week told viewers the vaccination "will save your life."

Biden, who traveled to Ohio as he's trying to rev up support for his economic agenda, visited a union training center ahead of the town hall.

The trip comes as the fate of his infrastructure proposal remains unclear after Senate Republicans rejected a $1 trillion blueprint i n a key test vote Wednesday. A bipartisan group of 22 senators said in a joint statement after the vote that they were close to coming to terms on a deal and requested a delay until Monday.

Biden expressed confidence in the outcome, saying, "It's a good thing and I think we're going to get it done."

While lawmakers wrangle over the details of that proposal on Capitol Hill, Biden made the case that his nearly $4 trillion package is needed to rebuild the middle class and sustain the economic growth the country has seen during the first six months of his presidency.

It was his third trip to the state — one he lost by about 8 points in 2020, but one that remains pivotal to the Democratic Party's political future and a key test of whether Biden's economic proposals have the broad appeal the White House hopes.

With presidential visits to the Ohio cities of Columbus, Cleveland and now Cincinnati, the White House is betting that Biden's policies are popular with independent voters and that the electorate will reward a president and party that are trying to solve their problems.

The state faces a heated Senate election next year with the retirement of Republican Rob Portman, who helped negotiate the infrastructure plan that now faces an uncertain future in the evenly split Senate.

The president's visit took him near the dangerously outdated Brent Spence Bridge — a chokepoint for trucks and emergency vehicles between Ohio and Kentucky that the past two presidents promised without success to replace.

Biden made a passing reference to the structure, telling town hall attendees it's time to "fix that damn bridge of yours."

Biden defended the filibuster against repeated questions from CNN moderator Don Lemon about why he feels the need to protect what some critics argue is a legislative tactic once used to protect racist policies.

He said he's trying to bring the country together around the need to protect voting rights, and he doesn't want "the debate to only be about whether or not we have a filibuster." Biden said if Democrats removed the filibuster "you're going to throw the entire Congress into chaos and nothing will get done."

Back in Washington, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Wednesday rejected two Republicans selected by House GOP leader Kevin McCarthy to sit on a committee investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection. McCarthy said the GOP won't participate in the investigation if Democrats won't accept the members he appointed.

Lemon asked how Biden could have confidence that Republicans and Democrats can get together on anything when they can't even come to agreement on investigating the most brazen attack on the U.S. Capitol in 200 years.

Biden simply replied, "These people," a nod to forum's spectators and his faith in Americans writ large. But Biden seemed to also acknowledge the partisan rift in Washington had become maddening.

"I don't care if you think I'm Satan reincarnated," Biden said. "The fact is you can't look at that television and say nothing happened on the 6th and listen to people who say this was a peaceful march."

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 296 CALLS ON JULY 20

Family Disturbance 1800blk 22nd St 1:17 a.m.
Family Disturbance 800blk Broadway 2:17 a.m.
Burglary 1200blk Lincoln Blvd 2:23 a.m.
Burglary 1400blk 5th St 6:02 a.m.
Attempt Auto Theft 1600blk Alta Ave 6:04 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk The Beach 6:51 a.m.
Forensics Request - Fingerprint 1600blk Alta Ave 7:14 a.m.
Grand Theft 700blk 4th St 7:29 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 100blk Larkin Pl 8:01 a.m.
Petty Theft 700blk Broadway 8:16 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 8:35 a.m.
Transport Prisoner 300blk Olympic Dr 8:38 a.m.
Adult Prot Serv Chck 700blk 9th St 8:38 a.m.
Family Disturbance 1800blk Euclid St 9:01 a.m.
Battery 17th St / Wilshire Blvd 9:06 a.m.
Burglary 1400blk 14th St 9:09 a.m.
Petty Theft 700blk Broadway 9:10 a.m.
Vandalism 7th St / Colorado Ave 9:13 a.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 9:16 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:43 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2900blk Main St 9:55 a.m.
Family Disturbance 1900blk 4th St 10:02 a.m.
Encampment 700blk Ozone St 10:07 a.m.
Forensics Request - Miscellaneous 1400blk 14th St 10:25 a.m.
Battery 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 10:46 a.m.
Identity Theft 200blk 12th St 10:52 a.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 10:53 a.m.
Loitering 300blk California Ave 10:54 a.m.
Bike Theft 1200blk Idaho Ave 10:58 a.m.
Vandalism 1100blk Pico Blvd 11:01 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:22 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1600blk Stanford St 11:32 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 600blk Pico Blvd 11:33 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1800blk 20th St 11:35 a.m.
Battery 700blk Ozone St 11:35 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 100blk Hill St 11:36 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1000blk Pier Ave 11:37 a.m.
Grand Theft 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 11:46 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1500blk 5th St 11:53 a.m.
Petty Theft 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:58 a.m.
Petty Theft 2900blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:16 p.m.
Petty Theft 1900blk Wilshire Blvd 12:18 p.m.
Missing Person 17th St / Pico Blvd 12:30 p.m.
Petty Theft 800blk 3rd St 12:35 p.m.
Encampment 2700blk Barnard Way 12:44 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2200blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:44 p.m.
Transport Prisoner 300blk Olympic Dr 1:02 p.m.
Auto Burglary Ocean Ave / Bay St 1:03 p.m.
Battery 2900blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:12 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1400blk 15th St 1:13 p.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 1:34 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 1:42 p.m.
Grand Theft 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 1:46 p.m.
Fraud 1000blk 16th St 1:46 p.m.
Auto Burglary 2900blk 31st St 2:06 p.m.
Lost Property 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:11 p.m.
Grand Theft 900blk 16th St 2:14 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 800blk Pico Blvd 2:26 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:13 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1500blk Broadway 3:24 p.m.
Petty Theft 300blk Santa Monica Pl 3:30 p.m.
Scar Investigation 1700blk Michigan Ave 3:33 p.m.
Burglary 100blk California Ave 3:45 p.m.
Petty Theft 2000blk 4th St 3:49 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1600blk 10th St 3:56 p.m.
Burglary 1400blk 15th St 4:08 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 2800blk Neilson Way 4:24 p.m.
Adult Prot Serv Chck 1700blk Delaware Ave 4:46 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Pine St 4:52 p.m.
Petty Theft 1500blk 10th St 5:22 p.m.
Vehicle Burglar Alarm 1100blk 16th St 5:23 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 00blk Pico Blvd 5:24 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 900blk Lincoln Blvd 5:37 p.m.
Grand Theft 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 5:52 p.m.
Petty Theft 200blk Palisades Beach Rd 5:55 p.m.
Arson 1900blk Euclid St 5:59 p.m.
Auto Burglary 700blk Idaho Ave 6:04 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 300blk Ocean Park Blvd 6:24 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 400blk Santa Monica Pier 6:25 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2500blk Lincoln Blvd 6:28 p.m.
Medical Emergency 1500blk The Beach 6:31 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1100blk San Vicente Blvd 6:37 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1400blk Berkeley St 6:53 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd E 7:09 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 7:13 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1600blk Alta Ave 7:16 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 7:34 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 7:34 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 900blk 16th St 7:48 p.m.
Petty Theft 1100blk 11th St 7:49 p.m.
Petty Theft 700blk Broadway 8:00 p.m.
Shots Fired 1800blk 10th St 8:04 p.m.
Panic Alarm 700blk 11th St 8:09 p.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 8:17 p.m.
Battery 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:19 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1200blk Lincoln Blvd 8:31 p.m.
Found Property 700blk Palisades Park 8:56 p.m.
Living In A Vehicle 22nd St / Alta Ave 9:02 p.m.
Suspicious Person 3rd Street Prom / Arizona Ave 9:18 p.m.
Trespassing 1300blk 5th St 9:28 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400blk Montana Ave 9:33 p.m.
Person Down 1100blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:40 p.m.
Suspicious Vehicle Appian Way / Seaside Ter 9:51 p.m.
Person Down 5th St / Broadway 9:51 p.m.
Living In A Vehicle 10th St / Arizona Ave 10:12 p.m.
Trespassing 900blk Lincoln Blvd 10:18 p.m.
Burglary 2700blk Main St 10:53 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1200blk 2nd St 11:01 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 55 CALLS ON JULY 20

EMS 1100blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:09 a.m.
EMS 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:59 a.m.
EMS 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:18 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1600blk Main St 3:18 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500blk 17th St 4:23 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 2800blk Barnard Way 5:07 a.m.
EMS 700blk Euclid St 5:41 a.m.
EMS 3100blk Neilson Way 6:01 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire Centinela Ave / Interstate 10 6:54 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 300blk Olympic Dr 7:07 a.m.
EMS 700blk 25th St 7:46 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 7:46 a.m.
EMS 3100blk Neilson Way 8:04 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 8:19 a.m.
Electrical Fire - No Fire Visible 2600blk 32nd St 8:28 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:55 a.m.
EMS 1600blk 7th St 9:04 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Wilshire Blvd 9:28 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 26th St 11:13 a.m.
EMS 2100blk Oak St 11:25 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 11:26 a.m.
EMS 18th St / Pico Blvd 11:30 a.m.
EMS 300blk Olympic Dr 11:38 a.m.
HazMat - Level 1 1500blk 6th St 11:40 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:14 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Lincoln Blvd 1:30 p.m.
EMS 2700blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:33 p.m.
EMS 22nd St / California Ave 2:02 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500blk California Ave 2:10 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 3:18 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 5th St 3:22 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 3:39 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 11th St 3:45 p.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 3:47 p.m.
EMS 2900blk 4th St 3:59 p.m.
EMS 900blk 11th St 4:11 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 15th St 4:17 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 2800blk Neilson Way 4:24 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 15th St 4:44 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Pico Blvd 5:22 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1800blk 12th St 5:58 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 3100blk Neilson Way 6:02 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 5th St 6:11 p.m.
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EMS 1300blk 15th St 6:54 p.m.
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EMS 100blk Broadway 7:45 p.m.
EMS 2700blk Olympic Blvd 7:54 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 8:06 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:40 p.m.
EMS 5th St / Broadway 9:51 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 10:01 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Ocean Ave 10:08 p.m.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Man arrested for beach stabbing

On July 18, 2021 at about 6:35 p.m., Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) Officers were dispatched to the 1800 block of the beach regarding a disturbance.

When officers arrived in the area, they met with a victim who told them, he was stabbed in the back with an unknown object. He provided the description of the suspect and his last known direction of travel. Officers were then flagged down by other witnesses who described that the suspect was waving a sharp object at people.

Officers located the suspect, later identified as Timothy James Smith, a 32-year old homeless male, a short distance away. Smith disobeyed the officer's commands and fled from them. At one point, Smith collided into a male and made a slashing motion at him, while holding the object. An officer then deployed his Taser. The Taser made contact with Smith, immediately immobilizing him, allowing officers to quickly take him into custody. Officers recovered a metal hinged compass, which was the weapon used by Smith.

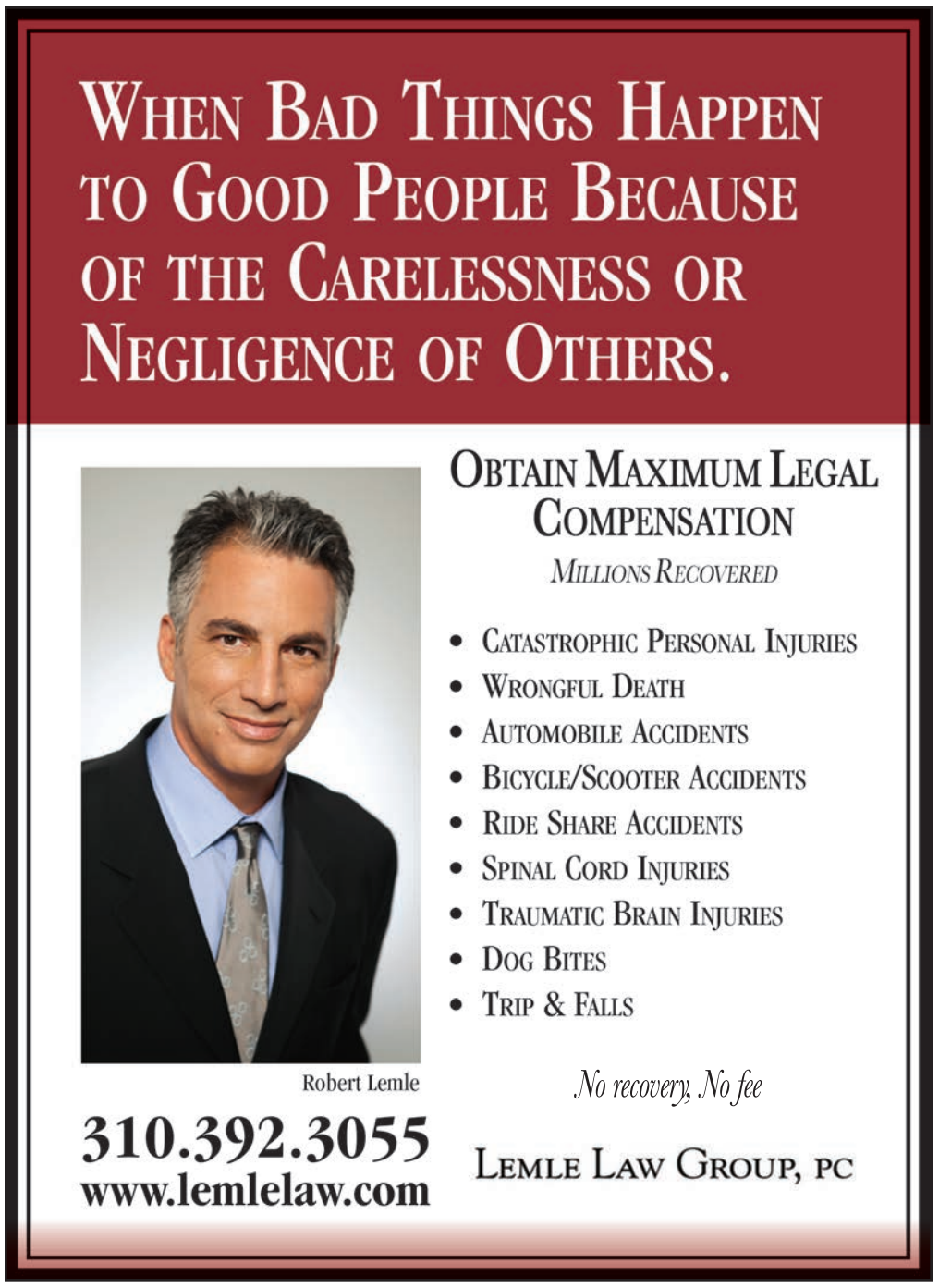
Smith was transported to a local hospital, for the injuries he sustained during his fall. The following charges will be presented to the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office for filing consideration; 245(a) PC – Assault with a Deadly Weapon, and 148(a)(1) PC - Resist, Obstruct, Delay Arrest.

Anyone with additional information pertaining to this incident is strongly encouraged to contact Detective Murphy with the Criminal Investigations Division at 310-458-8941, by email at nicole.murphy@smgov.net or Santa Monica Police Department's Watch Commander (24 hours) at 310-458-8427.

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Weinstein pleads not guilty to sexual assaults in California

ANDREW DALTON
AP Entertainment Writer

Harvey Weinstein pleaded not guilty in a Los Angeles courtroom Wednesday to four counts of rape and seven other sexual assault counts.

Sheriff's deputies brought the 69-year-old convicted rapist into court in a wheelchair. He was wearing a brown jail jumpsuit and face mask. Attorney Mark Werksman entered the plea for the disgraced movie mogul a day after Weinstein was extradited to California from New York, where he was serving a 23-year prison term.

Weinstein spoke only to say "thank you" to Judge Sergio Tapia, who wished him good luck as the hearing ended.

He now awaits a second trial on a second coast, and the possibility of another lengthy sentence.

Weinstein's indictment involves five women in incidents spanning from 2004 to 2013. Most are said to have taken place in the hotels in Beverly Hills and Los Angeles that the New York-based Weinstein would make his headquarters for Hollywood business. Some took place during Oscars week, when his films were perennial contenders before the #MeToo movement brought him down.

He pleaded not guilty to four counts of rape, four counts of forcible oral copulation, two counts of sexual battery by restraint and one count of sexual penetration by use of force, charges that together could bring a sentence of 140 years.

Werksman told the judge that he was filing documents requesting the dismissal of three of the counts, saying they were beyond the statute of limitations.

"They're baseless, they're from long, long ago, they're uncorroborated," Werksman said of the charges after the hearing. "We are confident that if we have a fair trial he will be acquitted."

The women were not identified in the indictment.

Attorney Gloria Allred, who represents two of them, said the age of the incidents was not a factor in their truth.

"Allegations of sexual assault and rape do take a long time to report, so the idea that they may not have disclosed to a law enforcement officer for many years does not mean that those are not credible," Allred said.

The terms of Weinstein's extradition require that his trial begin by November. Werksman said Weinstein had yet to waive that right. But it would be unusual for the trial to begin that quickly. Weinstein returns to court for a motions hearing next week.

A New York jury found Weinstein guilty of raping an aspiring actress in 2013 in a Manhattan hotel room and forcibly performing oral sex on a TV and film production assistant in 2006 at his Manhattan apartment.

He is appealing that conviction, seeking a new trial. Weinstein maintains his innocence and contends that any sexual activity was consensual.

Los Angeles prosecutors first charged Weinstein in January 2020, just as jury selection was getting underway in the New York City case.

More charges were added later in the year, and in March, he was indicted by an LA County grand jury. That indictment was unsealed by the judge on Wednesday, but the allegations in it are essentially identical to those already revealed in previous criminal complaints.

The pandemic and procedural delays meant that Weinstein's extradition took well over a year. His attorneys cited his declining health as they sought to keep him at a state prison near Buffalo, New York, until jury selection began in the Los Angeles trial.

At Wednesday's hearing, Werksman requested a health examination of Weinstein. He said outside court that he was especially concerned for Weinstein's vision.

"He's going blind in one eye," the attorney said.

Once a major power in Hollywood along with his brother Bob and their movie companies Miramax and The Weinstein Co., Harvey Weinstein would be marked as the archvillain of the #MeToo movement starting late in 2017, when women's accounts were published in the New York Times and the New Yorker. He would be arrested in New York seven months later.

Rumors about Weinstein's behavior swirled in film industry circles for decades, but he silenced many accusers with payoffs, nondisclosure agreements and the fear that he could crush their careers.

"Anyone who abuses their power and influence to prey upon others will be brought to justice," Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón said in a statement Wednesday.

The Los Angeles charges came from a task force established to tackle sexual misconduct in Hollywood as #MeToo gained momentum.

Weinstein and porn performer Ron Jeremy are among the few charged by the team, which declined to prosecute more than 20 famous men because the allegations against them were too old or could not be corroborated.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Library Director Patty Wong to Leave Santa Monica for Opportunity in the Bay Area

Santa Monica Public Library (SMPL) Director Patty Wong has announced that she will leave Santa Monica to take on the role of Library Director for the City of Santa Clara.

"Patty's commitment to lifelong learning, inclusion, and redefining what a library can be for its community has seen the library through our best days and the hardest days when the pandemic required the closure of our beloved branches," said Interim City Manager John Jalili. "We are grateful for Patty's passion, perseverance, and dedication to Santa Monica."

Since becoming Library Director for Santa Monica's five-star library system in 2017, Wong has stayed true to her commitment to champion lifelong learning, including increased grant funding from the California State Library for Adult Literacy and Families for Literacy.

During a period of unprecedented changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic and organizational restructuring, under Wong's leadership SMPL continued to provide library services to the Santa Monica community and safely reopen facilities, including a new and innovative Open+ Self-Service Pilot Program at the Ocean Park branch to launch July 28.

Wong has played a critical role in the organization's efforts to enhance equity and social justice, including serving as a lead member of the Government Alliance on Race and Equity. Always a compassionate leader, Wong championed the library as a space for all people, while also hiring social workers to support connections to services and housing for patrons experiencing homelessness. She is a nationally recognized leader, currently serving as the President of the American Library Association.

"It has been an honor for me to serve Santa Monica and to work with my colleagues at the Santa Monica Library and City," said Wong. "I want to encourage the continued work in equity, diversity, and inclusion to build a stronger community for all."

Wong's last day in Santa Monica is September 4, 2021. An Interim Library Director will be named to oversee operations while an executive search is conducted.

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BATON ROUGE

Louisiana residents took $1M in COVID funds from California

Ten Louisiana residents are accused in scams that defrauded pandemic unemployment programs in California and Louisiana out of more than $1 million, Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry said.

Louisiana Bureau of Investigation agents learned that multiple groups operating across several Louisiana parishes conspired to defraud the two COVID-19 unemployment insurance programs, according to a news release sent Tuesday.

More than 100 false claims to California's Employment Development Department netted $1 million for eight people, and five of them also got more than $60,000 that they weren't due from the Louisiana Workforce Commission, the attorney general's office said. Six have been arrested and two are being sought.

The statement did not say how much each arrested person is accused of taking from each state or in total.

It said two other people were arrested in separate investigations.

A 24-year-old Denham Springs man is accused of collecting more than $800 in unemployment while in the Livingston Parish jail. And a 51-year-old Morgan City woman is accused of getting $8,000 in unemployment benefits even though she was working.

Louisiana's Legislative Auditor's Office reported in April that the state labor department paid $405 million in state and federal pandemic unemployment claims to people who were working.

That office reported in June that $1 million was sent to dead people, though nearly $630,000 of that couldn't have been stopped because the benefits were paid before the state received a death report or death certificate.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

FRIDAY, JULY 9 AT 3:46 P.M.

SMPD Officers noticed a vehicle driving northbound on Main Street fail to stop at a red light. The Officers conducted a traffic stop and upon receiving the vehicle registration information, the officer noticed that the information did not match the driver. Dispatch advised the officer that the vehicle had been reported stolen out of Los Angeles on 6/28. Erik Gonzalez was arrested for a unlawfully taking or driving of a vehicle, and later released on a citation. The vehicle owner was contacted to retrieve her property.

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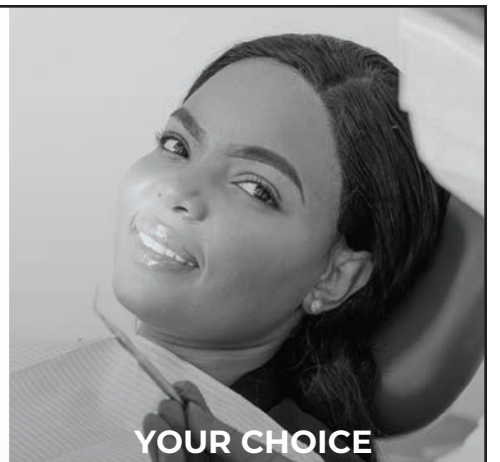
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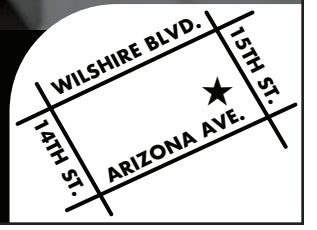
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Thanks Guido, For It All

LIFE IS STRANGE

And doesn't death define it, in the end? Puts the frame on the picture, rolls the end credits that tell you this movie is done, now what did you think of it?

Strange, and filled with wonder. Joy. Love unlimited. Grace and miracles. An art form, some make it. We are the masters of time and space. If we understand that, and consciously take up the challenge.

Oh but life can be dark and terrible too, right? Death. Disease. Destruction. Debasement. Persecution. Starvation. Suffering. Cruelty. Well... I think that's a choice we all can make. Life can throw us some pretty stern stuff, but perception is everything, some say. Where are you going to play, in your time upon the stage?

Life begins with birth, and inevitably ends with death. We all know that, and yet most of us pretend it isn't so and plow through life as though we are immortal and all that good stuff can be done tomorrow.

We often mark someone's inescapable end with a ceremony, a remembrance, a funeral, a memorial, that reveals a lot about the life lived, and the people the departed one drew along their path.



Courtesy photo

MUSIC: MAESTRO GUIDO LAMELL

WE LOST GUIDO LAMELL

Last week. And what a loss it is. If you believe in the power, majesty and magic of music, he was a master magician. Recognized worldwide as a 40-year veteran of the Los Angeles Philharmonic string section, he anchored himself in Santa Monica where he lived for decades and raised his family in the six- bedroom house he built himself with unskilled labor and floor plans from a program on a floppy disc.

That home became the site of frequent soirees, parties where the inevitable drift to playing music might include longtime Berlin Philharmonic dirigent Sir Simon Rattle at the piano, or a violinist/fiddler that could be LA Phil guru Gustavo Dudamel or young local Americana recording artist Connor Vance. ("They were very forgiving," Vance confessed with a grin.)

Lamell was also, proudly, for nine years conductor and music director of our 76-year-old Santa Monica Symphony Orchestra, performing each year in the acoustically wonderful Barnum hall at Samohi. At one time, years ago, on a path to lead the blossoming symphony in Mexico City, conducting was a lifelong passion of his. He also engaged in a heavy schedule of music education for Santa Monica and LA kids.

HE BROUGHT PASSION

And a boyish enthusiasm to everything he did, it would seem, to listen to his family and friends speak at his service this past Sunday at Bel Air Church. He was known for his quick smile and for reaching out to anyone in the room he didn't know.

I could tell you more of what was related during that service but here's the thing I really noticed. I didn't observe any crying. And he was still in his sixties, a picture of fitness and health. A sudden heart attack hospitalized him a week before, but he was reported to be in good spirits and looking forward to being discharged, when the big one hit him.

I'm sure I missed some tears somewhere, but good feeling for Guido was the prevailing mood and even the immediate family, surely experiencing terrible loss and grief, were smiling when I saw them, and exchanging great remembrances of their Guido. I've seen that before, but not often. I think it has to do with the life lived, but also with those he or she built their life around. Some people just inspire a celebration of their life, while others are pulled into regrets or what might have been.

(I'm not making a judgment about crying at a memorial service. Dang, I hope SOMEbody sheds a tear for me. Besides my creditors. But to see such an absence of it, filled in by joyous celebration of that person — that's extraordinary, and does make a statement, I think.)

WHICH DIRECTION

Do you think your memorial will go? (If you have any doubts, go out now, right now, and start living life as you know you were meant to, whatever that means. Service is probably key, giving back. But don't hold back, let go of fear and judgment, and stack up more stories that your loved ones will tell at that memorial, with laughter, not tears.) I'm sure I was not the only one inspired by the tenor of Lamell's memorial.

The music, of course, was exquisite. During the service, two favorites of his: the gorgeous "Meditation from Thais" by Massemet, and Dvorak's "Piano Quintet No. 2," They will now, forever, have new meaning for me.

A few months ago I came across a couple of large boxes of classical albums I simply had no place for. The LPs were mostly 50 years old and either still sealed or in pristine condition. I had to find a good home for them, and called Guido. He was delighted at the offer,

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MAIN STREET

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Main Street and Main Street needs a healthy community, but our primary focus is on the residents and the community", said Sean Besser of the Ocean Park Association. "We want this to be a community driven event where we get to see our neighbors and all the families out on the street enjoying each other's company."

As well as the people of Santa Monica, the Main Street Business Improvement Association and Ocean Park Association want to give back to the businesses. "They've had a really, really tough year and a half, and we want to show our support," said Besser.

With the help of business operators, organizers said The Main Street Al Fresco Project utilizes streets, sidewalks, and curbside spaces to provide an outdoor gathering place for neighbors to reconnect.

"It is more important than ever for residents associations and businesses to work together to get stuff done," said Hunter Hall, Executive Director of the Main Street Business Improvement Association. "That's really what the pilot is all about, is just giving more credence in the weight to our partnership with the residents in the area, and getting a little bit more leash, from the city when we have ideas like this, showing that we can actually do them."

Although there are some details still in the works, on Sunday morning at 10 a.m., Pilates Smith will be hosting Pilates on the street, and on both Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m., Circuit Works will be doing a free fitness class. In addition, there will be local music scheduled intermittently, Color Me Mine will be providing arts and crafts for the families, and games such as giant Jenga and a giant Connect Board will be available.

For more information, visit https://www.mainstreetsm.com/.

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Sofia Pirri

TRAFFIC: Cars will be banned from a portion of Main Street for several weekends.

SHOPLIFTING

FROM PAGE 1

Police Chief Bill Scott said. "When they see these things go viral, the perception of lawlessness, the perception that anything goes — that has to be overcome, too."

Nationally, organized retail theft costs businesses tens of billions of dollars annually. Newsom signed the law at a store in Long Beach, surrounded by several mayors and law enforcement officials.

However, police agencies in California will have to contend with local prosecutors, who decide whether to charge an offender with a misdemeanor or felony, if at all. Progressive district attorneys such as those in San Francisco and Los Angeles have pledged to avoid stiff penalties, sentencing enhancements and incarceration for certain crimes.

Neither immediately commented on the law Wednesday.

Newsom said organized retail theft is more than just simple, low-level shoplifting and that the California Highway Patrol has not seen a lack of support from liberal prosecutors.

"I'm not willing to throw up my hands and suggest that somehow we're going to see a huge impediment to our collective effort to address these organized efforts," the governor said.

State lawmakers first acted after retailers and law enforcement complained that punishments for such property crimes had been reduced under a voter-approved ballot initiative in 2014.

The new law's author, Democratic Assemblyman Reggie Jones-Sawyer, said in a legislative analysis that the goal was "to ensure we targeted sophisticated crime rings that took advantage of loopholes in state law as opposed to theft for personal use simply because someone was hungry."

The law also reinstates a California Highway Patrol task force that analyzes organized retail theft and vehicle burglary and helps law enforcement agencies in counties it identifies as having high property crime rates.

Over the past three years, the task force's 668 investigations included 252 arrests and the recovery of more than $16.3 billion in stolen merchandise.

Rachel Michelin, president of the California Retailers Association, said her organization sponsored the legislation in the hope that it could stem the tide of rising theft. In recent years, she said, frustrated retailers have seen increasing violence in the thefts.

The coronavirus pandemic has not changed theft patterns, Michelin said, but businesses are desperate to limit losses that were compounded by COVID-19 shutdowns.

Jessica Millan Patterson, the California GOP chairwoman, called Newsom's bill signing a photo op and said the governor is only getting serious on rising violent crime as he faces a recall election.

Thompson reported from Sacramento.

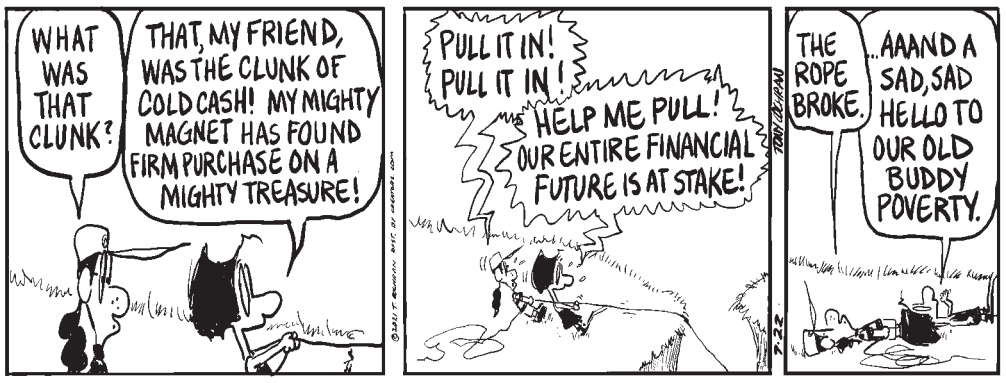






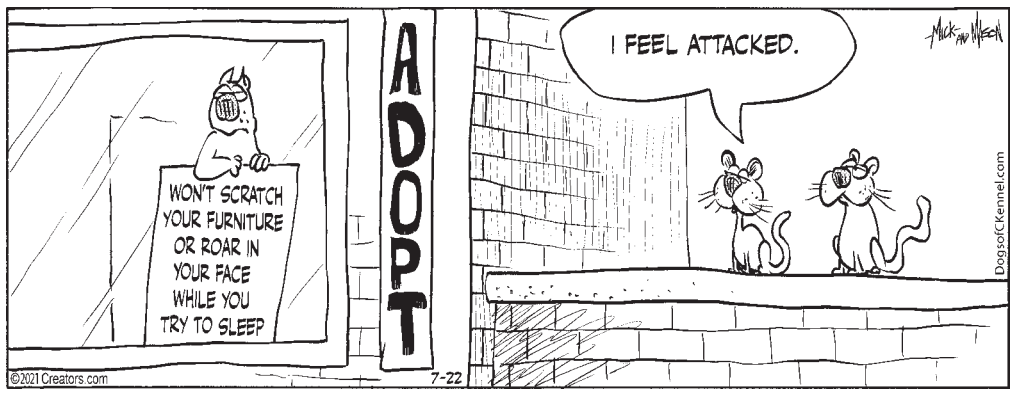
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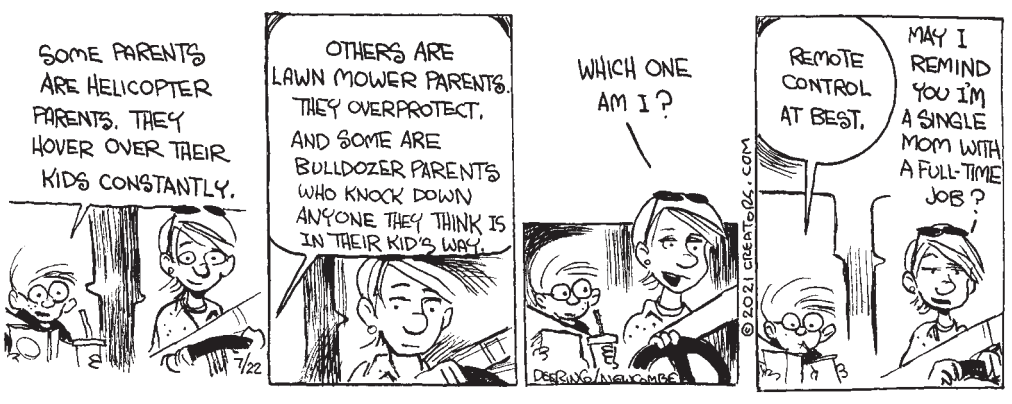
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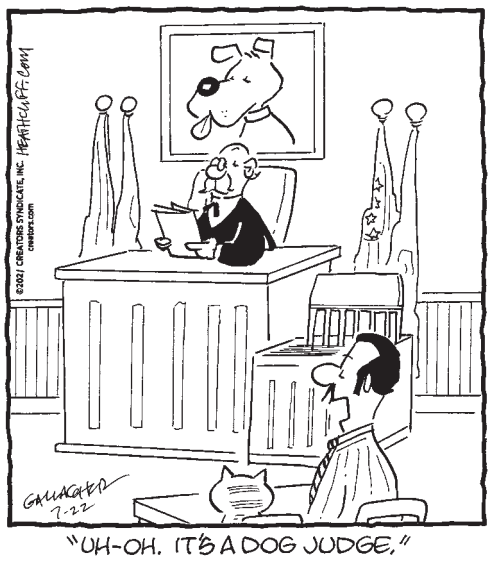
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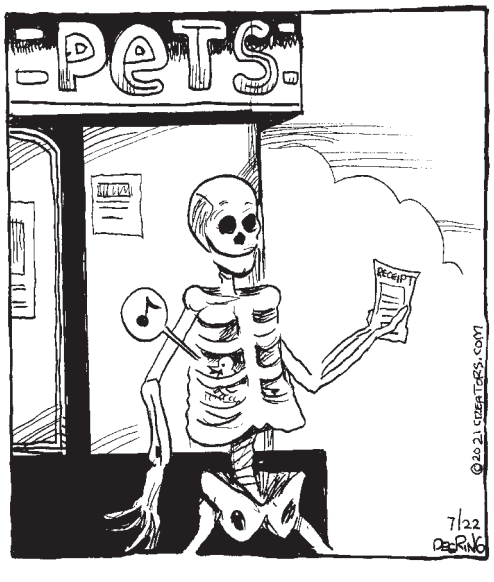
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 73.6°

THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Could be another peaky, relatively fun morning. SW/SSW swell fades, SSE/S tropical swell may ease, and NW windswell is up a little further from Wednesday.

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Could still be peaky, rideable in the morning. SW/SSW swell eases as NW windswell looks to linger.

WEATHER

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 74.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 72.

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You devote yourself to your personal passion, and they call you generous. It just so happens that what you want makes many other people's lives better, too. Your work ethic gives you a professional edge that pays off for you, and you'll get to choose your team. Love in abundance and ease in relationships will be the rule. Scorpio and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 2, 22 and 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're physically strong. When you move, life moves with and because of you. A sense of connection prevails. The ground, the trees, the air — the whole universe breathes with you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Ambition is a form of optimism. It's a quality that has its drawbacks, but there's something innocent and playful about this latest ambition of yours, which will set an interesting chain of events in motion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Gather up inspiration. It may feel passive at first, but you need to take things in before you can expect yourself to turn out good work. What expands your dreaming power expands your doing power, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Eliminate the obvious distractions, activities that occupy time without feeding you in any meaningful way — the equivalent to junk food. Good things rush in to fill the void.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People want to please you. While you'd love it if they could figure out how to do this on their own, it's a lot easier just to share your preferences, clarify your boundaries and make your expectations known.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). To achieve what someone has, learn the routines that brought the result. Ask for the steps, and learn the best practices. What you want is so doable with consistent effort.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). More togetherness may not be the answer. Brilliant affiliations require space and freedom. Relationships shine when there is enough atmosphere around them to let the light beams bounce, stretch and gleam.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People feel comfortable and open around you. The flow of information might be a little more than you bargained for. Stay focused on what's good for everyone and you'll sense where the healthy boundaries need to be erected.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a time to say yes to everything, and you've already been there and done it. Now you have many more options than you have time to properly fulfill, and it's time to start saying no.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Take care of responsibilities as early in the day as possible so you can seize an afternoon adventure. The lead will be as subtle as a thread. One tug and everything starts to open.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Because you make it look easy, someone will say, "I could have done that," and maybe so, but they didn't. Be proud of your choices and your timing. Your strut is earned.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). No need to chase assets or hide flaws. Instead, look around and ask, "What more can I accept here?" A power surge comes from letting go of that energy drain known as resistance.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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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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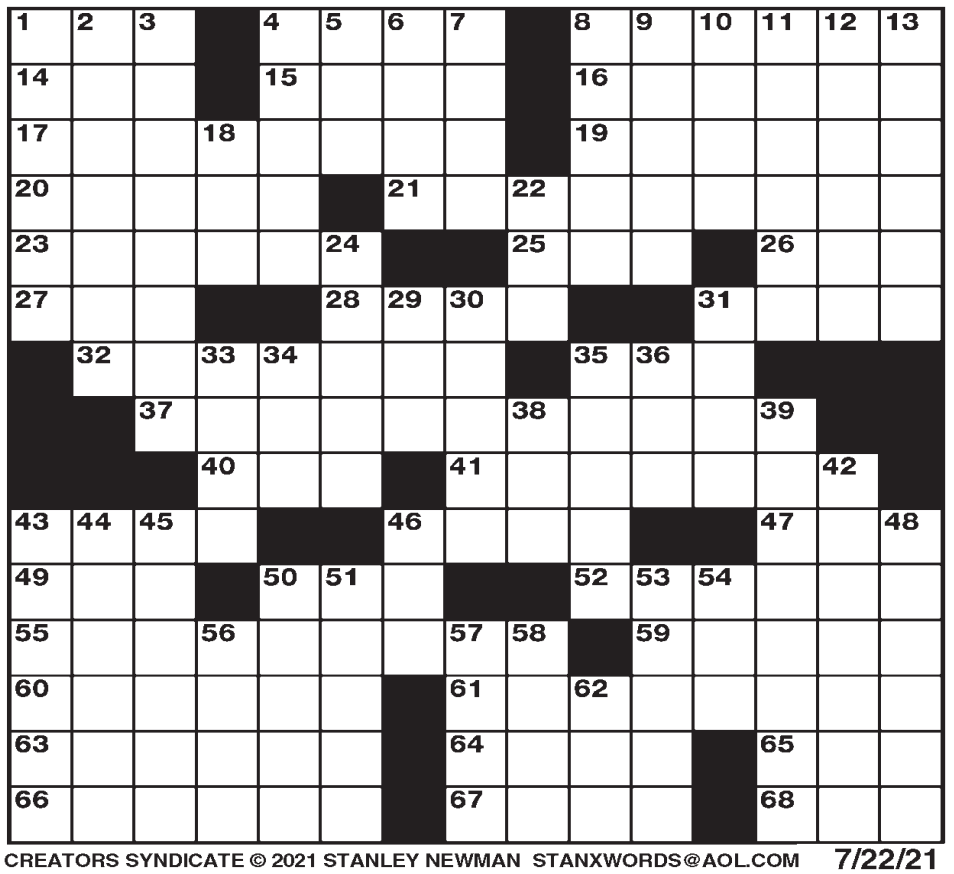
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Newsday Crossword

APPLE INSIDE-OUT by Fred Piscop
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ACROSS
1 Flat hat
4 Ruckus
8 Fiction genre
14 Concern for oneself
15 Much of paella
16 Very small swimmer
17 Tourney favorites
19 Gasps or grins
20 Cash in Kolkata
21 Indispensable team members
23 Boot-camp command
25 Olympics jacket logo
26 Expend
27 Carried out
28 After everyone else
31 Took off on
32 Shore up
35 NL Central team
37 Travolta's first film with Tarantino
40 *Great Big World of Science* author
41 Senator in action
43 Smooch
46 Fails to be
47 Place at risk
49 Novelist Patchett
50 Aesthete's interest
52 *Fifty Shades . . .* woman
55 Swimmer with flippers
59 Anagram/antonym of "unite"
60 Achy, say
61 Town's principal road
63 Took off on
64 Touchpad kin
65 Second of all
66 Tablet accessory
67 Beverages rated by bitterness
68 Symbol for stopping

DOWN
1 Four of a kind
2 Guinea pigs' cousins
3 Dealt with a spill
4 Releases
5 Remain prone
6 Current choices
7 Coin in Chihuahua
8 Long-eared hoppers
9 Horseshoe-shaped letter
10 Jet-engine sound
11 Win back
12 Incapable of insight
13 Sounded scratchy
18 Lunar plain
22 Unvarying practice
24 Run away (with)
29 Comics bark
30 Farm structures
31 Tons
33 Bits of wit
34 Work hard at
35 Data
36 Quirky habit
38 Channel once seen on many airport screens
39 Unimproved
42 Take over for
43 They're fundamental
44 Free from tangles
45 Unduly curt
46 BBC competitor
48 Overflowed (with)
50 Airy farewell
51 Lemon leftovers
53 Gets ready, as a grand
54 Recent USNA grad
56 In-a-pinch coat hanger
57 Austen novel
58 Commuter line
62 Word before pack or pick



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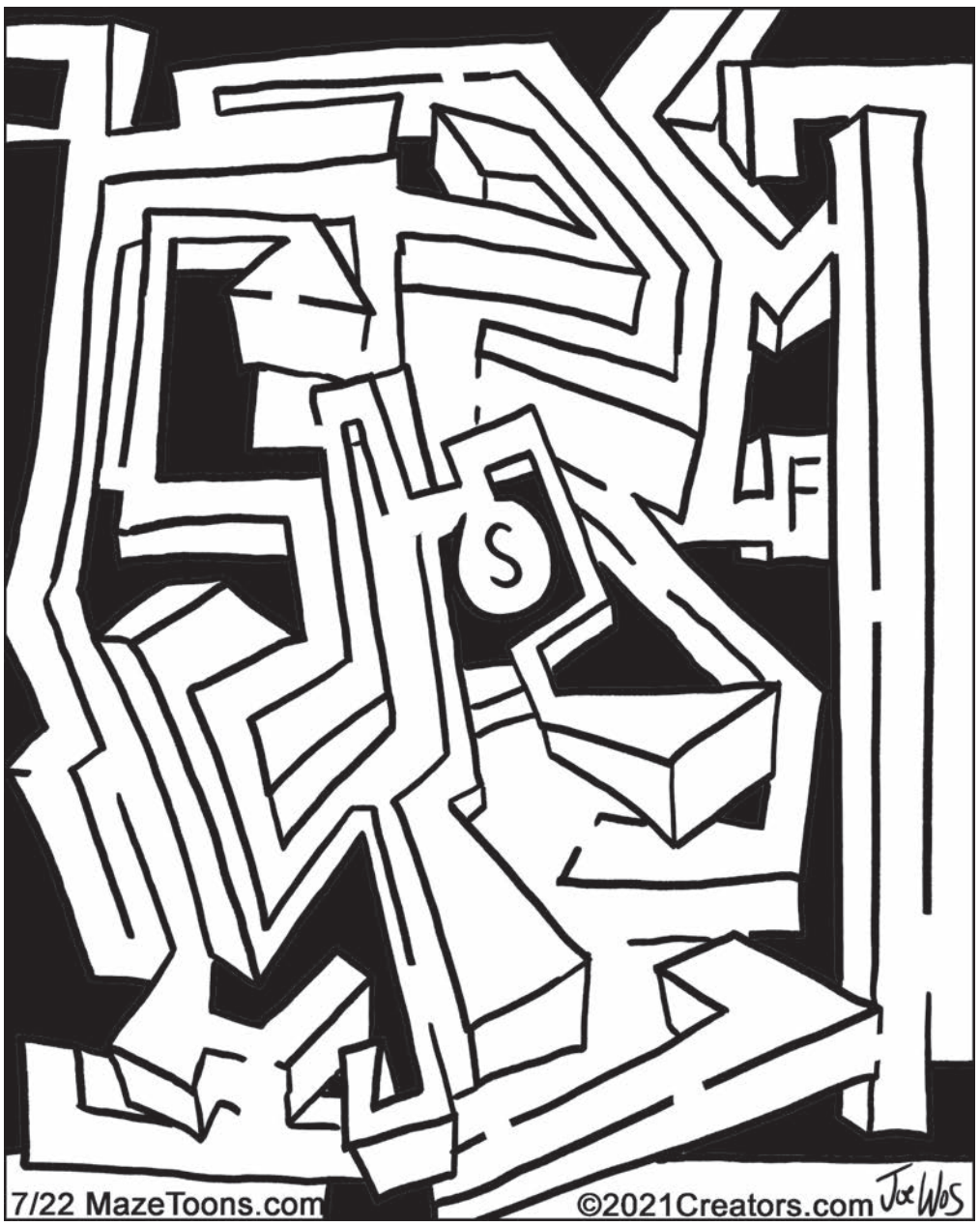
Binary Puzzle

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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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 18 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Easter break

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Bonnet	Grass	Life	Sunday
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Death	Hats	Marsh	Symbol
Devote	Holler	Music	Tomb
Dine	Home	Noisy	Tulips
Ducks	Hope	Prize	Unity
Dying	Hot cross buns	Re-birth	Visit
Easter		Renew	Volunteer
Eggs	Impact	Reorientation	Word
Flowers	Indulge	Risen	Zest
Food	Keen	Rites	
Gifts	Lamb	Song	

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FITNESS

FROM PAGE 1

classes and its small indoor space, and was just starting to build back momentum.

"Some people didn't choose to come in until they could wear no mask because they feel like they can't breathe and exercise, so I was finally getting the business back and starting to get busy again, and now already people have dropped off," said Renshaw.

Prior to the return of mandatory indoor masking, Phoenix Pilates already required all clients to show proof of vaccination to attend a class. For Renshaw, this exacerbated the frustration of the mask mandate, which was implemented in response to the rise in cases and hospitalizations among mostly unvaccinated residents.

"I've always followed the protocols and I got vaccinated right when I could, but now I feel like I'm being punished for the sins of other people," she said.

Bruce Bair, the owner of Santa Monica Yoga, also required all clients to show proof of vaccination prior to attending class.

From his perspective, the mask mandate is so inhibitive to business he has made the decision to shut down the studio again. For the time being, the business is falling back on its pandemic model of virtual classes and classes in the park.

"It's really kind of heartbreaking. I do recognize that there is a real issue, so I don't really blame the health department," said Bair. "But I wish that on the local, state, and federal level there wasn't this hesitancy to put in a system to check vaccination data," adding that with such a system in place businesses would be able to safely stay open.

While demand for fitness businesses is still being reduced by pandemic related restrictions, businesses are no longer able to benefit from pandemic related support programs. Many commercial landlords are back to charging full or near-full rent and relief money is less readily available.

"June 15 finally felt like 'okay now we have a chance to try to claw our way back', but this (mask mandate) is just another delay in being able to do so, and it's hard because the PPP money is over," said Bair.

For Tom Williams, the owner of Burn Fitness gym, his biggest grievance with the mask mandate is not the loss in business, but the weariness of his staff and the inconsistent manner in which it applies to different industries.

Burn is fortunate to have a large outdoor roof space which can host group fitness classes, cycling classes, and a range of gym equipment. Still, there is some equipment that is only able to be located indoors, which can lead to friction between exercising gym members and staff members who must constantly remind them to keep their mask above their nose.

"We're tired of being the police that makes sure that everybody does things the way the City or the County wants it done so that we don't get fined," said Williams. "We were inspected nine different times during Covid."

This week Williams was annoyed when he was walking down the Promenade and peeked inside a local bar and restaurant that he said was packed with maskless customers. Per current health orders, restaurants and bars can operate at full indoor capacity and patrons do not need to wear a mask when eating or drinking.

"It was a free for all; there was nobody wearing a mask, they were shoulder to shoulder at the bar, the tables were all full," said Williams. "We're talking about a place that can't be more than 1000 square feet; but I own a place that's 10,000 square feet with vaulted ceilings, 30 foot open doors, and skylights and yet we have to be 24/7 in masks."

None of the fitness business owners disagree with the need to rein in Covid-19 cases in the County, but they do feel that the current mask mandate is neither the fairest nor most effective way of doing so.

"We're the only county in the country wearing masks again, so that's distressing," said Williams. "But, the reality is that people are dying and if it stops one person from dying, I guess I have to be on board with it. But we're all exhausted."

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NOTEWORTHY

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and we had a really enjoyable couple of hours, socially distanced, in my backyard.

He accepted my suggestion to go through them one by one, and what a trip that was, to hear his observations and stories on each one, and a few of mine as well. I am attracted to excellent music of every sort and have always dabbled eclectically, but as a dyed in the wool rocker I am always delighted when I can hold my own with a master in their field like Lamell. As he ran through references, I hardly ever grunted, huh? He was no neophyte to pop music himself. He knew Bob Marley from Bob Dylan, fer sure. I wrote a column about that experience, and of course I'm so glad now I did not put that off.

NICOLE RECOMMENDS:

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BRUTUS VIII AT THE ECHO — Post-punk/synth-punk/art rock act Brutus VIII is joined by alternative electronic/dream pop acts Cryogeyser and Dove Armitage at The Echo next Wednesday. I have had the pleasure of seeing Brutus VIII several times and I have always come away impressed. Wednesday 8pm, The Echo, $13.

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

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Notices

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT LASEN, INC. and LASEN ALPIS, LLC, Plaintiffs, No. D-307-CV-2021-00922 Judge Marci Beyer BORIS TADJIKOV and NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT. Defendants. NOTICE OF SUIT TO: BORIS TADJIKOV You are hereby notified that a civil action has been filed against you in the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, by Plaintiffs, in which Plaintiffs pray for the foreclosure of certain real estate in partial satisfaction of their Judgment against you in the case of Lasen, Inc. and Lasen Alpis, LLC, Plaintiffs, v. Boris Tadjikov, Defendant, No. 307-CV-2010-01812. The real estate is described as: Suite E, Unit 206 of the 3800 East Lohman Condominium, located in the City of Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, more fully described in the Condominium Declaration filed of record on January 13, 2006, recorded in Book 677, Page(s) 227-238 and filed of record on December 11, 2006, recorded in Book 770, Page(s) 656-672, records of Dona Ana County, New Mexico. Together with an undivided 5.98 percent interest in the common areas and facilities of said condominium as per said declarations. Subject to patent reservations, restrictions, and easements of record and taxes for the year 2007 and subsequent years. Commonly known as 3800 Lohman Avenue, Unit 206, Suite E, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88011. And Suite F, Unit 208 of the 3800 East Lohman Condominium, located in the City of Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, more fully described in the Condominium Declaration filed of record on January 13, 2006, recorded in Book 677, Page(s) 227-238 and filed of record on December 11, 2006, recorded in Book 770, Page(s) 656-672, records of Dona Ana County, New Mexico. Together with an undivided 2.54 percent interest in the common areas and facilities of said condominium as per said declarations. APN: 02-40233 Commonly known as 3800 Lohman Avenue, Unit 208, Suite F, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88011. You are further notified that Plaintiffs pray that the aforementioned property be sold according to the law and practice of this Court to pay the judgment held by Plaintiffs, and that the interests of each Defendant,and all persons claiming under or through him, and all other persons bound by these proceedings, be barred and foreclosed of all rights, interests, and claims to the aforementioned real property, and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. You are further notified that unless you enter or cause to be entered your appearance or file responsive pleadings or motions in this cause within thirty (30) days of the third consecutive publication of this Notice of Suit, Judgment will be rendered against you by default, and the relief prayed for by Plaintiffs will be granted. The name of the counsel for Plaintiffs is Caralyn Banks, Esq., Kemp Smith LLP, 3800 E. Lohman, Suite C, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88011 (Telephone No.: 575-527-0023).BY ORDER OF The Honorable Marci Beyer, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of the District Court of Dona Ana County, entered on the 7th day of July ,2021. DAVID S. BORUNDA CLERK OF THE COURT By Susana Tyfair Deputy Clerk (seal)

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