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Hotels, liquor stores, medical offices and more approved for Promenade



Clara Harter

DTSM: New plans hope to generate excitement on the Promenade.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

As part of a long-term plan to transform the Promenade into a more vibrant, unique and experiential destination, City Council altered zoning ordinances to help bring a host of new business types to the Promenade.

The new permissible land uses include childcare services, pet stores, hotels, medical and dental offices, tattoo parlors, cinemas and theaters, convention centers and general personal services. The zoning changes also gives businesses more flexibility to utilize rooftop, second floor and alleyway spaces.

These changes are the first step in Downtown Santa Monica Inc.'s Third Street Promenade Stabilization and Economic Vitality Plan. The plan seeks to revitalize the Promenade area with a diverse mix

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LA considers vaccination mandate for businesses

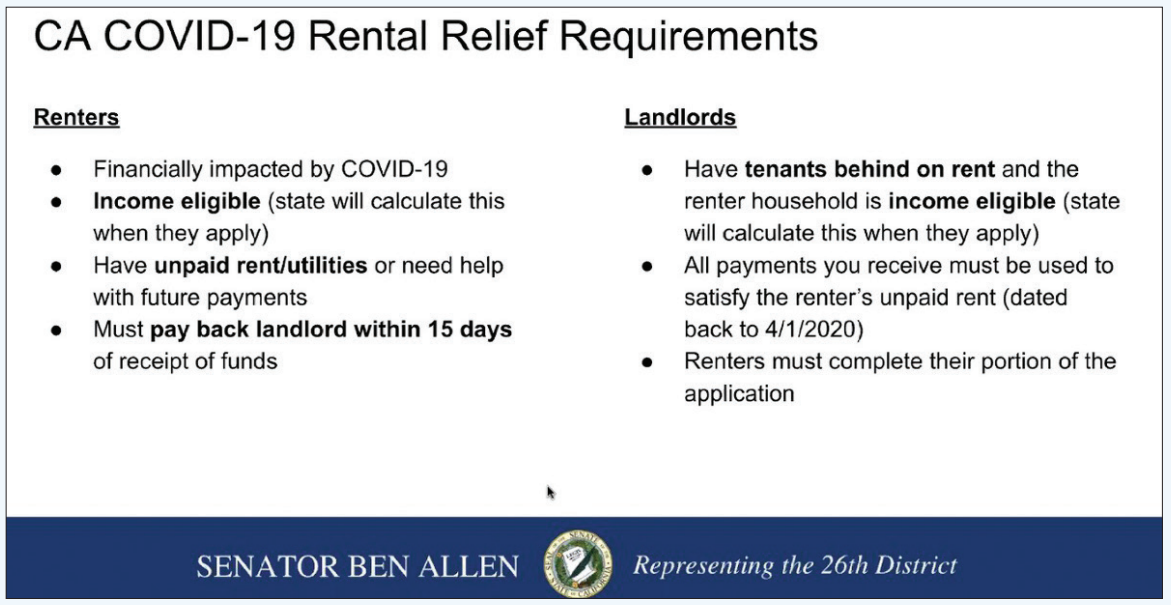
MICHAEL R. BLOOD AND JOHN ANTCZAK
Associated Press

A proposal to impose one of the nation's strictest vaccine mandates on Los Angeles was supposed to be voted on Wednesday but was delayed a week following debate among city councilors who generally support the idea but acknowledged the plan as written is flawed and there are questions about enforcement.

The ordinance would require patrons at most indoor businesses and venues to be fully vaccinated before entering. It would greatly expand restrictions ordered by Los Angeles County public health officials that are set to take effect next month, potentially creating a confusing system in which

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Eviction moratorium ends today



Courtesy image

RENT: Aid is available for tenants who have been unable to pay their rent.

DANIEL FARR
SMDP Staff Writer

With the state's eviction moratorium ending today, city, state and county officials are working overtime to make sure renters and landlords understand all the services available to them.

The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce held a meeting with Senator Ben Allen and attorneys Rebecca Herman and Bron D'Angelo of Pettit Kohn to discuss the next steps for tenants and landlords in need of assistance.

"Just because the eviction moratorium ends [Sept. 30] doesn't mean that tenants can be automatically evicted for the rent that they've missed since the pandemic began," Allen said. "If a tenant owes any rent that was due between March 1 and Aug. 31, of 2020 last year. They can never be evicted for this rent, so long as they provide their landlord with a declaration of COVID-19 financial distress. For rent due after September 1 of 2020, tenants are legally obligated to pay 25% of their total rent owed by tomorrow. So, if they have not done that they're in trouble."

Once tenants have paid the 25% of their rent by tomorrow they can never be evicted for the remaining rent, as long as they have also provided their landlord with a declaration of COVID-19 financial distress. While tenants cannot be evicted for this rent, they are still legally obligated to pay the rent, as soon as they are financially able to.

This is in large part due to the state's rental assistance program that modified the eviction procedure and lasts through March 31 of next year.

While the eviction moratorium has been in place, landlords have had to provide a 15-day notification for missed rent and this will still be the case for any rent that was due before Sept. 30. However, for rent that comes due after Oct. 1 landlords will now once again be able to provide tenants who have missed rent with a traditional three-day pay or quit notice.

Before a tenant can be evicted, they have to be given the option to apply for benefits.

"Now the state's rental assistance program requires the tenant's participation," Allen said. "The tenant then has 15 days to complete their portion of the application; if they fail to do so, they may be subject to eviction. But once the tenant submits their portion, they then can't be evicted unless the application is denied."

Once aid is approved and received tenants have 15 days to repay the landlord.

Commercial tenants also have protections.

"For rent due for commercial tenants between March, 18 2020 and Sept. 30 2020 small businesses that provide proper notice of the documentation, cannot be evicted for non-payment of rent," Herman said. "Between Oct. 1 2020 and March 31 2020 eligible commercial tenants must pay 50% of the rent and can defer the other 50% and there is no payment plan in place for when that 50% needs to be paid."

D'Angelo recommends commercial tenants work with landlords and brokers to come to

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Thinking of making a move?
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What's Up Westside
out and about in Santa Monica

THURSDAY | SEPT. 30

ANIMAL FARM
"Animal Farm: Conversations on Theater and Politics with Steven Leigh Morris and Guests." It will be an engaging and thought-provoking look at current issues and ideas in world politics and how they're reflected in theater. It is completely free and can be viewed at: https://citygarage.org/animalfarm/ at 12 p.m.

FRIDAY | OCT. 1

ABSOLUTELY HALLOWEEN IS ABSOLUTELY GREAT!
Santa Monica Playhouse is excited to present the in-person return of its modern classic, now celebrating its 15th year (live-streaming in 2020) as part of the Playhouse's "We're Back" play series. https://www.santamonicaplayhouse.com/

RARE BOOKS
Rare Books LA welcomes you back to in-person book fairs with the upcoming show Rare Books LA - Santa Monica. This exciting event is sponsored by Biblio.com and is being held in a beautiful retail storefront at 1219 Third Street Promenade, a prime retail and dining destination just a few blocks from the beach.

DINEL.A.
Experience dineL.A. Restaurant Week, October 1-15, where local foodies and visitors to Los Angeles have the opportunity to enjoy a selection of specially priced prix-fixe lunch and dinner menus from some of L.A. and Santa Monica's best restaurants. https://www.santamonica.com/dinela/

SATURDAY | OCT. 2

OCEAN PARK BRANCH BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION: THE WORLD WITHOUT US BY ALAN WEISMAN. 11 A.M. - 12 P.M.
What would happen if the human race vanished? Weisman's book is a fascinating examination of the permanent and impermanent human impact on the earth. To register, email karen.reitz@santamonica.gov

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, HIGH. 12 - 3 P.M.
Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Visit smmusd.asapconnected.com or contact Olga Saucedo at osaucedo@smmusd.org or (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 to enroll.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS, 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.
Drive Thru or Walk Up Blessings. First United Methodist Church. 1008 11th Street. Pet blessings, memorial wall and crafts for kids. Please bring pet supplies that will be donated to a local shelter.

SUNDAY | OCT. 3

AMERICANA IN THE PARK
The City of Santa Monica is partnering with McCabe's Guitar Shop to present Americana in the Park in Gandara Park, on Sundays between September 19 and October 10 from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

FARMERS MARKET
The Sunday Main Street Farmers Market features some of California's freshest produce plus prepared foods from local Main Street restaurants as well as artisanal foods prepared with ingredients sourced from California farmers - you can't get more local than that! Also, enjoy musical entertainment from a variety of featured weekly bands, face painting, balloon designs, and bi-weekly cooking demonstrations featuring local produce. 2640 Main St. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY | OCT. 4

FIRE SAFETY STORY TIME 10:30 A.M.
It's Fire Prevention Week! Come listen to stories, learn how to stay safe, and meet a fire fighter from the Santa Monica Fire Department. For ages 2 and up. Space is limited. Please register in advance by emailing ann.wilson@santamonica.gov. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 310-458-8600. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 263 CALLS ON SEPTEMBER 28

Audible Burglar Alarm 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 12:13 a.m.
Loud Music 1600blk Ocean Ave 3:25 a.m.
Party Complaint 2200blk 3rd St 3:42 a.m.
Lost Property 1800blk Ocean Park Blvd 6:27 a.m.
Vandalism Now 400blk Wilshire Blvd 6:36 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400blk Pacific St 7:06 a.m.
Person Down 1400blk Ocean Ave 7:26 a.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 2400blk 20th St 7:42 a.m.
Grand Theft 3000blk Paula Dr 7:56 a.m.
General Parking Problem 2400blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:04 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1500blk California Ave 8:13 a.m.
Found Property 3100blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:29 a.m.
Burglary 400blk Broadway 8:31 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 800blk 2nd St 8:49 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 600blk Pier Ave 8:49 a.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 200blk 20th St 8:58 a.m.
Grand Theft 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 9:03 a.m.
General Parking Problem 300blk Olympic Dr 9:04 a.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 9:07 a.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:24 a.m.
Burglary 400blk Broadway 9:36 a.m.
Panhandling 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 9:50 a.m.
Petty Theft 2300blk 10th St 9:57 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1100blk Idaho Ave 10:10 a.m.
Fraud 2300blk Lincoln Blvd 10:14 a.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1900blk Warwick Ave 10:16 a.m.
Bike Theft 1000blk Hill St 10:22 a.m.
General Parking Problem 600blk Pico Blvd 10:26 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 3000blk Highland Ave 10:34 a.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 800blk Montana Ave 10:43 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2400blk Beverley Ave 10:44 a.m.
Encampment 3100blk The Beach 10:55 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 3200blk Urban Ave 10:56 a.m.
Petty Theft 20th St / Pico Blvd 10:58 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1600blk Montana Ave 11:01 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1700blk Hill St 11:04 a.m.
Burglary 400blk Broadway 11:07 a.m.
General Parking Problem 2600blk Lincoln Blvd 11:10 a.m.
Battery 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 11:30 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2600blk 23rd St 11:42 a.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:48 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2300blk Michigan Ave 12:02 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1900blk 17th St 12:04 p.m.
Vandalism 2900blk Pico Blvd 12:05 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 1900blk Cloverfield Blvd 12:06 p.m.
Speeding 2nd St / Broadway 12:07 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 2300blk Virginia Ave 12:15 p.m.
Vandalism 1300blk 4th St 12:30 p.m.
Vandalism 1300blk 2nd St 12:31 p.m.
Petty Theft 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:35 p.m.
Medical Aid Alarm 700blk 9th St 12:45 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1100blk Pacific St 12:45 p.m.
Injured Person 900blk 21st St 12:48 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 2300blk Pico Blvd 12:52 p.m.
Identity Theft 800blk Washington Ave 1:02 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 14th St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:08 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1200blk 11th St 1:22 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1000blk 12th St 1:32 p.m.
Assault 9th St / Wilshire Blvd 2:07 p.m.
Petty Theft 100blk Broadway 2:09 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1200blk Pine St 2:10 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1800blk Pico Blvd 2:17 p.m.
Petty Theft 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 2:24 p.m.
Speeding 500blk Palisades Park 2:25 p.m.
Fraud 300blk Olympic Dr 2:34 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 600blk San Vicente Blvd 2:36 p.m.
Loud Music 3100blk Highland Ave 2:39 p.m.
Petty Theft 800blk 2nd St 2:46 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 1300blk 16th St 2:59 p.m.
Attempt Armed Robbery 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 3:24 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1100blk Princeton St 3:42 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1900blk Ocean Ave 3:56 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1400blk 9th St 3:57 p.m.
Arson 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:07 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1200blk 23rd St 4:13 p.m.
Fight 3200blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:23 p.m.
Found Senile Person 1600blk 4th St 4:25 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1200blk Harvard St 4:37 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Now 3100blk Wilshire Blvd 4:56 p.m.
Alcohol & Beverage Code Violation 300blk Olympic Dr 4:57 p.m.
Found Property 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 4:58 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2300blk Pico Blvd 5:04 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 2nd St / Broadway 5:07 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 800blk Ocean Park Blvd 5:11 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:25 p.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 7:06 p.m.
Loud Music 2000blk Ocean Front Walk 7:13 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1300blk California Ave 7:52 p.m.
Encampment 1600blk Arizona Ave 7:53 p.m.
Assault 1700blk Ocean Ave 9:28 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 800blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:34 p.m.
Party Complaint 1200blk 20th St 9:44 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1300blk California Ave 9:55 p.m.
Loud Music 1900blk Ocean Ave 10:52 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2900blk 31st St 10:55 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 900blk 12th St 11:24 p.m.

CORRECTION

Shira Schlessinger and Kate Albert attend Windward High School.

From paints to plastics, a chemical shortage ignites prices

PAUL WISEMAN AND TOM KRISHER
AP Business Writers

In an economy upended by the coronavirus, shortages and price spikes have hit everything from lumber to computer chips. Not even toilet paper escaped.

Now, they're cutting into one of the humblest yet most vital links in the global manufacturing supply chain: The plastic pellets that go into a vast universe of products ranging from cereal bags to medical devices, automotive interiors to bicycle helmets.

Like other manufacturers, petrochemical companies have been shaken by the pandemic and by how consumers and businesses responded to it. Yet petrochemicals, which are made from oil, have also run into problems all their own, one after another: A freak winter freeze in Texas. A lightning strike in Louisiana. Hurricanes along the Gulf Coast.

All have conspired to disrupt production and raise prices.

"There isn't one thing wrong," said Jeremy Pafford, managing editor for the Americas at Independent Commodity Intelligence Services (ICIS), which analyzes energy and chemical markets. "It's kind of whack-a-mole — something goes wrong, it gets sorted out, then something else happens. And it's been that way since the pandemic began."

The price of polyvinyl chloride or PVC, used for pipes, medical devices, credit cards, vinyl records and more, has rocketed 70%. The price of epoxy resins, used for coatings, adhesives and paints, has soared 170%. Ethylene — arguably the world's most important chemical, used in everything from food packaging to antifreeze to polyester — has surged 43%, according to ICIS figures.

The root of the problem has become a familiar one in the 18 months since the pandemic ignited a brief but brutal recession: As the economy sank into near-paralysis, petrochemical producers, like manufacturers of all types, slashed production. So they were caught flat-footed when the unexpected happened: The economy swiftly bounced back, and consumers, flush with cash from government relief aid and stockpiles of savings, resumed spending with astonishing speed and vigor.

Suddenly, companies were scrambling to acquire raw materials and parts to meet surging orders. Panic buying worsened the shortages as companies rushed to stock up while they could.

"It's such a bizarre scenario," said Hassan Ahmed, a chemicals analyst with Alembic Global Advisors, a research firm. "Inventories are lean, and supply is low. Demand will exceed supply growth."

Against the backdrop of tight supplies and surging demand came a series of events that struck Pafford as Murphy's Law in action: Anything that could go wrong did. In 2020, Hurricanes Laura and Zeta pounded Louisiana, a hub of petrochemical production.

Then, in February, a winter storm hit Texas, with its many oil refining and chemical manufacturing facilities. Millions of households and businesses, including the chemical plants, lost power and heat. Pipes froze. More than 100 people died.

A July lightning strike temporarily shut down a plant in Lake Charles, Louisiana, that makes polypropylene, used in consumer packaging and auto manufacturing.

The industry was just beginning to recover when Hurricane Ida struck the Gulf Coast in August, once again damaging refineries and chemical plants. As if that weren't enough, Tropical Storm Nicholas caused flooding.

"Some of these downstream petrochemical plants in the Gulf Coast regions are still shut down from Hurricane Ida," said Bridgette Budhlall a professor of plastics engineering at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell.

"Anything related to base chemicals — they've had a hell of a year," said Tom Derry, CEO of the Institute for Supply Management, an association of purchasing managers.

"It's been the hardest year for logistics and supply chain managers," Pafford said. "They always say the most stressful job in the world is being an air traffic controller at any airport ... I'd venture to say that being a supply chain manager is that — or worse — this year."

Ford Motor Co., hampered by an industrywide shortage of computer chips, is now running short of other parts, too, some of them based on petrochemicals.

"I think we should expect, as business leaders, to continue to have supply chain challenges for the foreseeable future," CEO Jim Farley said in an interview with The Associated Press.

The shortages are slowing production at two leading paint makers, Sherwin-Williams and PPG. Both have raised prices and downgraded their sales guidance, saying the outlook for additional supply remains dim.

Though Sherwin-Williams reported strong second-quarter profits, it said that a lack of raw materials cut sales by 3.5% for the period. CEO John Morikis said Sherwin-Williams raised prices in the Americas by 7% in August and an additional 4% this month. More increases are possible next year, he said.

The chemical shortages, combined with a near-doubling of oil prices in the past year to $75 a barrel of U.S. benchmark crude, mean higher prices for many goods.

"The consumer is going to have to pay," said Bill Selesky, a chemicals analyst for Argus Research, who suggested that many households, armed with cash from government aid and built-up savings, will be willing to pay higher prices.

In the meantime, the supply problem isn't getting any better. A W.S. Jenks & Son hardware store in Washington, D.C., is receiving only 20% to 30% of the paint it needs to meet customer demand without backordering. In normal times, that rate usually runs 90%, says Billy Wommack, the purchasing director.

"Nobody's happy about it," Wommack said. "There are a lot of 'I'm sorrys' out there."

The shortage is generally felt most by big contractors that need, say, the same-colored paint for numerous apartment complexes and other major projects. Individual homeowners can typically be more flexible.

Duval Paint & Decorating, with three stores in the Jacksonville, Florida, area, is scrambling to fill orders, especially for big contractors who need a lot of paint, said John Cornell, a sales clerk who orders paint for the stores.

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City of Santa Monica

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to AB361**

SUBJECT:
(1) Certify the Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH #2020100575) for the 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element
(2) Adoption of 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element of the City's General Plan

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider:
1) Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element of the City's General Plan; and
2) Adoption of the 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element of the City's General Plan

California State law requires that communities prepare and update the Housing Element of the General Plan every eight years. The Housing Element serves as the City's guide for addressing the housing needs of all segments of Santa Monica's population. Housing needs are determined by the California Housing and Community Department (HCD), which decide the numerical housing targets for each regional council of governments. Each council of government across the State then further allocates the regional housing number (known as the Regional Housing Needs Allocation – or RHNA) to every city and county within its jurisdiction. The RHNA is a targeted housing number - cities and counties must plan for the RHNA and show that under current land use and development standards, there is capacity to accommodate for this number of housing. For the proposed 6th Cycle 2021-2029 Housing Element, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) determined that the City's draft RHNA allocation is 8,895 units, more than 5 times than the last cycle. The significant increase in the City's RHNA housing number is indicative of the severity of the current housing crisis. As part of the proposed 2021-2029 Housing Element, Santa Monica must demonstrate to the State that there is available capacity within its jurisdictional boundaries to meet its targeted RHNA number. Per State requirements, the City's 2021-2029 Housing Element has been drafted and available online at www.santamonica.gov/housing-element-update. The Housing Element Update includes the following components:

- A detailed analysis of the City's demographic, economic and housing characteristics.
- An analysis of the barriers to producing and preserving housing.
- A review of the City's progress in implementing current housing policies and programs.
- An identification of goals, objectives, and policies, in addition to a full list of programs that will implement the vision of the plan.
- A list of sites (aka the Suitable Sites Inventory) that could accommodate new housing, demonstrating the City's ability to meet the quantified housing number established in the RHNA.

On July 1, 2021, the City issued a Draft 6th Cycle Housing Element consistent with Council direction given on June 15, 2021 and submitted the Draft Housing Element to HCD for review. On August 30, 2021, HCD issued a letter which, in part, determined that changes to the draft were necessary for compliance with State law. After holding two public discussions on the July 1 Draft Housing Element and HCD's comments to the City; on September 24, 2021, the Planning Commission voted to recommend that the City Council: 1) certify the Final EIR; and 2) adopt the 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element, with changes.

Environmental Analysis

The Housing Element update was analyzed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and this analysis is contained in the Housing Element Update's Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH #2020100575) (FEIR). The City Council will consider the analysis and make a decision on the FEIR.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021 AT 5:30 PM**

LOCATION: 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 at https://www.youtube.com/user/Citytv16santamonica or https://www.smgov.net/video. Members of the public may also dial in at 1-760-699-0393 (PIN: 4331138598#).

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 October 12, 2021 City Council Agenda for more detailed instructions.

Address your comments to: **City Clerk**
Re: Housing Element Update

MORE INFORMATION: If you want more information about the 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element and the FEIR,, please see the City's website: https://santamonica.gov/housing-element-update, or email housingupdate@smgov.net. The Final Public Hearing Draft Housing Element will be available on the City's website prior to the hearing. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. 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.

Health workers once saluted as heroes now get threats

HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH AND GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

More than a year after U.S. health care workers on the front lines against COVID-19 were saluted as heroes with nightly clapping from windows and balconies, some are being issued panic buttons in case of assault and ditching their scrubs before going out in public for fear of harassment.

Across the country, doctors and nurses are dealing with hostility, threats and violence from patients angry over safety rules designed to keep the scourge from spreading.

"A year ago, we're health care heroes and everybody's clapping for us," said Dr. Stu Coffman, a Dallas-based emergency room physician. "And now we're being in some areas harassed and disbelieved and ridiculed for what we're trying to do, which is just depressing and frustrating."

Cox Medical Center Branson in Missouri started giving panic buttons to up to 400 nurses and other employees after assaults per year tripled between 2019 and 2020 to 123, a spokeswoman said. One nurse had to get her shoulder X-rayed after an attack.

Hospital spokeswoman Brandei Clifton said the pandemic has driven at least some of the increase.

"So many nurses say, 'It's just part of the job,'" Clifton said. "It's not part of the job."

Some hospitals have limited the number of public entrances. In Idaho, nurses said they are scared to go to the grocery store unless they have changed out of their scrubs so they aren't accosted by angry residents.

Doctors and nurses at a Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, hospital have been accused of killing patients by grieving family members who don't believe COVID-19 is real, said hospital spokeswoman Caiti Bobbitt. Others have been the subject of hurtful rumors spread by people angry about the pandemic.

"Our health care workers are almost feeling like Vietnam veterans, scared to go into the community after a shift," Bobbitt said.

Over Labor Day weekend in Colorado, a passerby threw an unidentified liquid at a nurse working at a mobile vaccine clinic in suburban Denver. Another person in a pickup truck ran over and destroyed signs put up around the clinic's tent.

About 3 in 10 nurses who took part in a survey this month by an umbrella organization of nurses unions across the U.S. reported an increase in violence where they work stemming from factors including staff shortages and more visitor restrictions. That was up from 2 in 10 in March, according to the National Nurses United survey of 5,000 nurses.

"It's just another added pressure on health workers who have already been experiencing a lot of stress," said Dr. James Lawler, an infectious disease specialist at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, where some doctors have received online threats.

Across the U.S., the COVID-19 crisis has caused people to behave badly toward one another in a multitude of ways.

Several people have been shot to death in disputes over masks in stores and other public places. Shouting matches and scuffles have broken out at school board meetings. A brawl erupted earlier this month at a New York City restaurant over its requirement that customers show proof of vaccination.

Dr. Chris Sampson, an emergency room physician in Columbia, Missouri, said violence has always been a problem in the emergency department, but the situation has gotten worse in recent months. Sampson said he has been pushed up against a wall and seen nurses kicked.

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"We're struggling," Cornell said. "Sometimes you have to grab products and sit on them for weeks or months so that when the job starts we have it."

Andrew Moore, a clerk at Ricciardi Brothers in Philadelphia, said the store has been running short of lower-grade paints that large contractors use, though here's ample supply of higher grades. Demand is so high that the store is having a record year, with sales up 20% over last year. Prices are up as high as 15% for some brands, Moore said.

The problems in the petrochemical supply chain have been compounded by shortages of labor and shipping containers and by overwhelmed ports. Some Asian ports have been shut down by COVID-19 outbreaks. In the United States, ports like the one in Long Beach, California, are struggling with backlogs of ships waiting to be unloaded.

"I think this is going to go on for a really long time because there are so many factors at play here," said Kaitlin Wowak, a management professor at the University of Notre Dame. "And it's across the board in so many products."

It's also forcing manufacturers to rethink some of their practices. For decades, companies moved production to China to capitalize on lower labor costs. They also held down expenses by keeping inventories to a minimum. Using a "just-in-time" strategy, they bought materials only as needed to fill orders. But as the recession and recovery showed, keeping inventories threadbare carries risk.

"Supply chains have changed forever," said Bindiya Vakil, CEO of the supply chain consultancy Resilinc.

The old management philosophy, she said, was to "get everything to the lowest possible price point... What we are dealing with right now is a consequence of those decisions. Companies have lost hundreds of millions, in some cases billions, of dollars in (forgone) profits because of that, because their supply chains failed."

The petrochemical experience, Vakil said, will teach companies to monitor the lowliest links in their supply chains. It's always easier, she said, to track only the big-ticket items — engines, say, or electronics.

But simple plastics are vital, too. Imagine trying to market breakfast cereal without a cheap plastic bag to hold corn flakes or wheat bran.

"You can't just dump the cereal into the cardboard and ship it," Vakil says. "The plastic bag is just as critical an ingredient as the actual (product) and the cardboard and everything else. But supply chain practitioners traditionally have not considered it to be just as critical. And nowadays plastics are ubiquitous."

Analysts expect the petrochemical crunch to last well into 2022.

"You really have to put COVID truly in the rearview mirror for this logistics situation to normalize," Pafford said. "You can't simply just throw more ships and more containers on the water. ...We've got to get them loaded. If ports are going to be shut down because of a COVID lockdown — good luck."

VACCINE

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different rules could apply in neighboring communities.

Business groups complained about the potential for excessive fines, conflicting rules and safety risks for workers tasked with questioning patrons about their vaccine status.

The ordinance is being advanced at a time when virus cases are dropping fast in the county and political ambitions are in the mix — two council members are running for mayor, as is the city attorney who wrote the proposal. The council will consider it again next week, when it could be enacted.

Under the ordinance, people eligible for inoculation would be required to be vaccinated to enter indoor public spaces including restaurants, bars, nightclubs, gyms, sports arenas, museums, spas, nail salons, indoor city facilities and other locations. Current eligibility includes people age 12 and up. Negative coronavirus tests within 72 hours of entry to those places will be required for people with religious or medical exemptions for vaccinations.

"This is no longer negotiable, the risks are way too high," Council President Nury Martinez told reporters before the council's meeting.

Under questioning by Councilman Joe Buscaino, who is a candidate for mayor, city analysts said they were still researching what agency would enforce the ordinance. A likely candidate, the city Department of Building and Safety, doesn't have the staff to do it, analysts said.

Buscaino said at one point: "Unenforceable laws are ridiculous."

But most members said they supported the proposal, even if they would need to quickly enact fixes.

"We can't let the perfect get in the way of the good," said Councilman Kevin de Leon, another mayoral candidate. "We can save lives."

A growing number of places across the United States, including San Francisco and New York City, are requiring people to show proof of vaccination to enter various types of businesses and venues.

In late summer, New York City began requiring proof of vaccination to dine inside restaurants and bars, or to enter certain types of public places, including museums, theaters, gyms, indoor sports arenas and concert halls.

New York City's rules do not include malls and other retail businesses. Compliance has been mixed and enforcement purposefully light, with the city favoring initial warnings for violators and fines for repeat offenders.

The previously announced Los Angeles County public health order covers the city and most other communities. It requires proof of COVID-19 vaccination for patrons and workers at indoor bars, wineries, breweries, lounges and nightclubs.

Los Angeles County is the nation's most populous with about 10 million residents. It was an epicenter for the virus at the start of the year and saw a summer surge due the delta variant. But in the last month LA County's positivity rate has fallen to 1.4% from a high around 6.5% while the number of hospitalizations has dropped by half to about 900.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

21st Century Policing: Who is Policing Who?

The topic "21st Century Policing: Who Is Policing Who?" will focus on a panel of members of the newly established Santa Monica Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission who will be featured during a free zoom workshop at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 3 sponsored by the Committee for Racial Justice (CRJ).

Santa Monica City Council members unanimously passed an ordinance supporting creation of the commission in the wake of local demonstrations after George Floyd's murder in 2020, marking the first time in the history of Santa Monica that a police oversight body has been formed.

Commission members will share their plans and their experiences so far, including strong resistance to this new oversight, most notably a lawsuit brought by the Santa Monica Police Officers Association which garnered from City Council temporary limitations on the very investigation and accountability functions the commission was formed to implement.

Q&A will follow the moderated program.

Panelists will include:

-George Brown, chair of the commission who is a litigator and expert in security class-actions and corporate governance, has advocated for social justice throughout his career including in focus areas of voting rights and civil rights, and was co-creator of New Era in Public Safety: A Guide to Fair, Safe and Equitable Community Policing published in 2019. Brown has taught at UCLA and UC Berkeley law schools and is executive director of the Stanford Center for Racial Justice. He has served on several nonprofit boards serving youth and is currently on the board of Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

-Derek Devermont, a defense attorney who is vice chair of the oversight commission, is a disability advocate, vice president of the California Pest Control Board, and one of California's 20 elected members to the Democratic National Committee and a party delegate. He serves on judicial review committees and, as an attorney, has successfully represented countless individuals with disabilities. He has also been involved with others in clearing criminal and civil obstacles to getting houseless people off the streets.

-Angela Scott, is a commission member, mother of three, activist and Personalization & Content Manager. She has written and edited for several publications and books, and serves on numerous education-related committees including the Intercultural Equity & Excellence District Advisory Committee for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. She is also on the Steering Committee for the Committee For Racial Justice.

-Craig Miller is a commission member who, outraged after witnessing tear gas and rubber bullets being fired into a peacefully gathered crowd not far from his home in the Ocean Park neighborhood of Santa Monica in the spring of 2020, began organizing local community college students and others to protest at Santa Monica Police Department headquarters to demand accountability. Miller has been a longtime political organizer and is the founder of AIDS Walk Los Angeles and a co-founder of Santa Monicans for Democracy.

The panel will be moderated by Michele Wittig, a resident of Santa Monica for 50 years who is professor emerita of psychology at California State University Northridge where she taught and also conducted research in social, cognitive, and developmental psychology. Throughout her life she has partnered with dozens of community organizations, including the NAACP, and is currently the convener of the Santa Monica Coalition for Police Reform (CPR) since its launch at a CRJ meeting six years ago.

The Committee for Racial Justice is a local community based group committed to combating all forms of racial injustice, whether overt or covert, individualized or systemic.

Register online at: https://bit.ly/3oezIgi.

For more information, call Joanne at 310-422-5431.

SUBMITTED BY JOANNE BERLIN, CRJ

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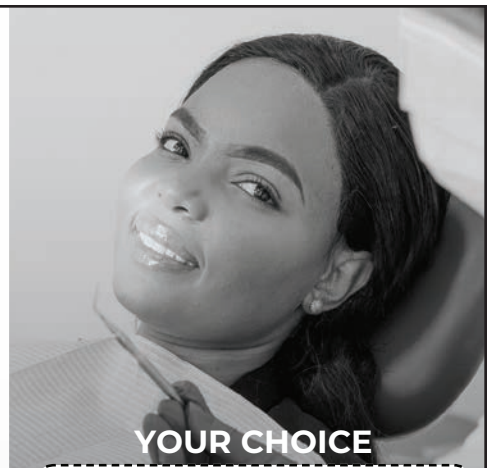
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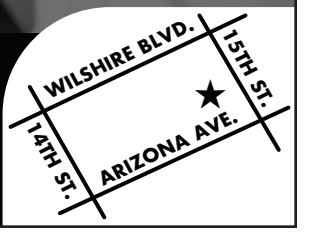
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HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

EM THE MASTER — "The Master"? Maybe, if you know you can back it up. EM does and does it all, maybe like no one you've ever seen, and up close in a local bar not an arena, and for 10 bucks. She sings, she dances, she has dancers, they all jump up on the bar (watch those drinks!), practically spilling the show out the door onto Fourth Street. She crawls across the stage and the floor gripping the mic. She doesn't play the piano, she attacks it. She uses her voice as an instrument in creative ways to transform each number.

She aggressively leads a killer band, her energy is nonstop and seemingly limitless, she can sell a song, rockers and ballads, vocally and with her smart, seductive arrangements. She writes terrific songs perfect for her act, and she may remind you some of a more energetic LadyGaga. In her spare time she co-authored a book with Gaga that made the NY Times best-seller list. Maybe the best 10 bucks you ever spent. Every Tues 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, DTSM, $10.

RECOMMENDED:

TONIGHT! HAMILTON — No, I still haven't seen it, dammit, but I think I can only go wrong by not recommending it, from what I've heard and read. Tonight, Fri, Sat, Tues, Wed, next Thurs 8 p.m., Sun 1 p.m., 6:30 p.m., also Sat 2 p.m., all performances at Pantages Theater, Hollywood, $49-3000+, depending on date/time/where purchased.

LA OPERA presents VERDI'S "IL TROVATORE" — LA Opera is back! And with a lineup of some of the best-known operas, by a composers' hall of fame. They've got Verdi bookended ("Aida" next May), with Wagner's "Tannhäuser," Rossini's "Cinderella," and ``St. Matthew Passion" by Johann Sebastian Bach. When you can see spectacle like this, some of the world's greatest voices and exquisite music, for around 20 bucks a pop, well, I just can't understand why you wouldn't take in all five.

Only three more performances for Verdi's esteemed "Il Trovatore," so don't delay. It's been reviewed as "exquisite," a "triumphant season-opener." As if it isn't hard enough starting up again after 18 months, they had to build the sets from scratch in 10 days because the ones coming from Europe are still held up outside LA Harbor (last count: 100+ ships waiting to dock and unload).

Music director James Conlon must be as happy as a puppy — with over 500 Verdi opera performances under his belt, it should be a treat to hear him squeezing every last note for all Verdi intended. How many times have you heard"The Anvil Chorus"? Now see where it came from. Big chorus on stage. Oh yeah. Sun 2 p.m., Wed 7:30 p.m., Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, DTLA, $23-292.



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21ST ANNUAL USA SUMO OPEN: Sumos need love too.

SHAKESPEARE'S "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM" — one of the best "AMND" I can recall. Loved the inventive physical comedy, and these TB fairies were show stealers; who could not be charmed by their little chirping sounds? Sun 4 p.m.

SHAKESPEARE'S "JULIUS CAESAR" — makes ancient political drama seem contemporary. Every word shimmers, due to the delivery and acting of the TB thespians. Special linguistic laurels to Melora Marshall as Cassius, who was just made for this role, even though it is a man's part. She pulls you straight in, to the moment. Sun 4 p.m.

THEATRICUM BOTANICUM presents "THE LAST, BEST SMALL TOWN" — this moving, timely original with themes of racism, small town life, youthful rebellion, tradition — the full range of the human condition set in a small town that both nurtures and stultifies. Sun 7:30 p.m.

All performances TB, Topanga Canyon, $10-60.

VAN MORRISON — Van the confounding Man, I revere him like few other musicians, there;s no other like him, part jazz part blues all Irish Catholic all rocknroll, still putting out great music nearly 60 years after "Gloria," I've seen a couple of absolutely astounding, unforgettable performances for the ages, and I've seen him go through the motions, only to

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COUNCIL

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of retail, dining, services, and entertainment options that will attract both visitors and locals to the area. Long-term plan proposals include a cultural center and a car free town square at 3rd St and Arizona Ave.

While Council ultimately voted unanimously to approve the proposed zoning changes, members expressed worries about some of the new business types and emphasized a desire to ensure that safety and cleanliness remain a top priority Downtown.

One business type that several council members noted concerns about was liquor stores.

"Liquor stores, I just have a problem with that," said Councilmember Brock. "I don't understand how that's a desired use on the Third Street Promenade now, in the past or in the future."

City staff clarified that while a typical corner style liquor store might not be considered a desirable use, this zoning shift would equally allow for high end alcohol stores selling fine whiskeys or tequilas.

This difference gets at the crux of the issue in revitalizing Downtown Santa Monica, which is that the City has limited control over the specific businesses that landlords choose to sign leases with.

There is a desire to decrease the number of generic chain stores and bring more unique stores and small businesses to the Promenade. However, the lengthy requirements of a Conditional Use Permit for many business types alongside high rents often means only chain stores have the time and resources to open a space.

By lessening permit requirements, DTSM and the City seek to make it easier for new exciting businesses to open on the Promenade, but recognize that this lessens their control over exactly what businesses open.

"By going from a conditioning permitted use to a permitted use we do lose any ability to review it. If it meets the definition of that particular use, then it's permitted, and that's part of the objective to make it easier for these users to come in so they don't have to go through a lengthy entitlement process," said David Martin, director of the community development department. "We really can't have it both ways where we want to remove the entitlement process, but then also want to have discretion over the use."

The zoning changes apply through December 2022, at which point Council will consider a permanent zoning ordinance. This gives Council the opportunity to observe the effects of zoning changes in practice and make alterations if there are negative impacts observed from certain business types.

"I think that by giving these landlords more options, it will reinvigorate their businesses and their properties potentially, and then get us in a direction where we can go somewhere with a larger vitality plan, beyond just the clean and safe streets that we need to focus on right now," said Mayor Sue Himmelrich.

In addition to these zoning changes, Council also authorized the City Manager to negotiate with DTSM, Inc. on frequency of use of space, permit fees, revenue share opportunities for use of Lot 27 and Arizona Avenue, and Promenade vending program. This is part of the Vitality Plan's vision to bring more events, art activations and community programming on and around the Promenade.

While the bulk of Council discussion focused on the zoning changes and new business types, public comment highlighted a range of other issues related to the Promenade.

In response to their concerns and other feedback council members have heard regarding the Downtown area, Councilmember Gleam Davis created a motion to direct staff to research several issues, which was approved unanimously.

Staff was directed to research how the City could better contribute to a clean and safe Downtown, such as potentially deploying additional public safety personnel. Staff was also directed to study circulation and traffic issues Downtown. Lastly, staff was directed to facilitate increased stakeholder discussions regarding desired changes on the Promenade.

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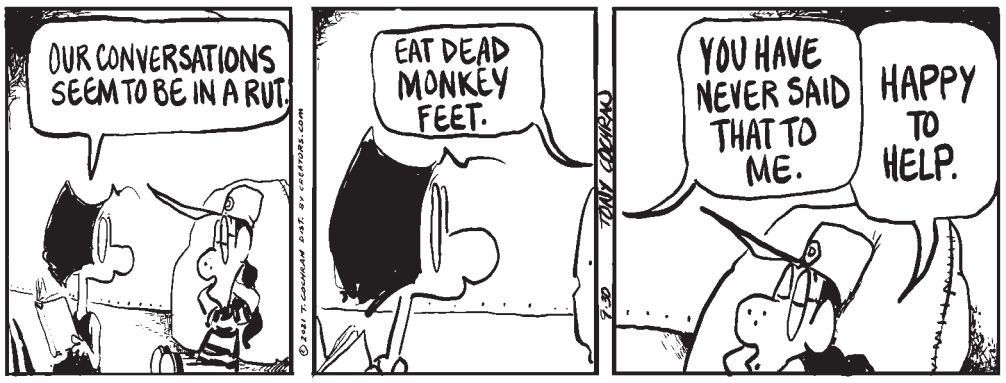
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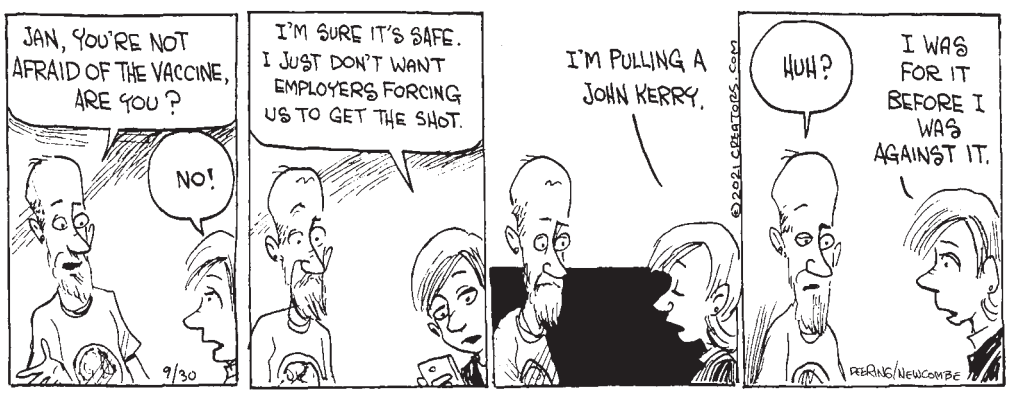
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THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Not bad for day old leftovers. Combo of easing NW swell mix and SSW/S swell strongest west of Dume. Account for the mid to higher tide all day. Light offshore flow in the morning.

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Smaller leftovers. Fading mix of SSW/S swell and NW swell shows best west of Dume. Mind the mid to higher tide all day.

WEATHER

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 75. East northeast wind around 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Clear, with a low around 60. West northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 75. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Time passes differently depending on your company. Some friends make six hours seem like a blink. Other times, 10 minutes can seem an eternity. Today's elastic minutes will stretch or snap according to rhythms of the heart.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are altars in churches and altars embodied — rooms of the heart open for prayers and offerings, burning to be kneeled at, longing for the sacredness of your attention.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). One record broken is all you need to be a record-breaker. One beautiful feature and you're a beauty. One talent is all you need to be successful. Don't even think about the flaws; focus on the one shining thing.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't need to leave the world to find yourself, create yourself or improve yourself. Spiritual enlightenment could happen on a retreat, but it is more likely to happen while cleaning your house.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You show up for the needs of others, provided you know who needs what. The first step is having open channels of communication, and the second is being available to them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). One of the best things you can do for your creative spirit is to love its products no matter what they look like. Receive your own work as you would the drawing of a child — with sweet enthusiasm.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your power move: Withdraw your outwardly directed attention, and aim your life-force to a place inside you. The doorway to your dreams is front and center of your own mind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have your own beliefs about how much reciprocity and justice actually exists in the world. But if you knew for certain your every action, thought and intention was destined to return to you, how would you proceed?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People see you. You don't have to tell others who you really are because your beautiful character radiates through your every action. Beware of those who talk about how good they are. Why do they need to?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To fret over mistakes or obsess about shortcomings is the very definition of drama — right for television, wrong for your life. You'll let it go, shake it off and continue to find what works.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As you give, so shall you receive — although the time frame is anyone's guess! Still, your aim is to put something fascinating, unique, warm and loving into the world, and on this, you will succeed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have behaved honorably in a situation. Would a bit of publicity steal from the nobility of your action? Absolutely. The very definition of nobility is that it's done for its own sake. Avoid the tarnished trophy of glory.

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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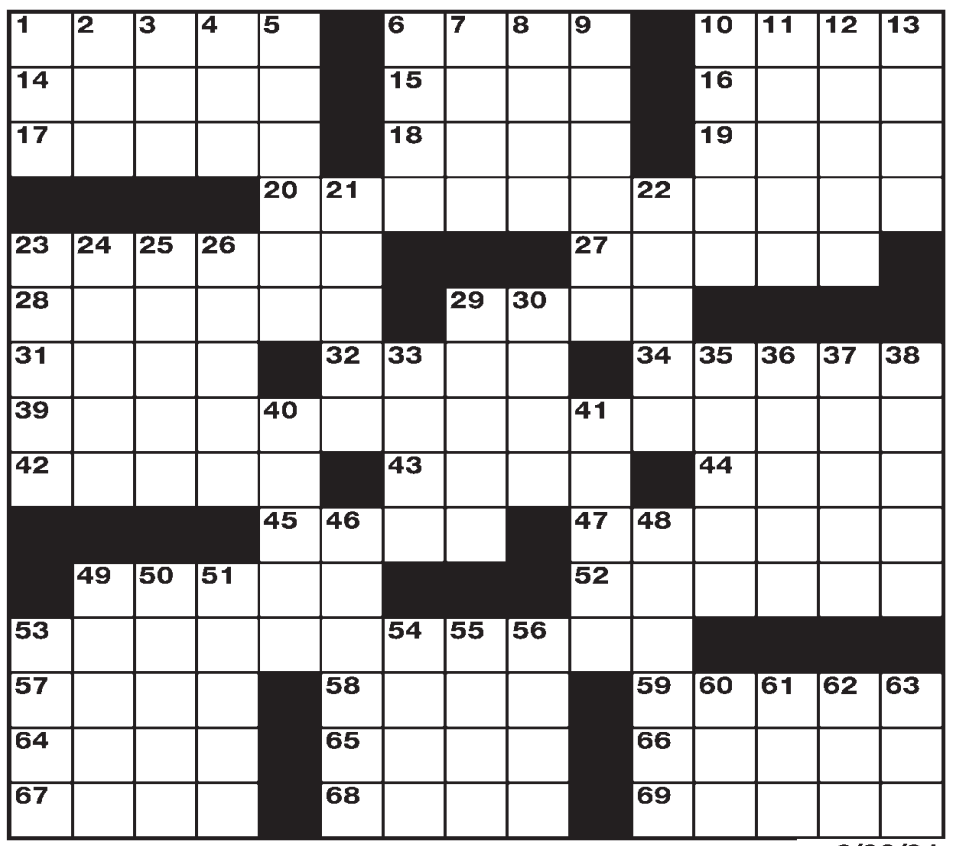
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1 National park in Alberta
6 Challenge for certain sophs
10 Adder's answers
14 Most valuable NASDAQ firm
15 Aunt Millie's alternative
16 Thicken, as cream
17 Show over
18 Many stones ending in -ite
19 *Beetle Bailey* dog
20 Mythical missile
23 Pheasant cousin
27 Part of NASA's LEM
28 Slow down
29 Blown away
31 Son of Aphrodite
32 Queen in *Frozen*
34 Louvre Pyramid architect
39 Social media image collections
42 "Ciao for now!"
43 What floppies once stored
44 Bogged down
45 Small diamond
47 Honey brand named for Native Americans
49 Balkan capital
52 Phone bill extra
53 Certain time teller
57 "Minor" sky mammal
58 Kentucky's watery northern border
59 Waiting for dinner
64 Once more, in Twain novels
65 Upgrade, perhaps
66 Gathering of supporters
67 Home office centerpiece
68 Sign of approval
69 Seasoning in stuffing

DOWN
1 What high jumpers jump over
2 Try to sound like
3 DC-based network
4 Viral bug
5 Saber wielder
6 Play thing
7 South Asian wrap
8 Barrel-__ maple syrup
9 Lock horns
10 Look down on
11 Half of UV
12 Driving force
13 Put away
21 Hypnotized
22 Broadcast feed element
23 Gets ready
24 Odd and frightening
25 Make amends
26 Impulsive
29 Purity check
30 Power measure
33 News article opener
35 Toms and bucks
36 Extended investigation
37 Landscaper's device
38 "The best __ to be"
40 Accept a loss
41 No-frills
46 Tonsorial tools
48 OK, after a mishap
49 Sudden upswing
50 Pleasant refuge
51 *Perfectly* __ (Tony Bennett tribute album)
53 Campus courtyard
54 "What fun!"
55 Elton John Broadway score
56 Useful implement
60 Informal rejection
61 Be airborne, or an airborne pest
62 Banyan cousin
63 Turn blue, say



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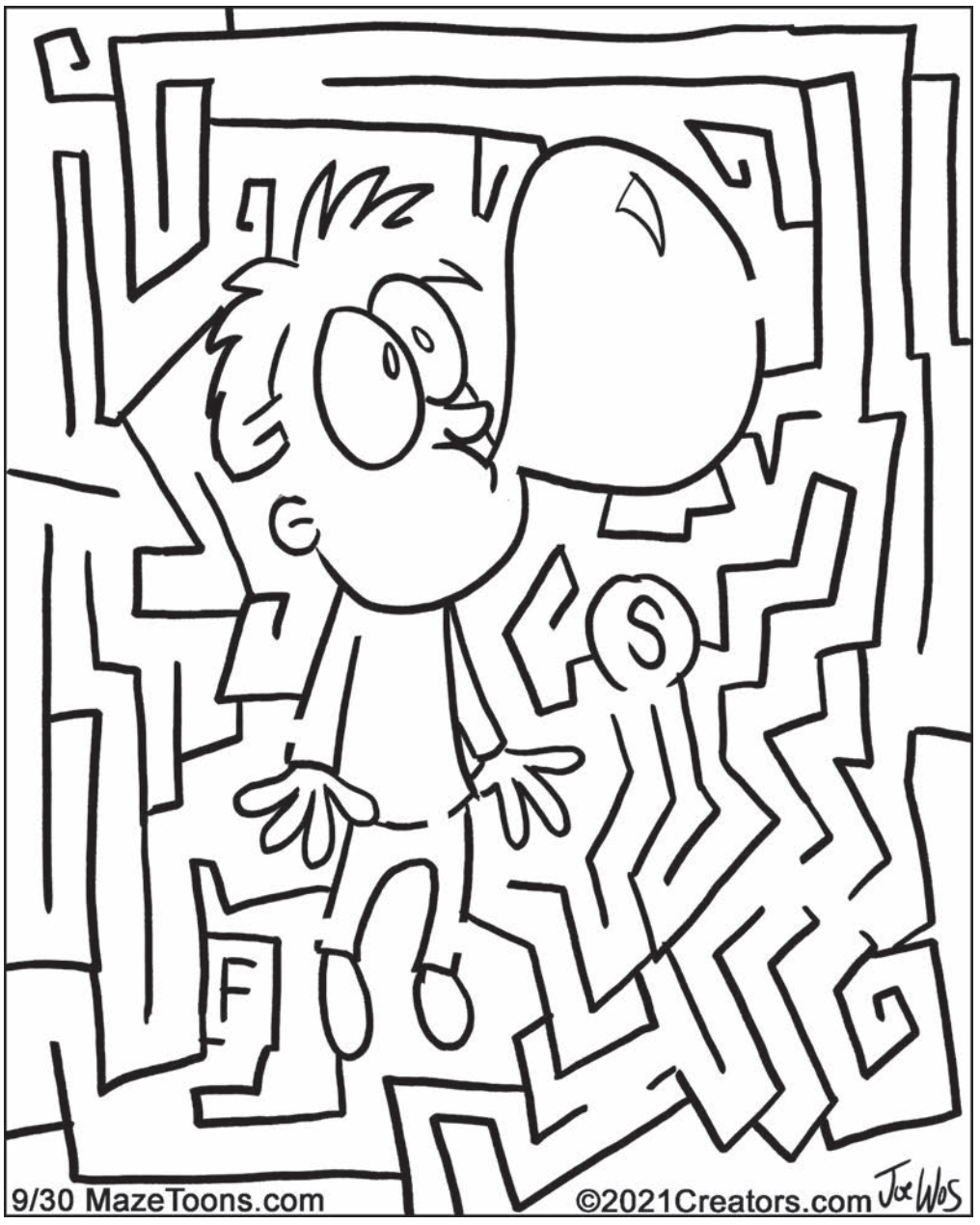
Binary Puzzle

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 A U T U M N H S H A R O N H

Adelyn	Debra	Irma	Lucia	Sharon
Alma	Eden	Isla	Luna	Stephanie
Amber	Edna	Joanna	Lydia	Teagan
Arya	Eliana	June	Maria	Tessa
Aubrey	Elsa	Karen	Maya	Ursula
Autumn	Emerson	Kylie	Name	Valentina
Bella	Emma	Layla	Naomi	Violet
Cate	Everly	Leah	Nevaeh	Zara
Chloe	Faye	Lila	Nova	Zoey
Claire	Happy	Lola	Rowan	
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NOTEWORTHY

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shift gears and suddenly become transcendent. He does what he wants on stage, and that's what you want, I guess, from your genius artists.

Lately he's teamed with old friend Eric Clapton in the science-dumb anti-vax disinformation campaigns, but Van has always had an anti-establishment bent that sometimes leads him down some dark paths. The only thing that should count is what happens on that stage, and so we judge performers on their artistry and try to keep the politics and personalities out of it. Quite a few genius artists have been pretty rotten human beings. Thank goodness Ted Nugent, Kid Rock, Sammy Hagar, Hank Williams Jr., were never worth listening to, and Clapton not for at least30 years. Don't forget Nixon-loving Elvis. But try to forget all that stuff when Van hits the stage. Sat 8 p.m. Hollywood Bowl, $29-1300+.

NICOLE RECOMMENDS:

MDOU MOCTAR — Tuareg guitarist and songwriter Mahamadou Souleymane, otherwise known as Mdou Moctar, first gained notoriety through the vast person-to-person music trading network of cellphones and memory cards in West Africa. I have seen him and his group perform multiple times and have deeply enjoyed every show. His cool, consummate shredding is not to be overshadowed by his progressive songwriting and lyrics (in Tamasheq, not English) and mesmerizing rhythms. This show has a LOW TICKET ALERT so don't sleep on buying yours! This performance the band did on KEXP gives a good taste of what's going to go down. Sun 9pm, Lodge Room, Highland Park, $20. (https://lodgeroomhlp.com/shows)

21st ANNUAL USA SUMO OPEN — This is the longest running sumo wrestling championship outside of Japan, and it is a sight to behold. I went in 2019, knowing little to nothing about sumo wrestling, and I still think about it. The event will take place at the brand new Terasaki Budokan in Little Tokyo, will feature 60 wrestlers from all over the world, including 24-time World Champion Anna, from Russia, who will be competing for the first time on U.S. soil, and past US Sumo Open Champion, Ramy, 520-pounds, from Egypt. Sat 11:30-4:15 (see website for scheduling), Terasaki Budokan, Little Tokyo, DTLA, $35. (Link to purchase tickets: https://www.usasumo.com/us-sumo-open/2021-us-sumo-open/)

LOWRIDER CRUISE NIGHT — See 100+ lowriders cruise up to celebrate Kristin Bedford's newly released Cruise Night: Scenes from the Mexican American lowrider life, a clothbound photo book documenting this car culture as done uniquely LA. This family-friendly event includes raffles, DJ sets, food, and free admission to The Autry! Sun 10 a.m.-4 p.m., The Autry Museum, Griffith Park, KA, free.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: LA PHIL returns to Disney Hall! - Homecoming Gala and Benefit with DUDAMEL, varied program, 10/9; LIBRARY GIRL 12TH YEAR, poetry, music, food, Ruskin Group Theater, SM Airport, 10/10; DUDAMEL conducts STRAUSS, 10/14-17; DUDAMEL conducts MAHLER'S 4TH, 10/21-24, all performances at Disney Hall, DTLA.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 2,000 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

EVICTION

FROM PAGE 1

an agreement if they are in trouble.

"We are facing an economic tsunami that we've never had to deal with before and hopefully never have to deal with again. So when you're dealing with commercial businesses, you typically have the tripod of what's going on, you've got the tenants, you've got the landlords, and then you've got the mortgage broker who owns the value of the property," D'Angelo said. "Now, typically in normal times, there's more power in the side of the landlords and the mortgage brokers because there's going to be an influx of business if somebody is just late on their mortgage, they can get evicted, and this is LA, they're probably going to fill that space pretty quickly. But according to the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, earlier this year, Los Angeles County lost over 7,500 small businesses. That's a huge number. Any way you look at it,and when you lose that amount of businesses, you're not going to have the power to just replace a tenant quickly. So it's more beholden to those individuals who have the properties and who are running more just to work with their tenants in order to keep those pre-existing relationships going for the benefit of everyone."

While landlords could pursue legal action if tenants fail to pay or apply for aid, D'Angelo cautioned that the courts could be backed up.

"And that does bring up a point you know that it is another disincentive for people to be kicking out residential renters. Again, the legal procedure is going to take a lot longer than it used to," D'Angelo said. "And do you really want somebody sitting in your property for months and months and months before you can even get a legal hearing, as opposed to working that out."

Even with delays, he said tenants who do not help themselves will likely be evicted, as it is within the right of the landlords.

"When we say massive evictions, I don't want to make it sound like there's a tsunami coming in," D'Angelo said. "I think it could just be an increase in the rate of evictions that we wouldn't normally see beforehand because you're getting an incentive from a landowner to try and move their rents up. With the clients I have that are our residential property owners, they have been taking a hit in the pandemic and if once that eviction moratorium is lifted their tenants are still slow on payments they haven't done the work to try and get the assistance, and they're still not able to cover their mortgages. They are going to get rid of those individuals."

If you need assistance in another language, or to get help to see if you're eligible, help you fill out an application, or upload required paperwork, schedule an appointment with an organization near you by calling 833-687-0967.

For more information about aid and tenant protections, visit https://www.santamonica.gov/coronavirus-eviction-moratorium

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WORKERS

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Dr. Ashley Coggins of St. Peter's Health Regional Medical Center in Helena, Montana, said she recently asked a patient whether he wanted to be vaccinated.

"He said, 'F, no,' and I didn't ask further because I personally don't want to get yelled at," Coggins said. "You know, this is a weird time in our world, and the respect that we used to have for each other, the respect that people used to have for caregivers and physicians and nurses — it's not always there, and it makes this job way harder."

Coggins said the patient told her that he "wanted to strangle President Biden" for pushing for vaccinations, prompting her to change the subject. She said security guards are now in charge of enforcing mask rules for hospital visitors so that nurses no longer have to be the ones to tell people to leave.

The hostility is making an already stressful job harder. Many places are suffering severe staffing shortages, in part because nurses have become burned out and quit.

"I think one thing that we have seen and heard from many of our people is that it is just really hard to come to work every day when people treat each other poorly," said Dr. Kencee Graves, a physician at the University of Utah hospital in Salt Lake City.

"If you have to fight with somebody about wearing a mask, or if you aren't allowed to visit and we have to argue about that, that is stressful."

Associated Press writer Rebecca Boone contributed to this report from Boise, Idaho. Hollingsworth reported from Mission, Kansas.

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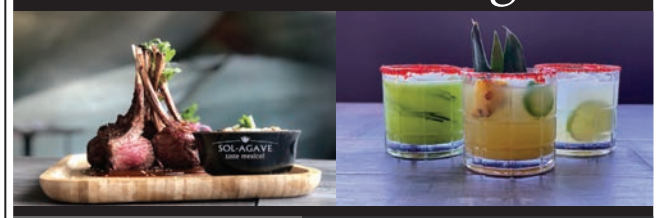
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