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CPC Compassion Inc. on a high after receiving City's first medical dispensary permit



Courtesy photo

DISPENSARY: Local Cannabis Co. will soon sell its products in Santa Monica

DANIEL FARR
SMDP Staff Writer

On Oct. 20, Planning Commission granted CPC Compassion Inc. a permit to operate Santa Monica's first medical marijuana dispensary at 925 Wilshire Blvd.

Chief Medical Officer Dr. Paul Song said he does not want to be a disruptive force in the City and plans to work with the Santa Monica Police Department to ensure safety.

"We're not trying to be a recreational hedgehog, we're not trying to be some glitzy place, we want to be very subtle and understated in terms of the location,

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Santa Monica honors its community heroes

DANIEL FARR
SMDP Staff Writer

After a year and a half in the wringer due to the pandemic, civil unrest and economic uncertainty, it's time to honor the community heroes who put it all on the line for the well-being of the City.

The 27th New Heroes Celebration, sponsored by the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for Oct. 27 at 5 p.m. in a virtual program.

"Welcoming our outstanding educators, police, fire fighters, and this year honoring our health care heroes, is something that no other community does," said Laurel Rosen, president of the Santa Monica Chamber. "This event offers our community a chance to say thank you. These are our unsung heroes, and they deserve this recognition."

Santa Monica's annual tradition will kick off with an opening welcome from Mayor Sue

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Santa Monica has a bold new solution to break local cycles of incarceration







Photos by Daniel Farr

DIVERSION: Homeless individuals can have certain criminal charges dropped if they follow a treatment plan

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Individuals experiencing homelessness, substance abuse or mental health issues make up the majority of people who come in contact with SMPD, but a few days in jail or a misdemeanor citation rarely addresses the problem at hand.

Fed up by watching repeat offenders pile up criminal records, the Santa Monica Police Department and the City Attorney's office is trying a new approach to break local cycles of incarceration. They are offering qualifying individuals the opportunity to have their criminal filings dismissed in exchange for committing to an individualized 90 day treatment program.

The diversion program is being offered through the County's Alternatives to Incarceration Initiative. The program is funded by the County and run in partnership with service provider Exodus. Santa Monica is the second location where it is being rolled out.

Through the initiative offenders who self-report experiencing homelessness, substance abuse or mental health issues are introduced to an Exodus community navigator as soon as they are brought to jail. The Exodus representative performs an assessment and identifies the best treatment program for the individual such as a detox program, motel voucher or mental health treatment. If the individual follows their treatment plan for 90 days their charges will not be filed.

"We are asking for a 90 day commitment, so it is not just you leave with Exodus and I don't file your case, it is you have to meet regularly with your case management worker, you have to do what they have decided is in your best interest to help treat the underlying condition and you have to stay on track," said Chief Deputy City Attorney Jenna Grigsby.

The program is available to qualifying individuals who commit most misdemeanors and some low level felonies such as theft. According to Grigsby, some of the most common crimes eligible for diversion are camping in public, being in the park after

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California officials prepare to vaccinate children age 5-11

STEFANIE DAZIO
Associated Press

Public health departments across California are gearing up to administer coronavirus vaccines to children ages 5 to 11 in the coming weeks and officials say they are planning "family-friendly" events — including at schools — to persuade parents and guardians to get their kids vaccinated.

The White House on Wednesday detailed plans for the expected authorization of the Pfizer shot for elementary school youngsters in a matter of weeks. Federal regulators will meet over the next two weeks to weigh the safety and effectiveness of giving low-dose shots to the roughly 28 million children in that age group.

Within hours of formal approval, which is expected after the Food and Drug Administration signs off and a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advisory panel meets on Nov. 2-3, millions of doses will begin going out to providers across the country, along with the smaller needles needed for injecting young children.

State officials are planning to use school clinics, in addition to other sites, to administer vaccines to youths, according to the California Department of Public Health.

The state also plans to continue masking requirements in K-12 schools. Gov. Gavin Newsom announced earlier this month that California would have the nation's first coronavirus vaccine mandate for schoolchildren — about 6.7 million public and private school students in the nation's most populous state — once the federal government has finished fully vetting the shots.

California has one of the highest vaccine rates in the country, but a vocal minority skeptical of both the vaccine and the government's assurances of its safety. Last month, more than a thousand people gathered at the state Capitol to protest vaccine mandates.

In Los Angeles County, the nation's most populous with 10 million residents, there are about 900,000 children between 5 and 11 years old. While they make up about 9% of the county's population, they've become 6% of the county's nearly 1.5 million coronavirus cases.

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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.

ON OCT. 16. AT APPROXIMATELY 11:35 P.M.

A homeless man was doused in liquid and set on fire in Ozone Park.
Santa Monica Police Department Detectives are investigating the incident as an attempted homicide. The victim was asleep at the time of the attack and suffered burns to approximately 50 percent of his body.
The victim also had a two inch laceration on the top of his head from possible blunt force trauma. He was transported to the hospital for treatment.
SMPD is working to identify and track down the attacker. There was a 5'6" to 5'8" man seen in the area at the time of the incident, who was described as wearing a hat, long-sleeved white shirt and dark shorts.
Officers are seeking to bring the suspect in for question and to follow up on any other leads. Anyone with information pertaining to this incident is urged to contact Criminal Investigations Division (CID) Detective Tavera at 310-458-2256 or the Watch Commander at 310-458-8427.

City of Santa Monica

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Virtual Mandatory Job Walk will be held on October 25, 2021 at 11:00 AM Pacific Time.

Bids must be submitted on forms supplied by the City of Santa Monica. Bid packages containing all forms, specifications, terms and conditions may be obtained on the **City's Online Vendor Portal.** The website for this Notice of Inviting Bids and related documents is: ProcureNow (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for bid package and specifications.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 317 CALLS ON OCTOBER 20

Trespassing 1300Blk 2nd St 12:13 a.m.
Trespassing 1300Blk 2nd St 12:19 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:20 a.m.
Burglary Just Occurred 2500Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:24 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1600Blk 17th St 12:44 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 2100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:42 a.m.
Panic Alarm 1600Blk Main St 2:16 a.m.
Suspicious Circumstances 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:20 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2200Blk Lincoln Blvd 3:27 a.m.
Loitering 1300Blk 2nd St 4:19 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1400Blk Lincoln Blvd 5:03 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 900Blk Montana Ave 5:31 a.m.
Panic Alarm 2500Blk Broadway 5:35 a.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 1400Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 5:39 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Now 1900Blk 22nd St 6:04 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Just Occurred 22nd St / Delaware Ave 6:06 a.m.
Trespassing 1000Blk Harvard St 6:58 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1100Blk California Ave 7:02 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1200Blk Stanford St 7:02 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500Blk 17th St 7:04 a.m.
Status Check 2200Blk 29th St 7:09 a.m.
Encampment 1700Blk Ocean Front Walk 7:11 a.m.
Suspicious Person 5th St / Colorado Ave 7:29 a.m.
Trespassing 3000Blk Ocean Front Walk 7:33 a.m.
Burglary Report 700Blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:43 a.m.
Trespassing 1400Blk 7th St 8:01 a.m.
Suspicious Person Berkeley St / Pennsylvania Ave 8:01 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 2900Blk Pico Blvd 8:09 a.m.
Burglary Report 100Blk Wadsworth Ave 8:10 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2600Blk 2nd St 8:21 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1900Blk Lincoln Blvd 8:21 a.m.
Fraud Report 2400Blk Colorado Ave 8:31 a.m.
Loitering 1300Blk 2nd St 8:36 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2000Blk Ocean Front Walk 8:38 a.m.
Burglary Report 2500Blk Broadway 8:55 a.m.
Loud Music 1900Blk Lincoln Blvd 8:56 a.m.
General Parking Problem 2600Blk Centinela Ave 8:57 a.m.
Trespassing 2900Blk Glenn Ave 9:02 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2200Blk Olympic Blvd 9:04 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 2600Blk Main St 9:06 a.m.
Transport Prisoner 300Blk Olympic Dr 9:06 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 2600Blk Main St 9:07 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 3rd Street Prom / Arizona Ave 9:15 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2600Blk 3rd St 9:20 a.m.
Assistance Call 400Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:23 a.m.
Attempt Burglary Report 500Blk Montana Ave 9:25 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 9:29 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1200Blk Ocean Ave 9:33 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 300Blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:33 a.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 1200Blk Ocean Ave 9:42 a.m.
Keep The Peace 1200Blk Ocean Ave 9:42 a.m.
Suspicious Person 3100Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:47 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 9:50 a.m.
Information Only Broadcast 200Blk Ocean Ave 9:53 a.m.
Battery Now 700Blk Palisades Beach rd 9:55 a.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1300Blk Princeton St 9:56 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1900Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:00 a.m.
Burglary Just Occurred 1900Blk Pico Blvd 10:04 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 800Blk Franklin St 10:09 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1500Blk Harvard St 10:13 a.m.
Forensics Request - Fingerprint 2500Blk Broadway 10:17 a.m.
Assistance Call 300Blk Olympic Dr 10:26 a.m.
Follow Up 900Blk Broadway 10:35 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 9th St / Washington Ave 10:43 a.m.
Suspicious Vehicle 1600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:44 a.m.
Trespassing 800Blk Arizona Ave 10:47 a.m.
Burglary Report 1200Blk 24th St 10:50 a.m.
Battery Report 800Blk Ocean Park Blvd 11:08 a.m.
Burglary Report 2300Blk Arizona Ave 11:16 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 400Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:33 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 18th St / Colorado Ave 11:38 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1900Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:39 a.m.
Trespassing 3000Blk Lincoln Blvd 11:48 a.m.
Municipal Code Violation 4th St / Ashland Ave 11:49 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:02 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1600Blk Berkeley St 12:21 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Report Chelsea Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 12:28 p.m.
Assistance Call Ocean Ave / Broadway 12:36 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 4th St / Colorado Ave 12:40 p.m.
Assistance Call 300Blk Olympic Dr 1:00 p.m.
Fraud Report 1600Blk 11th St 1:05 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500Blk Lincoln Blvd 1:09 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 400Blk San Vicente Blvd 1:13 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1300Blk 23rd St 1:21 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:25 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500Blk Lincoln Blvd 1:39 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1000Blk California Ave 1:43 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300Blk Centinela Ave 1:54 p.m.
Identity Theft 200Blk Montana Ave 2:03 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1400Blk 4th St 2:05 p.m.

California proposes new oil drilling ban near neighborhoods

KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

California's oil and gas regulator on Thursday proposed that the state ban new oil drilling within 3,200 feet of schools, homes and hospitals to protect public health in what would be the nation's largest buffer zone between oil wells and communities.

It's the latest effort by Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration to wind down oil production in California, aligning him with environmental advocates pushing to curb the effects of climate change and against the powerful oil industry in the nation's seventh-largest oil producing state.

Studies show living near a drilling site can elevate risks of birth defects, cancer, respiratory problems and other health issues. More than 2 million Californians live within 3,200 feet (975 meters) of oil drilling sites, primarily low-income residents and people of color in Los Angeles County and the Central Valley. The proposal would not ban wells already operating in those zones but would add new pollution controls.

"This is about public health, public safety, clean air, clean water — this is about our kids and our grandkids and our future," Newsom said in Wilmington, a Los Angeles neighborhood with the city's highest concentration of wells. "A greener, cleaner, brighter, more resilient future is in our grasp and this is a commitment to advance that cause."

This would be the first time California has set statewide rules on how close drilling can be to homes, schools and other sites. Other oil and gas producing states such as Colorado, Pennsylvania and even Texas have rules about how close oil wells can be to certain properties. Colorado's 2,000-foot setback on new drilling, adopted last year, is the nation's strictest rule right now.

California's plan, if adopted, would also go further than the 2,500 foot (762 meter) buffer environmental groups sought. A coalition of environmental justice groups that advocate for Black, brown and Indigenous communities that live in heavily polluted areas commended the ruling but pushed Newsom to more aggressively phase out existing neighborhood drilling.

"Oil and gas companies have been treating our communities as sacrifice zones for over a century," Juan Flores, community organizer with the Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment, said in a statement. "Frontline community members have spoken in a clear voice, demanding an end to neighborhood drilling."

The Western States Petroleum Association, an oil and gas interest group, blasted the proposed rules as an "activist assault on California's way of life, economy and people" in a statement from President Catherine Reheis-Boyd.

Reheis-Boyd said the industry doesn't oppose local setbacks but does not approve of a statewide rule. She said the rules would lead to less reliable energy and higher prices in an industry that employs about 150,000 people.

Robbie Hunter of the influential State Building and Construction Trades Council, a labor union, said the rule would increase California's dependence on foreign oil, and said the state was "fast becoming a beached whale with no ability to meet its own needs."

Newsom, who just survived a recall election, cast the proposal as the latest step in his efforts to ensure oil is not part of California's future. He has directed state air regulators to make a plan to end oil and gas production by 2045 and curb demand by banning the sale of new gas-powered cars by 2035.

He was joined in Wilmington by state lawmakers who have long pushed for setbacks and doctors who spoke about the dangers of oil pollution for people who live nearby, particularly expectant mothers and children.

"I am tired of my district being called 'asthma alley,'" said state Sen. Lena Gonzalez, a Democrat who represents southeast Los Angeles County.

The rules were proposed by the California Geologic Energy Management Division, known as CalGEM, which regulates the state's oil industry and issues drilling permits. Newsom directed it to focus on health and safety when he took office in 2019, specifically telling the division to consider setbacks around oil drilling to protect community health. The state received more than 40,000 public comments on the draft rules and convened a 15-member panel of public health experts to research the effects of neighborhood oil drilling on health and safety.

CalGEM has long faced criticism that it's too cozy with the industry it regulates. Wade Crowfoot, secretary of the state natural resources agency, acknowledged the regulator needs to better enforce oil companies' compliance with state law.

Wells within 3,200 feet of community sites account for about a third of the state's oil extraction, Crowfoot said. There are about 32,400 wells in that zone, said Erin Mellon, a Newsom spokeswoman. Community sites include homes and apartments, preschools and K-12 schools, day cares, businesses, and health care facilities such as hospitals and nursing homes.

Existing wells would not be shut down but would be required to meet many new pollution control measures, including comprehensive leak detection and response plans, vapor recovery, water sampling and a reduction of nighttime lighting and dust. They are designed to limit health effects such as asthma and pregnancy complications, and cut nuisances like noise pollution.

Administration officials said they hope the new rules will be burdensome enough

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HERO

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Himmelrich. Guests can also expect to hear words of encouragement from the City's new Police Chief Ramon Batista along with new City Manager David White. Senator Ben Allen will speak to the heroes who risked their lives and dedicated countless hours to uplift and safeguard Santa Monica.

"We are deeply moved by the extraordinary contributions of these individuals, and I join the Santa Monica Chamber in celebrating their service," said Allen. "It has been a challenging year for the City of Santa Monica and these vital organizations stepped up to care for us in our time of great need."

Each year, regular Santa Monicans are honored for being anything but average.

This year's event will celebrate Healthcare Heroes from UCLA Health, Kaiser and Providence; Lizzy Moore, Dean of SMC Foundation, will be honored as the Educational Hero; and this year's Young Inspirational Hero will be Isabella Carbonari from New Roads School.

The Santa Monica Fire Department Firefighter honoree is Captain Mike Fitzgerald, and the Santa Monica Police Department honoree is Officer Jayme Jacinto.

While all police officers dedicate themselves to public safety, Officer Jacinto went above and beyond her call of duty. She has the great responsibility of carrying out SMPD's initiatives and projects for youth engagement and development. At the Police Activities League, Jacinto has worked closely and relentlessly with their staff to meet the challenges of the COVID pandemic. Her hard work has allowed PAL to continue to offer supervision and programming to the children who heavily rely on it.

During the last year, SMFD honoree Captain Fitzgerald had to deal with two once in a career events. First was the riots of 2020 where he organized a very complex base camp for several days, which supported hundreds of fire, police, National Guard and Public Works personnel. Second was of course, the COVID-19 pandemic. Fitzgerald created a support system for supplies so essential workers in the City had resources to do their jobs effectively. Fitzgerald also worked around the clock in the distribution of vaccines for first responders.

Education Hero Lizzy Moore spearheaded SMC Foundation's meal project just as the COVID-19 pandemic hit. Meal project food programs are all free of charge to qualifying college students and provide fresh produce and shelf-stable groceries through a weekly drive-through. Under Moore's leadership, SMC was able to distribute over 200,000 meals and 50,000 bags of groceries to local students, foster youth, homeless individuals and veterans.

"We have to find a way to be grateful for the people who are willing to put themselves out there, whether it's to protect us, whether it's to educate us, whether it's to serve a meal," said Rosen. "We have to really remember that they're all making a choice to show up and in this environment that's not always easy, and we really appreciate that. We're really grateful for that."

For more information, visit: http://smchamber.com/new-heroes-celebration/

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Santa Monica College's student-run media outlet The Corsair and several Corsair staffers have won multiple awards from the Associated Collegiate Press (ACP), the College Media Association (CMA), and the LA Press Club.

The ACP Announces Top Student Newspapers:

On October 14, 2021, the ACP named 18 student newspapers from across the nation as "the best of the best." The ACP's Pacemaker award–considered the collegiate student-media equivalent to the Pulitzer Prize–is the association's preeminent award. The Corsair won a second place Newspaper Pacemaker 2021 award for two-year college newspapers, and also won third place in the design/visual print or digital category for Covid-19 coverage.

In addition, Corsair photojournalist Jon Putman won a top individual ACP award: Photo slide show, 1st Place for his visual exposé, "BLM and WLM Face-Off in Huntington Beach."

Corsair staff also won honorable mentions for News/Breaking News photo (Jon Putman), Sports Game/Action Photo (Maxim Elramsisy), and Environmental Portrait (Maxim Elramsisy).

2021 Pinnacle Awards from the College Media Association:

The Corsair's excellence was also recognized by the following 2021 Pinnacle Awards, announced on Friday, Oct. 15 by the College Media Association, "the voice of collegiate media and its advisers" which has more than 700 members nationwide.

Best Newspaper Nameplate: Third Place

Best Breaking News Photo: Second Place (Jon Putman)

Best General News Photo: Third Place (Michael Goldsmith)

LA Press Club's SoCal Journalism Awards:

On Saturday, Oct. 16, the LA Press Club's SoCal Journalism Awards saw the Corsair winning second place for Best College Newspaper. The Corsair and its staffers also won the following:

Best News Photo, Third Place (The Corsair staff): "Thousands in LA Protest the Death of George Floyd" (This was an entire body of work submitted).

Best Feature Photo, Second Place (The Corsair staff): "2020 in Review"

"The student journalists at The Corsair saw the pandemic and the shift to an online environment as a challenge they readily accepted," said Ashanti Blaize-Hopkins, SMC journalism professor and Corsair adviser. "Their hard work, dedication and commitment to keeping the Santa Monica College community informed was unwavering. The ACP Pacemaker award is well deserved–as are all these other awards–and we couldn't be prouder of our student journalists and the SMC journalism program. We are building the future of the industry and it looks pretty bright from here!"

The Corsair publishes news of interest to the SMC campus and community, with print editions available on campus every Wednesday during the fall and spring semesters, and electronic editions available 24 hours a day at thecorsaironline.com. All content for The Corsair is selected and produced by SMC students, with guidance from Burkhart and Blaize-Hopkins.

SMC offers an Associate in Arts for Transfer degree in journalism and an Associate in Arts degree in journalism-multimedia storytelling. Details are available at smc.edu/journalism.

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DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 31 CALLS ON OCTOBER 20

EMS 2000Blk 19th St 2:19 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 3:23 a.m.
EMS 22nd St / Virginia Ave 6:14 a.m.
EMS 2000Blk Cloverfield Blvd 6:45 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 6:56 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 1200Blk Ocean Ave 9:33 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk 7th St 10:14 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1600Blk Montana Ave 10:25 a.m.
EMS 1200Blk 16th St 10:33 a.m.
EMS 900Blk Wilshire Blvd 10:58 a.m.
EMS 900Blk 4th St 11:25 a.m.
EMS 700Blk Idaho Ave 11:27 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500Blk 6th St 11:34 a.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 1900Blk 19th St 11:41 a.m.
EMS 3100Blk Neilson Way 11:49 a.m.
EMS 800Blk 9th St 12:32 p.m.
EMS 400Blk Colorado Ave 12:40 p.m.
EMS 700Blk Broadway 2:27 p.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Broadway 2:38 p.m.
EMS 1600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:13 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Montana Ave 5:15 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Montana Ave 5:15 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / California Ave 5:54 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1100Blk 4th St 5:54 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk Ocean Park Blvd 5:55 p.m.
Public Assist 800Blk 12th St 7:41 p.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas 2600Blk Kansas Ave 7:41 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Main St / Olympic Dr 8:14 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1800Blk 11th St 9:56 p.m.
EMS 2400Blk 22nd St 10:20 p.m.
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Coast Guard had earlier notice about California oil spill

AMY TAXIN AND BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

The Coast Guard received multiple reports of a possible fuel spill off the Southern California coast earlier than previously disclosed and asked local authorities to investigate about 15 hours before its own personnel confirmed a large oil slick, which came from a leaking undersea pipeline, records show.

The initial reports of a possible spill north of the Huntington Beach pier came into the Coast Guard about 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 1, according to an Orange County Sheriff's Department's memo provided Wednesday to The Associated Press. The documents said there were multiple similar calls over a marine radio emergency channel from boats leaving the Huntington Beach air show.

The department, which runs the county's harbor patrol, sent a fireboat to search for the spill, but the crew lost visibility as darkness fell, according to the memo obtained through the California Public Records Act. The spill wasn't confirmed until about 9 a.m. Saturday.

The Coast Guard did not immediately comment on the documents, which raise more questions about the agency's response to a spill that forced the closure of some of the region's signature beaches and harmed animal and plant life.

Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris, who chairs a state legislative committee looking into the spill, said she was told the spill was reported much later Friday evening when it was too late to detect because of darkness.

"It seems too crazy in a world where we're trying to send a man to Mars that we can't inspect a potential oil slick in the dark," she said.

Miyoko Sakashita, an attorney with the Center for Biological Diversity, said the Coast Guard should have responded more aggressively after getting the initial reports.

"An investigation should have immediately taken place, and it could have significantly reduced the size of the spill," said Sakashita, whose organization has called on the federal government to stop offshore oil drilling. "Among all those reports, you should be able to triangulate that there's something that needs investigation immediately."

Prior to release of the sheriff's department documents it was thought that the first word of a possible spill came to the Coast Guard at 6:13 p.m. on Oct. 1 from a foreign ship anchored off Huntington Beach that reported a sheen on the water that was more than 2 miles (3.2 kilometers) long.

Rear Adm. Brian Penoyer previously told the AP that the Coast Guard put out a radio broadcast to vessels in the area and oil platforms looking for reports confirming a possible spill. But Capt Rebecca Ore, the unified response commander, said no such broadcasts were made.

Coast Guard officials said they needed to look into what — if anything — was done at the time, but have repeatedly declined to answer questions about the purported broadcast.

Penoyer said the Coast Guard did not send a boat out to look for the spill because it was limited by darkness and didn't have the technology to detect it. The report by the Orange County Sheriff's Department, however, says the Coast Guard did request that the Harbor Patrol dispatch a boat.

The next morning, the Coast Guard reached out again to the Harbor Patrol, and its hazardous materials investigators went out on a county fireboat. Authorities on that boat located a miles-long black plume several miles offshore, the memo said.

Huntington Beach Mayor Kim Carr said it's not clear that earlier notice would have made a difference.

"Hindsight is 20-20," she said. But Carr added that had she known about the 5:30 p.m. report, it would have elevated the first notice she got of a possible spill at around 9 a.m. the next morning.

Federal investigators are examining whether the Panama-registered MSC DANIT, a 1,200-foot (366-meter) container ship, was dragging anchor during a Jan. 25 storm and snagged the pipeline and dragged it on the seabed. It's not known why the leak occurred eight months later. Authorities are looking into whether other anchors hit and weakened the pipeline or if a preexisting condition with the line was to blame.

Houston-based Amplify Energy owns and operates the pipeline that ferries oil from the company's three offshore platforms. It is being scrutinized for its maintenance of the pipe and whether it reacted fast enough to the spill.

The Coast Guard says about 25,000 gallons (94,635 liters) of oil spilled off Orange County. Blobs of oil and tar balls washed ashore, forcing a weeklong closure of beaches that greatly disrupted the local economy and killing dozens of birds. Environmental advocates say the damage was less than initially feared but the long-term impact on wetlands and marine life is unknown.

Pete Stauffer, environmental director for Surfrider Foundation, which is working as a liaison between non-governmental agencies and the unified command for the spill response, said a swift response to a spill is key to limiting damage.

"When there's a report of a significant-sized oil slick on the ocean, it's important to investigate," Stauffer said. "What happens in the first hours and days during an oil spill is absolutely critical."

Nearly three weeks since the spill, officials are starting to wind down some of the clean-up efforts as conditions along the coastline have improved. While tar balls continue to wash up farther south in San Diego County, beach clean up in some areas of Orange

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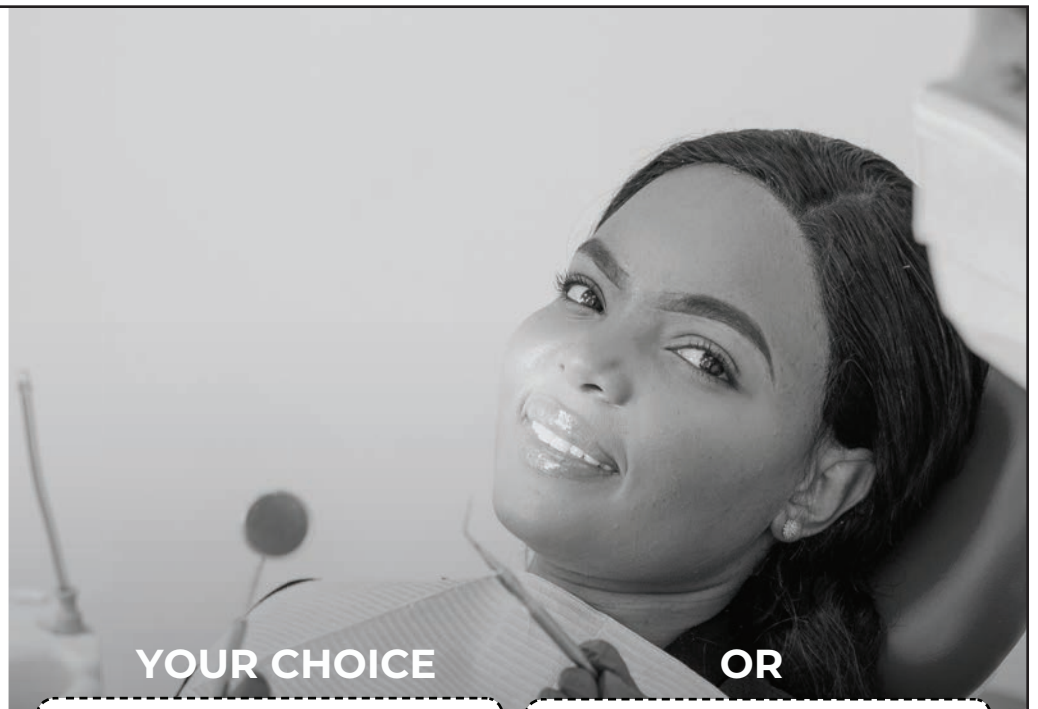
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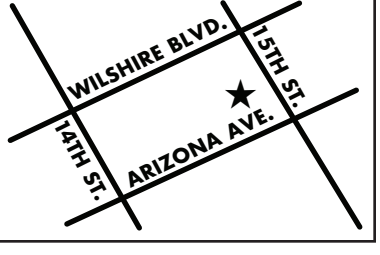


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Cargo backlog creates traffic headaches on sea and land

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

A Los Angeles neighborhood just outside the nation's busiest port complex has become a perpetual traffic jam, with trucks hauling cargo containers backed up day and night as workers try to break through an unprecedented backlog of ships waiting to unload.

About 40% of all shipping containers entering the U.S. come through the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports. The logjam of ships has interrupted the global supply chain and last week prompted the Biden administration to allow the port complex to operate 24 hours a day to try to get goods unloaded and out to consumers.

Since then, residents of the Wilmington neighborhood just north of the ports have complained that trucks are backed up in the streets at all hours. Meanwhile, cargo companies running out of space to store containers off-loaded from ships are stacking them outside overloaded warehouses and in parking lots.

This week a container slid off a truck making a turn on a narrow street, pancaking a parked car. Nobody was hurt, but local officials say with so many trucks crammed into a small area it was an accident waiting to happen.

"This is becoming an issue of safety," said Jacob Haik, deputy chief of staff for LA City Councilman Joe Buscaino. Haik said the city would start issuing citations to firms that stack containers unsafely or whose trucks clog streets.

As of Tuesday, there were 63 ships berthed at the two ports and 96 waiting to dock and unload, according to the Marine Exchange of Southern California that oversees port vessel traffic. On Monday, the number of ships waiting to enter the ports hit a record 100.

Wilmington resident Sonia Cervantes said her driveway was blocked by a truck as she tried to leave for work at 6:30 a.m. Her whole block is fed up with the traffic, she said.

"It's a bunch of neighbors that are very upset because it's a non-stop situation," Cervantes told CBS LA.

Maria Arrieran, who owns the UCTI Trucking Company along with her husband, Frank, said she sympathizes with the community, but the truck traffic is a result of limited container storage.

"It's an ongoing problem. We're just trying to get these truckers in and out," she said Wednesday. "I'm literally out on the streets directing traffic."

California Gov. Gavin Newsom on Wednesday issued an executive order that aims to ease the backlog. He directed California government agencies to look for state-owned properties that could temporarily store goods coming into the ports. Newsom, a Democrat, asked the state's Department of General Services to review potential sites by Dec. 15.

He also ordered the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to examine other properties not owed by the state, such as private or locally owned parcels, that could also be used for storage, though he didn't give a timeline for that review.

Newsom's order is a start, Haik said, but he urged the governor to also allow cities to make it easier to change zoning rules. The city has identified several port-owned plots that could be quickly paved and transformed into storage sites if not for existing red tape, he said.

"The lots are quite small. But if you could pull together 10 or 12 lots, and put 40 containers on each of them, that's 500 containers," Haik said. "That's some serious relief."

More relief could come by diverting cargo ship traffic to the Port of Oakland. Mayor Libby Schaaf told KRON-TV on Wednesday that her city's port "has unused capacity right now" and Oakland can "take some of those ships off your hands, L.A."

Newsom's order also directed the state's transportation agency to look for freight routes where vehicle weight limits can be exempt to help with the movement of goods. He asked his administration to come up with port and transportation improvements that could be included in the next state budget, which he will introduce in January.

A coalition of business groups including retailers, truckers and grocers said Wednesday that Newsom's order doesn't go far enough.

"There are additional real, tangible actions the governor could take to meet the moment and tackle this crisis head-on, but convening taskforces in 2022, delaying urgent actions for at least a month, and pushing funding discussions to the January budget proposal do not provide the sense of urgency needed to address this crisis now," the coalition said in a letter.

The group urged Newsom to take drastic steps including suspending air quality rules governing truck emissions, allowing cities to drop prohibitions on unloading goods at stores after hours and expediting permitting processes for warehouses.

OIL SPILL

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County could soon be deemed complete, California Fish and Wildlife Lt. Christian Corbo said Wednesday.

Workers are also scaling back efforts to scour the coastline for oiled wildlife, but they will continue to respond to reports from the public of oiled birds, said Dr. Michael Ziccardi, director of the Oiled Wildlife Care Network. Six birds that were treated for oiling were released Wednesday along the shoreline and another six are still being cared for, he said, adding they will hopefully be released next week.

A group of environmental organizations Wednesday demanded that the Biden administration suspend and cancel oil and gas leases in federal waters off the California coast. The Center for Biological Diversity and about three dozen organizations sent a petition to the Department of the Interior, arguing it has the authority to end these leases and that the decades-old platforms off the coast of California are especially susceptible to problems because of their age.

The Department of the Interior declined to comment on the petition.

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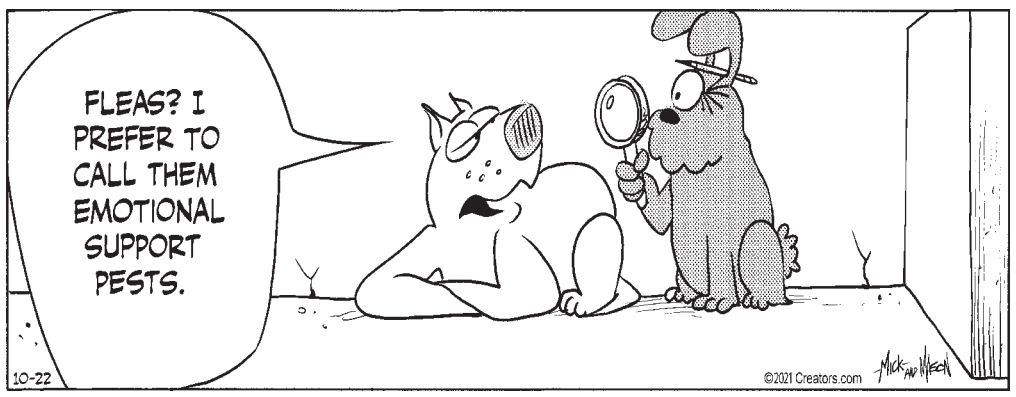
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FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Clean morning but keep in mind the incoming high tide. Easing WNW swell while small SSW swell lingers. Few peaks on hand, could be fun on small-wave gear.

SATURDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high occ. 5 ft
Earlier AM looking fun with nice tide push and clean conditions. New NW swell on hand -- most size west of Dume. Afternoon window may be an option as well.

WEATHER

Friday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 65.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 65.

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2021/10/23	Sat	10:41 AM	5.56	H
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2021/10/26	Tue	8:49 PM	0.93	L
2021/10/27	Wed	1:16 PM	4.44	H
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). As you march ever-forward, you'll see the scenery shift. What's less apparent is the ways you are transforming with it. There is no better or worse way to develop. Accept change as the only constant in life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The ego is a fanciful child who can make a person believe any number of false things. Vigilance against its narcissism is the habit of champions. You're guided by thoughtfulness and restraint.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Theoretically, it would seem the simplest way to wisdom is to cling to solitude. The wise hermit on the hill is a trope to span the centuries, and yet, in reality, the more social you are, the sager you will become.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You will mentally project yourself all around a problem, eventually perching in a place that allows you to see much of it at once. You'll help others by sharing your broad view.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you always say "yes," then agreement is not really a decision; it's a default. This is why people take "yes" for granted. Throw in a "no." You grow more in touch with your own power by exercising it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Don't be too quick to call something a waste of time just because it doesn't categorize. Maybe the category hasn't been invented yet. But if it feels important, it probably is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Those who say they want closure often just want a more readily acceptable ending. Acceptance is the final step. While it may not be possible to get a different ending, acceptance is a choice you can make any time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've had your share of telepathic connections, but right now there's no one reading your mind, so the quickest way to get your needs met is to ask directly for what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People around you are already primed to feel a certain way. It is your awareness of their feelings and the possible trigger points that exist that make you an expert at reading the room and a trusted leader, too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). With messy problems, traditional cause-and-effect thinking won't work. Try things out in person. It's the only way to really understand, on a visceral and practical level, what's at stake.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Once you figure out what you want, don't be afraid to make it happen. Think of life as an experiment. You get to try things on. You'll know when it fits, and later you can double down on what's working.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You need help. Recognizing this is not weakness; it's strength. Leaders delegate. Decide who can help you and why they should, and then build the perfect pitch from there.

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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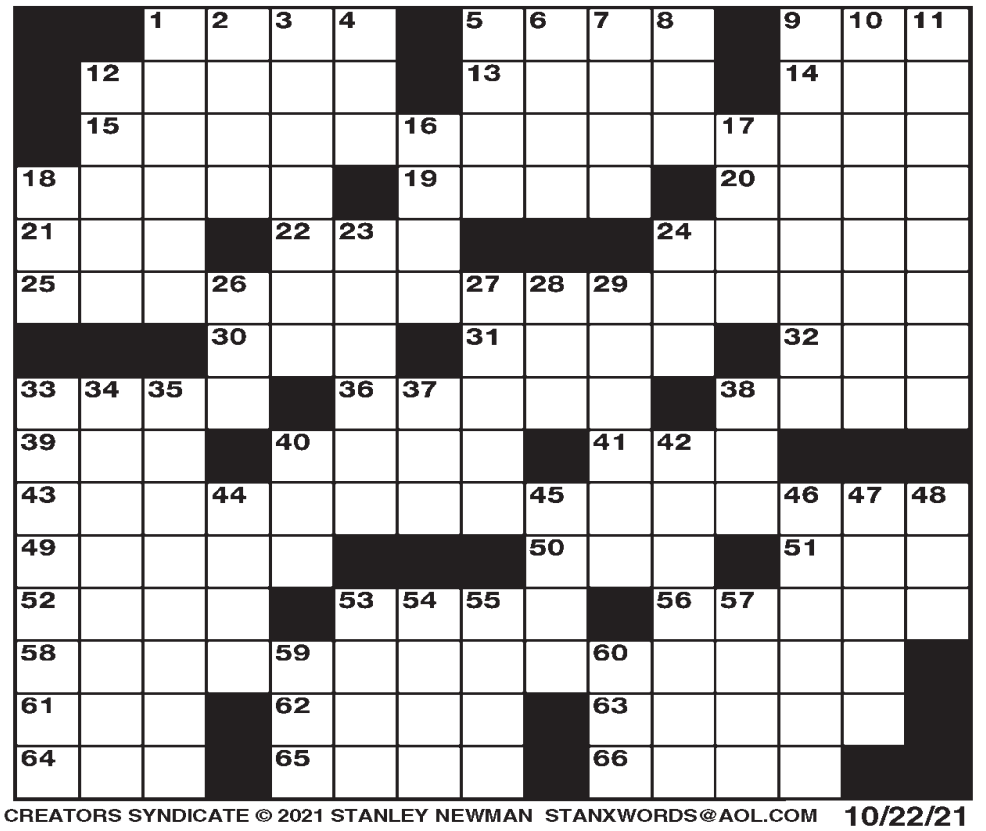
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14 Draft designation
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19 Expression of surprise
20 Smoke detector output
21 Bart and Maggie's grandpa
22 Power for some grills
24 Most unenviable
25 8,221 miles nonstop
30 Quick buzzer
31 Egret cousin
32 Small squirt
33 Whole bunch (of)
36 The head honcho
38 Data measure
39 Comics sound of distress
40 One-on-one sport
41 Contemplation exclamation
43 7,939 miles nonstop
49 Large library book
50 One-named R&B vocalist
51 Purely
52 What's called in Congress
53 What cafe servers provide
56 ZZZQuil alternative
58 9,032 miles nonstop
61 FDR's price control agency
62 River near Stonehenge
63 It might say "CAKE BOSS"
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OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK
The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Chapters across Southern California will come together for a virtual opening ceremony at 8:00am on October 23rd, followed by an in-person event at Third Street Promenade in Santa Monica with 1500+ people expected to attend. Our community has always been the heart of the Out of the Darkness Walks. 3rd Street Promenade. 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY | OCT 24

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET
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The First Day of School Band (@fdosofficial,) perform live every Sunday, on the Third Street Promenade in Santa Monica. The duo is made up of Bradley (12) on guitar/vocals, and Bowie (9) on keyboards/vocals. The Center Stage is located between Santa Monica Blvd and Arizona Ave. 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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JUSTICE REFORM

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dark, public intoxication, public urination and possession of minor amounts of drugs or paraphernalia.

The program is not open to individuals who commit violent crimes, domestic abuse or vehicle code violations. Registered sex offenders and those with a prior arson or violent offense conviction are also disqualified.

"It's a really good balance between this social justice movement and reform and diversion as well as public safety," said Grigsby.

Grigsby said she is especially excited about this program's potential to generate long-term change in participants' lives and prove a more effective tool for improving public safety than the current misdemeanor system. Misdemeanors are punishable by a maximum sentence of one year in County Jail and one year on probation, but according to Grigsby this rarely happens in practice.

"One of the biggest problems we have as a misdemeanor prosecutor is it's very hard to keep someone in custody for the amount of time you've sentenced them to on a misdemeanor," said Grigsby. "The jails are obviously overcrowded and with COVID they want to keep it as safe as possible and that usually means that they don't want someone there that doesn't necessarily pose a severe danger to society."

In many cases the 90 day treatment program will prove a longer commitment than the amount of time the offender would be held in jail. Instead of simply being released after a short amount of time in custody, program participants will work on addressing the underlying issue that led to the law enforcement interaction and hopefully prevent such an interaction from taking place again.

"It's important to look at some of these alternatives to punishment, so that folks can obviously stay out of jail if they don't need to be in jail, but also find the best option to help the person to a better path," said Grigsby.

The Santa Monica Alternatives to Incarceration Initiative began on Sept. 21 and has already seen some promising results.

According to Grigsby, the first program participant was a woman involved in a domestic dispute who agreed to be transported to a sobering center. The last time Grigsby spoke with the participant she was staying sober, had reconnected with her family and was working on the mental health issues that were contributing to her addiction.

Another participant had fallen off of the wagon after a long-period of sobriety and ended up living on the streets. Grigsby was happy to share that this person is currently in the Salvation Army Rehabilitation Center and abiding by his treatment plan.

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MARIJUANA

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in terms of our signage, and at the same time really be an area where people do not feel intimidated to come in to try to solve their medical condition," said Song.

Song is a 20-year physician radiation oncologist and a 14-year Santa Monica resident. He specializes in the use of medicinal marijuana and helped develop the products that will be sold in the store under the brand Local Cannabis Co.

Although commissioners were very impressed by the applicant's presentation and agreed to grant the company a Conditional Use Permit, they did voice a few concerns.

Commissioners asked the applicants to abide by the following recommendations: hours of operation on Sundays will be 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.; no noise audible from the exterior of the building shall occur outside of one hour prior to and one hour after normal business hours; and the same goes for the cleaning outside of one hour prior to and one hour after normal business hours.

The Commissioners also added a condition that CPC Compassion Inc. shall work with staff to address and improve the pedestrian orientation. In this case, commissioners were interested in having the tinted windows be replaced with clearer ones.

Customers will be required to have a medical recommendation to shop at the dispensary. CPC Compassion Inc. can sell to primary caregivers over the age of 18 years old if they show proof of being a legitimate caregiver.

Commissioner Shawn Landres was momentarily worried that schools and daycares would be excluded from opening up on Wilshire. However, while Santa Monica's zoning ordinance says that a dispensary can't open 500 feet from a school, daycare or church, these businesses can open 500 feet from an existing dispensary.

Community members could see CPC Compassion Inc. open their dispensary by December at the earliest. Santa Monica has strict regulations around where dispensaries can be located and how many are allowed to operate.

CPC Compassion Inc., beat out 19 other applicants in a 2017 Request for Applications process to become one of two marijuana businesses allowed to pursue business operations in the City. They are the only business that has leased an approved location and acquired a Conditional Use Permit.

In 2023, the existing zoning ordinance will expire and City Council could vote to allow recreational marijuana dispensaries to open in city limits.

"I thought they've (CPC Compassion Inc.) done a very good job in addressing the issues that have been raised. Essentially, they're opening a pharmacy, and the pharmacy happens to be selling cannabis products, but the pharmacy is highly regulated, more highly regulated than almost any other kind of business in Santa Monica," said Mario Fonda-Bonardi.

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DRILLING

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to prompt some drillers to close the wells. Operators would be financially responsible for meeting the requirements and have one to two years to do so.

Jared Blumenfeld, California's environmental protection secretary, said the rules signal to existing drillers that "they're going to have to invest a significant amount of time, money and attention in order to get into compliance."

VACCINATE

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County officials expect to receive about 95,000 first doses of Pfizer by Nov. 1 if the current federal timeline stays the same, according to Barbara Ferrer, the county's public health director.

As part of the county's rollout, health officials will begin next week talking to parents and caregivers to get out in front of potential misinformation about the shots as federal approvals are pending, Ferrer told The Associated Press in an interview.

"We like to be ready immediately because we know there's some pent-up demand here," Ferrer said. "There are a lot of parents who have a lot of questions. There are also a lot of parents who are desperate to get their kids vaccinated. So we're going to be ready here to do that."

The county is also working to prepare its existing network of Pfizer providers to be able to administer the shots for kids as soon as possible. In the last five months, the public health department has also worked to add more than 300 pediatricians and pediatric providers to its network in preparation for this vaccine's approval.

LA County is also working to expand its vaccine capabilities at schools, particularly in areas that have been devastated by the virus. There have already been 800 vaccine clinics at school sites and more than 360 additional ones — 60% to 70% of them are in hard-hit communities — are scheduled.

"Our efforts are always to prioritize pediatric clinics and services that are in the hardest-hit communities," Ferrer said.

In San Francisco, public health officials are planning to host "family-friendly" vaccination events and virtual town halls that cater to parents and caregivers who have questions about pediatric vaccines.

Four school-based vaccination sites will be able to administer as many as 250 doses a day, according to the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

The agency anticipates it will be able to administer 25,000 vaccine doses per week across its nearly 100 sites citywide to eligible children, first-time adults and third-dose boosters. Priority will be given to those seeking their first and second doses, including youngsters.

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