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Los Angeles resumes Homelessness Committee Meetings



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HOMELESS: Los Angeles authorities are restarting their discussions on homelessness with new leadership.

JAMIE PAIGE
Special to the Daily Press

The Los Angeles City Council's Homelessness and Poverty Committee resumed meetings this week for the first time since its former chair, Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas, was indicted on federal bribery and conspiracy charges and suspended from the council.

The committee is now chaired by Councilman Kevin de Leon, who has served on the council since October 2020, representing Skid Row, as well as Eagle Rock, Boyle Heights and Highland Park.

"I'm very grateful for the opportunity to lead this committee and work with everyone here. ... As the council member who represents the largest concentration of people experiencing homelessness in the United States, this issue is not philosophical to me," de Leon said to begin the meeting Monday.

The meetings resumed shortly after a homeless man who has been a threat to neighbors near the Venice Boulevard and Electric Avenue encampment was arrested for aggravated assault after a metal pipe altercation.

Police say that Brandon Washington was arrested and booked for aggravated assault for an altercation with another homeless woman on Saturday.

"We are facing a humanitarian crisis that has gone on for far too long," said de Leon. "For many years, we as a city accepted it, and we were okay with it as long as it was contained in a small area on the outskirts of downtown Los Angeles. And as it has expanded to other parts of the city, we have applied some patchwork policies that never come close to addressing the growing gargantuan problem that is homelessness."

On Monday, the committee advanced a series of motions to issue tax- exempt bonds for permanent supportive housing projects that will provide a collective 347 units for people experiencing homelessness.

The committee also voted to authorize a contract with the homeless services nonprofit Urban Alchemy to operate a 109-bed Tiny Home Village at 2301 W. Third St. in a part of Westlake represented by Councilman Mitch

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Santa Monica schools settle supplies lawsuit

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Four years after its first filing, the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District has settled a lawsuit alleging inappropriate fees for school supplies.

Judge Elihu M. Berle granted final approval of the fee lawsuit on Nov. 16. Claimants will receive a total of $960,343 covering 476 full payments and 162 partial payments.

"I am pleased we were able to resolve this dispute and move forward, despite our firmly-held position that the allegations could have and would have been addressed and resolved a long time ago, and quickly and efficiently, if counsel for the plaintiffs had chosen to address this issue through our Uniform Complaint Procedures rather than through expensive litigation," said Superintendent Ben Drati. "I again remind parents of the district's commitment to equity ensuring that all students have access and opportunity to all aspects of our educational and extracurricular programs, our support for the law regarding pupil fees and our commitment to full compliance, and our commitment

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California backslides on water conservation amid drought

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

A severe drought prompted California Gov. Gavin Newsom last summer to ask the state's nearly 40 million residents to voluntarily reduce water use by 15% this year. New data released Tuesday shows few people are doing that.

Californians reduced their water use by a measly 3.9% in September, down from 5.1% in August. Overall, California has reduced its water consumption by just 3.6% since July, when Newsom made the request.

"It's not the news we want to see, for sure," said E. Joaquin Esquivel, chair of the State Water Resources Control Board.

A megadrought fueled by climate change has enveloped much of the West. As California heads into what traditionally is its wettest time of the year, 80% of the state is classified as in extreme or exceptional drought, the two worst categories.

State officials had hoped Californians' conservation would continue to improve each month as more people learn about the drought and water agencies promote their conservation efforts. Instead, data showed none of the state's "hydrologic" regions met the 15% threshold and two in the Central Valley region that account for 10% of the state's population actually used more water in September than a year ago.

Water agencies say California actually has reduced its consumption because of changes put in place during prior droughts. That means cutting more now is harder.

In Los Angeles, customer demand for water has dropped 30% since 2007. And during the drought that ended in 2017, customer demand fell by 20%, a reduction mostly maintained once that drought ended.

For example, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

RFP: # 303 Bergamot Station Arts Center - Commercial Property Management

- **Submission Deadline is December 14, 2021 at 5:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL**. The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is ProcureNow (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca) There is no charge for the RFP package.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to AB361

SUBJECT: 21ENT-0025 (Appeal of FWHM 20ENT-0224)
706 10th Street
APPELLANT: Arik Kashper
PROPERTY OWNER: Arik Kashper

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

An appeal of the Zoning Administrator's denial (20ENT-0224) of a height modification for an 8' high hedge within the front yard setback along the front and side (north and south) property lines. The subject property is located in the Single-Unit Residential (R1) zoning district. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.21.050(A)(1), fences, walls, and hedges cannot exceed a maximum height of 42 inches within the required front yard setback as measured from the lowest finished grade adjacent to either side of the fence, wall, or hedge. SMMC Section 9.43.080(B) allows an applicant to request a modification to these height limitations in the front, side, and rear setbacks.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021 AT 5:30 PM**

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Address your comments to: Tony Kim, Principal Planner
Re: 21ENT-0025

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Tony Kim by e-mail at tony.kim@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. 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.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 325 CALLS ON NOVEMBER 15

Petty Theft Report 1200Blk 3rd Street Prom 12:29 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:25 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 200Blk 26th St 1:38 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2800Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:43 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:15 a.m.
Loud Music 400Blk Wilshire Blvd 6:11 a.m.
Encampment 1700Blk 26th St 6:15 a.m.
Encampment 4th St / Georgina Ave 6:33 a.m.
Fight 2900Blk Barnard Way 6:40 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 300Blk San Vicente Blvd 6:54 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 400Blk The Beach 7:02 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 1200Blk 23rd St 7:10 a.m.
Burglary Report 1400Blk Ocean Ave 7:12 a.m.
Burglary Report 1500Blk Yale St 7:58 a.m.
Missing Person 300Blk Olympic Dr 8:05 a.m.
Encampment 2900Blk 2nd St 8:25 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1200Blk Ocean Front Walk 8:29 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1500Blk 16th St 8:52 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400Blk Montana Ave 9:00 a.m.
Identity Theft 2700Blk 3rd St 9:22 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 20th St / Ocean Park Blvd 9:23 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1500Blk Ocean Ave 9:31 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 100Blk Santa Monica Pl 9:52 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 2200Blk 25th St 10:06 a.m.
Panic Alarm 2000Blk Olympic Blvd 10:11 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1100Blk Grant St 10:21 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 300Blk Pacific St 11:21 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd W 11:25 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2100Blk Oak St 11:28 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 900Blk 11th St 11:44 a.m.
Critical Missing Person 300Blk Olympic Dr 11:45 a.m.
Person Down 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 11:48 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2900Blk Exposition Blvd 12:09 p.m.
Encampment 100Blk Pier Ave 12:11 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 300Blk Montana Ave 12:19 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 12:29 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1500Blk 6th St 12:29 p.m.
Identity Theft 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 12:30 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 800Blk Broadway 12:31 p.m.
Panic Alarm 1400Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:41 p.m.
Encampment 400Blk Pacific St 1:09 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 1:12 p.m.
Burglary Report 2200Blk Main St 1:24 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 14th St / Ocean Park Blvd 1:38 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 700Blk Marine St 1:41 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 23rd St / Wilshire Blvd 1:50 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 23rd St / Pico Blvd 2:01 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2600Blk Lincoln Blvd 2:06 p.m.
Armed Robbery Report 3400Blk Ocean Park Blvd 2:21 p.m.
Loitering 1600Blk Hill St 2:50 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 500Blk San Vicente Blvd 3:06 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 500Blk Washington Ave 3:15 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 1000Blk Lincoln Blvd 3:19 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 800Blk Bay St 3:19 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1100Blk The Beach 3:20 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 800Blk 19th St 3:28 p.m.
Loitering 100Blk Kinney St 3:28 p.m.
Overdose 1400Blk Ocean Ave 3:30 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2100Blk Stewart St 3:30 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 3:46 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 3:57 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 400Blk Marine St 4:02 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1600Blk The Beach 4:07 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3000Blk Exposition Blvd 4:29 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 400Blk 19th St 4:43 p.m.
Fraud Report 600Blk Pacific St 5:03 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 200Blk Marguerita Ave 5:10 p.m.
Civil Dispute 1000Blk Olympic Blvd E 5:10 p.m.
Hit And Run Felony Investigation Ocean Ave / Pico Blvd 5:15 p.m.
Fraud Report 1100Blk Harvard St 5:16 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1300Blk 18th St 5:18 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 800Blk Montana Ave 5:20 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 17th St / Broadway 5:26 p.m.
Animal Related Incident Main St / Olympic Dr 5:28 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 900Blk San Vicente Blvd 5:31 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 1900Blk 22nd St 5:32 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1300Blk 15th St 5:37 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 31st St / Ocean Park Blvd 5:37 p.m.
Burglary Now 1700Blk Ocean Park Blvd 5:58 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 2600Blk Virginia Ave 6:19 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Cedar St 6:19 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 6:53 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd W 7:04 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 19th St / Wilshire Blvd 7:09 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1600Blk Appian Way 7:26 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2200Blk Navy St 7:32

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Automatic Alarm 700Blk California Ave 4:06 a.m.
EMS 1800Blk 9th St 5:13 a.m.
EMS 200Blk Bicknell Ave 5:36 a.m.
EMS 1900Blk Broadway 6:43 a.m.
EMS 1700Blk Cloverfield Blvd 6:49 a.m.
EMS 900Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:53 a.m.
EMS 500Blk Olympic Blvd W 9:02 a.m.
EMS 1900Blk Colorado Ave 10:08 a.m.
EMS 500Blk Ocean Ave 10:22 a.m.
EMS 1700Blk Hill St 11:19 a.m.
EMS 2000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:11 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 7th St 12:26 p.m.
Fire Out Investigation 1400Blk 12th St 12:36 p.m.
EMS 600Blk 14th St 1:08 p.m.
EMS 2500Blk Pico Blvd 2:07 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200Blk 25th St 2:09 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 4th St 2:18 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 2:34 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 3:02 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk Ocean Ave 3:30 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:44 p.m.
EMS 300Blk Olympic Dr 3:45 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:03 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 4th St 4:13 p.m.
EMS 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 4:25 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 16th St 4:32 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 4:45 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 200Blk Marguerita Ave 4:59 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Pico Blvd 5:15 p.m.
EMS 2500Blk 20th St 5:35 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 31st St / Ocean Park Blvd 5:37 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Lincoln Blvd / Cedar St 6:31 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 19th St / Wilshire Blvd 7:09 p.m.
EMS 2200Blk Colorado Ave 7:09 p.m.
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EMS 9th St / Colorado Ave 8:04 p.m.
EMS 2100Blk 7th St 9:32 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Cloverfield Blvd / Broadway 9:35 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 16th St 11:59 p.m.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Three Florida residents sentenced to federal prison for fraudulently obtaining unemployment benefits from California

Three women from South Florida have been sentenced to federal prison for participating in a scheme that defrauded the California Employment Development Department (EDD) by filing fraudulent claims for unemployment benefits in the names of California identity theft victims, the Justice Department announced today.

Bonia Bon and Bonize Bon, who are 32-year-old twin sisters residing in North Miami, and Eldia Dieujuste, 32, of Miami, each were sentenced Monday afternoon to one year and one day in federal prison. United States District Judge Christina A. Snyder also ordered the defendants to pay $104,570 in restitution to EDD.

The Bons and Dieujuste each pleaded guilty last year to mail fraud in connection with their scheme to defraud EDD. In a sentencing memorandum filed with the court, prosecutors noted that the Bons and Dieujuste stole "monies that were intended to be used to help persons who had lost their jobs through no fault of their own" by exploiting "the mechanisms put in place by EDD to help unemployed workers more easily apply for these benefits – for example, on-line applications and rapid processing of applications."

From January 2018 through June 2019, the Bons and Dieujuste used the personal information of California residents to file 34 fraudulent claims seeking at least $494,190 in unemployment benefits. The Bons and Dieujuste provided their own home addresses in Florida as the mailing addresses for the benefits, which caused the debit cards that allowed access to $104,570 in unemployment benefits to be mailed to them. ATM surveillance photos captured images of the Bons and Dieujuste using the fraudulently obtained debit cards to withdraw the unemployment benefits in cash.

A fourth South Florida resident, Gregory Bon, 29, of Miami, brother of the Bon twins, faces conspiracy and mail fraud charges in this scheme. He has pleaded not guilty and is scheduled to go on trial on December 14 before Judge Snyder.

An indictment contains allegations that a defendant has committed a crime. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

The Department of Labor – Office of the Inspector General, EDD's Investigations Division, Homeland Security Investigations, the United States Postal Inspection Service, and the United States Secret Service investigated this matter.

Assistant United States Attorney Ranee A. Katzenstein, Chief of the Major Frauds Section, prosecuted this case.

SUBMITTED BY THOM MROZEK, DIRECTOR OF MEDIA RELATIONS U.S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received by the City of Santa Monica until 3:00 p.m. on the date indicated at which time they will be opened and posted for:

BID # 4422 Pickup Trucks and SUVs

Submission Deadline is December 14, 2021 at 3:00 PM 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.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to AB361

SUBJECT: 21ENT-0183 (Conditional Use Permit)
1643-1653 19th Street
APPLICANT: Wag Hotels – Jessica Furey
PROPERTY OWNER: J & D McDonough, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

A Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a kennel in conjunction with a pet hotel (Wag Hotel) within two existing one-story buildings totaling 15,922 square feet in the Industrial Conservation (IC) zoning district.

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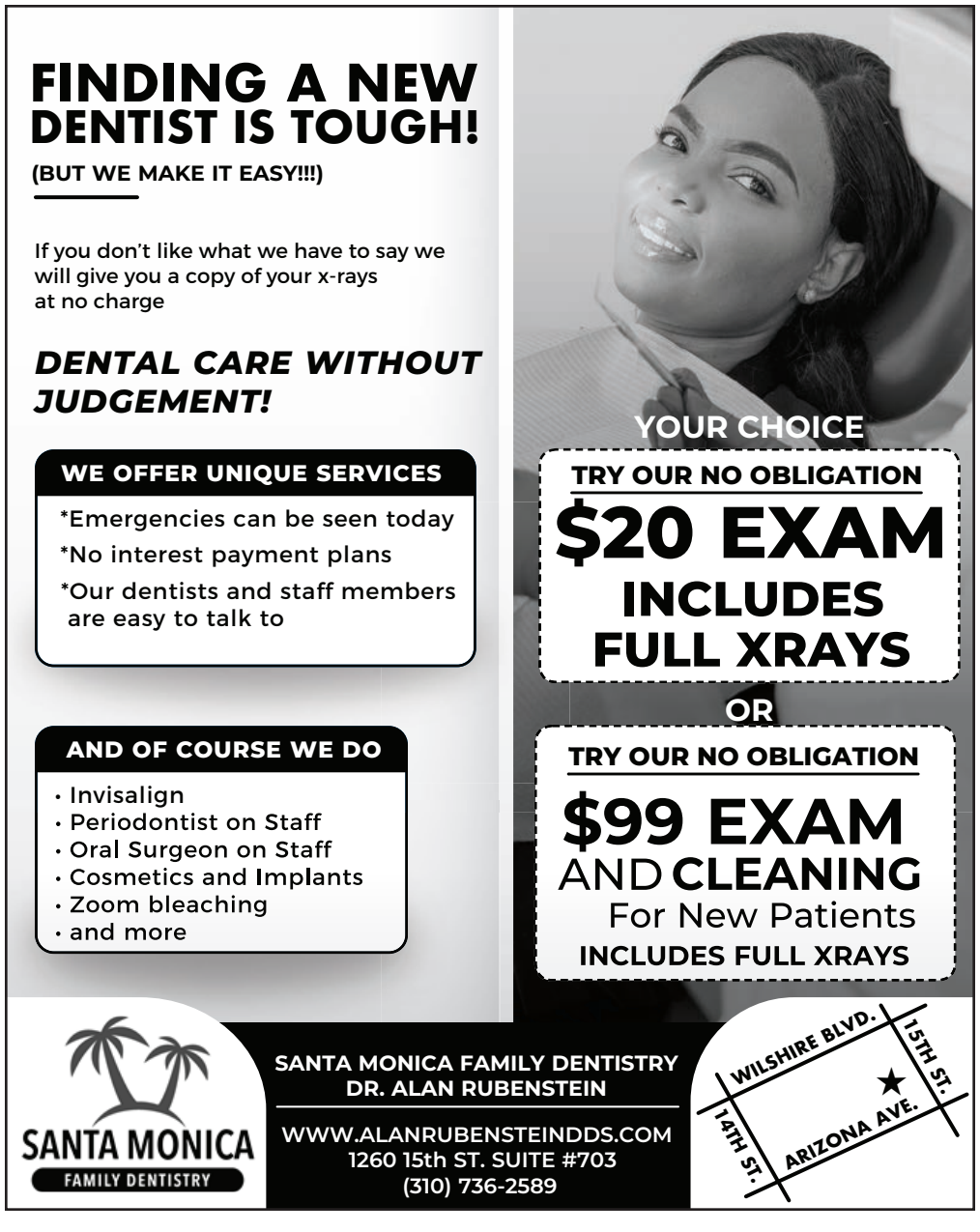
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Address your comments to: Scott Albright, Senior Planner
Re: 21ENT-0183

MORE INFORMATION
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The secret to beautifully glazed roast chicken

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL
Christopher Kimball's Milk Street

The lacquered look of a glazed roasted chicken may be alluring, but it can be a trial to execute well. The sugar in glazes caramelizes in the oven, adding deep sweet-savory notes and intensifying browning. That is, unless the glaze drips off the football-shaped bird, as so many do, creating a sticky, scorched mess on your pan.

Our solution came in a well-tested technique for evenly roasting chickens: spatchcocking, or butterflying, which involves cutting out and discarding a bird's backbone so it can be spread open and flattened. This allows the chicken to cook and brown evenly, while also making it easier to spread on a glaze and have it stay put in the oven.

For this recipe from our book "COOKish," which limits recipes to just six ingredients without sacrificing flavor, we make a simple glaze with fruity, tangy-sweet chutney mixed with butter for richness and turmeric for savoriness. Before cooking, we mix citrus juice into a portion of the glaze to serve as a sauce alongside the carved chicken.

An herbed grain pilaf is a perfect accompaniment.

CHUTNEY-GLAZED SPATCHCOCKED CHICKEN

Start to finish: 1 hour 20 minutes (20 minutes active)

Servings: 4 to 6

½ cup tamarind chutney OR mango chutney

4 tablespoons salted butter, melted

1 teaspoon ground turmeric OR ground ginger

Juice of 1 lemon OR 1 lime

4-pound whole chicken

Kosher salt and ground black pepper

Heat the oven to 425°F. Set a wire rack in a rimmed baking sheet. Stir together the chutney, butter and turmeric; measure ⅓ cup into a small bowl, then stir the juice into it; set aside for serving. Using kitchen shears, cut along each side of the chicken's backbone and discard. Place the bird skin side up flat on the rack. Season with salt and pepper, then brush with half the chutney mixture. Roast for 40 minutes. Brush with the remaining chutney mixture and roast until the thighs reach 175°F, another 10 to 15 minutes. Let rest for 10 minutes. Carve and serve with the sauce.



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 NOV. 5 AT APPROXIMATELY 4:20 A.M.

Officers responded to the 1000 block of 4th Street, for a 'Burglary Now' call. Dispatch relayed that two males with hoodies entered the locked front doors to the building using a key and were trying to open the change machine in the laundry room located in the garage. The reporting party was able to view the suspects live through the building's cameras. Upon review of the video, Officers identified two suspects and the method of entry. Suspect, Erik Gonzalez from Santa Monica was ultimately booked for burglary and possession of burglary tools. Suspect, Sebastian Silveira, from Los Angeles, was book for the same with the addition of possession of methamphetamine. SMPD officers contacted the US Postal Inspection Service, via telephone, and notified them of the crime and the use of counterfeit keys that are restricted for use by postal carriers.

POLICE LOG

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Stolen Vehicle 800Blk Montana Ave 8:58 p.m.
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Audible Burglar Alarm 700Blk 17th St 9:48 p.m.
Construction Noise 1500Blk California Ave 9:48 p.m.
Burglary Report 1400Blk Ocean Ave 10:02 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 1400Blk 17th St 10:47 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:51 p.m.
Fight 4th St / Wilshire Blvd 11:34 p.m.

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GOP-majority court chosen to consider Biden vaccine mandate

GEOFF MULVIHILL
Associated Press

Challenges to President Joe Biden's COVID-19 vaccine mandate for private employers will be consolidated in the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, a panel dominated by judges appointed by Republicans.

The Cincinnati-based court was selected Tuesday in a random drawing using ping-pong balls, a process employed when challenges to certain federal agency actions are filed in multiple courts.

The selection could be good news for those challenging the administration's vaccine requirement, which includes officials in 27 Republican-led states, employers and several conservative and business organizations. They argue the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration does not have the authority to impose the mandate.

The challenges, along with some from unions that said the vaccine mandate didn't go far enough, were made this month in 12 circuit courts. Under an arcane system, it was up to the clerk of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict litigation to select a ping-pong ball from a bin to choose where the cases would be heard.

It was a favorable outcome for Republicans. Eleven of the 16 full-time judges in the 6th Circuit were appointed by Republican presidents. Accounting for one of the Republican-appointed judges, Helene White, who often sides with judges appointed by Democrats and adding senior judges who are semi-retired but still hear cases, the split is 19-9 in favor of Republicans. Six of the full-time judges were appointed by former President Donald Trump.

Another court where a majority of judges were nominated by Republicans, the New Orleans-based 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, issued a ruling that put the mandate on hold.

It's not clear whether the court that will hear the case will act as the 5th Circuit did and side quickly with the Republican challengers. But legal experts have become increasingly concerned in recent years about the politicization of both federal and state courts, raising questions about whether justice is fairly administered or dispensed through a partisan lens.

Allison Orr Larsen, a professor at William & Mary Law School, coauthored a study published this year that found growing partisanship in federal judicial decisions. For decades, the study found that rulings on cases in which all judges in a circuit weighed in generally were not decided along party lines based on the presidents who appointed the judges.

"We did see a concerning spike starting in 2018 that led us to wring our hands," Larsen said in an interview.

The increasing partisanship in a branch of government that is supposed to be blind to partisan politics was seen in judges appointed by presidents of both parties, but Larsen said it's not clear why that was or whether it will last.

Some of the federal courts moved to the right when Donald Trump was president and Republicans controlled the U.S. Senate, which confirms judicial nominees. Trump appointed 54 judges to the circuit courts, which are one step below the U.S. Supreme Court, including filling one seat twice. That represents nearly 30% of the seats on the circuit courts, where cases are most often considered by three-judge panels.

Trump's appointees flipped the 11th Circuit in the South to Republican control and expanded the GOP-appointed majorities in the 5th, 6th and 8th Circuits in the Midwest and South. Biden's three appointees switched the New York-based 2nd Circuit to Democratic control.

Republican state attorneys general and conservative groups mostly filed their challenges in circuit courts dominated by conservative judges, while the unions went to circuits with more judges nominated by Democratic presidents.

In all, 34 objections have been filed in all 11 regional circuits plus the one for the District of Columbia. That's where the ping-pong balls came in to play.

Under federal law, cases challenging federal agency actions get consolidated upon the agency's request if they are filed in multiple circuit courts. Each circuit where a challenge is filed within the first 10 days of the agency taking action has an equal chance of being selected.

It was up to the judicial panel's clerk, John W. Nichols, to select a ping-pong ball from a bin, according to a Tuesday court filing by the panel. The office denied a request by The Associated Press to allow media access to the drawing.

Previously this year, the lottery had been used to assign just two cases. One involved fallout from a National Labor Relations Board ruling on an anti-union Twitter message by Tesla founder Elon Musk where objectors filed in two circuits. The other was over orders from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in which objectors filed in three.

The employer vaccine mandate is higher profile and further reaching. It calls for businesses with more than 100 workers to require employees to be vaccinated by Jan. 4 or wear masks and be tested weekly for COVID-19. Exemptions are provided for religious reasons and for those who work at home or only outdoors.

Because it's an unusual rule from the workplace safety agency, there is no consensus among lawyers on how the challenges will go. OSHA has issued just 10 emergency rules in the half century since it was formed. Of the six challenged in court, only one survived intact.

The Biden administration has insisted it's on strong legal footing. It also has the backing of the American Medical Association, which filed papers in support of the mandate.

"The AMA's extensive review of the medical literature demonstrates that COVID-19 vaccines authorized or approved by FDA are safe and effective, and the widespread use of those vaccines is the best way to keep COVID-19 from spreading within workplaces," the group said in its filing.

Among those challenging the rule is a

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City of Santa Monica

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that at its regular meeting of November 11, 2021, the Santa Monica Rent Control Board amended regulation 4038(c) to clarify the language regarding compliance determinations.

These changes will become effective by promulgation the day after publication in the newspaper.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to AB361

SUBJECT: 21ENT-0173 (Vesting Tentative Parcel Map)
734 12th Street
APPLICANT: Ardeshir Haerizadeh
PROPERTY OWNER: Ardeshir Haerizadeh

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

The applicant requests approval of a Vesting Tentative Parcel Map for an airspace subdivision at the subject property for the purpose of constructing a new three-unit residential condominium project in the NC (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.54.070(B), the Planning Commission is the responsible authority to approve, conditionally approve, or deny tentative subdivision map applications.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021 AT 5:30 PM**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Planning Commission and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but participants may also join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/fqbuhsxc or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 3659131 #)

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give written public comment shall email comments to planningcomment@smgov.net. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

Additionally, public comment can be made by telephone by calling 1-408-740-7256 (Meeting ID: 780269741 and Passcode: 7265 followed by #) when the caller queue opens for the item on which you wish to comment. Remarks from the public made by telephone will be limited to up to 3 minutes per item. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

Address your comments to: Grace Page, Senior Planner
Re: 21ENT-0173

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Grace Page at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at grace.page@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. 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.

Pfizer asks US officials to OK promising COVID-19 pill

MATTHEW PERRONE
AP Health Writer

Pfizer asked U.S. regulators Tuesday to authorize its experimental pill for COVID-19, setting the stage for a likely launch this winter of a promising treatment that can be taken at home.

The company's filing comes as new infections are rising once again in the United States, driven mainly by hot spots in states where colder weather is driving more Americans indoors.

Pfizer's pill has been shown to significantly cut the rate of hospitalizations and deaths among people with coronavirus infections. The Food and Drug Administration is already reviewing a competing pill from Merck and several smaller drugmakers are also expected to seek authorization for their own antiviral pills in the coming months.

"We are moving as quickly as possible in our effort to get this potential treatment into the hands of patients, and we look forward to working with the U.S. FDA on its review of our application," said Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla, in a statement.

Specifically, Pfizer wants the drug available for adults who have mild-to-moderate COVID-19 infections and are at risk of becoming seriously ill. That's similar to how other drugs are currently used to treat the disease. But all FDA-authorized COVID-19 treatments require an IV or injection given by a health professional at a hospital or clinic.

The FDA is holding a public meeting on the Merck pill later this month to get the opinion of outside experts before making its decision. The agency isn't required to convene such meetings and it's not yet known whether Pfizer's drug will undergo a similar public review.

Some experts predict COVID-19 treatments eventually will be combined to better protect against the worst effects of the virus.

Pfizer reported earlier this month that its pill cut hospitalizations and deaths by 89% among high-risk adults who had early symptoms of COVID-19. The company studied its pill in people who were unvaccinated and faced the worst risks from the virus due to age or health problems, such as obesity. If authorized, the FDA will have to weigh making the pill available for vaccinated people dealing with breakthrough infections, since they weren't part of the initial tests.

For best results, patients need to start taking the pills within three days of symptoms, underscoring the need for speedy testing and diagnosis. That could be a challenge if another COVID-19 surge leads to testing delays and shortages seen last winter.

Pfizer's drug is part of a decades-old family of antiviral drugs known as protease inhibitors, which revolutionized the treatment of HIV and hepatitis C. The drugs block a key enzyme which viruses need to multiply in the human body. That's different than the Merck pill, which causes tiny mutations in the coronavirus until the point that it can't reproduce itself.

On Tuesday, Pfizer signed a deal a with U.N.-backed group to allow generic drugmakers to produce low-cost versions of the pill for certain countries. Merck has a similar deal for its pill, which was authorized in Britain earlier this month.

The U.S. has approved one other antiviral drug for COVID-19, remdesivir, and authorized three antibody therapies that help the immune system fight the virus. But they usually have to be given via time-consuming infusions by health professionals, and limited supplies were strained by the last surge of the delta variant.

The U.S. government has already committed to purchasing Merck's pill. Federal authorities were in negotiations with Pfizer to buy millions of doses of its pill, according to an official familiar with the matter.

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DROUGHT

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has imposed mandatory irrigation restrictions since 2009 and incentivized customers to replace their lawns with turf. The agency has been hiring more people to enforce water use rules, beefing up patrols that search for leaks and violations.

Beyond those efforts, it will take lots of time and money to see any real savings "given most of the immediate savings potentials have already been accomplished in our service area," said Terrence McCarthy, the department's water resources policy manager.

The biggest water savings in September came in two sparsely populated regions in Northern California, where conservation increased by 12.4% or more. The San Francisco Bay area reduced its water use by 7.6%, and it fell 4.2% in the South Coast, which includes Los Angeles and San Diego and accounts for more than half the state's population.

California's most recent "water year," which runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30, was the second-driest on record in terms of statewide precipitation. California had its warmest ever statewide average monthly temperatures in October 2020 and June and July 2021, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's national Centers for Environmental Information.

That combination of extremely warm, dry weather has made it much harder for California to collect and store the water it gets from rain and snow each winter, as most of it either evaporates or is absorbed into the dry soil.

That blunts the impact of large storms known as "atmospheric rivers." One such storm late last month dumped record amounts of rain in Northern California, including 5.44 inches of rain in Sacramento — the most ever in that city over a 24-hour time period.

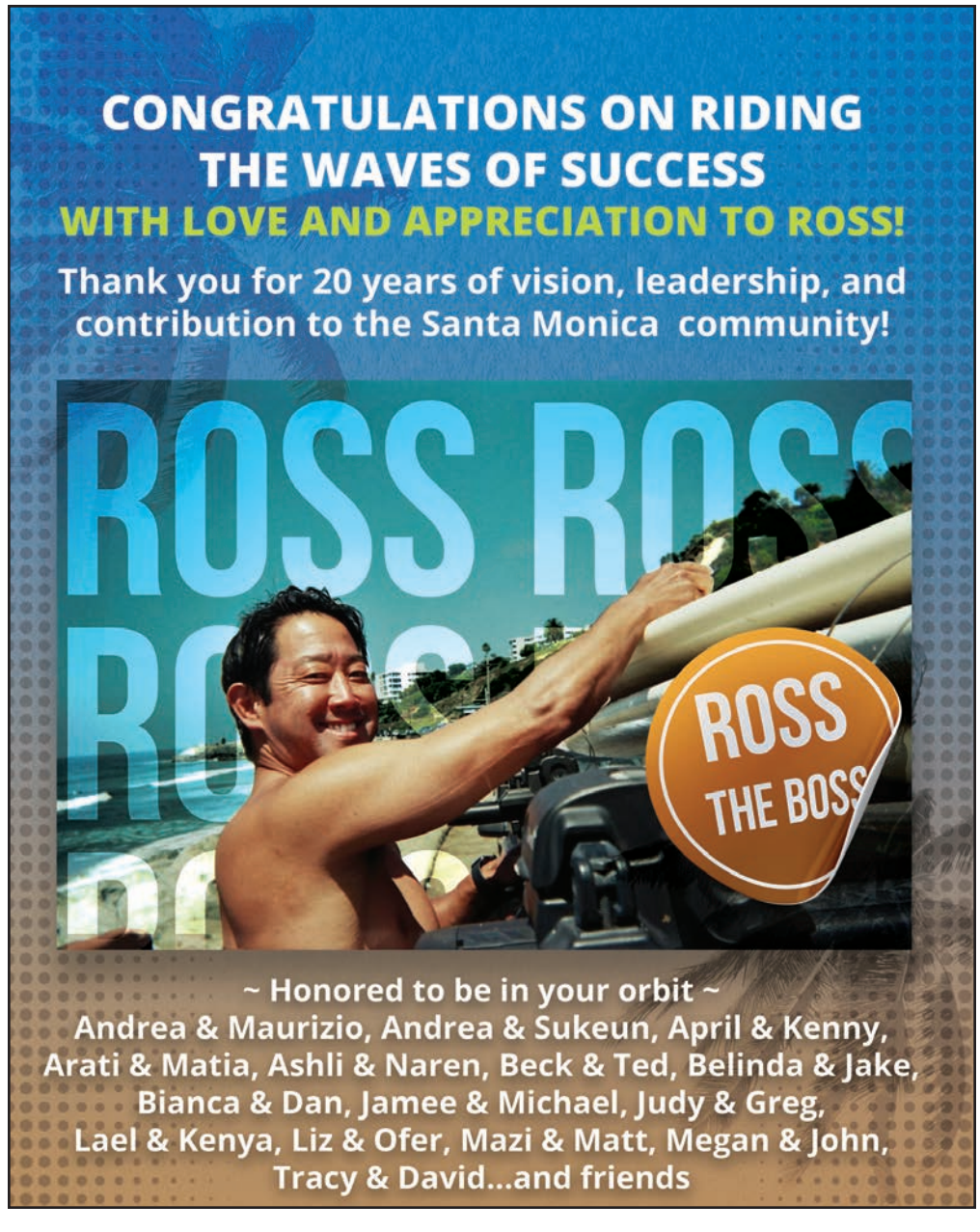
Homes and most businesses make up a small percentage of the state's water use each year. Most water is used for agriculture and environmental purposes, such as to maintain habitats.. Farmers have already seen steep cutbacks to their water deliveries from the government this year because of the drought.

State regulators have temporarily lifted curtailments for farmers and other large water users after last month's storms increased flows in the state's major rivers and streams. It's likely regulators will soon reinstate those restrictions for some areas of the delta formed by the Sacramento and San Joaquin river systems.

Still, Esquivel said conservation is the state's strongest tool "not just (for the) drought, but for the long term because of climate change."

"We know that we will continue to face deeper and longer droughts," he said. "And so now is the time to really continue to shift our usage here in the state."

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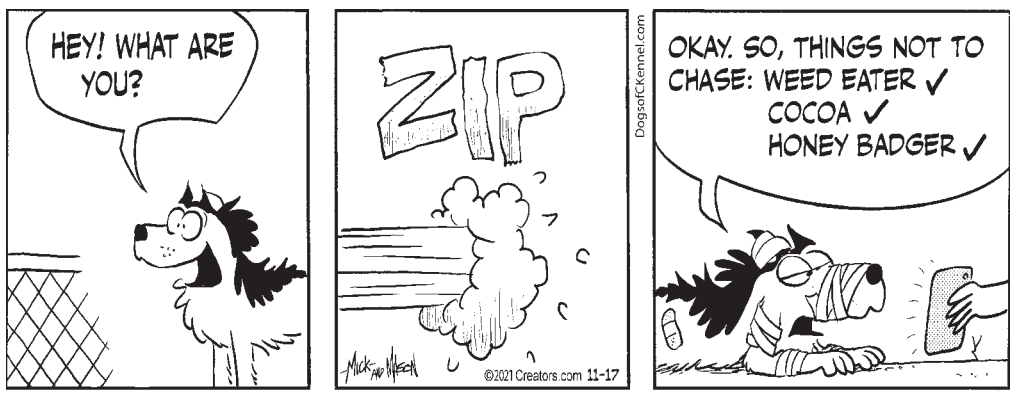
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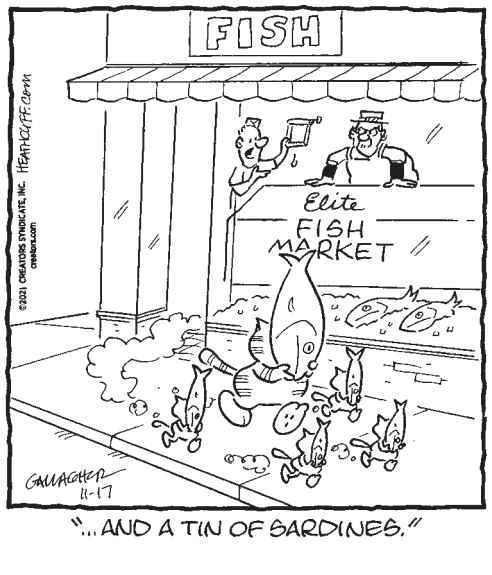
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 62.1°

WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Summer exposures still offer a few waves but wind is dicey for the morning. Deep AM high tide won't help the cause, either. New SSW and NW swell energy for the afternoon. Periods of coastal fog.

THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Refresh of SSW swell levels size off and there may be just enough NW energy for broken up shape. Wind looks more favorable for the morning but the early high tide slows many.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a high near 62.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 55.
Thursday: Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 61.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2021/11/17	Wed	07:36 AM	5.85	H
2021/11/17	Wed	2:25 PM	0.04	L
2021/11/17	Wed	8:33 PM	4.05	H
2021/11/18	Thu	01:43 AM	1.68	L
2021/11/18	Thu	07:58 AM	5.93	H
2021/11/18	Thu	2:56 PM	-0.16	L
2021/11/18	Thu	9:11 PM	3.89	H
2021/11/19	Fri	02:05 AM	1.97	L
2021/11/19	Fri	08:21 AM	5.95	H
2021/11/19	Fri	3:28 PM	-0.25	L
2021/11/19	Fri	9:51 PM	3.71	H
2021/11/20	Sat	02:28 AM	2.23	L
2021/11/20	Sat	08:45 AM	5.89	H
2021/11/20	Sat	4:03 PM	-0.25	L
2021/11/20	Sat	10:35 PM	3.53	H
2021/11/21	Sun	02:51 AM	2.48	L
2021/11/21	Sun	09:11 AM	5.76	H
2021/11/21	Sun	4:40 PM	-0.16	L
2021/11/21	Sun	11:26 PM	3.37	H
2021/11/22	Mon	03:15 AM	2.70	L

DAILY LOTTERY

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Draw Date: 11/15
5 31 34 51 53
Power#: 23
Jackpot: 190 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 11/12
30 32 42 46 48
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 63 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 11/13
10 15 25 36 42
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 35 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/15
8 12 18 27 34

Daily 3
Draw Date: 11/15
EVENING: 4 1 4

Draw Date: 11/15
MIDDAY: 2 4 0

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 11/15
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2nd: 05 - California Classic
3rd: 02 - Lucky Star
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (NOVEMBER 17)

You're entering a new circle and you'll be embraced for what you bring to the group. It's a boost for your ego, but it's your heart that benefits the most. You're aware of what people need and how you can help. Because of this, you'll execute diplomatic maneuvers to get you where you want to be at work. Aries and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 44, 43, 14 and 28.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Because patterns establish themselves whether we want them to or not, some things are better to steer away from entirely. With a bad path, the wrong move is the first one. Just don't go there.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You can believe in a person's pure nature and still recognize their less-than-pure intention. Many are only about the highest good if it also happens to coincide with what their ego wants.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). As it is with great recipes, one missing element changes everything. You are the essential ingredient. Even if you don't contribute much, just being there makes a difference, and proceedings would suffer without you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A relationship will go smoothly once you find the groove. It's all about hitting on the right amount of space between "notes." Too much closeness is stifling. Too much distance leaves nothing to grab onto.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have help when you need it because you're gracious enough not to take it for granted. Seize the chance to publicly recognize the efforts of your team. Words spoken before a group have deep emotional impact.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Experience is like money. Sometimes it falls your way, but mostly, you hustle for it. Getting into the mix is the hardest part. It takes effort and introductions. Volunteer and give of yourself. Opportunities open.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Since you won't pay lip service to any result you can't actually deliver, you'll find yourself experimenting, stretching to see what is reasonable, possible and comfortable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are compassionate, warm and empathetic yet still within your preferred boundaries. It's not so comfortable enforcing them, but it gets easier the more you do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Hesitation shows weakness. But contemplation isn't hesitation. While thinking and experimenting, you're uncommitted. You won't make a move until you're sure, then you will move with confidence.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're compelled to clean up your environment and you consider it your responsibility even though you technically had nothing to do with the mess. This may be true on an emotional or physical level today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're approachable, interested in others and quick to lift the conversation. Your playfulness walks a line, and you're better off sticking to the safe side of that line; you'll make friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your generosity shows in the way you compliment, encourage and attend to others. The spirit in which you interact with others makes a positive difference in the world that money alone just can't make.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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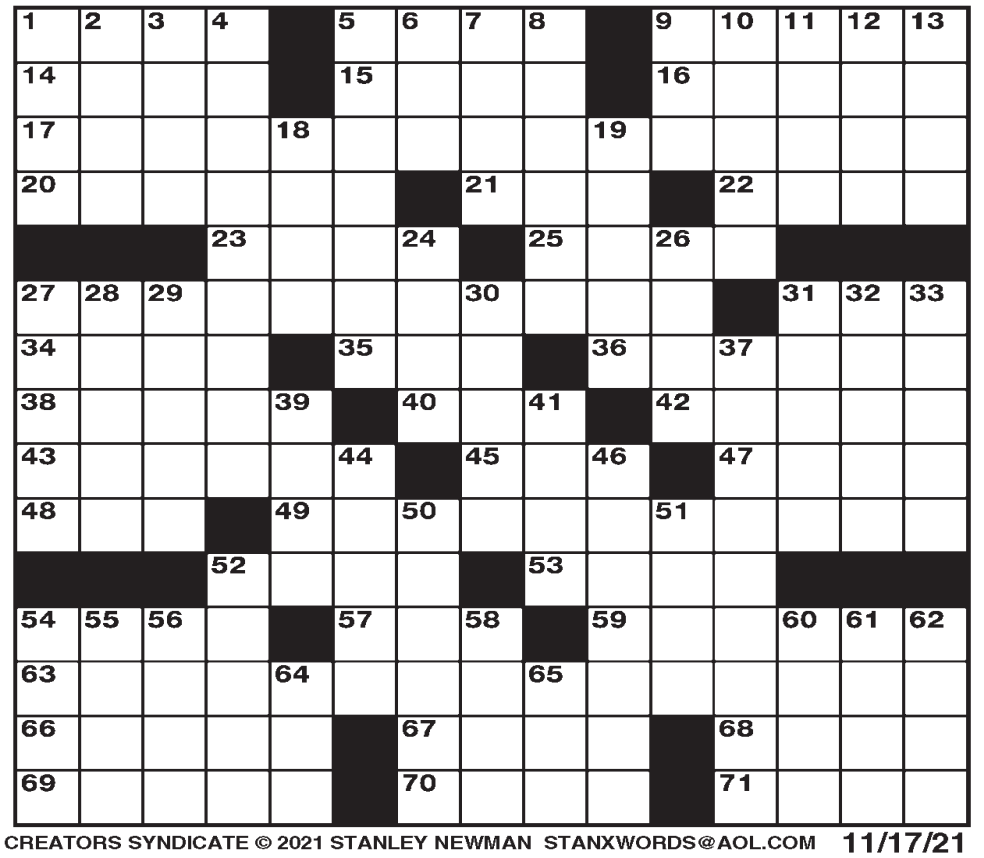
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Building block of physics
5 Showcase for an opera singer
9 Formal decree
14 Tuscaloosa team, for short
15 Quart fraction
16 Calf-roping event
17 Where to learn online
20 Karate instructor
21 Super Bowl org.
22 Other than that
23 Big name in trucks
25 Biblical paradise
27 Welcome a friend online
31 Sugar measure: Abbr.
34 Pass the time with a paperback
35 Golf peg
36 "Seriously!"
38 Sunlit courtyards
40 Rockies roamer
42 Low point
43 Infraction of a contract
45 Bring to completion
47 Devices needed for 63 Across
48 Grass from a farm
49 Promote products online
52 Serving in a stein
53 Support financially
54 For whom the bell tolls
57 Intro to a former name
59 Oil-carrying vessel
63 Theme of the puzzle
66 Dress fussily
67 Has a bug, say
68 What a shoe surrounds
69 They determine certain traits
70 Judicial order
71 Caesarian rebuke

DOWN
1 Basic principles
2 Wild story
3 Country on the Persian Gulf
4 Newspapers, podcasts, etc.
5 Fruity brandy flavoring
6 Spaniard's river
7 Barge __ (disturb)
8 Charge for some S&L withdrawals
9 Suffix for north or west
10 "Baker's" batch
11 Worshiped celebrity
12 Corp. big shots
13 Weighty book
18 Riding lawnmower part
19 __ days (long ago)
24 Shin neighbor
26 School Prince William went to
27 Seizes
28 Fashionable once again
29 Dog-__ (bent at the corner)
30 Big brawl
31 The present time
32 Be too thrifty
33 In itself
37 Tool mimicked for a dive
39 Strong yearning
41 Rounded handle
44 Doglike African predator
46 Crime lab procedure
50 Future attorney's initial study
51 "Shoo!"
52 "Put your money where your mouth is"
54 Rating for many sitcoms
55 Expand a workforce
56 Saint Patrick's land
58 Middle East ruler
60 Plank imperfection
61 Show-biz "grand slam," for short
62 Alphabetic quartet
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A Panel Discussion will follow the film. The Story of Plastic is a searing expose revealing the ugly truth behind plastic pollution and the false solution of plastic recycling. Different from every other plastic documentary you've seen, THE STORY OF PLASTIC presents a cohesive timeline of how we got to our current global plastic pollution crisis and how the oil and gas industry has successfully manipulated the narrative around it. From the extraction of fossil fuels and plastic disposal to the global resistance fighting back, THE STORY OF PLASTIC is a life-changing film depicting one of the world's most pressing environmental issues. Free. Register online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-story-of-plastic-virtual-screening-and-panel-discussion-registration-188643627167

BIZ@SUNSET CHAMBER MIXER
Kick off the Nomination Process of Sustainable Quality Awards (SQA's) and learn how to make your business more sustainable. Meet other business professionals including those from Sustainable Works, Sunryde, Neyborly and Santa Monica Place, a former SQA Grand Prize Winner. Free for Members. $15 for Prospective Members. Must book your ticket in advance since space is limited (https://smchamber.com/.) Neyborly at Santa Monica Place

MONTANA BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: THE COLOR OF LAW
Read and discuss this groundbreaking history of the modern American metropolis, by Richard Rothstein, a leading authority on housing policy. He explores the myth that America's cities came to be racially divided through de facto segregation. To register for this program, email stephanie.archer@santamonica.gov. 7 - 8:30 p.m.

CANCELED: PLANNING COMMISSION
The regular meeting of the Planning Commission has been canceled.

THURSDAY | NOV 18

SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK DISCUSSION: FINDING LATINX BY PAOLA RAMOS
Social Justice Book Discussion: Finding Latinx: In Search of the Voices Redefining Latino Identity by Paola Ramos
In this cross-country travelogue, journalist and activist Paola Ramos embarks on a journey to find the communities of people defining the controversial term "Latinx." 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkfuqhqTIsGNeiJKP-CmwFnw4nExMF7c7oH

LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL FOR VICTIMS OF COVID-19 FERRIS WHEEL LIGHTING
The Pacific Wheel will be lit blue on Thursday, November 18 in recognition of Los Angeles Memorial for Victims of Covid 19. The Pacific Wheel joins other LA landmarks in lighting blue in remembrance for those lost during the Covid 19 pandemic. Over 25,000 LA County residents have died due to complications of Covid19 since the pandemic started over 2 years ago. At the request of LA Mayor Eric Garcetti, buildings and landmarks will shine blue on the weekend of November 18-20.

FRIDAY | NOV 19

WINTERLIT HOLIDAY LIGHTS: TREE LIGHTING
Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM) brings the holidays to the Third Street Promenade with the return of Winterlit, transforming the downtown district into an immersive, festive experience. Tens of thousands of colorful lights, decor and garland will deck the Third Street Promenade, 2nd and 4th Streets, illuminating convenient shopping and cozy outdoor dining experiences. Santa comes to the Promenade on Friday, November 19 at 6 p.m. for the annual lighting of the official City of Santa Monica 24-foot-tall holiday tree.

SATURDAY | NOV 20

NOTABLE FICTION BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION: APEIROGON BY COLUM MCCANN
Two fathers, a Palestinian and an Israeli, navigate the checkpoints of their conflicted world before losses bring them together to use their grief as a weapon for peace. To register, email karen.reitz@santamonica.gov. 11 a.m.

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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Atoll	Club	Helm	Pump	Trim
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HOMELESS

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O'Farrell.

It also moved forward a motion introduced by de Leon to lease a vacant property in downtown Los Angeles from the state to provide interim housing for people experiencing homelessness as they transition into permanent housing.

"This was a great beginning to our committee's renewed efforts to accelerate the production of housing with a sense of urgency to ensure unhoused Angelenos get a roof over their heads," de Leon said in a statement after the meeting. "Today's efforts should be a signal to the people of Los Angeles that the time for studying and analyzing homelessness is over. We are taking action to pick up the pace to get people housed and get our streets and parks cleaned up."

The committee's membership was changed following Ridley-Thomas' suspension from the City Council on Oct. 20. The councilman was indicted on federal corruption and bribery charges on Oct. 13 related to his time as a Los Angeles County supervisor.

Council President Nury Martinez named de Leon chair of the committee, with Councilwoman Nithya Raman named vice chair.

Councilman Bob Blumenfield was appointed to the committee to fill the fifth seat left vacant by Ridley-Thomas' suspension. Along with de Leon, Raman and Blumenfield, the committee includes Councilman Joe Buscaino and Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez.

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SCHOOL

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to address student fee claims and concerns and resolve them."

Attorney Kevin Shenkman initiated the lawsuit in 2017 on behalf of parents Vivian Mahl and Gina de Baca, claiming that SMMUSD required families to pay for field trips, uniforms, and school supplies in violation of the constitutional guarantee to a free education.

The suit originally included more than 600 claims totaling $1,634,534. Seven claims exceeded $10,000, maxing out at $15,535.81. An additional claim demanded reimbursement for $552,257.21.

Of a total 655 claims that were filed over the course of the suit, 638 will receive some kind of payment.

The District has disputed the suit from the start saying it already had a process in place that allowed parents to file for reimbursements but the two sides reached a settlement in 2019. However, final approval of the settlement was delayed as the parties could not come to an agreement regarding more than 300 disputed claims, the court-ordered referee to adjudicate the process quit and the courts began experiencing Covid related shutdowns.

The case experienced a second, short, delay when local attorney Joel Koury objected to the attorney fees requested by Shenkman however, the judge did not agree with that objection and accepted the settlement this week. Shenkman's payment of $560,000 will be in addition to the settlement amount.

Payment of claims is expected in mid-January 2022, unless an appeal is filed

District officials said that despite settling the case, the District admits no wrongdoing, denies any wrongdoing and denies the truth of factual allegations in the lawsuit.

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MANDATE

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consortium of construction contractors. They say they want their workers vaccinated, but that a requirement only on larger companies is just pushing vaccine-hesitant workers to take jobs with companies that have fewer than 100 employees.

"Crafting an unworkable rule that will do little to get construction workers vaccinated is an approach that is not only wrong, but likely counterproductive," said Scott Casabona, president of Signatory Wall and Ceiling Contractors Alliance.

Officials with the workplace safety agency say they're considering extending the mandate to smaller employers.

A three-judge panel of the 5th Circuit extended the stay of the OSHA rule in an opinion released last Friday, expressing skepticism that the agency had authority to implement the vaccine requirement. The 6th Circuit could modify, revoke or extend the stay.

It had not yet been determined which judges from the 6th Circuit will be on a three-judge panel to hear the case or whether it will be considered by all the judges.

The U.S. Department of Justice declined to comment on the selection of the court.

Mulvihill reported from Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Associated Press writer Mark Sherman in Washington, D.C., contributed to this article.

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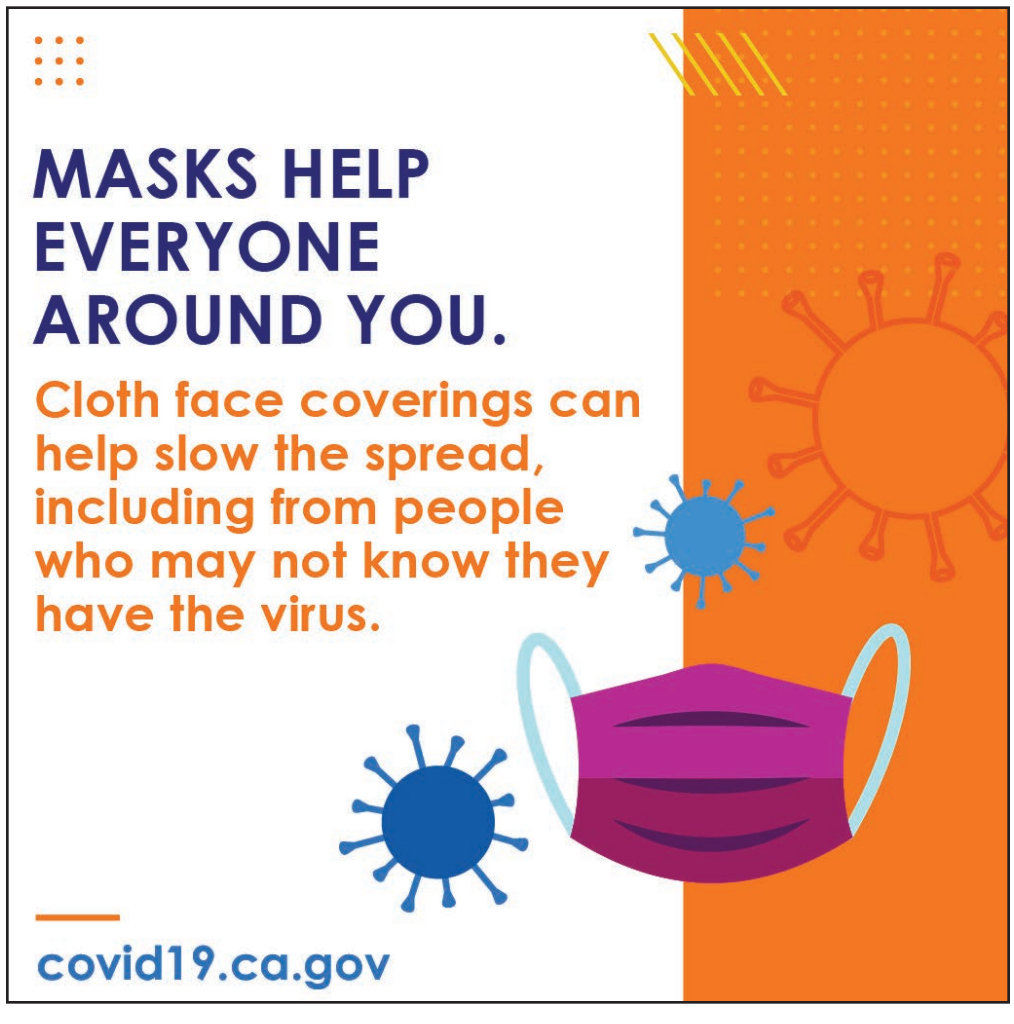
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