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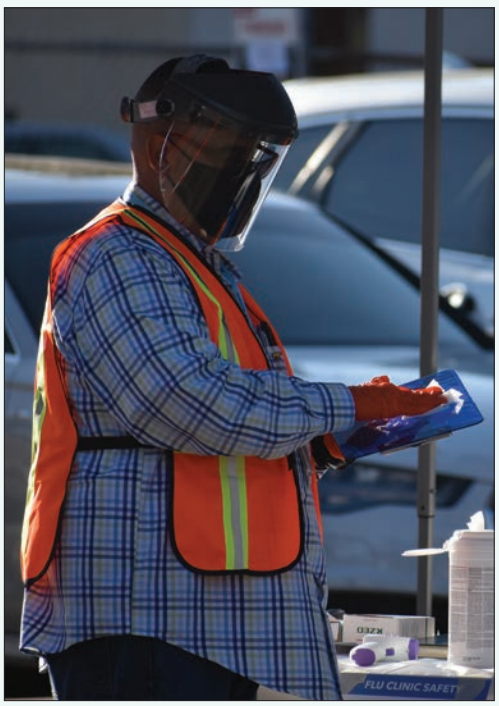
Health experts and local leaders stress need for flu vaccines during pandemic

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Flu season has arrived upon Santa Monica and local residents are being encouraged to get their flu shot if they wish to stay as protected as possible from COVID-19 in the coming months.

The City of Santa Monica and County of Los Angeles partnered to host a free flu vaccination clinic Tuesday at Memorial Park where dozens of locals turned out for a chance at a free injection. Similar events have been hosted in previous years, but workers on-site Tuesday said they expected a large crowd in comparison to past events since a lot of residents are trying to stay as protected as possible from the flu, which could potentially make them more susceptible to catching COVID-19 this winter.

Pharmacies across the city are also offering residents the ability to receive a flu vaccination, and UCLA Health doctors said they noticed an increase in the number of people opting to receive flu shots for the first time. "Or they're at least more willing to have discussions about it, so that's been kind of nice," said Dr. Eric Curcio, an associate professor of medicine at UCLA Health.





Brennon Dixson

FLU: Officials are advocating for widespread adoption of the flu vaccine during the current health crisis.

In the past, patients who came in to see their doctor adamantly told nurses no when asked if they wished to receive a flu vaccine, but this year, Curcio said, "numbers-wise — we've probably seen something around a 20% to 25% increase depending on the office, which is reassuring in some ways because people are taking this seriously. We know a nasty flu season on top of our COVID situation would be a disaster so it's good to see that so many people have taken that step to actually go and get their flu shots this year."

There were large numbers of people that ended up getting COVID and the flu at the same time in China, "and we know they did significantly worse than people who normally would just have the flu or even just have COVID," Curcio added as he detailed how a bad flu season could potentially disrupt testing and care.

"There's definitely potential for a public health impact this year. We saw in the beginning of this pandemic when we didn't have enough testing and people who were sick were unable to get tests," he said. "Even now, we see that when there's flare-ups that all of a sudden it takes — instead of one day to

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School reopening updates and board appointment process up for debate

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SMDP Staff Writer

In light of the current rise in COVID-19 cases, SMMUSD Superintendent Ben Drati will discuss the District's adjusted timeline for choosing a reopening plan in a Nov. 19 School Board meeting.

During the meeting, which will take place at 5:30 p.m. over Zoom, Drati will also provide information about the process to appoint a new School Board member as Oscar de la Torre will be leaving the board for City Council.

The special board meeting to select a reopening model has been postponed from Nov. 19 to Dec. 17. Drati's update on the reopening plan process is scheduled for an hour following the completion of major action items.

"This item will provide the Board of Education as a whole an opportunity to hear from Dr. Drati regarding an update on the COVID-19 status in our county as well as our district's reopening strategies and timeline," the agenda

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Randy's Donuts heading to Santa Monica

BRENNON DIXSON
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Randy's Donuts and its famous fried bites are headed to Santa Monica sometime in early 2021.

Company President Mark Kelegian announced the company signed a lease to take over the old Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf storefront located at 1231 Wilshire Boulevard in Santa Monica. There is currently no exact opening date for the space but Kelegian expects it to open sometime in February or early March.

While restaurants and cafes shutter throughout the Westside, the Santa Monica location is expected to be the eighth Randy's Donuts open in California since establishments in Torrance, Bakersfield and Costa

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

SUBJECT: 18ENT-0243 (Development Review Permit)
1643 12th Street
APPLICANT: 1643 12th Street Homeowners Association
PROPERTY OWNER: 1643 12th Street Homeowners Association

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

Development Review Permit to allow the addition of approximately 2,089 square feet of floor area within an existing six-unit, three-story condominium building resulting in an overall project FAR of 1.75.

DATE/TIME: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020 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/vdvuzgwd or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 2432281 #)

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 pre-registering on the link provided on the posted online agenda no later than 3:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Remarks from the public made by telephone will be limited to up to 3 minutes per item.

Address your comments to: Scott Albright, Senior Planner
Re: 18ENT-0243

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

For Three Decades Running, Santa Monica College is No.1 in Transfers to University of California

Santa Monica College (SMC) has maintained a record 30-year consecutive streak as the No.1 transfer college to the University of California (UC) system, according to 2019-2020 transfer data released recently by the UC Information Center. SMC sent 1,197 students to UC campuses in the prior academic year–371 more than the No.2 feeder college.

SMC also maintained the No. 1 spot for African American and Chicanx/Latinx transfers to the UC, and remains the leading transfer college to the University of Southern California (USC) and Loyola Marymount University (LMU). The college is also the top feeder west of the Mississippi to the Ivy League Columbia University.

A few highlights from SMC's 2019-2020 transfer numbers:

Out of 1,197 Santa Monica College-to-UC transfers were 234 Chicanx/Latinx students and 58 African American students. UCLA continued to be the most popular destination for SMC students: 464 of them headed to the Westwood campus, followed by UC Irvine which welcomed 200 SMC transfers.

SMC ranked second in total combined transfers to the UC and California State University (CSU) system, with 2,288 students combined heading to UC and CSU campuses.

According to fall 2020 data, SMC had more students enrolled at Loyola Marymount University than any other community college: 75 transfers.

Out of 1,447 students in USC's fall 2019 entering transfer class, Santa Monica College had 149 students–more than any other sending institution–while the second-highest feeder college sent 85.

"For three decades, Santa Monica College has upheld a record of the highest distinction–this points to the steadfast dedication of the college's educators and counselors, but most of all, to the resilience and potential of SMC transfer students," SMC Superintendent/President Dr. Kathryn E. Jeffery said. "This college has always strived to leave no stone unturned to create the most comprehensive student support system possible so that students can meet their personal transfer and career goals. We look forward to continuing and growing this culture of excellence!"

"The 2019-2020 academic year has been like no other," SMC's Interim Transfer Center Faculty Leader Sara Nieves-Lucas said. "Despite starting the year strong we were soon faced with a worldwide pandemic. The SMC Transfer Team–Dr. Janet Robinson, Maria Bonin, and Erika Knox–resolved to ensure that we provide the services SMC's students are used to. Since they couldn't come to campus for the many transfer workshops, we brought those workshops into their homes. We are so proud of our students, their resilience, and motivation! They did not let the pandemic stand in the way of their goals."

SMC's Transfer Center holds the largest college fair in California. In light of the social distancing conditions due to COVID-19, the college held a virtual fair on Oct. 15, 2020, one of a handful of colleges to organize one this fall. There were 217 college/university booths with 922 students in attendance.

The Transfer Admission Guarantees (TAGs) offered at SMC provide guaranteed admission for students who meet specific requirements to several universities including Loyola Marymount University, Arizona State University (ASU), and many Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), among others.

The college's Scholars Program prepares enrolled and eligible students for rigorous upper-division coursework through smaller classes taught by highly recommended faculty, coupled with intensive counseling and support. Scholars students receive priority consideration for admissions through special transfer agreements with The UCLA College of Letters and Science (Transfer Alliance Program), UC Irvine, Loyola Marymount University, to name a few.

For more information about SMC's Transfer Center and its services, please visit smc.edu/transfer or email Nieves-Lucas_Sara@smc.edu.

SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Citywide

Wife of former contestant to play on Wheel of Fortune

Caitlin Tubergen of Santa Monica, Calif., will be a contestant on Wheel of Fortune on Friday, November 20, at 7:30 p.m. Caitlin is lawyer for a non-profit. She is married to her husband of four years, Chris, who played on Wheel of Fortune last year and the marital rivalry is on!

"I'm hoping to have better luck than he did!," says Caitlin. When Caitlin isn't watching America's Game with her husband, she enjoys cooking, hiking, and cheering on the Chicago Cubs.

She applied to be a contestant at WheelofFortune.com with a video submission and participated in a virtual audition.

"I was surprised and impressed with how quickly the Wheel of Fortune team was able to adapt the process to accommodate virtual auditions!" says Caitlin. She hopes to win enough cash winnings to buy their first home or take a fun trip.

Caitlin will be spinning the Wheel and solving puzzles to win once-in-a-lifetime vacations and cash prizes as part of "Ultimate Adventures" week. It's never been easier to audition to become a contestant on America's Game®. Wheel of Fortune fans can submit applications at https://www.wheeloffortune.com/join/be-a-contestant for a chance to be invited to a virtual audition. There, potential contestants can show off their puzzle-solving skills and potentially be selected to appear as a contestant on the show from the comfort of their own homes. If selected to be on the show, everyone goes home with a minimum of $1,000.

Wheel Watchers Club members will want to pay specific attention to the Mystery Round. If the $10,000 Mystery Wedge is won by a contestant, then the SPIN ID of a loyal viewer at home will be revealed, giving them the chance to also win $10,000.

SUBMITTED BY ERICA LAIBLE, PUBLICITY & PROMOTIONS COORDINATOR

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 256 CALLS ON NOVEMBER 16

Party Complaint 1400blk 9th St 12:59 a.m.
Loud Music 500blk Colorado Ave 3:59 a.m.
Lewd Activity 1600blk The Beach 5:08 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery Just Occurred 4th St / Broadway 6:04 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Now 400blk Expo Line 6:31 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 17th St / Santa Monica Blvd 6:47 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk Ocean Ave 7:02 a.m.
Construction Noise 1200blk 5th St 7:47 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk The Beach 8:16 a.m.
Burglary Report 2800blk Wilshire Blvd 8:27 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2400blk 28th St 8:34 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 500blk Hill St 8:35 a.m.
Burglary Report 2800blk Washington Ave 8:55 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 20th St / Santa Monica Blvd 9:27 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1500blk 19th St 9:32 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 2600blk 28th St 9:37 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 20th St / Washington Ave 9:38 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 300blk 25th St 9:45 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 900blk Idaho Ave 10:10 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2900blk Pico Blvd 10:21 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2700blk 11th St 10:25 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Main St / Pier Ave 10:28 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1800blk Idaho Ave 10:35 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 10:45 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:57 a.m.
Harassing Phone Calls Report 2000blk Delaware Ave 11:05 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 900blk Lincoln Blvd 11:05 a.m.
Bike Theft Report 3rd Street Prom / Wilshire Blvd 11:12 a.m.
Burglary Report 2400blk Main St 11:22 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2000blk 20th St 11:23 a.m.
Burglary Report 3200blk Colorado Ave 11:31 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 500blk Euclid St 11:34 a.m.
Missing Person 1000blk 3rd St 11:35 a.m.
Lost Property Lincoln Blvd / Washington Ave 11:48 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Stewart St / Pico Blvd 11:59 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Cloverfield Blvd / Broadway 12:14 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 1700blk Lincoln Blvd 12:25 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 400blk Montana Ave 12:42 p.m.
Burglary Report 600blk Pacific St 12:52 p.m.
Burglary Report 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:58 p.m.
Burglary Report 800blk 10th St 1:28 p.m.
Found Senile Person 7th St / Navy St 1:34 p.m.
Fraud Report 300blk Euclid St 1:50 p.m.
Burglary Report 500blk 21st Pl 2:12 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1300blk Princeton St 2:14 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1600blk The Beach 2:26 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 2:29 p.m.
Fraud Report 300blk Euclid St 2:31 p.m.
Burglary Report 400blk 9th St 2:34 p.m.
Information Received Report 200blk Ocean Park Blvd 2:35 p.m.
Fight Lincoln Blvd / Michigan Ave 2:52 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1600blk 5th St 2:52 p.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 500blk 21st Pl 2:53 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 800blk 2nd St 3:09 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2600blk Barnard Way 3:13 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 600blk Wilshire Blvd 3:22 p.m.
Fight 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 3:45 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 200blk 23rd St 3:49 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1300blk Yale St 3:50 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 4th St / Bay St 3:55 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1000blk Montana Ave 3:58 p.m.
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Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2300blk 22nd St 4:23 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2700blk 14th St 4:25 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1900blk Delaware Ave 4:28 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1400blk 15th St 4:51 p.m.
Identity Theft 600blk Ashland Ave 4:53 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1900blk Delaware Ave 4:53 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 7th St / San Vicente Blvd 5:13 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1900blk Pico Blvd 5:31 p.m.
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Drunk Driving Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 6:03 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 2000blk Ocean Ave 6:03 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 6:18 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2200blk Oak St 6:18 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1000blk 9th St 6:19 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 6:26 p.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 2100blk Oak St 6:49 p.m.
Encampment 800blk Hill St 7:16 p.m.
Encampment 2000blk Ocean Front Walk 7:19 p.m.
Lewd Activity 1300blk 14th St 7:23 p.m.
Encampment 1000blk 2nd St 7:41 p.m.
Missing Person 2400blk Oak St 8:15 p.m.
Arson 19th St / Pico Blvd 8:19 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 17th St / Montana Ave 8:37 p.m.
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EMS 2200blk Main St 8:51 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 6th St 10:03 a.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 11:04 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 11:37 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2200blk Colorado Ave 12:17 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 12:29 p.m.
EMS 2600blk Main St 12:43 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2000blk 5th St 12:59 p.m.
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EMS 1500blk 5th St 2:11 p.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 2:31 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 21st St 2:50 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Ocean Ave 3:39 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 1300blk Yale St 3:50 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:08 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Ocean Ave 4:32 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 15th St 4:51 p.m.
EMS 500blk Broadway 5:15 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 5:35 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 5:41 p.m.
EMS 2200blk 29th St 5:42 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 700blk Adelaide Pl 6:40 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Wilshire Blvd 6:48 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Olympic Blvd 7:07 p.m.
EMS 800blk Colorado Ave 8:08 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1800blk Pico Blvd 8:21 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 800blk 17th St 8:42 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 9:00 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Princeton St 9:33 p.m.
EMS 2300blk 23rd St 9:56 p.m.

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 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH 6:57 P.M.

A Public Service Officer (PSO) was flagged down near Vons located on the 700 block of Broadway regarding a vandalism to a vehicle. The PSO broadcasted the incident and suspect description over the radio and Officers arrived on scene shortly after to take custody of the suspect and speak with the victim. The victim stated that he had parked his vehicle nearby to deliver clothing to a resident. As the victim unloaded his vehicle, the suspect began yelling at him from across the street while holding a large metal pipe. The victim continued with his delivery and upon returning found the suspect hitting his vehicle with the metal pipe. When the victim asked him to stop, the suspect chased him with the pipe. The PSO was flagged down shortly after and no injuries were sustained by the victim. Victor Dylan Jackson was arrested for 245(a)(1)PC- Assault with a Deadly Weapon and 594(b)(1)PC-Vandalism.

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Citywide

Los Angeles County to Implement Tighter Safeguards and Restrictions to Curb COVID-19 Spread

Effective Friday, November 20, Los Angeles County will tighten pandemic safeguards and restrictions as COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue to increase significantly. These safeguards and restrictions protect the public health and safety of our residents, and their ability to be served in our hospitals.

COVID-19 cases have more than doubled since the beginning of November and hospitalizations have increased from an average of about 900 a day to well over 1,000 a day in same time period.

The first measures, effective this Friday, are:

For non-essential businesses permitted to operate indoors–including retail stores, offices, personal care services–occupancy will be limited to 25% maximum capacity.

The number of patrons at outdoor restaurants, breweries and wineries will be limited to 50% max outdoor capacity.

The number customers at cardrooms, outdoor mini-golf, go-karts and batting cages will be limited to 50% maximum outdoor capacity.

Services at personal care establishments may only be provided by appointment to customers wearing face coverings by staff wearing face coverings.

Services that require either the customer or the staff to remove their face covering, such as facials and shaves, are not permitted.

Food and drinks cannot be served at these establishments to customers.

Restaurants, breweries, wineries, bars, and all other non-essential retail establishments must close from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Outdoor gatherings remain the only gatherings permitted, and they must only include 15 people maximum who are members of no more than three households.

The Health Officer Order will be amended to reflect the above restrictions.

At this time, the County is reporting 2,884 cases as the five-day average and 1,126 hospitalized patients.

The County continues to anticipate the potential continued surge of cases and hospitalizations. The County has established thresholds for additional actions if cases or hospitalizations continue to increase.

If the five-day average of cases in the County becomes 4,000 or more or hospitalizations are more than 1,750 per day, the following restriction will be added:

Outdoor and indoor dining at restaurants, breweries, wineries and bars will be prohibited and these businesses will only be able to offer pick-up and delivery. Businesses in this sector are being notified via email by DPH, which will work with them to ensure a smooth transition.

If the five-day average of cases in the County becomes 4,500 or more or hospitalizations are more than 2,000 per day, the following restriction will be added:

A Safer at Home Order will be instituted for three weeks. The Order would only allow essential workers and those securing essential services to leave their homes.

A 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew would be mandated, with essential workers exempt.

"Los Angeles County is at a critical moment to save lives and curb the spread of COVID-19. I urge our residents, businesses and community leaders to heed this warning and follow these heightened safeguards so that additional restrictions do not need to be imposed," said Dr. Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "We are so grateful that many of our residents are wearing face coverings, keeping physically distanced and avoiding gathering with people they don't live with, but we need everyone to do their part and follow these measures. Lives and livelihoods are at stake and our entire community will be affected by our collective action if we do the right thing."

For the most current data and information about COVID-19, visit the Department of Public Health's website (http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/).

SUBMITTED BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pardon the Turkeys

EDITOR:

Next week, President Trump will take a break from brooding over his election loss to pardon two turkeys. Every one of us has that same awesome power to pardon an innocent, sentient bird by choosing a plant-based roast for our Thanksgiving dinner.

The 222 million turkeys killed in the U.S. this year are raised in crowded sheds filled with toxic fumes. Their beaks and toes are clipped to prevent stress-induced aggression. At the tender age of 16 weeks, workers cut their throats and dump them into boiling water to remove their feathers.

Consumers pay a heavy price too. Turkey flesh is laced with cholesterol and saturated fats that elevate risk of chronic killer diseases. Prolonged cooking is required to destroy deadly pathogens lurking inside.

Now, for the good news. With growing popularity of Tofurky and other plant-based holiday roasts, U.S. turkey production has dropped a whopping 25 percent from its 1995 high of 293 million.

This Thanksgiving, let's give thanks for our good fortune, health, and happiness with a cruelty-free plant-based holiday roast available in convenient sizes. An internet search on "vegetarian Thanksgiving" offers more options and recipes than we could possibly use.

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Associated Press

With more shutdowns looming and a vaccine months away from wide distribution, governors across the U.S. are pleading for more help from Washington ahead of what is shaping up to be a bleak winter.

Renewed restrictions on indoor businesses, overloaded hospitals and the coming end of unemployment benefits for millions of Americans have led governors to paint a dire picture of the months ahead unless the federal government steps in with more money and leadership to help them shore up their damaged budgets and beat back the resurgence of the coronavirus.

Between now and June 2022, state and local governments could be facing a shortfall of $400 billion or more by some estimates.

On a conference call Tuesday of Democratic governors from the Midwest, Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers called for a sequel to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act adopted by Congress in March.

"There are workers and families and farmers and small businesses that are going to need our help, and frankly, we can't do it alone," he said. "We're going to need a robust federal support system to help our states and economies recover beyond the federal CARES funds that expire at the end of the year."

Casey Katims, federal liaison for Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, said the situation there is too dire for the state to wait until President-elect Joe Biden is sworn in Jan. 20.

"We need help by the end of this year," Katims said.

The cost of distributing tens of millions of doses of a vaccine in 2021 is also emerging as a major concern for governors. State health authorities have called on Congress to provide $8.4 billion.

A new infusion of federal money does not appear to be on the way anytime soon. A lame-duck session of Congress and a presidential administration on its way out have chilled the prospects for a deal.

Congressional Democrats and Republicans generally say a new stimulus bill is needed, but they disagree on the scope of it. Some Republicans are opposed to another round of checks directly to most taxpayers, and some don't want Washington to "bail out" state and local governments that had financial struggles before the pandemic.

On Tuesday, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said the Democrats' approach includes "huge sums of money for state and city governments with no linkage to demonstrated COVID needs."

"Democrats still want coronavirus relief for the entire country held hostage over a massive slush fund for their own use," the Kentucky Republican said.

The virus is blamed for almost a quarter-million deaths and over 11 million confirmed infections in the U.S.

Last spring, Congress and President Donald Trump agreed to a series of measures worth nearly $3 trillion to deal with the outbreak. The aid included a big boost, since expired, to weekly unemployment benefits, along with grants and loans for businesses and assistance to state and local governments.

States have used the money for testing and contact tracing, assisting businesses, helping residents with utility bills and rent and expanding broadband access for students attending school remotely. But they have not generally been allowed to use it for one of their major needs: replacing declining tax revenue to keep regular government services running.

The needs have become more urgent as the virus rampages across virtually every state. California and Texas each have exceeded 1 million cases.

As intensive care units fill up, some Republican governors once reluctant to impose mask mandates have reversed course, and some cities and states are threatening fines against businesses that violate restrictions on social gatherings.

Biden this week called for Congress to immediately adopt a version of a $2.4 trillion stimulus bill passed by the House, but not the Senate, in May: "This is about keeping Americans afloat."

A vaccine appears to be on the horizon after two companies announced that early trials show their versions are at least 90% effective. But the powerful freezers needed to store the doses, protective equipment for the workers and the task of getting the vaccine into every community and administering the shots are becoming logistical and financial challenges.

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities estimates that state, local, territorial and tribal government budgets will be short collectively by $275 billion to $415 billion through June 2022 if they use all their reserve money to help deal with the virus. Moody's Analytics said that for states alone, the shortfall could range from $196 billion to $396 billion, depending on how bad the virus outbreak gets.

Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly, a Democrat, said she is pushing the state's GOP-dominated congressional delegation for more federal help. She said that Kansas is on course to award federally funded grants totaling $57.5 million to about 3,000 businesses, but that twice as many have applied for help.

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed a budget over the summer with a $5 billion deficit, which he and lawmakers assumed would be covered by a second federal coronavirus relief package.

"Every state ... every city is suffering from failure of revenues because of COVID-19," said Pritzker, a Democrat. "The federal government is really the only resource that we all have to turn to."

Mulvihill reported from Davenport, Iowa, and La Corte from Olympia, Washington. Associated Press writers John Hanna in Topeka, Kansas; John O'Connor in Springfield, Illinois; and Keith Ridler in Boise, Idaho, contributed to this report.

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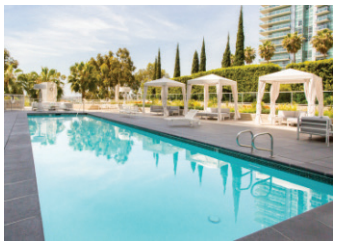
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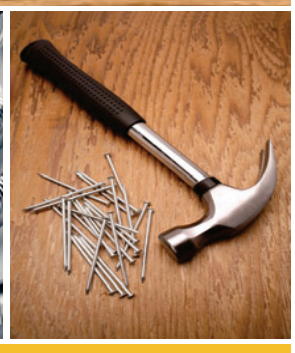
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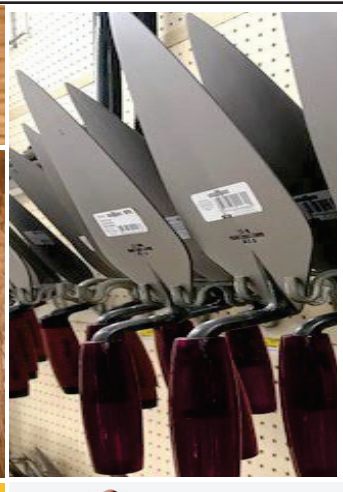
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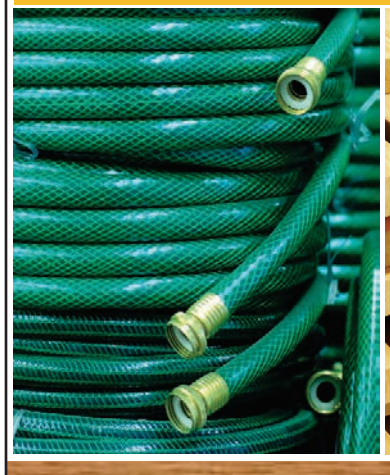


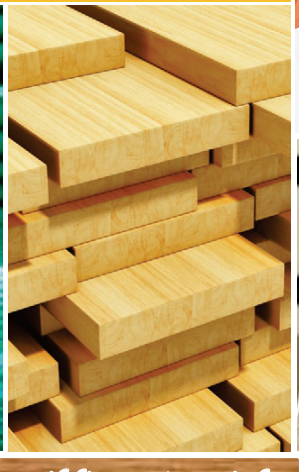




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Only You Can Save Samohi



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SCHOOL: Santa Monica High School's Historic Core.

HERE WE GO AGAIN

Just as we replace half the City Council with representatives who promised they will act for the residents and not their own campaign funds, we get the school board about to do terrible, irreparable damage to our revered Samohi, and the city's history as a consequence. Since they are not a part of Santa Monica city governance, they are beyond the reach of our new representatives.

They are moving ahead to tear down a cluster of historic buildings there next summer when there's no need to, ignoring their own half a million dollar study that advised against it and without looking into adaptive reuse instead of bulldozing. Anyone who ever attended Santa Monica High School or even visited that historic campus, from the 19th century to now the 21st, would no longer recognize it.

"Rebel Without a Cause"! For Pete's sake, that's James Dean on the steps of the History Building!! (with Natalie Wood and Sal Mineo, in the film hailed as the first realistic portrayal of the disaffection of youth in the '50s) — just months before Dean rolled his Porsche and died, ending a remarkable career after just three films. That probably makes Samohi, standing in for Dawson High in "Rebel," the most famous high school in history. And our school board wants to make that history — history.

MOVING FORWARD TOWARD DEMOLITION

Despite their own half a million dollar study that advised against it, despite opposition by community members who are just now becoming aware of it, despite the obvious historic, architectural and cultural value that will be destroyed. Samohi is virtually a New Deal PWA/WPA museum, a concentration of that government-funded design and construction noted for its architectural/artistic value, that has great significance citywide and beyond, and the four buildings they want to obliterate next summer constitute the irreplaceable core of it. According to a 2018 Historic Resources Assessment, "Santa Monica High School has the distinction of being home of the highest concentration of WPA projects in the city."

I admit I have had limited experience with and knowledge of the workings of our school board. But for five years I have dealt with them over the Muir Woods mural painted on the sides of Olympic High School facing Lincoln and Ocean Park — you know, the one that's been there for more than 40 years, becoming part of our history and Ocean Park culture, but is now pretty much destroyed because of their negligence and intent to remove it — and my dealings with them haven't been pretty, for the most part.

A lot of lying, obfuscation and broken promises. At some points in the process they acted as the community representatives they were elected to be, but I always saw it as the least they could do at that moment and still accomplish their goal of removing it. I was skeptical of my own harsh judgment, but every time I spoke with someone who did have a lot of experience with them and commented, "Gee, I'm beginning to think the school board is as bad as the City Council…," the reply always came back, without hesitation — "Worse!" So in approaching this issue, I'm reminded that a leopard doesn't change its spots.

I PROMISED TO BE NICE

I know, I know, more than once recently. But as Bruce wrote, for the last song on his debut album "Greetings from Asbury Park, N.J.," it's hard to be a saint in the city. And sometimes some people, in this city, make it especially hard for you.

I may be jumping the gun on this issue. But I don't think so. The more I dig into this the stinkier it gets. Remember, leopards. So I'm just trying to warn you that you should look with a keen eye at what you hear from the school board about this. The first thing I heard (perhaps not an official board statement) was that the History Building doesn't get wi-fi very reliably, because the old walls are too thick. Are you joking? You never

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Amazon opens online pharmacy, shaking up another industry

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AP Writers

Now at Amazon.com: insulin and inhalers.

The retail colossus opened an online pharmacy Tuesday that allows customers to order medication or prescription refills, and have them delivered to their front door in a couple of days.

The potential impact of Amazon's arrival in the pharmaceutical space rippled through that sector immediately. The stocks of CVS Health Corp., Walgreens and Rite Aid all tumbled Tuesday.

The big chains rely on their pharmacies for a steady flow of shoppers who may also grab a snack or shampoo or groceries on the way out. All have upped online services and touted their abilities to deliver prescriptions and other goods as the COVID-19 pandemic has pushed more consumers to stay home. But Amazon.com has mastered these things, and its online store is infinitely larger, with millions of loyal shoppers already buying books, TVs and just about anything else.

"The news represents a disruption to the system and competitive threat that will likely shift scripts away from the retail channel," analysts at Citi Research said in a note.

Amazon has a history of disruption. Launched in 1995 as an online book store, it pushed other booksellers to sell online. But those that couldn't keep up went out of business, like the Borders bookstore chain, which disappeared in 2011.

Its purchase of Whole Foods three years ago sent supermarket stocks spiraling, but many have been able to hold their own against Amazon, offering home delivery and curbside pickup of groceries.

Amazon has also become a threat to shipping companies, delivering more than half of its own packages itself. Vans stamped with the Amazon logo have become as common a sight as the UPS truck.

The company said its online pharmacy will offer commonly prescribed medications in the U.S., including creams, pills, as well as medications that need to stay refrigerated, like insulin. Shoppers have to set up a profile on Amazon's website and have their doctors send prescriptions there. It won't ship medications that have a high risk of being abused, like some opioids.

Most insurance is accepted, Amazon said. But Prime members who don't have insurance can also buy generic or brand name drugs from Amazon for a discount. They can also get discounts at 50,000 physical pharmacies around the country at Costco, CVS, Walgreens, Walmart and other stores.

Health economist Craig Garthwaite sees several reasons Amazon may become an attractive option for patients looking to fill prescriptions.

The retailer is a known entity that many people already use. It may be able to make price shopping for prescriptions more pleasant, and it might be competitive on the pricing of generic drugs, said Garthwaite, who teaches at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

Amazon's prescription business could be appealing to the uninsured or people who have plans that make them pay a high deductible first before their coverage starts, added John Boylan, an analyst who covers Walgreens for Edward Jones.

He said Amazon's move will mostly affect smaller drugstores that don't have either the retail giant's purchasing power or deals that major drugstore chains have with insurers to funnel patients to their stores for prescriptions.

Amazon has eyed the health care industry for some time. Two years ago, it spent $750 million to buy online pharmacy PillPack, which organizes medication in packets by what time and day they need to be taken.

Separately, it also has formed a venture named Haven with JPMorgan Chase and Berkshire Hathaway to focus on improving the care their employees receive and managing the expense.

CVS and Walgreens, which had opened thousands of drugstores nationwide to get closer to customers, have been trying to adjust to the rise of online shopping by offering same-day deliveries in many markets.

Walgreens also has a partnership with FedEx for a delivery service that takes a day or two. Walgreens CEO Stefano Pessina told analysts in July that the company has seen "unprecedented demand" for both home delivery and online services as the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded earlier this year.

Both companies also are providing more care and helping customers monitor chronic conditions like diabetes with services that can't be delivered by competitors such as Amazon.

CVS Health also operates one of the nation's largest health insurers — Aetna — and a big pharmacy benefit management, or PBM, business that runs prescription drug plans. Spokesman T.J. Crawford said in a statement that new pharmacy competition is no surprise, but he noted that CVS Health has evolved into "so much more" than a corner drugstore.

Amazon may continue to evolve as well, said the economist Garthwaite.

"We could think of this one day as the first step toward Amazon becoming a PBM," he said.

Shares of CVS and Walgreens sank nearly 9% in afternoon trading while broader indexes slipped. Rite Aid Corp.'s stock plunged more than 16% while Amazon shares edged up 1%.

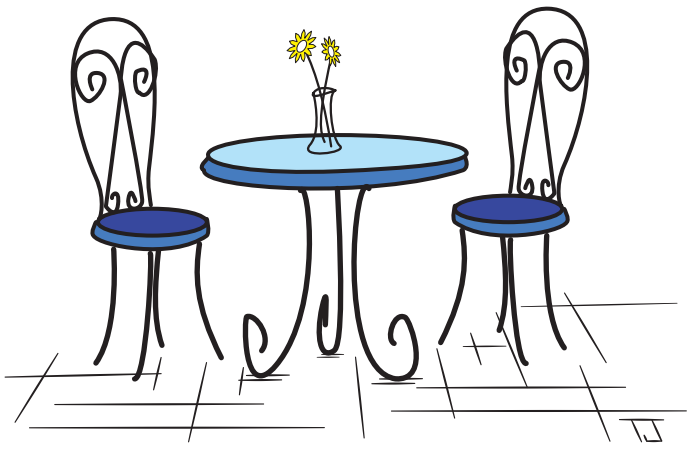
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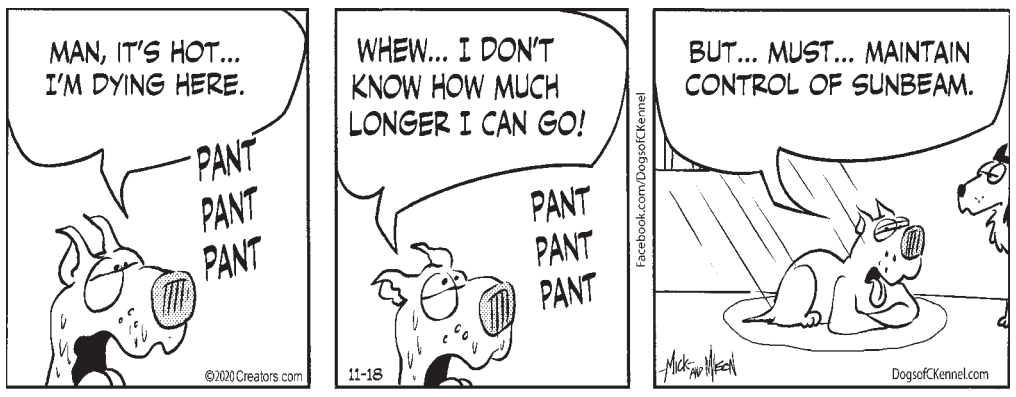
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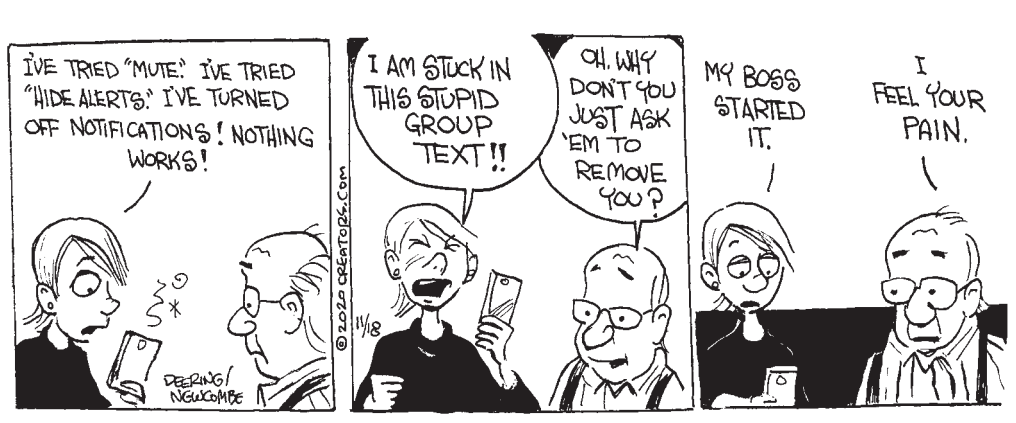
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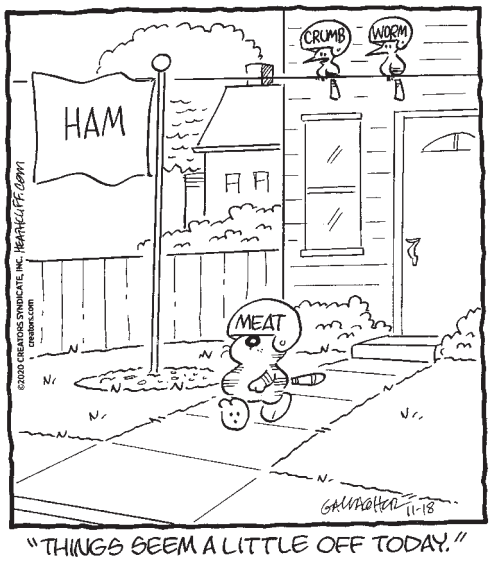
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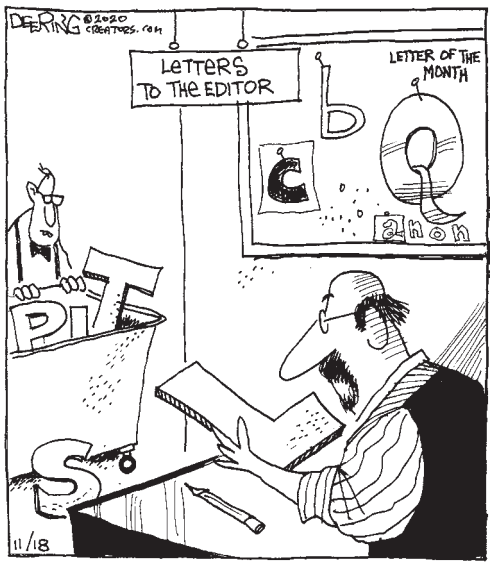
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WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Small new SSW swell slowly builds. WNW swell joins in through the afternoon for combo breaks west of Pt Dume and at select south facing points. Wind goes onshore through the later AM then lightens.

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high
Fun size mix of SSW swell and WNW swell due. Breaks west of Pt Dume offer the most size but there will be fun waves for some of the south facing points. The AM high tide continues to slow many spots.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 67.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 61. Calm wind becoming west southwest around 5 mph in the morning.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 62.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Feeling hesitant and resistant can be taken as a signal you're in danger, or it doesn't mean this at all. Today, it's just a simple fear of the unknown and should be brushed off in the name of learning.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The current way works, but you can't help but wonder if there's a more efficient method. Condensing tasks, thereby freeing up time, feels like a sacred cause, and appropriately so. Time is among your most precious resources.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have something to express, though you won't be sure exactly what it is or the best way to put it out there until you start talking. Communication is an experiment. Give yourself plenty of chances.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're focused on a future event. However great it will be, today is just as great. If you knew that someday you would be nostalgic about this very day, then what would you do differently to savor it?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You cannot make the future because it's a collaboration. However, you can and will strongly influence the people around you by envisioning your version and feeding that vision with your words and actions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll mine gems of happiness all over the place — and time — today. You'll revel in glorious moments as you time travel through joyous moments of your memory and your projections of the future.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Having too little to do doesn't feel good to you. Having too much is worse. There's a sweet spot in the middle — just enough stress to keep you on your toes and not enough to drain you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your cosmic boon: well-calibrated confidence. You're realistic about what you can achieve and seeing the smiles you elicit along the way will give you just the right amount of confidence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Today's decisions aren't major, but they're tricky. There are consequences to be had, and they'll happen on many levels. Check around, research, put in the deep thought.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be doing some forecasting. The more specific you are in your predictions, the less prepared you'll be for a variety of outcomes. Make contingency plans. Allow for uncertainty.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can't wait for something to be over, but don't let the anticipation rob you of appreciation for the stage you're in right now. The finish line is an illusory delineation. The end of this journey is the threshold of the next.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Disagreement won't be an obstacle to progress. In fact, it's an essential tool in improving things. Today's disagreement has a way of balancing out errors and promoting more expansive thinking.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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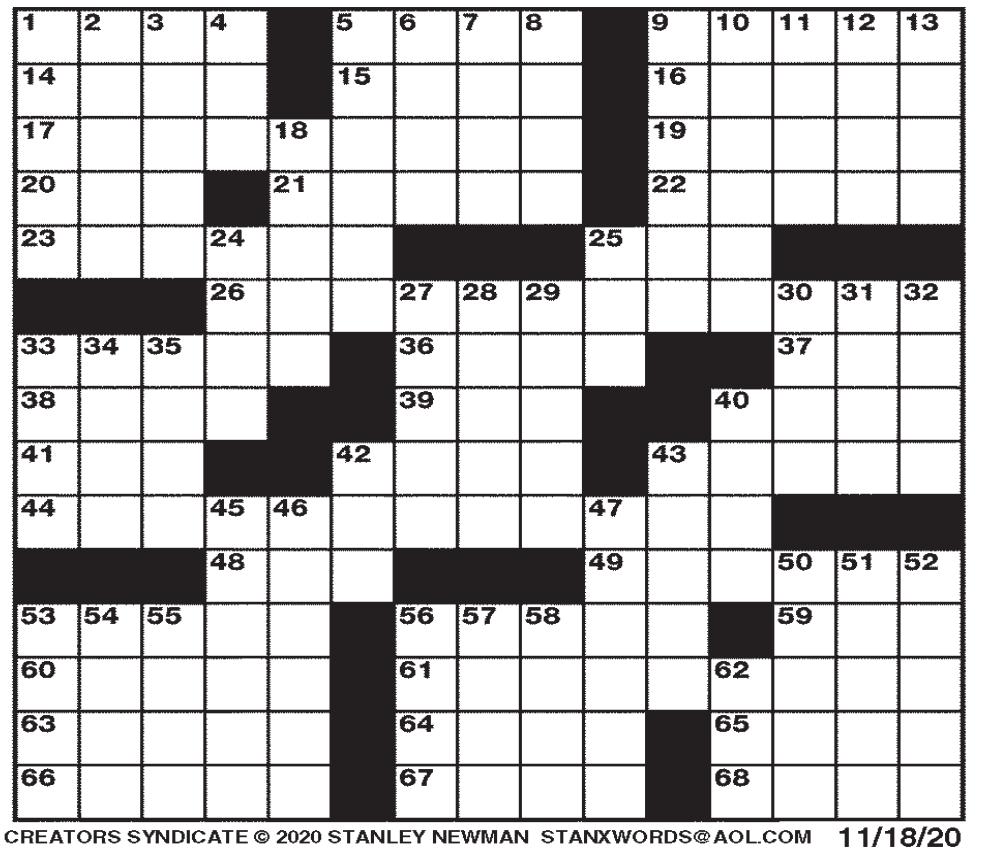
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Newsday Crossword

STRONG FINISH by Mark McClain
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ACROSS
1 Insignificant
5 Bear on a sky map
9 "Thou ___ not steal"
14 Fencing sword
15 "It was someone else"
16 Gray-brown stocking shade
17 Extremely reliable
19 Virginia's Blue ___ Mountains
20 Post-OR area
21 8 Down, for one
22 8 Down solos
23 Monarch's seat
25 Nanny goat's offspring
26 Persevering through difficulty
33 Sunday singing group
36 Cupid alias
37 Halloween greeting
38 Prefix for dynamic
39 Nothing at all
40 Dinner, for one
41 Apple computer
42 Emphatic Spanish affirmation
43 Ahead of the due date
44 Do unpleasant interactions
48 Have unpaid bills
49 Legally obligated
53 Artistic category
56 Back-to-zero button
59 Hit head-on
60 Similarly
61 Mattress selection
63 "Shut your trap!"
64 Minor argument
65 That "green" feeling
66 Double curves
67 Santa's burden
68 Thumbs-up votes

DOWN
1 Earn through good work
2 Important era
3 Happen again
4 Cartoon scream
5 Still sealed
6 Acting job
7 Mix with a spoon
8 Verdi work set in Egypt
9 Narrow waterway
10 Salon creation
11 German car
12 Links org. for women
13 Pegs used by the 12 Down
18 Sub tracker
24 State east of Indiana
25 Metric wt. measures
27 Aladdin's benefactor
28 From Dublin
29 "Truly!"
30 Lyft competitor
31 Hockey score
32 Sacred
33 Sleep outdoors in a tent
34 Get well
35 Black-and-white marine mammal
40 Author Angelou
42 That ship
43 Musical set in Argentina
45 Tiny terrier, for short
46 Social media posts
47 Warning signals
50 Pickling liquid
51 Caterpillar, to biologists
52 TV awards
53 Stare intently
54 Yale students
55 Tiny bites
56 Take a break
57 Trade show, for short
58 Time spent at a hotel
62 Tina of comedy



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Binary Puzzle

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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Norfolk Island

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CURIOUS CITY

FROM PAGE 6

heard of relays and extenders?

Then, the classrooms are too small. Probably so. Not enough room for the precious "project based learning." So designate some rooms just for project-based, and build another building or annex. It would be cheaper. You're already building lots more classroom space on campus. And don't forget: our school population is diminishing, not growing. In great part because our City Council has made it easy for developers to build lots of small units for single tech workers, but very few 3-4 bedroom units for families. Prices are soaring, too. So we are losing families, and students.

SMMUSD HAS MORE THAN A BILLION DOLLARS

Yes, billion with a B, and most of it a blank check with only suggestions from the bond votes as to where the money "should" be spent. That was the main reason I opposed the most recent quarter of a billion dollar bond that passed overwhelmingly (school bonds usually do) and with little organized community discussion, because it was pretty much stifled. There seems to be efforts now to push this through ASAP, but there are a lot of questions that are not being answered. I plan to raise those questions, because this is a big deal. I don't know about you, but I'm pretty fed up with our precious history being thrown needlessly on the trash heap of "progress," for someone's profit.

Both the Landmarks Commission and the Santa Monica Conservancy want to see a pause to explore other options, but because the school district is not part of Santa Monica government, they have no standing. So it is up to us.

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REOPENING

FROM PAGE 1

states. "The board members will also have an opportunity to ask the Superintendent questions as well as share their opinions on the topic, both personal and those garnered from stakeholders."

The board has discussed two models of reopening: a hybrid in-person and remote model and an entirely online model with special activities on campus.

It was previously assumed that L.A. County could enter Tier 2 of reopening by January and be allowed to reopen schools. Given the recent spike in cases and tier rollbacks across the state, this is now highly unlikely.

In a Nov 13. letter to the community Drati said, "we are learning that there is a high degree of anxiety about coming back for in-person, on-campus instruction; divergent views on the hybrid approach and its potential impact on teaching and learning; and many other questions to still address."

As a result of this uncertainty and the rise in cases, stakeholders meetings are convening this week and next week with teachers, staff, and parents. Initial feedback and queries arising from these meetings are expected to be discussed during Drati's update.

The upcoming School Board vacancy will be discussed in the Superintendent's report toward the beginning of the meeting.

De la Torre, who clinched the fourth spot in the City Council race, plans to announce his resignation when election results are certified by the County on Nov. 30. Following de la Torre's letter of resignation, the board will have 60 days to fill the position.

The position will be filled via an appointment process including accepting applications, interviewing candidates, and making the selection at a board meeting. The appointment is expected at the Jan. 14, 2021 School Board meeting, according to District PIO Gail Pinsker.

Members of the public who wish to make a public comment at the upcoming meeting can do so by completing a Google survey sign up. The survey can be found online at tinyurl.com/y4nfca4k and will be open 30 minutes prior to the meeting.

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VACCINE

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get your results — it's now two or three days because we outpaced the testing capacity. So, if we get a nasty flu season on top of the COVID pandemic, as a county, we'd definitely exceed our ability to test everyone as quickly as they should get tested, so a bad flu season on top of everything else is just kind of a recipe for disaster."

There are personal reasons to do it if you wish to keep yourself and your family safe, but there is also the public health benefit too, Curcio said, "because we need to do everything we can to not have other illnesses on top of this."

The doctor said he believes health offices are one of the safest places you can be, "so I definitely would encourage anyone to come in who hasn't had their flu shot yet to get it here, get it at their local pharmacy, get it anywhere, but it is important to get some shots somewhere."

Technically, doctors consider flu season as the period from November to April but Curcio said Santa Monica hasn't seen too many cases yet, luckily. "But what I will say is the last couple of years flu season has been getting later and later… Lately, it's been peaking in February-March and, two years ago, we were still seeing cases in May or June. Last year wasn't quite that way, but at this point, I recommend people get it as soon as they can just because we are technically into flu season here."

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DONUTS

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Mesa are all slated to open between now and March. Kelegian said the company is confident heading into the launches because, "at our price point, we're always good, so COVID doesn't really affect us."

People still want donuts in a pandemic, and maybe even more so now because they're looking for a treat, Kelegian said. "So, we are expanding because, unfortunately, a lot of the businesses have gone out of business and that's created opportunities for new locations. I mean, we're looking at sites that we couldn't get into two years ago because they were completely booked up. So, while COVID has obviously been unfortunate for everyone. It has created some real-estate opportunities for us and we are already in the midst of expansion so we're just continuing to move forward."

Randy's has been working on closing the deal at Wilshire for a few months because it's a phenomenal location that's a destination for travelers and tourists alike, Kelegian said. "We think by being in Wilshire — as opposed to say the Promenade — we have an opportunity to serve the locals a lot more here."

But residents looking for an instagrammable giant donut on top of the building will be disappointed because there won't be one in Santa Monica city limits.

Santa Monica prohibits signs from peaking above the roof line, Kelegian said. "But we're pretty confident we're not going to have a problem with people knowing that we're there… If I could, I'd put a giant donut up; I really would, but it's just not going to happen this time."

Even so, Kelegian said the company is excited to be in Santa Monica, "where we know we have a loyal customer base that can't get to us as often as they may like… So, we're excited to be able to serve our customers more frequently and just be part of the community."

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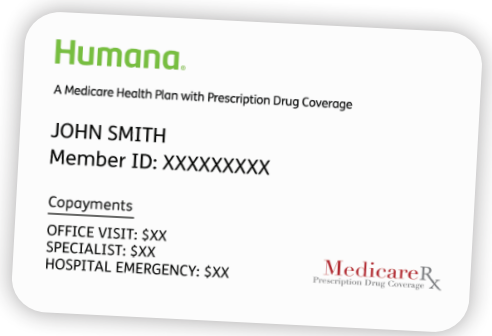
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