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Providence hospitals 'poised and ready' to vaccinate

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Providence Southern California, which operates St. John's hospital in Santa Monica, will begin administering vaccines to frontline caregivers this week.

The first shipments of Pfizer vaccines will arrive at four Providence hospitals by Tuesday or Wednesday this week and be distributed to vulnerable workers at all 11 Providence hospitals. Between the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, Providence expects to offer initial vaccine doses to all 20,000 of its high risk caregivers by the end of the year.

"We're so excited to be able to finally announce that we are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our vaccines," said Sylvain Trepanier, DNP, RN, regional chief clinical executive. "We have been working very diligently in getting ourselves ready for this historic moment and we're poised and ready to start vaccinating."

Providence began preparing for the vaccine distribution in early October and has established a distribution, transportation, and ultra cold storage system connecting all of its hospitals. Last Friday the hospitals performed a mock transportation run in anticipation of the vaccine's arrival.

All healthcare providers have been surveyed and assigned as high, medium, and low risk based on their COVID exposure levels and underlying conditions and a system has been developed for workers to schedule vaccination at their local Providence center.

"We have all the confidence that we will be able to offer vaccination for all of our high risk caregivers and providers before the end of this year, which is a really important step

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Interim City Manager announces her departure from Santa Monica

MATTHEW HALL
SMDP Editor

Interim City Manager Lane Dilg has announced her resignation from the City of Santa Monica.

According to City Hall, Dilg informed the City Council and City staff that she will leave the City of Santa Monica in Spring 2021 as her family relocates for public service outside of Santa Monica.

"Across my career, I have been immensely proud to dedicate myself to the public good. Serving the City of Santa Monica as Interim City Manager during the pandemic has been no exception," said Dilg in a statement. "In the months to come, I remain fully committed to our ongoing work together to craft a thriving, more equitable Santa Monica as the pandemic subsides and the economy lifts. But I also know that finding the right leader for this uniquely talented city organization requires a deliberate, thoughtful search. To allow time for that search, I am letting the Council know now that my family plans to leave Santa Monica in the Spring of 2021."

Dilg took the helm as Interim City Manager in April 2020 after then City Manager Rick Cole resigned ahead of a vote on budget cuts needed to address the city's projected $226 million budget gap.

She was previously the City Attorney for nearly three years and came to Santa Monica from UCLA.

Prior to her time at UCLA, Dilg spent four years as an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Central District Office in California. There she prosecuted public corruption, organized crime, human trafficking, fraud and other federal criminal offenses.

Dilg also served as Counsel to the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary, where she was a trusted legal advisor to U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein in confirmation hearings for United States Supreme Court Justices Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan, in the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis and during consideration of the Affordable Care Act. Dilg's experience also includes time as a civil litigator at the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation and Susman Godfrey, LLP. She served as a member of U.S. Senator Kamala Harris' transition team upon Senator Harris' election to the United States Senate.

"Lane's love of this city, her intellect, and her capacity to inspire hope in our darkest hours are the benchmarks of her leadership," said Mayor Sue Himmelrich. "That Lane accepted this position at the City's most desperate moment is a testament to her commitment to public service. She has built a foundation that will allow Santa Monica to thrive in years to come, and I look forward to working with her and the Council to establish a thoughtful, deliberate process for the City to identify its next City Manager."

The Santa Monica City Council will begin an executive search in early 2021. Dilg plans to remain with the City into the Spring of 2021 to assist with the transition.

Former Mayor Holbrook Dies



Courtesy photo

HOLBROOK: Bob Holbrook was a Santa Monica native.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Former Mayor Bob Holbrook died last week.

Holbrook was a Santa Monica native. He was known for being born at the now defunct St. Catherine's Hospital on 4th Street and educated in Santa Monica schools including Roosevelt, John Muir, John Adams Middle, and Samohi. He attended Santa Monica College. He went on to study pharmacology at USC and joined the Air National Guard. He worked at McCarthy Drug Store and Thrift in the city.

He is survived by Jean Anne (who he married in 1967), Bob Jr., Cindy and Craig.

Holbrook was a strong advocate for homeless services and working to improve public parks within the city. He is credited as a foundational force in creating Tongva Park and establishing veteran services at Woodlawn Cemetery

Holbrook, elected in 1990, was the longest serving member of City Council in Santa Monica's history with about 500 meetings under his belt. Holbrook retired from City Council in 2014.

Prior to joining the City Council in 1990, Holbrook spent eight years as a member of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education.

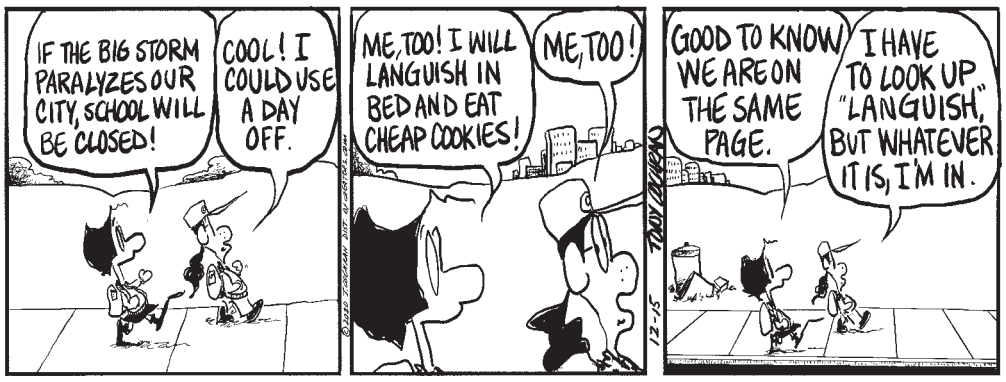
When he retired at 72 years old, he said 32 consecutive years of political service was enough for him and that the decision to retire was entirely based on his preferences.

A favorite council moment for Holbrook was when he and others got a group of outdated city vehicles sent to Bayou La Batre, Ala. immediately following Hurricane Katrina. He said that closer to home, he was fond of

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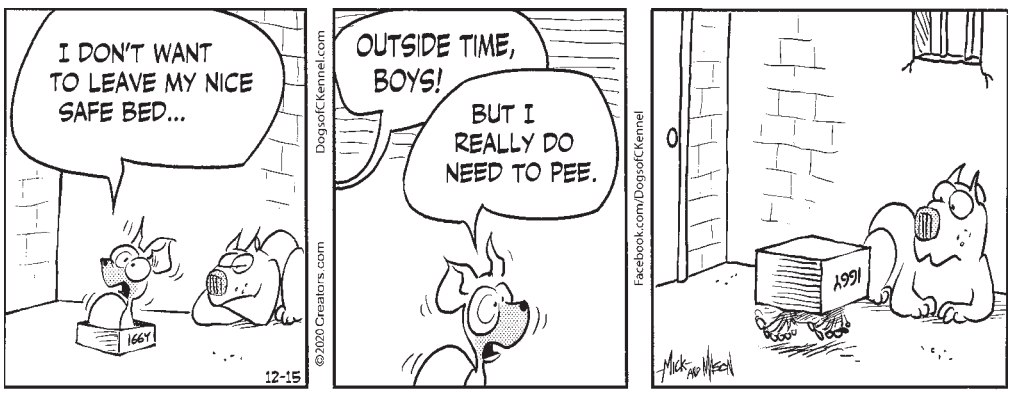
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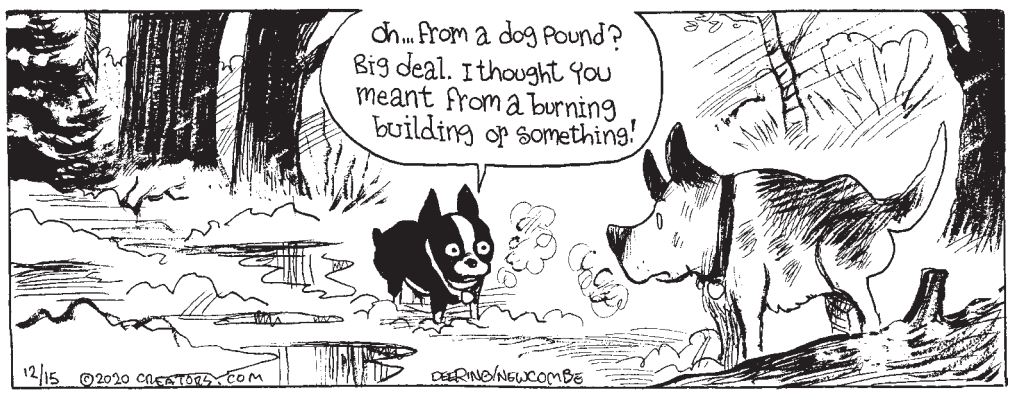
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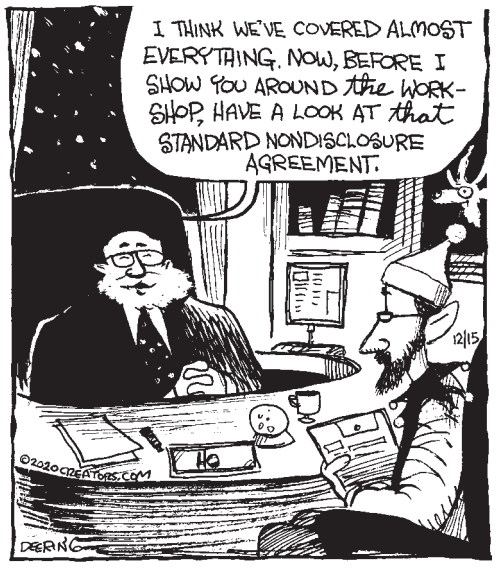
By PETER GALLAGHER



"THEY BOTH LOVE THAT CHAIR."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING





SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 59.2°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high
WNW swell-mix rideable to fun for select spots – most size west of Pt Dume.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
Easing WNW swell-mix is fun for select spots – there's less size through rest of the week.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 67.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 67.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/12/15	Tue	02:30 AM	1.93	L
2020/12/15	Tue	08:50 AM	6.96	H
2020/12/15	Tue	4:11 PM	-1.59	L
2020/12/15	Tue	10:43 PM	3.94	H
2020/12/16	Wed	03:15 AM	2.15	L
2020/12/16	Wed	09:33 AM	6.65	H
2020/12/16	Wed	4:58 PM	-1.35	L
2020/12/16	Wed	11:38 PM	3.86	H
2020/12/17	Thu	04:04 AM	2.38	L
2020/12/17	Thu	10:18 AM	6.16	H
2020/12/17	Thu	5:46 PM	-0.96	L
2020/12/18	Fri	12:36 AM	3.82	H
2020/12/18	Fri	04:59 AM	2.62	L
2020/12/18	Fri	11:06 AM	5.55	H
2020/12/18	Fri	6:35 PM	-0.48	L
2020/12/19	Sat	01:38 AM	3.84	H
2020/12/19	Sat	06:04 AM	2.81	L
2020/12/19	Sat	11:58 AM	4.87	H
2020/12/19	Sat	7:27 PM	0.03	L
2020/12/20	Sun	02:42 AM	3.95	H
2020/12/20	Sun	07:32 AM	2.89	L

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date:12/12
17 54 56 63 69
Power#: 20
Jackpot:287 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 12/11
19 31 37 55 67
Mega#: 25
Jackpot: 291 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 12/12
1 13 24 26 39
Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 15 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/13
8 17 20 21 27

Daily 3
Draw Date: 12/14
Evening: 6 8 2
Draw Date: 12/14
Midday: 4 2 7

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 12/13
1st: 03 - HOT SHOT
2nd: 07 - EUREKA
3rd: 10 - SOLID GOLD
RACE TIME: 1:48.08

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (DECEMBER 15)

Long overdue appreciation will come your way. Your uniqueness will be understood by people who see deeper and know more. You won't let acknowledgment and praise go to your head. You'll use the power surge to turn people's attention toward making a difference for situations and people you care about. Taurus and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 20, 11, 38 and 40.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Test ideas in small ways before you go big-time. Even though your sampling may not be diverse enough to get a good idea of what your actual results would be were you to take the idea wider, the feedback will be valuable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There is no bad quality that doesn't have an upside and no good quality that doesn't have a downside. Embrace the dualities instead of judging or fighting them and you grow in power.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Once you figure out that your assumption was incorrect, you'll quickly abandon it. This proves your evolution and is part of your brilliance. A lack of stubbornness will contribute to your ongoing success.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Learning together creates a bond. Challenging environments and circumstances reveal what a person is willing to give to life in order to grow, know and accept more about it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What is emotional safety? It's being around people you can trust to keep their word and expecting them to do so, or it's being around people known to disappoint and expecting them to do so.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). One of the most difficult relationships to form or maintain is a relationship with an extremely busy person. Bonds are often built in the margins of the action, and for a terribly busy person, those margins are narrow indeed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're attracted to purposeful people, and you fear aimlessness, secretly believing it to be contagious. Be careful not to make a quick judgment on the matter. Not all who wander are lost.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Just when you're not expecting much from a project, task or relationship, you'll experience a moment that takes it to the next level. Once you experience it, there's no going back.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you speak, things happen. You change things with talk. You'll connect with people and the world in ways that wouldn't have happened had you not made it so with your words.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've gotten good at blending in with a group. From here, you are quite powerful, as you have the alliance of many. Soon, it will be your turn to take a stand, be seen and heard. Your platform is coming together.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Before you try to separate and categorize things, step back from the mess to look for patterns and connections within it. That insight will be harder to detect once you start moving everything around.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People can feel that your heart is in the right place, so don't worry if some of the words come out wrong. Knowing the right thing to say and saying it the right way is a learned skill that takes practice. Heart can't be taught.

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

4	3	8	2	9	6	1	7	5
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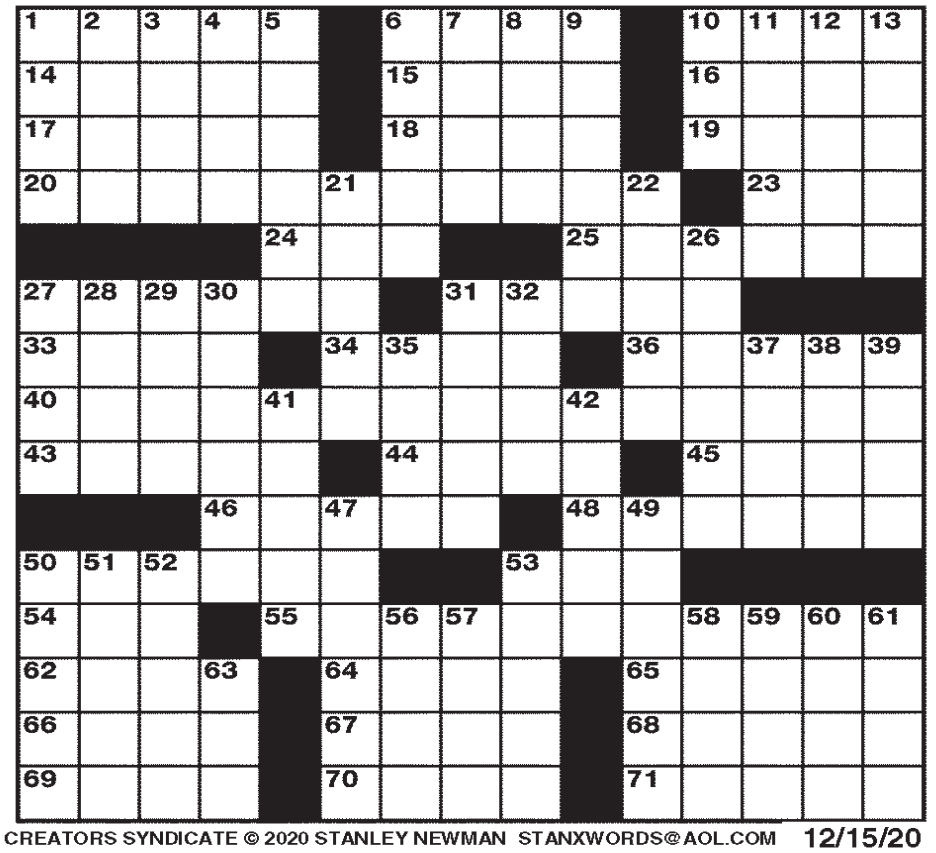
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Newsday Crossword

CREAM OF THE CROP by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Wood strips
6 Eve's husband
10 Thick carpet
14 Erected
15 Scholarly volume
16 Metric weight, for short
17 Defendant's story
18 Pirate's take
19 Fascinated by
20 Large grocery
23 Prosecuting attys.
24 Small batteries
25 "Yeah, right!"
27 In a bustling way
31 Deserve
33 Strong __ ox
34 Droplet
36 Hospital professional
40 Current must-read
43 Drained of color
44 Voice below soprano
45 Sky-colored
46 Carolers' songs
48 Some cooked chickens
50 Seller
53 Sheep's cry
54 Pub pint
55 Evening viewing
62 Highlands miss
64 Field of expertise
65 "Yes __, Bob!"
66 Suffix for kitchen
67 Shades of light brown
68 More chilly
69 Dry run
70 Aide: Abbr.
71 In want

DOWN
1 Health clubs
2 Doozy
3 "Take __ from me"
4 Toothpaste holder
5 Corkscrew shape
6 Mythical lifter
7 Entrance
8 Run __ (go wild)
9 Shooting star
10 Hit the slopes
11 Yoga practitioner in India
12 Place to exchange vows
13 "Silly" bird
21 Perhaps
22 Person, place or __
26 Short and thick, as fingers
27 "Ali __ and the Forty Thieves"
28 Puts to work
29 Wide belt
30 Have in mind
31 Shopping meccas
32 Revise
35 Israeli airline
37 Part in a play
38 Tart-tasting
39 Scrapes by, with "out"
41 Nose around
42 Like some diet foods
47 Misprints
49 Dried fruit in trail mix
50 Person paid to park cars
51 Make very happy
52 Wasps' homes
53 Cruel person
56 Some savings plans, briefly
57 Clothing-store section with ties
58 Cats' quarry
59 A Great Lake
60 Started a golf round, with "up"
61 Extremely
63 Complete collection



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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

I	O	I	O	O	I	O	O	I	I	O	I
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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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Our birdlife

E S O O G N E R R A B E P A C
G N O S D L A T C H I V V E N
C R W P T V A R I E T Y S O N
K A K L E R T E P R E A I R D
N W G N A L I C R O W S E N D
A T A E O R I C O N Y T G B L
N L P H O T K C H O T R R U I
Y I I W S N E H A I T O E S A
M T L I T T B A B N B P T H T
D S C N O U L B L E F I A C G
F E U G R R E R H E A C S L A
R A E H K K O T R E L B R A W
U G S S N E K C I H C I I W F
I L L U G Y U N I B O R U M E
T E G G S D O D O L N D U C K

Bittern	Eagle	Lark	Song
Bush	Eggs	Latch	Stilt
Cage	Egret	Myna	Stork
Cape Barren goose	Emu	Noisy	Swan
	Falcon	Ostrich	Teal
Chicken	Fruit	Owls	Tropicbird
Claw	Gull	Pelican	Turkey
Clip	Hawk	Petrel	Variety
Coot	Hens	Raven	Wagtail
Crow	Heron	Rhea	Warbler
Dodo	Ibis	Robin	Wing
Dove	Knot	Seed	
Duck	Koel	Shrub	

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 191 CALLS ON DECEMBER 13

Traffic/Vehicle Stop Longfellow St / Navy St 12:07 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 17th St / Santa Monica Blvd 12:39 a.m.
Loud Music 800blk 11th St 12:41 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Cloverfield Blvd / Michigan Ave 12:47 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 3200blk Pico Blvd 1:15 a.m.
Party Complaint 700blk Copeland Ct 2:10 a.m.
Loud Music 800blk 11th St 2:18 a.m.
Party Complaint 800blk Navy St 2:31 a.m.
Report Of Shots Fired Yale St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:39 a.m.
Loud Music 2700blk Wilshire Blvd 3:30 a.m.
Arson 1400blk 4th St 4:02 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Bundy / Olympic 4:09 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 400blk Broadway 4:23 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2700blk Airport Ave 4:33 a.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd W 5:17 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1100blk Montana Ave 5:22 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 3300blk Barnard Way 6:03 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1800blk Idaho Ave 7:22 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1100blk Wilshire Blvd 7:34 a.m.
Prowler There Now 1200blk 14th St 7:46 a.m.
Loitering 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 8:00 a.m.
Encampment 2200blk Colorado Ave 8:49 a.m.
Covid 1700blk The Beach 8:55 a.m.
Fight 1800blk 19th St 8:56 a.m.
Stalking Report 2700blk 3rd St 9:35 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1200blk Ocean Ave 10:00 a.m.
Encampment 2000blk Ocean Front Walk 10:10 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 2300blk 24th St 10:17 a.m.
Fraud Report 500blk Lincoln Blvd 10:28 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 200blk San Vicente Blvd 10:33 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400blk 17th St 10:34 a.m.
Assault Just Occurred 6th St / Wilshire Blvd 10:37 a.m.
Public Intoxication Neilson Way/Bay St 10:43 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 200blk Strand St 10:46 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1900blk Cloverfield Blvd 10:48 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1400blk Franklin St 11:05 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 11:13 a.m.
Burglary Report 2000blk Olympic Blvd 11:15 a.m.
Loitering 800blk Ocean Ave 11:15 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 2400blk Arizona Ave 11:18 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk Ocean Ave 11:31 a.m.
Loud Music 600blk Hill St 11:33 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 800blk 7th St 11:45 a.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 11:59 a.m.
Fraud Report 500blk Lincoln Blvd 12:01 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1300blk Euclid St 12:04 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 12:34 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1000blk 5th St 12:39 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1600blk Ocean Ave 12:55 p.m.
Forensics Request - Fingerprint 1400blk 17th St 1:02 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1600blk Stanford St 1:10 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1400blk Olympic Blvd 1:25 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1300blk 23rd St 1:44 p.m.
Loitering 800blk Maple St 1:46 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1100blk Montana Ave 1:54 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 2:19 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 100blk Santa Monica Pl 2:31 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 500blk Idaho Ave 2:36 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 1800blk 7th St 2:42 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1600blk Stanford St 2:46 p.m.
Public Intoxication 400blk Wilshire Blvd 3:02 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:03 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1600blk Idaho Ave 3:15 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 700blk Ozone St 3:22 p.m.
Loud Music 1300blk Ocean Ave 3:24 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 800blk 4th St 3:42 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1500blk Ocean Front Walk 3:46 p.m.
Burglary Report 1500blk 9th St 3:46 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Ocean Way / Bay St 3:56 p.m.
Found Property Ocean Ave / Vicente Ter 4:03 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 2000blk Ocean Ave 4:04 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:13 p.m.
Encampment 2100blk 20th St 4:15 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1700blk Montana Ave 4:24 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1400blk Ocean Ave 4:35 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 24 CALLS ON DECEMBER 13

EMS 1200blk 20th St 12:08 a.m.
EMS 800blk 6th St 12:35 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 3:59 a.m.
EMS 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:32 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Ocean Ave 11:24 a.m.
EMS Neilson Way / Bay St 12:14 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk 21st St 12:31 p.m.
EMS 1200blk Ocean Ave 12:40 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 12th St 12:44 p.m.
EMS 2nd St / Colorado Ave 12:58 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Wilshire Blvd 1:16 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Harvard St 2:04 p.m.
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‘Protect me,’ says nurse getting California COVID-19 vaccine

BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

As coronavirus surges out of control across California with an average of more than 30,000 cases reported a day, Gov. Gavin Newsom applauded Monday as he watched an intensive care unit nurse in Los Angeles receive one of the first doses of vaccine in the state.

Newsom noted that the first doses to arrive in California roughly matched the number of cases the state was seeing each day. He said that the arrival of the Pfizer vaccine marked a turning point.

“We are in the midst of the worst moment of this pandemic, so today is hopeful,” Newsom said. “There is light at the end of the tunnel but ... we’re still in the tunnel.”

The COVID-19 vaccine couldn’t have come soon enough with hospitals facing an onslaught of patients, ICUs in jeopardy of being overwhelmed in most of the state and additional hospital beds being set up in an arena, a gym and a convention center, among nearly a dozen overflow sites.

Newsom said the vaccine, which will first go to health care workers, will not arrive soon enough to help slow the current wave of cases that have exploded since November. He urged people to continue to wear masks and maintain distances from others.

Most of the state’s residents are living under a modified stay-home order that Newsom said was having some impact on slowing spread of the virus.

The state received the first 33,000 doses of a promised 325,000 from Pfizer. More are scheduled to be distributed in coming days. The first doses of the vaccine were distributed Monday to hospitals in San Francisco, San Diego and Eureka on the North Coast.

California expects to have more than 2 million doses by the end of the year, Newsom said. That would still fall short of inoculating all of the roughly 2.5 million health care workers in the state.

During a photo opportunity that preceded his news conference, Newsom stood a few feet away as two nurses, an emergency room doctor, a cleaning employee and respiratory therapy worker were vaccinated one at a time.

“Protect me,” ICU nurse Helen Cordova said as a colleague rolled up the right sleeve of her scrubs and jabbed her in the shoulder to a round of applause from Newsom, Mayor Eric Garcetti and other workers who gathered for the cheerful event.

Newsom said the next month to six weeks will be challenging in bringing down the number of cases as the number of vaccines increase.

The current surge is part of a trend that began in early November and grew after Thanksgiving. The percentage of people testing positive has gone from 3.5% six weeks ago to over 10%.

Los Angeles County, the most populous with a quarter of the state’s 40 million residents, expects to get through the Thanksgiving surge in the next 10 days and see more stable numbers, Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said at a briefing.

The big fear is that it could be followed by a spike of people traveling or gathering for Christmas and New Year’s, she said, urging people to stay home and avoid travel.

“If you’re not playing by the rules of public life at this point, you’re part of the problem,” Ferrer said. “And you’re contributing to the distressing increases that we see in cases, hospitalizations and deaths.”

Los Angeles, which has had a disproportionately large number of cases and deaths, issued a stay-home order last month after closing restaurant dining.

Newsom, who was the first governor in the U.S. to issue a statewide stay-home order in March, soon followed up with his own modified order that shuttered several types of businesses, ended restaurant dining and limited capacity in stores in most of the state when ICU capacity dwindled below 15%.

Some San Francisco Bay Area counties, which haven’t dropped below that threshold, voluntarily followed the order, leaving mostly just rural Northern California areas under less strict rules.

Newsom said the order was having some success, as measured by cell phone tracking data, though he provided no specifics.

Beyond health care workers, state officials are discussing prioritizing vaccines for teachers and farmworkers and grocery store employees who provide an essential service.

Newsom said he was not afraid of getting vaccinated but would not use his position to score an early dose.

“I’m not cutting the line,” he said.

Associated Press writers John Antczak, Christopher Weber and Kathleen Ronayne contributed.

CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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SMPD Officers were dispatched to the 2400 block of Ocean Park Blvd. regarding a traffic collision with no injuries. Upon arrival, officers observed three vehicles with moderate amounts of damage. Two of the vehicles were parked along the curb, while one vehicle was stopped on the road. Officers spoke to the driver of the vehicle on the road and determined she had caused the damage. Officers noted that the driver had difficulty keeping her balance, her eyes were watery and droopy, and her speech was slurred. Upon conducting a series of field tests, Officers determined that she was driving under the influence. Lynn Jon McFadden was arrested for 23152 (F) CVC - Driving under the influence of drugs. McFadden’s vehicle was towed and several prescription drugs were found during inventory.

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Light at the end of the tunnel

The approval by the FDA of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine last week is a welcome bit of light at the end of a very dark year – but that is no reason to let up on the protective measures that we've been asked to do. This is the week that the hospitals are going to start seeing the death rate increase, again, from Thanksgiving. Just as we are entering the heavy travel season for Christmas.

Having a vaccine available is a wonderful development – the thing that concerns me is that people will let up on their mask wearing, and social distancing since the "cure" to a pandemic seems to have arrived. However, that's not true.

When I went to check on where I was likely to be in getting the vaccine, which I would take in a heartbeat, with no health risks, I'm the 268 millionth pool nationally, with 31 million Californians ahead of me and 7.9 million Angelenos beating me to the vaccine. Yes, as a 54 year old, overweight man, I'm waaaaayyyy down the list of the people who are going to get this vaccine. If I claim health risks, my position in line jumps up significantly – I have only 23 million ahead of me in the nation, then 2.6 million in California, and I'd be in the first 705,000 to get the vaccine.

Here's the problem at the moment though, the vaccine is not readily available and even though there is another manufacturer coming online to assist, it's going to be months before there is enough mass production to distribute to all Americans. And then there is the resistance of some of us to taking a "new" vaccine that hasn't been proven.

Except that it has been proven. It's effective, in fact it may one of the most effective ever produced. It's not a new technology, it's a new iteration of a technology that is relatively new and has the added benefit of being something that does not carry the actual virus so there is no, zero, zip, nada chance of the recipient getting sick from the vaccine. Are there side effects to the vaccine, some have been noted, nothing horrendous, and the warning is that those people who are at risk of other reactions, should steer clear for a bit.

So what that means is that there will be a large population who will not take the vaccine, and will remain at risk of becoming infected and/or being carriers of the COVID19 virus. The more of them there are, the longer the disease will be a major problem for us and our medical system.

Which is why we all need to continue to be proactive about wearing masks, limiting our social life and keeping our distance. I know it's difficult, I am not a fan of the mask thing, and for someone who has spent the last 50 years being a social butterfly, this isolation is very uncomfortable.

It's also hitting the kids hard. Depression is up among the youth, schools are reporting dropping grades and attendance, parents are going nuts having to be teacher and full time parent. This is a continuing difficult period and frankly I expect it to continue well into the 1st quarter of 2021, if not the 2nd quarter.

We're only just now feeling the impact of the Thanksgiving rush, and the return home of college students, those few who were on-campus. As the Christmas travel season ramps up, I'm expecting to see the country go even darker red on the infection rate maps. It's not the travel per se that's the issue. It's the gather of family and the relaxing of standard because humans are pack animals and we crave personal contact and touch – which is bad for disease prevention.

Hopefully we can contain this virus spread better than we have been, and I'm praying that the projections are off for the death totals, but I'm fearful that they will be right. Please do what you can, keep that mask up, stay home and enjoy the new work from home protocols of business attire on top and jammies below.

VACCINE

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in counteracting this dreadful disease," said Trepanier.

In the next two weeks Providence expects to receive 26,325 vaccine doses to share among its hospital network. In total Providence has 40,000 caregivers in its high, medium, and low risk categories.

Providence has also volunteered to serve as an inoculation center when the second tier of vaccinations begins for essential workers and is looking into ways to help vaccinate individuals in low income communities when the vaccine becomes more widely available.

"As part of our community investment we are planning, once we get the first and second tiers cared for, on reaching out into underserved communities to do vaccine clinics there," said Teresa Frey, RN, MSN, regional chief quality officer. "We've been working now on education there and we started flu shot clinics so we could get the communities familiar with our operations."

The first shipments of the Pfizer vaccine left Michigan early Sunday for 145 distribution centers nationwide.

California's initial batch was scheduled to total 325,000 doses.

The vaccine was sent to hospitals and other sites across the country that can store it at extremely low temperatures — about 94 degrees below zero. Pfizer is using containers with dry ice and GPS-enabled sensors to ensure each shipment stays colder.

All Providence hospitals are nearing capacity and are preparing to leverage additional areas of the hospital to treat the rising number of COVID-19 patients.

"If everyone goes out and travels as much as they did for Thanksgiving for Christmas and New Years, then I am going to worry that we could have more people in our hospitals than we can manage," said Trepanier. "We still can manage it now, but it's a stretch."

While the general public awaits a broader vaccine roll out Trepanier urged everyone to do what they can to bend the curve — keep their distance, wash their hands, wear their mask, and stay at home.

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MAYOR

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a memorial that he pushed to have built in Woodlawn Cemetery, to honor Santa Monicans who've died in combat.

Holbrook said he was also proud of the city's strong budget, the parks that have been built or improved under his watch, and times, particularly back in the 1990s, when he and others brokered compromises.

When he retired from City Council he cited the tone of local politics.

The tone of the discourse, he said, was getting more vitriolic and was grating on him.

"There's a lack of civility, not so much in the Council Chambers — there was at one point with all the hissing and calling people liars — but there's obviously a lot of people unhappy with Santa Monica," he said. "Maybe not a lot of people but there's a couple hundred people definitely."

Holbrook established at Public Service Scholarship to help students who demonstrate passion for public service, and promise in making positive change in society. In February 2018, the City Council contributed seed funding for the scholarship. To learn more and to contribute to the Bob Holbrook Public Service Scholarship, visit santamonicacollegefoundation.org/bob-holbrook.

The City of Santa Monica issued a statement this week offering condolences and healing to Holbrook's wife, Jean Ann, and their children Bobby Jr., Cynthia and Craig, and grandchildren.

"Bob loved Santa Monica and its history and passionately shaped more than two decades of local policy with great care and heart," said Mayor Sue Himmelrich. "He left the Council the same year I joined, yet his imprint is felt today. We grieve the loss of a Santa Monica great alongside his loving family. "

"I'll always treasure Bob's wisdom, wit, and generosity. He cared deeply about the city of his birth and showed it every day. We shared a deep volunteer commitment to charitable endeavors in Santa Monica. Our friendship was so indelible that even though there was a huge gulf between his USC Trojans and my UCLA Bruins we still found common ground. He was my mentor. I will miss him always and wish the best for his wonderful family," said Councilmember Phil Brock.

"Bob was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, as well as a loyal member of the USC Trojan family, and a dedicated public servant. He was always kind and generous and no one loved Santa Monica more," said Councilmember Gleam Davis.

"Bob was the last of the previous generation of Santa Monica leadership, affable, amiable, and always quick with an anecdote. No Council meeting was ever complete without a spell of storytelling from Uncle Bob," said Councilmember Kevin McKeown who served on the Council with Holbrook for 16 years.

The Tuesday, December 15, City Council meeting will be adjourned in honor of former Mayor Bob Holbrook.

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Letter to the Editor

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Red Light District

Editor:

To the surprise of residents in Santa Monica's usually respectable Sunset Park neighborhood, this summer Southern California Edison began establishing a red light district in local alleyways. But pleasure-seekers will be disappointed if they come around looking for illicit entertainment: there are no houses of ill repute or ladies of the night – just very bright red lights illuminating obscure alleys and shining into local bedrooms.

Why would Southern California Edison want to suggest Sunset Park is tom-cat central? It turns out to be a classic case of bureaucratic overkill. Apparently, a few years ago SCE raised the height of some utility poles in the area, and somebody became convinced that meant Federal Aviation Authority rules required them to put up the lights to warn pilots of the extra danger.

Apparently nobody checked whether the new poles were higher than existing poles, or even local trees – that is, whether they were even necessary, or if they actually made things more dangerous for pilots by drawing their attention away from taller obstructions.

Seems they also didn't check if Santa Monica Airport officials wanted the red lights: turns out they didn't.

And most astonishing of all, it seems nobody asked if the Federation Aviation Authority actually did require the red lights. In fact, it seems there is no requirement. Just a "recommendation". And even that was obsolete by the time the lights were put in because it was before the airport runway was shortened, greatly reducing the size of jets using the airport.

But despite all this, without a word of warning to local residents, the lights were installed, and The Shining began, seven days a week from sunset to sunrise, even when the airport is closed, lighting up the exterior and interior of homes, yards, streets, and sky with a powerful red glow from dusk until dawn.

Hundreds of angry Sunset Parkers have now signed a petition for the lights to be removed, and asked the Santa Monica Airport Commission for help. Having been assured by SCE and SMO that neither of them really wanted the red lights, Commission Chairman Andrew Wilder wrote to the Santa Monica Council as follows:

My understanding is that these lights provide no additional safety for pilots or for the community, and they may even be more dangerous since there are taller objects (trees and other power lines) nearby, so the lights could actually cause confusion … Please take action soon to remedy this situation.

Santa Monica has a new council, committed to swift, effective action on behalf of the city's neighborhoods. It will be interesting to see if they decide to use their power to sort out a ridiculous round-robin of bureaucratic confusion, and put an end to the red-light district of Sunset Park before the area gets a distinctly shady reputation.

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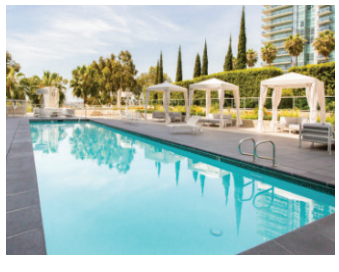
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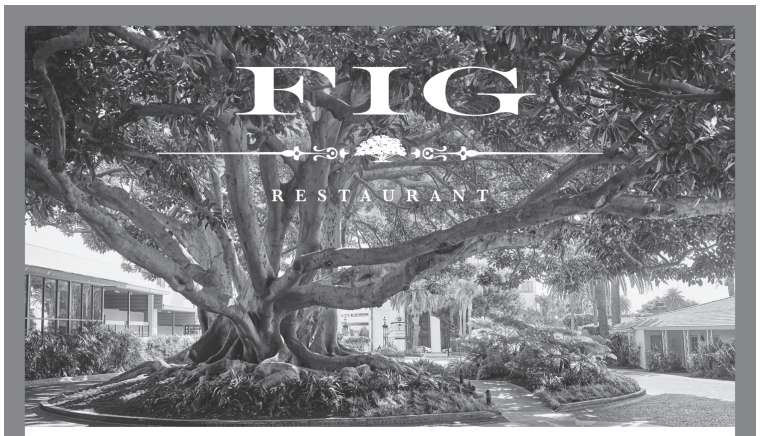








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Thoughts From a Second-Time Father

When Life Gives Us Lemons ...



By Michael Margolin

Like most other important days this year, Halloween was quite different than it usually is. My wife Enjoli and I briefly discussed whether or not to take Alexa and Jake out trick or treating. By briefly, I mean I asked her if we should partake in the normal activity, and before I could get the whole question out, she was shaking her head.

So that settled that. I began to feel disappointed for the kids. After all, they were getting the short end of the stick on this holiday. Of course, 2020 has dealt plenty of people the short end of the stick. This would simply be one Halloween for my seven- and four-year- old that would not include wandering around our neighborhood collecting candy.

We decided to have one of Enjoli's best friends come over with her two kids, and we would have some activities and games and plenty of candy. These are friends who have shared the same kind of quarantine bubble with us over the past eight or nine months. I lost track of the days and weeks a long time ago, and I know I am not alone in that sense. Alexa and Jake had a great time with their friends, and Halloween was a success.

Every once in a while, I would go out front to see if there were any goblins or ghouls, and I saw but a handful. Our neighborhood is usually a hotbed of laughter and joy and other sights and sounds that come with a busy place during Halloween. That certainly was not the case this year. It was simply a sign of the times.

Several days before Halloween, I reminded Alexa that we would not be trick or treating. It did not phase her at all. She predicted that this Halloween might even be more fun than the typical one. To me, she was not only embracing the fact that the situation was what it was and that there was nothing we could do about it. We were simply making lemonade out the lemons that this pandemic has given to us. Lessons like these are those that I try to instill in my children that seem to surface in some of the times they are needed most.

Michael Margolin is the father of two young children. He is an avid sports fan and was a soccer coach on Alexa's team when they were playing.



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Cultures Bloom *(Continued from Page 5)*

My mother has a great sense of pride and reverence for her culture. My siblings and I often hear about the great poets and writers, such as Ferdowsi, Hafez, Saadi, and Rumi. In my high school, we have read Rumi's works in English class.

Those memories are sweet and moving; however, as an avid student of history, I was more interested in the greatness of the Persian Empire. In 550 B.C., the Persian Empire under Cyrus the Great soon became the world's first superpower. In a sharp break from other such rulers, Cyrus respected the customs and religions of the lands he conquered. This became a successful model for centralized administration and a working government for the benefit of its subjects. As a point of interest, this is also one of the fundamental ideals in American government.

Additionally, archeological finds have uncovered that, not only did the Persians not enslave their workers, but there is evidence of paid maternity leave for women - 2500 years ago! Cyrus proclaimed that all people had the right to choose their own religion, and established racial equality, which, incidentally, is also a tenet of the U.S. Constitution.

These decrees were recorded on a baked clay cylinder with cuneiform script. Known today as the Cyrus cylinder, the great leader is immortalized with this ancient record that is now recognized as the world's first charter of human rights. This is deeply intertwined with American history, as it was an inspiration for the U.S. Bill of Rights hundreds of years later.

Iran has a deep and layered history, one filled with accomplishments. The achievements of Iran have permeated into nearly every aspect of American life, further linking our two countries. While the bond is often in turmoil, with different leaders often having different views, it is not a bond that can be broken simply based on one (or both) government's changing policies. The people of Iran love the people of America and vice versa.

Our countries are linked, with common beliefs that stretch back for many centuries. That kind of bond outlasts governments and leaders; it is the bond of two peoples, forever connected.

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Community Service in Santa Monica

Santa Monica Rotary Club Roundup

By Kathy Shepard

Happy Holidays! It has been a busy and meaningful past few weeks for the members of the Rotary Club of Santa Monica. As always, we are committed to community service and have participated in a beach clean-up, delivered meals to seniors and others who need them, volunteered at food pantries, virtually walked to help find a cure for Alzheimer's disease and donated several cars full of much needed household items for young Marine families at Camp Pendleton.

While volunteering in our community is vital and important, providing cash grants to deserving organizations is also part of our mission to help. Our club's 13th International Wine & Food Festival and Auction held in November was a rousing success. Through the "Fund-A-Need" portion of the program, we raised $10,000 for our featured charity, Upward Bound House. We also raised thousands of additional dollars while enjoying friendship and great food and wine at the virtual event. Proceeds will be used to fund grants to non-profit organizations.

The Rotary Club of Santa Monica is currently accepting grant applications for its Community and Youth Grants program from local non-profit organizations. These grants are intended to fund up to $3,500 for needs organizations have related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Information can be obtained by contacting the Rotary Club of Santa Monica at rotaryclubofsantamonica@verizon.net. Please note that organizations must provide proof of non-profit 501(c)(3) status, requested supporting materials, and be able to verify that the funds align with Rotary's service mission and benefit Santa Monica residents or nearby communities.

For more information about our club, events, and virtual meetings, please visit our website, email Savi at rotaryclubofsantamonica@verizon.net, or call our office at 310-917-3313.

The Lions Planning Holiday Meetings



By Linda Levee

The Santa Monica Lions Club is still active. Many of the Lions Clubs around the world have been looking for new ways to connect with the public and bring in new members. We do not have to go too far. We are so lucky to continue our relationship with the Santa Monica Salvation Army.

Although we are unable to assist them by bell ringing on Red Kettle Day as we have done for at least the past 50 years, their directors, the Wikle's, Chris and Erin, have agreed to give us a small virtual concert. The two will be playing the guitar and singing carols. Our collection will be virtual to the Salvation Army, and if you wish to help us you may make donations directly to them.

We had our joint meeting in November with our newly formed Leo Club, and they are busy putting together ideas for helping others who need food, clothing, and basic necessities in the community.

We wish everyone of our followers and readers a very happy holiday-season, and in whatever way you can encourage family, friends, and others to celebrate safely under guidelines set up by the CDC. Wash hands, wear masks, and meet friends outdoors, or have virtual meetings and parties.

Please contact me at levelhead elinda@yahoo.com if you wish to have more details regarding the welcoming Lions Club membership.

Remembering Ruth Lillian Perlmutter

Ruth Lillian Perlmutter passed away peacefully on November 19, 2020, in Santa Monica, CA. She was a long-time Santa Monica resident. Ruth was born on July 6, 1930, in Springfield, Massachusetts to Jacob and Sadie Gitberg.

She had a younger brother, Wallace. Ruth was a very loving, warm, caring, and kind person. She loved to help others, and for many years, she supported and was involved with Jewish organizations, including Hadassah and ORT. She enjoyed dancing and playing mahjong with her friends.



Ruth Lillian Perlmutter

Devoted to her family, she was a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Dr. Avraham Perlmutter, her children, Michael (Pam), David (Wendy), Sharon (Andy), and Keren, and her grandchildren, Emily, Josh, Zachary, Rachel, and Alex.

A private service was held at Hillside Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Hadassah.

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Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club Review



By Susan Barry

It is more than repetitive to say, "It's a challenging time!" As Thanksgiving has passed with many traditions being reimagined, the December holidays are perhaps the most significant for families, friends, giving, receiving, and deep gratitude.

Somehow, turkey doesn't taste the same over Zoom, and no one is there to pour the wine! At this time of year, the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club is normally creating cards, wrapping gifts for children in Los Angeles and Mexico, planning club celebrations, and looking forward to a busy new year of activities.

We have managed to have a few small socially distanced gatherings, but it's not quite the same. Along with the festivities, much of our energy is spent in supporting the activities of the club to raise money for other non-profit groups. Everything in the new normal now requires greater creativity, flexibility, and patience to bring our mission forward into the new year. Non-profits are stretched to their limits, and the needs of our community every greater. So it's a time to pause and take a deep breath, knowing through the ingenuity of women in challenging times, we'll continue to find ways to support our dearest causes.

We look forward to the new year for our club, our members, and our community. We send best wishes for your creative solutions to visiting with those you love and sharing time together, even if safely over the internet or socially distanced with your masks on! We hope you, your friends, and your families are well and stay well until 2020 and "these challenging times" have passed.

We look forward to returning to our beautiful club home, inviting new members to join us there, and continuing our vibrant place in the community! For further information, please call the Club at 310-395-1308.

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