Seaview HOTEL
1760 Ocean Avenue
Santa Monica, CA 90401
310.393.6711
Starting from $88 + Taxes
Parking | WiFi Available
SeaviewHotel.com

INSIDE THE DAILY PRESS PODCAST
smdp.com/pod
ALSO AVAILABLE ON

Santa Monica Daily Press

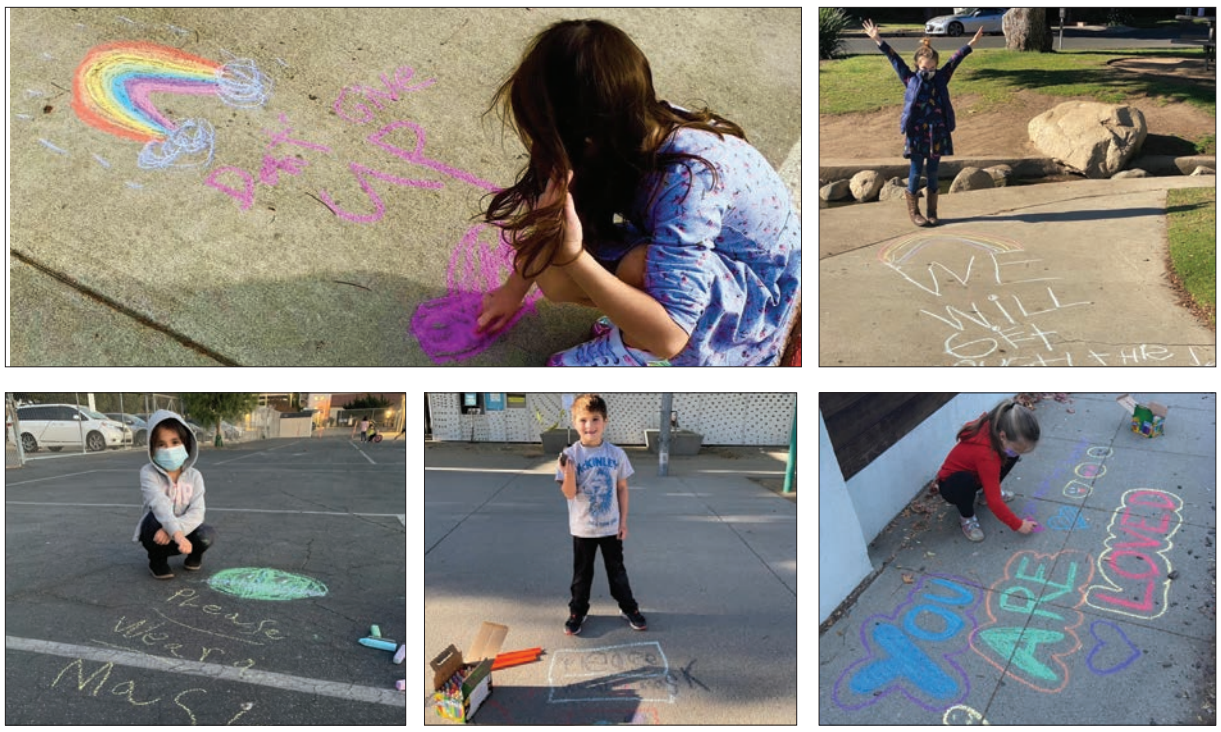
CHRISTMAS EDITION
12.24.20 - 12.25.20
Volume 20 Issue 36

Laughing Matters
A Smart Lady
Page 4

Noteworthy
RIP Simon Stokes
Page 6

@smdailypress @smdailypress Santa Monica Daily Press smdp.com

McKinley students brighten community with 'positivity during the pandemic' chalk art



Courtesy photos

CHALK: Local students have taken to using chalk art as part of their distance learning exercises.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

It's the season for spreading joy, and Danielle Eden, a first grade teacher at McKinley Elementary, enlisted her students to do exactly that through a 'positivity during the pandemic' chalk art project.

Under Eden's guidance students excitedly selected their uplifting message, created an original design, and rushed all over the neighborhood to write it in chalk.

"I'm really proud of my students. They're only six and seven so to see them to take such initiative and care so much about where they were going to chalk and what they wanted the community to see really brought us together as a class and it makes me feel really inspired that they care so much about their community," said Eden.

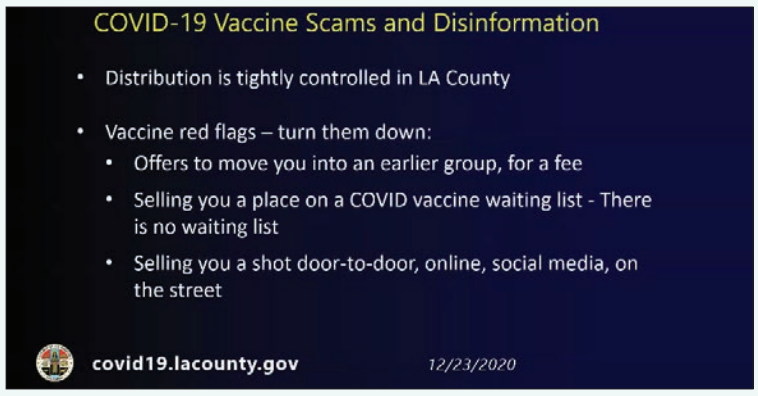
Many of the messages were about spreading love and supporting one another, while other drawings focused on fighting the pandemic together by wearing a mask and thanking essential workers. This reflected a wonderful budding social consciousness from the young students and demonstrates how teachers can help children learn from difficulties of the pandemic.

"It's been such a challenging time and I think there really needs to be a lot of emphasis on social emotional learning. Oftentimes my students say things like 'I want COVID to be over, I want to be back in the classroom," said Eden. "So having something where we could be positive and spread positivity kind of uplifted us during this challenging time."

The project incorporated two of SMMUSD's social justice standards — justice: I know that life is easier for some people and harder for others and the reasons for that are not always fair, and advocacy: I care about those who are treated unfairly.

SEE **CHALK ART** PAGE 7

L.A. County hits record 145 daily COVID deaths, officials warn about vaccine scams



Courtesy image

SCAM: Vaccine scams are the latest problem to emerge this year.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

The COVID-19 surge in L.A. County continues unabated with 16,525 new cases and a record daily death count of 145 reported on Dec. 23.

County health officials urged everyone to stay home for the holidays and warned residents to turn down any vaccine offers from private individuals as scams are circulating.

"The winter holidays invite us to spread joy and light to those around us. Perhaps as we weigh the request to delay travel plans and gather only with members of our own household we can find comfort

SEE **COVID** PAGE 11

California sees near-record deaths, modest signs of hope

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

California had a near record number of daily coronavirus deaths as pandemic cases strained hospitals and reduced normal intensive care space to a record low, Gov. Gavin Newsom said Wednesday, yet there were faint hints that residents may be heeding medical officials' increasingly desperate calls for caution during the holidays.

The transmission rate — the number of people that one infected person will in turn infect — also has been slowing for nearly two weeks. The rate of positive cases reached a new

SEE **CALIFORNIA** PAGE 11


Gary Limjap
(310) 586-0339
In today's real estate climate ...
Experience counts!
garylimjap@gmail.com
www.garylimjap.com
COLDWELL BANKER
CalRE # 00927151

Buy Local SANTA MONICA
buylocalsantamonica.com
Support your community!

TAXES
ALL FORMS, ALL TYPES, ALL STATES
BACK TAXES • BOOKKEEPING • SMALL BUSINESS
SAMUEL B. MOSES, CPA
(310) 395-9922
100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1800 Santa Monica 90401

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LOS ANGELES REGION

320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, California 90013
(213) 576-6600

Public Notice No. 20-021
File No. 20-090
CI No. 10569

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs)
AND WATER RECLAMATION REQUIREMENTS (WRRs)

DISCHARGER	RECYCLING LOCATION	RECEIVING WATER
City of Santa Monica	Santa Monica, CA	Santa Monica Groundwater Basin

"The City of Santa Monica (hereinafter Discharger) is developing a recycled water program to achieve long-term water self-sufficiency. When fully implemented, the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project (SWIP) will allow the Discharger to reuse up to 1.5 million gallons per day (mgd) of a mixture of treated stormwater, brackish groundwater, dry weather runoff, and municipal wastewater within the city. The Discharger is building an Advanced Water Treatment Facility (AWTF) at 1771 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, with a production capacity of 1 million gallons per day (mgd). The AWTF will receive up to 1.38 mgd of raw municipal wastewater (currently conveyed to the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant), stormwater, and dry-weather runoff to produce up to 1 mgd advanced-treated recycled water for nonpotable and indirect potable reuse. The AWTF will only treat a portion of the municipal wastewater produced in the city and the remaining flow will continue to be conveyed to the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant for treatment and disposal to the Pacific Ocean, regulated under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0109991. The AWTF advanced-treated recycled water will be mixed with treated water from the Santa Monica Urban Runoff Recovery Facility (SMURRF) prior to distribution for nonpotable reuse. The AWTF is currently in the process of being built so the use and distribution for recycled water that will be produced at the AWTF is not yet regulated.

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board), tentatively proposes to issue waste discharge requirements, including effluent limitations and special conditions.

PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND LOCATION
The Los Angeles Water Board will hold a public hearing on the tentative WDRs/ WRRs during its regular Board meeting on the following date and time and at the following location:

Date: **February 11, 2021**
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Likely virtual meeting.
Please check the Board's website (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/) for the most up-todate public hearing location as it is subject to change.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS
The Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD), other documents relied upon, tentative effluent limitations and special provisions, and other information are on file and are available for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. by appointment at the following address:"

"Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Arrangements for file review and/or obtaining copies of the documents may be made by calling the Los Angeles Water Board at (213) 576-6600. Additionally, the agenda and the draft order will be available online at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/ under the "Tentative Permits" heading.

The entire file will become a part of the administrative record of this proceeding, irrespective of whether individual documents are specifically referenced during the hearing or contained in the agenda packet. The entire file will not be present in the hearing room. In addition to the materials generated for this proceeding, the file includes the administrative records for the applicable Basin Plan amendments. Should any interested persons desire staff to bring to the hearing any particular documents that are not included in the agenda packet, they must submit a written or electronic request to staff during business hours, not later than five business days before the hearing. The request must identify the documents with enough specificity for staff to locate them.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE
Persons wishing to comment on, or object to, the tentative amendment to waste discharge requirements and water reclamation requirements, or submit evidence for the Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing to Steven Webb at the above address, or send them electronically to Steven.Webb@waterboards.ca.gov. To be evaluated and responded to by Los Angeles Water Board staff, included in the Board's agenda folder, and fully considered by the Board, written comments or testimony regarding the tentative must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on January 13, 2021.** Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Los Angeles Water Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comment or exhibit into evidence pursuant to section 648.4, title 23 of the California Code of Regulations.

NATURE OF HEARING
This proceeding will be a formal adjudicatory proceeding. For such proceedings, the Los Angeles Water Board follows procedures established by the State Water Resources Control Board. These procedures are set forth in regulations commencing with section 647 of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, in particular, Article 2, commencing with section 648.

PARTIES TO THE HEARING
The following are the parties to this proceeding: **City of Santa Monica**

Any other persons requesting party status must submit a written or electronic request to staff no later than 20 business days before the hearing. All parties will be notified if other persons are so designated."

Los Angeles Water Board staff is not a party to the proceeding; their participation in this proceeding exists for the purpose of advising and assisting the Los Angeles Water Board.

HEARING PROCEDURE
The Board meeting, of which this hearing is a part, will start at 9:00 a.m. Interested persons are invited to attend. When the agenda item is called, staff will present the matter under consideration, after which oral statements from parties or interested persons will be heard. For accuracy of the record, all important testimony should be in writing. The Board will include in the administrative record written transcriptions of oral testimony that is actually presented at the hearing. Oral testimony may be limited to three minutes or less for each interested person, depending on the number of interested persons wishing to be heard.

Parties or interested persons with similar concerns or opinions are encouraged to choose one representative to speak and are encouraged to coordinate their presentations with each other. Parties will be advised after the receipt of public comments, but prior to the date of the hearing, of the amount of time each is allocated for presentations. That decision will be based upon the complexity and number of issues under consideration, the extent to which the parties have coordinated, the number of parties and interested persons anticipated, and the time available for the hearing. At the conclusion of testimony, the Board will deliberate in open or close session, and render a decision.

The Board does not generally require the prior identification of witnesses, the cross examination of witnesses, or other procedures not specified in this notice. Parties or persons with special procedural requests or requests for alternative hearing procedures should contact staff, who will endeavor to accommodate reasonable requests. Objections to any procedure to be used during this hearing must be submitted in writing no later than close of business 15 business days prior to the date of the hearing. (Any objections related to the amount of time allocated for parties' presentations must be submitted within two business days of notice thereof, if that date is less than 15 business days before the hearing.) Absent such objections, any procedure not specified in this hearing notice will be waived pursuant to section 648(d) of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. Procedural objections will not be entertained at the hearing.

If there should not be a quorum on the scheduled date of this meeting, all cases will be automatically continued to the next scheduled meeting on March 11, 2021. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

STAFF CONTACTS
If you have any questions regarding this proposed action, please contact Steven Webb via email at Steven.Webb@waterboards.ca.gov or Jeong-Hee Lim, Ph.D., P.E., Chief, Municipal Permitting Unit via email at Jeong-Hee.Lim@waterboards.ca.gov.

Date: December 14, 2020

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 223 CALLS ON DECEMBER 22

Fraud Report 1200blk 7th St 12:08 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 4th St / Olympic Blvd E 12:23 a.m.
Fire 1400blk 4th St 12:24 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1800blk Euclid St 2:09 a.m.
Public Intoxication Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 2:32 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 1400blk 17th St 2:56 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 15th St / Arizona Ave 2:58 a.m.
Domestic Violence Now 500blk Colorado Ave 7:00 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 200blk San Vicente Blvd 7:08 a.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 1800blk Euclid St 7:18 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 2400blk Pico Blvd 7:19 a.m.
Fight 1500blk Palisades Park 7:31 a.m.
Loud Music 800blk 20th St 7:39 a.m.
Burglary Report 1100blk Stanford St 7:41 a.m.
Family Disturbance 1300blk 14th St 8:10 a.m.
Identity Theft Unknown 8:23 a.m.
Loud Music 2600blk Main St 8:51 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2400blk Virginia Ave 9:25 a.m.
Family Disturbance 2300blk 32nd St 9:36 a.m.
Encampment 1100blk Palisades Park 9:51 a.m.
Burglary Report 900blk Montana Ave 10:38 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 20th St / Broadway 10:42 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 2500blk Beverley Ave 10:50 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2800blk Ocean Front Walk 11:08 a.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order Report 1400blk Ocean Ave 11:15 a.m.
Fraud Report 3100blk Pearl St 11:25 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1100blk 3rd St 11:26 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2400blk Oak St 11:30 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 5th St / Wilshire Blvd 11:34 a.m.
Person Down 1500blk The Beach 11:41 a.m.
Encampment 800blk Marine St 11:44 a.m.
Fraud Report 1600blk Franklin St 11:45 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1500blk 15th St 11:48 a.m.
Person With A Gun 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 11:50 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 4th St / Broadway 11:53 a.m.
Public Intoxication 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 11:57 a.m.
Burglary Report 2000blk Main St 12:07 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2nd St / Arizona Ave 12:26 p.m.
Loud Music 1600blk 19th St 12:29 p.m.
Fraud Report 4th St / Broadway 12:33 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 700blk California Ave 12:37 p.m.
Loud Music 3rd Street Prom / Wilshire Blvd 12:37 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1400blk Ocean Ave 12:48 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 12:48 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 800blk Georgina Ave 12:49 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300blk Centinela Ave 1:19 p.m.
Battery Report Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 1:27 p.m.
Person Down 500blk Pico Blvd 1:33 p.m.
Lost Property 300blk Olympic Dr 1:38 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 700blk Euclid St 2:31 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1300blk 2nd St 2:33 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1900blk 19th St 2:40 p.m.
General Parking Problem 100blk Hill St 2:48 p.m.
Fraud Report 4th St / Broadway 2:56 p.m.
General Parking Problem 2800blk Wilshire Blvd 2:58 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 2nd St / Broadway 3:05 p.m.
Identity Theft 2400blk Virginia Ave 3:14 p.m.
Identity Theft 11th St / Washington Ave 3:21 p.m.
Fight 14th St / Ashland Ave 3:28 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1900blk 17th St 3:32 p.m.
Traffic Miscellaneous Report 1400blk 16th St 3:48 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2200blk Colorado Ave 3:53 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 4:04 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 5:44 p.m.
Arson 1100blk California Ave 6:07 p.m.
Fitness Permit Violation 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 6:20 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1400blk 4th St 6:35 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2900blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:10 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 300blk Olympic Dr 7:18 p.m.
Identity Theft 300blk Olympic Dr 7:19 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 2000blk Ocean Ave 7:32 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 300blk Olympic Dr 8:07 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Lincoln Blvd / Michigan Ave 8:24 p.m.
Arson 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:45 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 14th St / Colorado Ave 9:35 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1900blk Ocean Ave 9:37 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1500blk 2nd St 9:39 p.m.
Keep The Peace 2100blk Delaware Ave 9:41 p.m.
Living In A Vehicle 2300blk Ocean Ave 10:09 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd E 10:37 p.m.
Encampment 1600blk Ocean Ave 10:57 p.m.
Loud Music 1100blk 6th St 11:00 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1400blk Broadway 11:11 p.m.
Loud Music 2000blk Delaware Ave 11:52 p.m.

Santa Monica Daily Press office (310) 458-7737

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 35 CALLS ON DECEMBER 22

EMS 1400blk 16th St 12:02 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1400blk 4th St 12:23 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 25th St 12:32 a.m.
EMS 700blk California Ave 12:35 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 25th St 12:49 a.m.
EMS 15th St / Arizona Ave 3:06 a.m.
EMS 1900blk 6th St 5:08 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 5:34 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 26th St 5:57 a.m.
EMS 800blk 2nd St 6:19 a.m.
EMS 800blk Euclid St 7:09 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 8:03 a.m.
EMS 700blk Pier Ave 8:06 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 3:13 p.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 3:14 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Wilshire Blvd 3:42 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 1400blk 16th St 3:48 p.m.
EMS 400blk Expo Line 4:00 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 5:01 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 18th St 5:43 p.m.
EMS 900blk Yale St 6:00 p.m.
EMS 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:17 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 6:25 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 900blk 3rd St 7:02 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Wilshire Blvd 7:21 p.m.
EMS 100blk Winnett Pl 7:41 p.m.
Flooded Condition Lincoln Blvd / Michigan Ave 8:11 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 500blk Wilshire Blvd 8:18 p.m.
EMS 700blk Ashland Ave 8:48 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1600blk Ocean Ave 9:34 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 2nd St 9:41 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Ocean Ave 9:54 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 10:12 p.m.
EMS 700blk Ocean Ave 11:19 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 4th St 11:42 p.m.

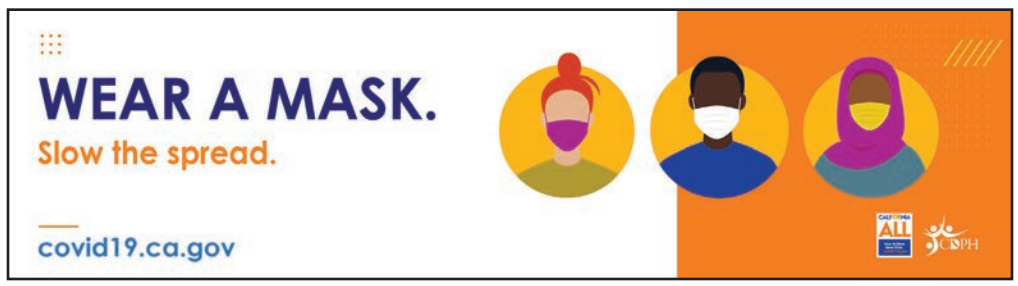
CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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, DECEMBER 10TH 6:55PM

Officers were dispatched to the Shell gas station on the 1800 block of Lincoln regarding a Counterfeit suspect. Upon arrival, the cashier showed the Officers the counterfeit bill and relayed that the individual had tried to use it to pay for snacks. When the cashier pointed out that this bill was counterfeit and refused to return it, the individual went around the counter and aggressively approached the cashier. At this point, 911 was called and the individual walked away, stealing several items before walking out of the store. The cashier told police he did not desire prosecution for the theft, as long as the items were returned. Officers contacted the suspect, who agreed to return the items. However, a records check found that he was on parole for a 215 PC-Carjacking. Bennett was ultimately charged with 475(a)PC -Possession with intent to defraud and 3455(b)(1)PC- Parole violation.

TAXES
ALL FORMS • ALL TYPES • ALL STATES
BACK TAXES • BOOKKEEPING • SMALL BUSINESS
(310) 395-9922
SAMUEL B. MOSES, CPA
100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1800 Santa Monica 90401





WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE BECAUSE OF THE CARELESSNESS OR NEGLIGENCE OF OTHERS.



Robert Lemle

OBTAIN MAXIMUM LEGAL COMPENSATION

MILLIONS RECOVERED

- CATASTROPHIC PERSONAL INJURIES
- WRONGFUL DEATH
- AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS
- BICYCLE/SCOOTER ACCIDENTS
- RIDE SHARE ACCIDENTS
- SPINAL CORD INJURIES
- TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES
- DOG BITES
- TRIP & FALLS

No recovery, No fee

310.392.3055
www.lemlelaw.com

LEMLE LAW GROUP, PC

PUBLISHER
Ross Furukawa
ross@smdp.com

PARTNER
Todd James
todd@smdp.com

EDITOR IN CHIEF
Matthew Hall
matt@smdp.com

ADVERTISING DIRECTOR
Jenny Rice
jenny@smdp.com

OPERATIONS MANAGER
Cindy Moreno
cindy@smdp.com

SENIOR ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE
Rose Mann
rose@smdp.com

STAFF WRITERS
Brennon Dixson
brennon@smdp.com
Clara Harter
clara@smdp.com

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS
Charles Andrews,
Jack Neworth,
David Pisarra.

PRODUCTION
Esteban Inchaustegui
production@smdp.com

CIRCULATION
Achling Holliday
ross@smdp.com
Keith Wyatt
ross@smdp.com

Santa Monica Daily Press
1640 5th Street, Suite 218
Santa Monica, CA 90401
OFFICE (310) 458-PRESS (7737)
FAX (310) 576-9913

The Santa Monica Daily Press publishes Monday - Saturday with a circulation of 8,200 on weekdays and 8,000 on the weekend. The Daily Press is adjudicated as a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Los Angeles and covers news relevant to the City of Santa Monica. The Daily Press is a member of the California Newspaper Publisher's Association, the National Newspaper Association and the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce. The paper you're reading this on is composed of 100% post consumer content and the ink used to print these words is soy based. We are proud recipients of multiple honors for outstanding news coverage from the California Newspaper Publishers Association as well as a Santa Monica Sustainable Quality Award.

PUBLISHED BY NEWLON ROUGE, LLC

© 2019 Newlon Rouge, LLC, all rights reserved.

AWARD WINNER

AWARD WINNER

Sustainable Quality Awards
WINNER

Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

She Played Dumb Blondes And Was Anything But

Since today is Christmas and the season of joy, albeit socially distanced, I thought I'd share one of my joys of having this space every Friday. Luckily, I often cross paths with some of Santa Monica's most talented and accomplished citizens. The downside is taking all the highs and lows of their often creative lives and find the writing skill to assemble them into a story that flows. (And hopefully has a few laughs.)



INGA NEILSEN

Today's "featured Santa Monican" is the multi-talented Inga Neilsen, an actress, dancer and singer with movie and TV credits that fill a four-page IMDB resume. Actually Inga lives in Malibu but her husband, Richard (Dick) Orr, was a lifeguard and P.E. teacher here, so Santa Monica is where her heart is. Especially because Inga met Dick, the love of her life, at the beach right next to his lifeguard tower.

As Inga was giving her niece grape juice, Dick casually said, "Do you have anything for a thirsty lifeguard?" It must have been a pretty good pick-up line as they were married for 50 years! (Sadly, Dick passed in 2011 but, even with all her show business success, by far the proudest accomplishment in Inga's life is her five-decade marriage to Dick and the raising of their son, David.

Handsome and masculine, Dick was a man of few words but had a great sense of humor. Outgoing, Inga could be the life of a party and enjoyed the glamorous part of her life but was equally as happy at home curling up with Dick watching an old movie. Even their physical height matched. Inga was 6'2" in heels, Dick was 6'4" in socks. (And David grew to 6'5 barefoot and, not surprisingly, became a top competitive swimmer!)

Hollywood is also Inga's town, as when she was only 12 she danced in the 1952 movie, "Scaramouche," starring Stewart Granger. All these years later, ever energetic Inga has just released online her album "Love Me With All Your Heart" which I'll get to shortly.

Given Inga's wonderful life, two expressions come to mind, "location, location, location" and "timing is everything." For example, when Inga was 7 her financially struggling family lived in a tenement house but fortuitously moved from Chicago to Hollywood. Very soon Inga discovered dreams she didn't even know she had. But she was exceptionally tall for her age and self conscious about it.

Her family took her to a seemingly insightful doctor who recommended that she consider ballet lessons so she might feel more graceful. That's where location, location came in as the American School of Dance was very near where Inga lived. And it turned out she possessed exceptional natural talent. So much so the prestigious school offered her a scholarship and ballet became her life.

So it was many years later Inga,because of her vast dance experience, was cast as a featured actress in such films as "Funny Girl," "Funny Lady," "A Funny Thing Happened To Me on the Way to the Forum" and dozens of others. (Suffice it to say, they all didn't have "funny" in the title.)

Though a leg injury ended her ballet dreams, as she grew to 6' and stunningly beautiful, Inga was often cast as a showgirl, which then led to a career in Las Vegas. In fact four times she was selected as Vegas' "Showgirl of the Year." This, along with her ability to play the "dumb blonde" with uncanny wit, resulted in a myriad of TV appearances as the sexy foil opposite the likes of Johnny Carson, George Burns, Rowan and Martin, Dean Martin and the Smothers Brothers, to name but a few.

To promote "Funny Girl" and later "Funny Lady," Inga, who, remember, at 7 had lived in a tenement, was sent around the world first class to London, Frankfurt, Montreal and Paris and chauffeured everywhere. After films with Dean Martin in Mexico, James Coburn in Jamaica and Zero Mostel in Spain, Dick and David decided they wanted to come along too, and on numerous future trips they did. In fact, because of his he-man looks and swimming skill, it was suggested Dick would be ideal as Tarzan but he passed, "One movie star per house is plenty," he joked.

That brings us to Inga's album, "Love Me With All Your Heart." As renowned arranger and pianist Lee Lovett commented, "Some singers swing, some have a bluesy feeling but Inga does all that and even more. With a big bright sound, she makes the melodies of great songs from the past smolder and the lyrics come alive."

Inga often appeared at the legendary Palm Springs Follies, the Gardenia Club and the Catalina and post-pandemic hopes to appear live again. Her jazzy, cabaret interpretation of classic numbers from the Great American Songbook, soulfully reveals her heartfelt passion for living and loving.

Inga's album "Love Me With All Your Heart" is available to sample and purchase at Apple Music, Spotify and all major music stores online. (Type "INGA NEILSEN" in the search field.) To read a beautiful tribute to Inga's beloved husband Dick, Google "Richard Orr Lifeguard at Will Rogers." Jack is at: jackdailypress@aol.com and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas, adding "2021 can't come too soon!"

OPINIONS EXPRESSED are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the Santa Monica Daily Press staff. Guest editorials from residents are encouraged, as are letters to the editor. Letters to the Editor can be submitted to letters@smdp.com. Receipt of a letter does not guarantee publication and all content is published at the discretion of the paper. All letters and guest editorials are subject to editing for space and content. All submissions must include the author's name, address and phone number for the purposes of verification.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Santa Monica Extends Residential Eviction Moratorium to March 31, 2021 and Preferential Parking Enforcement Resumes January 4, 2021

The City of Santa Monica's thirty-first emergency supplement signed today extends the City's local emergency orders, with specified exemptions, to January 31, 2021, and extends the City's moratorium on residential evictions for reasons other than nonpayment of rent to March 31, 2021. The supplement comes as COVID-19 continues to surge across the Southland, stretching hospitals beyond their capacity and daily infection rates break records. Governor Gavin Newsom and Los Angeles County are anticipated to extend current safer at home orders into January to slow the surge.

"As we walk together through these darkest days of the pandemic, we continue to align Santa Monica's emergency provisions to those of the State and County and to extend local protections to Santa Monicans impacted by this deadly virus," said Interim City Manager Lane Dilg. "We also want to remind the community to please not gather and find safe ways to celebrate the season at home with the members of your household."

To continue to protect residents from losing their housing due to the effects of a COVID-19 impact, the thirty-first supplement does the following:

Extends the moratorium on evictions of residential tenants for reasons other than non-payment of rent through March 31, 2021. State law currently imposes a moratorium on residential evictions based on nonpayment of rent, if certain conditions are met, for rent due and unpaid though January 31, 2021; the City anticipates State action may extend this date.

Requires landlords to report efforts to evict residential tenants by emailing the City Attorney's Office at EMReports@smgov.net unredacted copies of any notices provided in an effort to evict, including any termination notice (for example, the 15-day notice required by the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020) or a Summons and Complaint for Unlawful Detainer, within two days of serving any such notice on a tenant.

The supplement also extends the expiration of prior supplements that remain in place to January 31, 2021. Later expiration dates stated in specific supplements remain unchanged. Two exceptions to the extension are the following:

The suspension of preferential parking enforcement in all zones other than zone 3 is extended only through January 3, 2021. Enforcement in Zone 3 previously began on May 22, 2020. As a result, enforcement of preferential parking will resume in all blocks in all zones in the City as of 12:01 a.m. January 4, 2021.

The limitations on and suspensions of conducting meetings of City Boards, Commissions, and other appointed bodies are lifted as of December 31, 2020, with the result that beginning January 1, 2021, meetings may be conducted in accordance with the direction provided by the City Council at its December 15, 2020 meeting.

The supplement also provides that the Annual Taxicab Vehicle Permit Fee for the period beginning February 1, 2020, and ending January 31, 2021, will be based on the actual number of taxicab vehicles in operation rather than the number of taxicab vehicles permitted to operate.

For the latest information, please visit santamonica.gov/coronavirus, or call the City's Coronavirus Hotline at (310) 458-8400.

CONSTANCE FARRELL, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Citywide

Santa Monica College Joins Over 1,500 Leaders & Organizations in Keeping America's Promise to Tackle Climate Change

Santa Monica College (SMC) has joined 1,500 U.S. communities, businesses, and institutions–including 123 colleges and universities– in reaffirming the nation's commitment to the Paris Agreement on climate change and pledging to partner with the Biden-Harris Administration, which has made commitments to tackle the climate crisis.

Through the "We Are Still In" campaign, launched in 2017 to maintain America's promise to tackle climate change, leaders across many sectors are calling on the incoming administration to launch a national mobilization on climate and clean recovery, and to partner with local governments, businesses and community institutions to achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

"At Santa Monica College, we have continued to uphold our commitment to combat climate change in the face of a progressively dismal scientific outlook," said SMC Superintendent/President Dr. Kathryn E. Jeffery. "In 2018, and again now in 2020, I have reaffirmed the college's pledge to doing everything possible to work towards the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement. We look forward to safeguarding the future of our planet while creating jobs and helping address systemic inequities."

SMC Sustainability Manager Ferris Kawar added: "I'm proud to be part of an institution that sees big challenges not as an excuse to stop, but as an opportunity to push us to leap higher."

Over the last four years, thousands of government, civic, religious, and business leaders in the U.S. have doubled down on reducing dangerous carbon pollution, and have done so in the face of federal inaction. Today, one in three Americans live in a jurisdiction committed to clean electricity. Sixteen states have passed or committed to pass regulations and

SEE **BRIEFS** PAGE 7

City of Santa Monica
WOODLAWN
Cemetery
Mausoleum
Mortuary
FD #2101
Helping families honor, remember, and celebrate life.



• Traditional Burial • Green/Natural Burial • Cremation
• Funeral Planning & Mortuary Services
ALL IN ONE LOCATION
1847 14th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404 ▪ (310) 458-8717 (on-call - 24/7)
woodlawn.cemetery@smgov.net ▪ www.woodlawnsm.com

FINDING A NEW DENTIST IS TOUGH!!!
(BUT WE MAKE IT EASY!!!)
YOUR CHOICE
If you don't like what we have to say we will give you a copy of your x-rays at no charge
DENTAL CARE WITHOUT JUDGEMENT!
WE OFFER UNIQUE SERVICES
*Nitrous Oxide available
*No interest payment plans
*Emergencies can be seen today
*Our dentists and staff members are easy to talk to
TRY OUR NO OBLIGATION
$20 EXAM
INCLUDES FULL XRAYS
*Offer to non insured patients
OR
TRY OUR NO OBLIGATION
$99 EXAM
AND CLEANING
For New Patients
INCLUDES FULL XRAYS
*Offer to non insured patients
AND OF COURSE WE DO
• Invisalign • Periodontist on Staff • Oral Surgeon on Staff
• Cosmetics and Implants • Zoom bleaching • and more
SANTA MONICA FAMILY DENTISTRY
DR. ALAN RUBENSTEIN
1260 15th ST. SUITE #703
(310) 736-2589

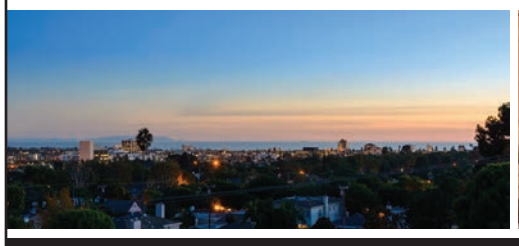
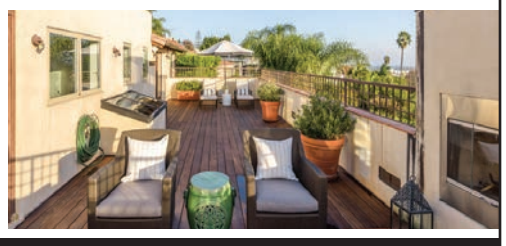
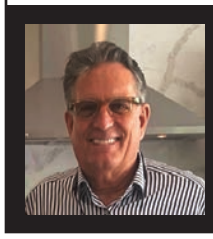

WWW.ALANRUBENSTEINDDS.COM

MOVIEPOSTERPRINTER.COM
MOVIE POSTER PRINTER
WE PRINT MOVIE POSTERS

Seaview HOTEL
Parking | WiFi Available
1760 Ocean Avenue | Santa Monica, CA 90401
310.393.6711
SeaviewHotel.com
Starting from $88 + Taxes

KANAN
CONSTRUCTION
Building Dreams Since 1989
• CUSTOM HOMES • REMODELS
LOCAL REFERENCES
DANIEL J. KANAN
General Contractor
Pacific Palisades Chamber member since 1991
(310) 451-3540
BONDED–INSURED www.DanKananConstruction.com LIC. NO. 554451

844 BERKELEY STREET

$5,688,000 | 5 BD | 7 BA | 6,174 SF
Contemporary & modern Spanish perched at the peak of Berkeley Hill with 180-degree views from nearly every room! Tucked behind two layers of privacy hedges with a flat, grassy lawn. Private tours are available. Contact Charles Pence to schedule yours today!



CHARLES PENCE
PENCE HATHORN SILVER | PARTNER
310.403.9238 | DRE#00670728
WWW.PHSREALTY.COM
PHS PENCE HATHORN SILVER
LUXURY PROPERTY GROUP
COMPASS

Noteworthy

By Charles Andrews
Send comments to editor@smdp.com

RIP The Incredible Simon Stokes




Courtesy photos

MUSIC: Simon Stokes knew some colorful characters including Muhammad Ali, Sammy Davis Jr., Richie Havens (pictured left) and Charles Andrews (right).

NO REGRETS?

Whenever I hear someone say, I have no regrets about anything in my life, I wonder. Really? I understand the philosophy that says, everything in my life has brought me to where I am today, and I am thankful for it.

But — wouldn't you be in the same place if you hadn't done that dumb thing when you were 16 that broke your mother's heart? How about that very hurtful thing you said to your best friend? Running a stop light and nearly killing someone? Sure, it all turned out okay, but — no regrets? If so, I admire your spiritual enlightenment and certitude. Or, maybe, your wide-eyed ability to fool yourself.

I do not regret where life has taken me, but no regrets, not one? I have two regarding the late Mr. Stokes. One, that I didn't stay more in touch with him, by phone at least. Two, regarding songwriting. I wish he had recorded a song my wife Diane and daughter Nicole wrote that we thought would be perfect for him, called "My Mean Side." I must've sent him a link half a dozen times, and seven times he asked me, with sincere apologies, to please send it again. I don't think he was ducking it because he was usually the one who brought it up. Some people just aren't that well organized. He had suggested that he might write a song with Nicole. I think he felt someone a couple of generations younger might spark something interesting, and fruitful.

Sorry, Nicole. I would love to have that song. But I never made it happen, never found a date we were both free to drive to Palm Desert, because she might not feel comfortable going alone, to someone she didn't really know. Especially a tough-looking dude known for tales of drug deals, dismemberment and death. What would they have written together? I have to say, Nicole sang a very convincing rendition of "My Mean Side."

I DON'T KNOW IF SIMON STOKES

Had any regrets. He certainly had cause, professionally. He didn't get the recognition he deserved for his exceptional writing, musical and performance talents. But he had a loving family and the praise of those who knew music. He left us on Dec. 13, at 83, and I have not been able to find his name on any list of musicians who passed in 2020, including ones updated to today, and a couple with more than 100 names. That is ridiculous.

It's true that most of his groundbreaking work came decades ago. But that's also true for many on those lists. And unlike many of them, he kept performing, at an undiminished level, into his 80s, until mental decline made it impossible. A tribute to him was staged at Taix Restaurant in Echo Park, on Jan. 25, 2018.

WHEN I SAW THE NOTICE ("TRIBUTE")

I ran to my laptop, athletically jumping to conclusions, and wrote his premature obituary. (He laughed it off that night. "It isn't the first time," he quipped.) It was an amazing night, with the first reunion of the original Black Whip Thrill Band in 45 years, and unforgettable duets with both Jello Biafra and Terry Reid.

I corralled them in the hallway for one of my all-time favorite photos, all of us looking like scruffy drinking buddies. But I already knew Terry — Simon's son-in-law — from when he sang on my cable TV show. That magnificent gravelly rock and roll voice (Jimmy Page wanted him in Led Zep) was put to standards, and Christmas songs, with his young daughter.

That tribute night was perfect for me to mix and chat with a roomful of longtime fans, mostly musicians, of the artist and the man. Nothing but accolades, admiration and love. And when it comes time to take that final ride, doesn't that count a whole lot more than how many albums you sold? Oh yeah — Simon absolutely killed it that night. If it turned out to be his final performance, it was a perfect swan song.

There is a jaw-dropping photo, which I may or may not be able to post with this column online (it's pretty dark), of him discussing writing a song for a film funded by the Nation Of Islam (Louis Farrakhan was in the room but off camera), and he's leaning over to brainstorm with Richie Havens, Sammy Davis Jr and Muhammed Ali. A white guy that they were choosing to write the right music for their film. Just let that sink in.

THE FIRST ALBUM EVER BANNED NATIONALLY

For its cover (not to mention the band's name), of a cartoonish illustration of scantily-clad women being tortured in a S&M dungeon by monks, was "Simon Stokes & the Black Whip Thrill Band," released in 1973, the same year as "The Incredible Simon Stokes." Both pretty ballsy titles, actually.

Those are just some of the legendary notes but you should go to his Facebook page to get a full story, including some concert footage

SEE **NOTEWORTHY** PAGE 7

NOTEWORTHY

FROM PAGE 6

you'll find nowhere else. It's great to have now that he's gone, and his studio albums were few but worthwhile, but I'm here to tell ya: there was nothing like seeing Simon Stokes live, that scruffy-bearded diminutive pro making the dinner crowd drop their forks with his vivid, graphic tales of murder and mayhem. He may have spotted you a foot in height and 100 pounds but you left thinking, I hope I never run into that dude in a dark alley. If I hear, "Hey, You!" as I go to the parking lot, I'm just going to run for my life!

— unless you caught him after a set and started chatting, and then you would quickly discover the secret all his friends knew. That bad mutha was one of the sweetest, most soft-spoken, generous, humble souls you could ever meet. So, Mr. Stokes, a final "Goodnight M***F***s" — for years his gently-crooned closing ballad. I'm glad I caught your act, and I'm honored I could call you a friend.

BRING MUSIC HOME

Not too late for a gift card! (See last week's column.)

Link to pre-order: https://bringmusichome.com/store/p/bring-music-home-book

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 2,500 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 34 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

CHALK ART

FROM PAGE 1

The fun chalk art series also taught children lessons on spelling, math, and geography.

Students had to incorporate site words that they are learning in class and use standard units of measurement to layout their design. Every student then picked three places on the Santa Monica map to complete their art and used science skills to track the sunlight on their art at different times of day.

"Project based learning is really important because it means students take a lot of initiative for their own learning," said Eden. "The learning takes place through the project, so through this project we were learning about our spelling words and measurement and science, so it's tied into something really meaningful."

Eden came up with the project idea when she spotted neighborhood chalk art on her walk home from work. Students were especially excited to create the art as they had just read a book on how people in San Diego used murals to uplift the community.

Clara@smdp.com

BRIEFS

FROM PAGE 5

legislation that would phase down the use of hydrofluorocarbons, a potent greenhouse gas. And in three years, the U.S. electric vehicle market has doubled. Despite these advances, more action is needed to protect vulnerable populations and rebuild the U.S. economy.

Through the "We Are All In" campaign, the signees call on the incoming administration and other federal policymakers to collaborate in a national response by taking immediate action to drive economic growth across every sector of the economy through job-creating sustainable investments; expand U.S. leadership at home and abroad by rejoining the Paris Agreement with a science-based target for 2030 and committing the U.S. to a trajectory of net zero emissions by 2050 or sooner; and reimagine community partnership to advance just and equitable climate solutions and build resilience to climate change. For more details, please see AmericaIsAllIn.com.

On October 6, 2020, SMC's Board of Trustees unanimously passed a resolution at that urges Congress to approve HR 763: Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act. HR 763 is projected to reduce the nation's carbon emissions by at least 40 percent in the first 12 years and to create 2.1 million new jobs by driving economic growth.

In January 2020, the SMC Board also passed a resolution to pursue the 2025 and 2030 climate change and sustainability goals as adopted by California Community Colleges Board of Governors.

Santa Monica College has a long tradition of championing the environment and sustainability. SMC's Center for Environmental and Urban Studies (CEUS) serves as a hub for all things sustainability, housing (in non-COVID times) eco-focused student clubs, the SMC Environmental Affairs Committee, the Transportation Task Force, a Student Greening Workshop program, and a library. The college is also the only California community college to be recognized as a Bicycle Friendly University (BFU) by the League of American Bicyclists, which honored SMC with a Silver-level BFU award in 2018.

Associates Degrees in Environmental Science and Environmental Studies; Certificates in Solar, Energy Efficiency, Recycling, and Sustainability are among dozens of environmentally focused courses across a wide range of fields. In addition, students and employees – again, in non-pandemic circumstances – learn how to grow food at the SMC Organic Learning Garden. More information about sustainability at SMC is available at smc.edu/community/sustainability.

To learn more about "We Are Still In", visit the website at AmericaIsAllIn.com.

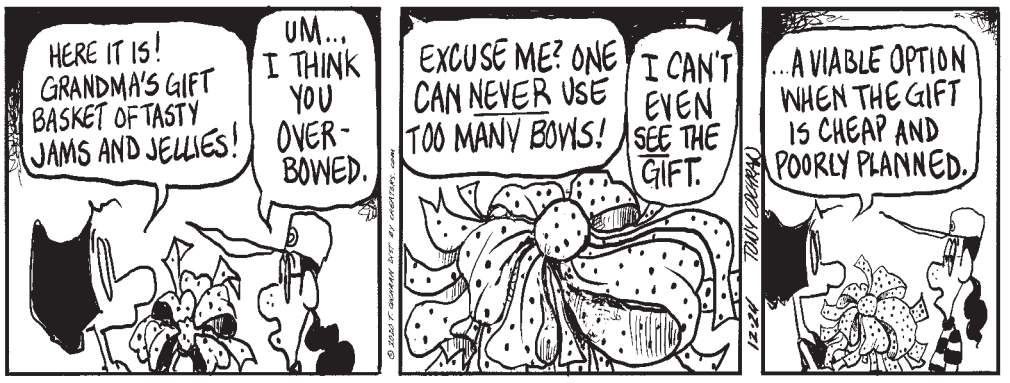
SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH

FINDING A NEW DENTIST IS TOUGH!
(BUT WE MAKE IT EASY!!!)
If you don't like what we have to say we will give you a copy of your x-rays at no charge
DENTAL CARE WITHOUT JUDGEMENT!
WE OFFER UNIQUE SERVICES
*Nitrous Oxide available *No interest payment plans
*Emergencies can be seen today
*Our dentists and staff members are easy to talk to
AND OF COURSE WE DO
• Invisalign • Periodontist on Staff • Oral Surgeon on Staff
• Cosmetics and Implants • Zoom bleaching • and more
YOUR CHOICE
TRY OUR NO OBLIGATION
$20 EXAM
INCLUDES
FULL XRAYS
*Offer to non insured patients
OR
TRY OUR NO OBLIGATION
$99 EXAM
AND CLEANING
For New Patients
INCLUDES FULL XRAYS
*Offer to non insured patients


SANTA MONICA FAMILY DENTISTRY | DR. ALAN RUBENSTEIN
1260 15th ST. SUITE #703 (310) 736-2589
WWW.ALANRUBENSTEINDDS.COM

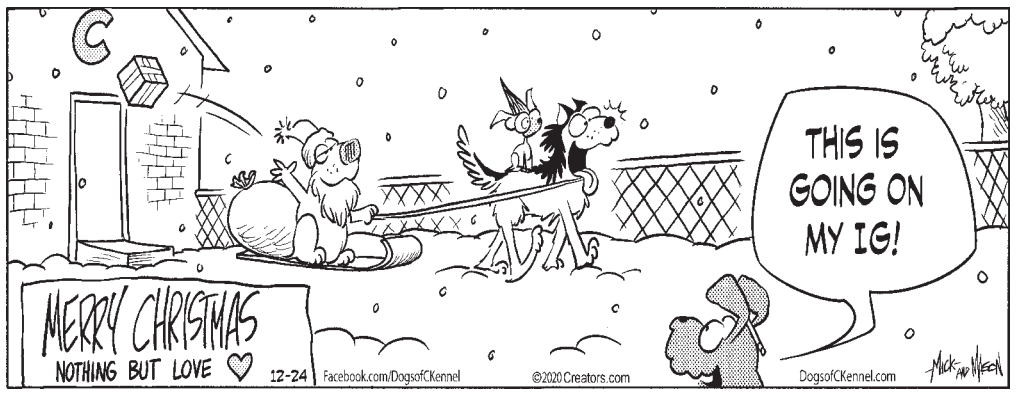
Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN



Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING





SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 57.7°

THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Steep-angled NW swell drops. Early high tide shuts down the dawn patrol – look for more rideable surf (still small) as the tide drops.

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Long period SSW swell picks up through the day – most size west of Pt Dume. Modest new WNW swell.

WEATHER

Thursday: Cloudy, with a high near 65.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. North wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/12/24	Thu	05:35 AM	4.95	H
2020/12/24	Thu	12:39 PM	0.99	L
2020/12/24	Thu	6:34 PM	3.24	H
2020/12/24	Thu	11:31 PM	1.82	L
2020/12/25	Fri	06:05 AM	5.22	H
2020/12/25	Fri	1:15 PM	0.48	L
2020/12/25	Fri	7:26 PM	3.34	H
2020/12/26	Sat	12:06 AM	1.99	L
2020/12/26	Sat	06:33 AM	5.49	H
2020/12/26	Sat	1:47 PM	0.03	L
2020/12/26	Sat	8:07 PM	3.44	H
2020/12/27	Sun	12:39 AM	2.11	L
2020/12/27	Sun	07:02 AM	5.73	H
2020/12/27	Sun	2:18 PM	-0.33	L
2020/12/27	Sun	8:43 PM	3.52	H
2020/12/28	Mon	01:12 AM	2.18	L
2020/12/28	Mon	07:32 AM	5.93	H
2020/12/28	Mon	2:50 PM	-0.60	L
2020/12/28	Mon	9:18 PM	3.57	H
2020/12/29	Tue	01:45 AM	2.22	L
2020/12/29	Tue	08:03 AM	6.08	H

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERball
Draw Date:12/19
27 32 34 43 52
Power#: 13
Jackpot: 321 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 12/22
29 53 56 59 67
Mega#: 21
Jackpot: 352 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 12/19
10 15 25 31 33
Mega#: 21
Jackpot: 17 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/22
1 4 6 13 22

Daily 3
Draw Date: 12/22
Evening: 7 3 4
Draw Date: 12/22
Midday: 4 4 2

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 12/22
1st: 01 - GOLD RUSH
2nd: 03 - HOT SHOT
3rd: 07 - EUREKA
RACE TIME: 1:44.34

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the winning number information, mistakes can occur. In the event of any discrepancies, California State laws and California Lottery regulations will prevail. Complete game information and prize claiming instructions are available at California Lottery retailers. Visit the California State Lottery web site at http://www.calottery.com

RUN YOUR DBAs IN THE DAILY PRESS FOR ONLY $80
INCLUDES RECEIPT AND PROOF OF PUBLICATION. Call us today!
Santa Monica Daily Press office **(310) 458-7737**

DO YOU HAVE COMMUNITY NEWS?
Santa Monica Daily Press office **(310) 458-7737**

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (DECEMBER 24)

Your focus makes miracles possible. You're able to let go of whatever does not noticeably contribute to the kind of joyful living you're going for. Spring brings a run of overdue attention and appreciation. You've worked toward this a long while, and the reward is fun, but mastering the skill is the fulfilling part. Taurus and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 11, 39, 16 and 4

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Feelings have a way of overflowing and spilling all over the place. In the case of joy, appreciation, love and comfort, the mess is such a pleasure it's hardly worth cleaning up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your inclusiveness relaxes people and helps them feel comfortable enough to connect. Ultimately, the sense of belonging you promote will wrap around you like a warm blanket on a snowy night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). To notice someone's nervousness and take that away from them with your warmth and easy manner is among the kindest things you can do today. You're the antidote to anxiousness, and it calms you to be so.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The deepest levels of you have little to do with your body or even personality. You may get caught up in temporary attitudes, opinions and adornments, but you will not confuse them with who you really are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll make your preparations and run through your idea about how things should flow. Without those moments of fantasy and forethought, you simply couldn't pull off your day in the same magical way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are endowed with raw materials — inherent qualities, resources, ideas — all of which can be arranged and rearranged to various effect. You feel it down deep... the freedom to create yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Just as an author's skill is in making the reader turn the page, your skill is making those close to you wonder what's next. You love to play with expectations and draw out anticipation to its most delectable tension.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll emphasize what you want people to see and know about you. While you can't control what others think, the extent to which you can effectively lead their attention will please you greatly now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's so easy for you to see the good in others and nurture those talents until they gleam. What's hard is holding back your praise, but there's no point to that today. Roll out the enthusiasm!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll make a discovery all on your own and feel supremely satisfied about it, too. You could have, after all, given up a dozen times, but you kept going instead. You've earned this one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It seems counterintuitive, and yet, by tuning in to your own uniqueness, you somehow attract like-minded people. It feels wonderful to be appreciated without trying hard.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are always multiple ways to work a situation, some of which will be more fulfilling (and fun!) than your first ideas. You can see more options just as soon as you let go of the first few.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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

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

8	7	3	6	9	1	2	4	5
4	5	1	2	8	7	3	9	6
6	9	2	5	3	4	7	8	1
3	2	7	9	1	6	8	5	4
5	1	8	7	4	3	9	6	2
9	4	6	8	2	5	1	7	3
2	8	5	3	6	9	4	1	7
7	3	4	1	5	8	6	2	9
1	6	9	4	7	2	5	3	8

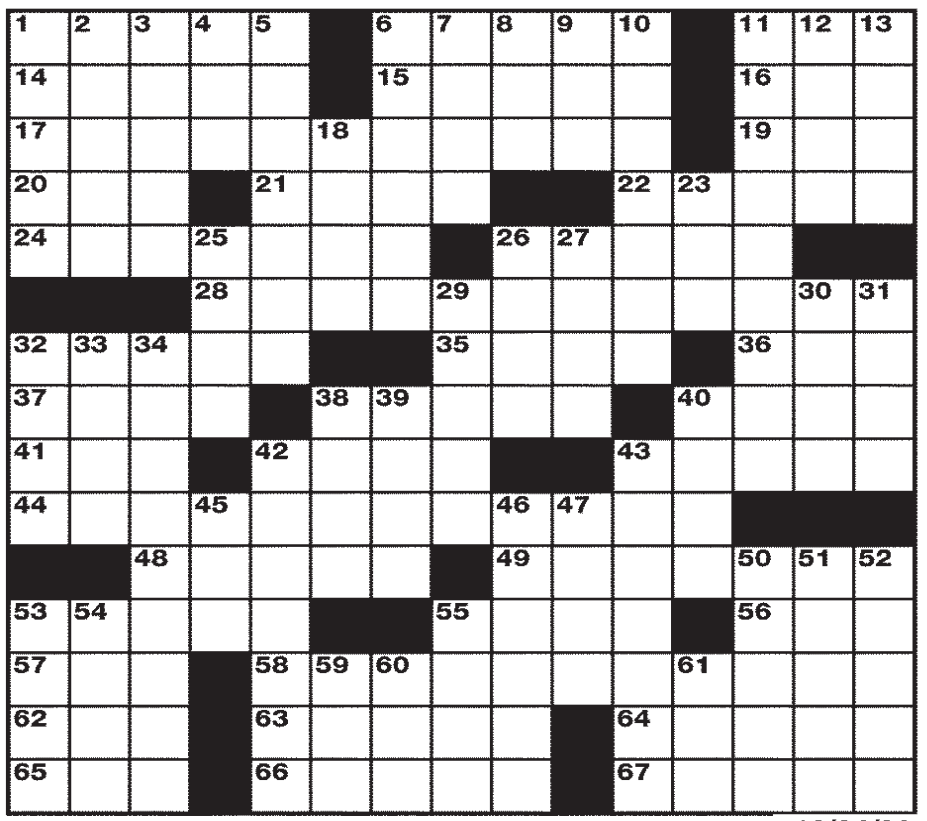
		9	3	8	5	4		1
8		2			4			5
	5		9				8	
		8		3				4
	3			4			1	
7				5		8		
	9				8		4	
4			5			1		2
2		3	4	9	1	5		

Newsday Crossword

INSURANCE OFFICE by Fred Piscop
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS
1 Conceals
6 Taj __
11 Glide down peaks
14 Synthetic fabric
15 44th president
16 Fellows
17 Tariff regulations, e.g.
19 "A mouse!"
20 Stolen, slangily
21 Toledo's lake
22 Comedian Crystal
24 Administer the oath to
26 To any extent
28 Carousel locale
32 Beginning
35 Knock on the noggin
36 Plow into
37 Snakes do it
38 Hosiery mishaps
40 Parrot's place
41 Hubbub
42 "Too bad!"
43 *Motor Trend* topic
44 Anchor's job
48 Hamburger portion
49 Sitcom half-hour
53 Treat vindictively
55 Show credits
56 Museum-funding org.
57 Scratching-post user
58 Mole, in spydom
62 Circumference section
63 Not yet realized
64 All wound up
65 To the __ degree
66 Arctic explorer
67 Person to respect

DOWN
1 Butterfly relatives
2 Directional sign
3 Pool-table material
4 Down for the count
5 Be scornful of
6 Dairy din
7 Up to it
8 Japanese assent
9 Film buff's channel
10 Take it easy
11 Be suspicious
12 Ship's backbone
13 Pitch-black
18 Goody two shoes
23 Feeling off
25 Help in wrongdoing
26 Bug-eyed
27 Top gymnastic scores
29 Put to shame
30 *Othello* plotter
31 Fr. ladies
32 Yemen neighbor
33 Network point
34 Variety of softball
38 Schedule opening
39 Blue hue
40 Stage prompts
42 Was rambunctious
43 Work up
45 Was idle
46 Condos, cottages, etc.
47 Part of an abbey
50 Without a break
51 Impenetrable
52 Beanery patron
53 Read the UPC of
54 Divide
55 Trucker on the air
59 Mike tester's word
60 Thurman of film
61 Some toothpaste



CREATORS SYNDICATE © 2020 STANLEY NEWMAN STANXWORDS@AOL.COM 12/24/20

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	I	O	O	I	O	I	O	O	I	I	O
I	O	I	I	O	I	O	O	I	O	O	I
O	I	O	I	I	O	O	I	O	O	I	I
I	O	I	O	O	I	I	O	I	I	O	O
I	O	O	I	O	I	O	I	O	O	I	I
O	I	I	O	I	O	I	O	I	I	O	O
O	O	I	O	O	I	I	O	I	O	I	I
I	O	O	I	O	I	O	I	O	I	I	O
O	I	O	I	I	O	O	I	I	O	O	I
O	O	I	O	I	O	I	O	I	O	I	I
I	I	O	I	O	I	O	I	O	I	O	O
O	I	I	O	I	O	I	I	O	I	O	O

							I		O		
		I									O
			O		O				I		
	O			I			O				
O											O
	O		I							I	O
				O				O		I	
O	I	I				O					
											I
	I		I								
	I			O	O			I		I	
I				O			O			I	I



"The City of Bell spectacle is what happens to communities without their own old-fashioned, diligent news coverage." - Terry Francke, Journalist

Locally owned, and committed to local news reporting since 2001.

smdp Santa Monica Daily Press

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 22 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 4971

A baby boy

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

Baby
Bath
Bibs
Bootees
Card
Change table
Clinic
Colic
Crib
Cute
Emotional
Excited
Girl
Happy
Hectic
Help
Home
Leave
Loud
Love
Maternity
Milk
Mobile
Mummy
Park
Play
Pram
Preschool
Quiet
Rash
Rattle
Routine
Safety
Sleep
Snuggle
Soap
Songs
Speech
Swim
Talk
Toys
Twins
Wipes
Wonder

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
Quarantine activities

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWSLETTER

Santa Monica Daily Press office (310) 458-7737

COVID

FROM PAGE 1

in making these sacrifices, because we know that by staying home we're giving others the ultimate holiday gift; we may be saving their lives," said L.A. County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer in a Dec. 23 public briefing.

Ferrer also issued a reminder that those who choose to leave the County over the holidays must quarantine for 10 days upon return.

As of Dec. 22 more than 38,800 frontline health care workers have been vaccinated with the Pfizer vaccine. On Dec. 23 the County received its first shipment of the Moderna vaccine and intends on distributing 116,600 doses this week to skilled nursing facilities workers and residents, EMTs, and firefighters.

Vaccines distribution is tightly controlled by the County and is only currently available frontline healthcare workers and skilled nursing facility residents. The County has received numerous reports of vaccine scams.

"Everyone should be on the lookout for these COVID-19 vaccine red flags: someone offers to move you into an earlier group to get the vaccine for a fee; someone tries to sell you a place on a COVID vaccine waiting list; someone on the street, online, on social media or knocking at your door tries to sell you a shot of the vaccine," said Ferrer.

While the general public awaits broader vaccine availability, health officials emphasized the need to prevent travel and gathering as irresponsible behavior over Thanksgiving was a primary cause of the ongoing surge.

From Nov. 1 to Dec 18. cases by episode date increased by 907 percent, from Nov. 9 to Dec. 20 average daily hospitalizations increased by 547 percent. From Nov. 9 to Dec. 16 average daily deaths increased by 467 percent reflecting a change from 12 average deaths per day to 69 average deaths per day.

Health officials forecast that in the current surge, between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 8700 people will die in L.A. County.

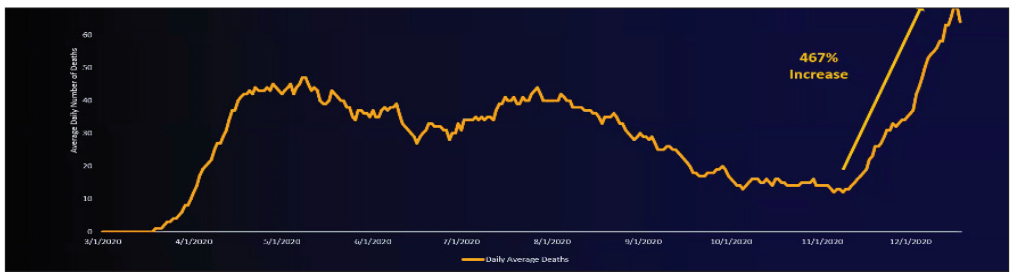
Hospitals are already working to their full emergency expanded capacity and ambulances are often waiting hours to offload critically ill patients, according to L.A. County Department of Health Services Director Christina Ghaly. On Dec. 22, 96 percent of all hospitals in the County had to divert ambulances to other sites at some point in the day.

"Half of all of the ICU beds are filled with COVID patients, and two thirds of these patients are suffocating due to the inflammation that's in their lungs that's caused by the virus. They're suffocating to the point that they can no longer breathe on their own and they have to have someone put a tube down their throat in order to oxygenate their organs," said Ghaly. "Many of these people will not live to see 2021."

The continuously growing number of COVID-19 patients requiring hospital care is limiting the room for patients with other serious illnesses and injuries. According to Ghaly, this means people who are in need of acute care at a hospital may not receive it in the way they normally would.

"Please don't travel. Please don't gather with others. Stay home as much as you can," said Ghaly. "None of us live in a vacuum, our choices do have consequences for many people around us, but together we can make a difference."

clara@smdp.com



Santa Monica Daily Press
Classifieds
$12.00 per day. Up to 15 words, $1.00 for each additional word.
Call us today start and promoting your business opportunities to our daily readership of over 40,000.
YOUR AD COULD RUN TOMORROW!*
(310) 458-7737
*Please call our Classified Sales Manager to reserve your ad space. Specific ad placement not guaranteed on classified ads. Ad must meet deadline requirements. See complete conditions below.
Some restrictions may apply.

CLASSIFICATIONS
Announcements
Creative
Employment
For Sale
Furniture
Pets
Boats
Jewelry
WantedvvTravel
Vacation Rentals
Apartments/Condos
Rent
Houses for Rent
Roommates
Commercial Lease
Real Estate
Real Estate Loans
Storage Space
Vehicles for Sale
Massage
Services
Computer Services
Attorney Services
Business
Opportunities
Yard Sales
Health and Beauty
Fitness
Wealth and Success
Lost and Found
Personals
Psychic
Obituaries
Tutoring

DBA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2020184196 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/10/2020 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Looking Sharp Aesthetics 1137 2nd Street Suite 119 Santa Monica, CA 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Angela J. Garcia 431 Redwood Street Oxnard, CA 93033 This Business is being conducted by: An Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date) N/A Registrant/ Corp/ LLC Name /s/: Angela J. Garcia Title: Owner, Angela J. Garcia, Angela J. Garcia This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/10/2020 NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish , 12/10/20, 12/17/20, 12/24/20, 12/31/20

HOURS MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00am - 5:00pm
LOCATION 1640 5th Street, Suite 218, Santa Monica, CA 90401

CALIFORNIA

FROM PAGE 1

high of 12.3% over a two-week period, but was starting to trend down over the last seven days from a peak of 13.3% to 12.6%.

The number of new positive cases dropped to a relatively modest 39,069, given that California has been averaging nearly 44,000 newly confirmed cases a day.

"We are experiencing a modest decline in the rate of the growth," Newsom said. A three-day decline "doesn't necessarily make a trend...but it's a modest indication of a possible sign of some good news."

Yet the state's worst surge is taking a horrendous toll that threatens to only worsen if people gather during the holidays.

California recorded the second-highest number of deaths, at 361. The number of coronavirus patients in intensive care units nearly doubled in just three weeks, to 3,827 cases, while the state's overall ICU capacity fell to 1.1%, down from 2.5% just two days ago. The number in hospitals jumped to 18,828 patients, more than double since Dec. 1, with 605 new patients in one day.

Santa Clara County near San Francisco was down to 35 ICU beds, putting hospitals dangerously close to rationing care, said Dr. Ahmad Kamal, the county's director of health care preparedness.

"We are talking about people in gurneys without a bed to go to. We are talking about people not getting hospital care; we are talking about rationing what scarce resources our exhausted health system has left to those who would benefit the most," he said.

Any Christmas surge in cases will push the county over the edge, warned its top health officer, Dr. Sara Cody.

"If we have a surge on top of a surge, we will definitely break," she said. "We cannot afford that."

The out of control increases are reminders of how "dynamic and virulent this disease is," Newsom said.

The statewide total of positive cases is now 1.96 million, with Los Angeles County accounting for one-third of the cases and nearly 40% of deaths.

Los Angeles County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer reported 145 new deaths Wednesday, the county's highest one-day total, pushing the death toll there to 9,153.

"More than half a million people in LA County have tested positive and tragically we're on our way to witnessing 10,000 deaths from COVID-19 as our hospitals are overwhelmed with COVID-19," Ferrer said. Currently, 6,155 people are hospitalized, with 20% in ICUs and 16% on ventilators.

She warned that cases will climb for at least the next two weeks, and will continue to spike into the New Year unless people take precautions.

County Health Services Director Dr. Christina Ghaly said residents "must accept that our collective behaviors as a community of Los Angeles County in the days around Thanksgiving directly led to our rising rates of hospitalization and the rising deaths that we are now experiencing."

Medical workers are discouraged and outraged over scenes of crowded outdoor malls, packed parking lots, and parents and children walking around without masks, she said.

Statewide, a third of all hospital patients have tested positive for the disease, rising to 70% in some hospitals. All of Southern California and the 12-county San Joaquin Valley to the north have been out of regular ICU capacity for days.

In partial response, the state has 951 health workers assisting at 91 facilities in 25 of the state's 58 counties, and is opening a fifth alternative care site in San Diego County.

California expects more federal medical workers to arrive by the weekend, and Newsom said he expects more of the 3,000 contract health care workers the state is seeking to arrive after the holidays.

Newsom said 128,210 doses of vaccines had been administered as of Tuesday, in another encouraging sign beyond the modest decline in the transmission rate.

"I think the regional stay-at-home (order) has had an impact," he said, referring to lockdowns affecting 98% of the state that mean many businesses must remain closed, restaurants can only serve takeout and virtually all retail is limited to 20% capacity.

But he warned that could dissipate quickly, leading to the nearly 100,000 hospitalizations some models project in one month if people don't heed calls to avoid holiday gatherings, particularly indoors.

"This virus loves social events," Newsom said. "This virus thrives in that atmosphere."

Associated Press writers John Antczak in Los Angeles and Daisy Nguyen in Oakland contributed to this story.



VENICE | MARINA DEL REY | WEST LA

CENTURY CITY | SANTA MONICA

CULVER CITY | BELAIRE | MAR VISTA

BEVERLY HILLS | BRENTWOOD

MALIBU Now Delivering! | PACIFIC PALISADES Now Delivering!





STAY SAFE - ORDER ONLINE:

ErbaDelivered.com

* Text notifications for when your order is ready and you can remain in your car for express curbside pickup

Thank you to all 1st Responders, Medical Personnel & Essential Service Providers

THOUSANDS OF CANNABIS PRODUCTS TO CHOOSE FROM

CANNDESCENT · dosist · GOLD FLORA · Select · HENRY'S ORIGINAL · CA DISTRO · A GOLDEN STATE · POTTERS · CRU · BLOOM FARMS

C10-0000383-LIC

OBSERVING ALL CDC CONTROLS ERBAMARKETS | P. 310.207.1900 ERBAMARKETS.COM