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Fed-up judge demands meeting on LA homeless

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LOS ANGELES – A fed-up federal judge in California said last week's rain-storm created "extraordinarily harsh" conditions for homeless residents of Los Angeles, prompting him to order city officials to meet with him at a Skid Row shelter to discuss how to address

the worsening crisis of people living on the streets.

"These conditions cannot be allowed to continue!" U.S. District Judge David Carter wrote in a strongly worded order Sunday. The action involves a lawsuit filed last March by the LA Alliance for Human Rights, which accused officials

in greater Los Angeles of failing to comprehensively address the homelessness problem.

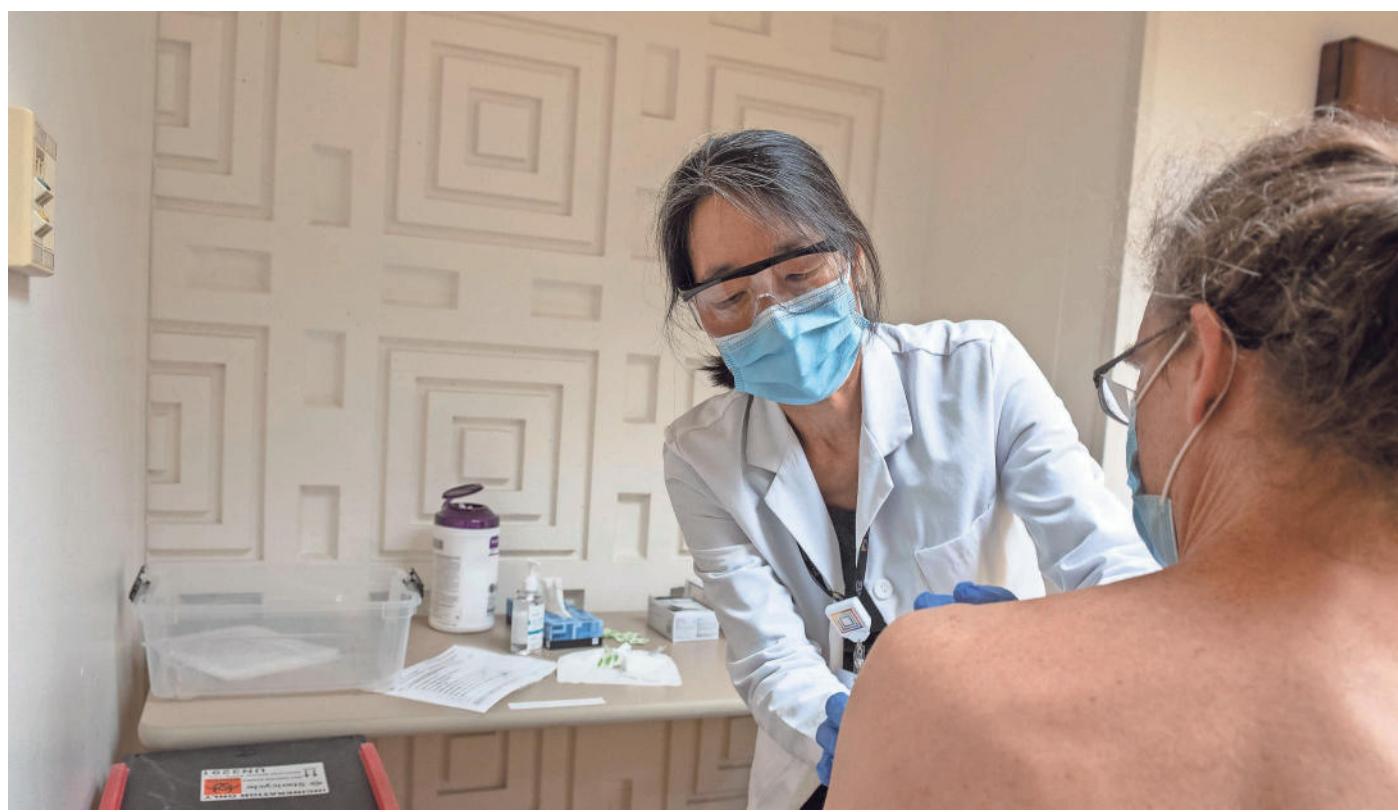
Carter calls out the city for making promises but ultimately doing nothing substantial to address the "appalling and dangerous" situation facing people living on Skid Row, the notorious epi-

center of homelessness in downtown LA.

"The storms last week, and the lack of preparation, seems to have pushed Judge Carter over the top," said Daniel Conway, policy advisor for the alliance,

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Vaccine clinics open



Denise Hasegawa, cardiopulmonary service employee at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, administers Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine on Dec. 18, 2020, in Monterey. Montage Health announced on Monday that it's opening more clinics to administer COVID-19 vaccines in Monterey County. DAVID RODRIGUEZ/THE SALINAS CALIFORNIAN

Montage offers COVID shots in Monterey County

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Monterey County is pushing to increase COVID-19 vaccinations by adding more clinic options for residents.

On Monday, Montage Health announced it will administer coronavirus

vaccines to health workers and some members of the public this week.

Appointments are required and both Thursday and Friday have already filled up, according to Montage officials. Because vaccine allocations are announced only once per week and can vary, the number of people CHOMP's clinics can vaccinate will also change weekly.

"Our hope is that we can get a consistent supply of vaccine to reliably and

predictably run both our clinic locations full-time for the community," said Cynthia Peck, vice president at CHOMP and Montage who is leading the operations of the vaccination clinics.

The organization hopes to have the capacity to vaccinate up to 7,500 people each week at two sites, although it also depends on staffing and vaccine

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County's cannabis education program continues

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The Cannabis Education Program is still going strong in Monterey County despite initial setbacks with reaching young people due to COVID-19.

On Monday, Michelle House, a Monterey County health program coordinator, gave an update to the Board of Supervisors' Health, Housing, Homelessness & Human Service Committee.

For the school-based approach regarding drugged driving, the program reached 459 students in spring 2019, but only 82 students in spring 2020. According to House, the numbers went down during the COVID-19 lockdown because schools weren't ready to transfer the material into online learning.

The program is up and running and the staff worked to meet "the community right where they were and trouble-shooted and just have done everything they can to make it easy for the schools to receive the information," House said.

As of November, the cannabis education program reached 368 students.

"This is an opportunity for us to be able to engage...our college students and try to use measures to educate our young people without sounding too

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Sheriff lifts evacuation orders in Dolan Fire area

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Almost all evacuation orders have been lifted for residents in and around the Dolan Fire burn scar after storms walloped the area last week.

The orders were lifted for all zones

except Zone J in the Prewitt Ridge Area. It is not clear when deputies will reopen that area. They will evaluate the damage to public and private property as well as the threat of debris and mudslides.

However, roads are only open to residents because of damage that washed

away 150 feet of Highway 1, the Monterey County Sheriff's Office reported Monday afternoon.

The storms wrought havoc along the Central Coast, with the heaviest rainfall on the Dolan Fire burn scar.

The ensuing slides and rains drove a piece of Highway 1 into the ocean while

heavy precipitation also caused massive mudslides along River Road south of Salinas.

Deputies ordered 7,900 people to evacuate as the storms threatened 2,403 buildings.

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