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L.A. County calls off 2021 homeless count, citing COVID-19

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica will not count its homeless population in 2021 after Los Angeles County canceled the annual event due to concerns over COVID-19 safety.

The federal government allowed Los Angeles County to cancel its 2021 homeless count in December over concerns that it can't be done safely or accurately during the coronavirus epidemic.

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority had sought permission to avoid sending thousands of volunteers out into the streets in January to check on the homeless. Congress requires

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Essential: Landscaper James Welch



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AT WORK: James Welch works in Santa Monica parks.

CLARA HARTER
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The Daily Press is launching a series of interviews with essential workers who are working bravely and diligently to keep the Santa Monica community functioning.

Our first featured worker is James Welch, a landscaper who services Ishihara Park. Municipal budget cutbacks and the booming popularity of parks during the pandemic have significantly increased James's duties. However, he says he loves spending lots of time in nature and enjoys getting to know the families, pets, and community members who appreciate Ishihara.

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Fast Food Ban survives



Matthew Hall

FOOD: Council has voted to keep a ban large chain restaurants in place but the rules could be revised.

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

A prohibition on fast food restaurants in the Third Street Promenade has been retroactively reestablished but Santa Monica's Planning Commission has asked City Council to revisit the ordinance in 2021.

In November 2018, in order to ensure that the Promenade maintained its authentic characteristics, City Council adopted an urgency Interim Zoning Ordinance (IZO) to prevent the proliferation of fast food restaurants on the Promenade. The ordinance defined a fast-food restaurant as a place where orders are taken at a walk-up window, counter or machine; payment is completed prior to food consumption; and food is served with disposable, one-time, or limited-use wrapping, containers, or utensils; and also banned restaurants and cafes that have more than 100 domestic locations.

The IZO expired on Nov. 26, 2020, with no further extensions possible, staff recently explained in a presentation, which detailed how the recently passed amendments prevent larger chains from dominating the popular downtown shopping area.

Large scale corporations like Taco Bell and Burger King are certainly suited to be tenants who can sign 5- to 10-year leases and withstand the effects of the pandemic. However, there is a belief that the proposed amendments help promote a unique and diverse Promenade experience that is only made possible through locally-based, independent restaurants, according Kathleen Rawson, who spoke on the issue at a City Council meeting this December.

A few weeks earlier, when the Planning Commission first discussed the ordinance, Commissioner Leslie Lambert disagreed with the then-proposed ordinance.

"I absolutely hate this. I think it is elitist and (shows) the Promenade is too special and we're too special to have a Taco Bell on the Promenade. I am so offended by this I can barely even talk about it," Lambert said. "And what it does is limit the eating options to people who can't afford the sushi restaurants on the Promenade. And we have lots of tourists and residents who can't afford those restaurants."

Councilmember Phil Brock

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Council settles police lawsuit

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The Santa Monica Police Officers Association had threatened to sue the city after local leaders denied a grievance for overtime pay for Lieutenants and Captains during the May protests. And while the City of Santa Monica accepts no responsibility, City Council did decide Tuesday to pay $85,000 to avoid further fees from future litigation.

"On or about May 31, 2020, then Chief of Police Cynthia Renaud ordered all Lieutenants, Captains and the Acting Deputy Chief to work during a special event related to protests that occurred beginning May 31, 2020, through June 12, 2020, resulting in work full 18 hour days during the period of protests," a claim by SMPOA states. By ordering all management personnel to work during the aforementioned tactical alert, those employees were clearly authorized by the Chief of Police to work the Special Event of the protests, which entitled them to straight time compensation for the hours worked outside of their regular work schedule and period.

"On or about June 25, 2020, the SMPOA filed a grievance on behalf of its individual employees ranked Lieutenant, Captain and Acting Deputy Chief," a staff report states. The appeal was denied but the SMPOA has since sought to appeal the outcome of the grievance process through a petition for writ of mandate.

In addition to the work performed, the union also requests attorneys fees and costs incurred while pursuing this matter. "The remedy being requested is to pay all employees in the positions of Police Captain, Police Lieutenant and Acting Deputy Chief overtime compensation in the form of straight time, pay for all time work outside of the regular work schedule and/or work period during the special events…"

After a few hours of discussing the matter and others in closed session, City Attorney George Cardona said, "The City does not admit the allegation or any entitlement to overtime compensation. But to avoid the expense and burden of further litigation, we recommend settlement in the amount of $85,000," coupled with an agreed upon modification that will narrow the definition of Special Event in a previously approved Memorandum of Understanding.

Council voted 7-0 to approve staff's recommendation. The full grievance and staff report can be viewed online at https://bit.ly/2WTVQ0C.

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Still The King: James wins AP Male Athlete of Year award

TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

LeBron James told the world in 2020 that Black Lives Matter. He helped convince many who had never voted to finally head to the polls. He found more ways to continue elevating the lives of people in his hometown.

If that weren't enough, he won another NBA championship.

James' on-court performance this year was spectacular again. A fourth NBA title and fourth NBA Finals MVP trophy were his, as he lifted the Los Angeles Lakers back atop the basketball world. And after a year where he was brilliant, on the court and off, James was announced Saturday as the winner of The Associated Press' Male Athlete of the Year award for a record-tying fourth time.

"I still know what I do on the floor and obviously, I give everything to the game," James told AP. "But I can make a greater impact off the floor right now, more than I can on the floor. And I want to continue to inspire people with the way I play the game of basketball. But there's so many more things that I can do off the floor to help cultivate people, inspire people, bring people together, empower them."

The AP award was first given out in 1931. James' fourth win matched Lance Armstrong and Tiger Woods for the most by men. Three women have won the AP award at least four times; Babe Didrikson was a six-time winner, Serena Williams has won five and Chris Evert four.

The AP's Female Athlete of the Year will be announced Sunday.

No NBA player scored more points or had more assists in 2020 than James. The only other player in his lifetime to lead the league in points and assists in the same calendar year? Himself, in 2018.

James also became the first player to be NBA Finals MVP for three franchises. He moved past Kobe Bryant for No. 3 on the all-time scoring list, doing so one day before Bryant died last January in a helicopter crash; the last tweet Bryant sent was a congratulatory message to James.

"He's the greatest player the basketball universe has ever seen," Lakers coach Frank Vogel said of James in October. "And if you think you know, you don't know until you're around him every day, you're coaching him, you're seeing his mind, you're seeing his adjustments, seeing the way he leads the group. You think you know. You don't know."

James finished with 78 points in voting by a panel of 35 AP customers and editors. Kansas City quarterback and reigning Super Bowl MVP Patrick Mahomes was a narrow second with 71 points. Formula One seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton was a distant third with 14 points.

James — also the AP's male athlete of this past decade — also won the yearly AP award in 2013, 2016 and 2018. Michael Jordan, a three-time winner, is the only other basketball player to win the AP award more than once.

"He's one of the greatest leaders in sports," Lakers guard Kyle Kuzma said of James.

That applies on and off the court.

James' More Than A Vote organization drew more than 42,000 volunteers to work at polling stations for the November election, helped some earn back their voting rights and pushed for turnout among Black and young voters.

Black voters made up 11% of the national electorate, and 9 in 10 of them supported President-elect Joe Biden, according to AP VoteCast, a survey of more than 110,000 voters nationwide. When compared to Hillary Clinton in 2016, Biden drew more voters in critical areas with large Black populations — such as NBA cities like Detroit, Milwaukee and Atlanta. That proved massive.

"The tragic death of George Floyd, everyone getting a chance to see that, and also hearing the story of Breonna Taylor, her tragic story, and Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia ... my people have had enough and I have had enough," James said. "That's why I called for action and with my platform, I believed I could get people to join me."

He also focused, as always, on his hometown of Akron, Ohio.

The I PROMISE School he opened in 2018 now has over 450 students in third through sixth grades. When the pandemic shut down then school, James and his team ensured students got hot meals delivered to their homes — even complete Thanksgiving meals. An affordable housing project for 50 families broke ground this year. And this month, plans for House Three Thirty (a nod to Akron's area code) were announced, detailing how James is going to offer things like accessible family financial health programming, job training and a community gathering space.

"The pandemic has been rough on all of us," James said. "No matter your situation, no matter where you are in life, it's been rough. And the first thing I thought about, besides the stoppage of the season, when the pandemic hit was 'What am I going to do for my kids back in my back in my school?'"

He is already eyeing 2021. The Lakers expect to be contenders again. His remake of "Space Jam" is expected to be released this summer. And James, who turns 36 Wednesday, hasn't ruled out playing again for USA Basketball in the Tokyo Olympics on the team that will be coached by Gregg Popovich.

"It's still possible," James said. "It's not a 0% percent chance, I will say that. I love Coach Pop."

But, as 2020 wound down, James allowed himself a moment to reflect on a year like none other.

"It's a tribute to the people that I work with, to the people at my foundation, to the sponsors that continue to support us and what we do and what we strive for," James said. "It's unbelievable. I can't sit here and say that at the time we stopped in March that I thought all this would happen and we would be at this point in December."

Yet here he is, again.

Housing Element discussions continue

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Some Santa Monica residents and city leaders feel the Southern California Association of Governments is asking the impossible by mandating the city to build 9,000 new units between 2021 and 2029, but City Council and local stakeholders gathered online recently to discuss the mandate as well as the City's sixth Housing Element.

The Housing Element is basically a housing needs assessment that features updated demographic data, data on housing stock, identifying barriers to the production of housing — both for market-rate and affordable housing, Planning Director Jing Yeo previously said while she detailed how the document is one of the mandatory elements of Santa Monica's General Plan. "We are also asked to evaluate the effectiveness and the progress of the housing element both the programs and production from the last eight years and a sort of key piece of all of this is identifying the sites that can accommodate all those housing needs. And all that kind of feeds into listing the goals, policies and actions that would allow the implementation of all of these policies."

Currently, Santa Monica is mandated by the state of California to build almost double what the city would have been required to accommodate prior to last year's Regional Housing Needs Assessment, which has many in the region upset. However, if Santa Monica wishes to avoid penalties and fines, the city must adopt the Housing Element Update by Oct. 15, 2021.

Yeo said she recognizes the mandated number of units is high, and recognized the frustration officials are hearing from the community.

"But this is a process that was created and mandated by the State, not the city, so we're all trying to muddle through this together," Yeo added. "But I think the intent here is to proceed in line with Santa Monica values in terms of supporting housing, supporting affordable housing — I think that's precisely what we're trying to do."

Councilwoman Christine Parra said in December it's very difficult for the state to make a local municipality do its bidding without giving it the proper financial support or considering how the changes will affect infrastructure and the residents in a city.

Parra believes this is why many cities throughout California have banded together to try to affect change so that they can have their allocations lowered, and the recently elected councilwoman is one of many in town who feel the RHNA numbers should be discussed further and possibly challenged.

"I really would like to see our city attorney send a letter to SCAG to ask them for a review of our RHNA numbers. And then I also would love to have staff research and assemble a report on the other California cities that are actively mounting legal challenges through the regional RHNA allocations," Parra said.

But with an October 2021 deadline looming and this being one of the fastest planning processes ever undertaken, others on council feel a need to complete the required task as soon as possible.

"There's been so much disagreement and speak of fake numbers and things about the different studies that have been made but that discussion is really kind of behind the curve on where we are in this process. To me, the important point right now is we're being asked to build a whole lot of affordable housing," Councilmember Kevin McKeown said.

And that is exactly what staff is trying to get at, according to city attorney George Cardona, who said, "under state law we have a mandate to prepare a Housing Element by October 21 that complies with the RHNA number as we have it."

Staff added during a December meeting that council could give direction to challenge the numbers but local representatives were reminded to be mindful of how they allocate staff resources to the substantial tasks.

"Staff was very clear with us about the timeline and where we are in this whole process — and frankly, it's not going to matter much what we think about the Embarcadero Institute's report or any of these other reports because decisions have been made at the state level," McKeown said, "so I'm not really excited by the suggestions that we back up and explore time streets that are going to turn out to be dead ends, because the process is moved beyond this."

McKeown added, "I understand that as much as we all espouse our love for affordable housing, we have to acknowledge there are people in our community who feel that the RHNA numbers are real lemons. And what we have to do, I think, at this point — whether we think they're lemons or not — is figure out what it's going to take to make lemonade. And in this particular situation, the sugar we need to make that lemonade is money to subsidize the affordable housing, and we can't ignore the magnitude of the challenge."

Councilwoman Gleam Davis noted a lot of the people that were heard from during the meeting were people who are housing secure.

"The people we didn't hear from tonight are the people who are living in terror of losing their housing," or the homeless people who no longer have housing, she said. "But even the market rate stuff has to serve the people who live and work in Santa Monica… the nurse who works at St John's, the bartender who serves you drinks when we're all able to go back to our favorite restaurant…. the person who runs the local Dry Cleaners… Since housing is so expensive in Santa Monica, they live in Chino Hills; they live in Palmdale," and they suffer through greenhouse gases and traffic to make their life work.

She described some critics of the state system as little more than some homeowners in Palo Alto who don't like housing.

Davis said, "I think we all need to understand that we have a moral obligation to provide more housing — because by providing more housing, we will actually be able to make people's lives better."

Davis added, "I share everyone's concern about how we're going to find affordable housing, but the housing element — the purpose of it is not to figure out how to fund affordable housing; the purpose of it is to figure out how we're going to accommodate affordable housing."

Brock said Council also has a moral imperative to take care of the people who live here and to make sure they have a city that's a comfortable place to live.

"That it is not the city that becomes 'The Great Canyon of Lincoln' so I'm going to take a different track," Brock said during the council meeting. "I want affordable housing in the city, but if you live in Chino Hills and you're commuting here and you're still going to be commuting here after the effects of COVID are through — I'll be pretty surprised. Because most of those people are now going to be telecommuting or finding jobs closer to where

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2020: A year where the fist-bump became mainstream greeting

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AP Sports Writer

The moment called for a handshake. Or would have, under what used to be considered normal circumstances.

As in, before 2020.

Here's the scene, from Dec. 21: Tabe Mase, the director of employee health services and a nurse practitioner at ChristianaCare Christiana Hospital in Newark, Delaware, had just inserted a needle — one delivering the COVID-19 vaccine — into the left arm of President-elect Joe Biden. After Biden said a few words about the magnitude of the moment, Mase extended her right arm to begin bidding him farewell.

Not for a handshake. For a fist bump — the official greeting of 2020, and probably beyond.

"It certainly would have been a handshake if it was 2019," Mase said several days after the fist bump seen live around the world. "But we're in the middle of a pandemic. We're trying to figure out ways to keep our patients safe and keep that human connection. ... That fist bump was, 'I see you, I hear you, I'm connecting with you, but I'm keeping you safe.'"

Safety is the primary reason why the status of the fist bump elevated big-time this year. The handshake was simply a causality of the coronavirus. Once a customary greeting, it has become beyond frowned upon. No less of an authority than Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's leading infectious disease expert, flatly called for the end of shaking hands believing it not only would be a deterrent against spreading coronavirus, but even other viruses such as influenza.

So, now we bump, not shake. Some — Fauci among them — seem to prefer the elbow bump, maybe even a brush of forearms.

But let's face it: They lack the coolness of the fist bump. It's been here for years - just look to athletes' celebrations - but never more popular than now.

Barack and Michelle Obama famously fist-bumped when he clinched the Democratic presidential nomination in June 2008, making the move very cool in some circles, causing outrage in others. A Fox News analyst suggested at the time the then soon-to-be First Lady offering the fist bump to her husband was akin to a "terrorist's fist jab."

"Let me tell you, I'm not that hip. I got this from the young staff," Michelle Obama said that year on ABC's "The View." "That's the new high-five."

Now, it's the new handshake.

Santa Claus fist-bumped kids this year in lieu of trips to his lap. Heads of state from around the world — Japan, China, Malaysia, Canada, Kenya, France, Greece, Cyprus and many more — openly fist-bumped in 2020. Even in the demonstrations that dominated much of the year in the U.S., as racial tensions and cries to end social inequality reached new heights following the deaths of Black men and women at the hands of police, cops and protesters sometimes would tap their fists as a sign of compromise or even peace.

"When you think about it, it is definitely weird how we've converted and transitioned into doing this, with the fist bump all we do," Miami Heat guard Tyler Herro said. "But I feel like just everyone across the world ... has just gotten used to it and that's what we do because of the circumstances."

The handshake has been around for centuries. A widely held belief is that the handshake originated to prove to someone that a person was offering peace and not holding a weapon.

Turns out, maybe they were holding weapons after all.

"The reality of it is, in modern times, you may well be harboring a bio-weapon," Dr. Gregory Poland of the Mayo Clinic's Vaccine Research Group said earlier this year.

Poland's point mirrors the one Fauci has made repeatedly this year: Hands carry germs, and shaking hands simply exposes someone to the germs of another.

"I never was a big believer in shaking hands," President Donald Trump said in late March, as the nation was in the earliest throes of the pandemic that has caused more than 330,000 deaths already and with the toll certain to keep climbing. "Once I became a politician, you shake hands and you get a little bit used to it. You don't have to shake hands anymore with people. That might be something good coming out of this."

Trump shared a three-fist bump with then-Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the G-20 summit — in 2019, long before we knew what the coronavirus was.

But in 2020, the bump exploded.

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell fist-bumped Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin on Capitol Hill; the prime minister of Japan, Yoshihide Suga, fist-bumped Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in Tokyo; cadets at the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York fist-bumped at their graduation.

The player who wins the Memorial golf tournament, hosted by golf great Jack Nicklaus, traditionally gets a handshake from the 18-time major champion. Jon Rahm won the tournament on July 19 and happily accepted a fist bump from Nicklaus, who

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Housing and Land Value in Santa Monica

In much of California, one of the biggest barriers to needed housing production is the high cost of land. Part of the price of land comes from speculation about its future value. Part of this incentive to speculate - which drives prices up - is the ability by property owners to privatize the publicly created value of land.

A large-scale local example was the creation of the I-10 freeway into Santa Monica (in the 1960s), which made it easier to live in Santa Monica and work elsewhere. This caused land values to skyrocket — and ultimately led to local rent control being passed by initiative in 1979, as a response to rapidly increasing apartment rents.

When land values increase, it becomes more expensive to achieve public policy goals that require land — like new parks, schools and affordable housing. But under our U.S. economic system, property taxes are the same, whether the majority of increased land values result from public investment (like a new park across the street) or private investment (like adding an extra bedroom on one's property.)

As a result, much of the increased value from public investment is privatized into the hands of a small number of property owners, leaving less money in public coffers; while public policy objectives become more expensive at the same time because of higher land prices. This also contorts public policy via the fiscalization of land use, which favors tax-generating commercial uses over needed housing.

LAND VALUE TAX

A public policy tool to address this is a Land Value Tax (LVT). Under an LVT, the property tax is split so that the tax on the land is higher (capturing publicly-created land value), and it is lowered on improvements made by the property owner (which more fully rewards private investment.)

An LVT — also called Community Ground Rent — diminishes the privatization of publicly-created land value. This reduces the upward speculative dynamic on the price of land, making land for new housing more affordable. It also creates a public funding source to enable cities to subsidize new housing affordability required by their state mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) numbers; as well as to establish public Land Trusts to keep land and housing in long-term affordability.

SANTA MONICA FREEWAY REDUX

Had an LVT been in place when the I-10 freeway was built, a greater percentage of the resultant land value increase could have been used to purchase and deed restrict existing affordable housing, and create new affordable housing. Rent control would have then been a complementary tool (to respond to the housing gentrification caused by the new freeway) instead of a primary tool, as rental costs would not have gone up as high and there would have been more publicly-created 'social housing' (as it is often called in Europe.) When local rent control was weakened by vacancy decontrol via the 1995 Costa-Hawkins Act, the damage proportionally would have not been as great.

An LVT also could have a been a source of reparations for displaced residents of the Pico Neighborhood which was divided in the middle by the I-10 freeway.

Santa Monica faces another major land value increase caused by public policy changes, when Santa Monica Airport (SMO) becomes a Great Park after 2028. Land values in Sunset Park will spiral upwards, and this will also negatively affect affordability in the Pico Neighborhood. Without an LVT in place to depress this speculation and capture a greater part of the increased value for public use, Santa Monica will become a victim of the gentrification caused by the very needed Great Park.

By contrast, an LVT in place could also become a partial founding source for capping the I-10 freeway, as called for in the City's Open Space Element. When parts of the I-10 freeway are capped and new parkland is put on top, the further increase in land value would be captured by the LVT and recycled back into the community. Capping the freeway (say between 11th St and 17th St) also creates extensive opportunities for new affordable housing above what are now the planted freeway embankments. That land can handle the weight of new housing and should be zoned for as such in future City planning.

FRANZ KAFKA

Sadly, the lack of sufficient public funds for affordable housing — combined with the high cost of land — means cities have to accept larger than wanted market-rate projects, in order to get paltry amounts of inclusionary affordable housing. But because legally, local zoning has to allow these projects have to be financially viable, there usually isn't room to require a great deal of inclusionary housing, because there isn't much money to be made from it. The result is a Kafka-esque public policy debate, where if we require 'too much' inclusionary housing, no housing will be built; and if we require too little, all we get is mostly market-rate, which is outside the reach of affordability for most people. There are also nexus studies that show when you build market rate housing, you create a demand for low income workers who themselves need affordable housing, which can't be provided locally, which leads to longer commutes, leading to increased CO2 emissions and climate change, which argues for more density instead of sprawl — all which returns to how

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DMV Extends Suspension of Behind-the-Wheel Driving Tests Until January 11

The California Department of Motor Vehicles will continue its temporary suspension of behind-the-wheel driving tests until at least January 11. The DMV previously suspended the tests through January 4. The DMV is taking this step for the health and safety of customers and employees during the ongoing statewide surge in COVID-19 cases.

Customers with scheduled appointments through January 11 will be notified their tests are postponed. The DMV will automatically reschedule the tests at a later date. DMV drive test examiners will be redirected to assist with other customer transactions.

In-vehicle testing is a requirement for first-time driver's license holders and commercial license applicants. The temporary suspension includes commercial and noncommercial tests, but does not apply to motorcycle drive tests, which can be conducted at a safe distance.

To protect customers and employees, the DMV requires everyone who enters the DMV to wear a face covering, physically distance and have their temperature checked. To best serve customers and maintain appropriate distance, the number of people allowed in the office is limited, chairs are appropriately spaced and plexiglass has been installed.

Safety measures in place for behind-the-wheel tests include required face coverings, temperature checks, cracked windows for increased air circulation and seat covers.

While DMV offices remain open to serve the public, the DMV continues to encourage all customers to use its online services, expanded virtual services and other service channels to complete transactions, including eligible driver's license and vehicle registration renewals. Nearly all Californians can now renew their driver's license online – even if the renewal notice states an office visit is required. Customers can also use the Service Advisor on the DMV website to learn their options to complete DMV tasks.

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Santa Monica Public Library presents: Plant an Herbalicious Garden

Learn something new in the new year! Santa Monica Public Library presents a program for kids ages 6 to 11, "Plant an Herbalicious Garden," on Saturday, January 9, at 1 p.m. via Zoom. An expert from the Santa Monica Community Gardens shows kids how to start their own garden, perfect for a windowsill or patio. Materials, including a pot and saucer, potting soil, and seeds, are available at Santa Monica Public Library Curbside Pickup locations, while supplies last. This free program is co-sponsored with the Office of Sustainability and the Environment. Register via Zoom.

Want to learn more about gardening? Families can place holds on books through the library's website at smpl.org or by calling 310-458-8600, and pick them up at the library's curbside pickup windows. For some great titles, explore our Gardening and Planting for Kids list, prepared by library youth services staff: Gardening for Kids

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ANN WILSON, LIBRARIAN I

HOUSING

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they live or moving out of Santa Monica to a space where they have more room.

He said he was all for more affordable housing but at the same time, the RHNA numbers are unrealistic for the town and they could destroy any sense of place.

Mayor Sue Himmelrich said, "I just think we have to be realistic so I think we need to prepare the Housing Element… I think that this may be a futile document because I think that it's trying to impose, throughout the state, things that are absolutely impossible. And I know that we are not going to be able to raise $3.5 to $5 billion to build the affordable housing requirements that they've imposed upon us."

Since the item was a study session, no action was taken by Council.

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FIRST-BUMP

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revealed he battled the coronavirus in March and April.

"I've been dreaming of that handshake many times," Rahm said. "Well, it was a fist bump because of the situation, but still, how many people can say they got a congratulatory fist bump from Jack Nicklaus?"

This year, probably more than ever.

Fitting, it seems, that the fist bump punctuated one of the year's most significant moments — Biden getting the vaccine that may eventually deliver some normalcy again. Mase said fist-bumping the soon-to-be President of the United States, after he received the vaccine that we can all hope reverts the world to some sort of normal again, "just came naturally."

"It's going to be here as long as the pandemic is," Mase said. "But I do hope we get back to handshakes. As soon as the pandemic goes down, I hope we get back to handshakes and that human connection. But a fist bump is still good. It's still a human connection. And it's safe."

City of Santa Monica

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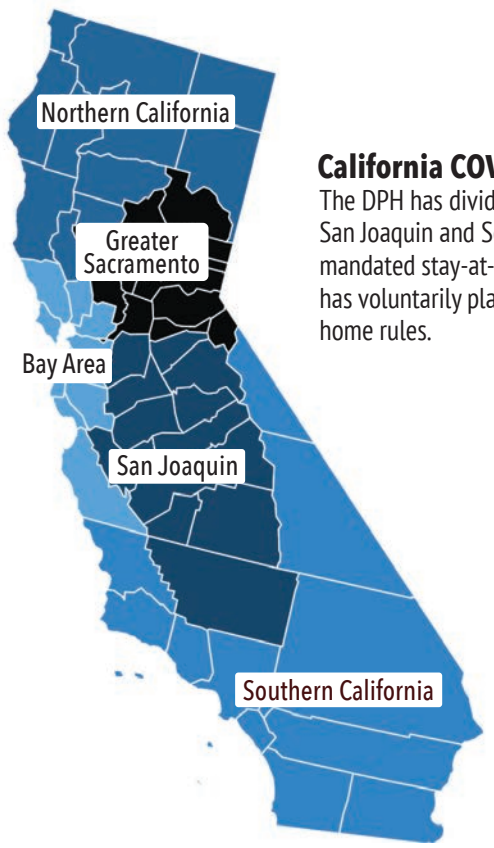
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Primer: Stay-at-home

On December 3, the California Department of Public Health issued a regional stay-at-home order in response to rapidly increasing COVID-19 infections Implementation of the order occurs when a region's ICU capacity drops below 15%. Southern California has been under the stay at home order since December 7.

Below is a map of the 5 regions, as well as a color coded list of activities that are allowed, allowed with restrictions or prohibited.



California COVID-19 Stay-at-home regions
The DPH has divided the state into 5 regions. San Joaquin and Southern California are under mandated stay-at-home orders. The Bay Area has voluntarily placed itself under stay-at-home rules.

Activities Impacted by Stay-at-home order

KEY: Open Limited Closed

Open	Child care/pre-K, subject to local rules
Limited	Gyms & fitness centers, outdoor services only
Closed	Hair salons and barbershops
Limited	Hotels, only to house critical infrastructure workers
Closed	Indoor recreational facilities
Closed	Indoor use of libraries
Closed	Movie theaters, family entertainment centers and casinos
Closed	Museums, zoos & aquariums
Open	Non-urgent medical and dental care, subject to local rules
Limited	Restaurants, breweries and wineries, take/delivery only, no onsite dining
Limited	Parks (except some amenities)
Closed	Personal care services
Limited	Places of worship, outdoor services only
Open	Playgrounds (reopened Dec 11)
Limited	Retail stores & shopping centers, open but limited to 20% capacity

Letter to the Editor

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Right Side of History

Editor

Local legislators are on the right side of history when it comes to advocating for Californians (Daily Press, "Local Reps, Say Federal Stimulus Bill Provides Essential But Not Enough Relief. Dec. 23).

Now's the time for our political representatives, like our fine Congressional Representative Ted Lieu, mentioned int he article, to go further in the new year and support for 2021 the renewed effort for Congressional action for Medicare for all. Over and over again, a majority of Americans agree that we should fall in line with the rest of the industrialized world and adopt health care for all. And Medicare is one of the most successful and popular programs the U.S. has ever known.

With thousands upon thousands of evictions expected on the American horizon, and millions of Americans out of work—no longer with the health care that was attached to their employment, if they were lucky enough to get health care— the time is now for our political representatives to make a stand against failed neoliberal austerity and work for Medicare for all.

Sincerely, Andrew Liberman, Santa Monica

INSIDE/OUTSIDE

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the privatized value of high-cost land makes local housing production so difficult.

Santa Monica makes sense as a LVT test area - because of the self-induced gentrification in land values value resulting from major public policy choices like the I-10 freeway, Expo Light Rail Line, and the impending Great Park; combined with the financial difficulty of providing the affordable housing mandated by Santa Monica's recent RHNA numbers, without a new source of public funds. Another test area could be along the Los Angeles River, where public investment also threatens to gentrify and undermine affordability in nearby communities.

For all of these reasons, the City Council should ask City Staff to explore the idea of Land Value Tax — and be in consultation with our State Senator Ben Allen and State Assembly member Richard Bloom, for policies in support of it.

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FAST FOOD

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raised similar concerns during the councils meeting when he spoke on behalf of the local family of four who might not be able to afford a Michelin-starred restaurant. "I want to make sure we have an integrated food service at all price points," Brock said.

But Planning Commission Chair Shawn Landres had others in mind when he addressed Council this month.

Landres pushed for a plan to make the Promenade accessible to small entrepreneurs, women, people of color, African-Americans and others who need access to places like the Promenade in order to grow. He also drew the council's attention to the fact that commissioners only approved the ordinance back in October with the assumption that it would return to them to be discussed sometime in the summer.

Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. has already engaged MIG, Inc. to prepare a Third Street Promenade Stabilization & Economic Vitality Plan, which will assess the Promenade's advantages and challenges in competing for modern retail, restaurant and entertainment uses. "Included in the scope of work is a requirement to identify opportunities to improve community wellbeing through ground floor tenancies with a particular focus on enhancing diversity, equity and inclusion among both patrons and business operators," a staff report states.

Shortly after receiving assurance that work on the plan is underway, council unanimously agreed to give commissioners a chance to visit the ordinance again once plans are ready in the future.



Matthew Hall

EAT: Council wants to limit casual dining.

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HOMELESS

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such counts every two years and uses the information to distribute resources for homeless services.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development granted an exemption and will keep federal funding in place for now, LAHSA said in a statement.

LAHSA, a joint city and county authority, is the lead agency in coordinating $70 million in federal, state and local funding to help the homeless. In recent years, as homelessness has grown, the agency has done the count nearly every year over several days each January. Thousands of volunteers fan out to count tents, RVs and cars housing people throughout the region.

Last year's count estimated the county's homeless population at more than 66,000. Nearly three-quarters were living in makeshift shelters such as tents or cars.

However, LAHSA said "there is no safe way to gather the 8,000 volunteers necessary" to perform the required 2021 count safely and accurately because of COVID-19 curfews and stay-at-home orders across the region, along with a lack of planning and recruitment time and the possible difficulty of procuring COVID-19 safety equipment for the volunteers.

In a motion passed supporting LAHSA's exemption request, the county Board of Supervisors said moving ahead with the count in the midst of the pandemic "would be a risky and challenging activity at best and a dangerous, superspreader event in the worst-case scenario, quickly infecting a high number of people with a very contagious and deadly disease."

LAHSA still will count people living inside shelters and tally the number of beds and units available to homeless people through various government programs.

The 2020 homeless count, which was conducted in January, found 907 people experiencing homelessness in Santa Monica, down from 985 counted in 2019. About 600 were unsheltered and 300 were living in shelters or institutions. The number of people counted on the beach and in downtown Santa Monica decreased by 14% in 2020 following a 19% decrease the previous year.

The city's homeless population grew by 3% in 2019 and 4% in 2018 after jumping 26% in 2017.

In contrast, the city and county of Los Angeles both recorded a roughly 13% increase in homelessness in the 2020 homeless count. More than 66,000 people were experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County in January, about 41,000 of whom were living in the city of Los Angeles.

In the past few years, Santa Monica officials have used data from the count to develop programs and strategies for fighting homelessness.

Recent efforts have been four-fold.

The first strategy has been to fund programs that prevent low-income residents from becoming homeless (such as the Preserving Our Diversity program to help seniors pay rent) and develop more affordable housing. The second is to address mental health and substance abuse issues by expanding the city's outreach teams. Addressing homelessness in parks, beach and open spaces is the third effort while the fourth is to pursue more collaboration with agencies across the county to reduce homelessness in Santa Monica.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

WORKER

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WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT WORKING IN HORTICULTURE?

You can have twelve different plants that survive in the same climate but are completely different—the leaves look different, the flowers are different, one is more fleshy, one is more woody, but they all belong to the same place. I love how I can manipulate nature. I can make a particular tree grow the way I want it to grow or I can tame a particular shrub to grow the way I want it to grow. I started off landscaping as a youngster, but a horticulture program at El Camino College gave me more in depth knowledge.

HOW HAS YOUR JOB BEEN AFFECTED BY THE PANDEMIC?

First things first there is a mask on my face. It's the same tasks multiplied by four maybe five because of the current pandemic. Prior to the pandemic there was a contract service that removed trash bags and replaced trash liners, but due to the economic hit to the municipality the regular staff had to pick up that duty. Because there are more people visiting the parks there is more trash to pick up and I have to work quicker. For me, the challenge isn't too big of a challenge. I'm meeting more people and running into people I haven't ran into before, because more people are at home so they are utilizing the park more. It's almost a blessing and a curse type of thing.

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT YOUR SAFETY?

No, I enjoy being out here. I'm an outdoors person so I prefer to be outside versus in a building. I'm the guy that trims the bushes so I don't have any fear going into the bushes or of anything that jumps out of them. The challenge is how to come out, do my job, and make it home safe. I do whatever it is I need to do: the proper PPE, gloves, mask, safety equipment.

WHAT DOES A DAY ON THE JOB LOOK LIKE?

The main thing is trying to make a safe place safer and more beautiful as the day progresses. Getting the park ready for the public can consist of making sure the toddler play area is debris free, picking up trash, and making sure there is no broken glass. Then there is pruning, cutting, edging, planting, and replacing plants that are not doing too well.

WHAT SORT OF WILDLIFE DO YOU SEE?

Everything that flies: birds, bees, hawks, moths, butterflies, crows. Of course spiders, ants, grubs, anything that has to do with keeping vegetation alive you are going to see it. I like being out here because I become part of the ecosystem.

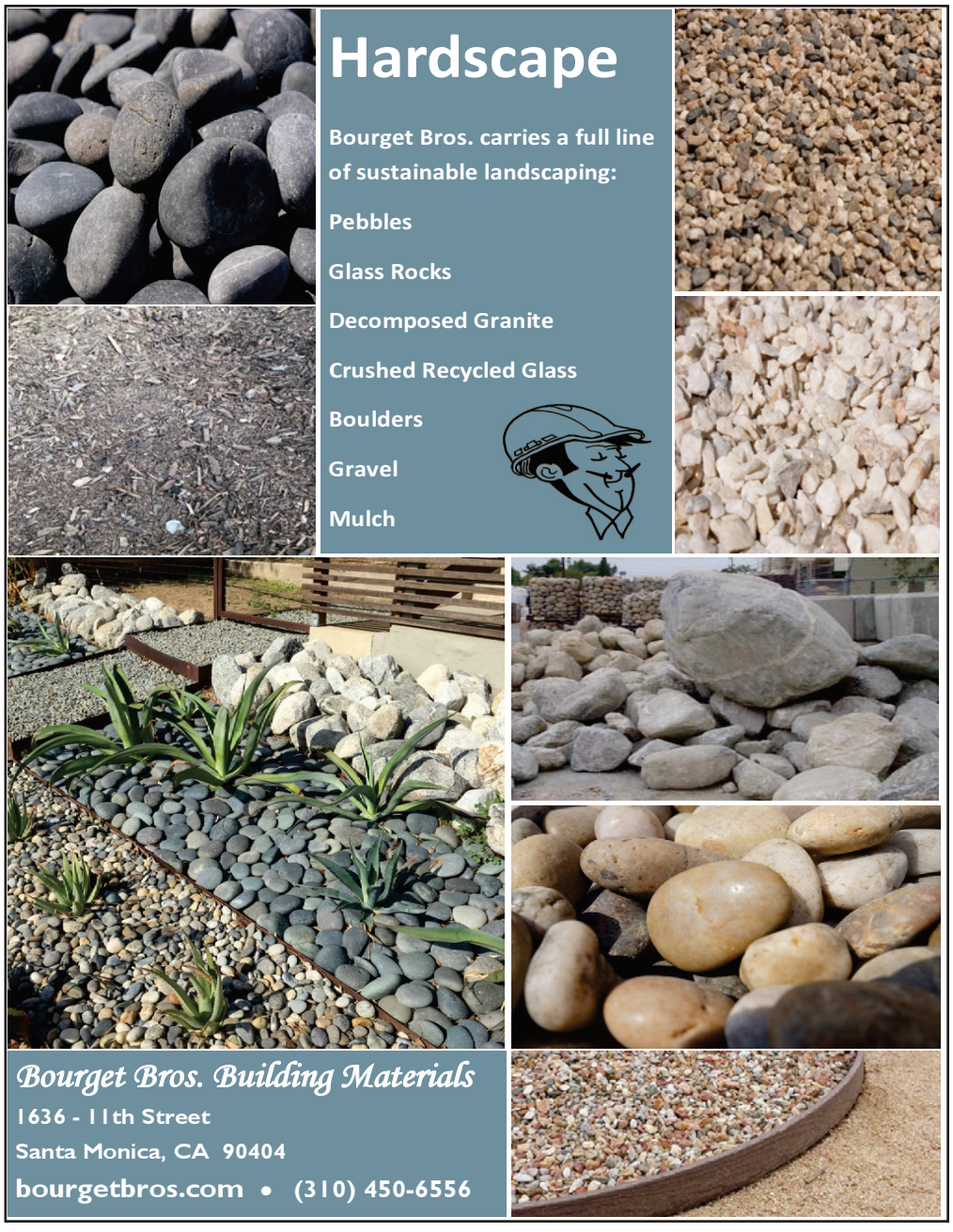
WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT SANTA MONICA?

The weather and the people. Those are the two amazing things. At every park I'm able to meet people, say 'hello how are you, good morning, I'm fine'. You learn who has what dogs and what children—I can't beat that.

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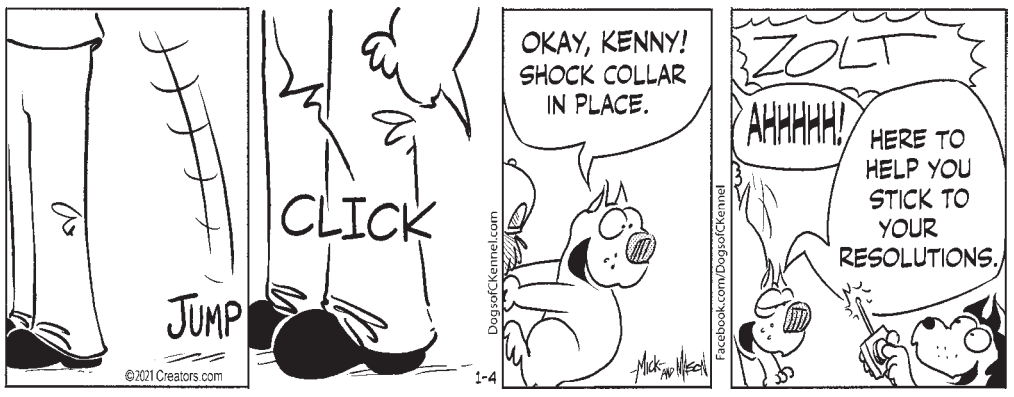
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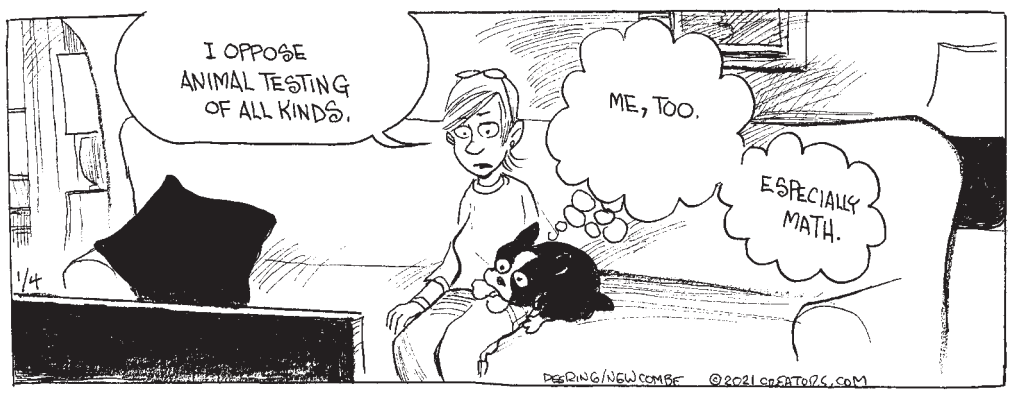
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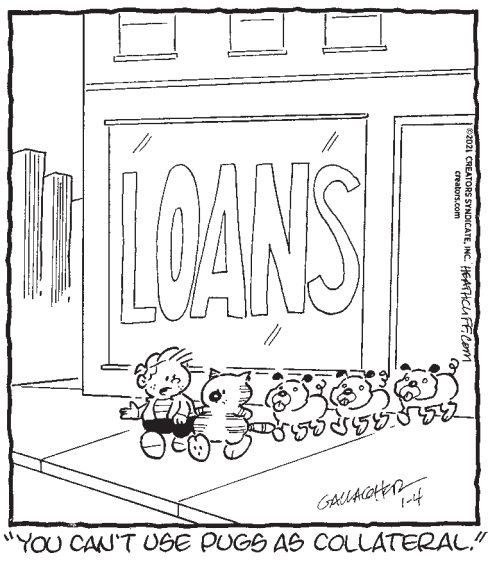
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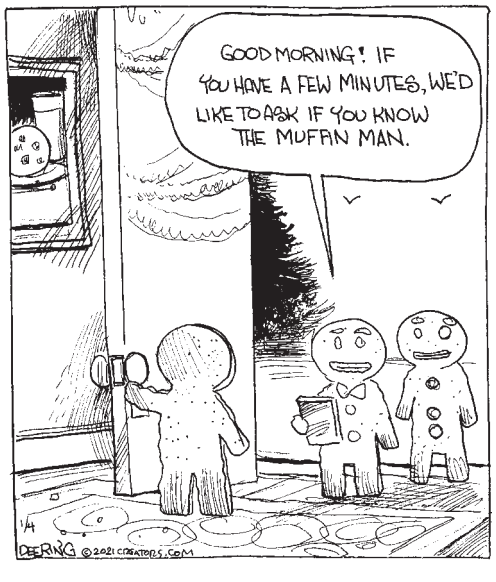
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 57.7°

MONDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high
WNW swell likely eases through the day, keeping fun size in the water as it does.

TUESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
WNW swell eases. Winds could be pretty favorable with an okay tide most of the AM. Stay tuned.

WEATHER

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 61.
Monday Night: A slight chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51.
Tuesday: A slight chance of rain. Partly sunny, with a high near 63.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2021/01/05	Tue	02:25 AM	4.23	H
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Power#: 18
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Mega Millions
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Mega#: 2
Jackpot: 7 M

Fantasy 5
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Draw Date: 12/29
Evening: 3 9 5
Draw Date: 12/29
Midday: 8 3 5

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JANUARY 04)

From where you currently sit on this whimsical path, you couldn't possibly guess the wonders ahead. Moneymaking opportunities come in new forms. February and June sparkle with social excitement and new relationships. Summer swirls around a singular goal and the dream team to make it happen. Virgo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 33, 12, 4, 18 and 39.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Everywhere you go people are asking for feedback - robots, too. Corporations, social media posts, people around you, it's like your opinion is a precious commodity. Yes, and your attention and time are even more so.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Everything adds to your momentum, even the things that seem to thwart it. Whatever comes up, you'll handle it like a boss, take the necessary recovery time, and then get into the action of accelerating your intentions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The risk worth taking won't involve the lottery or any other kind of game. The gamble to double down on is an investment in you — your education, your dreams or even your whims.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Look for the answer to the trick. The flash pot is redirecting your attention, so what is it they don't want you to look at? What matters is the intention behind the magic. Can you see that, too?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your goal is to create a pleasant social flow and an environment of comfort and familiarity. You deliver better work from that sort of atmosphere and so will the others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When what you do serves a purpose, that's a viable contribution. When what you do changes someone, that's an art. You're happy with the former, though you'll strive for the latter until it's done.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're adhering to a pattern set long ago because it's what has always been expected. But this sequence isn't as fulfilling as you want it to be. You'll dare to set different expectations, and the others' will change soon after.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've a charming way of letting the other person know that you're engaged in their sharing. For this reason, people will seek your company. They want your reaction and will ask for it time and again.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Don't let the jittery rhythm of the day stop you from forward movement. You'll find yourself doing a highly original dance — a dance you couldn't have found without this unusual beat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll adjust your thinking in regard to a hobby. It's becoming more like work. You approach it like a professional. Whether you're getting paid for it is beside the point. Your attitude changes your game.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your attraction to someone is based in an attraction to the "you" that emerges when you're around this person. Seize this shiny opportunity to play a different role, one that's focused on your common interests.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You embrace the process of creation in service to improvement. Creativity thrives in the same sort of environment that nurtures children — acceptance, support and a set of lovingly, consistently enforced rules.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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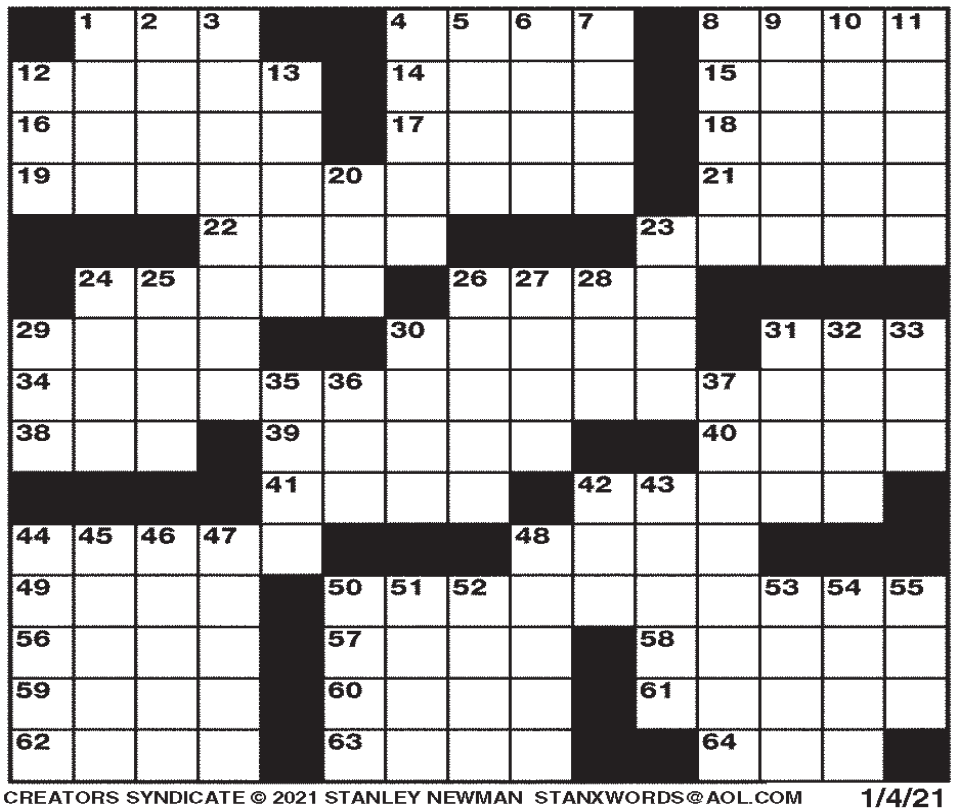
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Butter container
4 Any stage-play accessory
8 Clothing labels with prices
12 Of the moon
14 Volcano outflow
15 Norse explorer __ the Red
16 Being chilled, as champagne
17 By mouth, as a vaccine
18 __ Scotia (Canadian province)
19 Post-shower drying cloths
21 Sign of the future
22 Historical periods
23 Lawn greenery
24 Courage in battle
26 Tra __ (song syllables)
29 Totally change, as a kitchen
30 Jazz band horns, for short
31 School's bake-sale sponsor: Abbr.
34 Fluffy footwear worn with robes
38 Tax collecting agcy.
39 Composed some prose
40 Change for a $5 bill
41 Long parts of pants
42 Atmospheric layer of oxygen
44 Wild guesses
48 Leave the pier in a ship
49 Secret message
50 Fluffy bits of blizzards
56 "Once __ a time . . ."
57 Cover with asphalt
58 Brief statement or belief
59 Sparrow or crow
60 Found a purpose for
61 Follows, as advice
62 Cards that beat kings
63 Take a bold chance
64 __ day now (very soon)

DOWN
1 "Chunk light" sandwich fish
2 __ of measure (quart or mile)
3 Unmarried guy
4 Prepares fields for planting
5 Very uncommon
6 Egg-shaped
7 Buddies
8 Singing voice above baritone
9 Scent
10 Makes a donation
11 Electronic readings
12 Soft toss
13 Fashionable once again
20 Rowboat implement
23 Inhale quickly in surprise
24 Swerve
25 Tacks on
26 Endures
27 Rod between car wheels
28 Hawaiian garland
29 Baseball slugger's stat: Abbr.
30 Urban air pollution
31 Philly's state, for short
32 Oak or maple
33 Donkey
35 Birds that hoot
36 Metallic rock
37 Where a hotel's lifeguard is stationed
42 Clumsy person
43 Zero, informally
44 Deep-sea diver's gear
45 Subject being discussed
46 Like very much
47 Flexes, as a muscle
48 Person from Stockholm
50 Potato, slangily
51 Outer-space agency
52 __ and done with (finished)
53 Sharp, as eyesight
54 Oceanic swirl
55 Ship's distress signal



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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	I	O	I	O	I	O	I	O	O
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I	O	O	I	O	I	I	O	O	I	I	O
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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 21 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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One man's trash...

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

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 20SMCP00443Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Jose Angel Godoy Jr. for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Jose Angel Godoy Jr. filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Jose Angel Godoy Jr. to Joseph Angel Godoy The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date March 5, 2021 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K, Room: A-203The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press. Date: 12/17/2020

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 20SMCP00385Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Rainer Von Albedyhll for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Rainer Von Albedyhll filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Rainer Von Albedyhll to Rainer Von Albedyhll The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date January 29, 2021, Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K, Room: A-203The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press. Date: 11/16/2020

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 20SMCP00445Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Aleksey Aleksandrovich Andyriyanov for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Aleksey Aleksandrovich Andyriyanov filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Aleksey Aleksandrovich Andyriyanov to Aleksey Alexander Andrian The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date: February 11, 2021, Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K, Room: A-203The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press. Date: 12/18/2020

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 20SMCP00365Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Rahel Chaya Khorramien for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Ramin Khorramien filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Rahel Chaya Khorramien to Rachel Chaya Khorramien The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date: January 15, 2021, Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K, Room: A-203The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press. Date: 10/12/2020

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 20SMCP00358Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Yasaman Gharib for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Yasaman Gharib filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Yasaman Gharib to Yasamin Gharib The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date: January 08, 2021, Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K, Room: A-203The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press. Date: 10/19/2020



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