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Homeless community find power through microgrants

BRENNON DIXON
SMDP Staff Writer

With the assistance of a microgrant and a GoFundMe campaign that has garnered thousands of dollars in donations, a pair of Santa Monica residents have partnered to literally empower the local homeless community.

The Civic Wellbeing Partners have are working through a microgrant program that was at risk of becoming obsolete when the City of Santa Monica's Office of Civic Wellbeing closed due to COVID-19 budget cuts.

Thanks to the efforts of residents like Catalina Langen, Julie Rusk and Claire Lemoine, the program currently has 13 projects in progress around town, including the Universal Human Rights Initiative's campaign to give

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County renter protections strengthened and extended

BRENNON DIXON
SMDP Staff Writer

In an effort to assist local families who find themselves unable to pay rent as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors extended the county's eviction moratorium and strengthened other renter protections in a pair of motions passed Tuesday.

One motion extends the County's eviction moratorium through Feb. 28, 2021. Authored by Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, the motion also strengthens renter protections by clarifying specific protections against harassment and retaliation; offers protection to tenants who fall behind on rent repayment plans; provides eviction protection for renters who reasonably deny entry to their landlord; and seeks to increase fines for property owners who violate the law, according to staff, who said current eviction protections are set to expire on Jan. 31.

"Despite state and local legislation designed to prevent eviction due to loss of income during the pandemic, some renters are being targeted for harassment. Today's motion should bring an end to the sort of illegal shenanigans being used by unscrupulous landlords who want to thwart the law and fail to realize that in this moment of crisis we need to be our best selves and help the entire community through this difficult and uncertain period," Kuehl said. "No one should be threatened with eviction or made homeless during this pandemic, and it's important to both renters and landlords for us to clarify and strengthen these critical protections."

Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, who co-authored the motion, said "Los Angeles County's eviction moratorium has served as a safety net for our most vulnerable residents. To that end, it is in the County's best interest to protect rent-burdened households from falling into homelessness as well as provide a lifeline to local small businesses who have been some of the hardest hit by the economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic. The actions taken through this motion, will support our residents' health by supporting stay-at-home and physical distancing directives, reduce the risks of overcrowded

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Essential: Sanitation Worker Paul Jamar



Courtesy photo

ESSENTIAL: Workers like Paul Jamar keep provide vital services that are essential, even during a crisis.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

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

Paul Jamar is a sanitation worker who began working for the City on an as needed basis in 2009 and 'worked his tail off' to become an equipment operator. Since the start of the pandemic he has had to work without a sideman, carrying all trash cans and operating his truck by himself—work he describes as 'back breaking'. As Paul is constantly in contact with toxic substances he worries about exposing his wife and mother, who both have cancer, to COVID-19.

Paul faces these challenges and stresses every day without receiving any additional compensation, yet somehow maintains an exceedingly positive attitude. He says he still loves working in Santa Monica and greatly appreciates all the residents who take the time to thank him.

HOW HAS YOUR JOB CHANGED AS A RESULT OF THE PANDEMIC?

Work has become hard for us because we don't have a sideman anymore. I've been working by myself since COVID started in March and honestly it's back breaking. Working with a sideman helps you pull out heavy bins, open doors, and use keys. We have a lot of blind spots on our truck, so they would be able to tell us if we could make a right turn, if somebody was going to

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

SUBJECT: 19ENT-0235 (Vesting Tentative Map), 19ENT-0236 (Major Modifications)
1527 17th Street
APPLICANT: Howard Laks Architects
PROPERTY OWNER: Sue Parsons

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request: The applicant requests approval of Vesting Tentative Parcel Map 19ENT-0235 and Major Modifications 19ENT-0236 to allow a 3-unit residential condominium development at the subject property. The proposed project includes the relocation, retention, and rehabilitation of the existing City Landmark residence (Craftsman-style) and the construction of a new two-unit, two-story residential building above a subterranean garage located behind the Landmark residence. Rehabilitation of the residence includes but is not limited to the retention/repair (as needed) of exterior siding material, windows, and doors, in-kind replacement of the front porch, construction of a new basement/foundation, and a one-story addition. In preserving the Landmark residence and to facilitate the residential development, the applicant requests Major Modifications to certain development standards, including modifications to parcel coverage, setbacks, and permitted projections in required yard areas.

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Address your comments to: Steve Mizokami, Senior Planner, Re: 19ENT-0235, 19ENT-0236

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Just 1% of Californians immunized amid slow vaccine rollout

KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

Distribution hiccups and logistical challenges have slowed the initial coronavirus vaccine rollout in California, setting a pace that's "not good enough," Gov. Gavin Newsom said.

The state is trying to execute the massive immunization campaign "with a sense of urgency that is required of this moment and the urgency that people demand," but so far only about 1% of California's 40 million residents have been vaccinated, the Democratic governor said.

The 454,000 doses of vaccine that have been administered in California represent just a third of the more than nearly 1.3 million received in the state so far, according to the California Department of Public Health.

Across the country, the pace of immunizations has gone slower than planned due to logistical hurdles and differing approaches across states and counties. On Monday, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said nearly 4.6 million shots have been dispensed.

Newsom's comments came Monday as the state's death toll topped 26,500 and confirmed cases neared 2.4 million since the pandemic began. The state's swamped hospitals held more than 22,000 coronavirus patients, including nearly 4,700 in intensive care units, the Department of Public Health said.

Even as he acknowledged the state must do better, Newsom sought to shift some responsibility for the slow rollout, noting "the vaccines don't arrive magically in some state facility."

Dr. Mark Ghaly, secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency, said the state assigns the number of doses that local health jurisdictions will receive after getting an allocation from the federal government. The vaccine is then shipped directly to entities like hospitals or local public health offices. Pfizer distributes its vaccine directly, while Moderna uses the pharmaceutical company McKesson as an intermediary, which initially led to slow communication, Newsom said.

California is working to expand the list of sites where the vaccine can be distributed to include pharmacies, clinics and dental offices. Officials are also completing a survey of health care workers to find out how many of them do not want to take the vaccine, in response to anecdotal evidence that some are refusing it.

While the state wants to make sure no one is jumping ahead in the line, Newsom said he wants to give providers the flexibility to distribute doses to people not on the priority list if doses are at risk of going to waste.

"We are working hard to make sure that 100% of what we get, we get out as quickly as possible," Ghaly said.

The no-waste scenario played out Monday when a Northern California hospital freezer holding 830 doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine failed, the Los Angeles Times reported. Adventist Health Ukiah Valley Medical Center in Mendocino County sent some to a county jail and about 600 doses were dispensed to the community after the hospital sent out a social media blast to recruit medical personnel to staff clinics and another blast telling employees that anyone who showed up could get a shot.

Meanwhile, most of the state's population remains under a broad stay-at-home order as ICU capacity dwindles. In hard-hit Los Angeles County, the total COVID-19 death toll has reached 10,850 and confirmed cases topped 818,000. The county reported more than 7,700 people hospitalized, including 21% in ICUs.

County health officials fear the incoming Christmas and New Year's surge. The additional Thanksgiving cases have swamped hospitals, forcing them to treat patients in hallways, ambulances and the gift shop, and forced an oxygen shortage. The California National Guard is contributing freezer trucks to help store bodies as hospitals run out of space.

Hospitals are so overwhelmed that last week the Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency issued directives that ambulances should stop transporting patients to hospitals if they have virtually no chance of surviving, including those whose hearts and breathing have stopped and who couldn't be resuscitated by paramedics.

The agency also issued a directive Monday directing ambulance crews to administer less oxygen. Supplies have been strained because of the pandemic.

Some older hospitals in Southern California have oxygen systems that can't handle the demand, and the state is contracting with the Army Corps of Engineers to upgrade the systems. Giant oxygen containers may also be placed in hospital parking lots as back ups.

The county is also working to get more vaccines into skilled nursing facilities. County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said 206 facilities have received their vaccine doses and will administer the shots themselves and 60 more have asked for help in giving the doses.

There are a handful of others, among the county's more than 300 such facilities, however, that have not yet picked up their allocations or had their shipments delivered. Ferrer said those facilities need to start the process immediately.

"We do need the vaccinations to get into people's arms at a much faster clip," she said. "It's not been an easy process."

Elsewhere, organizations representing actors, commercial advertisers, advertising agencies and independent film and television producers recommended a hold on in-person production in Southern California.

The hold would last until mid-January, according to a statement by the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists and the Joint Policy Committee, which represents commercial advertisers and ad agencies. The Producers Guild of America made a similar plea.

Major studios are already on a production hiatus until the middle of this month.

Associated Press writers Christopher Weber, John Antczak and Stefanie Dazio in Los Angeles and Adam Beam in Sacramento contributed.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 196 CALLS ON JANUARY 4

72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:21 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1200blk Ocean Ave 3:05 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 400blk Expo Line 4:19 a.m.
Auto Burglary 2300blk Kansas Ave 4:56 a.m.
Burglary 1200blk Chelsea Ave 5:14 a.m.
Auto Burglary 2600blk Kansas Ave 7:08 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2900blk Wilshire Blvd 7:10 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 700blk Hill St 7:33 a.m.
Fraud 500blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:12 a.m.
Encampment 800blk Palisades Park 8:24 a.m.
Petty Theft 500blk Wilshire Blvd 8:26 a.m.
Burglary 2300blk 25th St 8:29 a.m.
Auto Burglary 2200blk Virginia Ave 8:39 a.m.
Burglary 2900blk Glenn Ave 9:06 a.m.
Auto Burglary 2800blk Delaware Ave 9:18 a.m.
Fraud 500blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:29 a.m.
Public Intoxication 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 9:37 a.m.
Identity Theft 200blk 21st St 9:48 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 2000blk Marguerita Ave 10:14 a.m.
Petty Theft 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:18 a.m.
Grand Theft 1800blk Ocean Ave 10:20 a.m.
Attempt Burglary 2900blk Main St 10:28 a.m.
Burglary 800blk Bay St 10:33 a.m.
Attempt Auto Theft 1400blk Olympic Blvd 10:34 a.m.
Petty Theft 100blk Santa Monica Pl 10:38 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2800blk 7th St 10:41 a.m.
Auto Burglary 600blk Strand St 10:48 a.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 2600blk Wilshire Blvd 10:49 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk 19th St 10:52 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 3300blk Barnard Way 10:52 a.m.
Auto Burglary 2200blk Virginia Ave 11:15 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1400blk 10th St 11:16 a.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 1600blk Montana Ave 11:24 a.m.
Critical Missing Person 1500blk Broadway 11:25 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 1100blk Wilshire Blvd 11:25 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 500blk Marine St 11:35 a.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 2100blk 20th St 11:37 a.m.
Burglary 1500blk 6th St 11:43 a.m.
Petty Theft 1400blk Ocean Ave 12:09 p.m.
Petty Theft 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 12:10 p.m.
Encampment 2800blk The Beach 12:14 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2500blk Washington Ave 12:15 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1900blk 22nd St 12:18 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2100blk 20th St 12:28 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2100blk 20th St 12:32 p.m.
Petty Theft 1100blk 11th St 12:39 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2200blk 27th St 1:03 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 700blk Hill St 1:11 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1200blk 17th St 1:16 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 600blk Pico Pl 1:17 p.m.
Burglary 2800blk Neilson Way 1:20 p.m.
Auto Burglary 2500blk Lincoln Blvd 1:21 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1600blk Ocean Ave 1:29 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1900blk Frank St 1:34 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2400blk Main St 1:38 p.m.
Burglary 800blk Bay St 1:46 p.m.
Burglary 2000blk Cloverfield Blvd 1:49 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1700blk Wilshire Blvd 2:08 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 800blk Georgina Ave 2:16 p.m.
Vandalism Now Ocean Way / Bay St 2:18 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1100blk 3rd St 2:24 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1600blk Appian Way 2:45 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 12th St / Arizona Ave 2:50 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Lincoln Blvd / Michigan Ave 3:18 p.m.
Fight 2000blk Ocean Front Walk 3:51 p.m.
Identity Theft 1500blk Berkeley St 3:55 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 800blk Palisades Park 4:01 p.m.
Vandalism 1700blk 11th St 4:11 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation Frank St / Delaware Ave 4:20 p.m.
Found Property 1000blk 12th St 4:32 p.m.
Loud Music 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 4:40 p.m.
Vandalism 500blk Olympic Blvd W 5:03 p.m.
Panic Alarm 300blk Santa Monica Pier 5:21 p.m.
Petty Theft 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 5:23 p.m.
Panic Alarm 300blk Santa Monica Pier 5:29 p.m.
Petty Theft 1300blk Oak St 5:46 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2300blk Main St 6:05 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved Yale St / Santa Monica Blvd 6:10 p.m.
Theft Suspect In Custody 700blk Broadway 6:15 p.m.
Vandalism Now 1600blk Wilshire Blvd 7:11 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1400blk Berkeley St 7:14 p.m.
Drinking In Public 2400blk Main St 7:22 p.m.
Panic Alarm 300blk Santa Monica Pl 7:39 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300blk Centinela Ave 8:40 p.m.
Grand Theft 800blk 3rd St 9:00 p.m.
Petty Theft 2300blk 5th St 11:33 p.m.

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EMS 2200blk 31st St 1:31 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 7:45 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 8:29 a.m.
EMS 2300blk Pier Ave 8:49 a.m.
EMS 900blk 18th St 10:03 a.m.
EMS 500blk Euclid St 10:09 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 11:01 a.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 2300blk 32nd St 11:17 a.m.
EMS 2800blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:28 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 5th St 12:06 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 21st St 12:46 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 1:07 p.m.
Structure Fire 2200blk Virginia Ave 1:19 p.m.
EMS 600blk San Vicente Blvd 2:52 p.m.
EMS 3100blk Neilson Way 3:07 p.m.
EMS 800blk 11th St 3:35 p.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 3:43 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:43 p.m.
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EMS 1300blk 15th St 8:00 p.m.
EMS 5th St / Arizona Ave 8:41 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 8:47 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Arizona Ave 9:32 p.m.
Structure Fire 2800blk 2nd St 10:01 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 14th St 10:09 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Lincoln Blvd 11:21 p.m.

City of Santa Monica

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

SUBJECT: 20ENT-0183 (Conditional Use Permit)
1610 Wilshire Boulevard
APPLICANT: Target Corporation
PROPERTY OWNER: SFT 1610 Wilshire LLC

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

The applicant (Target) requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit (20ENT-0183) to allow for the general sale of alcohol for off-site consumption (Type 21 ABC license) in conjunction with the operation of an existing 18,097 square foot general merchandise store within the Mixed-Use Boulevard (MUB) District. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.31.040(B), a Conditional Use Permit is required for the dispensation of alcoholic beverages for on-site or off-site consumption.

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Address your letters to: Tiffany Lin, Associate Planner
Re: 20ENT-0183

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MAN BITES DOG

That's the classic example of what constitutes news. As compared to what is not news: dog bites man.

Republicans have been howling for five and a half years about the unrelenting "negative" media coverage of their fair-haired boy. (How dare you use his own words to make him look bad!?) But he has been unrelenting in biting so many dogs no man ever bit before, and that's news.

All the while being the first President since William Mckinley, 125 years ago, without a dog. But McKinley did have critter friends: Angora kittens, roosters, and a yellow-headed Mexican parrot who could whistle "Yankee Doodle." When Trump was asked, prior to taking up residence in the White House, if he would get a dog, he said he "did not have time" to keep a dog.

He should have gotten one and named it "Golf." Bases covered. "The President spent time with golf today."

MCKINLEY'S SUCCESSOR TEDDY ROOSEVELT

Made up for it. He was the White House pet champion, though Calvin Coolidge was pretty close and JFK was right up there.

Teddy had: 10 dogs including a St. Bernard, a retriever, Manchu the Pekingese, several terriers and a few mongrels; two cats, one named after a Mark Twain character; five guinea pigs named for two admirals, a doctor, a priest and a bishop; a garter snake his daughter named after her aunt; Bill the Lizard (probably a horned toad), for the Alice in Wonderland character; a Hyacinth macaw named Yale; a hen named Spreckle, likely for the sugar baron; Maude the Pig; Peter Rabbit; a laughing hyena, a gift from the Emperor of Ethiopia; a Shetland pony and another pony; a barn owl; a one-legged rooster named Fierce; Josiah the Badger; Jonathan the Piebald Rat; and Jonathan Edwards, a small black bear named after the American religious leader (an ancestor of Mrs. Roosevelt), eventually sent to the Bronx Zoo.

Who knew, with the current lack of even one First Pet, that the White House has sometimes hosted a menagerie?

Is this significant? Perhaps, as a measure of empathy, and humanity.

James K. Polk was the only other President to have no pets at all. But he hid his continuing purchase of slaves for his Mississippi plantation during his four years in the White House by using anonymous third parties. He increased his "holdings" by 19, at least 13 of them children, one boy only 10.

I hope I'm not making the case that there may have been a worse President than Trump. (Do you think he would jump at the chance to "own" slaves? He has a lifelong record of not paying people who work for him.)

Many will draw their own harsh conclusions just about a President who does not have a dog.

A WORLD TURNED INSIDE OUT



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HISTORIC SAMOHI

Though his minions echo his whining about a lying mainstream media, the truth is, many of the messes we must now try to dig our way out of can partly be laid at the feet of legitimate, credible media that went too easy on Trump, giving him a quick news cycle pass on countless debacles for which any other President of either party would have been crucified and impeached. (But the Donald doormat-GOP holds the final, reprehensible responsibility.)

Remember that disgusting opening campaign salvo, the anti-immigrant speech at the bottom of the escalator? "They're bringing drugs ... crime. They're rapists…" Maybe most reporters thought it was so outrageous and unacceptable that it would fail on its own. But it didn't, and the media was far too slow to call a fig a fig (Aristophanes).

So for five and a half years now, with only recent slow realization and change, most of the media has been reporting about every new dog Trump bites. But we have to remember, and it is so hard sometimes -- that may be news, but it's not the norm, and it's not the reality.

HAVE FACTS BECOME FICTION?

No. But you might think so, from what you read and hear. That hospital worker who spoiled the vaccine doses did so because he was convinced it alters our DNA. Maskless demonstrators invade a grocery store and violently confront shoppers and workers because the virus is a hoax. Some yahoo shows up at a DC pizza restaurant firing an assault rifle, because he "learned" on the Internet that Hillary was running a child pornography ring out of the basement. And Donald Trump won the election.

I believe it is the biggest problem we now face. The biggest. The misinformation. The numbers of people who can't tell fact from fiction. How do we function in a world like that? How do we make a better world? I wish I knew. But we will figure it out.

We have to remind ourselves that while far too many refused to wear masks and social distance for completely cockamamie reasons, millions more did, to protect their neighbor

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Trump says he'll 'fight like hell' to hold on to presidency

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Associated Press

With mounting desperation, Donald Trump declared Monday night he would "fight like hell" to hold on to the presidency and appealed to Republican lawmakers to reverse his election loss to Joe Biden when they convene this week to confirm the Electoral College vote.

Electoral voters won by President-elect Biden are "not gonna take this White House!" he shouted as supporters cheered at an outdoor rally in Georgia. Trump's announced purpose for the trip was to boost Republican Senate candidates in Tuesday's runoff election, but he spent much of his speech complaining bitterly about his election loss — which he insists he won "by a lot."

Earlier, in Washington, he pressed Republican lawmakers to formally object Wednesday at a joint session of Congress that is to confirm Biden's victory in the Electoral College, itself a confirmation of Biden's nationwide victory Nov. 3.

Though he got nothing but cheers Monday night, Trump's attempt to overturn the presidential election i s splitting the Republican Party. Some GOP lawmakers backing him are rushing ahead, despite an outpouring of condemnation from current and former party officials warning the effort is undermining Americans' faith in democracy. All 10 living former defense secretaries wrote in an op-ed that "the time for questioning the results has passed."

It's unclear the extent to which GOP leaders in Congress will be able to control Wednesday's joint session, which could drag into the night, though the challenges to the election are all but certain to fail. Trump himself is whipping up crowds for a Wednesday rally near the White House.

Vice President Mike Pence, who is under pressure to tip the results for Trump, will be closely watched as he presides in a ceremonial role over Wednesday's joint session.

"I promise you this: On Wednesday, we'll have our day in Congress," Pence said while himself campaigning in Georgia ahead of Tuesday's runoff elections that will determine control of the Senate.

Trump said in Georgia: "I hope that our great vice president comes through for us. He's a great guy. Of course, if he doesn't come through, I won't like him quite as much." He added, "No, Mike is a great guy."

One of the Georgia Republicans in Tuesday's runoff — Sen. Kelly Loeffler, who faces Democrat Raphael Warnock — told the crowd she will join senators formally objecting to Biden's win. The other Republican seeking reelection, David Perdue, who is running against Democrat Jon Ossoff, will not be eligible to vote.

Trump repeated numerous times his claims of election fraud, which have been rejected by election officials — Republican as well as Democratic in state after state — and courts up to the U.S. Supreme Court. His former attorney general, William Barr, also has said there is no evidence of fraud that could change the election outcome.

The congressional effort to keep Trump in office is being led by Sens. Josh Hawley of Missouri and Ted Cruz of Texas, along with rank-and-file House members, some on the party's fringe.

"Just got off the phone with @realDonaldTrump," tweeted newly elected Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia, who is aligned with a conspiracy group backing Trump.

"He wants you to call your Rep & Senators TODAY, ALL DAY!" she tweeted Monday. "Don't let Republicans be the Surrender Caucus!" She later joined the president on Air Force One as he traveled to Georgia.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has tried to prevent his party from engaging in this battle, which could help define the GOP in the post-Trump era. House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, a Trump ally, has declined to say much publicly on it.

Both Hawley and Cruz are potential 2024 presidential contenders, vying for Trump's base of supporters.

Biden, speaking at a drive-in rally in Atlanta, said Trump "spends more time whining and complaining" than he does working on solving the coronavirus pandemic. He added dismissively, "I don't know why he still wants the job — he doesn't want to do the work."

During the day Monday, more current and former GOP officials rebuked the effort to upend the election.

Former three-term Sen. John Danforth of Missouri said in a stinging statement, "Lending credence to Trump's false claim that the election was stolen is a highly destructive attack." He said, "It is the opposite of conservative; it is radical."

Two current Republican senators, Rob Portman of Ohio and Mike Lee of Utah, joined the growing number who now oppose the legislators' challenge.

Portman said in a statement, "I cannot support allowing Congress to thwart the will of the voters."

At the Dalton rally, Trump noted he was a "little angry" at Lee, but expressed hope that the senator would change his mind. "We need his vote," Trump said.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the giant lobbying organization and virtual embodiment of the business establishment, said the electoral vote challenge "undermines our democracy and the rule of law and will only result in further division across our nation."

So far, Trump has enlisted support from a dozen Republican senators and up to 100 House Republicans to challenge Biden's 306-232 Electoral College win.

With Biden set to be inaugurated Jan. 20, Trump is intensifying efforts to prevent the traditional transfer of power. On a call disclosed Sunday, he can be heard pressuring Georgia officials to "find" him more votes from the Nov. 3 election he lost in that state.

The challenge to the presidential election is on a scale unseen since the aftermath of the Civil War, though the typically routine process of confirming Electoral College votes has been hit with brief objections before. In 2017, several House Democrats challenged Trump's win, but Biden, who presided at the time as the vice president, swiftly dismissed them to assert Trump's victory.

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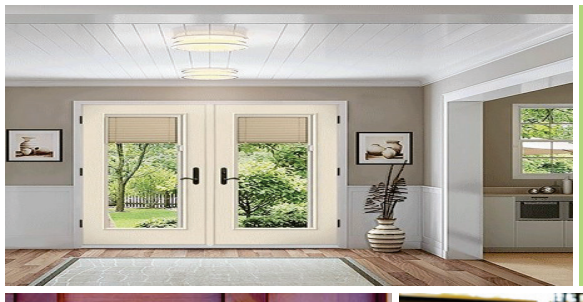
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Setting the record straight

As two School Board members, we feel compelled to set the record straight about recent events.

Although he was sworn in as a member of the Santa Monica City Council on December 8, 2020, Oscar de la Torre persists in falsely claiming that he is still a member of the School Board. As part of his distorted reasoning, he also insists on denigrating the work of the Board of Education, deliberately fomenting discord rather than constructive engagement as our school community faces the dual challenges of educating students during a once-in-a-century pandemic and pursuing and achieving racial and social justice.

To summarize the law in California, Government Code Section 1099 states that an elected member of a governmental board cannot simultaneously hold two public offices that are incompatible. Offices are incompatible if there is a "significant clash of duties or loyalties between the offices." In interpreting this state law, California Attorney General opinions have unequivocally stated that the offices of councilmember and school board member in the same territory are incompatible offices. Government Code Section 1099 further provides that "When two public offices are incompatible, a public officer shall be deemed to have forfeited the first office upon acceding to the second."

The law is clear: Oscar de la Torre forfeited his School Board seat on December 8, upon taking the oath of office as a Councilmember. De la Torre's claims that he is still a School Board member are legally frivolous.

With respect to achieving racial and social justice, the School Board, District staff, and the larger school community remain unwavering in our commitment, informed by the 2016 report on equity in our schools, prepared by Dr. Pedro Noguera. While Councilmember de la Torre seemingly cannot come to terms with his departure from the School Board, his leave-taking from the Board will not in any way slow our progress nor divert the attention of the Board, staff and families in SMMUSD who will continue to support and implement initiatives that address this challenge. Our commitment to equity, inclusion and social and racial justice requires constant attention, evaluation and vigilance over the short- and long-term. There is no overnight or simple fix to systemic injustice. But as we continue to implement Dr. Noguera's recommendations and build on the successful programs and innovative advances of the past five years, we cannot allow the political distractions that Dr. Noguera warned about to divert attention from our mission.

On January 14, 2021, the School Board will be making an appointment to fill the School Board vacancy that was created when Councilmember de la Torre acceded to his new office. In filling the vacancy, we are committed to choosing a person who shares the school community's commitment to social and racial justice and to closing the opportunity gap. We are fortunate to have a number of excellent applicants to fill the vacancy on the School Board who share our community's commitment to equity and whoever is appointed will undoubtedly bring additional ideas and insights to the Board.

The timing of the School Board appointment is sensitive, as the Covid-19 pandemic has exacerbated pre-existing inequities in our schools. Along with public schools across the country, our District will need to proceed with a sense of urgency and a full seven-member board to address the learning loss left in the wake of Covid-19, which has intensified the inequalities of opportunity that already existed among our students. We will not allow ourselves to be distracted by Mr. de la Torre as he continues to seek the limelight by stoking grievance and division.

Jon Kean and Laurie Lieberman are members of the SMMUSD Board.

CURIOUS CITY

FROM PAGE 4

and themselves. Our politicians fiddle while America goes hungry, but thousands of volunteers across the nation keep food banks going.

Front line hospital workers have suffered unbelievably for nearly a year now, risking their lives, their families' lives, and their own sanity as they try to comfort strangers who are dying endlessly, and needlessly, and yet they get up each morning to the same terrible routine. Don't forget millions of postal workers, supermarket staff, police and fire, teachers and so many more. Millions of white folks continue to demand racial equality, alongside their fellow Americans of color. And many are persisting to end gun violence.

THAT'S THE REALITY

That's the news. That's America. The quiet heroism that goes mostly unreported. It may seem like we are surrounded by crazies, but the far greater numbers are the decent, generous, giving, sacrificing, everyday Americans.

We are the majority. And just like we finally emerged in Santa Monica to start to put an end to corrupt government, we can do the same for our nation. And our planet. We must.

KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR SCHOOL BOARD

They have been secretive about how they are spending billions of our tax dollars on their own ill-conceived plans for campuses and curriculum, and people are just now waking up to it.

By next year, if we don't stop them, you 50,000 living Samohi alumni won't even recognize the school you went to. Their plans, being pushed rapidly forward without taking into account real public input, are to level Prospect Hill and the historic, WPA-designed History, Art, English, Business and Business Annex Buildings there. Preserving and repurposing them would actually cost less than demolition and rebuilding. We must speak out and take action before it's too late.

Charles Andrews has lived in Santa Monica for 35 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

L.A. County Reaches 11,000 COVID-19 Deaths as Hospitalizations Increase to Critical Levels

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has tragically reported more than 11,000 confirmed COVID-19 deaths. To date, Public Health identified 840,611 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 11,071 deaths.

Public Health confirmed 224 new deaths and 13,512 new cases of COVID-19. L.A. County has experienced more than 1,000 new COVID-19 deaths in less than a week when on December 30, Public Health reported 10,056 deaths.

There are 7,898 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized and 21% of these people are in the ICU. This is a new high and an increase of more than 200 patients reported yesterday.

Healthcare workers and hospitals continue to be taxed and overwhelmed with COVID-19 patients. The devastating impact of the pandemic is disrupting emergency medical care due to the sheer volume of COVID-19 patients and staffing limitations. These challenges will get worse if we don't slow COVID-19 spread.

Of the 224 new deaths reported today, one death was reported by the City of Long Beach and one death was reported by the City of Pasadena.

"To the families and friends experiencing the sorrow of losing a loved one due to COVID-19, we send wishes for healing and peace," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "L.A. County reached the terrible milestone of more than 11,000 deaths due to COVID-19. As a community, we must commit to stopping the spread of COVID-19 in its tracks so that we can save as many lives as possible. Roll out for COVID-19 vaccine continues in the phases recommended by the State and CDC as supply allows. And while vaccines are a powerful tool, we do not need to wait for vaccine to stop new COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and death. We can do that now. It takes every business and every resident to purposefully follow public health directives and safety measures. Please stay home and leave only for essential work or essential services."

Public Health continues to track the impact of COVID-19 on expecting and new moms and newborns. As of December 28, there have been a total of five deaths among the 4,136 pregnant women that tested positive for COVID-19. Seventy-nine percent of pregnant women testing positive for COVID-19 are Latina/Latinx, 9% are White, 4% are African American/Black, 3% are Asian, less than 1% are Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, 2% identify with another race, and race/ethnicity was unknown or unspecified for 2%. Among the 2,053 births where there was testing information, 30 babies tested positive for the virus.

Expecting and new moms are encouraged to take extra care and remain home as much as possible to avoid exposure to COVID-19. If you are sick or positive for COVID-19 and breastfeeding, wear a mask while breastfeeding or bottle-feeding, and be sure to wash your hands before touching the baby or any pump or bottle before using. If possible, ask someone else to feed the baby your breastmilk by bottle. Public Health has detailed guidance for expecting and new moms available online.

While there are steps pregnant women and new mothers can take to lower the risk of being exposed to COVID-19, all residents and businesses must contribute to protecting others by using the tools we have to reduce transmission: implementing all requirements in the business protocols, staying home as much as possible, practicing physical distancing and always wearing a cloth face covering when out and around other people, washing or sanitizing hands frequently, isolating if you have tested positive for COVID-19 and quarantining if you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for the virus.

For those who have just returned from a trip outside of Los Angeles County, you must quarantine in place for 10 days and monitor for symptoms for 14 days. Get tested if you experience COVID-19 symptoms or possibly were exposed to someone who was positive.

Testing results are available for nearly 4,826,000 individuals with 16% of people testing positive.

The Reopening Protocols, COVID-19 Surveillance Interactive Dashboard, Roadmap to Recovery, Recovery Dashboard, and additional things you can do to protect yourself, your family and your community are on the Public Health website, www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

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TRUMP

FROM PAGE 5

States run their own elections, and Congress has been loath to interfere.

"The 2020 election is over," said a statement Sunday from a bipartisan group of 10 senators, including Republicans Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Bill Cassidy of Louisiana and Mitt Romney of Utah.

A range of Republican officials — including Gov. Larry Hogan of Maryland; Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming, the third-ranking House GOP leader; and former House Speaker Paul Ryan — have criticized the GOP efforts to overturn the election.

Hawley defended his actions in a lengthy email over the weekend to colleagues, saying his Missouri constituents have been "loud and clear" in insisting Biden's defeat of Trump was unfair.

Cruz's coalition of 11 Republican senators vows to reject the Electoral College tallies unless Congress launches a commission to immediately conduct an audit of the election results. Congress is unlikely to agree to that.

The group, which presented no new evidence of election problems, includes Sens. Ron Johnson of Wisconsin, James Lankford of Oklahoma, Steve Daines of Montana, John Kennedy of Louisiana, Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee, Mike Braun of Indiana, Cynthia Lummis of Wyoming, Roger Marshall of Kansas, Bill Hagerty of Tennessee and Tommy Tuberville of Alabama.

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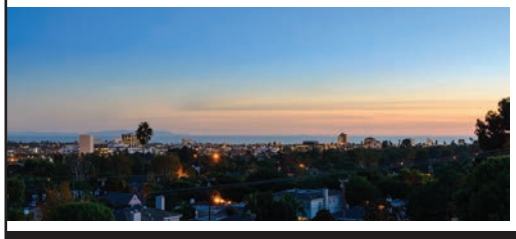
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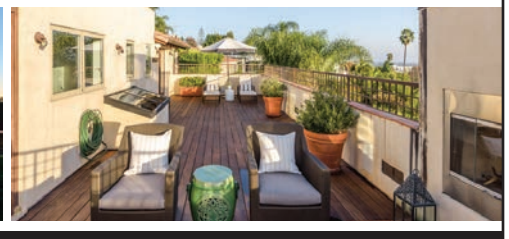


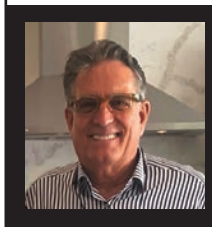
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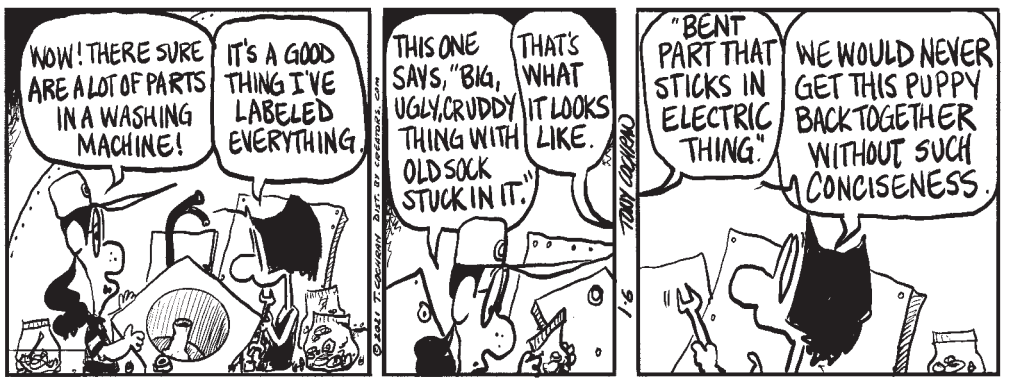




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THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high occ. 5 ft
Steep new NW swell to build in through the day. Tide is a little full early then is favorable most of the day. Winds and conditions on watch as low drops into region.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 67.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51.
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've seen yourself in a certain role, tried it on, played around, and now things are getting real. The role is no longer something you put on when you're feeling it; it's now part of who you are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You now suspect that you sacrificed your time and passion for prizes that aren't coming. Still, you gained something in working up the fervor that will never leave you. Pack up and apply your energy elsewhere.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Anyone can have intentions, and lots of people do. But it's action that matters and even more than that, repetitive action. Keep at it regardless if it is currently working. These slight shifts for the better are starting to add up.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Unlike a cellphone, you cannot plug into the wall and get charged up. However, the time you spend in, near or drinking water will be rejuvenating on many levels.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Financial jackpots often solve problems only to create more expensive ones. The real lottery win is always internal. It's the sweepstakes of the soul that pay out continuously and keep adding more joy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People who follow recipes well like to say that anyone can follow a recipe, but that's not really true. Some are better at duplicating and others are almost pathologically inclined to stray. Deliciousness can come from either approach.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your path differs from your friend's path, but the way you walk it is so similar. You participate in the same kinds of practices, rituals and manners of delivery. You can help one another through supportive sharing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's an unsettling sensation you get from searching for something you're not even sure exists. If you were a blind follower, you wouldn't have to feel it. You're not, so you'll bear discomfort in the name of discovery.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Usually, you like to take a stance, though what's the rush? Right now, it's a good time to hedge your bets. Relatedly, make your words sweet and tender just in case you have to eat them later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Go with your altruistic leanings. You're filled with purpose and will soon be surrounded by grateful people. The more you help people, the more you want to.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You meet the challenge, and then the next one and the next. This is how you become mighty. When the stakes are high and the time is limited, you'll do your best work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Planning, prevention and proactive moves will serve you well. This time next month you'll be thanking yourself. This time next year, you'll call the person reading this right now an "absolute genius"!

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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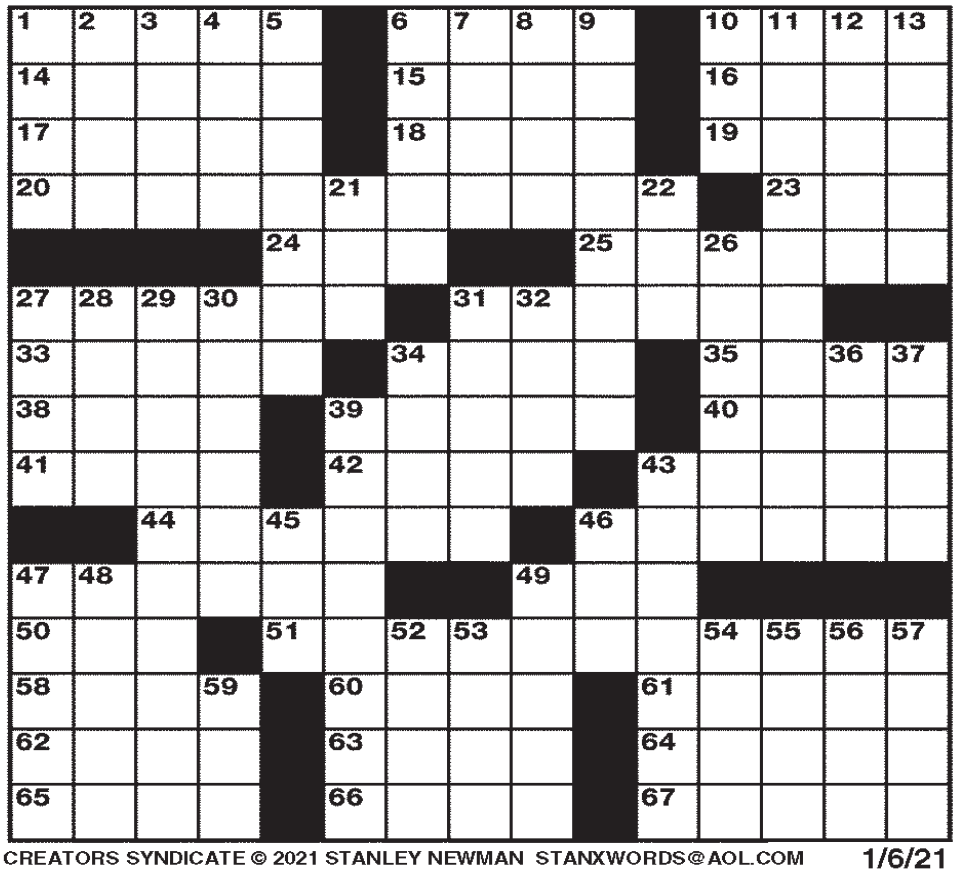
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Jogging paces
6 Bygone time
10 Goof-__ (lazy ones)
14 Make merry
15 Observe impolitely
16 Teheran's land
17 Ridiculous
18 Aussie hoppers
19 Entice
20 Forty-niners' finds
23 Beverage store bagful
24 No longer moist
25 Reagan predecessor
27 First, as a ship's voyage
31 Orthodontic devices
33 Landlord, for example
34 Luau mementos
35 Audacity
38 Targets in lacrosse
39 Heckle
40 Herbal soother
41 Big Apple's Arthur __ Stadium
42 Life of leisure
43 Tired of it all
44 Meandering
46 Sowing machine
47 Colonial Era alloy
49 Initials before an alias
50 __ Baba
51 "We're #1!" sports-fan buys
58 Site for a fight
60 Thin cut
61 __ acid (antiseptic)
62 Competitive advantage
63 To be, in France
64 Upset tummy
65 Take a breather
66 Fly upward
67 Hopeless case

DOWN
1 High school math
2 Western casino city
3 Planet's orbital path
4 Look after
5 Trim-figured
6 Gershwin opera hero
7 Avidly eager
8 Plumlike fruit
9 Legal precedent setter
10 Peanut product
11 Uniform's medal ribbons, informally
12 Show of mockery
13 Derisive look
21 Dispenser at a banquet
22 Cul-de-__
26 Wine and dine
27 __ *Lisa*
28 Makes quite an impression on
29 Waiting just offstage
30 Leave stranded
31 Barbarian
32 Stand up
34 Tilt some
36 Get bested
37 Look rudely
39 Thorny hybrid flowers
43 Squishy seating
45 Tennis official
46 Glider for slopes
47 Apple utensil
48 Omit in pronunciation
49 In search of
52 Saxophone range
53 Actress Sorvino
54 Enthusiastic
55 "Go bragh" land
56 Solemn observance
57 Lasting mark
59 Catch on to



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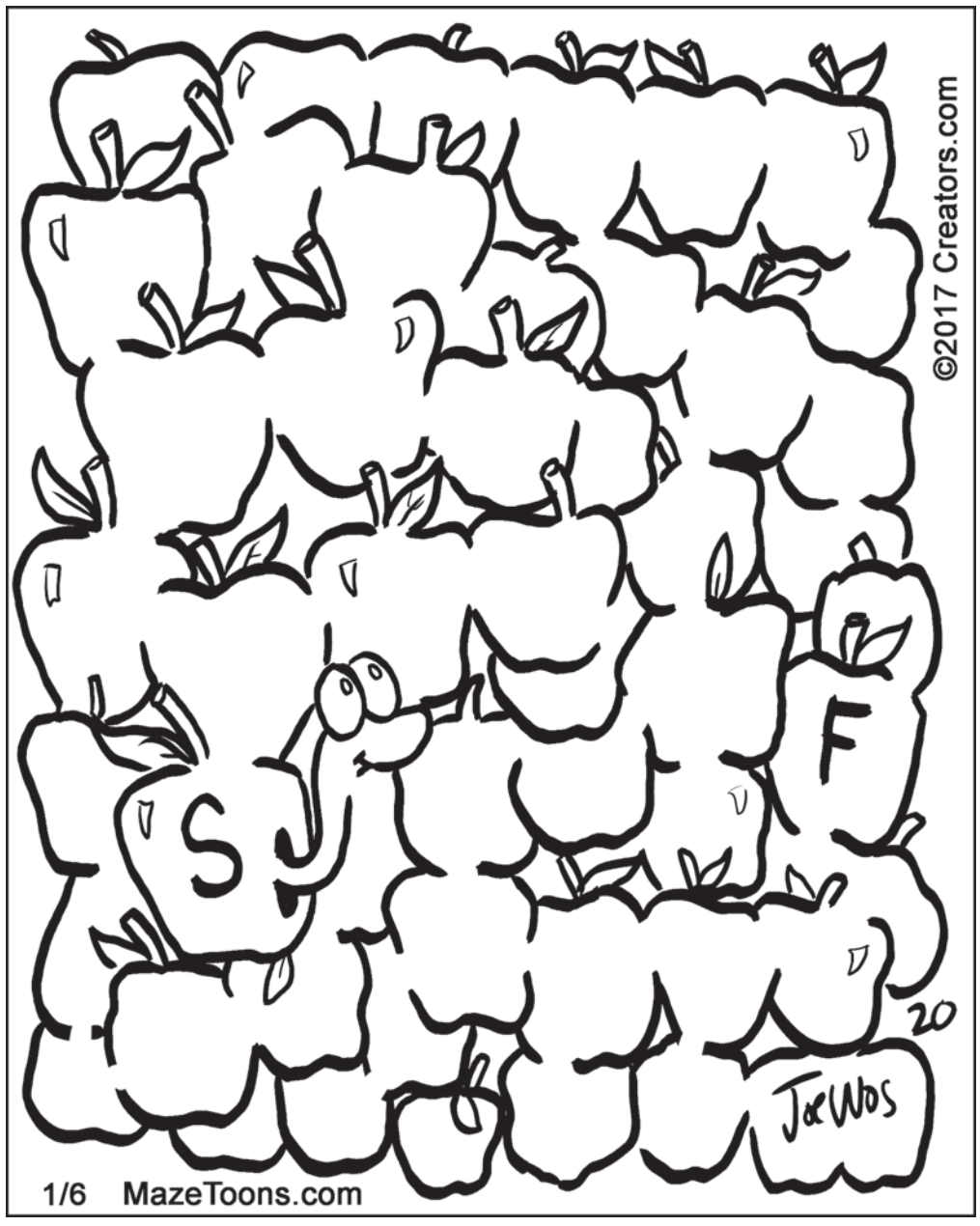
Binary Puzzle

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.

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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 23 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 4985

Ball games

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

Accuracy	Display	Offside	Score
Aced	Fast	Oval	Shot put
Bowls	Football	Palm	Snooker
Captain	Four	Pass	Soccer
Chalk	Futsal	Pitch	Sport
Competitive	Game	Polo	Squash
Concentrate	Goal	Pool	Team
Cricket	Golf	Ringo	Throw
Cue	Loser	Rugby	Touch
Cushions	Lotto	league	Try
Dibs	Miss	Rules	

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ESSENTIAL

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walk by, or if a car was going to drive by while we are dumping the bins.

They were our other eyes and now we don't have that, so we can have a lot more injuries and a lot more accidents. There is a lot of wear and tear on our bodies from pulling out these heavy bins each and every day. It's a very big change and hopefully someday soon we can get our helpers back because we really need them. We have older guys going out by themselves and that takes a toll on your body, going home kind of broke up a little bit. We are still managing to get it done and come to work the next day because a lot of us like our jobs and are dedicated to our jobs.

HOW DO YOU FEEL BEING AN ESSENTIAL WORKER WITH HIGH EXPOSURE TO GERMS

It's very scary because I have a wife at home who is terminally ill with cancer. I also have my mom who lives by herself in Compton and depends on me to help her go shopping and pay her bills and she also has cancer. I have a father who is a two time cancer survivor and has a tracheostomy in his throat so he can't talk.

Everyday all day is just the same; it's stressful and it's scary. People are dying out there and me and my coworkers, everything that we do is on the frontline. We are exposed to a lot of toxic dangerous things right now. Even though we have the proper PPE there is still a lot of stuff that we are out there touching and it's scary because I can't take that stuff home to my wife or my mom or my father.

ASIDE FROM LOSING A SIDEMAN HOW ELSE HAS YOUR WORK BEEN IMPACTED BY COVID-19?

I had to adapt to the curbside seating outside. That was a challenge because when I went to dump some trash I was blocking Main Street and cars couldn't go by or I was dumping trash next to where somebody was eating. I was getting a lot of negative reactions but I still had to do my job. I had to explain to people that this is the only place I can dump the trash; I have nowhere else to go.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT YOUR JOB?

While I'm out there I do enjoy the city. I really enjoy seeing the children waving at you, wanting you to do something for them like honk the horn or raise the bin up. That makes me feel a lot better knowing that I'm making somebody else happy. I've met a lot of people on my route that really make me happy. They come out and they speak to you, thank you, say 'you're doing a good job'.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO WHEN THE PANDEMIC ENDS?

It seems like everybody is so tense because of this pandemic so I would love to get back to normal where everybody is laughing and having fun and you see the restaurants open and people gathering. It's just kind of sad right now, but I'm looking forward to being happy again and seeing other people be happy.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND ABOUT YOUR JOB?

I hope the people reading this understand what we go through on a daily basis as sanitation workers and that the things that we do are not easy. If you see us in the alley please don't give us a hard time by honking at us because we have a job to do. Help us out, give us a wave, tell us thank you, speak to us. We are trying to keep the city safe and clean.

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HOMELESS

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portable solar-powered chargers to homeless neighbors in Santa Monica and beyond.

"With a generous microgrant from Civic Wellbeing Partners and other individuals, we are halfway to our fundraising goal," said Rebecca Cannara, executive director of UHRI. "We need your help to provide relief," and only $2,271 is left to reach the goal of $6,000.

The fundraising campaign originally emerged from UHRI's facilitated community intergroup dialogues, where a West Side resident, Tiffany Yang, informed by conversation between both unhoused and housed participants and organizers, took action to solve a challenge that unhoused neighbors face: dead cell phone batteries.

With so many businesses, libraries and cafes closed for in-person activities, the problem is only exacerbated by the COVID-19 crisis.

Access to power sources that charge phones, small electronics and medical devices are very limited for people who are unhoused. These devices provide essential access to social connection, safety services and other resources, Cannara said.

"During our Summer 2020 campaign, we distributed 125 of these chargers to unhoused adults and youth, and we heard firsthand just how needed these items are," she said.

UHRI worked with Yang to create a fundraiser, connect with a supplier — Unite to Light — and distribute the chargers in partnership with Safe Place for Youth.

The chargers are described as handheld, portable and compact, but their impact is mighty, which is why Cannara and the Civic Wellbeing Partners feel the campaign is worthy of a social media share or donation.

"We see this effort as a timely action that could be easily replicated and scaled up for a big impact. Donating a solar charger is just one way to support vulnerable people in Santa Monica, and one piece of the puzzle to advancing wellbeing for everyone in our community, "said Rusk. "The chargers came out of discussions that were happening months ago, pre-COVID, when people with lived experience with homelessness and residents of the Community House came together. Everybody learned that this idea of charging phones was a real pain point for people, so out of that was born this idea of supplying chargers."

It was a team effort and it's important to note that this project built off the action of other residents, so these are not just some random one-off projects, Rusk added. "They're really part of an effort to build action that comes directly from residents. We want to change the things that will affect the quality of life and the wellbeing of our community," she said.

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California governor plans $4 billion for economic recovery

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Associated Press

California Gov. Gavin Newsom on Tuesday proposed a $4 billion spending plan he says will create jobs and help small businesses recover from the economic downturn brought on by the coronavirus pandemic.

Close to half of that money — $1.5 billion — would help people purchase electric cars and build the charging stations necessary for drivers to use them. That proposal is part of Newsom's goal to ban the sale of new gas-powered cars in California by 2035.

Small businesses would get $575 million. The money would pay for grants of up to $25,000 each to small business owners, with priority given to areas and industries most affected by the pandemic. That money includes $25 million for small museums and art galleries that have been forced to close during the pandemic.

Newsom and the state Legislature have already given $500 million to this program, so this proposal would make more than $1 billion available.

In a normal year, California's budget would not take effect until July 1. But Newsom said he will ask the Legislature to approve the money for small businesses before July 1, although it's unclear when that could happen.

In a joint statement, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon and Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins said they would work with Newsom "to take early action in providing meaningful additional relief."

"Californians are hurting and need immediate assistance to weather the current crisis," they said.

Newsom also wants to give $430 million worth of tax credits to businesses that stay in California and create full-time jobs. That proposal comes as a record number of people are leaving the state, slowing California's growth rate to its lowest since 1900. A number of high-profile businesses have recently announced they would move their headquarters to other states, including tech giants Oracle and Hewlett-Packard.

The proposal would also extend a popular tax credit for small businesses. Many businesses had to lay off or furlough workers because of the pandemic. Last year, Newsom signed a law that promised to give small business owners a tax break if they hired those workers back. Business owners got a $1,000 credit on their state tax bill for the net increase of each new worker between July 1 and Dec. 1.

Newsom said more than 9,000 businesses have reserved $54 million of those credits so far. His proposal would spend $100 million to extend that program, but offered no further details.

Other benefits include another $50 million for a program that offers up to $100,000 in loans to small businesses, $100 million to expand a sales tax exemption to reduce the cost of manufacturing equipment, and a proposal Newsom says would mitigate the effects of a cap of a federal income tax deduction.

Newsom also said he wants to waive $70.6 million in various fees imposed on businesses most impacted by the pandemic — barbers, cosmetologists, manicurists, bars and restaurants.

"These budget proposals reflect our commitment to an equitable, broad-based recovery that ensures California remains the best place to start and grow a business," Newsom said in a news release.

John Kabateck, director of the California Small Business Association, said Newsom's proposals are "very helpful steps in the direction of Main Street recovery." But he criticized Newsom for investing the bulk of the $4 billion on infrastructure for electric cars, saying that money would be better spent by giving to small businesses.

"We've got retailers, shoe store owners, restaurant owners, farmers and many more who are not sure they are going to be around for the next month or two and any spare dollars that our state has in the coffers ought to be invested there and not squandered on admirable but misdirected priorities," he said.

RENTER

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living environments, and prevent the further spread of COVID-19."

Solis added later in Tuesday's meeting that there have been many stories about landlords' illicit behaviors before she shared a specific tale about a tenant who was $15,000 behind on rent so they turned to a loan shark to cover the debt.

"The tenant took on the loan despite the high interest rate because they were terrified of losing their shelter. And, as you know, this is unconscionable and it happens unnecessarily — and it should never happen regardless of our situation and with this pandemic," Solis said. "We're unable to help this tenant under our current Rent Relief Program framework but our department can make changes to the program to help all those in need, particularly in cases and situations like this."

And following the passage of the motion Tuesday, rental assistance will be directly given to tenants in cases where the landlord refuses to receive the assistance themselves, Solis said, "because we found that there are some landlords that refuse to participate or don't want to submit an application even when their tenants have asked them to provide rental assistance for households that have used lines of credit or high cost loans to pay rent."

"And clearly one of the many consequences of this pandemic has been just incredible strain on the backs of our L.A. County renters," Supervisor Janice Hahn said. "Hundreds of thousands are struggling to pay their rent on time or even to pay their rent at all, and giving these tenants and families the help that they need to stay afloat has been all of our priorities throughout this crisis."

Supervisor Holly Mitchell and other supervisors agreed before they eventually passed the two motions and thanked the respective supervisors for their hard work in bringing the important issues to the attention of the board.

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