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COVID cases increase 1,125% since Nov. 1

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Cases of COVID-19 are surging throughout the Westside, county and Santa Monica city leaders said Monday while they described the pandemic as one of the worst disasters Los Angeles County has experienced in decades.

"We're beginning to see the surge that we expected from the holiday season materialize," County Supervisor Hilda Solis said at the beginning of a briefing Monday. "The situation is more dire than ever before… Dying from COVID in the hospital means dying alone. Visitors are not allowed into hospitals for their own safety. Families are sharing their final goodbyes on tablets and mobile phones. One of the more heartbreaking conversations that our healthcare workers share is about these last words, when children apologize to their parents and grandparents for bringing COVID into their homes and for getting them sick; and these apologies are just some of the last words that loved ones will ever hear as they die alone."

Solis begged residents to heed her words and prevent their families from suffering a terrible fate before Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer reported 137 additional people died Monday, which brings

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SMMUSD Board to appoint new member on Jan. 15

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

During a Jan. 15 meeting the SMMUSD Board of Education will appoint a new member to fill City Councilmember Oscar de la Torre's vacant seat.

Twenty-three candidates met the application criteria and will each be given five minutes to make a speech on why they are the best person for the position, which will be followed by public comments.

Board members will then nominate and vote on candidates until one candidate receives four or more votes. Superintendent Ben Drati will administer the Oath of Office for the appointee.

As per Education Code, registered voters of the district may, within 30 days from the date of the appointment, petition for the conduct of a special election to fill the vacancy. If no petition is submitted the appointed member will serve until November 2022, which is when de la Torre's term would have expired.

SMMUSD has said that de la Torre forfeited his School Board position when he assumed his City Council seat on Dec. 8, 2020, as under Government Code Section 1099 elected members of a governmental board cannot simultaneously hold incompatible offices. De la Torre disagrees and has voiced a desire to hold both seats but no court cases have been filed yet.

Several members of the public, including de la Torre, have voiced their support for the appointment of Jason Feldman as he was the first runner-up for a School Board seat in the November elections.

On Jan 9. parents in the special education community sent a letter to the Board signed by 110 community members advocating for Feldman's appointment.

Feldman is a civil rights lawyer with two elementary children enrolled in the District, including a student in the special education program. He has served on the Franklin and John Muir PTAs and seeks to be an advocate for the 13

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Santa Monica Pier to close on weekends in January



Matthew Hall

PIER: City officials have chosen to close the Santa Monica Pier on weekends to prevent crowds from gathering.

BRENNON DIXSON
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The City of Santa Monica will temporarily close the Santa Monica Pier periodically in the month of January to contribute to regional efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County and beyond.

The Santa Monica Pier will temporarily be closed every Saturday and Sunday from now until Sunday, January 31, according to an announcement from city officials. There will also be no access available to the popular attractions on Monday, January 18, which is when Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be celebrated by the country.

City leaders said they recognize that the Santa Monica Pier is a beloved Southern California outdoor experience but the best way to slow the spread of COVID-19 is to stay home as much as possible and the closure is part of meeting this need.

"While the City has endeavored to keep the Pier open when attendance remained very low, we take seriously the public health guidance that members of the public should stay home as much as possible to save lives and promote public health in this critical moment," City Spokeswoman Constance Farrell said in a statement Monday. "The temporary Pier closure was a decision made by our executive policy group, which includes the Interim City Manager and Chiefs of Police and Fire in coordination with the Emergency Operations Center."

She said the group constantly monitors the Pier to ensure attendance levels allow physical distancing requirements to be easily followed.

"Based on observations over the weekend, guidance from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, and where we are regionally with COVID-19 positivity rates and hospital capacity, the decision to close the Pier on weekends was made out of an abundance of caution and with community health in mind," Farrell added. "At this time, we encourage everyone to protect their own health and our healthcare and essential workers by staying home except for essential purposes."

Local officials have been reiterating their warnings for several weeks.

On Monday, the City of Santa Monica shared a graphic on Twitter that said Cedars-Sinai Medical Center is at 136% ICU beds occupied. Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, Providence St. John's Medical Center and Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center are nearing 100% capacity as well, according to the post.

More information on Santa Monica's Code Enforcement in relation to COVID-19 can be found online at santamonica.gov/coronavirus or by calling the City's Coronavirus Hotline at 310-458-8400.

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House speeding to impeach Trump for Capitol 'insurrection'

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Associated Press

Poised to impeach, the House sped ahead Monday with plans to oust President Donald Trump from office, warning he is a threat to democracy and pushing the vice president and Cabinet to act even more quickly in an extraordinary effort to remove Trump in the final days of his presidency.

Trump faces a single charge -- "incitement of insurrection" - after the deadly Capitol riot in an impeachment resolution that the House will begin debating Wednesday.

At the same time, the FBI warned ominously on Monday of potential armed protests in Washington and many states by Trump loyalists ahead of President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration, Jan. 20. In a dark foreshadowing, the Washington Monument was being closed to the public amid the threats of disruption.

It all adds up to stunning final moments for Trump's presidency as Democrats and a growing number of Republicans declare that he is unfit for office and could do more damage after inciting a mob that violently ransacked the U.S. Capitol last Wednesday.

"President Trump gravely endangered the security of the United States and its institutions of Government," reads the four-page impeachment bill.

"He will remain a threat to national security, democracy, and the Constitution if allowed to remain in office," it reads.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is summoning lawmakers back to Washington for votes, and Democrats aren't the only ones who say Trump needs to go. A small number of House Republicans may vote to impeach him, while others at least want to vote for censure. Former GOP Speaker John Boehner said "it's time" for Trump to resign.

Republican Sen. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania, joined GOP Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska over the weekend in calling for Trump to "go away as soon as possible."

As security tightened, Biden said Monday

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SMMUSD
SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive sealed bids from contractors holding a type **"C-7"** license, on the following: **Bid #21.10.SMS – DSA #03-118810 - Santa Monica High School – A/V Project at Santa Monica High School.** This scope of work is estimated to be between **$900,000 - $1,000,000** and includes the complete system engineering, procurement, fabrication, installation, programming, testing, training and warranty. Proposed solutions shall be based on the designs communicated in the drawings and specifications, but shall include any additional equipment, materials, software, licenses and/or labor required for the contractor to deliver a fully functional turn-key system solution that meets intended operational performance requirements. It is the responsibility of the Contractor awarded this project to ensure that all quantities, materials, labor, licenses, permits, sales taxes and any and all other costs to provide a turnkey project are included in their bid and other associated improvements per bidding documents. All bids must be submitted electronically as per the instructions included in the bidding documents on or before 2/18/2021 no later than 2:00 PM. All General Contractors and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (M/E/P) Subcontractors must be pre-qualified for this project per bidding documents. To view the projects bidding documents, please visit ARC Southern California public plan room www.crplanwell.com and reference the project Bid #.

Prequalification Due Date & Instructions for Application Submission: All applications are due no later than 2/3/21 - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has contracted with Colbi Technologies, Inc. to provide a web-based process for prequalification called QualityBidders. To submit an application at no cost please visit www.qualitybidders.com. Once you have been approved, you will receive an email indicating your approval expiration date and approval limit. The Districts approved contractors listing can be obtained via the FIP website at https://www.smmusd.org/domain/4172.

Job Walk: will NOT be conducted for this project due to COVID-19 Stay Safer At Home Orders

Electronic Bid Submittal Deadline: 2/18/21 at 2:00pm

Any further questions or clarifications to this bidding opportunity, please contact Sheere Bishop-Griego at smbishop@smmusd.org directly. In addition, any pre-qualification support issues relative to Colbi Technologies, Inc., website or for technical support please contact support@qualityBidders.com directly.

Capitol assault a more sinister attack than first appeared

JAY REEVES, LISA MASCARO AND CALVIN WOODWARD
Associated Press

Under battle flags bearing Donald Trump's name, the Capitol's attackers pinned a bloodied police officer in a doorway, his twisted face and screams captured on video. They mortally wounded another officer with a blunt weapon and body-slammed a third over a railing into the crowd.

"Hang Mike Pence!" the insurrectionists chanted as they pressed inside, beating police with pipes. They demanded House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's whereabouts, too. They hunted any and all lawmakers: "Where are they?" Outside, makeshift gallows stood, complete with sturdy wooden steps and the noose. Guns and pipe bombs had been stashed in the vicinity.

Only days later is the extent of the danger from one of the darkest episodes in American democracy coming into focus. The sinister nature of the assault has become evident, betraying the crowd as a force determined to occupy the inner sanctums of Congress and run down leaders — Trump's vice president and the Democratic House speaker among them.

This was not just a collection of Trump supporters with MAGA bling caught up in a wave.

That revelation came in real time to Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass., who briefly took over proceedings in the House chamber as the mob closed in Wednesday and Pelosi was spirited to safer quarters moments before everything went haywire.

"I saw this crowd of people banging on that glass screaming," McGovern told The Associated Press on Sunday. "Looking at their faces, it occurred to me, these aren't protesters. These are people who want to do harm."

"What I saw in front of me," he said, "was basically home-grown fascism, out of control."

Pelosi said Sunday "the evidence is that it was a well-planned, organized group with leadership and guidance and direction. And the direction was to go get people." She did not elaborate on that point in a "60 Minutes" interview on CBS.

The scenes of rage, violence and agony are so vast that the whole of it may still be beyond comprehension. But with countless smartphone videos emerging from the scene, much of it from gloating insurrectionists themselves, and more lawmakers recounting the chaos that was around them, the contours of the uprising are increasingly coming into relief.

THE STAGING

The mob got stirring encouragement from Trump and more explicit marching orders from the president's men.

"Fight like hell," Trump exhorted his partisans at the staging rally. "Let's have trial by combat," implored his lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, whose attempt to throw out election results in trial by courtroom failed. It's time to "start taking down names and kicking ass," said Republican Rep. Mo Brooks of Alabama.

Criminals pardoned by Trump, among them Roger Stone and Michael Flynn, came forward at rallies on the eve of the attack to tell the crowds they were fighting a battle between good and evil. On Capitol Hill, Republican Sen. Josh Hawley of Missouri gave a clenched-fist salute to the hordes outside the Capitol as he pulled up to press his challenge of the election results.

The crowd was pumped. Until a little after 2 p.m., Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell was at the helm for the final minutes of decorum in partnership with Pence, who was serving his ceremonial role presiding over the process.

Both men had backed Trump's agenda and excused or ignored his provocations for four years, but now had no mechanism or will to subvert the election won by Biden. That placed them high among the insurrectionists' targets, no different in the minds of the mob from the "socialists."

"If this election were overturned by mere allegations from the losing side, our democracy would enter a death spiral," McConnell told his chamber, not long before things spiraled out of control in what lawmakers call the "People's House."

Far-right social media users had openly hinted for weeks that chaos would erupt at the Capitol when Congress convened to certify the election results. As the attack unfolded, they urged followers to "trust the plan" and "hold the line." Just what the plan might have been is central to the investigation.

The FBI is investigating whether some of the attackers intended to kidnap members of Congress and hold them hostage. Authorities are particularly focused on why some in the mob were seen carrying plastic zip-tie handcuffs and had apparently accessed areas of the Capitol generally difficult for the public to locate.

THE ASSAULT

Thousands had swarmed the Capitol. They charged into police and metal barricades outside the building, shoving and hitting officers in their way. The assault quickly pushed through the vastly outnumbered police line; officers ran down one man and pummeled him.

In the melee outside, near the structure built for Joe Biden's inauguration on Jan. 20, a man threw a fire extinguisher at the helmeted head of a police officer. Then he picked up a bullhorn and threw it at officers, too.

The identity of the officer could not immediately be confirmed. But Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick, who was wounded in the chaos, died the next night; officials say he had been hit in the head with a fire extinguisher.

Shortly after 2 p.m., Capitol Police sent an alert telling workers in a House office building to head to underground transportation tunnels that criss-cross the complex. Minutes later, Pence was taken from the Senate chamber to a secret location and police announced the lockdown of the Capitol. "You may move throughout the building(s) but stay away from exterior windows and doors," said the email blast. "If you are outside, seek cover."

At 2:15 p.m., the Senate recessed its Electoral College debate and a voice was heard over the chamber's audio system: "The protesters are in the building." The doors of the House chamber were barricaded and lawmakers inside it were told they may need to duck under their chairs or relocate to cloakrooms off the House floor because the mob has breached the Capitol Rotunda.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 210 CALLS ON JANUARY 10

Exhibition Of Speed Ocean Ave / Idaho Ave 12:13 a.m.
Loud Music 900blk Ocean Ave 2:28 a.m.
Public Intoxication 1500blk Stanford St 3:48 a.m.
Petty Theft 1400blk 6th St 4:08 a.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 1400blk Princeton St 5:07 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 500blk Pico Blvd 5:19 a.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk Ocean Ave 5:35 a.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 2300blk Kansas Ave 7:12 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 900blk 12th St 7:49 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1100blk 20th St 8:00 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk Ocean Ave 8:03 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 700blk Hill St 8:15 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 900blk 12th St 8:40 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1800blk Ashland Ave 9:00 a.m.
Burglary Report 1100blk 17th St 9:00 a.m.
Covid 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 9:03 a.m.
Lewd Activity 4th St / Colorado Ave 9:11 a.m.
Person Down 5th St / Arizona Ave 9:50 a.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk 14th St 10:00 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1100blk Idaho Ave 11:04 a.m.
Encampment 17th St / Colorado Ave 11:08 a.m.
Battery 900blk Pico Blvd 11:39 a.m.
Adult Prot Serv Check 2500blk Georgina Ave 11:43 a.m.
Adult Prot Serv Check 1300blk 15th St 11:57 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 9th St / Santa Monica Blvd 12:04 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 600blk 9th St 12:07 p.m.
Encampment 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 12:07 p.m.
Encampment 4th St / Interstate 10 12:14 p.m.
Petty Theft 500blk Wilshire Blvd 12:52 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 2400blk Ocean Front Walk 1:00 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 14th St / Colorado Ave 1:01 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold Lincoln Blvd / Wilshire Blvd 1:06 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1500blk 14th St 1:41 p.m.
Petty Theft 2400blk Pico Blvd 1:42 p.m.
Petty Theft 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 1:52 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 00blk Vicente Ter 2:10 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1000blk Ashland Ave 2:25 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:39 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1200blk Palisades Park 2:50 p.m.
Party Complaint 1000blk 26th St 2:55 p.m.
Burglary Now 1200blk Ocean Front Walk 3:10 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 700blk Navy St 3:18 p.m.
Loud Music 300blk Palisades Park 3:23 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 2500blk 4th St 3:25 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 3:32 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 500blk Wilshire Blvd 3:46 p.m.
Loud Music 2600blk Barnard Way 3:53 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1800blk 17th St 4:12 p.m.
Covid 600blk Pico Pl 4:17 p.m.
Lost Property 2400blk Main St 4:44 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 500blk Bay St 4:54 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 20th St / Ocean Park Blvd 6:24 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1100blk Pico Blvd 6:27 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:34 p.m.
Encampment 9th St / Broadway 6:44 p.m.
Burglary Report 1100blk 5th St 7:03 p.m.
Battery 1200blk Pico Blvd 7:17 p.m.
Found Property 1300blk 2nd St 7:45 p.m.
Fight 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 8:21 p.m.
Person With A Gun 2500blk Pico Blvd 8:42 p.m.
Construction Noise 2nd St / Arizona Ave 10:05 p.m.
Petty Theft 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:08 p.m.
Auto Burglary 300blk Ocean Ave 10:25 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 34 CALLS ON JANUARY 10

Automatic Alarm 3200blk Wilshire Blvd 1:10 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 1:36 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 6:01 a.m.
EMS 900blk Pico Blvd 6:43 a.m.
EMS 600blk 26th St 8:46 a.m.
EMS 2900blk Colorado Ave 9:04 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 16th St 9:06 a.m.
EMS 100blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:33 a.m.
EMS 5th St / Arizona Ave 9:49 a.m.
EMS 2100blk Washington Ave 10:56 a.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Pl 11:19 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 700blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:04 p.m.
EMS 800blk 4th St 1:02 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1700blk 18th Ct 1:43 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 900blk 10th St 2:30 p.m.
EMS 700blk Broadway 3:27 p.m.
Smoke Investigation 200blk Adelaide Dr 3:53 p.m.
Smoke Investigation 200blk Adelaide Dr 4:03 p.m.
EMS 2700blk Neilson Way 4:07 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Harvard St 4:54 p.m.
EMS 500blk 12th St 5:08 p.m.
EMS 2400blk 34th St 5:21 p.m.
EMS 2600blk Expo Line 5:56 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 14th St 5:56 p.m.
Wires Down 2600blk Main St 7:07 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Pico Blvd 7:17 p.m.
EMS 800blk Broadway 7:37 p.m.
EMS 700blk Broadway 8:03 p.m.
EMS 900blk 9th St 8:32 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 700blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:46 p.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 10:03 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 500blk San Vicente Blvd 10:05 p.m.
EMS 3000blk Delaware Ave 10:20 p.m.
EMS 3100blk Neilson Way 11:52 p.m.

SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS
DISTRICT: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BID: #010421SF P1 TRAILER HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ABATEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter "the District" will receive up to, but not later than the below-stated date and time, sealed Bid Proposals for the Contract for the Work of the Project generally described as: Bid #010421SF P1 Trailer Hazardous Materials Abatement. Furnish all prevailing wage labor, materials, equipment, transportation for asbestos abatement & removal and lead based paint abatement & stabilization by licensed and certified contractor (CSLB B/HAZ/ASB, CADIR, CA Hazardous Waste Transporter, PCB-HAZWOPER) in accordance with bid documents.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE BID PROPOSALS: R02/03/21 at 2:00pm
All Bid Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished by the District. Bid Proposals must conform with, and be responsive to, the Bid and Contract Documents. Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the District bidding website at: https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=13721#.

Only Bid Proposals submitted to the District via the bid website above prior to the date and time set forth shall be considered..

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All attendees required to maintain min. 6ft distance from others and wear face covering over nose & mouth at all times. Small areas/rooms limited to 1 person at a time. Do not attend if sick or have cold/flu like symptoms. Limit surfaces touched & do not touch equipment & building materials if not necessary.

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $26,000

CONTRACT DAYS: Not to exceed 20 days

The Contractor is required to have a CSLB B/ASB/HAZ License, CADIR Registration, PCB-HAZWOPER, CA Hazardous Waste Transporter, at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the District's Request for Bids.

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Your column here

By Rigoberto Garcia

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

As a health care worker, I was one of the early recipients of the COVID-19 vaccine. As I received the vaccine and the surrounding staff applauded, I felt tears streaming down my face. The nurse who painlessly administered the vaccine said: "Go ahead and cry. You are making history."

My tears represented a mix of emotions: joy, relief and a sense that we will soon be able to exhale as a society. I also felt ashamed because many others at greater risk have not yet received the vaccination, including members of the Latinx community who have been on the front lines during the pandemic.

They have provided care to others, delivered critical goods and staffed essential businesses. Their jobs demanded that they work outside their homes, increasing the risk of infection for them and their family members because they often shared a home with extended family.

If one of them becomes ill, other members of the household should stay home and quarantine for 10 days to ensure they don't have the virus and infect others. Few can afford that.

In L.A. County alone, the Latinx infection rate is 4.5 times the rate for white residents. With over 9,000 COVID-19-related deaths across L.A. County, almost half have been Latinx.

I am not as famous as U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez or others prominent members of the Latinx community who have received the vaccine. But as the director of Health Education at Venice Family Clinic, a nonprofit community health center serving people in need, I wanted to share my experience and encourage others to get vaccinated to protect themselves and their loved ones.

Worries about the speed of vaccines' development or that the vaccines might cause COVID-19 are unfounded. It took years of research to develop the technology on which these vaccines are based, and these vaccines don't use the live virus that causes COVID-19.

I'm pleased to say that I've experienced no real side effects from my first inoculation, and I look forward to receiving the next.

While we wait for everyone to get immunized, I will continue to take all the necessary precautions to prevent infection and hope you will do the same: Please wear face coverings in public. Stay home when you are ill. Wash your hands and avoid mingling with family and friends who don't live in the same house.

Together, we can protect ourselves and our families – and we can make sure everyone is here to help us celebrate future birthdays, holidays and other events for many years to come.

When the vaccine becomes more widely available, I hope you will join me in making history by getting immunized. Protecting ourselves is essential to the health of our families and the future of all of us.

Rigoberto Garcia Director of Health Education
Venice Family Clinic

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CAPITOL

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Even before the mob reached sealed doors of the House chamber, Capitol Police pulled Pelosi away from the podium, she told "60 Minutes."

"I said, 'No, I want to be here,'"she said. "And they said, 'Well, no, you have to leave.' I said, 'No, I'm not leaving.' They said, 'No, you must leave.'" So she did.

At 2:44 p.m., as lawmakers inside the House chamber prepared to be evacuated, a gunshot was heard from right outside, in the Speaker's Lobby on the other side of the barricaded doors. That's when Ashli Babbit, wearing a Trump flag like a cape, was shot to death on camera as insurrectionists railed, her blood pooling on the white marble floor.

The Air Force veteran from California had climbed through a broken window into the Speaker's Lobby before a police officer's gunshot felled her.

Back in the House chamber, a woman in the balcony was seen and heard screaming. Why she was doing that only became clear later when video circulated. She was screaming a prayer.

Within about 10 minutes of the shooting, House lawmakers and staff members who had been cowering during the onslaught, terror etched into their faces, had been taken from the chamber and gallery to a secure room. The mob broke into Pelosi's offices while members of her staff hid in one of the rooms of her suite.

"The staff went under the table, barricaded the door, turned out the lights and were silent in the dark," she said. "Under the table for two and a half hours."

On the Senate side, Capitol Police had circled the chamber and ordered all staff and reporters and any nearby senators into the chamber and locked it down. At one point about 200 people were inside; an officer armed with what appeared to be a semi-automatic weapon stood between McConnell and the Democratic leader, Sen. Chuck Schumer.

Authorities then ordered an evacuation and rushed everyone inside to a secure location, the Senate parliamentary staff scooping up the boxes holding the Electoral Collage certificates.

Although the Capitol's attackers had been sent with Trump's exhortation to fight, they appeared in some cases to be surprised that they had actually made it in.

When they breached the abandoned Senate chamber, they milled around, rummaged through papers, sat at desks and took videos and pictures. One of them climbed to the dais and yelled, "Trump won that election!" Two others were photographed carrying flex cuffs typically used for mass arrests.

But outside the chamber, the mob's hunt was still on for lawmakers. "Where are they?" people could be heard yelling.

That question could have also applied to reinforcements — where were they?

At about 5:30 p.m., once the National Guard had arrived to supplement the overwhelmed Capitol Police force, a full-on effort began to get the attackers out.

Heavily armed officers brought in as reinforcements started using tear gas in a coordinated fashion to get people moving toward the door, then combed the halls for stragglers. As darkness fell, they pushed the mob farther out onto the plaza and lawn, using officers in riot gear in full shields and clouds of tear gas, flash-bangs and percussion grenades.

At 7:23 p.m., officials announced that people hunkered down in two nearby congressional office buildings could leave "if anyone must."

Within the hour, the Senate had resumed its work and the House followed, returning the People's House to the control of the people's representatives. Lawmakers affirmed Biden's election victory early the next morning, shell-shocked by the catastrophic failure of security.

Associated Press writers Dustin Weaver in Washington and Michael Casey in Concord, New Hampshire, contributed to this report. Reeves reported from Birmingham, Alabama.

COVID

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the total number of deaths from COVID-19 in L.A. County to 12,387.

In the last seven days, more than 1,500 families in the county have lost a loved one and with 12,617 new cases reported to start the week.

"We're quickly increasing our pace to reach the grim milestone of 1 million cases," Ferrer added, stating there are 7,910 people currently hospitalized with COVID-19 and 22 percent of those patients are hospitalized are in the Intensive Care Unit.

The daily reported number of deaths was over 200 on multiple days last week and the seven-day average of daily deaths has increased 1,125 percent since Nov 1, 2020, according to Ferrer.

She said that since at least 10 to 12 percent of the people who are infected with the virus end up hospitalized at some point and more than one percent of people who are diagnosed as positive with COVID-19 end up dying, COVID-19 will continue wreaking havoc on the county.

"This is the time to be extremely cautious and very careful. We cannot lighten up our efforts yet; not now and not for the next several weeks," because every minute ten people in L.A. County, on average, are testing positive for COVID-19, Ferrer said Monday. "And these 15,000 or so individuals who are testing positive each day were capable of infecting others two days before they had any symptoms or even knew that they were positive."

"The damaging impact to families and our local hospitals from this surge is the worst disaster our county has experienced for decades. And, as with other terrifying situations, the end of this surge only happens when more people and more businesses take control and do the right thing; And we all do know what we need to do," Ferrer said. "We've had the tools, the warnings, and the restrictions in place for weeks but it has been insufficient because the biggest single factor in all of this comes down to individuals taking appropriate action (and) taking personal steps."

As the county approaches the one year anniversary of the first-known positive case, there is hope for a brighter future.

"However, we need to make sure that everyone survives to benefit from the vaccine, so now is not the time to meet up with friends at your home to watch the game. It's not the time to go for a walk without your face covering," Ferrer said. "The most important way to stop (the virus) in its tracks is to avoid interactions with others and protect ourselves at all times."

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What's the Point?

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America's Drunken Binge is Almost Over

President Trump is in the final days of his tempestuous, tumultuous, treacherous administration. It looks like we may survive it, though we're badly bruised as a nation from his reckless, selfish, self-serving behavior. His presidency will be considered a success by those who had a specific agenda of radically renovating the judiciary (yes I'm talking to you Mitch McConnell and all those single issue voters on abortion).

The reputation of America as a global moral leader for good has been tarnished and dented, but I promise you we will recover. We've done it before – from Harding and the Teapot Dome scandal, Vietnam, Nixon, the Reagan scandals, and the Clinton years. The Weapons of Mass Destruction debacle has passed and we made it to the Obama years.

For the past four years we have been led like a drunken sailor to make regrettable decisions, and now that we're sobering up we have to deal with the mess that was made. We still have a lot of work to do to get back on the world stage with a laudable set of goals beyond just "America First".

If there is a silver lining to the Trump Years, it is how much has been exposed of the cracks in our society that were pasted over with consumerism, and institutional ignorance. For too long we've been ignoring the problems of the poor, both white and people of color, that's been made abundantly clear with the protests of the past summer, but also with the lily white "protesters" who breached the Capitol last week. I didn't see many women, and fewer people of color (if any).

It's not an easy topic to discuss, for both whites and POCs, because we have too many emotions around it, too little vocabulary for the impact, and an absence of understanding the emotional foundations of it all.

The Trump administration has brought into high relief exactly how easy it is to just rile people up, on both sides of an issues, any issue, and not actually move towards a comprehensive solution. This is partly an outgrowth of the dominance of the media in our lives these days, and the lack of time to actually converse with each other. Even pre-COVID the fine art of conversation was on life support, and the isolation of the past few months, along with the increased stresses have only served to increased the selfish, self-centeredness of people that impedes a fruitful conversation.

I've had a few discussions with some friends about the impact of Twitter and Facebook shutting down the President's access to his millions of followers. I have friends on both sides of the arguments, those that feel it is appalling that the Commander in Chief cannot access what has become in many ways a public forum, and those that are ecstatic that the private companies have taken action to put some constraints on the "inciter in chief". My Twitter usage is very limited. Primarily I use to announce a new episode of the Men's Family Law podcast, occasionally to share a post from someone else that I found interesting, fun or motivational. It's a News Aggregator for me, and rarely, a useful tool to see what is happening in Santa Monica with the Police and Fire Departments.

The silencing of the President on Twitter is frankly something that I find to be more of a cultural comment, than in actual fact of any import. The man has the ability to walk down the hall from the Oval and step up to a lectern and reach the world with any message that he wants. The President is currently in possession of the biggest bullhorn on the planet, and has chosen to insult, badger, cudgel and demean those who can carry his words. He says they misrepresent, slant, distort and flat out lie, about what he said. Except we have the actual recordings of what he said. Yes, they can be cut, edited and shortened, however, we still have the full record to examine for those who choose to know more.

We have 7.5 days to go before an adult is in charge again. I think we'll make it. I think we'll have a rocky path back to respectability as I expect the retired President Trump to be totally unhinged, outlandish and even more free wheeling. If he has a platform.

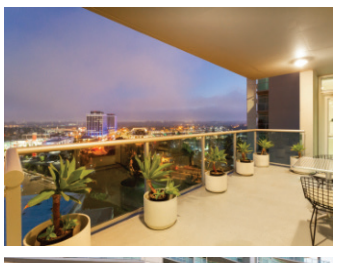
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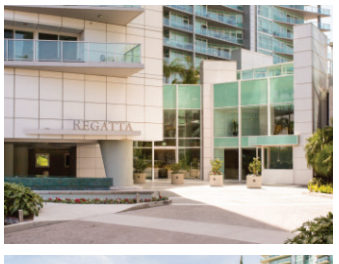
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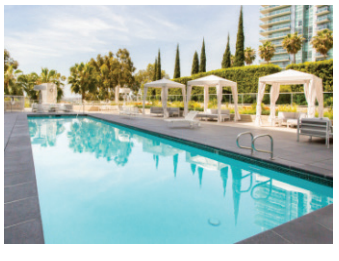
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LA Rams show progress, promise in gritty road playoff win

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AP Sports Writer

For a team that doesn't know who its starting quarterback will be this weekend when it faces the NFC's top-seeded club in sub-freezing temperatures, the Los Angeles Rams actually are in pretty good shape.

The Rams (11-6) put together one of their most encouraging performances of the season last weekend in Seattle, beating the Seahawks 30-20 with a comprehensively strong effort highlighted by standout games from rookie running back Cam Akers and cornerback Darious Williams.

The powerhouse Green Bay Packers (12-4) are standing between the Rams and a trip to the NFC championship game. Los Angeles will be at frigid Lambeau Field on Saturday to match its top-ranked defense against Aaron Rodgers and the NFL's No. 1 scoring offense.

The Rams are underdogs again, but their

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INSURRECTION

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he was "not afraid" of taking the oath of office outside — as is traditionally done at the Capitol's west steps, one of the areas where people stormed the building.

As for the rioters, Biden said, "It is critically important that there'll be a real serious focus on holding those folks who engaged in sedition and threatening the lives, defacing public property, caused great damage -- that they be held accountable."

Biden said he's had conversations with senators ahead of a possible impeachment trial, which some have worried would cloud the opening days of his administration.

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer was exploring ways to immediately convene the Senate for the trial as soon as the House acts, though Republican leader Mitch McConnell would need to agree. The president-elect suggested splitting the Senate's time, perhaps "go a half day on dealing with impeachment, a half day on getting my people nominated and confirmed in the Senate, as well as moving on the package" for more COVID relief.

As Congress briefly resumed on Monday, an uneasiness swept government. More lawmakers tested positive for COVID-19 after sheltering during the siege. And new security officials were quickly installed after the Capitol police chief and others were ousted in fallout from the attack on the iconic dome of democracy. Some GOP lawmakers, including Sen. Josh Hawley, faced public blowback for their efforts on the day of the riot trying to overturn Biden's election.

Pending impeachment, Democrats called on Vice President Mike Pence and the Cabinet to invoke constitutional authority under the 25th Amendment to remove Trump from office before Inauguration Day.

Their House resolution was blocked by Republicans. However, the full House is to hold a roll call vote on it Tuesday, and it is expected to pass.

After that, Pelosi said Pence will have 24 hours to respond. Next would be the impeachment proceedings.

Pence has given no indication he is ready to proceed on a course involving the 25th Amendment and a vote by a majority of the Cabinet to oust Trump before Jan. 20. No member of the Cabinet has publicly called for Trump to be removed from office in that way.

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., offered the resolution during Monday's brief session. It was blocked by Rep. Alex Mooney, R-W. Va., as other GOP lawmakers stood by him.

Pelosi said the Republicans were enabling Trump's "unhinged, unstable and deranged acts of sedition to continue. Their complicity endangers America, erodes our Democracy, and it must end."

The impeachment bill from Reps. David Cicilline of Rhode Island, Ted Lieu of California, Jamie Raskin of Maryland and Jerrold Nadler of New York draws from Trump's own false statements about his election defeat to Biden.

Judges across the country, including some nominated by Trump, have repeatedly dismissed cases challenging the election results, and Attorney General William Barr, a Trump ally, has said there was no sign of widespread fraud.

The impeachment legislation also details Trump's pressure on state officials in Georgia to "find" him more votes, and his White House rally ahead of the Capitol siege, in which he encouraged thousands of supporters last Wednesday to "fight like hell" and march to the building.

The mob overpowered police, broke through security lines and windows and rampaged through the Capitol, forcing lawmakers to scatter as they were finalizing Biden's victory over Trump in the Electoral College.

While some have questioned impeaching the president so close to the end of his term, Democrats and others argue he must be held accountable and prevented from holding future public office. He would be the only president twice impeached.

House Democrats have been considering a strategy to delay for 100 days sending articles of impeachment to the Senate for trial, to allow Biden to focus on other priorities.

There is precedent for pursuing impeachment after an official leaves office. In 1876, during the Ulysses Grant administration, War Secretary William Belknap was impeached by the House the day he resigned, and the Senate convened a trial months later. He was acquitted.

Some Republicans warn against impeachment. "They're not only going to create bad feelings in Congress, they're really going to create tremendously bad feelings in America," said Rep. Jeff Van Drew of New Jersey.

Still, other Republicans might be supportive.

Nebraska Sen. Ben Sasse said he would take a look at any articles that the House sent over. Illinois Rep. Adam Kinzinger, a frequent Trump critic, said he would "vote the right way" if the matter were put in front of him.

Cicilline, leader of the House effort to draft impeachment articles, tweeted Monday that "we now have the votes to impeach," including 213 cosponsors and private commitments.

Barrow reported from Wilmington, Delaware. Associated Press writers Alan Fram, Ellen Knickmeyer, Tom Beaumont and Darlene Superville contributed to this report.

BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles County to stop using Curative COVID-19 test after FDA warning

Los Angeles County will stop using Curative COVID-19 tests at pop-up testing sites after a U.S. Food and Drug Administration advisory to patients and health care providers that the test could produce false negatives.

The county Department of Health Services said in a statement Sunday that the change to Fulgent Genetics tests will take place this week.

"We trust the FDA and I think it's our obligation to follow their guidance wherever possible," department director Dr. Christina Ghaly said during a media briefing on Monday.

She said health officials believe the Fulgent test is accurate, but warned all tests have a risk of false negatives. Faulty results pose a big risk from a health perspective because people who are erroneously told they don't have the virus can unknowingly spread it.

"Even if you test negative, it is critically important to self-isolate for 14 days after exposure or 10 days after symptoms start. You may still have COVID-19 and spread it to others," the county statement said.

Curative PCR tests used at the pop-up sites between Dec. 13 and Jan. 2 made up just 10% of all COVID-19 tests administered at county-supported test sites during that same time frame, the statement said.

The testing switch comes as California, and particularly Los Angeles County, copes with its worst surge of the pandemic and some of the highest levels of COVID-19 in the country.

Mayor Eric Garcetti, who embraced Curative and opened testing to everyone last spring when supply was short elsewhere, stood by the company last Thursday after the FDA advisory came out. He said a third of the city's positive test results have been in asymptomatic people.

"That's 92,000 people who otherwise might not have known, might have been spreading," he said during a briefing last week. "That has helped us predict those surges in hospitalizations and deaths as a result. To me that proof is in the pudding."

Curative has said it is working with the FDA to respond to concerns and would provide additional data to address test limitations and precautions highlighted by the agency. The California startup said its test was the most clinically sensitive available at scale and its performance had not changed.

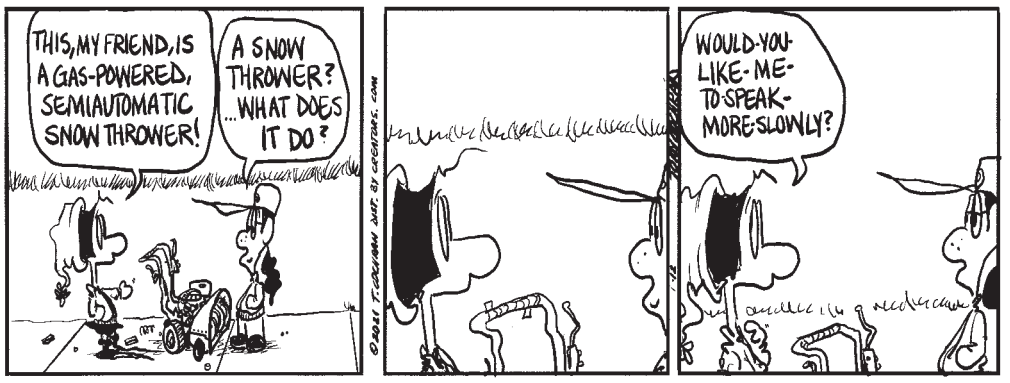
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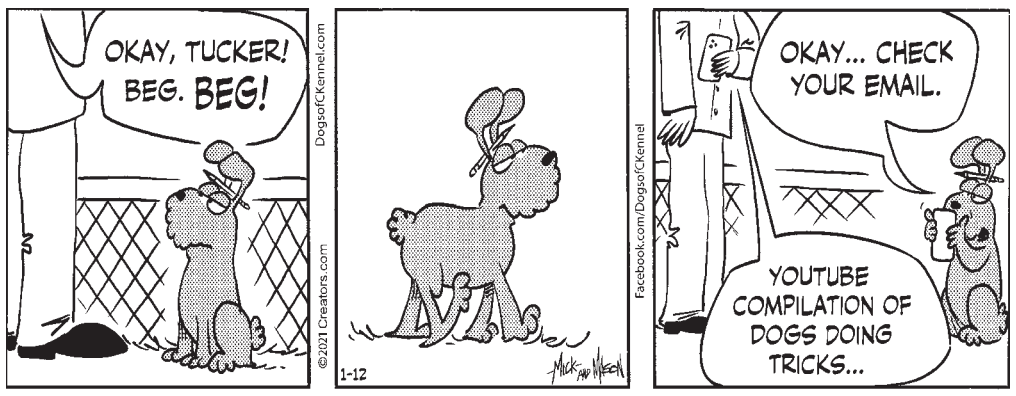
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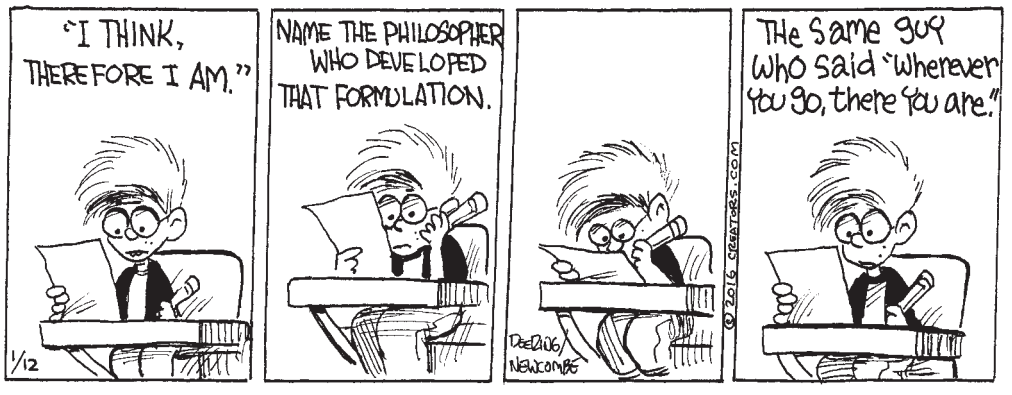
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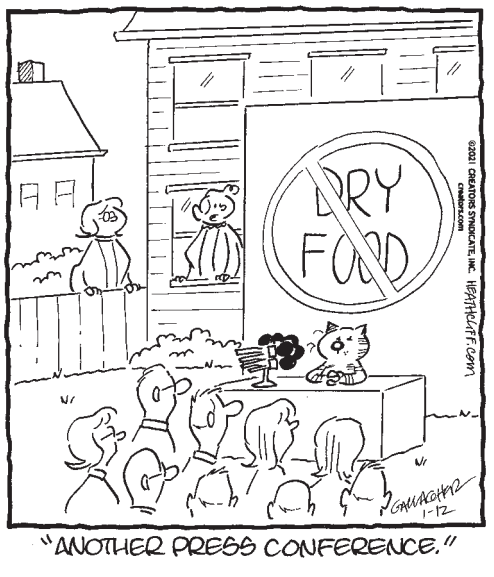
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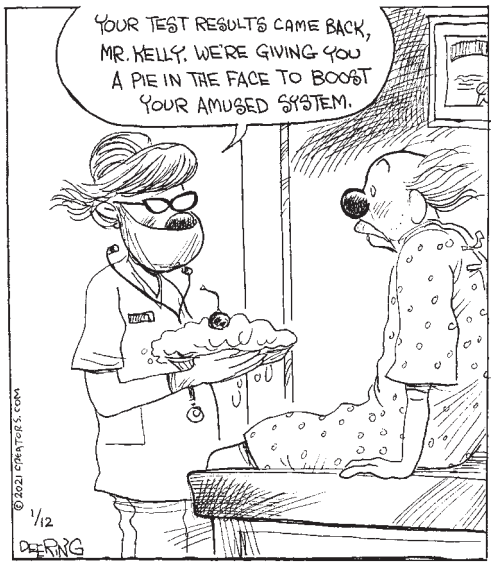
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be loved for your complexity and contradictions. You can be serious one moment and silly the next, but your true talent comes out when you're both at the same time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Instead of either/or, you'll think in terms of integrating everything and having it all. It sounds greedy, but it's actually inclusive, and one of the more generous things you can do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's often the case that the ones who need you the most are too familiar with what you give to be very appreciative. This is why it's important to do things for your own satisfaction and fulfillment.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You welcome feedback, especially if it's negative. Negative feedback is often a problem you can solve. Coming up with solutions makes you creative, strong and, possibly, eventually, rich.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's your turn, your time; it's on. There's no one around who can get in your way. Even random bad luck events can't stop you because you've already seen a lot of chaos, and you've learned how to adapt.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's a day to indulge in your favorite revenge fantasy. You know, the one in which you enjoy massive success right in the face of those who once doubted you or stood in your way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It can be done. You will figure it out, and anything that seems to suggest otherwise is to be ignored. Avoid the worriers. Their energy is well-meaning but also very negative.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've analyzed an issue for so long that you've paralyzed your inner decision-maker. Start fresh. Forget everything or pretend that you have. Jump in and act unthinkingly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Be sure you're dealing in manageable stakes. This is when you'll feel you'll liveliest -- when you're giving at a level you can afford to lose, and you might even be liberated by the loss.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll challenge the established ways, not because you want to draw attention to yourself but because you simply never learned the tradition. So, you naturally see things differently.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Complaints and criticism are the domains of the powerless or those who think they are. There's no time to complain when you're coming up with a strategy to win it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Reach up and find people who are excellent at the thing you're trying to get good at. At first, it will be humbling. But if you're fine with not being the best right away, you'll learn quickly, and you'll carry your own eventually.

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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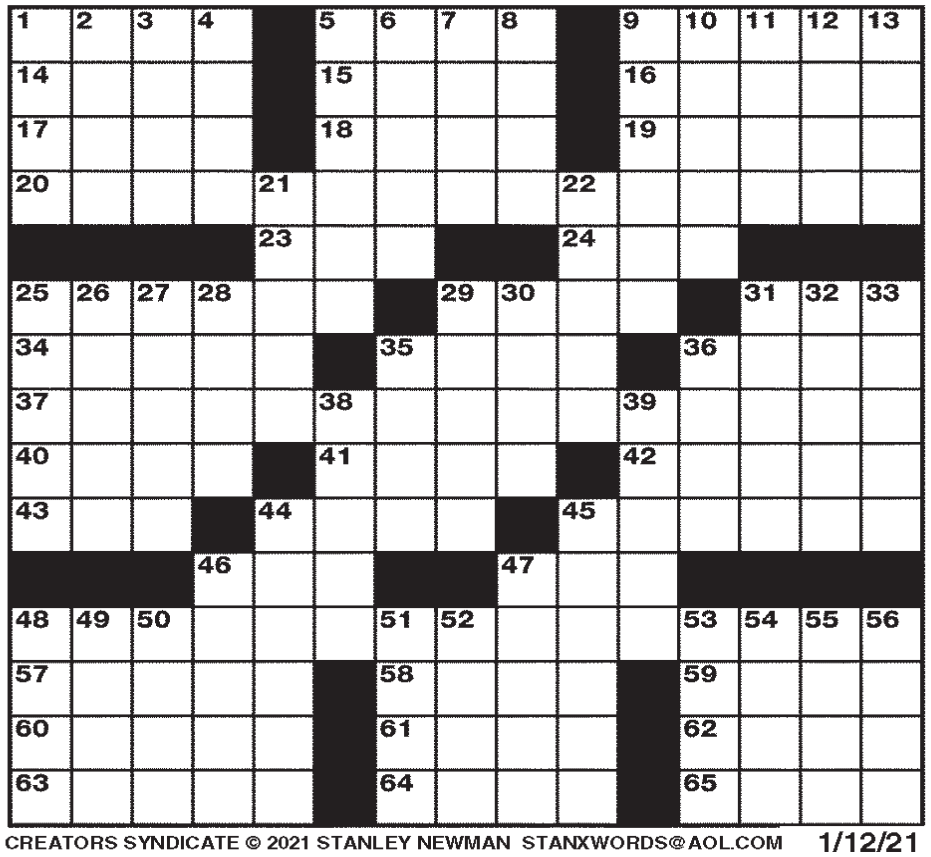
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Newsday Crossword

UP A TREE by Sally R. Stein
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ACROSS
1 Gambling probabilities
5 Religious offshoot group
9 Red veggies in borscht
14 Sassy
15 Tortoise opponent in a fable
16 Prefix for violet
17 Jai __ (fast-moving sport)
18 Japan's continent
19 Shorten further, as an article
20 Urban locales for borrowing books
23 Prescription safety agcy.
24 New Year in Vietnam
25 Numbers from 0 to 9
29 Actor Pitt
31 Harper who wrote . . . *Mockingbird*
34 Got out of bed
35 Face of a clock
36 "Electric" fishes
37 Time off work for new moms
40 Suffix for kitchen
41 Days before holidays
42 Venue for boxing
43 Large body of water
44 Hot-springs resorts
45 Engaging in recreation
46 Pie __ mode
47 Lincoln nickname
48 "More fun than" bunch
57 Off the leash, say
58 __ mater (school you went to)
59 Much-admired celebrity
60 In first place
61 __-view mirror
62 Voice of iPhones
63 Very small
64 Ship off
65 Rung of a ladder

DOWN
1 Whitish gemstone
2 Sandwich shop
3 Dull in color
4 Mix with a spoon
5 Pieces of broken glass
6 Problem-free school course
7 Baby's bed
8 Rip (up)
9 Overcooked, as a steak
10 Vote into office
11 Engrave deeply
12 Factual
13 College entrance exams: Abbr.
21 Later on
22 In any way
25 Titled British women
26 Extremely angry
27 Must, informally
28 "Understood"
29 Insect attacks
30 Sunbeams
31 Not on a tilt
32 Justice Kagan
33 Opinion piece
35 Hard-to-please actress
36 Wyatt of the Old West
38 Himalayan nation
39 Devoured
44 Needing a nap
45 On a train or plane
46 Fire-setting crime
47 Capital of Jordan
48 Ink stain
49 Top-rated
50 Repetitive learning method
51 Rower's implements
52 Escape in a hurry
53 Affectionate greeting
54 Revise one's writing
55 Days of __ (long ago)
56 Minor mistake



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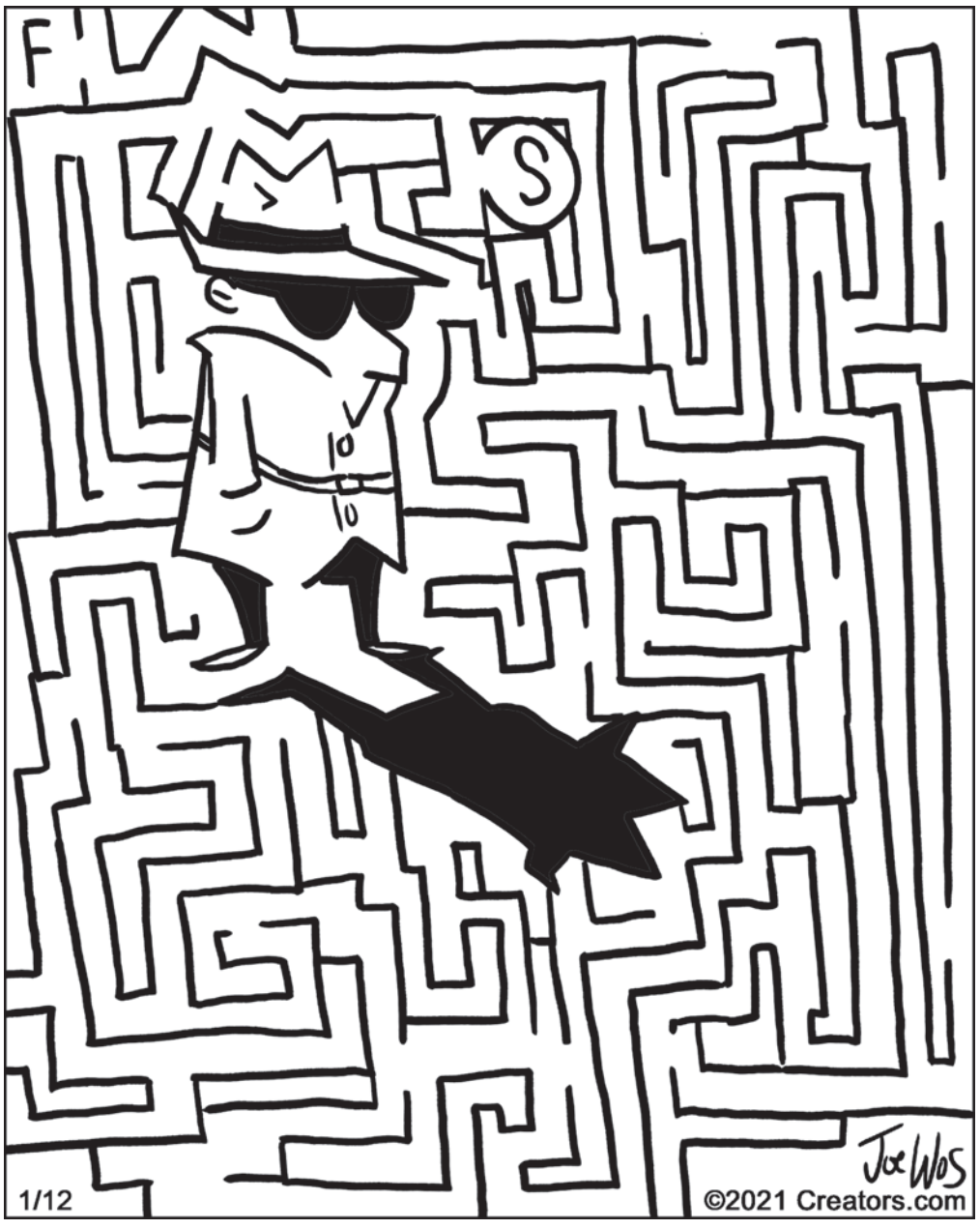
Binary Puzzle

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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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 4991

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percent of district families with special needs students.

In his application, Feldman identified social justice, layoffs, and inter-community division as the three areas most in need of improvement in the District.

The application of candidate Keith Coleman has also gained community recognition. Coleman was the second runner-up in the November election and received 396 fewer votes than Feldman.

Coleman is the Co-founder of Stanford Angels and Entrepreneurs of Southern California and has served as the co-chair of the SMMUSD Intercultural Equity & Excellence Advisory Committee and the Parent Connection Group.

He is currently part of the "Progresssive Slate" of candidates running as Democratic Party delegates for Assembly District 50, alongside Mayor Sue Himmelrich and Rent Control Commissioners Anastasia Foster and Caroline Torosis.

During the November election cycle, Coleman was endorsed by the L.A. County Democratic Party, Community for Excellent Public Schools, Mayor Sue Himmelrich, Councilmember Kristin McCowan, and School Board member Craig Foster.

In his application Coleman cited parent engagement and social justice as the main areas in need of improvement in the District.

According to the agenda, 160 minutes have been designated for the appointment process, which is time stamped to begin at 4:45 p.m.

The Board meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Zoom on Jan. 14. Members of the public who wish to make a public comment can do so by completing a Google survey sign up at tinyurl.com/y4hl9r6g, which will open 30 minutes prior to the meeting.

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LA RAMS

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playoff opener in Seattle instilled optimism.

"It will be cold, but it'll be a great change of pace for us," coach Sean McVay said Sunday. "We're excited about the opportunity to still be in this thing."

John Wolford started the game in Seattle, but Jared Goff and his surgically repaired right thumb finished it after Wolford got a neck stinger early on. McVay plans to wait to choose a starting quarterback again this week — and even when he does, he plans to conceal it for strategic reasons.

"This is what you love," McVay said. "These are the type of matchups and opportunities that as a competitor, you can't wait for."

The Rams' performance in Seattle suggests they could be coming together at the right time for this opportunity. After four months of shuffling forward and backward, Los Angeles' offense put up 333 yards and five scoring drives on the road — and that's usually enough to win given the LA defense's consistent excellence.

Williams' 42-yard interception return for a touchdown punctuated the standout effort against Russell Wilson. Rodgers is an even bigger challenge, but few teams in the NFL seem more qualified than the Rams, who have scored five defensive touchdowns this season.

"I've never played with a defense of this caliber," Goff said. "It's exciting. It makes what we do on offense, I don't want to say easier, but it gives us a lot more opportunities, I believe. What they've been doing this year is amazing. We've been able to rely on them in some spots. I'm sure at some point they're going to have to rely on us, but we're playing some good ball right now on defense."

The Rams missed the playoffs last year, but most of the core from their 2018-19 Super Bowl team is intact. Los Angeles' key players can draw from the experience of that lengthy postseason run to find the consistency and durability necessary to keep moving on.

And when it's as cold as Lambeau Field in January, it's a good idea to keep moving.

"It tells you the talent we've got in our locker room," Williams said. "Every single body, from the front seven to the back seven, everybody can make plays. Our offense is good, don't get me wrong. They've been balling, but when you have a defense that can go out there and score, it just gives them more confidence."

WHAT'S WORKING

Rodgers is an enormous challenge, but the Rams' pass defense has been stellar. The league's No. 1 group held Wilson to 174 yards passing — his fewest in a playoff game in five years, and third fewest in his 16-game postseason career — and two touchdowns even though the Seahawks were playing from behind from the second quarter onward. LA sacked Wilson five times and hit him 10 times, while Williams' TD highlighted several impressive plays in coverage.

WHAT NEEDS HELP

Several key Rams need to get healthy this week, and the NFL gave them no help by scheduling their game for Saturday instead of Sunday. All-Pro DT Aaron Donald, Cooper Kupp, Leonard Floyd and Wolford all took significant damage in Seattle, while Goff and 39-year-old left tackle Andrew Whitworth need every hour of rest possible in their rushed comebacks from surgery.

STOCK UP

The Rams' kicking game is solid for the first time all season. Matt Gay made all three of his field goal attempts in Seattle, giving him 12 straight over the past five games. He has also banged 28 of his 35 kickoffs for touchbacks since arriving in late November.

STOCK DOWN

The Rams' quarterback uncertainty largely kept their passing game in check. Wolford and Goff combined for 184 yards through the air in Seattle on just 12 completions. It won't get any easier for Kupp and Robert Woods in frigid Green Bay.

INJURED

Donald has a rib injury, and leading receiver Kupp has knee bursitis. They're expected to play, but starting left guard David Edwards is more uncertain with an ankle injury.

KEY NUMBER

0 — The number of turnovers committed by the Rams in Seattle. It was their first game all season without a giveaway.

WHAT'S NEXT

The Rams have never played a postseason game at Lambeau Field, which opened in 1957. The franchises' only playoff meetings were in Milwaukee and in St. Louis.

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Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive sealed bids from contractors holding a type **"B"** license, on the following: **Bid #21.09.SMS – DSA #03-121143 - Santa Monica High School – Business Building Project at Santa Monica High School.** This scope of work is estimated to be between **$2,600,000 - $3,000,000** and includes the following three separate sub-projects:
Business Repurposing: a 2-story Building with the most of the work being done to the 1st Floor. Scope of work will includes: limited demolition of walls and ceilings and associated work; installing a fire water line and a fire sprinkler system to first level engineering shops only; install doors, window systems, and nanawall folding doors; limited cabinetry work; partial fire alarm updates and electrical including light fixtures to reconfigured portions of first floor; restroom upgrades; finishes including minor patch/repair/paint and new thin sheet (adhered) marker boards building wide; sitework for access. Reconnect fire alarm to FACP in English building.
Art Gallery: Textbook room is converted to art gallery. Dismantle and remove metal shelving for reuse by others; limited demolition; install new fireproofing to ceiling; new backer board and wall finishes; install new light fixtures; minor wall construction; patching and painting; new restroom. Minor HVAC ductwork modification work including adding CSFDs. Existing HVAC fan equipment to remain.
English Building and Utility Infrastructure and site work: This is mostly underground electrical work and adding new transformer and equipment in English (D) electrical room; install new and reuse some existing conduit runs to back-feed 5KV and 120/240v power, data and fire alarm from existing English (D) to Business (C) and Language (F) buildings after the demolition of other buildings. The work includes the installation of a new transformer and board in an existing building; installing new cable; and installing and terminating new data lines. New sidewalks, ramps, and outdoor activity paved spaces and other associated improvements per bidding documents. All bids must be submitted electronically as per the instructions included in the bidding documents on or before 2/16/2021 no later than 2:00 PM. Bidders must attend a Mandatory Job Walk to be held at the site, on 1/26/21 at 10:30 AM. All General Contractors and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (M/E/P) Subcontractors must be pre-qualified for this project per bidding documents. To view the projects bidding documents, please visit ARC Southern California public plan room www.crplanwell.com and reference the project Bid #.

Prequalification Due Date & Instructions for Application Submission: All applications are due no later than 2/1/21 - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has contracted with Colbi Technologies, Inc. to provide a web-based process for prequalification called QualityBidders. To submit an application at no cost please visit www.qualitybidders.com. Once you have been approved, you will receive an email indicating your approval expiration date and approval limit. The Districts approved contractors listing can be obtained via the FIP website at https://www.smmusd.org/domain/4172.

Mandatory Job Walk: 1/26/21 at 10:30 AM

Job Walk location: Santa Monica High School located in Santa Monica, CA – **All Attending Contractors MUST meet the District representatives at the 4th Street pedestrian gate, located between the football field and the Double Tree Hotel. Parking is available at the Civic Center Parking Structure. Bidders will be escorted onto the campus from that location.**

Due to COVID-19 all attending contractors must bring and wear face masks/coverings at all times while on the site and adhere to social distancing safety requirements during the meeting or they will be asked to leave the property. In addition, only one person from each firm will be allowed to attend as groups can't be larger than 6 people, when the walk starts. Temperature checks will be taken and all attending must not have a temperature or they will be asked to leave.

Electronic Bid Submittal Deadline: 2/16/21 at 2:00pm

Any further questions or clarifications to this bidding opportunity, please contact Sheere Bishop-Griego at smbishop@smmusd.org directly. In addition, any pre-qualification support issues relative to Colbi Technologies, Inc., website or for technical support please contact support@qualityBidders.com directly.

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