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MLK weekend to feature tributes, commitments to race equity

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For this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, the 37th since its federal recognition in 1986, a descendant of King hopes to spur progress by helping more Americans personalize the ongoing struggle for racial equity and harmony. Bernice King, daughter of the late civil rights icon, said people must move beyond platitudes and deepen their own commitments to the needed progress.

"We need to change our thinking," said King, who is CEO of The King Center in Atlanta.

Under the theme "It Starts With Me," the center launched its slate of Martin Luther King Jr. Day events on Thursday with youth and adult summits to educate the public on ways to transform unjust systems in the U.S.

The summits were streamed online and are available for replay on the center's social media accounts.

"It seems like we're going through these cycles, because we're trying to approach everything with the same mindset that all of this (racial inequity) was created," King told The Associated Press.

"Change can be very small," she said, "but transformation means that now we changed the character, form, and nature of something. That's something we have not seen yet."

Other King holiday weekend

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Rain-soaked California to see more rounds of stormy weather



Matthew Hall

STORM: Locals and visitors braved the last storm and may have to do so again this weekend.

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With rain-soaked California expected to see more stormy weather over the weekend and into next week, Gov. Gavin Newsom, and other state and federal officials pleaded with residents Friday to stay alert to possibly more flooding and damage.

A series of storms has walloped the state since late December, leaving at least 19 people dead. On Friday, 6,000 people were under evacuation orders and another 20,000 households were without power, said Nancy Ward, the director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

Homes have flooded, levees breached and topped, and

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Covid cases remain stable following holiday season

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Following weeks of travel, gathering and celebrations, LA County does not appear to be experiencing the type of spike in COVID 19 cases that has previously been seen after holidays, according to the LA County Department of Public Health (LACDPH).

LACDPH Director Barbara Ferrer said that average case numbers remained stable at around 2,00 to 2,400 per day through the end of December and had fallen to about 1,900 per day by last week.

"It's a relief to share that we're not seeing a large spike in cases right now," she said. "The trendline on case numbers provides some good insights about transmission levels, yet at the same time we know this metric doesn't catch all or even most cases especially with so many people testing at home."

Hospital admissions were also down as of last Thursday Jan. 12, with an average of 162 new hospital admissions per day compared to the 192 per day average in late December. However, Ferrer cautioned against complacency.

"It is important that we maintain perspective though as this number is still high," she said, adding that last week's numbers were "on par" with last summer's surge in cases and hospitalizations. "This is a reminder that while our numbers are currently stable they are stable at an elevated

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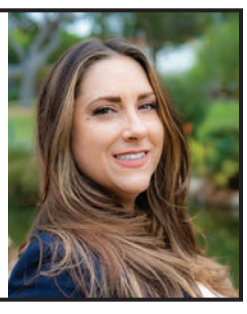
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Yellen tells Congress US expected to hit debt limit Thursday

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Associated Press

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen notified Congress on Friday that the U.S. is projected to reach its debt limit on Thursday and will then resort to "extraordinary measures" to avoid default.

In a letter to House and Senate leaders, Yellen said her actions will buy time until Congress can pass legislation that will either raise the nation's $31.4 trillion borrowing authority or suspend it again for a period of time. But she said it's "critical that Congress act in a timely manner."

"Failure to meet the government's obligations would cause irreparable harm to the U.S. economy, the livelihoods of all Americans, and global financial stability," she said.

"In the past, even threats that the U.S. government might fail to meet its obligations have caused real harms, including the only credit rating downgrade in the history of our nation in 2011," she said. Yellen was referring to the debt ceiling impasse during Barack Obama's presidency, when Republicans had also just won a House majority.

In this new Congress, the debt ceiling debate will almost certainly trigger a political showdown between newly empowered GOP lawmakers who now control the House and want to cut spending and President Joe Biden and Democratic lawmakers, who had enjoyed one-party control of Washington for the past two years.

The White House has insisted that it won't allow the nation's credit to be held captive to the demands of GOP lawmakers.

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"We have seen both Republicans and Democrats come together to deal with this issue," White House spokesperson Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters Friday. "It is one of the basic items that Congress has to deal with and it should be done without conditions."

House Republican leaders liken the debt ceiling to a credit card limit and have said they would only raise the statutory ceiling if doing so also secures a spending overhaul.

New House Speaker Kevin McCarthy told reporters in his first press conference that he had a "very good conversation" with Biden about the coming debt ceiling debate. "We don't want to put any fiscal problems to our economy and we won't, but fiscal problems would be continuing to do business as usual," he said.

"We've got to change the way we are spending money."

McCarthy has floated the kind of budget-cap deal that was engineered in the last go around on the debt ceiling during the Trump administration, which would involve capping federal spending levels in return for the House votes needed to raise the debt limit.

But any effort to compromise with House Republicans could force Biden to bend on his own priorities, whether that's money for the IRS to ensure that wealthier Americans pay what they owe or domestic programs for children and the poor.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and new House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries said in a joint statement Friday that "a default forced by extreme MAGA Republicans could plunge the country into a deep recession and lead to even higher costs for America's working families on everything from mortgages and car loans to credit card interest rates."

They said the two parties worked together to increase the debt limit three times when Trump was president and Republicans had majorities in the House and Senate. "This time should be no different," the Democratic leaders said.

Yellen said that while Treasury can't estimate how long the extraordinary measures will allow the U.S. to continue to pay the government's obligations, "it is unlikely that cash and extraordinary measures will be exhausted before early June."

Shai Akabas, director of economic policy at the Bipartisan Policy Center, told reporters Friday that "this is not the time for panic, but it's certainly a time for policymakers to begin negotiations in earnest."

"Most policymakers agree that we have a major fiscal challenge as a country, our debt is unsustainable," he said, and "there's no reason why we couldn't agree on measures to improve our fiscal outcome, and also ensure that we are paying all of our bills in full and on time."

Treasury first used extraordinary measures in 1985 and has used them at least 16 times since, according to the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a fiscal watchdog.

Those measures include divesting some

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level and we'd like to see all of these numbers continue to decline."

Reported daily deaths were higher in the beginning of January, at 23 versus 15 in the last week of December, but Ferrer said this is reflective of death counts lagging behind case count metrics.

Certain demographics remain at higher risk for infection, hospitalization and death from COVID. This includes people 80 and over as well as those living in poverty. In LA County, data shows that hospitalization and death rates for people living in the poorest communities are almost double those in the wealthiest areas. Historical data also shows that increased transmission leads to widening of these inequities.

"This is another reason to do everything we can to avoid another dramatic rise in COVID 19 transmission," Ferrer said.

LA County remains in the "medium" transmission tier based on CDC guidelines and Ferrer described the current impact of COVID on the healthcare system as "manageable and stable."

While the emergence of the XPB 1.5 variant has been spreading rapidly in parts of the country, she said it currently only makes up about 3% of cases in LA.

"I think the question on just about everyone's mind is how concerned should we be about XPB.1.5," she said. "I suggest we should be cautious, it's a new strain, it spreads rapidly and it can evade prior immunity however I don't think anyone has a clear picture yet of what the impact will be."

To mitigate the potential impact of the variant, she encouraged residents to take precautions such as testing, masking in doors and staying up to date on vaccines. According to LACDPH data, only 21% of eligible LA County residents had received the bivalent booster as of last week. The booster has continuously shown to be effective in preventing severe disease due infection.

"With more evidence that the bivalent booster provides significant protection against COVID 19 even as new strains are emerging, a critical strategy for reducing strain on the healthcare system is for more people to update their protection with the bivalent booster," Ferrer said.

For more information on COVID in LA County and the vaccine visit: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/

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Rain Dangers for Pets

The aftermath of heavy rains brings dangers to pets. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (SPCALA) warns pet owners to be on the lookout for standing water, debris, and poisonous mushrooms.

Mushrooms often grow after prolonged rain and while some are okay to eat, it takes a trained eye to distinguish edible mushrooms from poisonous varieties. Best bet is to watch your dog on walks and prevent him or her from sniffing too closely or ingesting anything. If your dog does put something in his or her mouth, and you are able, get it out of his or her mouth. The "drop-it" training command is especially helpful in these situations.

Even if you are not sure if your dog has ingested anything, treat the situation as if he or she had. Contact your veterinarian immediately and bring a sample of the mushroom or ingested item to the vet's office, if available.

Mushroom exposure may look like vomiting, diarrhea and gastrointestinal upset. More severe symptoms include weakness, lack of coordination, tremors, hallucinations, vocalizations, disorientation, agitation, and seizures. Death from liver failure can occur.

Other dangers to look out for are storm debris and standing water. Pets can injure themselves or become sick from drinking contaminated water.

The safest course of action is to keep a close eye on your pets, especially while walking dogs. Dogs should be kept on a leash so that they can be monitored during this time and cats should remain inside. Always check yards and enclosures before letting dogs out.

SPCALA is an independent, nonprofit animal welfare organization serving Southern California since 1877. There is no national SPCA, parent organization, or umbrella group that provides financial support to SPCALA. Donations run programs and services including Cruelty Investigation, Disaster Animal Response Team, Humane Education, and a variety of shelter services.

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Year of the Rabbit at Santa Monica Place

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Elon Musk rebuffed in bid to move Tesla tweet trial to Texas

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A federal judge on Friday rejected Tesla CEO Elon Musk's bid to move or delay a trial over a misleading tweet about a potential buyout of the electric automaker, setting the stage for the mercurial billionaire to be thrust into a legal drama amid the turmoil of his Twitter takeover.

The decision by U.S. District Judge Edward Chen came during a hearing held in San Francisco federal court to go over the final details of a trial scheduled to begin Tuesday with jury selection.

Musk's attorneys last week asked Chen to transfer the trial to a federal court in Texas, where Tesla moves its headquarters in 2021, arguing that negative coverage of Musk since his $44 billion purchase of Twitter in October had poisoned the jury pool in the San Francisco Bay Area.

But Chen brushed aside those concerns Friday, and expressed confidence that a panel of impartial jurors could be drawn from a region populated by millions of people. He also noted that a jury was pulled together for trial in the highly publicized criminal trial of former Theranos CEO Elizabeth Holmes, whose transformation from a Silicon Valley star to accused swindler was the subject of an HBO documentary and book before those proceedings began in nearby San Jose, California.

Holmes, 38, is now facing more than 11 years in federal prison of being convicted of investor fraud and conspiracy.

Musk's upcoming trial revolves around a civil lawsuit brought on behalf of Tesla shareholders who allege they were duped by a n Aug. 7, 2018 tweet in which he indicated he had lined up financing for a Tesla buyout — a deal that never materialized and resulted in a $ 40 million settlement with U.S. securities regulators.

Chen already has determined that Musk's buyout tweet was false, leaving it to a jury to decide whether he acted recklessly by posting it and whether it caused financial harm to Tesla shareholders. After adjusting for two stock splits made since 2018, Tesla's shares are now worth nearly six times more than at the time of Musk's tweets about the bogus buyout.

Tesla's stock was even worth even more before Musk decided to buy Twitter for a price that even he conceded was far more than the company was worth. Tesla's shares, currently hovering around $120, have lost nearly half their value since Musk took control of Twitter, partially affecting investor concerns that he is spending too much time running privately held Twitter instead of focusing at the automaker responsible for most of his fame and wealth at a time it's facing tougher competition.

Musk, 51, has said he will step down as Twitter's CEO as soon as he can find a replacement, but has not set a timetable for handing off the reins. To help reduce Twitter's losses and reduce the massive debt stemming from the purchase, Musk has laid off about half of that company's staff and is facing allegations of refusing to pay the rent at some offices.

Media coverage of mass layoffs and other cutbacks at Twitter were one of the main reasons that Musk's lawyer, Alex Spiro, argued for the trial to be moved or at least delayed until the backlash to the harsh measures died down.

But the lawyers representing Tesla shareholders in the case argued Musk only has himself to blame for any negative perceptions, largely because of his frequent activity on Twitter, the social media platform that he now owns and runs.

"For better or worse, Musk is a celebrity who garners attention from the media around the globe," the shareholders' attorneys wrote in their 19-page opposition to the transfer request. "His footprint on Twitter alone is partially to blame for that. If 'negative' attention was all that was required to disqualify a jury pool, Musk would effectively be untriable before a jury given his knack for attracting "negative coverage."

After sifting through about 200 juror questionnaires submitted earlier this week, Spiro argued many of them were peppered with derogatory remarks about Musk that underscored how difficult it will be for him to get a fair trial.

Some of those unflattering remarks surfaced during Friday's hearing as Chen pored through the questionnaires in preparation for Tuesday's jury selection. The judge disqualified jurors who he said had variously described Musk as an "idiot" and a "buffoon."

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payments, such as contributions to federal employees' retirement plans, in order to provide some headroom to make other payments that are deemed essential, including those for Social Security and debt instrument

Past forecasts suggest a default could instantly bury the country in a deep recession, right at a moment of slowing global growth as the U.S. and much of the world face high inflation because of the pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The financial markets could crash and several million workers could be laid off.

The aftershocks could be felt for years. Moody's Analytics called this risk "cataclysmic" in a 2021 forecast before the previous debt ceiling increase, suggesting that the resulting chaos would be due to government dysfunction, rather than the underlying condition of the U.S. economy.

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There's nothing clean about offshore wind development unless California tribes are involved



FRANKIE MYERS

Since colonization began, the impacts of natural resource extraction have devastated Indigenous communities in the United States and across the globe.

In Northern California, gold miners inflicted nearly irreparable damage to the Klamath River, the lifeline of my people. Hydropower dams spurred the collapse of salmon runs that sustained us since the beginning of time. Industrial timber companies transformed our diverse oak woodlands into pine tree plantations that fuel extreme wildfires, robbing us of acorns and even our homes.

These shortsighted actions are also an assault on our sacred connection to the land, which is fundamental to who we are as Native people.

So when the offshore wind industry tells us about all the great opportunities their projects will provide Native people, we've heard it before.

The Yurok Tribe, the largest in California, will not let another industry commit violence against our people, our ancestral landscape or our cultural viewsheds. During sacred renewal ceremonies, we pray at the summit of high mountain peaks, which offer an unobstructed view of the ocean. These prayer seats represent the last places where we can see the world through the eyes of our ancestors. The ability to focus on our prayers without having to view the destruction wrought by industry is critical to our cultural identity.

The experience is a constant reminder of who we are and where we come from.

The U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management recently selected two multinational corporations to develop large wind projects off our coast. While some bidders met with my tribe, California North Floating and RWE Renewables have not.

This lack of outreach has revived concerns that history is repeating itself. California tribes are worried that these corporations will come in, profit off of our resources and leave our communities poorer for it – as their predecessors did.

Offshore wind developers on the East Coast excluded Native American tribes from participating in project planning and development. To add insult to injury, a now-defunct project off the shores of Wampanoag territory in Massachusetts was ignorantly named the "Mayflower Project." For an industry that proclaims the importance of diversity, equity and inclusion, it is hard to fathom why Native American tribes were completely left out of the decision-making process and instead insulted with a name associated with the beginning of the Native American genocide.

Indigenous tribes have holistically managed marine, riverine and terrestrial ecosystems to maximize biodiversity and resilience since time immemorial. In return, the natural world provided everything we needed to survive.

Until recently, we were the sole decision-maker regarding the management of our environment. The choice to move forward with offshore wind projects should be the sole right of the tribes that have sacrificed so much while others amassed generational wealth from our resources.

Tribal nations may decide to support offshore wind development. If that happens, Native people must be in leadership positions through every phase of the process – from planning, construction and operation to potential decommission. Tribes need to have both an economic stake in the corporations as well as seats on the governing boards of those companies.

This will help ensure that these projects are prosperous and sustainable over the long term.

Wind energy developers have a chance to chart a new course not only for the energy sector but for how Native people are treated by multinational corporations. Tribal involvement should begin by acknowledging that Indigenous people are an integral part of the environment. What happens to our land, rivers and ocean affects our ability to exist.

Offshore wind presents an opportunity to develop the clean energy America needs. But unless offshore wind truly engages with the Native American tribes that suffered the impacts from previous natural resource extraction, it will be as dirty as the rest of them.

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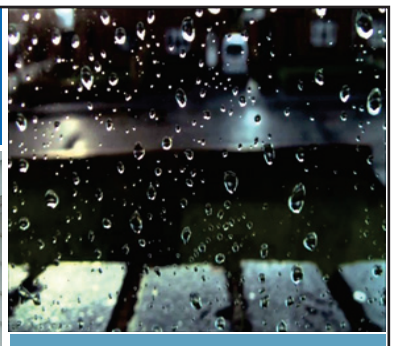
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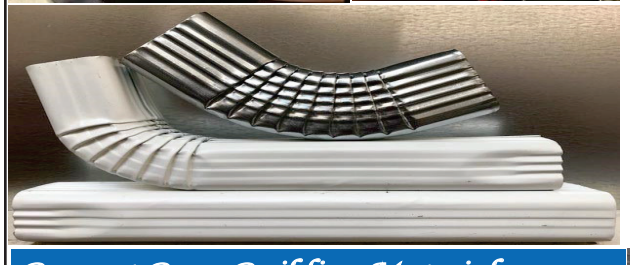
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RAIN

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mudslides and hurricane-force winds have slammed parts of the state, including a tornado touchdown in Northern California, she said at a press briefing with Deanne Criswell, administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, who was in California to tour damage.

"People will become complacent, but the ground is saturated. It is extremely, extremely dangerous," Ward said. "And that water can continue to rise well after the storms have passed."

Santa Monica escaped serious damage in the past storms and the most significant impact appeared to be problems with a traffic light causing significant traffic due to a poorly timed cycle.

The traffic signal along PCH between Santa Monica and Malibu has been causing serious traffic in recent days due to what appeared to be an issue causing the light to only turn green for several seconds at a time.

Scores of individuals have taken to social media to complain about the situation which has caused back-ups so severe, one user posted on Nextdoor, that what should have been a less than ten minute drive from the McLure Tunnel to Entrada Drive took over an hour. Another user said the issue was adding 40 minutes each way to their daily commute.

Caltrans Spokesperson Jim Medina said the agency had received several calls about the signal in recent days but said that because the light is still on, it is technically considered operational. However, multiple electricians were dispatched to the intersection to clear traffic and fix the green light issue before more rain swept in.

Residents said the lights along PCH were known to have issues in wet weather but officials said they could not confirm the cause of the problem on Friday.

"Our focus right now is on the storms," said Medina. "We've been pretty busy with lines and flooding."

A Saturday storm will bring widespread, powerful rainfall and heavy mountain snowfall — with wind gusts of up to 60 mph and the possibility of more trees falling and power outages, he said.

There have been at least 19 storm-related deaths, and half of those have involved motorists, with some of the deaths preventable if drivers had heeded road closure signs, said Sean Duryee, acting commissioner of the California Highway Patrol.

Heal The Bay said the impact of atmospheric rivers and the "First Flush" of the rainy season have increased safety concerns around beach recreation. The recent extreme atmospheric rivers, which normally help replenish California water supplies, are currently dropping more water than most developed city infrastructures can handle due to climate change. Coupled with King Tides (exceptionally large wave phenomena) can make for a dangerous beach experience.

In addition, winter storms have also introduced a major water quality concern for California's coastal waters. The Los Angeles storm drain system that was designed to evacuate water from the city streets also funnels high levels of debris, toxins, and bacteria straight to the ocean, drastically impacting the quality of recreational waters

"This January, ocean activity is strong, and heavy rainfall combined with high tides and rising baseline sea levels make for unpredictable coastal conditions. Storm surge – or increased water levels due to storm activity – has drastically changed our beaches, leaving some with little to no sand. Storm surges, flooding, rock falls, and mudslides may continue to prevent coastal access by impacting roads and recreational coastlines. As the landscape changes, beachgoer behavior must change for Angelenos to continue to safely enjoy the beach," said Emily Parker, Water Quality and Marine Scientist.

Here are Heal the Bay's Stay Safe and Stay Out of the Water precautions to keep in mind this winter:

Check the Beach Report Card for rain advisories and weekly water quality updates on your favorite beaches.

Check the weather, including the tide levels and wave height, before heading to the coast. Opt for rain-free days with low tides and low wave heights for the safest conditions.

Check for road closures before leaving home.

Stay home during active rainfall and the day after rainfall instead of traveling to the coast.

If you do make it to the beach, stay out of the water for at least 3 days after rain! Bacteria levels along the LA coastline are very high for the first 72 hours after rainfall and getting in the water could make you sick.



Matthew Hall

RAIN: While some people came out during the last round of rain, officials are asking everyone to stay home if possible to avoid potential problems.

Always keep your eyes on the water and don't turn your back on the ocean. Be aware of rogue waves, potentially deadly coastal waves that surge the coast without warning and could hurt you unexpectedly.

Matthew Hall contributed to this report.

MLK DAY

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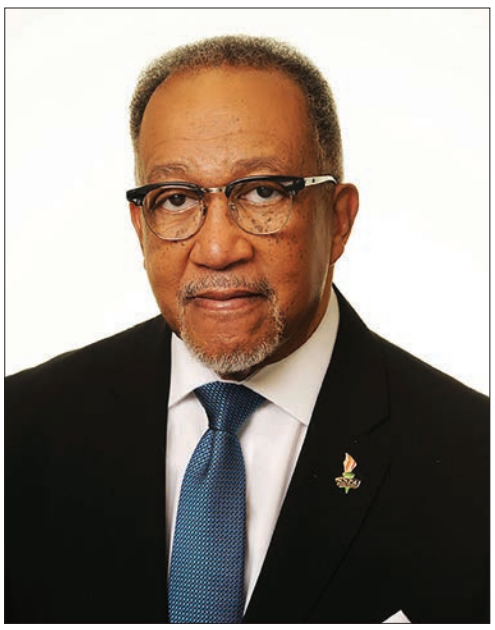
events include a statue unveiling in Boston, a symposium on police brutality in Akron, Ohio, and community service projects in many U.S. cities. The holiday kicks off another year of advocacy on a racial justice agenda — from police reforms and strengthening voting rights to solutions on economic and educational disparities — that has been stymied by culture wars and partisan gridlock in Washington and nationwide.

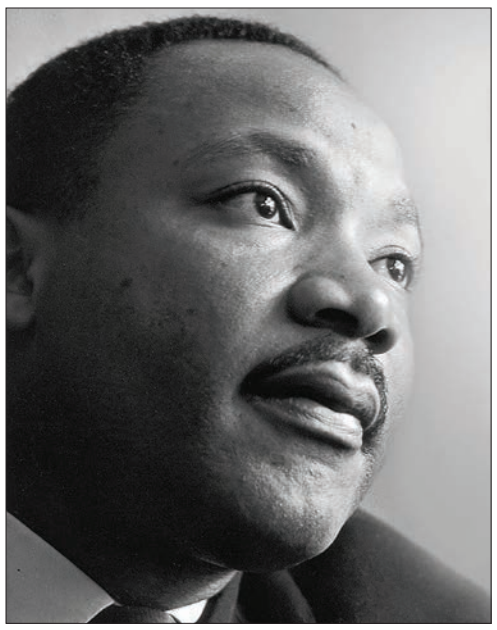
Residents of Selma, Alabama, which played a central role in King's legacy, woke up to extensive damage Friday from a deadly storm system that spawned tornadoes across the South. The city became a flashpoint of the civil rights movement when state troopers viciously attacked Black people who marched nonviolently for voting rights across the Edmund Pettus Bridge on March 7, 1965.

King wasn't present for the march known as "Bloody Sunday," but he joined a subsequent procession that successfully crossed the bridge toward the Capitol in Montgomery. The Pettus Bridge was unscathed by Thursday's storm.

On Sunday morning, President Joe Biden is due to speak at a commemorative service at Ebenezer Baptist Church, the historic Atlanta house of worship where King preached from 1960 until his assassination in 1968. The church is pastored by the Rev. Sen. Raphael Warnock, who recently won election to a full term as Georgia's first Black U.S. senator.

And on Monday, the federal observance of the King holiday, commemorations continue in Atlanta, as well as in the nation's capital and beyond.





Courtesy photos

MLK DAY: Civil rights icon Benjamin (Ben) Franklin Chavis, Jr. will be the keynote speaker at the birthday celebration for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 16.

Locally, Santa Monica College (SMC) and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Westside Coalition will host the city's annual celebration at the John Adams Middle School Performing Arts Center (1630 Pearl St). The free event begins at 9 a.m. with a multi-ethnic, interfaith program that will include inspirational readings, speakers, music, and dance. The program also features the presentation of education awards to local students and a Community Light Award to Pepperdine University's Foster Grandparent Program.

Immediately following the program there will be a Community Involvement Fair presenting informational displays by a variety of community organizations from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the John Adams Middle School Quad.

Civil rights icon Benjamin (Ben) Franklin Chavis, Jr. will be the keynote speaker. Dr. Chavis is currently President and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, which supports and advocates for publishers of the nation's more than 230 black newspapers. He is an author, journalist, environmentalist, chemist, ordained minister of United Church of Christ, and global entrepreneur.

Santa Monica's event is one of the largest in the region. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Westside Coalition, a nonprofit coalition whose mission is consistent with Dr. King's legacy, is in its 38th year as the event organizer and event sponsors include the City of Santa Monica, Santa Monica College Associates, Santa Monica College, Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District, SGI-USA, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica Bay Area Human Relations Council, and a variety of other organizations and individuals.

In the decades since its establishment, the King holiday has become an opportunity for elected officials and candidates seeking office to establish their civil rights and social justice credentials. Bernice King said partisanship among politicians has been a major obstacle to legislative solutions on civil rights.

Overcoming that is "going to require elevating to a place where your loyalty is to humanity, not to party," she said.

"If we don't find humane ways to create policies and implement practices out of those policies, we're going to continue in this vicious cycle of a downward spiral towards destruction and chaos."

Outside of establishment politics, many King holiday weekend events are opportunities for Americans to give back, reflect on the civil rights icon's legacy or deal locally with racial discrimination in their own communities.

Governor Newsom's office sent out an email earlier in the week encouraging residents to participate in service projects in their areas.

In Los Angeles, the email suggested participation in the MLK Day of Service at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum (https://www.laworks.com/mlk). For additional information on the Santa Monica event, visit mlkjrwestside.org.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 14)

You'll never be bored. The magic combination this year will be uncertain ventures with trusted people. Life comes at you wild and free because you make yourself available for escapades. More highlights: the degree of fame you're comfortable with, a domestic overhaul and your family enlarges, chosen and actual. Taurus and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 30, 28, 15 and 3.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). So much can be salvaged with minimal effort. What's lost gets found, what's broken gets fixed but what's chronically disappointing will only get more so. This is a perfect time to cut bait to mitigate future frustration.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The only time you don't like a test is when you don't realize it is one. You'll be tested and you'll pass because you're ready, you're paying attention and because you love the chance to prove what you've learned.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It is not lost on you that ordinary situations provide the perfect opportunity to be extraordinary. So, you won't wait until there's a contest or show involved. It is much easier to make an impression when no one is expecting you to.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't need to play emotional hide-and-seek with your loved one, even if it feels like they are counting to 100. Instead of trying to skirt the issue and avoid the detection of difficult feelings, talk things out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Consider the words of the great dancer Martha Graham: "There is a vitality, a life force, an energy, a quickening that is translated through you into action, and because there is only one of you in all of time, this expression is unique."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're due for some concentrated, special care. If you must give it to yourself, you'll have a customized experience that fits just right. Just know that somewhere out there, others are conspiring to make you happy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are times when it's best to take the high road, but if you rise above this current situation, it will only make room for bad actors. The regular road is fine. Walk on the same plane as the rest. You'll have a positive influence there.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Being under pressure won't make anyone change and in fact those who are feeling the world come down on them may stubbornly dig in their heels to resist. Without pressure, people want to improve and will grow naturally and gracefully.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be inclined to experiment in the name of fun, improvement or advancement. Move quickly past the approaches that don't work, of which there will be many. The ones that do work will catch on right away.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Imperfection is human. A person's flaws don't scare you or put you off; rather, you are drawn in, seeing the opportunity to fill a need. You appreciate the many ways strengths and weaknesses can fit together.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't like how it feels when someone is obviously trying to persuade you, but you rather enjoy the comforting lull of an admired influence. The former obligates you, while the latter energizes and motivates you instead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You hit a new level of wisdom today. Your perspective allows you to focus on enjoying where you are and solving the problems at hand. This is the only way to make yesterday count, and tomorrow better.

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.

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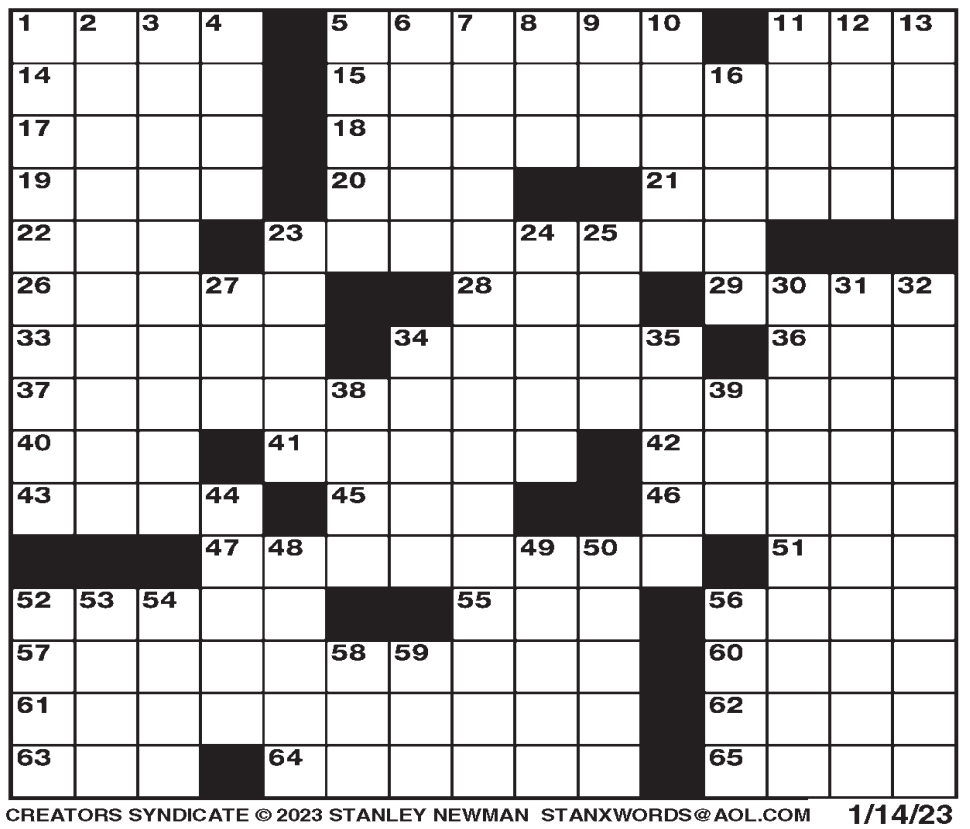
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Scan widely
5 Hedgehog's abundance
11 FDR's bridge builder
14 Confines
15 Member of West Point's "class the stars fell on" (1915)
17 Stored, with "up" or "by"
18 KQED or WNYC
19 Bit of crowdfunding?
20 Vastness
21 Thick-skinned one
22 Jigsaw cutter
23 Winning number?
26 His last book was *Suspect* (2022)
28 Cover nickname on 13 *People* issues (1975-1991)
29 Light entertainment
33 City in Cather's *O Pioneers!*
34 Tree in the etymology of "fig"
36 Enterprise metaphor
37 Buck passer's dismissal
40 Obstacle to a degree
41 One's besties
42 Golf Channel cofounder's nickname
43 Informal meeting, these days
45 OED chiefs
46 Jockey's burden
47 Seasons for a barbecue
51 First-born member of the NJ Music Hall of Fame
52 Monkey's cousin
55 Gluten-free __ flour
56 High regard
57 Learners of trade secrets?
60 Ground force
61 "That's water under the bridge now"
62 About 91 yards of a football field
63 Call on
64 Flat surfaces
65 Royal film role for Welles

DOWN
1 They help you get a grip around greens
2 Strike that moves the needle
3 Echoes
4 Fall off
5 Gather somehow
6 Porcine plunderer's pop
7 Golda Meir received the first one (1952)
8 Add-on for VCRs
9 Salivating specialist
10 Portion of a pot
11 What jeeps were first made for
12 Job from the Latin for "walker"
13 It's held by Tuscan banks
16 Recently past
23 Powers of influence
24 Power portmanteau
25 *Couleur du spectre*
27 "The Mozart of Electricity"
30 Position in baseball, golf, or tennis
31 It's built into some Ray-Bans
32 Music Icons stamp honoree (2022)
34 Long-running contests
35 City in Germany
38 Thrown out for cheating, for short
39 Invention honored with a 2003 Nobel Prize
44 Patronize profusely
48 Robitussin recommender of commercials
49 Elevated fortress
50 Bears up
52 General in 2015's top-grossing film worldwide
53 Voltage/time readouts
54 Latter-day twerp
56 New stock issue
58 Olivia, Emma, Charlotte, Amelia, __, . . . (for 2021)
59 Very dark



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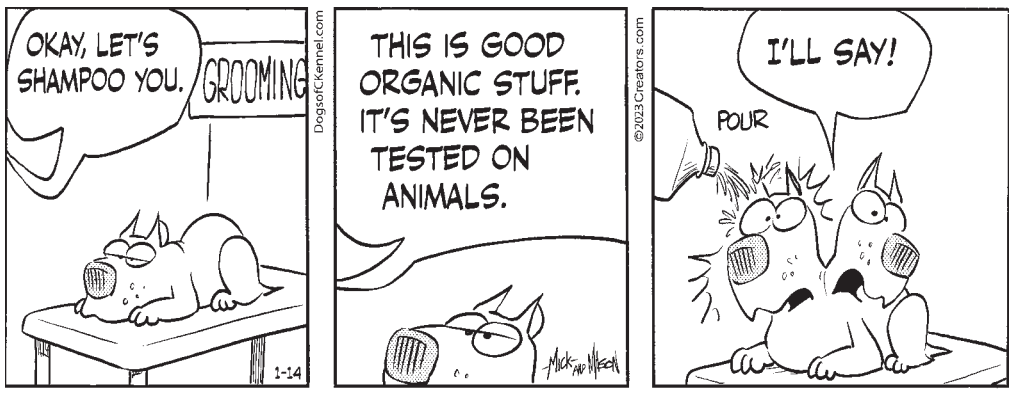
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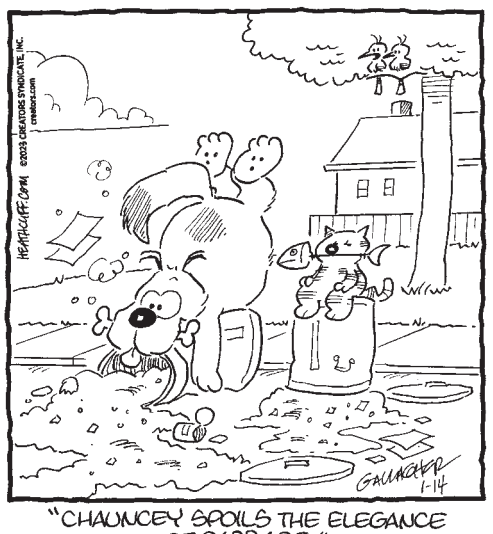
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FIND THE WORDS

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 17 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Altitude	Cosy	Hats	Mist	Slush
Apres	Dams	Heater	Nordic	Snow
Blue	Dark	Hire	NSW	Soup
Board	Descent	Hole	Numb	Sport
Bogong	Drop	Huts	Omeo	Stock
Break	Edges	Kiandra	Pies	Trees
Caps	Fear	Lakes	Play	Urge
Chairlift	Fens	Legs	Rain	Wind
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SATURDAY | JANUARY 14

ROSE PRUNING AND CARE WORKSHOP

9 - 11 a.m. Main Street Community Gardens, 2318 Main Street, Santa Monica. A free workshop on Rose Pruning and Care. Pruning demonstration begins at 10 a.m. Stop and smell the roses with us! Coffee and refreshments, and wandering through the gardens starts at 9 a.m. Sponsored by City of Santa Monica Community Gardens Program with the support of Santa Monica Roots. Contact: santamonicaroots@gmail.com

MLK HOLIDAY CONCERT

Join the Santa Monica Symphony on Saturday, January 14 at 3 p.m. for the Symphony's annual MLK Holiday Concert. Guest conductor Gary Pratt will be leading with Jason Stoll on the piano in this moving concert honoring Dr. Martin Luther King. Listen to inspiring list of songs including Coleridge-Taylors' Danse Negre from African Suite, Op. 35, Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, Price's Symphony No. 1 in E minor and the traditional We Shall Overcome. This event is free with limited seating. John Adams Middle School Performing Arts Center, 1630 Pearl Street.

SUNDAY | JANUARY 15

DRAG ME TO BRUNCH

Come sparkle at Drag Me to Brunch—a monthly, one-of-a-kind brunch drag show in Loews Santa Monica Hotel's Blue Streak hosted by RuPaul drag performer Naysha Lopez! Enjoy Loews' delectable brunch while experiencing a fabulous drag show with disco balls and more. A portion of proceeds from Drag Me to Brunch will benefit the Los Angeles LGBT Center, an organization providing programs and services to LGBTQ community.

MONDAY | JANUARY 16

MAIN LIBRARY BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION

Join a community-led online discussion of a wide range of books, chosen by the members. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. This is a virtual event.

TUESDAY | JANUARY 17

FEARLESSLY WEIGHTED AT BERGAMOT STATION

Bergamot Station is excited to present a large body of new work by extraordinary artist Dena Novak in collaboration with the Simone Gad Foundation. bG Gallery, Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave #A2

WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 18

TRIVIA NIGHT AT THE BUNGALOW

Meet at The Bungalow at Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows every Wednesday for Trivia Night. Test your knowledge, enjoy the food and fare and win over $500 worth of prizes every week. Bring friends and family for an epic showdown.

THURSDAY | JANUARY 19

LOCALS NIGHT AT SANTA MONICA PIER

Join organizers at the Santa Monica Pier once a month for a curated series for locals. Gather your friends and family and head down to the Pier for this special experience. You really won't want to miss out on this incredible and unique outdoor setting to unwind with friends and loved ones all while celebrating Santa Monica's cheer.

FRIDAY | JANUARY 20

TAKÁCS QUARTET WITH JEREMY DENK

Experience a night of acoustic wonderment from two titans of classical music. The richly dramatic program is uniquely interpreted through the energy and imagination of the prestigious Takács Quartet and MacArthur "Genius" Jeremy Denk. Program includes works from Haydn, Mendelssohn Hensel, and Schumann.
BroadStage, 1310 11th St. https://broadstage.org/performances/2022-23/classical/takacsjeremydenk

SATURDAY | JANUARY 21

PULL MY FINGER

A super silly and high energy g-rated comedy show fun for the whole family! All ages welcome. The Crow, 2525 Michigan Avenue, Unit F4. https://www.crowcomedy.com/family-shows

GRAMMY-AWARD WINNING GUITAR ARTIST LAURENCE JUBER

First internationally recognized as lead guitarist in Paul McCartney's Wings, Juber has since established himself as a renowned guitar virtuoso and entertainer. Laurence Juber returns to McCabe's with his trio: long-time studio collaborator Domenic Genova on upright bass/bass guitar and Christopher Allis on drums and percussion. LJ will perform on both acoustic and electric guitar, with an eclectic repertoire drawn from his own celebrated compositions and arrangements. McCabes Guitar Shop 1301 Pico Blvd 8 p.m. Tickets are $28 https://www.mccabes.com/product/laurence-juber-trio

SUNDAY | JANUARY 22

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT ANTIQUE MARKET

Noted as One of the Top Ten "Flea Markets' in America, visit the Santa Monica Airport Antique Market, a fun outdoor market full of many great dealers with furniture, antiques, collectibles, art, vintage clothes, jewelry, rugs and much more. The market is located next to the Museum of Flying.

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **60.8**

SATURDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 3-4ft Waist to chest	Easing WNW swell expected but likely still producing some good size. AM wind looking light/favorable at this point for spots west of Pt. Dume -- with a decent tide to work with as well. S wind picks up in PM, adding bump.
SUNDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 3-4ft Waist to chest	WNW swell mix lingers and onshore WNW wind could be an issue for the open exposures that have the best size.

WEATHER

Saturday: Rain, mainly after 10am. High near 59. Chance of precipitation is 80%.
Saturday Night: Rain, mainly before 10pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51.
Sunday: A chance of rain, mainly after 4pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 59.
Sunday Night: Rain likely, mainly after 10pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/01/14	Sat	02:26 AM	4.19	H
2023/01/14	Sat	09:06 AM	2.13	L
2023/01/14	Sat	1:57 PM	2.93	H
2023/01/14	Sat	7:46 PM	1.54	L
2023/01/15	Sun	03:13 AM	4.53	H
2023/01/15	Sun	10:40 AM	1.47	L
2023/01/15	Sun	4:09 PM	2.62	H
2023/01/15	Sun	8:41 PM	1.97	L
2023/01/16	Mon	04:02 AM	4.95	H
2023/01/16	Mon	11:45 AM	0.65	L
2023/01/16	Mon	6:04 PM	2.74	H
2023/01/16	Mon	9:52 PM	2.26	L
2023/01/17	Tue	04:53 AM	5.44	H
2023/01/17	Tue	12:36 PM	-0.17	L
2023/01/17	Tue	7:14 PM	3.06	H
2023/01/17	Tue	11:00 PM	2.38	L
2023/01/18	Wed	05:44 AM	5.96	H
2023/01/18	Wed	1:22 PM	-0.91	L

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 1/11
4 8 46 47 48
Power#: 5
Jackpot: 404 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 1/10
7 13 14 15 18
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 1.35 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 1/11
7 16 21 44 46
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 24 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/12
12 16 32 38 39

Daily 3
Draw Date: 1/12
EVENING: 6 5 6
Draw Date: 1/12
MIDDAY: 1 9 8

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 1/12
1st: 08 - Gorgeous George
2nd: 04 - Big Ben
3rd: 06 - Whirl Win
Race Time: 1:49.93

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