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Stickers at local schools use antisemitic designs to stoke vaccine debate

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Local officials are investigating fliers found at several school sites Thursday that are linking vaccine debates to antisemitism.

The fliers were found at Grant, McKinley, Edison, Will Rogers, Roosevelt, Lincoln and John Adams campuses. They feature a large red "A" and an overlapping green "V" that form a Star of David design. They also contain the words "anti-vaxxer" and a phone number to report individuals who are against vaccines.

The number links to a Kentucky-based organization that identifies itself as "The Safer Tomorrow Organization."

Texts to the number return with an automated message.

"As you are well aware, anti-vaxxers are endangering us from getting out of this pandemic. Most importantly, they are endangering future generations – our children. We are starting to collect (but not act on) information on anti-vaxxers. That way we can work toward a solution together as a society," said the response. "Thank you for caring when they don't!"

The service then offers to take a report and asks for as much information as possible.

"Stay away from personal information. Rather, we would like to hear the story and experience of your interaction with the anti-vaxxer(s)," it says.

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Locals ready for a powerful celebration of MLK's legacy

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

With MLK Day around the corner, Santa Monica prepares to recognize the contributions of local Black leaders and reinvigorate the community's support of Dr. King's teachings.

Although members of the MLK Westside Coalition chose to shift the celebration online in light of the Omicron surge, they are certain that the day's programming will still pack a powerful peaceful punch in honor of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The 37th annual celebration will

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Donations for Covid ward



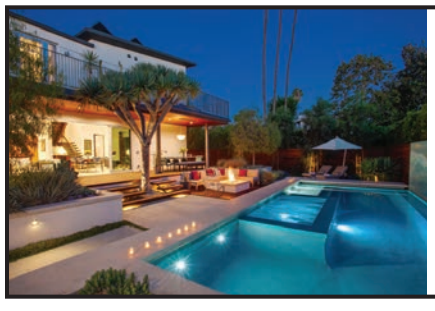




Courtesy photo

DONATION: Santa Monica-based non-profit the Children's Lifesaving Foundation surprised UCLA COVID Ward Nurse Shannan Hough and her colleagues at the UCLA Hospital with beauty and skincare gift bags, put together by the staff of Venice-based OSEA Skincare. The bags were filled with high-end skin and beauty products donated by OSEA and their partner brands.

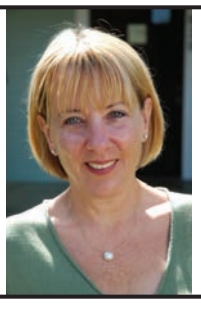
"We just gave away over two thousand toys and gifts over the holidays to families in need, including the OSEA gift bags to some of the families in our Vita Network," said The Children's Lifesaving Foundation (CLF) Operations Director Francesca McCaffery. "OSEA are incredible community partners, and have been working with us for over a decade. They also donated extra gift bags in 2020, and we brought them to the nurses at the beginning of the lockdown. It's so nice to be able to honor them, in any way that we can, especially right now." CLF has been in operation since 1993, serving underserved and homeless youth and families through a variety of educational, holiday and outdoor recreational programs-such as wilderness and surf camps, college scholarships and tutoring. They also raised and distributed over $136,000 in direct funds through their Step Forward Emergency Family Fund to local families in need in LA County since May of 2020. For more information on their work, their website is www.childrenslifesaving.org.



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Goodbye 'godsend': Expiration of child tax credits hits home

JOHN RABY, FATIMA HUSSEIN AND JOSH BOAK
Associated Press

For the first time in half a year, families on Friday are going without a monthly deposit from the child tax credit — a program that was intended to be part of President Joe Biden's legacy but has emerged instead as a flash point over who is worthy of government support.

Retiree Andy Roberts, from St. Albans, West Virginia, relied on the checks to help raise his two young grandchildren, whom he and his wife adopted because the birth parents are recovering from drug addiction.

The Robertses are now out $550 a month. That money helped pay for Girl Scouts, ballet and acting lessons and kids' shoes, which Roberts noted are more expensive than adult shoes. The tax credit, he said, was a "godsend."

"It'll make you tighten up your belt, if you've got anything to tighten," Roberts said about losing the payments.

The monthly tax credits were part of Biden's $1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package — and the president had proposed extending them for another full year as part of a separate measure focused on economic and social programs.

But Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin, from Roberts' home state of West Virginia, objected to extending the credit out of concern that the money would discourage people from working and that any additional federal spending would fuel inflation that has already climbed to a nearly 40-year high.

According to IRS data, 305,000 West Virginia children benefited from the expanded credit last month.

Manchin's opposition in the evenly split Senate derailed Biden's social spending package and caused the expanded tax credits that were going out in the middle of every month to expire in January. This is whittling down family incomes at the precise moment when people are grappling with higher prices.

However, families only received half of their 2021 credit on a monthly basis and the other half will be received once they file their taxes in the coming months. The size of the credit will be cut in 2022, with full payments only going to families that earned enough income to owe taxes, a policy choice that will limit the benefits for the poorest households. And the credits for 2022 will come only once people file their taxes at the start of the following year.

West Virginia families interviewed by The Associated Press highlighted how their grocery and gasoline bills have risen and said they'll need to get by with less of a financial cushion than a few months ago.

"You're going to have to learn to adapt," said Roberts, who worked as an auto dealer for five decades. "You never really dreamed that everything would all of a sudden explode. You go down and get a package of hamburger and it's $7-8 a pound."

By the Biden administration's math, the expanded child tax credit and its monthly payments were a policy success that paid out $93 billion over six months. More than 36 million families received the payments in December. The payments were $300 monthly for each child who was five and younger, and $250 monthly for children between the ages of six and 17.

The Treasury Department declined to address questions about the expiration of the expanded child tax credit, which has become a politically sensitive issue as part of Biden's nearly $2 trillion economic package that has stalled in the Senate.

Manchin has supported some form of a work requirement for people receiving the payment, out of concern that automatic government aid could cause people to quit their jobs. Yet his primary objection, in a written statement last month, sidestepped that issue as he expressed concerns about inflation and that a one-year extension masked the true costs of a tax credit that could become permanent.

"My Democratic colleagues in Washington are determined to dramatically reshape our society in a way that leaves our country even more vulnerable to the threats we face," Manchin said. He added that he was worried about inflation and the size of the national debt.

The Census Bureau surveyed the spending patterns of recipients during September and October. Nearly a third used the credit to pay for school expenses, while about 25% of families with young children spent it on child care. About 40% of recipients said they mostly relied on the money to pay off debt.

There are separate benefits in terms of improving the outcomes for impoverished children, whose families could not previously access the full tax credit because their earnings were too low. An analysis by the Urban Institute estimated that extending the credit as developed by the Biden administration would cut child poverty by 40%.

The tax credits did not cause an immediate exodus from the workforce, as some lawmakers had feared. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that the percentage of people with jobs increased from 58% the month before the monthly payments began to 59.5% last month. That same trend occurred in West Virginia, where the employment-population ratio rose to the pre-pandemic level of 52.9%.

There's an academic debate over whether the credit could suppress employment in the long term, with most studies suggesting that the impact would be statistically negligible.

Academics who study the tax credit are torn on how a permanent program would affect the economy and child welfare.

Katherine Michelmore, an associate professor of public policy at the University of Michigan, and two other researchers estimated that roughly 350,000 parents would exit the workforce, a figure that is not all that significant in an economy with roughly 150 million jobs.

Michelmore said the long-term effects of a permanent tax credit would have a positive impact on the economy, as children who grow up in families with higher incomes "tend to do better in school, they're more likely to graduate from high school. It might be 15 years down the road but there will be more cost savings in the future."

One of the key questions for policymakers is whether bureaucracies or parents are better

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December retail sales slip after a record holiday season

ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP Retail Writer

Americans overlooked shortages, spiking prices and uncertainty over the omicron variant to break spending records during the critical holiday shopping season. But figures released Friday show that after spending robustly early in the holiday season, consumers sharply slowed their purchases from November to December.

The National Retail Federation, the nation's largest retail trade group, said that sales surged by a record 14.1% from November and December 2020 to the same months in 2021. Those figures blew away the federation's projections for growth of between 8.5% to 10.5%, and more than tripled the average gain over the past five years of 4.4%.

"After a dispiriting holiday season in 2020, most shoppers were absolutely determined to enjoy themselves come what may," said Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData.

Yet data issued by the Commerce Department showed that by the end of December, spending had trailed off sharply enough to catch economists off guard and raise doubts about the sustainability of retail sales in the face of omicron, inflation and persistent shortages of labor and supplies. Retail sales fell a seasonally adjusted 1.9% from November to December.

Spending fell broadly across numerous sectors: Department store sales fell 7%, restaurant 0.8% and online purchases 8.7% compared with November.

Many economists expect the caution that consumers displayed last month to carry over into this year and potentially slow the economy. Still, with average hourly pay rising and unemployment rate steadily dropping, analysts say spending and growth could pick up, at least modestly, once omicron fades.

"American consumers closed 2021 on a very sour note," said Sal Guatieri, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets. "That said, high household savings, strong job growth, and improved confidence once the latest COVID wave crests should put consumers back on a high-spending track in the second quarter."

Retailers warned for months that their supply chains had become snarled as the nation swiftly emerged from the pandemic recession, and they urged consumers to shop early for their holiday purchases. It appears that many Americans took heed and, in effect, moved up the usual holiday shopping period by a month or so.

Commerce Department figure show retail sales jumped 1.8% in October, and on Friday it reported that year-over-year numbers show that retail sales surged 16.9% last month compared with December 2020. For all of 2021, sales spiked 19.3% compared with the previous year.

Some economists caution that the seasonal adjustment of retail sales has been thrown off by the pandemic. Seasonal adjustment is intended to account for the normal spike in shopping in December for the holiday season. This year, though, because many Americans started shopping so early, the seasonal adjustment might have exaggerated any December spending retreat.

Some analysts also suspect that shoppers who waited until the end of the holiday season and didn't find what they wanted and took a pass or they bought gift cards. That spending won't show up in retail data until those cards are redeemed.

All told, Americans appear to be spending their money differently — and spending more, not less, collectively.

Mastercard SpendingPulse, which tracks all kinds of payments including cash and debit cards, reported late last month that holiday sales surged 8.5% from Nov. 1 through Dec. 24 from a year earlier. That was the fastest such pace in 17 years.

"Consumer spending will remain the cornerstone of economic growth this year, but the near-term path will be choppy amid surging omicron cases," said Lydia Boussour, lead U.S. economist at Oxford Economics. Boussour said she thinks that after a soft patch in the first quarter, spending should rebound in the spring on the strength of strong wage growth and savings.

Stephen Stanley, chief economist at Amherst Pierpoint, agreed, pointing to a robust job market, pent-up demand and "a mountainous pile of extra cash to spend."

"People will spend again once the omicron wave fades," Stanley predicted.

The omicron variant has led to widespread worker shortages with many people calling out sick. And supply shortages have curtailed what goods make it to store shelves. Stores and restaurants have slashed operating hours or remained closed on days when they had previously been open.

This week, Lululemon warned that fourth-quarter sales and profits will likely come in at the low end of its expectations as it grapples with the variant's fallout.

"We started the holiday season in a strong position but have since experienced several consequences of the omicron variant, including increased capacity constraints, more limited staff availability and reduced operating hours in certain locations," said CEO Calvin McDonald.

And inflation has settled in across almost every level of the economy, forcing the Federal Reserve to no longer characterize rising prices as "transitory."

Last month, inflation jumped at its fastest pace in nearly 40 years, a 7% spike from a year earlier that is increasing household expenses and biting into wage gains. And the largest price spikes are hitting where Americans can most feel it, with the cost of homes, cars, clothes and food racing higher.

Raquel Schuttler, who works in fashion sales, says that the surging cost of food has had a psychological impact on her spending everywhere.

The 53-year-old Atlanta resident, who does grocery shopping for her 17-year-old son and her fiancee, used to make intermittent trips to the grocery store in between big shopping trips. Those smaller trips are now costing her roughly $280, instead of $220, she said. She has pulled back on lunches at the mall with friends to avoid the temptation to shop there.

"I am being much more conservative," Schuttler said. "I stopped any kind of going out impulsively."

Follow Anne D'Innocenzio on Twitter. AP Business Writer Christopher Rugaber contributed to this report.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 243 CALLS ON JANUARY 13

Traffic Hazard 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 12:53 a.m.
Fire 1500Blk Palisades Park 1:43 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1200Blk 6th St 2:40 a.m.
Prowler There Now 800Blk 2nd St 3:10 a.m.
Petty Theft 800Blk 5th St 4:24 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300Blk Lincoln Blvd 4:26 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2000Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:45 a.m.
Domestic Violence 1300Blk Ashland Ave 4:48 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500Blk 16th St 5:20 a.m.
Found Senile Person 2600Blk 28th St 5:50 a.m.
Encampment 2900Blk The Beach 5:52 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 1500Blk Maple St 7:13 a.m.
Construction Noise 1800Blk 7th St 7:41 a.m.
Burglary 1900Blk 20th St 8:36 a.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 1300Blk 16th St 8:51 a.m.
General Parking Problem 300Blk Olympic Dr 9:02 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 800Blk 7th St 9:37 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2400Blk 16th St 9:49 a.m.
Encampment 1000Blk Palisades Park 9:51 a.m.
Fraud Unknown 10:00 a.m.
Vandalism 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 10:01 a.m.
Vandalism 900Blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:07 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1600Blk Butler Ava, WLA 10:23 a.m.
Death Investigation 1500Blk 5th St 10:24 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 20th St / California Ave 10:59 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2500Blk Lincoln Blvd 11:04 a.m.
Fraud 1100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:12 a.m.
Fraud 1400Blk 15th St 11:23 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 21st St / Pico Blvd 11:26 a.m.
Battery 900Blk 6th St 11:27 a.m.
Burglary 2600Blk 5th St 12:00 p.m.
Encampment 1500Blk Stanford St 12:02 p.m.
Fraud 1200Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:04 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1000Blk Colorado Ave 12:14 p.m.
Lewd Activity 1500Blk Ocean Ave 12:16 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1200Blk Hill St 12:17 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 12:19 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1100Blk 6th St 12:20 p.m.
Vandalism Now 34th St / Pico Blvd 12:29 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 2nd St / Wilshire Blvd 12:35 p.m.
Identity Theft 700Blk San Vicente Blvd 12:43 p.m.
Prowler Just Left 1100Blk Yale St 12:57 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Ocean Ave / Wilshire Blvd 1:06 p.m.
Loitering 800Blk 10th St 1:08 p.m.
Petty Theft 2400Blk Oak St 1:24 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:25 p.m.
Battery 2900Blk 4th St 1:33 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 1:39 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500Blk 16th St 1:56 p.m.
Grand Theft 1700Blk Appian Way 2:15 p.m.
Vandalism 2200Blk 23rd St 2:28 p.m.
Vandalism 600Blk Olympic Blvd E 2:32 p.m.
Burglary 2300Blk La Mesa Dr 2:57 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Lincoln Blvd / Marguerita Ave 3:07 p.m.
Petty Theft 200Blk Broadway 3:20 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2400Blk 18th St 3:26 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2500Blk Centinela Ave 3:26 p.m.
Arson 1200Blk 12th St 3:32 p.m.
Animal Related Incident Ocean Ave / Montana Ave 3:34 p.m.
Person Down Cloverfield Blvd / Virginia Ave 3:44 p.m.
Grand Theft 2900Blk Urban Ave 3:44 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 3rd St / Mills St 3:58 p.m.
Prowler 1400Blk California Ave 4:09 p.m.
Identity Theft 1100Blk 9th St 4:14 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Olympic Blvd / Centinela Ave 4:22 p.m.
Animal Related Incident Ocean Ave / Georgina Ave 4:40 p.m.
Battery 1500Blk Euclid St 4:51 p.m.
Fight 1100Blk 12th St 4:55 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Euclid St / Alta Ave 5:04 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery 1600Blk Main St 5:16 p.m.
Battery 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 5:37 p.m.
Loitering 1000Blk Bay St 5:46 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 5:51 p.m.
Stakeout 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 5:53 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Yale St / Santa Monica Blvd 5:53 p.m.
Vandalism 800Blk Montana Ave 5:57 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 5:59 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1000Blk Pico Blvd 6:03 p.m.
9-1-1 Open Line 1300Blk 20th St 6:17 p.m.
Burglary 2800Blk Montana Ave 6:19 p.m.
Prowler Just Left 1300Blk 26th St 6:46 p.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 200Blk Arizona Ave 6:47 p.m.
Encampment 1700Blk The Beach 7:00 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved Lincoln Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 7:05 p.m.
Found Property 1500Blk Palisades Park 7:08 p.m.
Petty Theft 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 7:42 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 16th St / Santa Monica Blvd 7:58 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1600Blk Cloverfield Blvd 8:02 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 3300Blk Delaware Ave 8:03 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1100Blk 16th St 8:21 p.m.
Battery 900Blk 5th St 9:00 p.m.
Suicide 900Blk 5th St 9:11 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 9:56 p.m.
Loud Music 1400Blk 7th St 10:03 p.m.
Overdose 1500Blk 4th St 10:09 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1400Blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:18 p.m.
Auto Burglary 100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:24 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1300Blk Ocean Ave 10:30 p.m.
Loud Music 2100Blk 20th St 10:53 p.m.
Battery 00Blk Seaview Ter 11:44 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 29 CALLS ON JANUARY 13

Structure Fire 3100Blk Donald Douglas Loop S 1:46 a.m.
EMS 2200Blk 20th St 1:49 a.m.
EMS 800Blk Lincoln Blvd 2:38 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1900Blk Pico Blvd 8:56 a.m.
EMS 1500Blk 5th St 10:25 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk 16th St 10:47 a.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Ozone Ave 10:55 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:03 p.m.
EMS 1000Blk 12th St 12:56 p.m.
EMS 1200Blk 6th St 1:23 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 7th St 1:52 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk 6th St 2:15 p.m.
EMS 2400Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:22 p.m.
EMS 2400Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:03 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1200Blk 12th St 3:30 p.m.
EMS 700Blk Strand St 3:37 p.m.
EMS Cloverfield Blvd / Virginia Ave 3:44 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Washington Ave 4:39 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:17 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1100Blk 4th St 5:54 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 600Blk 26th St 5:56 p.m.
EMS 2600Blk 26th St 6:43 p.m.
EMS 700Blk Pico Blvd 7:21 p.m.
EMS 400Blk Hill St 7:36 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 16th St 8:01 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk 4th St 10:09 p.m.
EMS 1200Blk 9th St 10:24 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Arizona Ave 10:48 p.m.
EMS 1900Blk 20th St 11:32 p.m.

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NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

UNSCHEDULED VACANCIES

Disabilities Commission:
One seat available for a term ending June 30, 2022.
Applicant must be a Santa Monica resident.

Housing Commission:
One seat available for a term ending June 30, 2025.
Applicant must be a Santa Monica resident.

Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission:
One seat available for a term ending June 30, 2023.
Applicant must be a Santa Monica resident between the ages of 18-22.

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Two seats available for a term ending June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023.
Applicants must be Santa Monica residents.

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SMPD MADE 22 ARRESTS FROM JANUARY 3 TO JANUARY 9.

Date	Sex	Age	Primary Charge
Mon, Jan 3	M	37	Rape
Mon, Jan 3	M	50	Parole Violation
Mon, Jan 3	M	29	Obstructing a Business Establishment
Mon, Jan 3	M	29	Drunk in Public
Mon, Jan 3	M	32	Grand Theft Auto
Tue, Jan 4	F	35	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
Wed, Jan 5	M	47	Burglary
Wed, Jan 5	M	45	Drunk in Public
Wed, Jan 5	M	36	Carrying a Loaded Firearm
Thu, Jan 6	M	21	Shoplifting
Thu, Jan 6	F	38	Parole Violation
Thu, Jan 6	M	23	False Identification to a Police Officer
Thu, Jan 6	F	40	Assault & Battery
Fri, Jan 7	F	26	Drunk in Public
Fri, Jan 7	M	39	Carrying A Concealed Dirk Or Dagger
Fri, Jan 7	M	48	Prohibition against camping in public places
Sat, Jan 8	M	41	Resisting Arrest
Sat, Jan 8	M	21	Shoplifting
Sat, Jan 8	M	30	Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance
Sat, Jan 8	M	41	Failure to Register as a Sex Offender
Sat, Jan 8	M	14	Carrying a Concealed Firearm
Sat, Jan 8	F	19	Aggravated Assault

Letter to the Editor

Ericka Lesley Send comments to editor@smdp.com

In response to the article on January 11, 2022, I would like to take this opportunity to provide clarity. Barry Snell is not the leader of the Black Agenda as was stated in the article. Barry Snell is the President of SMBLA the Non-profit organization that was created by the Black Agenda. SMBLA is a resource for the Black community in Santa Monica. The Black Agenda's work is the advocacy. For the record, The Black Agenda is in opposition of the Malibu petition as it is inequitable to all children of color and at times has racist undertones in reference to the children of color in the Santa Monica community. The chair of the Black Agenda is Ericka Lesley. Ben Drati was invited to the Black Agenda by the chair. Barry Snell was there as a guest. There were no assurances of assistance by Mr. Snell to Dr. Drati at said meeting. I hope that this provides some clarity for those whose vision of equality and transparency is cloudy.

Ericka Lesley, Black Agenda Chair

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In vaccination battles, pro athletes become proxy players

ANDREW DALTON
AP Entertainment Writer

The pandemic-era saga of tennis star Novak Djokovic in Australia this week is but one of many: Pro athletes who have refused to be vaccinated have been put at center court in a larger contest — as famous faces who are becoming proxy players in the accelerating worldwide cultural battles over COVID jabs.

The NBA's Kyrie Irving missed the first months of the Brooklyn Nets' season before making a partial return. The NFL's Aaron Rodgers went from revered veteran to polarizing figure. And we're still not finished with the diplomatic standoff and fallout over Djokovic's exemption to play in the Australian Open.

It's a cultural issue, not a question of numbers. The vast majority of players in professional sports organizations are vaccinated — more than the U.S. population at large — and tacitly or explicitly accept the evidence of their safety and efficacy. But the handful of high-profile objectors represent a new front in what one expert calls the "oversized role of sports" in society's conversations.

"We look to sports to give us an answer or clarify issues in the larger culture," says Robert T. Hayashi, an associate professor of American studies at Amherst College in Massachusetts whose specialties include the history of sports. "Many times, the most detailed conversations we see arising in the culture and the media are regarding sports."

Their centrality is not necessarily because they are exceptional, but because they serve as avatars for all of us.

"They are all different individuals. They have different approaches," says Dan Lebowitz, executive director of the Center for the Study of Sport in Society at Northeastern University. "Athletes," he says, "are no different than really the whole of humanity."

And in that sense, they are subject to the same information and misinformation — the same receptiveness or stubbornness — as the rest of the population.

"We live in a world where we've moved really far away from a central set of facts," Lebowitz says. "None of these athletes are impervious to all the information that's coming at them around the world, or impervious to the divisions that we have."

While figures like Irving, Rodgers and Djokovic are at the center of the conversation, they may not actually be driving it. COVID vaccines, in their brief existence, have been fast-tracked into an elite group of divisive political and cultural issues — things about which people tend to pick a side and stick to it no matter what.

Mark Harvey, a professor at the University of Saint Mary in Kansas and author of "Celebrity Influence: Politics, Persuasion, and Issue-based Advocacy," says these are the topics on which famous people may actually have the least sway.

"The kind of issues where they aren't really influential are the traditional wedge issues," Harvey says. "Celebrities aren't really going to change anyone's minds on abortion or guns. For most people, this has become part of what has become a wedge issue."

Well-known voices then become something else — amplification devices, opinions used more as fodder for existing arguments than as actual agents of influence.

"People that have certain beliefs that they want to promulgate forward ... they're going to grab on to these athletes as spokespersons for their cause," Lebowitz says.

That doesn't necessarily mean that famous voices have no actual effect, though. Harvey says a celebrity's personal connection to an issue can matter — and can command attention.

For example: "Today" show host Katie Couric got a colonoscopy on the air in 2000 after her husband died from colon cancer, and the number of such procedures saw a major spike in the months that followed. And Elton John talking to LGBTQ communities — especially about LGBTQ issues — might find himself heard more than someone else.

By the same logic, devoted fans of a team like the Green Bay Packers might be more likely to listen to vaccination opinions from a storied local player like Rodgers. And the opinions of Black athletes might grab more traction in African-American communities, especially when tapping into a history of medical mistreatment.

"They can feel a sort of lack of trust, with memories of the Tuskegee experiments and forced sterilization for women of color," Hayashi says. "Those identities are not stripped away in these situations."

The stance of Djokovic might similarly resonate in the Serbian athlete's home country, given its role in European conflicts of the 20th century.

"For Djokovic, the Serbian community with their role in Europe and how they've been presented as bad guys, he can become a symbol for some certainly by asserting a sort of national pride with the way he's standing up," Hayashi says.

While sports have always been indivisible from politics and public conflicts, there has been a major ground shift in the years since Michael Jordan made public neutrality on all non-sports issues an essential part of his brand. Today there is almost an expectation of advocacy, especially with the precedent set by Colin Kaepernick's protests and the embrace by many athletes of the Black Lives Matter cause.

"We expect an awful lot of them," Lebowitz says. "We ask them to fix hate and hurt. And now we expect a groundswell from them on public health."

These expectations were heightened through the cultural crucible of the Trump era, which Harvey says were "defined by celebrity advocacy" under a president who himself — as businessman, reality-TV star and general high-profile person — helped build the notion of celebrity voice into an American bully pulpit in the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s.

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Charges filed against 4 in slaying of off-duty LA cop

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Federal prosecutors have charged four people in connection with the robbery and killing of an off-duty Los Angeles police officer and allege the suspects are tied to a street gang, authorities said Thursday.

Officer Fernando Arroyos, 27, was fatally shot at about 9:15 p.m. Monday in an unincorporated area of south Los Angeles County. The suspects allegedly targeted him because of two silver chains or necklaces around his neck, authorities said.

Authorities have said Arroyos was shopping for a house with his girlfriend when a pickup truck approached. Several suspects got out, there was an argument and gunfire was exchanged between the assailants and the officer. Arroyos was shot once; his girlfriend was not hurt.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles announced the charges on Thursday. The sheriff's department was investigating the case, and took the suspects into custody on Wednesday, because the crime occurred in an unincorporated area of the county.

The defendants are charged with violent crime in aid of racketeering; they are allegedly connected to the Florencia 13 (F13) gang. The crimes were allegedly committed in furtherance of the gang, authorities said.

The violence occurred in the gang's territory, authorities said.

The suspects are alleged gang members Luis Alfredo De La Rosa Rios, 29, known as "Lil J"; Ernesto Cisneros, 22, known as "Gonzo" and Jesse Contreras, 34, known as "Skinny Jack" and "Flaco." Rios' girlfriend, 18-year-old Haylee Marie Grisham, is considered an associate of the gang.

Another LAPD officer identified Contreras in surveillance footage because the officer had encountered him and Rios in the truck on Sunday during a traffic stop, authorities said.

The suspects are expected to make their first appearances in federal court on Friday afternoon. It was not immediately clear Thursday night whether they had attorneys who could comment on their behalf.

Florencia 13 is a Latino street gang founded in the early 1950s and based in the Florence-Firestone neighborhood of South LA, according to a federal affidavit. The violent group controls drug trafficking in the area and is allegedly overseen by the Mexican Mafia.

Rios, Cisneros and Contreras allegedly admitted, in their interviews with law enforcement, that they are members of the gang and have tattoos related to it, the affidavit states. Authorities also placed people working with law enforcement in jail cells with the suspects to glean more information.

Rios, however, allegedly told investigators that the foursome had been looking to "make money" that night — to rob people of property or cash, according to the affidavit.

Grisham told someone in her jail cell that she had allegedly had participated in a robbery earlier that day.

Around 9:15 p.m., the group spotted Arroyos and his girlfriend, Rios said, and Contreras allegedly told him to "get the chain" and handed him a gun.

Rios and Cisneros allegedly confronted the couple and pointed the guns at them, authorities said. They allegedly stole items from both, including a black walking stick from the officer's girlfriend, and removed the silver chains — one with a sword pendant — from Arroyos' neck.

Rios told investigators he saw Cisneros take Arroyos' wallet, the affidavit states. Cisneros handed Rios the wallet, and Rios later took $100 out and threw it on the ground.

At some point, a shootout began and Arroyos was struck once. He ran toward an alley and collapsed as Rios and Cisneros fled.

Sheriff's deputies, responding to a call for help, loaded Arroyos into their cruiser and rushed him to the hospital, where he was later pronounced dead.

LAPD Chief Michel Moore, at a news conference Thursday night to announce the charges, lamented that the robbery and slaying were "over minimal property."

Still, he added: "I will tell you that those two chains and a wallet mean, I'm sure, the world to the family."

Rios allegedly admitted to firing at least once and said he believed Cisneros also shot at Arroyos. A bullet grazed Rios' ribcage and Cisneros appeared to have broken his leg.

Surveillance video shows the pickup truck pulling up at a home near the shooting and Contreras can be seen getting out of the truck, authorities said. He is then seen helping an apparently injured Cisneros out of the truck, according to court documents.

All four suspects were in the truck, prosecutors say. The whole group was allegedly at the scene of the robbery and shooting.

Sheriff Alex Villanueva said investigators brought the case to Los Angeles County prosecutors but District Attorney George Gascón had previously pledged to stop seeking gang enhancements in prosecutions.

Villanueva, during the news conference, said the "depravity" behind Arroyos' slaying should bring harsher punishments, so detectives took the case to federal authorities.

Under federal charges, the suspects could face the death penalty, or the minimum sentence of the life in prison without the possibility of parole, because Arroyos was killed during the robbery, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

A loaded handgun that allegedly belonged to one of the suspects was found at the scene, but Arroyos' chains and wallet remain missing.

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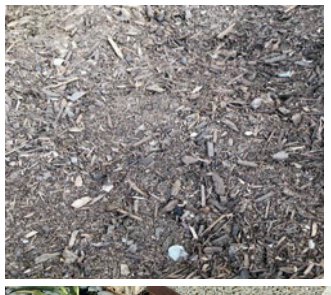
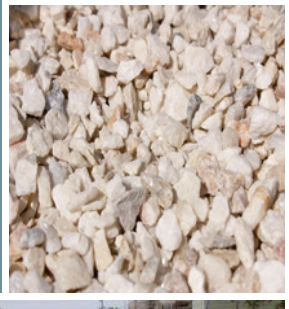
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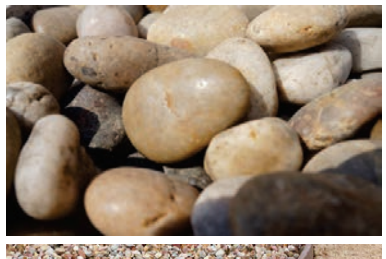


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MLK

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be streamed live at 9 a.m. on Jan. 17 on www.mlkjrwestside.org and feature music by the Linda Alvarez Trio, spoken word by Get Lit: Words Ignite, a keynote speech by journalist LZ Granderson, and the presentation of the Lifetime Achievement award to 64 year Santa Monica resident and activist LaVerne Ross.

"The fact that Santa Monica is home to the largest MLK Day celebration on the Westside is a testament to the Westside Coalition, but I also hope and believe that it is a reflection of our community's most cherished values," said Kristin McCowan, Santa Monica's first Black City Councilwoman. "Our local work to lift all voices, bring about policies that drive greater equity, and to grow and heal together from painful points of our community's past continues, and we hope others will get involved."

The MLK Westside Coalition has a rich history and is both one of the longest running and largest MLK Day events in Los Angeles.

The coalition's current chair Darlene Evans and member Nat Trives were founders of the first event in 1985 and have continued to help the celebration develop and thrive across four decades. Trives is a former SMPD officer and was the first ever Black Mayor of Santa Monica, while Evans is a longtime community activist, who has served on the Commission on the Status of Women.

They were part of the team that fought to have the Santa Monica Public Library's auditorium named in honor of Dr. King and the team that then brought his eldest daughter Yolanda King to the MLK Day Celebration in 2006. Their tireless efforts have ensured the event continues every year and have inspired younger members of the community to get involved.

For example, Michele Prince, who helped organize this year's event, first got involved with the coalition after being deeply moved by Yolanda King's appearance and has stayed involved for years due to her admiration of fellow coalition members.

"I get to be exposed to the other coalition members who are really impressive and are really walking the walk of doing what's right and helping keep the values of Dr. King alive, because the work is not done and we have to keep teaching the next generation and pushing ourselves to continue being inspired and motivated," said Prince.

Prince, Trives and Evans, alongside their fellow coalition members, selected this year's theme: "the time is always right to do what is right," which is an MLK quotation, and chose LZ Granderson to be the keynote speaker.

Granderson is a sports and culture columnist with the LA Times and host of the "Life out Loud" podcast about the history of the LGBTQ community. His writings on race, sexuality and equality have earned him honors from the Human Rights Campaign, GLAAD, National Lesbian and Gay Journalist Association and the National Association of Black Journalists.

"2021 was a year of so many difficult situations and real conversations around race and police violence and other issues that were very important to Dr. King, and he (Granderson) has been writing so beautifully… so we're really, really excited to hear what he has to say," said Prince.

The coalition also chose to honor LaVerne Ross for her decades of commitment to honoring Black history and bettering the lives of all underrepresented groups in Santa Monica.



Courtesy photo

LAVERNE ROSS: The long time Santa Monican will be recognized on Monday.

Ross is best known for bringing the celebration of Juneteenth to Santa Monica from her home state of Texas.

Her grandfather was a slave in Texas and her parents worked as sharecroppers before moving their family to Santa Monica in 1957. Ross grew up celebrating Juneteenth every year even though very few people in her new home state recognized the day. In 1992, she successfully convinced City Council to establish a Santa Monica Juneteenth celebration, which has now taken place for the past 29 years.

"MLK Day has certainly inspired me to move forward with MLK's legacy of advocating for the underrepresented and others to be recognized and Juneteenth really speaks to that, so the two days certainly work hand in hand," said Ross.

Ross also spent many years working for the City, both as an employee of the Pico Neighborhood Association (PNA) and a volunteer on several commissions.

One of her biggest accomplishments during her time at the PNA was creating a program between tenants and landlords that allowed for the overhaul and renovation of aging buildings that were on the verge of being condemned.

"I was instrumental in helping 856 tenants regain habitable housing in Santa Monica," said Ross. "The City of Santa Monica thought that was phenomenal because the City had tried a similar program and only 12 landlords and tenants participated in it… and so they felt my talent and professionalism was really impressive."

Ross also helped establish the first midwifery wing in Providence Saint John's while serving on the Commission on the Status of Women; and she advocated for affordable housing for seniors, expanded Meals on Wheels coverage and dollar rides for seniors while serving on the Commission for the Senior Community.

At the age of 80, Ross continues to be involved in the community and is currently working on two long-term goals with the City: creating a Juneteenth parade and founding a Juneteenth museum in Santa Monica.

"I'm very, very pleased that I'm still up and running doing everything I can," said Ross, adding that she is incredibly excited about her upcoming award. "I felt like Cinderella, I could have danced all night and still have asked for more when I was informed that they would present me with the Lifetime Achievement award."

More information about the MLK Day Celebration can be found at www.mlkjrwestside.org/

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STICKERS

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In a joint statement, SMMUSD and the City condemned the fliers.

"Santa Monica rejects bigotry of any kind and antisemitic rhetoric, intolerance, harassment, and violence have no place in our schools or in our community," said the statement. "We are deeply offended by the antisemitic posters, falsely and nefariously representing pro-vaccine propaganda found at several of our schools. They have been removed from all campuses and Santa Monica Police Department is investigating the incident. We collectively want to ensure that all of our students, families, and staff, no matter their race, religion, or other identity feel safe and welcomed in our schools and in our community."

At Thursday's SMMUSD Board meeting, Boardmember Jon Kean said the language being used in the community around vaccines was unacceptable. He said the fliers at local schools were part of a trend that included people calling Mayor Himmelrich a Nazi during debate over a local vaccine mandate and individuals using gas chamber descriptions in communication to the Board.

He said as a Jew himself and a scholar of the Holocaust, he was disgusted by the language.

"I am disgusted by the posters that were put in our neighborhood today. I am disgusted by the names being thrown around," he said. "And I will once again make the same plea I have made for the past two years: The enemy is the virus. The enemy is not one another. Please tone the rhetoric down."



Courtesy photo

STICKER: The stickers used a stylized "A" and "V" to form the Star of David.

SMPD said it is investigating.

"Our officers and forensic specialists responded to the campuses and took a report," said Lt. Rudy Flores. "It appears that these posters /stickers have been posted at various locations within the county since sometime in December. SMPD detectives will follow up with LAPD. They are also working with the district's video technicians to review footage."

Anyone with information related to these incidents are encouraged to contact Detective Haro at 310-458-8432.

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TAX

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at spending money on children. Manchin has proposed a 10-year, funded version of Biden's economic proposal that would scrap the child tax credits focus and instead finance programs such as universal pre-kindergarten, to avoid sending money directly to families.

"It's a moral question of do you trust families to make their own decisions," Michelmore said.

Hairdresser Chelsea Woody is a single mother from Charleston, West Virginia, who works six days a week to make ends meet. The extended child tax credit payments had helped pay for her son's daycare, as well as letting her splurge on clothes for him.

"It truly helps out a lot. It's an extra cushion, instead of me worrying how I'm going to pay a bill or if anything comes up," Woody said as she loaded groceries into her car. "It's helpful for a lot of people. It helps working families out because we struggle the most. I'm hardly home with my kid because I work all the time."

Hussein reported from Washington and Boak from Baltimore.

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"I think the moral of the story that celebrities are learning, which is where you kind of have to take a side," Harvey says. "Nowadays, if you don't take a side, people don't think you don't have a spine."

And while athletes don't necessarily feel the pressure they once might have to constantly think of the children they're influencing, the expectation that they remain role models for the young remains embedded in the culture — as it has since the years of the earliest sports mega-celebrities like Babe Ruth more than a century ago.

"There's a lot of things we see in society, sports being the crucible for shaping youth and certain ideas that we value, sacrifice and effort and goal orientation, learning how to work hard and set goals, to be this shaper of youth and morality," Hayashi says. "I find this kind of perversely laughable that we turn to these kinds of figures for this. You can't get that from being a disciplined violin player or an artist or a writer?"

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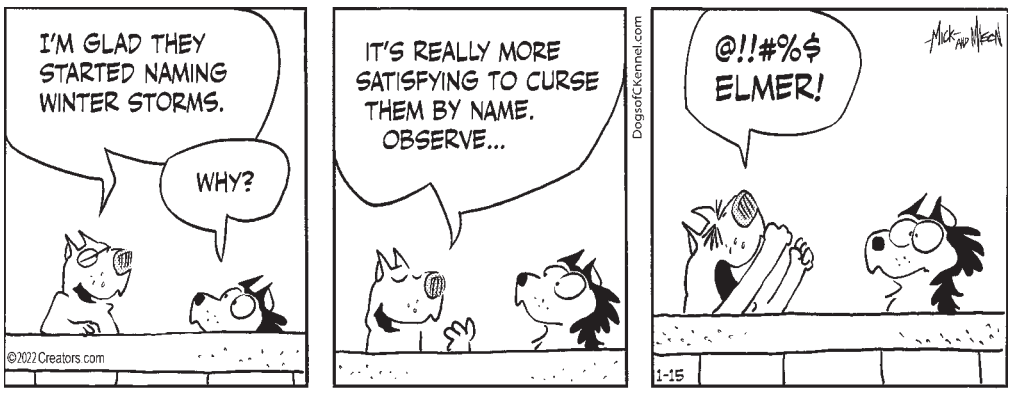
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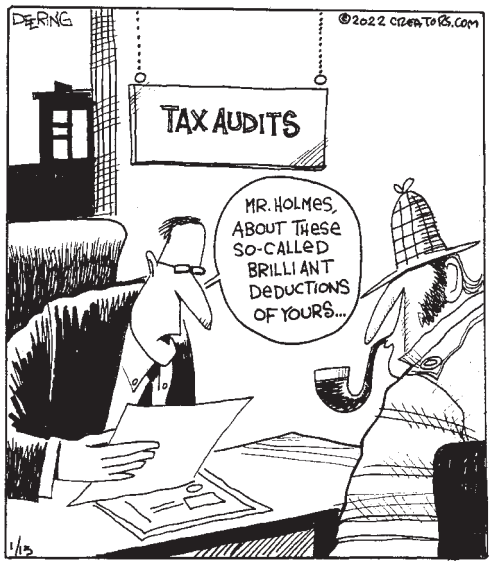
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SUNDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Clean in morning but let the tide drop for better shape at the points. Fun WNW swell continues. Afternoon low tide should be good at winter spots.

WEATHER

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly after 4pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 70.
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Though you'd like to think you're even-tempered, you're sometimes prone to passionate flare-ups. Intensity isn't always bad. These emotions can be like a cleansing by fire.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You feel like the truth's ambassador. As the Billy Joel song goes, "honesty is such a lonely word." Don't worry; after you speak to the reality of the situation, others will join in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's good to take action, but it's not enough. Taking action repeatedly and consistently is the way to success. Make it easy. Adjust your schedule and environment to support not only this step but the next one and the next.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The social demands of the day happen to be perfectly in line with what you love to deliver. Even so, after all the excitement, you'll need time to recharge in solitude.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Instead of fixing what's broken, focus on what's working. As you maximize the potential of what's already going right in your world, you'll create brilliance enough to overshadow the rest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're still figuring out how to put yourself forth so that people understand who you are. As you relate to more people, you'll find what does and doesn't work. Commit to the process and expect to make mistakes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You give. If their response is not appreciative, you stop giving. If it seems your gift is appreciated, you give more, thus increasing both your power and your responsibilities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can't do everything yourself; however, you will be empowered by solo work this weekend. The fewer people involved, the better your project will turn out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In love and art, it's often what you leave out that makes people lean in. When in doubt, leave space for people to fill with their imaginations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your powers of observation are dialed in to the degree that it almost seems like you can read certain people's thoughts. Group dynamics will be especially interesting to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Conflict-free collaborations are easiest, but don't always bring about the best result. You'll learn more from the person who disagrees. Ask them to shoot down your plan and you'll learn how to make it bulletproof.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Love and attraction live in two different parts of the brain, but both areas will light up at the same time today when you connect with an attractive someone on matters of mutual interest.

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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

2	3	1	9	4	8	7	5	6
6	8	7	1	2	5	9	3	4
5	4	9	6	3	7	8	2	1
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1	9	4	5	8	6	3	7	2
8	2	6	7	9	3	4	1	5
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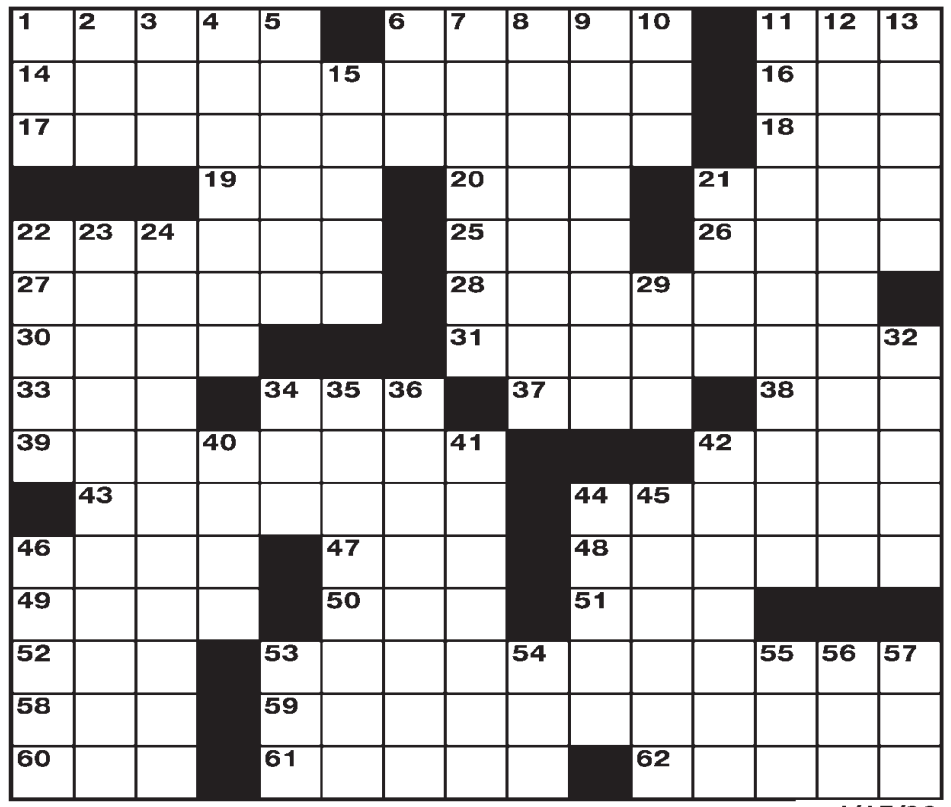
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Lester Ruff
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ACROSS
1 Extremely eager
6 Clipped conjunction
11 Key locale, briefly
14 Took one's punishment
16 Last Declaration pronoun
17 Michelin rival
18 2027 Super Bowl designation
19 What a certain spray provides
20 Swamp stuff
21 Olympic VIP
22 Sources of twangy sounds
25 A third of ninety
26 Dreamer of Gothic fiction
27 Glide by
28 Cold mold
30 A little something for your croupier
31 Age of Discovery coinage
33 Official USPS abbreviation
34 Its seal has scales and 13 stars
37 Subject of 34 Across analysis
38 *Miembro de la familia*
39 Event attended by Alice
42 Matter in marmalade
43 First in quadrennial roll calls
44 Mint
46 Latter-day "Marvy!"
47 Half-pint
48 Word from Old French for "bread room"
49 Specify multiply
50 In particular, in the OED
51 Any of 200+ Space Station excursions
52 Table tennis racket
53 Nontraditional
58 Word on a pound coin
59 First NBAer with $1 billion active-player earnings (2021)
60 Prevailed
61 Take __
62 *1812 Overture* duo

DOWN
1 Home for F-16s and Globemasters
2 "Note" in "Do Re Mi"
3 *Cliquez __* (*l'Internet* instruction)
4 Metaphor for holdups
5 Raven Awards, e.g.
6 Physical features?
7 Demand for an opening
8 Wiped the floor with
9 Made by Grandma, perhaps
10 "Wilt thou not __ thy heart . . .?: Emerson
11 Sound-effects specialist
12 High-end transportation
13 Pop up
15 Worked up
21 Nonentity
22 Went after
23 Berlin's "fingers o'er the keys" tune
24 Latter-day "Hark!"
29 Former frequent flier
32 Pop
34 Detergent brand once "rhymed" with "glad" in commercials
35 Common theme park ID
36 "No way to prevent that"
40 Formal convention
41 Many miniatures
42 Settle later
44 Ben Franklin founded it
45 Many New Mexicans
46 Golfer's sore spot
53 __.org (site with a Banned Books Week page)
54 Orchardist's headache
55 View introducer
56 View introducer
57 Half of an icy eight



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What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

SATURDAY | JAN 15

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
Arizona Ave. (between 2nd & 4th)
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

PICO FARMERS MARKET
Pico Blvd. & Cloverfield Blvd.
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

NOTABLE BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP
A community-led book club, focusing on books which have won major prizes or are otherwise notable. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the Zoom link. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

ANNUAL MLK HOLIDAY CONCERT
John Adams Middle School Performing Arts Center, 1630 Pearl Street, 2 - 3:30 p.m. https://www.mlkjrwestside.org/ or www.smsymphony.org

PICO PLACEMAKER MURAL
Join Mayor Sue Himmelrich, Pico merchants and neighbors at a block party and ribbon-cutting ceremony. 2 - 4 p.m. Pico / Urban.

SUNDAY | JAN 16

MAIN ST. FARMERS MARKET
2640 Main St. (In The Victorian Parking Lot) 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY | JAN 17

37TH ANNUAL REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION
Come join the 37th annual celebration of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The festivities will include music by the Linda Alvarez Trio and spoken word by Get Lit: Words Ignite, who will also receive a Community Light Award. Education awards will be presented to local students and a Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to longtime community activist, LaVerne Ross. 9 a.m. Free. Visit https://www.mlkjrwestside.org for more information.

MAIN LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Join a community-led discussion of books selected by the group. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the Zoom link. 7 - 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY | JAN 18

SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING
The Architectural Review Board established in 1974, acts "to preserve existing areas of natural beauty, cultural importance and assure that buildings, structures, signs or other developments are in good taste, good design, harmonious with surrounding developments, and in general contribute to the preservation of Santa Monica's reputation as a place of beauty, spaciousness and quality."

WEDNESDAY | JAN 19

REGULAR MEETING PLANNING COMMISSION
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Arizona Ave. (between 4th & Ocean)
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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ONLINE OPENING RECEPTION FOR "PAINTING OVER THE PANDEMIC"
The Santa Monica College (SMC) Emeritus Art Gallery will present "Painting Over the Pandemic," a special exhibition of works by Emeritus painters organized in collaboration with drawing and painting instructor Adam Harrison. A free, live Zoom Virtual Launch Event will be held online from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. A link at smc.edu/emeritusgallery – available shortly before the event begins – takes guests directly to the exhibition's opening reception.

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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 15 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5360

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T	N	E	M	T	N	I	O	P	P	A	S	I	D	C
H	D	A	W	R	A	S	S	E	K	I	T	P	A	C
C	R	W	H	B	A	M	L	N	N	H	K	P	I	G
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Angle	Dried	Mako	Shad
Bait	Empty	Moray	Snake
Bank	Escape	Nacre	Snorkel
Berley	Gear	Netting	Sole
Boat	Gills	Opah	Spin
Cast	Goby	Penn	Steer
Chub	Hard	Pike	Storms
Clam	Hook	Radio	Tench
Crab	Item	Reels	Traps
Cyclone	John dory	Repairs	Turrum
Daiwa	Lessons	Rigs	Upkeep
Dams	Line	Rods	Weight belt
Disappointment	Lure	Salmon	Wrasse

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