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SMPD prepares for inauguration day

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The Santa Monica Police Department is set to increase the number of officers patrolling the city to ensure its properly prepared for any unrest that could occur in the coming days.

From Saturday, Jan. 16 until Sunday, Jan. 24, SMPD intends to implement a comprehensive plan that calls on a full complement of uniformed field personnel to be out and about in the community, highly visible and prepared to respond to any incident, Interim Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks said this week.

Seabrooks added the department's pre-inauguration preparations are a result of the events that occurred at the Capitol earlier this month and a need to be cautious of any activities that could coincide with the upcoming presidential inauguration scheduled for January 20.

"Community safety in Santa Monica is a primary priority for the women and men of your Santa Monica police department," and they

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'A City For Sale'



Courtesy image

SALE: In a video describing the portfolio, the sellers describe it as "A City For Sale" and highlight the huge scale of the deal.

BRENNON DIXSON
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The largest multifamily development portfolio in Santa Monica is now on the market.

WS Communities' 23-parcel portfolio, which is entitled for the development of over 2,100 units and more than 200,000 square feet of commercial space, is up for sale and prospective buyers have the chance to instantly become the largest multifamily landlord in Santa Monica with nearly 7 percent of the city's market-rate inventory.

Ari Kahan of California Landmarks Group, a real estate development company located on the Westside said the entitled projects are appealing to buyers because they are close to major jobs and there could be benefits to the neighboring areas in the current economic climate as new residents would bring more customers to local stores.

"The opportunity to bring 2,100 units to Downtown Santa Monica is certainly a once in a lifetime opportunity, and one of the better things to happen to the cities of Santa Monica and Los Angeles as a whole," he said.

Robert Wasserman of Wasserman Commercial Real Estate said the proposed buildings will be sought-after by residents due to the City's reputation.

"When these high-quality products are delivered fully-developed, it will pull up multi-family market values all over the city," he said.

He said the existing entitlements will be particularly appealing to potential buyers as they will be able to avoid the sometimes lengthy approval process.

He said Santa Monica's entitlement and building approval process keeps many developers out of the area because it takes patient people and patient money to successfully go through the process. Some of the properties in the sale are particularly valuable to the buyer as they were approved under older, more lax rules and have a reduced affordable component compared to new projects.

"The opportunity to acquire high-quality products for a long term hold in one of the most sought after real estate markets in the county makes this an extraordinary opportunity, so finding a buyer will not be an

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Keith Coleman appointed to SMMUSD School Board

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

The SMMUSD Board has appointed Keith Coleman to fill City Councilmember Oscar de la Torre's vacant seat.

Coleman has experience as an education innovator, policy adviser, angel investor, and mental fitness coach. He has one son currently enrolled in Lincoln Middle School and an older son who attended Roosevelt Elementary School and Santa Monica High School.

Of the 22 qualified candidates who gave speeches, board members nominated Keith Coleman, Nicole Faries and Seth Jacobson for a vote. Four of the six members — Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Laurie Lieberman, Maria Leon-Vazquez and Jon Kean — voted for Coleman, giving him a clear majority.

"I wholeheartedly believe that Keith Coleman is the best and right person to fill this position," said Board President Jon Kean. "Keith has a very compelling connection to special education in his family. I believe he will be a strong voice not only for social justice, but for all families who feel that their child has not been heard or seen."

Coleman was the second runner up for a School Board seat in the November elections.

One of Coleman's top priorities will be helping advance a comprehensive rollout of Social Justice standards for

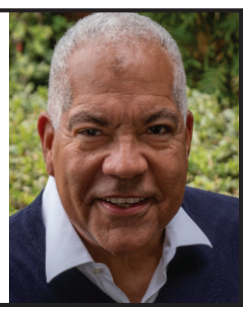
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Stocks fall as economic pain deepens, rally runs out of gas

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Wall Street closed out its first losing week in three with another drop on Friday after reports showed the pandemic is deepening the hole for the economy, as Washington prepares to throw it another lifeline.

The S&P 500 fell 27.29, or 0.7%, to 3,768.25, with stocks of companies that most need a healthier economy taking some of the sharpest losses. The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 177.26, or 0.6%, to 30,814.26, and the Nasdaq composite dropped 114.14, or 0.9%, to 12,998.50.

Treasury yields also dipped as reports showed shoppers held back on spending during the holidays and are feeling less confident, the latest in a litany of discouraging data on the economy.

Stocks have run out of steam since the S&P 500 set a record high a week ago amid optimism that COVID-19 vaccines and more stimulus from Washington will bring an economic recovery. The S&P 500 fell 1.5% over the week.

Friday offered the first chance for traders to act after President-elect Joe Biden unveiled details of a $1.9 trillion plan to prop up the economy. He called for $1,400 cash payments for most Americans, the extension of temporary benefits for laid-off workers and a push to get COVID-19 vaccines to more Americans. It certainly fit with investors' expectation for a big and bold plan, but markets had already rallied powerfully in anticipation of it.

"To some extent, most of this optimism had been priced in, but the huge figures had also invited some contemplation as to whether the necessary bipartisan support will materialize for this huge sum," Jingyi Pan of IG said in a commentary. "The market appears to be playing it safe," she said.

Biden's Democratic allies will have control of the House and Senate, but only by the slimmest of margins in the Senate. That could hinder the chances of the plan's passage.

The urgency for providing such aid is ramping by the day. One report on Friday showed that sales at retailers sank by 0.7% in December, a crucial month for the industry. The reading was much worse than the 0.1% growth that economists were expecting, and it was the third straight month of weakness.

Other reports showed that a preliminary reading on consumer sentiment weakened more than economists expected, while inflation at the wholesale level remains low as the worsening pandemic keeps a lid on prices and economic activity. They follow a dismal report from Thursday showing that the pace of layoffs is accelerating across the country.

Falling bank stocks were some of the heaviest weights on the market, even though several of the industry's biggest names reported stronger profits for the end of 2020 than analysts expected. Wells Fargo slumped 7.8%, for example, and Citigroup dropped 6.9%.

While the overall results were good, "bank earnings didn't exactly wow anybody," said J.J. Kinahan, chief strategist with TD Ameritrade.

Bank stocks had run up in prior weeks on expectations that a stronger economy later this year and higher interest rates would mean bigger profits from making loans.

Like banks, stocks of smaller companies also fell more than the rest of the market in a mirror image of recent weeks. Smaller companies are seen as benefiting more from a healthier economy and stimulus from Washington than their bigger rivals, in part because they tend to have smaller financial cushions.

The Russell 2000 index of small-cap stocks lost 32.15, or 1.5%, to 2,123.20.

Even with Friday's drops, ebullience about a brighter economic future because of vaccines is keeping stocks near records and Treasury yields close to their highest levels since last spring. The Russell 2000 remains 7.5% higher for 2021 so far, towering over the S&P 500's 0.3% gain.

A big question for investors is what big stimulus for the economy from Washington would mean for interest rates.

"There are consequences to putting money into the system and the consequence is inflation," Kinahan said.

Treasury yields have been climbing on expectations that the government will borrow a lot more to pay for its stimulus, as well as rising forecasts for economic growth and inflation. The yield on the 10-year Treasury zoomed above 1% last week for the first time since last spring and briefly topped 1.18% this week.

That is raising worries about how much further interest rates can go before upsetting the stock market. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell helped to calm some of those concerns on Thursday with comments that investors took as leaning toward lower rates for longer.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury dipped to 1.09% from 1.11% late Thursday.

In markets abroad, European stocks slumped, while Asian indexes were mixed.

AP Business Writer Elaine Kurtenbach contributed.

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Biden's virus plan: 100 million shots just the start

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Getting 100 million shots into Americans' arms in his first 100 days is only the beginning of his coronavirus plan, President-elect Joe Biden declared Friday. Lasting impact, he said, will come from uniting the nation in a new effort grounded in science and fueled by billions in federal money for vaccination, testing and outbreak sleuths.

"You have my word: We will manage the hell out of this operation," Biden said. But he also underscored a need for Congress to approve more money and for people to keep following basic precautions, such as wearing masks, avoiding gatherings and frequently washing their hands.

"This is not a political issue," Biden said. "This is about saving lives. I know it's become a partisan issue, but what a stupid, stupid thing to happen."

Biden spoke a day after unveiling a $1.9 trillion "American Rescue Plan" to confront the virus and provide temporary support for a shaky economy. About $400 billion of the plan is focused on measures aimed at controlling the virus. Those range from mass vaccination centers to more sophisticated scientific analysis of new strains and squads of local health workers to trace the contacts of infected people.

On Friday, Biden pledged to maximize the available supply of vaccines and materials needed to administer them, using a Cold War-era law called the Defense Production Act to direct private manufacturing.

He also seconded the Trump's administration's call earlier this week for states to start vaccinating more seniors, reaching those 65 and older as well as younger people with certain health problems. Until now states have been focused on inoculating health care workers, and some are starting to vaccinate people 75 and older. Relatively few are providing shots to people between 65 and 75.

Another carryover from the Trump administration plan: Biden said he intends to mobilize local pharmacies to administer vaccines.

Dr. Leana Wen, a public health expert and emergency physician, said Biden should aim higher.

"At this point, mass vaccination is our last and best chance to restoring normalcy," she said. "There should be no expenses spared in the vaccine rollout. A hundred million in 100 days needs to be seen as only a start."

As Biden spoke, some governors blasted the Trump administration for what at least one said was "deception" in suggesting earlier this week a reserve of vaccine doses was ready to ship, augmenting supplies. An administration official said states have still not ordered all of the doses allocated to them, and called it a problem with states' expectations.

Biden committed to better communication with the states, to avoid surprises about how much vaccine they can expect. His plan calls for the federal government to fully reimburse states that mobilize their National Guard to help distribute vaccines.

The plan comes as a divided nation is in the grip of the pandemic's most dangerous wave yet. So far, more than 389,000 people have died of COVID-19 in the U.S.

The political outlook for Biden's rescue plan remains unclear, although a powerful business lobbying group welcomed its focus on controlling the pandemic.

Biden has long held that economic recovery is inextricably linked with controlling the coronavirus.

That squares with the judgment of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the most powerful business lobbying group and traditionally an adversary of Democrats. "We must defeat COVID before we can restore our economy and that requires turbocharging our vaccination efforts," the Chamber said in a statement Thursday night that welcomed Biden's plan but stopped short of endorsing it.

Under Biden's multipronged virus strategy, about $20 billion would be allocated for a more disciplined focus on vaccination, on top of some $8 billion already approved by Congress. Biden has called for setting up mass vaccination centers and sending mobile units to hard-to-reach areas.

On Friday, he announced former FDA chief David Kessler as his chief science officer for the vaccine drive. Kessler has been advising Biden as a co-chair of his advisory board on the coronavirus pandemic. A pediatrician and attorney, he has emphasized the need to ease public concerns about the safety of the coronavirus vaccines. Confidence in the FDA's review process is critical to ramping up the effort to vaccinate millions of Americans.

With the backing of Congress and the expertise of private and government scientists, the Trump administration delivered two highly effective vaccines and more are on the way. Yet a month after the first shots were given, the nation's vaccination campaign is off to a slow start with about 12.3 million doses administered out more than 31 million delivered, or 39%.

About 10.6 million individuals have received first or second doses, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But the American Hospital Association estimates that close to 246 million must be vaccinated to reach widespread or "herd" immunity by the summer. Vaccines currently available require to shots to be fully effective.

Biden has called the vaccine rollout "a dismal failure so far."

"We need to be getting to more than 3 million vaccinations a day, rapidly," said Wen.

The plan also provides $50 billion to expand testing, which is seen as key to reopening most schools by the end of the new administration's first 100 days. About

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Indecent Exposure Now 2000blk Main St 1:01 a.m.
Construction Noise 1800blk Main St 1:11 a.m.
Traffic Hazard Cloverfield Blvd / Michigan Ave 2:18 a.m.
Malicious Mischief 500blk Colorado Ave 4:24 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300blk Santa Monica Pl 6:31 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 5th St / Wilshire Blvd 7:15 a.m.
Encampment 2400blk Ocean Front Walk 7:44 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 1200blk 16th St 8:05 a.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 8:08 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1200blk 6th St 8:29 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1800blk 14th St 8:31 a.m.
Person Down Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 9:08 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 900blk 19th St 9:13 a.m.
Loud Music 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 9:20 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2300blk 4th St 9:25 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1400blk 11th St 9:27 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 9:51 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 00blk Seaview Ter 10:08 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 2500blk Wilshire Blvd 10:15 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 2700blk Neilson Way 10:29 a.m.
Traffic Hazard Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 11:09 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 900blk 21st St 11:20 a.m.
Burglary Report 2400blk 5th St 11:24 a.m.
Burglary Report 800blk 4th St 11:44 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1600blk Centinela Ave 11:45 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 2500blk Wilshire Blvd 11:57 a.m.
Death Investigation 1400blk 7th St 12:16 p.m.
General Parking Problem 2200blk Virginia Ave 12:21 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1600blk Appian Way 12:32 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300blk Pacific St 12:37 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1600blk Stanford St 12:45 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1600blk Stanford St 1:20 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Now 300blk Olympic Dr 1:34 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:43 p.m.
Identity Theft 600blk 22nd St 1:54 p.m.
Burglary Report 2100blk Ocean Park Blvd 2:00 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2800blk Arizona Ave 2:15 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 3100blk Broadway 2:19 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 3100blk Frederick St 2:23 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1000blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:51 p.m.
Found Property 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 3:12 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 3:22 p.m.
Domestic Violence 2800blk Ocean Front Walk 3:30 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1800blk 20th St 3:33 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 2400blk Colorado Ave 3:54 p.m.
Vehicle Burglar Alarm 4th St / Hill St 4:04 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1400blk 5th St 4:05 p.m.
Transport Prisoner 300blk Olympic Dr 4:09 p.m.
Found Property 1400blk Olympic Blvd 4:09 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1000blk 7th St 4:10 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1500blk Ocean Ave 4:11 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 900blk 21st St 4:18 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 2600blk Broadway 4:24 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 200blk Broadway 4:47 p.m.
Red Zone Violation 6th St / Grant St 4:58 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 5:05 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 26th St / Santa Monica Blvd 5:17 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 3100blk Pennsylvania Ave 5:19 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Lincoln Blvd / Maple St 5:34 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 500blk 16th St 5:37 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 7th St / Broadway 6:06 p.m.
Loud Music 1000blk 4th St 6:51 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 3rd Street Prom / Arizona Ave 6:56 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1900blk Washington Ave 6:59 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Lincoln Blvd / Wilshire Blvd 7:21 p.m.
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Loud Music 2600blk Virginia Ave 11:55 p.m.

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California mobilizes National Guard amid concern over unrest

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

California Gov. Gavin Newsom on Thursday mobilized 1,000 members of the National Guard amid other security precautions over concerns of civil unrest ahead of President Donald Trump leaving office.

The state also erected a temporary chain link fence around the state Capitol, bolstering other temporary and permanent barriers, and the California Highway Patrol has refused to issue permits for rallies that had been planned there.

The moves come as the FBI and others warn of the potential for nationwide civil unrest before or during next week's inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden.

Newsom said Guard members will "protect critical infrastructure" including the state Capitol while other state officials monitor threats and requests for aid around the clock.

"We're taking important steps here in California in light of what we saw in our nation's Capitol just last week," Newsom said, calling it "an undemocratic and unconscionable assault on our republic and the freedom upon which our nation was founded."

"We will respond to any potential violent civil unrest leading up to or during the inaugural, if required," he said in a video message. "We're treating this very seriously and deploying significant resources to protect public safety, critical infrastructure and First Amendment Rights, but let me be clear: there will be no tolerance for violence."

Oregon, Washington, Ohio and Pennsylvania are among states that also have deployed the National Guard. The Guard also has been placed at the U.S. Capitol, which was attacked and ransacked last week by Trump supporters.

Brian Levin, director of the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University, San Bernardino, said Newsom is wise to take the precautions.

Battleground states where Trump raised questions about the election outcome seem to be in more danger, he said, as are Pacific Northwest, Great Lakes and Southern states. Yet California has an active effort to recall Newsom, anger over the governor's stay-at-home orders aimed at slowing spread of the coronavirus, and ample numbers of right-wing activists.

The Capitol already has been the site

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EMS 1400blk 5th St 3:42 a.m.
EMS 1000blk 16th St 4:39 a.m.
EMS 2300blk 14th St 5:31 a.m.
EMS 1400blk Princeton St 6:02 a.m.
Wires Down 2200blk Marine St 8:40 a.m.
EMS 200blk San Vicente Blvd 8:47 a.m.
EMS Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 9:08 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 9:28 a.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 2400blk Lincoln Blvd 9:40 a.m.
Wires Down 1400blk Maple St 10:20 a.m.
EMS 600blk San Vicente Blvd 11:46 a.m.
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EMS 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 5:04 p.m.
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Extremists exploit a loophole in social moderation: Podcasts

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Major social platforms have been cracking down on the spread of misinformation and conspiracy theories in the leadup to the presidential election, and expanded their efforts in the wake of the Jan. 6 Capitol riot. But Apple and Google, among others, have left open a major loophole for this material: Podcasts.

Podcasts made available by the two Big Tech companies let you tune into the world of the QAnon conspiracy theory, wallow in President Donald Trump's false claims of a stolen election and bask in other extremism. Accounts that have been banned on social media for election misinformation, threatening or bullying, and breaking other rules also still live on as podcasts available on the tech giants' platforms.

Conspiracy theorists have peddled stolen-election fantasies, coronavirus conspiracies and violent rhetoric. One podcaster, RedPill78, called the Capitol siege a "staged event" in a Jan. 11 episode of Red Pill News. The day before the Capitol riot, a more popular podcast, X22 Report, spoke confidently about a Trump second term, explained that Trump would need to "remove" many members of Congress to further his plans, and said "We the people, we are the storm, and we're coming to DC."

Both are available on Apple and Google podcast platforms.

Podcasting "plays a particularly outsized role" in propagating white supremacy, said a 2018 report from the Anti-Defamation League. Many white supremacists, like QAnon adherents, support Trump. Podcasting's an intimate, humanizing mode of communication that lets extremists expound on their ideas for hours at a time, said Oren Segal of ADL's Center on Extremism.

Elsewhere on social media, Twitter,Facebook and YouTube have been cracking down on accounts amplifying unfounded QAnon claims that Trump is fighting deep state enemies and cannibals operating a child-sex trafficking ring. A major talk radio company, Cumulus, told its hosts to tone down rhetoric about stolen elections and violent uprisings or risk termination, although it's not clear what impact that dictate has had.

Google-owned YouTube axed "Bannon's War Room," a channel run by Trump loyalist Steve Bannon on Jan. 8 after he spread false election claims and called for the beheading of Dr. Anthony Fauci, the top U.S. infectious-disease expert. But podcast versions of Bannon's show live on at Apple and Google. Spotify took it down in November, according to one of its hosts.

"Podcasts filled with hatred and incitement to violence should not be treated any differently than any other content," Segal said. "If you're going to take a strong stance against hate and extremism in the platform in any way, it should be all-inclusive."

Apple, Spotify and Google curate lists of top podcasts and recommend them to users. Apple and Spotify are the dominant players in the U.S., with other players far behind, said Dave Zohrob, CEO of the podcast analytics firm Chartable. Despite its name recognition, Google remains a tiny presence.

Spotify said it takes down podcasts that violate its policies against hate speech, copyright violations or break any laws, using "algorithmic and human detection measures" to identify violations. Apple's guidelines prohibit content that is illegal or promotes violence, graphic sex or drugs or is "otherwise considered obscene, objectionable, or in poor taste." Apple did not reply to repeated questions about its content guidelines or moderation.

Google declined to explain the discrepancy between what's available on YouTube and what's on Google Podcasts, saying only that its podcast service "indexes audio available on the web" much the way its search engine indexes web pages. The company said it removes podcasts from its platform "in very rare circumstances, largely guided by local law."

X22 Report and Bannon's War Room were No. 20 and No. 32 on Apple's list of top podcasts on Friday. (Experts say that list measures a podcast's momentum rather than total listeners.) X22 Report said in October that it was suspended by YouTube and Spotify and last week by Twitter. It's no longer available on Facebook, either. It is supported by ads for products such as survivalist food, unlicensed food supplements and gold coins, which run before and during the podcasts.

The website for Red Pill News said YouTube banned its videos in October and that a Twitter suspension followed. The podcast is available on Apple and Google, but not Spotify.

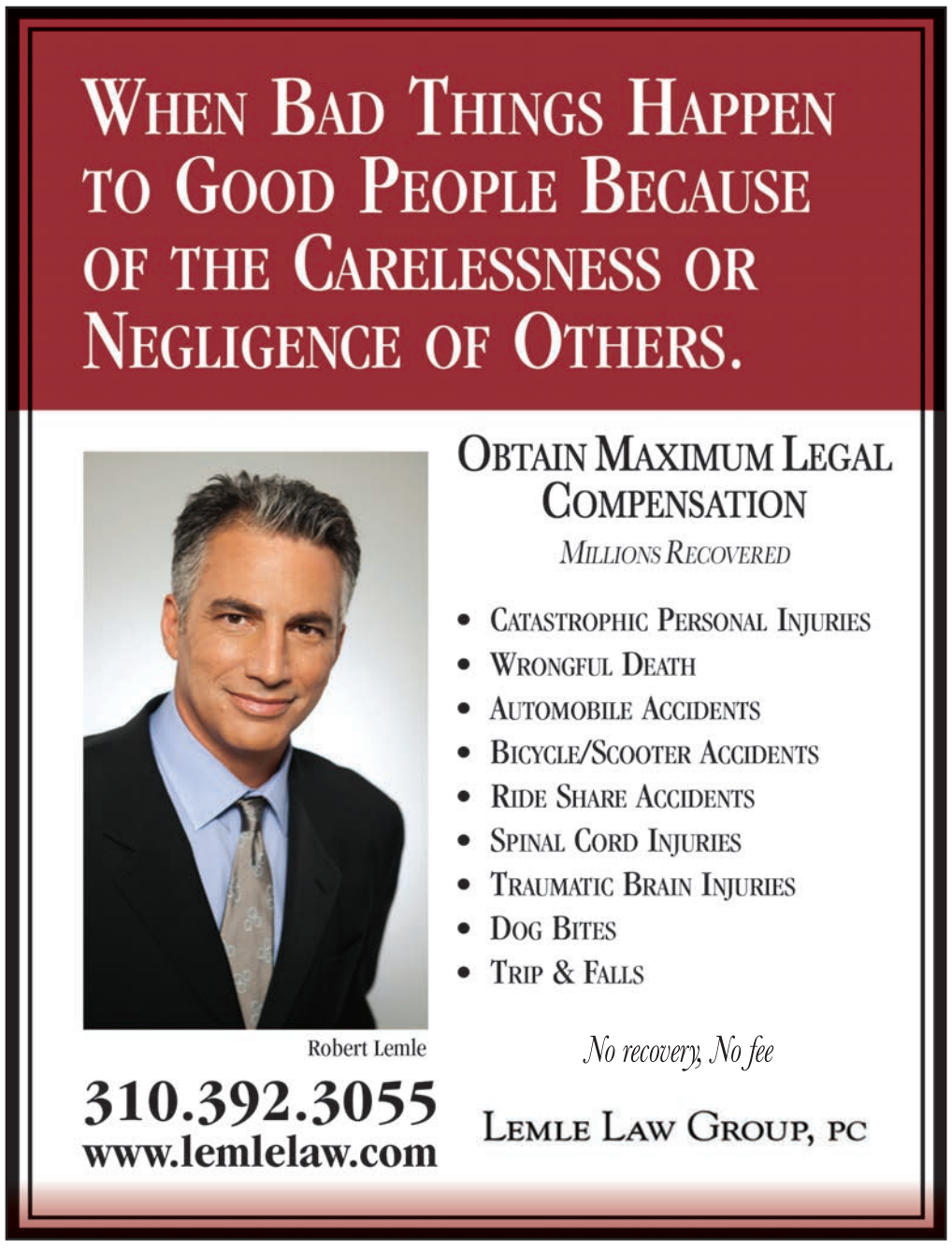
Several QAnon proponents affected by the crackdown sued YouTube in October, calling its actions a "massive de-platforming." Among the plaintiffs are X22 Report, RedPill78 and David Hayes, who runs another conspiracy podcast called Praying Medic that's available on Apple and Google, but not Spotify.

Melody Torres, who podcasts at SoulWarrior Uncensored, self-identifies as a longtime QAnon follower and said in a recent episode that her podcast is "just my way of not being censored." She said she was kicked off Twitter in January and booted from Instagram four times last year. She currently has Instagram, Facebook and YouTube accounts; her podcast is available on Spotify, Apple and Google.

X22 Report, RedPill78 and Hayes did not respond to requests for comment sent via their websites. Torres did not reply to a Facebook message.

Podcasts suffer from the same misinformation problem as other platforms,

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issue," Wasserman said.

City Hall said it will enforce any and all requirements in place for the as-yet built units.

"The City of Santa Monica is reviewing all entitlements for [WS Communities] now for sale to ensure both [WS Communities] and any possible buyer are fully aware of all obligations attached to each of the properties, including significant affordable housing obligations. Certificates of occupancy for any of these properties would require that the affordable housing and other obligations be satisfied," said City spokesperson Constance Farrell.

WS Communities was created as a spin-off of Neil Shekhter's NMS Properties in 2017. While NMS was mired in a legal fight with a former partner over ownership of several apartment buildings, WS Communities was able to secure several additional projects including six micro-apartment developments in the Downtown area.

Those properties prompted the City to temporarily ban small apartment developments but after WSC threatened a lawsuit, the City allowed the projects to move forward with a stipulation that the company would not pursue additional micro-apartments in Santa Monica.

The buildings at 1323, 1338 1415 and 1437 5th St., 1437 6th St. and 1557 7th Street are all in a four-block radius downtown and will total 363 units between 219 and 373 square feet.

Kahan praised WS Communities for persisting through the Santa Monica development process.

"They've accomplished what very few developers are willing to go through, which is developing a new product in Santa Monica," he said.

Kahan said he believes the portfolio will most likely go to a real estate investment trust like PIMCO, who can place this in their build to core fund because their cost of capital is exponentially lower than most other players out there.

WSC Communities could not be reached for comment by print deadline Friday.

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of weekly weekend clashes between Trump supporters and counter-demonstrators.

"We've had continuing protests, but we kind of know who the characters are, so the biggest concern I think would come from some wild card," he said, referring to a loner or a small group organized outside of social media that has been largely shut down or scrubbed since the clash in Washington, D.C.

"We're not seeing the kind of intensity and geographic-specific chatter and activity that we're seeing with other states," Levin said. Yet officials are wise to prepare "as if Sacramento was in the first tier."

The FBI Sacramento Field Office said it is working with other law enforcement agencies to prepare for any potential violence, and has agents, bomb technicians, tactical teams, intelligence teams and others standing by.

Hundreds of Guard members were deployed in Sacramento and elsewhere in the state last summer amid sometimes destructive protests over the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police.

The California state Capitol has largely been locked down for months because of the coronavirus pandemic. But lawmakers began meeting there again this week.

Their meetings are open to the public, but space is limited. On Thursday, three women berated senators about the COVID-19 vaccine during a committee hearing. One woman, who did not give her name, told lawmakers they would "be the first to go" when "the world collapses."

"Keep telling us we can't do anything about it and see how much longer we're going to just sit here and wait to give public comment," she said. "We didn't buy guns for nothing."

"Seventeen million guns were purchased in the United States. First-time gun owners," another woman told lawmakers. "What do you think they are going to do with that?"

Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins, D-San Diego, said in a statement that the safety of her colleagues is her priority, "especially now."

"However the words of two members of the public today are parsed, one thing is clear — they were threats and they are being treated as threats," Atkins said. " ... Tensions are running high, but as we've seen, words have consequences, and we must treat one another with respect."

The highway patrol rejected a request for a daylong "Let Freedom Ring" rally Sunday that organizer Chris Bish had expected to draw 3,000 people. She said the goal was to gather petition signatures to recall Newsom, to register voters, to support her congressional campaign, and "to peacefully protest our compromised election."

The highway patrol also barred what was billed as a "Peoples Inauguration Day Peace Rally," for 100 people on Wednesday "due to the potential for civil unrest."

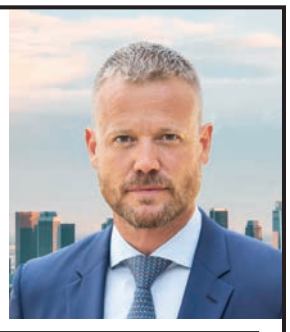
Bish has sued the governor over an earlier ban on protests, has been involved in unpermitted protests, and is joining a lawsuit challenging the integrity of the November election. But she's telling her friends and supporters to stay away from the Capitol and any protests or rallies.

"It is not wise to get mixed up on any potential nightmares that could happen this weekend or next week," Bish said. "Let the fringe do what the fringe is going to do, because they're not part of Middle America."

Associated Press writer Adam Beam contributed to this story.

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Trump to leave Washington on morning of Biden's inauguration

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President Donald Trump will leave Washington next Wednesday morning just before President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration to begin his post-presidential life in Florida.

Refusing to abide by tradition and participate in the ceremonial transfer of power, Trump will instead hold his own departure ceremony at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland before his final flight aboard Air Force One.

Officials are considering an elaborate send-off event reminiscent of the receptions he's received during state visits abroad, complete with a red carpet, color guard, military band and even a 21-gun salute, according to a person familiar with the planning who spoke on condition of anonymity ahead of a formal announcement.

Trump will become only the fourth president in history to boycott his successor's inauguration. And while he has said he is now committed to a peaceful transition of power — after months of trying to delegitimize Biden's victory with baseless allegations of mass voter fraud and spurring on his supporters who stormed the Capitol — he has made clear he has no interest in making a show of it.

He has not invited the Bidens to the White House for the traditional bread-breaking, nor has he spoken with Biden by phone. Vice President Mike Pence has spoken with his successor, Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, calling her on Thursday to congratulate her and offer assistance, according to two people familiar with the call. Pence will be attending Biden's inauguration, a move Biden has welcomed.

While Trump spends the final days of his presidency ensconced in the White House, more isolated than ever as he confronts the fallout from the Capitol riot, staffers are already heading out the door. Many have already departed, including those who resigned after the attack, while others have been busy packing up their offices and moving out personal belongings — souvenirs and taxidermy included.

On Thursday, chief of staff Mark Meadows' wife was caught on camera leaving with a dead, stuffed bird. And trade adviser Peter Navarro, who defended the president's effort to overturn the election, was photographed carrying out a giant photo of a meeting between Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping. (Staff are allowed to purchase the photographs, said White House spokesman Judd Deere.) Also spotted departing the West Wing: a bust of Abraham Lincoln.

Stewart D. McLaurin, the president of the White House Historical Association, said he had reached out to the White House chief usher, who manages the building's artifacts with the White House curator, because of questions raised by the images.

"Be reminded that staff have items of their own that they brought to the White House and can take those items home as they wish. Some items are on loan to staff and offices from other collections and will be returned to those collections," he said in a statement.

Earlier this week, reporters covering the president's departure from the South Lawn spotted staff taking boxes into the residence for packing up the first family's belongings.

And on Friday the packing continued, with moving crates and boxes dotting the floor of the office suite where senior press aides work steps from the Oval Office in the West Wing. Walls in the hallways outside that once featured a rotating gallery of enlarged photographs of the president and first lady framed in gold suddenly were bare, with only the hooks that held the picture frames left hanging.

Moving trucks pulled in and out of the driveway outside.

While some people have been asked to stick around by the incoming administration, the White House has been reduced to a skeleton crew, with more scheduled to depart on Friday. That includes White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany. Come Monday, the press staff will be down to two.

Trump will leave Washington with his future deeply uncertain, two weeks after his supporters sent lawmakers and congressional staffers scrambling for safety as they tried to halt the peaceful transition of power. While Trump was once expected to leave office as the most powerful voice in the Republican Party and the leading contender for its 2024 nomination, he has been shunned by much of the party over his response to the violence, which left five people dead, including a Capitol Police officer.

Trump is expected to be joined in Florida by a handful of aides as he mulls his future.

Associated Press writer Zeke Miller contributed to this report.

SMPD

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are aware that you may be concerned about the reports of possible armed protests taking place throughout the country as inauguration week approaches, Seabrooks said in the online video. However, many of the currently reported activities focus on federal buildings state capitals and other governmental facilities and, thus far, there's been no indication of specific threats, or other activities focused on the Santa Monica community.

But the department understands the severity of the situation and the public's concerns, so the necessary steps are being taken now to ensure that officers are well prepared, "because your safety, and the protection of our community are important to us," Seabrooks added. "In addition to enhancing our presence within the community, we'll continue to monitor our sources of intelligence so that we can accurately assess our situation based on the evolving nature of the information we receive. We'll have clear lines of communication with our municipal colleagues, and our partners and federal, state and regional law enforcement."

The chief said the department will recognize the rights of all members in the community to peacefully exercise their constitutional rights to freedom of speech and assembly and ensure they are protected if they wish to do so.

"I also ask that if you see something, say so," Seabrooks said as she thanked the community for its support. "You can share your information online or by telephone... And I ask that you don't forget to mask up when you're out and about in town."

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Editorial

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Vaccine distribution failure

Distribution of COVID-19 vaccines in America has been poor at best and a fiasco at worst depending on your access to health care or profession. We should all be embarrassed at the process and abundant incompetence.

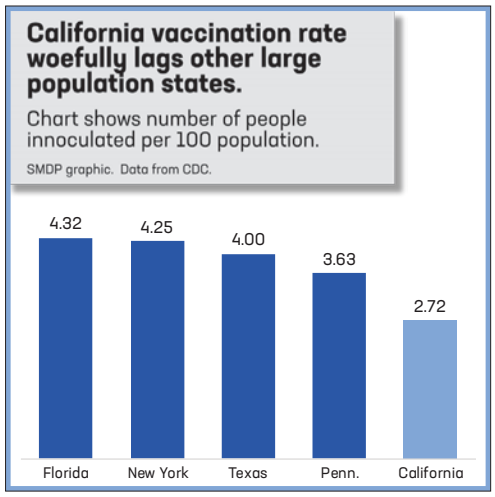
Just this week a glimmer of good news quickly soured. Officials in several states, including California, announced access would be expanded to include most people over age 65, however it took mere hours for this seemingly positive story to go bad. Turns out the Federal government misled states with its announcement that access should be expanded. Some governors are saying they Feds made promises they couldn't keep, others are saying it was just another example of the gross incompetence related to inter-governmental communication that has hampered almost all efforts today.

Either way, there isn't enough vaccine to substantially increase access right now and distribution of what we do have is confusing to everyone involved, even to the professionals.

The latest debacle here in Los Angeles county is about leftover vaccine. Due to the vaccine's short lifespan at room temperature, clinics may find they have excess doses following canceled appointments. It's also possible (although it hasn't been a large problem yet) that an equipment failure could require mass dispersal of doses in a short time.

Current rules established by the Department of Public Health require excess doses be offered to specific groups and actually prohibit distribution to individuals who are not part of a priority list so a clinic can be faced with either destroying vitally important vaccine or violating rules by offering it to whoever they can in the short time frame it is still viable.

In the few public cases we know of, clinics have all done the right thing and used the vaccine to inoculate whoever they can and the County has said its not going to punish clinics who do so but it's a stupid problem to have to start with.



These problems are far beyond Santa Monica's scope of responsibility and as residents, there's little we can do at this point about vaccines. However, there's actually a lot we can do to mitigate the continuing danger posed by the problem.

We can wear masks when around other people regardless of duration, surrounding and personal knowledge regarding positivity. Wear a mask all the time, every time. We can stay away from crowds and crowded situations. If you don't have to go inside a store or business, don't. Just don't. When it is really necessary, be quick, be efficient and don't bring a crowd with you.

Los Angeles is on the verge of additional restrictions based on our inability to curb the spread so far and there's no evidence that widespread vaccines are going to pull us out of this in the short term. If we hope to save lives and livelihoods we have to continue our self-imposed restrictions for the foreseeable future.

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the District.

"Millions came out into the street to recognize that systemic racism runs through all of our institutions that deny equal opportunity, and none of those institutions is as important as public education," said Coleman, referring to this summer's BLM protest movement.

Coleman has experience driving access to higher education, STEM programs, humanities learning, and entrepreneurship opportunities for Black, Latinx, immigrant, and female students through his leadership work with the Stanford Angels and Entrepreneurs of Southern California, White House Young America Series, and Tesla Foundation.

"I hope to continue to support the powerful practices and innovations that the District has put forward with project based learning, dynamic compelling facilities improvement projects to help students move forward in the 21st century, and the continued act of work with the Noguera report to move that playbook into practical operational fashion," said Coleman, while sharing his goals as a prospective board member.

The Noguera report was published in 2016 and revealed that Black and Latinx students have historically performed at much lower levels than White and Asian American students in the District.

Coleman also has a background in mental health awareness and strives to create safe and supportive learning environments where students are empowered to work to the best of their abilities.

Coleman has been involved in the SMMUSD community for many years and currently serves as the Co-chair of the Intercultural Equity + Excellence District Advisory Committee and the Parent Connection Group.

He has also been committed to public education through an appointment as a Distinguished Visiting Scholar with mediaX at the Stanford University Graduate School of Education.

SMMUSD Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati swore in Coleman following his appointment by Board members. Coleman will serve the remainder of de la Torre's term until the November 2022 election when he will be eligible to run for a full term.

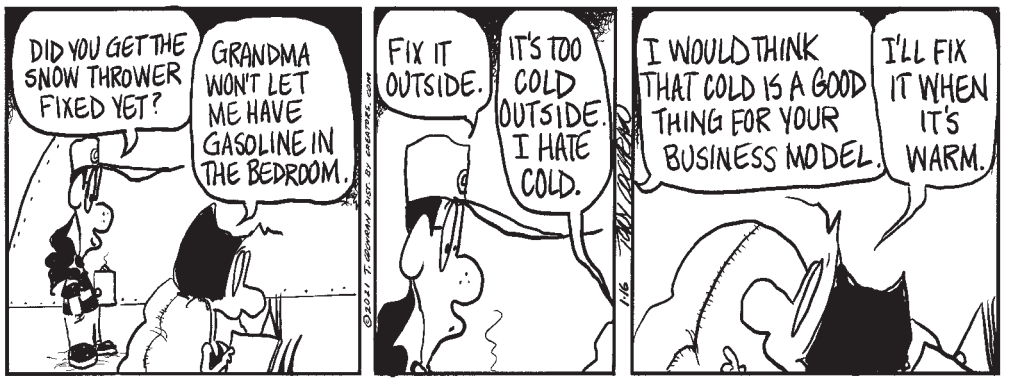
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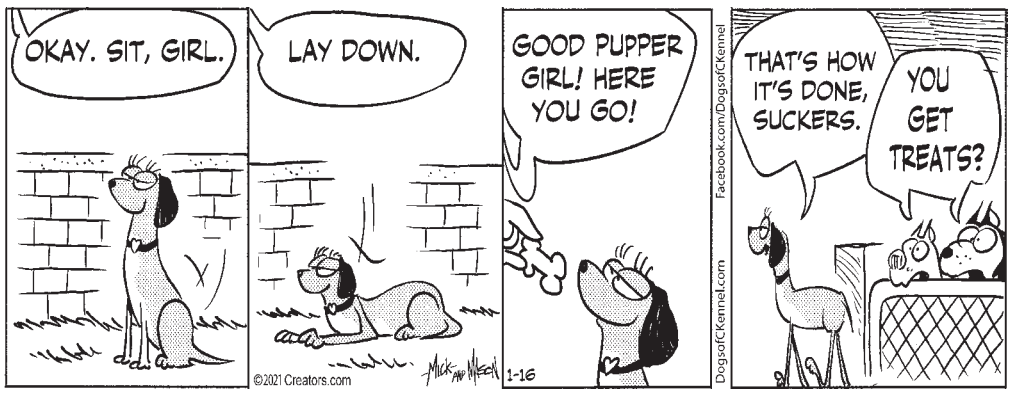
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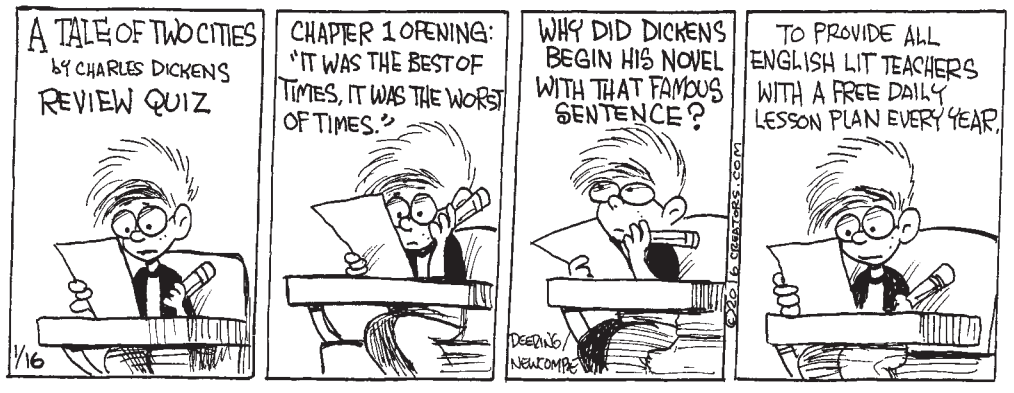
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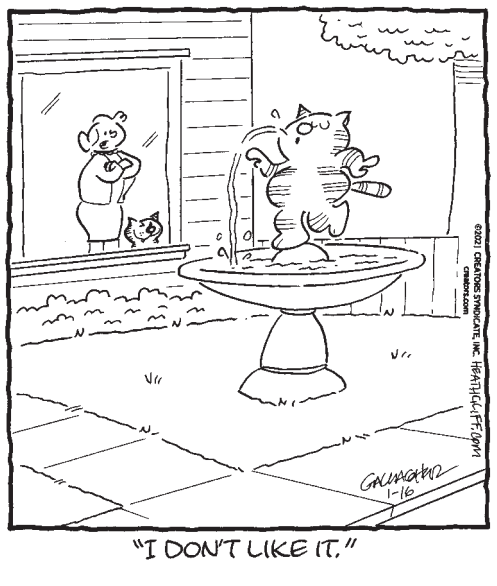
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 57.7°

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 4-5ft Chest to head high
New WNW swell will build in through the day -- pretty slow through the morning.

SUNDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high
Expecting WNW swell to continue. Winds looking pretty light, likely going to want to hit the dawn patrol session or wait for the afternoon tide drop.

WEATHER

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 77.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 58. North northeast wind around 10 mph.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 77.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). While putting in the time is definitely part of what makes improvement happen, the harder part is putting in the effort. Do the hours with a ride-or-die attitude and you'll go far today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When someone thanks you for putting up with their flaws, you may realize the power in this gesture. You, being imperfect as well, will feel a warm rush of gratitude to those who love you anyway.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Since you are in love with a process, you don't have to wait until you reach a milestone to be happy. You love the game -- the small decisions you make along the way, the chance to move, test, observe and move again.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Someone expects more of you and you, in turn, expect more of yourself. This is priceless. Although, if you're value-curious, just look at how many coaches and consultants are out there willing to charge you for the same thing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You want attention but only if it helps you make a difference. You're not interested in fame for its own sake. It is only meaningful in so far as you can do good in the world with it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When the discussion turns to friends in high places, it's better not to chime in. The temptation will be to prove how well you know someone but the more admirable choice is to say very little.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Because of limited attention spans, the one who talks for an hour will be listened to for four minutes. The one who talks for four minutes will also be listened to for four minutes -- that's 100% listened to. Make that you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Excellent communication skills can be learned. You can memorize the right things to say and deliver them with perfection, and yet... the messy, intuitive blowout may very well connect deeper and say more.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll execute an artful plan regardless of how creative you may be feeling at the moment. That's the thing about artful plans. They can't help but fall beautifully together.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). "I still have a lot to learn," or so you may say. These magic words apply across the board in dozens of contexts. Use as many times and in as many places as you feel they're appropriate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). To find out what's inside a pretty package, you have to find a way in and open it. Then again, what's the rush? Why not carry it around for a while and let everyone wonder, just like you do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Does every wondrously bright quality have a shadow side? No, although entities without dark elements will be ill-defined by earthly eyeballs. Contrast gives shape, though it needn't be extreme to be effectively seen.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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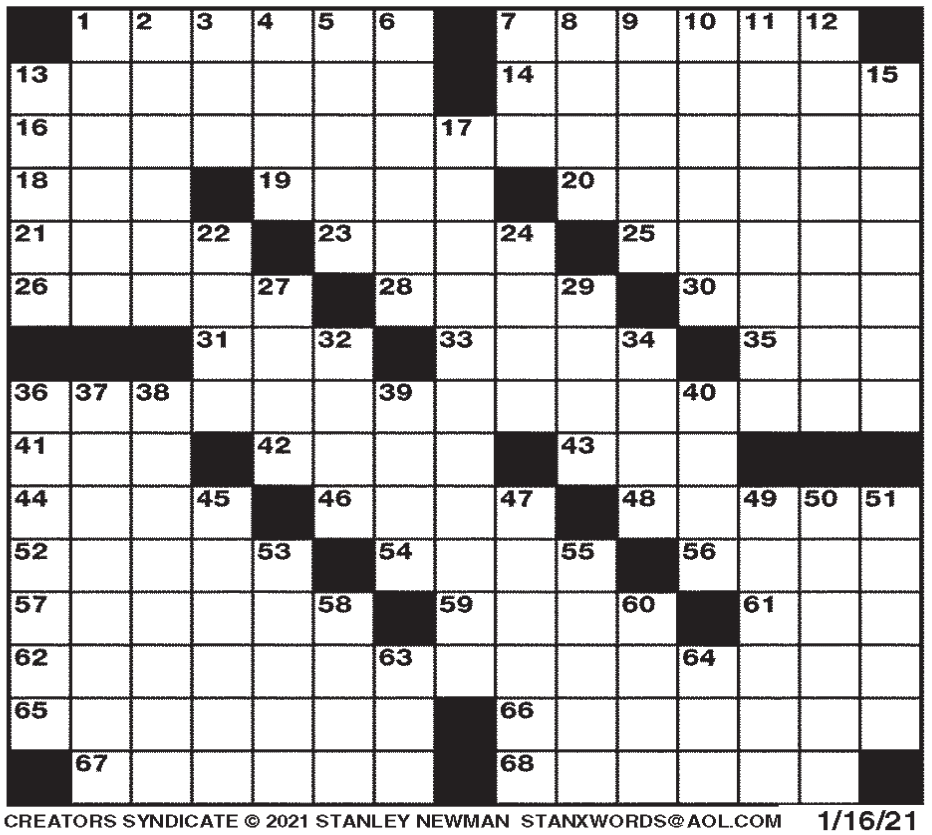
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Newsday Crossword

THEMELESS SATURDAY by Lester Ruff
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ACROSS
1 Become less valuable
7 Certain camera support
13 Swimmer to stay away from
14 Celebratory sort
16 Where Juneau is
18 What was watched on '50s TV
19 Lose its excitement
20 What T-shirts usually cover
21 Handheld device
23 Spam, essentially
25 Threshold
26 Soda fountain stuff
28 Trip up
30 Analog timer part
31 Fret about
33 Litterbug, for instance
35 Mo. metropolis
36 Pro conditioners
41 Fighting mood
42 Long, long ago
43 "Sure, now that you've told me!"
44 Former Volvo alternative
46 Stat for a server
48 What many bowling pins are made of
52 Wears down
54 Abundant
56 Inconclusive endings
57 Very, very soon
59 Not a figment
61 Inner space
62 Rush job
65 Hardest to handle
66 Alphabetically last birthstones
67 Feel like fighting
68 Wants in the worst way

DOWN
1 California's "Garlic Capital of the World"
2 Loud speaker
3 CSI franchise regulars
4 Preparing potatoes, perhaps
5 Roy Lichtenstein "impactful" pop-art painting
6 Traditional pizza place
7 Server in some restaurants
8 Soda that sounds short
9 Co-ruler with Peter the Great
10 Wrote
11 Where "leprechauns" came from
12 Hand off
13 Negotiation successes
15 Flips things
17 Oldest moon walker (at 47)
22 Decoy, for instance
24 Soapstone, mostly
27 Far from acceptable
29 Acceptable
32 Lloyd Webber attainment of 2019
34 Wizard with wicked witches
36 Papal, in Michelangelo's day
37 They've got a lot to pick up
38 It's behind you while behind the wheel
39 Adornment
40 Informal exchange
45 Closest one
47 Using one's hanky, perhaps
49 One often walking in the park
50 Profits from experience
51 Annual awards on ABC
53 Exodus commemoration
55 Anagram of AY, ELI
58 A for-instance
60 Former capital of Italy
63 CPA spreadsheet column
64 Tape holder of the past



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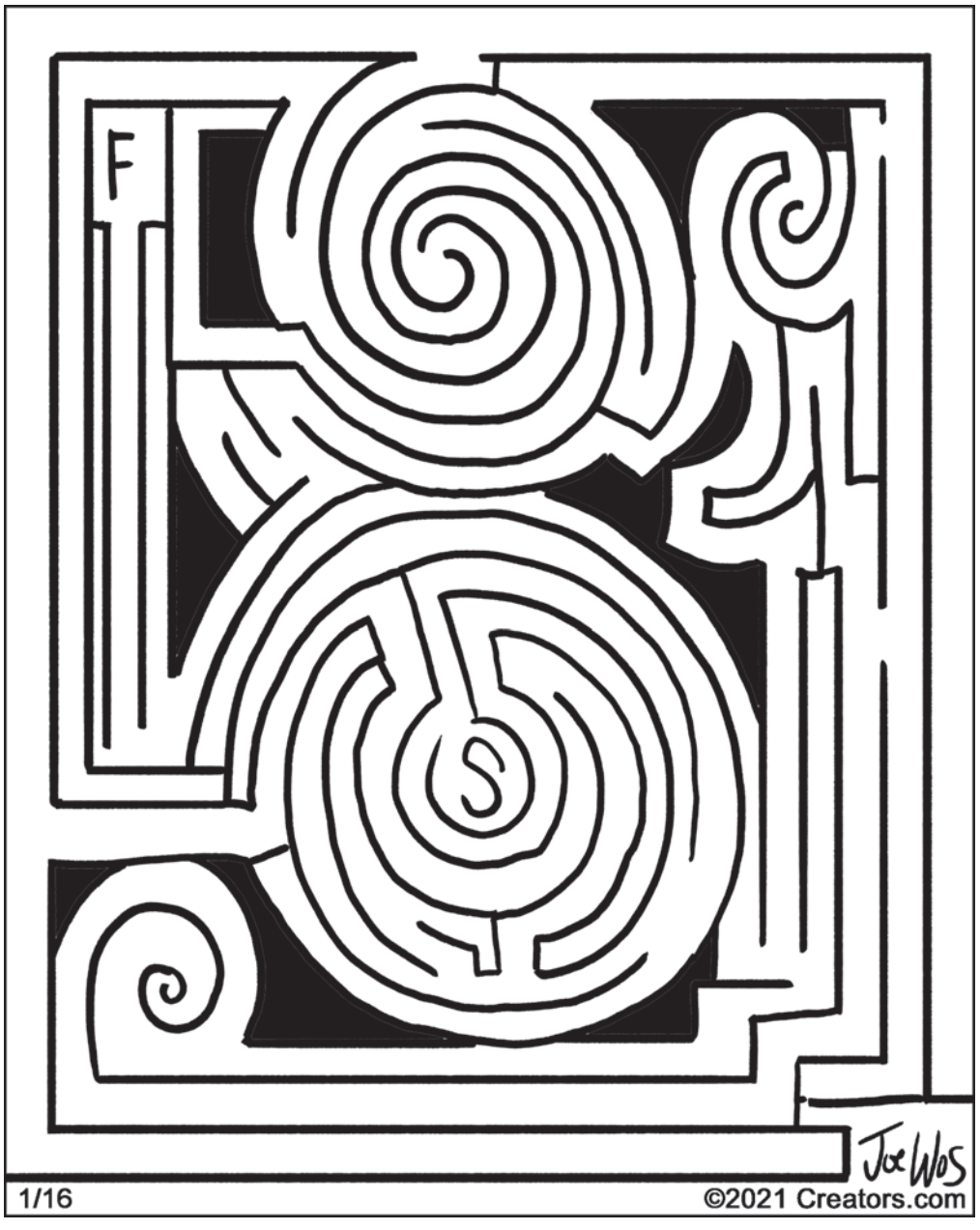
Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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VIRUS PLAN

FROM PAGE 2

$130 billion would be allocated to help schools reopen without risking further contagion.

The plan would fund the hiring of 100,000 public health workers, to focus on encouraging people to get vaccinated and on tracing the contacts of those infected with the coronavirus.

There's also a proposal to boost investment in genetic sequencing, to help track new virus strains including the more contagious variants identified in the United Kingdom and South Africa.

Throughout the plan, there's a focus on ensuring that minority communities that have borne the brunt of the pandemic are not shortchanged on vaccines and treatments, aides said.

With the new proposals comes a call to redouble efforts on the basics.

Biden is asking Americans to override their sense of pandemic fatigue and recommit to wearing masks, practicing social distancing and avoiding indoor gatherings, particularly larger ones. It's still the surest way to slow the COVID-19 wave, with more than 4,400 deaths reported just on Tuesday.

PODCASTS

FROM PAGE 4

said Shane Creevey, head of editorial for Kinzen, a startup created by former Facebook and Twitter executives that offers a disinformation tracker to companies, including some that host or curate podcasts.

Creevey points out that it's harder to analyze misinformation from video and audio than from text. Podcasts can also run for hours, making them difficult to monitor. And podcasting has additional challenges in that there are no reliable statistics on their audience, unlike a YouTube stream, which shows views, or a tweet or Facebook post, which shows likes and shares, Creevey said.

But some argue that tech-company moderation is opaque and inconsistent, creating a new set of problems. Censorship "goes with the tide against what's popular in any given moment," said Jillian York, an expert at the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a digital-rights group. Right now, she said, "that tide is against the speech of right-wing extremists ... but tomorrow the tide might be against opposition activists."

AP Technology Editor David Hamilton contributed to this article.

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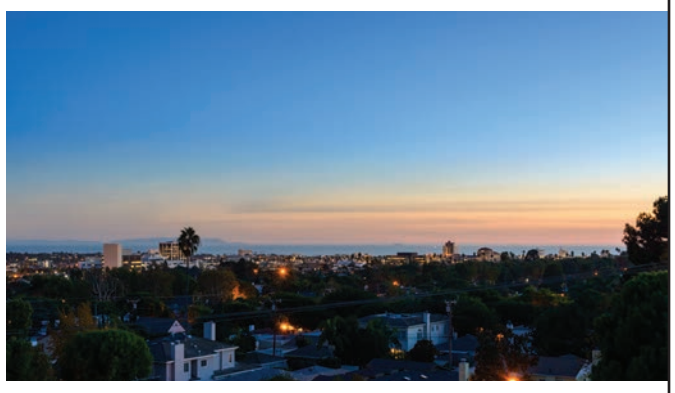
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