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Final winter storm moves through with rain but little damage



Matthew Hall

WINTER STORM: A car was damaged when a tree fell during the weekend rain.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

While more rain and snow fell during the weekend in storm-battered California, Santa Monica again escaped significant damage.

Bands of gusty thunderstorms started Saturday in the north and spread south, with yet another atmospheric river storm following close behind Sunday, the National Weather Service said.

Several inches of rain fell throughout the state including areas that were already dealing with floods or hazardous conditions caused by past storms.

The University of California Berkeley Central Sierra Snow Lab tweeted Sunday morning that it received 21.5 inches of snow in 24 hours. Its snowpack of about 10 feet continued to grow as the storms waned on Monday.

A backcountry avalanche warning was issued for the central Sierra, including the greater Lake Tahoe area, through Monday.

In Southern California, winter storm warnings and advisories were in place for mountain areas, where many roads remained impassable because of mud and rock slides. Two northbound lanes of Interstate 5 near Castaic in northern Los Angeles County were closed indefinitely after a hillside collapsed.

Downtown Los Angeles set a rainfall record Saturday with 1.82 inches, the weather service said. The Santa Monica Airport reported about 1.25 inches of rain over the weekend.

Locally, the city saw little damage or flooding. Two large trees fell on 7th Street damaging several cars but officials said no one was hurt

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Loews luxury beachfront hotel to be temporarily closed, laying off 320 employees

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Loews luxury beachfront hotel on Ocean Ave. has announced a temporary closure and is set to lay off 320 employees according to a recent Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN) filing.

The layoffs will take effect March 4, 2023.

The California WARN Act requires covered employers to provide advance notice to employees affected by plant closings and mass layoffs. Loews posted the notification at the end of last year.



Scott Snowden

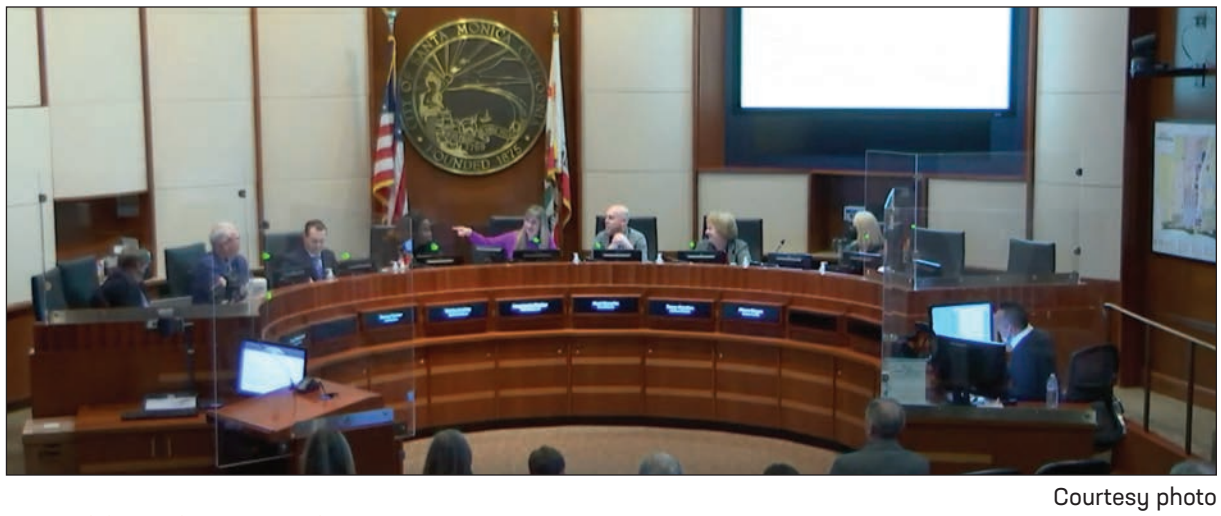
HOTEL CLOSURE: The Loews will close in March.

The Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel opened in 1989 at 1700 Ocean Ave. It's known for an impressive outdoor dining area with 13 fire pits, a pool deck that looks directly out over the beach to the Pacific Ocean and has been a popular spot for locals over the years taking advantage of its restaurant, gym and spa. The 347-room hotel completed a $4.5 million renovation in 2021 and has been featured on national commercials for Los Angeles tourism.

In 2002, workers at the hotel successfully unionized, but that only came about after an aggressive two-and-a-half year campaign launched by the national hotel workers

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Former Rent Control staffer chosen as newest Commissioner



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RENT CONTROL MEETING: The Board met on Jan. 12 and chose Lonnie Guinn for the open seat.

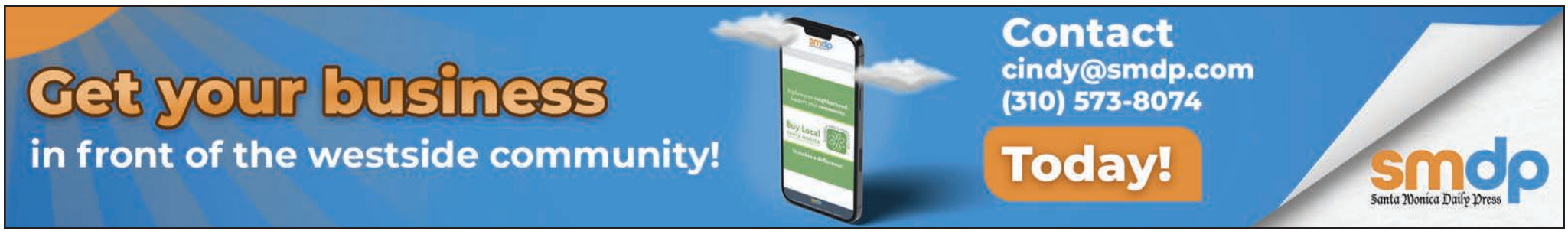
MATTHEW HALL
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Santa Monica's civic leadership settled into place last week following resolution of the last vestige of the 2022 election.

The Rent Control Board (RCB) appointed Lonnie Guinn to fill the seat vacated by Caroline Torosis when she won a position on the City Council in November and the board also took some time at the Jan 12 meeting to congratulate Torosis on her advancement to Council.

State law prohibits holding two elected offices when they are deemed in conflict with each other and upon acceptance of a

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As elites arrive in Davos, conspiracy theories thrive online

SOPHIA TULP
Associated Press

When some of the world's wealthiest and most influential figures gathered at the World Economic Forum's annual meeting last year, sessions on climate change drew high-level discussions on topics such as carbon financing and sustainable food systems.

But an entirely different narrative played out on the internet, where social media users claimed leaders wanted to force the population to eat insects instead of meat in the name of saving the environment.

The annual event in the Swiss ski resort town of Davos, which opens Monday, has increasingly become a target of bizarre claims from a growing chorus of commentators who believe the forum involves a group of elites manipulating global events for their own benefit. Experts say what was once a conspiracy theory found in the internet's underbelly has now hit the mainstream.

"This isn't a conspiracy that is playing out on the extreme fringes," said Alex Friedfeld, a researcher with the Anti-Defamation League who studies anti-government extremism. "We're seeing it on mainstream social media platforms being shared by regular Americans. We were seeing it being spread by mainstream media figures right on their prime time news, on their nightly networks."

The meeting draws heads of state, business executives, cultural trendsetters and representatives from international organizations to the luxe mountain town. Though it's always unclear how much concrete action will emerge, the meeting is slated to take on pressing global issues from climate change and economic uncertainty to geopolitical instability and public health.

Hundreds of public sessions are planned, but the four-day conference is also known for secretive backroom meetings and deal-making by business leaders. This gap between what's shown to the public and what happens behind closed doors helps make that makes the meeting a flashpoint for misinformation.

"When we have very high levels of ambiguity, it's very easy to fill in narratives," said Kathleen Hall Jamieson, who is the director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania and also studies misinformation.

Theories about influential global leaders are not new, she said, but scrutiny of the forum and its chairman, Klaus Schwab, intensified in 2020 in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic. That year, the theme of the annual meeting was "The Great Reset." The initiative envisioned sweeping changes to how societies and economies would work to recover from the pandemic and build a more sustainable future.

Now, in increasingly mainstream corners of the internet and on conservative talk shows, "The Great Reset" has become shorthand for what skeptics say is a reorganization of society, using global uncertainty as a guise to take away rights. Believers argue that measures including pandemic lockdowns and vaccine mandates are tools to consolidate power and undercut individual sovereignty.

In a time of mounting anxiety, Jamieson says the public has become more susceptible to falsehoods, as conspiracy theories emerge as a tool to cut through the chaos. Researchers who monitor extremism say these beliefs are becoming more popular and more concerning.

> "Creating all that kind of stuff can generate enemies that people believe are responsible for whatever bad thing is happening in the world - Alex Friedfeld

At a rally staged on the grounds of an upstate New York church last fall, a photo of Schwab was displayed on the center of a large screen alongside other "villains" accused of threatening American values. The crowd of thousands had gathered in a revivalist tent at a traveling roadshow used as a recruiting tool for an ascendant Christian nationalist movement. Participants discussed "The Great Reset," among a host of other theories, as an assault on America's foundations.

The phrase was used more than 60 times across all programs on Fox News in 2022, according to one tally generated by the Internet Archive's TV news database. That's up from 30 mentions in 2021 and about 20 in 2020. It was discussed most frequently on "The Ingraham Angle" and "Tucker Carlson Tonight."

And in August, amid a defamation trial for calling the Sandy Hook Elementary School attack a hoax, Infowars host Alex Jones released a book called "The Great Reset: And The War For the World." It's described as an analysis of "the global elite's international conspiracy to enslave humanity and all life on the planet."

As the World Economic Forum has become intertwined with this narrative, a steady stream of claims have plagued the organization. While some people offer legitimate criticisms of the forum — namely that it hosts wealthy executives who fly in on emissions-spewing corporate jets — others

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to AB361

SUBJECT: **Recommendation to the City Council on Adoption of Amendments to the Land Use and Circulation Element of the General Plan, the Bergamot Area Plan, the Downtown Community Plan, and the City of Santa Monica Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapters 9.01 to 9.52, For Consistency With the 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element of the City's General Plan; Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for Consistency with State Law Updates Related to Housing Production and Minimum Parking Requirements; Minor Changes, Clarifications and Corrections to the Zoning Ordinance, Including Modifications to Parcel Coverage Limitations for Existing Structures in the R1 (Single-Unit) District and Modifications to Standards for Accessory Structures; and Amendments to the General Plan Land Use Map and the Official Districting Map for Consistent Designation in Identified Parcels.**

As described more below, a public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider adoption of resolutions recommending that the City Council adopt amendments to the Land Use and Circulation Element of the General Plan, the Bergamot Area Plan, the Downtown Community Plan, and the City of Santa Monica Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapters 9.01 to 9.52 for consistency with the 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element of the General Plan; amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for consistency with State Law updates related to housing production and minimum parking requirements; minor changes, clarifications and corrections to the Zoning Ordinance, including modifications to parcel coverage limitations for existing structures in the R1 (Single-Unit) District and modifications to standards for accessory structures; and amendments to the General Plan Land Use Map and the Official Districting Map for consistent designation in identified parcels.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 01, 2023 AT 5:30PM**

LOCATION: **In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Planning Commission and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal, but participants may also join the teleconference via** https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/vuzwjpzs or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 2525370 #)

California State law requires that communities prepare and update the Housing Element of the General Plan every eight years. The Housing Element serves as the City's guide for addressing the housing needs of all segments of Santa Monica's population. Housing needs are determined by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), which decide the numerical housing targets for each regional council of governments. Each council of government across the State then further allocates the regional housing number (known as the Regional Housing Needs Allocation – or RHNA) to every city and county within its jurisdiction. The RHNA is a targeted housing number - cities and counties must plan for the RHNA and show that under current land use and development standards, there is capacity to accommodate for this number of housing units. For the proposed 6th Cycle 2021-2029 Housing Element, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) determined that the City's draft RHNA allocation is 8,895 units, more than 5 times than the last cycle. The significant increase in the City's RHNA housing number is indicative of the severity of the current housing crisis. The adopted 2021-2029 Housing Element demonstrates there is available capacity within its jurisdictional boundaries to meet its targeted RHNA number.

On October 11, 2022, per State requirements, the City Council adopted its 2021-2029 Housing Element, which is available online at www.santamonica.gov/housing-element-update. On October 14, 2022, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) confirmed the City's adopted Housing Element is in full compliance with State Housing Element Law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code). The adopted Housing Element sets forth a series of goals, policies and programs to be implemented over the next 8 years of the 6th Cycle. For consistency with these goals, policies and programs, the City proposes this first phase of amendments to the Land Use and Circulation Element of the General Plan, the Bergamot Area Plan, the Downtown Community Plan, and the City's Zoning Ordinance. This first phase includes implementation of the following Housing Element Programs:

- 1A - By-Right Approvals for Housing Projects
- 1B - Streamline the Architectural Review Process and Ensure Design Review Objectivity for Housing Projects
- 1C – Incentivize Housing Development on Surface Parking Lots in Residential Zones
- 1D - Reduce Minimum Parking Requirements for Housing Projects
- 1F - Revise the Downtown Community Plan Development Standards to Support Housing Projects
- 1G - Incentivize and Facilitate the Development of Accessory Dwelling Units Through an ADU Accelerator Program
- 1J - Rezoning by Revising Development Standards to Ensure that Housing Projects are Feasible and Incentivized Over Commercial Development
- 2A – Establish a Moderate-Income Affordable Housing Overlay
- 2C - Update the City's Affordable Housing Production Program to Increase the Number of Affordable Housing Units at all Income Levels
- 2D – Update Density Bonus Ordinance to Ensure Consistency with State Law and Integration into the City's Land Use System.
- 2E – Commit to the Production of Affordable Housing on City-Owned/Publicly-Owned Land
- 4A - Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Permit Multiple-Unit Housing in Non-Residential Zones Where Not Currently Permitted
- 4B – Facilitate the Development of Housing on Surface Parking Lots Owned by Community Assembly Uses
- 4C – Provide New Housing Choices and Affordability in High Opportunity Areas Through Incentives for Additional ADUs in R1-Zone Neighborhoods
- 4E – Provide New Housing Choices and Affordability in High Opportunity Areas Through Incentives for SB9 Units in R1-Zone Neighborhoods

In addition, the Commission will be considering recommendations to the City Council on amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for consistency with recent State Law updates related to housing production and minimum parking requirements; minor changes, clarifications and corrections to the Zoning Ordinance, including modifications to parcel coverage limitations for existing structures in the R1 (Single-Unit) District and modifications to standards for accessory structures; and amendments the General Plan Land Use Map and the Official Districting Map to reconcile inconsistencies on approximately 40 parcels throughout the City.

The 2021-2029 6th Cycle Housing Element Environmental Impact Report (EIR) [SCH No. 20212269242021] was certified by Council on October 12, 2021, with an Addendum to the EIR approved on October 11, 2022.

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give written public comment shall email comments to planningcomment@smgov.net. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

Additionally, public comment can be made by telephone by calling 1-408-740-7256 (Meeting ID: 266195332 and Passcode: 6143 followed by #) when the caller queue opens for the item on which you wish to comment. Remarks from the public made by telephone will be limited to up to 3 minutes per item. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

Address your comments to: **Jing Yeo, Planning Manager**
Re: Housing Element Implementation

MORE INFORMATION: If you want more information about the 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element, please see the City's website: https://santamonica.gov/housing-element-update, or email housingupdate@smgov.net. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

Wealth looms big as ever in post-scandal college admissions

COLLIN BINKLEY
AP Education Writer

Celebrities wept in court. Coaches lost their jobs. Elite universities saw their reputations stained. And nearly four years later, the mastermind of the Varsity Blues scheme was sentenced this month to more than three years in prison.

But there's little belief the college bribery scandal has stirred significant change in the admissions landscape. Some schools tweaked rules to prevent the most flagrant types of misconduct, but the outsize roles of wealth, class and race — which were thrust into public view in shocking plainness — loom as large as ever.

College admissions leaders say the case is an anomaly. Corrupt athletics officials abused holes in the system, they argue, but no college admissions officers were accused. Still, critics say the case revealed deeper, more troubling imbalances.

"Privilege is just really baked into the system in many ways," said Julie Park, who studies college admissions and racial equity at the University of Maryland. "At the end of the day, there's disproportionate representation of the 1% at any private college."

The scheme itself was brazen, with rich parents paying to get their children accepted to selective universities as fake athletes. It drew attention to the advantages those families already had, including tutors and private consultants. It also highlighted other ways money can sway admission decisions, with edges given to the relatives of donors and alumni.

In court, some of the accused parents argued their alleged bribes were no different from donations colleges routinely accept from relatives of prospective students. Records revealed from the University of Southern California showed lists detailing scores of "VIP" applicants, with notes such as "potential donor" or "1 mil pledge."

Among the parents sent to prison for participating in the scheme were "Full House" actor Lori Loughlin, her fashion designer husband Mossimo Giannulli, and "Desperate Housewives" star Felicity Huffman.

When authorities announced the first charges in 2019, it left colleges across the U.S. scrambling to review their own admissions systems, especially where there was overlap with athletics programs. Schools added layers of scrutiny around recruiting, with a sharp eye on lower-profile sports targeted in the scheme, such as water polo and rowing.

Asked what has changed since then, the universities at the center of the scheme point to a flurry of policies that were adopted within a few months of the arrests.

An internal review at USC found an average of 12 students a year had been recruited for sports they didn't end up playing. Some, but not all, were tied to the bribery scheme. The university blamed it on "one or a small number" of sports officials who violated school policy and hid it from the admissions office.

Officials at USC said they started reviewing athletic recruits at multiple levels of administration, including by an office of athletics compliance, which also started verifying that recruits actually end up competing.

Yale University made similar changes after a women's soccer coach accepted $860,000 in bribes to get students admitted as part of the scheme. Yale's athletic director started reviewing all proposed recruits, the school announced in 2019, and recruits that don't end up on teams now face "close scrutiny."

> "The majority of institutions found that they had a really good process and that there wasn't unethical behavior taking place - Angel Pérez"

But in the big picture of Yale's admissions, "very little has changed," said Logan Roberts, a senior at the Ivy League school who came from a low-income family in upstate New York. The school denounced the scandal, he said, but ignored deeper problems that give wealthy students advantages in admissions.

On campus, he said, students from modest means are still far outnumbered by those who went to private schools with access to expensive tutors. Roberts and others have pressed the university to abandon policies that favor wealth, including preferences for the children of alumni, but so far Yale has resisted change.

"When money and morality clash, money generally tends to win," said Roberts, 22.

Angel Pérez was the head of admissions at Trinity College in Connecticut when the scandal broke. His school wasn't implicated, but within minutes, his phone was buzzing with texts from colleagues. Could it happen here, they wondered? Trinity reviewed its policies and concluded they were sound.

Ultimately, it did little to change the industry, said Pérez, who now leads NACAC, a national association of college admissions officials.

"The majority of institutions found that they had a really good process and that there wasn't unethical behavior taking place," he said. "This was a case of some bad actors who were framing themselves as college counselors."

Still, he said, the bribery case — along with the country's racial reckoning and separate legal battles over affirmative action — stirred debate about the fairness of legacy preferences and entrance exams.

"I think it just woke up the American public," he said.

After the Jan. 4 sentencing of scheme mastermind Rick Singer, authorities said their work led to reform. The FBI said colleges reached out asking how they could catch wrongdoing.

Massachusetts U.S. Attorney Rachael Rollins said it revealed a "separate college admissions process for the rich, powerful and entitled," but she also said it led to "meaningful changes." She suggested it may have contributed to more colleges making the SAT and ACT optional, a trend that started before the case but gained steam during the pandemic.

Others, however, argue that the scheme was only a symptom of a disease.

America's obsession with elite schools, combined with opaque admissions systems, has led to desperation among families seeking the best for their children, said Mark Sklarow, CEO of the Independent Educational Consultants Association, a nonprofit that represents private counselors who help in the admissions process.

Colleges help fuel the frenzy, he said, by boasting about their ever-narrowing acceptance rates, all while giving advantages to the well-connected.

"Colleges created a system that was designed to reject more and more kids," he said. "It became less and less clear who got in and who got rejected, and I think that led this generation of parents to say, 'I'll do whatever it takes to get my kid in.'"

Closing bribery loopholes, he added, does little to make admissions more fair.

Ultimately, wealth and privilege play the same role in admissions that they did before the case, said Park, of the University of Maryland. So far she sees little real change, she said, with only a small number of schools agreeing to drop legacy preferences, for example.

"Things have the potential to change," she said. "But is it just going to be shifting chairs around on the Titanic? I don't know."

City of Santa Monica

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#342 EMPLOYEE COACHING, MENTORING, TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- **Submission Deadline Is February 13, 2023, at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is ProcureNow (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for the RFP package.

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Elon Musk's next drama: a trial over his tweets about Tesla

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AP Technology Writer

While still grappling with the fallout from a company he did take private, beleaguered billionaire Elon Musk is now facing a trial over a company he didn't.

Long before Musk purchased Twitter for $44 billion in October, he had set his sights on Tesla, the electric automaker where he continues to serve as CEO and from which he derives most of his wealth and fame.

Musk claimed in a August 7, 2018 tweet that he had lined up the financing to pay for a $72 billion buyout of Tesla, which he then amplified with a follow-up statement that made a deal seem imminent.

But the buyout never materialized and now Musk will have to explain his actions under oath in a federal court in San Francisco. The trial, which begins on Tuesday with jury selection, was triggered by a class-action lawsuit on behalf of investors who owned Tesla stock for a 10-day period in August 2018.

Musk's tweets back then fueled a rally in Tesla's stock price that abruptly ended a week later, after it became apparent that he didn't have the funding for a buyout after all. That resulted in him scrapping his plan to take the automaker private, culminating in a $40 million settlement with U.S. securities regulators that also required him to step down as the company's chairman.

Musk has since contended he entered that settlement under duress and maintained he believed he had locked up financial backing for a Tesla buyout during meetings with representatives from Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund.

The trial's outcome may hinge on the jury's interpretation of Musk's motive for tweets that U.S. District Judge Edward Chen has already decided were a falsehood.

Chen dealt Musk another setback on Friday, when he rejected Musk's bid to transfer the trial to a federal court in Texas, where Tesla moves its headquarters in 2021. Musk had argued that negative coverage of his Twitter purchase had poisoned the jury pool in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Musk's leadership of Twitter — where he has gutted the staff and alienated users and advertisers — has proven unpopular among Tesla's current stockholders, who are worried he has been devoting less time steering the automaker at a time of intensifying competition. Those concerns contributed to a 65% percent decline in Tesla's stock last year that wiped out more than $700 billion in shareholder wealth — far more than the $14 billion swing in fortune that occurred between the company's high and low stock prices during the Aug. 7-17, 2018 period covered in the class-action lawsuit.

The lawsuit is based on the premise that Tesla's shares wouldn't have traded at such a wide range if Musk hadn't dangled the prospect of buying the company for $420 per share. Tesla's stock has split twice since then, making that $420 price worth $28 on adjusted basis now. The shares closed last week at $122.40, down from its November 2021 split-adjusted peak of $414.50.

After Musk dropped the idea of a Tesla buyout, the company overcame a production problem, resulting in a rapid upturn in car sales that caused its stock to soar and minted Musk as the world's richest person until he bought Twitter. Musk dropped from the top spot on the wealth list after the stock market's backlash to his handling of Twitter.

The trial is likely to provide insights into Musk's management style, given the witness list includes some of Tesla's current and former top executives and board members, including luminaries such as Larry Ellison, Oracle co-founder, as well as James Murdoch, the son of media mogul Rupert Murdoch. The drama also may shed light on Musk's relationship with his brother, Kimbal, who is also on the list of potential witnesses who may be called during a trial scheduled to continue through Feb. 1.

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LIONS ROAR

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LIONS: The club is busy with its projects but wants to recruit more people to help.

It is 2023 and this is the year the Santa Monica Pacific Palisades Lions Club is celebrating 100 years of service to the Westside. With this special year, we are not just looking back at what we have done, but more importantly looking forward to the many things we would like to do.

One of our top priorities is finding passionate younger people to help us expand beyond who we are today, finding new service projects, fun activities and creating a new way forward. It is not often there is a chance to bring new ideas and passions to an established organization with strong worldwide recognition, a well-known local presence a desire to evolve into a more dynamic forward-thinking organization.

What would inspire you this year? Making a difference in the lives of others? Building new connections and sharing your passions? Using combined efforts to make more impact? How could you use your skills and creativity to inspire others? Think about becoming a Lion and help make the difference you want to see in your community.

To start the year off, we are hosting the annual Lions Student Speaker Contest on Wednesday, February 8th at 6 pm at the Elks Lodge in Santa Monica. The topic this year is - Social Media: Connects Us or Isolates Us? This contest is a great chance for high school student to add to their college resumes while earning scholarship money from the Lions Student Speaker Foundation. The winner of the first level of competition receives $100, with the amount increasing as you progress through each level, eventually resulting in a total of $21,500 for your educational expenses. There is still time to register, contact Carole at smpplionssclub@gmail.com.

The SMPP Lions are busy working on the Lions Eyes Across California, which will be returning to Virginia Avenue Park on March 18thfrom 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. As before, free vision screening for both children and adults will be offered, along with free reading glasses and diabetes screenings.

This winter/spring we are resuming our Lions Grants program with money raised from our first annual Godfather of All Spaghetti Dinner. Unfortunately, we will only be able to offer grants on a limited basis, asking a select group of past recipients to apply by March 1st. The dinner was a big hit and will be returning this fall, so we hope to you will join us for a fun evening of entertainment and great food. It is our only fundraising event of the year and your participation will increase the amount of grant funding available next year.

Also coming later this year are the Santa Monica Juneteenth celebration, the SM Arts & Literacy Festival, baking for Veterans and of course – our 100th Anniversary celebration.

If you have ideas of service projects based on your passions, or fundraising activities that would appeal to your peers, please consider becoming a Lion. Better yet, bring some of your friends along with you for more fun. If you are interested in being our guest at dinner meeting the second Wednesday of each month at the Elks Lodge, please contact Yoriko Fisher, at smpplionsclub@gmail.com or Kingsley Fife at 310-454-2960. They can tell you more about being a Lion and share our speaker schedule.

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Californians' patience on homelessness wears thin



Courtesy photo

HOMELESS CAMPS: Homeless tents at an encampment near the PATH apartment complex in Los Angeles on Nov. 17, 2021.

BY DAN WALTERS

Last week, a viral video showed the owner of a San Francisco art gallery using a water hose to spray a homeless woman camped outside the doorway of his business.

The gallery owner, Collier Gwin, semi-apologized later, telling a television interviewer, "I totally understand what an awful thing that is to do, but I also understand what an awful thing it is to leave her on the streets."

Gwin said he and other business owners complained to police about her blocking the sidewalks and business entrances. Efforts had been made to help her get off the streets, but nothing has worked.

"We called the police. There must be at least 25 calls to police," Gwin said. "It's two days in a homeless shelter, it's two days in jail, and then they drop them right back on the street."

Finally, after the woman once again refused to move, in frustration Gwin sprayed her down.

Gwin obviously did the wrong thing, but the incident dramatized the frustration that millions of Californians feel about the squalid encampments of homeless people that have become the defining feature of urban California.

Gov. Gavin Newsom acknowledged the growing resentment as he introduced his new state budget last week. "People have just had it," he told reporters. "They want the encampments cleaned up."

"People are dying on the streets all across this state," Newsom said. "The encampments, we've got to clean them up, we've got to take ownership, we've got to take responsibility."

In the last two state budgets, Newsom and the Legislature have committed $17.5 billion for housing and services to the estimated 170,000 homeless Californians – about $100,000 each. However, as Newsom's new budget acknowledges, "Despite unprecedented resources from the state and record numbers of people being served by the homelessness response system, the population of unhoused individuals grows faster than the population exiting homelessness."

The new budget adds several more billion dollars, but suggests that local governments are still not doing enough – a theme that Newsom has pursued in recent months.

Last year, he rejected all of the plans that local governments had submitted, saying they fell well short of actually making real progress on reducing the upward trend. After a showdown meeting with local officials, he agreed to release more state aid.

"The first iteration of these plans made clear that more ambition is required – and more direction from the state is necessary," the budget declares. "Accordingly, the administration plans to work with the Legislature this year to advance homeless accountability legislation."

The budget suggests that cities failing to meet their state quotas for zoning land for new housing might lose state financing for homelessness programs.

"If we can't clean up the encampments and address what's happening chronically on our streets, I'm going to be hard-pressed to make a case to the Legislature to provide them one dollar more," Newsom told reporters.

That threat doesn't sit well with local government officials. The League of California Cities issued a sharp reaction, saying, "one-time investments will not solve the crisis" and adding, "We need ongoing state funding and a coordinated approach with clearly defined roles and responsibilities for all levels of government that supports long-term solutions."

The exchanges suggest there is still no consensus on what combination of actions would have a visible impact and all of the politicians involved are engaged in some blame-shifting as the voting public's patience with the squalor wears thin.

Newsom knows that if the crisis is not resolved, it will leave an indelible mark on his governorship and haunt whatever future political career moves he might make.

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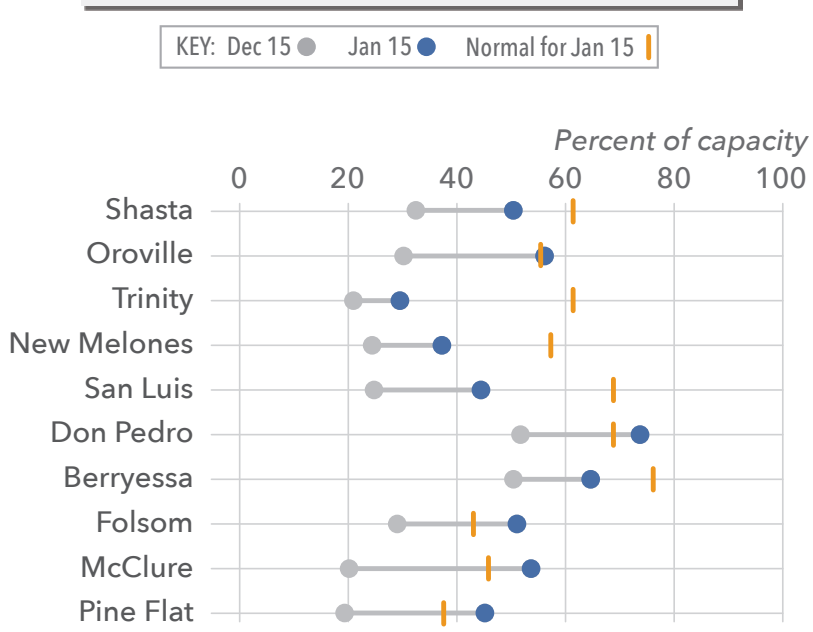
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Biden: Americans should 'pay attention' to MLK's legacy

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Associated Press

President Joe Biden made a historical pilgrimage Sunday to "America's freedom church" to mark Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, saying democracy was at a perilous moment and that the civil rights leader's life and legacy "show us the way and we should pay attention."

As the first sitting president to deliver a Sunday morning sermon at King's Ebenezer Baptist Church, Biden cited the telling question that King himself once asked of the nation.

"He said, 'Where do we go from here?'" Biden said from the pulpit. "Well, my message to this nation on this day is we go forward, we go together, when we choose democracy over autocracy, a beloved community over chaos, when we choose believers and the dreams, to be doers, to be unafraid, always keeping the faith."

In a divided country only two years removed from a violent insurrection, Biden told congregants, elected officials and dignitaries that "the battle for the soul of this nation is perennial. It's a constant struggle ... between hope and fear, kindness and cruelty, justice and injustice."

He spoke out against those who "traffic in racism, extremism, insurrection" and said the struggle to safeguard democracy was playing out in courthouses and ballot boxes, protests and other ways. "At our best, the American promise wins out. ... But I don't need to tell you that we're not always at our best. We're fallible. We fail and fall."

The stop at Ebenezer came at a delicate moment for Biden after Attorney General Merrick Garland on Thursday announced the appointment of a special counsel to investigate how the president handled classified documents after leaving the vice presidency in 2017. The White House on Saturday revealed that additional classified records were found at Biden's home near Wilmington, Delaware.

In introducing Biden, the church's senior pastor, Democratic Sen. Raphael Warnock noted that the president was "a devout Catholic" for whom "this Baptist service might be a little bit rambunctious and animated. But I saw him over there clapping his hands."

King, "the greatest American prophet of the 20th century," as Warnock put it, served as co-pastor from 1960 until he was assassinated in 1968.

Warnock, like many battleground state Democrats who won reelection in 2022, kept his distance during the campaign from Biden as the president's approval rating lagged and the inflation rate climbed.

But with the election behind him and a full six-year term ahead, Warnock fully embraced Biden at the service. Near the close, he asked Biden to come to the front of the church and asked Ebenezer's congregants to pray for the president as he listed several of Biden's legislative achievements.

"That, my friends, is God's work," said Warnock, adding that Biden "had a little something to do with it."

As Biden begins to turn his attention toward an expected 2024 reelection effort, Georgia is going to get plenty of his attention.

In 2020, Biden managed to win Georgia as well as closely contested Michigan and Pennsylvania, where Black votes made up a disproportionate share of the Democratic electorate. Turning out Black voters in those states will be essential to Biden's 2024 hopes.

The White House has tried to promote Biden's agenda in minority communities. The White House has cited efforts to encourage states to take equity into account for public works projects as they spend money from the administration's $1 trillion infrastructure bill. The administration also has acted to end sentencing disparity between crack and powder cocaine offenses, scrapping a policy widely seen as racist.

The administration also highlights Biden's work to diversify the federal judiciary, including his appointment of Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson as the first Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court and the confirmation of 11 Black women judges to federal appeals courts — more than those installed to those powerful courts under all previous presidents combined.

Biden's failure to win passage of a measure that would have bolstered voting right protections, a central campaign pledge, is one of his biggest disappointments of his first two years in office. The task is even steeper now that Republicans control the House.

In his remarks, the president said that for all the progress the United States has made, the country had now reached a critical point in its history. He said democracies can backslide, noting the collapse of the institutional structures of democracy in places such as Brazil.

"Progress is never easy, but it's always possible and things do get better in our march to a more perfect union," he said. "But at this inflection point, we know a lot of work that has to continue on economic justice civil rights, voting rights, protecting our democracy. And I'm remembering our job is to redeem the soul of America."

This moment, he said, "is the time of choosing. ... Are we a people who will choose democracy over autocracy? Couldn't ask that question 15 years ago because everybody thought democracy was settled. ... But it's not." Americans, he said, " have to choose a community over chaos. ... These are the vital questions of our time and the reason why I'm here as your president. I believe Dr. King's life and legacy show us the way and we should pay attention."

King, who was born on Jan. 15, 1929, was killed at age 39. He helped drive passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Voting Rights Act of 1965. Members of King's family attended the service, including his 95-year-old sister, Christine King Farris.

''I've spoken before parliaments, kings, queens, leaders of the world ... but this is intimidating," Biden said in opening his sermon.

The president plans to be in Washington on Monday to speak at the National Action Network's annual breakfast on the King holiday.

Associated Press writer Bill Barrow in Atlanta contributed to this report.

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MLK Day celebration honors the civil rights icon













Grace Adams

MLK DAY: The Martin Luther King Jr Westside Coalition held a celebration at John Adams Middle School on Monday to honor the legacy of the civil rights leader. Dr. Benjamin Chavis, a civil rights leader himself who had worked with King before his assassination spoke at the event. He reflected on the progress that has been made since his death while reminding the audience that there is still a long way to go. He ended his remarks on an optimistic note, saying today's younger generation gives him hope for the future. The event also included a ceremony during which six high school students were recognized for educational achievements as well as performances form the Santa Monica Playhouse, Lindiwe Rose Dancers, William Bryant and Gil Leib and was followed by a community engagement fair featuring local organizations involved in social justice issues.

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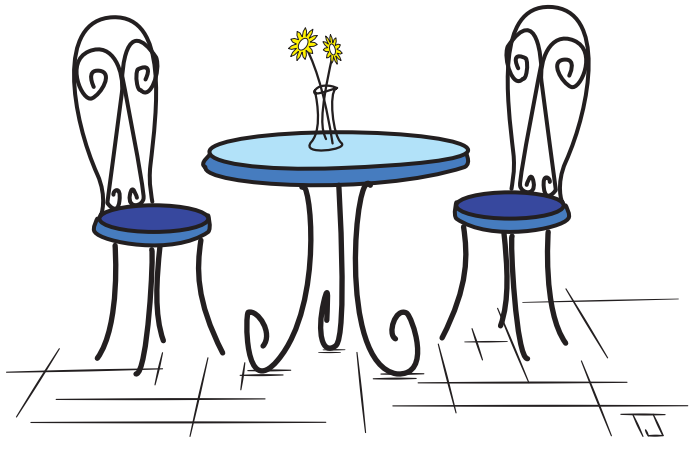
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WINTER STORM

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and no buildings were damaged. Emergency crews had the trees chopped and cleared by Monday morning.

Impacts have been worse in the Northern half of the state.

The California Highway Patrol rescued three people whose car slid off a rain-slicked road and ended up teetering at the edge of a cliff in the Santa Cruz Mountains on Friday. The occupants of the car "were scared for their lives and were in disbelief" when they were pulled safely from the car as the vehicle's front end hung precariously over the cliff's edge, the highway patrol said in a statement.

The series of storms has dumped rain and snow on California since late December, cutting power to thousands, swamping roads, unleashing debris flows, and triggering landslides.

President Joe Biden declared a major disaster in the state and ordered federal aid to supplement local recovery efforts in affected areas.

At least 20 storm-related deaths have occurred, and a 5-year-old boy remained missing after being swept out of his mother's car by floodwaters in San Luis Obispo County.

Governor Gavin Newsom signed an executive order to further bolster the emergency response on Monday. The executive order includes provisions that help ensure adequate staffing for the emergency response by waiving work hour limitations for retired annuitants; support impacted residents by waiving fees to replace records such as marriage and birth certificates; and provide flexibility to help health care facilities in impacted areas remain open and support schools in Merced County impacted by flooding.

Dry days are in this week's forecast for California starting on Tuesday.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

LOEWS

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union on the Santa Monica beachfront. The chain made news again in 2017 when union representatives raised concerns about potential residential development at the site during renegotiation of their agreement with the hotel ownership. No change in use was ever announced and city officials reiterated their opposition to any residential use at that time.

The Santa Monica Daily Press reached out to the Loews Hotel Group for comment to which they replied with the following statement:

"The owners of Loews Santa Monica Beach did not renew Loews Hotels & Co's management agreement, and as March 4, 2023, the hotel will no longer be operated by Loews. Ownership has advised Loews that operation of the hotel will be temporarily suspended starting March 4th."

Loews currently operates 26 hotels across the U.S. and Canada but the ownership of the Santa Monica property is more complicated.

The Chinese insurance company Anbang purchased Strategic Hotels & Resorts in 2016 for $6.5 billion including the Hotel del Coronado in San Diego and the Loews in Santa Monica. Anbang subsequently purchased the Waldorf Astoria for an additional $2 billion in 2018 and the Chinese government seized control of the company shortly thereafter following a series of scandals involving the company's founder.

Ownership of the entire 15-hotel portfolio was then transferred to Dajia insurance as the Chinese government looked to restructure assets. Dajia attempted to sell the package in 2020 to a Korean company but that sale fell through. Dajia did eventually sell three of the hotels in the group for $1.2 billion and they company took a $1.8 million loan to refinance the remaining hotels. The Santa Monica property still resides inside the Strategic Hotels & Resorts portfolio owned by Dajia but the Chinese government is actively selling its stake in Dajia.

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RENT CONTROL

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new position, individuals are automatically removed from their original post. Torosis was sworn in at the end of 2022 and the RCB opened applications to fill the remainder of her term.

Two applications were filed in time for the Boards reports, Lonnie Guinn and Susan Morrow. Zoe Muntaner filed a late application that was also considered but the board choose Guinn.

Guinn is a rent controlled tenant in the City who has lived in the same unit for the past 13 years. He is a former City employee who worked for the Board itself in addition to the library and Economic Development departments.

RCB Commissioner Danny Ivanov echoed statements from the entire board who said they were impressed with Guinn's demonstrated knowledge of the subject and ability to grasp the issues immediately.

"We need somebody that like I said can hit the ground running from day one, we don't really have time for, you know, on the job training when we have threats to the rent control charter that we're facing this year," he said. "So, ultimately, I think every I think every applicant was qualified. I think every applicant brings their unique perspective to this role. But ultimately, when I'm looking for who's going to be best equipped to handle the roll from day one, Lonnie is application stood out to me."

Guinn said he was excited to get started.

"My experience in government has been with staff on the implementation and enforcement of public policy," he said. "And while I feel that would be an asset to serve on this board, I know that I'm asking you to seat me in a position on the other more political side and that is in the advocacy and policymaking. I look forward to the possibility of serving this community in this new and challenging role if I'm seated."

The Jan 12 meeting was also an opportunity for the Board to bid farewell to Torosis.

"I've just I've never encountered among all the fabulous people in city government, I just have not encountered anyone who takes this as seriously as you do to the heart," said Commissioner Anastasia Foster of Torosis' service.

Two residents spoke about Torosis' time on the board.

"And we are very excited that you are now going to be on the Council we congratulate you once again on your election to City Council and we know with your dedicated efforts and your hard work on behalf of all the people of Santa Monica," said Sonia Fox Sultan on behalf of Santa Monicans for Renters Rights. "That your term or terms on the Council are going to be very successful and that you're going to continue to do wonderful things both as a Councilmember and we look forward to working together with you as I'm sure the entire community does."

Jennifer Kennedy also spoke from her position with SMRR.

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Torosis attended the meeting herself and credited partnerships for her time on the board including the work of staff, Santa Monicans for Renters Rights and the other Commissioners.

"And that is why I got into politics to serve as a voice for folks who truly were not representative or represented by their governments," she said.

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DAVOS

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spread unverified or baseless information as fact.

For example, a site known for spreading fabricated stories falsely claimed last month that Schwab publicly encouraged the decriminalization of sex between children and adults, using an invented quote and other baseless statements. Still, it drew tens of thousands of shares on Twitter and Facebook.

Meanwhile, the popular claim that the forum wants people to replace meat with bugs is a distorted reference to an article once published on the organization's website. In another instance, a widely shared post claimed without evidence that the forum had "appointed" U.S. Rep. Kevin McCarthy as speaker of the House before the actual vote had taken place.

The concern, Friedfeld says, is that posts like these could introduce people to more fringe and dangerous conspiracy theories or even translate into real-world violence. Yann Zopf, head of media for the forum, says the organization has increased its monitoring of this kind of online activity and carefully watches for direct threats.

"Creating all that kind of stuff can generate enemies that people believe are responsible for whatever bad thing is happening in the world," Friedfeld said. "Once that happens, when you believe that things are happening in the world and a certain person or group of people is responsible for these attacks, all of a sudden, the idea of using violence to resist becomes more plausible."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 17)

You'll often lead, inspire and fund successful efforts this year, a source of pride and lifestyle improvement. The wins of your team are your wins and vice versa. More highlights: comedy so good you'll laugh until you cry, a well-deserved raise and the slow burn of a new interest that turns into a gripping passion. Gemini and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 10, 3, 13 and 17.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Rigidity is the enemy of grace, which requires relaxed strength. Looseness lets in an element of chaos, but don't be afraid of it. This is what makes the end result so creative.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When your body tells you what to eat or how to move, you're receptive and amenable to suggestions. After all, your body should know how to heal and grow you. It basically made itself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You may be fascinated by survival tales and high drama in media, but it's not like you want to be a firsthand witness. Your "safety first" motto ensures the commotion will stay on the screen and out of your life.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have a good sense of what's really going on where you are and what direction you want to move next. People around you will naturally gravitate toward you and want to move with your flow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'd rather not talk about what you're going to do because it steals your focus from actually doing it. Today you're all about efficiency, economy and finding the most direct route to your desired result.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). They'll tell you there's a right way to do the job, but what they really mean is that there's an accepted way. If what you're doing works, do it your way. Maybe they're not the experts at the specific thing you're trying to accomplish.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's a treat coming your way, and it may surprise you in spite of the fact that you set it up yourself long ago. The you of the past was a forward-thinker and a good friend to future you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Everything has consequences. Happy short-term results can lead to unhappy long-term results and vice versa. Like a chess player, you see the potential in each move and play to what might happen several moves ahead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll get encouragement from those who know what you need and those who don't. Accept all well-intended kindness, but only act on the advice of those who have been where you are and succeeded.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your curious mind prevents you from becoming occupied with the mundane today. The next 48 hours feature friends, laughter and the advancement of a relationship filled with fascinating potential.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've made a request, a point or an offer. Waiting for a response can be agonizing if you focus too much on it and it's taken a while for another person to form and deliver a response. Go about your business.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're compassionate, empathetic and accommodating, but you're no pushover. Some people are hard-wired to find the limits of things and will keep at it until they get a response. Be firm. Enforce your boundaries.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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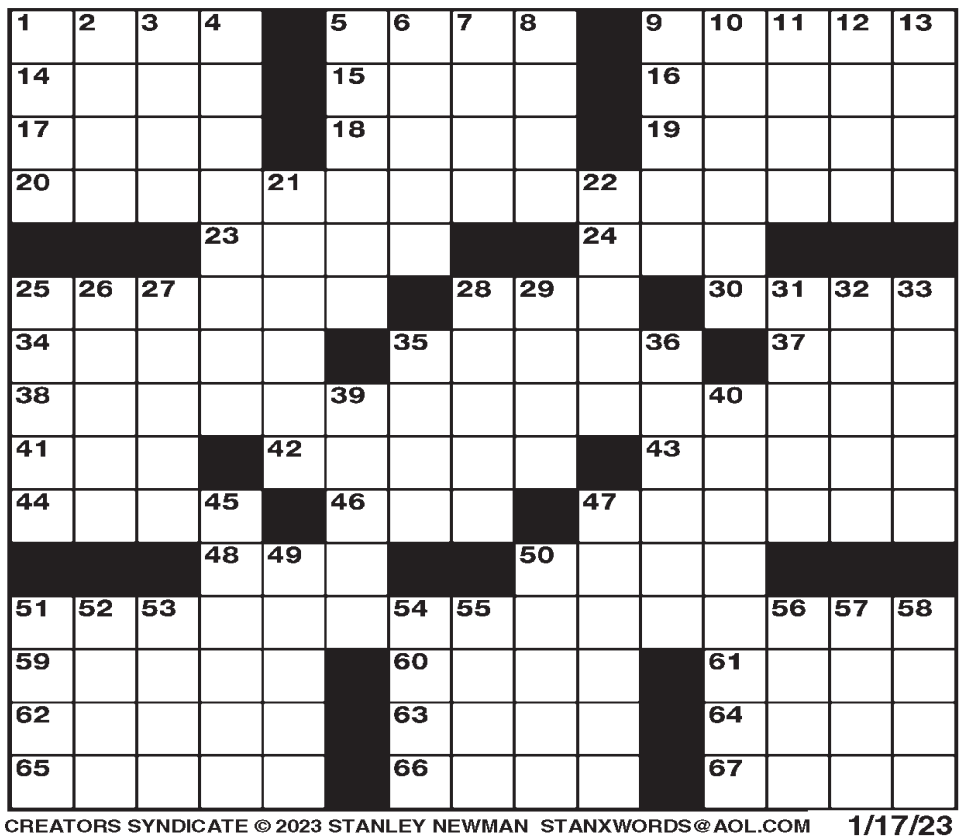
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9 Sneakers and sandals
14 __ fish sandwich
15 Eve's first home
16 Delighted
17 Spanish cheers
18 Bread package
19 "And the results __!"
20 Horse's track record
23 Evaluate
24 Letter before tee
25 Not outdoors
28 Approximate landing hr.
30 Wide belt
34 Taxi-fare calculator
35 Intelligent
37 Numbered hwy.
38 The job you have now
41 56, in Roman numerals
42 Diamonds and clubs, in a deck
43 Find out about
44 Cravings
46 Low in humidity
47 Northernmost state
48 Gift label
50 Salon colorist
51 What data is kept on file for
59 One-horned African beast
60 Jazz singer Fitzgerald
61 Gloom and __ (dire outlook)
62 Dad's sisters
63 "__ be wrong, but . . ."
64 Group of troops
65 The things here
66 Jot down
67 Writing tools

DOWN
1 "Cut it out!"
2 Hawaiian dance
3 Lowest denomination bills
4 Danishes and cream puffs
5 Erase, as computer files
6 Idolize
7 Piece of lettuce
8 Useful facts, for short
9 Dishonest imitations
10 Bother persistently
11 Unlock
12 Majestic story
13 "Auld Lang __"
21 Military chaplains
22 Raises, as a child
25 Suggest indirectly
26 Audacity
27 Beer mug
28 Containing nothing
29 New Mexico art center
31 Opera solos
32 Bird on birth announcements
33 Reddish hair dye
35 Mix with a spoon
36 Farm machine for plowing
39 Gentle push
40 Began to cry
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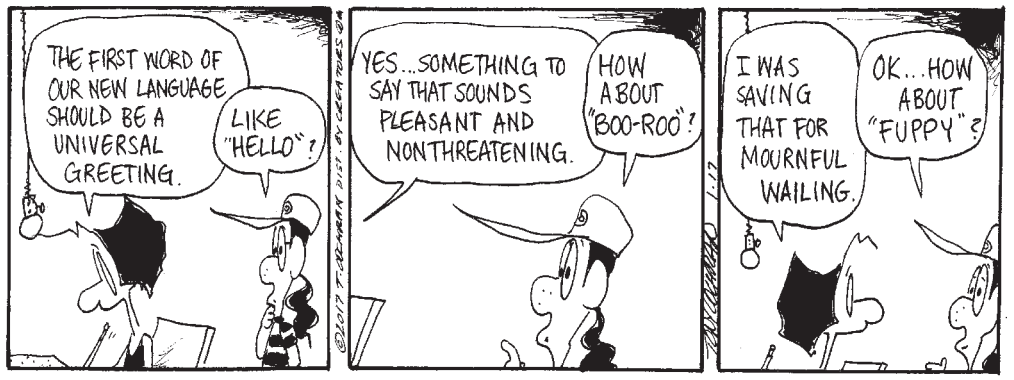


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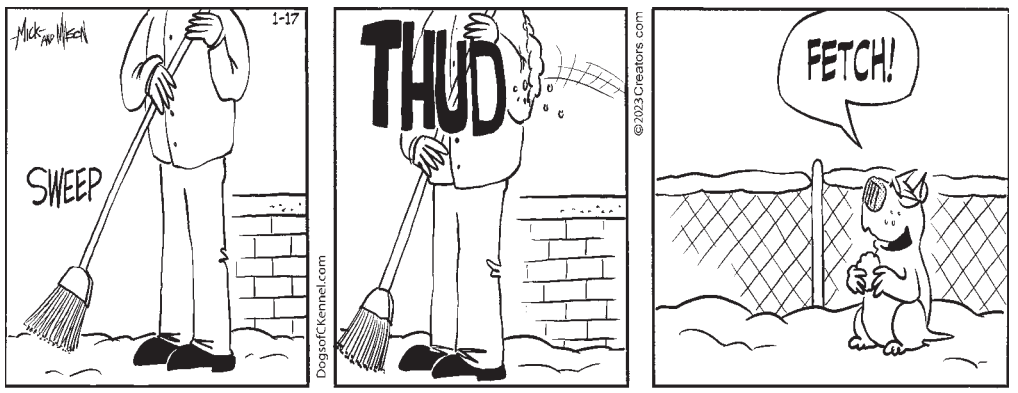
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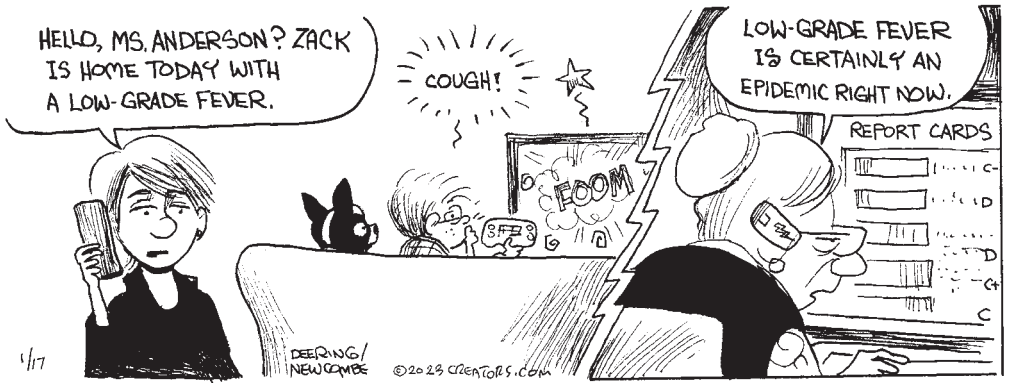
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TUESDAY | JANUARY 17

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

WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 18

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

THURSDAY | JANUARY 19

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

FRIDAY | JANUARY 20

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

SATURDAY | JANUARY 21

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

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

SUNDAY | JANUARY 22

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT ANTIQUE MARKET
Noted as One of the Top Ten "Flea Markets' in America, visit the Santa Monica Airport Antique Market, a fun outdoor market full of many great dealers with furniture, antiques, collectibles, art, vintage clothes, jewelry, rugs and much more. As a destination for lovers of antiques of all ages, shop from a wide range of styles from Victorian to Mid-Century. The market is located next to the Museum of Flying and occurs every 1st and 4th Sunday of every month.

MONDAY | JANUARY 23

KARAOKE NIGHT PARTY AT TAVERN ON MAIN
Sing a song, sing it loud and sing it strong at Tavern on Main's Karaoke Night Party, every Monday and Wednesday night from 9pm to 1am. Enjoy music, food, and atmosphere with free entry. Late Night happy hour will last from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

BLOOD DRIVE
To book a time to give, visit RedCrossBlood.org, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or call 1-800-RED CROSS. In partnership with the National Football League (NFL), those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma Jan. 1-31, 2023, will be automatically entered to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LVII in Arizona. 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St.

TUESDAY | JANUARY 24

BOOK GROUP OF THE SANTA MONICA BAY WOMANS CLUB
The January gathering at this historic Santa Monica location (1210 Fourth St.) will begin with a short discussion of the love of books and the books we love. It will then focus on "We Are Our Mothers' Daughters" by Cokie Roberts. For questions or to RSVP please email Susan Barry at sbarry1015@sbcglobal.net. Santa Monica Bay Womans Club,1210 Fourth St, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 25

KID'S CLUB
Come play with us on the first Wednesday of every month for a fun, family-friendly musical morning hosted by Twinkle Time, a bilingual, Billboard pop-artist for kids, and featuring special guests each month. This free event will provide snacks (while supplies last). Santa Monica Place, 395 Santa Monica Place

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **59.0**

TUESDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:**	3-4ft Waist to chest	Chunky WNW swell mix. Decent conditions with N-NW wind in the morning rotating WNW in the afternoon. Mind the early higher end tide.
WEDNESDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:**	1-2ft Knee to thigh	Potential to see conditions improve. Lingering WNW/NW swell mix. Mind the early AM high tide.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 59. West northwest wind 10 to 15 mph.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43. North northeast wind around 10 mph.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 59. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/01/17	Tue	04:53 AM	5.44	H
2023/01/17	Tue	12:36 PM	-0.17	L
2023/01/17	Tue	7:14 PM	3.06	H
2023/01/17	Tue	11:00 PM	2.38	L
2023/01/18	Wed	05:44 AM	5.96	H
2023/01/18	Wed	1:22 PM	-0.91	L
2023/01/18	Wed	8:00 PM	3.37	H
2023/01/19	Thu	12:02 AM	2.33	L
2023/01/19	Thu	06:34 AM	6.47	H
2023/01/19	Thu	2:05 PM	-1.50	L
2023/01/19	Thu	8:39 PM	3.63	H
2023/01/20	Fri	12:58 AM	2.16	L
2023/01/20	Fri	07:23 AM	6.88	H
2023/01/20	Fri	2:47 PM	-1.88	L
2023/01/20	Fri	9:17 PM	3.85	H
2023/01/21	Sat	01:50 AM	1.93	L
2023/01/21	Sat	08:10 AM	7.10	H
2023/01/21	Sat	3:29 PM	-2.02	L

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 1/14
24 26 39 47 57
Power#: 23
Jackpot: 416 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 1/13
30 43 45 46 61
Mega#: 14
Jackpot: 20 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 1/14
4 10 13 24 40
Mega#: 2
Jackpot: 25 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/15
19 29 35 37 39

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Draw Date: 1/15
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Daily Derby
Draw Date: 1/15
1st: 09 - Winning Spirit
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3rd: 05 - California Classic
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