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Santa Monica set for 2024 Homeless Count with a full complement of volunteers

With just days to go, Santa Monica prepares for the 2024 homeless count as the crisis surges nationwide. On Wednesday, January 24, 2024, from 8 p.m. to midnight, a number of compassionate volunteers will gather at St. Monica's Church, at the intersection of 7th St and California Ave and begin counting the unhoused in Santa Monica.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

And it's not just limited to our sunny, seaside city. Over a total of three nights across the whole of Greater Los Angeles — and that includes Los Angeles County, along with Orange, Ventura and San Bernardino Counties — teams equipped with warm clothing and clipboards will venture forth into the streets and begin the task of counting the number of individuals who appear to be living in homelessness outside, in cars, tents and other make-shift shelters.

A cursory glance at the official theycountwillyou.org/volunteer website shows that the maximum number of volunteers for Santa Monica, 100 this year, has been reached. However, Ahmad Chapman, Communications Director for the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), says that there is always a need for more across the county.

"We are always going to be looking for more volunteers for the homeless count week, we ask right up until the count starts on the third night," Chapman says. "I know we have thousands of people signed up [across Los Angeles County] and we need many more to achieve our goal this year."

This time 12 months ago, much like now, the temperature was dropping at night time, and this year the unwavering efforts of the volunteers might be compounded by the possibility of rain.

"If rain comes the homeless count continues forward, regardless. That said, some parts of Los Angeles that the volunteers have to venture out to are almost dirt tracks, so it will certainly help if the weather stays dry," says Chapman, adding, "Last year, despite the cold, our volunteer numbers held pretty consistent with what we were

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COUNT: A group of volunteers will count the unhoused in Santa Monica the evening of January 24.



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State program to clear homeless encampments show signs of success, but housing remains elusive



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ENCAMPMENT: People under an overpass at Guadalupe River Park in San Jose, on Jan. 12, 2024. A recent abatement effort cleared many encampments where unhoused people were sleeping, but some individuals continue residing in the park.

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For years, the Guadalupe River Trail — a winding path that snakes through the heart of downtown San Jose — had been home to hundreds of people living in tents and make-shift shacks.

In recent months, many have vanished as part of a $750 million-push by Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration — dubbed the Encampment Resolution Fund — to clear homeless encampments from cities throughout California.

"The before and after photos are stark," said San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan. "You have an area that was just full of trash and tents and RVs and belongings and graffiti. There were literally chickens running around. And now it's coming back to public use. People are starting to walk the trail, bike the trail, look at the river."

But an analysis of preliminary progress reports submitted to the state, as well as interviews with early Encampment Resolution Fund grant recipients, shows the program has had mixed results up and down California. Even in San Jose, it hasn't met its overarching goal of finding permanent housing for most of the people moved off the river trail.

More than a year after the checks went out, nearly two-thirds of the $48 million awarded in the first round of statewide grants has been spent. The money has paid for everything from shelter beds to case workers to security deposits so people living in encampments could rent apartments. But so far, only three of the 19 jurisdictions that got funding reported completely clearing their targeted encampments. Nearly 750 people still lived in those camps as of the end of September, according to the latest data available from the state.

The first-round grants must be spent by the end of June.

Even in cities and counties that have had success moving people off the street and into temporary shelters, it's proven much harder to find permanent housing. San Jose used the state funding to move nearly 200 people off the river trail — a heavy lift the city previously had been unable to accomplish. But just 11% of those people made it into permanent housing. Another 37% moved into temporary shelter. The city doesn't know what happened to the others: More than half the people relocated from the trail are unaccounted for.

Across the state, hundreds of people who were moved out of encampments last year and in 2022, using state money, still are in shelters, waiting for a home of their own.

"I think what we're really seeing across the board and with this funding is it's just taking so much longer to get people into housing because there's a lack of affordable resources," said Jennifer Hark Dietz, CEO of PATH, a homeless services nonprofit that worked with San Jose and several other cities to administer the grants.

FROM ENCAMPMENT TO HOUSING

Instead of merely shuffling unhoused people from one camp to another — as had been widespread practice for years — Newsom insisted this program would focus on getting people into housing. Cities and counties seeking funding must prove they either will move encampment residents directly into permanent housing, or into temporary shelters with "clear pathways" to permanent housing. The state rejected an application from Chico because its plan for

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Homelessness is on the California ballot this March. Will conditions change on the street?



Cal Matters

BALLOT: Proposition 1, the only proposition on California ballots this March, asks voters to approve of a $6.4 billion bond to fight the homelessness crisis.

MARISA KENDALL
Special to the Daily Press

How much difference will a March ballot measure make when it comes to fighting California's massive homelessness crisis? That's the question before voters as they weigh in on Proposition 1, which has been touted as California's chance to finally do something about the epidemic on the streets.

Prop. 1, the only proposition on California ballots this March, asks voters to greenlight a $6.4 billion bond for treatment beds and housing units catering to people with mental illnesses and addictions. It also would restructure some current funding to funnel more mental health money toward housing.

Gov. Gavin Newsom, who has championed the measure, said it will "prioritize getting people off the streets, out of tents and into treatment." The governor has a lot riding on its success, as voters become increasingly frustrated with the state's lack of progress when it comes to cleaning up encampments and helping the people suffering within them.

But experts are cautioning against putting too much stock in Prop. 1 as a solution.

It won't help everybody — not by a long shot. Nor is it designed to. In addition to funding 6,800 beds in facilities treating mental illness and addiction, the $6.4 billion bond would create up to 4,350 new homes for people who need mental health and addiction services — 2,350 of which would be reserved for veterans, according to the Legislative Analyst's Office. In a state with an estimated homeless population of more than 180,000, that will hardly make a dent.

"It will be great for those individuals, but still leaves almost 98% outside or in shelters," said Bob Erlenbusch, executive director of the Sacramento Regional Coalition to End Homelessness.

Prop. 1 also would require counties to spend 30% of their Mental Health Services Act funds on housing — including rental subsidies and new construction. Those funds, which come from taxing California's millionaires, are expected to raise about $1 billion per year for housing programs.

New homes funded under Prop. 1 would target homeless Californians who often are both the most visible and the hardest to help, including those in the throes of psychosis and addiction. Many unhoused Californians don't fit that description.

> The public perceives it as everyone, and it's definitely not everyone
>
> - Dr. Margot Kushel

"The public perceives it as everyone, and it's definitely not everyone," said Dr. Margot Kushel, who directs the UCSF Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative, "but there are a fair number of people who have these disabling conditions."

In a recent comprehensive study of homeless Californians, 27% of people surveyed had been hospitalized in their lifetime for a mental health problem. When asked if they had ever experienced a prolonged period of hallucinations, 23% said they had, according to the study by the Homelessness and Housing Initiative.

About one-third of those surveyed reported using drugs three or more times per week.

Even though it leaves people out, pouring resources into the sickest subset of California's homeless community is the humane thing to

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **57.4**

FRIDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Lingering WNW swell expected. SSW pulse joins in. Light wind in the cards at this point with a decent tide window for the first few hours of daylight. PM onshores looking manageable for the tide push.

SATURDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Day to watch. More waves expected from rising, mid to longer-period W/WNW swell. SSW pulse holds. Winds looking OK at this point, especially early morning at the west facing spots.

Weather

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Friday Night: A 40 percent chance of rain after 10pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52.
Saturday: A 50 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 61. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday Night: A 50 percent chance of rain. Cloudy, with a low around 54.

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2024/01/20	Sat	04:52 AM	5.55	H
2024/01/20	Sat	12:40 PM	-0.28	L
2024/01/20	Sat	7:28 PM	3.15	H
2024/01/20	Sat	11:15 PM	2.48	L
2024/01/21	Sun	05:46 AM	5.75	H
2024/01/21	Sun	1:28 PM	-0.73	L
2024/01/21	Sun	8:16 PM	3.42	H
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Dying of Extremes: The Alarming Missteps of Both Political Parties in Navigating Today's Critical Issues

CONNIE BROOKS

Last Friday night, a mother and her two young children struggled in the cold, dark waters of the Rio Grande River near Eagle Pass, TX, eventually succumbing to the fierce current and drowning.

Multiple reports blame Texas military officers for preventing U.S. border patrol agents from deploying lifesaving measures as they typically do in such cases. The U.S. border with Mexico has long been controlled by the federal government, but recently Texas blocked federal access to the boat launch area where rescue efforts are initiated.

In Oklahoma City, a woman with a non-viable pregnancy that threatened her own life was denied the abortion she needed. To survive, she had to drive with her husband nearly 200 miles to another state for treatment. The hospitals that denied her care in Oklahoma said that state law prevented them from treating her until she was "at death's door."

How are these incidents related? They are direct results of electing extremist Republican leaders who will stop at nothing – apparently including preventable loss of life – to push their right-wing agendas.

As a lifelong liberal Democrat living in Venice, CA, I'm horrified by what's happening in these and other red states. But then I look at local news.

Last Friday night, a man died on Venice Beach. His body was found early Saturday morning. A cause of death hasn't been released, but it's not uncommon for people to die from drug overdoses on Venice Beach. No one would be surprised if that's how this man lost his life.

Throughout Los Angeles, drug users have free access to county-supported "harm-reduction" programs. These include giving out needles and pipes for using opioids, meth, and crack along with naloxone nasal spray and fentanyl test strips for combating lethality. Because advocates insist these programs are essential for saving drug users' lives, supplies are distributed even in public parks where children and families come to play. And overdose deaths continue to soar.

Just before Christmas, a one-year-old homeless baby died of cardiac arrest near LAX. Homeless people frequently die, from multiple causes, on streets all over LA. In fact, LA's homeless now die at a rate of more than five people per day. This is because laws protecting against "criminalizing" homelessness have been stretched to the extreme point where unhoused people – many with substance use or mental health disorders – can reject multiple offers of housing and be left unsheltered for years in public places, dying often and early.

How are these incidents related to what's happening in red states? They are direct results of electing extremist Democratic leaders who will stop at nothing – apparently including preventable loss of life – to push their left-wing agendas.

One may be extremely authoritarian while the other is extremely permissive, but they are both extremes. And most people do not want to be governed by extremes – yet here we are. The loudest voices have prevailed in far too many places, even though they're in the minority.

In the first two examples, we know extremists are in the minority because national polls tell us they are. Polls show that a majority of Americans favor creating a simplified legal pathway to immigration. Polls also show an even larger majority believe abortions should be legal in certain circumstances that include threats to the mother's life.

So why are majorities being subjected to extremist minority opinion rulings? On the national level, multiple forces are in play, of course. But locally, we have direct power to move away from extremism. The remedy is ridiculously simple. You, me, and everyone else we know just needs to vote for non-extremist candidates in local elections. That's all it takes. And frankly, with everyone in Los Angeles receiving a mail-in ballot, it's never been easier to vote. But we're not doing it.

Again sticking with one of our local examples, a 2021 poll showed that 94% of Angelenos found homelessness to be a serious or very serious problem. But in the 2022 elections, only 44% of registered Los Angeles voters actually cast a ballot. Were the rest of LA's voters actually unaware that serious problems get resolved by voting for more candidates with serious solutions for fixing them? Or where is the disconnect?

Whatever reasons people give for not voting, the reality is that people who do vote are the ones who get their candidates elected.

So when the majority of people who cast votes in LA are extremist, we're going get more leaders who are also extremist. It's a very straightforward equation. Just by voting in larger numbers, and influencing others to vote with them, a minority of voters becomes a winning majority. And that means they get to make the rules we live – and die – by.

If we're going turn the tide on extremism and reclaim the center – where the vast majority of us are best able to thrive

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HOMELESS COUNT

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expecting and we were able to conduct a successful count. So we're hoping to do the same thing again this year, no matter what the weather throws at us."

The goal of the "point-in-time" count is to get a snapshot of the unhoused population. By conducting it simultaneously across the region, officials hope to make it less likely to double count or miss individuals who move around. The number of individuals in shelters is also calculated on the same night.

While the count is mandated by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, it also helps officials to gain a better idea of the number of people unhoused together with demographic trends among the population and locations of concentration. This data is then used to inform local and regional efforts to address homelessness and can ultimately affect how resources are allocated.

Plus of course, with time comes experience and Chapman says that the count process is refined and improved every year. "There's always things that we can learn and we're always looking to improve the homeless count process, particularly for volunteers."

"We're bringing back the homeless count app that was created by Esri for us, but we're also streamlining our check-in and check-out process for volunteers, making it easy for them and to ensure that they have starting points clearly mapped out. And that will make the numbers more accurate as time goes on," he says.

According to Chapman, the company that designed the app also designed the tracking system complete with a real time dashboard. However, he says that one of the coolest enhancements this year is a pilot run of a new "geo fencing" feature.

"Last year some volunteers reported that they felt like they might have gone past their designated areas that weren't a part of their census track and they wanted something that could alert them if they had."

Results from the 2023 count showed that homelessness increased by about 9% countywide and by 45% the Santa Monica area. LAHSA released the results that showed the increase was driven almost entirely by huge spikes in the western and southern regions of the county, including the area covering Santa Monica. Nationwide, homelessness increased by about 12% last year.

Results of this year's count will be available later in the year.

According to the LAHSA website, "Volunteering for the homeless count is one way community members can currently assist with efforts to address homelessness ... The count would not be possible without the volunteers who come together across the county."

To get involved, register by visiting the website theycountwillyou.org/volunteer and following the instructions to RSVP. For any additional details or information, you should email homelesscount@lahsa.org or call 213-683-3333.



Thomas Leffler

HOMELESS: The unhoused will be counted next week, an endeavor mandated by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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HOA HOMEFRONT

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Is HOA's Corporate Status Current?

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The law requires HOAs to keep their corporate status current, and failure can be disastrous.

Most California HOAs are set up as nonprofit mutual benefit corporations. To determine whether an association is incorporated, look at the first page of the HOA's bylaws. If the HOA was not established as a corporation, the bylaws will usually refer to it as an "unincorporated association." Per Civil Code Section 4805, unincorporated associations may exercise the various powers under Corporations Code Section 7140 and the powers granted by the Davis-Stirling Common Interest Development Act. Generally, unincorporated associations must comply with that Act and also Corporations Code Sections 18000 and following.

Incorporated associations are required to file at least every other year the SI-100 and SI-CID informational forms with the Secretary of State and annually file tax returns with the Franchise Tax Board. The SI-100 form lists the HOA's mailing address, address of its agent for service of legal process, and the names and contact addresses of the top three officers. The SI-CID form lists the manager's contact information, the total number of homes in the HOA, and the physical location of the property. The forms can be filed online and the fees for filing both forms are a total of $35. The failure to timely file these forms and file tax returns can result in the corporation's status being "suspended."

The state has a user-friendly site, https://bizfileonline.sos.ca.gov/, where one can check the status of any corporation. If a board or manager discovers that an HOA is suspended, the SI-100 and SI-CID forms can be filed online once the corporation opens an online account.

Corporate suspension is a very serious matter.

Suspended corporations are not recognized by the law as existing. So, they cannot defend themselves in court and cannot bring lawsuits to protect their rights. A judge could dismiss a suspended corporations lawsuit against other parties, or could declare a suspended corporate defendant to be in default as a party.

Contracts entered into by corporations during the time of their suspension due to failure to file tax returns are voidable at the election of the other party to the contract. This means that the HOA vendor can unilaterally cancel its contract with the HOA and the suspended HOA can do nothing to prevent it. Note: this consequence does not apply if the HOA has filed its tax returns and has only failed to file the SI-100 and SI-CID forms.

Another consequence to suspended corporations is that the corporation's name is no longer considered by the state to be reserved. Therefore, someone else can reserve the HOA's name while it is suspended; and when the HOA reactivates its status it must find another name! Imagine how embarrassing it would be to have to explain to your HOA neighbors that the HOA must amend its governing documents to change its legal name because the board or management didn't keep those filings current.

For more information about the consequences of corporate suspension, visit https://www.ftb.ca.gov/help/business/my-business-is-suspended.html. The Franchise Tax Board has much helpful information on its site.

When beginning to work with any HOA, managers should check to confirm the HOA's corporate status is "active." The major problems described above are easily prevented.

The official site of the Davis-Stirling Common Interest Development Act is www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov.

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– we need to do it by voting in large numbers for pragmatic candidates with serious solutions. We need to educate ourselves on who those candidates are, and encourage others to make the same effort. And when your mail-in ballot comes, fill it out and drop it off. Then offer to help your friends, family and neighbors get their ballots in, too.

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GET IT DAILY...

SMC synergy with Chamber connects academics, new industries

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SMDP Staff Writer

Students at Santa Monica College (SMC) have a multitude of future options while at the higher education institution. The school offers programs in newly-expanding industries, and also acts as a successful feeder program for other universities. Its status as a feeder of intelligent youth also applies to the workforce, which is where a key SMC partner stepped in to strengthen the college's bridges to innovative job positions.

Last month, the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce announced a new collaboration with SMC, launching the Chamber Talent Connect program for SMC students and local Santa Monica businesses. Beginning with a webinar in December on the topic of cloud computing, the program connects students with internships, jobs and interviews for businesses in forward-thinking fields like cloud computing, biotechnology and "blue economy" or aquaculture-related positions. Not only do businesses benefit from the intern and workforce pipeline, they can also help craft SMC's existing and upcoming programs with valuable input.

In launching the program, Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce CEO Judy Kruger stated that the Chamber and SMC are "ensuring that (SMC) students are well-equipped to thrive in the rapidly changing economy."

"Our mission is to nurture and grow vibrant businesses, and one big part of



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TALENT CONNECTION: Santa Monica College computer science instructor Koda Kol teaches Introduction to Cloud Computing, one of the industries focused on in the Chamber Talent Connect program.

that is giving them the pathway to find and retain great talent," Kruger said in noting the program's positives. "That's what Santa Monica College puts out with its internships and career placement. We know the leaders at (SMC), and we've had multiple conversations about what does (SMC) need? What does the Chamber need? And then out of those two conversations came the program."

The program was co-created by the Chamber's Alex Brown, who considered it a "necessary foresight" to align students with the constantly shifting labor market. Brown said the goal of the program is "twofold," ensuring that SMC curriculum is "future proof" because "industries are constantly changing," along with strengthening local workforce development.

"I think that really links education directly with industry needs, so it makes it a bit more based in reality than (theoretical), like some (educational) institutions might have," Brown added.

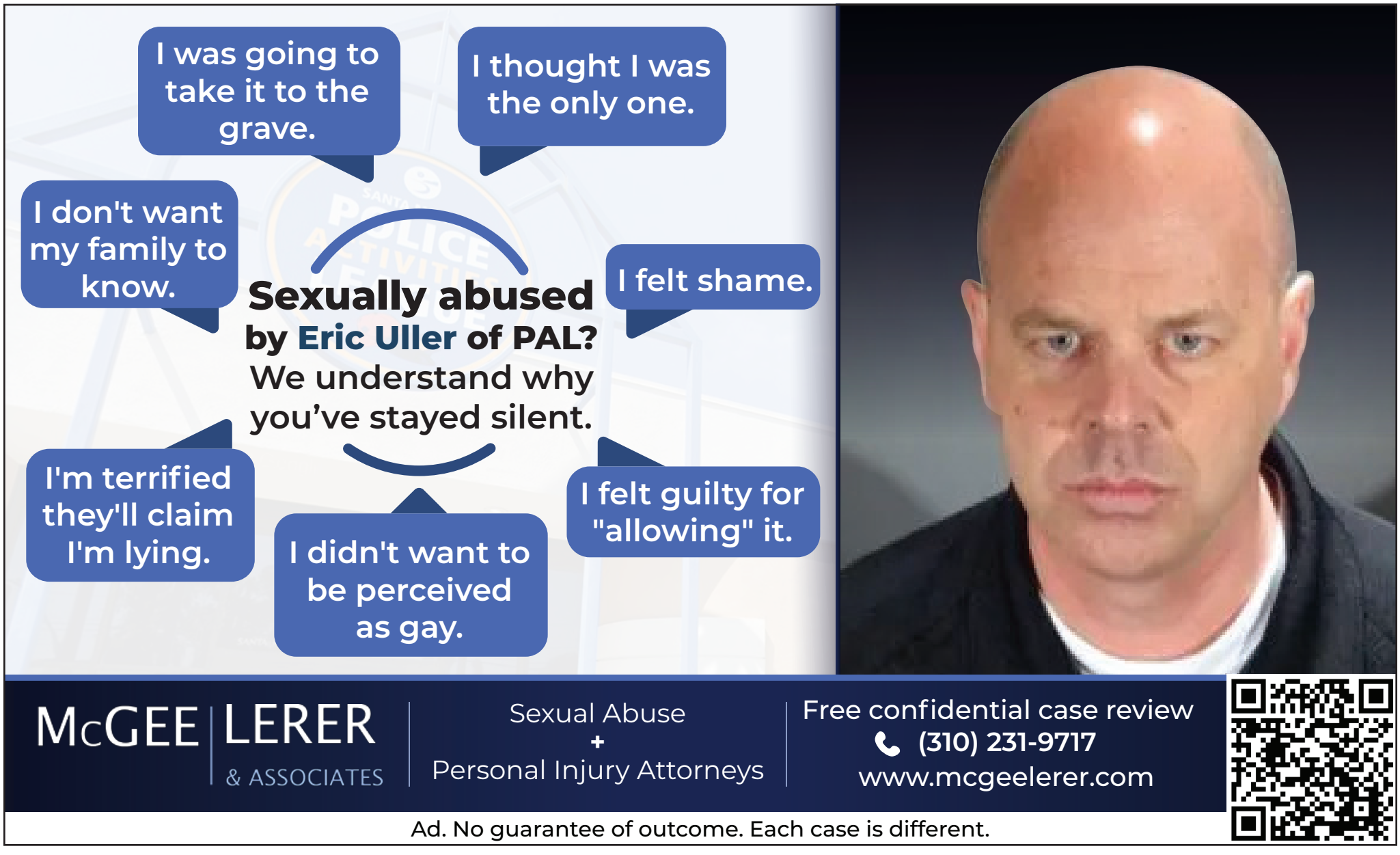
Brown also stated that the Chamber isn't securing internships for students themselves, moreso building a bridge between businesses and SMC, and it will ultimately be up to the businesses on who to hire and for what position.

One set of positions that will be a priority straight away is in cloud computing, with the webinar on the topic well-attended in December. SMC has been on the forefront of the industry, which is the practice of storing and managing data on a network of remote servers, rather than personal computers. The college is one of 19 Los Angeles area community colleges that have received the Amazon Web Services (AWS) Educate grant, part of the global conglomerate's initiative to provide students with cloud-related learning. SMC's Cloud Computing Certificate, requiring 15 units, introduces students to AWS technologies, programming, database management and security.

A major growth area in the technology field, SMC currently has an Associate in Science Degree in Cloud Computing, which requires 27 units along with general education requirements. Skills learned in the program include storage, database management, software systems and security. A Certificate of Achievement in the field is also available at the college, and a full four-year program in the field is planned for the future.

"Every business … could use a cloud computing intern or graduate because every business stores things in the cloud," Kruger said. "Every business now needs security, data security and data filing, and all the things that are related to cloud computing. It's interesting

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permanent housing fell short, said Chico Deputy City Manager Jennifer Macarthy.

But drawing a straight line from an encampment to a long-term home is easier said than done.

Tulare, in the Central Valley, used its $1.6 million grant to clear five encampments where about 100 people lived. But it couldn't come up with enough beds for everyone, and as people moved out of the camps, new people kept showing up.

Instead of finding everyone a home, the city ended up giving 150 people tents and moving them into a sanctioned encampment. As of December, only 44 people from the five camps had landed in permanent housing.

But that's at least double the rate Tulare was housing people before it got the state money, said Housing and Grants Manager Alexis Costales, who describes the program as a success. Tulare won another $4.8 million in the state's second round of encampment grants, and hopes that money will get more people housed.

Los Angeles won a $1.7 million grant, which put 45 unhoused people up in a motel for several months. But motel rooms are expensive, and by the time those funds ran out, only about half had found permanent housing, said Hark Dietz. Six people left the program, and the rest moved into shelters, where PATH continues to work with them to find housing.

Santa Barbara County is using part of its $2.5 million grant to open two new tiny homes sites which, starting this spring, will provide temporary shelter to dozens of people living in encampments. So far county workers have reached out to about 200 camp residents, and brought 81 inside. Of those, 52 made it to permanent housing, said the county's Encampment Response Coordinator Lucille Boss, whose salary is paid for by the state grant.

"We couldn't have done a lot of this without the state's investment," Boss said.

In San Jose, Mahan said many people declined the city's shelter beds. One of them was Alicia Spangenberg. Outreach workers offered her a tiny home, but the 27-year-old, who has been homeless nearly five years, isn't ready to sacrifice her freedom and privacy to live in a tiny dwelling with shared bathrooms and follow the program's rules.

"At the end of the day," she said, "it's whether somebody wants to be helped."

California cities soon may have more freedom to clear homeless encampments if the Supreme Court strikes down a 2018 ruling that had largely tied their hands. In Martin v. Boise, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals found cities cannot punish unhoused people for camping on public land if they have no other option — which cities interpreted to mean they must have shelter beds available before clearing a camp.

Regardless of what happens in that case, Newsom's administration has made clear that cities hoping to use state encampment resolution funds must do more than simply kick people out of an encampment. They must plan to "resolve the experience of unsheltered homelessness" for the camp residents.

LIMITED FUNDING

As the grant money runs out, some local leaders and service providers worry the gains they made might be reversed without additional funding to keep up the work they started.

It's unclear when more money might materialize. Newsom's proposed budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year, released this month, doesn't propose cuts to the program. But after the current round of nearly $300 million—which cities and counties are applying for now — is spent, there's no new funding on the horizon. The state appropriated a total of $400 million for this round, but about $100 million of that automatically went to cities that applied last time but were rejected because of insufficient funds.

"If you are investing only in an intervention that's temporary, then the solution is temporary," said Sharon Rapport, director of California state policy for the Corporation for Supportive Housing, who has criticized Newsom for refusing to provide ongoing funding for homelessness. "It's not going to result in reducing homelessness. It's just going to result in a lot of people using our shelter beds."

And as with any competitive grant program, many communities were left out of the initial rounds of funding.

When the grant program launched in 2021, Paramount — a city of five square miles in Los Angeles County — jumped at the opportunity. The small municipality made a small ask: $160,000 to clear a camp of about 30 people along the Los Angeles riverbed and expand the city's shelter system.

The application was rejected without an explanation or any feedback, said Steven Coumparoules, Paramount's community preservation manager. When he looked at the cities awarded funding, including Los Angeles, Oakland and San Jose, he concluded the state favored big cities. It soured him against applying again.

But money from the state could have made a big difference in Paramount, Coumparoules said. There are no shelter beds within the city limits, and the shelter up the road in Bell is full. The river remains a "hotbed" of homeless camps, he said.

"The cleanups aren't solving the problem," Coumparoules said. "You're kind of just reshuffling people from one location to another."

Chico, where many refugees from the 2018 Camp wildfire remain homeless, asked the state for $1.9 million in 2021 to relocate about 150 people from the banks of the Comanche Creek. Officials thought they had made a good case, and were surprised when they were rejected, said Deputy City Manager Macarthy.

The state eventually made more money available. But by that time, Chico had used city funds to clear the creek, and the state wouldn't let the city tweak its application to secure funds for one of its many other encampments.

When the second round of grants opened, Chico applied again for a different encampment. Again, the city was rejected. This time, the state said Chico's plan to move people from the camp into permanent housing fell short.

Without state help, the city spends about $4 million a year on clearing encampments and moving people into shelters.

"I would be lying if I said this is not a burden on our community from our financial perspective," Macarthy said. City staff plan to try again for some of the $300 million available now in the third round of grants.

"So," Macarthy said, "fingers crossed."









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ENCAMPMENTS: Gov. Gavin Newsom's Encampment Resolution Fund, aimed at clearing homeless encampments throughout California, has received mixed reviews so far.

MONEY FOR BEAUTIFICATION

In the months since San Jose cleared the camps off of the river trail, a handful of people already have moved back. To combat that, the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy is using $200,000 — 10% of the state grant — to rehabilitate the trail. The conservancy has hired two park ambassadors who patrol the area and report illegal dumping and tents. The organization also is experimenting with hosting lawn games and other activities to liven up the trail, and has plans to commission a mural.

The state has since changed its rules, and using grant money for those types of ancillary expenses is no longer allowed. But without that money, it would have been impossible to prevent people from coming back to camp, or to convince community members — long deterred by the tents — to return to the trail for recreation, said Jason Su, executive director of the conservancy. He worries about the trail reverting to its former state once the grant money runs out this summer.

Rodney Scott, one of the remaining unhoused people living along the Guadalupe River Trail, is hoping for a second chance. In 2022, the 36-year-old moved into one of the tiny homes the city uses as temporary shelter. It was great, he said: He could shower whenever he wanted, and play Xbox online with his son. But in nearly a year in the program, he never got off the waitlist for permanent housing. Then, Scott said he was kicked out of the tiny home after getting in one too many arguments with other residents.

Since then, he's been living in a tent outside a Target, hoping a housing placement will come through.

"It's too cold to be out here right now," Scott said. "I got heart failure. So it's like, am I going to die waiting for an apartment?"

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BALLOT

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do, said Sen. Susan Talamantes Eggman, a Democrat from Stockton.

"They count too," said Talamantes Eggman, whose bill reforming the Mental Health Services Act became half of Prop. 1. "We can't just see people as a problem. You have to see people as people and (ask) how do we do our best to help those who need it the most?"

Targeting the people with the highest needs may be politically savvy as well. Voters who are up in arms over the state's increasingly dire homelessness crisis — and politicians' seeming inability to fix it — aren't complaining about the person who drives for Uber during the day and sleeps in his car, out of sight, at night. They're complaining about the people living in encampments, walking into traffic and shouting at nobody. Those are the people this measure could help. And that's where voters might actually see the measure make a difference on the street.

"We're at a point where voters need this," said Christopher Martin, policy director for Housing California. "Voters are feeling fatigued on housing and they need to see some progress, and I think we need to demonstrate that."

But Susan Ellenberg, president of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, doesn't anticipate Prop. 1 will do much on that front.

"In terms of addressing homelessness, we need more housing, period," she said. "And I worry that when people's expectations are conflating, they're disappointed and feel that problems aren't being solved even though so much money is going out the door."

She also worries that some of the unintended consequences of Prop. 1 could end up exacerbating her county's homelessness crisis. To pour the required amount of Mental Health Services Act funding into housing, the county will have to take money from other programs. That means there will be fewer dollars for things like homelessness prevention and early mental health interventions. If the county skimps on the types of services that keep people off the streets in the first place, Ellenberg worries more people will fall into homelessness or their mental health will deteriorate to the point where they need even more care.

Los Angeles County's mental health department also has "some serious concerns" about Prop. 1, said Director Lisa Wong. Last year, the county spent 32% of its Mental Health Services Act funding on outpatient services — the psychiatric care, counseling, medication and more that helps stabilize someone living outside a psychiatric facility. If Prop. 1 passes and redirects a chunk of that funding into housing, the county will be able to spend less than 18% on outpatient services — and other programs such as crisis response and homeless services will have to dip into that funding pool as well.

"We are concerned that missing those service dollars might compromise the ability of people to stay in housing once they're housed, or to get to a place of wellness where they can be successfully housed," Wong said.

Recent expansions in Medi-Cal mean more people are covered for more services, which should help offset funding losses, Talamantes Eggman said.

"I don't see it as cuts," she said. "I see it as a reprioritization."

There's also the question of how counties will come up with the resources needed to make the necessary program shifts. Santa Clara County is facing a shortage of workers and hiring freezes brought on by a budget deficit, Ellenberg said.

"I feel like we're being asked to do significantly greater amounts of work with fewer and fewer tools," she said.

Kushel, who specializes in the intersection of homelessness and health, said the authors of Prop. 1 — Talamantes Eggman and Democratic Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin of Thousand Oaks — have their priorities in the right place.

It's nearly impossible to stabilize someone's mental health or treat their addiction while they're living on the street and pouring all of their effort into surviving day to day, Kushel said. But when given housing combined with the right treatment plan, even people who seem incredibly sick can thrive.

"Will it be enough? I don't know," she said. "But it seems like we should try."

How can Prop. 1 funds be put to the best use? In San Diego, Deacon Jim Vargas says: detox beds. He runs Father Joe's Villages, which has more than 1,000 shelter beds — none of which are specifically for detox. The entire county has only 77 detox beds — not nearly enough, he said.

Vargas hopes to use Prop. 1 dollars to open more.

"I'd like to think that yes, it will make a difference on the streets," he said.

Martin, of Housing California, has more tempered expectations.

"It's certainly a step in the right direction," he said. "But it's not everything."

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SMC

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to hear the spectrum of businesses that can be engaged on just that one industry alone."

Another industry with a cavalcade of business prospects is the ocean-related "blue economy," which Brown says is "pretty vast" and has included conversations with robotics companies, deep sea farming experts, and more in the areas of aquaculture and clean water.

"Blue ocean economy is literally anything to do with the ocean, and (it's) a huge, huge industry … in (Los Angeles) specifically," Brown added.

SMC's program in that field is slated to begin during the Fall 2024 semester, leaving ample time for the Chamber to spread the Talent Connect Program's positives to a bevy of businesses in Santa Monica and throughout West Los Angeles. An upcoming seminar on the topic will take place at Heal the Bay Aquarium, and will be attended by SMC faculty building the blue economy curriculum to learn what kind of curriculum needs to make an impact for students.

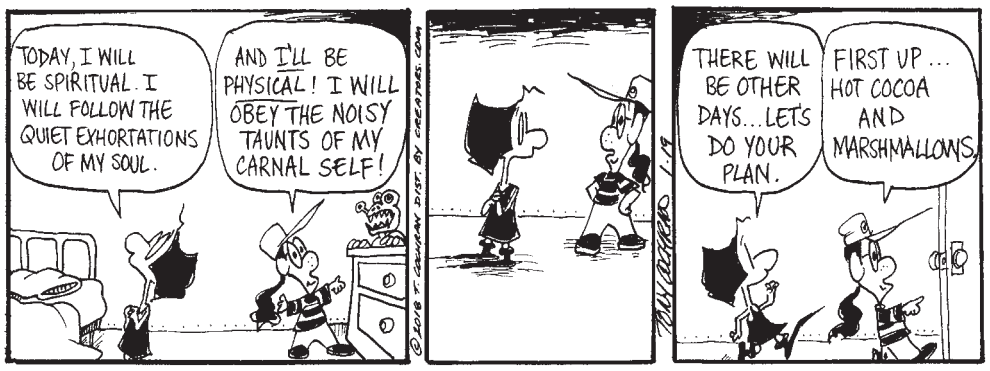
Businesses looking to connect with SMC interns or graduates can go through SMC's Career Services Center either on the college's website or by phone at 310-434-4337. The Chamber looks forward to the program's first year, pushing businesses to take students from the "gem of the city."

"(SMC is) Santa Monica's big educational asset, and they are a powerhouse in education … they have a really strong, diverse background of students … it's really something we can be proud of," Kruger said.

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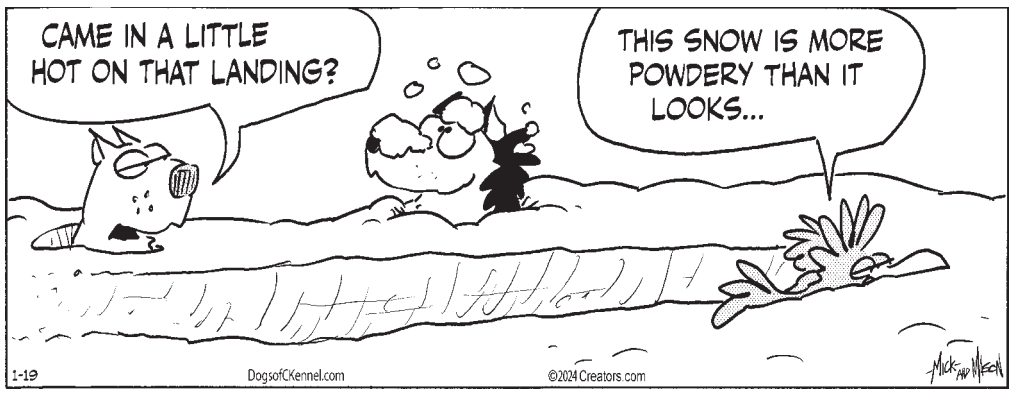
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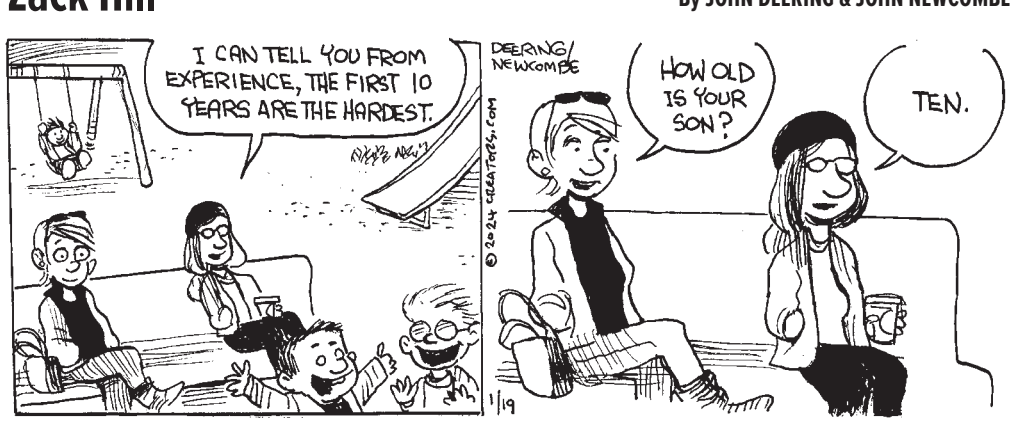
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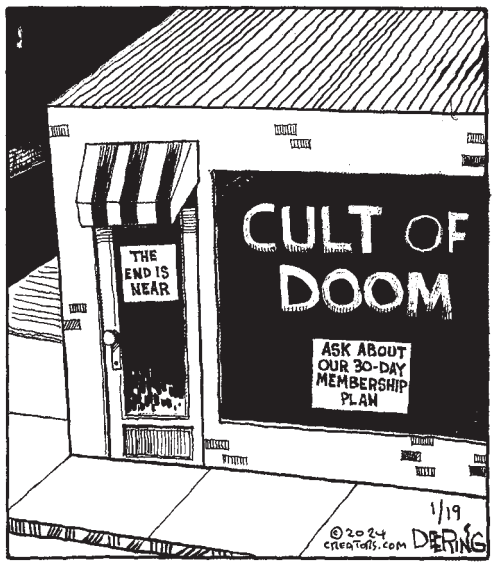
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're not trying to be tricky, but you also don't feel the need to give people everything they want. You're mysterious. You reserve some things just for you. And what you leave out makes people lean in with their imaginations and heart.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It may seem harmless to check who is wearing what, living where or dating whom, but this is a day when it's best to keep your eyes on your own page. Avoiding comparison allows you to flow all of your energy to the aims and purposes you hold dear.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Since much that contributes to your mood is out of your control, it's so important to take charge of the elements within your influence. You'll make things simple, lovely and well-lit. You'll go where the emotional sunshine is beaming.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Without realizing it, you pose a challenge to someone who will not give up trying to reach and win you. It will take them a while, considering you're a question without an answer, a mystery that will continue to elude, a ride with no conclusion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Those who've achieved greatness can't always teach it. Seek a mentor with both experience and teaching ability. If you can't find it in the same person, get two mentors, one who teaches well and one who's lived the route.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your worldview is completely different from your neighbor's, which you'll get a rare window into today. It's an honor to be let into the world of another, if only for a short time. You'll go back to your own view with more wisdom and insight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). We don't choose our feelings so there's no use in judging ourselves for having them. You'll acknowledge a feeling without acting on it. You'll accept what comes up and defuse the charge of an emotion, rendering it more manageable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Harness the power of silence. Embrace the intervals between actions, thoughts and words — those are the moments where enchantment unfolds. Your comfort in silence honors the symphony of life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). As you do what it takes to get your work audience-ready, it's normal to wonder how you'll be received. Work through doubt. Anticipate different responses. But let nothing keep you from forward movement. There are opportunities around the bend!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll do far more than was asked of you and not everyone will appreciate this, but you can ignore the ones who don't. If everyone only did what was asked of them, modern life would not exist, as the world was built by people going beyond the call.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you understand a thing, your mind will file it, remember it or forget it. But when you don't understand a thing, your brain will continue to turn the concepts, attempting to solve the puzzle. This is the magnetic power of mystery at work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll marvel at talents that emerged naturally in you as you applied yourself to the work at hand. You'll keep moving forward, growing as you make new attempts without assumptions around what you are capable of, since it's usually much more than you would think.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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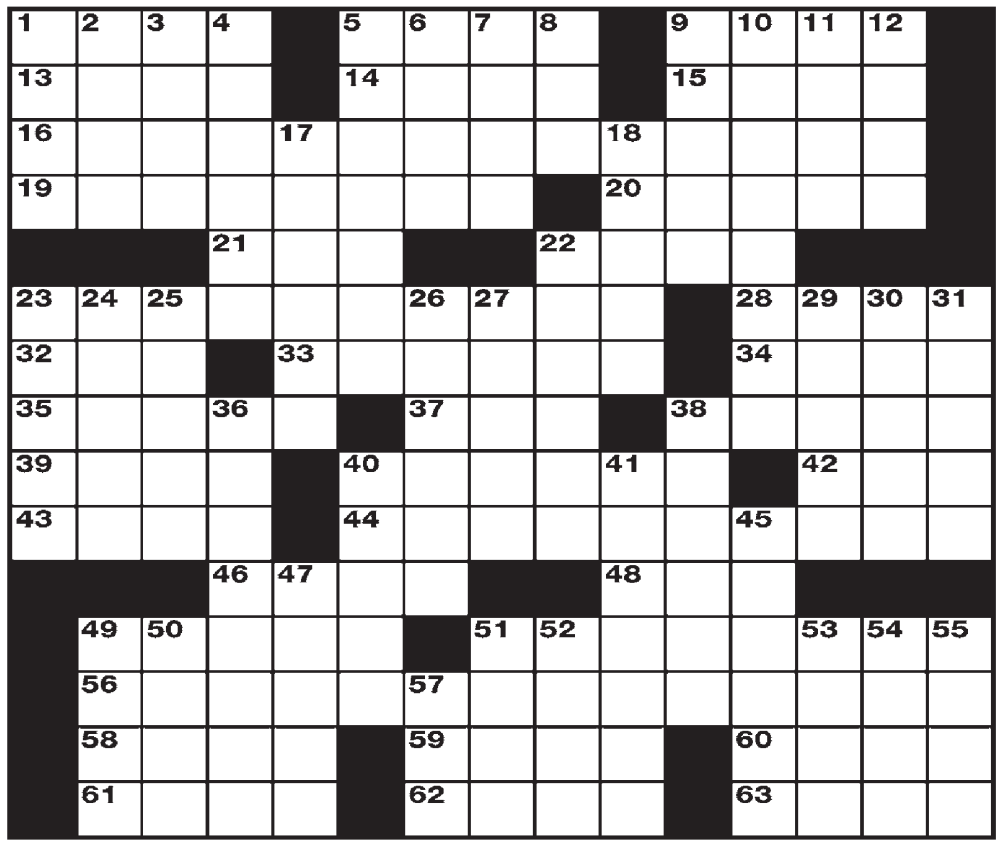
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ACROSS

1 Bogus business
5 What a hoop might hang from
9 3 Down or 51 Down
13 Language of Pakistan
14 Japanese pasta
15 Snowman accessory
16 With 56 Across, Will Rogers on discretion
19 Manages to unlock
20 Motel owner of the movies
21 Word seen twice on the MLB team list
22 Unembellished
23 With 44 Across, Will Rogers on parties
28 Singing star since the '60s
32 Scrape (out)
33 Way up
34 Acquaintance of Alice
35 Jambalaya ingredient
37 "Am __ understand. . ."
38 Dramatic digression
39 Draped dress
40 UCLA athletes
42 Decisive blows
43 Fails to be
44 See 23 Across
46 Rancher's ride
48 Soil in a sty
49 Computer text format
51 Unconfirmed info
56 See 16 Across
58 Certain stopper
59 Sound of disgust
60 Animal shelter
61 63 Across' hexad
62 Roadside retreats
63 Tiny-wing birds

DOWN

1 Warbled
2 A Canadian First Nation
3 TV spot
4 Cereal from Switzerland
5 Amalgamates awkwardly
6 Comics beagle
7 Certain petty officer
8 Half of nine
9 Newborn test creator
10 Moderna, Pfizer, etc.
11 Lodge letters
12 Winery products
17 Cheer for
18 Fluster
22 Shell, Chevron, etc.
23 Gatorade sister brand
24 Emeril often works with them
25 Absorb for an exam
26 Aviary din
27 Show sudden interest
29 Terse verse
30 Triage pro
31 Harry who sold out to Hershey
36 Thoughtfully
38 That being the case
40 No-frills
41 Superhero foe
45 Cite as pertinent
47 Pen sounds
49 Statement no.
50 Chase away
51 Envelope notation
52 Day or night
53 Reactor factor
54 Miniskirt of a sort
55 Large climbers of trees
57 Center starter



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FRIDAY | JANUARY 19

GRILLED CHEESE & BEER NIGHT
This family-style event has been their most popular. Join now and see what the excitement has been all about! The cost is $75 (plus tax). Andrew's Cheese Shop, 728 Montana Ave, 7:30 - 10 p.m. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/january-19th-grilled-cheese-beer-night-tickets-782689293747

STELLAR NUCLEAR FUSION: CAN WE HARNESS ITS POWER?
Every star is a powerful nuclear reactor, and we owe our existence to the energy our Sun provides. Our climate crisis has us searching for alternative sources of energy. Lecturer Sarah Vincent offers ideas in response to the big question: Can we harness the power of the stars to provide clean energy? Free on Zoom. 8 p.m. https://www.smc.edu/community/planetarium/

SATURDAY | JANUARY 20

SEED STARTING 101
How deep to plant them? When's a good time to start tomatoes? What about birds? How far apart? Really, only one seed per inch? Come get some answers and inspiration to start your own veggies. Ishihara Park Learning Garden, 2909 Exposition Blvd. 10 a.m.

UC MASTER GARDENERS AT PICO FARMERS MARKET
Visit with the UC Master Gardeners at the Saturday Pico Farmers Market. he booth is filled with free advice on how to care for plants, how to troubleshoot a gardening problem, and much more. Free seeds and seedlings are available on a limited basis. Market attendance is subject to change based on weather and holidays. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

NOTABLE FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Join a community-led discussion of award-winning current and classic fiction, held via Zoom. Contact library@santamonica.gov for the link. January and February will be on The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA WALKING TOUR
Discover the architectural gems and rich history of Downtown Santa Monica with a docent! Visit a 12-story Art Deco office tower, the British pub where Jim Morrison played his first show, our city's best example of a Queen Anne Victorian home, a lavish hotel that housed a speakeasy during Prohibition and more! Tours are approximately 2 hours and cover 6 blocks. Reservations suggested. Open to all ages. Hostelling International Santa Monica, 1436 2nd St, 10 a.m. $10 https://smc.givecloud.co/dwt

ARTIST TALKS
Hear from Diane Silver, Taylor Kibby and Dominic Terlizzi about their work. Raw Material, a group exhibition of twenty-five esteemed local and international ceramic artists is also featured at the gallery. Craig Krull Gallery, 2525 Michigan Ave. Suite B3. 11 a.m. https://www.craigkrullgallery.com/

PINKALICIOUS
Based on the popular book by Victoria Kane and Elizabeth Kane, the Moran-Wixson Theatre presents "Pinkalicious, The Musical" beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The Morgan-Wixson Theatre is located at 2627 Pico Blvd. Tickets $12 to $15. For more information, visit www.morgan-wixson.org.

I GOTTA CROW
The Crow's favorite show curates elevated comedy with comics from HBO, Netflix, Comedy Central and late night TV. Starts at 8 p.m. at The Crow, located at the Bergamot Station Arts Center, 2525 Michigan Ave. Comics include Jessica Saul, Ritu Tirthani, Willie Macc and Mathew Harawitz. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased at https://jetbook.co/e/i-gotta-crowodwm.

SUNDAY | JANUARY 21

ZUMA CARS AND COFFEE
Exotic cars, hyper cars, race cars and the unusual gather at Killer Shrimp Marina Del Ray, 4211 Admiralty Way, with the restaurant open for breakfast. A beautiful setting at the marina with yachts and morning ocean air. Public parking available next door to Killer Shrimp. For more, visit https://carsandcoffeeevents.com/event/zuma-cars-and-coffee/2024-01-21/.

EVER AFTER TAKE 2
The interactive musical "Ever After Take 2" features Holly Gibson, Margo Leach, Isabel Lindley, Cydne Moore, Michala Pelts and Megan Wright as Cinderella. Hosted at the Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St., beginning at 12:30 p.m. Kids $12.50, adults $15, includes photo opportunities with the characters. For more information, visit santamonicaplayhouse.com.

THE BOY WHO SAW TRUE
The Odyssey Theatre, 2055 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, hosts a charming, engaging solo performance by award-winning actor and master storyteller Harry Hart-Browne of his adaptation of a book described as a "time-honored classic of the paranormal." Free to attend, begins at 2 p.m.

BANNED BOOKS READING GROUP
The banned books reading group will be reading materials that have been historically challenged or are on the American Library Association's current challenge list. Copies will be available for loan at the library. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. 2 - 3:30 p.m. West Los Angeles Regional Branch Library, 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard

MONDAY | JANUARY 22

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES
An ongoing series of citizenship classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. The classes help students complete and submit their U.S. citizenship applications, and prepare them for the official review. Enrollment is through the SMMUSD Adult Education Center (310) 664-6222, ext. 76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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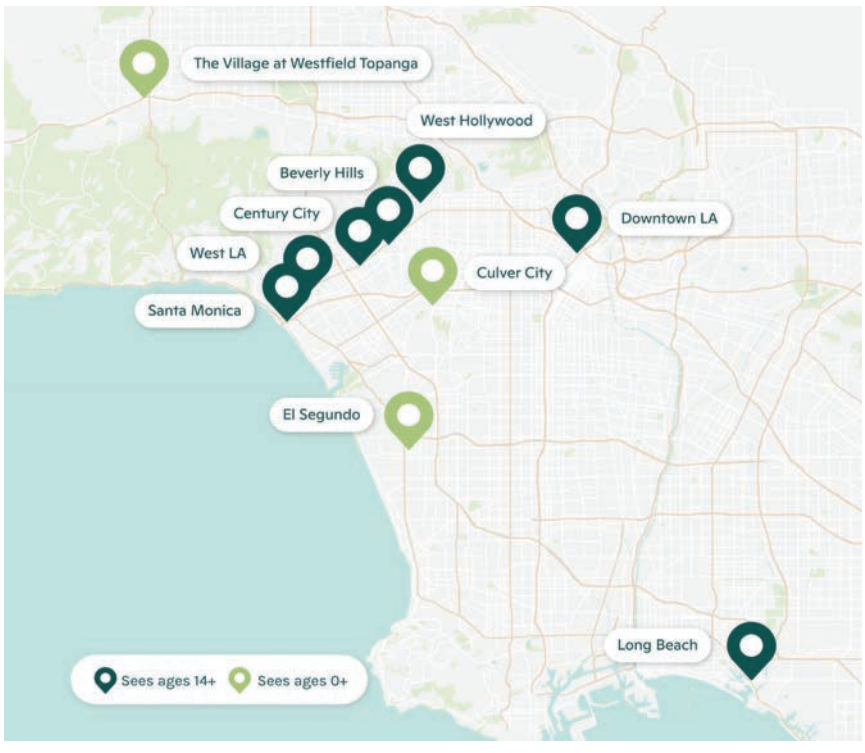
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