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Covid-19 surge shows signs of decline

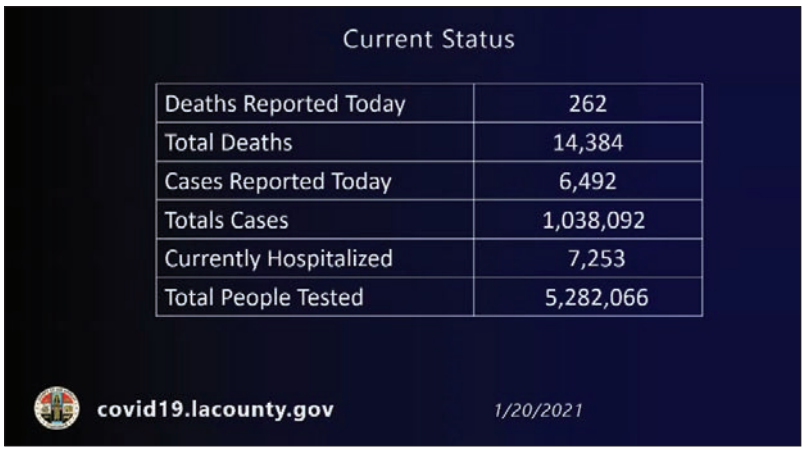
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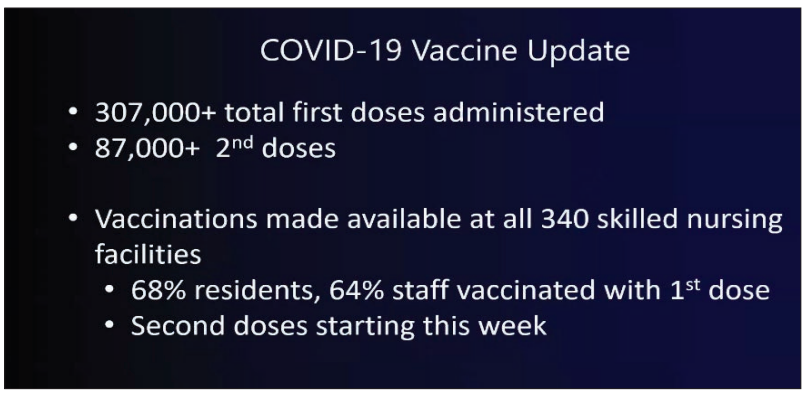
Average daily Covid-19 case counts in LA County have dropped to under 7,000 compared to more than 15,000 at the beginning of January, but health officials warn that the ongoing spike is far from over.

"It's too soon to tell if we're actually seeing a significant decline in the surge," said County Public Health Director Dr. Barbara Ferrer. "We are very hopeful that the actions taken by many are starting to work. Unfortunately, even if cases are beginning to decline these numbers are still really high."

Ferrer said the current case numbers will continue to drive overcrowding in hospitals as Covid-19 remains rampant "in our workplaces, in our neighborhoods and really across every corner of this county".

An encouraging sign is the decrease in testing positivity rates. The seven day average positivity





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CASES: COVID numbers are beginning to trend down.

Popular downtown figure dies of Covid

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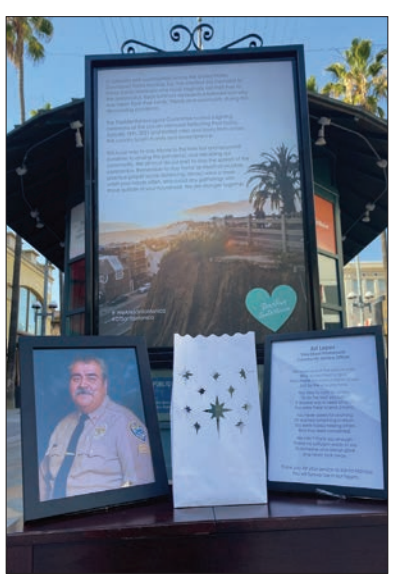
Beloved community member and former Santa Monica Police Department employee Arthur Lopez died Tuesday, Jan. 12, shortly after he was hospitalized with COVID-19.

The 57-year-old was described by friends and family as the "heart and soul" of the world-renowned Third Street Promenade; and he is survived by two granddaughters, his son Eric and daughter Eleanor, as well as his wife Tina, who he met only two months after he started working at the Santa Monica Police Department in June 1985.

Lopez was a member of SMPD until he retired in December 2016. He spent the entirety of his 30-plus years working on and around the Promenade, and those who were lucky enough to know him reiterated this week that Lopez was the most positive and friendly people they'd ever met.

"Art was synonymous with the downtown area, literally, because he spent his whole three-plus decade-long career there," said retired Lt. Steve Heineman. "And it's important to me to start this up by saying Art is truly one of the nicest and best public servants that I've ever known — civilian or sworn... Art was from the community and he always wanted to represent it. He was just a kindhearted man; a good family man who was humble. And it's not that often you find that to the degree that he had it."

Heineman added every team needs an Art if it's going to be successful. "Lopez was great for introing because he stayed the whole time and he knew and was



Courtesy: DTSM Inc.

DOWNTOWN OFFICER: Downtown Santa Monica Inc., held a memorial Tuesday, Jan. 19, to honor the Santa Monicans who lost their lives due to the virus, including Art Lopez.

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Venice Family Clinic rolls out new doctor's office on wheels





Photos courtesy of Venice Family Clinic

CLINIC: Venice Family Clinic's Mobile Clinic Van helps provide comprehensive health care for people in need.

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Venice Family Clinic's street medicine team is transforming the way it treats homeless individuals by bringing a mobile clinic van straight to them.

Many challenges come with providing healthcare to homeless individuals: they may be mistrustful, unable to travel to a clinic, or unable to maintain their treatments due to mental health conditions. By bringing medical treatment directly to where people are living on the streets or in shelters, healthcare workers are able to serve a much broader portion of the homeless population.

These medical interventions help stabilize the mental and physical health of unhoused individuals and make it easier for them to transition into housing solutions.

For years Venice Family Clinic's street medicine teams have been serving this population on foot with backpacks of medical supplies, and while this work will continue it will be greatly enhanced by the new mobile clinic.

Thanks to a generous donation from Barry Meyer and Wendy Smith, the mobile clinic van lets medical providers offer a broader range of services in a shorter

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Biden repudiates white supremacy, calls for racial justice

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Associated Press

After taking the oath of office Wednesday, President Joe Biden issued a rare repudiation of white supremacy and domestic terrorism seen on the rise under his predecessor's watch.

In his inaugural address, Biden denounced the "racism, nativism, fear, demonization," that propelled the assault on Capitol Hill by an overwhelmingly white mob of Donald Trump supporters who carried symbols of hate, including the Confederate battle flag.

"A cry for racial justice some 400 years in the making moves us," Biden said in the nearly 23-minute-long speech promising to heal a divided nation. "A cry that can't be any more desperate or any more clear. And now a rise of political extremism, white supremacy, domestic terrorism that we must confront and we will defeat."

Compared to his immediate predecessors, three of whom attended Wednesday's inauguration, Biden is the first president to directly address the ills of white supremacy in an inaugural speech. In his second inaugural address in 1997, former President Bill Clinton called out racial divisions as "America's constant curse," but stopped short of naming culprits.

Biden's words follow months of protests and civil unrest over police brutality against Black Americans, as well as a broader reckoning on the systemic and institutional racism that has plagued nonwhite Americans for generations.

"To be perfectly clear, it was incredibly powerful," Rashad Robinson, president of Color of Change, a national racial justice organization, told The Associated Press. "We shouldn't underestimate the cultural change that had to take place, in order for that to happen on one of the biggest political stages in the world."

"I think it's just really important that, as a result of our movement, racial justice became a majoritarian issue this summer," Robinson added. "Now the work begins in translating that rhetorical issue into a governing issue."

Biden delivered his inaugural address on the very platform that the insurrectionist mob scaled two weeks ago to breach the Capitol building, vandalizing federal property and taking selfies on the Senate floor. The riot left at least five people dead, including a Capitol police officer.

The rioters, some espousing racist and anti-Semitic views and conspiracy theories, were incited by baseless claims of widespread voter fraud in the November presidential election. Some attempted to stop Congress from certifying the Electoral College results, in which Black and Latino voters played a significant role in handing victory to Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris.

Voter suppression, along with other forms of systemic racism, are top of mind for civil rights groups and supporters of Black Lives Matter, which last year became the largest protest movement in U.S. history.

"To overcome these challenges, to restore the soul and secure the future of America requires so much more than words," Biden said in his speech. "It requires the most elusive of all things in a democracy. Unity."

Biden also highlighted the historic nature of the swearing in of Harris, the first woman and first Black and South Asian person to hold that office.

"It is exciting to see a Black woman become vice president, and yet we must hold her and President Biden accountable to ensure Black liberation and the eradication of white supremacy," said Patrisse Cullors, co-founder and executive director of Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation.

"We must heal from anti-Black racism and the heavy health and economic impacts from COVID-19," Cullors said in a statement. "Then, we can focus on thriving Black lives through investments in health, education, housing, and environmental justice."

Biden began addressing some of these issues in a series of executive orders signed after the inauguration.

They order federal agencies to prioritize racial equity and review policies that reinforce systemic racism, which the BLM foundation said mirrors a proposal contained in the BREATHE Act, proposed legislation championed by the foundation and the Movement for Black Lives. It calls for sweeping federal reforms, including overhauling police, the criminal justice system and immigration enforcement.

Susan Rice, Biden's incoming domestic policy adviser, said the new president would also revoke the just-issued report of Trump's "1776 Commission," downplaying the historic legacy of slavery in the United States. The commission was created in response to The New York Times' "1619 Project," which highlights the long-term consequences of slavery and the contributions of Black Americans.

Biden's remarks also came a day after the nation marked yet another grim milestone surpassing 400,000 deaths as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic has disproportionately killed Black Americans and other people of color and laid bare longstanding racial disparities in the country's health system.

"We are entering what may be the toughest and deadliest period of the virus," Biden said. "We must set aside politics and finally face this pandemic as one nation."

In his speech, Biden invoked Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation committing to freeing enslaved Africans during the Civil War.

"When he put pen to paper, the president said, and quote, 'If my name ever goes down into history, it will be for this act and my whole soul is in it. My whole soul is in it,'" Biden said.

"Today, on this January day, my whole soul is in this," he declared.

Stafford reported from Detroit and Morrison reported from New York City.

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DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 27 CALLS ON JANUARY 19

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EMS 300blk 15th St 7:07 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 3rd St 7:28 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500blk 6th St 8:10 a.m.
EMS 1800blk Wilshire Blvd 8:28 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Wilshire Blvd 8:53 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 10:00 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Ocean Ave 11:13 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Ocean Ave 11:41 a.m.
EMS 800blk Ocean Ave 11:45 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:17 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 12:25 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 12th St 12:52 p.m.
Wires Down 300blk Montana Ave 1:55 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 7th St 2:03 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Lincoln Blvd 2:11 p.m.
EMS 100blk Broadway 2:23 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Ashland Ave 2:58 p.m.
Public Assist 1100blk 26th St 3:52 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2200blk Colorado Ave 5:31 p.m.
EMS 1800blk Warwick Ave 6:49 p.m.
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Miscellaneous Outside Fire Ocean Ave / California Ave 8:48 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 10:28 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 11:11 p.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 11:43 p.m.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SACRAMENTO

Sacramento moves forward with change to single-family zoning

Sacramento is a step closer to becoming one of the first cities in the country to eliminate traditional single-family zoning.

The City Council on Tuesday voted 8-0 to proceed with a draft zoning plan that would allow houses across the California city to contain up to four dwelling units, the Sacramento Bee reported.

City officials said the proposal would help the city alleviate its housing crisis and achieve equity goals.

"Everybody should have the opportunity to not only play in Land Park but to live in Land Park," Mayor Darrell Steinberg said, referring to a neighborhood and its namesake park considered one of the more desirable places to live in Sacramento.

The vote is the first step in a long process. If the council adopts the 2040 General Plan in about a year, property owners would then be able to start adding units to houses in roughly two years.

The cities of Portland, Oregon, and Minneapolis have passed similar ordinances in recent years. The state of Oregon passed a law eliminating traditional single-family zoning statewide. A similar bill was introduced in the California Legislature but died. Sacramento could be the only city in the state formally considering the change.

A similar proposal that would have forced California cities to increase housing density failed last year after being introduced to the Legislature by state Sen. Scott Wiener.

Supporters and opponents of the proposal in Sacramento spoke for nearly an hour during the public comment session at Tuesday's council meeting.

Neighborhood association leaders in Land Park and Elmhurst, an area with tree-lined streets, have raised concerns that the change would cause investors to tear down existing homes in historic neighborhoods and build luxury rentals. As an alternative, they suggested the city only allow multi-unit houses in certain areas of the city, along commercial corridors and near transit stations.

"No one will have the ability to live in lower-density neighborhoods," said Maggie Coulter, president of the Elmhurst Neighborhood Association.

Most of the roughly 30 people who called in to give public comment were in support of the change. Some Elmhurst residents said they disagree with the association's opposition. Thirty-two of them signed a letter to the city saying they support the proposal.

City leaders said the neighborhoods would look essentially the same as they do now, because buildings would still have their current height restrictions. There would also be historical protections, limits on how much of a lot size a house could occupy and on the amount of square footage.

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SEATTLE

Gray whale population drops by quarter off U.S. West Coast

Researchers say the population of gray whales off the West Coast of the United States has fallen by nearly one-quarter since 2016, resembling a similar die-off two decades ago.

In a paper released Tuesday, NOAA Fisheries reported that surveys counted about 6,000 fewer migrating whales last winter, 21,000 as compared with 27,000 in 2016.

The agency declared an "unusual mortality event" in 2019 as dozens of gray whales washed up on Pacific Ocean beaches. Scientists aren't sure what has been causing the die-off. But they believe that it is within the range of previous population fluctuations and that the number of whales may have exceeded what the environment can support.

After an estimated die-off of 23 percent in 1999-2000, the population rebounded to even greater numbers, NOAA said. The agency said it appears the big population swings don't reflect long-term threats to the whales' survival.

The eastern north Pacific gray whale has recovered from being hunted to near extinction in the middle of the 20th century. It was removed from the Endangered Species List in 1994.

The whales migrate 10,000 miles (16,093 km) from feeding grounds in the Arctic to birth their calves along Mexico's Baja Peninsula. Teams of researchers counted the whales as they passed Granite Canyon, California, near Carmel, on their way south from December 2019 to February 2020.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 253 CALLS ON JANUARY 19

Keep The Peace 700blk Broadway 12:33 a.m.
Burglary 1000blk Euclid St 12:56 a.m.
Battery 2500blk Pico Blvd 1:44 a.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 3:02 a.m.
Petty Theft 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:32 a.m.
Battery Now 600blk 26th St 6:33 a.m.
Construction Noise 1300blk 11th St 6:59 a.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 1900blk 18th St 7:21 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1600blk Franklin St 7:23 a.m.
Death Investigation 1100blk 3rd St 7:42 a.m.
Lost Property 300blk Olympic Dr 7:48 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 900blk 22nd St 8:00 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 20th St / Interstate 10 8:08 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 3000blk Exposition Blvd 8:27 a.m.
Grand Theft 3000blk Ocean Front Walk 8:40 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 3000blk Exposition Blvd 8:41 a.m.
Burglary Report 2400blk Pier Ave 8:42 a.m.
Public Intoxication 1600blk Wilshire Blvd 8:42 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2200blk Pier Ave 8:44 a.m.
Loud Music 900blk Ocean Ave 8:44 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 3000blk Arizona Ave 9:01 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1700blk Bryn Mawr Ave 9:11 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 9:38 a.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 9:50 a.m.
Burglary Report 1100blk Pico Blvd 9:57 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1100blk Marine St 10:03 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 10:10 a.m.
Encampment 2100blk Ocean Ave 10:23 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 300blk Santa Monica Pl 10:26 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1700blk Ashland Ave 10:38 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1500blk Berkeley St 11:09 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Report 400blk Raymond Ave 11:15 a.m.
Domestic Violence 100blk Ocean Park Blvd 11:37 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1000blk 4th St 11:38 a.m.
Fight Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd W 12:05 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 300blk Santa Monica Pl 12:07 p.m.
Fraud Report 2300blk 31st St 12:07 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 400blk Strand St 12:08 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report Ocean Ave / San Vicente Blvd 12:17 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 600blk Pacific St 12:22 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 4th St / Interstate 10 12:32 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 100blk Montana Ave 12:38 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 100blk Fraser Ave 12:39 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1100blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:41 p.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 2600blk 4th St 1:18 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 1:47 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 4th St / Olympic Blvd E 1:49 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 2000blk 14th St 1:50 p.m.
Auto Burglary Now 1900blk Main St 1:58 p.m.
Identity Theft 1100blk Harvard St 2:00 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 700blk Ozone St 2:02 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:02 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1000blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:16 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 200blk Santa Monica Pier 2:38 p.m.
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Noteworthy

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Best Concerts Of The Year!



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MUSICIAN: PETER ERSKINE of Santa Monica, master drummer.

AND THE YEAR IS... 2019!

Three weeks ago I listed the best local concerts of the previous year. But it was a pretty short list: five shows, in a COVID-crippled year. NICOLE RECOMMENDS added nine more, and six of them were in one long weekend.

But the year before — boy howdy! "What a banner year 2019 was,' I wrote. "A cornucopia of amazing performances, large and small."

Before the very notion of live music concerts becomes a fading nostalgia, allow me to cruise through the best of the last full year that we had. Perhaps it will rekindle my appreciation and yours for what we have lost, and what we hope so fervently will again be part of our lives. It certainly illustrates what I've been saying since I moved here 40 years ago — LA: best live music city on the planet.

We just celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birth and life, and he once said, "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise."

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything." — Plato.

"If music be the food of love, play on." — William Shakespeare

"Music can change the world." — Beethoven.

"Live music is the cure for what ails ya." — Henry Rollins.

There were too many great shows I missed, but here are the ones I caught, that caught my imagination, in 2019 —

HERE WE GO

Jan. 6, Walt Disney Concert Hall — After closing out 2018 with two thrilling Brahms pieces conducted by our ex-dirigent Zubin Mehta, Renaissance man JOHN CAGE conducted the world premier by his buddy PHILIP GLASS, Symphony No. 12, "Lodger," from the music of David Bowie and Brian Eno, featuring ANGELIQUE KIDJO as vocalist plus two sopranos and a mezzo. A wild card that did not disappoint. God bless The Dude(-amel) and his adventuresome programming. We are so fortunate to have him here.

McCabes — Thanks to a matinee performance by the Phil, I was also able to catch CONNOR AND ARIANE VANCE opening the evening show at McCabes. They are Santa Monica's own homegrown, how can one married couple be so nice smart good looking AND so ridiculously talented, The Vances, she of a pure, emotional, joyous voice and he the multi-instrumental whiz formerly of the Dustbowl Revival.

Jan. 19, Sam First — playing a fairly rare public gig, close to home, next door to LAX at classy jazz joint Sam First, Santa Monica's world-renowned melodic, so creative jazz drummer PETER ERSKINE (with superb sidemen pianist Alan Pasqua, also longtime SM, bassist Derek Oles, and Boston tenor sax man George Gorzone) created the expected magic. Being able to sit close enough to see every small movement of Erskine's sublime sticks and brushes is enlightening, and a cherished treat.

Jan. 25, Barker Hangar — "I love love love this event," I wrote back then, even before my first taste of liquid or musical gold. "WHISKY X LA. will be even better in 2019," I predicted, because the band booked was 8-piece Alabama soul outfit ST. PAUL AND THE BROKEN BONES, with food and 60 whiskies to taste." And it was.

Feb. 11, The Broad — lively, thought-provoking Artists Talk panel discussion on the intersection of art and politics featuring graphic artist/activist SHEPARD FAIREY, conceptual artist Tavares Strachan, UCLA photography prof Catherine Opie, and Russian activist, two-year Siberian prisoner and PUSSY RIOT founding member NADYA TOLOKONNIKOVA, with a performance afterwards by Pussy Riot, which now, mostly, is only Tolokonnikova and a riveting multimedia show.

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Wall Street hits records as hopes build for more stimulus

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Wall Street marked the dawn of President Joe Biden's administration with stocks rallying to record highs as hopes build that new leadership in Washington will mean more support for the struggling U.S. economy.

The S&P 500 rose 1.4%, topping its previous all-time high set earlier this month. The Dow Jones Industrial Average, Nasdaq composite and Russell 2000 index of smaller companies also notched record highs, powered by gains in technology, communications, health care and most other sectors.

Biden, now the nation's 46th president, has a flurry of executive actions at the ready. Of primary interest to the stock market, he has also pitched a plan to pump $1.9 trillion more into the struggling economy, hoping to act quickly as his Democratic party takes control of the White House and both houses of Congress.

The hope on Wall Street is that such stimulus will help carry the economy until later this year, when more widespread COVID-19 vaccinations get daily life closer to normal. Such hopes have helped stocks and Treasury yields rise, even as the worsening pandemic digs a deeper hole for the economy. Spiraling coronavirus counts and deaths have more workers applying for unemployment benefits and shoppers feeling less confident.

"Most of Wall Street is assuming that the second half (of 2021) is when we will see pent-up demand start to show up in the economy, and that will push economic indicators higher and will likely cause a ramp up in earnings projections," said Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist at CFRA.

The S&P 500 rose 52.94 points to 3,851.85. The Dow gained 257.86 points, or 0.8%, to 31,188.38. The Nasdaq climbed 260.07 points, or 2%, to 13,457.25. The Russell 2000 picked up 9.48 points, or 0.4%, to 2,160.62.

A better-than-expected start to earnings reporting season also helped lift the market Wednesday. Analysts came in with low expectations, forecasting the big companies in the S&P 500 will report a fourth straight drop in earnings per share because of the damage from the pandemic. But the vast majority of the earliest reports have managed to top forecasts.

Netflix jumped 16.9% for the S&P 500's biggest gain after it said it ended last year with more than 200 million subscribers. It also said it made more in revenue during the end of 2020 than analysts expected, though its earnings fell short of forecasts. Business is good enough for the company that it says it likely doesn't need to borrow anymore to cover its day-to-day operations.

The S&P 500's gain was the best on any Inauguration Day since the start of Ronald Reagan's second term, according to LPL Financial. Biden's predecessor, Donald Trump, often pointed to the stock market's level as validation of his work — and did so again Wednesday in the final hours of his presidency.

Trump's preferred measure is often the Dow Jones Industrial Average, even though the S&P 500 is much more important to most workers' 401(k) accounts. Under Trump, the Dow had an a annualized return of 11.8% from his inauguration until his last day in office, according to Ryan Detrick, chief market strategist for LPL Financial. That's better than any Republican president since Calvin Coolidge during the roaring 1920s, but it's not as good as the returns for Bill Clinton or Barack Obama.

Trump preferred to take credit for the stock market's gains, starting with his election in November 2016. The market got a "Trump bump" back then on anticipation of lower tax rates, less regulation on companies and faster economic growth. Much of that did come to fruition, but the COVID-19 pandemic and the government's response to it upended everything in 2020.

Gains for stocks have also been accelerating since Biden's election on enthusiasm about COVID-19 vaccines and hopes that he and Congress can deliver more stimulus for the economy. The bump for stocks between the most recent Election Day and Biden's inauguration was 14.3%, bigger than the 4.8% boost for the market before Trump's inauguration.

Stovall noted that since World War II, the S&P 500 has risen an average of 3.5% in the first 100 days of a Democratic president's administration, versus an average gain of 0.5% when a Republican was in the White House.

Janet Yellen, Biden's nominee to be Treasury secretary, told the Senate Finance Committee during her confirmation hearing on Tuesday that the incoming administration would focus on winning quick passage of its $1.9 trillion plan.

"More must be done," Yellen said. "Without further action, we risk a longer, more painful recession now — and long-term scarring of the economy later."

Analysts have been expressing concerns about pricey stock values heading into the latest round of corporate earnings, but they look more reasonable amid the backdrop of historically low interest rates, said Solita Marcelli, chief investment officer, Americas, at UBS Global Wealth Management. The low rates, along with new stimulus and the continued rollout of vaccines, will likely help bolster markets and the recovery.

"We think that global growth is going to continue to pick up," she said.

Companies will need to meet the market's expectations — including for a huge rebound in profit growth through 2021 — to validate the big runs for their stock prices during 2020, even as their profits plummeted. Stocks of several companies slipped on Wednesday, even though they reported stronger profits than expected. Procter & Gamble fell 1%, for example.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 1.09% from 1.07% late Tuesday.

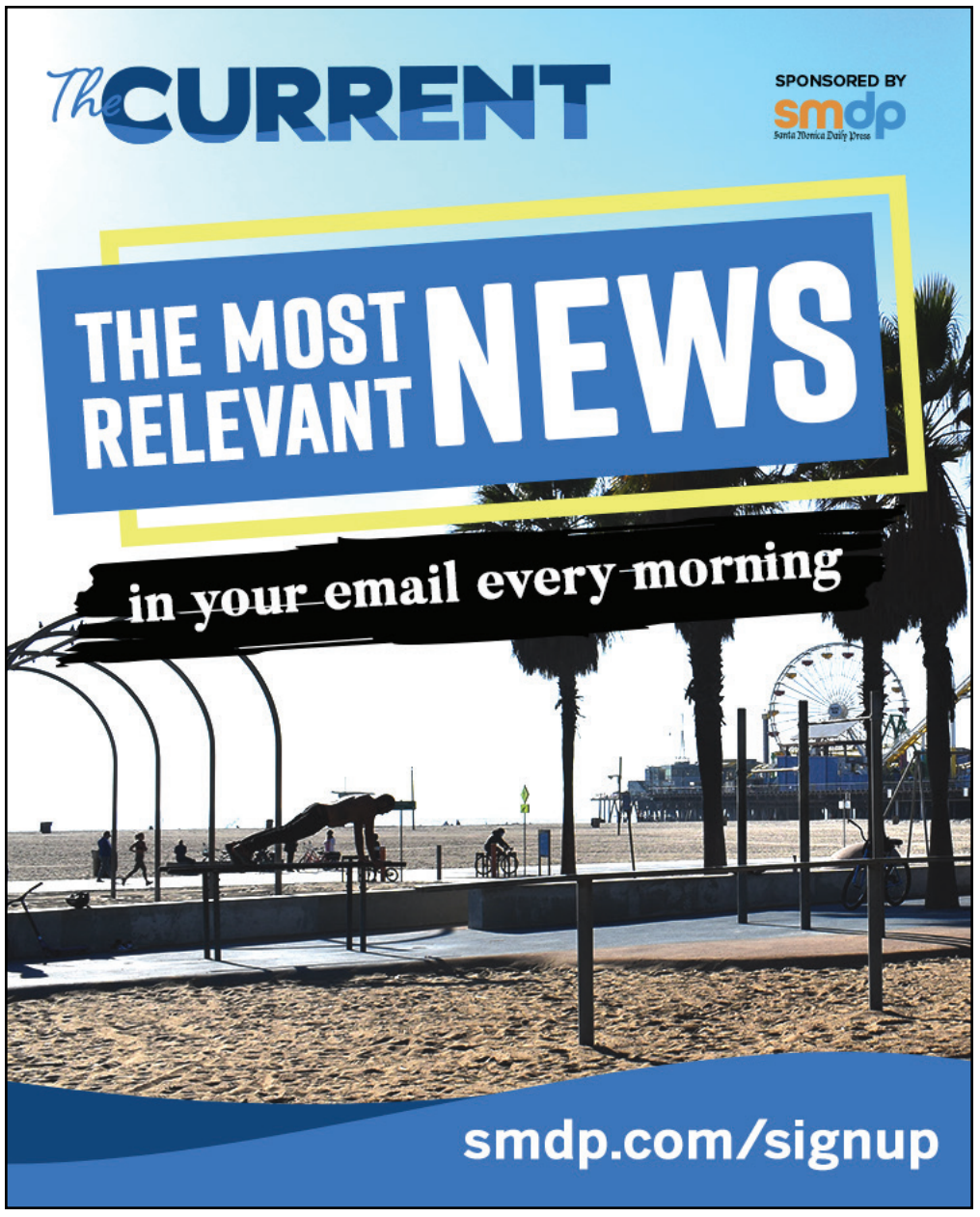
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CONCERTS

FROM PAGE 4

Feb. 16, Jazz Bakery — I wasn't familiar with the DON BRADEN QUARTET, went because the great BILLY CHILDS was on piano. And it was exceptional. You can pretty much trust RUTH PRICE'S JAZZ BAKERY to thrill you every time.

Mar. 3, Walt Disney Concert Hall — there may not be a more magnificent piece of music than the MAHLER Symphony No. 9 — I think I teared up — and LA PHIL conductor GUSTAVO DUDAMEL has built his reputation partly on his mastery of Mahler's emotional landscapes. His official last symphony, he put his soul into it but died two years after completing, and never heard it performed.

Mar. 2, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion — "The Clemency of Titus" was MOZART's last opera, rarely performed but considered some of his best opera music, the plot careens from palace intrigue to a scorned woman to betrayal, and the LA OPERA made a little-known work pop and resonate.

Mar. 5, Harvelle's — their annual MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION is reason alone to miss the packed-house shows at our local landmark, 90-year-old blues club. Oh sure, the New Orleans vibe was cool, with Abita beer, deadly Shark Attack cocktails, King Cake, creole food out back, but this is one of the few Mardi Gras celebrations in town that rocks because of the DAMN WELL PLEASE ORGAN TRIO, with DARIUS blowing your mind at the keyboards, yeah he's that good, plus maybe about a dozen friends sitting in, it's enough to make a Catholic out of you. Darius retired from live performance — except for that one show, once a year..

NICOLE RECOMMENDS:

LISTEN TO JAMES BALDWIN'S RECORD COLLECTION — After coming across photos of the great author and activist James Baldwin's record collection posted by Maison Baldwin (a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the writer's legacy in the South of France), Hammer Museum curator Ikechúkwú Onyewuenyi was inspired to compile the collection into one place: a 32-hour, 484-song Spotify playlist available for all to stream.

In an interview with Hyperallergic, Onyewuenyi said, "The playlist is a balm of sorts when one is writing. Baldwin referred to his office as a 'torture chamber.' We've all encountered those moments of writers' block, where the process of putting pen to paper feels like bloodletting. That process of torture for Baldwin was negotiated with these records."

I am always interested to learn about the artists who inspired those who inspire me, and to get a glimpse into the sounds that accompanied Baldwin throughout his creative life feels very special. Perhaps it helps that I actually like the music, but if you are at all a fan of Ray Charles, Nina Simone, Donny Hathaway, Milt Jackson, or other great jazz, blues, gospel and soul, you will no doubt enjoy this glimpse into an intimate part of one of our country's greatest minds.

The playlist can be accessed via this link, or by searching "Chez Baldwin" on Spotify: https://open.spotify.com/playlist/7qoxczp47OmIpFYPZF5imc?si=Ei6X GFo2SgKJkVIuYCi1mw

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 35 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

COVID-19

FROM PAGE 1

rate dropped to 14 percent on Wednesday compared to over 20 percent on Dec. 31, 2020.

The County reported 262 deaths on Wednesday bringing the total to 14,384. While the seven day average of deaths has begun to decline slightly, it still represents an increase of 1200 percent since the surge began in November, according to Ferrer.

On Wednesday the County began providing vaccines to those 65 or over in addition to the vaccines being offered to healthcare workers and skilled nursing home residents and staff.

The County's online appointment system temporarily crashed on Tuesday afternoon due to the influx of seniors seeking vaccines while the call center was backlogged with calls.

Ferrer urged residents to continue checking the website for canceled appointments. The Health Department will continue to release appointments as they become available and is working to expand the capacity of its vaccination website and call center.

"We have built through a very successful public and private partnership, a robust system that is capable of vaccinating a large number of LA County residents in a safe, fair and equitable manner. "The biggest challenge we face is not one of process or capacity, but of supply," said Ferrer.

The total number of L.A. County residents currently eligible to receive a vaccine includes 1.4 million people over the age of 65 and between 700,000 and 800,000 healthcare workers.

As of Wednesday, the County has received 850,650 doses, representing an ability to deliver two doses to 425,325 people.

"Our ability to protect even more LA County residents in the coming weeks and months is entirely dependent and constrained by the amount of vaccine we receive each week," said Ferrer.

County health officials also provided an update on the two Covid-19 variants discovered to be circulating in the state.

The UK variant, which scientists have labeled as B117, is circulating in the County and is estimated to spread at least 50 percent faster although there is no evidence it causes an increased risk of death.

"It is important to note that if there's more transmission, there are more cases, and we've all seen from our tables and trend lines that more cases eventually lead to more deaths," said Ferrer in regards to the UK variant.

Experts predict this variant could become dominant in the United States in March.

County officials are also monitoring the Denmark variant labeled as L452R, which has been found in California.

"It is not known at this point whether this variant is more transmissible, but there is concern about its mutations which include a spike protein," said Ferrer.

Ferrer urged all residents to minimize the risks posed by mutations by following County health guidelines: wear a mask, maintain physical distance, sanitize everything and avoid mingling with any non-household members.

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Inaugural poet Amanda Gorman: 'Even as we grieved, we grew.'

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AP National Writer

The country has a new president and a new literary star. In one of the inauguration's most talked about moments, poet and New Roads School graduate Amanda Gorman summoned images dire and triumphant Wednesday as she called out to the world "even as we grieved, we grew."

The 22-year-old Gorman referenced everything from Biblical scripture to "Hamilton," and at times echoed the oratory of John F. Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. With urgency and assertion she began by asking "Where can we find light/In this never-ending shade?" and used her own poetry and life story as an answer. The poem's very title, "The Hill We Climb," suggested both labor and transcendence.

"We did not feel prepared to be the heirs
Of such a terrifying hour.
But within it we've found the power
To author a new chapter,
To offer hope and laughter to ourselves."

It was an extraordinary task for Gorman, who soon after finishing her poem helped inspire — along with Vice President Kamala Harris — the Twitter hashtag "#BlackGirlMagic and was being praised by former President Barack Obama and former first lady Michelle Obama among others. Gorman is the youngest by far of the poets who have read at presidential inaugurations since Kennedy invited Robert Frost in 1961, with other predecessors including Maya Angelou and Elizabeth Alexander. Mindful of the past, Gorman wore earrings and a caged bird ring — a tribute to Angelou's classic memoir "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" — given to her by Oprah Winfrey, a close friend of the late writer.

"I have never been prouder to see another young woman rise! Brava Brava, @TheAmandaGorman! Maya Angelou is cheering—and so am I," Winfrey tweeted. Gorman was also praised by "Hamilton" playwright Lin-Manuel Miranda, who tweeted "YES @TheAmandaGorman!!!" Gorman, soon responded: "Thx @Lin_Manuel! Did you catch the 2 @HamiltonMusical references in the inaugural poem? I couldn't help myself!"

Among the "Hamilton" inspirations in her poem: "History has its eyes on us," a variation of the "Hamilton" song "History Has Its Eyes On You."

Gorman, a native and resident of Los Angeles and the country's first National Youth Poet Laureate, told The Associated Press last week that she planned to combine a message of hope for President Joseph Biden's inaugural without ignoring "the evidence of discord and division." She had completed a little more than half of "The Hill We Climb" before Jan. 6 and the siege of the U.S. Capitol by supporters of then-President Donald Trump.

"That day gave me a second wave of energy to finish the poem," Gorman told the AP. She had said that she would not mention Jan. 6 specifically, but her reference was unmistakable:

"We've seen a force that would shatter our nation rather than share it,
Would destroy our country if it meant delaying democracy.
And this effort very nearly succeeded.
But while democracy can be periodically delayed,
It can never be permanently defeated."

Frost's appearance at the Kennedy inaugural was a kind of valedictory — he was 86 and died two years later. Gorman's career is just beginning. Penguin Young Readers announced Wednesday that "The Hill We Climb" will be published in a special edition this spring. Two other books come out in September — the illustrated "Change Sings" and a volume of her inaugural poem and other works. Ceremonial odes often are quickly forgotten, but Angelou's "On the Pulse Of the Morning," which she read at the 1993 inaugural of President Clinton, went on to sell more than 1 million copies as a book.

By late Wednesday afternoon, "Change Sings" was No. 1 on Amazon.com's bestseller list, and her September poetry collection was No. 2. She had 206K Instagram followers and 121.3K Twitter followers at the end of the inauguration. Hours later, she had 1.3 million followers on Instagram and 738,000 on Twitter.

Invited to the inaugural late last month by first lady Jill Biden, Gorman has read at official occasions before — including a July 4 celebration when she was backed by the Boston Pops Orchestra — and has previously met Michelle Obama and former first lady Hillary Clinton among others. She has also made clear her desire to appear at a future inaugural, in a much greater capacity, an ambition she stated firmly in her poem.

"We, the successors of a country and a time,
Where a skinny black girl,
Descended from slaves and raised by a single mother,
Can dream of becoming president,
Only to find herself reciting for one."

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FBI locates armored military vehicle stolen in California

A military Humvee stolen from a National Guard facility in a Los Angeles suburb was found Wednesday morning, the FBI said.

A search continues for the person or persons who stole the armored vehicle last Friday from the National Guard Armory in the city of Bell, the bureau said.

The four-door vehicle painted a green camouflage is worth about $120,000. Officials did not say where or how it was located.

A theft from a military facility carries a statutory maximum sentence of 10 years in federal prison, the FBI said.

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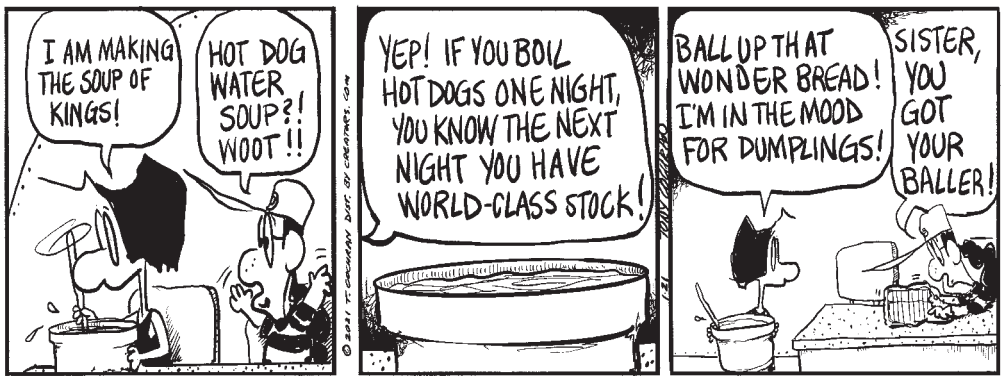
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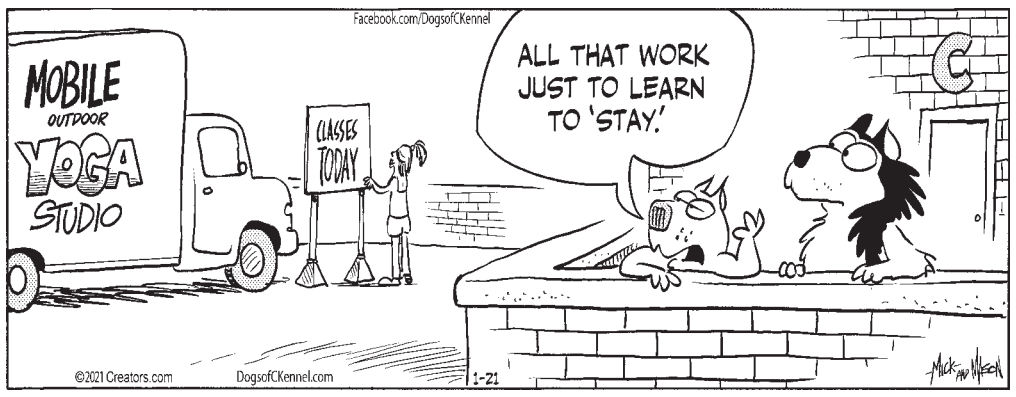
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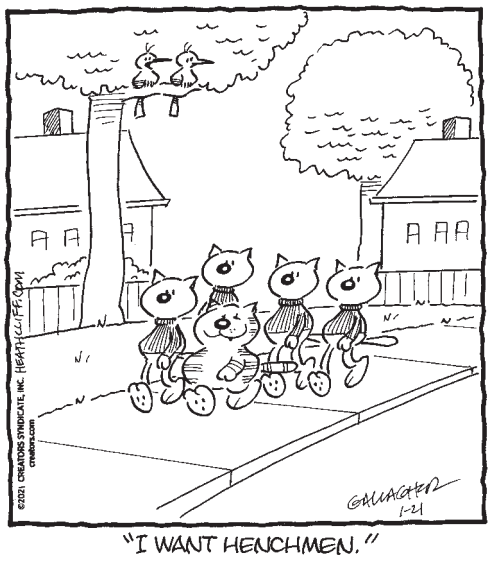
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 58.5°

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Small new WNW swell. Going to need some extra foam compared to the past several days, but winds have trended more favorably and are looking light all day.

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Small WNW swell. Could have more size from some shorter period NW swell from nearby low picking up by the afternoon.

WEATHER

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 66.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 10pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 51.
Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 58.

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2021/01/22	Fri	6:57 PM	2.83	H
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). New talent can favorably influence events, but only if given the stage. It requires that the old guard make room. If it happens, then it will be because you created enough safety and ego-stroking to allow for it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It will be tempting to ask others to solve problems that are best handled by you. Ask questions like, "What would be easier/simpler/cheaper?" You'll turn issues into nonissues.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Talented salespeople make things happen. You are such a person when you really believe in a thing. Today, you'll get a chance to apply this talent, and you'll promote your interest with ease.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't need to improve; you just want to. Your motivation to make healthy choices is greatest when you approve of and enjoy yourself just as you are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It will take many interests and people swirling around you at once to keep you from getting bored. By the end of the day, you'll have opened and closed many loops.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). For years, people have told you that you were good at something. Your talent is so inherent that you don't even think of it as anything special, though today you'll understand that it really is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The efforts you make to tune your senses to the moment and stick mentally and emotionally with what's happening in the present, will keep you happier, even when said "moment" isn't particularly remarkable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be interacting in a group and figuring out where you fit in. It takes some jostling, so don't expect to get it immediately. Everyone else will have to adjust, too, which is part of it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Being overly serious is not only boring, it's also an ineffective way to go through the day. You avoid anything that feels forced or grave. Answers could come to you in a fit of laughter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Now you're far enough away from a past incident that you understand how it could be seen as "a learning experience" or possibly even as "funny." Though, perhaps, not by you, not quite yet. In time!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In your sleep, you process life, grow your brain, become wiser and heal. That doesn't mean your dreams make a lick of sense. Don't overthink it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll field innocent questions, although that's not the norm today. It's more likely that the line of questioning follows an agenda that will be readily understood if you think it through a few times.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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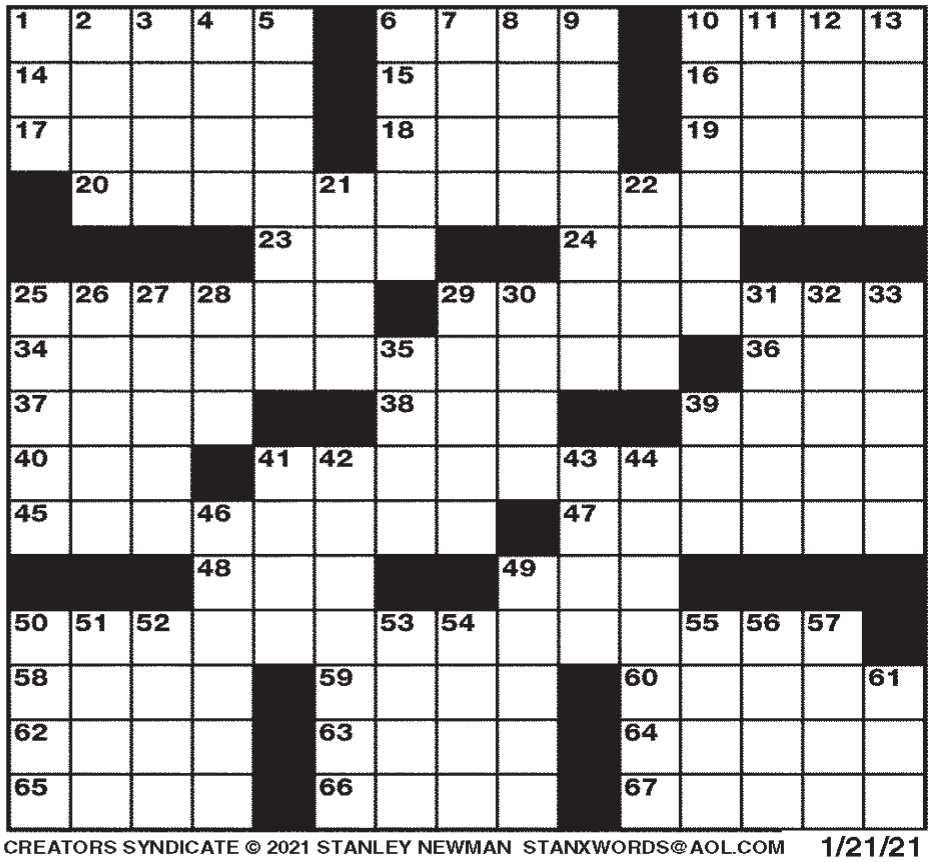
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9 Certain sushi
10 Part of some showers
11 Thousands of square yards
12 One of those
13 New sorority sister, often
21 Flaw in one's logic
22 Fare-well connection
25 "Forgive __ trespasses"
26 Audacity
27 Eye-opening bargain
28 UFO crew
29 Grimm collection
30 Toe the line
31 Rap-beating story
32 Poker pair
33 Certain show stoppers
35 Assessment, so to speak
39 Starter like ante-
41 Software option list
42 Greediness
43 Stare at
44 Out of the loop
46 Resolved, with "out"
49 Stockpile
50 Grows faint
51 Elliptical shape
52 Third-oldest American university
53 Kilowatt-__ (power-use unit)
54 *Beetle Bailey* dog
55 Plow pullers
56 Breach
57 Low joint
61 "I'm peeved!"



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Binary Puzzle

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

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On the train

T	C	K	E	L	D	I	R	N	O	T	R	A	B	T
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K	S	O	A	E	C	T	A	E	N	A	E	I	R	N
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R	A	L	N	D	P	H	T	O	R	R	F	V	W	T
Y	B	E	A	A	A	O	W	E	O	D	E	P	O	T
U	L	Y	C	O	P	R	K	Y	L	R	A	E	B	N
G	E	S	K	R	A	M	N	E	R	N	O	I	S	E

Aisle	Cook	Lounge	Save
Arms	Delay	Moree	Seat
Barton	Depot	Motel	Signals
Bega	Door	Night	Snack
Bend	Early	Noise	Step
Berth	Fare	Novel	Stop
Bowral	Flag	Paper	Ticket
Bump	Food	Price	Time
Bus ride	Guyra	Rail	Tour
Captain	Idle	Renmark	Trays
Cars	Inns	Roads	Tunnel
Coast	Lane	Roma	Valleys
Comfortable	Line	Safe	Wait

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amount of time.

"Getting labs done in the field and having a more of a care team on site I can move much faster in treating patients, but more importantly I can treat them more extensively," said Coley M. King, DO, director of homeless services.

The mobile clinic allows healthcare workers to draw blood, obtain other samples, provide rapid HIV and Hepatitis C testing, and give medically assisted drug and alcohol treatments.

According to King, homeless individuals suffer from the same main health risks as the rest of the population—heart disease, diabetes, lung disease, cancer—but these conditions are often accelerated by the conditions of living outdoors and under constant stress.

"Beyond that, there's a tremendous amount of overdose and substance use substance dependence. It's kind of a self survival technique when someone is in so much distress and so much pain," said King. "It's a consequence of an inherently flawed and failed community mental health system."

It's no secret that many homeless individuals are mentally ill, but the reason behind this epidemic is less known.

In the late sixties and seventies mental health hospitals were deinstitutionalized across America due to the ethical concerns around treatment and forced hospitalization. In 1967, California passed the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act, which virtually abolished involuntary hospitalization and made it difficult to get patients back into the hospital if they relapsed.

Many of these facilities were harmful and needed to be dismantled. Unfortunately, they were not replaced by a robust community mental health system.

According to King, today many people with severe mental illness like bipolar disorder and schizophrenia are unable to get the support they need and fall into homelessness as a result. Once on the street their conditions are often exacerbated by isolation, drug use, and hardship.

Venice Family Clinic is working to rebuild a comprehensive community mental health system and their street team is a key part of the solution.

"By providing homeless individuals with mental health medications that help them get more organized so they can get into housing we're not saving the whole world, but we are getting some people the help they need," said King.

The Venice Family Clinic treats around 27,000 people in need annually including 4,500 homeless individuals across West LA, with a focus on Venice and Santa Monica. The team looks forward to reaching more people with the new mobile clinic.

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OFFICER

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respected by everyone. Whereas sergeants come and go — and that's a fact — he was the definition of continuity,"

"He was basically the glue, in my opinion, that kept the unit going over the years," retired SMPD Sgt. Ira Rutan said Wednesday when he emotionally recalled working with Lopez.

Rutan and Lopez started working for SMPD at almost the exact same time. It was long before the Third Street Promenade was in existence. Instead, the police department had structure guards who walked the structures all day, according to Rutan. That was how Lopez got to know a lot of the residents who were down there at the time and, to this day, Rutan is sure there's still many who will remember interacting with him.

And if you remember the substation that was located downtown, Rutan said, Lopez had a large hand in that as well.

"Art and I, together, built that substation. And we spent hours, combing through the old police station, getting file cabinets and chairs and computer terminals and all sorts of stuff for our new substation that we were going to build there, which we did," Rutan said. "It's kind of emotional talking about Art because he was such an amazing, amazing person. He was always positive, very intelligent and friendly; he seemed to know everybody, and he was always a calming influence on everybody. And we're about the same.. actually I'm way older... But we were close buddies so it's tough."

It's connections like this that made people feel special to know Lopez. And Art, as he was affectionately called, made many connections over the decades, even after he retired as a Public Safety Officer Supervisor.

"Santa Monica was home to Art. It was a city where he was born and raised, and then bestowed the opportunity to give back by working for the city he loved. Art always saw it as a gift, which he did not take lightly," said SMPD Lt. Rudy Flores. "As a true ambassador of that area, Art garnered the respect and adoration of the downtown merchants... The women and men of the Santa Monica Police Department would like to convey our sincerest condolences to his family. All of us who knew Art personally or who worked with him over his thirty-one years serving this community were truly saddened to learn of his passing. His memory and his commitment to public service is a true testament to his character. Art will be truly missed."

Heineman agreed with the sentiment.

"He was such a great, great great man, so it's such a tragic thing to know he's no longer here. And it's the first personal tragedy from COVID for me," he said. "And I feel powerless like so many people others obviously do with this, and Art's passing only makes me that much more aware of how powerless we are."

A GoFundMe has been set up to help the Lopez family. On Wednesday, it hit its goal of $10,000. Residents can find more information https://bit.ly/3qBzayW.

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