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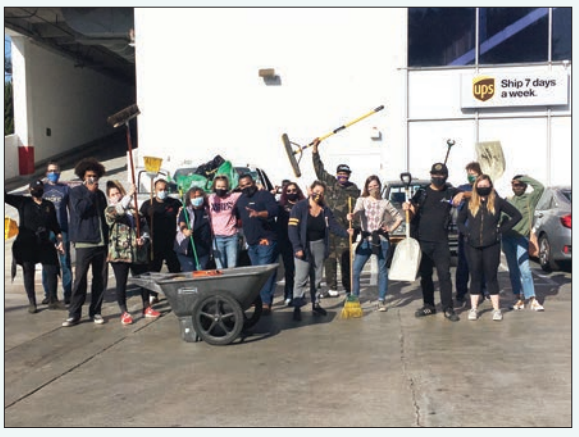
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Sick of the stink volunteers take on Venice's trash problem together







Venice Paparazzi

CLEAN: Venice Chamber of Commerce coordinates clean-ups using a crew of community volunteers.

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SMDP Staff Writer

There's no denying it: sections of Venice are certainly stinky, and during the pandemic the neighborhood's trash problems have got worse with sidewalk encampments swelling and street cleaning occurring less frequently.

Fed up with the inadequacy of Los Angeles City sanitation services, a group of community volunteers have created a clean-up coalition to see if they can tackle the problem as a team. They hope to not only beautify the neighborhood but also gather data on street pollution that will put pressure on LA City Council to enact solutions.

The movement began organically with multiple residents gathering groups to pick up trash. Soon these clean-ups were happening sporadically across the neighborhood.

This caught the attention of Venice resident Christopher Lee, who decided to build venicecommunitycleanups.org as a one-stop-shop for residents to find out when clean-ups are happening, who is organizing them, and where they are occurring.

"I realized we had a lot of disparate efforts to clean up the neighborhood, but there was very little coordination or unity between them and a lot of these groups weren't sharing information or were competing for the same volunteers on the same day," said Lee.

The website tracks where trash is being collected and how much is gathered. Lee intends to consolidate this information over several months to create a data driven case for the City

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City projects economic woes to last several years

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The City of Santa Monica continues to lose money due to the ongoing pandemic and officials predict the economy won't recover until 2025.

Council will hear a mid-year budget report at its Tuesday meeting with additional details on continued efforts to keep the city afloat including reprioritizing spending and anticipated help from the new Biden administration.

At the start of the pandemic, the city made a series of adjustments to handle massive projected deficits over the next three years. At the time, officials expected to lose $48 million in 2019/20, $102 million in 2020/21 and $74 million in 2021/22. Officials cut more than 300 staff positions, reduced services and postponed expenses to handle the crisis. The 2020/21 adopted budget used $117 million in one-time funds to continue providing essential services to residents. The budget also set aside a $20 million "Shutdown Reserve" to prepare for the possibility that a winter COVID-19 surge between December 2020 and February 2021 would result in another shutdown of the economy and City revenues.

That possibility has become reality, and staff has since reviewed the City's actual revenues and expenditures to date and compared them to the targets that were set as part of the FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget.

"City revenues are expected to come in $14.6 million lower than anticipated as a result of the extended closures from the pandemic, and the City will therefore need the $20 million Shutdown Reserve that was set aside in order to balance the FY 2020-21 budget," the staff report

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Despite reactions, California says virus vaccine can be used

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

California said it's safe to immediately begin using a batch of coronavirus vaccine doses after health officials urged a halt to injections and held a review because several people had reactions.

Wednesday's decision frees up more than 300,000 doses to counties, cities and hospitals struggling to obtain supplies. With the largest U.S. population at 40 million people, California has the second-highest COVID-19 death toll in the country behind New York.

The state Department of Public Health on Sunday urged a pause in the use of a specific lot of the Moderna virus after fewer than 10 people who received shots at a San Diego vaccination site needed medical care, possibly due to rare but severe allergic reactions.

But after a safety review and consultation with Moderna and health agencies, the state "found no scientific basis to continue the pause" and said vaccinations can "immediately resume," state epidemiologist Dr. Erica Pan said in a statement.

"These findings should continue to give Californians confidence that

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Biden signs burst of virus orders, vows 'Help is on the way'

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With a burst of executive orders, President Joe Biden served notice Thursday that America's war on COVID-19 is under new command, promising an anxious nation progress to reduce infections and lift the siege it has endured for nearly a year.

At the same time, he tried to manage expectations in his second day in office, saying despite the best intentions "we're going to face setbacks." He brushed off a reporter's question on whether his goal of 100 million coronavirus shots in 100 days should be more ambitious, a point pressed by some public health experts.

The 10 orders signed by Biden are aimed at jump starting his national COVID-19 strategy to increase vaccinations and testing, lay the groundwork for reopening schools and businesses, and immediately increase the use of masks — including a requirement that Americans mask up for travel. One directive calls for addressing health care inequities in minority communities hard hit by the virus.

"We didn't get into this mess overnight, and it will take months to turn this around," Biden said at the White House. U.S. deaths have surged past 400,000, and he noted projections that they could reach 500,000 in a month.

But then, looking directly into the TV camera, Biden declared: "To a nation waiting for action, let me be clear on this point: Help is on the way."

The new president has vowed to take far more aggressive measures to contain the virus than his predecessor, starting with stringent adherence to public health guidance. A key difference is that under Biden, the federal government is assuming full responsibility for the COVID response. And instead of delegating major tasks to states, he is offering to help them with technical backup and federal money.

He faces steep obstacles, with the virus actively spreading in most states, vaccine shortages, slow progress on distribution and political uncertainty over whether congressional Republicans will help him pass a $1.9 trillion economic relief and COVID response package.

Adding to the challenges are virus mutations, particularly one that has emerged in South Africa, that may make vaccines somewhat less effective. Dr. Anthony Fauci told reporters at the White House briefing that "we are paying very close attention to it." Biden's plan includes an expansion of research capabilities to map out the genetic structure of new variants.

On Thursday a group influential with Republican office holders lent its support to the president's strategy. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce said, "We support the new administration's focus on removing roadblocks to vaccinations and reopening schools, both of which are important steps to accelerating a broad-based economic recovery for all Americans."

Biden officials have said they've been hampered by a lack of cooperation from the Trump administration during the transition. They say they don't have a complete understanding of their predecessors' actions on vaccine distribution. And they face a litany of complaints from states that say they are not getting enough vaccine even as they are being asked to vaccinate more categories of people.

Biden's mask order for travel applies to airports and planes, ships, intercity buses, trains and public transportation. Travelers from abroad must furnish a negative COVID-19 test before departing for the U.S. and must quarantine upon arrival. Biden has already mandated masks on federal property.

Although airlines, Amtrak and other transport providers now require masks, Biden's order makes it a federal mandate, leaving little wiggle room for passengers tempted to argue about their rights. The action was applauded by airline unions and supported by a major industry trade group.

It marks a sharp break with the culture of President Donald Trump's administration, under which masks were optional, and Trump made a point of going maskless and hosting big gatherings of like-minded supporters. Science has shown that masks, properly worn, cut down on coronavirus transmission.

Biden said his administration's coronavirus decisions would be based on science, not politics.

Biden is seeking to expand testing and vaccine availability, with the goal of 100 million shots in his first 100 days in office. But some independent experts say his administration should strive for two or three times that number. Even with the slow pace of vaccinations, the U.S. is already closing in on 1 million shots a day.

"It's a disappointingly low bar," said Dr. Leana Wen, a public health expert and emergency physician.

Asked about that at the White House on Thursday, Biden told a reporter: "When I announced it, you all said it's not possible. Come on, give me a break, man."

Fauci told reporters the U.S. could return to "a degree of normality" by the fall if the vaccination campaign goes well. Achieving widespread or "herd" immunity would require vaccinating as many as 280 million people.

Biden has directed the Federal Emergency Management Agency to begin setting up vaccination centers, aiming to have 100 up and running in a month. He's ordering the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to begin a program to make vaccines available through local pharmacies starting next month, building on a plan devised by the Trump administration. And he's launching an effort to train more people to administer shots.

Biden has set a goal of having most K-8 schools reopen in his first 100 days, and he's ordering the departments of Education and Health and Human Services to provide clear guidance for reopening them safely. States would also be able to tap FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund to help get schools

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McConnell seeks to push impeachment trial to February

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Associated Press

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell is proposing to push back the start of Donald Trump's impeachment trial by a week or more to give the former president time to review the case.

House Democrats who voted to impeach Trump last week for inciting the Jan. 6 Capitol riots have signaled they want a quick trial as President Joe Biden begins his term, saying a full reckoning is necessary before the country — and the Congress — can move on.

But McConnell told his fellow GOP senators on a call Thursday that a short delay would give Trump time to prepare and stand up his legal team, ensuring due process.

Indiana Sen. Mike Braun said after the call that the trial might not begin "until sometime mid February." He said that was "due to the fact that the process as it occurred in the House evolved so quickly, and that it is not in line with the time you need to prepare for a defense in a Senate trial."

The timing will be set by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who can trigger the start of the trial when she sends the House charges for "incitement of insurrection" to the Senate, and also by McConnell and new Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, who are in negotiations over how to set up a 50-50 partisan divide in the Senate and the short-term agenda.

Schumer is in charge of the Senate, assuming the majority leader post after Democrats won two new Senate seats in Georgia and Vice President Kamala Harris was sworn in Wednesday. But with such a narrow divide, Republicans will have some say over the trial's procedure.

Democrats are hoping to conduct the proceedings while also passing legislation that is a priority for Biden, including coronavirus relief, but they would need some cooperation from Senate Republicans to do that, as well.

Schumer told reporters Thursday that he was still negotiating with McConnell on how to conduct the trial, "but make no mistake about it. There will be a trial, there will be a vote, up or down or whether to convict the president."

Pelosi could send the article to the Senate as soon as Friday. Democrats say the proceedings should move quickly because they were all witnesses to the siege, many of them fleeing for safety as the rioters descended on the Capitol.

"It will be soon, I don't think it will be long, but we must do it," Pelosi said Thursday. She said Trump doesn't deserve a "get out of jail card" in his historic second impeachment just because he has left office and Biden and others are calling for national unity.

Without the White House counsel's office to defend him — as it did in his first trial last year — Trump's allies have been searching for lawyers to argue the now-former president's case. Members of his past legal teams have indicated they do not plan to join the effort, but South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham told GOP colleagues on Thursday that Trump was hiring South Carolina attorney Butch Bowers, according to a person familiar with the call who was granted anonymity to discuss it. Bowers didn't immediately respond to a message Thursday.

Prosecuting the House case will be Pelosi's nine impeachment managers, who have been regularly meeting to discuss strategy. Pelosi said she would talk to them "in the next few days" about when the Senate might be ready for a trial, indicating the decision could stretch into next week.

Trump told thousands of supporters to "fight like hell" against the election results that Congress was certifying on Jan. 6 just before an angry mob invaded the Capitol and interrupted the count. Five people, including a Capitol Police officer, died in the mayhem, and the House impeached the outgoing president a week later with 10 Republicans joining all Democrats in support.

Pelosi said it would be "harmful to unity" to forget that "people died here on Jan. 6th, the attempt to undermine our election, to undermine our democracy, to dishonor our Constitution."

Bowers has represented elected officials and political candidates in South Carolina on governmental and election law matters. He served as a special counsel on voting matters at the U.S. Department of Justice under President George W. Bush and has served as counsel to former Govs. Nikki Haley and Mark Sanford.

He guided Haley, Trump's former United Nations ambassador, through an ethics case and worked for Sanford when state lawmakers mulled impeaching him after revelations Sanford had left the state to see a mistress in Argentina in 2009.

Members of Trump's defense team are expected to be announced soon, the person familiar with Graham's comments said.

Graham would not answer questions about Trump's representation on Capitol Hill on Thursday. But he told reporters that "I think he's going to get a legal team here pretty soon."

Trump was acquitted by the Senate in February after his White House legal team, aided by his personal lawyers, aggressively fought the House charges that he had encouraged the president of Ukraine to investigate Biden in exchange for military aid. This time around, Pelosi noted, the House is not seeking to convict the president over private conversations but for a very public insurrection that they experienced themselves and that played out on live television.

"This year the whole world bore witness to the president's incitement," Pelosi said.

Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin, the No. 2 Senate Democrat, said it was still too early to know how long a trial would take, or if Democrats would want to call witnesses. But he said "you don't need to tell us what was going on with the mob scene, we were rushing down the staircase to escape."

McConnell, who said this week that Trump "provoked" his supporters before the riot, has not said how he will vote. He told

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 178 CALLS ON JANUARY 20

Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500blk 11th St 12:19 a.m.
Petty Theft 2700blk Pico Blvd 1:12 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1400blk Broadway 1:30 a.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 1500blk 11th St 2:00 a.m.
Fight Lincoln Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 5:01 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 5:30 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop PCH/Entr 5:35 a.m.
Construction Noise 2300blk 30th St 6:45 a.m.
Loud Music 1900blk Broadway 7:19 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Berkeley St / Santa Monica Blvd 7:54 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 14th St / Wilshire Blvd 7:57 a.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 Main St / Olympic Dr 8:10 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 20th St / Wilshire Blvd 8:26 a.m.
Petty Theft 100blk Hollister Ave 8:50 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 3000blk Pearl St 8:52 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2700blk 3rd St 9:53 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2100blk Delaware Ave 10:04 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1200blk Montana Ave 10:34 a.m.
Traffic Hazard Cloverfield Blvd / Olympic Blvd 10:39 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500blk 19th St 10:50 a.m.
Encampment 2000blk Broadway 10:51 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1000blk Cedar St 10:58 a.m.
Fraud Report 300blk Olympic Dr 11:01 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1300blk 19th St 11:03 a.m.
General Parking Problem 200blk Pico Blvd 11:04 a.m.
Armed Robbery Moomat Ahiko Way / Ocean Ave 11:16 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1300blk 4th St 11:17 a.m.
Lewd Activity 1100blk Palisades Park 11:24 a.m.
General Parking Problem 400blk Hollister Ave 11:40 a.m.
Fight 100blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:48 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 500blk Wilshire Blvd 11:56 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1400blk 10th St 12:16 p.m.
Burglary Report 400blk Idaho Ave 12:20 p.m.
Burglary Report 2400blk 5th St 12:27 p.m.
Loud Music 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:31 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Lincoln Blvd / Navy St 12:40 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 3100blk Lincoln Blvd 12:41 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2800blk Pico Blvd 1:09 p.m.
Lost Property 1100blk Harvard St 1:24 p.m.
Identity Theft 1100blk 15th St 1:28 p.m.
Encampment 1300blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:53 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1100blk Harvard St 1:54 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2500blk 16th St 2:03 p.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 2:09 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1600blk 7th St 2:31 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1600blk Franklin St 2:37 p.m.
Identity Theft 300blk Olympic Dr 2:41 p.m.
Harassing Phone Calls Report 3000blk Glenn Ave 2:45 p.m.
Petty Theft 500blk Wilshire Blvd 2:57 p.m.
Encampment 900blk Olympic Blvd W 3:19 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Ocean Ave / Hollister Ave 3:28 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1100blk 3rd St 3:31 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 4th St / Olympic Blvd W 3:33 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Princeton St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:45 p.m.
Found Property 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 3:50 p.m.
Loud Music Ocean Way / Bay St 4:07 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 700blk Pico Blvd 4:11 p.m.
Burglary Report 600blk Broadway 4:32 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 400blk Broadway 4:45 p.m.
Runaway 400blk Pico Blvd 4:59 p.m.
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72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 200blk Bay St 5:26 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 18th St / Montana Ave 5:35 p.m.
Arson Ocean Ave / Montana Ave 6:10 p.m.
Petty Theft 1400blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:10 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1800blk Main St 6:14 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 10th St / Wilshire Blvd 7:33 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Cloverfield Blvd / Michigan Ave 7:39 p.m.
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US jobless claims decline to a still-high 900,000

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The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits fell slightly last week to 900,000, still a historically high level that points to ongoing job cuts in a raging pandemic.

The Labor Department's report Thursday underscored that President Joe Biden has inherited an economy that faltered this winter as virus cases spiked, cold weather restricted dining and federal rescue aid expired. The government said 5.1 million Americans are continuing to receive state jobless benefits, down from 5.2 million in the previous week. That suggests that while some of the unemployed are finding jobs, others are likely using up their state benefits and transitioning to separate extended-benefit programs.

More than 10 million people are receiving aid from those extended programs, which now offer up to 50 weeks of benefits, or from a new program that provides benefits to contractors and the self-employed. All told, nearly 16 million people were on unemployment in the week that ended Jan. 2, the latest period for which data is available.

"Unemployment claims continue to show a job market unable to progress further as long as COVID-19 remains in the driver's seat," said Daniel Zhao, senior economist at Glassdoor. "While the vaccine offers a light at the end of the tunnel, we're still far away from a complete reopening of the economy that could drive rehiring and stem further layoffs."

New viral infections have begun to slow after months of relentless increases, though they remain high and are averaging about 200,000 a day. The number of deaths in the United States from the pandemic that erupted 10 months ago has surpassed 400,000.

Economists say one factor that has likely increased jobless claims in the past two weeks is a government financial aid package that was signed into law in late December. Among other things, it provided a $300-a-week federal unemployment benefit on top of regular state jobless aid. The new benefit, which runs through mid-March, may be encouraging more Americans to apply for aid.

Once vaccines become more widely distributed, economists expect growth to accelerate in the second half of the year as Americans unleash pent-up demand for travel, dining out and visiting movie theaters and concert halls. Such spending should, in theory, boost hiring and start to regain the nearly 10 million jobs lost to the pandemic.

But for now, the economy is losing ground. Retail sales have fallen for three straight months. Restrictions on restaurants, bars and some stores, along with a reluctance of most Americans to shop, travel and eat out, have led to sharp spending cutbacks. Revenue at restaurants and bars plunged 21% in 2020.

The loss of so many jobs has meant hardship for millions of American households. In December, employers cut 140,000 positions, the first loss since April and the sixth straight month in which hiring has weakened. The unemployment rate remained stuck at a still-high 6.7%.

Yet there are signs that the $900 billion federal aid package enacted late last month may have begun to cushion the damage, in large part thanks to $600 checks being sent to most adults. The government began distributing the payments at the end of last month.

Those payments have likely helped drive an increase in spending on debit and credit cards issued by Bank of America, economists at the bank wrote last week. Total card spending jumped 9.7% for the week that ended Jan. 9 compared with a year earlier. That was up from a 2% year-over-year increase before the stimulus payments, Bank of America said.

Last week, Biden unveiled a $1.9 trillion coronavirus plan that would provide, among other things, $1,400 checks for most Americans, which, on top of the $600 checks already being distributed, would bring the total to $2,000 per adult.

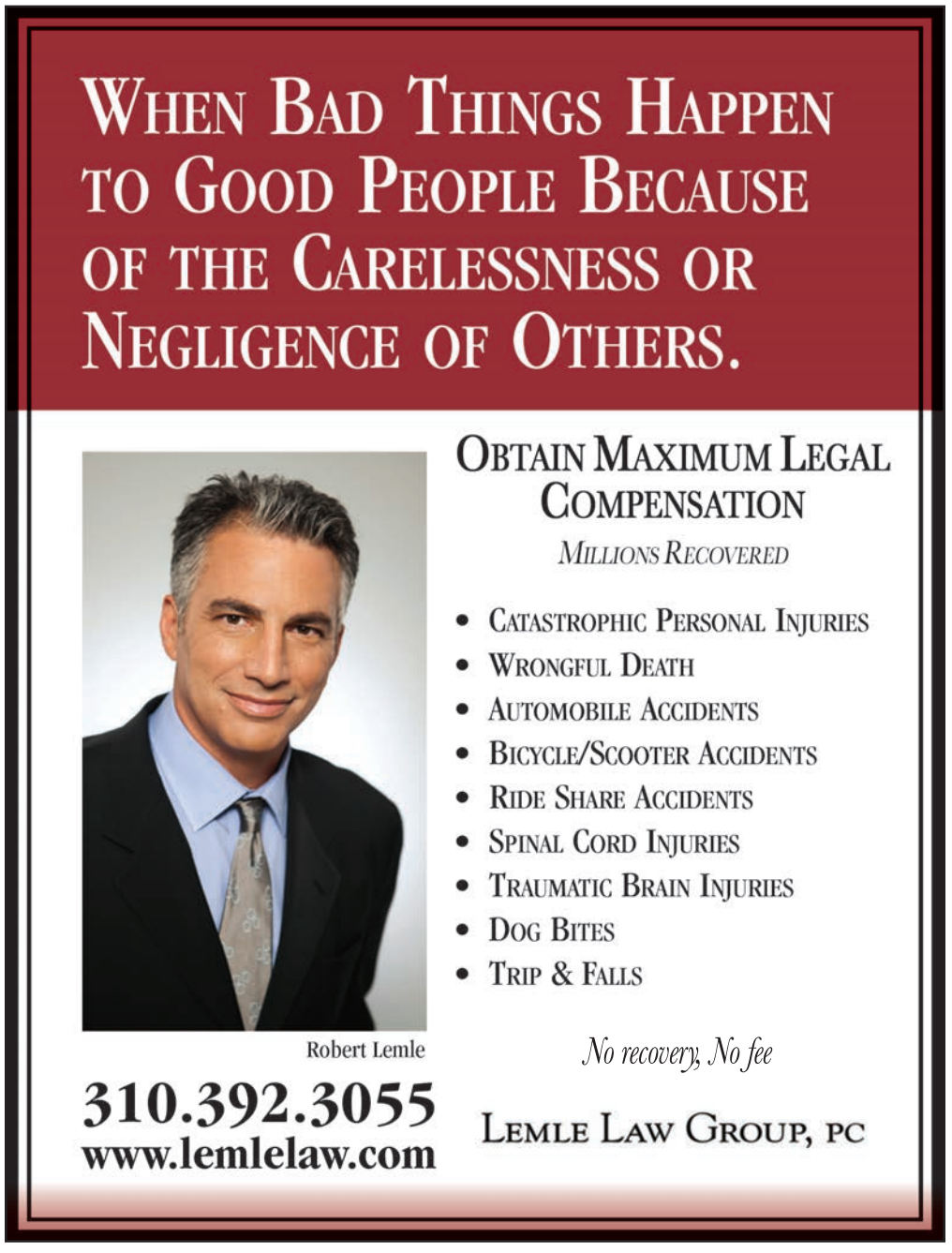
The new plan would also make available $400 a week in federal benefits for jobless Americans and extend a moratorium on evictions and foreclosures through September. Biden's proposal will require congressional approval, and some congressional Republicans have already expressed reservations about its size.

DAILY FIRE LOG

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EMS 20th St / Wilshire Blvd 8:26 a.m.
EMS 1900blk 20th St 8:42 a.m.
EMS 800blk 3rd St 9:48 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 800blk 11th St 10:55 a.m.
EMS 800blk 4th St 10:55 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:09 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2400blk Washington Ave 11:19 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 400blk California Ave 11:47 a.m.
EMS 1200blk Wilshire Blvd 11:48 a.m.
Wires Down 3300blk Pico Blvd 11:49 a.m.
EMS 100blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:53 a.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Ashland Ave 12:55 p.m.
EMS 900blk Wilshire Blvd 1:01 p.m.
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EMS 200blk Bicknell Ave 3:09 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 21st St 3:35 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:35 p.m.
EMS 15th St / Santa Monica Blvd 5:13 p.m.
EMS 800blk Broadway 5:57 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire Ocean Ave / Montana Ave 6:07 p.m.
Flooded Condition 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 6:15 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:50 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 9:22 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Franklin St 9:55 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire Ocean Ave / California Ave 10:36 p.m.
EMS 1700blk 9th St 11:01 p.m.





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Brownshirts, Red Hats and Low-Flush Toilets

Unfortunately, because of my deadline, I'm writing this before the Presidential Inauguration. Meanwhile, I'm so worried about more white supremacist mob violence that, even though I'm an atheist, I've even prayed on it. (I'm not to sure to whom and if she's listening.)

During the last hours of Donald Trump's presidency the U.S. surpassed 400,000 Covid deaths. (Remember when he wanted to open up the country last Easter?) However in a "farewell" video on YouTube, Trump said of his one term, "We did what we came here to do." (I'm assuming he meant attacking the problem of low-lush toilets.)

While it doesn't appear Trump pardoned himself or his family, he did grant pardons to rappers Lil Wayne and Kodak Black and also to Steve Bannon. (Not a rapper but may be considered a gangster or a fraudster.) The total number of pardons and commutations is expected to top 150 amid allegations Trump's allies received from tens of thousands of dollars to $2 million for lobbying on behalf of wealthy clients seeking clemency. (One can only imagine the kickback arrangements.)

Among the last insiders to visit Trump was former self-admitted cocaine addict and current multimillionaire, Mike Lindell, CEO of My Pillow. In his hand, Lindell held bullet points of what he wanted to discuss with Trump. A telephoto lens captured some of the words including "Martial law," "Insurrection Act" and "Trigger emergency powers." (Those were Mike's words. Mine is...yikes!)

In the meantime, however, the FBI, fearing a Qanon or other domestic terrorist group "inside job" vetted the 25,000 National Guards protecting D.C. and the Biden-Harris Inaugural. Rumor is if a Guard passed the vetting, he or she was given back their automatic rifle and a My Pillow. (Okay, I made that part up but Lindell did complain that because of his baseless claims the election was stolen from Trump, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Kohl's have discontinued selling his brand.)

Frankly, I'm still reeling from the horrific January 6th attack on the Capitol by people who call themselves patriots. I'd call them un-American. Their carrying a confederate flag into the chamber had never been done even during the Civil War, not to mention replacing the American flag with a Trump flag.

Keep in mind, the anti-Trump Women's Rights March in 2017 in D.C. and all across the country attracted millions of peaceful protesters. It was the largest single day march in U.S. History and yet so non-violent not one person was arrested.

The Trump mob, however, brutally murdered a cop by beating him to death with a fire extinguisher and were apparently hoping to hang Mike Pence, assassinate Nancy Pelosi and, given all the zip ties, were planning on taking hostages. One of the domestic terrorists was wearing a "Camp Auschwitz" sweat shirt and others had 6MNE on t-shirts. (The lettering standing for the concept "6 million Jewish holocaust deaths were not enough.")

That reminds me of the powerful video Arnold Schwarzenegger posted shortly after the insurrection. He compared the disgusting Trump inspired riots to the Nazi inspired Kristallnacht ("Night of Broken Glass) where Nazi Brownshirts smashed windows of over 7,500 Jewish stores and 200 synagogues.

Once securely in power, however, Hitler had his SS and Gestapo kill the Brownshirts in the "Night of the Long Knives," which gave the public impression he was cracking down on lawbreakers. It's disturbingly similar to the rally on January 6th, where Trump incited the crowd to march to the Capitol, adding"I'll be with you." (Of the diabolical violence even Mitch McConnell and Kevin McCarthy have said Trump bears some responsibility.)

Instead, Trump returned to the White House and reportedly watched the chaos with glee. That said, he complained that the insurrectionists looked "low class," as if their crime was violating seditious dress code.

After the violence quelled and upon receiving blow back from Senate Republicans, Trump finally tweeted the mob, "Go home with love & in peace. Remember this day forever!" (Hopefully seventeen GOP Senators will remember it at the upcoming impeachment trial.)

Both Brownshirts and Maga practiced the "Big Lie." That was Hitler's Propaganda Minister, Joseph Goebbels' theory that the bigger the lie and the more often it's repeated, the more it will be believed. A good example is the baseless claim the 2020 election was rigged. If so, why did Republicans do so well in the House and Senate? And, when grilled by a Pennsylvania Judge, why did Rudy Giuliani admit, "This is not a fraud case, your honor."

With dogs, every year is equivalent to seven human years. With Trump now gone his four years feels like ten. While hope is in the air, it won't be easy for Biden and Harris facing the pandemic, the economic downturn, climate change and racial inequality. (You'll forgive me if I ignore low-flush toilets.)

PLEASE go to YouTube and type "Bette Midler Goodbye Donnie," followed by "Katy Perry Firework Inaugural,"and lastly, "Amanda Gorman Inaugural Poem." Jack is at: jackdailypress@aol.com

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Rams tab Morris to replace Staley as defensive coordinator

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The Los Angeles Rams have hired Raheem Morris to be their new defensive coordinator.

Rams coach Sean McVay announced the hiring Thursday of Morris, the team's third defensive coordinator in three seasons. Morris replaces Brandon Staley, who became the Los Angeles Chargers' head coach last weekend.

The Rams also hired Joe DeCamillis as their third special teams coordinator in three seasons, with coordinator John Bonamego moving into a role as a senior coaching assistant.

Morris finished last season as the Atlanta Falcons' interim head coach, going 4-7 as Dan Quinn's temporary replacement. He spent six seasons on Quinn's staff in a variety of positions, coaching both the offense and the defense before serving as defensive coordinator last season.

The 44-year-old Morris spent three seasons as Tampa Bay's head coach from 2009-11, going 17-31 as one of the youngest head coaches in modern NFL history. He then spent three seasons as Washington's defensive backs coach while McVay was the team's tight ends coach and offensive coordinator.

"Not only is Raheem a great communicator, he is also an excellent teacher," McVay said. "Raheem's background coaching both offense and defense gives him a unique perspective which allows him to see the field from a 22-man perspective."

Anchored by All-Pros Aaron Donald and Jalen Ramsey, the Rams' defense ranked first in the NFL in total yards allowed, yards passing allowed, touchdown passes allowed, first downs allowed and total points allowed during a spectacular debut by Staley, who had never been an NFL coordinator before this season.

After the announcement, Ramsey enthusiastically tweeted that he is "excited about the future" under Morris, who has been a defensive backs coach at several stages in his career.

The Rams' defense could undergo significant personnel changes for the second straight year. John Johnson, the starting safety and defensive signal-caller, is a rising star who could command a hefty salary as a free agent. Edge rusher Leonard Floyd also is a free agent after racking up 10 1/2 sacks in the regular season and two more in the playoffs during his first year in Los Angeles.

Staley replaced Wade Phillips last winter after the Rams' defense had three solid seasons under the veteran NFL coach. After turning an already good defense into the league's best, Staley got a head coaching job with the crosstown Chargers after just four seasons of NFL experience.

The Rams (11-7) finished second in NFC West and beat Seattle in the playoffs before losing 32-18 at Green Bay last Saturday.

About an hour after Morris' hiring was announced, the Rams formally added DeCamillis to replace Bonamego, who spent one season running LA's special teams.

DiCamillis spent the past four seasons in charge of the Jacksonville Jaguars' special teams under head coach Doug Marrone. He has coached special teams in the NFL since 1988 and has been a coordinator since 2009, highlighted by a stint with the Super Bowl champion Denver Broncos during the 2015-16 season.

The Rams' special teams units regressed in almost every area this season, part of a steady decline since McVay's debut season in 2017.

Bonamego replaced John Fassel, who left the Rams for the Dallas Cowboys along with longtime kicker Greg Zuerlein last winter.

The Rams struggled in all aspects of the kicking game this season until the arrival of Matt Gay, Los Angeles' third kicker of the season. Gay finished the season with 13 consecutive made field goals, and he dramatically upped the Rams' touchback percentage on kickoffs.

BIDEN

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back open.

Getting schools and child care going will help ease the drag on the U.S. economy, making it easier for parents to return to their jobs and for restaurants to find lunch-time customers.

But administration officials stressed that reopening schools safely depends on increased testing.

Biden is giving government agencies a green light to use the Cold War-era Defense Production Act. It allows the government to direct private industry to produce supplies needed in times of national emergency. In this case it could be anything from swabs, to masks, to certain chemicals.

"We do not have nearly enough testing capacity in this country," said White House coronavirus coordinator Jeff Zients.

The Biden plan estimates that a national vaccination strategy with expanded testing requires $160 billion, and he wants an additional $170 billion to aid the reopening of schools and universities.

As part of his strategy, Biden ordered establishment of a Health Equity Task Force to ensure that minority and underserved communities are not left out of the government's response. Blacks, Latinos and Native Americans have borne a heavy burden of death and disease from the virus. Surveys have shown vaccine hesitancy is higher among African Americans, a problem the administration plans to address through an education campaign.

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Health experts blame rapid expansion for vaccine shortages

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Public health experts Thursday blamed COVID-19 vaccine shortages around the U.S. in part on the Trump administration's push to get states to vastly expand their vaccination drives to reach the nation's estimated 54 million people age 65 and over.

The push that began over a week ago has not been accompanied by enough doses to meet demand, according to state and local officials, leading to frustration and confusion and limiting states' ability to attack the outbreak that has killed over 400,000 Americans.

Over the past few days, authorities in California, Ohio, West Virginia, Florida and Hawaii warned that their supplies were running out. New York City began canceling or postponing shots or stopped making new appointments because of the shortages, which President Joe Biden has vowed to turn around.

The vaccine rollout so far has been "a major disappointment," said Dr. Eric Topol, head of the Scripps Research Translational Institute.

Problems started with the Trump administration's "fatal mistake" of not ordering enough vaccine, which was then snapped up by other countries, Topol said. Then, opening the line to senior citizens set people up for disappointment because there wasn't enough vaccine, he said. The Trump administration also left crucial planning to the states and didn't provide the necessary funding.

"It doesn't happen by fairy dust," Topol said. "You need to put funds into that."

Last week, before Biden took over as president, the U.S. Health and Human Services Department suggested that the frustration was the result of unrealistic expectations among the states as to how much vaccine was on the way.

But some public health experts said that the states have not been getting reliable information on vaccine deliveries and that the amounts they have been sent have been unpredictable. That, in turn, has made it difficult for them to plan how to inoculate people.

"It's a bit of having to build it as we go," said Dr. George Rutherford, an epidemiologist at the University of California, San Francisco. "It's a front-end supply issue, and unless we know how much vaccine is flowing down the pipe, it's hard to get these things sized right, staffed, get people there, get them vaccinated and get them gone."

State health secretaries have asked the Biden administration for earlier and more reliable predictions on vaccine deliveries, said Washington state Health Secretary Dr. Umair Shah.

Dr. Marcus Plescia of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials was also among those who said opening vaccinations to senior citizens was done too soon, before supply could catch up.

"We needed steady federal leadership on this early in the launch," Plescia said. "That did not happen, and now that we are not prioritizing groups, there is going to be some lag for supply to catch up with demand."

Supply will pick up over the next few weeks, he said. Deliveries go out to the states every week, and the government and drugmakers have given assurances large quantities are in the pipeline.

The rollout has proceeded at a disappointing pace. The U.S. government has delivered nearly 38 million doses of vaccine to the states, and about 17.5 million of those have been administered, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

About 2.4 million people have received the necessary two doses, by the CDC's count — well short of the hundreds of millions who will have to be inoculated to vanquish the outbreak.

Biden, in one of his first orders of business, signed 10 executive orders to combat the coronavirus pandemic on Thursday, including one broadening the use of the Defense Production Act to expand vaccine production. The 1950 Korean War-era law enables the government to direct the manufacture of critical goods.

He also mandated masks for travel, including in airports and on planes, ships, trains, buses and public transportation, and ordered the Federal Emergency Management Agency to set up vaccination centers and the CDC to make vaccines available through pharmacies starting next month.

Biden has vowed to dispense 100 million shots in his first 100 days.

"We'll move heaven and earth to get more people vaccinated for free," he said.

In New York, Mayor Bill de Blasio and Gov. Andrew Cuomo have been pleading for more doses. Appointments through Sunday for the first dose of the vaccine at 15 community vaccination hubs set up by the city health department were postponed to next week.

Vaccinations in New York haven't stopped, but demand for the shots now far exceeds the number of doses available, the mayor said.

"It's just tremendously sad that we have so many people who want the vaccine and so much ability to give the vaccine, what's happening?" de Blasio said. "For lack of supply, we're actually having to cancel appointments."

Rosa Schneider had jumped at the chance to make a vaccination appointment once she heard that educators like her were eligible in New York. A high school English teacher who lives in New York City but works in New Jersey, she said that a day before she was to be vaccinated on Wednesday at a city-run hospital, she got a call saying the supply had run out and the appointment was canceled.

"I was concerned, and I was upset," said Schneider, 32, but she is trying daily to book another appointment. She is hopeful availability will improve in the coming weeks.

Associated Press writer Jennifer Peltz contributed to this report from New York.

VACCINE

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vaccines are safe and effective, and that the systems put in place to ensure vaccine safety are rigorous and science-based," Pan said, adding that some of her family members had received it.

Cheryl Brennan of Fallbrook was among those who had a reaction shortly after being injected last week at Petco Park, home of the San Diego Padres.

"At 18 minutes, it was like my throat started closing," she told KSWB-TV. "My blood pressure went to 185 over 125, which I guess is very life-threatening." Help came immediately.

"They hooked up electrodes. They put ice packs on me. I had four EMTs and two nurses helping me and they brought my blood pressure back down within 45 minutes," Brennan said.

Brennan also said she still plans to get the second dose required for full immunization.

"I will still absolutely, positively go," Brennan said. "My opinion, if I get COVID, I would probably have a lot worse reactions than just having those issues ... And my husband has underlying health conditions, so it's worth taking that chance."

The release of the Moderna doses comes as California officials struggle to meet the challenge of vaccinating all those awaiting them, including millions of people 65 and older who recently were made eligible behind health care workers and people in nursing care homes.

California is getting 400,000 to 500,000 doses in a good week and it could take four to five months just to complete vaccinations for those 65 and older, Pan said during a state vaccine advisory committee meeting, according to the Sacramento Bee.

Large counties have been opening up more mass vaccination sites as they struggle with an unprecedented demand. Officials are pinning hopes on President Joe Biden's promise to ramp up vaccination resources.

"Under a Biden administration, our country has a fighting chance at defeating this virus," California state Sen. Scott Wiener said Wednesday.

Providers place vaccine orders, and the state reviews and submits them to the federal government, which can authorize and submit the request to the manufacturer. Counties have complained about lags and unpredictable distribution.

More than 4 million doses had been shipped and about 1.5 million had been administered as of Tuesday, according to state public health department figures. Health officials have said the delay may be due in part to some doses not actually having arrived in the state yet.

With the all-clear for Moderna's vaccine, San Francisco will be able to use 8,000 doses it had put on hold and no longer expects to run out of vaccine on Thursday as previously feared, the San Francisco Chronicle reported. Health officials had received fewer than 2,000 additional doses this week for city hospitals and community clinics.

Even so, the city hopes to vaccinate an estimated 900,000 people who live or work there by June 30, although it would have to double or triple its vaccination rate to 10,000 a day.

"The chief obstacle we are facing is not enough doses," said Roland Pickens, director of San Francisco's public health care system, at a supervisors' hearing Wednesday. "You only get it one way; you get it for free and you get it from the federal government."

Los Angeles County, with a quarter of the state's population, was straightening out problems with online and call-in systems that residents over 65 can use to make a vaccination reservation, said Barbara Ferrer, director of the county Department of Public Health.

But the real problem was supply. Ferrer said more than 70% of doses received for next week are already earmarked for second shots.

Former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger put in a vaccination pitch, posting a Twitter video of himself getting a shot in his bicep at Dodger Stadium's drive-thru site.

"Today was a good day," he wrote. "I have never been happier to wait in a line. If you're eligible, join me and sign up to get your vaccine. Come with me if you want to live!"

Meanwhile, California reported its second-highest number of COVID-19 deaths Wednesday but also a dip in hospitalizations below 20,000 for the first time since Dec. 27.

The total of 694 new deaths is second to the record 708 reported Jan. 8, according to the state Department of Public Health.

California this week surpassed 3 million COVID-19 cases since the outbreak began early last year. Nearly 35,000 people have died.

Most of the state was still under stay-at-home orders triggered by a lack of intensive care beds to handle COVID-19 patients. The spike was blamed on people ignoring social distancing and mask-wearing while gathering for the holidays.

Only a couple of weeks ago, it was feared hospitals in hard-hit areas might have to begin rationing care. But statewide hospitalizations have dipped 8.5% over 14 days, with the number of intensive care patients also easing.

In another bit of good news, the statewide positivity for the virus over a seven-day period has fallen below 10% for the first time in weeks — meaning statistically that each infected individual was now infecting less than one other person.

Associated Press writers Kathleen Ronayne in Sacramento, Janie Har and Olga Rodriquez in San Francisco and Christopher Weber in Los Angeles contributed to this story.

IMPEACHMENT

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his GOP colleagues that it will be a vote of conscience.

Democrats would need the support of at least 17 Republicans to convict Trump, a high bar. While a handful of Senate Republicans have indicated they are open to conviction, most have said they believe a trial will be divisive and questioned the legality of trying a president after he has left office.

Graham said that if he were Trump's lawyer, he would focus on that argument and also the merits of the case, whether it was "incitement" under the law. He agreed with Pelosi that a trial should be quick.

"I guess the public record is your television screen," Graham said. "So, I don't see why this would take a long time."

Associated Press writers Meg Kinnard in Columbia, South Carolina, and Jill Colvin in West Palm Beach, Florida, contributed to this report.





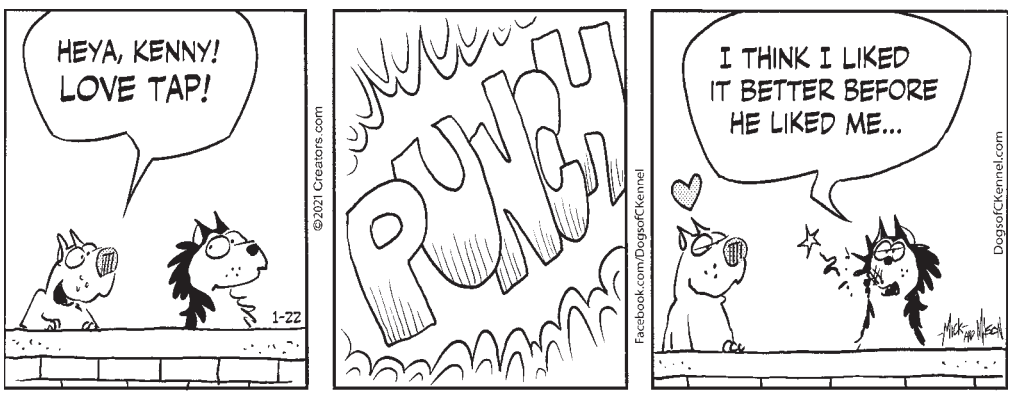
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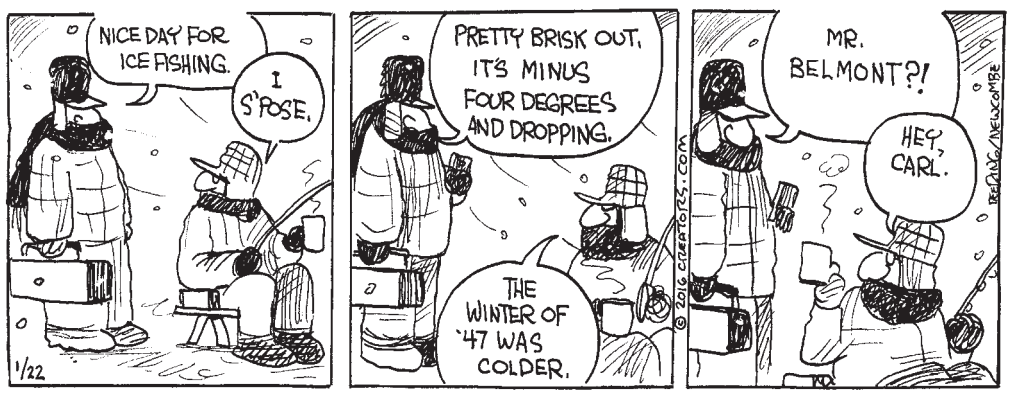
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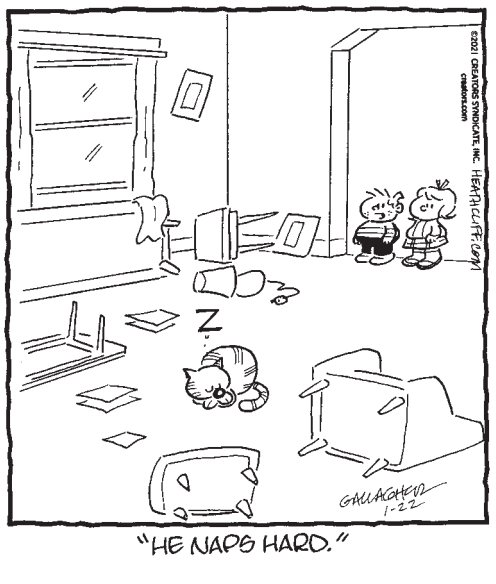
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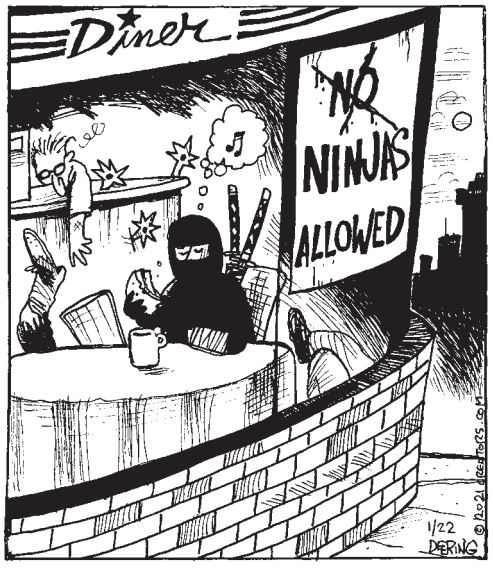
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FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Small WNW swell. Could have more size from some shorter period NW swell from nearby low picking up by the afternoon.

SATURDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
WNW/NW swell blend should be up a notch. Likely on the jumbled side from elevated NW winds overnight but could see a lighter window with manageable conditions through mid-morning.

WEATHER

Friday: Patchy fog before 10am.
Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47.
Saturday: A 40 percent chance of showers, mainly before 4pm.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's not that some are worthy of your attention and others aren't, but you can only give your attention to one at a time. Now, there is the matter of fitting the right offering to the one who can extract value from it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You would like to hear that you are the best at something, and you don't even care if it's true or not. Maybe it will become true in time, but right now the chiming sound of those melodious words is gift enough.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Great work in its early stages looks a lot like a mess, a blunder or a confusing pile of disparate elements. There are no failures, and no successes either -- only prototypes of varying effectiveness in serving the original purpose.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's as though you have a committee inside of you, and you will do what the majority vote tells you to do. If there are conflicting ideas, expect inaction. You're hard to convince, even when you're the one doing the convincing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your instincts are dead-on. When you trust someone, you're open to their surprises. And when you don't trust someone, there is no reason to be involved at all.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's no need to wonder about whether what you're giving today is good enough. You sense what others are missing and fill in the blanks for them. What could be more elegant than this?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The current cosmic alignment activates your play mode. You might even find yourself performing for your phone -- harmless enough, as long as you realize that there's something irreversible about hitting "send."

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The fortuitous arrangement has not been forthcoming. What gives? You don't like their offer. They don't respond to yours. It's all a signal to broaden the search terms.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). This weird bit is true: "Failing" at a new task is far more satisfying than succeeding at a task you've already mastered. The quotations are used because it's very possible that "failure" is just an early version of success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Others may be happy when you take the known road, but you're not in charge of the happiness of others, you're in charge of your own happiness, which is more likely to unfold when you take the other one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Sometimes, you need space, and other times you need closeness. You appreciate the one who understands the limits of intense engagements and follows up intensity with sweetness and distance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your empathy is a talent for sure, but it can also be overwhelming to feel so much for others when you cannot do anything about those feelings. Whatever you can do to be communicative and persuasive will help.

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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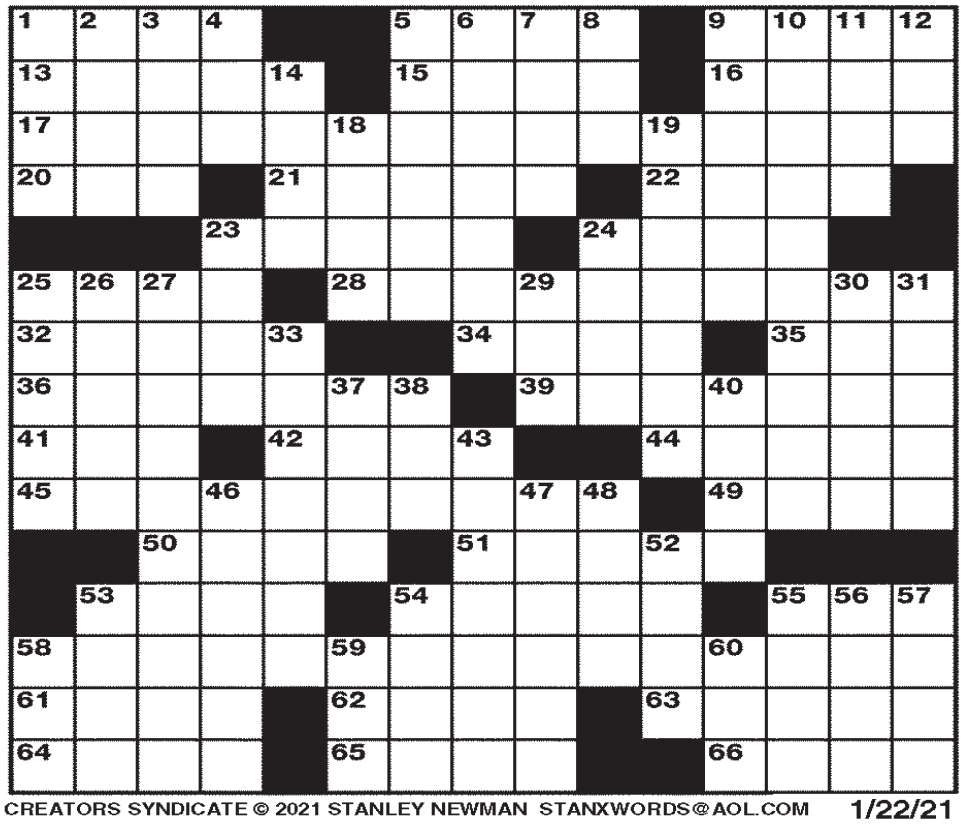
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Choir part
5 Food for thought
9 Oz. fractions
13 Through, time-wise
15 Flag, verb-wise
16 To __ (just right)
17 Spare quarters
20 Covered up
21 Considers
22 Apple Books user
23 Calculator/keyboard company
24 Handled the music (literally and figuratively)
25 Move carefully
28 Instrument that may double as a tip jar
32 Special-purpose
34 Mysterious vibe
35 It's nothing
36 Seals with a knot
39 Hummed on the job
41 Originally called
42 Faith-ful act
44 Certain walkway
45 Effusive flow
49 Ad Council TV spots
50 Fix, as one's fences
51 Eleanor, to Teddy
53 Held intro word in an . . . *Oz* song
54 Steel rod in concrete
55 Smartphone forerunner
58 RAF's "finest hour"
61 __ route (prescription specification)
62 59 Down surrounder
63 *Jungle Book* bear
64 Store ad "minimizer"
65 French 101 verb
66 __ apart (what's found "across" the four longest answers)

DOWN
1 Remote Aussie area
2 Toxin remedy prefix
3 Ear adornment
4 "Science Kid" toon
5 Milano's nation
6 Evidence of education
7 Recognized periods
8 Atmospheric opening
9 Fiddle (with)
10 Total consistency
11 Await a decision
12 Unlikely to change
14 Short Western Hemisphere capital
18 Drive off
19 Largest Baja city
23 Corp. heads
24 Name related to Teddy
25 "His wife could __ lean"
26 Parting word
27 Truck body material
29 Case that may stick to a sock
30 Nabisco brand
31 Those *femmes*
33 Eagle wearer
37 Clannish quarrel
38 Quite a ways
40 Dust with a cloth
43 Sorely miss
46 In a sprightly manner
47 Preliminary show of interest
48 Trekker's burden
52 Spot with a mobile and a mattress
53 Put on notice
54 Veggie category
55 __ Alto, CA
56 Chanel contemporary
57 Old-time adverb
58 Display displeasure
59 It sounds like you
60 Ink-and-needle art



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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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Maintenance
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VOLUNTEERS

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increasing spending on sanitation in the area.

"The fact that so many community organizations and individuals are reflexively repeating trash pickup points to a lack of city services and supporting us here in Venice Beach," said Lee.

This problem is not new to Venice, which is known for its bohemian attitude and relative tolerance of homelessness. However, many residents say it is getting worse.

"The trash pollution has greatly increased during the pandemic due to both lack of street sweeping and increase in homeless encampments and overflow," said local resident Brennan Lindner. "It also occurred that the city was not emptying (or perhaps not emptying frequently enough) local trash and recycling bins.

Lindner coordinates clean-ups under the Venice Chamber of Commerce's Chamber in Action Committee. At the most recent VCC clean-up, volunteers gathered enough trash to fill one and a half pickup trucks with garbage.

"Over the past 4 months, over 50 Venice residents and business owners have come out and donated their time to positively impact the community," said Lindner, describing the Chamber's clean-up events. "With dwindling city services and accountability from our leaders, we've been able to make our neighborhood cleaner and provide a safe opportunity for people to make a difference."

Group clean-ups temporarily paused during the latest spike in Covid-19 cases, but have now resumed with new PPE and health and safety protocols.

The VCC Chamber in Action Committee is leading their next clean-up on Sunday Jan. 24 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

The team will be cleaning Rose Ave. between Hampton Dr and Lincoln Blvd and will meet in the Whole Foods Market Parking lot. All volunteers will be provided with gloves, trash bags, brooms and rakes as well as a hot cup of coffee following the clean-up.

"It's been rewarding to drive Lincoln Blvd. with my children who have joined the clean ups, and they can take pride in their work," said Lindner. "We look forward to expanding our efforts with other partners and stakeholders to keep Venice clean for all."

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COUNCIL

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states.

Staff said Santa Monica's economy is particularly vulnerable to the impacts of the coronavirus.

"Tourism and hospitality are key components of the Santa Monica economy. Transient occupancy taxes have historically accounted for a higher proportion of General Fund revenues (17%) than in most cities, and sales taxes generated by tourists and daytime visitors at restaurants and retail outlets also contribute greatly to the City's revenues. In fact, these two sources, along with parking related revenues accounted for nearly one-half of General Fund revenues prior to the pandemic and are now projected to decrease 44% from pre-COVID levels (this is a greater reduction than the 35% decrease that had been anticipated in the FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget)," said the staff report.

Business shutdowns have also hit revenue sources and staff said some impacts will linger despite vaccine rollouts.

"It is anticipated that some physical distancing measures will be kept in place in hotels, restaurants, and shopping establishments for a period beyond widespread distribution of the vaccine. It will likely be months or even years before international and interstate travel resume in a meaningful way, and business travel may never return to pre-virus levels. People's shopping habits may also be altered for a significant amount of time or forever," said the report.

The budget update proposes eliminating five vacant positions in the police department to provide additional resources to addressing homelessness, enhancing Code Enforcement services, improving customer service for residents and diverting non-emergency calls away from 911 by offering a 311 line. The city also hopes to provide eviction counseling to assist tenants who face losing their homes due to rent unpaid during the pandemic, and fund the inspector general position that will support the newly formed Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission.

In addition to discussion of priorities, staff are asking council for direction on several topics including additional fees for some services, public/private partnerships to support some operations, management of local grants and possible advertising revenues from digital kiosks.

City leaders noted none of the changes are written into stone yet but the public should be aware that there is little room to add spending without federal stimulus funds. So far, Santa Monica has received $1.1 million in federal aid but officials hope a new stimulus package from the Biden administration could improve the city's fiscal health.

"This is a check-in on the fiscal year that we are in," Interim City Manager Lane Dilg added in a discussion about the budget report, which is now available at smgov.net.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

City Council is expected to adopt two separate ordinances that would prohibit certain fast food restaurants on the Third Street Promenade and establish a Public Safety Reform And Oversight Commission.

Council will meet online on Jan. 26. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m.

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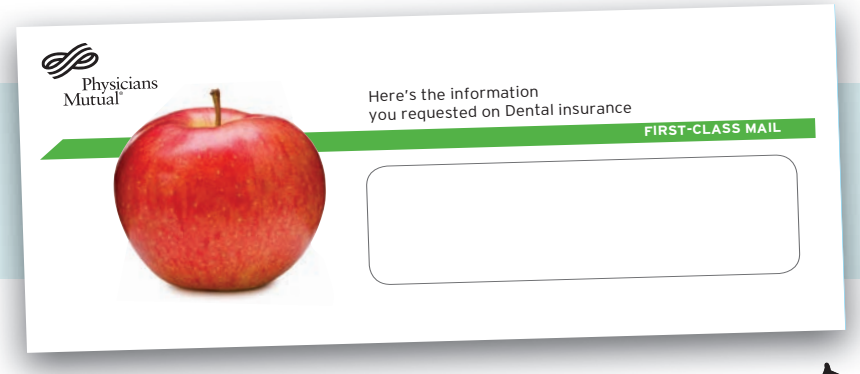
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