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Is homelessness on the rise in Santa Monica? 300 volunteers tried to find out

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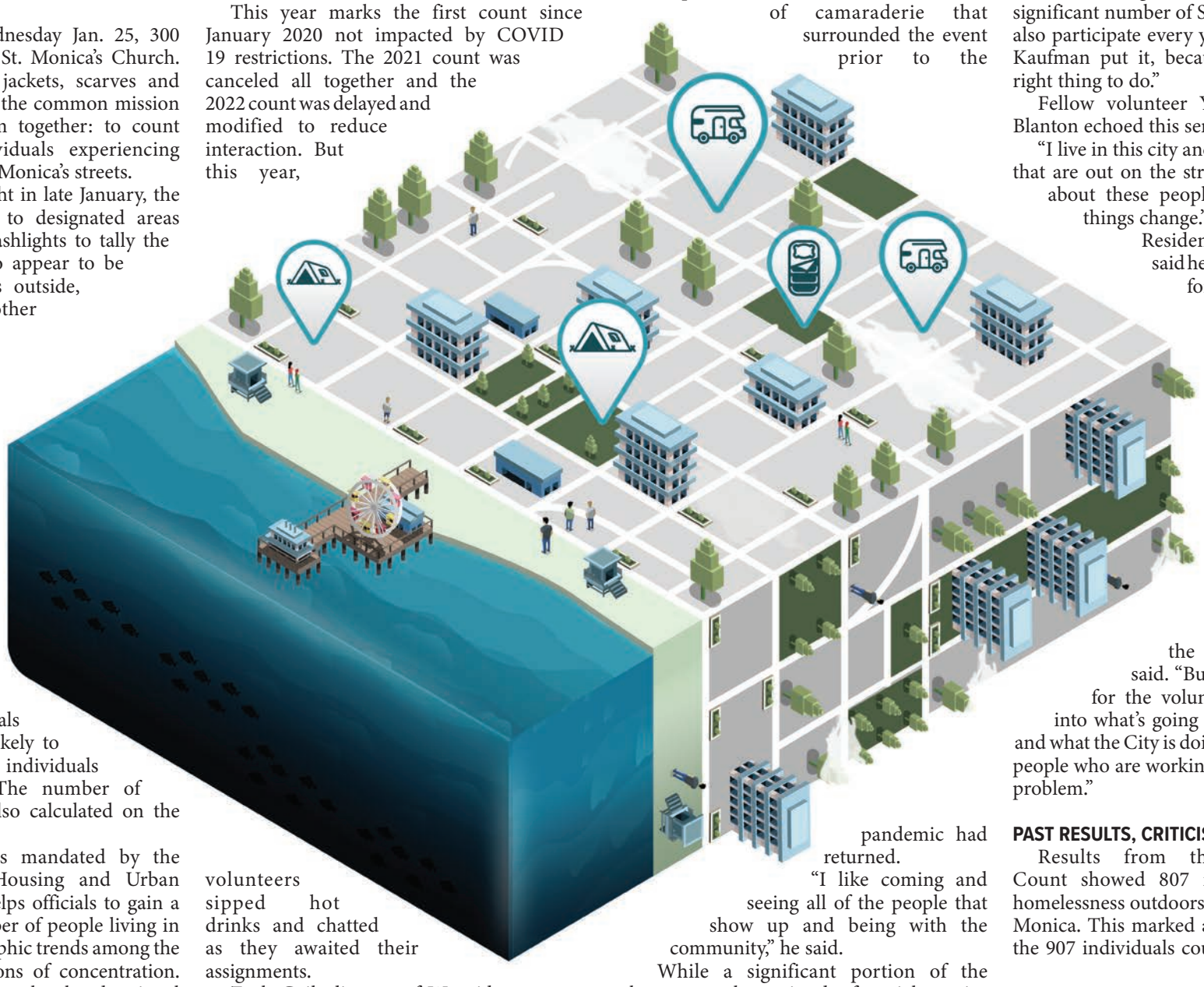
At 11 p.m. on Wednesday Jan. 25, 300 volunteers gathered at St. Monica's Church. Bundled up in puffy jackets, scarves and hats, they prepared for the common mission that had brought them together: to count the number of individuals experiencing homelessness on Santa Monica's streets.

Every year, on a night in late January, the City sends volunteers to designated areas with clipboards and flashlights to tally the number of people who appear to be living in homelessness outside, in cars, tents and other make-shift shelters. Similar efforts play out simultaneously across the region as part of the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, organized by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).

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

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

This year marks the first count since January 2020 not impacted by COVID 19 restrictions. The 2021 count was canceled all together and the 2022 count was delayed and modified to reduce interaction. But this year, volunteers sipped hot drinks and chatted as they awaited their assignments.



Zach Coil, director of Westside outreach for homeless services organization The People Concern, said he felt the sense of camaraderie that surrounded the event prior to the pandemic had returned.

"I like coming and seeing all of the people that show up and being with the community," he said.

While a significant portion of the volunteer pool consisted of social service professionals like Coil – as well as police officers, firefighters and city staff – a significant number of Santa Monica residents also participate every year. As volunteer Ken Kaufman put it, because they feel "it's the right thing to do."

Fellow volunteer Yocheved Herrmann-Blanton echoed this sentiment.

"I live in this city and I have acquaintances that are out on the streets," she said. "I care about these people and I want to see things change."

Resident Michael Pottenger said he had been volunteering for the count since 2012 and it had become a habit for him to register every January. Beyond supporting data collection efforts, he views it as a valuable way to better understand the city and its challenges.

"Bringing the numbers in that they need for whatever reporting they need to get resources, that's the obvious reason," he said. "But I think it's also good for the volunteers to get visibility into what's going on with homelessness and what the City is doing and all the different people who are working on the homelessness problem."

PAST RESULTS, CRITICISMS AND CONCERNS

Results from the 2022 Homeless Count showed 807 individuals living in homelessness outdoors or in shelters in Santa Monica. This marked an 11% decrease from the 907 individuals counted in 2020 and the

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Video shows struggle for hammer during Pelosi attack

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Associated Press

Video released publicly Friday shows the husband of former U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi fighting with his assailant for control of a hammer moments before he was struck during a brutal attack in the couple's San Francisco home last year.

The body-camera footage shows suspect David DePape wrest the tool from 82-year-old Paul Pelosi and lunge toward him with the hammer over his head. The blow to Pelosi occurs out of view of the camera and the officers — one of them cursing — rush into the house and jump on DePape.

Pelosi, apparently unconscious, can be seen lying face down on the floor in his pajama top and underwear. Officials later said he woke up in a pool of his own blood.

The release comes after a coalition of news agencies, including The Associated Press, sought access to the evidence that prosecutors played in open court last month. The San Francisco District Attorney's Office had refused to make the exhibits available to journalists.

A state court judge Wednesday ruled there was no reason to keep the video secret.

The evidence includes portions of Paul Pelosi's 911 call on Oct. 28, as well as video images from Capitol police surveillance cameras, a body camera worn by one of the two police officers who arrived at the house and a nearly 18-minute audio recording from DePape's interview with police.

The Capitol Police video shows DePape walk up to a glass-panel door, leave and then return wearing a large backpack and carrying two other bags. He set all the items down and pulled out a hammer, pausing to put on gloves, and used it to smash the door glass so he could step through an opening.

DePape has pleaded not guilty in ongoing state and federal cases. He is being held in jail without bail. He faces charges including attempted murder, elder abuse, and assaulting an immediate family member of a federal official.

The San Francisco public defender's office, which is representing DePape, 43, said they planned to issue a statement later Friday.

Members of Congress have faced a sharp rise in threats in the two years since the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

During the Jan. 6 attack, rioters chanted menacingly for the speaker as they rampaged through the halls trying to halt certification of Joe Biden's victory over Donald Trump in the presidential election. One man was convicted this week of eight criminal counts after he put his feet on a desk in Pelosi's office and left a note to her punctuated with a sexist expletive.

Paul Pelosi was asleep at the couple's home when DePape allegedly broke in. Nancy Pelosi was in Washington at the time and under the protection of her security detail, which does not extend to family members.

Her husband of nearly 60 years later underwent surgery to repair a skull fracture and serious injuries to his right arm and hands. He has since appeared in public wearing a hat and a glove that covered his wounds.

Nancy Pelosi on Thursday told reporters her husband's well-being was paramount and she did not know if she would view the video once it was released.

"I don't even know if I will see that," she said. "I mean, it would be a very hard thing to see an assault on my husband's life, but I don't know."

San Francisco Officer Kolby Wilmes' body-camera video begins with officers approaching the brick home and rapping on the door. It takes about 20 seconds for the door to open and during that time, the officers discuss whether they have the right house.

When the door opens, Paul Pelosi says, "Hi, guys, how are you?"

Both men are facing the officers at the door. Initially, the hammer is in the shadows and it takes about five seconds before a flashlight shows DePape holding the handle of a hammer with his right hand and clutching Pelosi's right hand, which is gripping around the hammer head, with his left hand. The struggle is not apparent in the first few seconds.

"What's going on, man?" the officer asks.

"Everything's good," DePape replies.

"Drop the hammer," the officer says.

DePape says no and begins to pull it from Pelosi's grip. Pelosi says, "Hey, hey."

> "Day in, day out, the person who was on the TV lying every day was Pelosi"
>
> - David DePape

DePape wins control of the hammer and winds up with his right and delivers a vicious overhand blow as Pelosi disappears out of view and officers rush in. The officers called for backup as they struggled with DePape and Pelosi was lying on the ground.

In an interview with San Francisco Police Lt. Carla Hurley after he was taken into custody, DePape said he didn't regret the attack even though it was not on Nancy Pelosi, his intended target. DePape told Hurley he was going after Nancy Pelosi for lying to the American public and that he planned to hold her hostage for her crimes. He believed the discredited conspiracy that Democrats stole the 2020 election from Trump.

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5 women, immense power: Can they keep US from fiscal brink?

MARY CLARE JALONICK AND SEUNG MIN KIM
Associated Press

They are now among the most powerful women in Congress. But when they were first elected in the 1990s, they were often overlooked, or even talked down to.

Rep. Kay Granger, R-Texas, remembers that men would avoid asking her questions, addressing other men in the room instead. Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., says a male colleague once challenged her at a hearing to describe a military tank engine produced in her district without looking at her notes. (She shot back: "Damn straight I can!")

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, says that one of the first times she chaired a committee hearing, she looked around the room and realized she was the only female senator there. Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., recalls being seated on the far edge of the committee dais, with the more senior men making the decisions in the middle.

"I remember finally just standing up at the end of the table going, 'Excuse me!' Because you couldn't get their attention," Murray says. "Everything was decided in the middle of this table. I think it's pretty amazing that we're at the middle of the table now."

> "This office has been inhabited by numerous men who smoke cigars"
>
> - Sen. Patty Murray

This year, for the first time in history, the four leaders of the two congressional spending committees are women. Granger is chairwoman of the House Appropriations Committee, while DeLauro is the top Democrat; Murray is Senate Appropriations chairwoman and Collins is the top Republican.

Sitting down with The Associated Press on Thursday for their first joint interview — and joined by Shalanda Young, the first Black woman to lead the Office of Management and Budget and a former House aide — the women talked like old friends, nodding and laughing in agreement when listening to each others' stories about the way things used to be for women, and sometimes still are.

When they were elected, Collins says, men were automatically accepted once they came to Congress but women still had to prove themselves. "That extra barrier that was definitely in place still exists to some extent, but far less than it used to," Collins said. "Women bring different life experiences and different perspectives. And that's why it matters."

The women said their camaraderie, friendship and willingness to collaborate will be crucial as they shoulder the massive responsibility of keeping the government running and open — an annual task that will be made even harder this year as conservatives in the new GOP House majority are insisting on major spending cuts and the U.S. is at risk of default. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., won his post only after agreeing to several demands of those far-right members, creating a dynamic that could prove perilous for negotiations as Congress must raise the debt ceiling in the coming months.

"This is a moment in time," DeLauro says. "You are really looking at five women who have control of the most powerful levers of government."

Still, she says, "none of us have our head in the sand. We know there are difficulties that are going to be involved."

Granger is in the trickiest position as she tries to balance the demands of the House GOP conference with her own responsibility to keep the government running. One important task ahead, she said, is explaining what appropriators do to the public. While the committees are rarely in the spotlight, they are the beating heart of Congress, writing "must-pass" bills that keep the government running. Decisions about funding levels for almost everything the government pays for — from the military to health care to food safety to federal highways — pass through the hands of appropriators.

Asked about the challenge ahead, Granger says "deadlines are very important" when communicating to the Republican conference. She said there will come a time when she'll have to tell GOP colleagues, "This is when it has to be final."

Another key to the negotiations will be Young, who is the former Democratic staff director for the House appropriations panel and has maintained a close relationship with all four women since becoming the Cabinet-level OMB director for President Joe Biden. DeLauro and Granger threw her a baby shower before she gave birth to her daughter in 2021, she says, and "you cannot replace those relationships."

Young's relationships were helpful at the end of last year as lawmakers labored to pass a massive, $1.7 trillion spending bill that funded federal agencies through September and provided another significant round of military and economic aid to Ukraine. Signaling potential troubles ahead, though, Granger did not sign off on the final bill as GOP leadership balked.

Young joked that the four lawmakers probably wouldn't have invited any other OMB director to do an interview with them. Murray agreed, saying she answers their calls and texts immediately, "and that is new for me."

As the OMB director, Young says, one of her jobs is to help the appropriators be successful. "You probably need to pick up

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Green comet zooming our way, last visited 50,000 years ago

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AP Aerospace Writer

A comet is streaking back our way after 50,000 years.

The dirty snowball last visited during Neanderthal times, according to NASA. It will come within 26 million miles of Earth Wednesday before speeding away again, unlikely to return for millions of years.

So do look up, contrary to the title of the killer-comet movie "Don't Look Up."

Discovered less than a year ago, this harmless green comet already is visible in the northern night sky with binoculars and small telescopes, and possibly the naked eye in the darkest corners of the Northern Hemisphere. It's expected to brighten as it draws closer and rises higher over the horizon through the end of January, best seen in the predawn hours. By Feb. 10, it will be near Mars, a good landmark.

Skygazers in the Southern Hemisphere will have to wait until next month for a glimpse.

> "We don't really know exactly how much they are pushing this comet around"
> - Paul Chodas NASA's comet and asteroid-tracking guru

While plenty of comets have graced the sky over the past year, "this one seems probably a little bit bigger and therefore a little bit brighter and it's coming a little bit closer to the Earth's orbit," said NASA's comet and asteroid-tracking guru, Paul Chodas.

Green from all the carbon in the gas cloud, or coma, surrounding the nucleus, this long-period comet was discovered last March by astronomers using the Zwicky Transient Facility, a wide field camera at Caltech's Palomar Observatory. That explains its official, cumbersome name: comet C/2022 E3 (ZTF).

On Wednesday, it will hurtle between the orbits of Earth and Mars at a relative speed of 128,500 mph. Its nucleus is thought to be about a mile across, with its tails extending millions of miles.

The comet isn't expected to be nearly as bright as Neowise in 2020, or Hale-Bopp and Hyakutake in the mid to late 1990s.

But "it will be bright by virtue of its close Earth passage ... which allows scientists to do more experiments and the public to be able to see a beautiful comet," University of Hawaii astronomer Karen Meech said in an email.

Scientists are confident in their orbital calculations putting the comet's last swing through the solar system's planetary neighborhood at 50,000 years ago. But they don't know how close it came to Earth or whether it was even visible to the Neanderthals, said Chodas, director of the Center for Near Earth Object Studies at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California.

When it returns, though, is tougher to judge.

Every time the comet skirts the sun and planets, their gravitational tugs alter the iceball's path ever so slightly, leading to major course changes over time. Another wild card: jets of dust and gas streaming off

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Trump adviser Eastman faces California disciplinary charges

Associated Press

Conservative attorney John Eastman, a lead architect of some of former President Donald Trump's efforts to remain in power after the 2020 election, was slapped Thursday with a series of disciplinary charges in California that could lead to his disbarment.

The State Bar of California's chief trial counsel and former Santa Monica City Attorney, George Cardona, said in a statement that the 11 charges stem from allegations that Eastman assisted Trump with a strategy — not supported by facts — to overturn the legitimate results of the 2020 election by obstructing the count of electoral votes of certain states.

The office intends to seek Eastman's disbarment.

Eastman, the former dean of Chapman University law school in Southern California, was one of Trump's lawyers during the election. He wrote a memo that argued former Vice President Mike Pence could keep Trump in power by overturning the results of the election during a joint session of Congress convened to count electoral votes. Critics have likened that to instructions for staging a coup.

The State Bar said Eastman faces charges that he violated the business and professions code by making false and misleading statements that constitute acts of "moral turpitude, dishonesty, and corruption."

Eastman disputes "every aspect" of the charges filed by the State Bar, which are based on his role as counsel to the former president after the election, his attorney, Randall A. Miller, said in a statement.

The State Bar's action "is part of a nationwide effort to use the bar discipline process to penalize attorneys who opposed the current administration in the last presidential election. Americans of both political parties should be troubled by this politicization of our nation's state bars," Miller's statement said.

In advising Trump, "Eastman's assessments were the product of comprehensive research of the law and historical records — including the 12th Amendment and Electoral Count Act — supported by reasonable interpretation of legal and historical precedent, scholarly analysis, and legislative history," Miller added.

"He was a lawyer, not Rasputin," Miller said.

The bar disclosed in March that it was investigating Eastman for possible ethics violations.

As the State Bar's chief trial counsel, Cardona investigates and prosecutes attorney disciplinary matters before the State Bar Court, which can recommend attorneys be either suspended or, in some cases, lose their licenses to practice law. The California Supreme Court ultimately decides what to do.

Eastman has been a member of the California Bar since 1997, according to its website. He was a law clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and a founding director of the Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence, a law firm affiliated with the Claremont Institute. He ran for California attorney general in 2010, finishing second in the Republican primary.

Eastman retired as dean of the Chapman University law school last year after more than 160 faculty members signed a letter calling for the university to take action against him.

In his statement, Cardona said the charges allege that Eastman "violated this duty in furtherance of an attempt to usurp the will of the American people and overturn election results for the highest office in the land — an egregious and unprecedented attack on our democracy."

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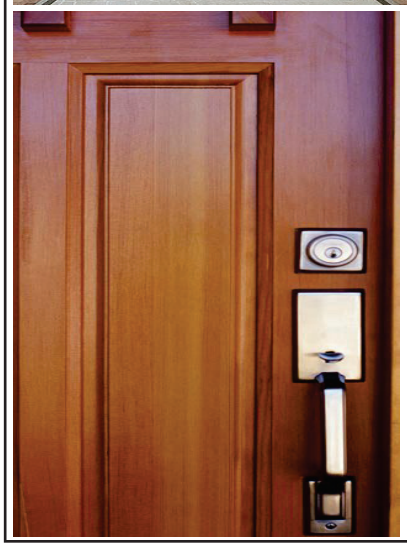
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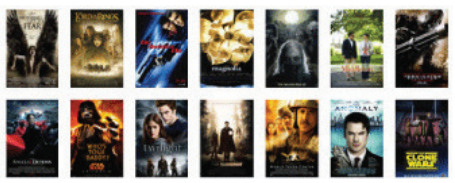
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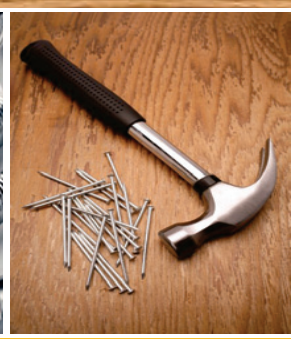

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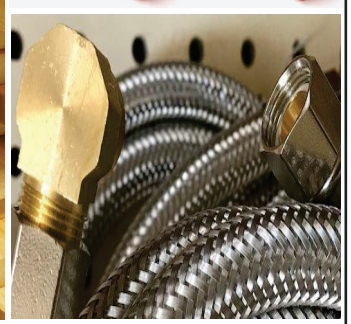
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CRIME WATCH

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ON JANUARY 15

Officers responded to Ocean Ave and Arizona at 8:30 a.m. Dispatch relayed that the reporting party observed an individual disassembling electric scooters. Officers located a suspect matching the description provided and saw him remove the brake lever and pin from a scooter. On his person, officers located 11 brake boot covers along with over a dozen sets of cotter pins. The suspect was arrested for vehicle tampering and obstructing/delaying an arrest due to his refusal to provide identification or a name. After fingerprinting, the suspect was identified as Nikolay Georgriev, 37 years old.

FISCAL BRINK

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the phone every now and then and show up," she says. "And we don't have to start from scratch. I became who I am on the committee that they now lead. So that's a special relationship."

The women were gathered in Murray's office, an enviable spot on the West front of the Capitol with a dead-on view of the Washington Monument. It was once the domain of legendary appropriator Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va.

Murray recalled when she entered the same room just after she was elected in 1992 — the so-called "year of the woman" — and asked Byrd outright for a seat on the powerful spending panel.

As one of the only women in the Senate, Murray immediately won the coveted seat. But she found that she had to assert herself in what was still very much an old boys' club. Thirty years later, she became chairwoman of the panel, replacing now-retired Sen. Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy. She also replaced Leahy as the Senate pro tempore, a senior member of the majority who presides over the Senate and is third in line to the presidency.

"This office has been inhabited by numerous men who smoke cigars," Murray said as she welcomed her colleagues. "I'm delighted it no longer is."

Murray and Collins, in particular, have a long history together. In 2013, they were both key to efforts to end a government shutdown. And as they replaced Leahy and retiring Republican Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama as committee leaders this year, they immediately issued a joint statement calling for a return to the regular process of passing individual spending bills "in a responsible and bipartisan manner," instead of shoving them all into one massive bill at the end of the year.

Collins said no one on either side of the aisle, in either chamber wants to fund the government again with a huge, end-of-the-year bill. "I truly believe we can make real progress by working closely together," she said.

All of them give credit to their female predecessors on the committees, including former Sen. Barbara Mikulski, a Maryland Democrat who was the first chairwoman of the Senate appropriations panel and used to invite new senators to her office for what she called a "workshop" on the appropriations process so they could become more familiar with the elaborate workings of the committee.

In an interview, Mikulski, who retired in 2017 after 30 years in the Senate, says the women are "brilliant strategists" who may disagree on policy but won't let rancor come between them.

"What I'm excited about is that they have not only broken the glass ceiling, but they have the keys to the vault," Mikulski says.

PELOSI ATTACK

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"Day in, day out, the person who was on the TV lying every day was Pelosi," he said.

He said he planned to hold her hostage and would "break her kneecaps" if she lied.

He said he was surprised to find Paul Pelosi in the house. DePape said he planned to tie Paul Pelosi up so he could get some sleep, because carrying a heavy backpack to the home had tired him out.

When Hurley asked why DePape did not leave when he realized Nancy Pelosi wasn't home and the police were on the way, he compared himself to the Founding Fathers.

"They fought the British, they fought the tyranny. They didn't just (expletive) surrender to it. And when I left my house, I went to go fight tyranny, I did not leave to go surrender," he said.

The U.S. Capitol Police investigated nearly 10,000 threats to members last year, more than twice the number from four years earlier.

Public officials across the U.S., from local school board members to election workers, have also endured harassment and intimidation.

This month, a former Republican candidate for a state House seat in New Mexico was arrested in a series of shootings targeting the homes or offices of elected Democratic officials and a Kansas man was convicted of threatening a GOP congressman.

Associated Press Writer Lindsay Whitehurst in Washington contributed to the report.

COMET

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the comet as it heats up near the sun.

"We don't really know exactly how much they are pushing this comet around," Chodas said.

The comet — a time capsule from the emerging solar system 4.5 billion years ago — came from what's known as the Oort Cloud well beyond Pluto. This deep-freeze haven for comets is believed to stretch more than one-quarter of the way to the next star.

While comet ZTF originated in our solar system, we can't be sure it will stay there, Chodas said. If it gets booted out of the solar system, it will never return, he added.

Don't fret if you miss it.

"In the comet business, you just wait for the next one because there are dozens of these," Chodas said. "And the next one might be bigger, might be brighter, might be closer."

HOMELESS COUNT

FROM PAGE 1

lowest number reported since 2016 when 728 individuals were recorded.

However, questions were raised about the accuracy of the 2022 count in parts of the County, due in part to the use of an app to record data that was reported to be plagued with technical issues.

Among several questionable findings, the 2022 count reported zero homeless individuals were found in an area of Venice with a clearly visible homeless population.

LAHSA reported homelessness had decreased significantly in Venice overall from the year before, but a recently released study by the Rand Corporation suggests otherwise. Researchers conducted their own surveys of the area on different days over the course of the year and found that the number of unsheltered individuals in fact appeared to have increased by nearly 32%.

While Santa Monica does conduct the count in partnership with the County and uses the same resources, including the app (which was a different one this year), the City is responsible for organizing it itself.

Deputy City Attorney Jenna Grigsby, who has been working in the City for 13 years, said she has faith in Santa Monica's process.

"The City's been doing it so long and so well that they have it really well organized," she said. "We get a lot of really great volunteers who come out and participate and that makes a really big difference, especially when it's like local Santa Monicans because they know the area really well and they know what to look for."

Each volunteer group is given a clipboard with a detailed map of their assigned area and a paper form to physically mark their findings in addition to entering them into the app.

This year, Grigsby was part of a team with other seasoned counters, including CEO of The People Concern John Maceri and Santa Monica Police Department Officer Alex Bullock, as well as relative newcomers City Manager David White and Fire Chief Danny Alvarez. The team was tasked with covering Tongva Park, just across from City Hall.

TALLYING IN THE PARK

The Tongva Park team departed from the church around 11 pm. In the car on the way over, Grigsby reflected on the reasoning for doing the count at night.

"I think it's the best option we have to really get a citywide picture because I don't think you could do it during the day," she said. "The population is so transient and there's too many visitors, tourists, people who work here but don't live here – I think it would just be difficult."

After arriving at the destination, the team plotted their route through the 6.2 acre park. They set out walking along the south side, with Maceri shining a flashlight along the path, Alvarez holding the clipboard and Jenna with the app open on her phone.

About five minutes in, they found someone sleeping on the park's observation deck. Alvarez made a tally. Continuing on, they found someone tucked in behind some shrubs. Another tally.

After about 30 minutes, the group had walked the whole park, looked behind trees, under bushes and in the play structure. Alvarez had made a total of ten tallies.

After each person had been properly marked, Officer Bullock approached them, warning that the park was closed and they needed to move. For some, he handed out a card with information about available services and resources.

As they stood reviewing their results, a person walked through the park and Officer Bullock remarked that it was still too early for many people to have settled down for the night. He said, from his experience finding people sleeping in the park, the most accurate time to do the count would be closer to 5am.

The group piled back into the cars and returned to the church, where they turned in their paper form and checked with a staff member to make sure the digital data had been submitted correctly.

IMPRESSIONS AND FINDINGS

As other groups trickled in, some discussed their experiences and findings.

Donovan Wilkes and Erica Leon, who both work with the Downtown Santa Monica (DTSM) Ambassador Program, said their experience using the new app was overall positive.

"The app was different from last year and I think it was better," Wilkes said. "We had some technical issues but still, I think that it was a little easier than last year."

He said this was his fourth year doing the count, but it was a first for Leon who said she was pleasantly surprised by how smooth everything was.

"Check in was pretty easy, pretty straightforward, everything was kind of self-explanatory. It was really well put together," she said. "I have to say, I thought it was going to be more complicated, but no, they made it very easy to kind of get out there and collect the data."

Prior to the count, volunteers were asked to complete an online training which included watching a video produced by the City about the overall process and one from the County about how to use the app.

Santa Monica College Board of Trustees member, DTSM Board Vice Chair and long-time count volunteer Barry Snell said he felt this helped streamline the process compared to other years when volunteers had to go through an in-person tutorial.

"Now you have it on your phone, you do it online... so that was good, you got here and got to work," he said.

His team surveyed a span of several blocks between Wilshire Boulevard and Montana Avenue on the western-most side of the City. He said he saw more cars that appeared to have multiple people sleeping in them than single individuals on the streets. He said he had also noticed other indicators which made him feel like homelessness population has grown and become more established.

Volunteer Andrea King, a Santa Monica resident since 1992, said she had noticed similar changes over the last few decades from her own daily observations.

"I think people living on the streets now are spending longer on the streets," she said. "When I look under the freeway overpasses, the tents and the makeshift shelters and things, they have so much stuff and they're so entrenched... it used to just be people in doorways... but now they're really living there – it feels like a change.

Council Member Caroline Torosis also volunteered at this year's count. While she said her team did not find many people in their area, she had heard worrying reports from groups in other areas.

"What I'm hearing from other folks is that they had significant numbers, so I'm concerned of course," she said. "But we're all here as a community to come together to try to resolve this crisis."

Results are expected to be announced in the coming months.





Grace Inez Adams

COUNT: The local effort is part of a larger program to document homelessness.

Even with the measures in place for accuracy, Assistant Director for Santa Monica Outreach for The People Concern Carol Ross said it is important to remember that the count is just an estimate, and the reality is likely greater.

"I would emphasize that whatever count comes out is definitely a floor because there's no telling how many people are tucked away in places you can't see them or piled into one tent," she said.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are those you feel safe showing emotion around and those who, for whatever reason, require you to be on your guard. You won't be sorry you remembered to share where you'll get healthy support.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's an opulent love you feel today and not only is it overflowing, but you also have seemingly endless excellent company worthy of its ample distribution. These are the good times.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Seasoned individuals will share what they know. It may not seem to apply to you now, but you're open. Messages are generally absorbed when they are most needed, so whatever doesn't apply now could be helpful to you later.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In a sense, you're running in a circle, but some of the most wonderful tracks, trails and journeys are circular in nature. Circles can be manageable, measurable and safe. Is this circle big enough to provide you with variety?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's a time to bolster your self-esteem and a time to stay humble. The trick is to go for balance in whatever season you're in. Currently, you could use a confidence bump. Track and celebrate your accomplishments.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It feels wonderful to give of yourself, your talents and your time. It's not lost on you that it's only possible for you to be this generous because of what you have plenty of. The path of gratitude is circular.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What you need most is out there, in fact it's everywhere. Keep in mind that what you think you need may not be what's best for you. You will have the good and right thing for you. It's making its way to you now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Since you can't change anything you don't know exists, awareness is the essential component in any kind of change you willingly make. Change still happens without awareness or even effort, but not the sort you're after now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll alternate between love-based and fear-based motivation, neither of which needs to be judged, though it will help you to notice where you're at. Both modes are proof of humanity, allowing you to connect with others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The truth is a hot spot. It has a different energy to it. When you feel defensive or notice someone else does, it lets you know something true, partially true or believed to be true. That will be good information today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't have to worry about what people are thinking. That will change. If you took it on now, you would have influence akin to the influence of sandcastle architects 10 minutes before the high tide.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People are not so much good or bad as they are conscious or unconscious. Growing your own awareness contributes to the wholeness of the world because focus is contagious. Look at the sky and others will also look up.

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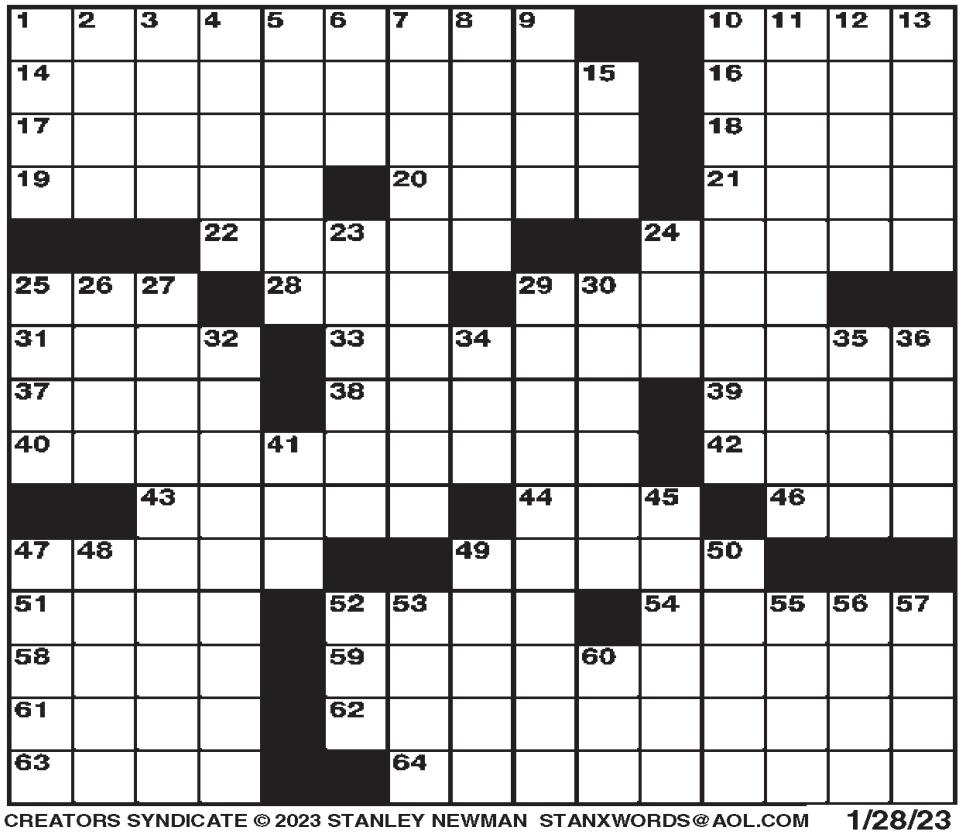
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30 One put up
32 Best of friends
34 "Say no more"
35 Dial down
36 Course in mythology
41 . . . *Kimmy Schmidt* cocreator
45 Toes on a cuckoo's foot
47 One shining at rock concerts
48 Player paid by the day
49 Berth places
50 Take in bit by bit
52 Big name in storage units
53 What Brits call some 4-Down
55 Blow away
56 Brooklyn, briefly
57 Prefiguring
60 Suffix meaning "imitation"

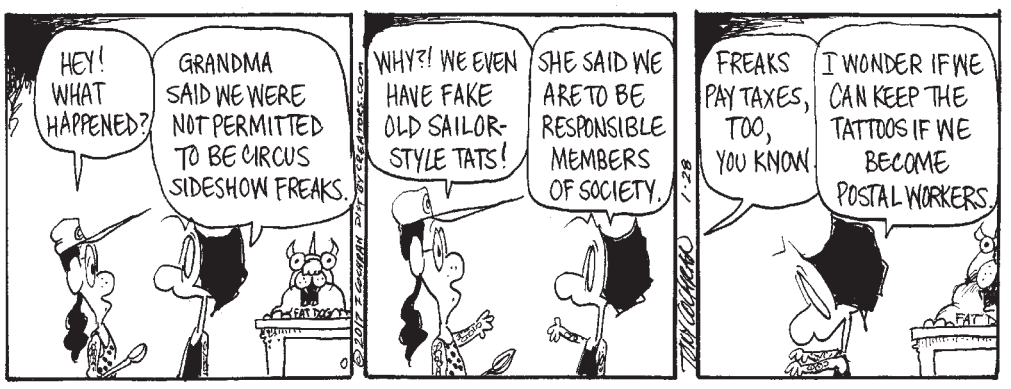


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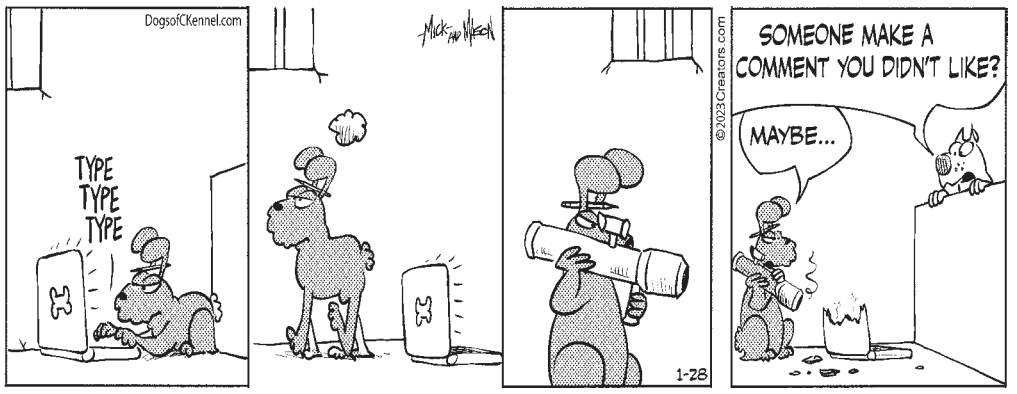
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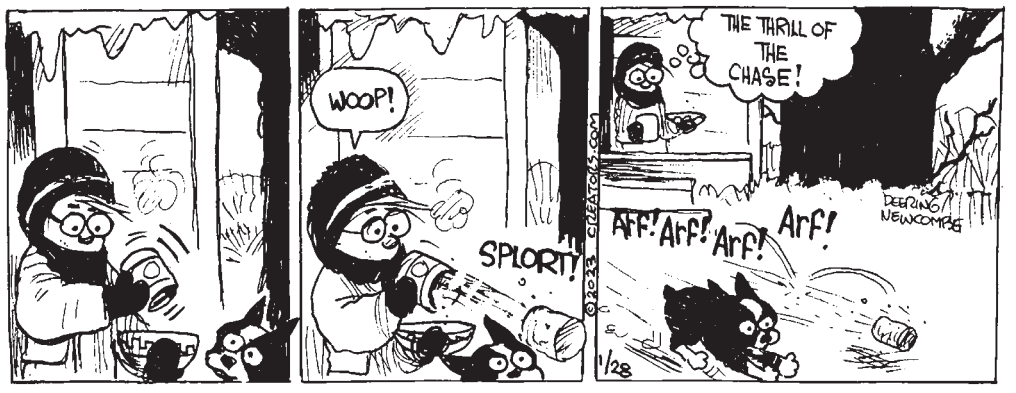
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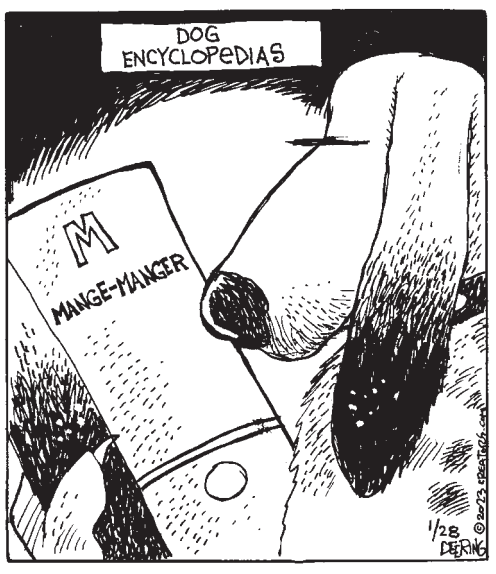
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 17 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Coastal getaway

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

Bait	Clean	Golf	Relax
Bars	Cliffs	Holiday	Rest
Batemans	Coast	Jobs	Sand
Bay	Cold	Kiah	Secluded
Bega	Cool	Kioloa	Sunny
Berry	Dining	Lagoon	Surf
Bombo	Eden	Lake	Swim
Bunga	Endrick	Museum	Tanja
Bush	Explore	Nature	Track
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SATURDAY | JANUARY 28

LUNAR NEW YEAR AT SANTA MONICA PLACE

Santa Monica Place welcomes visitors and shoppers to ring in the Year of the Rabbit with its free Lunar New Year Celebration on Saturday, January 28, 2023. After a two-year hiatus, Santa Monica Place's Lunar New Year programming returns with traditional Chinese lion dance performances, balloon and dough artists, and cherry blossom Wishing Trees for well-wishers to hang their wish for prosperity and renewal in the new year. Overhead red and gold lanterns will adorn Center Plaza and red envelopes with special deals from participating shops and restaurants will be provided to those in attendance. Santa Monica Place 395 Santa Monica Place Santa Monica, CA 90401, 2 to 5 p.m.

SUNDAY | JANUARY 29

MARION DAVIES BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Join the Santa Monica Conservancy in celebrating Marion Davies — silent film actress, famed party hostess and the original Beach House resident.
1 p.m. – Natalie Jacob & The Vintage Trio kick off the festivities!
1:30 p.m. – Enjoy the 1920's Dance Showcase with James Zimmer & Cynthia Harper
1:45 p.m. – Witness bedazzling sleight of hand by magician Tom Frank
2 p.m. – Dance to Natalie Jacob & The Vintage Trio, and keep the party going!
2-3 p.m. – Delight in the Charleston with James Zimmer & Cynthia Harper, the Cake Walk, the Group Photo, and wrap-up the fun with a rousing Happy Birthday to Marion!
Guests are welcome to come in their favorite Gold Coast era attire. Happy Birthday Marion! is a free, all ages event. Reservations are recommended.
The Annenberg Community Beach House is located at 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking is available for $3 per hour or $8 per day. Please pay for parking at the machine upon your arrival. Cash and credit card accepted. Ample bike parking is available; please bring a lock.

MONDAY | JANUARY 30

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

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

TUESDAY | JANUARY 31

MAIN EVENT COMEDY SHOW

Bringing the new wave of stand-up comedy to downtown Santa Monica's historic Main Street the last Tuesday of every month! 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Library Alehouse, 2911 Main Street, $10, https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-main-event-comedy-show-tickets-520959522957

NEW YEAR, NEW OUTLOOK: MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION FOR THE NEW YEAR

Experience the pause that refreshes with Henry Schipper, a UCLA Certified Mindfulness Facilitator and longtime local meditator. Beginners and experienced meditators looking to support their practice are welcome. The one-hour session includes a Q&A. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6 - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 1

KIDS CLUB AT SANTA MONICA PLACE

Come sing, dance, and play at Santa Monica Place for Kids Club hosted by Twinkle Time, a bilingual Billboard pop artist. All ages welcome. This event is free to attend for parents and children. Food Court, Level 3, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 2

WALK-IN TUTORING

Volunteer tutors provide help with basic reading and writing skills, using the Internet, filling out online and paper forms, using email, resume writing, and more. 1 to 3 p.m., Main Library, Tutoring Center.

HOUSING COMMISSION

The Housing Commission works to improve the quality of life of residents and the City by supporting and helping to guide the production and preservation of affordable housing. 6 - 9 p.m. https://www.santamonica.gov/housing-commission

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONCERT AND DOCUMENTARY FILM SCREENING
WE GATHER FOR SANTA MONICA

An afternoon of music by Black American composers, performed by members of Calvary Baptist Church of Santa Monica and the Orchestra Santa Monica (OSM) Woodwind Quintet in the courtyard, as well as a screening of OSM's film We Gather: Black Life in Santa Monica Told through Music, Visuals, and Narrative in the MLK Jr. Auditorium. 5:30 to 7 p.m. / Main Library, MLK Auditorium.

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **56.7**

SATURDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	Setting up to be another decent day of combo surf if the wind/conditions cooperate earlier morning looks ok. Modest WNW swell tops out as off season SSW swell eases.
SUNDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft Thigh to waist	Fading combo surf on offer as WNW and SSW swells ease. Morning could be clean early then there's some disagreement on the models with respect to wind in the afternoon.

WEATHER

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 60. East wind around 10 mph becoming south in the afternoon.
Saturday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 50. Southeast wind around 5 mph.
Sunday: A 30 percent chance of rain, mainly after 10am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 56.
Sunday Night: A 40 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/01/28	Sat	02:30 AM	4.83	H
2023/01/28	Sat	09:53 AM	1.21	L
2023/01/28	Sat	3:38 PM	2.73	H
2023/01/28	Sat	8:19 PM	1.91	L
2023/01/29	Sun	03:31 AM	4.90	H
2023/01/29	Sun	11:24 AM	0.68	L
2023/01/29	Sun	6:02 PM	2.74	H
2023/01/29	Sun	9:37 PM	2.41	L
2023/01/30	Mon	04:32 AM	5.01	H
2023/01/30	Mon	12:28 PM	0.14	L
2023/01/30	Mon	7:30 PM	3.07	H
2023/01/30	Mon	10:59 PM	2.64	L
2023/01/31	Tue	05:28 AM	5.15	H
2023/01/31	Tue	1:15 PM	-0.27	L
2023/01/31	Tue	8:11 PM	3.34	H
2023/02/01	Wed	12:04 AM	2.65	L
2023/02/01	Wed	06:17 AM	5.33	H
2023/02/01	Wed	1:52 PM	-0.55	L

DAILY LOTTERY

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the winning number information, mistakes can occur. In the event of any discrepancies, California State laws and California Lottery regulations will prevail. Complete game information and prize claiming instructions are available at California Lottery retailers. Visit the California State Lottery web site at http://www.calottery.com

Powerball
Draw Date: 1/25
9 17 20 38 40
Power#: 18
Jackpot: 572 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 1/24
33 41 47 50 62
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: 20 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 1/25
2 17 20 37 41
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 28 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/26
1 26 27 30 39

Daily 3
Draw Date: 1/26
EVENING: 9 7 8
Draw Date: 1/26
MIDDAY: 0 4 1

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 1/26
1st: 06 - Whirl Win
2nd: 03 - Hot Shot
3rd: 01 - Gold Rush
Race Time: 1:42.15

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