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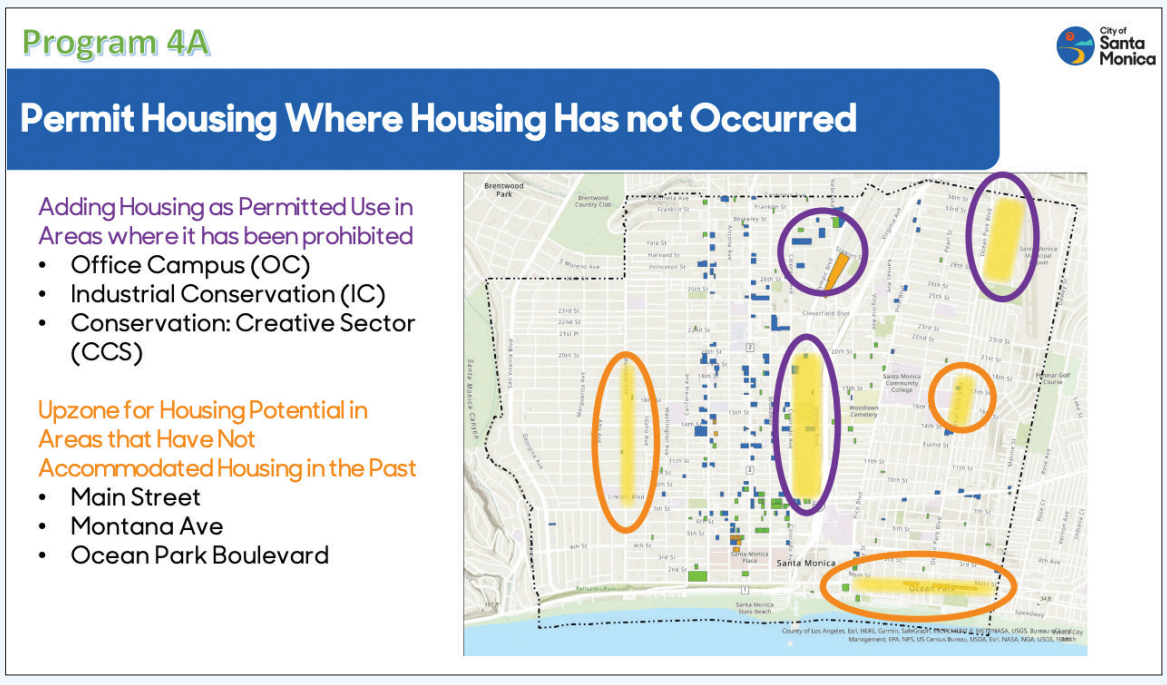
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Planning Commission discusses zoning changes to boost housing development



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HOUSING: Local officials have started discussions about ways to increase housing in Santa Monica.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica has a state mandated requirement to build 8,895 new housing units, of which 6,168 must be affordable, by 2029 and in order to meet this ambitious goal the City is embarking on a series of zoning and land use changes.

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) gave Santa Monica these numbers as part of its Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), which divvies up requirements to build a total of 1.34 million units statewide amongst cities based on projected housing needs. On Oct. 12, 2021, City Council adopted the 6th Cycle Housing Element, which outlines the City's plan to meet its RNHA numbers and sent it to HCD for approval.

Staff have begun drafting amendments to the Land Use and

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Hope remains for opponents of Parking Structure 3 demolition

The City of Santa Monica is still planning to begin demolition on Feb. 14, unless a court issues a stay.

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

Opponents of the City's plan to raze Parking Structure 3 (PS3) to replace it with affordable housing say they plan to file an appeal of the late January decision throwing their case out of LA County Superior Court.

On Friday, Feb. 4, John Alle, one of the founders of the stakeholder group Santa Monica Bayside Owners Association (SMBOA), which has waged a legal battle to block demolition of the 50-year-old structure, announced his legal team would be filing an appeal and writ of supersedeas to halt demolition, which is planned for Feb. 14.

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Santa Monica personal trainer pleads not guilty in decapitation of two children

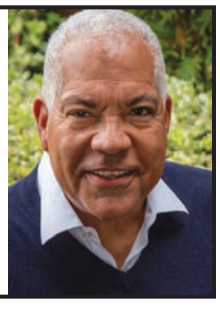
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The parents of a 12-year-old boy and a 13-year-old girl who were decapitated in Lancaster pleaded not guilty Wednesday to murder and child abuse charges.

The children's father, Maurice Jewel Taylor Sr., now 35, was arrested in December 2020 and charged with two counts of murder involving his 12-year- old son Maurice Jr. and 13-year-old daughter Maliaka, along with two felony counts of child abuse under circumstances or conditions likely to cause great bodily injury or death involving his two other sons, who were 8 and 9 at the time.

The children's mother, Natalie Sumiko Brothwell, now 45, was arrested last September at her home in Tucson, Arizona, according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. She is also facing the same counts as Taylor.

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US economy defies omicron and adds 467,000 jobs in January

CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

In a surprising burst of hiring, America's employers added a robust 467,000 jobs last month, a sign of the economy's resilience in the face of a wave of omicron infections.

The government's report Friday also drastically revised up its estimate of job gains for November and December by a combined 709,000. It also said the unemployment rate ticked up from 3.9% to a still-low 4%, mainly because more people began looking for work and not all of them found jobs right away.

The strong hiring growth for January, which defied expectations for only a slight gain, demonstrated the eagerness of many employers to hire even as the pandemic raged. Businesses appear to have regarded the omicron wave as having, at most, a temporary impact on the economy and remain confident about their longer-term prospects.

"Employers have assumed that omicron would be painful but short term, so they haven't changed their hiring plans," said Mathieu Stevenson, the CEO of Snagajob, a job listings site focused on hourly workers. "Demand from employers is as strong as ever."

January's hiring gain and sharp upward revisions to previous months mean that the United States has 1.1 million more jobs than government data had indicated only a month ago. The solid hiring, along with steady wage gains, are boosting consumer spending, which has collided with snarled supply chains to accelerate inflation to a four-decade high.

Adjusted for price increases, Americans' paychecks on average don't go as far as they did a year ago, even though many workers have received raises. Many households, especially lower-income families, are struggling to afford necessities like gas, food, rent and child care.

Those trends will give the Federal Reserve more leeway to raise interest rates, perhaps even faster than it had planned, to cool inflation. The Fed has indicated that it will begin raising rates in March, and it could do so again at its next meeting in May. Faster rate hikes could reduce borrowing and spending and possibly weaken the economy.

Stocks initially fell on the expectation that the Fed will tighten credit more quickly, before share prices recovered in early afternoon. But the yield on the 10-year Treasury jumped nearly one-tenth of a percentage point, to 1.91%, a sign that investors anticipate higher borrowing costs.

Across the economy, most industries hired workers last month, including retailers, which added more than 61,000 jobs, and restaurants and hotels, which gained 131,000. Shipping and warehousing firms added 54,000. Many companies in those industries likely held onto some of the workers they had hired over the winter holidays, economists said, rather than laying them all off.

Omicron did leave some fingerprints on the report: The percentage of Americans who were working from home rose to more than 15%, up from 11% in December. And the number of people out sick last month soared to 3.6 million, up from fewer than 2 million in the previous January and about triple the pre-pandemic level. This forced many companies, from restaurants to retailers to manufacturers, to reduce their hours or even close because of staff shortages.

Among the workers who were out sick was Perla Hernandez, whose entire family of eight contracted COVID last month. Hernandez and her husband and 20-year old daughter all missed work, a major blow to the family's finances.

Hernandez, 42, who lives in the San Jose, California, area, missed six days from her job as a Burger King cook and janitor. Because she has no paid sick leave, the paycheck she receives every two weeks amounted to just $230.

About one-fifth of U.S. workers receive no sick pay, and the proportion is far higher among lower-paid service workers. Only 33% of workers who are at the bottom 10% of the pay scale receive paid sick leave, compared with 95% of employees in the top 10%.

"Thank God that we already had paid the rent for January," she said through an interpreter. "We had to go to a food bank."

Hernandez said she earns $15.45 an hour, after having received a 45-cent raise six months ago. But she and her colleagues, including managers, have been working especially long hours because the restaurant has had difficulty hiring.

Daniel Zhao, senior economist at the employment website Glassdoor, said the healthy hiring — not only for January but also for November and December — is a sign that last month's gains weren't merely a blip.

"This is an actual trend, and job growth was faster than we realized," Zhao said.

A greater proportion of Americans are also now working or looking for work, the report showed, a trend that makes it easier for companies to find workers. It suggests that concerns about long-term labor shortages may have been overblown, at least in some industries.

"There are workers out there — it's just taking time to integrate them back into the labor force," Zhao said.

Grady Cope, the CEO of Reata Engineering and Machine Works, said nine of his 43 staffers were out sick last month — the most he can remember in nearly 30 years of running the company.

But Cope's company, which makes parts for airplane and medical device manufacturers, also has the biggest order backlog it's ever had. He wants to add at least eight employees, including machinists, assemblers and engineers. Last month, he raised pay 18%, far more than the usual 3%-4% increases. His company is based near Denver, where rents and other costs are rising fast.

"People have to have wages so they can support themselves and raise families," he said.

Still, Cope has been increasing his own prices to offset his workers' higher pay. The competition for workers, he said, is the toughest he's ever seen. In October, four of his workers quit. Only one gave notice.

"That's never happened in 28 years," he said.

The overall outlook for the job market remains bright, with openings near a record

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Super Bowl Matchup: Veteran Rams versus upstart Bengals

BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

Across both Super Bowl rosters, there is a great divide.

The Rams are the team loaded with veterans and the Bengals are the new kids on the block. Los Angeles has the star power, which figures with Hollywood next door. Cincinnati has a bunch of relative no names outside of Joe Burrow and Ja'Marr Chase.

Bengals coach Zac Taylor worked for Rams boss Sean McVay — even though Taylor is more than two years older.

Both teams were No. 4 seeds after winning their divisions, so there are some similarities. It might be the differences that, well, make the difference on Feb. 13 at SoFi Stadium. Oh, yeah, that happens to be the Rams' new home.

WHEN THE BENGALS HAVE THE BALL:

Burrow (9) and Chase (1) are the Dynamic Duo for Cincinnati. They were at LSU and nothing changed when Chase, who sat out the 2020 season because of the COVID-19 pandemic, was chosen fifth overall in last April's draft. His effect has been immense, scoring 13 times on 81 receptions for 1,455 yards in the regular season.

Of course, Burrow has been just as impactful. He went 2-7-1 in a rookie season cut short by a knee injury and made a sensational return, as accurate as any passer in the league. Cool as they come — yes, Joe Cool — he had 34 touchdown passes, and in the Bengals' three postseason victories after having none since 1991, Burrow has gone 75 for 109 for 842 yards and four TDs, showing scrambling skills as well.

The key for LA to slow down that combination lies with the pass rush; Cincinnati allowed a league-high 51 sacks during the season, 12 more in the postseason. So unanimous All-Pro DT Aaron Donald (99), LB Leonard Floyd (54) and revitalized Von Miller (40), the MVP of the 2016 Super Bowl, must be negated somewhat. If the Bengals' offensive line, from tackles Jonah Williams (73) and Isaiah Prince (71) to center Trey Hopkins (66) to guards Quinton Spain (67) and the rotation of Hakeem Adeniji (77) and rookie Jackson Carman (79) don't step up, Burrow will go down a bunch.

If he gets the protection that has been missing too often, Chase's matchups with All-Pro CB Jalen Ramsey (5) could be epic. But Ramsey won't always be on Chase, who can break free on any route, and he also has some potent partners in WRs Tyler Boyd (83) and Tee Higgins (85), their battles with the remainder of the secondary could be significant.

In his seventh pro season, TE C.J. Uzomah (87) has emerged as a threat, but he damaged a knee last week and his status is uncertain.

RB Joe Mixon (28), who ranked third with 1,205 rushing yards, can wear down defenses, but the Rams ranked sixth against the rush.

WHEN THE RAMS HAVE THE BALL:

Like with the trades that brought Miller and Ramsey on defense, the Rams have bolstered their offense immeasurably in recent years. They solidified left tackle five seasons back with Andrew Whitworth (77), who remains a stud at age 40.

Much more recently came QB Matthew Stafford (9), RB Sony Michel (25) and WR Odell Beckham Jr. (3). All of have been key contributors, though Stafford is by far the biggest upgrade.

Sure, the Rams made the 2019 Super Bowl with Jared Goff, but Stafford, finishing his 13th pro season, is a class above. After languishing in Detroit for a dozen years, he's been a main cog in the Rams getting this far.

No one is better against the blitz than Stafford, and while he can make some head-scratching throws and turn over the ball, he also makes some head-shaking passes that put you in awe.

And, like Burrow, he has one of the league's best targets in unanimous All-Pro WR Cooper Kupp (10). Opponents could put all 11 defenders on the guy and he'd still get free, as his triple crown of receiving shows: 145 receptions for 1,947 yards and 16 TDs. He's been just as unstoppable in the playoffs, and this could be a major mismatch. Bengals CBs Eli Apple (20), Chidobe Awuzie (22), Mike Hilton (21) and Tre Flowers (33) will be tests bigtime.

Cincinnati is stronger at safety with Vonn Bell (24), whose pick of Patrick Mahomes set up the winning field goal for the AFC title, and Jessie Bates III (30). The entire bunch also must account for Beckham, who seems to be re-energized in LA, and Van Jefferson (12).

Michel and Cam Akers (23), who came back quickly from a torn Achilles tendon, share backfield duties, but this is a throw-first team operating behind standouts such as Whitworth. The 16-year veteran figures to be challenged by Cincinnati's top pass rusher, Trey Hendrickson (91), and DE Sam Hubbard (94), who was terrific against the Chiefs.

The Bengals don't have a linebacker in Miller's class, but Logan Wilson (55) and Germaine Pratt (57) have made some key plays in the postseason.

SPECIAL TEAMS:

It's all about rookie Evan McPherson (2). The fifth-round draft choice — no, Cincinnati did not bungle a pick on a kicker here — the kid has hit all 12 of his field goals, including four in the wild-card round, then winners at Tennessee and Kansas City.

P Kevin Huber (10) did not have a particularly strong season, but he's a veteran who has kicked in the postseason before.

LA's Matt Gay (8) is steady enough, and he also has two straight winning field goals in the playoffs.

P Johnny Hekker (6) has been one of the league's best punters for a decade, and is a threat on fake punts.

Neither team scares you on kick returns.

COACHING:

This is so juicy.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 367 CALLS ON FEBRUARY 3

Loud Music 1300Blk 2nd St 12:15 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1700Blk 22nd St 1:01 a.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order In Progress 2300Blk Kansas Ave 1:38 a.m.
Loud Music 900Blk Ocean Ave 1:49 a.m.
Armed Robbery In Progress 2000Blk Ocean Ave 1:51 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2400Blk Lincoln Blvd 2:19 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2400Blk Michigan Ave 3:14 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 4:43 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1400Blk Ocean Ave 4:55 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 3400Blk Pico Blvd 5:27 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1300Blk 2nd St 5:31 a.m.
Arson 5th St / Wilshire Blvd 5:52 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2900Blk Wilshire Blvd 6:36 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2700Blk Neilson Way 6:41 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 900Blk Palisades Beach rd 6:44 a.m.
Encampment 800Blk Ozone Ave 6:58 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2100Blk Stewart St 7:06 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300Blk Palisades Beach rd 7:09 a.m.
Illegal Weapon 2200Blk Colorado Ave 7:37 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1800Blk Stewart St 8:19 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1900Blk Cloverfield Blvd 8:19 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1100Blk Harvard St 8:31 a.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 8:34 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1200Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:50 a.m.
Encampment 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 8:56 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 900Blk Centinela Ave 9:03 a.m.
General Parking Problem 2600Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:10 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2400Blk Hill St 9:29 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 700Blk Cedar St 9:32 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 700Blk Broadway 9:45 a.m.
Fraud Report 300Blk Olympic Dr 9:50 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 5th St / Pacific St 9:59 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1900Blk Pico Blvd 10:03 a.m.
General Parking Problem 300Blk Olympic Dr 10:04 a.m.
Burglary Report 3000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:10 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 700Blk Broadway 10:16 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1600Blk Centinela Ave 10:31 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 3300Blk Barnard Way 10:44 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 900Blk Euclid St 11:04 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved Ocean Ave / Broadway 11:27 a.m.
Identity Theft 400Blk 26th St 11:33 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries Cloverfield Blvd / Broadway 11:36 a.m.
Prowler Report 600Blk Ashland Ave 11:50 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 16th St / San Vicente Blvd 11:59 a.m.
Identity Theft 800Blk Montana Ave 12:05 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:26 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:47 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 1100Blk 4th St 12:47 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 100Blk Bicknell Ave 12:52 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 600Blk Hill St 12:57 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 200Blk Adelaide Dr 1:01 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1300Blk Franklin St 1:23 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1400Blk 2nd St 1:44 p.m.
Domestic Violence Report 2400Blk Centinela Ave 1:44 p.m.
Identity Theft 600Blk 16th St 1:46 p.m.
Missing Person 300Blk Olympic Dr 1:52 p.m.
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Burglary Report 800Blk 3rd St 2:04 p.m.
Person Down 400Blk Broadway 2:29 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1800Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:41 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1700Blk 21st St 2:50 p.m.
Attempt Burglary Report 2100Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:58 p.m.
General Parking Problem 400Blk Ocean Ave 3:14 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

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Flooded Condition 2100Blk Washington Ave 3:10 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500Blk 4th St 3:22 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk 6th St 3:25 a.m.
EMS 1000Blk Cedar St 3:44 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk Ocean Ave 6:19 a.m.
EMS 1000Blk Grant St 7:37 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk 4th St 9:03 a.m.
EMS 800Blk California Ave 9:05 a.m.
EMS 1500Blk 5th St 10:38 a.m.
EMS 1800Blk Michigan Ave 11:01 a.m.
EMS 1200Blk 15th St 11:06 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Cloverfield Blvd / Broadway 11:43 a.m.
Public Assist 1100Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:54 a.m.
EMS 2100Blk Ocean Ave 12:09 p.m.
EMS 900Blk 4th St 12:50 p.m.
EMS 400Blk Broadway 2:29 p.m.
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EMS 900Blk 10th St 5:33 p.m.
EMS 1800Blk Michigan Ave 5:56 p.m.
EMS 500Blk Colorado Ave 6:15 p.m.
EMS 3100Blk Neilson Way 7:07 p.m.
EMS 3200Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:17 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 700Blk Euclid St 9:20 p.m.
EMS 800Blk Ocean Ave 9:38 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Arizona Ave 9:59 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk 6th St 10:50 p.m.
EMS 1900Blk Pico Blvd 11:28 p.m.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Why are we dealing with many of the same issues today?

The Feb. 6 monthly workshop of the Committee For Racial Justice will honor Black History Month by looking at the question of why, when we look back at Black history, we see that the problems of today have not changed much from those of the past. The workshop, which starts at 6:30 p.m. on zoom, is entitled BLACK HISTORY: WHY ARE WE DEALING WITH MANY OF THE SAME ISSUES TODAY? It is open to all and resident can register online.

The guest speaker for the Feb. 6 Black History Month workshop of the Committee For Racial Justice is Dr. Toni-Mokjaetji Humber, Professor Emeritus, Ethnic and Women's Studies Department at Cal Poly Pomona. She is the founder and curator of Where Black Is Brown: The African Diaspora in Mexico that investigates the cultural influences and historical contributions of Africans in Mexico. Currently, she serves as Vice President and Scholarship Chair for Our Authors Study Club, Inc. (OASC), Los Angeles branch of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Inc., and is a Board of Trustees member for St. Elmo Village, Inc., community art and cultural center for creative expression.

Dr. Humber will review The Eight Pillars of Caste that Isabel Wilkerson brilliantly outlined in her 2020 Pulitzer Prize winning book, Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent. Wilkerson proposes "that racism is an insufficient term for the systemic oppression of Black people in America. Instead, [she] prefers to refer to America as having a caste system."

Dr. Humber's analysis will highlight the undergirding structures and injustice the US caste system perpetuates. This discussion is timely and germane to the divisive political climate in this country today. Her analysis can help us forge a path forward toward a more fully equitable future when we better understand what has prevented us from achieving more justice in the past.

Black History month can be honored by discussing together in the Q & A how the past informs what needs to be understood in order to create effective strategies for building the future we want.

Join organizers from 6:30 – 8 p.m. Register online at https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvc–rqTgsEtJRs8nB89zlpjvAPdG2GY00

For more information, call Joanne at 310-422-5431.

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Your column here

Santa Monica Mayor Sue Himmelrich — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Santa Monica Embraces Safe Sidewalk Vending

Santa Monica Mayor Sue Himmelrich

Sidewalk vending has been in the spotlight recently and, with livelihoods at the forefront, it's understandable why. For more than 30 years, Santa Monica has supported vending and has had vending programs in place to create viable pathways for small business owners to thrive through food trucks, licensed carts on the Pier and Third Street Promenade, and stalls at our famous farmers markets.

In 2019, the State of California decriminalized sidewalk vending through SB 946 and we quickly went to work building a program that incentivized sidewalk vending through a low-cost program that eliminated some of the common barriers to permitting, including an insurance waiver. We engaged with vending advocates and sidewalk vendors, soliciting their feedback to help shape the program and develop bilingual outreach aimed at supporting sidewalk vendors through our permitting process.

It has been nearly three years since we launched that program and we have more than 100 permitted sidewalk vendors operating in our city–a number on par with the much larger City of Los Angeles. Since the program's inception, our code enforcement officers have shared thousands of bilingual fliers, always leading with education and outreach, contributing to an accessible and inclusive program that has been acknowledged as such by both advocates and permitted sidewalk vendors.

Santa Monica continues to expand economic opportunity for all. We are a community that has prioritized equitable economic recovery from the pandemic. We invest in programs that ensure that historically marginalized communities have real pathways to entrepreneurship. In addition to our licensed cart vending, sidewalk vending, and food truck programs, we are building out a community kitchen at Virginia Avenue Park in 2022, a shared commercial kitchen space designed to help residents break into the costly food industry.

Yet, we cannot overlook the real risks playing out in our community every day, particularly when it comes to the safety of the public. This is the fundamental challenge we face at the Santa Monica Pier. Our historic Pier is a wooden structure that is flammable. On any given day, unpermitted vendors flock to the bustling location, creating an unsafe environment for themselves and the public by cooking with open flames and unpermitted combustible fuels. The Pier also has limited emergency access and capacity limits, particularly on warm days when the beach is full. For these reasons, it is not legal to vend on or within 100 feet of the Pier. Despite this, many vendors have been unwilling to

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WEEKLY ARRESTS

SMPD MADE 24 ARRESTS FROM JANUARY 24 TO JANUARY 30.

Date	Sex	Age	Primary Charge
Mon, Jan 24	M	33	Vandalism
Mon, Jan 24	M	36	Warrant
Mon, Jan 24	M	40	Shoplifting
Tue, Jan 25	M	40	Assault & Battery
Tue, Jan 25	M	29	Warrant
Wed, Jan 26	F	52	Child Abuse
Wed, Jan 26	M	27	Warrant
Wed, Jan 26	F	26	Public Nudity
Thu, Jan 27	M	59	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
Thu, Jan 27	F	25	Battery on a Peace Officer
Thu, Jan 27	F	28	Drunk in Public
Thu, Jan 27	M	23	DUI > 0.08% BAC
Thu, Jan 27	M	31	Domestic Battery
Thu, Jan 27	M	40	Vandalism
Fri, Jan 28	M	27	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
Fri, Jan 28	M	50	Fugitive
Fri, Jan 28	M	42	Arson of an Inhabited Structure
Fri, Jan 28	F	32	Shoplifting
Sat, Jan 29	M	40	Receiving Stolen Property
Sat, Jan 29	M	29	Possession of a Controlled Substance
Sat, Jan 29	M	26	Unknown
Sun, Jan 30	M	28	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
Sun, Jan 30	M	52	Public Nudity
Sun, Jan 30	M	34	Battery Causing Serious Bodily Injury

SUPER BOWL

FROM PAGE 2

Taylor spent two years working for McVay and didn't even reach coordinator status when the Bengals came calling in 2019. He went 6-25-1 his first two seasons, but the Bengals were building their roster. His work in the past six weeks has been particularly exemplary.

McVay remains the poster child — OK, he's a wise old 36 — for hot-shot offensive minds. His game management has been questioned, but it's hard to argue with four playoff trips in five seasons, and a Super Bowl loss three years ago.

Two assistants worth high praise: Bengals defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo, who has done a lot with no real stars except Hendrickson, and Rams offensive coordinator Kevin O'Connell, who like Anarumo has gotten some head coaching interviews.

INTANGIBLES:

The Rams are built for now. They have been all-in on this season, using lots of draft capital — not to mention $$$ capital — on this roster.

They also have the bitter memory of a putrid performance against New England in the 2019 Super Bowl.

For those who think this is gravy for the surprising Bengals, remember they are 0-2 in Super Bowls, both losses to the dynastic 49ers, though in close contests. They also hadn't won a postseason game since 1991. What do they have to lose now?

Nonprofit uses Super Bowl parties as way to help homeless

TERESA M. WALKER
AP Pro Football Writer

What started with a simple invitation to a few homeless people to watch the Super Bowl together in New York City has turned into quite a party.

And it just keeps growing.

Super Soul Party, a nonprofit started by filmmaker and social media influencer Meir Kay, will have Super Bowl parties in 35 cities when the Cincinnati Bengals and Los Angeles Rams meet Feb. 13. Parties will be held in sites from Washington to Los Angeles and from Bozeman, Montana, to New Orleans.

All inspired by a conversation Kay had with a homeless man just wanting someone to talk to him.

"It just sort of connected like, 'Oh my God, this is like an unofficial holiday in the U.S.,'" Kay said of the Super Bowl. "People who don't have family or friends may feel even more lonely. So how can I help with that?"

Kay threw his first party in 2017, inviting homeless people in the neighborhood. A year later, people asked Kay how they could help, so parties were held in both New York and Los Angeles. Interest grew so quickly Kay founded the nonprofit to better organize to meet demand and seek corporate sponsors.

"I never thought myself as a founder of a nonprofit," Kay said. "I just thought, 'I'm a guy who likes to do good through video, a filmmaker.' But it was really through people saying, 'Hey, how are we going to get involved?' I just sort of stepped up."

Super Soul Party has five sponsors helping cover the costs for this year's parties that are much more than just food and football. Guests can get haircuts from barbers, clothing and dignity bags of personal hygiene items. Mental health counselors and people who can help with housing and jobs have been added as well.

Kay said the food and watching the game are important.

"Then we're able to tackle on a deeper essence of the person, to build them back up," Kay said. "And so the bigger picture from day one was to really bring back a connection to people who do not have it so they could go on and to rebuild their own lives."

Super Soul Party works with existing nonprofits. Expanding beyond New York has been accomplished through volunteer coordinators connecting with homeless shelters and other groups in their own towns.

Erika Harsanyi in Orlando, Florida, saw one of Kay's videos from an early party and wanted to host one in her city. She too often felt helpless as a trauma nurse seeing homeless people needing more help than what an emergency room could provide.

Now Orlando is about to host its first party with approximately 500 people expected at Exploria Stadium, a space big enough to feel safe in these COVID-impacted times. Harsanyi said the Super Bowl offers homeless people an experience most people take for granted.

"We don't think how lucky we are whereas that's something that ... maybe they may not have ever been able to experience," Harsanyi said. "And to be able to provide that with resources, it's a really great opportunity. I'm hoping we can agree to make this a regular yearly thing."

Carlton Bussey, 57, has attended several of the parties in New York. A case manager for people with mental disabilities, Bussey now works in a men's shelter after dealing with his own substance abuse issues that left him homeless for a time. He says the parties offer a sense of normalcy.

"You feel like you belong to something good," Bussey said. "People don't pay a lot of attention to people who are homeless, you know?"

Kay has big dreams to keep growing the nonprofit's reach with more events held throughout the year. But he also sees tying them in with big sporting events such as soccer's upcoming World Cup.

"I find people are thirsty to connect even more so through the pandemic, and people want to give what they can," Kay said.

YOUR COLUMN HERE

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work with us on moving to ample and safe alternative locations.

Though our staff continues to lead with educating vendors about our permit program and seeking voluntary compliance with our local health and safety laws, when necessary, enforcement remains an important tool given the real dangers to public safety and health. Our enforcement efforts are an effective collaboration between our Fire Department, Code Enforcement, Police Department and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, the lead agency on proper food handling and permitting. Advisals far exceed enforcement actions.

Beyond safety, there are other challenges that add complexity and create confusion for sidewalk vendors and the public. The State Retail Food Code has cumbersome requirements that present barriers to entry, particularly for food vendors. We strongly support modernizing these rules and identifying opportunities to streamline access to safe, permitted food vending, and look forward to partnering with vendor advocates in this effort over the coming months.

We welcome the interest in Santa Monica's approach to sidewalk vending and are eager to channel the energy and activism toward our shared goal of getting more vendors into our program in support of their success as small business owners. By working with vendors to become permitted, encouraging safe locations off the Pier, and advocating for changes to State law that will make permitting easier, we are confident we are moving in the right direction toward a shared goal of accessible and inclusive entrepreneurship in our public spaces.

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COVID falling in 49 of 50 states as deaths near 900,000

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Associated Press

New cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. are falling in 49 of 50 states as omicron rapidly loosens its grip, even as the nation's death toll closes in on another bleak round number: 900,000.

The number of lives lost to the pandemic in the U.S. stood at about 899,000 Friday afternoon, with deaths running at an average of more than 2,400 a day, back up to where they were last winter, when the vaccine drive was still getting started.

New cases per day have tanked by almost a half-million nationwide since mid-January, the curve trending downward in every state but Maine. And the number of Americans in the hospital with COVID-19 has fallen 15% over that period to about 124,000.

Similarly, an early-warning program that looks for the virus in sewage found that COVID-19 infections are declining in the majority of participating U.S. communities, according to data posted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Deaths are still on the rise in at least 35 states, reflecting the lag time between when victims become infected and when they succumb.

But public health officials have expressed hope that the worst of omicron is coming to an end, though they caution that things could still go bad again and dangerous new variants could emerge.

Los Angeles County may end outdoor mask requirements in a few weeks, Public Health Director Dr. Barbara Ferrer said Thursday. But that is unlikely to happen before the Feb. 13 Super Bowl, which will draw as many as 100,000 people to SoFi Stadium in Inglewood.

Ferrer said COVID-19 infections and hospitalizations in California's biggest county are falling, and deaths may start to drop as well.

"Post-surge does not imply that the pandemic is over or that transmission is low, or that there will not be unpredictable waves of surges in the future," she warned.

In Maine, the only state where cases are going up, public health officials have de-emphasized daily case counts, noting a backlog of tens of thousands of unprocessed ones, and contend hospitalizations are a more useful measure. And those are trending downward.

Maine has one of the highest COVID-19 vaccination rates in the country, at nearly 78% fully inoculated. The state lifted its indoor mask mandate and limits on attendance at indoor events months ago, though some communities, including Portland, have re-instituted indoor mask rules.

Arizona has seen its daily case and hospitalization numbers decline, though deaths are still on the rise, climbing from average of about 61 a day last week to almost 79 as of Tuesday.

"We have reason to be hopeful, but we are by no means out of the woods," Elizabeth Jacobs, a University of Arizona professor of epidemiology, said Thursday on Twitter.

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds said she is calling an end to the state's coronavirus public health emergency, a move that will limit the release of health data. The step reflects her long-held belief that it is time to get past pandemic restrictions and move toward the point when COVID-19 becomes, like the flu, a manageable part of everyday life.

In Washington state, the Legislature is allowing double the number of senators on the chamber floor starting Monday.

Overall, new cases in the U.S. have plummeted from a record-obliterating average of more than 800,000 a day in mid-January to about 357,000.

Associated Press writers Becky Bohrer in Juneau, Alaska; Paul Davenport in Phoenix; Robert Jablon in Los Angeles; Michael Stobbe in New York; and Patrick Whittle in Portland contributed to this report.

CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON FEB 2 AT ABOUT 5:55 P.M.

Officers responded to an arson call near the intersection of Neilson and Pacific after a witness reported seeing a man set fire to a trash can. Upon arrival, officers found a construction fence on fire and requested SMFD respond to extinguish the fire. While searching the area, officers located Dejuan Arshay Hall who was subsequently identified by the witness as the man who set the trash can on fire. During the investigation, officers learned that a second fire had been set in the area at about the same time and investigators recovered Hall's identification at the scene.

JOBS

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high, the pace of layoffs down and the unemployment rate having already reached a healthy level. The nation gained more jobs last year, adjusted for the size of the workforce, than in any year since 1978. Much of that improvement represented a rebound from record job losses in 2020 that were driven by the pandemic recession.

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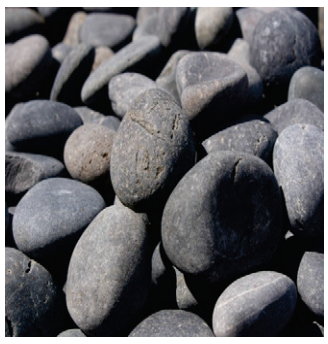
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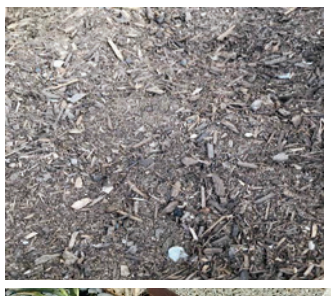
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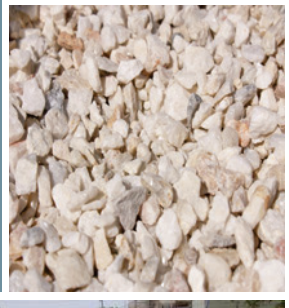
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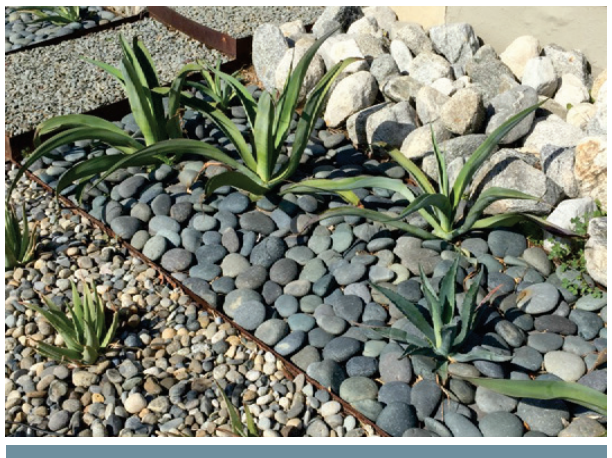
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PS3

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A writ of supersedeas, if granted, would keep PS3 from being demolished until the appeal was heard in the LA County Court of Appeals.

On Friday, his legal team from the law office Ervin Cohen & Jessup LLP asked Judge Mitchell Beckloff — who threw out their original case — to stay his Jan. 28 decision so that they could launch an appeal; that request was granted, giving attorneys Allan B. Cooper, Ellia Thompson and Jeffrey T. Harlan until Thursday, Feb. 10, to file their appeal.

SMBOA's case was thrown out because their legal team missed a filing deadline in the case against the City of Santa Monica and California Coastal Commission. The attorneys had a 90 day window in which to file documents, which they missed by 22 days.

Speaking to the Daily Press on Friday, Thompson said they were "definitely going to appeal" Beckloff's decision.

"If an attorney admits to having made an error — failed to file something, mis-calendared something, got confused about a date — the state legislature was very clear that the court had jurisdiction, both mandatory and discretionary, to grant such a motion so that, you know, the petitioner, the plaintiff, and the underlying action isn't harmed because their attorney made a simple mistake," Thompson said. "It's a very, very harsh ruling that, in the midst of a pandemic, and everybody working remotely, an attorney mis-calendars one notice that is required — OK, it is required — but mis-calendars, failed to file, this one notice."

Thompson went on to say she felt her client had a strong case that would have been won had it not been for the missed filing date.

The City of Santa Monica has so far not altered its plans to demolish the parking structure on Feb. 14.

"SMBOA asked the court for a longer stay that would extend for [the] entire appeal period," Santa Monica spokesperson



Clara Harter

PARKING: Demolition may be delayed.

Constance Farrell wrote in an email on Friday afternoon. "The court denied SMBOA's request so that the City's planned demolition schedule can remain in place. Demolition is set to begin February 14th. The order outlines that the City can still close the parking structure and cease operations. Demolition will commence once the stay is lifted, which we are hopeful will happen."

In documents filed by the City's legal counsel, Santa Monica City Engineer Alex Nazarchuk said a stay in the demolition would adversely affect the project going forward.

"Delaying the start date of the PS 3 demolition project would have a significant financial impact on the project cost," Nazarchuk said. "Each day that the project is delayed the materials, labor, disposal, and equipment costs for the project will increase due to inflation."

The demolition would be the first step in a City plan to replace PS3 with a 120- to 150-unit affordable housing project, which has been in the works since 2018.

SMBOA argues that the project's environmental impact report, or EIR, was not comprehensive and did not meet California Environmental Quality Act standards, since it did not address the housing project specifically, but had been done before there were plans to build housing at that location.

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CRIME

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The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office confirmed that the two older children were decapitated and that the two younger boys were shown their slain siblings and forced to stay in their bedrooms for several days without food.

The victims were stabbed Nov. 29, 2020, and their bodies were still inside the family's home in the 45000 block of Century Circle when authorities arrived five days later, according to Deputy Eric Ortiz of the LASD.

Taylor worked at a physical therapy center in Santa Monica, but had been conducting training sessions via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of his clients contacted authorities when they could not reach him for scheduled appointments in the week leading up to the discovery of the children's bodies.

Criminal proceedings were temporarily suspended for Taylor after a doubt was declared in December 2020 about his mental competency, but were subsequently reinstated last year.

Taylor and Brothwell each remain jailed in lieu of $4.2 million bail and are due back in a Lancaster courtroom Feb. 15.

Without naming Taylor, District Attorney George Gascón noted in December 2020 that a defendant charged in a "horrific case in Lancaster" could face "more than a half a century" behind bars if he's convicted.

The murder charges against Taylor do not include special circumstance allegations that could have made him eligible for the death penalty or life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Taylor faces a potential state prison sentence of 57 years and four months to life if convicted as charged, according to the District Attorney's Office.

It was not immediately clear whether Brothwell could face the same potential life prison sentence if she is convicted as charged.

Gascón said he has heard the "hue and cry" about how the filing decision may "somehow provide less safety for our community in the case."

"What would be the utility to take somebody that is probably going to spend the rest of his life in prison to continue to add years and waste taxpayers' money on additional litigation?" the county's top prosecutor asked soon after being sworn in to office.

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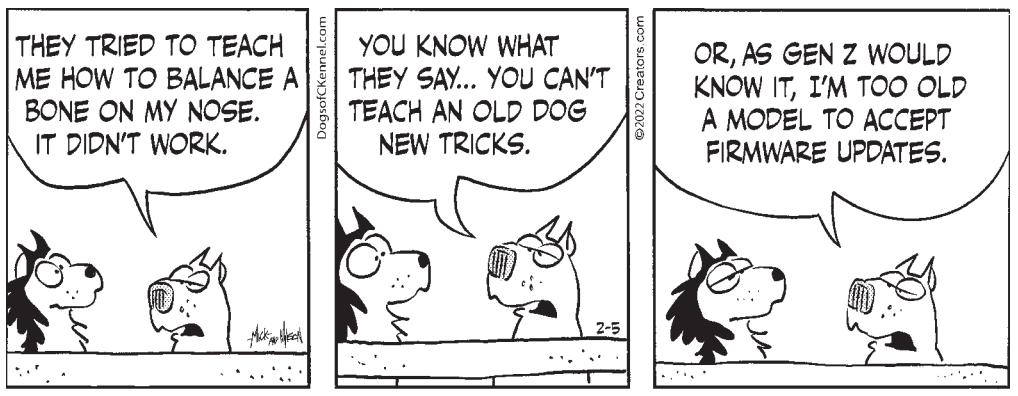
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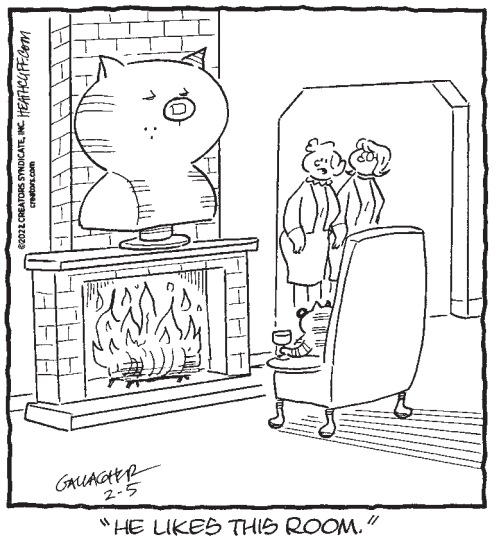
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WATER TEMP: 58.5°

SATURDAY - **POOR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high
Little NW pulse coming through. Wind cranks offshore in the morning again which may be tough for the small surf. Going to need all the foam you've got, even at top winter spots.

SUNDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Another small pulse of NW swell due to come up slowly through the day. Wind looking light a majority of the day.

WEATHER

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 71. North northwest wind around 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50. North northeast wind around 10 mph.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 73. North wind around 10 mph, with gusts as high as 15 mph.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). What people are forgetting is that ultimately, we are all on the same team. You'll look for commonalities, de-escalate conflict and nip petty matters in the bud.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Extremely capable people attract those who are less so. There is nothing wrong with this, especially if the aim is to teach and uplift. Even so, be wary of the red flag of a leader surrounded exclusively by inexperienced yes-people.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You deserve ease and a sense of spaciousness in your life. Delegate when necessary — also when unnecessary. Assign the tasks now before tiny responsibilities build into an avalanche.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Getting it right the first time is a rarity, so set your expectations accordingly. You might even say that such beginner's luck is something of a robbery. What is there to learn from?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When faced with a puzzling or displeasing result, distance is the response that buys you time. No need to explain, complain, argue or raise your voice — just walk.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Nonsensically, you will feel younger as the year progresses. Worry disappears, playfulness returns, and the fun people just keep coming. Your living space will reflect your lighter, brighter frame of mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Finances improve as you pick up a new skill, but which one should you learn? Investigate options, poke around and tune in to your curiosity. Bottom line, you'll stick with what interests you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are forces at work that you don't know about and won't know about until the plot thickens. But if you sense there are angels on your side, that's something you're right about.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll sacrifice to make a relationship work. You care more about getting along and lifting the other person than you do about pushing your own agenda. There's a balance to strike here. Only do what you can do gladly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A job may be easy for you in theory, but unpredictable elements could take it in any number of directions. Be careful not to claim too much or over-promise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have the option of demonstrating your might. Is it wise? Secret strengths can be more powerful, as they are coiled in the element of surprise. Be strategic.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Accept help judiciously. The help of one person will make life easier, whereas the "help" of another person will overcomplicate things and make life harder than it was to begin with.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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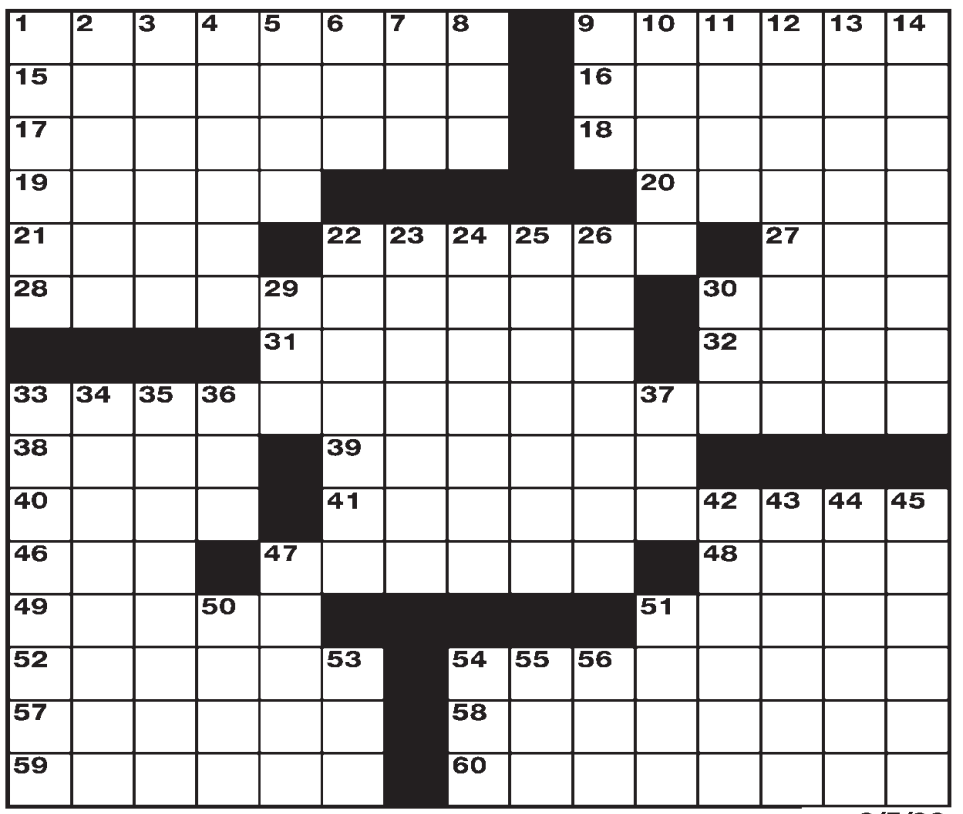
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15 Specialty barn
16 DuPont's countertop brand
17 Sandy place
18 Wiggle, in a way
19 Puts up
20 Fate of some rats
21 White-glove activity
22 Doubleday's post, early 1861
27 What Tantalus started with
28 Residential refuge
30 One with a big food bill
31 Act before a shortage
32 "Back" or "front" group
33 Best female character of all time, per a *Hollywood Reporter* poll (2016)
38 *New World Symphony* soloist
39 Ice-cream scoop
40 Chops, for instance
41 Stop on a Universal tour
46 Shut down
47 Doctrine deciders
48 Stall starter
49 Stall offerings
51 Stall sound
52 Four-Emmy voice actor (1998-2015)
54 Long tubes of war
57 Looks inside offices
58 Guard duty
59 Puts up
60 It started as a playing-card seller (1889)

DOWN
1 Maintenance miscellany
2 Assembly instructions
3 Expression for patience
4 Minimalist furniture maker of old
5 Steinway & __
6 One relaxing in a den
7 Exploit
8 Robert Turner III
9 Exploit
10 Nursery catalog patron
11 Fruit-shaped breakfast brand
12 Find extraordinary success
13 Oscar winner as Winger's mother
14 Big name on beer trucks
22 Didn't get involved
23 What the moons Ariel and Oberon are
24 City near Yosemite
25 Withstood hardship, with "out"
26 One of Victoria's titles
29 __ blue (Ivy hue)
30 "Handy cove" in *Treasure Island*
33 Diner descriptor misnomer
34 Whom Sir Michael portrayed in a Muppet Christmas movie
35 Indy Toronto, for instance
36 Satisfied
37 Auxiliary
42 Worth remembering
43 Attended or adopted
44 Thing on a 1 Down list
45 Expression of impatience
47 It will often go over your head
50 Green snapper
51 Character
53 Certain foal
54 Taboo
55 "I'm the fastest thing on two feet" speaker
56 School teaching self-restraint



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What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

SATURDAY | FEB 5

DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR
Discover downtown Santa Monica's architecture, history and culture with one of our highly engaging docents. The walking tour covers about six blocks in two hours and begins at the city's first landmark, the 1875 Rapp Saloon. Reservations recommended. Open to all ages. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. 1436 2nd St.

FITNESS FEST AND CONSCIOUS MARKET
The market features a collection of elevated brands and sustainable products from 25 local and minority-owned businesses with a zero waste and self-care focus. A diverse mix of free fitness classes will be offered throughout the day, including yoga, Basecamp Fitness, Chakra Dance and more. Participants are encouraged to bring their own yoga mat, towel and water for maximum enjoyment. Complimentary healthy drinks and snacks will be available for sampling from brands such as RISE Brewing Co., MUSH, Après and Barcode. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1400 Blk of Third Street Promenade. Register at tinyurl.com/FitFridaySantaMonica

OCEAN PARK BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION
The Girl from Human Street: Ghosts of Memory in a Jewish Family by Roger Cohen. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. New York Times columnist Roger Cohen traces his family history from the 19th century to the present, exploring Jewish and national identity, anti-Semitism, and his relationship with his mother. To register, email library@santamonica.gov.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, HIGH
Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) 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. Learn more about California adult education at caladulted.org. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, CA, 90405. Visit smmusd.asapconnected.com or contact Olga Saucedo at osaucedo@smmusd.org or (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 to enroll. Classes will begin in a virtual format. If live classes become possible, they will take place at the Pico Branch Library, 2100 Pico Blvd. 12 - 3 p.m.

SUNDAY | FEB 6

GALLERY OPEN
Open daily, no reservations or admission fee. Schedule subject to change with short notice, check calendar or call (310) 458-4904 to confirm. Annenberg Community Beach House. 9 - 4 p.m.

MONDAY | FEB 7

TAKE & MAKE KIT: VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS
This kit includes supplies and instructions to make two cards, including one with a "stained glass" window, and lists of literacy resources and activities. Pick up at the Main Library Youth Services desk, Pico Branch, or Montana Branch curbside pickup. Available while supplies last. For ages 3 & up.

SNOOZER'S STORYTIME ADVENTURES
Bi-weekly on Mondays: February 7, 21 / 12 p.m. Checkers Library TV presents Snoozer's Storytime Adventures, a bi-weekly virtual series that brings children's books to life with an uplifting story, craft and song. Access the program here: https://www.youtube.com/user/SantaMonicaPL/playlists

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXHIBITS
The City is partnering with the Quinn Research Center to display exhibits at Santa Monica City Hall featuring Black historical figures in Santa Monica who worked in health and wellness. Additionally, the City is working with the Library, City staff, local schools and the Building Bridges Art Exchange to collect student art to display. The public is welcome to browse the exhibits during the City's regular business hours. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 1685 Main St.

TUESDAY | FEB 8

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
The regular meeting of Santa Monica City Council will be live streamed at youtube.com/user/Citytv16santamonica starting with closed session at 5:30 p.m.

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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 14 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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PLANNING

FROM PAGE 1

Circulation Element of the City's General Plan, Bergamot Area Plan, Downtown Community Plan, and the Zoning Ordinance to facilitate the goals of the City's Housing Element.

Planning Commission began discussing the latest proposed amendments in a Feb. 2 meeting and will continue the discussion in a Feb. 16 meeting. Once Planning Commission has voted on its recommendations to the draft zoning changes, they will be passed on to City Council for final approval.

The land use and zoning changes have the potential to dramatically alter the residential and development landscape of the City. This is what they are designed to do as building almost 9,000 new units in the next seven years requires significant change.

While the zoning amendments are lengthy and complex, their simple goal is to create incentives for developers to build housing in Santa Monica and streamline the approval process for projects to begin construction.

There are several areas in the City being targeted for residential development. These include the Bergamot area, Wilshire Blvd., Broadway, Colorado Ave., and Downtown.

A key manner in which the proposed changes will speed up the production of housing is by issuing a by-right approval process for many types of housing projects. This means that projects will forgo the public hearing process and be granted administrative approval if they meet all zoning and permitting requirements set by the City.

The by-right approval process would apply to any project consisting of residential units only, transitional or supportive housing or a mixed-use development where non-residential uses do not exceed 25 percent of the total square footage.

In the Feb. 2 meeting commissioners said they would like to require developers to hold public forums to solicit community input prior to submitting their permit applications. However, commissioners acknowledged that under a by-right system developers would not be obligated to alter plans based on this feedback so long as their plans meet the City's requirements.

Commissioner Chair Shawn Landres said that the City should be streamlining the approval of housing projects and encouraging developers to build in Santa Monica. However, he said that with the administrative review process it is essential to set very precise guidelines on the type of housing allowed in each area of the City.

"I think at times we have not provided as much certainty to housing developers, affordable or not, as we could have," said Landres. "Once we've actually defined the terms, set the rules of the game, it should be very clear to anybody coming in that if they design a project that meets the standards that we as a community have established, that they know they're going to be able to build it."

Other key proposed changes include streamlining the architectural review process for housing projects, reducing minimum parking requirements, updating the City's affordable housing production program to add more units at all income levels, and allowing multiple-unit housing in non-residential zones.

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