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Samohi grad signs on to play professional soccer in Israel



Maggie Lena

PRO: The Samohi graduate will play in Israel.

GRACE INEZ ADAMS
SMDP Staff Writer

As a kid, Maggie Lena remembers trying all kinds of sports – tennis, gymnastics, swimming, baseball – but soccer was the one that stuck. She played for multiple local clubs throughout her childhood in Santa Monica, then in high school and college and now, professionally.

The Santa Monica High School (Samohi) grad recently joined F.C. Kiryat Gat, a professional team in Israel that competes in the Israeli First League as well as the Israeli Women's cup.

"It's funny how the world works," she said, reflecting on her journey and the opportunities and connections that led to this point.

In 2015 Lena was featured on NickSport's Soccer Superstar show, an experience she credits in part with being recruited to play in college and helping launch her career.

After graduating from Samohi in 2017, Lena signed with Marquette University in Milwaukee to play for their Division I soccer team while majoring in biomedical sciences. She then played two years at West Chester University in Pennsylvania where she earned a Masters in Public Health.

In the summer of 2022, Lena was part of the team representing the US in soccer at the Maccabiah Games, an olympic-style international sporting competition between Jewish athletes that takes place in Israel every four years. It was there that she met Israeli coaches and players that eventually resulted in her being offered a spot on F.C. Kiryat Gat.

Prior to the games, she had never

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RoboCar: our ridealong in the Waymo autonomous automobile

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

By now, you've almost certainly seen one of those white, slightly-odd looking Jaguar I-Pace all-electric SUVs cruising around the city and more than likely assumed it was just a Google maps vehicle, because we're used to seeing those about and it doesn't look too dissimilar.

But, depending on whether you're someone who embraces advances in autonomous automobile technology or alternatively dreads it, the reality is either amazing or alarming. They are, in essence, robot taxis operated by a Google-owned company called Waymo.

Formally known as the Google Self-Driving Car Project, development began back in 2009 when the team was able to drive autonomously over 10 uninterrupted 100-mile routes in a significantly modified Toyota Prius.



Waymo

AUTO-MOBILE: The development of self driving vehicles continues to advance with the latest generation taking test-drives on local roads.

In 2015, a gentleman named Steve Mahan, who's legally blind, took the world's first fully autonomous ride on public roads in Austin, Texas, in a vehicle with custom sensors, computers, steering and braking — and with no steering wheel or pedals.

The project was renamed Waymo

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Homeless count concludes and the wait for results begins

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The annual homeless count has concluded countywide after the regional authority in charge finished recounts in over 200 locations.

Municipalities across the state count the number of homeless people living within their borders annually as part of a mandate from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive funding and as a tool to measure the scale of the ongoing crisis.

About 300 volunteers participated in the Santa Monica count during January. Volunteer teams were sent to specific areas within each census tract to tally the number of people who appear to be living in homelessness outside, in cars, tents and other make-shift shelters. 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.

After a Covid-induced hiatus, the count returned last year but was dogged with criticism over its accuracy. In response, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) announced an "array of updates" for this year that includes hiring a demographer and two data scientists to help optimize data analysis, increasing training, deployment of a new app for volunteers, backup systems in case the digital count software failed and a new policy to consider any census tract with missing data to be "uncounted" requiring the use of

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More than 12,000 Californians are getting cash from guaranteed income experiments

JEANNE KUANG
Special to the Daily Press

Four years after Stockton conducted a nationally-watched experiment, giving 125 households $500 a month with no strings attached, dozens of programs throughout California are testing the idea of a guaranteed income.

CalMatters identified more than 40 similar pilot programs that have run, are operating or are planning to launch around the state. They are sending certain groups of low-income people regular, unrestricted cash payments ranging from $300 to $1,800 a month for periods of six months to three years, depending on the program.

In all, the programs represent the largest modern U.S. experiment in unrestricted cash payments, with more than 12,000 Californians expected to receive more than $180 million in public and private funds. Nowhere else have so many guaranteed income pilot programs launched at the same pace.

"All of these pilots are seeking to demonstrate what's possible across the country for state and federal policy," said Sean Kline, associate director of the Stanford Basic Income Lab, which is tracking more than 100 pilot programs across the country. "It's safe to say (California) is one of the states that has the greatest scope to fund a larger-scale version of these guaranteed income pilots."

Proponents of a guaranteed income say it can bridge the gaps between wages and existing social welfare programs, and families' basic needs. They argue that unconditional cash — as opposed to typical welfare programs — gives people in poverty the freedom to address the myriad challenges that hold them back, be it high rent or a broken-down car, a lack of savings or an unexpected emergency.

The California programs are offshoots of universal basic income, a decades-old idea that was revived in 2019 when longshot presidential candidate Andrew Yang proposed giving everyone in society unrestricted cash payments as an answer to automation and job losses.

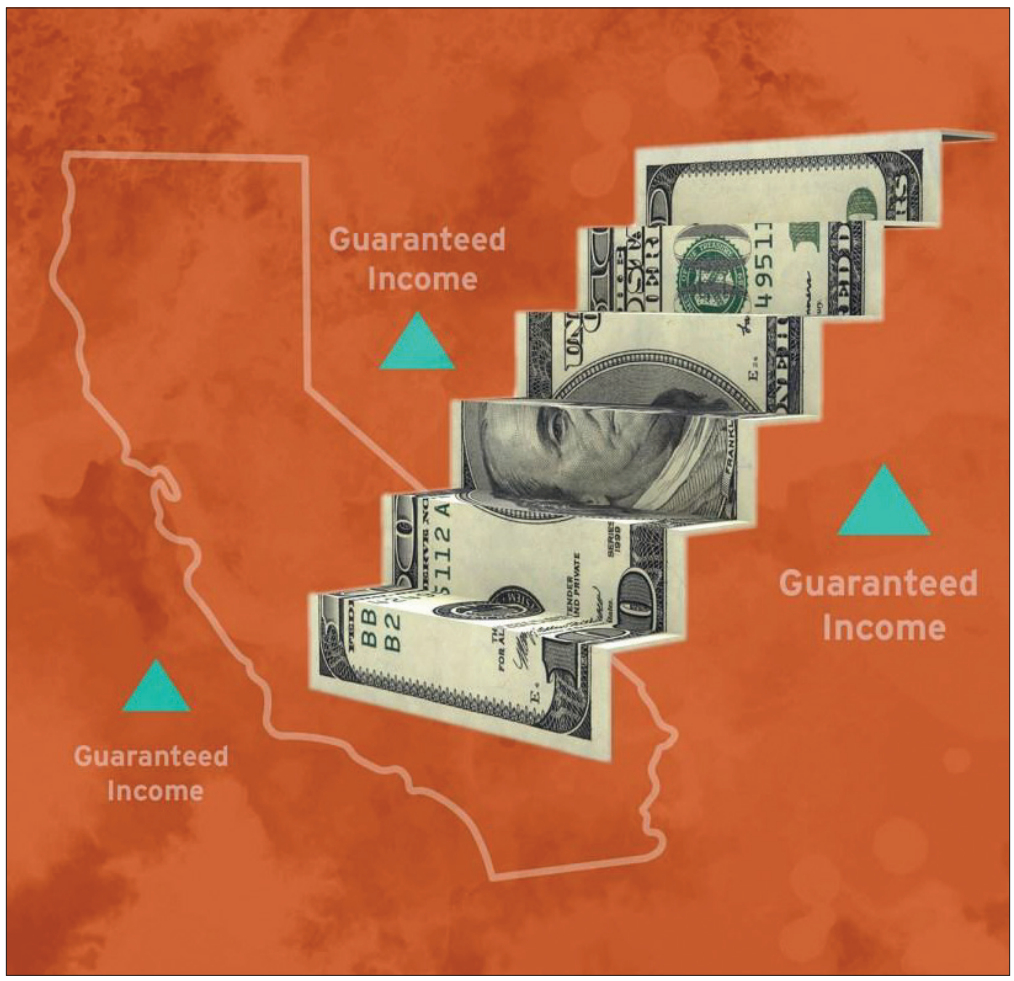
In California, with its high rate of income inequality, a growing movement instead focuses on a guaranteed income targeted to specific groups.

Some recently launched programs in Mountain View and Coachella are designed with immigrant families in mind because many immigrants were left out of federal pandemic aid programs.

Other programs across the state are testing the impacts on racial disparities, homelessness prevention, domestic violence survivors and child neglect.

In San Francisco, a privately-funded

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WAGES: Guaranteed income programs are showing results throughout the state.



Bid to keep California reactors running faces time squeeze

MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press

A late-hour attempt to extend the life of California's last nuclear power plant has run into a predicament that will be difficult to resolve: a shortage of time.

A state analysis Monday predicted it will take federal regulators until late 2026 to act on an application to extend the operating run of the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant. The problem is that the plant is scheduled to shut down permanently by mid-2025.

The future of the state's remaining reactors could hinge on operator Pacific Gas & Electric's request to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for an unusual exemption that would allow the decades-old reactors to continue making electricity while the NRC reviews the application – not yet filed —' to extend its licenses for as much as two decades.

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> - Diane Curran

One reactor is scheduled to close in November 2024, and its twin in August 2025. The plant is located on a seaside bluff, midway between Los Angeles and San Francisco.

On Monday, anti-nuclear activists and national environmental groups urged the federal agency to reject the request, saying in a petition that the exemption would amount to a dangerous, unprecedented shortcut that would expose the public to safety risks from reactors that began operating in the mid-1980s.

"There is absolutely no precedent for the exemption requested by PG&E. The NRC has never allowed a reactor to operate past its license expiration dates without thoroughly assessing the safety and environmental risks," Diane Curran, an attorney for the anti-nuclear advocacy group Mothers for Peace, said in a statement.

The dispute over the potential exemption is the latest battlefront in a long-running fight over the safety of the reactors. Construction of the Diablo Canyon plant began in the 1960s and critics say potential shaking from nearby earthquake faults, not recognized when the design was first approved, could damage equipment and release radiation. One nearby fault was not discovered until 2008. PG&E has long said the plant is seismically safe; federal regulators have agreed.

Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom — who once supported closing the plant — did a turnaround last year and argued it needed to keep running beyond the scheduled closure to ward off possible blackouts as the state transitions to solar and other renewable sources. At his urging, the Legislature dissolved a complex 2016 agreement among environmentalists, plant worker unions and the utility to close the plant by 2025, opening a pathway to keep it running longer. The utility said it changed direction given the energy policies adopted by the state.

PG&E officials have said they are eager for certainty about the plant's future because of the difficulty of reversing course on a plant that was headed for permanent retirement, but now needs to prepare for a potentially longer lifespan.

In October, the utility asked the NRC to resume consideration of an application initially submitted in 2009 to extend the plant's life, which later was withdrawn after PG&E in 2016 announced plans to shutter the reactors when the licenses expired.

But the idea of going back in time to resume consideration of the previous filing was rejected by the agency, leaving PG&E with the time-consuming task of submitting a new application that it expects to file by the end of the year.

Reviewing a request for an extended license typically takes two years or more. Without extended licenses, that means one reactor, or both, might have to close while the NRC reviews the applications.

That led to a separate request: PG&E wants the NRC to allow the plant to continue running beyond its current, authorized term while the federal agency considers the license extensions. That ruling is not expected until next month.

Typically, if a nuclear plant files for a license extension at least five years before the expiration of the existing license, the existing license remains in effect until the NRC's application review is complete, even if it technically passes the expiration date. But PG&E would not meet the usual five-year benchmark.

In documents submitted to the NRC, the company said the change it's seeking "will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety."

Without the exemption, the NRC would have less than a year to conduct the license-

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program is testing how a guaranteed income could support artists and another helps low-income pregnant residents and new mothers.

The Abundant Births project — privately funded but recently approved for state grants to expand to five other counties — has been giving $1,000 a month to expectant Black and Pacific Islander parents during pregnancy and for six months after giving birth.

The two demographic groups experience high rates of adverse outcomes, such as preterm birth, low birth weights and maternal and infant mortality, said Dr. Zea Malawa, a program manager in the city's public health department. University of California researchers will study if reducing financial stress improves children's development and other outcomes.

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>
> - Dr. Zea Malawa

"We're hoping to access people during this critical window that can have huge ramifications for the baby for the rest of their life," Malawa said. "When a baby is born healthy and on time and in loving, supportive, non-stressful situations, the benefits of that last a lifetime."

California is the first state to pilot its own guaranteed income programs, using a pool of funding Gov. Gavin Newsom approved in 2021.

The Department of Social Services has announced it's giving $25 million to pilot seven programs that later this year will enroll 1,975 pregnant parents and foster youth preparing to leave state custody. The programs, which are required to provide at least 50% in private matching funds, will pay participants $600 to $1,200 a month for 12 or 18 months.

"This effort will serve as an important opportunity to assess the impact of an economic intervention during key life transitions," said Jason Montiel, a spokesperson for the California Department of Social Services. Researchers at the Urban Institute and UC Berkeley will study the employment, educational outcomes, financial stress, health and overall wellbeing of the recipients.

Several cities and counties are also testing their own programs, spurred by political support for cash payments during the pandemic and an influx of federal COVID relief dollars.

It could be years before anyone knows the lessons learned from the experiments. The results are intended to help policymakers determine whether discretionary cash — in addition to other assistance programs — can alleviate social problems, improve lives and perhaps save money in the long term. They also may prompt discussions about whether current assistance programs should be reformed or supplanted.

BRIDGING GAPS

Many California pilot programs, including the state-funded ones, allow the recipient to continue receiving their other safety-net benefits while getting the guaranteed income.

Critics say such unrestricted payouts discourage work and that California can't afford to expand its social safety net this way.

The pilots created new cash benefits "and simply tacked it onto the existing welfare system, and that's not reforming the system," said Michael Tanner, a senior fellow at the libertarian Cato Institute. He said he supports replacing existing programs with unrestricted cash.

"I'm not sure the answer should be spending any more than we already are," he said.

Also among the skeptics: Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher, leader of the California Labor Federation, who argues that relying on cash programs to supplement family incomes lets employers off the hook for paying low wages.

"When it comes to social programs, they should be targeted towards people who can't work," she said. "If you work 40 hours a week, or 50 or 60 hours a week, you should not live in poverty, and you should not be able to qualify for social service programs."

Meanwhile managers of the pilots say they're making a case for the government to make safety net programs less rigid.

"I hope people learn that you can trust people with money," said Michael Tubbs, the former Stockton mayor who launched the city's guaranteed income program in 2019. "Money may not solve every single issue, but every single issue is more solvable when folks have their basics taken care of."

That was the case for Stephanie Drzymkowski. The 41-year-old Los Angeles single mother used to drive 60 miles each way to a staffing agency job in Orange County. Her 1996 Bronco frequently gave out on the freeway.

"I already knew I was on the verge of losing that job at any time," she said.

After she was laid off in 2021, she made UberEats deliveries on a bike to pay rent on the single room she shares with her 9-year-old daughter.

Then Los Angeles picked her as one of 3,204 randomly selected families with children living below the poverty line for its guaranteed income pilot. The program ran for a year in 2022.

She put the first $1,000 monthly check toward a down payment on a car. That got her to a new job — that she made it to on time, she said. She made car payments for the rest of the program and put the rest in savings, hoping to one day get her and her daughter their own apartment.

A report on Stockton's program released in 2021 found that one year in, those who received the guaranteed income were nearly twice as likely as a control group to be able to pay for an unexpected expense with cash. They also reported improved mental health and — a surprise to some — they increased their rate of employment.

At the start of the program, 28% of the group was employed full-time. A year into the experiment, 40% was. A control group's full-time employment increased from 32% to 37%.

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> - Celeste Rodriguez, associate director of the Community Investment for Families Department

Some recipients used the money to train for better, higher-paying jobs, or they consolidated gig work into full employment, the report said.

The next report, on Stockton's second year, is expected to be released sometime this year. Meanwhile, Tubbs advises Newsom on poverty and inequality, and he founded Mayors for a Guaranteed Income, which helped launch several other guaranteed income pilots in California and is pushing for a federal policy.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS?

Some program managers hesitate to point to a single outcome as their program's measure of success. One primary goal, they said, is to give low-income families more decision-making power.

"The whole basis of guaranteed income is believing that people are best positioned to address their needs," said Celeste Rodriguez, associate director of the Community Investment for Families Department, which oversees the Los Angeles city pilot. "Any opportunity to support families in meeting their basic needs, that's a piece of success for us."

Dawnté Early, CEO of United Way of the California Capitol Region, oversees a two-year, philanthropically-funded program in Sacramento that wraps up this June. A second iteration, which the city and Sacramento County will fund, will include an evaluation by a Sacramento State University researcher.

Early said she wants the state to one day run a guaranteed income program, but the variety of pilot programs operating now will have to provide answers to some overall questions — such as are the payments best suited for immediate needs or for long-term financial stability, and how many months does it typically take to gain stability?

"How are you actually measuring (the program) 'working?'" she said. "I think it is really important over the next couple of years ... that there be almost a pool of questions that we all agree on."

Others say there isn't much research yet on what happens to participants several years after a pilot program ends. Proponents acknowledge that if the government is going to expand a program, they'll need more data on how the payments affect employment.

In Marin County, preliminary results suggest that building a longer-term financial safety net from the programs is more challenging than meeting immediate needs.

The Marin Community Foundation this year will wrap up a two-year pilot program of giving $1,000 a month to 125 low-income mothers of color.

More than 90% of recipients have so far reported using at least some of the money on basic needs, and 7% have said they've been able to save some of it, said Barbara Clifton Zarate, the foundation's director of economic opportunity.

About half of participants don't have any savings, she said.

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California Sen. Feinstein says she won't run for reelection

MICHAEL R. BLOOD
AP Political Writer

Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein, whose groundbreaking political career shattered gender barriers from San Francisco's City Hall to the corridors of Capitol Hill, said Tuesday she won't seek reelection in 2024.

The senator, who turns 90 in June, is the oldest member of Congress and has faced questions in recent years about her cognitive health and memory, though she has defended her effectiveness representing a state that is home to nearly 40 million people.

The announcement came after several prominent Democrats, including U.S. Reps. Katie Porter and Adam Schiff, already had declared Senate campaigns. With Feinstein a now 30-year veteran of the Senate, there hasn't been a wide open competition for her seat in decades.

> "I think that will be the right time, towards the end of next year"
>
> - Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein

Feinstein plans to remain in Congress through the end of her current term. Speaking to reporters in Washington on Tuesday, she said "there's times for all things under the sun."

"I think that will be the right time, towards the end of next year," she said.

Feinstein is one of the Senate's few remaining veterans of the so-called Year of the Woman, referring to several women who were elected to the male-dominated chamber during the 1992 election. But even before she moved to Washington, Feinstein was one of the most prominent women in American politics.

She was the first woman to serve as president of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in the 1970s and the first female mayor of San Francisco. She ascended to that post after the November 1978 assassinations of then-Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk by a former supervisor, Dan White. Feinstein found Milk's body.

In the Senate, she was the first woman to head the Senate Intelligence Committee and the first woman to serve as the Judiciary Committee's top Democrat. She gained a reputation as a pragmatic centrist who left a mark on political battles over issues ranging from reproductive rights to environmental protection.

Feinstein is particularly closely associated with efforts to broaden gun restrictions. Early in her career, the Senate approved her amendment to ban manufacturing and sales of certain types of assault weapons as part of a crime bill that President Bill Clinton signed into law in 1994. The ban expired 10 years later and was never replaced, but it remained a trademark issue in a career that was molded by gun violence.

She was also known for reaching out to Republicans to find middle ground. While that may have helped her notch legislative accomplishments in Washington, it chafed some in a Democratic Party that has moved increasingly to the left in recent years.

That frustration was on display during her last reelection campaign in 2018. The California Democratic Party endorsed a liberal rival for the seat over her, with some delegates complaining Feinstein had been in Washington too long and hadn't stood strong enough for immigrants.

She infuriated liberals in 2020 when she closed out confirmation hearings for Justice Amy Coney Barrett with an embrace of Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Lindsey Graham, a Republican, and a public thanks to him for a job well done.

Liberal advocacy groups that had fiercely opposed Barrett's nomination to replace the late liberal icon Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg were furious and called for her to step down from the committee leadership. A month later, she announced she would remain on the Judiciary Committee but step down as the top Democrat.

But such tension was forgotten on Capitol Hill on Tuesday, where Democrats praised Feinstein's career. At a closed door lunch of Democratic senators, the lawmakers broke into rounds of applause for Feinstein after Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer announced her decision.

"She's a legend," Schumer later told reporters. "A legend in California as the first woman senator; a legend in this Senate. She was the leader on so many different issues, assault weapons, environment, women's rights, and so much else. She approached everything studiously and carefully."

At the lunch, Feinstein told her colleagues how hard her husband's death was and that she would be ready to step away from public life after finishing this term, Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., said afterward. Feinstein's husband, Richard Blum, died last year.

"Senator Feinstein made history," said Warren. "She changed this country and she was a woman on the front lines in fights, like access to assault weapons, and national security and intelligence."

Warren added: "Every other woman in public office owes a special debt to Dianne Feinstein."

In her home state, where Feinstein is the longest serving U.S. senator, she was lionized for her historic tenure in public service.

Democratic U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi, the former House speaker, called her San Francisco neighbor "a titan" of the Senate who, among her accomplishments, steered billions of federal dollars to California for environmental protection. Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom called Feinstein a mentor and credited her with "blazing a trail for a new generation of female lawmakers."

Associated Press writers Lisa Mascaro and Stephen Groves in Washington contributed.

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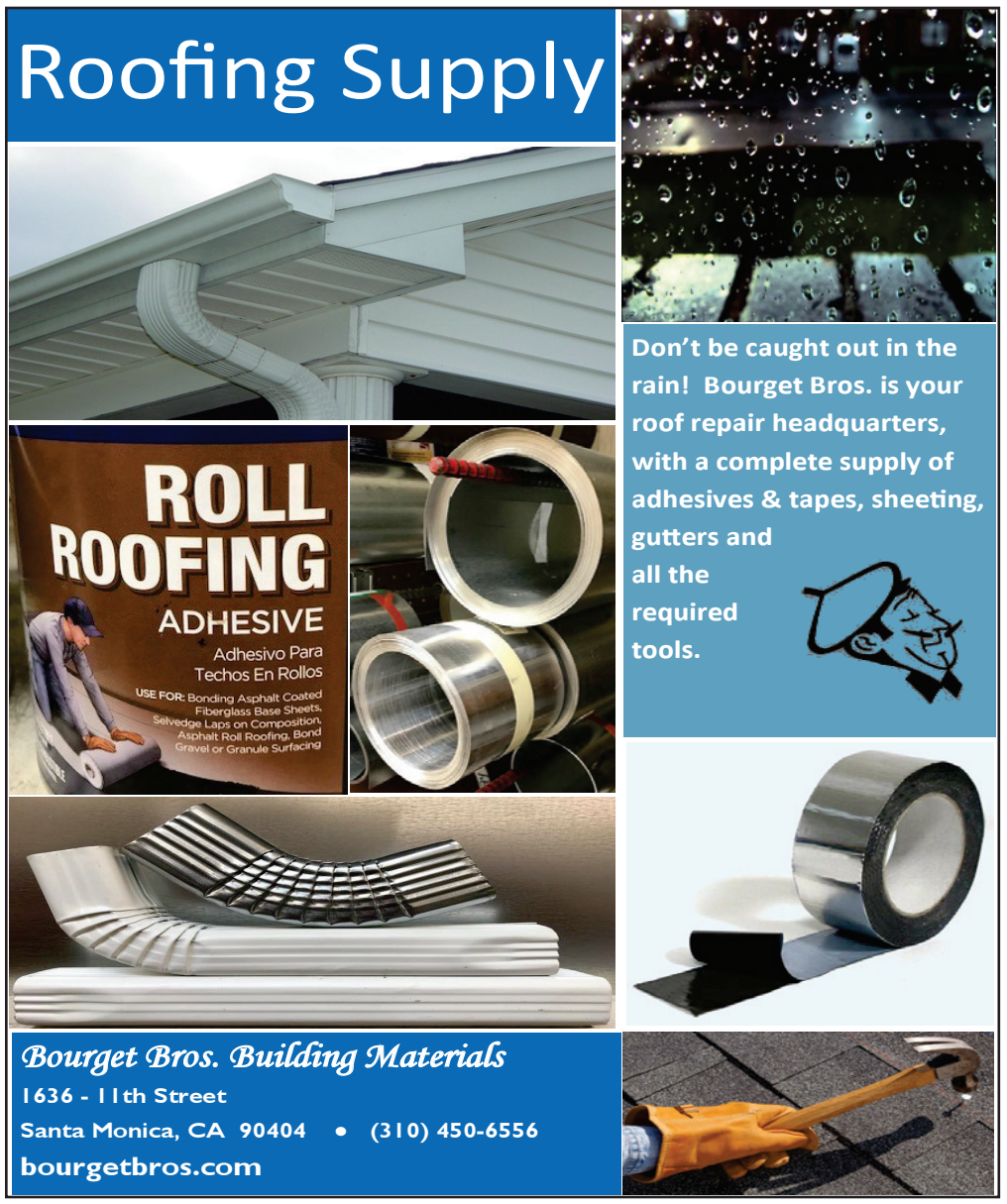
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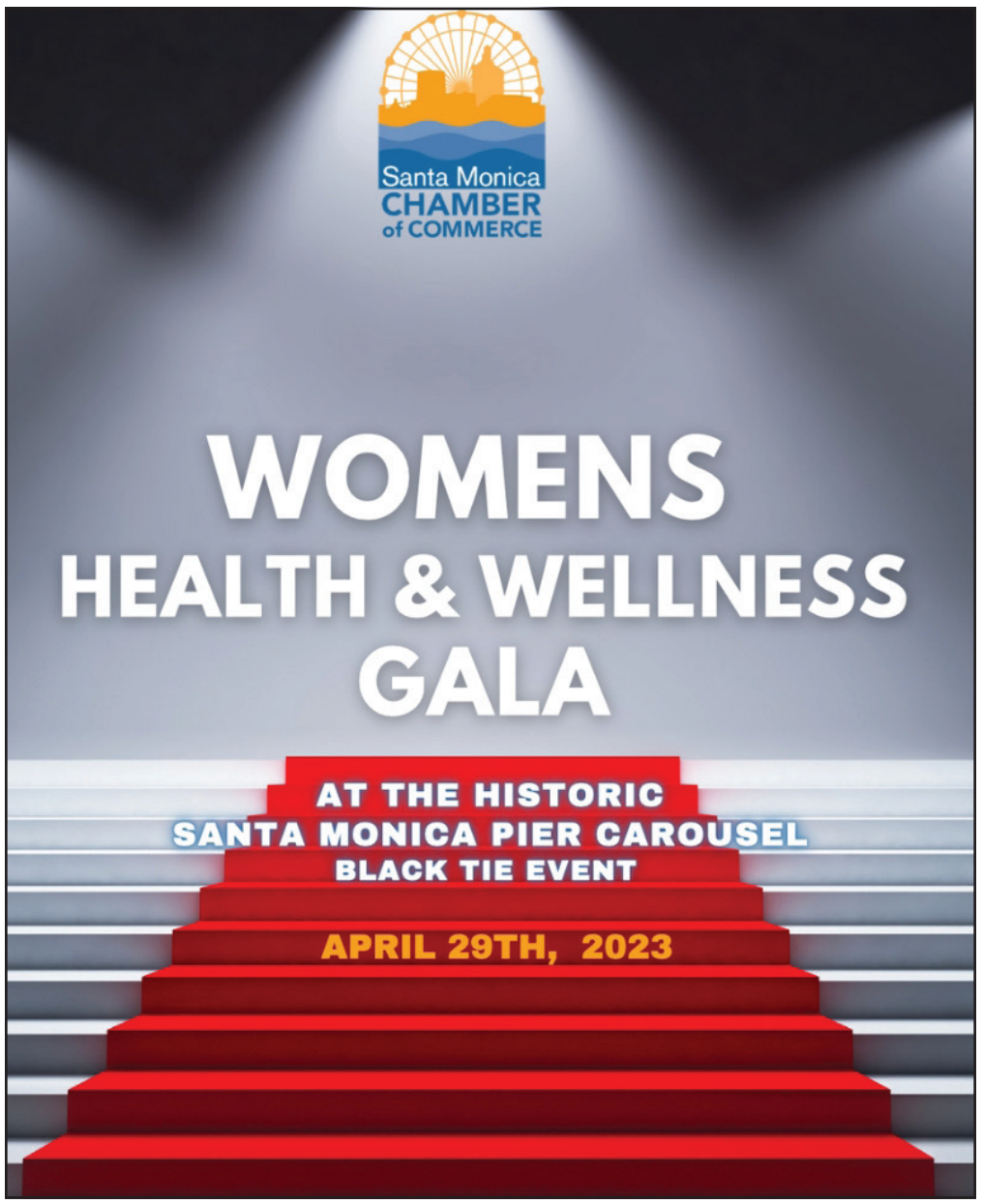
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GUEST COMMENTARY

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COVID-19 effects on California will linger for years

DAN WALTERS
special to the Daily Press

Gov. Gavin Newsom says California's COVID-19 state of emergency will end on Feb. 28, just four days shy of three years since he issued the first of countless orders he said were necessary to cope with the pandemic.

> Throughout the pandemic, we've been guided by the science and data – moving quickly and strategically to save lives
>
> - Gov. Gavin Newsom

"Throughout the pandemic, we've been guided by the science and data – moving quickly and strategically to save lives," Newsom said in October announcing the February end date. "The state of emergency was an effective and necessary tool that we utilized to protect our state, and we wouldn't have gotten to this point without it."

The efficacy of Newsom's pandemic orders will be debated for years, particularly the shutdowns of schools and businesses and the billions of dollars in no-bid contracts his administration issued.

What cannot be debated, however, is that their impacts on millions of Californians will linger for years, decades or perhaps even generations.

Nearly 3 million Californians lost their jobs due to the shutdown orders. While the state has, on paper, recovered all of the jobs it lost, countless small businesses that shut their doors have not reopened.

With work-at-home the growing norm, restaurants and other businesses dependent on concentrated employment were clobbered. The downtowns of the state's larger cities – including the state capital, Sacramento – were hollowed out and have not, in the main, recovered.

California's stark divide between haves and have-nots grew wider. Upper-income Californians could do their jobs from home but lower-income service workers simply lost their jobs. Some qualified for unemployment insurance, but a managerial meltdown at the state Employment Development Department delayed, sometimes for months, benefits for legitimate claimants while EDD handed out billions of dollars to fraudsters.

School shutdowns, and the fitful efforts to continue instruction via the internet, had a devastating effect on students, especially those from poor families which lacked technology and whose parents could not work from home. The "achievement gap" that has long plagued California's public school system widened even further, recent research has found.

Several new studies add even more evidence that the steps taken by the state to combat COVID-19 will have long-term negative impacts.

An analysis by The Associated Press, Stanford University's Big Local News project and Stanford education professor Thomas Dee determined that 234,000 students in 21 states vanished from public school enrollment rolls during the pandemic. More than half of them were in California.

Overall, in those states, enrollment dropped by about 700,000 students, but most of the decline could be explained by enrollments in private schools, movements to other states or shifts to at-home instruction. Of the remaining 234,000 absences for which there was no explanation, researchers said, 152,000 were in California.

The Public Policy Institute of California crunched the numbers and discovered that not only did COVID-19 kill about 100,000 Californians but that the state's life expectancy, which had been tied for the nation's highest with Hawaii at 80.9 years, has dropped by two years – the first such decline since World War II.

PPIC found that the higher death rate has disproportionately affected non-white Californians, particularly Latino and Black residents. "Between 2019 and 2021, the death rate (deaths per 1,000 residents) increased 51% among Latinos, 31% among Blacks, 26% among Asian-Americans, and 17% among whites," the PPIC reported.

Finally, a new study UCLA Center for Health Policy Research found that Newsom's stay-at-home orders, affecting businesses, child care centers and school, created financial hardships that led to psychological distress and a sharp increase in turmoil and conflict, including domestic violence.

Some COVID-19 victims are experiencing long COVID, with lasting debilitative effects. California suffers from lingering effects as well.

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WAYMO

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in December 2016 following a corporate restructuring of Google and it now operates commercial self-driving taxi services in San Francisco and Phoenix, Arizona. Moreover, it is currently the only self-driving commercial service that operates without safety backup drivers in the vehicle. And now it's coming to Santa Monica.

Although not just Santa Monica. Once the stuff of science fiction, these self-driving cars are becoming a common sight on our streets, they are also being tested in Koreatown, Downtown, the Miracle Mile, West Hollywood as well as the City of Santa Monica. The Daily Press went for a ride along to observe one of these fully autonomous automobiles in action.

"One of the things we're really excited about is building experience in this neighborhood to understand all the different local nuances of how people drive in a neighborhood like Santa Monica," said Vishay Nihalani, Group Product Manager at Waymo.

Along with Nihalani in the vehicle was Sandy Karp, Communications Manager at Waymo and a woman named Lindsay Aralar, who was sitting in the driver's seat and had her hands never further than about an inch from the steering wheel. Aralar is an Autonomous Specialist for Waymo and it's her job to react should there be any kind of emergency.

The heavily modified "fifth generation" Jaguar I-Pace all-electric SUV features an extensive array of sensors and instruments, including LiDAR, which stands for Light Detection and Ranging. While the Waymo vehicles also incorporate cameras and radar, LiDAR offers a level of accuracy for 3D mapping at a resolution hundreds of times higher than radar and there are several of these mounted over the exterior in key positions.

Nihalani explained that in the cities where the Waymo service is already fully operational, the steering wheel hasn't been removed or blocked off, but there are informational stickers on the windows that advise against sitting in that particular seat. After all, one of the benefits of not having to drive a car home after a night out is that you can drink…and as any taxi driver will tell you, there are always instances involving drunk passengers.

"The system is designed to detect whether somebody's touching the steering wheel," he said. "If you were to try to grab it, you wouldn't be able to really move it, but we can tell that you're trying to touch it and then we can pull the vehicle over."

Eventually, the aim is to produce a fully passenger oriented vehicle, with configurations that have no steering wheel where regulations allow that to be the case. However, there is no timeline or predetermined schedule as to when Waymo will roll out its ride hailing service.

"We don't yet have a defined timeline that we've announced publicly, but things are coming along pretty well. After we launched in San Francisco, we saw it transpose quite quickly to downtown Phoenix. And now as we see it, driving here, you can feel the ride is pretty smooth," Nihalani said.

"And so the process becomes quicker and quicker with every new city that we operate in. So hopefully, it'll be a shorter wait time to bring these cities online, but there's no date for the Waymo One ride hailing service here just yet."

According to Nihalani, the vehicles are also undergoing extensive testing in rain and wet weather conditions in Washington state.

We exited the car and Nihalani pointed out all of the sensors, all of which had been very nicely molded to the contours of the car…at which point it just drove off without telling anybody or anything. I was reassured that while Autonomous Specialist Lindsay Aralar was still inside, this was all part of a typical day's work and the vehicle had more than likely been summoned by an engineer for further testing and analysis.

San Francisco might be the unofficial tech hub of the country and California is without question one of the more progressive states in the US, but the idea is still one that might take some getting used to.

"I don't even like Teslas, I don't like the idea of an autopilot in a car, I think it's creepy and weird. And, no I would never, ever have a robot drive for me. I don't even like those things that deliver lunches. I like human contact and human interaction," said Santa Monica resident Cindy Smith 32.

Upon being asked if he would allow himself to be driven by an autonomous car, Mike Brown 39 pondered for a very long time before answering, "No, probably not. We've all seen how well Tesla works. I'm being facetious by the way. So, no, I don't think we're really at that point just yet."

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SOCCER

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been to Israel, but said she had always wanted to go and that joining the team felt like a natural fit.

"I had always had the intention of [visiting] and I am Jewish so I think coming to Israel to play and represent this amazing country but also my culture has been a huge factor of it as well," she said.

Lena arrived in Israel three weeks ago and said that while it has been an incredible experience so far, that does not mean she has not missed home.

"I think it never gets easier saying bye to family for long stretches of time and also just the amazing community that I grew up in," she said.

She said she valued the strong sense of community surrounding sports in Santa Monica and also treasured her time as a member of Samohi's girl's soccer team.

"The joy I had with soccer was playing also at Samo and being on that team for four years," she said. "It was very special growing up and continuing my passion but in a more like fun high school environment."

She said that adjusting to a new country and the language barrier have posed challenges during her transition, but she sees soccer as a way to overcome them.

"I think sport and soccer has always been a language for me," she said. "You can communicate really with anyone around the world, which is amazing… the ability to just communicate and meet all of these amazing people through soccer has been fantastic."

She said she hopes to keep speaking the language of the sport for years to come.

"Going pro has always been my dream and aspiration and goal and now that I'm here I think the language thing really came to fruition in like understanding the power of sport and soccer," she said. "I want to keep playing as long as I possibly can."

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HOMELESS

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make-up count teams to verify those results.

LAHSA oversees the Los Angeles efforts and said it had completed counts in 93% of census tracts.

"The Homeless Count is an opportunity to reflect on the life-saving impact of our collective investments, the challenges we continue to tackle together, and the humanity of the homelessness crisis. To provide the best picture possible, we needed thousands of volunteers willing to count their unsheltered neighbors," said Stephen David Simon, Interim Executive Director of LAHSA this week. "Thanks to their partnership and a well-executed quality assurance process, the Homeless Count results will paint a transparent picture of people experiencing homelessness in our region at a single point in time."

According to LAHSA, 6,066 volunteers worked on the effort this year. Some cities also assigned civic employees to the task and several special teams consisting of LAHSA outreach, County Park staff, and law enforcement counted in census tracts near creeks or other high-risk areas.

LAHSA said this week that out of the 3,193 census tracts for this year's Homeless Count, the count teams completed 2,967 census tracts over the first three nights. LAHSA outreach teams conducted make-up counts on the remaining 229 census tracts due to missing or incomplete data, including 17 census tracts located in dangerous areas like creeks or rivers, which is down from 480 make-up census tracts in 2022.

Officials said that over three nights the mobile data collection app successfully captured 95.6% of the census tract data captured by count teams.

The system did encounter a glitch on Night 2 (Jan. 25).

"The near real-time synchronization between LAHSA headquarters and site coordinators' digital dashboard and the volunteers' collection app experienced a delay between 9:30-11:00 p.m," said a report by LAHSA. "While the disruption created a lag in the real-time sync time to the database, it did not impact volunteers' ability to accurately collect data on their phones, as the mobile app is designed to work in offline scenarios. All data was captured and populated into the system. The disruption also did not impact the mobile backup survey tool the deployment site leads used to submit data and photos of the maps."

Results will be released to the public in several months after the University of Southern California (USC) performs a statistical analysis.

While the Homeless Count has concluded, if any volunteer believes that the deployment site did not record the data they collected during their count, they should contact LAHSA immediately at homelesscount@lahsa.org so the agency can take the appropriate steps to ensure all data are recorded.

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California will try to enshrine right to same-sex marriage

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California, a U.S. trendsetter for progressive policies and a state where the current governor once made news issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples in San Francisco before it was legal, will attempt to enshrine marriage equality in the state constitution.

The effort comes 15 years after a voter-approved initiative, called Proposition 8, banned the state from recognizing same-sex marriages. In 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court cleared the way for same-sex marriage in California. The constitutional amendment is still on the books, however, and that worries advocates who think the high court may revisit the 2015 case that legalized gay marriage nationwide.

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"It's absolute poison, it is so destructive and it's humiliating that this is in our constitution," said Democrat Scott Wiener, a state senator who represents San Francisco.

He and Democratic Assembly Member Evan Low of Silicon Valley plan to introduce legislation Tuesday to rescind Proposition 8. The measure would need to be approved in the Legislature by a two-thirds vote, and then it will ultimately fall to voters to decide via a referendum.

In the days leading up to Proposition 8's approval, Low joined opponents of the measure outside his alma mater De Anza College in Cupertino, California, to call on voters to reject the initiative. When it passed, it felt personal to Low, who is gay.

"Why do fellow Californians hate me?" he said. "Why do they feel that my rights should be eliminated?"

California could follow in the footsteps of Nevada, which in 2020 became the first state to amend its constitution to ensure the right to same-sex marriage. The matter took on fresh urgency last year when the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the right to an abortion established by Roe v. Wade. At the time, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas called into question other prominent cases and urged the court to reconsider them. His list included Obergefell v. Hodges, which forced states to issue and recognize same-sex marriages.

"In future cases, we should reconsider all of this Court's substantive due process precedents, including Griswold, Lawrence, and Obergefell," Thomas wrote, referencing two other landmark cases involving access to birth control and a decision striking down laws against same-sex sexual activity.

In December, President Joe Biden signed into law the Respect for Marriage Act, which requires states to recognize same-sex marriages, but the legislation doesn't force states to allow them if Obergefell is overturned.

Wiener and Low, the two California lawmakers, hope to replicate the process under which state voters in November approved a constitutional change guaranteeing the right to abortion.

Proposition 8 has yet to be repealed because there was less urgency to do so after the state was allowed to resume issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples and gay marriage was legalized nationwide, Wiener said.

"It became a fire drill once the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade," he said.

The path to marriage equality in the Golden State was uneven. In 2000, voters approved a statute that banned the recognition of same-sex marriages, a measure that was overturned by the courts. Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat who became San Francisco's mayor in 2004, issued marriages in the city to same-sex couples in a move that defied the law and ran counter to views then held by many in his party. In 2005, the California Legislature was ahead of all other states when it passed a bill to legalize same-sex marriage. But then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, a Republican, vetoed it.

Support for marriage equality has rapidly expanded since the Obergefell ruling. While Mormon groups helped fund the Proposition 8 campaign in California, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints came out in support of the Respect for Marriage Act.

Tony Hoang, executive director of Equality California, is optimistic the group can help build a large supportive coalition for the proposed amendment.

"I know this will be a bipartisan campaign," he said.

NUCLEAR POWER

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extension review — far less time than is typical — before the current license expires and the plant would be required to close.

The environmental groups said conducting a truncated review in just months "would be difficult if not impossible" and raise safety risks for a plant that until recently was headed for closure.

Completion of the NRC review, before a longer run is permitted, is needed "to assure that continued operation of the reactors will be safe," they wrote.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 15)

You will be understood and respected at new levels —' a position you earn with years of honing your vision and communication of it. People will be more curious than ever about you and your work. You can monetize your popularity. More highlights: a weekslong adventure, a renovation and the business of socializing. Cancer and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 14, 5, 7, 9 and 19.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's only so much that Present-You can do. It may feel a little scary to leave a problem for Future-You, but that's only because you are underestimating the strength and capability of that person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're good at a job, but that's not quite enough to satisfy you. You crave the wide-lens view and will reach an understanding of how you fit into the global picture as well as the small-scale graph.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You, like most living beings, want to feel you live in a safe place. Perception is key. You control your channels of information. Why unnecessarily open yourself to a barrage of alarm by tending to constant bad news?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's comfort in a dramatic plot in which characters move toward defined goals. Real life features evolutions toward nothing apparent for no detectable reason. Much art will be made in an attempt to get comfortable with that.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You can find common ground with many different people, but there are some you won't be able to relate to no matter how many things you have in common. It's neither good nor bad, just true. Move on to the next.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Promote yourself. Whether you do it directly, indirectly, creatively, traditionally, casually or with glitter, do it. You're so lucky when you put yourself out there.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Taking on a very small project is favored because this is the moment when you will really benefit from cycling through the beginning, middle and end of a project all in one day. Try and leave the unending work for another time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may find that people don't pay as close attention to you as they should. Perhaps they take for granted your offerings because they seem so accessible. Is there a way to make your gifts scarcer and harder to get to?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The thing causing the most friction is a thought process, but that's the hardest thing to change. Start with something easy, like a countertop or a drawer. You'll find mental illumination as you bring order to your world.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A strong and perhaps intimidating presence will figure into the action. Don't lower your own profile or back down in any way. Go the opposite direction, freeing the full force of your personality.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The legendary New York Yankees catcher Yogi Berra said, "When you come to a fork in the road, take it." You'll somehow manage the impossible today, advancing several trajectories at once.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Not following your own directives can be frustrating, but to get in your feelings about it will only compound the problem. Steer away from shame, guilt or frustration by separating the facts from your interpretation of them.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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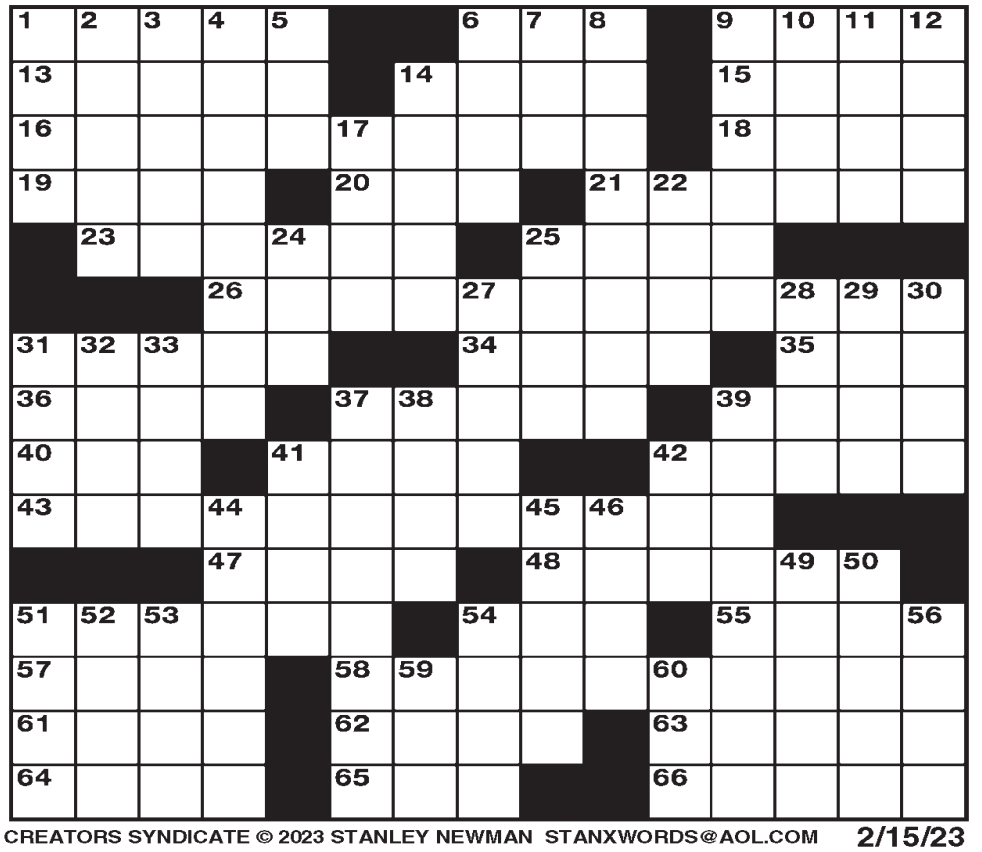
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1 Frighten
6 Caroling mo.
9 Demeanor
13 Pilgrim John of Plymouth
14 Fawn or doe
15 Just sitting around
16 Has trouble focusing one's eyes
18 Be defeated
19 Sentry's shout
20 Stake money (on)
21 Concealed, as a bride's face
23 Vessel to heat water for pekoe
25 Suffix for million
26 Comedy play with Oscar and Felix
31 Retained
34 Poetic tributes
35 Accelerate, with "up"
36 Wasn't truthful
37 Cheese in a ham sandwich
39 Where gold is dug
40 Proofs of age, in brief
41 Slender
42 From Italy's capital
43 His-and-hers set
47 Smell bad
48 Obtain from overseas
51 Three-Oscar actor __ Day-Lewis
54 Explosive-regulating agcy.
55 Golf course vehicle
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65 Crime show evidence
66 Nautical speed measures

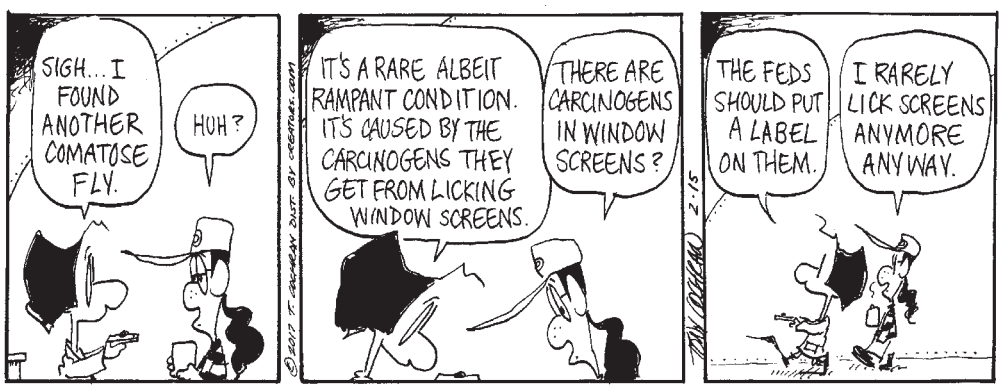
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11 Ultimatum conclusion
12 Be lacking in
14 Caused by
17 Woodwind instrument
22 Cupid alias
24 Degree for many a prof.
25 Throws in
27 Accomplishing
28 Overly proper
29 Actress Dunham or Headey
30 At a tie score
31 Unlikely, as chances
32 Verdi opera
33 Three-piece suit part
37 Protected from harm
38 Subtle eye signal
39 From Rabat or Casablanca
41 "Fare __ well"
42 Tear (apart)
44 Crunchy, as potato chips
45 Breads with pockets
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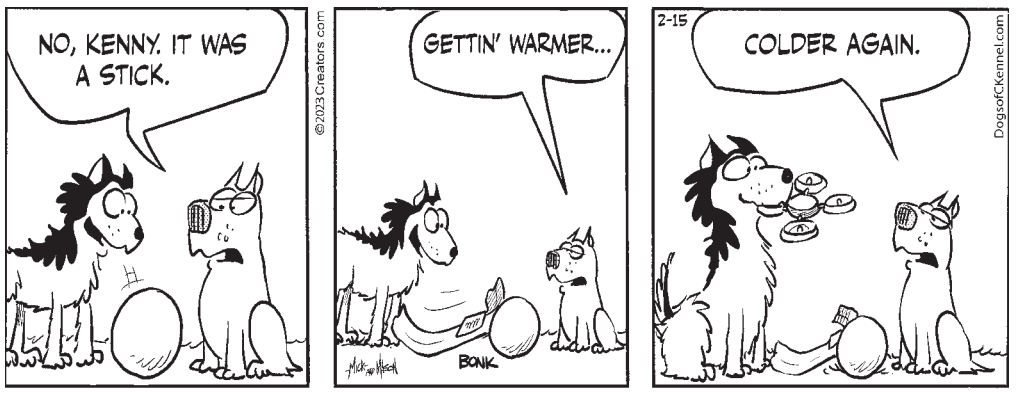
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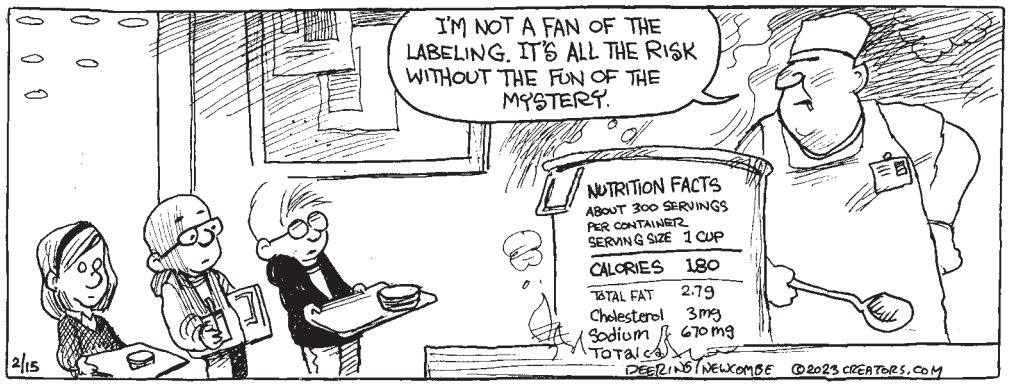
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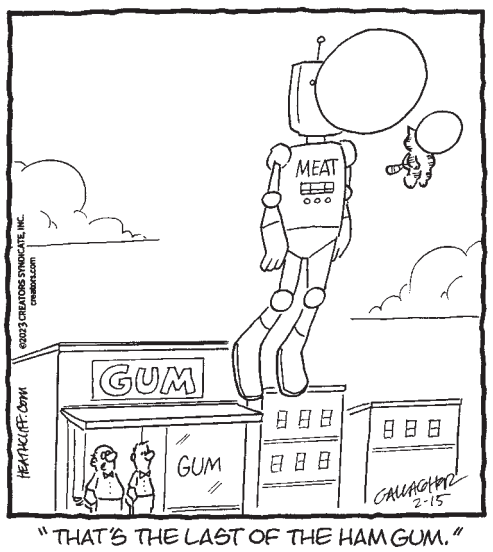
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By JOHN DEERING



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

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WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 15

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
The largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs. Arizona Avenue (between 4th & Ocean). 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 16

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.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH FILM SCREENING: THE GABBY DOUGLAS STORY (2014)
Celebrate Black History Month with a screening of The Gabby Douglas Story, an inspiring look at the life of the first black gymnast to become the Individual All-Around Champion and the first American to win gold in both the individual all-around and team competitions at the same Olympics. For teens only. 4 to 5:30 p.m. / Pico Branch, The Annex

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION: KLARA AND THE SUN BY KAZUO ISHIGURO
In this bestselling novel, Nobel laureate Kazuo Ishiguro looks at our rapidly changing modern world through the eyes of an unforgettable narrator - Klara, an Artificial Friend - to explore a fundamental question: what does it mean to love? 6 to 7 p.m. / Montana Avenue Branch

'APPY HOUR' DEVICE WORKSHOP
Bring in your smartphone, laptop or tablet and get help using your device. 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Main Library, Tutoring Center

FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 17

FRIEZE LOS ANGELES AT SANTA MONICA AIRPORT
Visit one of Los Angeles' biggest art event for their fourth edition, Frieze LA! Frieze Los Angeles largely focuses on contemporary art and celebrates the exceptionally dynamic culture of Los Angeles and its global contributions to the visual arts. Featuring more than 120 galleries from 22 countries, view one of the largest collections of 20th century art and enjoy savory bites, delicious drink and more. Positioned in the Southeast corner of the airfield, the fair will take place over multiple sites across the property, with a focus on the signature Frieze bespoke tent, built and designed by Kulapat Yantrasast's WHY studio. 3026 Airport Ave Santa Monica.

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 18

NOTABLE FICTION BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION: THREE STORIES BY CLAIRE KEEGAN
Explore three of this contemporary Irish author's most celebrated short works: "Antarctica," "Foster," and "Small Things Like These." Contact library@santamonica.gov for the link. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. / Zoom

CHECK OUT A HUMAN BOOK
The Human Library returns to SMPL! Check out a human book for a one-on-one, 30-minute conversation that challenges stereotypes and prejudices. Human books available for check out will be announced soon. 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Pico Branch, The Annex

PHOTO FORWARD LOS ANGELES
Photographic Arts Council Los Angeles is pleased to present its inaugural photography fair, Photo Forward Los Angeles, taking place on Saturday, February 18, through Sunday, February 19, 2023 in Santa Monica. This free art fair will feature both vintage and contemporary works, offering an expansive exhibition of photography, books, and ephemera, presented by exhibitors established in their field. Works presented are priced in a range for beginning to advanced collectors. Danziger Gallery (B1), Bergamot Station Arts Center, 2525 Michigan Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90404.

HOPE FOR OUR FUTURE ABOUNDS!
With the world in such dire straits, despair is understandable. But Dick Larson will share signs that astonishing positive changes are happening under the radar of mainstream media. We're actually moving into a new and better future—a time of transformation few expect. Hear the evidence at his free presentation (with pics!) Saturday, February 18, 2:30 pm, at Pico Branch Library, The Annex Community Meeting Facility, 2201 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica.

CITRUS CARE WORKSHOP AND PRUNING DEMONSTRATION
Ishihara Park Learning Garden - 2909 Exposition Blvd, Santa Monica
Join the UCCE Master Gardener Orchard Team, led by Herb Machleder for an Urban Citrus Orchard Care Workshop with special attention to prevention, recognition and management of Citrus Greening Disease. We will discuss tool maintenance, fertilizing and much more. Kids activities and garden pancakes to keep everyone involved. Register for your spot at: www.eventbrite.com/e/citrus-care-workshop-and-pruning-demonstration-tickets-523984430537

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 19

18TH STREET SPECIAL ACTIVATIONS
Frieze Los Angeles is coming to Santa Monica! To celebrate the occasion, 18th Street Arts Center will be activating both their Olympic and Airport Campuses February 16-19 with adjusted hours, special in-gallery performances, and more. 18th Street Art Center, 1639 18th St, Santa Monica, California 90404. 18thstreet.org/frieze/

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **58.1**

WEDNESDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Morning clean up session. Run of steep-angled NW swell mix continues. Little bit more S swell mixes in through the morning, comes up a notch further in the afternoon. Watching for elevated northerly offshore flow early.
THURSDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	Lingering NW swell mix and selective S swell on tap across the region —' strongest west of Dume. Expecting offhsore Santa Ana wind to return for the morning.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 59. North northwest wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low around 40. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northeast after midnight.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 61.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 43.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/02/15	Wed	04:20 AM	5.20	H
2023/02/15	Wed	12:22 PM	-0.45	L
2023/02/15	Wed	7:27 PM	3.13	H
2023/02/15	Wed	10:54 PM	2.64	L
2023/02/16	Thu	05:28 AM	5.70	H
2023/02/16	Thu	1:08 PM	-1.08	L
2023/02/16	Thu	7:53 PM	3.50	H
2023/02/17	Fri	12:06 AM	2.31	L
2023/02/17	Fri	06:26 AM	6.21	H
2023/02/17	Fri	1:50 PM	-1.55	L
2023/02/17	Fri	8:22 PM	3.84	H
2023/02/18	Sat	01:02 AM	1.84	L
2023/02/18	Sat	07:18 AM	6.61	H
2023/02/18	Sat	2:29 PM	-1.80	L
2023/02/18	Sat	8:52 PM	4.17	H
2023/02/19	Sun	01:52 AM	1.37	L
2023/02/19	Sun	08:05 AM	6.76	H
2023/02/19	Sun	3:06 PM	-1.79	L

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 2/13
17 26 37 61 65
Power#: 2
Jackpot: 57 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 2/10
20 29 30 52 58
Mega#: 19
Jackpot: 67 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 2/11
2 12 19 20 34
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 33 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 2/13
3 9 11 17 28

Daily 3
Draw Date: 2/13
EVENING: 2 9 6
Draw Date: 2/13
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Daily Derby
Draw Date: 2/13
1st: 10 - Solid Gold
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3rd: 11 - Money Bags
Race Time: 1:42.08

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