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Ukrainians rally in Santa Monica as Russia bombards Kyiv

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

Scores of Ukrainians and their supporters rallied in Palisades Park at the foot of the Santa Monica Pier in support of the besieged Eastern European nation on Friday afternoon, Feb. 25, the day after Russian President Vladimir Putin authorized a full-scale military invasion of the country.

"As we're standing here in this beautiful California sun, my nephews and nieces back in Ukraine, who are like two years old and eight years old, are in bomb shelters with their parents, and there's nothing I can do from here to directly protect [them]," a woman named Olga — who

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Matthew Hall

PROTEST: Individuals gathered near the entrance to the Pier Friday to support Ukraine.

New rules place stiff fines on combustibles on Pier

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Whether by negligence or malice, combustible fuels on the Pier — especially those stored in tanks and canisters — can pose a serious threat of fire. That's why Santa Monica City Council voted unanimously on Tuesday to ban the possession of combustible materials on or near the historic Pier, including propane, butane, isobutane, propylene, butylene, any other liquefied petroleum gas, kerosene, sterno, charcoal and wood.

The move gained universal approval by the seven-member Council.

Interim City Attorney Joseph Lawrence said that when fuel tanks are mishandled, they may leak into confined spaces and cause explosions once flames are lit for cooking.

"And that's if they're handled negligently," Lawrence said. "And then there are, as we know too well, perhaps, that there are instances when people attempt to use fuel tanks maliciously, to deliberately cause an explosion. So, this deals with that issue; namely, that there is really no safe way to have fuel tanks on the Pier, given the nature of the Pier."

Council Member Christine Parra, who said she was in support of the ban, noted that improperly maintained or stored fuel tanks can leak into the enclosed area beneath gas burners, causing explosions when flames are introduced.

"If you don't know how to handle — if you don't know how to check for leaks, you know, with soap and water, or what have you, that's also a detriment," Parra said. "So, imagine that on the Pier."

The ordinance update builds on

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Homeless count volunteers brave cold temperatures and a late night

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As the sunset over Santa Monica on Wednesday, the temperature began to drop, falling from a cool 54 degrees around 5 p.m. to a chilly 47 after midnight. With sustained winds around eight miles per hour well into the evening, it was not a night many people would want to spend outdoors.

But being out in the cold is a reality for the tens of thousands of homeless people who reside in Los Angeles County, and on Wednesday night, Feb. 23, that reality was shared by the hundreds of volunteers who participated in the Santa Monica Homeless Count.

The Los Angeles area counts, which usually take place in late January in concert with other counts all over the United States, were postponed for about a month due to the winter COVID-19 surge. But nonetheless, Santa Monica Human Services Administrator Maggie Willis said, the Federal government prefers counts take place when the weather is cold.

"Part of the reason that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development picks the last weekend in January as the time to do the annual homeless count nationally is because there's a kind of a

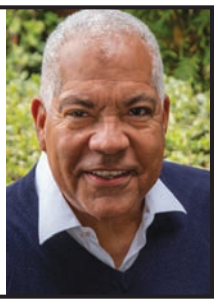
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COUNT: The annual event is required to receive federal funding.



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Attacks from within seen as a growing threat to elections

CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY
Associated Press

Election officials preparing for this year's midterms have yet another security concern to add to an already long list that includes death threats, disinformation, ransomware and cyberattacks — threats from within.

In a handful of states, authorities are investigating whether local officials directed or aided in suspected security breaches at their own election offices. At least some have expressed doubt about the 2020 presidential election, and information gleaned from the breaches has surfaced in conspiracy theories pushed by allies of former President Donald Trump.

Adding to the concern is a wave of candidates for state and local election offices this year who parrot Trump's false claims about his loss to Democrat Joe Biden.

"Putting them in positions of authority over elections is akin to putting arsonists in charge of a fire department," said Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, a Democrat and former law school dean who serves as Michigan's top elections official.

Experts say insider threats have always been a concern. But previously, the focus was mostly on what a volunteer poll worker or part-time employee could do to a polling place or county system, said Ryan Macias, who advises officials at the federal, state and local levels on election security. Now the potential harm extends to the very foundation of democracy — conducting fair elections.

"Since 2020, the coordinated efforts to have threat actors run for office, apply to be election officials and volunteer as a poll worker or observer should be treated as national security concerns," Macias said.

The potential risks posed by insider attacks run from granting unauthorized access to sensitive information to planting malware within election systems.

While insider threats are the hardest to guard against, Macias said measures are in place to recover from an attack. Most of the country relies on paper ballots filled out by hand or with the use of a voting machine, so there should be a paper record of each ballot cast. In addition, post-election checks are designed to identify potential manipulation or discrepancies in the vote.

This year, voters in 25 states will elect their state's chief election official, and several races feature candidates who dispute the outcome of the 2020 presidential contest despite no evidence of widespread fraud or a coordinated scheme to steal the election.

Some voters also will decide who will run their local elections as the next county clerk. It's these local election offices that have experienced security breaches.

In Mesa County, Colorado, authorities are investigating whether unauthorized people were granted access to county voting equipment. State officials began investigating after the county's voting system passwords appeared on a conservative website. Because each county has unique passwords maintained by the state, officials identified them as belonging to Mesa County, where Trump won nearly 63% of the vote.

Clerk Tina Peters — a Republican elected in 2018 — then appeared at a "cybersymposium" hosted by Trump ally Mike Lindell, the MyPillow CEO who has sought to prove that voting systems were somehow manipulated to favor Democrats.

At that event a copy of Mesa County's election management system — which is used for designing ballots, configuring voting machines and tallying results — was distributed. Experts have described the unauthorized release as serious, potentially providing a "practice environment" to probe for vulnerabilities.

Peters, in an interview, said she made the copy of a county voting system hard drive to preserve "the evidence of how you get to the result of an election, who came in, who made changes, who did what." She denied knowledge of how a copy came to be distributed at the Lindell event and would not say who was with her when the copy was made.

"I didn't go in to try to address some conspiracy theory," Peters told The Associated Press. "It's just my responsibility to protect, and solely my responsibility to protect election records."

A grand jury in Mesa County is reviewing the case. Meanwhile, Peters has announced plans to run for secretary of state, overseeing elections for Colorado.

Elsewhere in Colorado, state officials are investigating after the election clerk in Elbert County, southeast of Denver, indicated he made two copies of a voting system hard drive last summer.

An attorney for Dallas Schroeder said in a written response to the state that Schroeder believes he had a "statutory duty to preserve election records" and was concerned that a visit by state officials to prepare for the 2021 elections "might erase or alter electronic records of the November 2020 election."

There has been no indication of widespread fraud or other major irregularities following the 2020 election in Colorado or elsewhere.

In Ohio, federal and state authorities are investigating after network data purportedly from the Lake County Board of Elections in suburban Cleveland was made available online along with other data by people seeking to show the 2020 election was somehow manipulated.

A state analysis determined the data wasn't from the Board of Elections at all, but rather a network that runs other county business. Secretary of State Frank LaRose, a former Republican state lawmaker who serves as Ohio's chief election official, said it showed only "innocuous traffic," such as between a county computer and a printer, but was used to suggest something nefarious.

"They grabbed that and they said, 'Oh, look, here's evidence,'" LaRose said. "It was evidence of nothing, and they were nowhere close to the Board of Elections."

In Michigan, the secretary of state's office recently announced a potential security breach at an election office in Roscommon County, in the rural northern part of the state, where someone is suspected of gaining unauthorized access to voting systems. State authorities are investigating.

Experts said these types of security

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Key inflation gauge hit 6.1% in January, highest since 1982

CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

An inflation gauge that is closely monitored by the Federal Reserve jumped 6.1% in January compared with a year ago, the latest evidence that Americans are enduring sharp price increases that will likely worsen after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The figure reported Friday by the Commerce Department was the largest year-over-year rise since 1982. Excluding volatile food and energy prices, core inflation increased 5.2% in January from a year earlier.

Robust consumer spending has combined with widespread product and worker shortages to create the highest inflation in four decades — a heavy burden for U.S. households, especially lower-income families faced with elevated costs for food, fuel and rent.

At the same time, consumers as a whole largely shrugged off the higher prices last month and boosted their spending 2.1% from December to January, Friday's report said, an encouraging sign for the economy and the job market. That was a sharp improvement from December, when spending fell. Americans across the income scale have been receiving pay raises and have amassed more savings than they had before the pandemic struck two years ago. That expanded pool of savings provides fuel for future spending.

Inflation, though, is expected to remain high and perhaps accelerate in the coming months, especially with Russia's invasion likely disrupting oil and gas exports. The costs of other commodities that are produced in Ukraine, such as wheat and aluminum, have also increased.

President Joe Biden said Thursday that he would do "everything I can" to keep gas prices in check. Biden did not spell out details, though he mentioned the possibility of releasing more oil from the nation's strategic reserves. He also warned that oil and gas companies "should not exploit this moment" by raising prices at the pump.

On Friday, oil prices were steady after they had reached $100 a barrel in volatile trading on Thursday, before falling back to $92, about where they had started the day. Still, economists at JPMorgan have forecast that oil could reach $110 a barrel as Russia's invasion of Ukraine escalates. Economists at BMO Capital Markets have estimated that each $10-a-barrel increase translates into a 0.4 percentage point rise in inflation.

A separate report Friday showed that orders for long-lasting factory goods rose sharply in January, led by a rise in demand for airplanes. The figures indicate that many companies are willing to invest more in industrial equipment and other goods, a sign of confidence in the economy.

"Overall, the real economy appears to be in stronger health than we feared," said Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics, a forecasting firm.

Incomes were unchanged last month, largely because the monthly child tax credit payments that were included in Biden's $1.9 trillion financial support package expired. A new study concluded that the end of the payments led to a jump in child poverty.

But wages and salaries rose 0.5% from December to January, Friday's report showed. And Social Security payments increased because a large cost-of-living adjustment, reflecting last year's jump in inflation, took effect.

Russia's invasion and the likely resulting rise in inflation have increased pressure on the Federal Reserve, which is expected to raise interest rates by a quarter-point as many as five or six times this year beginning in March. The Fed's delicate task — to raise rates enough to restrain inflation, without going so far as to tip the economy into recession — has now become more difficult.

Higher gas prices typically accelerate inflation, which would heighten the need for rate increases. But costlier gas can also weaken the economy by slowing consumer spending, something that would normally lead the Fed to leave rates unchanged.

Fed officials are acknowledging that the invasion of Ukraine has complicated the economic outlook, but say that so far they are sticking with their plans for rate hikes.

Loretta Mester, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, said Thursday that she supported a series of rate hikes beginning in March. But she said the Fed should remain flexible: Faster rate hikes might be needed, she said, if inflation hasn't begun to fade by mid-year, or more gradual increases if inflation is slowing.

"The implications of the unfolding situation in Ukraine for the medium-run economic outlook in the U.S. will also be a consideration," she said. Other Fed officials have offered similar remarks this week.

Late Thursday, Fed governor Christopher Waller said he would support a half-point rate hike in March if inflation remains high. Most other Fed policymakers, though, have indicated that they're inclined to favor a more typical quarter-point hike.

But most officials have said they would prefer to raise rates by the traditional quarter-percentage-point increment, Nick Timiraos reports.

Fed officials want inflation to fall back to its 2% target, as measured by the Commerce Department's gauge, released Friday. A separate measure, the consumer price index, released two weeks ago, showed that inflation reached 7.5% in January from a year earlier, also a four-decade high.

In December, Fed officials projected that inflation would decline to just 2.7%, according to their preferred measure, by the end of this year, which most economists see as increasingly unlikely. The Fed will release updated projections at its March meeting.

January's data show inflation was already picking up before the invasion. From December to January, prices rose 0.6%, up from 0.5% in the previous month.

There are early indications that consumer spending has stayed healthy in February, boosted by the rapid fading of the omicron wave of the coronavirus. JPMorgan Chase said that spending on its credit cards for airline tickets, hotel rooms, and restaurant meals rose in the first half of this month.

The JPMorgan Chase Institute also recently released data showing that cash balances remain elevated among their customers,

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 266 CALLS ON FEBRUARY 24

Vehicle Parked In Alley 500Blk 11th St 4:25 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Berkeley St / Wilshire Blvd 7:09 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 20th St / Santa Monica Blvd 8:10 a.m.
Found Property 2000Blk Stewart St 8:12 a.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 1500Blk 4th St 8:20 a.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 2600Blk 31st St 8:32 a.m.
Scar Investigation 1600Blk Lincoln Blvd 8:47 a.m.
Fire Request Police 1500Blk 4th St 9:00 a.m.
Vandalism 1500Blk 2nd St 9:12 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 9:16 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:05 a.m.
Vandalism 3400Blk Pearl St 10:44 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1600Blk Arizona Ave 10:51 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1100Blk Stanford St 11:06 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300Blk Montana Ave 11:29 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1600Blk 5th St 11:30 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1900Blk Pico Blvd 11:41 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1900Blk Pico Blvd 11:51 a.m.
General Parking Problem 200Blk California Ave 12:00 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2000Blk Arizona Ave 12:09 p.m.
Burglary 1700Blk California Ave 12:34 p.m.
Vandalism 100Blk Colorado Ave 12:41 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1200Blk Oak St 12:58 p.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 2500Blk 3rd St 1:18 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:32 p.m.
Petty Theft Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 1:51 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 900Blk Washington Ave 1:53 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 700Blk Broadway 2:01 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 700Blk Broadway 2:10 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 700Blk Pine St 2:13 p.m.
Death Investigation 2400Blk 34th St 2:17 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1200Blk 2nd St 2:46 p.m.
Fight 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 2:52 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 3:01 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 3:04 p.m.
Battery Now 4th St / Broadway 3:05 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 2600Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:08 p.m.
Fraud 1400Blk Montana Ave 3:28 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1600Blk 20th St 3:50 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 11th St / Pico Blvd 3:54 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1200Blk Harvard St 4:17 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1700Blk Ocean Ave 4:29 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1500Blk 2nd St 4:45 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1500Blk Euclid St 4:51 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 300Blk Civic Center Dr 5:05 p.m.
Person With A Gun 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 5:14 p.m.
Burglary 2200Blk Ocean Ave 5:26 p.m.
Fraud 300Blk Olympic Dr 5:45 p.m.
Encampment 900Blk 7th St 6:10 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 400Blk Broadway 6:22 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto In Progress 800Blk 19th St 6:23 p.m.
Encampment 1300Blk Arizona Ave 6:33 p.m.
Shots Fired 2300Blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:16 p.m.
Fight 400Blk Broadway 7:35 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 7th St / Montana Ave 7:40 p.m.
Auto Burglary 700Blk Arizona Ave 8:13 p.m.
Vehicle Burglar Alarm 1100Blk 3rd St 8:14 p.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order 800Blk 11th St 8:15 p.m.
Arson 600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:20 p.m.
Stalking 600Blk San Vicente Blvd 8:23 p.m.
Petty Theft 600Blk Montana Ave 8:25 p.m.
Petty Theft 500Blk Arizona Ave 8:25 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1600Blk Lincoln Blvd 8:27 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Lincoln Blvd / Broadway 8:39 p.m.
Loud Music 1400Blk Princeton St 8:43 p.m.
Petty Theft 1700Blk Cloverfield Blvd 8:57 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 24th St / Wilshire Blvd 9:00 p.m.
Auto Burglary 800Blk 7th St 9:02 p.m.
Grand Theft 1000Blk 2nd St 9:04 p.m.
Found Property 1300Blk 2nd St 9:06 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1600Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:13 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 29 CALLS ON FEBRUARY 24

EMS 1500Blk 5th St 12:17 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk 5th St 4:07 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2200Blk Wilshire Blvd 6:43 a.m.
EMS 400Blk Pier Ave 7:06 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Berkeley St / Wilshire Blvd 7:09 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2200Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:09 a.m.
EMS 900Blk 4th St 7:10 a.m.
EMS 1500Blk 7th St 7:27 a.m.
EMS 400Blk 9th St 8:00 a.m.
EMS 2400Blk 31st St 8:24 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 10:43 a.m.
EMS 500Blk Colorado Ave 10:52 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 700Blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:40 a.m.
EMS 2300Blk 30th St 12:24 p.m.
EMS 2400Blk Oak St 12:40 p.m.
EMS 2300Blk Kansas Ave 2:01 p.m.
EMS 1900Blk Pico Blvd 2:06 p.m.
EMS 2nd St / Colorado Ave 2:31 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1800Blk Colorado Ave 2:47 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1600Blk 26th St 4:47 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 14th St 5:11 p.m.
Smoke Investigation 600Blk Copeland Ct 5:15 p.m.
EMS 700Blk Raymond Ave 5:19 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 5:31 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk 5th St 7:28 p.m.
EMS 2200Blk 16th St 7:57 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 1500Blk 19th St 8:16 p.m.
EMS 1000Blk 12th St 8:20 p.m.
EMS 1000Blk 12th St 8:21 p.m.

COMBUSTIBLES

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a previous ordinance enacted in August 2021 that outlawed the use of combustible fuels on or in close proximity to the Pier without first obtaining a permit from the Fire Marshal — now, it is not only the use, but the possession of fuel that is banned.

Those with gas or liquid fuel in excess of 150 milliliters or with charcoal or firewood "for any purpose involving the fuel's combustion, including, but not limited to, heating, lighting, or cooking," will receive an administrative citation involving a $250 fine for violating the prohibition on a first violation, with the fine amount doubling to $500 for the second violation (within one calendar year) and a $1,000 fine for the third or subsequent violation within that year. Violators may also be charged with an infraction punishable by up to $500 or a misdemeanor, carrying a $500 fine and/or a County jail sentence of up to six months behind bars.

Zachary Gaidzik, the West/Metro LA Field Deputy for LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, called into the meeting to say that as an employee at a Pier restaurant, he used to regularly see fires start because of poor behavior on the Pier.

Gaidzik, who said he was also on the Ocean Park Association Board of Directors, described numerous fires he's witnessed due to tossing lit cigarettes onto the Pier.

"Routinely, I would have to watch the fire department bring a firetruck down to the end of the Pier to extinguish these flames, and it's extremely dangerous down there," Gaidzik said. "I fully support this item to restrict the use of any and all combustibles on the pier to protect this historic resource for our city [and] for our community."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Public Library Presents Storypalooza Story Tour

Santa Monica Public Library presents "Storypalooza Story Tour" on Saturday, March 5, with storytelling performers and activities at all five library locations throughout the day, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica, the event celebrates Read Across America, a national reading initiative designed to promote literacy and celebrate diversity in literature for young children and their families. Attendees receive a free book at each location. Space is limited; first come, first served, and all events are free. See the schedule below.

INTERNATIONAL FOLKTALES WITH STORYTELLER MICHAEL D. MCCARTY

10:30 a.m. / Pico Branch Library, Amphitheater. Michael shares folktales that spark the imagination and teaches skills to get everyone telling stories like a pro.

JUMP HERE SIDEWALK OBSTACLE COURSE

12 p.m. / Montana Avenue Branch Library, 17th Street Sidewalk. You are invited to jump and spin around through the Montana Branch's sidewalk obstacle course inspired by Hervé Tullet's book, Press Here.

CATCH THE WIND WITH REDISCOVER CENTER

1:30 p.m. / Ocean Park Branch Library, Front Lawn. Use recycled materials to make flyers, pinwheels, and catch the wind with reDiscover Center. Enjoy this hands-on activity inspired by the book The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind.

MULTICULTURAL STORIES WITH INA BUCKNER-BARNETTE

3 p.m. / Main Library, Central Courtyard. Storyteller Ina presents interactive tales, songs, and story-making activities to tickle young funny bones and excite the imagination.

THE HUG MACHINE STORYWALK

4:30 p.m. / Fairview Branch Library, Front Entrance . Discover a new way to read a book with StoryWalk, where the whole family can enjoy a story while walking around the library. The StoryWalk Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

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SMPD MADE 36 ARRESTS FROM FEBRUARY 14 TO FEBRUARY 20.

Date	Sex	Age	Primary Charge
Mon, Feb 14	M	35	Driving Under the Influence
Mon, Feb 14	M	46	Destruction of park facilities or foliage
Mon, Feb 14	F	29	Drunk in Public
Mon, Feb 14	M	29	US Postal Service keys or locks stolen or reproduced
Mon, Feb 14	M	24	Shoplifting
Mon, Feb 14	M	38	Assault with a Deadly Weapon
Mon, Feb 14	M	42	Carrying A Concealed Dirk Or Dagger
Mon, Feb 14	M	14	Juvenile Ward of Court
Mon, Feb 14	M	31	Drunk in Public
Mon, Feb 14	M	28	Possession of Methamphetamines
Tue, Feb 15	M	39	Shoplifting
Tue, Feb 15	M	54	False Identification to a Police Officer
Tue, Feb 15	F	23	Robbery
Tue, Feb 15	M	28	Unlawfully Occupying Property
Wed, Feb 16	M	25	Larceny
Wed, Feb 16	M	32	Burglary
Wed, Feb 16	M	28	Assault with a Deadly Weapon
Wed, Feb 16	M	35	Grand Theft Auto
Thu, Feb 17	M	36	Robbery
Thu, Feb 17	F	55	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
Thu, Feb 17	M	46	Robbery
Fri, Feb 18	M	41	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
Fri, Feb 18	M	34	Drunk in Public
Fri, Feb 18	M	30	Warrant
Fri, Feb 18	M	64	Parole Violation
Fri, Feb 18	M	38	Assault & Battery
Fri, Feb 18	F	23	Grand Theft
Sat, Feb 19	M	33	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
Sat, Feb 19	F	46	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Sat, Feb 19	M	51	Resisting an Executive Officer
Sun, Feb 20	M	54	Warrant
Sun, Feb 20	M	25	Resisting Arrest
Sun, Feb 20	M	44	Resisting an Executive Officer
Sun, Feb 20	M	34	Resisting Arrest
Sun, Feb 20	M	23	Aggravated Assault
Sun, Feb 20	M	22	Elder Abuse

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Biden to nominate Ketanji Brown Jackson for Supreme Court

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President Joe Biden on Friday will nominate federal appeals court Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court, the White House said, making her the first Black woman selected to serve on a court that once declared her race unworthy of citizenship and endorsed segregation.

In Jackson, Biden delivers on a campaign promise to make the historic appointment and to further diversify a court that was made up entirely of white men for almost two centuries. He has chosen an attorney who would be the high court's first former public defender, though she also possesses the elite legal background of other justices.

Jackson would be the current court's second Black justice — Justice Clarence Thomas, a conservative, is the other — and just the third in history.

Biden planned to introduce Jackson in remarks at the White House Friday afternoon, where Jackson was also expected to speak, the White House said.

She would also be only the sixth woman to serve on the court, and her confirmation would mean that for the first time four women would sit together on the nine-member court.

The current court includes three women, one of whom is the court's first Latina, Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

Jackson would join the liberal minority of a conservative-dominated court that is weighing cutbacks to abortion rights and will be considering ending affirmative action in college admissions and restricting voting rights efforts to increase minority representation.

Biden is filling the seat that will be vacated by Justice Stephen Breyer, 83, who is retiring at the end of the term this summer.

Jackson, 51, once worked as one of Breyer's law clerks early in her legal career. She attended Harvard as an undergraduate and for law school, and served on the U.S. Sentencing Commission, the agency that develops federal sentencing policy, before becoming a federal judge in 2013.

Her nomination is subject to confirmation by the Senate, where Democrats hold the majority by a razor-thin 50-50 margin with Vice President Kamala Harris as the tie-breaker. Party leaders have promised swift but deliberate consideration of the president's nominee.

The next justice will replace one of the more liberal justices, so she would not tip the balance of the court, which now leans 6-3 in favor of conservatives.

The news comes two years to the day after Biden, then struggling to capture the Democratic presidential nomination, first pledged in a South Carolina debate to nominate a Black woman to the high court if presented with a vacancy.

"Everyone should be represented," Biden said. "We talked about the Supreme Court — I'm looking forward to making sure there's a Black woman on the Supreme Court to make sure we in fact get everyone represented."

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Dick Durbin said in a statement that the panel will "begin immediately" to move forward on the nomination and that Jackson is an "extraordinary nominee." Senators have set a tentative goal of confirmation by April 8, when they leave for a two-week spring recess. Hearings could start as soon as mid-March.

That timeline could be complicated by a number of things, including the ongoing developments between Russia and Ukraine and the extended absence of Democratic Sen. Ben Ray Lujan of New Mexico, who suffered a stroke last month and is out for several weeks. Democrats would need Lujan's vote to confirm Biden's pick if no Republicans support her.

Once the nomination is sent to the Senate, it is up to the Senate Judiciary Committee to vet the nominee and hold confirmation hearings. After the committee approves a nomination, it goes to the Senate floor for a final vote.

The entire process passes through several time-consuming steps, including meetings with individual senators that are expected to begin next week. While Justice Amy Coney Barrett was confirmed just four weeks after she was nominated ahead of the 2020 election, the process usually takes several weeks longer than that.

Biden and Senate Democrats are hoping for a bipartisan vote on the nomination, but it's unclear if they will be able to win over any GOP senators after three bitterly partisan confirmation battles under President Donald Trump. South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham, one of three Republicans who voted to confirm Jackson to the appeals court last year, had pushed Biden to nominate a different candidate from his home state, Judge J. Michelle Childs. He said earlier this month that his vote would be "very problematic" if it were anyone else, and he expressed disappointment in a tweet Friday that Biden had not nominated his preferred choice.

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell said he looks forward to meeting with Jackson and "studying her record, legal views, and judicial philosophy." But he also appeared to express skepticism, noting he voted against her a year ago.

Jackson was on the president's short list as a potential nominee even before Breyer retired. Biden and his team spent weeks poring over her records, interviewing her friends and family and looking into her background.

Biden has said he was interested in selecting a nominee in the mold of Breyer who could be a persuasive force with fellow justices. Although Breyer's votes tended to put him to the left of center on an increasingly conservative court, he frequently saw the gray in situations that colleagues were more likely to find black or white.

"With her exceptional qualifications and record of evenhandedness, Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson will be a Justice who will uphold the Constitution and protect the rights of all Americans, including the voiceless and vulnerable," said Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer. "The historic nomination

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Treasury: Most COVID rental aid went to low-income residents

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More than 80% of the billions of dollars in federal rental assistance aimed at keeping families in their homes during the pandemic went to low-income tenants, the Treasury Department said.

It also concluded Thursday that the largest percentage of tenants receiving pandemic aid were Black followed by female-led households. In the fourth quarter of 2021, Treasury found that more than 40% of tenants getting help were Black and two-thirds of recipients were female-headed households. The data was consistent with what Treasury saw throughout the year.

"This is money that flows from Treasury to every state and territory in the country, and we really have seen a real focus on delivering these dollars," said Noel Andrés Poyo, the deputy assistant secretary for Community Economic Development at Treasury. "It has been encouraging from my point of view to see states that are very diverse and to see these agencies lean into something really hard, it was really tough to stand up these programs, this data reflects where the need was."

According to the Eviction Lab at Princeton University, those most likely to face eviction are low-income women, especially women of color. Domestic violence victims and families with children are also at high risk for eviction.

"It's really encouraging to see so much of the rental assistance reaching those most in need: women, Black renters, and low-income households in particular," Peter Hepburn, a research fellow at the Eviction Lab, said. "These are the groups that face highest risk of eviction and who were most severely affected by the economic impacts of the pandemic. They're the ones that this money was meant to help."

Lawmakers approved $46.5 billion in Emergency Rental Assistance last year. After early challenges getting the funds out, the pace of distribution has picked up significantly in recent months. Throughout 2021, over $25 billion has been spent and obligated. That represents 3.8 million payments to households, Treasury said Thursday.

The agency's findings on beneficiaries showed their efforts to reach low income communities the past year had paid off.

Among other things, Treasury recommended states and localities make applications multi-lingual and introduced flexible guidelines that allow tenants to self-attest for their income. It also targeted harder-to-reach communities and worked to promote the rental assistance program in Black and Spanish media.

"A year later, Treasury is pleased to report that the vast majority of rental assistance has gone to keeping the lowest-income families in their homes during the pandemic," Deputy Secretary Wally Adeyemo said in a statement. "This wasn't by accident, and we continue to use every lever to ensure these funds are distributed equitably and encourage state and local grantees to increase ease of access."

A good example has been Oregon, which said it went beyond Treasury guidance in how funds would be prioritized such as whether a household lives in a census tract with a high percentage of low income renter at risk of experiencing housing instability or homelessness. Applications are available in five languages and priority given to those most in need, not those who are first to apply.

"Our collective efforts to ensure these funds reach the lowest income and most marginalized people is clearly working," Diane Yentel, CEO of the National Low Income Housing Coalition, said. "Households that received assistance were predominantly very low and extremely low income and disproportionately people of color."

ELECTION

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breaches have so far been few and most election officials are experienced, neutral professionals who follow the rules and want no part of conspiracy theories.

But, they said, any official found to be undermining elections and breaking the law must be held accountable. No charges have been brought so far in any of the breaches being investigated in Colorado, Ohio and Michigan.

"One of the keys to combating insider threats is that there are consequences, and we haven't seen that yet," said Matt Masterson, a former top election security official during the Trump administration.

In advance of this year's midterm elections, federal officials who oversee election security say they have conducted training with officials on ways they can limit access to voting systems to reduce the chances of an insider threat.

In Ohio, state election officials credited additional cybersecurity measures put in place in 2019 with preventing the attempted breach in Lake County, which Trump won in 2016 and 2020. A state order required that election-related systems be separated from county networks to better protect them.

In Michigan, Benson said her office is "keeping a close eye — closer than ever before" on local election officials and is prepared to stop anyone who tries to jeopardize election security.

In Colorado, Secretary of State Jena Griswold recently announced a set of temporary rules she said were designed to address "emerging security risks," specifically citing the cases in Mesa and Elbert counties.

The new rules reduce the number of county employees with access to the election management system and require that they be identified in the county's security plan filed with the state. Proof of background checks must be provided to the state for anyone present as voting systems are prepared for an election.

"Undoubtedly, we will see more insider threats to come," said Griswold, a Democrat. "States have to prepare themselves."

Associated Press writers Julie Carr Smyth in Columbus, Ohio, and David Eggert in Lansing, Michigan, contributed to this report.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS TO THE

PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY REFORM AND OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

UNSCHEDULED VACANCY

Planning Commission:
One seats available for terms ending June 30, 2025.
Applicant must be a Santa Monica resident.

Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission:
One seats available for terms ending June 30, 2025.
Applicant must be a Santa Monica resident.

Applications due by noon, Tuesday, April 5, 2022.
Appointments to be made by City Council, Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

No Santa Monica City Employee may serve as a member of any Board or Commission.

The State Political Reform Act requires certain officeholders to disclose their interest and income which may be materially affected by their official action. The applicants appointed to serve in these positions will be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) upon assuming office, and annually thereafter.

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA SOCIAL SERIVCES COMMISSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to AB361

SUBJECT: **To Inform Development of the FY 2022-23 Action Plan for use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME) funds**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica will hold a public hearing to receive community input to inform the development of the 2022-23 Action Plan, which must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at least 45 days prior to the beginning of the new program year. The Annual Action Plan delineates the City's specific projects and activities for one-year use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds to address the City's housing and community development high-priority needs as specified in the Council-adopted 2020-24 Consolidated Plan, which can be viewed at: https://www.santamonica.gov/community-development-block-grant-and-home-investment-partnership-programs

DATE/TIME: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022 AT 7:00 PM
(Check agenda at www.smgov.net/ssc prior to meeting to confirm start time)

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Social Services Commission and City Staff will participate via teleconference using the City's BlueJeans platform. Instructions for joining the teleconference via video or phone will be included in the meeting agenda once it posts. The agenda will be available at www.smgov.net/ssc and posted at the front door of City Hall at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to provide written public comment may submit comments via email to humanservices@santamonica.gov. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Social Services Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. Please note the agenda item in your comments. Verbal public comment can be made by joining the BlueJeans meeting according to the instructions included in the agenda posted at www.smgov.net/ssc.

ACCOMODATIONS
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ESPAÑOL
Esto es un aviso de audiencia pública para invitar a cualquier parte interesada a participar en la preparación del Plan de Acción Anual del Año Fiscal 2022-23. Si necesita más información, por favor llame a Ivy Chang en la División de Vivienda y Servicios Humanos al número (310) 458-8701.



Your column here

Ericka Lesley
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Why Celebrating Black History Month is Important

As we stop to celebrate Black History Month, have you ever stopped to wonder, "why do we celebrate Black History Month?" or "where does it even come from?"

As an alumnus of LAUSD, I don't recall these questions being answered for me. Why is it so controversial as of late to celebrate Black History Month? Or even mention Black issues? Why has ridiculing Black culture been normalized? But, not the normalization of the contributions of Black people to the United States of America? When is it OK to celebrate the diversity and excellence within the culture of the African diaspora?

The origins of Black History Month began in 1915 with Carter G. Woodson and minister Jesse E. Moorland who formed an ASALH (The Association for the study of African American Life and History) to research and celebrate the achievements of Black Americans. From the beginning, the celebration was only for one week and Woodson knew that a week was not enough to recognize all of the achievements at that time.

After, the first week of celebratory recognition of Black Achievements, the demand for more knowledge came flooding in. He established a Black studies extension program to educate adults on Black history. It wasn't until after the civil rights movement that Black History Month was officially recognized by President Gerald Ford in 1976. If not for the efforts and impact of the civil rights movement, would we have had to wait another sixty-one years?

When the achievements of Black Americans are celebrated, they are embedded into the fabric of the very thing that makes America the rich melting pot that it was founded on. As stated on February 18, 2016 by President Barack Obama, "Black History Month shouldn't be treated as it is somehow separate from collective American history or somehow just boiled down to a compilation of greatest hits like the march on Washington or from some of our sports heroes."



Courtesy image

HISTORY: The month dates back to 1915.

Is this it? Is Black history viewed as separate from the American vision of history? With the rise of White Nationalism during the Trump administration giving the reflection of a modern-day KKK, the nation is still struggling to shed the shackles of its racist past to recognize the contributions of all Americans and not just a selected few. It makes me wonder are we traveling backwards through time?

Our nation is going through a modern-day civil rights movement in one light and moving backwards in another. As I write this article, there are four states that have passed legislation against how Black History is taught. Books are being banned; a practice that has not been enforced since the 1960's. Perhaps if we thoroughly learned the mistakes from the past, we would not be having them on repeat now. In a time that we need to search for our humanity, we must take time to truly get to know one another, the good, the bad and the ugly. The past might not feel good, but we need to know it to successfully move forward to achieve equity and inclusion for all.

"Our biggest fear is not I expressing the truth but, that we will be attacked or belittled for our truth."

INFLATION

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including those with lower incomes. Bank account balances for Americans with less than $26,000 in income were 65% higher at the end of last year than they were two years before.

The combination of higher pay and enhanced savings suggests that Americans may be able to keep spending at a solid pace in the coming months, thereby sustaining the economy's inflationary pressures.





UKRAINE RALLY

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said she was a Ukrainian citizen — told the crowd gathered at Ocean Avenue and Colorado Avenue. She urged Americans to request Western governments impose a no-fly zone over Ukraine, cut Russia out of the SWIFT international banking system and send military arms to the Ukrainian Army.

"The Ukrainians are not just fighting for themselves; they're fighting for the entire democracy of the world," Olga said. "We need to help them win this fight."

Following impromptu remarks by several members of the crowd, a sound system played the Ukrainian national anthem, "Shche ne vmerla Ukraina" or "Ukraine['s Glory] Has Not Yet Perished" — sometimes translated as "Ukraine Is Not Yet Lost." A chorus of voices joined in, with some of those gathered shedding tears. Passing vehicles honked their horns in apparent support of the cause.

Soon after, the sound of the rally was drowned out by Santa Monica's usual crowd of buskers grooving to reggae music.

Anton Shelest, a 30-year-old Ukrainian software engineer from Kyiv who is currently living and working in Irvine, held a homemade sign that read "Give Us Shelter From The Sky." Raising his voice to be heard over the boombox blasting steel drum beats, Shelest echoed Olga's request that American citizens write to their senators and congressional representatives to demand the United States military initiate a no-fly zone over Ukraine.



Matthew Hall

UKRAINE: Protesters demanded action from the U.S. and others to stop Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

"I'm sure, if you close the sky, Ukraine will never surrender. I'm sure of that," Shelest said.

"We completely understand that it's not possible to send troops to Ukraine. We understand that. We don't want Americans to die for Ukraine," Shelest said. "But what Americans really can do is help us protect the sky."

He also said U.S. citizens should request the American military provide Ukraine with anti-missile and anti-aircraft weapons right away, adding that if those weapons are not provided soon, this weekend could become "the catastrophe of the 21st century."

Shelest said he had been living in the United States on a work visa for a little over two-and-a-half years, but that he had been in contact with his family still living in Ukraine. He told stories of those he knew in Kyiv, including children, fleeing to subway stations several times a day to avoid missile blasts. He said he and his family were shocked that it had come to this in his home town of Kyiv.

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HOMELESS

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belief that if you are a person experiencing homelessness on a cold, cold night in the dead of winter, you are the person that we should be focusing on," Willis described. "It's people who don't have other options — people who don't have friends or families that they can periodically stay with or, you know, people that may have trouble accessing shelter. It was a really cool night, but it also gives us a sense of who is really the most in need."

Between the shifting schedule, lingering COVID-19 concerns, new protocols, late hour and cool temperatures, Willis said securing volunteers for this year's count was a challenge, but by 11 p.m., the time when teams began to disperse around Santa Monica's eight square miles, organizers were turning volunteers away.

"Santa Monica, in its usual fashion, came through absolutely beautifully," Willis said. "We started the day about 15 teams short of what we would normally want to have, and we ended the night having to turn some people away, because we actually had more volunteers than we needed. So, it was really wonderful. The community came out. They answered our calls for help, and they turned up and it was wonderful."

In an average year, volunteers gather at St. Monica's Catholic Church to receive training and share food and camaraderie before heading out. This year, pre-formed teams arrived at a cold parking lot, received their assignments and went back out to cover their assigned territory.

More than 70 volunteer teams participate in each year's count, including officers from the Santa Monica Police Department and City Hall employees who were asked to help. Each team is made up of three to four volunteers.

Many volunteers come back year after year; among them is a large contingent from Ismaili CIVIC, a Shia Ismaili Muslim community.



Courtesy photo

COUNT: By the start of the event, organizers had enough volunteers to make it happen.

Five of the 30 Ismaili CIVIC volunteers who participated in this year's homeless count were in touch with the Daily Press to describe their experiences participating in the annual event.

All five were asked how their participation shaped their perception of homelessness.

"Living in Los Angeles, homelessness is visible at all times," volunteer Sabreena Merchant wrote. "It's an unfortunate reality that we've almost become desensitized to. But it's one thing to see during the day and another at night, and the count really forces you to empathize with the unhoused because you see them in the cold, with all their belongings, out in the open. The act of being able to observe them publicly for the count puts into stark relief how their circumstances differ from those who have consistent shelter."

Naaila Hossain wrote that the physical act of participating in the count offered more of a sense of the realities of homelessness.

"Growing up in LA, homelessness is something you're accustomed to seeing, but not accustomed to feeling," Hossain wrote. "Participating in events like the homeless count pulls us out of our bubble and feel a side of LA we normally wouldn't."

Another volunteer, Azim Rajan, wrote that the count is a reminder that "it is not a 'them and us.' That these are people out of luck for whatever reason — job loss, mental sickness, addictions — and it could be any one."

When asked what motivated them to participate, volunteer Zain Delawalla wrote: "As a Santa Monica resident, I see unhoused individuals around the City on a daily basis and while homelessness is a complex issue, I think we should all collectively do what we can do [to] be a part of the solution."

Other volunteers credited the longstanding tradition of Ismaili CIVIC's participation as what drew them to become involved.

Although it's difficult for one single team to gauge how homelessness has changed based on their experiences alone, Hossain wrote that this year, she saw "people from all walks of life, and a lot of people."

All the volunteers who responded praised the City of Santa Monica for facilitating the count, even with the new COVID-19 protocols. However, they all wrote that they were looking forward to breaking bread and bonding with fellow volunteers again when conditions allow.

"It would be great to return to normal, even though the City did a great job adjusting to the COVID environment," Sheila Merchant wrote. "There's a nice camaraderie when you get to be in a room with other folks coming together to participate in this important count, and I do miss that."

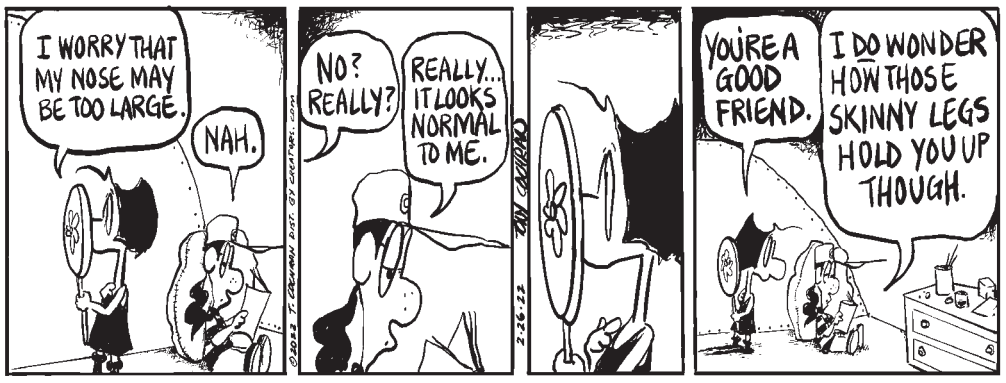
Willis re-emphasized the importance of the count for the City's allocation of limited resources to support the unhoused population — not to mention, Willis said, the tally is Federally mandated. Reflecting on the evening, volunteers illustrated why they feel the count is an important tool for the City.

"I think it shows good leadership from the City of Santa Monica that they managed to conduct an effective, contactless count given our health and safety restrictions," Sabreena Merchant wrote. "Although the training video indicated that the City has seen an eight percent reduction in homelessness, anecdotally, it seems like the problem has worsened, so it's important that the count was back to address the issue."

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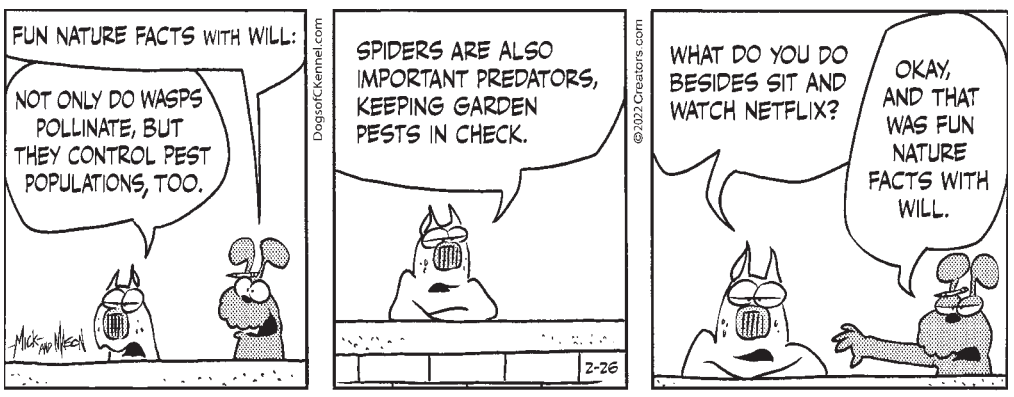
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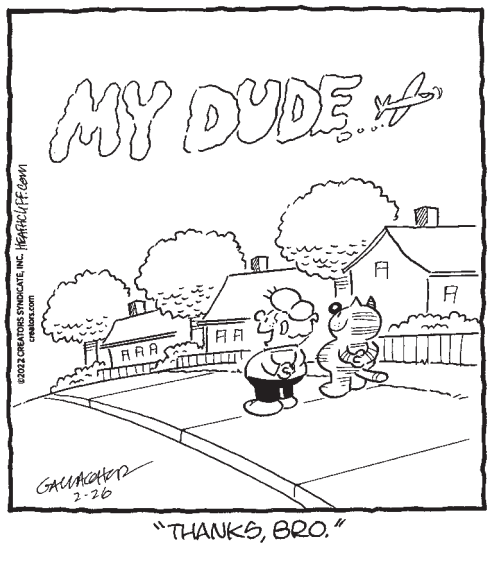
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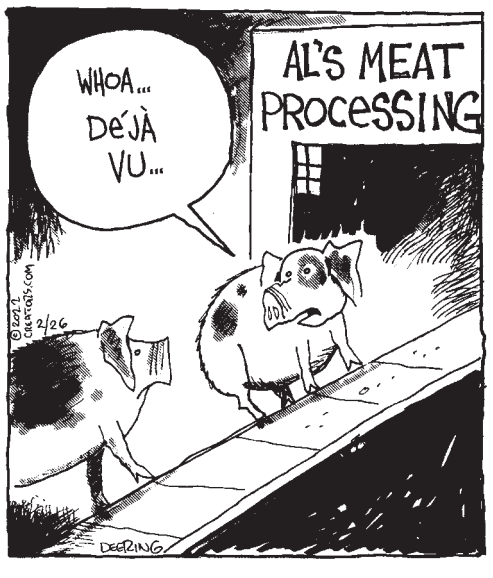
Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING





SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 56.3°

SATURDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist
Little pulse of mid-period WNW swell. The dawn patrol is sluggish with the high tide but conditions improve as it drops.

SUNDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach
Should be up in size from Saturday and fun for exposures as long period WNW swell fills in. The morning high tide is slow but the afternoon low tide should be in play. Some 4' waves by end of day.

WEATHER

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 68. North northeast wind around 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. North northeast wind around 10 mph.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2022/02/27	Sun	1:38 PM	-1.39	L
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DAILY LOTTERY

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Daily Derby
Draw Date: 2/24
1st: 11 - Money Bags
2nd: 02 - Lucky Star
3rd: 04 - Big Ben
Race Time: 1:45.92

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (FEBRUARY 26)

You won't rest until your goal is reached. People will be drawn to your remarkable determination. They'll want you on their team. Make sure to ask a fair price for the services you provide, which are rare and valuable. Summer themes of art and whimsy will attract premium friends. Aquarius and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 14, 3, 19 and 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Come out of hiding: Show off your quirks! The things about you that you think are weird may just be the most appealing and adorable qualities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You respect law and order, but you recognize how power can corrupt people. Therefore, you won't follow orders until you have considered the source and seen the reason and purpose behind the direction.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Sure, it can be risky to express your thoughts and feelings, but that's exactly why you'll share them. Risk allows courage, and courage inspires others.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What people really need and want will be much different from what they claim. Talking about those deeper desires is delicate. Use discretion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Keep going even if the process is less than ideal. You're not out of the woods yet. It's still early in your learning curve. This will soon become second nature to you. Quality follows quantity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Being mad for a ridiculous reason is still being mad. Nobody said emotions made sense. Jagged feelings can be alleviated in unexpected ways. For instance, exercise will make you feel better and forget your troubles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Today's strong creative vibes can be applied to create magic in your world. Imagine what you want as if it has already been granted. Set a mental scene. Become a part of it and let it become a part of you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Instead of merely fulfilling your obligation, you will think about how you show up. Your style, mood, attitude... it all affects others. Your efforts to show up with enthusiasm will take more energy at first, then not so much.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You believe in unseen forces like wind, true love and human goodness. The search for proof in the matter will continue to brighten your life in surprising ways.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Before you invent new methods for attaining your goals, make sure you've given the old ones a chance to work. The action that will be most effective may also be so obvious that it's easy to miss.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The world wants you to keep doing things a new way, but it's not always necessary. The traditional methods will work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Driven by strong intuition or a desire to stave off boredom, you'll take a spontaneous risk. Your optimism eases the way. You run on hope. Suddenly, everything seems possible.

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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7	6	3	2	4	5	8	9	1
5	8	6	3	1	7	9	4	2
2	4	7	5	9	8	1	3	6
1	3	9	4	6	2	7	8	5
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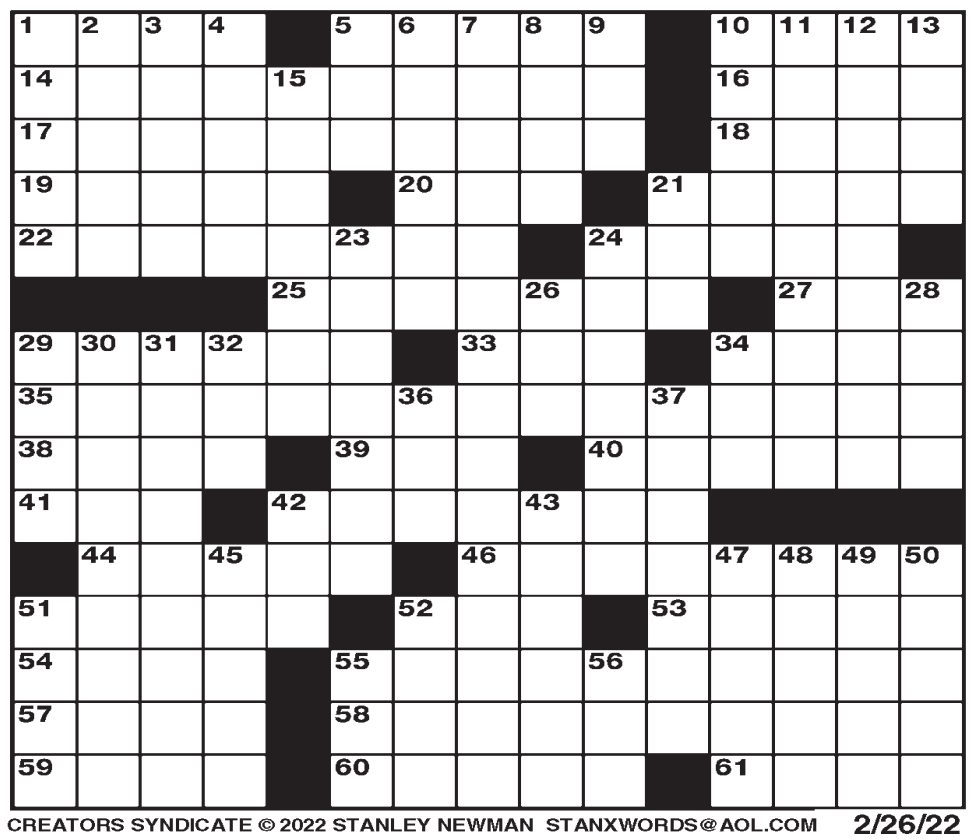
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Lester Ruff
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Roast holder, perhaps
5 Symbols of strength
10 Walrus hunter
14 Spy buy
16 Bank deposit
17 Lemmon's wife in *Grumpier Old Men*
18 Become closely united
19 Highly inclined
20 Alternative to Xander
21 Make fun of
22 Revelation rider
24 Turned, in a phrase
25 Reference note for a certain sitter
27 Bill with "Declaration of Independence, 1776"
29 NBC Sports mainstay, 1980-2018
33 Bit of a comet's tail
34 Wet continental divide
35 "You're welcome" alternative
38 Agency with a Mission-Driven Bank Fund
39 End of Bill Gates' full name
40 War zone reporters
41 Capital of South Dakota
42 Sherpas, for instance
44 "Your Unfiltered View of Government"
46 In view, in a way
51 Expectation exclamation
52 Thick coat
53 Supertough guy
54 Object
55 "Magnificent __" (what Aldrin called the moon)
57 Set apart
58 Coca-Cola citrus soda
59 Its junior members are Antlers
60 Parisian pen
61 "Ships upon untamed __": Auden

DOWN
1 Break up
2 Something spotted on a ranch
3 Well-hidden
4 They may be good and hard
5 Removed
6 Response to good news
7 As luck would have it
8 Chicken ancestor
9 Didn't sell
10 "I could've got more out" speaker in a '93 film
11 Has plausibility
12 What Duracell's "Revived" won for 2020/2021
13 Meant for, for short
15 Southern tip of New Jersey
21 __ button
23 Diplomatic establishment
24 Plywood portions
26 Kin to colon-hyphen-close paren
28 Apt rhyme for "praise"
29 Site for a bite
30 Pleasantly reminiscent
31 Where 007's winnings go in *Casino Royale* (2006)
32 Tie __
34 Port designation
36 Tank filler
37 Evacuation order
42 With 47 Down, scales for staff
43 Volunteer, say
45 Flag bearers
47 See 42 Down
48 *Ratatouille* rat
49 Congo River tributary
50 Inappropriate behavior
51 Word from the Dutch for "eye"
52 They get loafers moving
55 "The private side of Twitter": Abbr.
56 Facility at Wimbledon



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What's Up Westside
out and about in Santa Monica

SATURDAY | FEB 26

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, HIGH
SMPL 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 SMMUSD 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.

DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA WALKING TOUR
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DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
Arizona Ave. (between 2nd & 4th)
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

PICO FARMERS MARKET
Pico Blvd. & Cloverfield Blvd.
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SUNDAY | FEB 27

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET
2640 Main St.
8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

MONDAY | FEB 28

SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING
Visit https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/ for more information. 7 p.m.

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING
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TUESDAY | MARCH 1

MEME MADNESS
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WEDNESDAY | MARCH 2

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THURSDAY | MARCH 3

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
The mission of the Santa Monica Public Library Board is to support and have charge of the administration of the Santa Monica Public Library. Due to COVID-19 precautions the Board continues to meet virtually. 7 - 9 p.m. Agenda: https://smpl.org/Library_Board.aspx

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

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L R U B B E R D U C K I E S C
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D P I P S M D A S D N V E E K
A G E C H E R A X E E W T O I
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D E L T V B L U E S W R S A K
S A O I N U E P N B I P P R E
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D E L G N A T F S O A R S R A
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Arms
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High tide
Instructions
Kick
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Relax
Rescues
Revive
Rips
Risk
Rubber duckies
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Seniors
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SUPREME COURT

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of Judge Jackson is an important step toward ensuring the Supreme Court reflects the nation as a whole."

As part of his search process, Biden, a longtime chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, also interviewed Childs and California Supreme Court Judge Leondra Kruger, according to a person familiar with the matter. He also consulted with a wide range of legal experts and lawmakers in both parties and delved deeply into the finalists' legal writings before selecting Jackson for the post.

Jackson serves on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, a position that Biden elevated her to last year from her previous job as a federal trial court judge. Three current justices — Thomas, Brett Kavanaugh and John Roberts, the chief justice — previously served on the same court.

On Friday morning ahead of the announcement, Jackson took part in scheduled arguments before the circuit court.

Jackson was confirmed to that post on a 53-44 Senate vote, winning the backing of three Republicans: Graham, Maine's Susan Collins and Alaska's Lisa Murkowski.

Graham, in a tweet, indicated displeasure with the nomination, saying, "I expect a respectful but interesting hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee."

Bipartisanship is important to Biden, who has often said he was reaching for GOP support as he closed in on a nominee. Another GOP connection: Jackson is related by marriage to former House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin.

In one of Jackson's most high-profile decisions, as a trial court judge she ordered former White House Counsel Don McGahn to appear before Congress. That was a setback to former President Donald Trump's efforts to keep his top aides from testifying. The case was appealed, and a deal was ultimately reached for McGahn's testimony.

Another highly visible case that Jackson oversaw involved the online conspiracy theory "pizzagate," which revolved around false internet rumors about prominent Democrats harboring child sex slaves at a Washington pizza restaurant. A North Carolina man showed up at the restaurant with an assault rifle and a revolver. Jackson called it "sheer luck" no one was injured and sentenced him to four years in prison.

Jackson has a considerably shorter record as an appeals court judge. She was part of a three-judge panel that ruled in December against Trump's effort to shield documents from the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

Jackson was born in Washington, D.C., and grew up in Miami. She has said that her parents, Johnny and Ellery Brown, chose her name to express their pride in her family's African ancestry. They asked an aunt who was in the Peace Corps in Africa at the time to send a list of African girls' names and they picked Ketanji Onyika, which they were told meant "lovely one."

Jackson traces her interest in the law to when she was in preschool and her father was in law school and they would sit together at the dining room table, she with coloring books and he with law books. Her father became an attorney for the county school board and her mom was a high school principal. She has a brother who is nine years younger who served in the Army, including in Iraq, and is now a lawyer.

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