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Another Boardwalk encampment fire stokes concerns about Venice's trash crisis



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GARBAGE: Debris and trash have become a fire hazard along the Venice stretch of the boardwalk.

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SMDP Staff Writer

At 8 p.m. on Sunday night another homeless encampment went up in flames on the Venice Boardwalk, and residents fear that unless something is done to address the sprawling piles of possessions and trash many more dangerous fires will occur.

The fire was located at Wavecrest Ave. and Speedway and extinguished by LAFD task force 63 in under an hour. Fire personnel were able to prevent the billowing smoke and flames from spreading to nearby structures, unlike the Jan. 13 encampment fire which engulfed a vacant commercial building on the Boardwalk.

Longtime Venice Boardwalk resident Alexander Stowell said that the trash on the Boardwalk has been growing "exponentially" since last summer and now small fires occur a few times a week.

"It's getting worse and worse and worse there doesn't seem to be an end in sight," said Stowell. "It's the result of the local government deciding not to enforce 56.11 for virus reasons, but now those reasons are gone and we're opened up. They've got to enforce 56.11 to get rid of the trash and those fires."

In response to the outbreak of Covid-19 in March, Los Angeles City Council suspended the section of Municipal Code 56.11 requiring tents be taken down during the day. Then in April a judge issued a temporary injunction revoking the section of 56.11 that prevented homeless individuals from keeping over 60 gallons worth of possessions on the street.

As a result homeless encampments have largely been allowed to remain in place and there is no limit on the amount of possessions unhoused individuals can publicly store.

In Venice this has correlated with an extreme increase in the amount of trash and debris on the streets, most of which is concentrated around encampments by the Boardwalk, on Sunset Ave, Hampton Dr, Rose

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Council weighs COVID-19 Rent Relief for city tenants

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

As part of its ongoing economic recovery plans, City Hall will debate rent relief for tenants of city owned properties on Tuesday.

The City's Rent Deferment Program was established in April 2020 in accordance with the City's emergency orders, which implemented a temporary moratorium on evictions of commercial tenants. Under the program, those who lease or license City-owned properties and who are unable to pay rent due to financial impacts related to COVID-19 are protected from eviction and may defer rents owed for the period of April 2020 through March 2021.

The program waives any late fees and interest penalties and requires participants to repay all deferred rents by September 30, 2021, according to a staff report, which detailed, collectively, the City has deferred approximately $5.3 million in rents for the 60 tenants enrolled in the Rent Deferment Program across all funds.

With the Commercial Eviction Moratorium set to expire on March 31, 2021 and the associated deferrals under the Rent Deferment Program currently required to be repaid by September 31, 2021, the report adds, "Council's direction is needed at this time because many of the City's small business tenants have expressed the need for financial support beyond the deferrals currently offered through the Program."

Proposed actions include extending the rent repayment window, potentially allow tenants to exit their leases early, possibly

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Council to discuss position on a split school district

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

The debate over splitting Santa Monica and Malibu into two separate school districts has heated up again and school officials aren't the only ones weighing in.

Mayor Sue Himmelrich, Mayor Pro Tem Kristin McCowan, and Councilmember Phil Brock have requested that City Council affirm its support for splitting Santa Monica and Malibu into two separate independent school districts as long as the division of revenues and assets are fair and just to students in Santa Monica schools and provide robust and equal educational opportunity for both Malibu and Santa Monica students.

Councilmembers are expected to reaffirm their position during a Council meeting Tuesday, only a few days after the Los Angeles County Office of Education announced its Committee on School District Organization will hold a public hearing on the petition at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 17, via Zoom, but they won't be the first to do so.

Darrell Goode, president of the local NAACP Branch, formally submitted a letter to oppose the City of Malibu's petition to secede Malibu from the SMMUSD back in December.

"After extensive conversations with the District and after reviewing the petition, Malibu's petition personifies everything that our organization fights against on a daily basis," Goode said. "The most alarming component of the petition is that it seeks to redline the Malibu school community away from the Santa Monica school community. In doing that, Malibu has made

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Overstimulated? Stocks soar 75% in historic 12-month run

STAN CHOE
AP Business Writer

It was one year ago that the terrifying free fall for the stock market suddenly ended, ushering in one of its greatest runs.

On March 23, 2020, the S&P 500 fell 2.9%. In all, the index dropped nearly 34% in about a month, wiping out three years' worth of gains for the market.

That turned out to be the bottom, even though the coronavirus pandemic worsened in the ensuing months and the economy sank deeper into recession. Massive amounts of support for the economy from the Federal Reserve and Congress limited how far stocks would fall. The market recovered all its losses by August.

As time passed, the quick development of coronavirus vaccines helped stocks shoot even higher. So did growing legions of first-time investors, who suddenly had plenty of time to get into the market using free trading apps on their phones.

It all led to a)76.1% surge for the S&P 500 and a shocking return to record heights. This run looks to be one of, if not the, best 365-day stretches for the S&P 500 since before World War II. Based on month-end figures, the last time the S&P 500 rose this much in a 12-month stretch was in 1936, according to Howard Silverblatt, senior index analyst at S&P Dow Jones Indices.

All the furious movement has also raised worries that stock prices may have gone too far, too fast. Here's a look at five trends that helped shape the market over the last year:

TWO BULL MARKETS IN ONE

Wall Street's big rally actually had two distinct stages. Early on, Big Tech stocks and winners of the suddenly stay-at-home economy pulled the market higher. Amazon benefited as people shopped more online, Apple hoovered up sales as more people worked from home and Zoom Video Communications surged as students and adults started meeting online. Tech stocks as a group are the market's biggest by value, so their gains helped make up for weakness across other sectors as the economy continued to struggle.

Since last autumn, though, excitement for an economic liftoff has caused a more widespread upturn. Banks, energy producers and smaller companies whose profits would be the biggest beneficiaries of a stronger economy have led the way, as coronavirus vaccines roll out and Washington delivers even more financial aid. Those gains are also picking up the slack for technology stocks, which have lost momentum as interest rates rise on worries about higher inflation.

FIRST-TIME INVESTORS JOIN, AND THE GAME DOESN'T STOP

Stuck at home with little to do, people looked for ways to use some dollars that might have otherwise been spent on a movie, restaurant meal or vacation. Many turned to the stock market via their phones, as trading apps made it easy to buy and sell shares with a few taps, commission free.

Clients under the age of 40 accounted for 35% of trading last month at Charles Schwab, nearly double the rate of two years earlier. Accounts less than a year old are doing more trading in total at Charles Schwab than accounts that have been around more than 10 years.

Many of those traders have been using money they got as stimulus payments from the U.S. government. The Robinhood trading app popular with many novice investors saw an increase in the percentage of deposits of exactly $1,200 or $2,400 after the government sent out checks for those amounts last spring, just after the stock market hit bottom, for example. A new round of government payments — $1,400 to individuals — is underway.

Social media has only amplified the trend, as traders talk on Reddit, Twitter and elsewhere about what stocks to buy. They've been helping to push up the stock market broadly, but their influence is most evident in what have come to be known as "meme stocks." GameStop surged 1,625% in January, for example, even though the video game retailer has struggled financially. The gains for GameStop, AMC Entertainment and other meme stocks defied gravity — and, in the opinion of nearly every professional investor on Wall Street, common sense.

A SPAC-TACULAR BOOM RAISES CONCERNS

All the mania around stocks has raised worries along Wall Street that prices may have shot too high. Much of the criticism is focused on how much faster stock prices climbed than corporate profits.

Another potential signal of too much greed and not enough fear: Investors are so hungry for the next big thing that they're pouring billions of dollars into investments, before they even know what the money could go toward. These investments are called special-purpose acquisition companies, though they're better known by their acronym, SPACs. Armed with cash raised from investors, SPACs look for privately held companies to buy so that the company can easily list its stock on an exchange.

Last year, SPACs raised $83.4 billion, more than six times the prior year. They've already surpassed that level in less than three months this year.

A GLOBAL RECOVERY

The coronavirus really knows no geographic boundaries. As it devastated populations and economies around the world, global financial markets sustained sharp losses.

The recovery has also been worldwide. Stocks from China, South Korea and other emerging markets as a group are up almost the exact same percentage as the S&P 500 since March 23, 2020. Japan's Nikkei 225 index is also up a similar amount.

European markets have been lagging, although their performance is much better when seen in dollar terms instead of euros. Worsening infection rates are raising worries of a "third wave" on the continent and are forcing governments to bring back some restrictions on daily life. But the hope is that

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DAILY POLICE LOG

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Party Complaint 23rd St / Ocean Park Blvd 12:23 a.m.
Battery 200blk Wilshire Blvd 12:35 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 1400blk 17th St 12:57 a.m.
Loud Music 500blk Hill St 1:20 a.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 2500blk 10th St 1:20 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 1900blk Centinela Ave 1:31 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2500blk Main St 1:44 a.m.
Prowler Just Left 600blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:57 a.m.
Traffic Hazard Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 2:34 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 300blk 9th St 3:25 a.m.
Battery Now 800blk 20th St 3:31 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1600blk 20th St 4:13 a.m.
Petty Theft 1300blk 2nd St 4:27 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2000blk Pico Blvd 4:29 a.m.
Auto Burglary 400blk Marine St 5:25 a.m.
Found Person 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 5:45 a.m.
Person Down 800blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:51 a.m.
Petty Theft 1400blk The Beach 6:01 a.m.
Burglary Now 3000blk Goldsmith St 6:16 a.m.
Encampment 1100blk Palisades Park 6:29 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1900blk Euclid St 7:44 a.m.
Traffic Hazard Ocean Ave / Olympic Dr 8:13 a.m.
Burglary Report 200blk 14th St 8:36 a.m.
Burglary Report 500blk Pier Ave 8:46 a.m.
Malicious Mischief 1700blk Appian Way 8:52 a.m.
Living In A Vehicle 700blk Alta Ave 9:16 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 900blk 19th St 9:24 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1700blk Wilshire Blvd 9:33 a.m.
Drinking In Public 2100blk 20th St 9:59 a.m.
Loud Music 2000blk Ocean Ave 10:09 a.m.
Loud Music 800blk Broadway 10:16 a.m.
Injured Person 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 10:42 a.m.
Traffic Hazard Main St / Hollister Ave 10:42 a.m.
Found Property 2000blk Ocean Ave 10:46 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2500blk Pico Blvd 10:50 a.m.
Burglary Report 2600blk 2nd St 10:56 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 5th St / Colorado Ave 11:21 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 1100blk Pico Blvd 11:29 a.m.
Found Property 1700blk Lincoln Blvd 11:36 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 18th St / Oak St 11:39 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 2100blk San Vicente Blvd 11:52 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 3000blk Goldsmith St 12:07 p.m.
Loud Music 2900blk Delaware Ave 12:54 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1900blk Euclid St 1:02 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1000blk 9th St 1:13 p.m.
Overdose 1300blk 4th St 1:31 p.m.
Encampment 1100blk The Beach 2:27 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Ocean Ave / California Ave 2:48 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 800blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:58 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 3:01 p.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order Report 1000blk 12th St 3:01 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 Ocean Ave / California Ave 3:06 p.m.
Battery 800blk Ocean Ave 3:26 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1400blk 16th St 3:40 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 3:42 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Euclid St / Pico Blvd 3:42 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1200blk 15th St 3:45 p.m.
Keep The Peace 2700blk Neilson Way 3:49 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400blk 4th St 3:50 p.m.
Found Property 5th St / Hollister Ave 3:57 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1500blk 9th St 4:01 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Ocean Ave / Washington Ave 4:09 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 900blk 9th St 4:10 p.m.
Found Property 600blk Kensington Rd 4:19 p.m.
Burglary Report 800blk 14th St 4:32 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 600blk Washington Ave 4:38 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 17th St / Santa Monica Blvd 4:47 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 4:48 p.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 4:57 p.m.
Petty Theft 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 4:58 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 3000blk 3rd St 5:08 p.m.
Loud Music 2700blk Barnard Way 5:15 p.m.
Attempt Burglary Report 400blk 10th St 5:16 p.m.
Burglary Report 800blk 14th St 5:20 p.m.
Lost Property 9th St / Georgina Ave 5:21 p.m.
Burglary Report 800blk 14th St 5:28 p.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order In Progress 200blk Broadway 5:39 p.m.
Theft Suspect In Custody 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 5:49 p.m.
General Parking Problem 300blk California Ave 5:57 p.m.
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Loud Music 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 6:23 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 6:26 p.m.
Loud Music 2400blk Ocean Front Walk 6:54 p.m.
Armed Robbery 1400blk Palisades Park 7:16 p.m.
Loud Music 2700blk Barnard Way 7:30 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 7:44 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1400blk Ocean Ave 7:46 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1600blk Appian Way 7:50 p.m.
Party Complaint 1500blk Princeton St 7:58 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 2000blk Olympic Blvd 7:58 p.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 2400blk 5th St 8:06 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1600blk Appian Way 8:14 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1600blk 4th St 8:20 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:27 p.m.
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Drinking In Public 1500blk Palisades Park 8:33 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 900blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:46 p.m.
Battery 1300blk 26th St 8:48 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2800blk Main St 8:48 p.m.
Encampment 1600blk Appian Way 9:04 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1600blk The Beach 9:35 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1200blk 16th St 10:03 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1900blk Pico Blvd 10:37 p.m.
Petty Theft 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 11:24 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400blk 10th St 11:41 p.m.

Man arrested for chainsaw attack previously cited on Santa Monica beach

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A white man arrested after police say he menaced Black guests with a chainsaw at a North Carolina hotel over the weekend was arrested in California last year on charges of carrying a loaded gun on the beach.

Twenty-seven-year-old Jacob Vanderburg was arrested Sunday morning by Raleigh police on nine charges, including going armed to the terror of the people, kidnapping and assault.

WRAL-TV reports Vanderburg is accused of waving a chainsaw at three people at a Red Roof Inn, a Super 8 and a Claremont Inn on South Saunders Street in Raleigh. Chainsaw marks were left on at least one of the guest rooms.

Police in nearby Garner say Vanderburg also rammed his vehicle into a home-improvement store Saturday night and stole another chainsaw.

In July 2020, WRAL reports Vanderburg was arrested in Santa Monica, California, for carrying a loaded gun on a beach. Witnesses to that incident told police Vanderburg said he was upset with liberals and Black Lives Matter protests.

After his California arrest, Vanderburg was released on a $30,000 bond, but then put on a psychiatric hold. He never showed up in court, according to WRAL's report.

CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

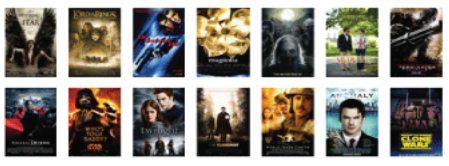
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Officers were dispatched to CVS on the 500 block of Wilshire regarding a subject making threats to punch the reporting party/victim in the face. Upon arrival, Officers spoke to the victim who relayed that the subject had attempted to take items without paying. The victim was the store manager and approached the subject asking him to pay for the items, which led to the subject lunging at her and threatening to hit her. The victim later called the police out of fear that he may return. Officers watched surveillance footage of the suspect and recognized him from past encounters. Later at around 1:45am, Officers made contact with the suspect and arrested Andre M Lewis for a 211PC- Estes Robbery.

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Automatic Alarm 1500blk 6th St 3:08 a.m.
EMS 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 4:02 a.m.
EMS 800blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:51 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 7:18 a.m.
Electrical Fire - No Fire Visible 300blk Olympic Dr 8:38 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 9:21 a.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 10:21 a.m.
EMS 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 10:41 a.m.
EMS Main St / Bay St 12:37 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Franklin St 12:53 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 4th St 1:31 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Ocean Ave 1:49 p.m.
Odor Investigation 900blk Euclid St 1:50 p.m.
EMS 300blk Olympic Dr 2:15 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 2:37 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / California Ave 2:48 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 3:34 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Kansas Ave 4:04 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Euclid St 4:23 p.m.
EMS 700blk 15th St 4:38 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk 21st St 5:17 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 5:32 p.m.
Electrical Fire - No Fire Visible 700blk Bay St 6:29 p.m.
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Business is just problem solving - All Day Long

"I never learned anything on a good day." – Paul Pearson, Founder and CEO of Custom Props Inc.

Business schools teach the theory of business, the analytics of running a company, and what are considered best practices by those in the ivory towers who stay away from getting their hands dirty. Real business, whether it is a small mom and pop, or a huge multinational conglomerate is much messier and more complex than any graduate student coming out of an MBA program will know, at least until they have to mop out their first overflowing sink, or figure out how to make payroll when there's not enough in the bank.

Running a small business requires a multitasking ability that encompasses, emotional strength, diplomacy, strategy, forethought, emotional intelligence, mathematics, banking, governmental bureaucracy, human relations, the legal system, marketing, sales processes, technology, and creativity. To be an entrepreneur in today's world one must master, and stay current with the latest trends and environmental issues.

Then there's the little matter of the pandemic. It is in my opinion the biggest disrupter in the world of business since email. There used to be a languid pace to the way things happened. Even with the advent of computers speeding up everything from document production to printing, there was a natural buffer on the pace of life, the U.S. Postal Service kept a lid on just how fast you could expect something delivered, whether it was an approval letter or a package of cookies. Along came email and suddenly you could communicate instantaneously, with multiple people. Our expectations of response times shortened dramatically. We became more demanding, needier and less civil in my opinion.

For the past year businesses have had to adapt to the ever changing demands of the public as they confronted the single biggest mass casualty event in 100 years. Across the business world we've had to change the way we do business, and what we can reasonably expect. In the beginning months of the pandemic the courts were closed so divorce and family law attorneys like me were shut out of our traditional workplaces. The office towers that housed the firms were closed and in the blink of an eye everyone was working remotely.

Technology providers were furiously setting up home access for lawyers, support staff and trying to figure out how to integrate word processing while maintaining security and confidentiality of client files. The courts were forced to find ways to allow hearings to go forward while social distancing. Technology has now been put in place where many proceedings are held virtually. I literally have appeared in Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino and Los Angeles county courtrooms without leaving my office thanks to the innovation of Zoom and L.A. Court Connect. The practice of family law has fundamentally changed due to the pandemic, and I'm pretty sure that most of these changes are here permanently.

In a similar way, the restaurant world has had to adapt to "delivery only" – which killed many an eatery. The quarter-step into outdoor dining allowed for the lucky few those who had enough parking space they could repurpose, to quickly set up outdoor spaces so that they could continue operations. Restaurants like Z Garden, Gilbert's El Indio, Viet Noodle, Rae's and Lunetta were able to take advantage of the heavy traffic on Pico Blvd by modernizing, and converting their parking or sidewalk space into dining areas. Those less fortunate places like Rosti Kitchen on Montana Ave or Tacos Por Favor on Olympic and 14th had to make do with a few sidewalk tables. Even the Speak Easy, the bar that is literally across the street from my office and I've been in twice in 20 years, has begun to remodel their interior and built outdoor dining that has charming lights and heaters.

Now that we are moving back towards actual indoor dining there is hope for a decent recovery of these restaurants and more. The sad part is the number of places that didn't have the ability to pivot or adjust to the pandemic problem, Places like the UnUrban Coffee House across from Trader Joe's on Pico or the 18th Street Coffee House on Broadway have gone out of business and hopefully the next owner will find great success once we're back to some semblance of normalcy.

Out of all things there is both good and bad. From this pandemic, that took so many lives and livelihoods, there is a lot of bad. For those who lost their livelihoods, there are lessons of resilience, redemption and recovery. For those who survived they too will have a sense of resilience, redemption and recovery.

Solving the problems of how to navigate a pandemic has taught many businesspeople, the winners and the losers, lessons they will use on their next adventure. As entrepreneurs, they will dig deeper and have greater resources to call on, as they face the next round of bad days, and learn more.

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Elgin Baylor, Lakers great and aerialist pioneer, dies at 86

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Elgin Baylor changed the very direction of basketball when he joined the NBA and brought his vertical feats of athletic brilliance to a largely horizontal game.

He filled scoresheets and sparked young imaginations with his trailblazing aerial style, and every high-flying player of the past 60 years has followed his path.

Although the Lakers' first superstar in Los Angeles never won a championship ring, Baylor still looms high above the franchise and the game he loved.

The Hall of Fame forward died Monday of natural causes in Los Angeles with wife Elaine and daughter Krystal by his side, the team said. He was 86.

An 11-time All-Star who soared through the 1960s with a high-scoring artistry that became the model for the modern basketball player, Baylor played a major role in revolutionizing basketball from a ground-bound sport into an aerial show.

"Elgin was THE superstar of his era — his many accolades speak to that," Lakers owner Jeanie Buss said in a statement.

With a silky-smooth jumper and fluid athleticism, Baylor spent parts of 14 seasons with the Lakers in Minneapolis and Los Angeles, teaming with Jerry West in one of the most potent tandems in basketball history.

Baylor's second career as a personnel executive for 22 1/2 years with the woebegone Los Angeles Clippers was far less successful, but he remained a beloved figure in Los Angeles and beyond. Baylor strengthened his ties again to the Lakers over the past decade, and the team honored him with a statue outside Staples Center in 2018.

"Elgin Baylor set the course for the modern NBA as one of the league's first superstar players," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said. "In addition to his legendary playing career, Elgin was a man of principle. He was a leading activist during the height of the civil rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s and an influential voice among his fellow players."

The 6-foot-5 Baylor played in an era before significant television coverage of basketball, and confoundingly little of his play was ever captured on film. His athletic brilliance is best remembered by those who saw it in person. No one had a better view than West, who once called him "one of the most spectacular shooters the world has ever seen."

Baylor had an uncanny ability to hang in mid-air indefinitely, inventing shots and improvising deception along his flight path. Years before Julius Erving and Michael Jordan became international heroes with their similarly acrobatic games, Baylor created the blueprint for the modern superstar.

Baylor was the first NBA player to score 70 points in a game, and he still holds the single-game NBA Finals scoring record with 61 against Boston in 1962. He averaged 27.4 points and 13.5 rebounds over his career, and he even averaged a career-best 38 points during a season in which he only played on weekend passes while on active duty as an Army reservist.

"I spent a lot of time with him over the years," Charles Barkley said during CBS' coverage of the NCAA Tournament. "To me, he's probably the most underrated great basketball player of all time. He always carried himself with great dignity and respect."

Baylor played high above most of his contemporaries, but never won a championship or led the NBA in scoring largely because he played at the same time as centers Bill Russell, who won all the rings, and Wilt Chamberlain, who claimed all the scoring titles. Knee injuries hampered the second half of Baylor's career, although he remained a regular All-Star.

West and Baylor were the first in the long tradition of dynamic pairings with the Lakers, followed by Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in the 1980s before Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal won three more titles in the 2000s.

"My first few years in the league, he cared for me like a father would a son," West said Monday. "We shared the joy of winning and the heartbreaking losses in the finals. He was a prince both on and off the court."

Baylor's Lakers lost six times in the NBA Finals to the Boston Celtics and another time to the New York Knicks. Los Angeles won the 1971-72 title, but only after Baylor retired nine games into the season, dissatisfied with his standard of play due to his ailing knees.

"Before there was Michael Jordan doing amazing things in the air, there was Elgin Baylor!" Johnson tweeted. "A true class act and great man."

Elgin Gay Baylor was born in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 16, 1934. Named after his father's favorite watch, an "Elgin" timepiece, Baylor became infatuated with his sport even before he could afford a basketball, instead learning to shoot with a tennis ball.

After struggling academically in high school, Baylor played at Seattle University from 1956-58, averaging 31.3 points a game and leading the team to the 1958 NCAA championship game, where it lost to coach Adolph Rupp's Kentucky Wildcats.

Baylor was the No. 1 NBA draft pick in 1958 by the Minneapolis Lakers, who were near bankruptcy after a steep fall from their first championship era. Baylor immediately saved the Lakers with his scoring and style.

He won the Rookie of the Year award and led the Lakers to the NBA Finals, where they lost to the fledgling Celtics dynasty in the first of the rivals' 12 championship series meetings.

Baylor scored 64 points on Nov. 8, 1959 — then the league single-game record, and the Lakers' record for 45 years until Bryant broke it. He then became the first NBA player to surpass 70 points, scoring 71 on Dec. 11, 1960, against New York.

When the Lakers moved to Los Angeles in 1960, Baylor became the centerpiece of their Hollywood revival. West also arrived from West Virginia in 1960, and they immediately clicked, averaging 69.1 combined points per game and becoming lifelong friends.

Baylor played in only 48 games during the 1961-62 season because of his military service, yet the Lakers still won the Western Conference by 11 games. Baylor's 61 points in Game 5 of the finals put the Lakers ahead

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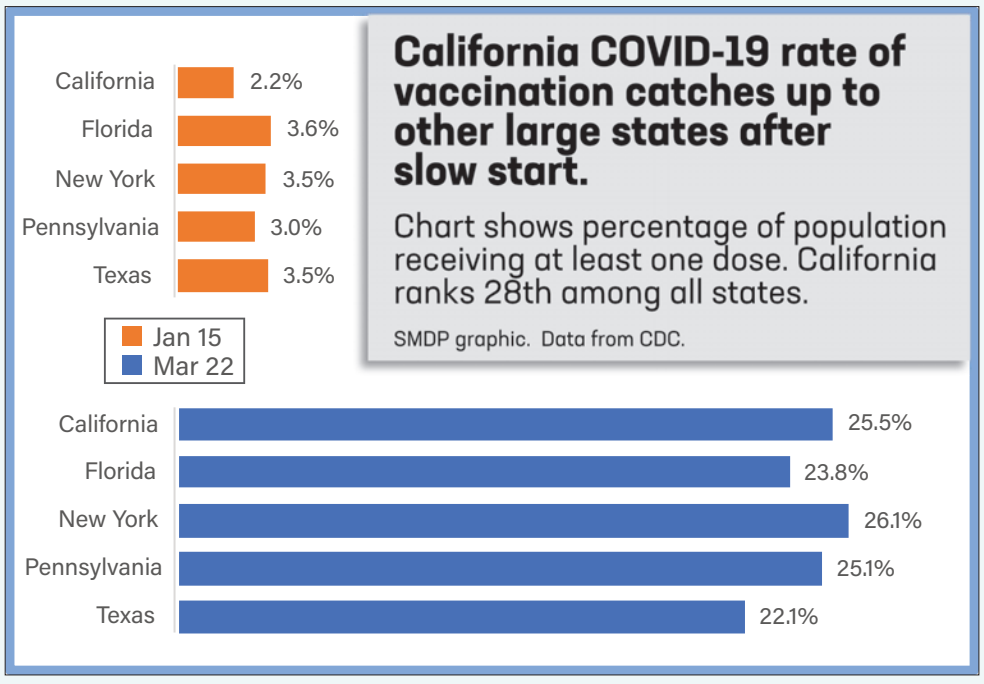
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Vaccines



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VACCINE: The California vaccine rollout has picked up steam recently bringing the state on par with others. As cases continue to decline locally and vaccine access increases, local officials have modified their approach to various closures. On Monday, the County Department of Public Health said it was incorporating CDC recommendations into local rules to allow for just three feet of space between students in classrooms.

FIRE

FROM PAGE 1

Ave, and Main St.

While enforced encampment clean-ups are not currently allowed, abandoned possessions and piles of trash can be legally removed. CD-11 Councilman Mike Bonin's office is currently pursuing a policy of voluntary encampment clean-ups where items are taken when an unhoused individual is present to consent to their removal.

This effort has been unable to stem Venice's growing trash crisis and, as a result, groups of residents have taken to cleaning the streets themselves.

"There's tons of trash right around Google, it's constantly overflowing and it's just disgusting," said local resident and volunteer Brennan Lindner. "I picked up great amounts of poop on my last clean-up; I literally had to carry a poop bucket."

Linder helps coordinate the Venice Chamber of Commerce's clean-ups, which is one of four regularly scheduled volunteer clean-ups occurring in the neighborhood.

Fifteen year Venice resident Cari Bjelajac, lives around the corner from Sunday night's fire and has witnessed firsthand the nearby spike in trash and fires over the past year. When her son was recently injured in a car accident and temporarily placed in a wheelchair, she was unable to walk him down the sidewalk due to the clutter.

"I couldn't even take him outside and walk around, because there is no accessibility for a wheelchair," said Bjelajac. "Part of my dismay with all of this is we had to walk him in the street to get around certain obstacles. It was very frustrating."

Bjelajac said she is highly sympathetic to the plight of the homeless and mentally ill and that she and many of her neighbors want to work to find solutions for the local homeless population. Their efforts to reach out to Mike Bonin's office have been largely met with silence.

"As much as I've reached out to try to be a partner with CD-11's office I don't get the sense that they want to partner with me," said Bjelajac. "It's really difficult because I'm willing to put the time in to help address the issues in my neighborhood."

Lindner has had a similar experience with CD-11's office. He has reached out many times to try and find out when sanitation services and wire bin trash pick-ups are scheduled so that volunteers can coordinate their efforts accordingly.

"I can't even get that information and it's fine if it only happens once a week, but at least let us know so that we can plan and then if we need to assist them in some way, that would be great," said Lindner.

Mike Bonin's office did not respond to a request for comment.

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AstraZeneca: US data shows vaccine effective for all adults

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AP Medical Writers

AstraZeneca reported Monday that its COVID-19 vaccine provided strong protection among adults of all ages in a long-anticipated U.S. study, a finding that could help rebuild public confidence in the shot around the world and move it a step closer to clearance in the U.S.

In the study of 30,000 people, the vaccine was 79% effective at preventing symptomatic cases of COVID-19 — including in older adults. There were no severe illnesses or hospitalizations among vaccinated volunteers, compared with five such cases in participants who received dummy shots — a small number, but consistent with findings from Britain and other countries that the vaccine protects against the worst of the disease.

AstraZeneca also said the study's independent safety monitors found no serious side effects, including no increased risk of rare blood clots like those identified in Europe, a scare that led numerous countries to briefly suspend vaccinations last week.

"I do hope it puts to bed any doubts about the vaccine efficacy," Mene Pangalos, AstraZeneca's biopharmaceuticals research chief, told The Associated Press. "Overall where the vaccine is being used, it's been shown to be highly effective. So I hope that the U.S. study now will continue to give the vaccine some momentum and get it used even further around the world."

The company aims to file an application with the Food and Drug Administration in the coming weeks, and the government's outside advisers will publicly debate the evidence before the agency makes a decision. Pangalos said the vaccine could win emergency authorization toward the second half of April. If so, the company would deliver 30 million doses immediately and an additional 20 million within the first month.

What that will mean for America's vaccination plans is unclear. The Biden administration already projects there will be enough doses for all adults by the end of May thanks to increasing supplies from the makers of the three vaccines already in use in the U.S. — Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson.

Federal officials said they didn't want to prejudge the FDA's review but cast the AstraZeneca findings as a victory both for the U.S. supply and the global fight against the virus.

"There are very many countries in Europe and throughout the world who have already authorized this, so the fact that a United States-run study has confirmed the efficacy and the safety of this vaccine I think is an important contribution to global health in general," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, the top U.S. infectious disease expert.

The AstraZeneca shot, which has been authorized in more than 70 countries, is a pillar of a U.N.-backed project known as COVAX that aims to get COVID-19 vaccines to poorer countries. It has also become a key tool in European countries' efforts to boost their sluggish vaccine rollouts. That made doubts about the shots especially worrying.

Even before the blood clot scare, scientists hoped the U.S. study would clear up some confusion about how well the vaccine really works. While previous research suggested it was effective in younger populations, there were questions about how well it protects those over 65, often those most vulnerable to COVID-19.

Also, Britain authorized the vaccine based on partial results from testing in the United Kingdom, Brazil and South Africa that suggested the shots were about 70% effective. But those results were clouded by a manufacturing mistake that led some participants to get just a half dose in their first shot.

Stephen Evans, of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, said the new data could help allay concerns.

"The benefits of these results will mainly be for the rest of the world where confidence in the AZ vaccine has been eroded, largely by political and media comment," he said.

Two-thirds of the volunteers in the U.S. study received the vaccine and the rest dummy shots, and Monday's report is based on the first 141 COVID-19 cases reported after the second vaccine dose kicked in. AstraZeneca declined to provide a breakdown of those cases, as it continues to prepare its FDA submission.

But Fauci said the study was careful to include different ages, racial and ethnic minorities, and people with underlying health conditions, and found "comparable efficacy across ethnicity and age."

Dr. Paul Hunter, a professor of medicine at the University of East Anglia, said the results were reassuring but that more details are needed to back up AstraZeneca's claims.

"But this should add confidence that the vaccine is doing what it is most needed for," said Hunter, who was not connected to the study.

On the safety front, France, Germany, Italy and other countries have resumed their use of the AstraZeneca vaccine after the suspension last week to investigate clots. On Thursday, the European Medicines Agency concluded the vaccine did not raise the overall risk of clots, but could not rule out that it was connected to two very rare types.

In the U.S., as in Britain and Europe, major efforts already are underway to watch for any unexpected problems as the first vaccines are rolling out. And as the U.S. considers AstraZeneca's vaccine, Fauci said, "You can rest assured that the FDA will put a great deal of scrutiny in every aspect of these data."

The AstraZeneca shot is what scientists call a "viral vector" vaccine. The shots are made with a harmless cold virus that normally infects chimpanzees. It acts like a Trojan horse to carry genetic material from the coronavirus's spike protein into the body. That primes the immune system to fight back if the real virus comes along.

Two other companies, Johnson & Johnson and China's CanSino Biologics, make COVID-19 vaccines using the same technology but using different cold viruses.

Neergaard reported from Washington.



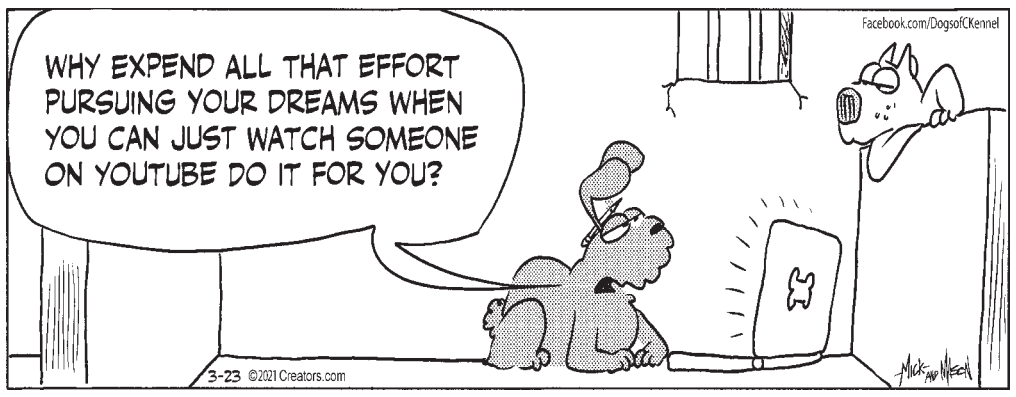
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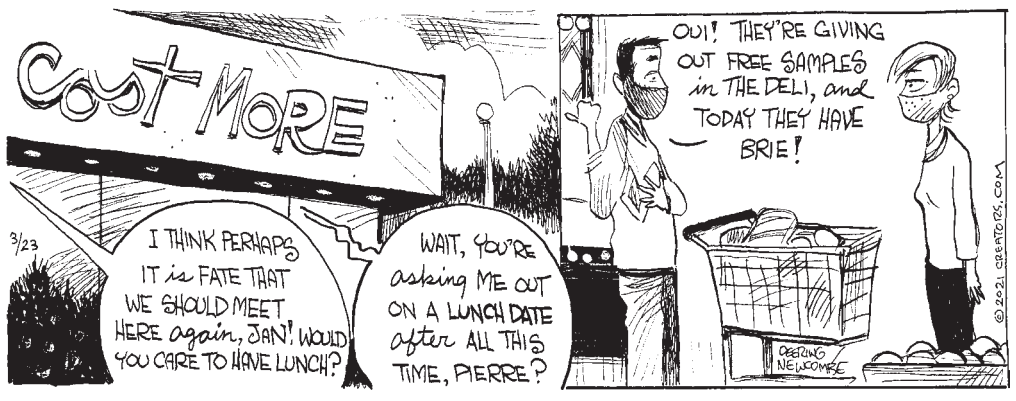
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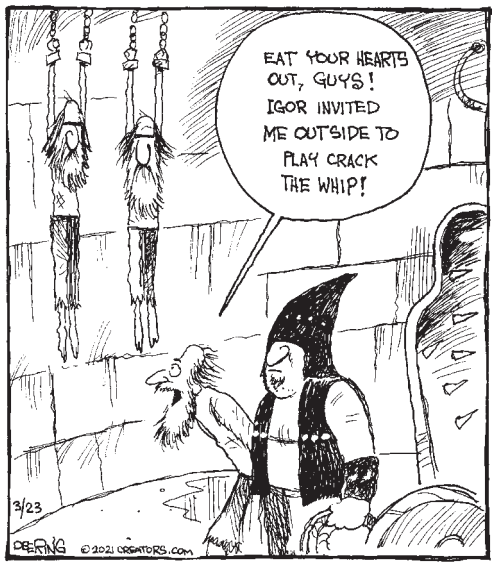
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"STILL TRYING TO QUIT GARBAGE?"

Strange Brew

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 54.0°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
Ok wind early trends onshore through the morning. New SSW swell tops out for the summer magnets (most size west of Pt. Dume) and there's enough NW swell for peaky shape at beachbreaks.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Up a touch in the morning as NW swell mix perks up some. SSW swell holds for the summer magnets.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 66.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. North wind 10 to 15 mph.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 67.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). This status quo wasn't imposed on you; it was created by you. Nonetheless, you find yourself wanting something different. You'll fly in the face of routine and exercise your free will to design anew.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People who don't know what is expected of them are unlikely to deliver it. You've a talent for cluing people in to the implicit rules and an even greater talent for communicating expectations explicitly and early in a process.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Many (not all) physicists support the idea of a future that does not yet exist. In each moment, you are creating outcomes that sway the future in a direction -- a responsibility to take seriously today and playfully tonight.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Do not be afraid to teeter into whimsy or introduce an element of the absurd. A touch of madness can be the electric spark that sets a work apart from the rest, although too much will make the work unrelatable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you care enough about getting a thing right, you'll do it as many times as it takes to hit the mark, and you won't stop there. You'll raise the bar; you'll teach others; you'll change the form.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Don't worry too much about differences today. Civility is important. Agreement is not. Cold air meets hot air and weather is born. It's the conflict that keeps the clouds changing shape.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Loyalty is so important to you. You stick by the ones you love and show up for them in times of need. That's the obvious part. It's less obvious but equally important to be present to their victories and celebrations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Inside every problem is the seed of new possibility. But in that particular kind of problem labeled "conflict," there are especially potent and plentiful seeds that can grow out of a thoughtful resolution.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're an artist whether or not you identify as such. The artistry comes from the way you approach, with a commitment to mastering and embodying the thing until it's an extension of your very being.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Each time you welcome someone, you see them anew. You seek an understanding of them at this point in their journey, knowing that it will be different from who they were yesterday. You'll discover new needs to fill.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't be too quick to eliminate tension -- not until you know its source, cause, effect and nature. It very well may be that tension is holding the whole thing up! How much energy is stored in the cord? Cutting could be dangerous!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Though close relationships could possibly and rightly be subject to grievances and score-keeping, the process of nursing blame would only distract from the more worthwhile effort of self-development.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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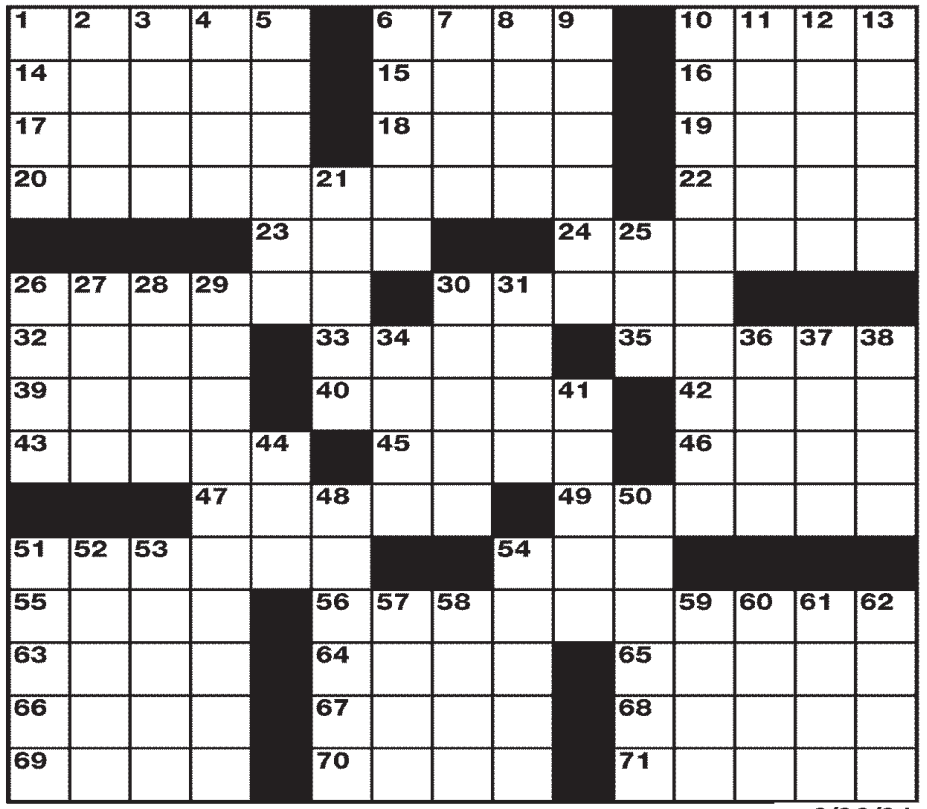
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Newsday Crossword

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1 Facts and figures
6 Two-band, as a radio
10 Alphabetize, for example
14 Unspoken but understood
15 __ one's time (wait)
16 One of the Great Lakes
17 Playful river mammal
18 "Put a lid __!"
19 Roof overhang
20 They're tossed at a casino
22 Originate (from)
23 Spelling competition
24 Commands given to soldiers
26 "Beats me!"
30 Quaint knickknack
32 Out of whack
33 Gang's home territory
35 Myanmar's former name
39 Map out
40 Nose, informally
42 Laser's light
43 Opinion piece
45 Not __ many words
46 Flimsy, as an excuse
47 Full of substance
49 What a crusty dessert is baked in
51 Religious rift
54 What fills a football
55 Brown ice cream flavor, for short
56 Nickname for Minneapolis + St. Paul
63 Group of cattle
64 __ a bell (sounded familiar)
65 Rude push
66 List of options
67 __ and crafts
68 All done, as dinner
69 Phrase right after an estimate
70 Pretzel shape
71 Get off the couch

DOWN
1 Command on a red traffic sign
2 "Bye-bye!"
3 Beginning of a play
4 Stadium level
5 Flashing dance-club light
6 Dwelling that might be "humble"
7 Short skirt
8 Savings protection agcy.
9 Shooting star
10 Observes an illusion of two of everything
11 Make a speech
12 Inland waterway
13 Abounds (with)
21 Impressive deeds
25 Bit of a barbecued rack
26 Back of the neck
27 Birds that hoot
28 Nest egg savings plans: Abbr.
29 Batman and Robin's nickname
30 Old friend
31 Sci-fi vehicles: Abbr.
34 Group of troops
36 Harvest, as crops
37 Middle of the Three Bears
38 Last word of a church hymn
41 Subject of a discussion
44 "I do"
48 The nationwide train network
50 Showy spring blooms
51 Hapless person
52 Gladden
53 Trombones and trumpets
54 Nervous feeling
57 Inform of danger
58 Take __ account (consider)
59 The one over there
60 Slightest trace
61 Get __ (exact revenge)
62 Emailer's "transmit" button



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Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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The big trip

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Arakoon	Dine	Orange	Southport
Aura	Drinking	Ouse	Stay
Away	Eden	Pastime	Surf
Beach	Food	Pool	Tent
Beds	Heat	Quiet	Tour
Beer	Ideal	Radio	Town
Boat	Idle	Read	Trailer
Bunbury	Island	Relax	Victoria
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COUNCIL

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it clear that they do not prioritize the value of diversity. Instead, as evidenced by their petition, they are seeking to create a school district that will be predominantly white, and over time, has the potential of having little to no diversity."

Goode also shared he was troubled with the fact that research shows that students of color going to school in Malibu already feel segregated and not included in the community. "If this petition is approved, that feeling of segregation will be further exasperated," he said.

The ACLU Foundation of Southern California opposed the City of Malibu's renewed petition on similar grounds. It specifically cited Malibu City Council's petition does not substantially meet the conditions set forth in Education Code section 35753(a), which state that proposals for reorganization may be approved only when it will result in an equitable division of property and facilities of the original district or districts and will preserve each affected district's ability to educate pupils in an integrated environment.

"Malibu's Petition will impermissibly increase segregation by drawing two separate school districts that would be grossly racially imbalanced," Director of Education Equity Victor Leung said. "Currently, the District's total enrollment reflects 51.1% white students, 27.1% (Latino) students, 6.8% Asian students, 0.7% Filipino students, 5.9% Black students, and 7.3% multi-racial students. The Petition, however, will carve out an enclave in Malibu, which will create a new overwhelmingly white district."

Meanwhile, a new Santa Monica district would shift from a district comprising a majority of white students to one comprising a majority of students of color, according to Leung. In contrast, the proposed Malibu district is expected to serve mostly white students (78.4%), which will cause the percentage of students of color to reduce by more than half.

"Accordingly, the Petition will necessarily exacerbate racial segregation, to the detriment of students attending both proposed districts," Leung added, moving to address the financials of the situation." Amplifying the harm caused by the segregation, the Petition would concentrate school funding on Malibu, the proposed district that would serve far more white students. According to the District's projections, within five years, students in the proposed Malibu district would be receiving $37,599 per student, while students in the proposed Santa Monica district would be receiving only $15,486.

"Recognizing this fact, Malibu's petition does not just create walls, it will also severely impact Santa Monica's students, as they will have less dollars in their classrooms. Dollars that Santa Monica residents happily invested into the District to serve students in both communities," Goode said. "If Santa Monica residents knew that the dollars they have invested in both communities would be used to selfishly supplant shared property taxes for the benefit of Malibu residents only, we are certain they would not have been so willing to make those investments."

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RELIEF

FROM PAGE 1

forgive rents to some tenants entirely and prioritize aid to arts tenants at Bergamot Arts Center.

The City's Community Development Department, Economic Development Division, manages 750 City properties, including concessions on the beach, restaurants and vending carts on the Pier, and kiosks on Third Street Promenade, and since a significant sector of Santa Monica's economy relies on tourism, specifically international visitors, many local businesses have suffered as a result of safer-at-home orders.

"While the Federally funded CARES Act created programs such as the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL), and Emergency Economic Injury Grants (EIDL Grants) to help struggling businesses, many tenants shared they did not qualify for the assistance or did not apply to avoid incurring additional debt obligations," the report reads. For this reason, staff is recommending additional time for tenants to repay deferred rents as well as the suspension of rent increases from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Because the General Fund revenues are not projected to return to pre-COVID levels for some time, the staff report concludes, "If Council approves the recommendations in this report, funding would likely be covered by stimulus funds as the City does not have other sources to cover deficits to the General Fund, Pier and Beach funds at this time."

Economic impacts of aid vary based on where and how much Council could approve.

Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday March 23 for a virtual meeting. The open session will begin no later than 6:30 p.m. Visit www.smgov.net for more information.

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STOCKS

FROM PAGE 2

the continued rollout of vaccines will get economies and trade back to normal across the world.

WHO'S GETTING LEFT BEHIND?

Even with so many first-time investors joining the market, not everyone is benefiting from rising stocks. Only a little more than half of all U.S. households owned stocks in 2019, whether by day-trading stocks or holding an S&P 500 index fund in a 401(k) account.

Likewise, not every stock has participated in the market's run higher over the last year. A handful of stocks within the S&P 500 are actually lower, headlined by Gilead Sciences, which is down 9.8%. The stock soared early in the pandemic as its remdesivir drug became a treatment for COVID-19 but fell back in part on concerns about upcoming patent expirations.

Other early stock winners of the pandemic have also tailed off since the market took off a year ago, including Clorox, whose disinfecting wipes became like currency, and Spam-maker Hormel Foods.

LAKERS

FROM PAGE 5

3-2, but they lost to the Celtics in overtime in Game 7 — the pinnacle of the Lakers' suffering at Boston's hands.

Frank Selvy missed a 10-foot jumper that would have won the game in regulation. In film of that moment, Baylor appears poised to get Selvy's rebound, then disappears from the screen. Baylor contended he was pushed out of bounds by Boston's Sam Jones.

"I've always felt that was our championship," Baylor told the Riverside Press-Enterprise in 2000.

He never got closer to a ring.

Baylor's knee problems began in the 1963-64 season, but he remained a star during his slow decline. He played his last full season in 1968-69 and suited up only sporadically until retiring at 37 in the fall of 1971. He was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1977.

The expansion New Orleans Jazz hired Baylor as an assistant coach for their debut season in 1974, and he eventually served as their head coach for parts of three seasons.

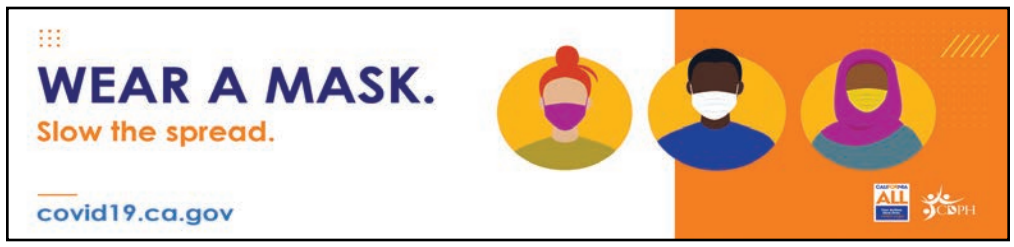
The Clippers hired Baylor as their vice president for basketball operations in 1986, but the franchise was the model of sports ineptitude for most of his stay — poor drafting, indifferent fans and skinflint financial dealings. Most knowledgeable basketball people realized owner Donald Sterling was to blame for the franchise's woes, while Baylor received both admiration for his tenacity and ridicule for the Clippers' struggles.

A few months after losing that job in late 2008, Baylor filed a $2 million lawsuit against the Clippers, Sterling and the NBA, alleging he was fired because of his age and race. A Los Angeles County jury unanimously ruled in the Clippers' favor in March 2011, refusing to award any damages. Sterling lost the Clippers three years later.

The Lakers embraced Baylor in recent years, and his statue unveiling brought together several franchise greats. The statue features Baylor in his gold No. 22 Lakers uniform, a ball in his left hand as he rises toward the hoop for another moment of improvisational brilliance.

Besides his wife and daughter, Baylor is survived by a son and daughter, Alan and Alison, from a previous marriage, and sister Gladys Baylor Barrett.

"Like everyone else," Elaine Baylor said, "I was in awe of his immense courage, dignity and the time he gave to all fans."



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