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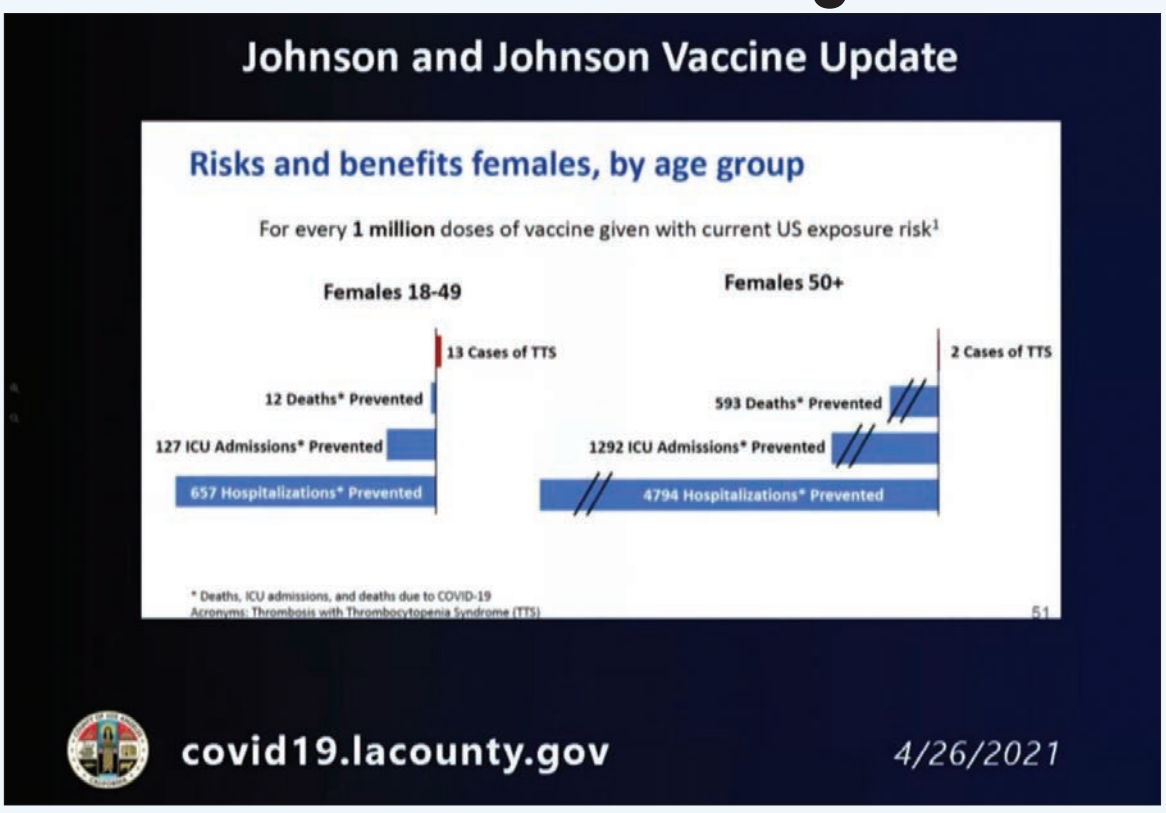
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Johnson & Johnson vaccinations resume at the county level



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VACCINE: Health officials say the J&J vaccine has benefits that are greater than its risks.

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SMDP Staff Writer

After a 10 day pause of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, the County has resumed its use in line with the FDA's recommendation and is confident that the data strongly supports this decision.

While some people are hesitant to receive a Johnson & Johnson shot due to rare reports of blood clots in women, officials assured residents that all three approved vaccines are very safe.

"I'm really happy to hear about the CDC guidance to resume the administration of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine," said Supervisor Hilda Solis. "After a very comprehensive safety analysis our nation's top scientists and experts have come to the conclusion that the benefits of the vaccine far outweigh the extremely minimal risk."

During the FDA and CDC's review period they found a total of 15 women who experienced this type of clotting known as Thrombosis Thrombocytopenia Syndrome. According to health studies of similar clotting disorders, nine out of ten people make a full recovery when clotting is detected early.

"In this case forewarned is forearmed," said County Director of Public Health, Barbara Ferrer. "One positive consequence of this very public vaccine safety assurance process is that patients now know to be on the lookout for early signs or symptoms of this very rare clotting disorder one to three weeks after vaccination."

These symptoms include leg swelling, bruising or blood spots under the skin, persistent abdominal pain, persistent headaches, blurred vision, and chest pain. Anyone experiencing these symptoms after vaccination should contact a doctor.

While in extreme or untreated cases TTS could result in death, FDA, CDC, and County officials agree that the benefit of continuing vaccination far outweighs its risks.

For women ages 18 to 49, the risk of TTS was 13 cases per one million vaccinations. Meanwhile these million vaccinations would prevent 12 deaths, 127 ICU admissions, and 657 hospitalizations.

The benefits for women over 50 were even greater. The risk of TTS for women in this age group was two cases per one million vaccinations, which would prevent 593 deaths, 1,292 ICU admissions and 4,794 hospitalizations.

The resumption of Johnson & Johnson vaccines will be helpful in increasing L.A. County's vaccination rate which dropped by around 16 percent during the pause.

So far L.A. County has administered over 6.6 million vaccines and 4.4 million people are fully vaccinated. Almost 50 percent of residents age 16 and older have received at least one dose.

Officials warned that 280,000 people are on record as overdue for their second Moderna or Pfizer dose appointment.

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Council looks to expand remote-controlled delivery ordinance

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

A possible amendment to municipal code could soon allow remote-controlled delivery devices in the Zero Emission Delivery Zone program to serve businesses in all parts of Santa Monica.

In late 2020, City Council took up discussion on imposing a year-long moratorium on autonomous delivery vehicles in Santa Monica shortly after city leaders began to see an increasing number of unpermitted devices on local streets. Citing safety and a need to be proactive rather than reactive, Council agreed to partner the vehicles with a separate Zero Emission Delivery zone project that covered the Downtown and Main Street areas.

In the months since, companies like "Coco" robot delivery service have completed thousands of deliveries and hired dozens of workers for their Santa Monica based operations all while allowing restaurants the ability to offer contactless delivery options at half the price of established delivery options.

In light of the success, Council asked staff during last week's Council meeting to return with a revision to the rules that would allow companies to offer the remote vehicle service to any business in town. The discussion

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Main Street closures could become permanent

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SMDP Staff Writer

Automobile and bus traffic may be prohibited on all or part of Main Street this summer in an effort to boost economic recovery efforts.

At the request of Councilmembers Christine Parra and Gleam Davis, Council will consider directing staff to return with a plan that would allow for the implementation of a pilot program that would close the popular retail area to automobiles and bus traffic, according to Tuesday's Council agenda.

The item on Tuesday's agenda does not list a staff report but one proposal that will be considered this week would allow through traffic on side streets like Hill and Ashland, which would allow for a better flow of traffic and emergency services while also allowing visitors to enjoy access to plenty of parking.

The most restaurant-dense areas of Main Street would be closed to everything except foot traffic, which proponents say would make the city a much more bike- and pedestrian-friendly place. Supporters also noted outdoor dining has become one of Santa Monica's dominant recreational activities during the pandemic as new permitting processes allowed restaurants to spill out into parking lots, plazas, sidewalks, and streets.

The al-fresco changes have been so popular that local groups like the Ocean Park Association (OPA) have hosted surveys looking to gather public opinion. But OPA members are far from the only ones who expressed interest in making al-fresco a permanent feature of Santa Monica.

This week's proposal comes on the heels of residents and restaurant operators voicing concerns about the recent rush to open indoor dining in Los Angeles County, but Francie Stefan, City chief mobility officer told the Daily Press in March that city leaders were already looking to make parklets and other Al-Fresco dining program a part of Santa Monica's long-term business and public environment.

However, permits to expand outdoor dining into parking spaces, street spaces, parking lots and private property are governed under the City's emergency ordinance so they will need to be reexamined if they are to become permanent parts of local law. Tuesday's discussion is expected to be the beginning of the process.

Executive Director of the Main

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California Legislature OK's tax break for small businesses

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

The California Legislature approved a major tax break for small businesses on Monday, voting to give up as much as $6.8 billion in revenue over the next six years so that struggling business owners can have smaller bills.

The federal government loaned more than $97 billion to California small businesses during the coronavirus pandemic, and most business owners did not have to pay that money back. Business owners used most of that money to pay the salaries of their employees, which prevented — or at least delayed — layoffs during the pandemic.

In December, Congress said business owners could deduct expenses associated with those loans from their federal taxes. The bill that passed the California Legislature on Monday would let business owners deduct those expenses from their state taxes, too.

But the tax break won't help everybody. While the federal government lets every business owner deduct these expenses from their taxes, the bill that passed the California Legislature on Monday only lets business owners do this if they had a loss of 25% or more during at least one three-month period during 2020.

That leaves out about between 15% and 25% of business owners who got the federal loans, according to Assemblywoman Autumn Burke, chair of the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee.

The change means "the vast majority of new car dealerships will not benefit," said Anthony Samson, a lobbyist who represents the California New Car Dealers Association. Samson said new and used car sales fell 21.7% in 2020. By excluding businesses with losses less than 25%, Samson said the bill "harms the very businesses that used these funds to retain their California workforce during difficult times."

State lawmakers, both Democrats and Republicans, said they wanted to give the tax break to everybody. But Burke said Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration refused because it would have cost the state too much money — more than $8 billion over six years. Lawmakers could have done it anyway, but if they did they feared Newsom would have vetoed the bill.

Burke said lawmakers, including Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, "put as much pressure as anyone could put" on Newsom for the tax break to apply to everyone, but said "sometimes you just can't quite get there."

"The reality is at some point you run out of money," she said.

California has extra money this year. So far, the state has collected $16.7 billion more in taxes than they had expected. Newsom says the state has at least a $15 billion surplus. The independent Legislative Analyst's Office says that figure could grow by another $4 billion next month when Newsom updates his budget proposal. On top of all that, the federal government has given the state an extra $26 billion in coronavirus aid.

But the surplus is available only this year. The tax break will reduce the state's revenues over the next six years. Plus, the state Legislature has already approved $14.2 billion in coronavirus aid this year, including $600 payments to people earning $30,000 per year or less, $2 billion in grants for small businesses and $6.6 billion to help schools return students to the classroom in-person.

H.D. Palmer, spokesman for the California Department of Finance, said the bill is "a joint agreement between the administration and the Legislature," calling it "a shared set of priorities on providing additional and substantial tax relief to help California businesses recover and re-hire after the COVID-19 recession."

The bill passed the state Assembly by a vote of 73-0 on Monday. Assemblyman Kelly Seyarto, a Republican from Murrieta, said while he wanted all businesses to benefit, the bill was too important to vote against.

"There's a lot more businesses that are going to be helped by this than are going to be hurt," he said.

Academy Awards television audience plummets to 9.85 million

DAVID BAUDER
AP Media Writer

The Academy Awards television audience plunged to 9.85 million viewers on ABC, less than half of the Oscars' previous low and continuing a startling trend of viewer tune out for awards shows.

The Nielsen company's preliminary estimate shows that the audience who watched "Nomadland" win best picture on Sunday was 58% below last year's tally of 23.6 million, which had set the previous record for least-watched Oscars telecast.

Following a year where movie theaters were mostly closed due to COVID-19, people were unexcited about or unfamiliar with movies they primarily streamed at home. Producers tried to fight through pandemic fatigue with a hostless program and a small, socially-distanced audience that didn't wear masks during the broadcast.

The event drew mixed reviews, and renewed questions about the types of movies the industry makes and wants to honor.

"It was agonizing for me to get through the show last night. It was pure torture," said Marc Berman, a veteran television analyst who writes the "Programming Insider" newsletter, on Monday.

The Oscars do best in years when popular movies are up for awards — the telecast drew 55 million viewers when "Titanic" won best picture in 1998 — but no movie came close to that impact. As a result, viewers sat through "long acceptance speeches from people you don't know in movies you never heard of," Berman said.

To be fair, all awards shows have been in a ratings free-fall. Both the Golden Globes (6.9 million viewers) and Grammy Awards (9.2 million) had record low audiences this year.

The normal glitz, glamour and excitement of these programs have been muted by the pandemic. Instead, producers have had to deal with live audiences either limited or non-existent, presented to an audience already sick of seeing people on Zoom.

Robert Lloyd, critic for The Los Angeles Times, noted that Academy Awards producers Steven Soderbergh, Stacey Sher and Jesse Collins wanted to have the program look more like a film. Instead, "it actually dulled the image and made a live event feel less so," Lloyd wrote. "In a bid for elegance, the broadcast courted sluggishness."

More than ever, the Oscars needed to simply show more of the movies they were honoring, wrote Darren Franich in Entertainment Weekly.

But there were relatively few clips. The show lacked production numbers and was light on scripted comedy. Winners were also not rushed offstage with music designed to shorten acceptance speeches — for better or worse.

"Sunday's broadcast on ABC was more like a cross between the Golden Globes and the closing-night banquet of a long, exhausting convention," wrote Mike Hale in The New York Times.

The show took some risks creatively, although one of them — ending the night with the best actor winner instead of building up to the best picture honoree — may have proved disorienting to some viewers.

Some of the other problems pulling people away from awards shows are not unique to the movie industry. Entertainment audiences are splintered, with fewer events pulling people together communally. And instead of sitting through hours of minor awards, many people know they see special moments, like Glenn Close shaking to "Da Butt," on social media feeds later.

But there are things unique to the industry that people making movies must take into account, said Sasha Stone, founder and editor of the Awards Daily web site.

The Academy Awards have "painted themselves into a corner" by honoring movies that appeal to critics and people who cover and talk about the awards, instead of the general public, she said. The show risks becoming like the Tony Awards, which is watched primarily by a niche audience that knows the New York theater world well, she said.

Now, Stone said her 22-year-old daughter and her friends believe the Academy Awards are only interested in a certain kind of movie — and they aren't being flattering.

It wasn't long ago that the Oscars were often the second most-watched television program of the year after the Super Bowl. For most of the 2000s, the Academy Awards audience was in the 35 million to 45 million range each year. Only six years ago, in 2015, the Oscars reached 37.3 million people, Nielsen said.

In an eviscerating monologue last week, HBO's Bill Maher took aim at the subject matter of films that were nominated for Oscars this year.

"I don't have to leave the theater whistling, but would it kill you once in a while to make a movie that doesn't want to make me take a bath with a toaster?" he said. "We all had a rough year. A little escapism would have been appreciated."

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Party Complaint 1900blk 20th St 1:42 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 2700blk Barnard Way 1:53 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1000blk Wilshire Blvd 1:56 a.m.
Attempt Burglary Just Occurred 2400blk Virginia Ave 2:07 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Report 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:31 a.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 2700blk Barnard Way 2:47 a.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 12th St / Michigan Ave 2:49 a.m.
Found Property 900blk 26th St 6:55 a.m.
Drinking In Public 3100blk Wilshire Blvd 7:06 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1200blk California Ave 7:21 a.m.
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Abandoned Vehicle 2600blk Cloverfield Blvd 7:29 a.m.
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Encampment 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 8:03 a.m.
Found Property 1600blk Wilshire Blvd 8:07 a.m.
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Burglary Report 2400blk 7th St 8:20 a.m.
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Assault W/Deadly Weapon Report Ocean Ave / Bay St 4:23 p.m.
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EMS Neilson Way / Hollister Ave 12:53 p.m.
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California losing congressional seat for first time

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California, for decades a symbol of boundless growth and opportunity that attracted people from across the country and abroad, has seen its population growth stall and is losing a U.S. House seat for the first time in its 170-year history.

Census Bureau population data released Monday is used to determine how the nation's 435 House seats are allocated. California remains the most populous by far with nearly 39.58 million people but it is growing more slowly than other states and will see its House delegation drop from 53 to 52.

California's population grew by about 2.3 million people since the 2010 Census but has been nearly flat since 2017.

"It's certainly a remarkable result given the broader history of the state, which has been just almost relentless population growth," said Eric McGhee, a senior fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California who studies political redistricting. "The state has just been booming almost since Day One, so to have it be slowing down this much is really historically unprecedented."

That means influence will shift to faster-growing states such as Florida and Texas, where business-friendly policies and lower costs of living have fueled high-octane growth over the past decade. Texas gained two seats while Florida added one.

Texas politicians have long sought to woo California residents and businesses. During the pandemic, companies like Oracle and Hewlett Packard Enterprise announced plans to relocate headquarters to from California to Texas.

"There will be gloating — political gloating — I can guarantee it," said Sherry Bebitch Jeffe, a professor of public policy communication at the University of Southern California.

The California Republican Party immediately threw blame for the loss on Gov. Gavin Newsom and Democrats, who hold a supermajority in the state Legislature.

"California is the capital of homelessness and poverty, suffocating gas and income tax rates, and the highest number of residents picking up and moving to more affordable and welcoming states," party chairwoman Jessica Millan Patterson said in a statement. "Californians will have one less voice to speak for us in Washington, which proves yet again that it's time for change and real leadership."

Newsom did not immediately comment on the state population numbers.

California's loss of a House seat also means a possible dip in federal funding for Medi-Cal, the health insurance program for low-income people, as well as less money for highways, schools and a wide array of social services that are based on population.

But Paul Mitchell of Redistricting Partners, noted the loss of one seat in a state with more than 50 is not as significant as a loss would be in a smaller state with fewer seats.

"The loss is, in a relative sense, a lot smaller," he said.

The number of seats in Congress is fixed at 435 and the Census Bureau uses a population-based formula to decide how many seats each state gets. That means if one state loses, another one gains.

More U.S. residents moving out of California than into the state is just one factor driving California's slower growth, though demographers say more data is needed to understand who has left and why in recent years. In fact, California has lost more residents to other states than it's gained for all but three of the past roughly 30 years, McGhee said.

Those losses typically are offset by international immigration into the state, something that's slowed in recent years, he said. Births also are declining while deaths are increasing, a phenomenon across the U.S. that's slightly faster in California.

Just because California's growth has slowed doesn't mean the state is in decline.

"California tends to go through boom and bust cycles," said Beth Jarosz, a senior research associate at the Population Reference Bureau.

The growth in recent years has been historically low. Since the last census, California's population grew 6.1%, which ranked 24th nationally.

Bob Shrum, director of University of Southern California's Dornsife Center for the Political Future, said he expects the overall impact of the loss of a congressional seat to be marginal, even on federal funding. That's because California will still have far more seats than any other state.

"It will be a blip," he said. "It will be talked about by Republicans and (Gov.) Greg Abbott in Texas, but it won't make any fundamental difference to the fortunes and future of the state."

Now that the number of congressional seats is known, states can embark on the decennial process of redrawing congressional maps, known as redistricting. That process won't start until late summer or fall because of a delay in releasing neighborhood-level population data.

California is among several states that use a commission to draw state legislative and congressional districts. Voters in 2008 created an independent Citizens Redistricting Commission that took the power to draw the lines away from the state Legislature. The group has already begun a months-long process of seeking community feedback and taking other input.

It has not yet decided if it will try to tweak the maps or start from scratch, said Sara Sadhwani, a member of the commission and assistant professor of politics at Pomona College.

That means for now, it's too soon to know how the lines will change and which incumbent politicians could lose their seats or find themselves fighting with colleagues to stay in Congress.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Statewide

California recall has enough signatures to make ballot

Organizers of the recall effort against California Gov. Gavin Newsom collected enough valid signatures to qualify for the ballot.

The California secretary of state's office announced Monday that more than 1.6 million signatures had been verified, about 100,000 more than needed to force a vote on the first-term Democrat.

An election is likely in the fall where voters would face two questions: Should Newsom be recalled and who should replace him? The votes on the second question will only be counted if more than half say yes to the first.

Last week, Caitlyn Jenner joined the list of candidates running to replace Newsom.

In 2003, voters recalled Democratic Gov. Gray Davis and replaced him with Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger.

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VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE,

US spy satellite launches into space from California

A U.S. spy satellite was launched into space from California on Monday.

The NROL-82 satellite lifted off from Vandenberg Air Force Base aboard a United Launch Alliance Delta IV Heavy rocket at 1:47 p.m.

The launch was webcast until the second stage ignited and the protective cover over the satellite was jettisoned.

As is customary, the webcast then ceased at the request of the National Reconnaissance Office.

The NRO is the government agency in charge of developing, building, launching and maintaining U.S. intelligence satellites.

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Citywide

Public Counter Offering In-Person Services by Appointment

Beginning Monday, May 3, the City of Santa Monica's Permit Services Center public counter will offer in-person services by appointment on select days. The public counter is a one-stop hub for a range of services offered by the City Planning division, Building and Safety division, Mobility division, the Public Works Department, and the Finance Department for utility and other payments. The Santa Monica Animal Shelter will also re-open its doors for walk-in services beginning May 1. Adoptions continue to be by appointment only.

"We look forward to welcoming residents and customers back to our new streamlined public counter to conduct business safely by appointment," said Acting Assistant City Manager Susan Cline. "As we continue to make progress in our recovery, we'll continue to expand in-person services in the months to come. Book an appointment and our dedicated team looks forward to assisting you!"

For the public counter in the new City Hall East (CHE), accessible from Olympic Drive, the following services are available during the hours listed by appointment. Virtual permitting services will also remain available during regular business hours.

All CHE Permit Services Center public counters: Monday and Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

This includes mobility, civil engineering/public works, building & safety, zoning consultation/general planning questions, business license, performers permits, tax payments, and utility billing.

Building & Safety Permit Specialists: Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. by appointment (Tuesday & Thursday is for building permit issuance for projects that have completed the plan review process and fee payment only)

Closed Friday – Sunday

To schedule an appointment, visit http://checkin.smgov.net on the web or your mobile device and follow the prompts to select a service date and time. For more information, including instructions for a safe experience when you visit the public counter, visit https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Permits/Permit-Services-Center.

The public counters have been operational in a virtual environment since the beginning of the pandemic and will continue to be available if you prefer to do your business remotely. For more information about the services offered online, please visit: https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Virtual-Services/Virtual-Services/

When visiting any City facility, face masks and physical distancing are required. Members of the public should not come for City in-person services if experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms or under a quarantine or isolation order. Public spaces will provide instructions for safe distancing, but the public's support in being mindful of COVID-19 best practices, including frequently washing hands and using hand sanitizer, is appreciated. If you require any special disability related accommodations, please contact the City's Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator Mirna Medina at 310.434.2605 or ADACoordinator@smgov.net, at least 3 days prior to your scheduled appointment.

This is an expansion of the City's in-person services now that we are in the Orange Tier of our recovery from COVID-19. Additional services will be announced in the weeks to come in accordance with Los Angeles County Public Health guidelines.

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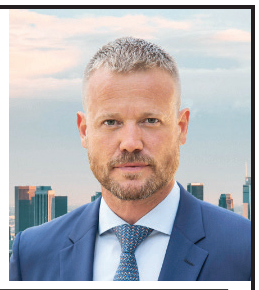
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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Santa Monica Needs Commissions on Diversity and the Status of Men

For a city that prides itself on its liberal credentials, we are sorely lacking in a few major areas: Diversity, Trans and Men's Issues are all absent from the long list of Commissions that the city has. I think we need to address this systemic wrong and I am personally calling on the City Council to stand up and do more for our city residents who are ignored and underserved. Otherwise we are continuing to promote a heteronormative, transphobic, homophobic, misandrist and racist agenda that is taking people's lives.

We have a Commission the Status of Women, and one on Disabilities, but that is it as far as I can tell and those commissions that are designed to serve particular populations. I find it interesting that we have this facade of political correctness that overlays our city, but we ignore the needs of so many minorities who live amongst us.

I say all of this having just completed listening to "The Diversity Delusion" by Heather MacDonald. She is an American lawyer, essayist and commentator on the state of our nation. As a Thomas W. Smith Fellow of the Manhattan Institute she is a voice for the conservative organization and its mission.

The Diversity Delusion is a well researched, and well thought out indictment of the current state of our society from police forces to the devastation that is occurring on college campuses to critical thinking. I highly recommend this book as vital reading for any parent who has a son that is going to be attending a college in the next 20 years. It's a frightening description of the horrors that boys are facing on campus in the war on sexual assault that is being waged by the social justice warriors who have no plan.

MacDonald takes on the hottest topics of the day, and summarily dismantles the talking points that are used by protesters to get media sound bites. She attacks the underpinnings of what the far left is using to push an agenda that has become a self-sustaining industry of diversity, indictments and "cancel culture." Her searing commentary holds nothing back, and her contempt for those who are heading the drive is not hidden in the slightest.

Over the course of ten hours I was subjected to her sharp wit, pointed analysis and stinging rebukes of administrators who claim to be working for the greater good, but only seem to be creating the double speak world of Orwell's 1984 and even more so, the imploding world of Ayn Rand's Atlas Shrugged.

Having read Atlas Shrugged more than a few times, let me condense its message to this: Entrepreneurs and Free Thinking Creatives are shut down by a call of the masses to create equality at all costs and without standards. That is the current posture of many a college campus these days. It foretells a world of ever decreasing mediocrity is created, to the point where the Entrepreneurs and Free Thinkers, run away to start over.

When I first read Rand's magnum opus, I was as a freshman in college. It was 1986, I was a Reagan Republican, wanted to be a captain of industry and styled myself as such. Fast forward 35 years and I still believe in much of the value that an entrepreneur and a free thinker like MacDonald brings to society, but I also have tempered my thoughts with a greater sensitivity to the experiences of others.

Do I still believe that personal empowerment, hard work, and dedication will build a life? Yes. Do I also understand that I have grown up in a heteronormative world that has impacted me as a gay man? Absolutely. Can I extrapolate from that to the proposition that other minorities have been impacted both negatively and positively by the way or society is ordered? No doubt.

This level of insight is why I can style myself as a Father's Rights or Men's Rights lawyer, and still represent a woman in a domestic violence case, because I can see more than just one perspective. That's why I don't call for the abolition of the Commission on the Status of Women, (which has NO men on it by the way, which seems like it might be creating an echo chamber effect, but I digress). The need for a Commission on the Status of Men is obvious to anyone who can step outside the feminist orthodoxy that men are the source of all that is wrong in the world, and all history is men's history so we need to take a break from the men. It strikes me that to ignore the specialized needs of men is just as wrong as it was to ignore the needs of women for so long. Same goes for the LGBT community which deserves its own Commission.

We have no Diversity commission that I could discern and that seems to be a gross oversight of the Black, Latinx, Asian and indigenous population amongst us. The obligatory naming of a park and roadway seems like a glib offer of acknowledgment while not actually doing anything of value.

So, all you new City Councilmembers, what say you? Need a volunteer for those new commissions? I'm in for the Men's and LGBT Commissions.

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California losing congressional seat for first time

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California, for decades a symbol of boundless growth and opportunity that attracted people from across the country and abroad, has seen its population growth stall and is losing a U.S. House seat for the first time in its 170-year history.

Census Bureau population data released Monday is used to determine how the nation's 435 House seats are allocated. California remains the most populous by far with nearly 39.58 million people but it is growing more slowly than other states and will see its House delegation drop from 53 to 52.

California's population grew by about 2.3 million people since the 2010 Census but has been nearly flat since 2017.

"It's certainly a remarkable result given the broader history of the state, which has been just almost relentless population growth," said Eric McGhee, a senior fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California who studies political redistricting. "The state has just been booming almost since Day One, so to have it be slowing down this much is really historically unprecedented."

That means influence will shift to faster-growing states such as Florida and Texas, where business-friendly policies and lower costs of living have fueled high-octane growth over the past decade. Texas gained two seats while Florida added one.

Texas politicians have long sought to woo California residents and businesses. During the pandemic, companies like Oracle and Hewlett Packard Enterprise announced plans to relocate headquarters to from California to Texas.

"There will be gloating — political gloating — I can guarantee it," said Sherry Bebitch Jeffe, a professor of public policy communication at the University of Southern California.

The California Republican Party immediately threw blame for the loss on Gov. Gavin Newsom and Democrats, who hold a supermajority in the state Legislature.

"California is the capital of homelessness and poverty, suffocating gas and income tax rates, and the highest number of residents picking up and moving to more affordable and welcoming states," party chairwoman Jessica Millan Patterson said in a statement. "Californians will have one less voice to speak for us in Washington, which proves yet again that it's time for change and real leadership."

Newsom did not immediately comment on the state population numbers.

California's loss of a House seat also means a possible dip in federal funding for Medi-Cal, the health insurance program for low-income people, as well as less money for highways, schools and a wide array of social services that are based on population.

But Paul Mitchell of Redistricting Partners, noted the loss of one seat in a state with more than 50 is not as significant as a loss would be in a smaller state with fewer seats.

"The loss is, in a relative sense, a lot smaller," he said.

The number of seats in Congress is fixed at 435 and the Census Bureau uses a population-based formula to decide how many seats each state gets. That means if one state loses, another one gains.

More U.S. residents moving out of California than into the state is just one factor driving California's slower growth, though demographers say more data is needed to understand who has left and why in recent years. In fact, California has lost more residents to other states than it's gained for all but three of the past roughly 30 years, McGhee said.

Those losses typically are offset by international immigration into the state, something that's slowed in recent years, he said. Births also are declining while deaths are increasing, a phenomenon across the U.S. that's slightly faster in California.

Just because California's growth has slowed doesn't mean the state is in decline.

"California tends to go through boom and bust cycles," said Beth Jarosz, a senior research associate at the Population Reference Bureau.

The growth in recent years has been historically low. Since the last census, California's population grew 6.1%, which ranked 24th nationally.

Bob Shrum, director of University of Southern California's Dornsife Center for the Political Future, said he expects the overall impact of the loss of a congressional seat to be marginal, even on federal funding. That's because California will still have far more seats than any other state.

"It will be a blip," he said. "It will be talked about by Republicans and (Gov.) Greg Abbott in Texas, but it won't make any fundamental difference to the fortunes and future of the state."

Now that the number of congressional seats is known, states can embark on the decennial process of redrawing congressional maps, known as redistricting. That process won't start until late summer or fall because of a delay in releasing neighborhood-level population data.

California is among several states that use a commission to draw state legislative and congressional districts. Voters in 2008 created an independent Citizens Redistricting Commission that took the power to draw the lines away from the state Legislature. The group has already begun a months-long process of seeking community feedback and taking other input.

It has not yet decided if it will try to tweak the maps or start from scratch, said Sara Sadhwani, a member of the commission and assistant professor of politics at Pomona College.

That means for now, it's too soon to know how the lines will change and which incumbent politicians could lose their seats or find themselves fighting with colleagues to stay in Congress.



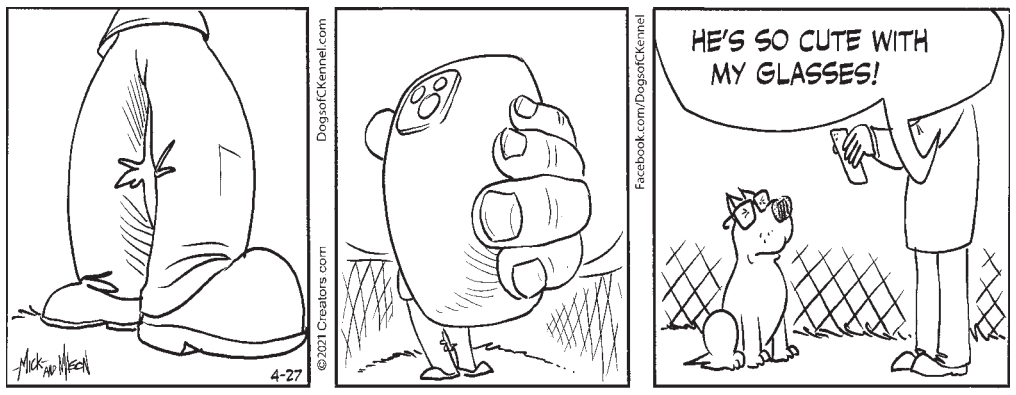
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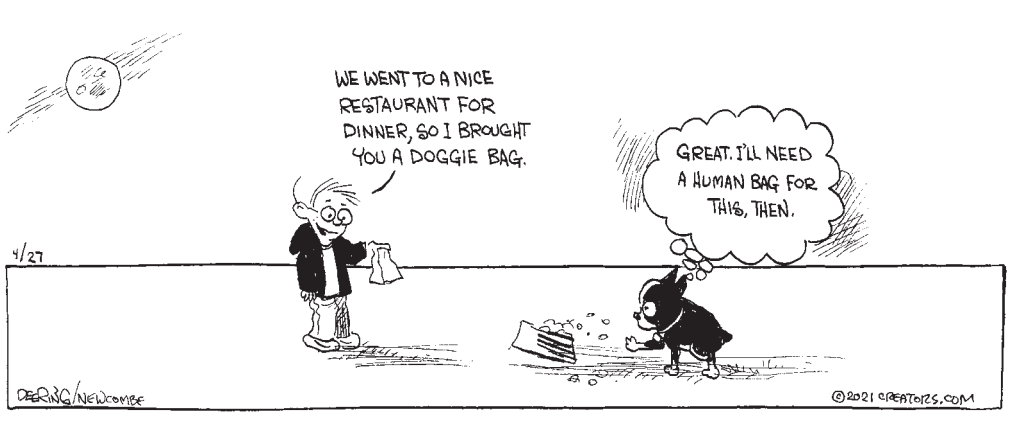
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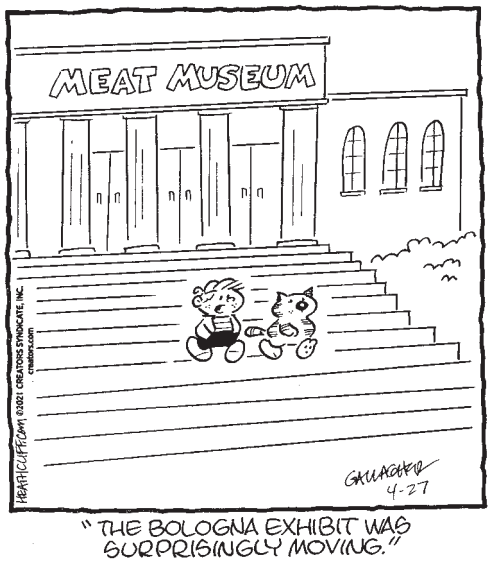
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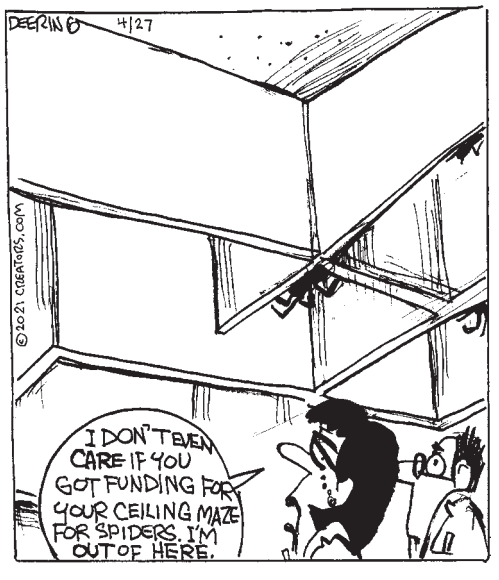
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 57.7°

TUESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Conditions likely cleaning up for the morning with lighter/variable wind first thing. S swell fades, NW swell mix likely up a touch from Monday.

WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Models in better agreement on a clean morning window. New little SSW swell and lingering NW swell mix provide a peaky swell mix - could be kinda fun/playful for the early tide push.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 59.
Tuesday Night: Clear, with a low around 56
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 78.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Arbitrary decisions will affect your work. Don't let this deter you. In fact, because or your stellar attitude, this wild card may be just the thing to help you shine.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll learn through such techniques as overhearing, poking around, accidentally stumbling upon and more. If it centers around someone's problem or need, it's good information to know.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). To succeed in the eyes of others only brings satisfaction if your idea of success perfectly matches theirs. It's a lot of rigmarole to get to the goal. Make things easier on yourself by prospering on your own terms.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's a definite aim, and someone will be counting on you to finish a job within a particular time frame. Success will not be easy, but success will not be denied. You like doing hard things -- it's what makes you awesome.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People want what you contribute, and there's a limited supply of it. It only makes sense that you should raise your price. This probably doesn't have to do with money. There's a more subtle exchange here.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're engaged in a pursuit that will never stop being a lot of work for you. It's like a stair stepper that keeps producing a new step in front of you, though your elevation hardly changes. Only you can say whether it's worth it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). To carry out your daring plans, you need a crew. Seek qualified help, and avoid accepting help from those who are stretching outside of their comfort zone because they want to please you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Formal schooling is only one small part of your education because, actually, the whole world is your school. You are constantly picking up new knowledge. Today brings a prime opportunity to apply what you know.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Do you find temptation amusing? Would you rather be the tempter or the tempted? Answers to these questions and more come with your subscription to today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A good problem brings out the scientist in you. You collect data and test theories. You so easily slip into a logical mindset and order information in such a way as to assist the aim.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your move appears to others as daring, if not incautious, but that's not it at all. You've calculated this risk using your own complicated and secret tools, and it turns out that this is actually the safest choice.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What if you did think only of yourself? It's off-brand for you, but perhaps you could consider it an experiment. Would it help to know your personal satisfaction will favorably affect the people around you?

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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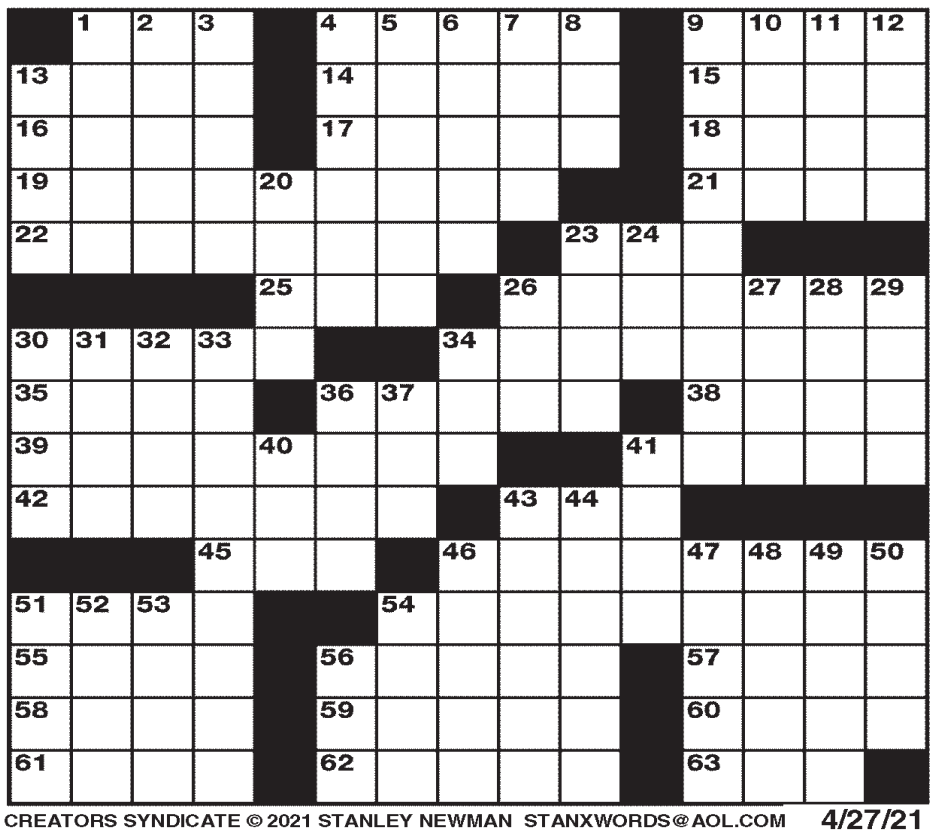
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Newsday Crossword

SPREAD STARTERS by Sally R. Stein
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ACROSS
1 Give a nickname to
4 Covering for a peanut
9 Kitchen containers for cookies
13 Bit of heredity
14 Mischievous sprite
15 Solo for a soprano
16 Just slightly
17 At __ (slanted somewhat)
18 Cat's complaint
19 What a caterpillar becomes
21 Mammals that fly
22 Foot protection in a work boot
23 Boxing match ender: Abbr.
25 Scratch up
26 Places for beagles to trot around
30 Second-year students, for short
34 Cookout with ribs and burgers
35 Cincinnati's state
36 Felony, for example
38 Jazz singer Fitzgerald
39 Continuous
41 Song in the Bible
42 Squirrels and rats
43 __ Paulo, Brazil
45 "Hurray!"
46 Terms of endearment
51 Con game
54 Sea creature that stings
55 Prohibited thing
56 Electric car company
57 Bump __ (meet)
58 Soprano's female colleague
59 Numbers on calendars
60 Oboe accessory
61 Weight increase
62 Nasal sound of scorn
63 Before, in poetry

DOWN
1 Premiere performance
2 Join forces
3 Entertainer Midler
4 Ancient foe of Athens
5 Replace in the batter's box
6 Banish
7 "Pad" flower in a pond
8 Allow
9 Large Boy Scout gatherings
10 Neighborhood
11 Very funny person
12 Carpentry tools with teeth
13 Yaks it up
20 Shade trees
23 Ripped (up)
24 Soviet spy org.
26 River barrier
27 Sch. near Hollywood
28 __ and void (not valid)
29 Sewn border of trousers
30 Tasting like lemons
31 "This is terrible!"
32 The __ Piper of Hamelin
33 Newlyweds' trip
34 Huge
36 London or Louisville
37 Coworkers of MDs
40 High-tech "fingerprint"
41 Small horse
43 Retail merchant
44 "Finally!"
46 Green pasta sauce
47 In flames
48 Digger for ore
49 Lauder of cosmetics
50 Wearing loafers or sneakers
51 Sudden obstacle
52 Pepsi or Coke
53 "Opposed to" prefix
54 Tennis great Billie __ King
56 NFL six-point plays



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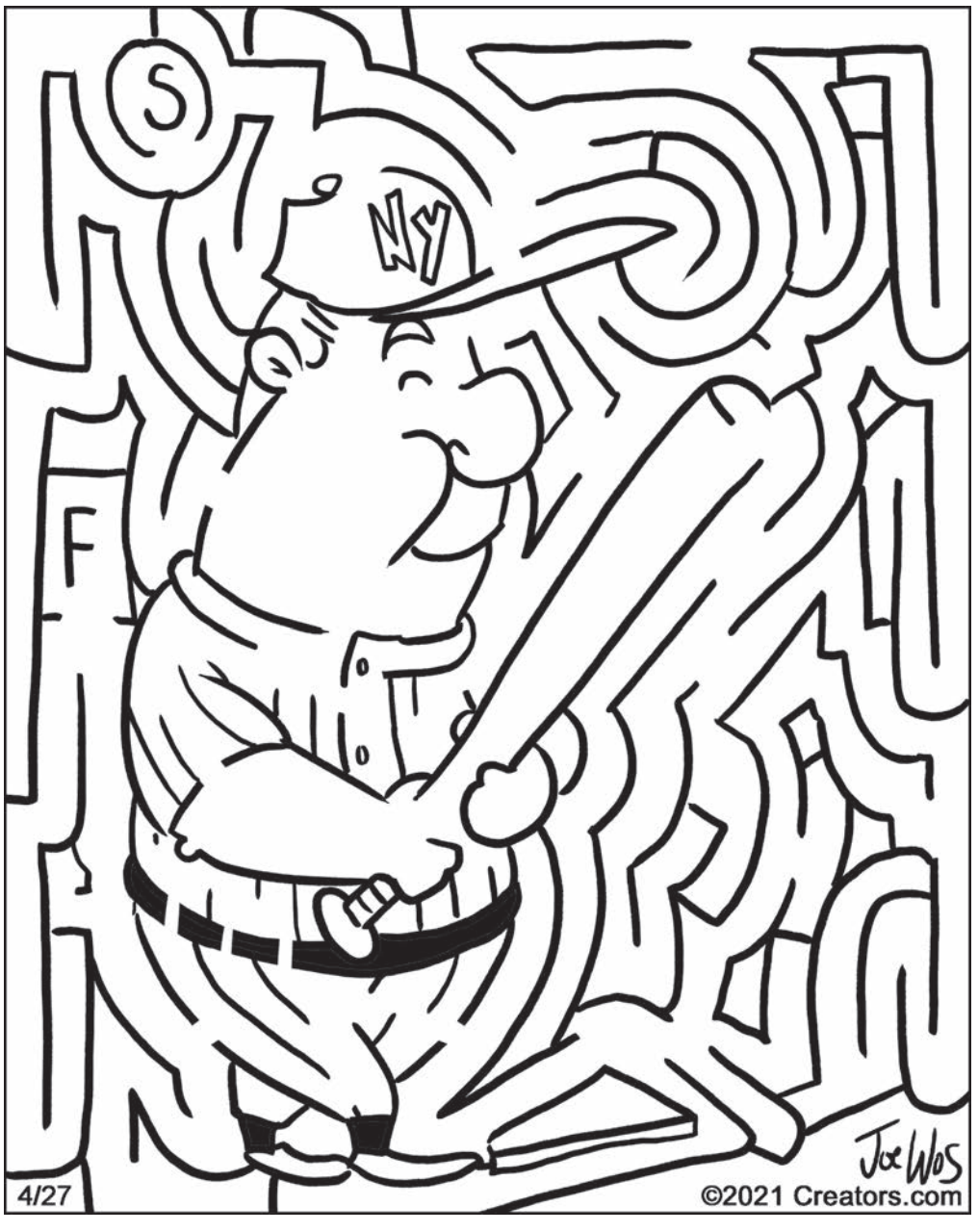
Binary Puzzle

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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Great Ocean Road

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Ferrer speculated that many people have forgotten their second appointment or do not wish to receive it either because they fear the side effects or feel that the first dose gives them sufficient protection. Additionally, some of this number reflects people who receive a dose outside of L.A. County that therefore isn't registered in the County's system.

"While one dose does offer some protection, it's not as strong a level of protection as what two doses offers," said Ferrer. "So if you're overdue for your second dose come back to us and let's together spread better health throughout the calendar."

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DELIVERY

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came at the request of Councilmembers Gleam Davis and Kristin McCowan.

"I have not heard any complaints," Davis said. "It's not been raised at the Ocean Park association meetings. I did check in with a couple of the businesses that use them. They say they have not gotten any complaints. And in fact they've only received praise because their delivery fee is so much less than some of the gig providers like DoorDash, the apps, you know, Postmates, that sort of thing. So I've always heard positive responses."

Council eventually voted 4-2 to expand the program. Councilmembers Oscar de la Torre and Christine Parra were the only no-votes and both reasoned that expanding the use of the robotic delivery services before the pilot's conclusion was premature.

"I'm all for everything in anything that is going to help our businesses recover, spend less money, you know, I understand this delivery service would be beneficial," said Parra. "But by the same token, I'm a public safety professional and I feel it imperative that we let the pilot take its course to determine what if anything, has happened during that course, and then make a decision to expand it."

Councilmember Kevin McKeown noted this week that Santa Monica initially approved robot deliveries as part of a limited pilot program in an effort to give city leaders more time to assess safety and public reaction.

"For that reason, I was skeptical when this expansion prior to the end of the test period was first suggested a couple of weeks ago," McKeown said. But since the staff report lists no safety incidents so far, he added he is looking forward to hearing from the public on Tuesday.

If approved, companies will be held to the same standards for accountability and reporting as they were before the expansion; only now, they'd be allowed to offer service from more locations.

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MAIN STREET

FROM PAGE 1

Street Business Improvement District Hunter Hall said this week that he and his peers have a long history of working successfully together with the Ocean Park Association, so he is confident the two organizations can partner again to quickly and easily implement a pilot program.

"Outdoor dining has been a lifeline for all businesses, not just restaurants, and it currently enjoys a 90% approval rating citywide. We're confident that this pilot program is the next natural iteration of our commitment to a more pedestrian and bicycle oriented commercial district," Hall said.

"Santa Monica's quick outdoor dining response on Main Street during COVID has clearly helped keep restaurants there viable through very tough times. Taking the next step toward making the street even more pedestrian friendly, on a pilot basis, for a couple of days at a time, has great promise," Councilmember Kevin McKeown said last week. "But it also has raised concerns from some non-restaurant businesses and some residents. Opinions are very divided, and it may take some experimentation to generate verifiable facts."

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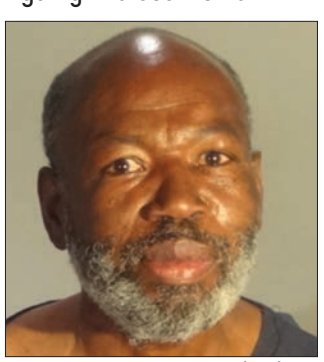
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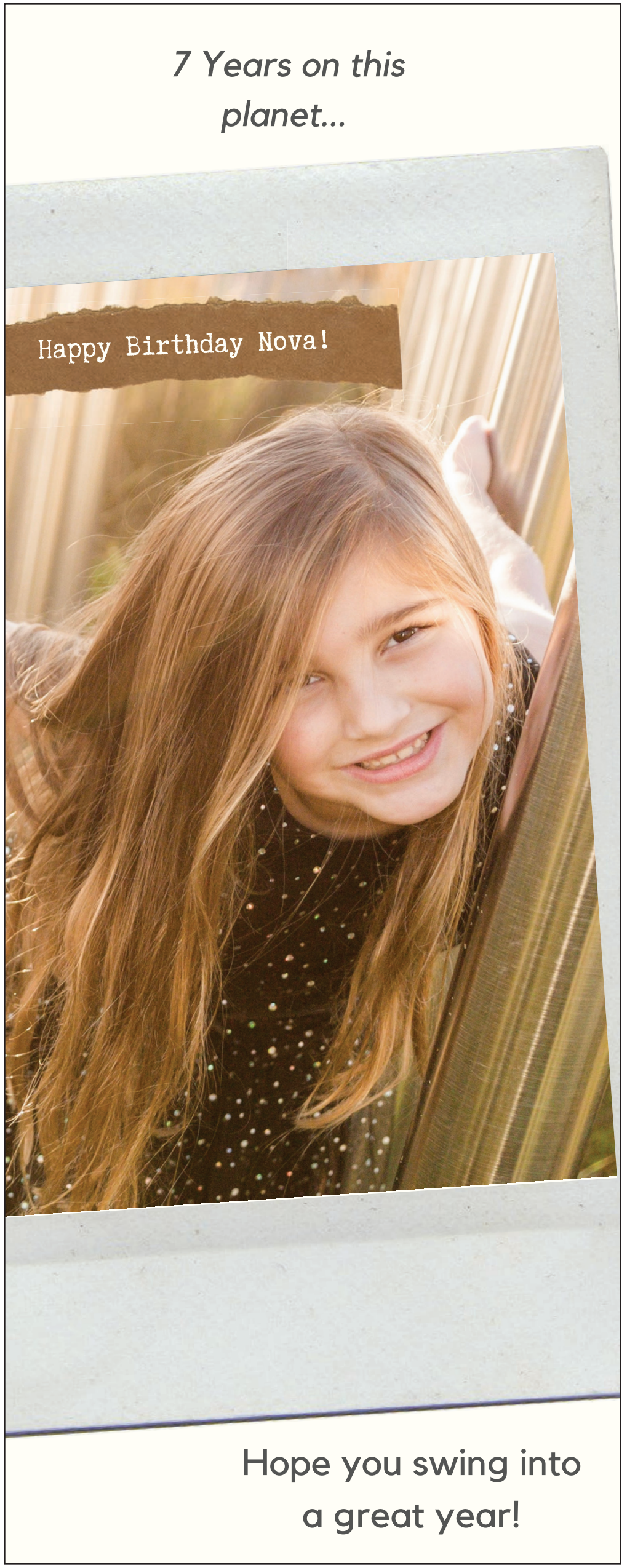
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ON THURSDAY, APRIL 15 3:33 P.M.

SMPD Officers responded to the 1400 block of 2nd St. for a Battery that had just occurred. The female victim spoke to officers and relayed that she had been standing in front of Wells Fargo with her bags in a pushcart in front of her. Suddenly, the victim felt two blows to the head and turned to see a male suspect behind her. The male suspect grabbed her bag and ran away while the victim chased after him. Police were able to locate and arrest Todd Dupree Nelson for 211 PC- Robbery. A criminal history search revealed multiple prior arrests for which he is on parole. Nelson was additionally charged with 3056 PC- Parole Violation.



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