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# State reps. hopeful about California's future

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With a vaccine rollout on the horizon and an incoming Biden administration, Senator Ben Allen and Congressman Adam Schiff are hopeful about future federal relief, environmental policy, and economic recovery for Californians.

In a Nov. 17 Town Hall event, the two Californian legislators struck a positive tone, saying that despite the current rise in COVID-19 cases, they feel the state is in a good position to push forward its legislative priorities and embark upon a road to pandemic recovery.

"With the news of the vaccine we are incredibly hopeful that we will be able to get our economy back up and running next year and that it will bring in economic activity and generate tax revenue as well, which will help get the state budget back to a strong place," said Allen.

In the immediate future, Schiff said he was "guardedly optimistic" that the federal government would pass another economic stimulus by the middle of December. Schiff helped contribute to the Democrats proposed relief bill, the New Heroes Act, by extending unemployment benefits for people with mixed incomes, which applies to many freelance and contract workers in

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# Calvary Baptist and GUARDaHEART partner for free COVID-19 antibody testing

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Calvary Baptist Church of Santa Monica and the GUARDaHEART Foundation are uniting to provide free COVID-19 antibody testing to anybody who is interested in the opportunity.

The community event starts on Thursday and will run through Saturday, Nov. 21 at Calvary Baptist Church of Santa Monica, which is located at 1502 20th Street. Asymptomatic individuals who suspect they may have come in contact with the coronavirus or have recently experienced symptoms but were never tested as well as individuals who believe they may be showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19 are recommended to stop by and take a test from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on any of those days. Registration is recommended but walk-ins will be accepted.

Under the CARES Act, the COVID-19 SARS-CoV-2 serology antibody tests will be available to anyone in the community regardless of whether or not they have insurance. GUARDaHEART officials believe it's quite the opportunity since the COVID-19 antibody test is authorized for emergency use by the FDA and is one of the most reliable antibody tests currently available.

GUARDaHEART has offered tests to Southern California communities throughout the

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# Residents speak on civil unrest with OIR Group

**BRENNON DIXSON**
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OIR Group, the organization tasked with analyzing the events that led up to and followed the civil unrest that occurred in Santa Monica this year, continued its efforts this week by hosting a listening session with residents who were affected by the events of May 31.

The two-hour listening session was held Tuesday with Michael Gennaco, a former federal prosecutor who is heading the after-action analysis efforts, his team at OIR Group and a few dozen residents. Some, like one former resident who said she moved away from the town because they felt abandoned by the police, detailed their discontent with the situation but others were more understanding with the matters.

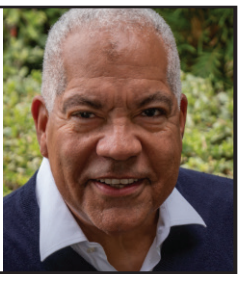
Craig Miller, a cancer survivor who headed out to the protest on May 31, 2020, said the decision to attend the local George Floyd demonstration was one he really gave a lot of thought to. There were a lot of risks but it soon became apparent there was a need to be in the street and make noise on behalf of what was occurring, Miller said Tuesday.

"I was only out for an hour. But it happened to be the key hour from 3 to 4 in the afternoon," he added, detailing how he heard no call for people to leave the street the entire time he was out at the peaceful protest. "I heard no warning from the police officers; I heard no order to disperse; No indication that this was an illegal assembly. But I was present to see, at not too far of a distance, the surreal scene of police officers doing what sure looked like loading their weapons — with what sure looked like tear gas canisters. And then they were fired in our direction."

Locals would continue to share their personal experiences from the day. A few, like Miller, found themselves in the midst of the demonstration with families while others said they were caught in the chaos that unfolded along Fourth Street.

Longtime resident and former elected official Mike Feinstein said he was made aware from sources outside of Santa Monica that other interests were competing for the attention of the National Guard, and the federal troops ended up in Santa Monica later than preferred, "in part, because of that tug of war," Feinstein said. "And I see that as making a bad situation worse (because) had they been able to come earlier, they may have been

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### Joint FBI-LAPD Investigation into South L.A. Street Gang Leads to 14 Arrests on drug Federal Charges

An investigation led by the FBI and the Los Angeles Police Department last night and this morning resulted in the arrest of 14 defendants linked to the Hoover Criminal Gang on federal charges alleging the distribution of narcotics, some of which were sold to customers out of two South Los Angeles storefronts.

The investigation - dubbed Operation Hoover Dam - resulted in three indictments being returned over the past few weeks by a federal grand jury. The indictments allege that the defendants - all members or associates of the street gang, or alleged drug dealers who operated in gang territory - sold methamphetamine, crack cocaine, cocaine and phencyclidine (PCP). One indictment also alleges weapons violations, including carrying a firearm in relation to a drug trafficking crime.

The main indictment charges 10 defendants, including two senior gang members who operated stores where narcotics allegedly were peddled. Bobby Lorenzo Reed, a.k.a. "Zo," 56, the owner of the H&E Smoke and Snack Shop, and Andrew Tate, a.k.a. "Batman," 52, the owner of the TNN Market, each sold methamphetamine, crack cocaine and powder cocaine from their respective South Los Angeles stores, referred customers to one another, supplied one another, and directed their employees to engage in drug sales and referrals, according to the indictment, which details dozens of narcotics transactions in 2017 and 2018.

The 32-count indictment further charges Tate and a second person with conspiring to distribute heroin inside Solano State Prison in Vacaville. In this conspiracy, Tate allegedly supplied heroin to Lashina Lacy, 33, of Fresno, who allegedly attempted to smuggle the contraband into the prison for an incarcerated gang member, who, in turn, intended to sell the heroin to other inmates. As a result of this part of the investigation, which included the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the heroin was intercepted before entering the prison.

The second indictment unsealed today charges three defendants with participating in a series of narcotics transactions in 2018, some involving sales of approximately one and two ounces of methamphetamine and crack cocaine.

The third indictment unsealed today charges two people with distributing street-level quantities of PCP and crack cocaine.

The three indictments charge a total of 15 defendants. After 14 arrests last night and this morning, authorities are continuing to search for one defendant, Ricky Blue, 51.

The defendants were taken into custody primarily in South Los Angeles, but arrests were also made in South Gate and Fresno. Tate was arrested in Santa Monica.

The defendants arrested in the Los Angeles area are expected to be arraigned this afternoon in United States District Court.

An indictment contains allegations that a defendant has committed a crime. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

If convicted of the charges alleged in the indictments, most of the defendants would face mandatory minimum sentences of five or 10 years in federal prison.

Operation Hoover Dam was conducted by the FBI, the Los Angeles Police Department, and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

The prosecutions resulting from the investigation are being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Scott D. Dubois of the International Narcotics, Money Laundering, and Racketeering Section.

SUBMITTED BY THOM MROZEK

**Los Angeles**

### George Gascon announces transition team

District Attorney-elect George Gascón has announced his transition team. Mr. Gascón recruited a diverse group of community members, practitioners and subject matter experts. Where possible his goal was to ensure individuals with lived-experience were helping inform the policies, procedures, and future of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

"I was elected by the people and this community will have a seat at the table as we work to modernize our criminal justice system," said Los Angeles County District Attorney-elect George Gascón. "Those that have been directly impacted by the work of this office have unique insights that are integral to an effective administration. If we had all the answers victims would feel restored and we wouldn't have astronomic rates of recidivism. Instead, our profession has largely missed the opportunity to learn from those that are justice-involved. We need to listen, grow, and take this opportunity to be better."

Most teams have additional members beyond those named below with lived-experience and technical expertise providing contributions and recommendations. Several additional efforts are being led by teams of experts covering everything from data to Brady policy, misdemeanor charging, prosecutorial ethics, and more.

Transition Steering Committee - Cristine DeBerry / Jamarah Hayner / Joseph Iniguez / Max Szabo

Bail - Dolores Canales / Robin Steinberg

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Resentencing - Hillary Blout / Kate Chatfield / Christopher Hawthorne / Jennifer Hansen / Paula Mitchell / Michael Romano

Trauma Informed Approach to Victims - Ivette Alé / LaNaisha Edwards / Gena Castro-Rodriguez / Bamby Salcedo

George Gascón will be sworn in as the 43rd District Attorney of Los Angeles County on December 7, 2020.

SUBMITTED BY MAX SZABO

**Citywide**

### Drescher Planetarium Presents Free, Live Virtual Shows

Santa Monica College's John Drescher Planetarium continues its Friday evening events in December with free, live virtual shows presented online at smc.edu/planetarium. The month's feature shows include a review of important developments in astronomy and space flight during 2020, and an illustrated explanation of the winter solstice.

The Friday evening shows are at 8 p.m. and are preceded by a streamlined, virtual digest of the popular Night Sky Show at 7 p.m., offering the latest news in astronomy and space exploration, and the chance to ask planetarium lecturers astronomy-related questions.

The planetarium is exploring a variety of ways to present its shows while the Santa Monica College (SMC) campuses are closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently, the planetarium is using the Zoom platform. To attend the shows, the Zoom software version 5.0 or higher must be installed on the viewer's computer. A free download is available at zoom.com.

The December shows are:

• Friday, December 4 & 11, at 8 p.m. (following The Night Sky Show at 7 p.m.): "2020: Astronomy and Space Flight Year in Review" – Senior Lecturer Jim Mahon. An overview of the happenings in 2020 in astronomy and spaceflight that may have been missed (understandably) with everything else demanding attention. Free. Zoom at smc.edu/planetarium.

• Friday, December 18, at 8 p.m. (following The Night Sky Show at 7 p.m.): "A Winter's Solstice" – Senior Lecturer Jim Mahon. Show examines the history of various ancient observances of the Winter Solstice and how they have evolved and melded with Judeo-Christian holidays, and takes a look at a remarkable planetary conjunction in 2 B.C., a leading candidate for a scientific explanation for the Star of Bethlehem. Free. Zoom at smc.edu/planetarium.

More information is available online at smc.edu/planetarium or by calling (310) 434-3005. All shows subject to change or cancellation without notice.

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**SACRAMENTO**

### California analyst forecasts one-time $26 billion windfall

California is expected to have a one-time $26 billion windfall in its next budget year, according to the state's nonpartisan legislative analyst, who said Wednesday that the economic consequences of the coronavirus pandemic have not been as severe as anticipated.

But analyst Gabriel Petek warned that the eye-popping windfall is solely the result of the state overestimating what was expected to be $54 billion budget deficit in the current spending plan. Going forward, the state's spending commitments will still outweigh its projected revenue, resulting in a small operating deficit in the 2021-22 budget that will grow to $17 billion by 2025.

"While negative economic consequences of the pandemic have been severe, they do not appear to have been as catastrophic from a fiscal standpoint as the budget anticipated," Petek's report said. "But, the recovery has been uneven. Many low-income Californians remain out of work, while most high-income workers have been spared."

The spending plan that lawmakers passed in June included several actions – spending cuts, tax increases, pulling from reserves – to make up for an expected $54 billion deficit. They did that in part to make up for what they predicted would be a 15% drop in tax collections because of the pandemic.

But so far, tax collections have been 9% higher than the previous year, meaning the state has collected $11 billion more than it anticipated. This extra money is only available one time, so lawmakers can't count on it to pay for recurring expenses.

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**Citywide**

### Donate to Virginia Avenue Park Holiday Food Pantry

The holiday season is a time of giving, especially amidst the ongoing health pandemic. The City of Santa Monica needs help to raise $30,000 to support Santa Monica families experiencing food insecurity through the end of the year. The Food Pantry at Virginia Avenue Park has sustained 300 local families throughout the pandemic and now the City is asking the community to help reach even more Santa Monicans during the holiday season when pennies are being stretched even further.

Every $30 donation feeds a family of four for one week, and a $100 donation supports a family for the entire month of December through our Holiday Food Pantry at Virginia Avenue Park.

"The holidays are a time to show our care and support for families that are finding it harder to make ends meet during the pandemic," said Interim City Manager Lane Dilg. "We are grateful to anyone who leans into the We Are Santa Monica spirit of giving through this Food Pantry donation drive."

To donate visit calfund.org/wearesantamonica and select HOLIDAY FOOD PANTRY under Area of Support.

For more information about how to access the weekly food pantry services at Virginia Avenue Park, please call (424) 410-1354 or (310) 458-8688.

Interested in volunteering this holiday season? There are many ways to safely get involved and give back to the community. To learn more, visit https://www.santamonica.gov/blog/Donate-and-Volunteer-to-Give-Back-this-Holiday-Season

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## DAILY POLICE LOG

### SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 224 CALLS ON NOVEMBER 17

Battery Just Occurred 2800blk Neilson Way 12:09 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 300blk Santa Monica Pl 1:19 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 300blk Santa Monica Pl 1:24 a.m.
Fight 1100blk Pico Blvd 1:42 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 600blk Strand St 3:13 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2100blk 3rd St 3:30 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold Main St / Ashland Ave 3:51 a.m.
Death Investigation 2900blk Arizona Ave 4:21 a.m.
Encampment 2200blk Virginia Ave 4:39 a.m.
Rape 2200blk Colorado Ave 6:33 a.m.
Auto Burglary 2400blk 5th St 7:10 a.m.
Vandalism Now 1800blk Ocean Ave 7:57 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 900blk Centinela Ave 8:32 a.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2000blk Ocean Ave 8:32 a.m.
Fraud 1400blk 16th St 8:37 a.m.
Encampment 1900blk Cloverfield Blvd 8:53 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2200blk 20th St 9:04 a.m.
Burglary 100blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:11 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk 15th St 9:15 a.m.
Auto Burglary 2600blk 34th St 9:27 a.m.
Found Property Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 9:31 a.m.
Bike Theft 3rd Street Prom / Wilshire Blvd 9:37 a.m.
Found Property 1700blk 15th St 9:58 a.m.
Harassing Phone Calls 2400blk 34th St 10:01 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 20th St / Arizona Ave 10:01 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 100blk Fraser Ave 10:03 a.m.
Encampment 15th St / Olympic Blvd 10:32 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 10800blk Wilshire, La 11:09 a.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 1300blk 4th St 11:16 a.m.
Vehicle Burglar Alarm 1700blk Ocean Ave 11:32 a.m.
Petty Theft 2000blk 11th St 11:53 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1200blk 15th St 11:54 a.m.
Panhandling Lincoln Blvd / Michigan Ave 12:09 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1500blk Euclid St 12:11 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1100blk 23rd St 12:17 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 900blk 5th St 12:27 p.m.
Auto Burglary 300blk 18th St 12:30 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 3000blk 18th St 12:34 p.m.
Vandalism 100blk Pier Ave 12:42 p.m.
Drinking In Public 700blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:54 p.m.
Fight 2400blk 4th St 1:34 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 2600blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:38 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 4th St / Ocean Park Blvd 1:38 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 2400blk Euclid St 2:02 p.m.
Burglary 2200blk Colorado Ave 2:08 p.m.
Vandalism 1400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:15 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:17 p.m.
Fight 200blk Santa Monica Pier 2:32 p.m.
Battery 1600blk Wilshire Blvd 2:34 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300blk Olympic Dr 2:41 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1400blk 17th St 2:47 p.m.
Grand Theft 1000blk 24th St 2:51 p.m.
Fight 20th St / Pico Blvd 3:31 p.m.
Assault 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 3:43 p.m.
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Theft Of Recyclables 2200blk 20th St 3:47 p.m.
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72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 600blk San Vicente Blvd 4:33 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1900blk Pico Blvd 4:35 p.m.
Burglary 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 5:29 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 500blk Wilshire Blvd 5:48 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 5:51 p.m.
Public Intoxication 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:55 p.m.
Petty Theft 600blk Ozone St 5:56 p.m.
Petty Theft 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 6:21 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 500blk Wilshire Blvd 6:24 p.m.
Burglary 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 6:27 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 23rd St / Hill St 6:44 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:46 p.m.
Fraud 2400blk Virginia Ave 7:26 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 2600blk Lincoln Blvd 8:18 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1400blk 26th St 8:19 p.m.
Vandalism 1200blk 6th St 8:23 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Just Occurred 1800blk Ocean Ave 9:20 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Just Occurred 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:54 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Just Occurred 1800blk Ocean Ave 10:24 p.m.

## CORRECTION

Incorrect information was printed in the Nov. 18 edition of the Daily Press. The address of the proposed Randy's Donuts is 829 Wilshire Blvd.

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**NOTICE OF COMPLETION/AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE 1633 26TH STREET OFFICE PROJECT NOVEMBER 19, 2020**

OFFICIAL NOTICE is hereby given of the completion and availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the proposed 1633 26th Street Office Project located in the City of Santa Monica (City). The Draft EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2020050142) has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The approximately 87,651 square foot (2.01-acre) project site is located at 1633 26th Street, on the east side of 26th Street, between Pennsylvania Avenue and Colorado Avenue in the Bergamot Area Plan's Bergamot Transit Village in the City of Santa Monica. The project site is comprised of two parcels, Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN) 4268-001-025 and 4268-001-026. The site is bordered by a recently constructed 4 story office building on the north, Pennsylvania Avenue on the south, surface parking serving a 4 story office building on the east and 26th Street on the west. The project site is currently developed with a 3-story, brick, office building totaling approximately 45,529 sf and approximately 40 feet in height that was constructed in 1972. The project site also includes a surface parking lot serving the office building with 152 parking spaces (148 standard and 4 handicap).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed 1633 26th Street Project would consist of the refurbishment of the project site's existing three-story, 45,429 square feet (sf) office building, and the development of two new adjacent four-story, creative and business professional office buildings comprising a total of 129,265 sf of new floor area. The project would also include a three-level subterranean garage with 399 parking spaces with vehicular access provided from Pennsylvania Avenue. The project's three buildings would total approximately 174,685 sf.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ANALYZED:** The Draft EIR analyzed potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project, including Air Quality, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Transportation and Circulation, and Tribal Resources.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** A 60-day public review period will be provided for all interested persons to submit comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR, which exceeds the 45 days required by CEQA. **The comment period will start on November 19, 2020 and end at 5:30 p.m. on January 18, 2021**. Written comments should be sent to:

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**AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:** To reduce the risk of COVID19, City Hall remains closed to the public. The Draft EIR and background materials may be viewed online https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Environmental-Reports/1633-26th-Street-Project-EIR/.

**ESPAÑOL:** Esta es una advertencia de que la Ciudad ha preparado un informe que describe los posibles efectos ambientales de la construcción propuesta de un proyecto de oficinas, que puede ser de su interés. Para más información, llame a Carmen Gutiérrez al 310458 8341.

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# Pac-12's postseason hopes dim among canceled games, virus

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With so much uncertainty ahead, Pac-12 teams are doing everything they can to make sure they get enough games in to legitimately be considered for a bowl. Any bowl.

UCLA and California even got together and scheduled their own Sunday morning game at the Rose Bowl. But time is quickly running out as the league enters its third weekend with coronavirus cases spiking across the nation.

No Pac-12 team has had it worse than Utah. The Utes have seen their first two games of the shortened season canceled because of COVID-19 outbreaks, but on Saturday night they're set to host No. 20 USC (2-0).

Asked what Utah can accomplish this season with limited games, coach Kyle Whittingham said the Utes just want to play at this point.

"I think we're the only Power Five team that hasn't played yet, so that's first and foremost — just get on the field and getting an actual game, see what we've got with these new players," he said.

Whittingham didn't rule out on-the-fly scheduling to get in games, similar to what the Bruins and Cal pulled off.

"As long as it's not a health and safety factor for our players, we're good to go," he said. "But a caveat to that is making sure that if one team has been planning all along for the possibility of playing a certain team, and the other team was scheduled to play another team and then last minute had to switch gears, that isn't ideal.

"But this is a unique year, unique circumstances, and you've got to be ready to adapt and make changes like that."

Four Pac-12 teams — Cal, Washington, Arizona and Arizona State — have played just once this season. Five games have been canceled, including Colorado's meeting with the Sun Devils that was set for next Saturday. An outbreak at Arizona State meant the team did not have the required players available.

Buffaloes coach Karl Dorrell said his team is closely watching how the week shakes out. Should another game be canceled, Colorado could potentially play the unaffected team.

"We are on high alert for anything and everything that could happen in this given week," said Dorrell, who is in his first season with the Buffaloes. "It's kind of the nature of this year. It's a year where everything can change day to day."

The possibility remains that division games could be made up the final weekend of the season (Dec. 18-19) for the teams that are not in the Pac-12 championship game. The NCAA has already ruled teams do not have to finish at .500 to be eligible for bowl games.

The bowl prospects could shrink further, too. The Pac-12 initially had eight bowl partners, but is now down to six because the Redbox Bowl and the Holiday Bowl have been canceled for this season.

Under pressure to get games in, Cal and UCLA threw together their impromptu Sunday game in less than 48 hours. The Bruins emerged with a 34-10 victory.

UCLA coach Chip Kelly said he joked with Cal coach Justin Wilcox following the game that the Golden Bears should just stay in Los Angeles and play the Bruins if more games get canceled.

"I don't know what the future holds, so every opportunity that you get to play football in a safe environment, and that is the one thing that we ask all the time, as long as it is going to be safe, then we'll go play," Kelly said. "I think our players understand that. They're very appreciative of the fact they get an opportunity. We are lucky. We've got two games in so far and there are teams in our league — I feel for Kyle Whittingham and Utah. He's missed two games. I feel for that group."

So far, USC and No. 11 Oregon (2-0) appear to be in the best shape for a bowl bid, after what is likely to be a meeting between the two for the league championship.

Oregon has perhaps the most to lose from canceled games. The Ducks need to win all seven games to be considered for a possible spot in the College Football Playoff. It doesn't help Oregon if the rest of the league struggles.

"I think everything has to be on the table, right? Since no one wrote a handbook for this thing," Oregon coach Mario Cristobal said. "So I think as time goes on and scenarios pop up, everybody's got to put their heads together to try to figure out what the best scenario is for the players, for the sake of the season and the guys that have actually opted in and gone all in and played."

# CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

## ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH 8:21 P.M.

Dispatchers received a call from a resident in the 1400 block of Maple St. stating that a burglary was occurring at his neighbor's home. The owner of the home also called dispatch when he was remotely alerted of movement in his driveway and saw a trespasser via his Ring camera app. Upon arrival, SMPD officers spoke to the neighbor, who provided them with a suspect description and stated that he had scared the suspect away. Officers set up a perimeter and found the suspect nearby with several miscellaneous items in a bag. Since the owner of burglarized home could not physically be there to identify stolen items, Ruby Vasquez was arrested for a 602(m)PC- Trespassing.

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# Forget sad Thanksgiving: early Christmas fever takes over

**LEANNE ITALIE**
Associated Press

Lindsey Catarino is the talk of her neighborhood. She put up her Christmas tree, lights and all, in mid-September. By Oct. 1, her mantel was decorated. Since, she has added more trees and decorations in just about every room of her Connecticut condo.

The goal for the 42-year-old Catarino, like other newly minted early birds, is to bring on the warmth and comfort of Christmas by beating back "an otherwise insane world."

As some holiday tree sellers fear they'll sell out by Thanksgiving and parcel shipping companies worry about November gridlock, a growing number of people on a quest for joy have bucked tradition and gone full-on Christmas weeks earlier than they normally would.

"It has definitely overtaken me, and very early," said Catarino, who lives in West Hartford. "I enjoy being home in a different way. It just gives me a chance to be busy on something that's happy. I wanted my house to bring me that peace, and we just want to tune out. The election was the final straw."

Brandon Stephens, president of the professional holiday decorating company Christmas Decor, said early business is up 15% to 20% compared to the same period last year. Orders came in as early as April — for April, he said. The company's franchises serviced more than 43,000 homes and businesses last year around the country and expect a jump to about 52,000 this year. Most of the early activity is residential.

"We knew that it was kind of an emotional response. People were looking for hope. People were looking for something to feel good about while cooped up in their houses," he said. "Lots of folks are not traveling for the holiday so they are celebrating at home."

Jacob Pinkham, a new father in Huntington Beach, California, said he and his wife had a hardfast no-Christmas-'til-December rule, until this year amid pandemic fatigue, election turmoil and the economic devastation hitting millions around the world.

The couple got to thinking about their Christmas trip to Cork, Ireland, a few years back and the all-Christmas radio station they discovered there, Christmas FM. They've been listening for weeks.

"Our daughter was born just before COVID hit so having to deal with being a new parent, a new family and with a highly contagious virus circulating, we decided we needed some Christmas cheer earlier than usual," he said. "We also have two dogs. I don't know how they feel about the Christmas music but they're not barking, so that's a positive sign."

Pinkham's favorite holiday tune? If he had to choose, it would be Nat King Cole's "The Christmas Song."

In Louisville, Kentucky, 29-year-old Mindy Jones has about 1,100 square feet and an additional 400-square-foot basement in a new home she moved into about a month ago with her husband, their 3-year-old daughter and the family dog.

In the past, they'd hold the holiday to two Christmas trees, including a 7-footer adorned with all their special ornaments standing post in the living room. This year, the tree count is five. The first two went up Nov. 11. There may be more by the time Christmas rolls around. Usually, Jones waits until the Saturday after Thanksgiving to jump start the holiday.

"I wanted to spread the 'holly jolly' feeling a little longer than just December," she said. "With everything going on this year, if it brings a little more joy and excitement to what's been a really tough year, why not?"

The drive in Jones and many others to push the holiday cheer is in part the desire to connect with rituals, especially now when so many traditions and so much holiday fun at work and among extended family has been upended.

Erica Keswin, a business consultant with a new book out in January, "Rituals Roadmap," describes the benefits with three Ps.

"We feel psychological safety and a sense of purpose, which leads to increased performance," she explained, noting that the power of our senses — smell, taste, touch etc. — helps lead the way.

That might go a long way toward explaining Lisa Torelli-Sauer's cookie stash in Aschaffenburg, Germany, where the American lives with her husband and two boys, 9 and 7.

"We're experiencing partial lockdowns and will likely have limits on our ability to celebrate the holidays with family," she said. "I've found early and intense solace in one thing: Christmas cookies."

She's buying, not baking, the stash of gingerbread, cinnamon stars and spiced coconut cookies she has kept on hand since the beginning of November.

"I haven't left the grocery store without picking up multiple packs of cookies," Torelli-Sauer said. "After a long and stressful day, it's deeply satisfying to settle down with a cup of coffee and the perfect assortment of Christmas sweets."

Much of the early Christmas fervor has to do with pared-down Thanksgiving due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"I think the rush is because Thanksgiving is normally about gathering, which more than likely won't happen for a lot of people this year," said Jennifer Rizzo, an artist and interior designer who wrote a book titled "Creatively Christmas."

"Much of the enjoyment of the holidays is really as much about the preparation as the day itself, and people are digging into that aspect of Christmas," she said.

Danielle Martin, 42, in Manteno, Illinois, is a big Christmas person. But usually she waits to decorate until the day after Thanksgiving. This year she got busy on Nov. 1, a candy cane themed front porch included.

"It's probably earlier than most but we love it," she said. "It definitely made a change in our moods," she said of herself, her husband and her three kids, ages 10, 7 and 5. "The world is so difficult right now for everybody, so we were ready."

Martin put up a hot cocoa bar, their stockings on the fireplace mantel, a large framed sheet of music for the song "Jingle Bells" and a 9-foot tree, among other decorations. And that's just the living room.

Each of her kids will soon have their own tree in their rooms. When she's done, Martin said there will be seven trees in all.

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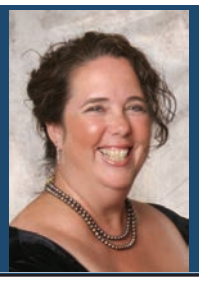
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# Noteworthy

By Charles Andrews

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# Travel and Tears

**THE BAND**

I had just gotten out of the Army, Sept. '68. Free at last. And alive and with all my limbs and no PTSD because by good fortune I was one of the very few sent to Germany at the last moment instead of Nam, where people with my job description (radio teletype operator), if thrown into an infantry unit — likely — had a life expectancy of seven seconds. I was stationed outside Stuttgart for my last seven months, in a very small unit with its own forest right across the street. It's enough to make you believe in God.

My parents instilled a love of travel in me from an early age, so although GIs had to beg for weekend passes back then, I took every advantage of my situation. Vienna one weekend, Munich, beautiful Strasbourg. I wangled a religious retreat in the mountains (Mass in the morning was a small sacrifice for the payoff of the beer gardens at night), at Berchtesgaden, so gorgeous that's where Hitler had his vacation home.

I broke stern orders NOT to open my personnel file we all carried with us on the flight over, found my paperwork on leave time — all used up! I knew that. But a little creative overwriting and I wound up with an extra two weeks and caught a military hop to swinging London. Free concert in Hyde Park with Pink Floyd-T Rex-Jethro Tull, basement discos with magical girls from Iceland, Carnaby Street, fab record stores. I almost splurged on a vest that belonged to Ringo, at the Apple store — yes, Apple used to have a far different meaning. I was now completely hooked on the joys of travel, and especially world travel.

**AS A KID**

The moment my pop had his two or three week vacation time start, we were out of Albuquerque and onto a plane, or train, or more likely the big family car. As the only kid, I got the entire back seat, long wide bench seat, no seat belts then, in our newish Buick or Oldsmobile, and how much fun was that. Watch the scenery go by, stretch out, put a comic on the floor or a deck of cards for solitaire, listen to the music change on the AM radio as we cruised across America. By the time I was 16 I had been to 40 of the then-48 states.

The destinations were always memorable. Yellowstone, Carlsbad Caverns, Chicago and a Cubs game, Detroit and a Tigers game and scads of cousins, Yosemite, upstate New York, White Sands, Long Beach and the famous dual track Cyclone Racer roller coaster on the Pike, the Seattle World's Fair back when world's fairs were really cool, Disneyland just after it opened, the Grand Canyon, Juarez, Mexico, Niagara Falls, Santa Monica (!), the redwood forests, British Columbia, the Great Salt Lake.

**BUT – THE BAND?**

I was getting there. When I returned to civilian life I reconnected with my good friend Mike McPherson, who lived across the street. Mike was six months older but light years ahead of everyone in some ways (they skipped him from 6th grade right into junior high — unheard of), and he was a beacon of hipness for music. I discovered some pretty great bands while stationed in Germany because several of my fellow grunts were from SoCal and they had the best new albums sent from home (usually packed with a little something to enhance the experience), but Mike had something completely different waiting.

On a visit over to his sanctuary bedroom, he gave me an odd look and put an album into my hands. What's it like? I asked. "Never mind," he said with a slight, sly smile. "Just tell me what you think." It had a garish cover that looked like a child painted it, and the band mysteriously, presumptuously called themselves — The Band.

I was sucked in from the leaden opening, off-kilter notes and hesitant drum beats, moments later amazed at that voice, so different, so knowing and weary, plodding slowly, in pain. As I made my way from song to song I discovered Richard Manuel wasn't their only gifted vocalist, and their rhythms and sonic mixture was like nothing I had ever heard.

So my love for The Band (I caught their watershed '74 tour with Dylan, in Denver and it was life changing) is long and deep and moves me to recommend a virtual performance piece coming up, where I have been reluctant so far to go there. (Still am. I am ingrained with live performance. Nothing like being in the same room. But…)

**LIBRARY GIRL: TEARS OF RAGE**

(Inspired by The Band). 10 a.m. 11/24 to 7 p.m. 12/4, online at Library Girl.

Susan Hayden (with husband Steve Hochman, noted music critic) carries on through pandemic to present her invaluable Library Girl literary series — can't wait until it can return to the Ruskin Group Theatre at the airport.

Here's how it works. Hayden chooses a theme, always music-oriented, and then a group of selected poets and writers go from that prompt to wherever their imagination takes them. The unique performance is inspiring, thought provoking, often surprising, and not to be missed.

**NICOLE RECOMMENDS:**

GET LOST IN FOLKSTREAMS — I recently watched Harrod Blank's (son of Les Blank) 1992 documentary "Wild Wheels," all about art cars and their owners' obsessions that drive them to modify and decorate their automobiles to the point of unrecognizability. It's not music-related (although it has a great soundtrack), but it led me to do an Internet search for more documentaries on American culture, and that's how I found Folkstreams: a non-profit online archive dedicated to finding, preserving, contextualizing, and showcasing documentary films on American traditional cultures. Jackpot!! You can browse by filmmaker, region or category, and while I haven't yet had a chance to really dive in, just perusing the 119 films with a "Music" tag has got me nearly delirious with excitement and gratitude.

SEE **MUSIC** PAGE 11

# 'Tired to the bone': Hospitals overwhelmed with virus cases

**PAUL J. WEBER AND SARAH RANKIN**
Associated Press

Overwhelmed hospitals are converting chapels, cafeterias, waiting rooms, hallways, even a parking garage into patient treatment areas. Staff members are desperately calling around to other medical centers in search of open beds. Fatigue and frustration are setting in among front-line workers.

Conditions inside the nation's hospitals are deteriorating by the day as the coronavirus rages across the U.S. at an unrelenting pace and the death toll closes in on a quarter-million.

"We are depressed, disheartened and tired to the bone," said Alison Johnson, director of critical care at Johnson City Medical Center in Tennessee, adding that she drives to and from work some days in tears.

The number of people in the hospital with COVID-19 in the U.S. has doubled in the past month and set new records every day this week. As of Tuesday, nearly 77,000 were hospitalized with the virus.

Newly confirmed infections per day in the U.S. have exploded more than 80% over the past two weeks to the highest levels on record, with the daily count running at close to 160,000 on average. Cases are on the rise in all 50 states. Deaths are averaging more than 1,155 per day, the highest in months.

The out-of-control surge is leading governors and mayors across the U.S. to grudgingly issue mask mandates, limit the size of private and public gatherings ahead of Thanksgiving, ban indoor restaurant dining, close gyms or restrict the hours and capacity of bars, stores and other businesses.

New York City's school system — the nation's largest, with more than 1 million students — suspended in-person classes Wednesday amid a mounting infection rate, a painful setback in a corner of the country that suffered mightily in the spring but had seemingly beaten back the virus months ago.

Texas is rushing thousands of additional medical staff to overworked hospitals as the number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients statewide accelerates toward 8,000 for the first time since a deadly summer outbreak.

In the worsening rural Panhandle, roughly half of the admitted patients in Lubbock's two main hospitals had COVID-19, and a dozen people with the virus were waiting in the emergency room for beds to open up Tuesday night, said Dr. Ron Cook, the Lubbock County health authority.

"We're in trouble," Cook said.

In the Texas border city of El Paso, overwhelmed morgues have begun paying jail inmates $2 an hour to help transport the bodies of virus victims. The crush of patients is forcing the city to send its non-COVID-19 cases to hospitals elsewhere in the state.

More than 5,400 extra medical personnel have been deployed around Texas by the state alone, said Lara Anton, a spokeswoman for the Texas Department of State Health Services. And that doesn't include the help surging into Texas from the military and volunteer organizations.

"There are only so many medical personnel to go around. And I think what we're seeing in places like El Paso is not sustainable in all or a large part of the state," said Dr. Mark McClellan, a former head of the Food and Drug Administration.

The only health care system in the Appalachian mountains of Tennessee and Virginia is warning that it and its workers are stretched so thin that it is only a matter of time before its hospitals will have to turn patients away.

The health system reported having just 16 available ICU beds and about 250 team members in isolation or quarantine. It is trying to recruit hundreds more nurses.

In Idaho, doctors warned that hospitals have almost reached the point where they need to ration care, unable to treat everyone because there aren't enough beds or staffers to go around.

"Never in my career did I think we would even contemplate the idea of rationing care in the United States of America," said Dr. Jim Souza, chief medical officer for St. Luke's Health System.

In Reno, Nevada, Renown Regional Medical Center began moving some coronavirus patients into its parking garage.

Video of the converted garage before it opened to patients showed rows and rows of beds separated by moveable white screens set up on one level of the stark, cavernous garage, each section designated by letters and each bed space marked by a number on the ground. The floor has enough space to treat about 700 people.

In Kansas, hospitals are converting spaces such as chapels and cafeterias for use by COVID-19 patients, said Cindy Samuelson, spokeswoman for the Kansas Hospital Association.

Stormont Vail Health in Topeka, Kansas, devoted an entire hospital floor to COVID-19 patients as their numbers swelled, hitting 90 on Wednesday. The hospital also converted two surgery waiting rooms for use by non-infected patients, spokesman Matt Lara said.

Kansas health chief Dr. Lee Norman said a system that he likened to air traffic control for coronavirus patients is being put in place so nurses from rural hospitals can make a single call to find a larger hospital that can take their sickest patients.

In some cases, nurses and doctors in Kansas have been spending up to eight hours looking for a large hospital with an opening.

Maryland health officials similarly set up a centralized clearinghouse with information on available ICU beds so that hospitals need only make a single phone call. State authorities also issued an emergency order prohibiting most hospital visitors until further notice.

Weber reported from Austin, Texas, Rankin from Richmond, Va. Associated Press writers John Hanna in Topeka, Kansas; Brian Witte in Annapolis, Maryland; and Terry Wallace in Dallas also contributed.

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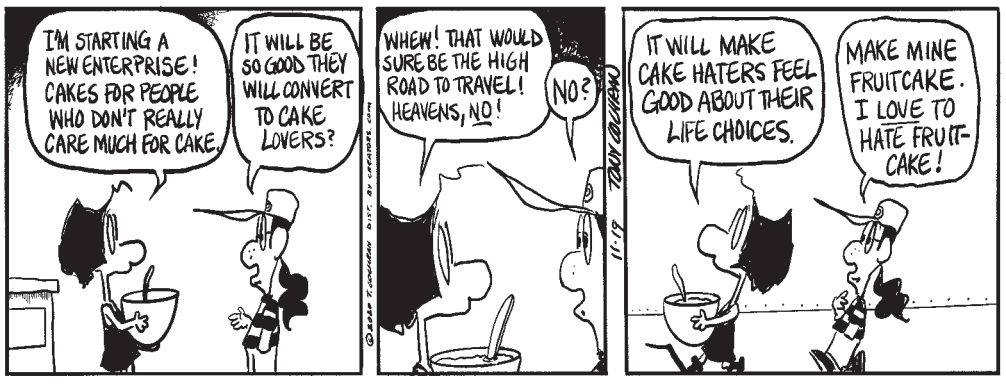
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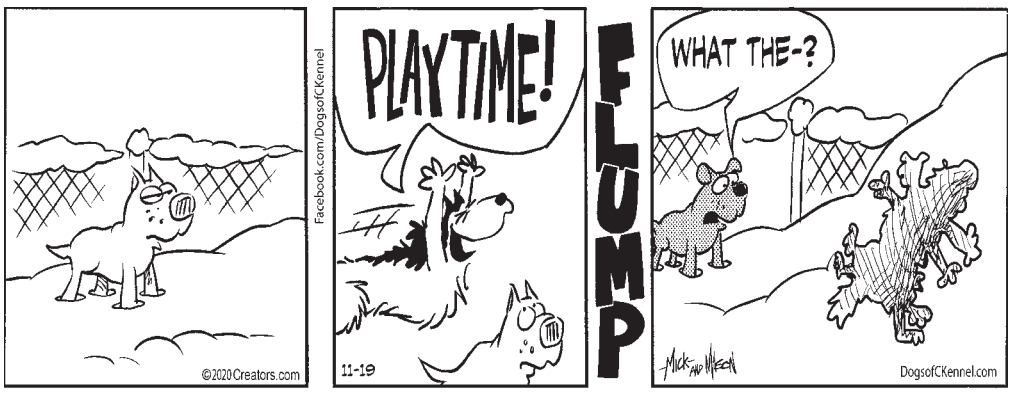
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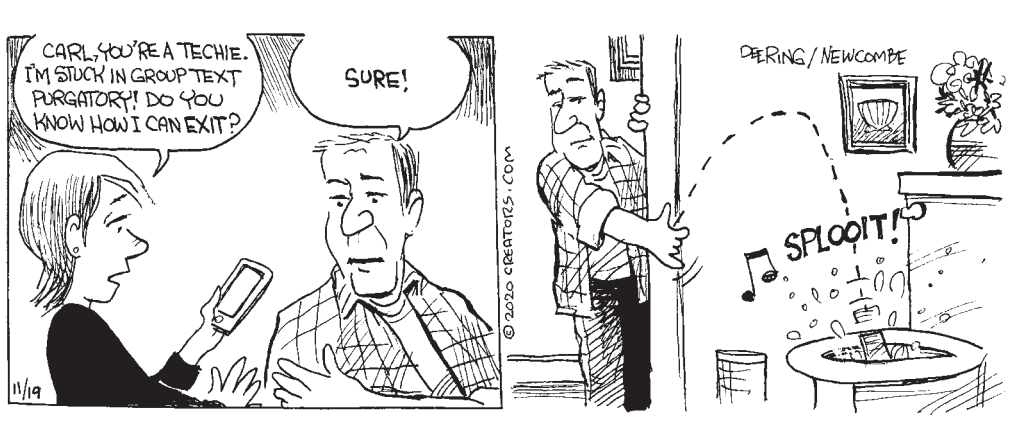

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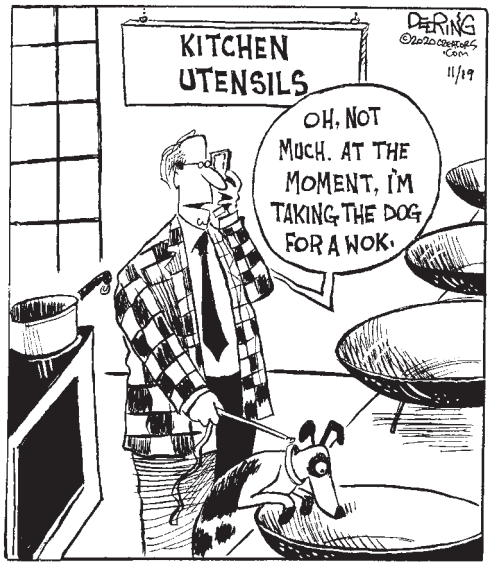
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THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high
Fun size mix of SSW swell and WNW swell due. Breaks west of Pt Dume offer the most size but there will be fun waves for some of the south facing points. The AM high tide continues to slow many spots.

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Mix of SSW swell and WNW swell looks to ease. Light AM winds.

## WEATHER

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 61. Calm wind becoming west southwest around 5 mph in the morning.
**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 51.
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**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 50.
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can tell what people value because they talk about it, arrange their lives around it and make it the star of their show. Your observations will bring the insight to improve relationships.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Searching for meaning is a bit silly since it's never "out there" and always self-assigned. Meaning must be created. With all creations, there's a stage of experimentation. Meanings can be tried on. See what fits.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A problem is always an opportunity and, in the case of today, a moneymaking one. You'll extend your imagination in a financial direction and come up with lucrative solutions.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Social comparisons abound lately. You have options and will exercise them. Spending time with those who honor your company makes it very hard to spend time with anyone who doesn't.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Vague ideas of who and how you should be will only leave you feeling unmoored. You need clear, measurable standards for yourself. Decide what tangible results to expect from yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The theme is immediate feedback, instant karma and fast turnarounds. It's as though the world is waiting for your interaction or even just your thoughts. You'll get help before you ask for it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's unlucky to peak early or, even worse, to succeed on the first try. It's far luckier to make mistakes aplenty along the way so that you may experience the entire learning curve and become adept at duplicating success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You collect experiences by the dozen and add to your collection daily. This makes you sophisticated, which comes with perks including a worldly point of view and a sense of comfort in a wide range of scenarios.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's authority in stillness. A nonmoving presence exudes power, but it also requires power. Such control must be fueled. Before you take on busy work and busy people, consider the value of making no move at all.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have been an excellent listener and a kindred spirit. Now, you will be on the other side of that experience, understanding what value it brings to weary hearts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The precipice of overwhelm is not a very empowered zone. This is the moment to narrow your focus. Pick one goal to crush and make it a small one, not too far off from where you are now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). As soon as you sense that someone is trying to get you to do something, your first instinct will be to rebel. You reject the control of others. You're still exploring your own ideas and require no input at this time.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD




## Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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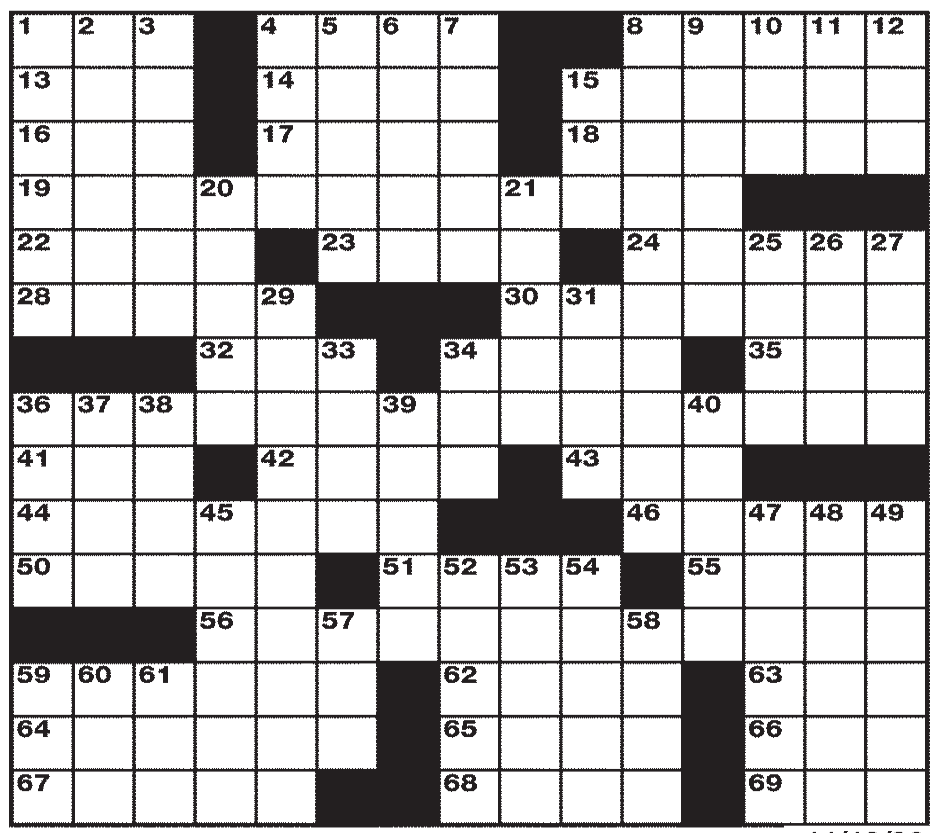
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## Newsday Crossword

**BLAME BOUNCING** by Fred Ohles
Edited by Stanley Newman
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**ACROSS**
**1** State, in college nicknames
**4** Morally low
**8** Pull at
**13** Street of Paris
**14** *Othello* ender
**15** *Taxi Driver* star
**16** Time for historians
**17** Sound of excitement
**18** Made sudden moves
**19** Blame bouncing, part 1
**22** Black-and-white treat
**23** Column, for short
**24** Cave dweller's diet
**28** Jazz singer Vaughan
**30** Croquet equipment
**32** Fa follower
**34** *Próspera*
**35** Extreme degree
**36** Blame bouncing, part 2
**41** Shape of abalone shells
**42** Inconclusive conclusions
**43** Doer ender
**44** Fashionable, in a phrase
**46** What some bearings are
**50** Type of barbecue
**51** "Get back to us"
**55** Director Ephron
**56** Blame bouncing, part 3
**59** Confronting directly
**62** Ticklish red Muppet
**63** It means "sort of"
**64** Hoopster's pseudo-shot
**65** At any time
**66** Two-finger sign
**67** Big Apple parade sponsor
**68** Say no to
**69** Balky beast

**DOWN**
**1** Statements of ethics
**2** Polar display
**3** Horseshoes shot
**4** Weep loudly
**5** Sound from Sneezy
**6** Condescend
**7** Be reminiscent of
**8** Collegial type
**9** "Amazing!"
**10** Oater "Amscray!"
**11** Metal from mines
**12** Silent bid
**15** Banned spray
**20** What banquet guests stand for
**21** Allow in
**25** Offer, as a hand
**26** An end to smaller things
**27** Job safety agcy.
**29** Home repair guides
**31** Ultimate height
**33** Explained well, with "out"
**34** *M*A*S*H* staffers
**36** Cabana furniture wood
**37** In robust health
**38** Syrian __ Republic
**39** Know-it-befores
**40** Greek peace goddess
**45** Spoken SOS
**47** Legendary protestor
**48** Springs up
**49** Workshop turners
**52** Jouster's ride
**53** Trombone button
**54** Guys running campaigns
**57** Montréal article
**58** Boris Johnson, party-wise
**59** Background noise
**60** Pollution policing org.
**61** The LA Chargers play in it



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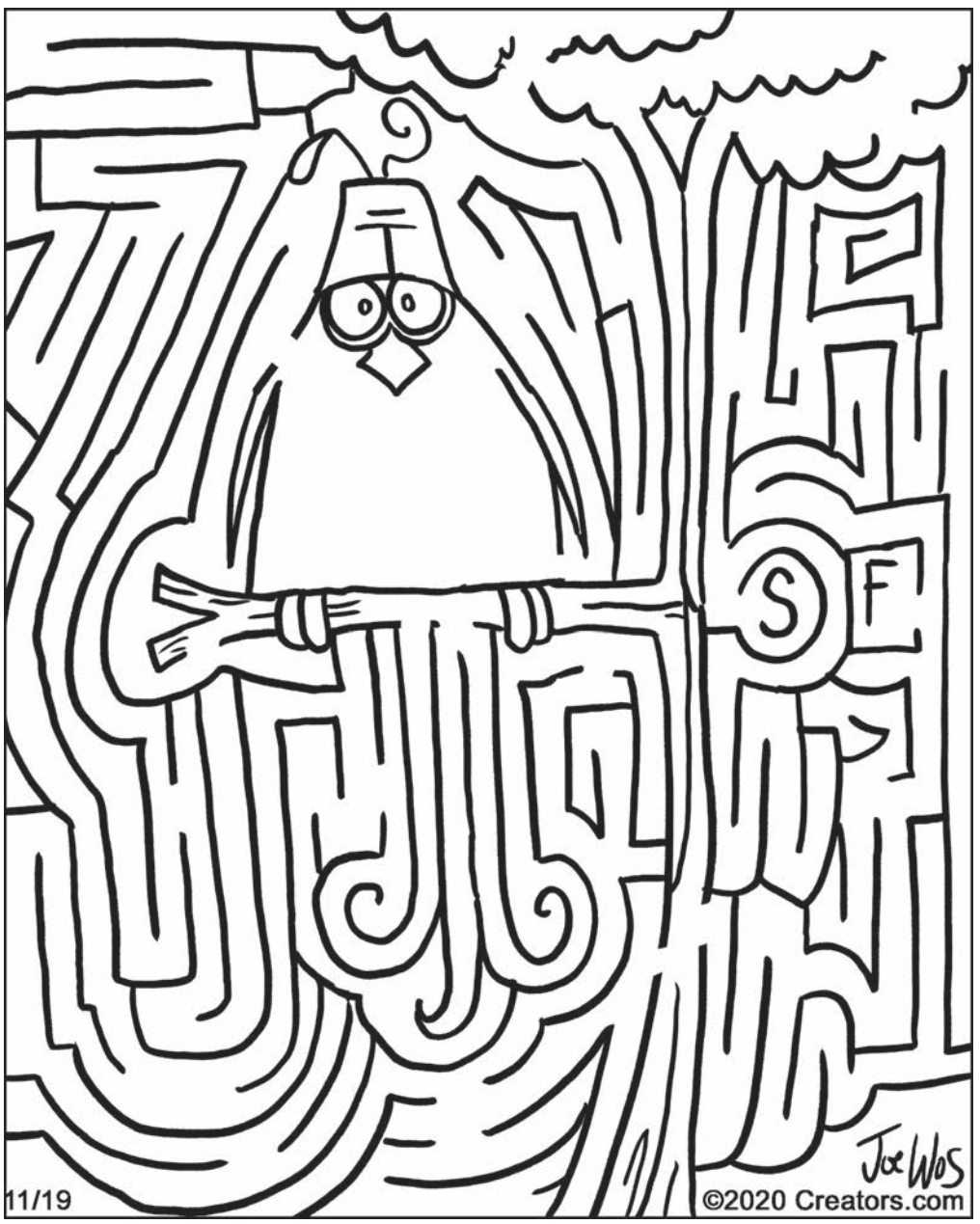
## Binary Puzzle

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.

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## Gym workout

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| Active | Energy | Keen | Squat |
| Agile | Exhale | Legs | Struggle |
| Appetite | Fast | Limbs | Sweat |
| Arms | Fibre | Method | Teacher |
| Back | Fitness | Mind | Time |
| Ball | Focus | Muscle | Tired |
| Bikes | Hard | Posture | Towel |
| Centre | Healthy | Push | Vegetables |
| Class | Help | Relax | Yoga |
| Crouch | Hips | Sitting | |
| Diet | Intake | Size | |

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# EXPLAINER: How does election certification usually work?

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In normal times, the certification of election results is a routine process that doesn't get much attention. But these are not normal times.

As part of an ongoing series of attacks on the integrity of the election, President Donald Trump and his Republican allies are trying to stop the formal certification of results in some of the states where he lost — mostly by making unsubstantiated claims of fraud.

While most of their attempts (many of them lawsuits) have been shot down in court or by election officials, a high-profile example in Michigan's largest county this week shows just how easily the process can get sidetracked.

**HOW DOES IT USUALLY WORK?**

After an election, local officials count ballots, review the tallies to make sure they match the votes cast, and check that people who cast provisional ballots because of some problem at the polls did so legally.

Local elections office then sends the final results to a board for certification. Such boards are typically bipartisan, their members either elected or appointed by county leaders. Barring an obvious problem with the count that could change the result of the election, the board then approves the vote tallies before sending them to the state for final certification. That's usually done by a state canvassing board, the secretary of state or a small group that might include the governor and other state officials.

From there, federal law requires governors to prepare official certificates to report the popular vote in their states. These documents are often signed by the governors and must carry the seal of the state. A copy is sent to the archivist of the United States.

**WHAT HAPPENED THIS TIME?**

In an extraordinary move Tuesday night, two Republican members on Michigan's Wayne County Board of Canvassers voted against certifying of the county's votes — then abruptly reversed course amid heavy criticism.

Explaining the initial vote, a Republican member of the Wayne County board said poll books in the majority-Black city of Detroit were out of balance. But a Democrat on the board noted the issues were the result of routine "human error," and the Republican's claim drew complaints of racism from Democrats and election experts who also noted there has been no sign of widespread voting fraud in Michigan or elsewhere.

And the results weren't even close: President-elect Joe Biden beat Trump in Wayne County by a more than 2-to-1 margin and won Michigan by 146,000 votes, according to unofficial results.

**SO, WHAT'S THE DAMAGE?**

Even though the Wayne County votes were certified in the end, the incident is likely to cast more doubt about the election's legitimacy among Trump's supporters. It also could help galvanize Republicans elsewhere to look for ways to delay making Biden's victory official.

## DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 36 CALLS ON NOVEMBER 17

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EMS 800blk Ocean Ave 12:02 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 16th St 12:24 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:22 p.m.
EMS 7th St / Georgina Ave 1:25 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:02 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 3:06 p.m.
EMS 11th St / Pico Blvd 3:13 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Pico Blvd 3:25 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 100blk Bay St 3:37 p.m.
EMS 900blk 12th St 4:16 p.m.
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EMS 1600blk Arizona Ave 5:41 p.m.
EMS 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:57 p.m.
EMS 2600blk Lincoln Blvd 7:10 p.m.
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EMS 700blk 19th St 9:07 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:56 p.m.
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Automatic Alarm 1900blk 17th St 10:45 p.m.

## CALIFORNIA

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California's entertainment industry.

Both legislators are excited about the strong presence of Californians in the future federal government and the alignment of state and federal priorities.

"I'm immensely happy to finally be in a place now where the state of California can act in partnership with the federal government," said Allen. "We'll be in a place now where we will be working in partnership to clean our environment, to strengthen our economy, build out our infrastructure, and help grasp a future that all Californians want and deserve."

On a state level, Schiff said California will be able to return to pushing the envelope on environmental protections instead of fighting to preserve existing regulations.

On a local level, Allen is looking forward to continuing the build out of the public transportation system in the 26th District. This includes extending the Green Line to South Bay, the subway extension to the Westside, increased use of the Expo Line, and construction of the 405 Sepulveda pass connector.

In the coming year, Allen's other priorities include waste and plastic pollution management, continuing criminal and racial justice reforms, and working on initiatives to foster more productive political dialogue.

Allen seeks to take pandemic learnings, like the benefits of working from home to develop permanent positive outcomes, such as reduced traffic and air pollution.

"We are all very hopeful that the results of these vaccine trials will continue to hold and we will be able to create a mass distribution system that will get us back to a place where by the end of the year we've gotten back to some degree of normalcy," said Allen. "I am hopeful that we don't just go back to normal—I hope that we take some lessons from this experience."

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## OIR

FROM PAGE 1

able to intervene. And I think that lack of intervention also impacted our city council elections in a not insignificant way so the implications were bad — both on May 31 and for the future."

Feinstein asked if the city report will inform residents about the significance of jurisdictions competing for the attention of the National Guard. "And then number two, whether there is going to be any policy suggestions about how to avoid cities competing over the National Guard and having it become a zero-sum game with losers like we were on May 31st?"

Gennaco said mutual-aid and the deployment of resources are both topics that OIR Group intends to encompass into the coming reviews. "There will be follow up and this report is intended to be an unvarnished report of what happened. In our view, that's the only way it can be in order for us to be better prepared as a community for similar events in the future."

With so many ways to document the events of the world nowadays, OIR Group has a wealth of material from the time period. "So we are confident… we'll have sufficient information upon which we can then move to our next phase, which is to provide recommendations," Gennaco said. The listening session is a critical step in OIR Group's process of producing a final comprehensive report, "so we really appreciate your willingness to spend some time with us. We appreciate all of your comments… and we look forward to being able to share a final report with you."

A full recording of Tuesday's session can be found online at bit.ly/2Kn5RAn

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## TESTING

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pandemic. A recent event in Crenshaw garnered more than 1,700 people in a 36-hour span, and Calvary Baptist Church's Pastor Mack Mossett hopes the event here in Santa Monica is just as helpful to locals.

"It was brought to me by one of our members who have worked with them on similar events and another one of the like," Mossett said Tuesday. "I just thought it would be great to bring it to our community. I think we should always be interested in doing anything that we can to participate and partner in turning this pandemic around; and in order to do that, one of the first things that needs to happen is you got to be tested — you got to understand what's going on with you before you can seek the right treatment. So I think it's a great thing to push out and make available to the community and we're excited."

Church leaders and GUARDaHEART have spent weeks working on the logistics of the drive- or walk-up event, according to Mack, who said it will be similar to how it was done at the City's recent influenza vaccination offering.

"Everyone has been pushing it on their personal social media. We've notified all of the area's churches and businesses around here have gotten flyers," Mossett added. "It is for anyone who walks up… They'll take anybody. The community has no borders. In reality, anyone who comes through is welcome."

Testing starts at age one but anyone under 18-years-old must be accompanied by an adult. To register for the event, residents are encouraged to visit bit.ly/CalvaryTest.

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## MUSIC

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Every video is available for free, however if you find that you've watched some films and enjoyed them, you might consider making a donation (which you can also direct to a specific film or filmmaker). To start streaming, visit: Folkstreams.net

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