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Newly opened facility keeps dream of water self-sufficiency afloat



Emily Sawicki

OPEN: The Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project officially opened this week.

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Thursday morning marked a watershed moment in Santa Monica history as Mayor Sue Himmelrich, in one of her final formal appearances as a local dignitary, cut the ribbon on the $96 million water treatment plant affectionately known as SWIP, the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project.

The celebratory opening featured statements from a who's who of public figures in the greater Los Angeles water world, from Santa Monica Water Resources Manager Sunny Wang to LA County Public Works Director Mark Pastrella.

Wang kicked off the statements with a reflection on the history of water in Santa Monica, acknowledging the Tongva people and the Kuruvungna springs, also known as the Gabrieleno Tongva Springs, from which the name Santa Monica comes (early Spaniards believed the springs invoked the image of a weeping Catholic Saint Monica).

According to Wang, staff visited Kuruvungna Sacred Springs before embarking on SWIP.

"During the time that we spent at the stream, I was reminded of a large connection that we have between water, sustainable land management, as well as environmental practices to have a sustainable community. It also puts in perspective the role that governments play and that we must play in protecting the environment and preserving this precious resource — water — which gives us life," Wang said. "So, please take a moment of silence to pay respects to elders and to all the Gabrieleno and Tongva people past and present. Not only do we look to the past and present, we also look forward to working with them in the future as we continue to learn from them how to incorporate sustainable practices in our everyday life."

With droplet-shaped lapel pins (featuring a leaf motif that dovetails with the shape of the drop for maximum symbolism) adorning their suit jackets, civic leaders touted the new project for its dual ability to both reuse wastewater and divert polluted water before it enters the Santa Monica Bay.

Following remarks, guests ate droplet-shaped cookies and secured tickets to tour the brand

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Man arrested for attempted murder after beach stabbings

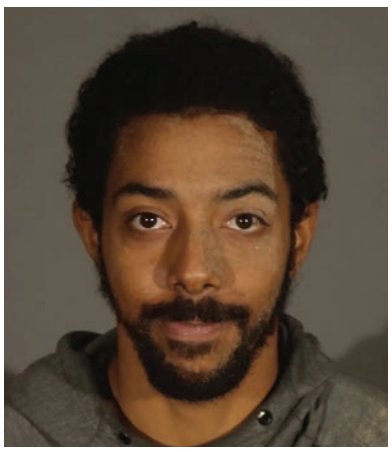
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A homeless man has been charged with attempted murder after stabbing two people on the beach path Thursday night.

Jamal K. Lampitt, 26, is accused of stabbing the first victim during a botched robbery and then attacking a second victim for no known reason.

According to the Santa Monica Police Department, officers were called to the 2100 block of Ocean Front Walk at about 9:40 p.m. on Nov. 17 for a call of an assault at the public restroom. While on route, additional calls were received about a man with a knife being detained by citizens on the 2600 block.

SMPD Lt. Rudy Flores said officers arrived and encountered the suspect, identified as Jamal K. Lampitt a 26-year-old homeless



JAMAL LAMPITT

male, being held down by a citizen. Lampitt was immediately taken into custody by officers without further incident and the involved knife was recovered. The stabbing victim was

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Drati to depart Santa Monica after six years at the helm of SMMUSD

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Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) Superintendent Ben Drati announced on Friday that he would be departing the district effective January 2023; one day earlier, Drati accepted a job as superintendent of Bellflower Unified School District.

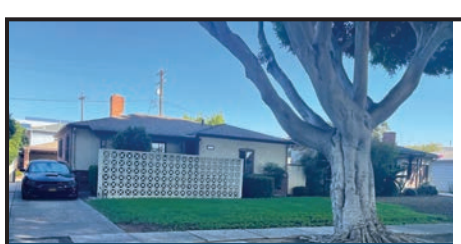
Drati came to Santa Monica six years ago in November 2016, months after former Superintendent Sandra Lyon departed for Palm Springs.

"I did not see this coming," SMMUSD Board Member Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein said following Drati's announcement.

Tahvildaran-Jesswein, speaking to the Daily Press on Friday, said he was on the hiring committee that brought Drati to the district six years ago and that over the years he has been very happy with Drati's work and leadership style.

"I would really like to convey

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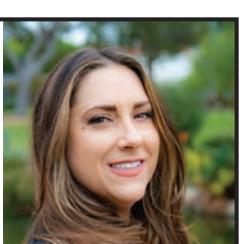


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Western US cities to remove decorative grass amid drought

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A group of 30 agencies that supply water to homes and businesses throughout the western United States has pledged to rip up lots of decorative grass to help keep water in the over-tapped Colorado River.

The agreement signed Tuesday by water agencies in Southern California, Phoenix and Salt Lake City and elsewhere illustrates an accelerating shift in the American West away from well-manicured grass that has long been a totem of suburban life, having taken root alongside streets, around fountains and between office park walkways.

The grass-removal pledge targets turf that people don't work on, like in front of strip malls, in street medians or at the entrance to neighborhoods. It doesn't mean cities plan to rip up grass at golf courses, parks or in backyards, though some may pay homeowners to voluntarily replace their lawns with more drought-resistance landscaping.

Beyond reducing ornamental grass by 30%, the agencies say they'll boost water efficiency, add more water recycling and consider actions like changing how people pay for water to encourage savings.

"Recognizing that a clean, reliable water supply is critical to our communities, we can and must do more to reduce water consumption and increase reuse and recycling within our service areas," read the memo.

The agreement did not include details about the amount of water the agencies were collectively committing to save, but cities account for about one-fifth of Colorado River water use. The rest goes to agriculture.

"Cities — the 20% — can't solve the math problem. But we can certainly contribute to solving the problem," said John Entsminger, the Southern Nevada Water Authority's General Manager.

The commitments, light on details, could spur agencies to offer payment for property owners to tear out grass and replace it with drought-tolerant desert landscaping.

The commitment to tear out 30% marks the first time water agencies throughout the region have collectively committed to a numerical benchmark targeting one specific kind of water use. It comes as the states scramble to reduce their consumption to meet demands from federal officials who say cuts are needed to maintain river levels and protect public health, food systems and hydropower.

The letter adds additional signatories to an earlier agreement five large water districts reached in August. Water agencies in Albuquerque, Las Vegas and Denver are among those who signed.

Denver Water spokesperson Todd Hartman said the city hoped to replace roughly 75 million square feet (7 million square meters) of non-functional turf but didn't share how much water that would conserve. He said the agency hopes to roll out programs by 2024.

No matter the savings, the new commitments will amount to far less conservation than is needed to keep water flowing through the Colorado River and prevent its largest reservoirs from shrinking to dangerously low levels.

Phoenix wants its program up and running by the spring; it will be the city's first time offering payment for people to rip up grass, said Cynthia Campbell, the city's water resources management adviser. Even without a program, lots of people have removed grass anyway. In the 1970s, about 80% of homes had grass covering most of their property; today, it's 9%, but that doesn't include the sprawling suburbs outside of city boundaries, she said.

Like others, she stressed that water savings from cities won't solve the river's problems.

"There is no level of municipal conservation in the entire western United States that could make up for the water that's going to be needed to be" conserved, she said. But, "we are giving till it hurts, as much as we possibly can."

The letter doesn't include any commitments from agriculture, which uses about 80% of the allocated water in the seven states that rely on the river — Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

Lake Powell and Lake Mead, the river's two main reservoirs, are each about a quarter full.

In June, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Touton warned the states needed to dramatically cut their use, but amid squabbles over who would shoulder what burden, officials failed to answer her call. The bureau has since offered varying levels of payment for water districts to reduce their use, through things like leaving farm fields unplanted or asking urban residents to use less at home.

Proposals for some of that money are due Nov. 21.

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, which supplies water for about half of California's residents, in October urged cities and water agencies in its territory to ban the addition of any new decorative grass in business parks, public spaces and neighborhoods. Its board also urged agencies to stop watering and consider removing such grass that's already planted.

Southern Nevada has for decades used a mixture of cash incentives and fines to discourage grass watering and limit both functional and non-functional turf. The agreement has little effect on the area because a state law passed last year requires 100% of the non-functional turf be torn out in the Las Vegas area by 2026.

Utah passed a statewide conservation program last year that included $5 million to incentivize turf removal and has targeted decorative grass on public property. Yet some municipalities maintain ordinances passed for aesthetic reasons that prohibit residents from replacing grass with drought-tolerant landscaping.

Ronayne reported from Sacramento, California. AP writer Thomas Peipert contributed reporting from Denver.



What to know if you've applied for student loan forgiveness

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President Joe Biden's plan to provide up to $20,000 in federal student loan forgiveness has been blocked by two federal courts, leaving millions of borrowers wondering what happens next. The Justice Department on Friday asked the Supreme Court to reverse one of the lower court decisions, warning that many Americans will face financial hardship if the plan remains blocked.

Here's what to know if you've applied for relief:

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

While the application for relief has been taken down from the Federal Student Aid website, applications that have already been filed are on hold while the appeal works its way through the courts.

"Courts have issued orders blocking our student debt relief program," the Education Department said on its site. "As a result, at this time, we are not accepting applications. We are seeking to overturn those orders."

A federal judge in Texas ruled that the plan overstepped the White House's authority. Before that, a federal appeals court in St. Louis put the plan on temporary hold while it considers a challenge from six Republican-led states.

Still, advocates believe the administration will succeed in court.

"We're really confident they're going to find a way forward to cancel people's debt," said Katherine Welbeck at the Student Borrower Protection Center.

Experts say student loan forgiveness has the potential to end up before the Supreme Court, meaning this could be a lengthy process.

WHEN DO PAYMENTS RESUME?

Most people with student loan debt have not been required to make payments during the coronavirus pandemic, but payments are set to resume, along with the accrual of interest, in January.

Biden previously said the payment pause will not be extended again, but that was before the courts halted his plan. He's now facing mounting pressure to continue the pause while the legal challenges to the program play out.

WHAT IF I ALREADY APPLIED FOR RELIEF?

More than 26 million people applied for cancellation over the course of less than a month, according to the Education Department. If you're one of them, there's nothing more you need to do right now.

About 16 million people already had their applications approved, according to the Biden administration. Yet because of court actions, none of the relief has actually been delivered.

The Education Department will "quickly process their relief once we prevail in court," White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said.

WHAT IF I HAVEN'T YET APPLIED FOR RELIEF?

For those who have not yet applied, the application for debt cancellation is no longer online. But there are still steps people can take to make sure their debt is canceled, should the appeal be successful, according to Welbeck.

"People should still check their eligibility," she said. "As news changes, people should look out for updates from the Department of Education."

You can sign up to receive the latest from the Federal Student Aid website here.

WHO QUALIFIES, SHOULD THE APPEAL SUCCEED?

The debt forgiveness plan announced in August would cancel $10,000 in student loan debt for those making less than $125,000 or households with less than $250,000 in income. Pell Grant recipients, who typically demonstrate more financial need, would get an additional $10,000 in debt forgiven, for a total of $20,000.

Borrowers qualify if their loans were disbursed before July 1.

About 43 million student loan borrowers are eligible for some debt forgiveness, with 20 million who could have their debt erased entirely, according to the administration.

ARE THERE OTHER PATHWAYS TO CANCELLATION?

For those who have worked for a government agency or a nonprofit organization, the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program offers cancellation after 10 years of regular payments, and some income-driven repayment plans cancel the remainder of a borrower's debt after 20 to 25 years, according to Welbeck.

"Borrowers should make sure they're signed up for the best income-driven repayment plan possible," Welbeck said. In July, the administration will be reviewing and adjusting some of the accounts enrolled in these plans. You can find out more about those plans here.

Borrowers who have been defrauded by for-profit schools may also apply for borrower defense and receive relief on that account, Welbeck said.

SHOULD I RESUME PAYMENTS WHEN THE PAYMENT PAUSE IS LIFTED?

Advocates, including the Student Borrower Protection Center, are still urging the president to extend the pandemic-era payment freeze, arguing that students are entitled to the promised cancellation before the January repayment date arrives.

That said, Welbeck recommends logging on to your account, making sure you know who your servicer is, your due date, and whether you're enrolled in the best income-driven repayment plan, as you resume making payments.

The Student Borrower Protection Center is holding regular webinars on how to follow the changing policy in the coming months. You can sign up for those here.

If your budget doesn't allow you to resume payments, it's important to know how to navigate the possibility of default and delinquency on a student loan. You can read more about those here. Both can hurt your credit rating, which would make you ineligible for additional aid.

If you're in a short-term financial bind, you may qualify for a deferment or a forbearance. With either of these options, you can talk to your servicer about ways to temporarily suspend your payments. You can learn more about those options here.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

Watch out for scams and get information only from trusted sources such as the Federal Student Aid site of the Department of Education.

IS IT POSSIBLE THE DEBT WON'T BE CANCELLED?

Yes. The issue of debt forgiveness is now before the courts.

The administration is not saying whether or not it's exploring other options for canceling debt if it loses its appeals. But advocates point to other ways the debt might be forgiven, including through the Higher Education Act.

HOW DO I PREPARE FOR STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS TO RESTART?

Betsy Mayotte, President of the Institute of Student Loan Advisors, encourages people not to make any payments until the pause has ended.

"I've been telling people to pretend they're paying their student loan, but to put it into an interest-bearing account for now if you're able," she said. "Then you've maintained the habit of making the payment, but earning a little bit of interest as well. There's no reason to send that money to the student loans until the last minute of the zero percent interest rate."

Mayotte recommends that borrowers use the loan simulator tool at StudentAid.gov or the one on TISLA's website to find the repayment course that best fits their needs. Once you plug in your information, it tells you what your monthly payment would be under each available plan, as well as what the long-term costs amount to.

"I really want to emphasize the long-term," Mayotte said. "Oftentimes I see people who might be having a financial struggle. They'll find a lower monthly repayment option, and then, 'Set it and forget it.'"

Mayotte encourages people to switch to higher payments if their financial situation stabilizes, so the loan doesn't end up costing more in the long run.

OTHER USEFUL TIPS THAT CAN SHAVE COSTS FOR BORROWERS:

— If you sign up for automatic payments, the servicer takes a quarter of a percent off your interest rate, according to Mayotte.

— Income-driven repayment plans aren't right for everyone. That said, if you know you will eventually qualify for forgiveness under the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program, it makes sense to make the lowest monthly payments possible, as the remainder of your debt will be cancelled once that decade of payments is complete.

— Re-evaluate your monthly student loan repayment at tax time, when you already have all your financial information in front of you. "Can you afford to increase it? Or do you need to decrease it?" Mayotte said. "Always look at your long-term student loan management strategy."

— Break up payments into whatever ways work best for you, whether that means two installments during the month, so it's not a large lump sum at the end or the beginning, or setting aside cash in envelopes for designated purposes.

"Even if it's an extra $5 or $20 a month, that's a good strategy," Mayotte said. "If they can afford to pay a little more per month — the more you pay and faster you pay, the less you'll pay in the long run."

Mayotte gave one example of a borrower with debt from higher education in the six figures. She was recently married, and she and her husband and kids decided to save every five dollar bill in a cookie jar to go towards the loans.

"That added up to a few more hundred dollars each quarter," Mayotte said. "Everybody has a different financial personality. There are those who are really good at budgets. There are people who need to play games and trick themselves. And people shouldn't judge each other people's financial personalities."

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Driver arrested in sheriff's recruits crash is released

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Citing the need for further investigation, authorities released from custody a 22-year-old man who was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder of a peace officer after an SUV plowed into Los Angeles County law enforcement recruits who were on a training run, injuring 25 of them.

Nicholas Joseph Gutierrez, of Diamond Bar, was released late Thursday. NBC4LA broadcast footage of him arriving home and reported that he did not answer any questions.

"Due to the extreme complexity of the investigation, which includes ongoing interviews, video surveillance review, and additional evidence needed to be analyzed, homicide investigators have released Mr. Gutierrez from the Sheriff's Department custody today at approximately 9:55 PM," the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said in a statement.

Authorities identified Gutierrez as the driver of an SUV that veered onto the wrong side of the road early Wednesday in the suburban Whittier area, where a sheriff's academy facility is located.

Seventy-five recruits for the sheriff's department and other law enforcement agencies were on a routine run in formation through the area. Five of the recruits were critically injured and two remained in critical condition Thursday afternoon, according to the department.

Sheriff Alex Villanueva said at a news conference a few hours after the crash that "so far, it looks like it's an accident, a horrific accident," but Gutierrez was arrested later that afternoon.

Villanueva told NewsNation on Thursday that investigators believe the crash was a "deliberate act" and that there was probable cause to make the arrest.

But he said Gutierrez was going to be "provisionally" released "until we can have the case iron clad, iron proof, and submitted to the DA for filing consideration. Right now, we want to tie up all the loose ends on the case and then present it to the DA."

It will be up to the county district attorney to decide whether Gutierrez will be charged and for what offense. Gutierrez could not be reached for comment and it was unclear if he has a lawyer.

In the NewsNation interview, the sheriff referenced his long dispute with the county's district attorney, George Gascón, who was elected to his office as a reformer.

"We operate under prosecutor George Gascón. We definitely have grave concerns about his ability to prosecute," said Villanueva, who conceded defeat earlier this week in his reelection bid.

Laurie Levenson, a former federal prosecutor and criminal law professor at Loyola Law School who isn't affiliated with the case, said attempted murder usually means there was intent to kill and the driver wasn't simply distracted or didn't lose control of the vehicle.

In an interview before the driver's release, Levenson also said a key question is whether the sheriff's department can perform an objective evaluation given that the agency's recruits were victims of the crash.

That's why it's also important that prosecutors review the evidence and ultimately be the ones who decide, she added.

"They've gone after the highest possible charge — there is no doubt about it," Levenson said of investigators. "The question is whether they are objective enough in evaluating this given that the crime was committed against their own. We've got to see what the evidence shows."

Authorities said a field sobriety test performed on the driver was negative.

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US moves to shield Saudi crown prince in journalist killing

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The Biden administration says Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's high office should shield him from a lawsuit over his role in the killing of a U.S.-based journalist, making a turnaround from Joe Biden's passionate campaign trail denunciations of the prince over the brutal slaying.

The administration spoke out in support of a claim of legal immunity from Prince Mohammed — Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler, who also recently took the title of prime minister — against a suit brought by the fiancée of slain Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi and by the rights group Khashoggi founded, Democracy for the Arab World Now.

"Jamal died again today," Khashoggi's fiancée, Hatice Cengiz, tweeted after the U.S. filing late Thursday in her lawsuit.

The U.S. government's finding of immunity for the Prince Mohammed, sometimes known as MBS, is non-binding, and a judge will ultimately decide whether to grant immunity. But it angered rights activists and risked blowback from Democratic lawmakers. The U.S move came as Saudi Arabia has stepped up imprisonment and other retaliation against peaceful critics at home and abroad and has cut oil production, a move seen as undercutting efforts by the U.S. and its allies to punish Russia for its war against Ukraine.

The State Department on Thursday called the administration's call to shield the Saudi crown prince from U.S. courts in Khashoggi's 2018 killing "purely a legal determination." It cited what it called longstanding precedent.

Despite its recommendation to the court, the State Department said in its filing late Thursday that it "takes no view on the merits of the present suit and reiterates its unequivocal condemnation of the heinous murder of Jamal Khashoggi."

Saudi officials killed Khashoggi at the Saudi consulate in Istanbul. They are believed to have dismembered him, although his remains have never been found. The U.S. intelligence community concluded Saudi Arabia's crown prince had approved the killing of the widely known and respected journalist, who had written critically of Prince Mohammed's harsh ways of silencing of those he considered rivals or critics.

The Biden administration statement Thursday noted visa restrictions and other penalties that it had meted out to lower-ranking Saudi officials in the death.

"From the earliest days of this Administration,the United States Government has expressed its grave concerns regarding Saudi agents' responsibility for Jamal Khashoggi's murder," the State Department said. Its statement did not mention the crown prince's own alleged role.

Biden as a Democratic presidential candidate vowed to make a "pariah" out of Saudi rulers over the 2018 killing of Khashoggi.

"I think it was a flat-out murder," Biden said in a 2019 CNN town hall, as a candidate. "And I think we should have nailed it as that. I publicly said at the time we should treat it that way and there should be consequences relating to how we deal with those — that power."

But Biden as president has sought to ease tensions with the kingdom, including bumping fists with Prince Mohammed on a July trip to the kingdom, as the U.S. works to persuade Saudi Arabia to undo a series of cuts in oil production.

Khashoggi's fiancée and DAWN sued the crown prince, his top aides and others in Washington federal court over their alleged roles in Khashoggi's killing. Saudi Arabia says the prince had no direct role in the slaying.

"It's beyond ironic that President Biden has singlehandedly assured MBS can escape accountability when it was President Biden who promised the American people he would do everything to hold him accountable," the head of DAWN, Sarah Leah Whitson, said in a statement, using the prince's acronym.

Biden in February 2021 had ruled out the U.S. government imposing punishment on Prince Mohammed himself in the killing of Khashoggi, a resident of the Washington area. Biden, speaking after he authorized release of a declassified version of the intelligence community's findings on Prince Mohammed's role in the killing, argued at the time there was no precedent for the U.S. to move against the leader of a strategic partner.

The U.S. military long has safeguarded Saudi Arabia from external enemies, in exchange for Saudi Arabia keeping global oil markets afloat.

"It's impossible to read the Biden administration's move today as anything more than a capitulation to Saudi pressure tactics, including slashing oil output to twist our arms to recognize MBS's fake immunity ploy," Whitson said.

A federal judge in Washington had given the U.S. government until midnight Thursday to express an opinion on the claim by the crown prince's lawyers that Prince Mohammed's high official standing renders him legally immune in the case.

The Biden administration also had the option of not stating an opinion either way.

Sovereign immunity, a concept rooted in international law, holds that states and their officials are protected from some legal proceedings in other foreign states' domestic courts.

Upholding the concept of "sovereign immunity" helps ensure that American leaders in turn don't have to worry about being hauled into foreign courts to face lawsuits in other countries, the State Department said.

Human rights advocates had argued that the Biden administration would embolden Prince Mohammed and other authoritarian leaders around the world in more rights abuses if it supported the crown prince's claim that his high office shielded him from prosecution.

Prince Mohammed serves as Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler in the stead of his aged father, King Salman. The Saudi king in September also temporarily transferred his title of prime minister — a title normally held by the Saudi monarch — to Prince Mohammed. Critics called it a bid to strengthen Mohammed's immunity claim.

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Schools struggle to staff up for youth mental health crisis

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Mira Ugwuadu felt anxious and depressed when she returned to her high school in Cobb County, Georgia, last fall after months of remote learning, so she sought help. But her school counselor kept rescheduling their meetings because she had so many students to see.

"I felt helpless and alone," the 12th grader later said.

Despite an influx of COVID-19 relief money, school districts across the country have struggled to staff up to address students' mental health needs that have only grown since the pandemic hit.

Among 18 of the country's largest school districts, 12 started this school year with fewer counselors or psychologists than they had in fall 2019, according to an analysis by Chalkbeat. As a result, many school mental health professionals have caseloads that far exceed recommended limits, according to experts and advocates, and students must wait for urgently needed help.

Some of the extra need for support has been absorbed by social workers — their ranks have grown by nearly 50% since before the pandemic, federal data shows — but they have different clinical training from other mental health professionals and many other duties, including helping families. Districts included in the analysis, which serve a combined 3 million students, started the year with nearly 1,000 unfilled mental health positions.

Hiring challenges are largely to blame, but some school systems have invested relief money in other priorities. The Cobb County district, for one, has not added any new counselors.

"They have so many students that they're dealing with," said Mira, 17. "I personally don't want to blame them. But I also deserve care and support, too."

A spokesperson for Cobb County Public Schools said school counselor positions are based on a state funding formula, and the district strongly supports more funding.

The Chalkbeat analysis is based on school staffing and vacancy data obtained through open records requests. The 31 largest districts in the U.S. were surveyed, but some did not track or provide data.

Some school systems used federal relief money to add mental health staff, but others did not because they worried about affording them once the aid runs out. Districts have limited time to spend the nearly $190 billion allocated for recovery.

"Here's this conundrum that we're in," said Christy McCoy, the president of the School Social Work Association of America. "It's like we are trying to put a Band-Aid on something that needs a more comprehensive and integrated approach."

Many of the schools that have wanted to hire more mental health workers simply can't find them. School psychologist positions have been particularly hard to fill.

Chicago, for example, added 32 school psychologist positions since fall 2019 but ended up with just one additional psychologist on staff this fall. Dozens of positions couldn't be filled.

Schools in Hillsborough County, Florida eliminated dozens of unfilled psychologist positions, leaving schools with 33 fewer psychologists this fall than pre-pandemic. Houston schools also cut more than a dozen psychologist roles it couldn't fill before the pandemic. Instead, the district used the money to pay outside providers and hire psychologist interns.

With their extended training, school psychologists are relied upon to provide intensive one-on-one counseling and help determine whether students are at risk for suicide.

In Maryland, a shortage of psychologists at Montgomery County Public Schools has kept the short-staffed department focused on crisis intervention and providing legally mandated services like special education assessments, said Christina Connolly-Chester, director of psychological services. That has meant they cannot keep up with other, less urgent counseling services.

"If that psychologist has more schools because there are vacancies and they're not able to spend as much time in their assigned schools, then things like counseling go away," she said.

The district sought to hire staff to address increased student needs such as anxiety, depression and struggles with conflict management, but still had 30 vacant psychologist positions, a district official said this month.

Even before the pandemic, some schools struggled to find psychologists. New practitioners have not been entering the field fast enough, and others have been switching to telehealth or private practices with higher pay and often better working conditions.

"We can't afford to pay professionals enough to make it a desirable position," said Sharon Hoover, a psychologist who co-directs the National Center for School Mental Health at the University of Maryland.

Counselor staffing has been a challenge for some districts, too, with nine of the large districts down counselors this year, while another nine saw increases.

Where hiring has been toughest, schools have turned to alternatives. In Hawaii, which had 31 vacant counselor positions and 20 vacant psychologist roles at the start of the year, the state has trained educators to spot signs that a student is in distress — an increasingly common practice — and pays a private company to provide tele-mental health services.

It isn't just hiring challenges that have led to smaller-than-expected staffing increases. Some school systems spent most of their federal aid on more lasting investments, such as technology or building repairs. And many opted not to add new mental health workers at all.

In the Chalkbeat analysis, half of the 18 large districts budgeted for fewer counselor or psychologist positions this school year than they did in fall 2019.

In April, just 4 in 10 districts reported hiring new staffers to address students' mental health needs, according to a national survey.

"For all the talk about mental health, the actual money they're spending on it is not that high," said Phyllis Jordan, associate director of FutureEd, a think tank at Georgetown University that tracks school spending. School districts only planned to spend about 2% of the largest round of federal COVID aid on mental health hiring, according to the group's analysis of more than 5,000 district spending plans.

One bright spot in the school mental health landscape, though, is the increase in social workers.

Montgomery County in Maryland, Gwinnett County in Georgia, and Orange, Broward, and Palm Beach counties in Florida all started the year with dozens more social workers than they had in fall 2019. Chicago added the most — nearly 150 additional social workers — in part due to staffing promises in the latest teachers union contract.

The Chalkbeat analysis echoes national data collected by the White House that show the number of school social workers was up 48% this fall compared with before the pandemic, while the number of school counselors was up a more modest 12% and the count of school psychologists inched up 4%.

In Houston, staffing increases meant nearly every school started this fall with a counselor or social worker.

Newly hired social worker Natalie Rincon is able to meet one-on-one with students who are in crisis and teach other students calming strategies, such as tracing their hand with a finger while breathing.

Still, need often outstrips capacity at Rincon's school, where many students are refugees or recent immigrants coping with trauma. She often has to prioritize helping students with urgent issues, leaving less time to check in on others.

"I want to be able to meet with a kindergartner just to talk about how they're feeling," Rincon said. "Those are the kind of things that I think slip through the cracks."

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CRIME WATCH

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ON NOV. 13 AT MIDNIGHT

SMPD officers responded to a trespassing call from the Fairmont Miramar Hotel near the 100 block of Wilshire Blvd. Upon arrival officers learned that the suspect, Erick Rodriguez, 22 years old from Las Vegas, attempted to enter a private party at the location, but was denied entry earlier in the evening. After being told that if he returned he would be arrested for trespassing, Rodriguez left the hotel. He later returned and was confronted by hotel security and escorted off the property. Rodriguez returned a third time and was again met by hotel security that proceeded to place Rodriguez in handcuffs. After gathering witness statements and a signed private persons arrest form, SMPD officers transported Rodriguez to the Santa Monica Jail where he was issued a citation for Obstructing a Public Business.

SMMUSD

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this to you and anyone who's interested in what I might think — I've said to people over and over that what I think one of the best decisions I've made as a board member was to hire Dr. Drati, and I stand by that," Tahvildaran-Jesswein said.

In his surprise announcement on Friday morning, Drati wrote that he "thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated serving as the Superintendent of SMMUSD and will always cherish [his] time here."

Drati's departure potentially leaves the SMMUSD without a superintendent beginning in January; no interim or permanent successor had yet been named. Prior to his arrival, two interim superintendents filled in for about five months after Lyon departed for Palm Springs Unified School District.

Tahvildaran-Jesswein said the Board was set to discuss options during a closed-session meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 29; it was his feeling the Board should wait to select an interim and/or permanent replacement until after new school board members are sworn in next month. Two board members, Craig Foster and Keith Coleman, resigned from their posts and will be replaced by newcomers Stacy Rouse and Alicia Mignano beginning on Dec. 8.

In his departure announcement, Drati took the opportunity to highlight what he felt were his successes while at the helm of the District, including a "positive fiscal outlook," "creating 21st-century learning environments that align with our education specifications," and "parents' willingness to participate and partner with school staff and administration in supporting their student's progress and overall best interests of all students," among others.

Under Drati's leadership, the SMMUSD has made major strides toward modernizing its curriculum with the addition of the project based learning pathway at Samohi.

He has also seen the Samohi campus transform. Santa Monica High School's new award-winning Discovery Building was constructed during Drati's time as superintendent; recently, the campus broke ground on two more 21st century buildings, the Exploration Building and Gold's Gym.

Tahvildaran-Jesswein said that among Drati's accomplishments was his commitment to social justice learning standards.

Drati's tenure as SMMUSD superintendent was also bookended by upheaval in the local school district. He arrived just weeks after a U.S. District Court judge ordered the school district to remove all polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, from Malibu High School, after the SMMUSD spent millions of dollars trying to keep from having to do so.

That battle fanned the flames of Malibu's desire to break away from the joint school district; that attempt has been ongoing throughout Drati's time as local superintendent.

Now, upon his departure, Malibu's split from Santa Monica seemed closer than ever, after an October agreement that lays out financial terms for the eventual divorce. At the same time, local parents were up in arms over extensive water and mold damage at John Muir Elementary in Ocean Park and the future of that Title IX school. Drati's departure also comes shortly after a major ruling against the school district resulting in a $45 million payout over abuse of a special needs student in Malibu.

Bellflower, where Drati will begin as superintendent next year, is one of LA County's Gateway Cities in southeastern LA County. Other Gateway Cities include Downey, Whittier and Cerritos. Bellflower Unified is a two-thirds majority Latino district that contains 10 schools including four high schools; with an enrollment around 10,000, it's about 10% larger than SMMUSD. According to public information shared by Transparent California, the Bellflower Superintendent earned about $290,000 in salary and benefits in 2020; in the same year, Drati earned $302,000 in salary and benefits in Santa Monica.

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SWIP

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new facility, hidden underground beneath a parking lot between the Courthouse and Civic Auditorium on Main Street.

Once in action, local water experts estimate SWIP will increase the annual local water supply by about 10%, given its ability to capture and treat both Santa Monica wastewater and urban runoff from the Pico-Kenter storm drain. Once treated, SWIP's water will exceed California cleanliness standards for drinking water.

Current state regulations mean that squeaky clean water cannot immediately flow out of local taps and into water glasses; instead, at least for now, SWIP-treated water will go toward irrigation and dual-piped buildings where treated water is used to flush toilets.

Any remainder will be re-injected into the water table for storage, until city wells draw it up for more treatment to become drinking water.

"The City partnered with the Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Division of Drinking Water to develop treatment standards for stormwater to be indirectly injected into our groundwater aquifer; that is a first in the state of California," Santa Monica Public Works Director Rick Valte said during the grand opening event Thursday. Valte went on to detail how the project would replenish groundwater aquifers after treating both wastewater and stormwater through a state-of-the-art process.

Of the $96 million price tag, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California contributed more than $19 million over 25 years; The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works added $7.5 million through Measure W's Safe Clean Water Program; and the State Water Resources Control Board chipped in a $75 million clean water state revolving fund loan and $8.77 million through a Prop 1 Stormwater Grant.

With SWIP first envisioned in the 2018 Santa Monica Sustainable Water Master Plan, Thursday's event felt a bit like a graduation party for a project four years in the making. Visitors ate complimentary donuts and sipped out of SWIP reusable water bottles; dignitaries used a silver Sharpie marker to sign their names and write congratulatory messages on a foam-core plaque that will hang in the underground facility, not unlike signing a yearbook page.

After words from several officials, it came time to cut the big red ribbon.

Around Himmelrich, whose term on city council was set to end in December, were other local leaders: Wang and Valte; Council Members Lana Negrete, Gleam Davis and Kristin McCowan; City Manager David White; LA County Public Works Director Mark Pastrella; former mayor and current Water District Secretary Judy Abdo; and other notable guests. State Senator Ben Allen, who was initially scheduled to speak at the opening, was not in attendance.

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CRIME WATCH

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ON NOV. 13 AT 9:35 P.M.

SMPD officers responded to the 200 block of Santa Monica Blvd. for a reported robbery. Upon arrival, officers learned that the victim, a delivery driver, was sitting in his vehicle while parked at the curb. Another vehicle approached and multiple male suspects exited, and punched his window, breaking it in the process. The victim then opened the car door and was punched in the face repeatedly by one of the suspects. A female suspect joined the males, grabbed the victim's phone and attempted to flee. SMPD officers located a vehicle matching the description provided near PCH and detained the 6 individuals in the vehicle. Based on video evidence, the 6 occupants were arrested for multiple violations including robbery, vandalism, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Officers recovered 10 cell phones from the vehicle. Arrestees: Saraiah Garcia, 19 years old. Julianna Chavira, 18 years old. Steven Ceja, 20 years old - Remains in Police Custody, Alexis Leyva, 31 years old - Remains in Police Custody, Jazmin Aviles, 18 years old, Unnamed Minor, 17 years old.

STABBING

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located in the 2600 block of OFW with multiple stab wounds. Santa Monica Fire Department (SMFD) personnel responded and transported the victim to a local hospital.

Lampitt is accused of approaching the first the victim, pulling a knife, and trying to rob him. The victim refused before Lampitt stabbed him and ran off. Sometime after, Lampitt encountered a man on a bicycle in Beach Parking Lot 5 South (2700 Barnard) and stabbed him multiple times for no apparent reason. The second victim was transported to a local hospital where both victims are recovering with non-life-threatening injuries.

Lampitt was transported to the SMPD Jail where he was booked for Attempted Robbery and Attempted Murder.

Anyone with any additional information pertaining to this incident is strongly encouraged to contact Detective Pollnow at 310-458-8455 or the Watch Commander (24 hours) at 310-458-8426.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be several people throughout the course of the day: a contemplative contributor, a silly playmate, a teacher, a student, a respected expert. You embody your roles with grace.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The show is where you are. You don't always have to have the main character energy, but you definitely feel like wherever you go, that's where life is happening.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's a boisterous quality to the day. You may feel you have to fight your way into doors that should have already been opened for you. Loved ones bombard you when you want peace, only because you're so needed.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You go out of your way to keep even the simplest agreement. The less you commit yourself, the better you'll be at keeping all your commitments. You can always go above and beyond; then, it's a treat for everyone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You look for the good and usually you find it. Sometimes it's just not there — a signal you have to put some in. You have endless wells of gold in your heart, so this is not a problem for you once you decide to reach down and deal it up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In life and in travel, it's the intersections we must look out for. Stay aware, look both ways, then look all ways. Keep your head on a swivel through the crossroads. Transitions are necessary dangers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your idea of what you're capable of may be limited. You don't know what you can accomplish until you do it. Until then, just believe in yourself. You'll feel better about the whole process when you bet on you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Keep your cool in the battle of wills. You may be on opposite sides of the seesaw, but without each other you'll go nowhere. Getting to common ground will take some flexibility on both sides. A mediator can settle disputes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a reason people call it a "perfect" stranger. The blank slate of new people can be pristine indeed and ripe for whatever projection you want to make. Be careful in this regard today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Accurate information is not always useful but useful information is always accurate. Only the stories that are built on the truth will stand up in today's environment. Check the facts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You know the secret. This is no ordinary world. You'll be amazed and mystified by what you learn about the creatures who walk among the regular ones. You dream of them, spot them and interact with them in your own creative way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You can appreciate the current situation and still advocate for improvement. As long as things are changing, why not steer them to the changes you desire?

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Newsday Crossword

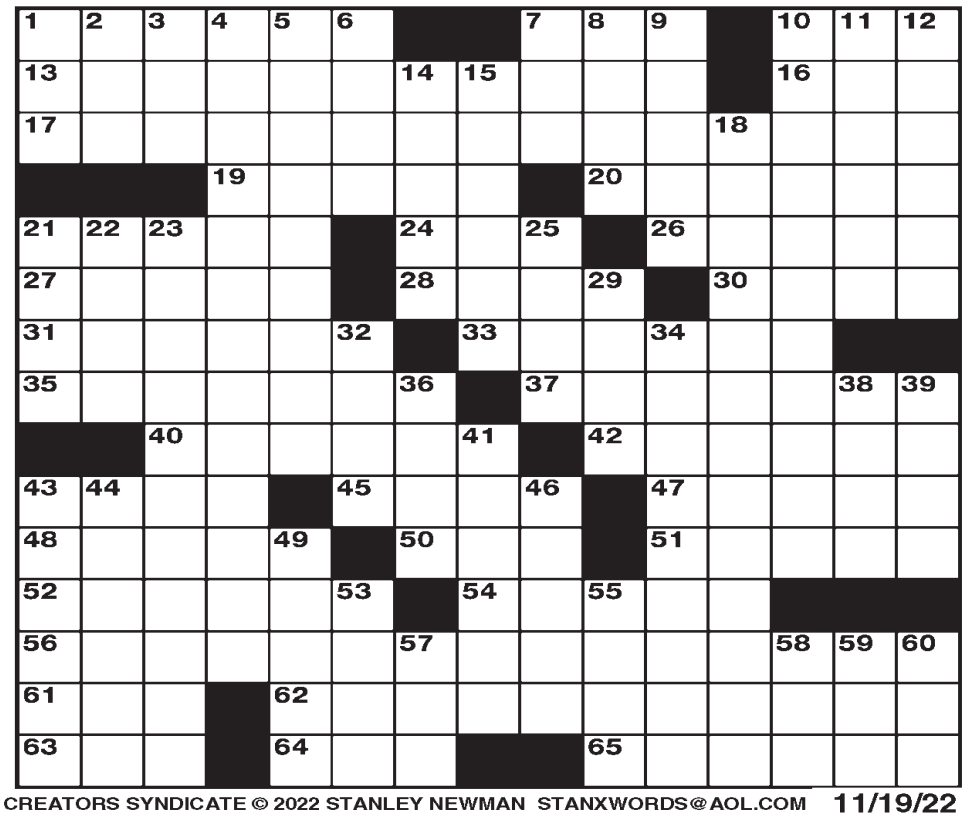
SATURDAY STUMPER by Matthew Sewell
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

1 Boston Marathon sponsor since 1989
7 What you may get out of your refrigerator
10 Letters on Octane Booster
13 When *Hamilton* begins
16 Central principle of Chinese martial arts
17 Not before that specific moment
19 Focus of a Belgrade museum
20 Word from Malay for "sheath"
21 Capital by the Red Sea
24 It means "made of"
26 Legendary lamenter
27 University town near Acadia
28 Work in progress
30 Mel Brooks, in the *Hotel Transylvania* films
31 Literary archetype of reinvention since the 1920s
33 "Curses!"
35 Likely to result in bigger banks
37 A name of Eliot's
40 Start back
42 Supplanted by, with "of"
43 Inspire
45 Word associated with parties and dresses
47 Made calls
48 Japanese cattle breed
50 What precedes many an oath
51 Takes no courses
52 Many Wookieepedia subjects
54 Get off the ground
56 Turnoff before checking in
61 Bit of biocomputing
62 Document detailing payments for play platforms
63 Home of Lt. Lindbergh's sponsors
64 "The signature of craft brewers worldwide"
65 Some roots of rock

DOWN

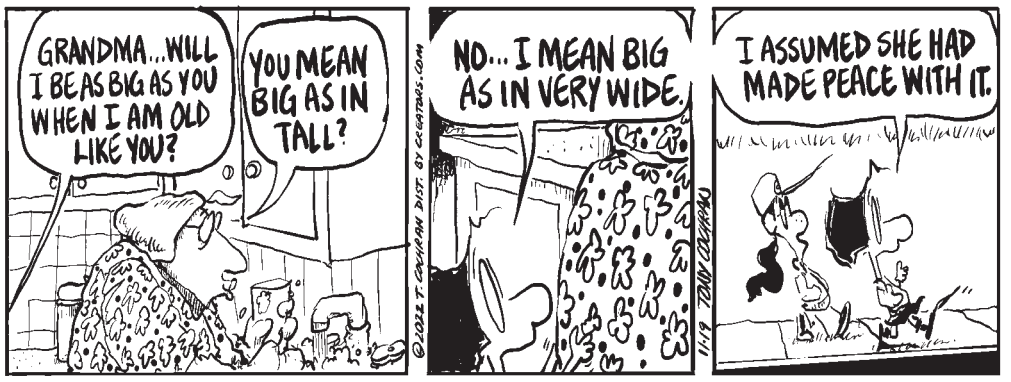
1 Serve (as)
2 Latter-day "Darn!"
3 *Création volcanique*
4 Infomercial order
5 Intense, as some exercise
6 Deviltry
7 Protective layer
8 Deliveries from Google
9 Many a Central American
10 Excursions with escorts
11 Where to follow shooting stars
12 Reached out electronically
14 Spontaneously
15 Allowed to check out
18 It's nothing, really
21 __ age
22 Major producer of pomegranates
23 Unimaginative
25 Conductors' concerns
29 Start to trust
32 Comics complaint
34 Show servility
36 Bahamian billionaire singer's nickname
38 "Well-groomed-sounding" hair remover of old
39 They're part of the Mug Root Beer logo
41 Juvenile jellyfish
43 Growths of grass
44 "Stupidity is a __ for misconception": Poe
46 Gem that dissolves in vinegar
49 Eels for bento meals
53 Sound of billowing sails
55 Novelist who cowrote *Jerusalem: Song of Songs* (1981)
57 "Fresh From Nashville" playlist org.
58 Article in *El Diario*
59 Excerpt from a classroom wall banner
60 Read Across America Day sponsor



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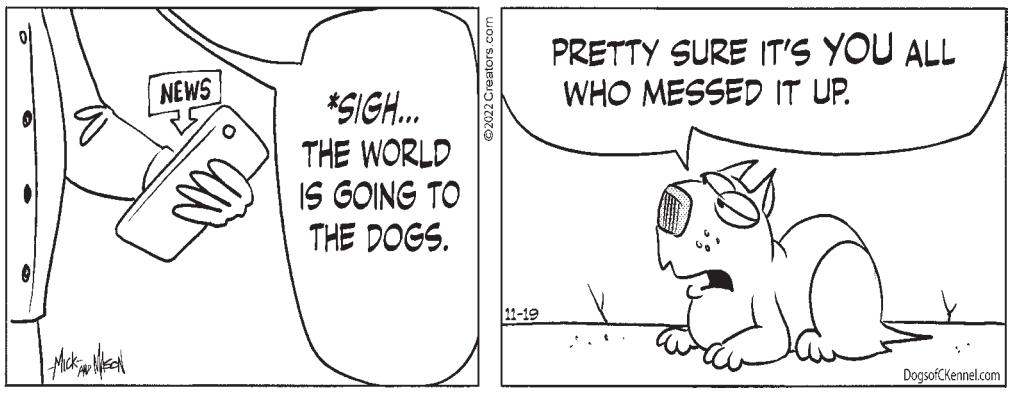
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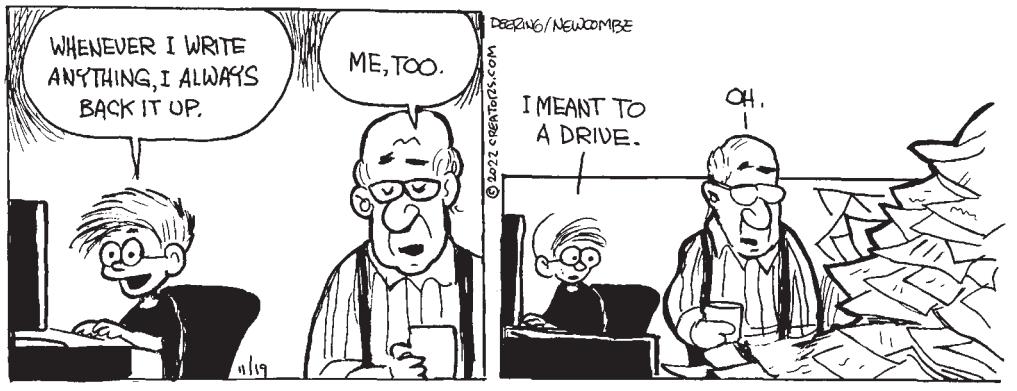
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By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



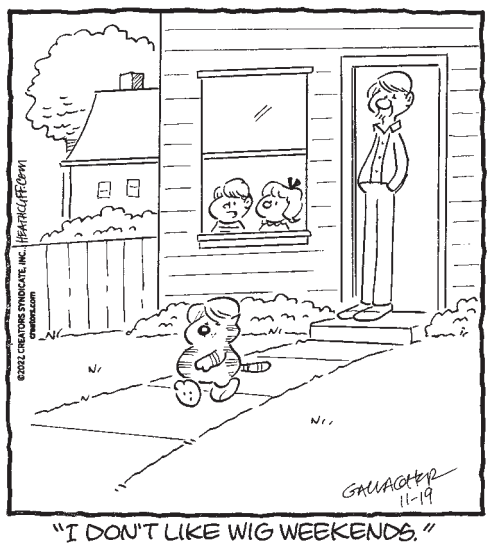
Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"I DON'T LIKE WIG WEEKENDS."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5668

Historic battles

R	G	U	N	S	C	S	A	B	R	E	T	A	S	R
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Air force	Driver	Ills	Navy
Army	Egypt	Iraq	Peers
Base	Elite	Jets	Platoon
Bomb	warrior	Kokoda	Rank
Cadet	Enlist	Korea	Recruit
Captor	Fear	Lost	Sabre
Clerks	Fight	Major	Safe
Club	Greece	Mates	Tobruk
Communications	Grit	Mess	Train
Corps	Guard	Middle East	Trenches
Crime	Guns	Missile	
Depot	Heroes	Nauru	

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
Popular at the time

WISE & Healthy Aging
(310) 394-9871
Adult Day Service Center
Your trusted source for adult day care for your loved one. Let us give you the break you need.
Somos Amigos
"Somos Amigos" (we are friends) is our Spanish Language Program offering mental stimulation, exercise-strength training and recreation.
Let Us Help You Address Early Memory Loss
A Program of WISE & Healthy Aging
WISE Minds
A Veterans Benefit!

What's Up Westside
out and about in Santa Monica

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 19

NOTABLE FICTION DISCUSSION GROUP
A community-led book club, focusing on books which have won major prizes or are otherwise notable. This month's selection is Native Speaker by Chang-rae Lee. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the link. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

NOTHIN' BUT SAND BEACH CLEAN-UP
Join MLB and Heal the Bay this Saturday to help make Santa Monica Beach sparkle. This MLB Green Team Event is part of the league's continued efforts to promote sustainability and environmental awareness while also giving opportunities to take direct action through volunteerism. People of all ages are encouraged to register, sign a waiver and show up with their own buckets, garden gloves and a reusable mask and water bottle to make the event zero waste. After the clean-up, participants can join the fun at MLB All-Star Oceanfront event taking place along Santa Monica Beach. Register online at https://healthebay.org/events/category/heal-the-bay/nothin-but-sand/list/

PHOTOS WITH SANTA
Kick off the holiday season with festive photos with Santa Claus at Santa Monica Place. The magic of the holiday season comes alive with a visit to Santa's winter wonderland. Santa will be in his brand new Santa House starting Nov. 19 and is located in Center Plaza. A visit with Santa is always free and photo packages are available for purchase. Nov. 19-Dec.24, closed on Thanksgiving Day. Mon.-Sat., 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. (break 2-3 p.m. and 5-5:30 p.m.); Sun., 12 -6 p.m. (break 2:30-3 p.m.). Photo packages start at $39.99. santamonicaplace.com

VENICE WINTER FEST
Part of the tri-annual Venice Fest series, Venice Winterfest will feature various local artists, bands and vendors. With an array of products, food and drink, the event provides an opportunity to get holiday shopping done while also supporting small and local businesses. A portion of sales from the event will be donated to Safe Place for Youth, an organization that works to provide resources and support to young people experiencing homelessness. Free. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at 12257 Venice Blvd. www.thevenicefest.com

FLEA MARKET
California Heritage Museum kicks off a monthlong Flea Market through Dec. 22. Flea market sale begins Nov. 19 with a preview admission of $10; free beginning Nov. 20. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. daily at 2612 Main Street. www.californiaheritagemuseum.org. More info: mail@californiaheritagemuseum.org

ORCHESTRA SANTA MONICA
Enjoy the music of John Williams and Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition" performed by Orchestra Santa Monica at Barnum Hall at the season-opening concert for the orchestra's 10th anniversary season. Featuring music from the movie "Lincoln." Free. 7:30 p.m. at Barnum Hall, 600 Olympic Blvd. orchestrasantamonica.org

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 20

GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKET
Step into Germany at Christmastime by visiting the German American Club of Santa Monica on November 20th! Experience a classic German Christmas Market, complete with live music, shopping classic German food, Gluhwein, cookie decorating, Santa Claus, a full bar, a bounce house and so much more! Get ready to prost to the Christmas season with friends and family. This event is free for members and guests under age 14, and $10 at entry for all non-members. Cash recommended, as few vendors accept credit cards. German American Club of Santa Monica, 1843 Lincoln Blvd 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. https://www.germanamericanclubsantamonica.com/

MONDAY | NOVEMBER 21

MAIN LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Join a community-led discussion of books selected by the group. This month's selection is The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the Zoom link.7 - 8:30 p.m.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING
The Architectural Review Board established in 1974, acts "to preserve existing areas of natural beauty, cultural importance and assure that buildings, structures, signs or other developments are in good taste, good design, harmonious with surrounding developments, and in general contribute to the preservation of Santa Monica's reputation as a place of beauty, spaciousness and quality."

USMNT VS. WALES WORLD CUP WATCH PARTY
Join LAFC to cheer on the U.S. Men's National Soccer Team at Santa Monica Brew Works on Monday morning. Fans of all nations are welcome to attend and enjoy the world's game. Watch parties will include food and drink specials, LAFC and partner giveaways and a chance to see the MLS Cup trophy. Kickoff for the Monday morning match (Team USA vs Wales) is set for 11 a.m. PT. Doors at 10. Open to ages 21 and up unless accompanied by an adult. Free. 1920 Colorado Avenue.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com



SURF REPORT
WATER TEMP: **59.9**

SATURDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Modest blend of easing NW swell mix and continued SSW swell. May see offshore flow for the morning ramp back up a notch.
SUNDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Modest blend of easing NW swell mix and continued SSW swell. Likely to see clean morning conditions continue.

WEATHER

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 72. North northeast wind around 15 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 68.
Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 47.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/03/15	Tue	02:16 AM	1.74	L
2022/03/15	Tue	08:15 AM	5.31	H
2022/03/15	Tue	3:09 PM	-0.61	L
2022/03/15	Tue	9:29 PM	4.11	H
2022/03/16	Wed	02:48 AM	1.32	L
2022/03/16	Wed	08:50 AM	5.47	H
2022/03/19	Sat	4:48 PM	0.09	L
2022/03/19	Sat	11:02 PM	5.17	H
2022/03/20	Sun	05:22 AM	0.06	L
2022/03/19	Sat	11:02 PM	5.17	H
2022/03/20	Sun	05:22 AM	0.06	L
2022/03/19	Sat	10:39 AM	4.93	H
2022/03/19	Sat	4:48 PM	0.09	L
2022/03/19	Sat	11:02 PM	5.17	H
2022/03/20	Sun	05:22 AM	0.06	L
2022/03/19	Sat	11:02 PM	5.17	H
2022/03/20	Sun	05:22 AM	0.06	L
2022/03/19	Sat	4:48 PM	0.09	L

DAILY LOTTERY

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the winning number information, mistakes can occur. In the event of any discrepancies, California State laws and California Lottery regulations will prevail. Complete game information and prize claiming instructions are available at California Lottery retailers. Visit the California State Lottery web site at http://www.calottery.com

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 11/16
28 34 51 53 56
Power#: 11
Jackpot: 93 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 11/15
6 19 28 46 61
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 238 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 11/16
12 16 25 28 45
Mega#: 23
Jackpot: 8 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/17
10 19 29 32 38

Daily 3
Draw Date: 11/17
EVENING: 8 8 7
Draw Date: 11/17
MIDDAY: 2 6 4

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 11/17
1st: 03 - Hot Shot
2nd: 11 - Money Bags
3rd: 08 - Gorgeous George
Race Time: 1:43.87

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THURSDAY DECEMBER 1

6-8 PM

1300 BLOCK OF THIRD STREET PROMENADE

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