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Ted Lieu part of new Democratic leadership team

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House Democrats ushered in a new generation of leaders on Wednesday with Rep. Hakeem Jeffries elected to be the first Black American to head a major political party in Congress at a pivotal time as long-serving Speaker Nancy Pelosi and her team step aside next year.

Showing rare party unity after their midterm election losses, the House Democrats moved seamlessly from one history-making leader to another, choosing the 52-year-old New Yorker, who vowed to "get things done" in the new Congress, even after Republicans won control of the chamber. The closed-door vote was unanimous, by acclamation.

"We stand on their collective broad shoulders," Jeffries said afterward of Pelosi and her team.

"The best thing that we can do as a result of the seriousness and solemnity of the moment," he had said earlier, "is lean in hard and do the best damn job that we can for the people."

Santa Monica's Congressman Ted W. Lieu was elected Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, the number four position in House Democratic Leadership. Congressman Lieu is the first Asian American elected as Vice Chair. He issued the following statement after his colleagues elected him:

"I want to thank my colleagues for entrusting me with the role of Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus. I am immensely grateful for

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Los Angeles looks to regulate delivery drones and devices

JAMIE PAIGE
Special to the Daily Press

A motion filed by councilmembers Mike Bonin and Bob Blumenfield asking to implement a pilot program for personal delivery devices was passed by the Los Angeles City Council Tuesday.

The motion looks to regulate operators of delivery devices on city sidewalks.

The devices, also known as delivery robots, have been used by private companies to complete last-mile food and retail deliveries.

According to the original motion, filed in 2020, the city should be "proactive in regulating these devices in order to balance the health and environmental advantages" with potential impacts of jobs and the "private use and capitalization of the city's public infrastructure."

The council voted for an ordinance that would implement the program. The ordinance will come before the council next week for a second vote.



Courtesy photo

COCO: Local delivery drones are owned by Coco and operate as part of a pilot program in Santa Monica.

The motion praises the devices as allowing for "more contactless delivery options in the midst of the global COVID-19 pandemic," along with providing for an alternative to delivery by gas-powered vehicles.

The program authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue permits to operators of the devices. If an operator fails to comply with the permit's rules, the permit could be suspended or removed.

The city plans to study the data collected during the pilot program to ensure safe operation of the devices and to determine how many devices can be deployed in various locations.

Police reform efforts return for discussion at City Council

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More than two years ago, Santa Monica experienced a day of protest, riots and looting that left many residents questioning the police response that used tear gas on protesters while criminals ransacked local businesses.

That day sparked a push for police reform and oversight in the City and resulted in the creation of the Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission (PSROC) which was formed in January 2021 to work with the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) to develop, recommend and help implement changes.



Courtesy photo

REFORM: PSROC Chair Derek Devermont spoke to the council.

PSROC Chair Derek Devermont spoke at the Nov. 29 City Council meeting to provide a progress update on their work.

"The PSROC has been doing diligent work," he said of the commission, which is composed of 12 individuals from a variety

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Landmark same-sex marriage bill wins Senate passage

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Associated Press

The Senate passed bipartisan legislation Tuesday to protect same-sex marriages, an extraordinary sign of shifting national politics on the issue and a measure of relief for the hundreds of thousands of same-sex couples who have married since the Supreme Court's 2015 decision that legalized gay marriage nationwide.

The bill, which would ensure that same-sex and interracial marriages are enshrined in federal law, was approved 61-36 on Tuesday, including support from 12 Republicans. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said the legislation was "a long time coming" and part of America's "difficult but inexorable march towards greater equality."

Democrats are moving quickly, while the party still holds the majority in both chambers of Congress. The legislation now moves to the House for a final vote, likely next week.

President Joe Biden praised the bipartisan vote and said he will sign the bill "promptly and proudly" if it is passed by the House. He said it will ensure that LGBTQ youth "will grow up knowing that they, too, can lead full, happy lives and build families of their own."

The bill has gained steady momentum since the Supreme Court's June decision that overturned the federal right to an abortion, a ruling that included a concurring opinion from Justice Clarence Thomas that suggested same-sex marriage could also come under threat. Bipartisan Senate negotiations got a kick-start this summer when 47 Republicans unexpectedly voted for a House bill and gave supporters new optimism.

The legislation would not force any state to allow same-sex couples to marry. But it would require states to recognize all marriages that were legal where they were performed, and protect current same-sex unions, if the court's 2015 Obergefell v. Hodges decision were to be overturned. It's a stunning bipartisan endorsement, and evidence of societal change, after years of bitter divisiveness on the issue.

> "Our community really needs a win, we have been through a lot, - Kelley Robinson"

A new law protecting same-sex marriages would also be a major victory for Democrats as they relinquish their two years of consolidated power in Washington, and a massive win for advocates who have been pushing for decades for federal legislation. It comes as the LGBTQ community has faced violent attacks, such as the shooting last weekend at a gay nightclub in Colorado that killed five people and injured at least 17.

"Our community really needs a win, we have been through a lot," said Kelley Robinson, the incoming president of Human Rights Campaign, which advocates on LGBTQ issues. "As a queer person who is married, I feel a sense of relief right now. I know my family is safe."

Robinson was in the Senate chamber for the vote with her wife, Becky, and toddler son. "It was more emotional than I expected," she said.

The vote was personal for many senators, too. Wisconsin Sen. Tammy Baldwin, a Democrat who is the first openly gay senator and was the lead sponsor of the bill, tearfully hugged Schumer and others as the final vote was called. Baldwin, who has been working on gay rights issues for almost four decades, tweeted thanks to the same-sex and interracial couples who she said made the moment possible.

"By living as your true selves, you changed the hearts and minds of people around you," she wrote.

Schumer said on Tuesday that he was wearing the tie he wore at his daughter's wedding, "one of the happiest moments of my life." He also recalled the "harrowing conversation" he had with his daughter and her wife in September 2020 when they heard that liberal Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg had passed away. "Could our right to marry be undone?" they asked at the time.

With conservative Justice Amy Coney Barrett replacing Ginsburg, the court has now overturned Roe v. Wade and the federal right to an abortion, stoking fears about Obergefell and other rights protected by the court. But sentiment has shifted on same-sex marriage, with more than two-thirds of the public now in support.

Still, Schumer said it was notable that the Senate was even having the debate after years of Republican opposition. "A decade ago, it would have strained all of our imaginations to envision both sides talking about protecting the rights of same-sex married couples," he said.

Passage came after the Senate rejected three Republican amendments to protect the rights of religious institutions and others to still oppose such marriages. Supporters of the legislation argued those amendments were unnecessary because the bill had already been amended to clarify that it does not affect rights of private individuals or businesses that are currently enshrined in law. The bill would also make clear that a marriage is between two people, an effort to ward off some far-right criticism that the legislation could endorse polygamy.

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Powell: Fed to keep rates higher for longer to cut inflation

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AP Economics Writer

The Federal Reserve will push rates higher than previously expected and keep them there for an extended period, Chair Jerome Powell said Wednesday in remarks likely intended to underscore the Fed's single-minded focus on combating stubborn inflation.

Yet in a speech at the Brookings Institution, Powell also signaled that the Fed may increase its key interest rate by a half-point at its December meeting, a smaller boost after four straight three-quarter point hikes. Rate increases could then fall to a more traditional quarter-point size at its February and March meetings, based on previous Fed forecasts.

> We think that slowing down at this point is a good way to balance the risks - Chair Jerome Powell

Powell said the Fed is seeking to increase its benchmark rate by enough to slow the economy, hiring, and wage growth, but not so much as to send the U.S. into recession.

It has lifted the rate six times this year to a range of 3.75% to 4%, the highest in 15 years. Those increases have sharply boosted mortgage rates, causing home sales to plunge, while also raising costs for most other consumer and business loans.

"We think that slowing down at this point is a good way to balance the risks," Powell said. "The time for moderating the pace of rate increases may come as soon as the December meeting," which will take place Dec. 13-14.

Financial markets rallied in response to Powell's suggestion that rate increases will slow. The S&P 500 jumped 122 points, or 3.1%. It had fallen before Powell spoke.

But Powell also stressed that smaller hikes shouldn't be taken as a sign the Fed will let up on its inflation fight anytime soon.

"It is likely that restoring price stability will require holding (interest rates) at a restrictive level for some time," Powell said. "History cautions strongly against prematurely loosening policy."

Powell acknowledged there has been some good news on the inflation front, with the cost of goods such as cars, furniture, and appliances in retreat. He also said that rents and other housing costs — which make up about a third of the consumer price index — were likely to decline next year.

But the cost of services, which includes dining out, traveling, and health care, are still rising at a fast clip and will likely be much harder to rein in, he said.

"Despite some promising developments, we have a long way to go in restoring price stability," Powell said.

The Fed chair singled out strong hiring and wage gains as the main driver keeping services costs high. Paychecks, on average, have jumped about 5% in the past year, before inflation, the fastest pace in four decades.

"We want wages to go up strongly, but they've got to go up at a level that is consistent with 2% inflation over time," Powell said. Wage growth at about 3.5% a year would fit that criteria, he said.

Slowing the increases in paychecks will likely be difficult, he said, because robust wage gains are largely being driven by a labor shortage that began during the pandemic and shows no sign of ending soon.

Fed officials had hoped to see the number of people working or looking for work rebound more strongly as the pandemic waned, but that hasn't happened.

The lack of workers reflects a jump in early retirements, the deaths of several hundred thousand working-age people from COVID-19, and a sharp decline in immigration and slower population growth, Powell said.

With the supply of workers limited, the Fed's higher interest rate policies will have to reduce businesses' demand for new employees to meet the lower level of supply, he added.

Economists generally expect that will mean rising layoffs and a higher unemployment rate, with the economy potentially falling into recession.

But Powell, in remarks during a question-and-answer session, held out hope that employers could cut the near record-high number of job openings they have posted, rather than lay off large numbers of workers.

According to a government report earlier Wednesday, businesses have pared their job vacancies by about 1.5 million since March, though there are still about 1.7 open jobs for every unemployed worker. That ratio forces many companies to offer higher pay to attract and keep staff.

Still, Powell said that employers could cut those openings further, while engaging in only limited layoffs, as the Fed's rate hikes slow borrowing and spending.

"I do continue to believe there is a path to a soft or softish landing ... unemployment goes up, but it's not a hard landing, it's not a severe recession," he said.

Last month's inflation report showed that prices rose 7.7% in October from a year earlier, straining many families' budgets. That is down, however, from a 9.1% peak in June.

Fed officials hope that by tightening credit they can slow consumer and business spending, reduce hiring and wage growth, and cool inflation. Powell said the Fed's efforts have slowed demand, and will have to keep it slow "for an extended period."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Leave saves lives

Healthy people, kids, families, and workers are critical to a productive and vibrant economy.

That's why it's no surprise that this rampant RSV, COVID, cold, and flu season is hitting us all hard. The combination of lack of paid sick days and paid family and medical leave, and our overstressed childcare system is pushing families to the brink.

Sick people at work cost businesses an average of $255 per employee per year—far more than the cost of giving people paid time off. Studies show companies who provided paid sick leave to people reported fewer occupational injuries. Not to mention that to no surprise to anyone who has ever been sick, research indicates sick people perform more poorly. Even if they're no longer contagious, sick employees are just not as productive.

Paid leave can also help prevent child abuse by increasing family stability and income, increasing maternal employment, improving caregiver's ability to meet children's basic needs and building opportunities for strong parent-child attachment.

The reality is that paid sick days are key to our long-term health, stability, and prosperity. Paid leave saves jobs and lives.

Christina Hoffman, Santa Monica

COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Santa Monica kicks off the holiday season

Santa Monica's official Holiday Tree Lighting will be held Dec. 1 from 6 - 8 p.m. on the Third Street Promenade at Santa Monica Boulevard

Santa comes to the Promenade for the annual lighting of the official City of Santa Monica 24-foot-tall holiday tree. Join organizers for performances by local school groups, free photos with Santa, and a snowy surprise.

The tree lighting is part of Winterlit (https://downtownsm.com/winterlit), Santa Monica's holiday celebration, that transforms Third Street Promenade and Downtown Santa Monica into an immersive experience for the whole family. Tens of thousands of colorful lights, decor and garland will deck the Third Street Promenade, 2nd and 4th Streets, illuminating convenient shopping and festive outdoor dining experiences.

The adjacent Santa Monica Place will also transform into a winter wonderland and offer an array of festive activities for the whole family to enjoy this holiday season.

Santa is taking residence in the mall's brand-new Santa House in Center Plaza through December 24. Visitors will have the chance to take photos with Santa and shoppers can bring their four-legged friends to meet Santa during Pet Nights on Dec. 14 and 15. Pre-booking reservations are now open.

Throughout December, visitors and shoppers will catch special holiday entertainment by the dancing sensation, Santa Monica Beach Belles, a cappella performances by the Oceanaires, as well as DJ holiday sets, all set around the 50-foot iconic Christmas tree and festive décor in Center Plaza.

Other special holiday events include Breakfast with Santa where families will enjoy crafts, snacks, and kid-friendly musical performances along with an appearance by Santa. The event will take place Dec. 3 from 9-10 a.m. in the Food Court. In lieu of ticket sales, Santa Monica Place is asking for donations for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®. A minimum $5 donation per child will be required to attend.

Nightly menorah lightings will take place December 18 - 26 to celebrate the Festival of Lights during the Hanukkah season.

Visit santamonicaplace.com/holiday for more information and to register for events.

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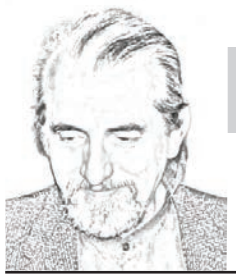
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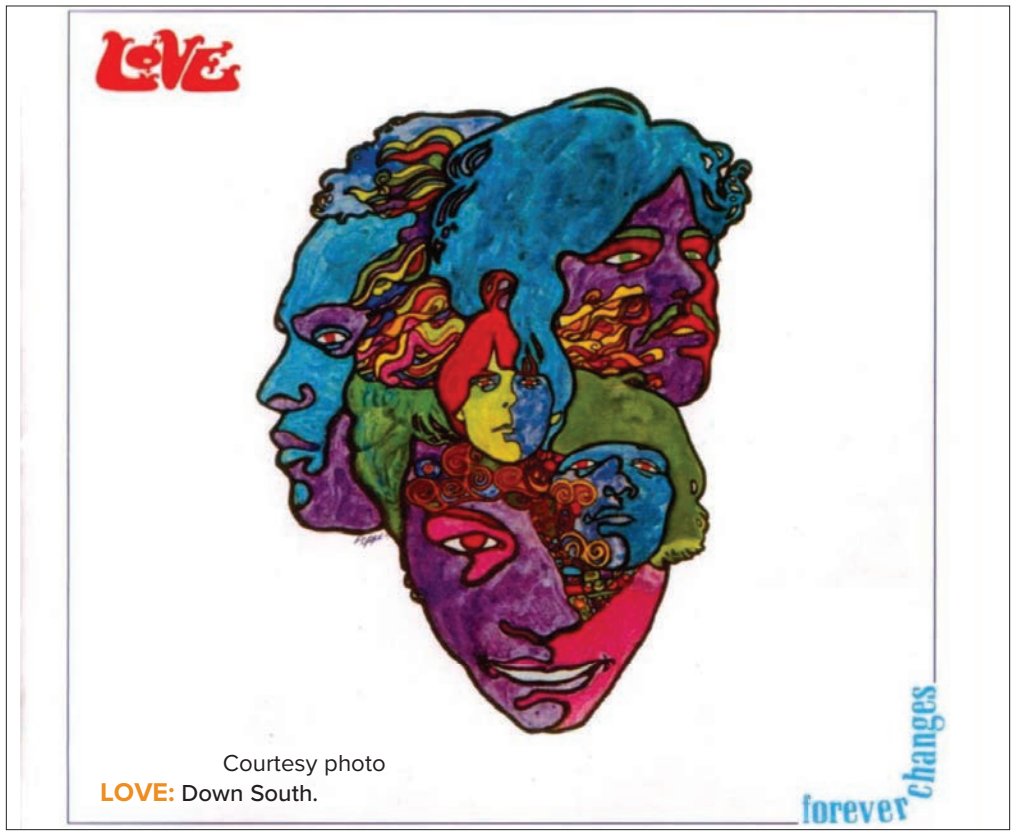
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OPINION **NOTEWORTHY**

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Love That "Tosca"!



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LOVE: Down South.

IF YOU WERE SURPRISED

That my NOTEWORTHY column was not published last week – so was I. I was out of town and so was reliable Editor in Chief Matt Hall and neither of us know what happened, but I apologize. I know a lot of readers who take advantage of the cornucopia of arts LA has to offer, plan their adventures from my research and recommendations. It didn't even appear online until Monday afternoon, too late for Thursday-Sunday events. The SM Daily Press does such a good job with such a small staff, getting a newspaper out every day, that the occasional screw up is startling but rare.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

LOVE – 55 years of "Forever Changes," on nearly everyone's list of the 10 Best Rock Albums Ever, so I'm sure they'll be playing some or maybe all of it. Not that the rest of their material is shabby. I'm always skeptical of long-ago famous bands continuing to limp along with only one original member in need of maintaining that old rock and roll excess lifestyle, but LOVE is a sterling exception. The original member is founding guitarist Johnny Echols, and years ago he wisely glommed onto an outstanding band, Baby Lemonade, including SM locals Mike Randle and Rusty Squeezebox, who could play the albums and singles note for note, knowing that a lot of fans knew every note and loved it that way and probably wouldn't be as receptive to messing with perfection. When they recreated that LP start to finish, including horns and strings, at the Moose Lodge here in Santa Monica some years ago, it was one of the best concerts I have ever experienced. Yup, just up the street on Ocean Park. Now, you're going to have to go all the way to Costa Mesa, and I would rarely do that to you but yes, this show will be worth it, I guarantee you. They've packed the house in London for just this show, and that's a lot farther drive. (I'll be sending you to CM again next week for Mavis Staples, another of a rare few worth that trouble.) Tell Johnny I sent you, and tell him to come back to the Moose Lodge. I promise I'll pack that show again. Note the early start time. Sun 6 p.m., The Wayfarer, Costa Mesa, $15.

THE HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES – I have to confess: I'm not at their show every Monday night. But I should be. Don't get lazy, Charles. It's just outside Santa Monica, street parking is easy, it's a friendly little neighborhood bar where you can see and hear everywhere in the tiny room, the sound is great, the stage is maybe a foot high and right next to the patrons, drinks are reasonable and there is no cover. THCOLA plays breakneck, virtuoso 1930s Django-style swing music. You will find it hard to stop smiling all night. Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

EM – She's unique, compelling, and right here in Santa Monica. You will be mesmerized. By her piano pounding, singing, songs (mostly her own), her hot band and how she orchestrates them, her unbelievable energy and passion, her insightful ballads, her dancing and cavorting off the stage while never missing a note, and did I mention she had a book, co-written with Lady Gaga, on the NYT bestseller list? Tues 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $10.

RECOMMENDED:

LA OPERA, PUCCINI'S "TOSCA" – My friend Fay, growing up in Beverly Hills and now living near the Santa Fe Opera for many years, has seen a lot of operas, and when I told her yesterday that we would be seeing "Tosca" Thursday night she exclaimed, "Oh, I love 'Tosca!' It's my favorite!" A common reaction, it seems, and this LA Opera production has certainly been raking in the praise since it opened Nov. 19, an unusually long run. A lot of the attention and praise has gone to LA's own GRAMMY-winning soprano Angel Blue. There is a reason Giacomo Puccini is considered a master and we are still thrilled with his stories and music, and the enduring popularity of "Tosca" testifies to that. You don't want to miss this one. One should always put a rein on expectations when it comes to the arts (and life, really), but my best guess is that next week, after I've experienced "Tosca," it will elevate here to HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. Thurs 7:30 p.m., Sun 2 p.m., Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, LA, $34 - 399.

SAMANTHA FISH, JESSE DAYTON – too much going on this Sunday! But that's a whole lot better than too little. If Costa Mesa (see above) is too far even for greatness, this show at the venerable Whisky on Sunset Strip should rock your soul. This is an unusual recommendation from me in that I have never seen either performer in person but have been aware of them for years, through reputation and videos. I usually don't have the time or patience to watch a lot of videos for a guess at a recommendation, but just a few did it for me. Fish may become your new favorite blues rock guitarist. And Dayton will likely make an instant fan of you, from his first growl or scream and a guitar run you may have never before heard. The Whisky website gives you a lot of good info: "The two will share the stage ripping through their vast catalogs as well as music by The Clash, Townes Van Zant, Magic Sam, and new originals inspired by this event. The ZipGuns open with a 35 min. set." Credit to FB friend Pamela Dawson, the gorgeous, naughty, rockin', hula hoopin', dog lovin', Best Memes TX cowgirl who always gives Dayton's concerts a plug and seems to attend every one. Good job Pamela, you got me hooked. Sun 7 p.m., Whisky A Go Go, West Hollyweird, $30-800.

THE LAST WALTZ TOUR 2022 – oh right, how many of the original performers from that legendary San Francisco show climaxing The Band's storied career are here? None? But they will probably play some of the Last Waltz songs, right? Ordinarily this would elicit a disgruntled "feh!" from me, but for a very saving grace: The performers: Jamey Johnson, Warren Haynes, Kathleen Edwards, Anders Osborne, Taj Mahal. Good players, but just the first and the last are worth the ticket, playing anything. Sun 8 p.m., Orpheum Theater, LA, $59 - 193.

LIQUID KITTY PUNK ROCK BBQ – It's back! Relive your punk day with five bands and free admission, free hot dogs and cheap beer, on a sunny Sunday afternoon you'll spend in the dark. Perfect. Sun 12 - 5:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, no cover.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS: "TOSCA," LA OPERA , Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 12/7, 10; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 12/11, 18; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 12/12, 19, 26; EM, Harvelle's, 12/13, 20, 27; DUDAMEL, THE TRISTAN PROJECT: I,II,III, Disney Hall, 12/9. 10. 11. 15, 16, 17; MAVIS STAPLES, Segerstrom Concert Hall, 12/9; LA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Tribute to Lucha Libre!, GIL SHAHAN, Ambassador Auditorium, 12/11; BILLIE EILISH, Kia Forum, 12/13, 15, 16; X, Orpheum Theater, 12/16; STEVIE WONDER, Microsoft Theater, 12/17; MAVERICKS, JD MCPHERSON, Theatre at Ace Hotel, 12/17; ENGLISH BEAT, Bourbon Room, 12/30; NYE: LA PHIL with The ROOTS.

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Higher food prices worsen hunger crisis this holiday season

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Staffers at Bread for the City, a venerable charity in the nation's capital, thought they were prepared for this year's annual pre-Thanksgiving Holiday Helpers food giveaway. The pandemic had faded, but inflation was high, so they budgeted to give out 12,000 meals, 20% higher than normal pre-pandemic levels.

But they were quickly overwhelmed, with long lines of clients waiting hours to receive a free turkey and a $50 debit card for groceries. They were forced to shut down three days early after helping 16,000 people, many more than anticipated.

> Families that were just getting their feet back underneath them are experiencing a whole new challenge or even if they have employment, or have several jobs or sources of income, it's just not going as far as it was two years ago - Jim Conwell

"We don't want to retraumatize our community by having them wait outside four hours for a turkey," said Ashley Domm, the charity's chief development officer. "We are not set up to have hundreds of people lined up on a city street."

Bread for the City's experience reflects a larger dynamic playing out across the country. What many Americans hoped would be the first normal holiday season in three years has instead been thrown into a heightened hunger crisis once again, with Christmas on the horizon.

A September report by the Urban Institute estimated that about 1 in 5 adults experienced household food insecurity last summer, about the same as during the first year of the pandemic but a sharp increase from the spring of 2021. Black and Hispanic adults reported higher rates of food insecurity than their white counterparts, according to the report.

"In the pandemic, nobody had jobs and nobody had money," said Nancy Murphy, a 45-year old caregiver picking up a frozen turkey and groceries last week from a giveaway at the Redeemed Christian Church of God New Wine Assembly church in northeast Washington. "Now they're back at their jobs but the money isn't going far enough. It's still hard."

The government estimates food prices will be up 9.5% to 10.5% this year. And that's squeezing the budgets of many Americans and the food banks that have helped them, especially with the expiration of the massive flow of pandemic relief aid.

" Inflation has been the story of the year," said Michael Altfest, director of community engagement at the Alameda County Food Bank in Oakland, California.

Altfest said the level of community need remains 50% to 70% higher than pre-pandemic levels, and about 30% of calls to the food bank's emergency helpline are from first-time callers.

In multiple cases, charities and food banks had prepared for increased numbers due to inflation, only to find the level of need had far exceeded their projections.

The Capital Area Food Bank in Washington originally projected it would need to distribute about 43 million meals during the July 2022-June 2023 budget year. Now four months into that fiscal year, it already is 22% ahead of those predictions.

"That was an educated prediction with a good four or five months of information," said the food bank's CEO, Radha Muthiah. "We are always thinking about Thanksgiving and Christmas right when everybody's heading to the beach in summer."

In Illinois, Jim Conwell of the Greater Chicago Food bank says the need remains elevated. "So we're purchasing more and we're spending more on what we do purchase," he said.

His organization's network served about 30% more households in August 2022, compared to the previous August.

"Families that were just getting their feet back underneath them are experiencing a whole new challenge or even if they have employment, or have several jobs or sources of income, it's just not going as far as it was two years ago," he said.

Higher prices are forcing people to make "sacrifices on their food," Altfest said.

For example, he said, the price of chicken has more than doubled — from 78 cents per pound last year to $1.64 per pound this year. Estimates from the Farm Bureau set the cost of turkey as 21 percent higher than last year. And market researcher Datasembly estimates that a 16-ounce box of stuffing costs 14% more than last year, while a 5-pound bag of Russet potatoes averages 45.5% more.

Mike Manning, president of the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank in Louisiana, draws a distinction between the increased hunger levels sparked by the pandemic and the current crisis. During the pandemic, millions of people's jobs and incomes essentially

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REFORM

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of backgrounds and an Inspector General. "It is a conglomeration of philosophies and viewpoints from various perspectives that has really come together to fulfill a valuable purpose and that is to provide civilian oversight."

> Those videos that are taken of those interviews are not available to the public already, they are protected by law and not subject to public records request... - Derek Devermont

Devermont shared the status of several proposed SMPD reforms recommended by the OIR Group, an outside consultant tasked with compiling a report on the department following the events of May 31, 2020 and providing suggestions for improvements. The group provided 44 recommendations, 29 of which have been completed, with the remaining 15 "making progress," according to a September report from OIR on the matter.

In addition to the OIR report, Devermont said the PSROC and Inspector General had provided six reports to the council since the group's inception. At the recent meeting, he highlighted several specific topics the commission has worked on with SMPD, including the department's complaint process, which he said the commission discovered was resulting in many concerns going unaddressed.

"We discovered this gap in the process and Santa Monica PD, to their credit, worked towards installing a new technological program that would allow them to track these complaints, make sure everyone is recorded, and make sure everyone is taken," he said.

He also brought up the use of body cameras and said the commission believed SMPD policy gives officers too much discretion in choosing when to turn off their cameras by allowing them to opt not to record witnesses or victims to protect their privacy, which he said was an unnecessary precaution.

"Those videos that are taken of those interviews are not available to the public already, they are protected by law and not subject to public records request..." he explained. "There are plenty of protections to protect the privacy and identity of people involved in these instances, but the interest in making sure everything was recorded is great."

SMPD Chief Ramon Bautista also spoke at the meeting and called reform efforts a "work in progress" and said the department was committed to "finding resolutions" for all of the OIR recommendations.

Both parties stressed the collaborative and positive nature of their working relationship, a sharp contrast from recent discussions by activists who have criticized police reform efforts locally.

Council Member Gleam Davis said she wanted the Council to receive periodic updates on the department's progress and find a way to share their progress with the public as well.

"I may know you're working hard but I want to make sure that the community as a whole is aware of the work you're doing because May 31, in particular, but a lot of the subsequent decisions to that really impacted such a large number of members of our community," she said.

Devermont said the PSROC has a committee focused on community outreach and that they have plans for more engagement efforts in the future.

Davis gave direction at the meeting for Devermont, Bautista, City Manager David White and staff to work together to find a way to regularly report on progress regarding the OIR recommendations in a way that allows the public to be informed on the topic.

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HUNGER

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disappeared, creating an immediate wave of need that he compared to the aftermath of a hurricane.

But the current crisis has been a slow and steady rise, starting in late February and still climbing. Manning said his food bank has seen a 10% to 15% rise in local food insecurity in just the past two months.

"You're talking to people who are on lower incomes and they're working multiple jobs — just think of the cost of them to get from one job to the other with the gas eating up whatever extra they're trying to make," he said. "What are they going to do? Do they give up gas so they can't get to work or sacrifice on food and come back and ask us for help?"

And with no clear signs on when the long-term inflation wave might ease, "This almost feels like more of a marathon with no finish line in sight," said Conwell of the Chicago food bank.

Domm recalls the lines at Bread for the City that "just stayed overwhelmingly long," for weeks.

The fact that clients were willing to stand outside for hours for a turkey and a debit card speaks to "the intensity and depth of the need," she said.

Domm also believes there's a psychological element at play as well; after two consecutive holiday seasons warped by the pandemic, families are intensely eager to have something closer to normal.

"People have avoided their families for the last two years. So this year, there's more pressure to really get groceries and have a group meal," she said.

Associated Press reporters Anita Snow in Phoenix and Dee-Ann Durbin in Detroit contributed to this report.

DEMOCRATS

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this opportunity and I look forward to serving our Caucus and our country in this new capacity. I want to recognize my colleagues Debbie Dingell, Joyce Beatty and Madeleine Dean, all of whom are exceptional Members of Congress. I look forward to continuing to work with them in the 118th Congress," said Lieu.

"I cannot wait to build on the progress that Speaker Pelosi ushered in with our Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries. His election, as well as the elections of Whip Katherine Clark and Caucus Chair Pete Aguilar, represent a historic, generational turn for our nation. They are a leadership team of which all Americans can be proud."

It's rare that a party that lost the midterm elections would so easily regroup and stands in stark contrast with the upheaval among Republicans, who are struggling to unite around GOP leader Kevin McCarthy as the new House speaker as they prepare to take control when the new Congress convenes in January.

Wednesday's internal Democratic caucus votes of Jeffries and the other top leaders came without challengers. Cheers broke out in the private meeting, where typically contested party elections unfolded instead like church service, a call-and-response affirming Democrats' confidence in their choices, some in the room said.

The trio led by Jeffries, who will become the Democratic minority leader in the new Congress, includes 59-year-old Rep. Katherine Clark of Massachusetts as the Democratic whip and 43-year-old Rep. Pete Aguilar of California as caucus chairman. The new team of Democratic leaders is expected to slide into the slots held by Pelosi and her top lieutenants — Majority Leader Steny Hoyer of Maryland and Democratic Whip James Clyburn of South Carolina — as the 80-something leaders make way for the next generation.

"It an important moment for the caucus — that there's a new generation of leadership," said Rep. Chris Pappas, D-N.H., ahead of voting.

Democratic Rep. Cori Bush of Missouri called the leadership election "historic" and a "time for change."

While Democrats will be relegated to the House minority in the new year for the 118th Congress, they will have a certain amount of leverage because the Republican majority is expected to be so slim and McCarthy's hold on his party fragile.

The House's two new potential leaders, Jeffries and McCarthy, are of the same generation but have almost no real relationship to speak of — in fact, the Democrat is known for leveling political barbs at the Republican from afar, particularly over the GOP's embrace of former President Donald Trump. Jeffries served as a House manager during Trump's first impeachment.

Jeffries said Wednesday he will work with Republicans "whenever possible but we will also push back against extremism whenever necessary."

On the other side of the Capitol, Jeffries will have a partner in Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer as two New Yorkers are poised to helm the Democratic leadership in Congress. They live about a mile apart in Brooklyn.

"There are going to be a group, in my judgment, of mainstream Republicans who are not going to want to go in the MAGA direction, and Hakeem's the ideal type guy to work with them," Schumer said in an interview, referencing Trump's "Make America Great Again" slogan.

Clark, elected for the No. 2 spot, extended the invitation to Republicans to work with Democrats on bipartisan projects.

"Our door is open for any member from across the aisle who wants to get to work for the American people," she said.

At the same time Aguilar, the third-ranking member, said Democrats emerged from the narrow midterm election with a mandate: "What we're fighting against is this MAGA extremism" that has captured the right flank of Trump's party.

Jeffries has sometimes been met with skepticism from party progressives, viewed as a more centrist figure among House Democrats.

But Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., a progressive and part of the "squad" of liberal lawmakers, said she has been heartened by the way Jeffries and his team are reaching out, even though they face no challengers.

"There's a genuine sense that he wants to develop relationships and working partnerships with many of us," she said.

Clyburn, now the highest-ranking Black American in Congress, is seeking to become the assistant Democratic leader, keeping a seat at the leadership table and helping the new generation to transition.

But Clyburn faces an unexpected challenge from Rep. David Cicilline, D-R.I., who is openly gay and argued Wednesday in a letter to colleagues that House Democrats should "fully respect the diversity of our caucus and the American people by including an LGBTQ+ member at the leadership table."

After Wednesday's hugging and high-fives, the elections Thursday for the assistant leader post and several others are expected to be more divisive.

Jeffries' ascent comes as a milestone for Black Americans, the Capitol built with the labor of enslaved people and its dome later expanded during Abraham Lincoln's presidency as a symbol the nation would stand during the Civil War.

His Brooklyn-area district was once represented by Shirley Chisholm, the first Black woman elected to Congress, and he noted that she was born on the same day as his election, Nov. 30, in 1924.

Civil rights leader Rev. Al Sharpton called Jeffries' elevation a "long overdue moment in America," noting that "another barrier to equal representation has come down."

Pelosi and Hoyer plan to remain in office, an unusual but not unprecedented arrangement that Jeffries called a "blessing" the new leaders can seek their counsel.

While the House Democrats are a big, diverse and often "noisy" group, Jeffries said it's a good thing, and representative of the House as "the institution closest to the people."

"At the end of the day, we always come together, find the highest common denominator and get the things done everyday Americans," he said.





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MARRIAGE

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Republican Sen. Thom Tillis of North Carolina, who has been lobbying his fellow GOP senators to support the legislation for months, pointed to the number of religious groups supporting the bill, including The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Some of those groups were part of negotiations on the bipartisan amendment.

"They see this as a step forward for religious freedom," Tillis says.

The nearly 17-million member, Utah-based faith said in a statement this month that church doctrine would continue to consider same-sex relationships to be against God's commandments.

Most Republicans still oppose the legislation, saying it is unnecessary and citing concerns about religious liberty. And some conservative groups stepped up opposition in recent weeks, lobbying Republican supporters to switch their votes.

"Marriage is the exclusive, lifelong, conjugal union between one man and one woman, and any departure from that design hurts the indispensable goal of having every child raised in a stable home by the mom and dad who conceived him," the Heritage Foundation's Roger Severino, vice president of domestic policy, wrote in a recent blog post arguing against the bill.

In an effort to win the 10 Republican votes necessary to overcome a filibuster in the 50-50 Senate, Democrats delayed consideration until after the midterm elections, hoping that would relieve political pressure on GOP senators who might be wavering.

Eventual support from 12 Republicans gave Democrats the votes they needed.

Along with Tillis, Maine Sen. Susan Collins and Ohio Sen. Rob Portman supported the bill early on and have lobbied their GOP colleagues to support it. Also voting for the legislation were Republican Sens. Richard Burr of North Carolina, Todd Young of Indiana, Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia, Mitt Romney of Utah, Joni Ernst of Iowa, Roy Blunt of Missouri, Cynthia Lummis of Wyoming and Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan of Alaska.

Just before passage, Collins thanked her fellow Republicans who supported it. "I know it has not been easy, but they have done the right thing," Collins said.

Lummis, one of the more conservative members of the Senate, spoke ahead of the final vote about her "fairly brutal self soul searching" before supporting the bill. She said that she accepts her church's beliefs that a marriage is between a man and a woman, but noted that the country was founded on the separation of church and state.

"We do well by taking this step, not embracing or validating each other's devoutly held views, but by the simple act of tolerating them," Lummis said.

Baldwin said earlier this month that the newfound openness from many Republicans on the subject reminds her "of the arc of the LBGTQ movement to begin with, in the early days when people weren't out and people knew gay people by myths and stereotypes."

"And slowly laws have followed," she said. "It is history."

Associated Press writer Lisa Mascaro contributed to this report.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Santa Monica Education Foundation kicks off December fundraising campaign with $25,000 match from Veo

The Santa Monica Education Foundation is ending 2022 with an exciting $25,000 match from new corporate partner Veo, a company new to Santa Monica that promotes micro-mobility as a true transportation system to reduce automotive use.

Starting on December 1 and running through the entire month of December, Veo will match all donations to the Ed Foundation, dollar for dollar up to $25,000.

"What a wonderful way to end this calendar year," said John Baracy, President of the Ed Foundation's Board of Directors. "We are truly honored to have Veo's support and partner with a new business in Santa Monica. With this match, Veo shows their commitment to excellence in public education. We are grateful for their philanthropic leadership and inspiring dedication to our Santa Monica students."

Like all contributions to the Ed Foundation, donations made during the match will fund additional personnel, programs and professional development opportunities at Santa Monica public schools. Funding supports arts education, instructional assistants, STEM, student wellness programs and more.

"Veo is honored to partner with the Santa Monica Education Foundation to support a vibrant educational experience for all students in our community," said Candice Xie, Veo co-founder and CEO. "Veo is proud to call Santa Monica home, and we hope others will join us in investing in student success and Santa Monica's future through the Foundation's match program."

"School budgets alone do not provide the excellent education Santa Monica students deserve," said Mikko D. Sperber, Executive Director of the Ed Foundation. "We need everyone's help to raise as much as possible during December so that students can benefit from innovative programs that just aren't covered otherwise. We are so grateful to Veo for this incredible contribution, and we hope their match inspires others to donate."

For more information or to make a donation to support Santa Monica students, go to smedfoundation.org.

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Citywide

SMMUSD to host campus environmental impact community meetings

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) invites parents, staff, students and community members to participate in the planning of campus facilities. The District is planning educational improvements at Will Rogers Learning Community, John Adams Middle School (JAMS) and Franklin Elementary School. We are holding in-person meetings in December to take comments from the community.

The meetings are part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process. They will discuss environmental and historical findings, campus plans, and the next proposed projects for the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). There will be an opportunity to provide input at these meetings.

Meetings are scheduled as follows, all are from 5:30 – 7 p.m.:

Will Rogers Learning Community: Tuesday, Dec. 6. 2401 14th St., Santa Monica CA 90405, Roger's Cafetorium. Parking: Lot off of16th St., street parking available.

John Adams Middle School: Monday, Dec. 12. 2425 16th St., Santa Monica CA 90405, JAMS Performance Lab. Parking: Main lot off of 16th St. and Ocean Park, metered street parking available on Pearl.

Franklin Elementary School: Wednesday, Dec. 14. 2400 Montana Ave., Santa Monica CA 90403, Franklin Cafetorium. Parking: Lot off of Idaho Ave., street parking available.

RSVP requested. To attend a meeting please register at: https://bit.ly/CmtyMtngsDec2022. Spanish interpretation will be available for the Rogers and JAMS meetings.

Each meeting will include the following: Update on next projects and the campus plan, review findings from historical consultant report, discussion of the CEQA process, environmental findings and proposed mitigations, opportunities for participants to ask questions and receive feedback, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Public Review: The Initial Study (IS) was released for a 30-day public review on Nov.14. This will provide the public an opportunity to review project components, the analysis contained in the IS and the identified mitigation measures found the IS. Notices informing the community of the IS release have been widely distributed throughout the community.

To learn about each school's Campus Plan and review the draft MND visit:

Franklin - https://www.smmusd.org/Page/7018. JAMS - https://www.smmusd.org/Page/7020. Rogers - https://www.smmusd.org/Page/7019.

The Board of Education will review the IS and MND at a special board meeting on Jan. 26, 2023 and will adopt the MND at the meeting. The board will be asked to certify the MNDs and approve the campus plans at the meeting following public comment

"Through these site meetings participants will gain a greater understanding of the current status of the school facilities and how improvements will impact student learning and performance," said Chief Operations Officer Carey Upton. "The school facilities are essentially the 'third teacher.' Having modern, updated learning environments engages students in their education."

Public Review and Comments: The District invites the public to comment on the proposed MND. Agencies and other interested parties, including members of the public, must submit any comments in response to this notice no later than 5 p.m. on Dec. 14.

Written comments must be directed to Upton, and received in the offices of the District, or submitted via by e-mail to cupton@smmusd.org. For any questions or to obtain further information about the project please contact Upton via the aforementioned email or by phone at 310-450-8338 x79383.

For more information on each school's Facility Improvement Projects visit: Franklin - https://www.smmusd.org/Page/5591. JAMS - https://www.smmusd.org/Page/5599. Rogers - https://www.smmusd.org/Page/5598.

To learn about Campus Facility Planning visit: https://www.smmusd.org/domain/4259. For information regarding Educational Specifications visit: https://bit.ly/3Ge9yjM.

Please submit all comments and questions pertaining to the meeting to Kelcey Davis, Facility Improvement Projects Consultant via email at kelceydavis@smmusd.org.

For more information on Facility Improvement Projects visit: https://bit.ly/FIP22Projects.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 1)

You'll apply augmented powers of imagination to create adventures, exciting and worthy of your passionate pursuit. You'll enter a new school or doctrine. A change in your financial approach sets you and yours up for a lifestyle that suits you. You'll celebrate your loved ones bigger, and they'll respond in kind. Cancer and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 1, 44, 7 and 18.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Use what you have and connect with the people around you. Unqualified help is still help. Sometimes people become qualified in the process of helping, so in a way you are teaching someone just by needing them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are developing an excellent relationship with your own systems, which will support you better than anything or anyone. With thorough planning, logistics will go smoothly. Checklists are the wonder that keeps it all on track.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your handling of language puts you in a league of your own and makes you very attractive to those who understand the value of good communication. Careful wording will impart messages with ease, style and respect.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're readying yourself for a journey. Food isn't the only provision you'll need. A hunger extends to your heart, soul and mind. Because you actively seek knowledge, love and friendship, you'll be amply supplied.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The task at hand is time-sensitive and yet it will not help you to watch the clock. That would only cause panic. Instead, pretend that you are the clock. Your methodical actions, one at a time, will march this project ever-forward.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What if every person who did you wrong was part of the plan to make you great? Whether you think there's a plan or not, you've been made sharper, stronger and better for having dealt with difficult people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Curiosity is a good soldier, but a bad general. It's a day to lead with what you already know works. If you lead with questions instead, just be prepared for the chaos that comes with new knowledge. Once you know, you can't unknow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The unconscious impacts you in very real, though hard-to-detect, ways. When the subconscious is brought to the surface you will make conscious choices to act in a way that better supports who you want to be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In another time frame, where the years count in millions, even the mountain will be something other than a mountain. And certainly, the day's complications that seem to drag on and on will be, in retrospect, but a blink.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Some obstacles are so integral to the landscape they cannot be conquered and must instead be crossed like a river, climbed like a mountain or flown over. What or who will be your wings?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't like to draw unnecessary attention to yourself, but when it's your turn to command the crowd, you'll shine. You know what others need to know. You behave in a way that others would do well to model.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). How you talk about things impacts your experience of them. This is true in all phases: anticipation, action, takeaway and memory. The more apt your descriptions are, the more enjoyable your process will be through all the phases.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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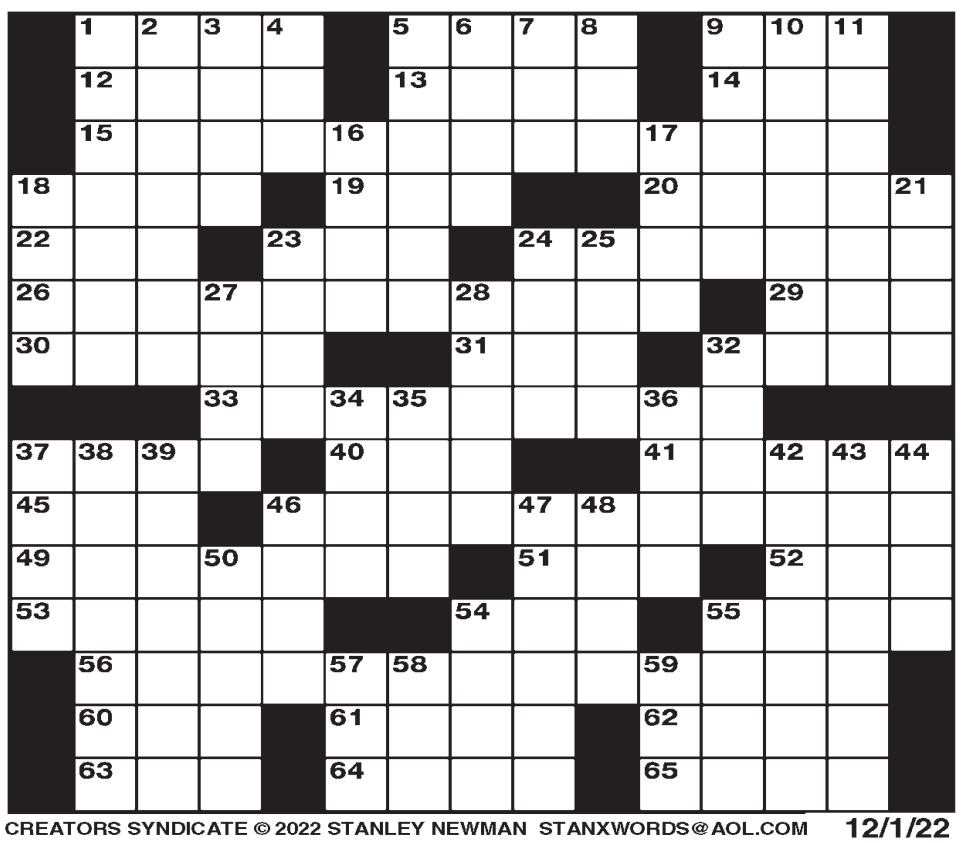
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1 Years and years
5 Sour mood
9 Mining area
12 "Begone!"
13 Lisbon coin
14 Longtime R&R provider
15 Space place
18 Mom's mom
19 Script writers, for short
20 Quartz watch pioneer, in the '60s
22 Superfund agcy.
23 Court romantically
24 Keyboarded
26 Lace place
29 Cross-reference instruction
30 Some courtiers
31 Gospel writer before *Jean*
32 Atoms with extra electrons
33 Mace place
37 Here again
40 Wasn't colorfast
41 Concerning kidneys
45 Lord's Prayer starter
46 Grace place
49 Speechless
51 Interstate road sign header
52 Refreshment for Friar Tuck
53 Tinkered (with)
54 End of 25 Down's URL
55 Vegan's gelatin substitute
56 Race place
60 1,001 Nights honorific
61 Signals to start
62 Weapon for Napoleon
63 *The Joy Luck Club* author
64 Introductory teachings
65 With a new hue

DOWN
1 He got away
2 Ottawan's anthem
3 Western wine center
4 Multi-rm. accommodation
5 Seasoned sailor
6 Church ladies
7 Long-term investment
8 "Mazel __!"
9 Tomato product
10 Parental justification, perhaps
11 Big name in fantasy fiction
16 "Gimme a break!"
17 Employer of many analysts
18 Neophyte, for short
21 A person's
23 Thin strand
24 Military tenure
25 Urban rec ctr.
27 The edge of night
28 First American orbiter
32 Flat-pack furniture seller
34 Camera's light controller
35 They may hold your ham
36 Early PC screens
37 Gondola, for instance
38 Coin-op cafeteria of yore
39 Company selling colors
42 Court battle on TV
43 Put to rest
44 Gargoyle's expression
46 Wonderland bird
47 Exit
48 Blow up
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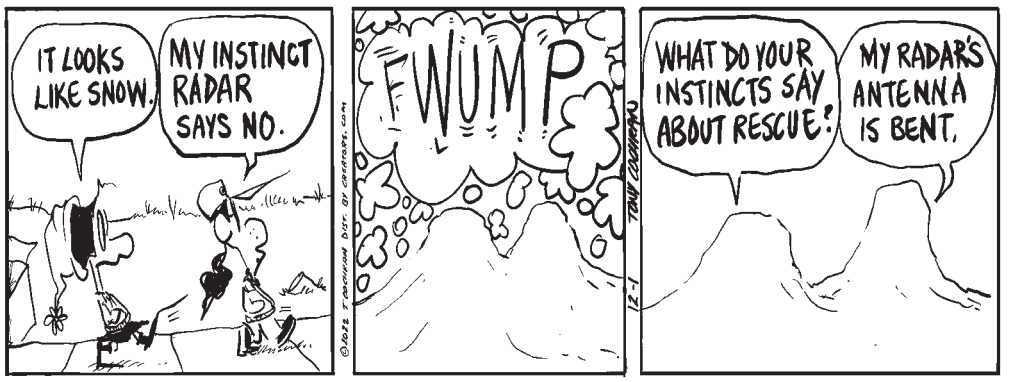


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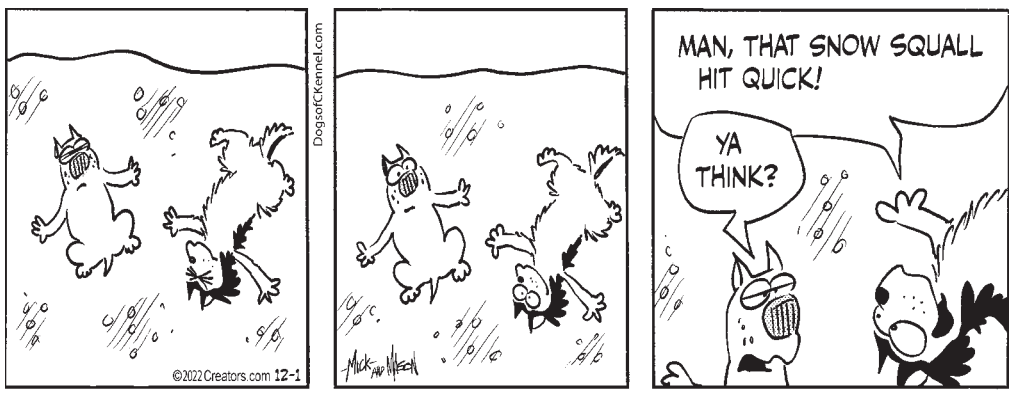
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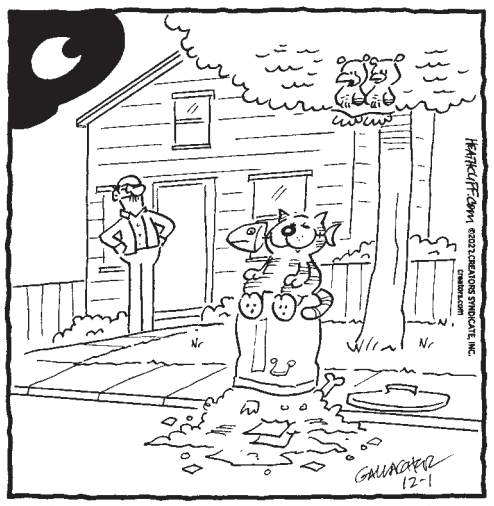
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"ONE MAN'S TRASH IS ANOTHER MAN'S TREASURE."

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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 16 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Cocoa
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Cream
Cyan
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Eggplant
Fawn
Flax
Fuchsia
Gold
Grey
Henna
Indigo
Ivory
Jade
Jet
Lemon
Lime
Linen
Maroon
Mauve
Navy
Orange
Pear
Pink
Plum
Puce
Roan
Rose
Rouge
Ruby
Rust
Saffron
Sapphire
Scarlet
School bus yellow
Sepia
Silver
Teal
Tint
Titanium white

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What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 1

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Santa comes to the Promenade for the annual lighting of the official City of Santa Monica 24-foot-tall holiday tree. Join organizers for performances by local school groups, free photos with Santa, and a snowy surprise. Free. 6-8 p.m. on the Third Street Promenade

NOMA MEETING

Daniel Mick, Santa Monica's new Code Enforcement administrator, will discuss the mission of his department and its challenges, and Beat #4's Neighborhood Resource Officers will provide their crime and safety update at the North of Montana Avenue Association's membership meeting Thursday, Dec.1, at 7 pm on Zoom. Nominations for NOMA's Board are also on tap, as is presentation of a homeowner's petition to 'Save Santa Monica.' How to join the meeting can be found at www.smnoma.org and all residents are invited.

FRIDAY | DECEMBER 2

APOLLO 17: THE LAST HURRAH

In December 1972, the final Apollo lunar landing was made by Gene Cernan and Jack Schmitt as they brought LM Challenger down for three days of scientific and philosophical investigation in the Valley of Taurus-Littrow. Keenly aware they were the last people who would walk on the Moon for some time, and watched over by their crewmate Ron Evans overhead in Command Module America, Cernan and Schmit tried their best to remind the world how remarkable Apollo was. Join SMC Senior Lecturer Jim Mahon for a free online educational event to learn about Apollo 17. 8-9 p.m., following The Night Sky Show at 7 p.m. Online only. www.smc.edu/community/planetarium.

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 3

CITY HALL MURAL SERIES

This first event in the Reframe: City Hall Mural series brings speakers together to discuss Native representation in public art and civic space. The City of Santa Monica has embarked on a public process to consider the meaning, impact and potential responses to the WPA-era mural by Stanton Macdonald-Wright in the lobby of historic City Hall. Help amend and celebrate Santa Monica history by taking part in Reframe! For more info, visit santamonica.gov/programs/acknowledge-and-reframe-together. 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. at SMC Barrett Gallery, 1310 11th St.

HOLIDAY WALK ON MONTANA AVENUE

It's the most wonderful time of the year and the festive spirit has arrived to Montana Avenue. Gather on Dec. 3 for live music, carolers strolling up and down the street and meet Santa and the gang at Montana Avenue's biggest event of the year! Listen to live music and hear an upbeat klezmer band to get friends and family in the dancing mood, and feel the good cheer viewing shop windows dressed for the season. Free. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

BRUNCH WITH SANTA PAWS

Put on your pup's holiday best and join us for Breakfast with Santa Paws, in partnership with the Healthy Spot organization. Located at Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel on the Venice Garden Terrace, enjoy photos with Santa, cookie decorating, puppachinos, create your reindeer antlers, goodie bags, breakfast for you and your pup and more. Guests will be entered to win a two-night #LoewsLovesPets Winter escape. $50 donation per person, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel, 1700 Ocean Ave.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Santa Monica Place, 395 Santa Monica Pl.
The whole family is invited to breakfast with Santa! Bring the kids for crafts and activities. Donation required to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. RSVP online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/breakfast-with-santa-benefitting-st-jude-childrens-research-hospital-tickets-460410138117.

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 4

SANTA MONICA SYMPHONY

Santa Monica Symphony's winter concert – Fantasy, Firebird, and Fabiola – will have you soaring to new heights with music that lifts hearts and spirits. Music Director Troy Quinn embarks on an emotional flight conducting Powell's suite from the heart-warming family film, How to Train Your Dragon, Stravinsky's powerful Firebird Suite, and Vaughn Williams' transcendent The Lark Ascending featuring violin virtuoso Fabiola Kim. Pre-registration recommended. Free. 7-9 p.m. at John Adams Middle School, 2425 16th Street.

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **61.0**

THURSDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Continued smallish blend of NW swell mix and S swell. Favorable morning winds at this time. Mind the early high tide.
FRIDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Small mixture of NW and S swell. Watching coastal low — could see offshore flow in the morning behind the passing trough.

WEATHER

Thursday: Rain likely, mainly after 4pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 58.
Thursday Night: Rain, mainly before 4am. Low around 54. South wind around 15 mph.
Friday: A 30 percent chance of rain before 10am. Partly sunny, with a high near 60.
Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/12/01	Thu	04:41 AM	4.70	H
2022/12/01	Thu	10:41 AM	2.13	L
2022/12/01	Thu	4:05 PM	4.18	H
2022/12/01	Thu	10:37 PM	0.45	L
2022/12/02	Fri	05:21 AM	5.16	H
2022/12/02	Fri	11:46 AM	1.36	L
2022/12/02	Fri	5:23 PM	4.00	H
2022/12/02	Fri	11:21 PM	0.80	L
2022/12/03	Sat	05:56 AM	5.57	H
2022/12/03	Sat	12:39 PM	0.65	L
2022/12/03	Sat	6:31 PM	3.91	H
2022/12/04	Sun	12:00 AM	1.17	L
2022/12/04	Sun	06:28 AM	5.89	H
2022/12/04	Sun	1:23 PM	0.06	L
2022/12/04	Sun	7:28 PM	3.85	H
2022/12/05	Mon	12:35 AM	1.54	L
2022/12/05	Mon	06:58 AM	6.11	H
2022/12/05	Mon	2:03 PM	-0.36	L

DAILY LOTTERY

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Draw Date: 11/28
29 30 32 48 50
Power#: 20
Jackpot: 65 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 11/29
20 23 37 46 52
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 333 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 11/26
1 8 9 44 47
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: 11 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/29
2 8 11 25 33

Daily 3
Draw Date: 11/29
EVENING: 1 4 5
Draw Date: 11/29
MIDDAY: 0 8 5

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3rd: 07 - Eureka
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