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After housing element debacle, implementation work begins

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While City officials continue to search for ways to halt the construction of 16 new large residential developments that have secured vested rights to be built around Santa Monica due to the City's failure to comply with state housing plan guidelines, the implementation process has begun for programs included in the now approved 6th Cycle Housing element.

Every ten years, all cities in California are mandated to produce an acceptable Housing Element, a plan which outlines development guidelines to allow for an increase in residential housing units to hit state-mandated minimums and other state standards.

From February to October of this year, Santa Monica's proposed Housing Element was out of compliance, resulting in the state suspending the City's ability to reject applications for housing developments as long as they included at least 20% affordable units or 100% moderate units under a policy referred to as "builder's remedy." This resulted in the greenlighting of projects that otherwise would not have been permitted, resulting in the approval of a total of 4,562 new units in the form of medium and large scale residential projects with most between nine and 15 stories tall.

The state approved a revised version of Santa Monica's Housing Element on Oct. 14, which, despite all the controversy, is making its way through the implementation process.

The Planning Commission discussed the first phase of Housing Element programs the City is required to implement at its Nov. 30 meeting. This includes streamlined approval and design review for certain housing projects, incentivizing housing projects on surface parking lots in residential zones and establishing a Moderate Income Housing Overlay (MHO) to create more housing, specifically around Expo stations.

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PETS: Food is a high priority need for some local animal shelters this holiday season.

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Los Angeles officials are hoping area residents remember shelter pets in their holiday season with some agencies asking for urgent food donations to feed sheltered pets and others encouraging anyone seeking to adopt a pet this year to think about shelters as their first choice.

Pet food reserves are dangerously low at Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to

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Gas prices focus of special California legislative session

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Associated Press

At Gov. Gavin Newsom's prompting, California lawmakers kicked off a special legislative session on Monday to consider punishing big oil companies for their supersized profits during a time of record-high gas prices — the start of a likely lengthy process that will test the liberal Legislature's resolve in the face of fierce industry opposition.

California lawmakers briefly returned to the state Capitol on Monday to swear in new members and elect leaders for the 2023 legislative session. But this year, Newsom also has called lawmakers into a special session for the purpose of approving a penalty for oil companies when their profits pass a certain threshold and then returning the money to drivers.

The efforts begin as the average price of a gallon of self-serve regular gasoline in Los Angeles County dropped for the 24th consecutive day, decreasing 2.6 cents to $4.862, its lowest amount since Feb. 25.

The average price has decreased 57 times in the 60 days since rising to a record $6.494 on Oct. 5, falling $1.632, including 4.6 cents on Saturday, according to figures from the AAA and the Oil Price Information Service. It is 26.9 cents less than one week ago and 66.7 cents lower than one month ago, but 16.9 cents more than one year ago.

The national average price dropped for the 25th consecutive day, decreasing 1.2 cents to $3.413. It is 14.2 cents less than one week ago and 37.9 cents lower than one month ago, but 5 cents more than one year ago. The national average price has dropped 39.2 cents over the past 25 days, including 2.3 cents Saturday. It is $1.603 lower than the record $5.016 set June 14.

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US police rarely deploy deadly robots to confront suspects

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Associated Press

The unabashedly liberal city of San Francisco became the unlikely proponent of weaponized police robots last week after supervisors approved limited use of the remote-controlled devices, addressing head-on an evolving technology that has become more widely available even if it is rarely deployed to confront suspects.

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted 8-3 last Tuesday to permit police to use robots armed with explosives in extreme situations where lives are at stake and no other alternative is available. The authorization comes as police departments across the U.S. face increasing scrutiny for the use of militarized equipment and force amid a yearslong reckoning on criminal justice.

A new California law requires police to inventory military-grade equipment such as flashbang grenades, assault rifles and armored vehicles, and seek approval from the public for their use.

So far, police in just two California cities — San Francisco and Oakland — have publicly discussed the use of robots as part of that process. Around the country, police have used robots over the past decade to communicate with barricaded suspects, enter potentially dangerous spaces and, in rare cases, for deadly force.

Dallas police became the first to kill a suspect with a robot in 2016, when they used one to detonate explosives during a standoff with a sniper who had killed five police officers and injured nine others.

The recent San Francisco vote has renewed a fierce debate over the ethics of using robots to kill a suspect — and the doors such policies might open. Largely, experts say, the use of such robots remains rare even as the technology advances.

Michael White, a professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Arizona State University, said even if robotics companies present deadlier options at tradeshows, it doesn't mean police departments will buy them. White said companies made specialized claymores to end barricades and scrambled to equip body-worn cameras with facial recognition software, but departments didn't want them.

"It's hard to say what will happen in the future, but I think weaponized robots very well could be the next thing that departments don't want because communities are saying they don't want them," White said.

San Francisco official David Chiu, who authored the California bill to inventory militarized equipment when he was in the state legislature, said communities deserve more transparency from law enforcement and to have a say in the equipment's use.

San Francisco "just happened to be the city that tackled a topic that I certainly didn't contemplate when the law was going through the process, and that dealt with the subject of so-called killer robots," said Chiu, now the city attorney.

In 2013, police used a robot to lift a tarp as part of a manhunt for the Boston Marathon bombing suspect, finding him hiding underneath it. Three years later, Dallas police officials sent a bomb disposal robot packed with explosives into an alcove of El Centro College to end an hourslong standoff with sniper Micah Xavier Johnson, who had opened fire on officers while a demonstration against police brutality was ending.

Police detonated the explosives, killing the suspect. A grand jury declined charges against the officers, and then-Dallas Police Chief David O. Brown was widely praised for his handling of the shooting and the standoff.

"There was this spray of doom about how police departments were going to use robots in the six months after Dallas," said Mark Lomax, former executive director of the National Tactical Officers Association. "But since then, I had not heard a lot about that platform being used to neutralize suspects ... until the San Francisco policy was in the news."

The question of potentially lethal robots has rarely cropped up in public discourse in California as more than 500 police and sheriffs departments seek approval for their military-grade weapons use policy. Oakland police abandoned the idea of arming robots with shotguns after public backlash, but will outfit them with pepper spray.

Many policies are vague as to armed robots, and some departments may presume they have implicit permission to deploy them, said John Lindsay-Poland of the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker organization, who has been monitoring implementation of the law.

"I do think most departments are not prepared to use their robots for lethal force," he said, "but if asked, I suspect there are other departments that would say 'we want that authority.'"

San Francisco Supervisor Aaron Peskin first proposed prohibiting police from using robot force against any person. While the department said it would not outfit robots with firearms, it wanted the option to attach explosives to breach barricades or disorient a suspect.

The approved policy allows only a limited number of high-ranking officers to authorize use of robots as a deadly force — and only when lives are at stake and after exhausting alternative force or de-escalation tactics, or concluding they would not be able to subdue the suspect otherwise.

San Francisco police say the dozen functioning ground robots the department already has have never been used to deliver an explosive device, but are used to assess bombs or provide eyes in low-visibility situations.

"We live in a time when unthinkable mass violence is becoming more commonplace. We need the option to be able to save lives in the event we have that type of tragedy in our city," San Francisco Police Chief Bill Scott said in a statement.

Three city supervisors who felt otherwise joined dozens of protesters outside City Hall on Monday, the day before the board is set

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Supply of COVID antivirals is increasing, but many aren't using them

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Special to the Daily Press

As California gears up for a winter of respiratory illnesses, health officials and providers often reference one encouraging factor — the greater availability of COVID-19 treatments and antivirals like Paxlovid. But many patients aren't using them.

"We have a concerning low rate of outpatient COVID-19 treatments, especially for vulnerable populations," Dr. Rohan Radhakrishna, chief equity officer at the California Department of Public Health, told doctors in an online event in November. "We want to remind the provider community that therapeutics are in ample supply and that most adults have qualifying conditions."

Some county health officials agreed that more people should be taking advantage of these treatments. Patients may not be using them for a number of reasons, they said, including lack of awareness and confusion over who qualifies for a prescription. Add to that some people's concerns over "Paxlovid rebound," when people test positive again soon after having tested negative. There is also a need for easier and quicker access, experts say. Anecdotally, people have found some providers more strictly limit which patients get prescriptions.

The "misperception of drug scarcity" has resulted in some providers denying treatment to eligible people, the state's public health department noted in a health notice sent to providers last week.

"I can share from personal experience from family members to my colleagues within the Department of Public Health who got COVID this summer — although they qualified for Paxlovid, it was really hard to get," Radhakrishna said. People shouldn't have to pull special strings to get these treatments, he said.

The department's message comes as hospitalizations have more than doubled since Nov. 1, and the positivity rate is once again in the double digits — 10.8% as of the latest update on Thursday.

Paxlovid, the most commonly prescribed treatment, is an oral medication that can help reduce the severity and length of symptoms and decrease the chances of hospitalization. Pfizer, which makes the drug, reported in published clinical trials that it reduces the risk of severe COVID by 89%. Staying out of the emergency room is especially important when hospitals in parts of the state are being strained by other respiratory illnesses, health officials say. A second oral antiviral, Lagevrio, made by Merck, is also available with a prescription.

One year ago, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the first antivirals for emergency use. The initial rollout was hindered by low supply and treatments were rationed during last winter's omicron surge. Gradually, availability has increased and the federal government and states have worked to increase the number of places where patients can get treatment.

As of Nov. 27, providers had administered 72% of all Paxlovid units allocated to California and 21% of Lagevrio, according to federal data. Nationally, those numbers were 66% for Paxlovid and 31% for Lagevrio.

The California Department of Public Health said in an email response that it did not expect the supply of antivirals to be an issue in case of another uptick in infections this winter.

National analyses of antiviral prescriptions have shown that despite the growing availability of these medications, uptake is lower in poorer zip codes — a disparity that was also seen with vaccination and testing.

> "We have a concerning low rate of outpatient COVID-19 treatments, especially for vulnerable populations - Dr. Rohan Radhakrishna

One possible factor: There tends to be fewer facilities with treatments available in rural and high-poverty counties, according to a national Kaiser Family Foundation analysis from this summer.

Dr. Rais Vohra, Fresno County's public health officer, said one of the easiest ways to increase the use of antivirals is to promote them at the time of testing.

"At the time that you swab someone, we should say 'I'm going to swab you. If it comes back positive, I want you to call this phone number and they can set you up with oral medications.' That really should be the new model for COVID care for the outpatient setting," Vohra said.

But that's not the case in most places. And as more people test at home, the onus is on patients to learn on their own what's available.

"A large part of it is just plain ignorance that they (treatments) are even out there," Vohra said. "I think a lot of us are kind of anchored in the early days of the pandemic. However, now that these therapies have come along, we really need to change the mental model."

Local health officials say there also needs to be greater clarity about who qualifies. Some people may be aware that antivirals are available, but they may not realize they themselves are eligible, so they don't seek out treatment, said Dr. Jennifer Chevinsky, Riverside County's public health officer.

For example, all people over age 50 should be screened for Paxlovid, Chevinsky said. And the state has asked local health departments and providers to look more broadly at the type of health conditions that can put people at high risk, she said.

Most adults actually have a qualifying condition, according to the state's health department. These include a number of chronic diseases, hypertension, obesity, depression, smoking and physical inactivity.

One piece of advice from Chevinsky, especially for people who use other medications: They should contact their provider and make a plan even before they catch COVID. That way if people do become infected, they will already know whether they qualify for Paxlovid and how they can obtain it.

Experts say that while cases of Paxlovid rebound have received a lot of attention, that shouldn't discourage people from taking it.

"People still have concerns about rebound and we want to remind people that the rate of rebound is low, less than 10%," Radhakrishna said. "And rebound can occur anyway, even without Paxlovid treatment." While research is ongoing, experts estimate the rebound rate is somewhere in the 2%-to-10% range.

HOW TO ACCESS ANTIVIRALS

The time frame to get a prescription also is tight — people need to start treatment within five to seven days from the onset of symptoms. Primary care providers may be the most convenient option because they already have a patient's medical history on hand. For people who cannot reach their doctor within the five-day window or don't have one, however, health officials recommend several other routes, including one-stop sites where people can both get tested and receive medication (also known as "Test to Treat" sites), and a recently launched statewide telehealth service.

Over the summer, the FDA changed its regulations to allow pharmacists to prescribe COVID pills. At large retail pharmacies, patients can seek a screening online and if deemed eligible, get their prescription delivered or picked up by a family member. While antivirals are free, at least one chain pharmacy, CVS, charges $60 for a consultation, according to its website.

People can also try the federal "Test to Treat" locator tool, which launched this past spring. This tool directs people to clinics, pharmacies and OptumServe sites. But there are still large swaths of the state, such as rural Northern California, that have few of these sites. For example, the closest "Test to Treat" location for someone living in Chico is in Red Bluff, about a 45 minute drive away, according to the map tool. There are, however, several local pharmacies there that can fill a prescription.

To bridge access gaps, the state also contracted with a telehealth service available to people statewide where they can schedule appointments. Virtual visits via Sesame Care are free to the patient and paid for by the state. According to the site, the service is available to people who are uninsured or having trouble seeing their primary care provider.

"The state is trying a lot of different models of "Test to Treat" and some of them are more successful than others," Vohra said. "This Sesame platform is great because if you test positive, you can pick up the phone and talk to a prescriber over the phone. Not a lot of people are aware of it."

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CRIME WATCH

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ON NOVEMBER 28 AT APPROXIMATELY 2:30 A.M.

Officers responded to the 1900 block of Arizona for a Battery call. Per dispatch, a victim was being beaten by their intoxicated roommate who claimed to have a gun. Upon arrival officers made contact with the victim who stated that their roommate arrived at home intoxicated and after a brief verbal altercation lashed out physically. Officers received consent to enter the apartment where no gun was located. The offender was booked for battery.

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City of Santa Monica

SANTA MONICA RENT CONTROL BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Thursday, December 8, 2022

The Board will hold a public hearing on a proposed regulation to allow certain changes to the Adjusted GA to ensure no more than a 3% average General Adjustment ($70 maximum) for the period from September 2022 – August 2023 as prescribed by Measure RC. The hearing will occur at the Santa Monica Rent Control Board meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street. Public comment may be provided in writing or in-person at the meeting.

The agenda and staff report are available on the Board's website at: www.santamonica.gov/rentcontrol.

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OPINION **WHAT'S THE POINT?**

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Preparing for the worst

The Christmas tree is up at the Loews Hotel. The ribbons are out, the holiday songs are being piped onto the Promenade. And Chanukah, Christmas and Kwanzaa are right around the corner. The holiday season is upon us, and with it comes the inevitable increase in fights among family members.

It's the first week of December and already we're seeing an uptick in the family squabbles that are resulting in Emergency Protective Orders which are issued by the police and must be followed up with a request for a Temporary Restraining Order.

The first thing to know is that the police have a legal obligation to prevent violence. In a domestic dispute if there are sufficient grounds to believe that violence is about to occur, the police can and will issue an emergency protective order. And frequently when the police are called for domestic violence scene they are forced to arrest one party, whether it be the husband or wife.

If you are faced with a domestic violence situation depending on whether you are the man or the woman, you should be prepared to leave the home immediately taking with you any children.

There are 23 shelters in Los Angeles that are available from Artesia to Whittier. Though most of them won't take a man. Sexism is rife throughout the Domestic Violence Protection community as men are usually presumed to be the perpetrators and women the victims, although about 50% of the time it's the reverse.

When you have a dangerous spouse, the best thing to do is take care of yourself, and that means that you need to be prepared. If the time comes in a relationship for the parties to separate, one partner frequently does not know where all the assets are located. On the flip side, the other partner frequently suffers a huge drop in standard of living because they (usually a he) usually will be forced out of the house at the business end of a police officer and made to get an apartment.

Most families in crisis already suffer economic hardship that now becomes devastation because they lack the financial resources but must support two households. Understand that your lifestyle is going to go down, it has to, it costs more to run two households than one.

If you are faced with a pending divorce or family crisis, these are the questions you should ask yourself:

1. Where are all the bank accounts? His/Hers, Mine, Ours, the company account if there is a family owned business.

2. Where are all the stock accounts?

3. Where are all the statements for the bank, credit cards, charge accounts, company accounts if he owns his own company, pension and 401(k)'s.

4. Where are all the check registers?

5. What property do we own?

Make sure you have a separate set of copies of the bank statements, credit card bills, stock portfolios, taxes for the last five years, and household bills to give your attorney. It is much easier to make copies, BEFORE you have moved out.

The emotional damage a divorce causes can be extreme. You should have a good support network in place to deal with the inevitable feelings of loss, grief, anger, hurt, and sadness.

You will change friends and acquaintances, you might live somewhere different, eat in new restaurants and shop in new stores. This could be a good thing if you take this opportunity to grow and change for the better. Talk to your friends, find a good therapist and/or a 12 Step Program if you need one, to help with your pain.

Divorce is costly. A basic divorce is going to cost between $5,000 and $25,000 dollars if both parties have a lawyer. If there are child or spousal support issues, or if there is property being fought over, the cost of divorce can increase no end.

Everyone should have a savings account before starting a divorce. Even though the money in it is community property, everyone needs quick and easy access to cash, to rent an apartment, and meet other expenses.

Be prepared for your attorney to ask for a sizable amount of money for a retainer. Some attorneys require a $10,000 retainer, others as low as $2,500, it simply depends on your case, the amount of property to fight over, and your spouse's ability to fight.

Remember that anyone can be abused, it doesn't matter if you are a man or a woman, rich or poor, straight or gay or something in-between, White, Black, Latino, Asian or Martian. It can happen to everyone, but you don't have to tolerate it.

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Man who shot Lady Gaga's dog walker gets 21 years in prison

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The man who shot and wounded Lady Gaga's dog walker while stealing her French bulldogs last year took a plea deal and was sentenced to 21 years in prison on Monday, officials said.

The Lady Gaga connection was a coincidence, authorities have said. The motive was the value of the French bulldogs, a breed that can run into the thousands of dollars, and detectives do not believe the thieves knew the dogs belonged to the musician.

James Howard Jackson, one of three men and two accomplices who participated in the violent robbery and its aftermath, pleaded no contest to one count of attempted murder, according to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. It was not immediately clear which attorney represented Howard on Monday.

The pop star's dog walker, Ryan Fischer, was seriously wounded in the attack and addressed the court Monday to give an impact statement, which he posted on Instagram.

"It's hard to believe that it's nearing two years since I was taking Asia, Koji and Gustav out for an evening stroll when — in an instant — I suddenly found myself fighting with everything I had to protect those dogs from being stolen. But it wasn't enough: I was beaten, strangled, shot and left to die bleeding out on a sidewalk and gasping for my life. And Koji and Gustav were gone."

Jackson and two others drove around Hollywood, the city of West Hollywood and the San Fernando Valley on Feb. 24, 2021 "looking for French bulldogs," prosecutors said previously. They found Fischer with the pop star's three pets.

Jackson shot Fischer during the robbery off the famed Sunset Boulevard, during which two of the dogs were taken. A nearby doorbell camera recorded the dog walker screaming "Oh, my God! I've been shot!" and "Help me!" and "I'm bleeding out from my chest!"

Fischer later called the violence a "very close call with death" in social media posts. In his statement Monday, he said he is still healing physically and mentally from the shooting. Part of his lung had to be removed and he is still undergoing physical therapy.

Fischer also addressed Jackson directly in the statement, and said he forgives him and the others involved in the attack. "You completely altered my life, and I know I can't fully move forward from the night you shot me until I said those words to you."

The stolen dogs were returned several days later by Jennifer McBride, who was also charged in the crime.

The pop star had offered a $500,000 reward — "no questions asked" — to be reunited with the dogs at the time.

Jackson also admitted the allegation of inflicting great bodily injury and to a prior strike, the DA's office said Monday. The prosecutor's office did not immediately say what the prior strike was.

"The plea agreement holds Mr. Jackson accountable for perpetrating a coldhearted violent act and provides justice for our victim," the office said in a statement. Howard had been charged with attempted murder, conspiracy to commit a robbery and assault with a semiautomatic firearm.

Jackson was mistakenly released from jail earlier this year due to a clerical error. He was recaptured nearly five months later.

Another accomplice, Harold White, pleaded no contest Monday to a count of ex-convict in possession of a gun. White, who was in a relationship with McBride at the time, will be sentenced next year. McBride's case is ongoing.

The couple had allegedly tried to help White's son, Jaylin White, avoid arrest in the aftermath of the shooting.

Jaylin White and Lafayette Whaley earlier this year pleaded no contest to robbery.

Whaley drove Jackson and the younger White around last year as they searched for the pricey dogs. Jackson and White jumped out and attacked Fischer, prosecutors said previously. They hit and choked the dog walker, and Jackson pulled out a semiautomatic gun and fired, striking Fischer once before the trio fled.

Lady Gaga's representatives did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Associated Press writer Andrew Dalton contributed.

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Malibu

Bring Your Pooch to the City of Malibu's Santa Paws, a Holiday Celebration for Dogs and Their Humans

Join the City of Malibu for furry, holiday fun for two-legged and four-legged community members at Santa Paws, a Holiday Celebration for Dogs and Their Humans on Sunday, December 11, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Malibu Bluffs Park (24250 Pacific Coast Highway at Malibu Canyon). Reservations are recommended for this free, family and animal-friendly event. Dogs must be on a leash and under control of their owner at all times.

Humans and their four-legged best friends attending will get a give-away bag and can sign up for the fun Ugly Holiday Sweater Parade, and there will be treats for people and pups. Local pet businesses and Community Class Dog Obedience instructors from Canine Logic will have information booths. You and your dog can get a photo with Santa from 10:15 AM to 11:45 AM.

Attendees can make a donation to support a local animal shelter. A complete list of suggested donation items is available at www.MalibuCity.org/HappyHolidays. Holiday attire is encouraged.

For more event information visit www.MalibuCity.org/HappyHolidays or call 310-317-1364. Register for the event at www.MalibuCity.org/Register.

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SHELTER

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Animals Los Angeles (spcaLA). spcaLA is asking for help from the community and pleading for donations of pet food or funds.

The organization needs canned and dry pet food for kittens, cats, puppies, and dogs.

"If you are out shopping for your family, please think of shelter pets and grab a can or bag for them," says spcaLA President, Madeline Bernstein. "We go through about 37 tons of pet food every year."

After an uptick in animal intake that started this summer and a prolonged kitten season, the Society's supply of pet food for all life stages has dwindled. Cat litter and dogs chews, which are used for enrichment are also depleted.

Locals can shop and ship needed items from spcaLA's wish lists, make a tax-deductible donation at spcaLA.com, or pick up a few items for shelter pets while out shopping this holiday season and drop-off to any spcaLA location during business hours. Information is available at spcaLA.com/neededitems.

They are also hoping to make contact with individuals who represent a pet food brand, pet supply store, or logistics company and would like to set up a donation of one or more pallets of food or cat litter. Individuals who want to help can contact spcaLA at info@spcaLA.com or (323) 334-4485.

For families who are ready to take in a new family member, the County shelters are reminding potential pet owners that many pets are available at shelters.

"Our shelters continue to be at capacity as animals continue to be brought in with nowhere else to go," said Annette Ramirez, Interim General Manager for LA Animal Services. "We are encouraging our animal loving community to open their hearts and homes and adopt and foster a pet to give these amazing animals a loving home to enjoy the holiday season."

Dogs and cats adopted from LA Animal Services join their new families already spayed or neutered, vaccinated, licensed, and microchipped, and adopters receive a VCA Healthy Start Certificate, which provides up to $250 of follow up veterinary care within the first 14 days of adoption. In addition, canine companions adopted from LA Animal Services are also eligible for free dog training classes at the Paws for Life K9 Rescue People & Pet Innovation Center in Mission Hills, CA. Contact Info@pawsforlifek9.org for more details.

COUNTY SHELTERS

The County's six LA Animal Services locations are open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments are required on Wednesdays and Fridays, for pet adoptions, fostering, and owner surrenders, with our Centers closed on Mondays. Sick or injured animals will be admitted without an appointment. Appointments may be scheduled by going online or by calling 1-888-452-7381. More information about county shelters can be found online at https://www.laanimalservices.com.

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Chatsworth, CA 91311

West Los Angeles
11361 West Pico Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90064

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1850 W. 60th St.
Los Angeles, CA 90047

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Los Angeles, CA 90031

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957 N. Gaffey St.
San Pedro, CA 90731

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Van Nuys, CA 91405

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spcaLA South Bay Pet Adoption Center:
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Hawthorne, CA 90250
Wednesday-Sunday: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

spcaLA P.D. Pitchford Companion Animal Village & Education Center:
7700 E. Spring St. (in El Dorado Park)
Long Beach, CA 90815
Wednesday-Sunday: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

spcaLA Administrative Office:
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Los Angeles, CA 90016
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spcaLA Marketplace:
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Long Beach, CA 90815
Wednesday-Friday: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

More information on the spcaLA shelters can be found at spcaLA.com.

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HOUSING

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Commissioners discussed these proposals and the possibility of reducing the minimum size of MHO units from 375 square feet to 250 square feet.

"250 is a very, very small unit," Commissioner Mario Fonda-Bonardi said. "It's basically a college dorm and I'm worried that if you go down that road, first of all, you'll get exceptional turnover - people are not going to stay in those units for very long- and second, it's packing a lot of people in a small area and I'm not sure that's really desirable."

Planning Manager Jing Yeo said that the reduced size is meant to maximize housing availability with budget constraints in mind.

"These will tend to be smaller units– studios and the like– but with the lack of any financial support for projects like this, they're targeting both younger and older populations who are interested in these kinds of units," Yeo explained.

Commissioners also discussed expanding the targeted MHO zone from within a half mile of transit stations to other non-residential areas as well, and gave staff direction to look into other possibilities.

The commission will meet again on Dec. 7.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Sacramento

Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur Introduces First Two Bills on Swearing In Day

Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur (D-West Hollywood) has introduced AB 3, the California Offshore Wind Energy and Jobs Act, to facilitate and expedite offshore wind energy projects necessary to combat climate change while at the same time protecting the environment and assuring that thousands of high paying jobs remain in California. He also introduced AB 5, the Safe and Supportive Schools Act, which will assure that teachers and school staff are better equipped to support LGBTQ+ and all students.

AB 3 aims to accelerate the approval, implementation, and operation of offshore wind energy projects necessary to meet California's climate action goals and the transition to a clean energy economy. It will clarify the authority of California governmental agencies related to wind energy projects along the California Coast, require expedited procedures, and specify criteria for the selection of port and transmission alternatives related to offshore wind energy projects. The criteria will ensure that the environment and sensitive habitats and cultural resources are protected, community participation and comment is robust, that the maximum number of jobs related to offshore wind energy projects are created and remain in California, and that those jobs advance environmental justice and improve the lives of all Californians.

"We are decades behind in taking the steps necessary to protect our kids and our planet from the growing crisis of climate change," said Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur. "If we do not expedite the approval, construction and operation of offshore wind energy projects along the California Coast, we will not meet our climate change goals. I am confident that we can build consensus to accelerate offshore wind, and at the same time protect our coast and sensitive habitats and assure that the thousands of high wage jobs are created and remain in California. California has the opportunity to demonstrate that bold climate action is the economic engine that can power a robust and socially just economy," he said.

Additionally, AB 5, the Safe and Supportive Schools Act, will help equip teachers and school staff with the tools and training they need to support LGBTQ+ students and make California schools safer and more supportive for all students, teachers, and school staff. The bill will specify a timeline for implementation by all California schools of LGBTQ+ cultural competency training for teachers and certificated staff currently under development by the California Department of Education. This is the result of a budget proposal advanced by Equality California and Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond and approved in 2021 by the Legislature and Governor Newsom in AB 130 and SB 129. AB 5 is sponsored by Equality California.

"Every student deserves a safe and supportive learning environment," said Assemblymember Zbur. "Improving our schools is a key part of the strategy we need to reduce the high dropout rates that lead to a cycle of homelessness, poverty and health & wellbeing disparities experienced by the LGBTQ+ community. Our teachers and school staff want to support their students, and this bill will better equip them to help LGBTQ+ and all students reach their highest potential," he said.

Assemblymember Zbur added, "These bills are among my top priorities as I honor the trust that the people of Assembly District 51 placed in me to improve the lives of all Californians and tackle our toughest challenges. I look forward to working with the community and all stakeholders as well as my colleagues and Governor Newsom on these proposals and many others in the months ahead."

SUBMITTED BY ZBUR'S OFFICE

Los Angeles

As COVID-19 Cases and Hospitalizations Rise, Boosters and Masking in Indoor Public Spaces Strongly Recommended

The county's case rate is now 185 new cases per 100,000 people, and the COVID-19 hospital admission rate is 11.9 per 100,000 people, moving the CDC community level designation from low to medium. While moving into the Medium Community Level will not change required mitigation strategies in LA County, it does signal that case rates and hospitalizations are elevated and the county could be in the High Community Level as soon as this Thursday if the case rate reaches 200 cases per 100,000 people.

Emerging strains of the SARS-CoV-2 virus are likely contributing to higher COVID-19 case rates and hospitalizations across Los Angeles County. With high prevalence of the new dominant strains BQ.1 and BQ.1.1 (descendant of BA.5), all residents should follow common sense precautions that work to prevent transmission of respiratory viruses, including wearing a high-quality mask that fits well in indoor public spaces and getting the new updated Fall COVID-19 booster.

Current county data shows that the subvariant Omicron BA.5 is rapidly losing dominance. The subvariants BQ.1 and BQ.1.1. now account for the second and third greatest number of sequenced specimens respectively, and combined, the BQ strains make up 38% of specimens, surpassing BA.5, which is at about 36%.

With mounting evidence that the new bivalent booster, specifically formulated to provide protection against BA.4 and BA.5, provides significant additional protection against symptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infection, increasing the number of people boosted can mitigate the waning immunity of the monovalent doses. Unfortunately, only 16% of eligible LA County residents have received the updated bivalent booster – and six million residents are currently eligible who have not yet taken advantage of this additional defense. Everyone in LA County who is 5 years or older, and received their primary series or last booster more than two months ago, is eligible for the updated bivalent booster.

Within people age 65 and older, who statistically are more likely to have severe outcomes from COVID-19, uptake, while double that of the general population, remains concerningly low. Nearly 70% of older eligible residents, or about 880,000 people, have not yet received the updated booster.

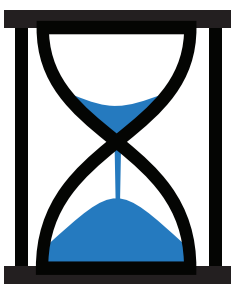
The updated Fall COVID-19 boosters, plus flu vaccines, are readily available at Public Health sites, pharmacies, and other locations across the county. Seniors and residents who can't easily leave their home can contact Public Health telehealth services at (833) 540-0473, seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. to arrange for at-home COVID-19 Fall booster and primary series vaccinations or transportation to a vaccination center.

Residents can also go to VaccinateLACounty.com to find nearby vaccination sites, request a mobile vaccination team for your worksite or community event, or an in-home visit if you or someone you know is homebound.

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ROBOTS

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to take a second and final vote on the policy. The demonstrators held signs protesting the use of deadly robots and a large banner that read "We all saw that movie... No Killer Robots."

"There is no way that I am going to sit by silently and allow a policy as dangerous and reckless as this to be adopted and go into effect," Supervisor Dean Preston told the crowd.

The Los Angeles Police Department does not have any weaponized robots or drones, said SWAT Lt. Ruben Lopez. He declined to detail why his department did not seek permission for armed robots, but confirmed they would need authorization to deploy one.

"It's a violent world, so we'll cross that bridge when we come to it," he said.

There are often better options than robots if lethal force is needed, because bombs can create collateral damage to buildings and people, said Lomax, the former head of the tactical officers group. "For a lot of departments, especially in populated cities, those factors are going to add too much risk," he said.

Last year, the New York Police Department returned a leased robotic dog sooner than expected after public backlash, indicating that civilians are not yet comfortable with the idea of machines chasing down humans.

Police in Maine have used robots at least twice to deliver explosives meant to take down walls or doors and bring an end to standoffs.

In June 2018, in the tiny town of Dixmont, Maine, police had intended to use a robot to deliver a small explosive that would knock down an exterior wall, but instead collapsed the roof of the house.

The man inside was shot twice after the explosion, survived and pleaded no contest to reckless conduct with a firearm. The state later settled his lawsuit against the police challenging that they used the explosives improperly.

In April 2020, Maine police used a small charge to blow a door off a home during a standoff. The suspect was fatally shot by police when he exited through the damaged doorway and fired a weapon.

As of this week, the state attorney general's office had not completed its review of the tactics used in the 2018 standoff, including the use of the explosive charge. A report on the 2020 incident only addressed the fatal gunfire.

Lauer reported from Philadelphia. AP reporter David Sharp contributed from Portland, Maine.

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GAS

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It could be a popular proposal with voters, who remember paying more than $6 per gallon of gasoline for much of the year. But the big question is how the measure will be received by California lawmakers, especially because the oil industry is one of the state's top lobbyists and campaign donors.

But Newsom appears ready for the fight. In an unusual move, he attended the swearing-in ceremonies for lawmakers on Monday. When the session began, though, he had not yet revealed the oil profits legislation, and lawmakers likely won't begin deliberations on it until January.

The special session will run alongside the normal session, which also kicks off in January. By dealing with the oil legislation in a special session, lawmakers could move more quickly on it.

Adding to the uncertainty is an unusually high number of new members who will take seats in the Legislature for the first time. Roughly a quarter of the Legislature's 120 members are new. Two close races have not been resolved.

"It's kind of like the first day of school and you get this big ethics test about a job that you've never had," said Jamie Court, president of Consumer Watchdog, an advocacy group that has partnered with the Newsom administration to back the gas proposal.

Among the state Senate's new members is Angelique Ashby, a Democrat who narrowly won her seat following an intense campaign. The oil industry spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on radio and TV ads supporting Ashby's campaign, a trend noticed by critics who tried to use it against her.

Ashby said she hasn't been approached by lobbyists or others from the oil industry asking how she would vote on a potential penalty for oil companies. She noted the oil industry spent the money as "independent expenditures," meaning she had no control over that spending during the campaign.

"Campaign slogans and strategies of my opponent are a thing of the past," said Ashby, whose district includes Sacramento. "I'm fixated on the people of Senate District 8 and I will make my decision based on what is in their best interest."

Republican leaders have already come out against Newsom's proposal, arguing penalizing oil companies would only raise prices at the pump.

"The last thing that we need to do is increase the cost on Californians who are already paying far too much," Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher said Monday morning.

Last week, the California Energy Commission held a public hearing about why the state's gas prices are so high. California prices spiked over the summer, but so did the rest of the country — mostly in response to a crude oil price surge after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

California's prices spiked again in October, even while the price of crude oil dropped. In the first week of October, the average price of a gallon of gas in California was $2.61 higher than the national average — the biggest gap ever. Since then, oil companies reported billions of dollars in profits.

Regulators had hoped to question the state's five big oil refineries: Marathon, Valero, Phillips 66, PBF Energy and Chevron. But no company officials attended the hearing, with most saying that sharing information could violate anti-trust laws.

Catherine Reheis-Boyd, president of the Western States Petroleum Association, said the oil industry is volatile, pointing to billions of dollars in losses during the pandemic when demand for gasoline dropped sharply as many people worked from home and canceled travel plans.

During Thursday's hearing, she blamed the state's taxes and regulations for driving up gas prices.

"The governor and the Legislature should focus efforts on removing policy hurdles being imposed on the energy industry so we can focus on providing affordable, reliable and lower carbon energy to all Californians," Reheis-Boyd said.

Severin Borenstein, a University of California-Berkeley professor, said the problem isn't at the oil refinery level, but at the retail level where gasoline is sold to drivers.

California's gasoline market is dominated by name-brand gasoline, which is more expensive, and the state's gas prices have been consistently higher than the rest of the country since 2015, Borenstein said.

"We just don't have the competition and discipline from those off-brand stations," he said.



Grace Adams

GAS: Local prices have fallen but officials are focused on the record prices of this year.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 6)

You will fly on the wings of self-support. Sure, it's not quite as convenient or easy as when others support you, but it's about 10 times as satisfying. Let this turn disappointment into fortitude. You will not only endure but you will sail over the problem you once thought was a fixed part of life. This year is marked by freedom feelings. Gemini and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 4, 44, 18 and 32.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The more you acknowledge that you're part of a collective, the more you feel that way. You'll speak in terms of "we" and "us," put the group mind at the forefront of your thoughts and act in accordance with what the group needs.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Even though you are content with your own company, you enjoy diverse groups and one-on-one interactions with people who are different from you. Today, there's an interesting spark with an unlikely partner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Of course no one is inherently better than another, but our egos have us flexing anyway, as though there's something at stake that can be won with an air of superiority. You'll win because you'll go in the opposite direction.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Ask yourself if you are making something more complicated than it needs to be. Sometimes, handling what's bothering you doesn't need to be an investigation or a process. What if you just tossed out the old and moved on?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The main event is engrossing, and you are likely to forget yourself as you handle the challenge. Pause often to assess. You will have the time if you take the time. The better you can support yourself, the more you'll have to apply to the work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've learned to be a little skeptical as to the motives of those who offer you favors. Today, you needn't be. More often than not, people are motivated by kindness and the satisfaction that comes with being able to help.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll have fascinating exchanges, and people will consider you to be an essential part of their experience. They won't always tell you this, so it's a good thing you're excellent at reading the vibes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You send a message with your heart and then hope for a return, but don't expect it. Joy is often a function of zero to subzero expectation. Though you don't feel like validation is a requirement, you'll get all you need.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). No, you're not imagining the signals. You're picking up what they're throwing down. Someone finds you interesting, and the next move is truly all yours. Wait three days to make it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The ability to entertain an idea without accepting it is the mark of a sophisticated mind. You'll play with ideas, try them on and take them off as it suits you. You'll try to see things as others do in hopes of understanding them better.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll speak to the needs of others and feed them in more ways than one, lending the attention that makes them feel seen. It takes generosity of spirit to foster a sense of belonging. It's tricky to do so today, but worthwhile.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). While there's a time to ask why, this is not that time. Going down a rabbit hole of history or the upward spiral of possibility will only waste the resources that are best applied to things like acting in your own best interest in the current situation.

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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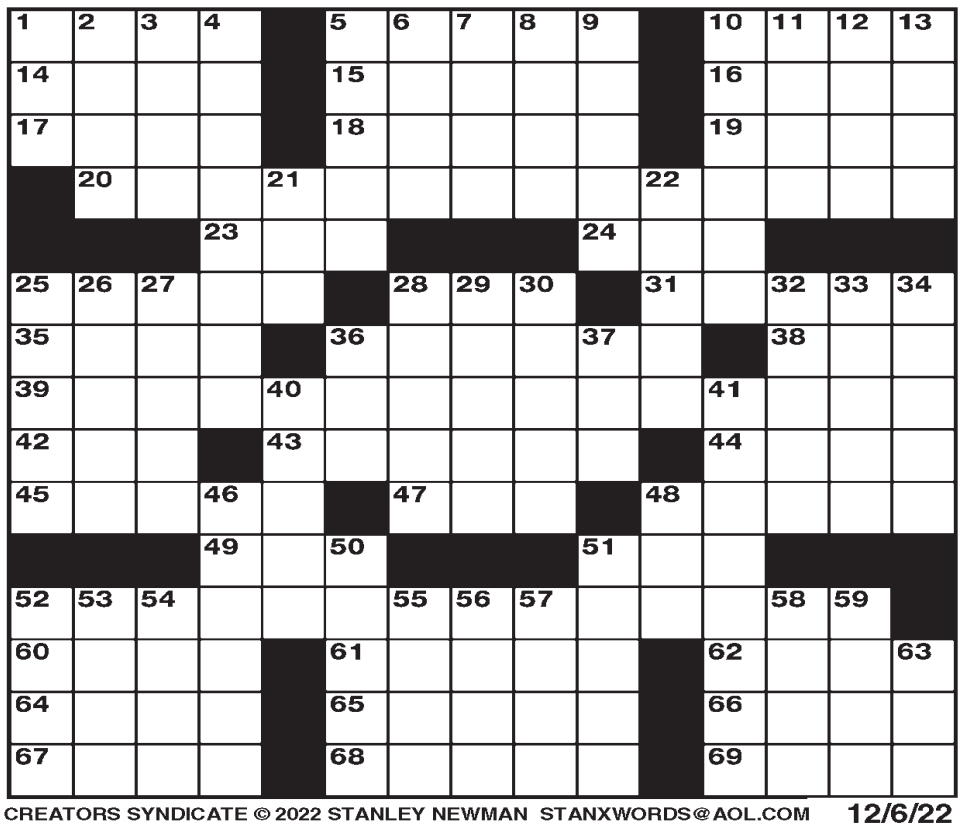
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Cola or root beer
5 Support for an injured arm
10 Baby sheep
14 Practice boxing
15 Pay tribute to
16 A Great Lake
17 Baby bird's home
18 Idolize
19 Lean slightly
20 Poultry entrée with wine-flavored sauce
23 Utter aloud
24 Price label
25 Cable channel of Congress
28 Recipe amt.
31 British cop, informally
35 Sign of the future
36 Underwater experiment site
38 Fish eggs
39 Shellfish entrée with tomato sauce
42 Suffix meaning "believer"
43 Nary a soul
44 ". . . lived happily __ after"
45 Pianist's group of notes
47 Gab a lot
48 Some ski lifts
49 Belonging to us
51 Make a blunder
52 Breaded cutlet entrée
60 __ Grey tea
61 Existence
62 Pretzel topping
64 "That's clear now"
65 Opening speech, for short
66 Flying toy with a tail
67 Show the way
68 Pampers, with "on"
69 __ vera (natural soother)

DOWN
1 Tax form ID
2 Oil cartel
3 100-yard race
4 Craftspersons
5 Trembling
6 Rich vein of ore
7 Look __ (visit briefly)
8 Standard of behavior
9 __ Wall of China
10 "Hurry up!"
11 Solo for a diva
12 Pepper grinder
13 Letter after alpha
21 Metal container for tuna
22 Synagogue teacher
25 Joke-telling performer
26 Flatten, informally
27 Green sauce
28 Short-tempered
29 South Pacific nation
30 Thick wooden board
32 Cheer for a diva
33 Hole-making tool
34 Twelve-month spans
36 __-mo replay
37 "Ready when you __!"
40 Eventually become
41 Omaha's state
46 Threw, as dice
48 Numerical prefix for angle
50 Very enthusiastic
51 Brand of frozen waffles
52 Bride's face covering
53 Ill-at-__ (edgy)
54 Vicinity
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59 Voice above tenor
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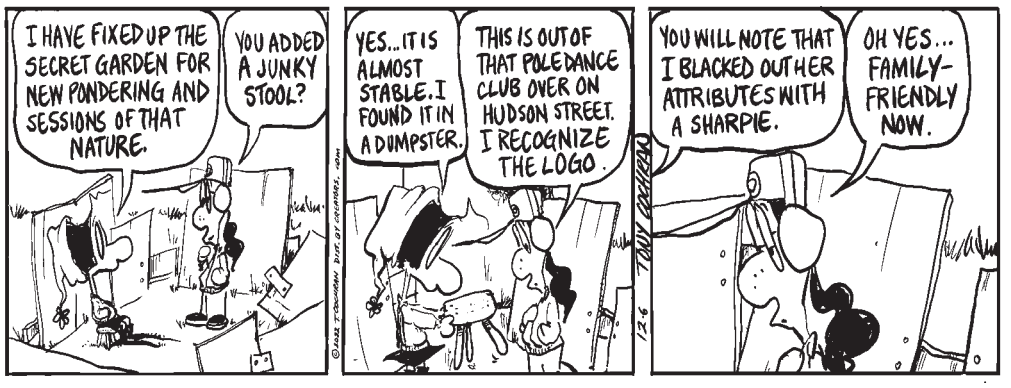


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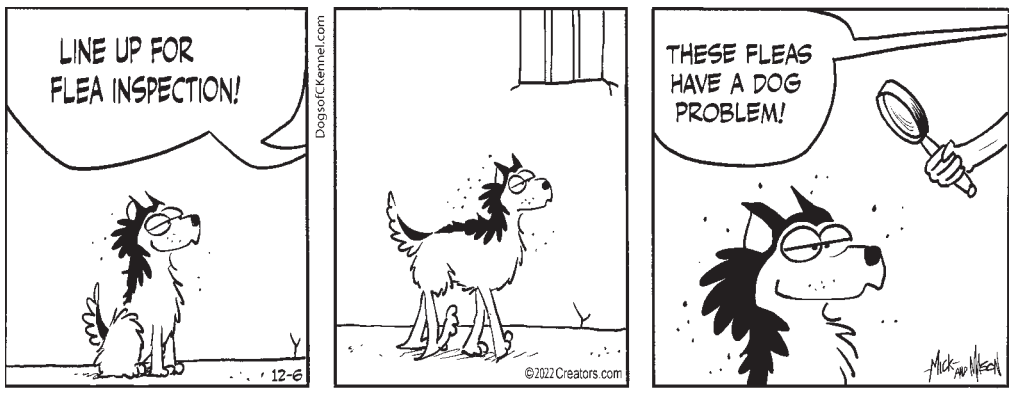
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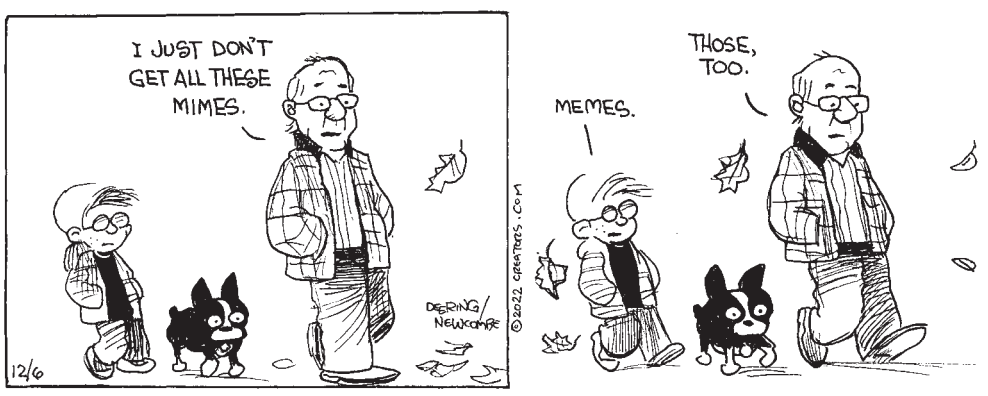
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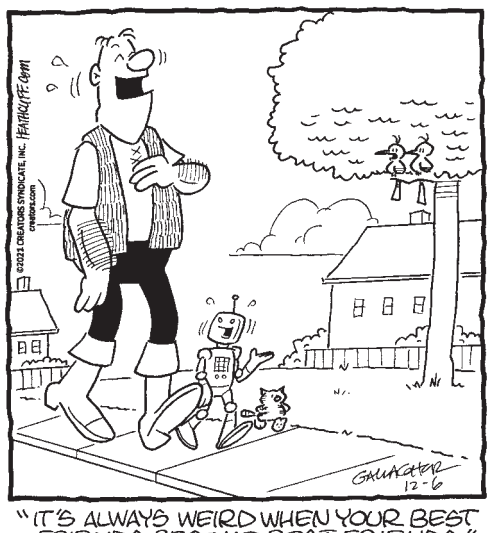
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Strange Brew

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

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Bail	Cows	Hand	Rich	Tree
Baler	Cups	Hard	Role	Tube
Beef	Dogs	Irrigation	Rope	Udder
Biodiversity	Dust	Jams	Sheep	Water
Birth	Easier	Leeton	Silo	Winery
Bloom	Eggs	Loss	Social	
Bunk	Ewes	Maize	Stall	
Calf	Feed	Nuts	Stock	

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What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

TUESDAY | DECEMBER 6

GRATITUDE JAR WORKSHOP
Capture the positive things that happen in your daily life! Decorate a jar to keep notes and memories of events and things that make you happy. Open the lid and read what's inside later on. Amy Muscoplat of Joyfestival Industries leads this mindful workshop for adults. Main Library. 2 - 4 p.m.

TUESDAY TALES
An engaging and fun storytime with stories, songs and rhymes. For ages 2-5. The storytime series travels to a different library every month. Fairview Branch Library. 10:30 - 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 7

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, delicious foods, live music and more. Arizona Ave & 2nd St.

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 8

SANTA MONICA RENT CONTROL REGULAR BOARD MEETING
The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. 7 p.m. City Hall.

WALK-IN TUTORING
Location is Main Library, 2nd floor Tutoring Center. Friendly volunteer tutors provide help with basic reading and writing skills, using the Internet, filling out online forms, using email, resume writing, and job searches. 1 - 3 p.m. Main Library

FRIDAY | DECEMBER 9

PICO HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
Join Pico friends, family and merchants at the Pico Culture House for complementary wine, appetizers, sweets and hot chocolate! Try your hand at decorating gingerbread cookies and see this year's winter wonderland display. Special Pico gifts and prizes will be given away. You won't want to miss this event! Pico Culture House, 3018 Pico Boulevard, 4 - 7 p.m. Email picoblvdsm@gmail.com to RSVP.

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 10

CONSCIOUS HOLIDAY MARKET
Shop 40+ local vendors with a focus on elevated and sustainable brands at Downtown Santa Monica's favorite artisanal pop-up market as part of this year's Winterlit series. Enjoy free fitness classes by Fit Girl Club and shop for local and sustainable gifts to give this year at this family and dog-friendly market! 1351 3rd Street Promenade. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

MIRACLE ON MAIN STREET
Meet on the California Heritage Museum Lawn for an evening of miracle fun! Join at the Kids Corner for face painting and more, welcome Santa Claus as he arrives in Santa Monica and join for the seasonal candlelight walk to the one-and-only Edgemar Shopping Cart Tree. There's plenty of street-wide holiday parties happening, so come down and join the festivities! 3 - 7 p.m. https://www.mainstreetsm.com/holiday-event/

18TH STREET ARTS CENTER'S ANNUAL WINTER PARTY
18th Street Arts Center, in collaboration with Art At The Airport, are pleased to announce their annual Winter Party on December 10 from 4-7 PM. Free and open to the public, visitors will have the opportunity to connect with over 20 professional artists in their studios directly; view Ranu Mukherjee's Dear Future in the Propeller Gallery; purchase handmade, artisanal goods by Market Exchange vendor collective; participate in a winter ornament workshop conducted by artist Marcus Kuilando-Nazario; and enjoy a performance by pianist Paul Cornish and 18th Street Arts Center Staff. 18th Street Art Center 1639 18th St 4 - 7 p.m. RSVP at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/18th-street-arts-center-annual-winter-party-tickets-464750068967

SMALL SPACES GARDENING DEMONSTRATION
Are your gardening dreams big but your cultivation space limited? No worries! Join the Community Gardeners and special guests, Master Gardeners, Julie Strand and Elizabeth Ostrom, for a presentation and conversation about small space gardening for edibles, including container gardens and balcony/postage stamp gardening. Demonstration begins at 10 am. Join us at 9 am for coffee, refreshments and walking through the gardens. Learn about the Westside Seed Exchange. Sponsored by City of Santa Monica Community Gardens Program with the support of Santa Monica Roots. Contact: santamonicaroots@gmail.com. 9 - 11 a.m. Main Street Community Gardens, 2318 Main Street.

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 11

BEACH WALK & SKETCH
For a peaceful morning on the beach, bring your sense of wonder and take to the sands to sketch on the beautiful coastline. Binoculars, drawing boards, pencils, and newsprint provided, or bring your own easy-to-carry sketching tools. 415 Pacific Coast Highway 9 - 11 a.m. Free but registration required online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beach-walk-sketch-registration-449636804787

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



SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **61.3**

TUESDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	Clean but trending small off leftover NW and S swell energy.
WEDNESDAY *POOR*	**SURF:** 0-1ft Shin to knee	NW leftovers in the morning. Small, long period NW swell due show late in the day. Micro for the south facing points.

WEATHER

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers after 10am. Partly sunny, with a high near 59.
Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers before 10pm. Partly cloudy, with a low around 47.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 59. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 44.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/12/06	Tue	01:07 AM	1.86	L
2022/12/06	Tue	07:27 AM	6.21	H
2022/12/06	Tue	2:39 PM	-0.61	L
2022/12/06	Tue	9:02 PM	3.72	H
2022/12/07	Wed	01:37 AM	2.14	L
2022/12/07	Wed	07:55 AM	6.21	H
2022/12/07	Wed	3:14 PM	-0.71	L
2022/12/07	Wed	9:45 PM	3.63	H
2022/12/08	Thu	02:06 AM	2.36	L
2022/12/08	Thu	08:24 AM	6.13	H
2022/12/08	Thu	3:49 PM	-0.69	L
2022/12/08	Thu	10:28 PM	3.54	H
2022/12/09	Fri	02:35 AM	2.53	L
2022/12/09	Fri	08:53 AM	5.98	H
2022/12/09	Fri	4:25 PM	-0.57	L
2022/12/09	Fri	11:14 PM	3.44	H
2022/12/10	Sat	03:05 AM	2.69	L
2022/12/10	Sat	09:24 AM	5.77	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 12/3
6 13 33 36 37
Power#: 7
Jackpot: 89 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 12/2
1 21 36 46 52
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: 354 M

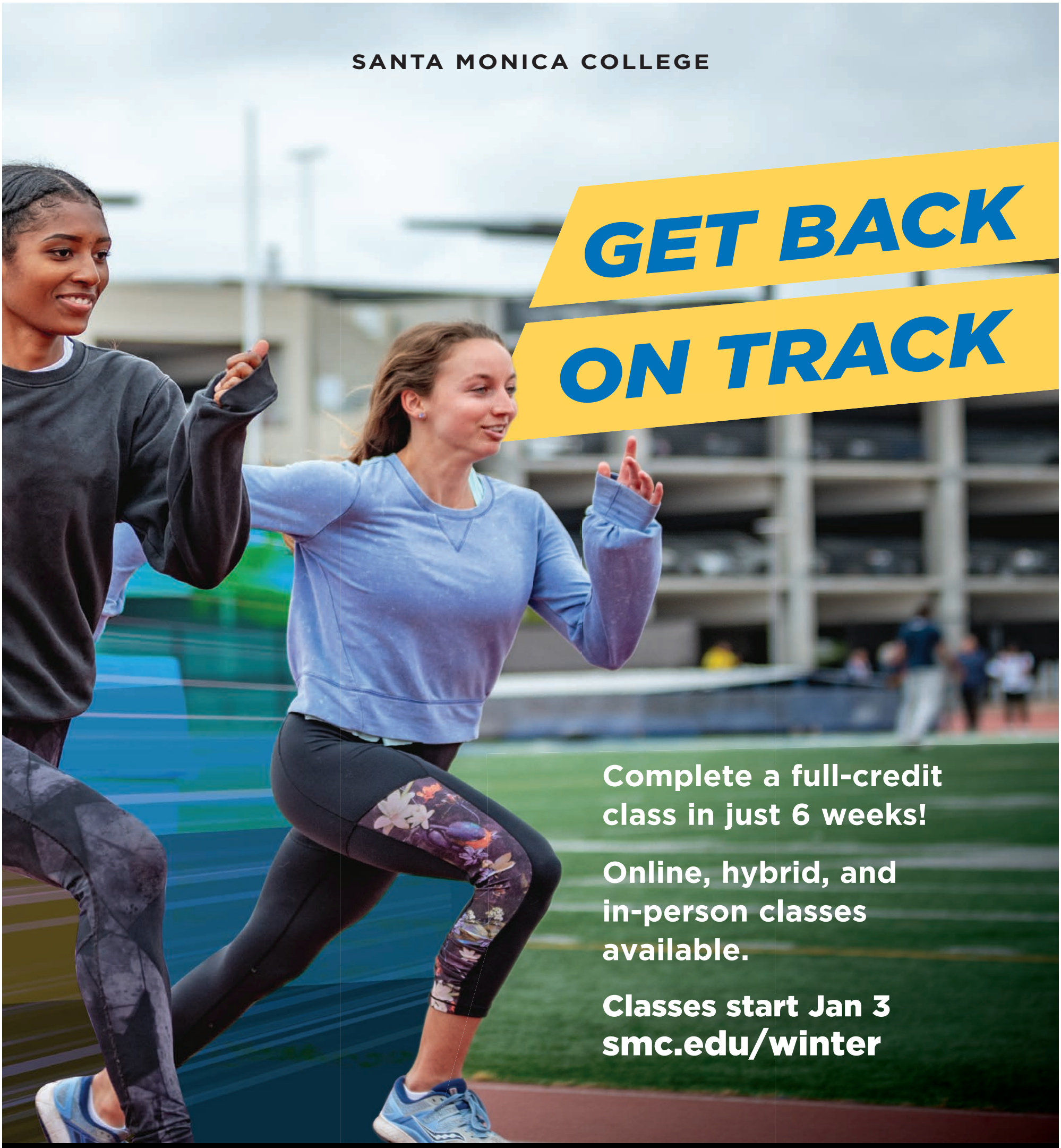
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Draw Date: 12/3
4 11 12 15 45
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 13 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/4
8 9 19 29 38

Daily 3
Draw Date: 12/4
EVENING: 8 7 3
Draw Date: 12/4
MIDDAY: 6 7 1

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 12/4
1st: 10 - Solid Gold
2nd: 09 - Winning Spirit
3rd: 04 - Big Ben
Race Time: 1:45.07

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