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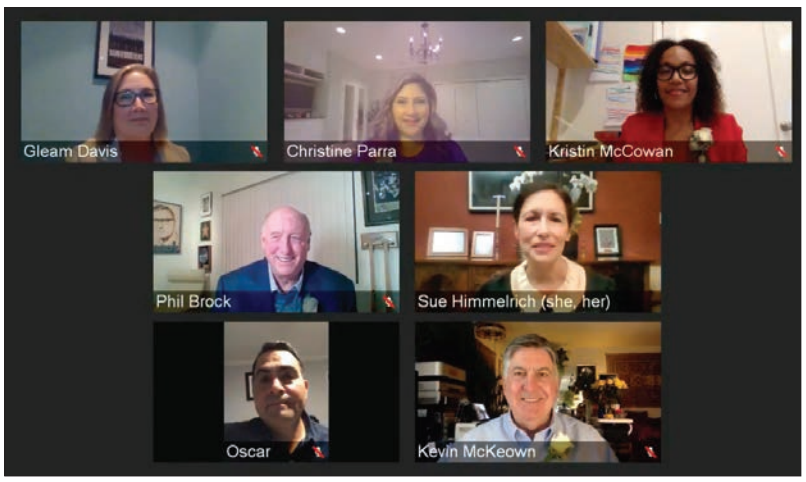
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Sue Himmelrich selected to serve two year term as Mayor

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer



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MAYOR: The City Council reorganized itself on Tuesday with a new mayor.

Councilmember Sue Himmelrich was selected by a 5 - 2 vote margin to serve as Mayor for two years in a Dec. 8 City Council meeting, breaking with the previous precedent of year long terms.

The Council went through four rounds of voting to arrive at a majority, during which Himmelrich declined a one year nomination four times. Himmelrich told the Daily Press she would only accept a two year term as she believes the job requires continuity in leadership and because she needs a longer term to justify cutting back from her important work at the Western Center on Law and Poverty.

"I have been on this Council for six years and I have never sought a leadership position on this Council until this moment, because I think we are at a critical moment for Santa Monica both because of the pandemic that we all are suffering in and because of the divided nature of our community," said Himmelrich in the Council meeting.

Councilmember Kristin McCowan was selected to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore for a two year term. McCowan declined an initial one year term nomination.

"I'm honored and humbled for the opportunity to serve as your next Mayor Pro Tem," said McCowan. "I'm committed to continuing to work with all Santa Monicans to help our economy recover from COVID, reimagine our public safety, compassionately address our unhoused brothers and sisters, improve access to affordable housing, and bring about racial justice in our

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SMPD captures bank robber



Courtesy image

ARREST: Aaron Koehler-Marsh was arrested this week.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica Police Department arrested a shotgun-wielding bank robber on Tuesday morning.

According to SMPD, on Dec. 8, at about 9:20 a.m., Santa Monica Dispatch received a call of an armed robbery in progress at the Wells Fargo Bank, 170 Pier involving a man armed with a shotgun.

The information was quickly provided to the dispatchers who were able to quickly relayed it to officers in the area.

Upon arrival, officers observed the suspect inside a vehicle exiting the bank parking lot. Officers conducted a high-risk traffic stop at the intersection of Neilson Way and Bicknell. The suspect was taken into custody without incident. Officers recovered a shotgun from the vehicle.

Los Angeles restaurants win court battle over closures

CHRISTOPHER WEBER AND BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

Los Angeles County's health director acted "arbitrarily" and didn't prove the danger to the public when she banned outdoor dining at restaurants as coronavirus cases surged last month, a judge ruled Tuesday in a case other businesses may use to try to overturn closures and restrictions.

The county failed to show that health benefits outweigh the negative economic effects before issuing the ban, Superior Court Judge James Chalfant wrote. He also said the county did not offer evidence that outdoor dining presented a greater risk of spreading the virus.

"By failing to weigh the benefits of an outdoor dining restriction against its costs, the county acted

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Attempt Burglary 1700blk Main St 3:50 a.m.
Loud Music 800blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:00 a.m.
Vandalism 1400blk Berkeley St 4:50 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2700blk Ocean Park Blvd 6:52 a.m.
Vandalism 1300blk 4th St 7:02 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1300blk Ocean Ave 7:07 a.m.
Petty Theft 1800blk Wilshire Blvd 7:26 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2200blk Delaware Ave 7:55 a.m.
Covid 800blk Palisades Park 8:02 a.m.
Encampment 1300blk Olympic Blvd 8:17 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 200blk Marine St 8:19 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1400blk 15th St 8:38 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1800blk 9th St 9:08 a.m.
General Parking Problem 300blk Olympic Dr 9:11 a.m.
Armed Robbery In Progress 100blk Pier Ave 9:20 a.m.
Burglary 2000blk 18th St 9:25 a.m.
Loitering 18th St / Pico Blvd 9:36 a.m.
Burglary 900blk 5th St 9:41 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 200blk 23rd St 9:45 a.m.
Vandalism 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:55 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1000blk 11th St 10:02 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1300blk 2nd St 10:07 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 300blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:14 a.m.
Loud Music 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 10:21 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1900blk Cloverfield Blvd 10:35 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2700blk 7th St 10:46 a.m.
Identity Theft 1600blk Franklin St 11:02 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1600blk Arizona Ave 11:12 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 11:15 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 1200blk 23rd St 11:24 a.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 100blk Palisades Ave 11:24 a.m.
General Parking Problem 200blk Ocean Ave 11:31 a.m.
Loitering 500blk Colorado Ave 11:36 a.m.
Burglary 2800blk Neilson Way 11:56 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1000blk 10th St 11:58 a.m.
Fraud 300blk Olympic Dr 12:06 p.m.
Armed Robbery 2400blk 4th St 12:16 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1300blk 14th St 12:17 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1800blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:31 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 900blk 3rd St 12:36 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1400blk Ocean Ave 12:51 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2800blk Broadway 12:54 p.m.
Grand Theft 900blk Grant St 12:59 p.m.
Smoking Violation 800blk Palisades Park 1:02 p.m.
Burglary 2800blk Neilson Way 1:21 p.m.
Covid 2000blk Ocean Ave 1:21 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 1:29 p.m.
Loitering 1500blk 9th St 1:40 p.m.
Covid 400blk Adelaide Dr 1:41 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 800blk 5th St 1:47 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 3200blk Pico Blvd 2:03 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 17th St / Olympic Blvd 2:08 p.m.
Death Notification 1100blk 5th St 2:09 p.m.
Battery 3rd St / California Ave 2:32 p.m.
Petty Theft 1000blk 19th St 2:40 p.m.
Burglary 100blk Montana Ave 2:54 p.m.
Prowler 1000blk 19th St 3:06 p.m.
Fire 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 3:30 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1300blk Ocean Ave 3:53 p.m.
Loud Music 2400blk Ocean Front Walk 4:14 p.m.
Vandalism 900blk 5th St 4:37 p.m.
Death Investigation 1700blk Ocean Ave 4:43 p.m.
Death Investigation 1700blk Ocean Ave 4:44 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 3200blk Donald Douglas Loop S 4:44 p.m.
Loud Music 2200blk Ocean Ave 4:50 p.m.
Vandalism Ocean Ave / Seaside Ter 4:53 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1800blk 9th St 4:58 p.m.
Grand Theft 700blk Alta Ave 4:59 p.m.
Family Disturbance 100blk Ocean Park Blvd 5:18 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 5:51 p.m.
Burglary 2800blk Neilson Way 5:54 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1500blk Ocean Front Walk 5:58 p.m.

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California man charged in decapitations of son, daughter

A Southern California father of four has been charged with decapitating his teenage son and 12-year-old daughter and abusing his two other boys, prosecutors said.

Maurice Jewel Taylor Sr., 34, faces two felony counts each of murder and child abuse under circumstances or conditions likely to cause great bodily injury or death, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced Tuesday.

Taylor is scheduled to be arraigned December 21. It wasn't known Wednesday if he has an attorney.

Taylor is charged with fatally stabbing the 13-year-old boy and 12-year-old girl on November 29 in Lancaster, according to a news release. His other two boys, ages 8 and 9, were allegedly shown their murdered siblings and were forced to stay in their bedrooms for several days without food, prosecutors said.

Taylor worked at a physical therapy center in Santa Monica, but had been conducting training sessions over the internet during the pandemic. Some of his clients contacted authorities after he failed to show up for scheduled appointments, leading to the discovery of the victims, CBS Los Angeles reported.

Taylor was ordered held in lieu of $4.2 million bail. If convicted as charged, he faces a possible maximum sentence of more than 57 years to life in state prison.

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US govt, states sue Facebook for 'predatory' conduct

MARCY GORDON AND MICHAEL R. SISAK
Associated Press

Federal regulators on Wednesday sued to force a breakup of Facebook as 48 states and districts accused the company in a separate lawsuit of abusing its market power in social networking to crush smaller competitors.

The landmark antitrust lawsuits, announced by the Federal Trade Commission and New York Attorney General Letitia James, mark the second major government offensive this year against seemingly untouchable tech behemoths. The Justice Department sued Google in October for abusing its dominance in online search and advertising — the government's most significant attempt to buttress competition since its historic case against Microsoft two decades ago. Amazon and Apple also have been under investigation in Congress and by federal authorities for alleged anticompetitive conduct.

In the current case, the FTC specifically asked a court to force Facebook to sell off its Instagram and WhatsApp messaging services. James echoed that idea in more general terms, noting at a press conference that "it's really critically important that we block this predatory acquisition of companies and that we restore confidence to the market."

The FTC said Facebook has engaged in "a systematic strategy" to eliminate its competition, including by purchasing smaller up-and-coming rivals like Instagram in 2012 and WhatsApp in 2014. James echoed that in her press conference, saying Facebook "used its monopoly power to crush smaller rivals and snuff out competition, all at the expense of everyday users."

The FTC fined Facebook $5 billion in 2019 for privacy violations and instituted new oversight and restrictions on its business. The fine was the largest the agency has ever levied on a tech company, although it had no visible impact on Facebook's business.

Facebook called the government actions "revisionist history" that punishes successful businesses and noted that the FTC cleared the Instagram and WhatsApp acquisitions years ago. "The government now wants a do-over, sending a chilling warning to American business that no sale is ever final," Facebook general counsel Jennifer Newstead said in a statement that echoed the company's response to a recent congressional antitrust probe.

Facebook is the world's biggest social network with 2.7 billion users and a company with a market value of nearly $800 billion whose CEO Mark Zuckerberg is the world's fifth-richest individual and the most public face of Big Tech swagger.

James alleged Facebook had a practice of opening its site to third-party app developers, then abruptly cutting off developers that it saw as a threat. The lawsuit — which includes 46 states, Guam and the District of Columbia — accuses Facebook of anti-competitive conduct and using its market dominance to harvest consumer data and reap a fortune in advertising revenues.

North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein, who was on the executive committee of attorneys general conducting the investigation, said the litigation has the potential to alter the communications landscape the way the breakup of AT&T's local phone service monopoly in the early 1980s did.

"Our hope is to restructure the social networking marketplace in the United States, and right now there's one player," Stein said in a news release. James said the coalition worked collaboratively with the FTC but noted the attorneys general conducted their investigation separately.

The Justice Department's suit against Google, announced just two weeks before Election Day, brought accusations of political motivation from some quarters. It was filed by a cabinet agency headed by an attorney general seen as a close ally of President Donald Trump, who has often publicly criticized Google.

The FTC, by contrast, is an independent regulatory agency whose five commissioners currently include three Republicans and two Democrats.

President-elect Joe Biden has said the breakup of Big Tech giants should be seriously considered. He has singled out Facebook's Zuckerberg for scorn, calling him "a real problem."

Instagram and WhatsApp are among some 70 companies that Facebook has acquired over the past 15 years. But they are the ones most frequently held up by Facebook critics as properties that should be split off.

Facebook paid $1 billion for Instagram, bolstering the social network's business a month before its stock went public. At the time, the photo-sharing app had about 30 million users and wasn't producing any revenue. A few years later, Facebook acquired WhatsApp, an encrypted messaging service, for $19 billion.

Zuckerberg vowed both companies would be run independently, but over the years the services have become increasingly integrated. Users are now able to link accounts and share content across the platforms. Instagram now has more than 1 billion users worldwide. Such integration could make it more difficult to break off the companies.

NetChoice, a Washington trade association that includes Facebook as a member, quickly panned the lawsuits. The case for antitrust enforcement against Facebook "has never been weaker," NetChoice vice president Carl Szabo said in a statement, pointing to newer social services such as TikTok and Snapchat as rivals that could "overtake" older platforms.

"These lawsuits mark an important turning point in the battle to rein in Big Tech monopolies and to reinvigorate antitrust enforcement," said Alex Harman, competition policy advocate for Public Citizen, a nonprofit consumer advocacy group.

Sisak reported from New York. AP journalists Barbara Ortutay in Oakland, California, and Gary D. Robertson in Raleigh, North Carolina, contributed to this report.

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DAILY FIRE LOG

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EMS 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 12:01 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Princeton St 12:33 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 11th St 12:38 a.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 1:59 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 4:49 a.m.
EMS 2200blk Colorado Ave 6:15 a.m.
EMS 3100blk Neilson Way 6:46 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 2700blk Ocean Park Blvd 6:54 a.m.
EMS 2200blk Colorado Ave 9:10 a.m.
EMS 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 9:32 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 11:37 a.m.
EMS 800blk Grant St 11:48 a.m.
EMS 900blk Wilshire Blvd 1:00 p.m.
EMS 700blk Pine St 1:21 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 9th St 1:32 p.m.
EMS 800blk Pacific St 2:06 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 3:30 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Ocean Ave 4:16 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 200blk Ocean Ave 4:37 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1100blk Georgina Ave 4:48 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2100blk Wilshire Blvd 5:10 p.m.
EMS 2700blk 11th St 5:15 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:23 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 9th St 5:47 p.m.
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Automatic Alarm 400blk Broadway 6:51 p.m.
EMS 20th St / Broadway 7:03 p.m.
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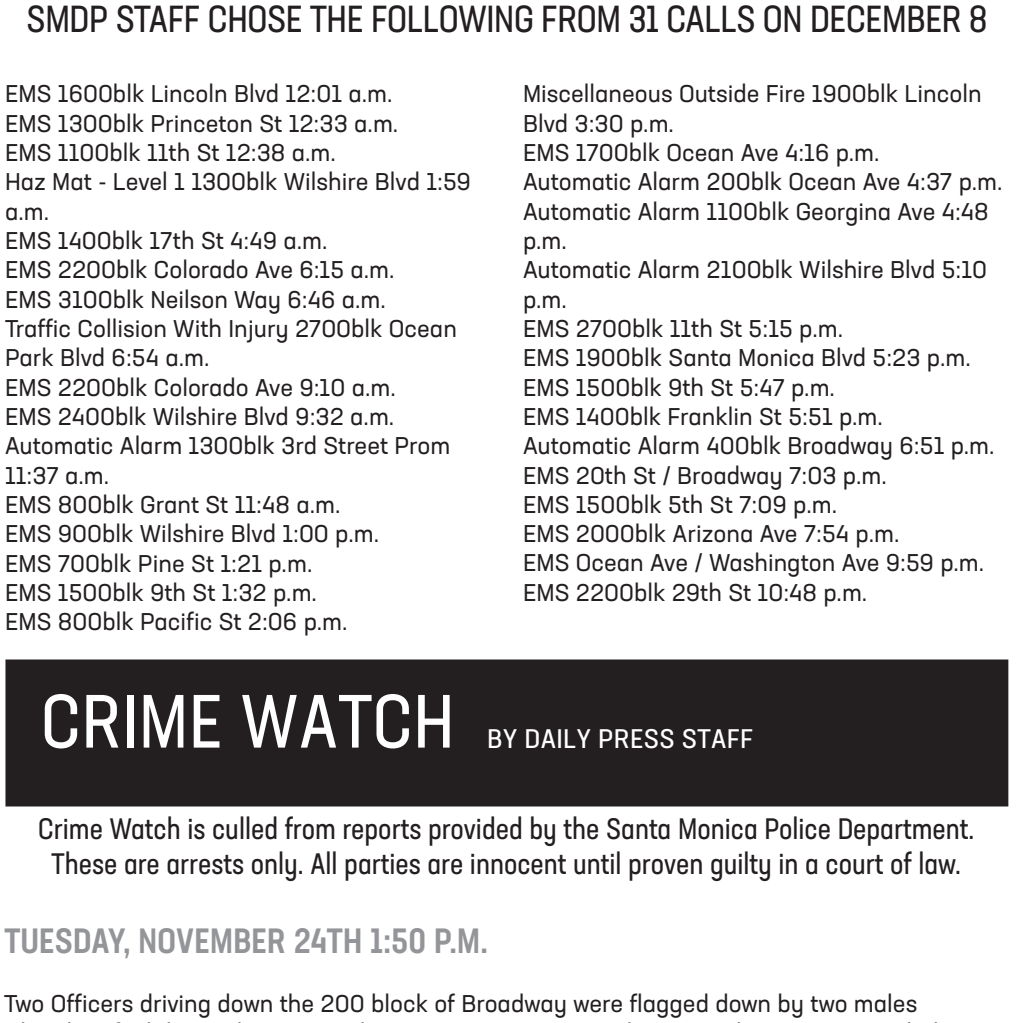
CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH 1:50 P.M.

Two Officers driving down the 200 block of Broadway were flagged down by two males who identified themselves as Nordstrom Loss Prevention. The two males were in a verbal altercation with a third male, Dominique Tyssen Villa, and stated that Villa had just stolen from their store. After interviewing each party individually, Officers gathered that Villa had entered the store, taken various items, and attempted to leave without paying. The Loss Prevention staff followed closely and stopped him inside the store, at the door. He was asked to return the merchandise. After searching Villa, Officers further found that he was in possession of methamphetamine and a pipe. An itemized list of the items Villa had attempted to steal totaled approximately $1,069.73. Due to the items totaling over $950, Villa was arrested for a 487(a) PC- Grand Theft, 11377(a) H&S - Possession of Methamphetamine, and 11364(a) H&S - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Villa was later cited and released.





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Dylan, Dogs & Tears



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DYLAN SELLS OUT

That's almost certainly a minority opinion but here's how I see it.

First, the facts. It was reported that Mr. D, a sometimes Santa Monica resident (I know where his house is, nyah nyah nyah) just sold the publishing rights to his entire 60-year catalog, about 600 songs, to Universal Music Publishing Group for about... $400,000,000. Universal Music Publishing Group is also located in Santa Monica. Well, aren't we special. Maybe he chose them so all those Brinks trucks full of silver dollars wouldn't have to drive so far. You know, less chance of a flat tire or a stickup.

Dylan also owns a coffee shop and a Jewish temple here in SM. Special, special, special.

BBC estimated the undisclosed sale price at between $200M and $450M, "likely in the higher range." Rolling Stone said their sources pegged it at $400M. Let's just call it that.

Dylan's current net worth is estimated at $200M. How often can you be that rich and then triple it with one stroke of a pen? Certainly, there is only one Bob Dylan and his songwriting contributions to our culture can't be overstated. But, how much money does one human need? Does ANYone in the world need a billion dollars? Especially when so many, even here in the U.S., are going hungry? Hard core capitalists will declare hey, it's his property, he can do whatever he wants with it.

I KNOW THAT

But just because you can do something, doesn't mean you should. Some songs are just... different. Special. Uniquely meaningful to so many. For example, most of the songs by The Who are fair game, IMHO, but when an anthem like "Won't Get Fooled Again" (beware "the new boss, same as the old boss") is used to sell Nissan Maxima cars and Dish TV, there's just something wrong with that, isn't there? You did fool us, and now you're throwing it in our faces. Dylan has dozens of those. Will teens be urged to send their vape smoke "blowin' in the wind"? "Don't Think Twice," just book that vacay in Vegas? Noom commercials play "Ballad of a Thin Man"?

Not all rock stars succumb to that lure of more money than Midas. Our own John Densmore successfully fought efforts by other members of The Doors to license their songs. Neil Young, nearly Dylan's age, still acts like a passionate young radical. Jimmy Buffett put on a free concert right next to a Trump rally in Florida, and our own Jackson Browne has been doing benefits all his career, lots of them.

ONE ARGUMENT IS VALID

That at nearly 80, Bob has surely been thinking about what happens to his empire after he's gone. Tracking down all the usage of songs, in films, commercials, on radio, covered by other artists, is a huge job. He's had his own organization doing it for the U.S. but even overseeing that is a big headache he may not want to pass on to his kids. Letting them split a check for 400 mil is so much more fun. Today digital rights are the gold mine of the new music biz. Values have skyrocketed. Stevie Nicks recently sold 80 percent rights to her catalog for $100M.

So it's a new morning for Bob, no longer tangled up in green. As The Who sang, "I'm Free!"

WHAT A SHOW!

Yes it's true that I have shied away from recommending virtual performances. I feel so guilty for not supporting the performers and the venues who are hurting so much right now, but, well, it's a personal strong preference.

But I'm making up for it here, because this benefit is so varied, with so many great performers. Yet another local musician, and writer, radio show host, comedian, producer, documentary filmmaker and so many voices on The Simpsons, Harry Shearer, puts on a variety extravaganza every Christmastime for the past 14 years, this time to benefit "US and UK music communities that have been devastated due to the cancellation of live shows and the closure of venues." "Christmas Without Tears," is produced online by and co-starring Harry's very talented, very funny wife, singer-songwriter Judith Owen.

Here are some of the reasons to buy a ticket: Richard Thompson, John Goodman, Paul Shaffer, Steely Dan's Donald Fagen, comedian-stripper Trixie Minx, Toto founder Steve Lukather with Ringo Starr, Jeff Goldblum, paranormal phenom Clinton Baptiste, Kermit Ruffins, Chris Difford of Squeeze, London's Queen of Cabaret Miss Hope Springs, Mad Man Bryan Batt, bearded bass master Leland Sklar, and house band CJ Vanston (of Spinal Tap).

Wait! Just added! Catherine O'Hara, Doña Oxford (don't miss!), Sex & the City's Mario Cantone, the enchanting Gaby Moreno, and so many more you may never have heard of but they will knock you out, and — a special tribute to Fred Willard.

TOMORROW! - Friday, Dec 11, 2:00 p.m. PST, "A Very Virtual Christmas Without Tears," @ nugs.net (ticket good for unlimited

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By Michael Feinstein

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Ballot Placement Displacement - Part I

2020 has been a year like no other - including for Santa Monica municipal elections. Such a high number of candidates qualified for the City Council ballot (for the city's four open, four-year seats), that it led to two columns on the hard copy vote-by-mail (VBM) ballot to list them all - and six screens on the County's new in person touch screen, ballot-marking device (BMD) voting system.

According to numerous anecdotal reports received by the Santa Monica Daily Press — and by one of the 'not re-elected incumbents' whose name appeared near the bottom of the ballot — many voters had trouble finding/realizing there were candidates listed in a second column, or that they had to scroll down multiple screens to find all candidates. We'll never know how this affected the final results - just like we don't know whether the infamous confusing 'butterfly ballot' in Palm Beach County, Florida gave the 2000 presidential election to George W. Bush.

But this can't be good for our democracy.

BALLOT ORDER

The order that candidates appear on all ballots in California is governed by state Elections Code 13112, which requires that the Secretary of State conduct a random drawing of the letters of the alphabet, which then determines ballot order by the letters of a candidate's last name.

It's widely acknowledged that the first-listed candidate is more likely to be voted for, especially in a large field. This year's drawing gave that coveted first listing to candidates whose last name started with the letter 'B'. As it happened, the last name for the highest voter-getter for Santa Monica City Council this year (one of three non-incumbents elected) started with 'B'.

But what about when a candidate's name doesn't appear in the same column as most of the rest of the candidates, and instead appears in a second column — or in the case of BMD machines — only by scrolling through as many as six screens? Since 1977 and before 2020, the number of candidates appearing on the ballot in the city's twenty-two regular elections city council elections ranged from six to 18. Only four of those had more than 14. Never did it result in multiple columns to list them all.

THE EFFECT OF SO MANY CANDIDATES

What was different in 2020? One major difference was the signature requirement to qualify for the ballot was lowered from 100 nomination signatures to 30, owing to the global COVID-19 pandemic. The second was that Los Angeles County designed the ballots differently.

California Government Code 8634 empowers governments to "promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life and property during a local emergency." Under Chapter 2.16 the Santa Monica Municipal Code, when a local emergency has been proclaimed — as has been the case in Santa Monica because of COVID-19 since March 13, the City Manager (in her/his role as the Director of Emergency Services), may "make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency; provided, however, such rules and regulations must be confirmed at the earliest practicable time by the City Council."

Upon this basis - and after receiving direct input from Councilmembers and members of the public, Santa Monica Interim City Manager Lane Dilg lowered the proposed nomination signature requirement to 60 and then 30, citing that gathering these signatures from nominating voters "poses risks resulting from possible personal contact between and among those circulating nominating papers and the voters signing those nominating papers, [and that] those risks increase as the required number of original nominating signatures increase." On July 14 the City Council confirmed that decision without debate — and there was no public testimony.

Did this result in more candidates qualifying for the ballot than normal? The general rule of thumb in Santa Monica is that the number of heavyweight candidates with a realistic chance at being elected is no more than double the number of open seats (and sometimes fewer); and they usually come from two competing slates. Often there are a few other well-informed candidates (without the same standing in the community) who finish in the middle of the pack; then a few others with little or no history of community involvement who finish near the bottom.

In 2020 there were two competing slates equaling eight candidates in total; but the number of 'others' was equal to or exceeded the total number of candidates in 16 of the previous 22 regular city council elections. The result of this extraordinary number of 'other' candidates on ballot, was that the names of several candidates were pushed near the end of the ballot where many voters did not easily find them, including two of the three incumbents not re-elected.

DESIGN BY COMMITTEE

Which brings us to the new ballot design. This year the County of Los Angeles implemented its new Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP) program, which added BMD voting for all those who voted in person; while because of the pandemic, the State of California mandated that for the first time ever, VBM ballots be sent to all voters in the state, which could be mailed in or dropped off at drop boxes or vote centers.

On the County's new VBM ballots, in order to provide greater accessibility and readability, they changed from a single line for each candidate on the old-style ballots — that listed a candidate's name followed by their three-word ballot designation — to a line each for the candidate's name and their ballot designation, with the name printed in

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listening/watching for 48 hours).

WHAT A HOLIDAY GIFT!

Here's something I've never done in my column, especially the music one, but these are unusual times, and time's a-runnin' out.

Are you still sweating gifts, online, without the benefit of in-person shopping? Well here's something easy on you and should thrill your pet-igreed friends and family.

Is that dog, or cat, or even horse, pig or python, like family to your dear friend? How thrilled do you think they would be with a striking hand-painted portrait of Rover or Monty, from a superb Dutch painter?

No, not Rembrandt, Bosch or van Gogh. They're dead, silly. But my cousin Roos (Rose) turned back to her love of painting when COVID collapsed her headhunter business, and while she's great at people she's an avid horse owner and lives in the country and loves to paint critters. Oil or acrylic.

Info at roossluis.com. She generally paints them about 12" square (like an LP cover) but can go any size, say 5'x7', like she did for her boyfriend Henri's portrait. (I don't know where they're going to put that one.)

She's not cheap, but really good never is, is it? This is an heirloom gift that will be around longer than the pet, something to consider. Henri?

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 2,500 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 34 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

RESTAURANT

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arbitrarily and its decision lacks a rational relationship to a legitimate end," the judge wrote.

Chalfant limited the outdoor dining ban to three weeks and said once it expires Dec. 16 the Department of Public Health must conduct a risk-benefit analysis before trying to extend it.

It was the first victory for California restaurants challenging health orders that have crippled their industry. But there was no immediate relief for LA county restaurant owners because a more sweeping shutdown ordered by Gov. Gavin Newsom now is in effect.

The California Restaurant Association, which brought the lawsuit, had hoped the judge would lift the ban but still was pleased with the result.

"I do think that this is going to hold the county's feet to the fire when they decide to close down an entire sector of economy," association lawyer Richard Schwartz said. "You can't have a cure that's worse than the disease."

Chalfant's ruling clears the way for restaurants to return to operation when Newsom's order expires. However, it's not clear when that will happen since the governor's order is in effect until "at least" Dec. 27.

The association didn't say if it would challenge the state order in court. Lawyers for the county didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

Coronavirus cases and hospitalizations have reached record levels in Los Angeles County and much of the rest of California. LA County is the state's largest with some 10 million residents and has a disproportionately large number of California's cases, hospitalizations and deaths.

On Tuesday, the county recorded its 8,000th death. It is now averaging about 9,000 additional cases a day, more than double what it was two weeks ago.

More than 30,000 restaurants in Los Angeles County were closed to diners for months after a statewide shutdown order in March relegated them to offering takeout. They never fully recovered as they tried to navigate ever-changing regulations for reopening that eventually allowed dining on patios and makeshift seating areas in alleys, parking lots, sidewalks and blocked-off streets.

But as cases surged last month Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer cut the outdoor dining capacity in half and said it would be banned altogether if daily case counts exceeded 4,000. Ferrer didn't anticipate the county hitting that number for weeks. It instead took just a few days. Now only takeout and delivery meals are allowed.

Cases continued to rise and after banning outdoor dining the county issued a stay-home order that included an overnight curfew and many more business closures. It was superseded by Newsom's order, which took effect Monday.

While some churches have prevailed in court on claims that health orders limiting religious services violate the Constitution, it's been rare for businesses to win. Restaurants and gyms in San Diego last month lost their effort to lift Newsom's ban on indoor dining and workouts.

Those groups had challenged on grounds the governor didn't have the data to back up the restrictions. More challenges now are likely, said Robert Lapsley, president of the California Business Roundtable.

"The entire statewide business community was watching what was happening today because of its implications for the future," Lapsley said after Tuesday's ruling. "The decision pierces the veil and provides some transparency. Whole sectors of the economy face ruin based on judgment and not data."

Los Angeles officials had claimed that eating without a mask raises the threat of transmission of the virus. In a public meeting two weeks ago, a health officer cited a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study that showed twice the risk of contracting the virus from eating at a restaurant.

But the study only looked at dining indoors where the virus is known to spread more easily.

"The best evidence is it's not a significant risk," Chalfant said at a hearing last week. "And the county has acted inconsistently with the governor's order, which, by the way, requires a risk-benefit analysis."

LET US KNOW YOUR OPINION

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AP-NORC poll: Only half in US want shots as vaccine nears

LAURAN NEERGAARD AND HANNAH FINGERHUT
Associated Press

As states frantically prepare to begin months of vaccinations that could end the pandemic, a new poll finds only about half of Americans are ready to roll up their sleeves when their turn comes.

The survey from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research shows about a quarter of U.S. adults aren't sure if they want to get vaccinated against the coronavirus. Roughly another quarter say they won't.

Many on the fence have safety concerns and want to watch how the initial rollout fares — skepticism that could hinder the campaign against the scourge that has killed nearly 290,000 Americans. Experts estimate at least 70% of the U.S. population needs to be vaccinated to achieve herd immunity, or the point at which enough people are protected that the virus can be held in check.

"Trepidation is a good word. I have a little bit of trepidation towards it," said Kevin Buck, a 53-year-old former Marine from Eureka, California.

Buck said that he and his family probably will get vaccinated eventually, if initial shots go well.

"I think a lot of people are not sure what to believe, and I'm one of them," he said.

Amid a frightening surge in COVID-19 that promises a bleak winter across the country, the challenge for health authorities is to figure out what it will take to make people trust the shots that Dr. Anthony Fauci, the top U.S. infectious-disease expert, calls the light at the end of the tunnel.

"If Dr. Fauci says it's good, I will do it," said Mary Lang, 71, of Fremont, California. She added: "Hopefully if enough of us get the vaccine, we can make this virus go away."

Early data suggests the two U.S. frontrunners — one vaccine made by Pfizer and BioNTech and another by Moderna and the National Institutes of Health — offer strong protection. The Food and Drug Administration is poring over study results to be sure the shots are safe before deciding in the coming days whether to allow mass vaccinations, as Britain began doing with Pfizer's shots on Tuesday.

Despite the hopeful news, feelings haven't changed much from an AP-NORC poll in May, before it was clear a vaccine would pan out.

In the survey of 1,117 American adults conducted Dec. 3-7, about 3 in 10 said they are very or extremely confident that the first available vaccines will have been properly tested for safety and effectiveness. About an equal number said they are not confident. The rest fell somewhere in the middle.

About 7 in 10 of those who said they won't get vaccinated are concerned about side effects. Pfizer and Moderna say testing has uncovered no serious ones so far. As with many vaccines, recipients may experience fever, fatigue or sore arms from the injection, signs the immune system is revving up.

But other risks might not crop up until vaccines are more widely used. British health authorities are examining two possible allergic reactions on the first day the country began mass vaccinations with the Pfizer shot.

Among Americans who won't get vaccinated, the poll found 43% are concerned the vaccine itself could infect them — something that's scientifically impossible, since the shots don't contain any virus.

Protecting their family, their community and their own health are chief drivers for people who want the vaccine. Roughly three-quarters said life won't go back to normal until enough of the country is vaccinated.

"Even if it helps a little bit, I'd take it," said Ralph Martinez, 67, who manages a grocery store in Dallas. "I honestly think they wouldn't put something out there that would hurt us."

Over the summer, about a third of Martinez's employees were out with COVID-19. He wears a mask daily but worries about the constant public contact and is concerned that his 87-year-old mother is similarly exposed running her business.

COVID-19 has killed or hospitalized Black, Hispanic and Native Americans at far higher rates than white Americans. Yet 53% of white Americans said they will get vaccinated, compared with 24% of Black Americans and 34% of Hispanics like Martinez.

Because of insufficient sample size, the survey could not analyze results among Native Americans or other racial and ethnic groups that make up a smaller proportion of the U.S. population.

Horace Carpenter of Davenport, Florida, knows that as a Black man at age 86, he is vulnerable. "I'd like to see it come out first," he said of the vaccine. But he said he, too, plans to follow Fauci's advice.

Given the nation's long history of racial health care disparities and research abuses against Black people, Carpenter isn't surprised that minority communities are more hesitant about the new vaccines.

"There is such racial inequality in our society," he said. "There's bound to be some hiccups."

Health experts say it is not surprising that people have doubts because it will take time for the vaccines' study results to become widely known.

"Sometimes you have to ask people more than once," said John Grabenstein of the Immunization Action Coalition, a retired Army colonel who directed the Defense Department's immunization program. He said many eventually will decide it's "far, far better to take this vaccine than run the risk of coronavirus infection."

Adding to the challenge are political divisions that have hamstrung public health efforts to curtail the outbreak. The poll found 6 in 10 Democrats said they will get vaccinated compared with 4 in 10 Republicans; about a third of Republicans said they won't.

Only about 1 in 5 Americans are very or extremely confident that vaccines will be safely and quickly distributed, or fairly distributed, though majorities are at least somewhat confident.

Nancy Nolan, 64, teaches English as a second language at a New Jersey community college and has seen the difficulty her students face in getting coronavirus testing and care.

"I don't think it'll be fairly distributed," she

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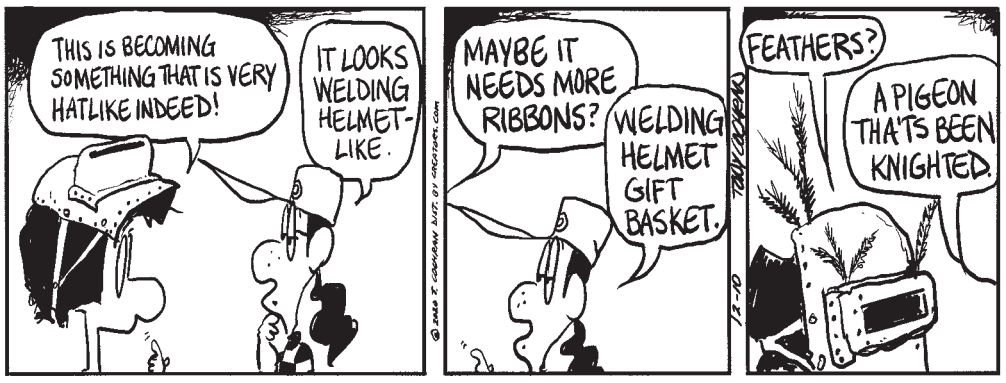
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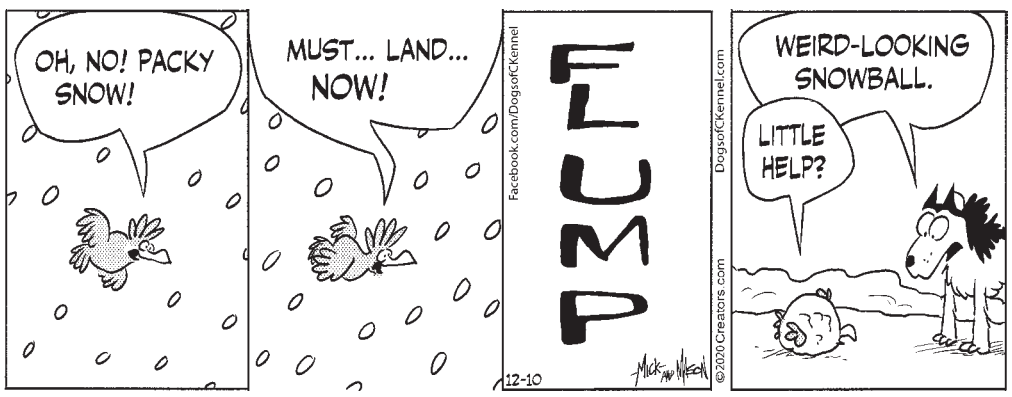
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 59.4°

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high occ. 5 ft
WNW swell is likely to ease. Still a little sluggish with the early AM high tide.

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
WNW swell eases.

WEATHER

Thursday: Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 59.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 10pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 49.
Friday: Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 59.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2020/12/10	Thu	11:38 PM	1.01	L
2020/12/11	Fri	06:11 AM	6.14	H
2020/12/11	Fri	1:05 PM	-0.28	L
2020/12/11	Fri	7:09 PM	4.03	H
2020/12/12	Sat	12:21 AM	1.25	L
2020/12/12	Sat	06:49 AM	6.62	H
2020/12/12	Sat	1:52 PM	-0.97	L
2020/12/12	Sat	8:05 PM	4.08	H
2020/12/13	Sun	01:04 AM	1.48	L
2020/12/13	Sun	07:29 AM	6.94	H
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2020/12/13	Sun	8:57 PM	4.08	H
2020/12/14	Mon	01:47 AM	1.71	L
2020/12/14	Mon	08:09 AM	7.06	H
2020/12/14	Mon	3:24 PM	-1.64	L
2020/12/14	Mon	9:49 PM	4.03	H
2020/12/15	Tue	02:30 AM	1.93	L
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Draw Date: 12/08
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Mega#: 25
Jackpot: 276 M

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Draw Date: 12/05
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Mega#: 2
Jackpot: 13 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/08
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Daily 3
Draw Date: 12/08
Evening: 5 8 8
Draw Date: 12/08
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you were a comedian today, then you'd be the kind that chides the audience with, "Is that all you got?" Actually, it's quite effective. People sometimes need to be startled and led to appropriate reactions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People need people. Therefore, peer pressure is a very real and powerful natural force that, unfortunately, people never really grow out of. The theme comes up, and, depending on the situation, it may just be easier to succumb.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Lessons can be read, and that's an introduction. But for the education to really take place, a lesson must be lived. People are changed not by information but by doing.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you look back at paths not taken, you only see how they worked out for other people. There's no way of knowing what kind of fit they would have been for you. Therefore, the exercise is useless. Keep going forward.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A fact that just sits there being knowledge is not intelligence. Intelligence animates. It applies. It is better to revel in the intelligence of trees than to succumb to the coma of dead dogma.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Don't waste your time doing what someone else can (and is perfectly willing to) do for you. Once you realize where your efforts and minutes can make a difference, you won't want to be anywhere else.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your unpredictability comes naturally today. Did you know that some people work to conjure this? Because being hard to anticipate keeps the competition off-balance, it's is an effective strategy for business, sports or love.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Other times, it was easy to fit your talent to what the group needed and wanted. Now, not so much, perhaps because the group doesn't know what it needs and wants. You'll have to poke around some to find it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). No one falls in love with a game that they can win on the first go-around. Pursuing anything valuable means being willing to fail. The more possible it is to fail, the more exciting the pursuit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When someone pays excellent attention to your expressions, preferences and needs, it may actually make you uncomfortable, as you're not used to be so well-attended. Soak it in anyway.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). For the most part, you'll love what develops organically and be nonplussed by what is manufactured or manipulated into being. You admire the effort, but the real deal is so much more impressive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have a fan club of sorts. You came by it honestly, by showing up consistently where you were needed and wanted and honoring their requests. Now, you'll take pleasure in the appreciation generously bestowed on you.

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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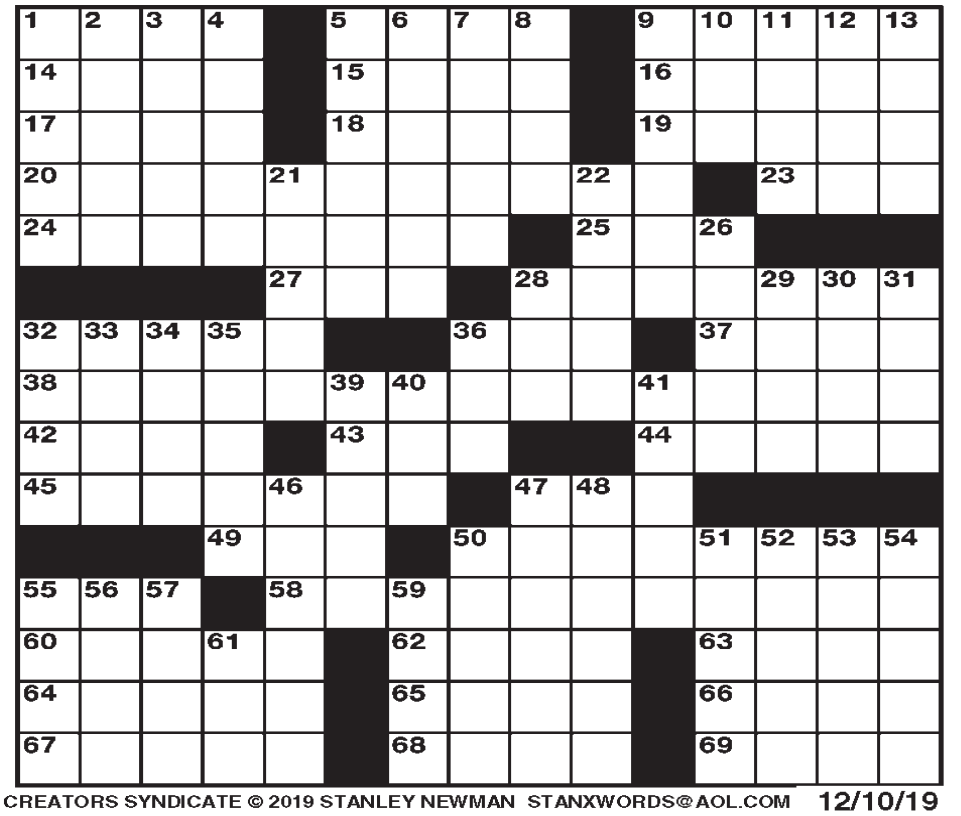
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 "Listen!," in a Christmas carol
5 Conks on the head
9 Nebraska's largest city
14 Pizzeria appliance
15 Concerning, in memos
16 Ignore distractions
17 Trip in a car or bus
18 Designer Christian
19 Golf course's 18
20 *Jeopardy!* betting situation
23 Admiral's org.
24 Being aligned lengthwise
25 Antiquated
27 No longer damp
28 Unoriginal person
32 Taste or hearing
36 Have a gabfest
37 The Dalai __
38 Where to read about small-town events
42 Prefix meaning "opposed to"
43 Three letters in "nanny"
44 Motionless
45 Where Albany is capital: Abbr.
47 Devoured
49 Take a chair
50 Sewing work
55 Sound of disapproval
58 Apartment renter's obligation
60 Suspect's story
62 Add ice cubes to
63 Overly highbrow
64 Unpromising, as a situation
65 "You can count __"
66 Have the opinion
67 Golfer's club movement
68 Fortune-teller
69 Grow weary

DOWN
1 Unruly crowd
2 Pertaining to birds
3 Decorated anew
4 Prepared to propose
5 Auction participant
6 Tasting like scallions
7 __ as a peacock (vain)
8 Certain Eastern European
9 Useful
10 Bovine sound
11 Rights advocacy grp.
12 Color variations
13 Special interest org.
21 Swiss Alps song
22 Appears (to be)
26 Bob who wrote "Blowin' in the Wind"
28 Crow's cry
29 __ Cod, MA
30 The "A" in USA: Abbr.
31 Sour-tasting
32 Graceful water bird
33 Start of a counting rhyme
34 Tennis court dividers
35 Variety show sketches
36 "Permission granted"
39 "The best is __ come"
40 U-turn from SSW
41 Devoutness
46 Pointing at a target
47 In for the evening
48 Ground-cultivating machine
50 Pebble or boulder
51 Artistic skill
52 "Ready or not, __ come!"
53 Go inside
54 Fashion flair
55 Shades of brown
56 Not very speedy
57 Fuzzy brown fruit
59 Cpls. and sgts.
61 Recycling container



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Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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MAYOR

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community."

Himmelrich joined City Council in 2014 after serving for a year on the Planning Commission and was reelected in 2018. She has lived in Santa Monica for 28 years and is passionate about affordable housing, progressive social policies, and protecting vulnerable community members including seniors and front-line workers.

One of her goals as Mayor is to increase communication with her constituents and she plans on holding a Zoom meeting once a week to listen to what residents have to say.

During the Council meeting Himmelrich also spoke personally about the recent loss of her 91-year-old father and suicide of her 21-year-old nephew and expressed compassion for members of the community who are going through a hard time.

"This has changed the perspective of my entire family and the mood of my family and my approach to this job and to the pandemic," said Himmelrich. "I really implore you to yes wear a mask, but take care of yourselves and take care of those around you. I think that is our number one job in the world."

Kevin McKeown ended his one year term as Mayor after serving through an unusually turbulent period in the Council's history. McKeown nominated and voted for Gleam Davis as Mayor, citing her previous experience serving as Mayor Pro Tem, but supports Himmelrich's assumption of the role.

"Being your Mayor this year has been difficult, certainly, but a great honor. Based on the work we've done together, Santa Monica is poised for resurgence as the pandemic recedes and the economy recovers," said McKeown. "Led by a new Council and a new Mayor, we will discover a reinvented Santa Monica that proves our commitment and our resilience."

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VACCINE

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said. "I hope I'm wrong."

She raised concerns, too, over the speed with which the vaccine was developed: "If I rush, I could have a car accident, I could make a mistake."

Experts have stressed that no corners were cut during development, attributing the speedy work to billions in government funding and over a decade of behind-the-scenes research.

Health workers and nursing home residents are set to be first in line for the scarce initial doses. Plans call for other essential workers and people over 65 or at increased risk because of other health problems to follow, before enough vaccine arrives for everyone, probably in the spring.

The poll found majorities of Americans agree with that priority list. And 59% think vaccinating teachers should be a high priority, too. Most also agree with higher priority for hard-hit communities of color and people in crowded living conditions such as homeless shelters and college dorms.

"Once those individuals are cared for, I wouldn't hesitate to get the vaccine if it was available for me," said Richard Martinez, 35, a psychologist in Austin, Texas, who nonetheless understands some of the public skepticism.

"I think it'd be naïve to think that resources wouldn't get someone to the front of the line," he said.

AP journalists Marion Renault, Federica Narancio and Kathy Young contributed to this report.

BALLOT

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much larger font than in the past. At the same time, the County created much larger ballot cards to allows for more contests to be printed on a single page, and/or to have multiple columns for a given contest when the number of candidates demanded it.

With its new BMD voting system, the County also needed to comply with accessibility regulations - and rightfully so, because our right to vote needs to be accessible to all, inclusive of our differing abilities.

In reviewing best ballot design practices (as part of the VSAP research and development process - which involved an inclusive multi-year, multi-stakeholder public process), the County landed upon their BMD design showing four candidates on a single screen; and if more than four candidates appear in a single contest, a MORE button would appear on the bottom of the screen.

How well did these VBM and BMD designs work in combination with Santa Monica's extraordinarily high number of candidates? Read Ballot Placement Displacement - Part II tomorrow.

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Housing and Human Services Division

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