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Happy Chanukah



Matthew Hall

HOLIDAY: With Chanukah underway this week, Chabad has kept up their annual tradition of public menorahs throughout town.



County reaches 'catastrophic' COVID levels

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

On Dec. 11 L.A. County recorded a new daily high of 13,815 cases entering what health officials called "uncharted territory" that could put serious strain on hospital capacities in coming weeks.

"We're on a very dangerous track to see unprecedented and catastrophic suffering," said L.A. County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer. "At this point, we're seeing daily numbers of cases and hospitalizations that we've not experienced and, frankly, did not anticipate."

The County has now passed the alarming milestone of half a million COVID cases and the ongoing surge does not currently show signs of stopping. The average number of daily new cases this week is 10,283, compared to 6,200 last week, and 4,400 two weeks ago.

"These rapidly increasing cases are, at this point, a very real threat to the capacity at our hospitals and in our ICU units," said Ferrer. "The impact of this Thanksgiving surge of cases on top of already rising cases is creating an extraordinary stress on our healthcare system."

The 4,200 daily case average from two weeks ago has led to 3,017 current hospitalizations per day and 694 current ICU patients per day. If the same proportions continue, today's 10,200 daily case average will, in two weeks, lead to 7,326 hospitalizations per day and 1,685 ICU patients per day.

The 1,685 forecasted ICU number is cause for alarm as there are around 2100 ICU adult beds across all County hospitals and these are essential for patients requiring care for other illnesses including trauma, cardiac surgeries, and cancer treatments.

In spite of the distressing case rates, Ferrer did not indicate that the County would introduce new restrictions in the immediate future, but noted that this could change if the surge continues beyond the winter holidays.

"At this point really the goal is to get people to adhere to the safer-at-home order that's in place. We think it's a really strong safer-at-home order. We think it really does provide a lot of protection for all of

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Students get union to pass fossil fuel divestment resolution

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

The California State Teachers' Retirement System has $6 billion worth of investments in fossil fuels and Samohi's Team Marine wants every dollar divested.

After making a compelling presentation to the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association, the student environmental group succeeded in getting their divestment resolution passed with a unanimous vote.

SMMCTA now joins a coalition of 10 other teachers' unions demanding CalSTRS divest in a movement organized by environmental organization Fossil Free California. The students are proud to contribute a small yet significant step towards achieving divestment and they don't plan on stopping here.

"As it was passed unanimously we were really happy. It means that everyone saw what we saw and was listening to what we had to say which was really empowering," said Daniel Thurmond, Team Marine member. "It gave me and the other students a lot more inspiration to keep moving forward on this project to bigger and broader audiences."

The team strives to bring the divestment resolution initiative to other school environmental groups and their respective teachers' unions. They also seek to make their case to former Samohi teacher and SMMCTA president Harry Keiley who currently serves as the Vice Chair of CalSTRS Investment Committee.

"Divestment is so important

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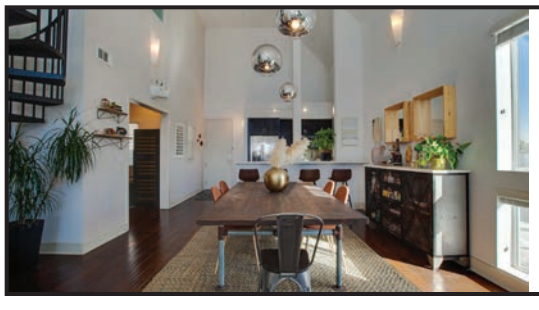
Hospitals prepare for first vaccine doses

AMY TAXIN AND DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

As California reported a record of nearly 35,500 positive coronavirus cases on Friday, there's a glimmer of hope: The state is awaiting the first batch of coronavirus vaccine and plans to distribute it to hospitals to inoculate healthcare workers on the front lines of the pandemic.

The state expects to receive 327,000 doses of Pfizer's vaccine by early next week. Counties will have

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specific allotments that will be distributed to hospitals that have adequate storage capacity and the ability to vaccinate people quickly.

The doses will arrive in a state grappling with a spiraling number of COVID-19 cases, soaring hospitalizations and record death counts. To buy time, Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration has placed much of the state on a stay-at-home order due to dwindling intensive care unit capacity.

Officials said they expect more doses to arrive once federal regulators review Moderna's vaccine next week. They said other manufacturers could later follow, increasing the amount of vaccine available in the state in 2021.

Here's the plans so far for COVID-19 vaccination in California:

WHEN IS THE VACCINE ARRIVING?

The initial doses of Pfizer's vaccine are expected to be shipped as soon as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration gives the go-ahead, a decision expected at least by this weekend. A consortium of Western states including California formed their own safety committee that is doing its own review in parallel with the FDA's consideration and could give its final approval as soon as the FDA acts.

It's then a matter of how quickly the vials can be shipped across the nation from the company's warehouse in Kalamazoo, Mich. The doses are packed in dry ice in what have been nicknamed "pizza boxes." The state expects two more batches later this month, then weekly allocations next year, said Dr. Paul Simon, chief science officer with Los Angeles County's Department of Public Health.

Elizabeth Fernandez, a hospital spokeswoman for the University of California San Francisco, said the first shipment could arrive Tuesday and be administered Wednesday.

HOW WILL THE DOSES BE DISTRIBUTED?

The initial doses will be distributed to hospitals that can show they have the capacity to safely store and administer the vaccine in line with Pfizer's guidelines. In Los Angeles County, nine sites with ultra cold freezers capable of storing Pfizer's vaccine will receive the initial allocations, Simon said.

Hospitals also must attest that they have a plan to distribute all doses within five days, said Dr. Clayton Chau, Orange County's public health officer. The distribution is tricky because the vaccines must be stored at low and ultra-low temperatures, Santa Clara County said in a statement.

Many of the details were still being worked out with county health agencies, hospital officials said on Friday.

WHO WILL RECEIVE THE FIRST DOSES?

Federal officials and a state community vaccine committee have spelled out the priority list for vaccines, with healthcare workers at greatest risk of virus exposure at the top. Chau said that could include emergency room and intensive care unit personnel.

"Local hospitals will need to determine which segment of their employee populations are at higher risk for contracting the virus due to this limited quantity," he said.

Fernandez, at UCSF, said that the hospital has yet to decide which health workers will be among the first to receive the vaccine. To start, the hospital will receive 975 doses, but can store far more with two ultra-low freezers that can each hold up to 600,000 doses. "We have plenty of storage capacity," she said.

These first doses of vaccine will go exclusively to hospitals for healthcare workers. Subsequent doses will also be set aside for healthcare workers, as well as residents and workers at long-term care and skilled-nursing facilities, who can expect to receive doses of the vaccine through local pharmacies, Chau said.

Essential workers including teachers and school staff will among the next groups prioritized for vaccination, said Dr. Erica Pan, the acting state public health officer. The general public can expect to be vaccinated in the spring and summer, Chau said.

Taxin reported from Orange County. Associated Press writer Janie Har in San Francisco contributed to this report.



Viral spread: Americans paying the price for Thanksgiving

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Associated Press

With some Americans now paying the price for what they did over Thanksgiving and falling sick with COVID-19, health officials are warning people — begging them, even — not to make the same mistake during the Christmas and New Year's season.

"It's a surge above the existing surge," said Ali Mokdad, a professor of health metrics sciences at the University of Washington in Seattle. "Quite honestly, it's a warning sign for all of us."

Across the country, contact tracers and emergency room doctors are hearing repeatedly from new coronavirus patients that they socialized over Thanksgiving with people outside their households, despite emphatic public-health warnings to stay home and keep their distance from others.

The virus was raging across the nation even before Thanksgiving but was showing some signs of flattening out. It has picked up steam since, with new cases per day regularly climbing well over 200,000.

The dire outlook comes even as the U.S. stands on the brink of a major vaccination campaign against COVID-19, with the Food and Drug Administration expected to give the final go-ahead any day now to use Pfizer's formula against the scourge that has killed over 290,000 Americans and infected more than 15.6 million.

Deaths in the U.S. have climbed to almost 2,260 per day on average, about equal to the peak seen in mid-April, when the New York City area was under siege. New cases are running at about 195,000 a day, based on a two-week rolling average, a 16% increase from the day before Thanksgiving, according to an Associated Press analysis.

In Washington state, contact tracers counted at least 336 people testing positive who said they attended gatherings or traveled during the Thanksgiving weekend. More are expected.

The virus could still be incubating in someone who was exposed while traveling home the Sunday after Thanksgiving; the end of that two-week incubation period is this Sunday.

Zana Cooper, a 60-year-old cancer survivor in Murrieta, California, tested positive for COVID-19 after attending a Thanksgiving dinner with her son's girlfriend's family. At the dinner, the girlfriend's father, who had recently traveled to Florida, wasn't feeling well and went to bed early.

Cooper learned the following Sunday that he tested positive.

"My first reaction was the f-word. I was so mad," she said. "I was upset. I was angry. I was like, 'How dare you take my life in your hands?'"

She has had fever and headaches, a runny nose and bloodshot eyes, and in recent days it has become more difficult to breathe and she has been using an inhaler. She said she believes she brought the virus home to her daughter and two grandchildren, who live with her and are now ill with what a doctor diagnosed as COVID-19.

In Philadelphia, a woman in her 20s gathered with 10 relatives on Thanksgiving, though she didn't feel well the day before. She later tested positive for COVID-19. Her family started developing symptoms, and seven members tested positive, said Philadelphia Health Commissioner Dr. Thomas Farley.

The next round of festivities could yield even more cases. Wall-to-wall holidays started this week. Hanukkah began Thursday evening and ends Dec. 18, followed by Christmas, Kwanzaa and New Year's Eve.

"This is not the time to invite the neighbors over for dinner. This is not the time to start having parties," said Arizona State University researcher Dr. Joshua LaBaer.

In parts of New York state, contact tracers are regularly hearing from the newly infected that they attended Thanksgiving festivities, said Steuben County Public Health Director Darlene Smith. Still unknown is how many they will infect and how many eventually will need a bed in intensive care, she said.

"It's the domino effect," Smith said.

Harry and Ashley Neidig, of Shepherdstown, West Virginia, tested positive for COVID-19 last week. They said they believe they contracted it from someone at their jobs as security officers but didn't know of their possible exposure before they celebrated Thanksgiving with both sides of the family.

On the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, Ashley Neidig, 25, noticed she couldn't smell a menthol-scented body scrub. After the couple got tested, they contacted their families to warn them. Some were awaiting test results, and so far no one else has had any symptoms, said Harry Neidig, 24.

"We feel bad because ... we definitely should've put a heavier weight into our decision to go," he said. "We should have told our family, 'Hey, given the nature of our job, we can't quarantine like other people in an office job.'"

He added: "You might want to take another look before you go somewhere for Christmas."

The surge around the country has swamped hospitals and left nurses and other health care workers exhausted and demoralized.

"Compassion fatigue is the best word for what we're experiencing," said Kiersten Henry, an ICU nurse practitioner at MedStar Montgomery Medical Center in Olney, Maryland. "I feel we've already run a marathon, and this is our second one. Even people who are upbeat are feeling run down at this point."

While some hospitals are scrambling to find beds and convert storage rooms and other places for use in treating patients, they are also dealing with dire staff shortages.

"We know how to make new beds," said Dr. Lew Kaplan, a critical care surgeon at the University of Pennsylvania's Perelman School of Medicine. "We don't know how to make new staff."

AP data journalist Nicky Forster in New York and Associated Press writer Marion Renault in Rochester, Minn., contributed to this report.

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SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 226 CALLS ON DECEMBER 10

Grand Theft Auto Report 1200blk Euclid St 12:05 a.m.
Vehicle Burglar Alarm 4th St / Montana Ave 12:08 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1200blk Euclid St 12:20 a.m.
Vehicle Burglar Alarm 400blk Montana Ave 12:20 a.m.
Construction Noise 2800blk Lincoln Blvd 1:48 a.m.
Burglary 700blk Wilshire Blvd 2:26 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400blk Euclid St 5:39 a.m.
Person Down 2600blk Expo Line 6:26 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1000blk Yale St 7:00 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1200blk 17th St 7:23 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300blk Olympic Dr 7:31 a.m.
Panic Alarm 300blk Olympic Dr 8:00 a.m.
Identity Theft 1400blk 7th St 8:20 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2500blk Kansas Ave 8:24 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300blk Ocean Ave 8:53 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1000blk Yale St 9:14 a.m.
General Parking Problem 300blk Olympic Dr 9:17 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1100blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:23 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 9:27 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2400blk 20th St 9:32 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 9:42 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 900blk 10th St 9:46 a.m.
Petty Theft 500blk Wilshire Blvd 9:53 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 2800blk Broadway 10:15 a.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:22 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk 9th St 10:26 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 800blk 10th St 10:27 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 3100blk 3rd St 10:32 a.m.
Battery 1800blk 9th St 10:45 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1300blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:46 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2200blk Carlyle Ave 10:48 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1900blk Arizona Ave 11:21 a.m.
Encampment 600blk Pico Blvd 11:28 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 2500blk Beverley Ave 11:31 a.m.
Drinking In Public 1100blk 14th St 11:36 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1000blk 2nd St 11:51 a.m.
Lewd Activity 400blk Broadway 11:56 a.m.
Attempt Auto Theft Report 1000blk Stanford St 11:58 a.m.
Identity Theft 200blk 17th St 11:59 a.m.
General Parking Problem 900blk 20th St 12:00 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1700blk 11th St 12:03 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1200blk 2nd St 12:26 p.m.
Battery 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 12:27 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1300blk Pico Blvd 12:34 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300blk Ocean Ave 12:43 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 3300blk Barnard Way 1:08 p.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 1:20 p.m.
Panhandling 26th St / Wilshire Blvd 1:27 p.m.
Petty Theft 1200blk 19th St 1:56 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1200blk 22nd St 2:22 p.m.
Loitering 1200blk Pico Blvd 2:27 p.m.
Person Down Euclid St / Pico Blvd 2:33 p.m.
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Red Zone Violation 1300blk 2nd St 2:44 p.m.
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California's health order falling on many deaf ears

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Associated Press

In the Southern California oceanside city of Manhattan Beach, one arm of government is urging residents to stay home except for essential needs while another is encouraging them to get out and shop and even providing places where they can sit down to relax, eat takeout and watch the sun set over the Pacific.

It's one example of confusing messages from governments as most of California is under a broad shutdown order that includes an overnight curfew to try to stem record-breaking coronavirus cases that threaten to overwhelm the hospital system.

While state and county health officials are pleading with residents to stay home and only mingle with those in their household, the order allows all retailers to remain open with 20% capacity and encourages people to get outside to exercise.

Manhattan Beach Mayor Suzanne Hadley said her community saw an opportunity to aid local businesses while meeting the stipulations of the order. The solution: repurposing city-owned patio areas set up to allow restaurants to serve diners outdoors — which no longer is allowed — into "public seating areas" where downtown shoppers can relax.

"Shopping for a Christmas gift, buying a to-go meal, watching a sunset are allowed, and even the outdoor activities are encouraged by the state," she said.

Manhattan Beach in is Los Angeles County, the state's largest with 10 million residents and disproportionately large numbers of California's coronavirus cases, hospitalizations and deaths.

On Thursday, when the state set a one-day record of 220 deaths, county Health Director Barbara Ferrer said if people don't follow orders to stay home except for essential needs and not mingle with people outside their households, "we are running a risk that could have catastrophic consequences, with hospitals becoming overwhelmed and severely ill patients not able to get the care they need."

Ferrer said the county needs to return to the restrictions of the spring at the beginning of the pandemic.

The shutdown order by Gov. Gavin Newsom took effect last weekend, but it seems to be having a minimal effect on daily life. It allows many more activities than the March shutdown that made the state a model on how to respond to the pandemic.

Marissa Englund was among about two dozen hair stylists who protested Thursday outside the office of Dr. Matt Willis, Marin County's public health officer. Hair salons are among the businesses shuttered by the latest health order.

"They're basically contradicting themselves because they're telling everybody to shelter in place and stay at home as much as you can but go ahead and go Christmas shopping," Englund said.

Back in March, all retail in California was closed. The normally clogged streets of San Francisco were so desolate that for weeks birds could be heard singing at all times of day.

But their tweets have long been replaced by the din of cars and delivery trucks racing down major thoroughfares. The parking lot of a Target store in the city was almost full one afternoon this week with shoppers going in and out and no one verifying the store was operating at the required 20% capacity.

In Southern California's Huntington Beach, people were lifting weights at a fitness center that is supposed to be closed under the order.

Dr. Scott Morrow, public health officer for San Mateo County, said in a letter to residents he decided against joining other San Francisco Bay Area counties in a voluntary shutdown because he doesn't think the new order "will do much good" if no one enforces the rules.

He also said he had no knowledge of data that suggests business activities restricted by the state have had a major impact on transmission of the virus.

"What I believe now is the power and authority to control this pandemic lies primarily in your hands, not mine," Morrow wrote.

Susan Snycerski, a psychology professor at San Jose State University, said pandemic fatigue is setting in and may be contributing to less people heeding health orders. But conflicting messages at the federal, state, and local levels also are having an impact.

"We've been asked to do something that we've never had to do in our entire lives and to do that we need to have a clear message, we need to have models in terms of watching people engage in the right behaviors — and we haven't had that for the most part," she said.

Englund said it has been frustrating to see small shops near her salon remain open when she spent $7,000 to set up her salon and buy all the personal protective equipment needed to make it safe for her clients. She only has one chair and is the only one who works there. Masks are required and never taken off, and she takes 15 minutes in between clients to sanitize, she said.

"People are walking into these stores, and you know that they're not sanitizing everything that somebody touches. How is that OK?" she asked.

"The unfortunate thing is that they're going to force everybody underground, and it's so much more unsanitary to go to somebody else's house (for a haircut). Whereas we can control our environment and our space where we work," she said.

Ignacio Castro, a 46-year-old mechanical engineer from Los Angeles, said the new order has him rethinking how often he goes out for groceries. He's now planning to go once a week. But Castro, who cares for his elderly parents, said he thinks he's one of few really heeding the plea to stay home.

"I'm seeing even more traffic," he said. "In March, the streets were empty. People were genuinely scared to go out."

Paz Jackson, a registered nurse, said she and her husband took the half-hour drive from Los Angeles to Manhattan Beach to eat lunch outdoors — something they can no longer do

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ON NOVEMBER 20

Two SMPD Officers were dispatched to a call of "Unknown Trouble" at approximately 6:05 p.m. on the Promenade near Santa Monica Blvd. Upon arrival, officers determined a male subject had knocked over a City of Santa Monica electric traffic board. The sign board weighed upwards of 400 pounds and stood approximately 7 feet tall. Moving such a large item could cause serious injuries to passersby. The suspect was later identified by a witness as Casey Casper, 38 years old. Officers were able to review video footage providing confirmation of the witness' statement. Casper was apprehended a few blocks away after toppling a second traffic sign. Casper was arrested for 594(a)(2) - Vandalism.

Biden: Cabinet picks from Obama era mean 'bold new thinking'

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President-elect Joe Biden on Friday introduced a series of key picks for his new government that drew heavily from the Obama administration, saluting their "deep experience" while insisting he could rely on them for "bold new thinking."

Appearing with Biden were his choice for director of the White House Domestic Policy Council, Susan Rice, who served as President Barack Obama's national security adviser and U.N. ambassador; and Denis McDonough, Obama's White House chief of staff, now nominated as veterans affairs secretary.

His choice for agriculture secretary, Tom Vilsack, served in the same post for Obama for eight years.

Biden's selection for housing chief, Ohio Rep. Marcia Fudge, had been championed by some leading African American members of Congress and civil rights activists for agriculture secretary, in an effort to overhaul how the government combats hunger nationwide. Biden seemed to acknowledge that, saying she could "do many jobs beyond the one I'm asking her to do."

He was unapologetic in repeatedly noting how long he'd known many of the selections.

"Some are familiar faces. Some are new in their roles. All are facing new circumstances and challenges. That's a good thing," Biden said during an event at a theater in downtown Wilmington, Delaware. "They bring deep experience and bold new thinking. Above all, they know how government should and can work for all Americans."

Relying too heavily on Obama administration veterans has already begun to draw some grumbling from members of Biden's own party, however. Obama was first elected on promises to move beyond partisan politics, but saw some major policy goals crash into an uncooperative Congress, especially after Republican gains in the 2010 midterms.

Some progressives feel the Obama team should have been bolder in its efforts to remake government and worry that Biden will fall into the same trap.

Mark Riddle, a Democratic strategist who founded a pro-Biden Super PAC during the 2020 presidential campaign, said there is no danger in relying too heavily on "all star" former Obama administration leaders. But he advised Biden's team to prioritize controlling the coronavirus pandemic enough to spur economic growth, rather than having arguments over social policies that might allow congressional Republicans to more easily block sweeping policy initiatives.

"The success or failure of the administration out of the box is going to be, Do they focus on jobs?," Riddle said. "If we come out of the box on jobs, jobs, jobs, I feel great. If we are about a bunch of other, say, progressive ideals, we could be right back where we were."

Biden called Vilsack "the best secretary of agriculture I believe this country's ever had," and Vilsack, former governor of the farming state of Iowa, talked about bringing assistance to rural areas. But he also pledged Friday to ensure that every child nationwide has "access to safe, affordable, nutritious food."

Fudge said that under her direction the Department of Housing and Urban Development will ensure people know "that their government cares about them."

McDonough has been tasked with running a large agency that has presented organizational challenges for both parties over the years. Biden noted how he had traveled to Iraq and Afghanistan and had a deep understanding of veterans' issues and the sacrifices of those who serve in the military and their families.

"I have given Denis a clear mission: fight like hell — fight like hell — for veterans and their families," the president-elect said.

Rice, who was once thought to be a finalist to become Biden's running mate before he settled on Kamala Harris, is set to have wide ranging sway over the incoming administration's approach to immigration, health care and racial inequality. She worked closely with Biden when he was Obama's vice president and won't require Senate confirmation — which could have faced stiff Republican opposition.

"She's going to elevate and turbocharge a revitalized domestic policy council," Biden vowed.

Katherine Tai, who is chief trade counsel for the House Ways and Means Committee, is Biden's pick for U.S. trade representative. Tai, like those in line to head agencies, requires Senate approval.

Rice and Fudge are African American and Tai is Asian American, reflecting Biden's promise to choose a diverse Cabinet that reflects the makeup of the country.

Biden said his choices "have different backgrounds and lived experiences."

"And," he said "they all reflect the very best of our nation."

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Vernon, CA, November 18 - Plant workers employed before 1981 diagnosed with various cancers are entitled to special benefits. Lung cancer, esophageal cancer, laryngeal cancer, pharyngeal cancer, stomach cancer, colon cancer, rectal cancer, and mesothelioma are frequently caused by asbestos exposure. Asbestos-laced products were used for decades at Pioneer Flintkote Plant. Neither employees nor management were aware of the asbestos risk.

Asbestos is a mineral that in its natural state is harmless. It becomes harmful when it is pulled apart or ground up into flexible fibers. Then, when inhaled or swallowed, microscopic asbestos fibers may be permanently affixed to body tissue. Over many years, these fibers may cause genetic changes that can lead to cancer. According to the National Cancer Institute, "It can take from 10 to 40 years or more for asbestos-related cancers to appear."

To compensate cancer victims and the families of deceased cancer victims, Federal Bankruptcy Courts have required asbestos manufacturers to set aside hundreds of millions of dollars in private trusts. Through these trusts, cancer victims can receive money damages by the filing of timely, detailed, and accurate claims.

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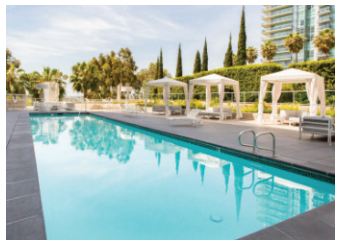
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As he rails on election, Trump largely mum on toll of virus

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Associated Press

President Donald Trump has been highlighting lots of really big numbers this week: New highs for the stock market. The 100-plus House members backing a lawsuit challenging his election loss. The nearly 75 million people who voted for him.

All the while, he's looked past other staggering and more consequential figures: The record numbers of coronavirus deaths, hospitalizations and new cases among the citizens of the nation he leads.

On Friday, Trump's team blasted out a text with this strong, high-minded presidential message: "We will not bend. We will not break. We will never give in. We will never give up."

But it was not a rallying cry to help shore up Americans sagging under the toll of a pandemic that on Wednesday alone killed more Americans than on D-Day or 9/11. It was part of a fundraising pitch tied to Senate races in Georgia and to Trump's unsupported claims that Democrats are trying to "steal" the presidential election he lost.

Of Trump's tweets over the past week, 82 percent have been focused on the election and just 7 percent on the virus — almost all of those related to forthcoming vaccines — according to Factba.se, a data analytics company. Nearly a third of the president's tweets on the election were flagged by Twitter for misinformation.

As he talks and tweets at length about the election he is futilely trying to subvert, the president is leaving Americans without a central figure to help them deal with their grief over loved-ones' deaths and the day-to-day danger of the pandemic that still rages. His strategy is to focus totally on the shiny object coming soon — the prospect of a vaccine.

Calvin Jillson, a presidential historian at Southern Methodist University, said Trump has proven himself unable or unwilling to muster the "normal and natural, falling-off-a-log simple presidential approach" that is called for in any moment of national grief or crisis.

"He simply doesn't seem to have the emotional depth, the emotional reserves to feel what's happening in the country and to respond to it in the way that any other president -- even those who've been fairly emotionally crippled -- would do," Jillson said.

Trump did convene a summit this week to highlight his administration's successful efforts to help hasten the development of coronavirus vaccines and prepare for their speedy distribution. And he spent part of Friday pressing federal authorities to authorize use of the first-up vaccine candidate from Pfizer.

At his summit, the president put heavy emphasis on the faster-than-expected development of the vaccines, calling it "an incredible success," "a monumental national achievement," "really amazing" and "somewhat of a miracle." He's also claimed credit, though Pfizer developed its vaccine outside the administration's "Operation Warp Speed."

In a passing nod to the pandemic's toll, Trump promised the coming vaccines would "quickly and dramatically reduce deaths and hospitalizations," adding that "we want to get back to normal." But it will be months before most Americans have access to a vaccine.

Asked what message he had for Americans suffering great hardship as the holidays approach and the virus only gets worse, Trump's answer had an almost clinical tone.

"Yeah, well, CDC puts out their guidelines, and they're very important guidelines," he said, "but I think this: I think that the vaccine was our goal."

To focus otherwise would undercut Trump's goal of minimizing the national pain of the virus' toll and his claims that the danger will soon vanish.

Trump's successor, Joe Biden, on Friday answered that approach with a promise for greater presidential leadership. Of the virus, he said: "We can wish this away, but we need to face it."

Jeff Shesol, a presidential historian and former speechwriter for President Bill Clinton, said Trump's failure to express empathy was a "personal pathology manifesting itself as political strategy."

"It's not simply that he has decided not to express concern or sorrow, it's that he does not feel the sorrow," Shesol said.

Ari Fleischer, who served as White House press secretary to President George W. Bush, said Trump has approached the virus in a "very mechanical, focus-on-the-vaccine kind of way" when people are also hungering for an emotional connection. That's hurt Trump politically, but it's true to his persona, Fleischer added.

"The president is a blunt force more than he's an empathetic force," Fleischer said. "To his credit, he doesn't pretend. He is who he is. Most politicians would fake it."

The White House did not respond to a request for comment for this story.

It's not just Trump who is fazed by how best to acknowledge the toll of the virus.

The issue led to an unusually personal argument on the air Thursday at Fox News Channel, the favorite network for many of Trump's supporters. Marie Harf, a commentator on the midday show "Outnumbered," noted that 43 minutes into the show the previous day's record-setting number of COVID deaths hadn't been mentioned.

"We cannot lose sight of the tragedy that is unfolding every day in this country, in large part because people want to go about like normal and they don't want to wear masks," she said.

The show's host, Harris Faulkner, called Harf's remark offensive. "Keep your judgment someplace where you know you can fact-check it, because you can't see my heart."

Late-night TV hosts, too, took note of the scant acknowledgment of the unfolding tragedy.

In a lengthy monologue Thursday night, NBC "Late Night" host Seth Meyers faulted Trump and Republicans for continuing to focus on trying to overturn the long-settled election "as thousands of Americans die every day from a pandemic they clearly don't care about."

Associated Press writer David Bauder in New York and data journalist Nicky Forster contributed to this report.

Congress averts shutdown, buys time for more COVID-19 talks

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Congress sent a temporary government-wide funding bill to President Donald Trump on Friday that would avert a federal shutdown at midnight and buy time for on-again, off-again talks on COVID-19 aid.

The bill sets a new deadline of midnight next Friday. The short-term measure passed the Senate by a unanimous voice vote without much drama and sent senators home for the weekend without a clear picture of what awaits next week. The House passed the bill Wednesday. Trump was expected to sign it before midnight.

The talks are stalled but there is universal agreement that Congress won't adjourn for the year without passing a long-delayed round of pandemic relief. An emerging $900 billion aid package from a bipartisan group of lawmakers hit a rough patch after Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., swung against the effort. Still, negotiations are ongoing and the pressure remains intense.

The House has recessed for a few days, with leaders warning members to be prepared to return to Washington to vote on the year-end deals.

Negotiators on a separate $1.4 trillion catchall spending bill appeared to be moving in a positive direction, said the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala.. This bill would serve as a vehicle to carry any year-end virus assistance.

The breakdown over the aid package is a Capitol Hill head-scratcher. Trump has renewed a push for a fresh round of stimulus checks for Americans, proposing $600 per individual rather than the $1,200 that was sent out this spring. Cost concerns are responsible for the smaller amount.

Sending direct cash payments to households was not included in the bipartisan proposal or a lower cost plan from Senate Republicans that has failed twice. The idea of another round of cash but has been embraced by some of the president's fiercest critics — including Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., and Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt.

"We're not going to go home for the Christmas holidays unless we make sure that we provide for the millions of families in this country who are suffering," Sanders said.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said Congress would keep working up to or even after Christmas to get an agreement. The new Congress is being sworn in on Jan. 3.

The $900 billion-plus proposal provides sweeping new funds for vaccines, small businesses, health care providers, schools and families suffering from the virus crisis and the economic shutdowns.

A key hold up has been the standoff over more money for the states, that Democrats - and some Republicans - want and the liability shield that is McConnell's top GOP priority but that most Democrats oppose.

The bipartisan group tried to marry those two provisions as a compromise.

McConnell had initially proposed a five-year liability shield from virus lawsuits, retroactive to December 2019, but the bipartisan group was eyeing a scaled-back shield of six months to a year. Labor and civil rights groups oppose any shield, which they say strips essential workers of potential legal recourse as they take risks during the pandemic.

Democratic leaders had wanted far more in state and local aid, but were accepting of the lower $160 billion.

But many Republicans have long viewed the state and local aid as a bailout they would have trouble supporting, despite the pleas for funds coming from governors and mayors nationwide.

Late Thursday, Sen. Dick Durbin and other Democrats pitched another liability proposal to the bipartisan group, but it was rejected by Republicans, according to a Senate aide granted anonymity to discuss the private session.

The Trump administration is back in the middle of the negotiations with a $916 billion plan. It would send a $600 direct payment to most Americans but eliminate a $300-per-week employment benefit favored by the bipartisan group of Senate negotiators.

The White House offer has the endorsement of the top House Republican and apparent backing from McConnell. Democrats oppose the plan in part because of the administration's refusal to back the partial restoration, to $300 per week, of bonus pandemic jobless benefits that lapsed in August.

COVID-19

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us," said Ferrer.

The arrival of the Pfizer vaccine serves as a glimmer of hope. Phase 1A of distribution is expected to begin next week, which is reserved for hospital workers and skilled nursing facilities residents and workers. The Moderna vaccine is slated for a hearing by the FDA Advisory Board on Dec. 17, and is expected to begin distribution this month.

By the end of the year, California expects to give the first dose of the vaccine to the 2.16 million people in phase 1A, but it is likely to be many months until the vaccine is available to the general public.

In the meantime, health officials urged Angelenos to heed safer-at-home directives to rein in the current spike by wearing a face covering and keeping physical from anyone outside of their household.

"I think what we have right now would work if we had almost everybody doing it. I think it will slow the surge," said Ferrer. "We just need everyone to start doing what they need to be doing."

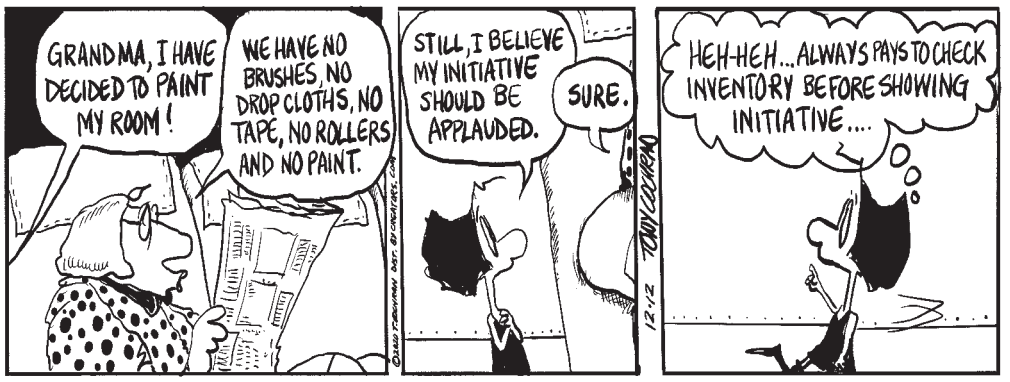
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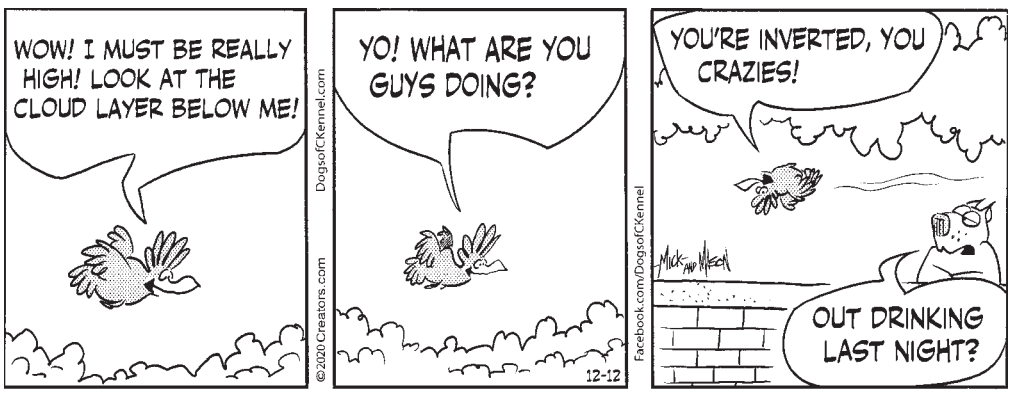
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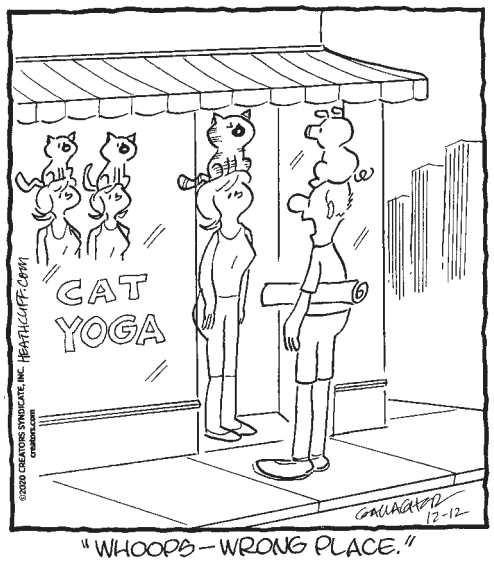
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The thing you are exceptional at needn't be touted in the early stages of a relationship. Keep it in your back pocket for a surprising moment of maximum impact.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you dare to talk about what's on your mind, longtime friends will have fascinating insights as to the situation, while people who don't know you as well will have an even more interesting take on it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your immediate goal is to learn as much as possible. Later, you'll figure out how to apply it and make the big bucks. You'll build soft and hard skills at the same time.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you love a thing, you want other people to know about it, too. You'll take the time to learn about the history and the nuances that make a thing unique so you may later share it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't have to wait for a thing to happen to be grateful for it. You can start the cycle at any time. Being grateful in advance paves the way for abundance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The difference between the hard job and the easy one will be the number of steps, the amount of risk and the amount of acting you have to do. Your decision will ultimately hinge on the latter part.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're not doing it in the way they are doing it; therefore, they don't know what to do with your product. Don't give up though. A demonstration and/or instruction may be in order.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you know you're outmatched, sometimes the power move is to surrender. Without a fight, your opponent will let the guard down. It gives you time to think of your next move.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's no benefit to being any other age, shape, size or personality than that which naturally befalls you at this time. All the good stuff comes from being exactly you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Telling your own story well is a gift you give yourself. Your story influences people's opinions of you, but that's not the reason it's worth working on. This is about appreciating how you built yourself.

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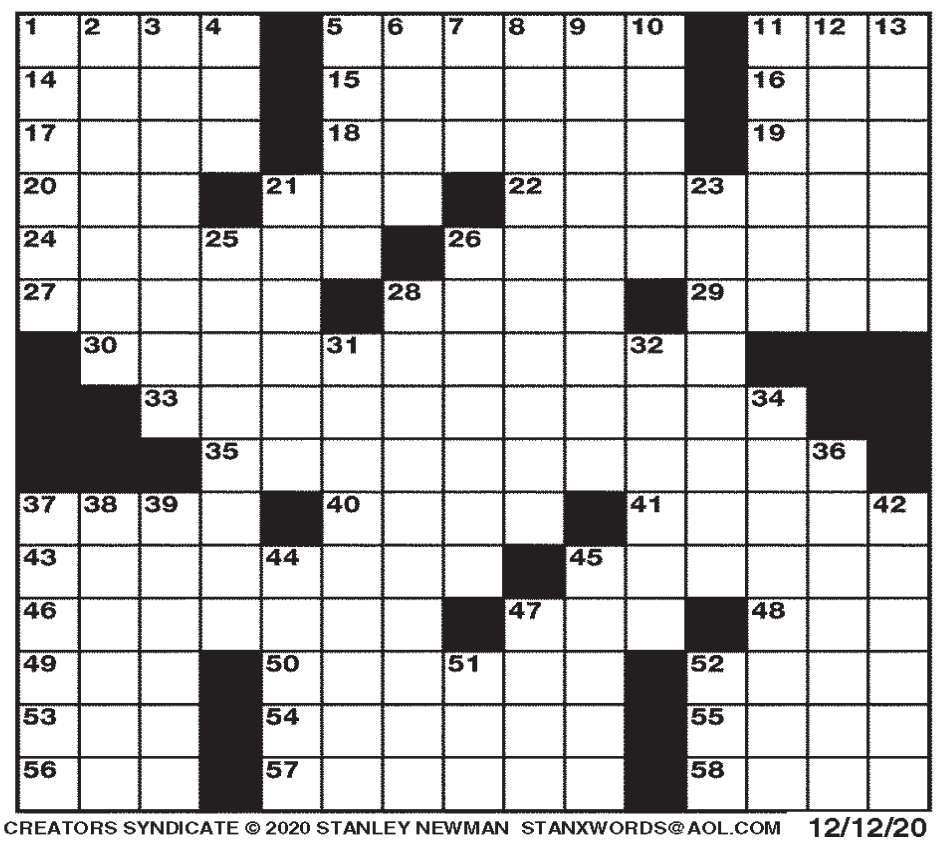
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12 Word from the Greek for "egg"
13 Was a rebuker
21 Course with a twist
23 Type of track
25 Ion used in plating
26 Deluged with documents, in legalese
28 Essence of Polonius' advice
31 Oral arrangement
32 Something taken home
34 Part of Polo's path
36 Kipling story's "sandy" subject
37 Acknowledges, in a way
38 "Elevate Your Table" sloganeer
39 Plane path
42 Disagreeably sharp
44 Directive at a table
45 Brats, for instance
47 Rural art "canvas"
51 "Quit clipping me!"
52 Person who's somewhat astonished



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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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Aims	Dawn	Ideals	Patsy
Askin	Easy	Jobs	Roche
Beaux	Elders	Johnny	Rose
Benaud	Fraser	O'Keefe	Shake
Bodgie	Free	Konrads	Slang
Boom	Fun	Laver	Tunes
Break	Gorton	Love	Uranium
Chappell	Gra Gra	Marijuana	Walks
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NAME CHANGES

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 20SMCP00358
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of Yasaman Gharib for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Yasaman Gharib filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Yasaman Gharib to Yasamin Gharib The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: January 08, 2021, Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K, Room: A-203
The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401
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Date: 10/19/2020

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because it interweaves economic, social, environmental and even political spectrums of this issue. It's a movement that inspires others, so say CalSTRS divests and other investors corporations may look at it and do the same," said Thurmond. "It's also very effective because it's taking away sponsorship from those who aren't doing their part racially, socially, and who are exploiting communities."

In their presentation to SMMCTA, Team Marine drew attention to how many of the corporations in CalSTRS' fossil fuel portfolio have disregarded and discriminated against vulnerable communities. For example, CalSTRS is invested in Phillips66, an energy company that advocated for installing the Dakota Access Pipeline through Standing Rock Indian Reservation.

CalSTRS is also invested in Chevron and Exxon who own the Torrance and El Segundo refineries. Many of their refineries are located in low income communities who suffer disproportionate negative health impacts including increased respiratory illnesses, birth defects, and water contamination.

"What they are doing is exploiting communities who can't really speak up for themselves and these people have no political power in regards to these corporations," said Thurmond. "CalSTRS along with these fossil fuel companies are continuing a narrative that is against everything that our essential human rights are for."

While members are aware of the scope of the climate crisis, Team Marine believes divestment is a powerful tool to address it, considering that a mere 100 companies are responsible for 71 percent of global emissions. The students are motivated by a deep love of their local environment and desire to preserve it for many years to come.

"What makes me passionate about this project and environmentalism in general is that we are ultimately guaranteeing a safe and livable future for future generations," said Isabel Homberg Reissmeier, Team Marine Member. "I think it's that big picture that I always look up to—preserving our beautiful landscape and protecting people."

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HEALTH

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near their home.

She said she felt safe grabbing a burger and taking it to the public patio as there were few people and no crowds. But she said she understands why Newsom issued the order, especially in larger cities where the virus is surging.

"We love to eat outside," she said. "A lot of people would like to go out and not be staying at home all the time. It's an individual decision."

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