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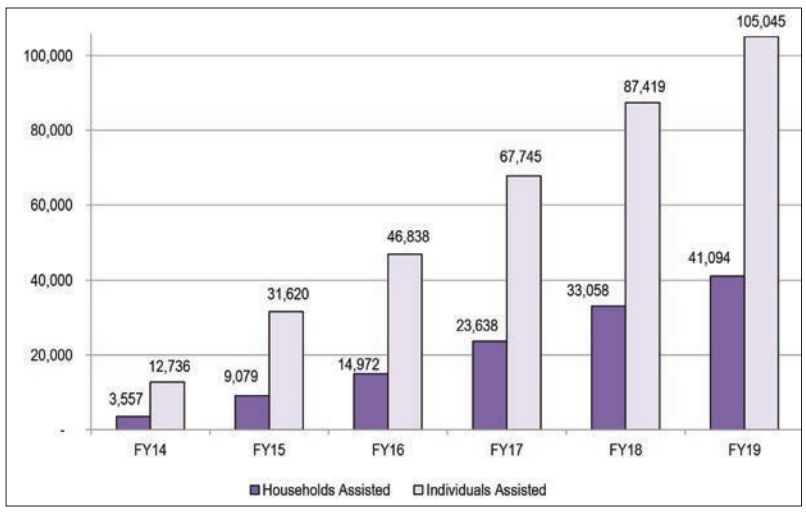
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SMDP Staff Writer

A program to guarantee Santa Monica renters legal representation would cost up to $1 million per year, officials said.

The City Council voted last week to develop an ordinance that would provide free legal counsel to tenants faced with eviction. Councilmember Sue Himmelrich said Tuesday that she and Mayor Kevin McKeown introduced the proposal after learning that Pico Lanai Apartments, a 174-unit complex in Santa Monica's rapidly gentrifying Pico neighborhood, had been sold for $59 million to investment firm Pacific Reach Properties.

"The last statement that was made by the people who bought it was that they were intending to turn it into a place for millennials," Himmelrich said. "Right now, it's very affordable housing containing some of our most vulnerable residents."

In Santa Monica, owners of rent-controlled properties may only evict tenants if they have "just cause," if they or their immediate family members wish to occupy the property or if they wish to leave the rental business. Most multifamily buildings in the city constructed before 1979, including Pico Lanai, are subject to rent control.



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AID: New York already provides aid to renters facing eviction and data shows an increasing need for services.

A new state law that goes into effect Jan. 1 will extend those eviction protections to all renters in buildings constructed before 2005, impacting 8 million California tenants. The law also limits annual rent increases in those buildings to

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Sheryl Fink

DONATIONS: Mitchell Fink and several other members of the Santa Monica Elks 906 and American Legion Venice Post 177 delivered candy wreaths to the nurse stations of the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration hospital.

Democratic leaders push to end Los Angeles labor dispute and save debate

BILL BARROW AND KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

Democratic officials are pushing for an end to a labor dispute that threatens the party's sixth presidential primary debate, scheduled for Thursday on a California university campus.

Xochitl Hinojosa, the Democratic National Committee's communications director and a lead debate organizer for DNC Chairman Tom Perez, said Monday that Perez "spent the entire weekend" urging stakeholders to engage in good-faith, mediated negotiations. He's seeking a resolution to the dispute

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Supreme Court won't revive homeless camping ban

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The Supreme Court will not review an appellate decision that makes it harder for cities to keep homeless people from sleeping on the streets.

The justices on Monday did not comment as they left in place a ruling that struck down a Boise, Idaho, ordinance. The ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals applies across several Western states where cities are struggling with homelessness brought on by rising housing costs and income inequality. Many have similar restrictions that aim to keep homeless people from sleeping on their streets.

The appeals court held that Boise could not make it a crime for homeless people to sleep on the streets when no alternative shelter is available. The decision the justices refused to review found that the Boise ordinance violated

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, December 17

Cursive Fun with Holiday Cards

Learn the art and valuable skill of cursive writing while creating beautiful holiday cards. For ages 6 - 12. Fairview Branch Library, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Excel II (MS Office 2016)

Go beyond the basics. Create more advanced formulas, perform multi-level data sorts, work with several worksheets, and more. Seating is first come, first serve. Advanced Level. Main Library, Computer Classroom, 2nd Floor, 6 - 7 p.m.

Ocean Park Mystery Book Group

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Emphasis on international authors and locations. All are welcome. No registration required. December's title: 'My Sister the Serial Killer' by Oyinkan Braithwaite. Ocean Park Branch Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18

The Story of Snow

We will read from, Our Wonderful Weather: Snow by Valerie Bodden and learn why and how snow falls in certain regions. Work on a project to make some snow and take it to go! Limited space; registration starts, 11/25. Ages 6-10. Friends sponsored. Pico Branch Library Annex, 4 - 5 p.m.

Pajama Storytime: Winter Wonderland

Cozy up in PJs, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and get ready for a winter wonderland of stories! For families. Ocean Park Branch Library, 6:30 - 7 p.m.

Montana Book Discussion Group

December title: Renoir's Dancer, by Catherine Hewitt. In the 1880s, Suzanne Valadon was considered the Impressionists' most beautiful model. Then Renoir caught her indulging in a passion she had been trying to conceal: the model was herself a talented artist. Hewitt tells the remarkable tale of an ambitious, headstrong woman fighting to find a professional voice in a male-dominated world. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 7 - 8:30 pm.

Thursday, December 19

The Recreation & Parks Commission Regular Meeting

The Recreation & Parks Commission advises City Council and City staff on matters related to recreation and use of public open space. City Hall Council Chamber, 7:30 p.m.

Finals Study Hall for High School Students

Grab some coffee and snacks, and take advantage of a quiet study area in the Activity Room, or check out a private study room with a library card. Please note: private study rooms are first-come, first-served, with limited availability. Presented by the Santa Monica Public Library Teen Advisory Council. Main Library, Activity Room, 2 - 7 p.m.

L.E.A.R.N.: Learn, Excel, Achieve and Read Now

One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Pico Branch Library, 3:30 - 6 p.m.

Friday, December 20

Music and Movement at the Library

A musical story time that will have little ones singing and dancing along as they learn important early literacy skills. For ages 18 months to five years old. Fairview Branch Library, 3:30 - 4 p.m.

Main Library Docent Tours

Docent led tours are offered the third Friday of each month. Docent led tours of the Main Library cover the library's gold LEED rating of sustainability, its art, architecture and even the library's collection! Docents are able to adapt the tour to fit your interest and time. Main Library, Central Courtyard, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Countywide

County develops action plan for homelessness prevention

Los Angeles County has developed a homelessness prevention action plan based on predictive modeling research that can identify residents at high risk of becoming homeless.

The new predictive model, developed by the California Policy Lab and the University of Chicago Poverty Lab, uses Los Angeles County data to predict those most likely to become homeless soon.

Of the people who were identified as at the highest risk of experiencing homelessness almost half actually became homeless and people in this group were 27 times more likely to become homeless as compared to the average person receiving services from L.A. County.

The findings are at the heart of the action plan created by a County-led Mainstream Systems Homelessness Prevention Workgroup made up of County policy makers and expert stakeholders and submitted to the Board of Supervisors today. The recommendations in the action plan will be executed beginning next year. Funding for these innovative tactics will come from County departments and Measure H. A total of $3 million in Measure H funding has been earmarked to support initial implementation of these strategies.

The proposed interventions are urgently needed to address the continuing surge of people becoming homeless in Los Angeles County every day.

"Last year, despite providing housing to tens of thousands of people, we saw more and more individuals and families becoming homeless," said Phil Ansell, the director of Los Angeles County's Homeless Initiative. "L.A. County is focused on using strategic approaches to preventing homelessness, and these groundbreaking models will make it possible to reach those who need us the most before they reach the crisis point and fall into homelessness."

In 2018, it is estimated that 133 people were housed each day but 150 more fell into homelessness.

THE ACTION PLAN INCLUDES USING THE FOLLOWING DATA-DRIVEN TACTICS:

Using the predictive model, generate a list of clients county-wide who are at highest risk of homelessness and currently receiving County services, such as CalFresh and General Relief. The predictive models show that using a data-driven approach, the County can identify individuals receiving those and other services who are almost 30 times more likely to become homeless than the average County client.

Explore piloting a centralized, multi-disciplinary Homelessness Prevention Unit to target and package services county-wide for a generated high-risk list of County clients. This cross-agency team would help coordinate outreach and services to those at highest risk of becoming homeless.

Using the predictive model, generate a list of families receiving cash aid from the CalWORKS program who are at highest risk of homelessness to target for additional services.

The refinement of Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) intake protocols to prompt enrollment in County homelessness prevention programs as a primary response to housing instability. Research has shown that two-thirds of families experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County had child welfare involvement prior to becoming homeless and that more than 50% of these engaged households did not end up having an open case for DCFS services, suggesting that identification and treatment for housing instability at the time of DCFS intake may have prevented homelessness for these households and reduced trauma.

Explore using predictive model to generate a list of DCFS/Probation- connected transition age youth at highest risk of homelessness for proactive outreach by DCFS. This would mirror the predictive model for single adults but would be refined for this specific population.

"Predictive modeling can help ensure that homelessness prevention services are getting to the right people, at the right time, before they're in a full-blown crisis," explains Janey Rountree, executive director of the California Policy Lab (UCLA). "We look forward to seeing its impact in connecting people to the help they need."

"The models suggest that sharp spikes in service use, increasingly frequent service use, and the receipt of multiple services from a single agency are all warning signs that someone living in deep poverty is at high risk for homelessness," said Harold Pollack, the Helen Ross Professor at the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, a co-author of the predictive analytics study and co-director of the Chicago Health Lab. "We're now diving deeper into the models with our L.A. County partners to learn more and to see how these results can help focus public health and social services to this vulnerable population."

The predictive models research used anonymized data from seven L.A. County agencies about services they provided to L.A. County residents between 2012 and 2016. Researchers developed models to predict which residents were most likely to become homeless in 2017. The research team then checked the accuracy of their model's predictions against County records to see who actually became homeless in 2017.

Of the 3,000 people whom the model identified as at highest risk of experiencing homelessness in 2017, 46 percent actually became homeless, according to the researchers. People in this group were 27 times more likely to become homeless than the average County client. Researchers also identified 3,000 L.A. County residents who were at the highest risk of first-time homelessness. Of this predicted group, one in three subsequently became homeless, and people in this group were 48 times more likely to become homeless for the first time than the average County client.

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California extends deadline to purchase health insurance

Californians have a little more time to purchase health insurance plans that take effect with the new year.

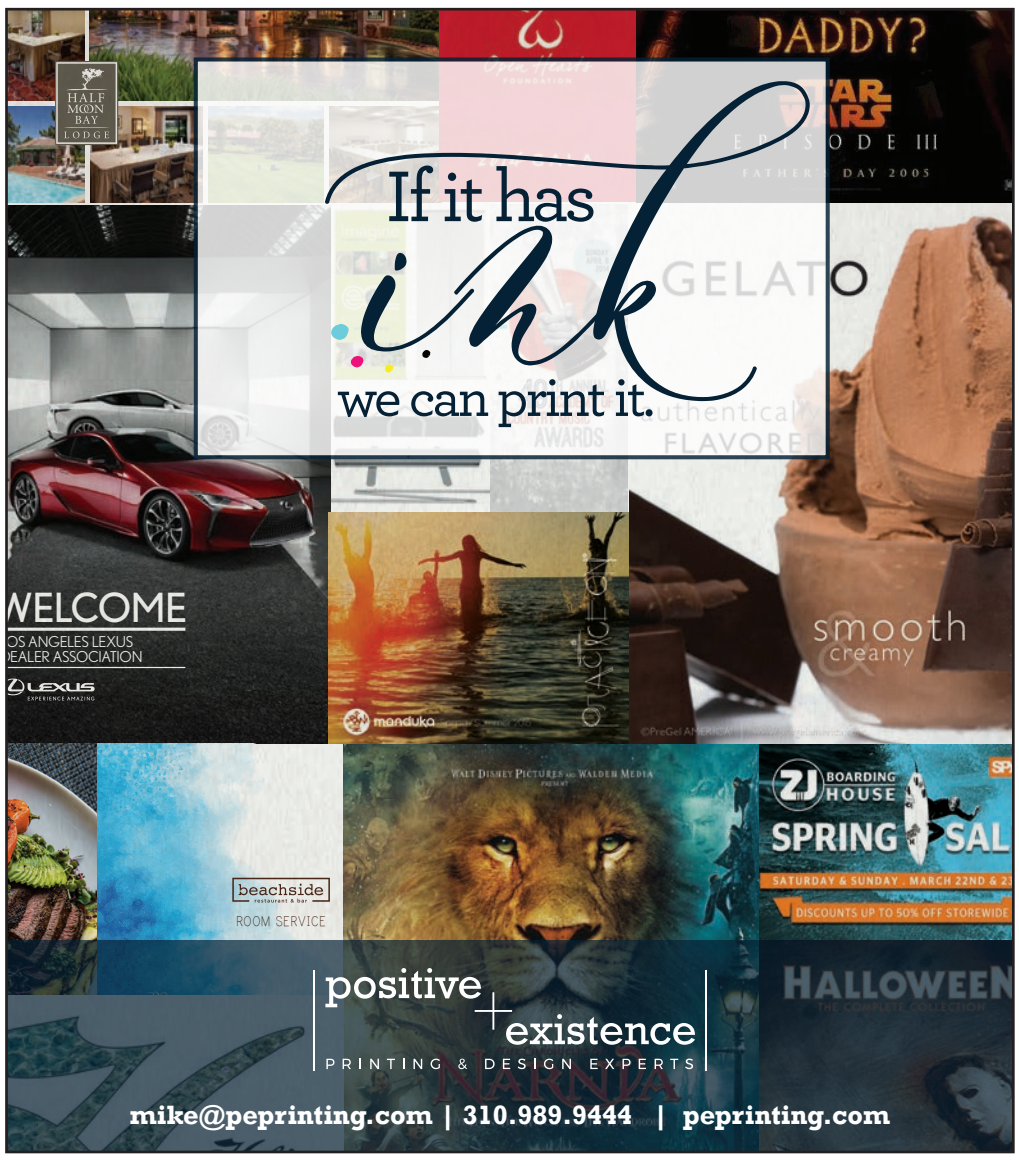
Sunday was the original deadline to purchase insurance plans from Covered California that take effect Jan. 1. But state officials announced Monday that they have extended the deadline through Friday.

Covered California Executive Director Peter Lee said officials extended the deadline after seeing a strong surge in enrollment last week.

Covered California is the state's health insurance marketplace. Some people who purchase plans through Covered California are eligible to get help paying their monthly premiums.

Next year, California has increased the amount of subsidies available for some people. Plus, the state will begin taxing people who don't have health insurance. Together, state officials said those two things have driven a 16% increase in new enrollments through Covered California.

The final deadline to purchase health insurance through Covered California is Jan. 31. Plans purchased after Friday's deadline won't take effect until Feb. 1.



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Letter To The Editor

Joan Walston, Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Keep the staff

TO THE EDITOR:

What sad news it is that the Spitfire Grill is soon to close. My husband and I, along with many friends, have considered it our neighborhood pub for decades.

Even though the food is reliably good, what makes this restaurant special is the waitstaff. They are warm, friendly, efficient and dedicated to their jobs.

It is my hope that once renovation is completed and The Cloverfield is open for business Sean Martin will bring back the Spitfire crew.

Joan Walston, Santa Monica

Trump threatens to bypass Commission on Presidential Debates

ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Donald Trump made clear Monday that he intends to participate in at least three general election debates, but he is threatening to sidestep the nonprofit group charged with running them.

"I look very much forward to debating whoever the lucky person is who stumbles across the finish line in the little watched Do Nothing Democrat Debates," Trump tweeted Monday morning after The New York Times reported that he was considering skipping them entirely.

Trump said his record "is so good" that "perhaps I would consider more than 3 debates." But he also complained, without evidence, that the Commission on Presidential Debates is "stacked with Trump Haters & Never Trumpers" and threatened to bypass them.

"As President, the debates are up.....to me, and there are many options, including doing them directly & avoiding the nasty politics of this very biased Commission," Trump wrote, adding that he would "make a decision at an appropriate time."

Trump tussled with the commission as well as Fox News about the debates during the 2016 election cycle.

He incorrectly claimed Monday on Twitter that the commission was "forced to publicly apologize for modulating my microphone" in the first general election debate against Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton in September 2016.

The commission acknowledged after the September 2016 debate at Hofstra University in New York that "there were issues regarding Donald Trump's audio that affected the sound level in the debate hall," but it did not apologize.

In January 2016, he boycotted the seventh Republican presidential debate after Fox News, which was hosting the debate, refused to accede to Trump's demand that network anchor Megyn Kelly be replaced as a moderator. Instead, Trump held a fundraiser for veterans at the same time as that debate.

In a statement, the commission said, "The televised general election debates are an important part of our democratic process." It said the commission has conducted 30 general election presidential and vice presidential debates since 1988.

"Our record is one of fairness, balance and non-partisanship," the statement said.

The commission has scheduled three presidential debates and one vice presidential debate for the 2020 election cycle. The University of Notre Dame, the University of Michigan, and Belmont University have been tapped to hold presidential debates. The commission selected the University of Utah to host the vice presidential debate.



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Loughlin's lawyers say prosecutors are hiding key evidence

COLLIN BINKLEY
AP Education Writer

Lawyers for actress Lori Loughlin and her fashion designer husband say federal prosecutors are holding back crucial evidence that could prove the couple's innocence in a college admissions scandal that has ensnared dozens of wealthy parents.

In a court motion filed Friday in Boston's court, the couple's lawyers asked a judge to force the Justice Department to turn over certain FBI records and other evidence that could be used to mount a defense for the "Full House" star and her husband, Mossimo Giannulli .

Lawyers for eight other parents accused in the case are supporting the request. Some have filed separate motions accusing prosecutors of withholding evidence.

"This court's intervention is urgently needed," the couple's lawyers wrote in the filing. "The government is applying a flawed disclosure standard that systematically deprives Giannulli and Loughlin of information necessary to prepare their case and ensure a fair trial."

Loughlin and Giannulli are accused of paying $500,000 to get their two daughters into the University of Southern California as recruits to the crew team, even though neither participated in the sport. The money was funneled through a sham charity operated by college admissions consultant William "Rick" Singer, who has pleaded guilty to orchestrating the scheme.

Officials at USC have said the couple's daughters are no longer enrolled.

In previous court documents, prosecutors said the couple knew their payments were being used to bribe a USC sports official. Prosecutors said the nature of the payments were made clear by Singer.

But the couple's lawyers said Loughlin and Giannulli believed the payments were "legitimate donations" that would support Singer's charity or go directly to USC as a fundraising gift. The lawyers said they think prosecutors are withholding evidence supporting that claim because it could undermine their case.

"The government appears to be concealing exculpatory evidence that helps show that both defendants believed all of the payments they made would go to USC itself — for legitimate, university-approved purposes — or to other legitimate charitable causes," the lawyers wrote.

Prosecutors have not responded to the filing in court and declined to provide comment.

The couple's lawyers are demanding to see FBI reports from the agency's interviews with Singer. Specifically, they want to know how Singer characterized his dealings with parents, and whether he told agents he was upfront about the bribes or presented them as legitimate donations.

If Singer told the FBI that he spun the payments as legitimate donations, it could bolster the claim that parents were unaware of the bribery. And if he told the FBI that he was upfront about the bribery, the couple's lawyers say that could be used to tarnish his credibility: The lawyers said there's "strong reason to believe" parents were deceived about the payments.

"Given these competing theories of the case, any statements by Singer as to precisely what he told his clients about how their funds would be used are critically important," lawyers wrote. "Despite all this, the government has repeatedly denied that such evidence is material and has refused to disclose it to defendants."

Lawyers for Loughlin and Giannulli said they have received only a "one-sentence bullet point" summarizing Singer's statements to the FBI. They said it was incomplete and would be "virtually useless" at trial.

Their requests for further information have been denied, they said. Prosecutors rejected one request in October, calling it a "fishing expedition" for information that wouldn't help the couple. A later request was denied for being "overbroad."

The dispute arises as parents and prosecutors gather information in preparation of jury trials that are expected to begin in 2020. Initial filing deadlines have been delayed as lawyers sort through more than 3 million pages of records tied to the case.

The Justice Department says it's the largest college admissions case the agency has ever investigated. More than 50 people have been charged, including 36 parents. Some are accused of paying to get their children into elite universities as fake athletic recruits, while some are accused of paying to rig their children's college entrance exams.

Twenty parents have agreed to plead guilty, including "Desperate Housewives" star Felicity Huffman, who was sentenced to two weeks in prison for paying $15,000 to have a test proctor correct her daughter's SAT answers. Another 15 parents are contesting the charges. One has yet to enter a plea.

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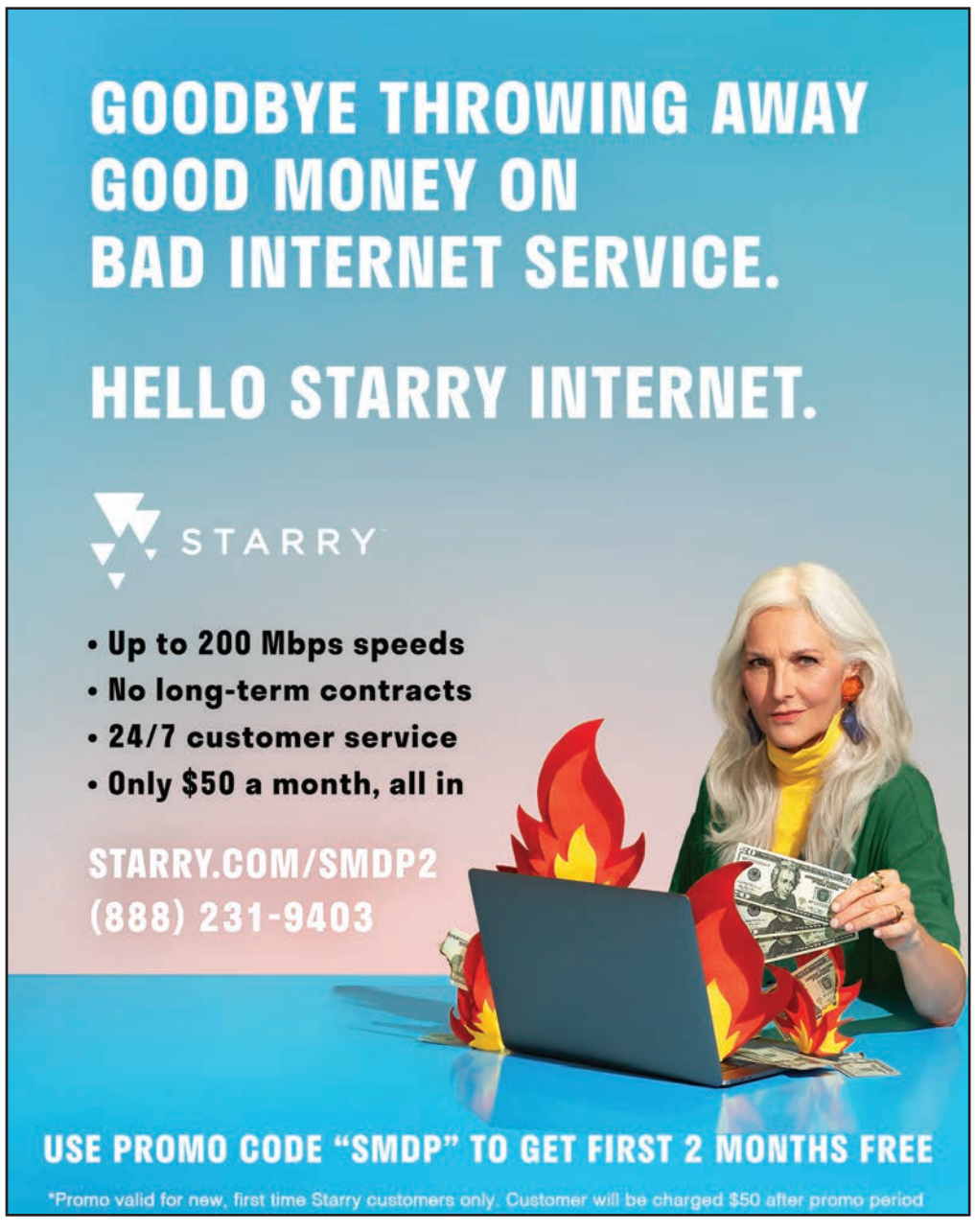
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What's the Point?

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Happy Holidays to All

T'is the season when overindulgence is the norm. We are blessed in America by having access to large quantities of everything we want. As I like to say, 'this is America, we have more of everything." The good and the bad. And for that we should be extremely grateful. Just spend an hour watching late night television and you'll see a parade of sad appeals for homeless people, hungry and sick children, abandoned and abused pets, and veteran's support organizations of various degrees of authenticity.

After spending an hour watching the sad and tearful eyes, the pained expressions, and the great unwashed masses of homeless, if you can remain ungrateful, then you should expect a visit on 12/24/19 from the Ghost of Christmas Future. For my part, those long form commercials at this time of year are a stark reminder of all that I have to be grateful for. I have a job, a home, friends, my health and a future that is bright.

This is the point of the holiday season to me. It's a time to reflect upon the many blessings of family and community. As I head into my annual retreat away from the world of 24 hour access by phone and email, as I step into a world that is less chaotic and frenetic, I use this time to pause, reflect and recharge. In the emotionally taxing world of family law, taking a break from everyone else's emotional turmoil is crucial to my mental health.

I'm headed south to a warmer climate where I will be laying out poolside as I recover from a busy year, and prepare for an even more productive year in 2020. So I'm taking a writing break for the next three weeks.

This is my last column for 2019 and I wanted to thank all the readers who commented over the past year for their feedback - it is appreciated. As we enter the final days of 2019, here's a wrap up of what's coming.

Chanukah starts this coming Sunday and lasts for eight nights. The Jewish Festival Of Lights has changed over the years from a simple religious observance to an event for children to be showered gifts and love. Some sects still keep it fairly simple while others have a more secular view and enjoy the shopping, food and fun that accompanies the nights of remembrance. I am not Jewish, though as a lawyer named David, I am frequently presumed to be. The closest I've come to being Jewish, is working as a camp counselor as a teen at Temple Akiba in Culver City. Those were fun times.

In the middle of Chanukah comes Christmas, the neo-Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus that has its roots in the Pagan Winter Solstice festivals. The Solstice falls on 12/21, and is the shortest day of the year and the longest night which is good for vampires I suppose. Christmas too has gone through an evolution (sorry fundamentalists I know how you despise that word) from a religious to a markedly commercial event that for many has lost its purpose and meaning. Thankfully it has retained some of the "goodwill towards others" that makes this a more enjoyable, collegial and sociable time.

Just as Christmas is winding down, Kwanzaa is starting up. The African American holiday that was started in 1966 to commemorate the diaspora of Africans is supposed to embody seven core principles and starts on the 26th and goes to January 1.

These three main holidays all have as an operating principle peace, love and remembrance. As important as they are to celebrate for each of their adherents, it is important for the wider society to respect them. I have never celebrated Kwanzaa, because I've never been invited to a celebration. I'd go in a heartbeat, just as I have to a Chanukah night's dinner and lighting of the candles.

The world needs us to all be more accepting. This is when we can practice it. We can learn more about each other, and find our common ground. There is a lot of it you know. We have more in common than in conflict. And the conflicts are mostly made by politicians to increase their own wealth, power, and control. I say this having watched many a documentary about how in the state of Israel, Jews and Muslims have lived next door to each other, intermarried and managed to find a path forward. It is the politicians who stoke the fears, increase the hate, and destroy the basic humanity of their followers in order to be elected.

It doesn't have to be that way, and every holiday season is a reminder that we can do better. There is a way to remember that feeling of compassion and love for each other throughout the year. There are two words that set out an entire theological and social structure, that establish the basic rules of a civil world. It is so simple that I fear most people won't get it.

I learned the two words many years ago, probably at a summer camp or perhaps in a church, but the true value of them was not made known to me until I studied spirituality and came across the most unlikely of teachers in that arena, Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes. He said, "my religion is summed up in the first two words of the Lord's Prayer. 'Our Father.'"

At first I was confused, but upon closer study, I realized he's right. The entire relationship between me and God/Higher Power/Spirit of the Universe is established as a parent child relationship. The use of "our" creates my relationship to everyone else in the world - siblings, equals. That means I should treat everyone as a family member.

I take no credit for this insight, I cribbed it from others. But that doesn't diminish its value or impact on me.

So with that said I wish everyone a Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas, Joyous Kwanzaa and whatever else you celebrate. I'll be back in January, till then, eat too much, love too hard, and forgive that idiot in the parking lot - they don't mean to be that annoying.

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Weinstein: Sex assault charges have made me 'forgotten man'

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Harvey Weinstein defended himself as a pioneer in advancing the careers of women in the film industry in the wake of scores of sexual misconduct allegations that launched the #MeToo movement.

"I feel like the forgotten man," Weinstein said in an interview published Sunday in the New York Post. "I made more movies directed by women and about women than any filmmaker, and I'm talking about 30 years ago. I'm not talking about now when it's vogue. I did it first! I pioneered it!"

"It all got eviscerated because of what happened," Weinstein said in the interview. "My work has been forgotten."

Weinstein spoke out days after a tentative $25 million settlement was reached between him and more than two dozen actresses and former employee who have accused the movie mogul of a range of sexual misconduct, including claims of rape. The deal wouldn't require Weinstein to pay anything out of his own pocket, nor would he have to admit wrongdoing.

He has denied allegations of nonconsensual sex. He faces a Jan. 6 trial on rape and sexual assault charges in state court, where he has pleaded not guilty.

"Harvey Weinstein is trying to gaslight society again," more than 20 accusers said in a statement issued Sunday. The accusers include Rosanna Arquette, Ashley Judd and Rose McGowan.

The Associated Press does not identify alleged victims of sex crimes unless they give their consent, which those accusers have done.

"He says in a new interview he doesn't want to be forgotten. Well, he won't be. He will be remembered as a sexual predator and an unrepentant abuser who took everything and deserves nothing," the statement said.

"He will be remembered by the collective will of countless women who stood up and said enough. We refuse to let this predator rewrite his legacy of abuse," it said.

Lawyer Gloria Allred, who represents a number of accusers, said the ongoing criminal case against Weinstein should be the priority right now

"The issues and charges in the criminal case should be the sole focus at this time," Allred said in a statement to ABC News.

"Whatever he has done professionally for women may or may not be relevant at the time of sentencing if he is convicted," Allred said. "For now, any attempt by him to recast his tattered reputation or to appear to ask for sympathy will only serve to trigger many of those who allege that they are victims of Mr. Weinstein."

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Recognizing need in yourself and others will be the superpower that opens up your options for making money, gaining influence and creating stellar relationships. You'll be accepted to an elite group. You'll make an investment in personal development. You'll see fruit from seeds you planted five years ago. Aries and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 27, 2, 28 and 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be deciding whom to align with. Fresh faces are mighty fine, but the luckiest teammates will be people who have been injured but continued on anyway. Resilience is the quality of champions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Every lofty dream sits atop its own ladder of fears. Face the fear of one rung and you move up closer. You can't skip rungs. Keep climbing in full expectation that you'll be facing the next fear and stepping on it, too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If someone doesn't accept you for who you are, this is no reason to hide, pretend or highlight something you don't particularly value about yourself. It's just a reason to find different company.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A song seems to understand you in a way that people cannot. That's the magic of music. You've been motivated, inspired and even healed by it, and you will be again.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The reason many people don't do the things they are capable of doing is because they have no idea what those things are. You'll apply your imagination and dare to envision more for yourself and others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The answer is the work you do while trying to come up with the answer. The final number you put at the end of the equation, if you even put one there, is irrelevant.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't worry about the success of a friend. You may have to wait for it, but good friends will always return to help, inform or even carry their own. "To know the road ahead, ask those coming back." – Chinese Proverb

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You feel that people learn who you are through context cues – that they must be apprised of your family, friends, job and possessions to get you. Perhaps, although the soulful ones need only look in your eyes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't need money to fix the problem. Nor do you require anything you don't already have access to. Your best resource will be your own resourcefulness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are those who would rather you lie to them, and you'll have to give this one a fair amount of consideration. You may be able to tell the truth in a softer way or compassionately reframe the story to highlight what's honest in it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In time, each will claim their rightful karma, so there is no reason to teach anyone a lesson, get revenge, punish or reward. Too much of your attention is needed in your own business to bother with that stuff.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be on the lucky side of a deal today, but that's not the sweet part. What's magnificent is that you really like, enjoy and celebrate what you get. So many ruin a good thing by looking for a better thing.

Karma-Facing Moon

It's really no fun to own up to mistakes, but it's worse to ignore them. In handling the old karma, you make new and different karma. Ignoring old karma makes new karma, too, and it's very similar to the old but more entrenched, like an illness in an advanced stage. You don't want that. The Virgo moon calls up our courage and capability.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION

"I have a disturbing recurring dream about my girlfriend. I dream that I'm in a wooded area and I find her living there in a cave. I try to get her to come with me, but she says that we can only be together in the woods. Then I notice that she has a tail. Sometimes the tail is fluffy, and sometimes it's more like a switch. Anyway, I haven't told my girlfriend about these dreams, but I'm worried that they are telling me something negative about her because in the dream, I feel like I have to get away from her. I'm a Scorpio, and my girlfriend is a Taurus."

A recurring dream is one tool your subconscious uses to get your attention. Since the emotion of a dream is one of your best interpretive clues, I gather that going deeper into the "woods" of this relationship is frightening to you on some level. As for your Taurus's tail, was it like a cow tail or a foxtail? Investigate the mythological creature called a Huldra for further clues. She is beautiful and seductive, though she hides a cow tail (or foxtail) and usually has disruptive intentions.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

Sagittarians can feel like they're strangers in a strange land, as did Milla Jovovich, who emigrated from Ukraine to the U.S. during the Cold War. Becoming a foreigner forced her to remain open to new ways of looking at and perceiving the world – as encountering any different culture, belief or faith would. All stimulate deeper spiritual work for Sagittarians who crave mind-opening awareness. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

WORD UP!

Welter

Noun

A confused mass; a jumble or muddle: a welter of anxious faces..

Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



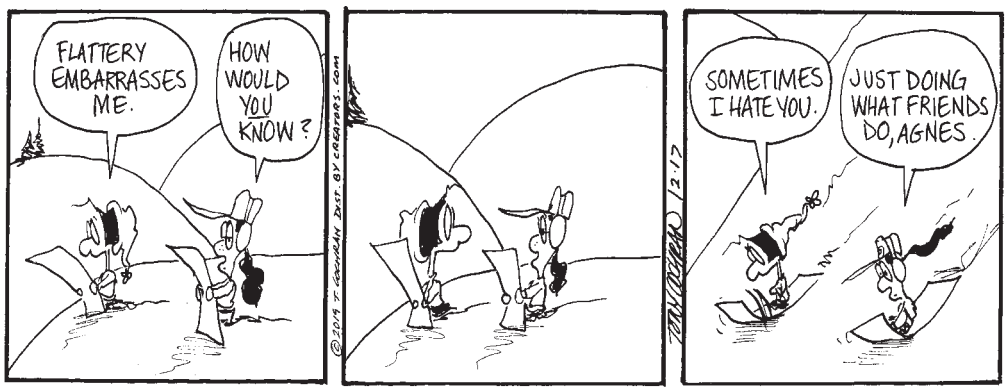
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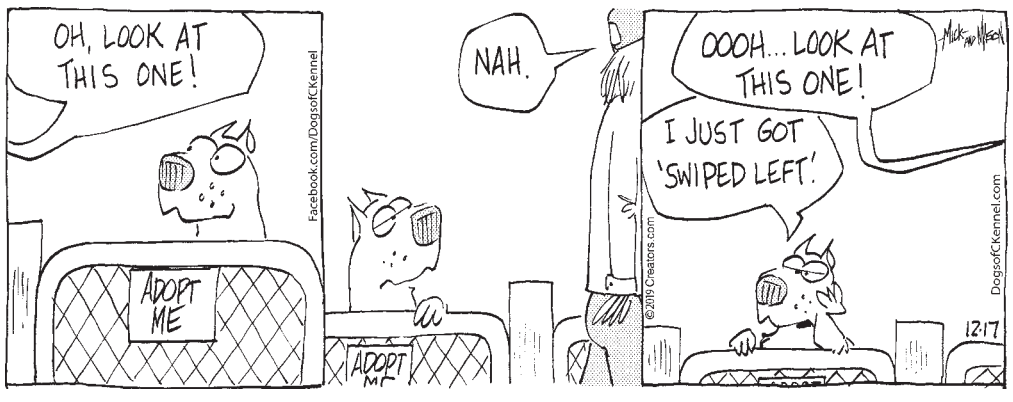
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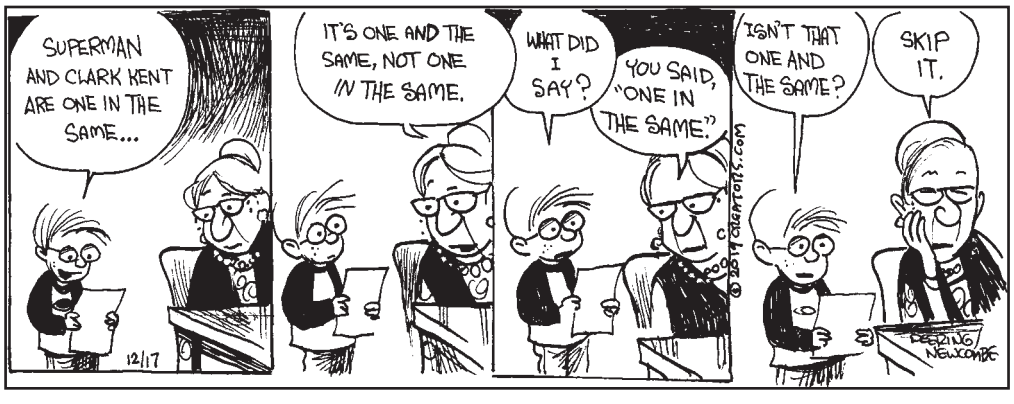
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 59.9°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach high
Fading NW swell-mix. Favorable winds. Offshore Santa Ana winds, strongest out west.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft knee to waist high
Leftover NW swell-mix. New WNW swell due late. Favorable winds.

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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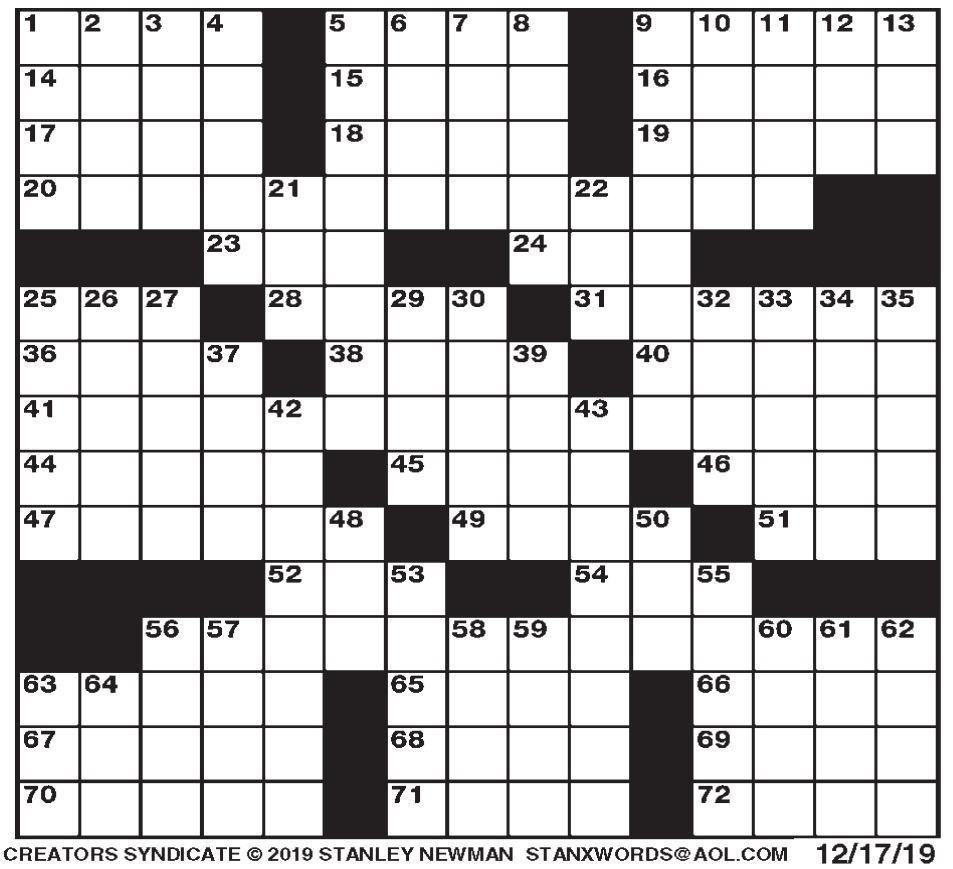
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Newsday Crossword

SCI-FI STAPLES by Billie Truitt
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ACROSS
1 Line of stitching
5 Graph paper pattern
9 Twangy, as a voice
14 Rebound, as sound
15 German car brand
16 In flames
17 Robber's haul
18 Bird feeder supply
19 Husbands or wives
20 Spacecrafts from other worlds
23 Tree with cones
24 Tablet of paper
25 "All opposed" reply
28 13, in Roman numerals
31 Pays for everyone's lunch
36 Poems of praise
38 Yearn (for)
40 Little hooter
41 Mind reading
44 Site for wedding vows
45 Acme
46 Christmas carol
47 "My goodness!"
49 Computer pro, for short
51 Have a glance at
52 "You bet!"
54 Eighth mo.
56 Journeying to the past and future
63 Messed-up situation
65 Singer McEntire
66 Opera solo
67 Of a Vatican leader
68 Military group
69 Daughter's brothers
70 Lessen gradually
71 Bag with handles
72 Crisp ginger cookie

DOWN
1 Egotist's priority
2 "Green" sci.
3 Sailor's greeting
4 Decorator's theme
5 Backyard cooker
6 Has regrets about
7 Creative thought
8 Adorned lavishly
9 Mention one's VIP pals
10 Miles away
11 Uses a sofa
12 "__ you kidding?"
13 __ *Misérables*
21 Vote down, informally
22 Scratching post user
25 Wanderer
26 British singer of "Skyfall"
27 Gossipy person
29 Slight amount
30 Not at all skillful
32 Actor McGregor
33 Some female singers
34 Little laugh
35 Fashion sense
37 One of 50 on the American flag
39 Unrestrained delight
42 West Point mascot
43 Dig out
48 Wide shoe width
50 Shade of color
53 Walk proudly
55 Tumbler or goblet
56 Spanish appetizer
57 "__ first you don't succeed . . ."
58 City near Lake Tahoe
59 Very slightly
60 Waffle cooker
61 Ship of 1492
62 Startled sound
63 Resort with saunas
64 Catch, as a crook



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DEBATE

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between the food services company Sodexo and about 150 of its employees who work on the Loyola Marymount University campus that is scheduled to host the debate.

"As a former labor secretary who handled several labor disputes, he understands the importance of getting the parties back to the table, and expects that to happen promptly," Hinojosa said.

The seven candidates who have qualified for the debate have all said they would not attend a Loyola debate if the dispute persists, and at least nine candidates in the Democratic race have expressed solidarity with the UNITE HERE Local 11 amid collective bargaining that involves disagreements over wages and health care benefits.

The DNC is not looking for an alternate debate site.

A local union leader said talks with Sodexo could resume Tuesday.

"We want to thank the nine candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination who have expressed their support for Sodexo workers at Loyola Marymount University fighting for a fair contract," said Susan Minato, co-president of the local. "We look forward to continuing negotiations with Sodexo on Tuesday or sooner in hopes of reaching an agreement before Thursday's debate."

Sodexo spokesman Enrico Dinges said in an email that the company is "100% committed" to reaching an agreement and remains at the bargaining table.

"We have been negotiating in good faith with the Unite Here Local 11 since December of last year with a goal to reach a new collective bargaining agreement that is equitable for everyone, including our employees, and we still intend to achieve such an agreement," he said.

UNITE HERE attracted immediate attention last week with its promise to picket Thursday's debate, prompting quick statements from Perez and presidential candidates. Progressive Sens. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and Bernie Sanders of Vermont were the first to say they'd boycott the debate. Former Vice President Joe Biden; Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota; South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg; entrepreneur Andrew Yang; and billionaire activist Tom Steyer followed suit.

Organized labor remains a pillar of Democrats' general election coalition, and it could play a decisive role in some early primary and caucus states, especially Nevada and California.

The local said it represents about 150 food service workers on the Loyola campus. The university said it is not a party to the dispute because it contracts with Sodexo, which employs the workers. The union said it has been in negotiations with Sodexo since March. This isn't the first time a labor dispute has complicated Democrats' plans this cycle. Houston was among the finalists for the party's 2020 nominating convention. But a lengthy contract dispute between Mayor Sylvester Turner and the Houston firefighters' union hurt the city's bid, with Perez ultimately choosing Milwaukee.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 23 CALLS ON DEC. 15

EMS Centinela Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 12:28 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 12:40 a.m.
EMS Main St / Pier Ave 2:14 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 2:20 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 6th St 3:07 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 5:04 a.m.
EMS 1200blk Berkeley St 7:53 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 11:22 a.m.
Elevator Rescue 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:45 a.m.
EMS 700blk Raymond Ave 12:35 p.m.
EMS 100blk Alta Ave 12:53 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 5th St 2:47 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:09 p.m.
Wires Down Euclid St / Ashland Ave 4:16 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 600blk Broadway 4:38 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Franklin St 5:08 p.m.
EMS 2200blk 29th St 5:26 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Arizona Ave 5:53 p.m.
Structure Fire 3000blk Pico Blvd 6:14 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2200blk Colorado Ave 6:38 p.m.
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RENTERS

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5% plus inflation.

Himmelrich and McKeown said residents at risk of being evicted when their buildings change ownership would have a better chance of staying in their homes if they had legal counsel. Himmelrich said New York City's eviction rate has dropped 30% since the program's launch.

"We know that when tenants go to court without an attorney, they tend to lose," McKeown said.

McKeown said the program would help tenants who earn too much to qualify for Legal Aid assistance but are unable to afford legal representation. It would also assist undocumented tenants, who are unable to use Legal Aid services.

"Because of the cost, we will have to narrow this," McKeown said. "It won't apply to everybody."

City Attorney Lane Dilg said the program, which would follow right-to-counsel laws in New York and San Francisco, would cost up to $1 million annually. Los Angeles is also in the process of creating an ordinance.

Councilmember Ted Winterer suggested using the $2 per night fee Airbnb must pay on all Santa Monica listings, which is part of a recent settlement agreement, to fund the program. Dilg said the settlement money could be used for the program but said she is unsure if it will cover its total cost.

San Francisco funded its ordinance through a ballot measure and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio reallocated funds to the city's program. New York City makes attorneys available to families who earn less than $50,000 and legal counsel available to higher earners, while San Francisco's right-to-counsel guarantee has no income limits.

New York City's program, which will cost $93 million at full implementation, is projected to save the city more than $300 million annually on homeless services, according to an independent report from Stout Risius Ross.

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HOMELESS

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the constitutional ban on "cruel and unusual punishment."

About 20 "friend of the court" briefs were filed in the Boise case asking the Supreme Court to overturn the 9th Circuit's ruling. The reasoning in the briefs varied, but many municipalities indicated they feared the ruling would lead to public health issues if homeless camps were allowed to proliferate.

The 9th Circuit and other regional courts have made similar rulings: In 2007, the circuit ruled in favor of homeless residents of Los Angeles, finding that as long as there are more homeless residents than there are shelter beds, a law outlawing sleeping outside was unconstitutional. The entire lawsuit was later thrown out after both sides reached an agreement.

In 2009, a federal judge said a Portland, Oregon, rule designed to prevent people from sitting or lying on public sidewalks was unconstitutional. A Washington state judge rejected a similar anti-camping law in Everett, Washington.

Boise Mayor Dave Bieter, who has pushed for the city's policy of ticketing homeless "campers," was defeated in the November election. His spokesman Mike Journee said it's now up to Mayor-elect Lauren McLean's administration to decide what to do next.

In a statement, McLean didn't say how her administration would address the 9th Circuity ruling. Instead, she said the city would continue working with "key community partners in housing and homelessness, and believe we have effective, humane and constitutionally sound solutions in our grasp."

Howard Belodoff, the Idaho Legal Aid attorney who represented the Boise homeless residents in the case, said he and his clients were grateful for the high court's decision.

"Which I'm sure they didn't expect when they got a citation, were arrested and taken to jail and were sentenced to pay court costs they couldn't possibly afford, all because shelter wasn't available to them," Belodoff said.

He said he was gratified his clients stuck with the case for many years, and said the decision means a lot for homeless individuals throughout the West.

"The net result, in my opinion, is that local officials and municipalities will have to address the issues surrounding homelessness, and not just make it a crime to sleep," he said.

Los Angeles County was among the municipalities to support Boise in the lawsuit. County supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas said the county's effort was not to criminalize the homeless but rather, "a pursuit of a legal framework that is clear — in comparison to a status quo that is ambiguous and confusing."

He said the current law makes it hard for cities and counties to act nimbly to aid people who may be dying on the street.

However, support for the Boise case was not universal.

Supervisor Sheila Kuehl was opposed to the County filing a motion in support of Boise.

"This is a civil rights, practical and human issue: Where do we expect people to go if we have no housing to offer them but criminalize homelessness by simply removing them from the streets?" she said at the time.

"Our goal must be to provide housing to those who need it, not to criminalize poor people who have nowhere else to go in the name of addressing the crisis."

Belodoff said cities like Boise and Los Angeles have plenty of tools available to address homelessness without resorting to handcuffs.

"They should take the hundreds of thousands of dollars they were going to spend on attorneys and put it into planning to address the issues so people don't have to sleep on the streets," Belodoff said.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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JOSHUA KEKOA BAIRD

ON DECEMBER 5, AT APPROXIMATELY 2 P.M.

Officers were in the area of 1200 block of 2nd Street, when they observed a male subject removing refuse from a City trashcan in violation of the municipal code. Officers detain the subject who provided a false name to the officers. The subject's true identity was determined and he was found to be on active parole for assault with a deadly weapon. A parole violation was issued and he was taken into custody without incident. Joshua Kekoa Baird, 26, homeless, was arrested for theft of recycling, false identification and a parole violation. He was denied bail.

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Party Complaint 900blk 3rd St 12:38 a.m.
Party Complaint 1700blk 10th St 12:45 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2600blk Main St 12:46 a.m.
Fight 2900blk Main St 12:57 a.m.
Party Complaint 1100blk Idaho Ave 12:59 a.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 26th St / Arizona Ave 1:21 a.m.
Fight 2600blk Main St 2:11 a.m.
Party Complaint 800blk Maple St 2:15 a.m.
Person Down Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 2:20 a.m.
Party Complaint 800blk Maple St 2:26 a.m.
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