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'Art of Recovery' murals magnify Main Street K-Rails

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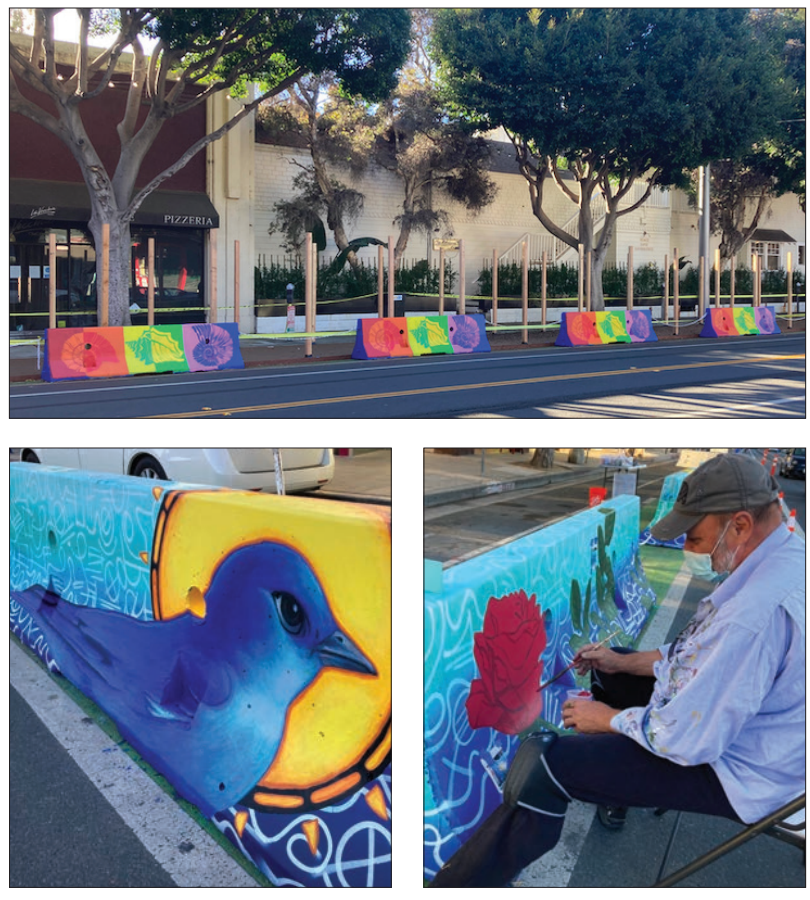
They say adversity breeds creativity, and from the hardship of COVID restrictions artists have discovered an exciting new canvas — street side K-Rails.

Up and down Main Street, the concrete barriers installed for al-fresco dining have been adorned with vibrant artwork in the latest installment of Santa Monica's "Art of Recovery" initiative, which employs artists in service of the City's recovery efforts.

The goal of the K-Rail project is two-fold: to create a unique opportunity for artists to showcase their work and to help attract visitors to local businesses. So far it's working.

"There's already restaurants and businesses wanting more murals in the corridor so it's very exciting," said Art Commissioner Shannon Daut. "I think people just love it and I think it deepens an experience at a time when we're all desperately wanting richer experiences."

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Courtesy photos

ART: Concrete barriers on Main Street are getting a make over.

Santa Monica Plaza negotiations called off

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Five months after restarting talks with developers of the Santa Monica Plaza project the Santa Monica City Council has once again ceased all negotiations relating to the project.

In late July, after months of debating if the controversial downtown development project violates state laws governing surplus government property, council agreed to resume negotiations on the project located at 4th and 5th Streets near Arizona Avenue.

The action did not constitute final approval, but the Plaza — and its proposed ground floor retail space, hotel and office spaces — was expected to be heard by the Planning Commission and approved by City Council sometime in 2022, city spokesperson Constance Farrell said in the summer.

However, after considering the matter this week, City Attorney George Cardona said Tuesday after closed session, Council has directed staff to cease negotiations with

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L.A. County hits record 131 daily COVID-19 deaths, ICUs projected to be overwhelmed soon

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On Dec. 16 L.A. County hit a record 131 daily deaths and reported that only 102 of 2,500 adult ICU beds remain available, with capacities projected to be overwhelmed in the coming weeks.

Officials also reported an all time high of 21,411 new daily cases, although this number was inflated by a backlog of approximately 7,000 cases.

"These are nonetheless extraordinary numbers, and they represent transmission that continues to be out of control," said L.A. County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer in a Dec. 16 public briefing.

There are currently 4,656 people hospitalized with COVID-19, reflecting the consequences of average daily cases counts of 6,300 two weeks ago. With current average daily case counts of over 12,000, County models predict that patients requiring ICU care could surpass the total number of licensed adult ICU beds by 1,000 or more in the next month.

"I want to be very clear, our hospitals are under siege and our model shows no end in sight," said L.A. County Department of Health Services Director Christina Ghaly.

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Vaccinations reach nursing homes as California faces crisis

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Associated Press

The first COVID-19 vaccinations are underway at U.S. nursing homes, where the virus has killed more than 110,000 people, even as the nation struggles to contain a surge so alarming it has spurred California to dispense thousands of body bags and line up refrigerated morgue trucks.

With the rollout of shots picking up speed Wednesday, lawmakers in Washington closed in on a long-stalled $900 billion coronavirus relief package that would send direct payments of around $600 to most Americans. Meanwhile, the U.S. appeared to be days away from adding a second vaccine to its arsenal.

At the same time, a major snowstorm pushing its way into the Northeast raised concern it could disrupt distribution of the first vaccine.

Nursing home residents in Florida began receiving shots Wednesday, after nearly 2,000 such vaccinations were administered in West Virginia on Tuesday. Thousands more are scheduled there in the coming days. Other states are expected to follow soon.

The elderly and infirm in long-term care have been among the most vulnerable to the virus and, together with health workers, are first in line to get the limited, initial supplies of the vaccine developed by Pfizer and Germany's BioNTech. Nursing home residents and workers account for more than one-third of the nation's 300,000 or so confirmed deaths from COVID-19.

In Florida, the longtime retirement haven whose 141,000 nursing home residents are the second most of any state behind California, eagerness to get the vaccine was mixed with some anxiety.

"I hope it will help me from getting COVID," said 88-year-old retired schoolteacher Vera Leip, a resident of John Knox Village near Fort Lauderdale. "I don't know anything about it, but I would prefer not to have it."

The home is not requiring its employees to get the vaccine, and only 80 of the 200 staffers in the skilled nursing facility volunteered for the first wave, said Mark Rayner, its director of health services. He said many of those declining the shot are African-American and don't trust it, given the nation's history of medical experimentation on Black people.

"They are frightened," he said. "There is that culture line even as much as we educate them."

West Virginia, with one of the oldest and unhealthiest populations in America, is working with small and local pharmacies to reach nursing homes across the heavily rural state, leapfrogging states that are relying on a partnership with the CVS and Walgreens drugstore chains to kick in any day now.

Marty Wright, head of the West Virginia Health Care Association, which represents nursing homes and assisted living communities, said the state's pharmacies expect to get 7,000 doses into arms by the end of the week.

The developments come as the crisis grows increasingly dire by many measures.

The U.S. recorded over 3,000 deaths on Tuesday for the third time in less than a week, easily eclipsing the peaks seen last spring. New cases are running at over 212,000 a day on average. And the number of Americans in the hospital with COVID-19 hit another all-time high Tuesday of about 113,000.

California is distributing 5,000 body bags mostly to the hard-hit Los Angeles and San Diego areas and has 60 refrigerated trailers standing by as makeshift morgues. The state is averaging 163 virus deaths per day, up from 63 just two weeks ago.

Many California hospitals are running out of space in intensive care wards, as the state records an average of about 32,500 new virus cases a day. That is up from about 14,000 a day at the start of the month.

In Fresno County, officials said Tuesday that just 16 ICU beds remained available and were filling rapidly. To keep up, the county's hospital system has contracted with a Virginia company to supply doctors, nurses and others to staff a temporary 50-bed facility that will start receiving patients by the end of the week.

"Unfortunately, I'm anticipating a grim set of weeks before and after the New Year, just given the trends that we're seeing with the number of cases," said Dr. Rais Vohra, the county's interim public health officer.

In Orange County, health officials planned to send large tents to four hospitals to help accommodate patients.

Bruce Barton, EMS director for Riverside County, said a couple of hospitals hit capacity in the past week and local officials had to step in to take some bodies.

Hospitals are also under pressure in Arizona, where a record 92% of beds are filled, nearly half of them with people with COVID-19.

"That's a staggering statistic when you think about the things that can afflict people," said Dr. Joshua LaBaer, executive director of Arizona State University's Biodesign Institute. "And it certainly means that hospitals at this point are having to make decisions about keeping people out of the hospital to keep beds available for the COVID patients."

In the nation's capital, congressional leaders said they hoped to seal a deal as early as Wednesday on a package that would extend aid to individuals and businesses and help ship vaccines to millions. It would include enhanced federal unemployment benefits and another round of stimulus checks.

On Thursday, a government advisory panel will consider whether to endorse emergency use of a second vaccine, made by Moderna.

Meanwhile, officials supervising distribution of the first vaccine said they didn't expect the winter storm to disrupt distribution.

U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar said the government is tracking the vaccine shipments precisely, has staffers in place to receive them and believes the companies transporting them — FedEx and UPS — have the expertise to navigate the storm.

Associated Press writers Cuneyt Dil in Charleston, West Virginia, Olga R. Rodriguez in Fresno, California, Bob Christie in Phoenix and Andrew Taylor in Washington contributed to this story.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 260 CALLS ON DECEMBER 15

Petty Theft Report 1100blk Pico Blvd 12:32 a.m.
Critical Missing Person 2500blk Pico Blvd 12:38 a.m.
Encampment 2000blk Ocean Front Walk 12:54 a.m.
Attempt Burglary Just Occurred 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 4:33 a.m.
Encampment 2000blk Ocean Front Walk 5:01 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 5:28 a.m.
Family Disturbance 2100blk Delaware Ave 6:09 a.m.
Grand Theft Just Occurred 800blk 2nd St 7:07 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 700blk Pier Ave 7:07 a.m.
Loud Music 1200blk Ocean Ave 7:18 a.m.
Encampment 700blk Ozone St 7:20 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Cloverfield Blvd / Delaware Ave 7:22 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report Ocean Ave / Bicknell Ave 7:31 a.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 14th St / San Vicente Blvd 7:43 a.m.
Loitering 1700blk Ocean Ave 7:54 a.m.
Transport Prisoner 300blk Olympic Dr 7:55 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1000blk 11th St 8:17 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1000blk 11th St 8:18 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk Palisades Park 8:26 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Just Occurred Cloverfield Blvd / Virginia Ave 8:26 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2100blk Delaware Ave 8:26 a.m.
Lewd Activity 1800blk Cloverfield Blvd 8:31 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1200blk 2nd St 8:55 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1400blk 15th St 9:02 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1600blk 26th St 9:09 a.m.
Encampment 2000blk Ocean Front Walk 9:13 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk Delaware Ave 9:23 a.m.
Rape Report 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 9:30 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk Ocean Ave 9:50 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 900blk 9th St 9:51 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 900blk Ocean Ave 9:55 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 6th St / Santa Monica Blvd 10:02 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1000blk Pacific St 10:04 a.m.
Person Down Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 10:36 a.m.
General Parking Problem Stewart St / Pico Blvd 10:43 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk The Beach 10:48 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1000blk 9th St 10:57 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 2100blk Ocean Ave 11:06 a.m.
Public Intoxication Neilson Way / Bay St 11:10 a.m.
Panic Alarm 1400blk 4th St 11:16 a.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order Report 2500blk 25th St 11:20 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk The Beach 11:22 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Just Occurred Euclid St / Santa Monica Blvd 11:25 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 11:29 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1200blk 10th St 11:31 a.m.
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Abandoned Vehicle 2000blk Stewart St 11:55 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1100blk 26th St 11:59 a.m.
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Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1000blk 21st St 12:17 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 2800blk Pico Blvd 12:19 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:26 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 1300blk 15th St 12:32 p.m.
General Parking Problem 3300blk Barnard Way 12:45 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2000blk Euclid St 12:53 p.m.
Found Property 2000blk Ocean Front Walk 1:08 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1700blk Wellesley Dr 1:25 p.m.
Hit And Run Felony Investigation Ocean Ave / San Vicente Blvd 1:30 p.m.
Civil Dispute 3000blk Pico Blvd 1:37 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1700blk Lincoln Blvd 1:38 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 800blk 10th St 2:01 p.m.
Fraud Report 1800blk 16th St 2:06 p.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:17 p.m.
Harassing Phone Calls Report 1400blk 2nd St 2:45 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1400blk Arizona Ave 2:53 p.m.
Petty Theft Report Unknown 2:59 p.m.
Injured Person 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:05 p.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 2000blk Olympic Blvd 3:18 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 3:24 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1000blk 9th St 3:41 p.m.
Fraud Report 2600blk Centinela Ave 3:43 p.m.
Keep The Peace 2500blk Wilshire Blvd 3:57 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1300blk Centinela Ave 3:58 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1700blk Arizona Ave 4:01 p.m.
Loud Music 600blk Hill St 4:06 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 4:08 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 800blk Montana Ave 4:08 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 1000blk 2nd St 4:31 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 500blk California Ave 4:46 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300blk Olympic Dr 4:51 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1000blk Ocean Ave 4:56 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries Centinela Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 5:03 p.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 5:33 p.m.
Encampment 2000blk Ocean Front Walk 6:10 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 6th St / California Ave 6:46 p.m.
Construction Noise 1600blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:14 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 400blk Hollister Ave 7:55 p.m.
On Foot 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 8:48 p.m.
Encampment 1600blk Ocean Ave 10:31 p.m.
Construction Noise 2700blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:08 p.m.
Person Down 1200blk 2nd St 11:16 p.m.
Loud Music 1300blk 2nd St 11:24 p.m.
Loud Music Ocean Ave / Bicknell Ave 11:33 p.m.
Vehicle Burglar Alarm 800blk 22nd St 11:38 p.m.

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EMS 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 8:52 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200blk 26th St 9:08 a.m.
EMS 3400blk Pearl St 9:29 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Lincoln Blvd 10:33 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 10:36 a.m.
Wires Down 700blk Pier Ave 10:55 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 6th St 11:07 a.m.
EMS 1800blk 7th St 11:31 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 700blk Wilshire Blvd 12:22 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 200blk Ocean Ave 1:21 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1000blk 3rd St 1:28 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Ocean Ave / San Vicente Blvd 1:30 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Neilson Way 1:30 p.m.
EMS 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:38 p.m.
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Public Assist 200blk Wilshire Blvd 10:35 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 2nd St 11:16 p.m.

Letter to the Editor

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The Fever Is Finally Breaking

Editor:

President-elect Biden revealed his national security team in his on-going efforts to cobble together a professional, well-prepared assembly of competent advisors. Biden's team will once again rejoin our allies in a show of solidarity on the world stage, and end the four-year strategy of appeasing and praising our adversaries.

James Stavridis, former NATO Supreme Allied Commander and 4-Star Navy Admiral used words to describe Biden's national security team as confident, collegial and qualified. He said that these men and women are the most experienced in decades, an internationalist group with a hawkish edge, tempered by the desire to reach out to the world, looking for coalitions.

To those who welcome this new administration, it's with a sense of relief that they won't have to worry about the deconstruction of international norms that have kept many up at night. Hopefully Trump supporters would also feel more secure.

Biden says his administration's purpose is to unite America. But saying so doesn't make it so. It's doubtful that anyone is singing about happy days being here again. A sober assessment of our country and our planet would have us thinking otherwise. But looking back on the past four years, too many of our problems and woes came from unforced errors; in other words, they were manufactured from a non-issue into a crisis.

Here is just a short list of actions that Trump took that caused himself big headaches and caused Americans' hearts to ache with the unnecessarily hurtful things he did.

-Separated migrant children from their parents
-Sprayed peaceful protesters with tear gas for a photo op
-Cut a pandemic early warning system in 2019
-Oversaw longest government shutdown in U.S. history
-Referred to some countries as sh—holes.
-Encouraged police to be rough with people they arrest
-Attacked former prisoner of war John McCain as being a loser for being captured
-Removed protections from 59,000 Haitians, forcing them to return to disaster-ridden Haiti
-Got himself impeached for threatening to withhold aid to Ukraine unless they investigated the Bidens.

This new administration will attempt to lower the temperature on feelings of heated outrage over others' points of view. Even if they can only tamp it down a little, at least they won't be further fanning the flames of divisiveness. Biden said that we should be fighting a virus, not each other.

Less drama from Washington – a soothing balm to a feverish nation.

Jill Chapin, Santa Monica

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION/AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE 1242 20TH STREET WELLNESS CENTER PROJECT DECEMBER 17, 2020

OFFICIAL NOTICE is hereby given of the completion and availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the proposed 1242 20th Street Wellness Center Project located in the City of Santa Monica (City). The Draft EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2018011001) has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located in Mid-City, north of Santa Monica Boulevard within the City's Healthcare Mixed Use (HMU) District. The approximately 45,009 sf (1.03 acre) project site includes two parcels addressed as 1925 Arizona Avenue and 1242 20th Street. The Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN) associated with these two parcels are 4276-013-033 and 4276-013-032, respectively. Specifically, the project site is bordered by 20th Street on the east, Arizona Avenue to the south, the 19th Court alley to the west, and the Lighthouse Church and School to the north. Pursuant to Section 15087(c)(6) of the CEQA Guidelines, the project site is not on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed 1242 20th Street Wellness Center Project (proposed project) would involve the development of approximately 72,812 square feet (sf) of medical research and development (R&D) and clinical/medical office space within a "Wellness Center" located at 1925 Arizona Avenue and 1242 20th Street in the City of Santa Monica. The proposed project would include the construction of a new 3-story building adjacent to an existing historic Tudor-style building, which would be partially preserved in its current condition, and partially renovated/adaptively reused as part of the Wellness Center. The proposed on-site parking garage would consist of five subterranean parking levels and would provide approximately 275 vehicular parking spaces.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ANALYZED: The Draft EIR analyzed potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project, including Aesthetics, Air Quality, Construction Effects, Cultural Resources, Geology/Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities and Service Systems, and Energy. No significant and unavoidable impacts were found.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: In recognition of the COVID-19 pandemic, an extended 60-day public review period will be provided for all interested persons to submit comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR, which exceeds the 45 days required by CEQA. **The comment period will start on December 17, 2020 and end at 5:30 p.m. on February 18, 2021.** Written comments should be sent to:

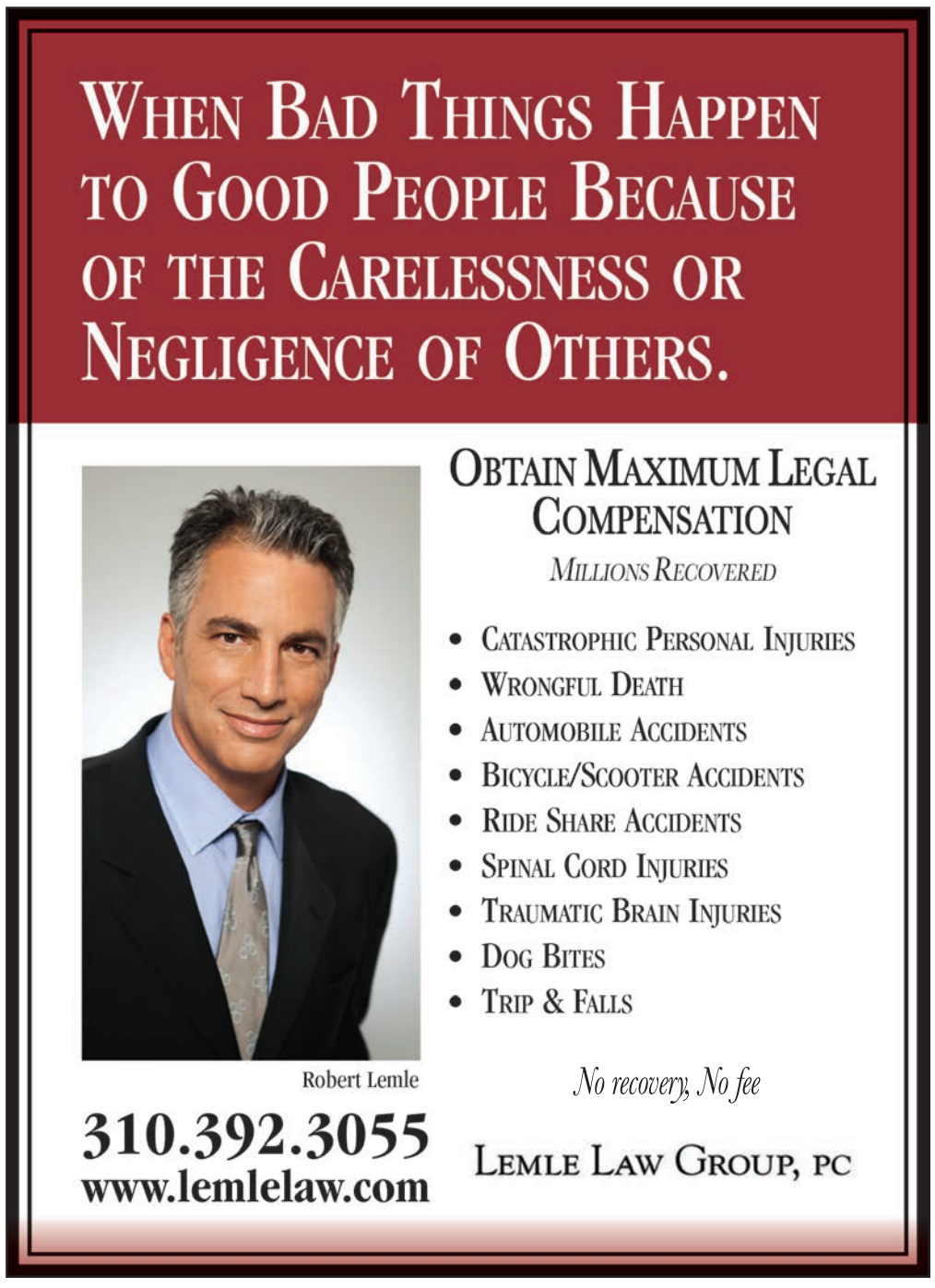
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AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: To reduce the risk of COVID19, City Hall remains closed to the public. The Draft EIR and background materials may be viewed online:

https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Environmental-Reports/1242-20th-Street-Wellness-Center-Project/

ESPAÑOL: Esta es una advertencia de que la Ciudad ha preparado un informe que describe los posibles efectos ambientales de la construcción propuesta de un proyecto de centro de salud, que puede ser de su interés. Para más información, llame a Carmen Gutiérrez al 310 458 8341.





Noteworthy

By Charles Andrews

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COVID Is Killing Live Music

WHAT IF WE NEVER HAD LIVE MUSIC AGAIN?

Don't even think it! That would never happen, right? Musicians are nothing if not resilient. And we have a vaccine now, things will eventually get back to some kind of near "normal." Sure, but...

If all musicians have are backyards and train stations and such, if they have to create and work for only what you throw in the hat, the best will die on the vine. I'm not going to go into the whole network of playing live and recording, give it a thought and you can figure it out, and you will realize that even if YOU no longer go out to hear live music (yeah, it's a hassle, a beautiful life-affirming hassle), without it there is no sifting of talent, no ascension of the best, no widespread recognition and the recordings that result, for the pleasure of you stay-at-home music fans, and you will have to work really hard to glaze through a million youtubes and a billion instagrams to find that which is worth listening to, that which will rock your gypsy soul and let your spirit fly, into the mystic.

WE NEED MUSIC IN THE SCHOOLS

Art in the parks, great films and we certainly need live music in clubs, concert halls and festivals. Mankind does not live on bread alone, you must feed the soul as well as the body.

The National Independent Venue Association (NIVA) formed in March 2020 as an organization of independent music venues, promoters and festivals, to push for federal support in the wake of COVID-19's devastating effect on live entertainment. I agree, that is the best bet, it should happen but, politicians love corporations and billionaire donors. But what they love most is getting re-elected, and this group offers a way to bring that voter pressure to bear. We the People. NIVA manages the website SaveOurStages.com and advocates for federal relief on social media using the hashtag #SaveOurStages.

One encouraging thing that has happened is a landmark book, just out, about cherished venues around the country, their histories and the passionate people trying desperately to keep them alive, and Nicole is going to tell you about it.

They have received good write-ups from Billboard (https://www.billboard.com/articles/business/9487040/new-book-200-music-venues-shuttered-pandemic-exclusive) and Forbes (https://www.forbes.com/sites/laurayoungkin/2020/12/10/meet-the-women-out-to-save-live-music-in-america/?sh=46290164108c), among others.

Do I have to say it? This is the perfect gift for anyone who loves music. It's not cheap but it's nearly 400 pages (9 lbs!) on high-quality stock with hundreds of exclusive photos, posters and artist interviews. Buy two — save live music.

NICOLE RECOMMENDS:

BRING MUSIC HOME — In the before times, as I like to call them, going to shows was one of my most frequent and favorite pastimes. It has been so long since I have experienced it, that when I stumbled upon a jazz trio practicing in a school parking lot this summer I was taken aback by how emotional it made me; smiling big underneath my mask without even realizing it, I was in my happy place.

In the before times, my favorite shows to go to were generally the smaller ones, at independently-run venues. Sadly, these businesses have been among the hardest hit during the Covid-19 pandemic. They were the first to shut down, and will be among the last to re-open... if they even make it.

A survey conducted earlier in the year by the newly-created National Independent Venue Association (NIVA) estimated that a staggering 90 percent of independent venue owners, promoters and bookers could be permanently out of business within the year if they did not receive government relief.

This shocking possibility is in part what inspired BRING MUSIC HOME co-founders Amber Mundinger, Tamara Deike and Kevin W. Condon to initially launch a poster campaign, enlisting graphic designers around the country to create city-specific posters, with proceeds benefiting NIVA. But that was hardly the end of it.

Since then, they, along with more than 60 other photographers, producers, writers, designers and creatives, have come together these past eight months to document more than 200 venues in more than 30 cities across the U.S. Some of them have been around for half a century (LA's Troubadour and The Mint) and have hosted countless legendary acts, others are relatively new and were just finding their footing before they were forced to shutter.

As a performer, avid concert goer and live music appreciator, this project hits close to home for me, which is why I was deeply honored to be brought onto the team as a contributing writer. My involvement was but one cog in a vast machine of creative contributors, but as someone who saw firsthand the inner workings, I can confirm how much love, effort, expertise, time and passion was put into bringing it to life.

Sadly, not all the venues covered will survive the pandemic fallout. Even in the process of researching for the book I saw more than one venue announce their permanent closure. From here the project takes on a new meaning: for some places, this book may be the last — or only— documentation of their story in existence. From an ethnographic perspective, this is invaluable.

BRING MUSIC HOME is a lightning in a bottle book, capturing a moment in time that will never come again. Beyond this publication, a podcast, documentary, and global editions of the book are also in the works.

The 400-page hardback book can be ordered today, with shipping scheduled for January. A portion of the proceeds will directly benefit NIVA, as well as contribute

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Greater Los Angeles VA Begins COVID-19 Vaccinations

The VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (VAGLAHS) began administering COVID-19 vaccinations to frontline health care employees and Veterans residing in long-term care Community Living and Spinal Cord Injury and Disorder centers this week.

VAGLAHS is part of the initial group of 37 VA medical centers across the country that began receiving and administering the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine this week.

The sites were chosen for their ability to vaccinate large numbers of people and store the vaccines at extremely cold temperatures.

"The Greater Los Angeles VA Healthcare System is proud to be a part of the initial 37 VA medical centers receiving the vaccine," said Steven E. Braverman, M.D., Director, VAGLAHS. "We are dedicated to ensuring all Veterans receiving care at VA and our employees are ultimately offered the vaccine."

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration stated that in clinical trials the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine was 95% effective in preventing COVID-19 disease. The vaccine is administered as a series of 2 doses, 21 days apart. The side effects appear similar to those of other vaccines and are short-lived.

COVID-19 vaccine implementation will include an initial limited-supply phase followed by a general implementation phase, when large supplies of the vaccine will be available.

As increased vaccine supply becomes available, VA plans to distribute these vaccines at additional facilities to offer the vaccine to more Veterans and employees.

VA will report directly to the CDC data on all vaccine doses administered by VA. The department will also provide general, public updates on the number of people who receive the vaccination at these sites, similar to how VA posts COVID-19 testing figures.

Veterans seeking additional information can sign up to get updated information through VA's COVID-19 Vaccine Keep Me Informed tool, visit the VA Coronavirus Vaccine FAQs webpage, contact their care team, or visit their facility website.

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Citywide

Twitter to start removing COVID-19 vaccine misinformation

Twitter said Wednesday that it will begin removing misinformation about COVID-19 vaccinations from its site.

It listed among posts that will removed as those including false claims that the virus is not real, debunked claims about the effects of receiving the vaccine and baseless claims that suggest that immunizations are used to harm or control people.

Twitter said in a blog post that it will start enforcing the new policy next week. If people send tweets in violation of the rules, they will be required to delete them before they are able to tweet again. Before the offending tweet is removed, Twitter will hide it from view.

Twitter said that starting early next year, it may also label tweets that advance "unsubstantiated rumors, disputed claims, as well as incomplete or out-of-context information about vaccines" but that may not merit a removal under the new rules.

The new policy comes as the U.S. is beginning to roll out COVID-19 vaccinations in the largest immunization campaign in the country's history. Vaccinations in other countries are also under way.

This while large swaths of people are hesitant about immunizations, and anti-vaccination groups and individuals peddle conspiracies on social media.

Facebook and YouTube have also announced they will remove misinformation about the vaccines.

The number of people who have died from the coronavirus in the U.S. passed a staggering 300,000 on Monday, according to Johns Hopkins University, with about 2,400 people now dying per day on average.

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LOS ANGELES

California sees continuing surge in virus cases, deaths

California health authorities reported 53,711 new coronavirus cases and 293 additional deaths on Wednesday, setting new records.

The continuing surge in the pandemic brings California's COVID-19 death toll to 21,481, according to the state Department of Public Health. The previous daily high for deaths was 225, reported Saturday.

The case count included 41,081 newly reported cases and 12,630 cases from previous days because of a change in processing data, but it remained a record nonetheless.

The state said the change involved implementation of an autoprocessing feature because the surge is requiring local public health departments to process a significantly higher number of test results on a day-to-day basis, resulting in an increased workload.

The state has now had 1,671,081 confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Hospitals are filling up so fast in California that officials are rolling out mobile field facilities and scrambling to hire more doctors and nurses to prepare for an expected surge in coronavirus patients.

Meanwhile California is distributing 5,000 body bags mostly to the hard-hit Los Angeles and San Diego areas and has 60 refrigerated trailers standing by as makeshift morgues in anticipation of a surge of COVID-19 deaths, Gov. Gavin Newsom said Tuesday.

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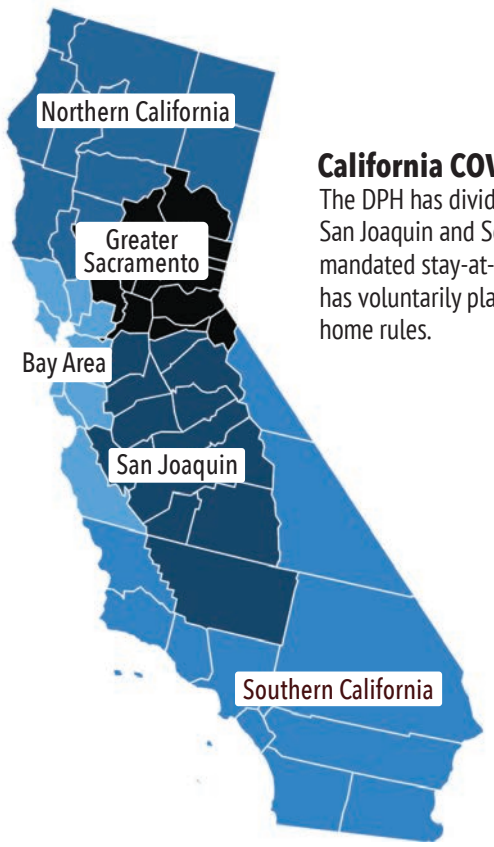
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Primer: Stay-at-home

On December 3, the California Department of Public Health issued a regional stay-at-home order in response to rapidly increasing COVID-19 infections Implementation of the order occurs when a region's ICU capacity drops below 15%. Southern California has been under the stay at home order since December 7.

Below is a map of the 5 regions, as well as a color coded list of activities that are allowed, allowed with restrictions or prohibited.



California COVID-19 Stay-at-home regions
The DPH has divided the state into 5 regions. San Joaquin and Southern California are under mandated stay-at-home orders. The Bay Area has voluntarily placed itself under stay-at-home rules.

Activities Impacted by Stay-at-home order

KEY:	Open	Limited	Closed
Child care/pre-K, subject to local rules			
Gyms & fitness centers, outdoor services only			
Hair salons and barbershops			
Hotels, only to house critical infrastructure workers			
Indoor recreational facilities			
Indoor use of libraries			
Movie theaters, family entertainment centers and casinos			
Museums, zoos & aquariums			
Non-urgent medical and dental care, subject to local rules			
Restaurants, breweries and wineries, take/delivery only, no onsite dining			
Parks (except some amenities)			
Personal care services			
Places of worship, outdoor services only			
Playgrounds (reopened Dec 11)			
Retail stores & shopping centers, open but limited to 20% capacity			

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"I haven't said this before because Los Angeles County has not been in this situation to this point in the pandemic before, but the worst is still before us."

From Nov. 1 to Dec. 8 average daily case count increased by 656 percent and testing positivity rates almost quadrupled from 3.5 percent to almost 15 percent. Hospitalizations increased from 791 patients on Nov. 1 to 4,656 patients on Dec. 16 and are expected to reach 5,000 within a few days.

"It's the first time really in my medical career, and I've been practicing emergency medicine for over a decade, where I have felt that the level of care that we can provide for our patients is actually threatened by this overcrowding and the surge of COVID-19 patients," said Denise Whitfield, emergency room physician at Harbor UCLA Medical Center.

On average it is estimated that two people in L.A. are currently dying every hour from COVID-19, according to Ferrer. As stresses on hospital systems continue to grow this is also likely to increase.

"We're now experiencing a distressing increase in deaths that surpasses anything we saw in the early days of the pandemic," said Ferrer.

The current surge has also led to a growing disparity in health outcomes in low-income and minority communities.

The death rate among Latinx individuals at 4.5 daily deaths per 100,000, is twice the rate for white residents. Black residents are experiencing a case rate of about 270 new cases per 100,000 individuals, which is almost three times the rate experienced by white and Asian residents.

"The life and death consequences of racism and poverty have played out in devastating ways and they continue to do so," said Ferrer. "The widening gaps are a stark reminder that many of our essential workers are black and brown and many are not able to telework or stay home. Many work at jobs with low wages and many live in under resourced neighborhoods."

As vaccination for high risk healthcare workers began across the County this week, officials stressed that this will not provide timely or widespread enough protection to stem the current surge.

L.A. County received 83,000 vaccine doses in its first shipment and is expected to receive a second shipment by Dec. 21 and a third shipment by the end of the month.

According to Supervisor Hilda Solis, the County hopes to provide an initial dose of the vaccine to between 250,000 and 300,000 health care providers, emergency medical workers, and staff and residents of skilled nursing facilities by year end.

County officials stressed that distancing, masking, and remaining at home are the only tools that can slow the current surge. Given the extremely high level of community transmission, these precautions are more essential now than at any other point in the pandemic.

"Things that were safe two months ago or one month ago are not safe today," said Ghaly. "Having just a very small birthday party for your child in a park is not safe. Having a very small holiday gathering is not safe. Getting together with a couple of friends at dinner is not safe."

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PLAZA

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Clarett West Development, LLC and DLJ Real Estate Capital Partners, LLC.

Council cemented the end of the negotiations with a 4-3 vote Tuesday. Newly elected councilmembers Phil Brock, Christine Parra and Oscar de la Torre aligned with Mayor Sue Himmelrich to form a majority.

In July, the previous iteration of City Council directed staff to adjust priorities in the negotiations to better reflect the input that was received from the public throughout the process, as well as impacts of COVID-19 on the economy, city revenues, and community needs. But Himmelrich believed the project should be scrapped.

"I think it's illegal. I think that it poses great risk to the city. And I think competition can only make this project better if we go to an RFP," which would ensure more affordable units in the space as well as a hotel and open space, Himmelrich said in July.

Councilmember Gleam Davis said Tuesday she voted to continue negotiations because she believes the city could still get a good project out of the current developer.

"By ending the exclusive negotiating agreement arrangement, we are postponing the project for an indefinite period into an indefinite future, which will cause us to have significant delays — in terms of developing those revenue generating portions of the project, open space, as well as potential housing," she added.

Brock said Wednesday the lease term was intolerable and the project is outdated, which is why he voted to cease negotiations.

"Let's unite behind a new project that will be guided by a community process that is in scale with the future of our beachside community," Brock said. "We can do better. We must do better."

Council directed staff to return with an administrative item so the future of the public parcels could be discussed in open session.

"Sometimes you need to take a step back to move forward," de la Torre said. "There were very compelling economic reasons to stay the course with the current developer and I appreciate the commitments made to bring us a new project but ultimately our residents deserve a breather and an opportunity to envision a better, resident-focused project on land they own."

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MUSIC

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to the 60+ creatives who helped make this project a reality, many of whom were directly impacted by the pandemic.

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California's growth rate at record low as more people leave

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

More people are leaving California than moving here, continuing a trend that coupled with fewer births has slowed the growth rate in the nation's most populous state to a record low amid a pandemic that is reshaping its future.

Officially, California added 21,200 people from July 1, 2019, to July 1, 2020, increasing the state's population a paltry 0.05% to 39.78 million people — still by far the most of any state.

But the bigger news from Wednesday's new population estimate was that 135,600 more people left the state than moved here. It's only the 12th time since 1900 the state has had a net migration loss, and the third largest ever recorded.

California became a state in 1850 after a gold rush spurred a massive migration of people moving west to seek their fortune. The state boomed again following World War II because of the aerospace and defense industry, and again in the 1980s and early 1990s as technology companies made Silicon Valley a household name.

That growth slowed for the first time in the mid-1990s after the U.S. cut back on its aerospace spending following the end of the Cold War. It happened again during the leadup to the Great Recession in the late 2000s. New population estimates released Wednesday by the state Department of Finance show it's now happening a third time, as California recorded its third consecutive year of net migration loss.

The reasons why aren't yet fully understood. In recent weeks, a string of high-profile business leaders have announced they are leaving California for states with lower taxes and fewer regulations — including Tesla CEO Elon Musk and the headquarters of tech giants Oracle and Hewlett-Packard, whose roots trace back to the founding of Silicon Valley.

A niche industry has emerged around the trend, with real estate agents starting websites like "exitcalifornia.org" and "leavingthebayarea.com" as the state's median home price hit a record high of more than $712,000 in September.

"With COVID and a lot of tech companies allowing people to work remotely, it's certainly opened up the door for a lot of people to consider making the move out of California," said Scott Fuller, a real estate agent whose business is aimed at helping people leave California — something he did in June when he moved his family to Arizona. "We're seeing a lot more high-income earners who are actively planning an exit strategy."

Matt Frinzi carried out his exit strategy on Tuesday, when he finished packing up his BMW X3 and left his home in San Francisco for Reno, Nevada — a state that does not have an income tax. Frinzi has lived in California for 25 years, saying when he moved to San Francisco in the 1990s he thought it as "the premiere city in the United States."

"I wouldn't give you a nickel for it now," he said.

Frinzi said he came from a working class immigrant family in New Jersey, building a nice life in the medical business. Now, with some in the state Legislature pushing for a new "wealth tax" on the state's highest earners, Frinzi said it was time to leave. The coronavirus pandemic furthered his resolve to move, he said, because of "government overreach," including the state ordering businesses like restaurants and hair salons to close.

"You're going to think I'm a right-wing kook. I'm really not. I'm a reasonable Republican," he said. "I believe in the Constitution of the United States, and it's unrecognizable in the state of California, particularly in San Francisco."

But while it's fashionable to blame California's taxes and policies for its recent exodus, state officials say the more likely culprit is the pandemic and the migration patterns of the state's large community of international immigrants.

Walter Schwarm, a demographer with the state Department of Finance, said California's net increase from international immigration has fallen every year since 2017, shortly after President Donald Trump took office and put in place policies that made it more difficult and expensive for people to legally move to the United States.

Plus, people who move to the United States from other countries often come to California first, but don't settle here, Department of Finance spokesman H.D. Palmer said.

"They have migrated to other states and other regions in the country because of either family ties or because there have been larger communities in certain areas of the country that reflect the home countries from which they came," he said, pointing to the large Hmong population in Minnesota as an example.

But immigration and emigration are not the sole reasons for California's slowing growth. The data shows more people are dying and fewer people are having children. That's partly because California's population is getting older, leaving fewer people who are more likely to have kids.

"We're missing 100,000 people that would normally be there every year because the birth rate has slowed down," Schwarm said.

But it's also likely more people are dying because of the pandemic. From 2017 to 2020, the number of deaths in California grew by an average of 4,800 deaths per year. But this year, California's deaths increased by 12,800.

California had reported a total of 6,163 coronavirus deaths on July 1, a number that has since grown to 21,481 as of Tuesday.

State officials base their population estimates on a number of sources, including birth and death counts, the number of new driver's licenses and address changes, school enrollments and federal income tax returns.

This year's estimate is shakier than usual because several of those data sources were affected by the response to the coronavirus pandemic, including changing or extending deadlines for some taxes and license renewals. The state will likely revise this estimate next year based on new information.

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$1 Million Settlement Reached in Santa Monica Hotel Case

The owners of a luxury hotel built in Santa Monica without the required permits have agreed to pay a total of $1 million in penalties and restitution, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

The final judgment, approved Dec. 14 by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Anthony Mohr, provides discounted and affordable room rates.

"The planning and permitting process ensures our community has the opportunity to provide input into what our neighborhoods look and feel like for decades to come," said Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón. "When that process is subverted, some of us are making decisions for all of us."

Half of the fees imposed under the settlement terms also may benefit essential workers of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The civil complaint alleges that Sunshine Enterprises violated state law by falsely representing to the California Coastal Commission that its proposed construction of the Shore Hotel would provide low- to moderate-cost lodging to replace two older lower-cost motels formerly on the property.

Instead of waiting for its permit to be approved, Sunshine demolished its existing motels near the Santa Monica Pier and erected in its place the new upscale Shore Hotel, which the company's website described as a luxury boutique hotel, prosecutors said.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant Head Deputy District Attorney Hoon Chun and Deputy District Attorney Seza Mikikian of the Consumer Protection Division.

Under the settlement terms, Sunshine must pay $250,000 in civil penalties – a sum in addition to the $15.6 million penalty already paid by Sunshine to the California Coastal Commission. In May, the commission levied the penalty against Sunshine because the hotel was built without proper permits that include providing for more affordable lodging in the area.

The combined civil penalties paid to the commission and the District Attorney's Office is the largest penalty ever imposed for violations of California's Coastal Act, which regulates development of coastal areas and mandates the commission preserve affordable access to California's coastline.

In addition to civil penalties, Sunshine must pay $750,000 in restitution to the District Attorney's Consumer Protection Trust Fund for the enforcement of consumer protection laws.

However, the settlement incentivizes the company to pay a large part of that amount – up to $500,000 – by providing discounted room rates to first responders and other essential workers of the COVID-19 pandemic.

These essential workers include paramedics, emergency room or intensive care physicians, firefighters, peace officers, school teachers, licensed social workers, grocery store employees, pharmacy employees and postal workers.

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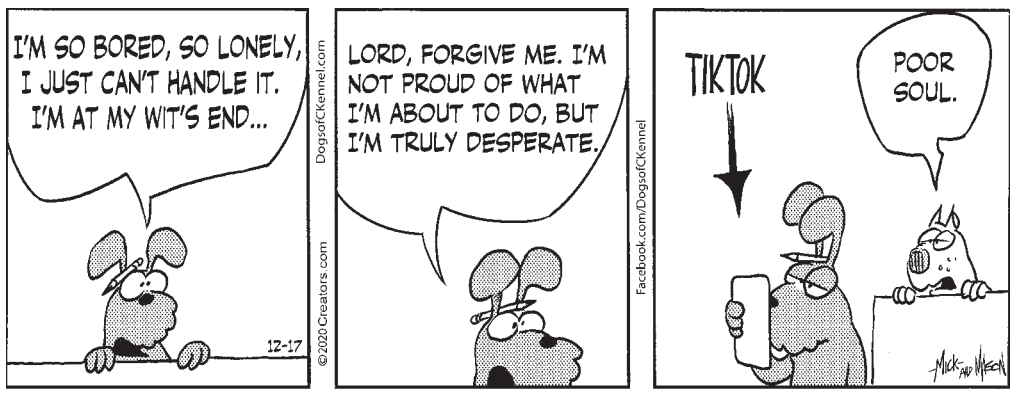
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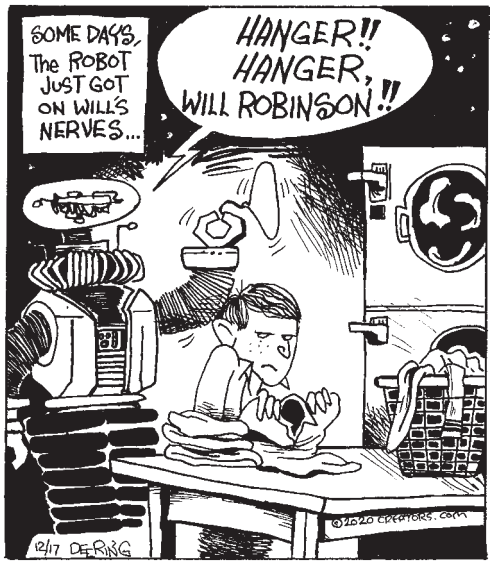
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THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
Easing WNW swell-mix is fun for select spots – there's less size through rest of the week.

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
WNW swell-mix eases but there will be some added NW windswell mixing in from the blow-through of NW wind Thursday..

WEATHER

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 62.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 64.

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Once you seize the opportunity, your professional landscape spreads out in magazine-level loveliness. People make the difference, and you'll be adding to your circle, especially after March. Fateful introductions come through friends, though you have to initiate by asking, "Who do you know that I should know?" Gemini and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 15, 30 and 12.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The mentor/apprentice relationship is a special bond in which both parties profit. Today, you'll likely be the teacher, and yet, you will feel as though you are the one being enriched.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A few days from the solstice, there's good fortune in the prep work you do to ready yourself for the change of season. Update your contacts, addresses and calendar for an ultra-organized approach to the new year.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What is it going to take to get to a smiling, laughing place? You really want to go there, and that's a start. Notice who brings about your lighter side. You could use a few more of these people in your world.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The situation itself is neutral and can be interpreted in multiple ways, none of which would be completely right or totally wrong, so you may as well choose an interpretation that makes you feel empowered and perhaps a bit lighter.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You challenge your own bias while many people around you refuse to recognize it. You'll ask excellent questions, too, and become enlightened as stereotypes collapse under even the briefest interrogation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You put more effort into coming off as effortless than anyone you know, and this is your success secret. "Spectacular achievement is always preceded by unspectacular preparation." — Robert H. Schuller

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A chore by any other name could be an artistic experience, a grind, a story for the ages, a workout, the superior accomplishment that gives you bragging rights. It's all in how you frame it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The one who admits being jealous is also admitting feelings of inferiority. This takes a degree of vulnerability, and you have a tender heart for a person struggling in this way now because you've been there before.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Even though your intuition is a powerful tool, feelings, a bias toward familiarity and the impulsivity of desire will also be driving forces, and hard to separate from psychic perception.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have plenty of faith, and it is easier to have it since you also are willing to research, plan and execute every step you can think of to make something happen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). An improved headspace has nothing to do with thinking harder about a thing; rather, it's a matter of relaxing your thinking, breathing more oxygen into it and letting it open up to new possibilities.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). With new people, you'll be dancing between how much to reveal and what to hold back. Your awareness of others helps you feel your way through the getting-to-know-you process.

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.

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4	5	1	6	9	7	3	8	2
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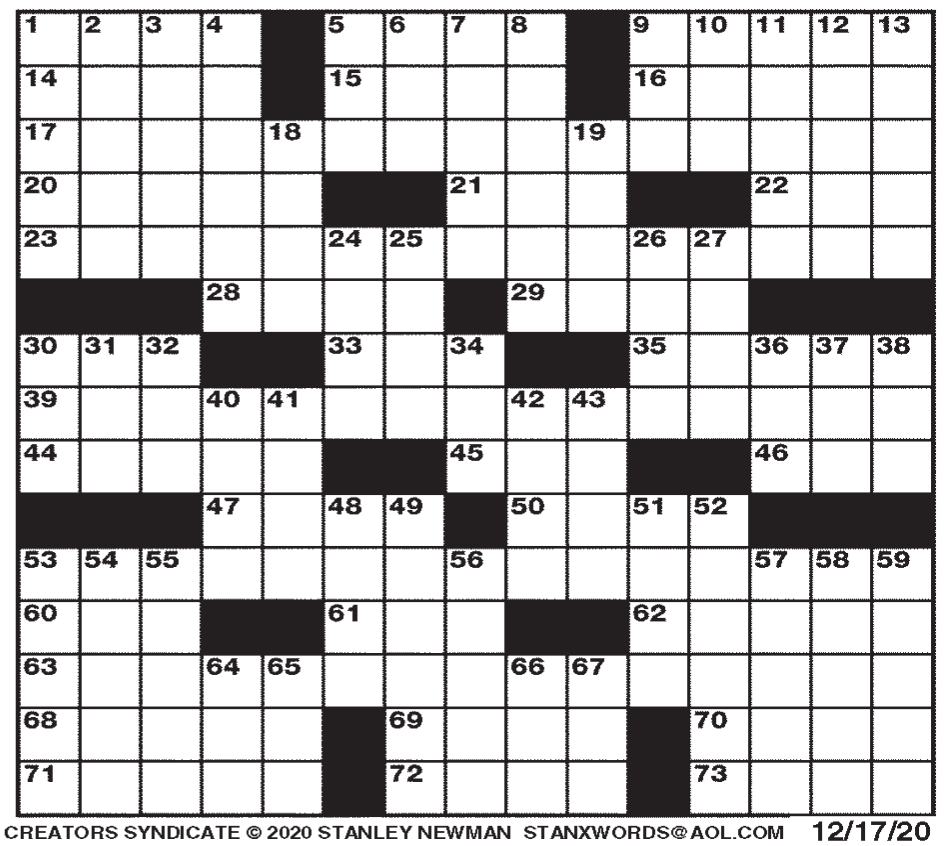
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Film megastar of the 1910s
5 One not to be trusted
9 Sir's counterpart
14 High-security airline
15 Light brown
16 Wedding-dress style
17 March-November period
20 Poker declaration
21 Bit of resistance
22 Day-__ paint
23 When NPR airs the week's first *Fresh Air*
28 K-6
29 Ice-cream extra, at times
30 Fairway position
33 Quipster's asset
35 Made angry
39 Currently
44 Walking speeds
45 Likewise not
46 Currently
47 Some Harvard grads
50 Depend (on)
53 Handling personal business, perhaps
60 Ecology-minded agcy.
61 Senior's income source: Abbr.
62 Conversation starter
63 July 4th, e.g.
68 Artifice
69 Minister to
70 Victory goddess
71 Martial mount
72 Brontë heroine
73 Grandpa Walton portrayer

DOWN
1 Opposite of "brighten"
2 Battleground of 1836
3 Silk substitute
4 Refer (to)
5 Journey segment
6 I, in Innsbruck
7 Sun Tzu's *The __ War*
8 Hurtle in the direction of
9 Texas NBAer
10 Three-time heavyweight champ
11 Australian canine
12 __-Saxon
13 Subatomic particle
18 Emphatic type: Abbr.
19 Part of AAA
24 Some evergreens
25 Throughout the course of
26 Cayuse controller
27 *"L'Étoile du __"* (Minnesota motto)
30 Backtalk
31 Once-while link
32 Ink saver of a sort
34 Light brown
36 Colo. neighbor
37 Whence pride comes
38 Frost kin
40 Sphere starter
41 Volume's ID
42 Olden days
43 Extremely dry
48 Not "fer"
49 Bombard with criticism
51 Wonka creator
52 Looking over
53 Camporee setups
54 Separately
55 Tom Cruise ex
56 *Roots* author
57 Any Buddy Holly tune
58 Minimal snow
59 Entry hall
64 Cool cubes
65 Approved
66 Possessive pronoun
67 "To a Mouse," for one



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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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T R P G D Y E I O D U B B O R
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Arid	Eulo	Mulga	Shrubs
Bates	Glenelg	Ochre	Soil
Bell	Gold	Olary	Straight
Bena	Gums	Orange	Tamworth
Brown	Heat	Ormiston	Tara
Bush	Lakes	Gorge	Towers
Camels	Lead	Pimba	Truro
Cook	Lifestyle	Regatta	Uluru
Copper	Louth	Roadhouse	Young
Derby	Mining	Robe	
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Dinner inspiration

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The project is a collaboration between Cultural Affairs, the Main Street Business Improvement Association, Ocean Park Association and Beautify art initiative. It is an unusual program uniting the interests of resident, business and art organizations.

"Everyone has the same goal to take these naked white K-Rails that scream neglected and turn them into something beautiful and compelling," said Marc Morgenstern, president of Ocean Park Association. "We all share the common goal of taking the al fresco dining scene and ramping it up to create another reason for people to come out to the street, and to tell everybody who's driving by or walking by loudly and clearly 'we are open for business.'"

The project has created a splashy and dynamic horizontal art gallery that features work from nine different artists. The art non-profit Beautify helped Cultural Affairs solicit designs and assemble a diverse group of artists to showcase their styles on the K-Rails.

Many of these artists are local to Santa Monica, like Gus Harper who grew up in the neighborhood and graduated from Samohi. Harper decorated the K-Rails outside of Stella Barra restaurant with geological landscapes of natural imagery using bold crimson and royal blue to depict roses and diamonds.

Other artists came from out of town like Nuria Ortiz, who hails from Long Beach and goes by the name Ms. Yellow. Her bright floral design imbued the K-Rails outside of Lula Mexican restaurant with a distinctly Latin feel.

"I can't tell you how universally appealing this seems to be for everybody from people walking by, to people driving by, to the artists themselves," said Morgenstern. "Especially at a time when COVID has forced outdoor dining to take a pause, it turns out that art is that much more important in keeping people going and sustained and connected to the community."

The Art of Recovery program was inspired by the WPA-era's Federal Art Project and aims to create employment opportunities for artists as part of the City's broader recovery agenda.

"The WPA had a major initiative to put artists to work in response to the Great Depression. Significant plays were written, public artworks and murals created; it was a very impactful program for the country," said Daut. "When the pandemic started we saw that there was a great opportunity in terms of the arts playing a role in the City's recovery efforts."

While Cultural Affairs' budget was slashed during the City's financial restructuring in June, this program is made possible with funds from the City Cultural Arts Trust Fund, which contains funds that private developers contribute to as required by the City's Private Percent for Art Ordinance.

The program is a compelling example of how artwork and business operations can be mutually beneficial.

By working outside of stores, artists received exposure that is impossible to achieve when working from a studio. Several artists gained project commissions from people they met during the K-Rail project and businesses are already asking for more murals on Main Street.

"I'm hearing from a number of these projects that businesses are really seeing the value artists can bring to their endeavors," said Daut. "I'm hopeful that this creates an environment where these relationships can strengthen and grow over time way beyond the pandemic."

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