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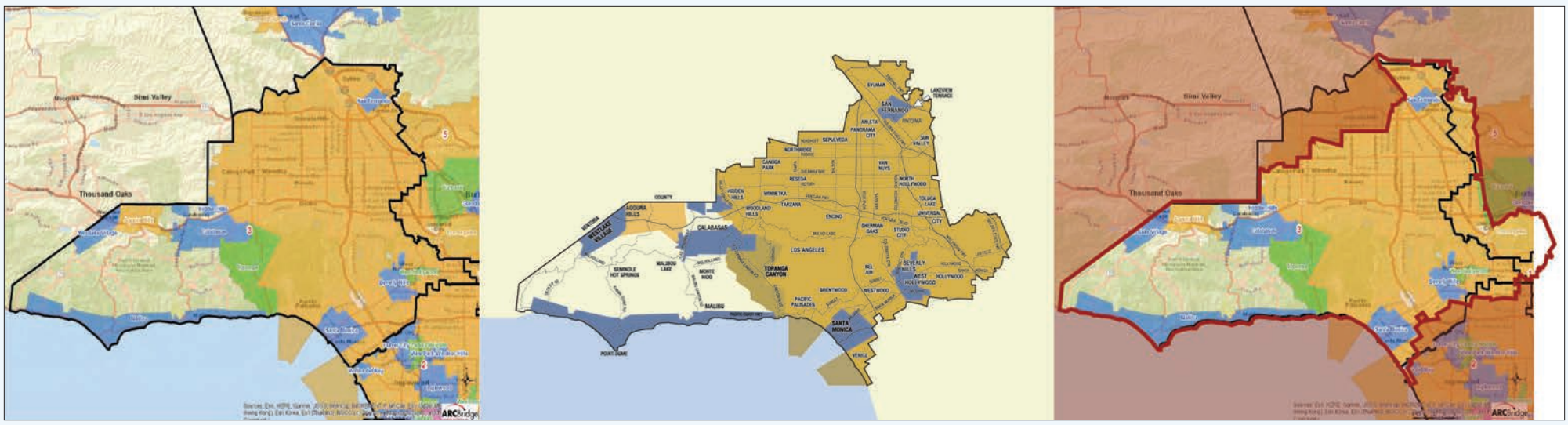
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Supervisor Kuehl decries new third district boundaries

State Senator Henry Stern announced his candidacy for Kuehl's seat following the redistricting map's finalization



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DISTRICT: Santa Monica is part of the newly redrawn third district. The original map (center) has been replaced with new map (left) by a committee of volunteers.

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

As happens every decade following the U.S. Census count, Santa Monicans can expect to see their local, state and national voting districts redrawn according to population and demographic swings–often to mixed reviews.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 15, the Los Angeles County Redistricting Commission approved a final version of the map laying out supervisorial districts for the next 10 years, raising the ire of current Third District Supervisor Sheila Kuehl.

LA County's Third District–considered a progressive bastion among the county's five–has been redrawn to remain largely the same, containing Santa Monica and neighboring areas like West LA, the lower San Fernando Valley, Malibu and West Hollywood. The new district will lose certain areas like Los Feliz and parts of Hollywood. It will now also contain some of the area's more conservative neighborhoods in the north San Fernando Valley like Chatsworth, Porter Ranch and Granada Hills, much to Kuehl's chagrin. The supervisor lashed out in a Thursday morning email, calling the map an "abrupt abandonment of rational process."

In California, unlike in many other states, redistricting is determined by an independent commission, not current politicians. The 14 commission members were selected in a random drawing from a list of 55 vetted candidates (out of nearly 750 applicants). The method is designed to avoid political squabbling; however,

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New developments coming to Wilshire Blvd.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A single company has purchased multiple properties along Wilshire Blvd. with plans to redevelop several swaths of the street into new multi-story, mixed-use developments.

Cypress Equity has demolition permits on property at 1902 Wilshire, 1904 Wilshire, 1908 Wilshire, 1914 Wilshire, 2025 Wilshire and 1153 21st Street. Some of those properties will be combined into a pair of publicly announced projects at 2025 Wilshire and 2501 Wilshire while plans for the others are unknown.

The City's current zoning regulations require developers to hold community meetings and create a website with information before submitting a formal application for design review with the City but demolition permits can be sought at any time.

Cypress has opted to announce two projects so far.

At 2501 Wilshire, the proposed project consists of a four-story mixed-use building including 70 residential units, 11 off-site deed-restricted affordable units, ground

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City Contact: City of Santa Monica Building and Safety Division - 310.458.8355

Matthew Hall

PERMITS: Cypress Equity has several demolition permits along Wilshire Blvd.

Athlete goes from homelessness to the Paralympics and beyond

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Laura Goodkind has never had it easy, but Goodkind is a winner at heart.

Born three months prematurely, Goodkind grew up with cerebral palsy and later developed a range of other health challenges, including a mast cell disorder and swallowing disorder, the latter of which sent Goodkind into near death septic shock twice. These conditions made normal employment very challenging, which eventually resulted in Goodkind falling into homelessness.

Goodkind also happens to be a two-time Paralympic athlete, an adaptive sports ambassador and is poised to compete in the upcoming Angel City Games presented by The Hartford this weekend.

This journey was neither a simple nor straightforward one, but one that required patience, persistence, and a constant push

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SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 45 CALLS ON DECEMBER 15

EMS 2000Blk Arizona Ave 1:47 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 20th St 3:00 a.m.
EMS 2100Blk Ocean Ave 3:22 a.m.
EMS 200Blk Ocean Ave 5:51 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk Yale St 6:26 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 6:37 a.m.
EMS 800Blk 19th St 7:20 a.m.
EMS 2400Blk Beverley Ave 7:30 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2200Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:57 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2900Blk Olympic Blvd 9:12 a.m.
EMS 1200Blk 6th St 9:19 a.m.
EMS 2nd St / Pier Ave 9:22 a.m.
EMS 1500Blk 2nd St 9:25 a.m.
Wires Down 2800Blk Kansas Ave 9:46 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2400Blk Broadway 11:03 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 11:29 a.m.
EMS 1800Blk 16th St 11:57 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2300Blk 34th St 12:08 p.m.
EMS 1000Blk 3rd St 12:49 p.m.
EMS 500Blk San Vicente Blvd 1:15 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1000Blk 4th St 1:43 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 3rd St 2:17 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 2:25 p.m.
EMS 2500Blk 29th St 2:36 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:45 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 800Blk 2nd St 2:53 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 2000Blk 14th St 2:56 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 3:26 p.m.
EMS 2100Blk Oak St 3:44 p.m.
EMS 600Blk Euclid St 4:04 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2100Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:06 p.m.
EMS 400Blk San Vicente Blvd 4:39 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 5th St / Santa Monica Blvd 5:12 p.m.
EMS 2100Blk Ocean Ave 5:26 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Interstate 10 / 4th St 5:32 p.m.
EMS 2400Blk Wilshire Blvd 5:33 p.m.
EMS 1200Blk Ocean Ave 7:19 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 7:50 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 7th St 8:44 p.m.
EMS 3rd Street Prom / Broadway 8:49 p.m.
EMS 100Blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:56 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk 2nd St 11:00 p.m.
EMS 300Blk Olympic Dr 11:32 p.m.
Request Fire 300Blk Olympic Dr 11:33 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2000Blk Arizona Ave 11:55 p.m.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

SANTA MONICA
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to AB361

DATE/TIME: Monday, December 20, 2021, 7:00 PM
LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Architectural Review Board and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The public may join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/uduyukrr dialing in at +1 (415) 466-7000 (US) PIN: 9108989#.

PROPERTIES:

- 21ARB-0203: 1650 Euclid Street: Commercial
- 21ARB-0276: 710 Broadway: Mixed-Use
- 21ARB-0287: 1546 9th Street: Residential
- 21ARB-0290: 2651 Main Street: Commercial

PRELIMINARY DESIGN REVIEW:

- 1736 22nd Street: Performing Arts Center

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Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2900Blk Main St 1:08 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2400Blk Pico Blvd 1:30 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 7th St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:35 a.m.
Vehicle Burglar Alarm 300Blk San Vicente Blvd 1:39 a.m.
Vehicle Burglar Alarm 300Blk Adelaide Dr 1:54 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 4th St / Arizona Ave 3:50 a.m.
Loud Music 2200Blk 29th St 3:59 a.m.
Loud Music 3rd Street Prom / Broadway 4:05 a.m.
Loud Music 300Blk Broadway 4:09 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 1200Blk 2nd St 6:50 a.m.
Domestic Violence Report 2900Blk Pico Blvd 6:54 a.m.
Burglary Report 900Blk 14th St 7:28 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 400Blk Ocean Ave 7:40 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 7:47 a.m.
Encampment 500Blk Colorado Ave 7:53 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2400Blk Ocean Front Walk 8:01 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2900Blk Colorado Ave 8:02 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 800Blk 21st St 8:42 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 1700Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:48 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 2nd St / Arizona Ave 8:56 a.m.
General Parking Problem 300Blk Olympic Dr 9:01 a.m.
Encampment 2600Blk The Beach 9:12 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400Blk 17th St 9:13 a.m.
Fraud Report 2700Blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:14 a.m.
Animal Related Incident Dorchester Ave / Pico Blvd 9:20 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 900Blk 17th St 9:32 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1800Blk 10th St 9:39 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 900Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:40 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 600Blk Strand St 9:41 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 600Blk Strand St 9:42 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 2800Blk Kansas Ave 9:46 a.m.
Rape Report 300Blk Olympic Dr 9:58 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 10:01 a.m.
Encampment 2900Blk The Beach 10:19 a.m.
Encampment 1800Blk Expo Bike Path 10:22 a.m.
Fraud Report 3000Blk 3rd St 10:24 a.m.
Sexual Assault 2400Blk Montana Ave 10:52 a.m.
Encampment 2000Blk The Beach 10:55 a.m.
Burglary Report 1400Blk Lincoln Blvd 11:02 a.m.
Fraud Report 500Blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:05 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 11:08 a.m.
Encampment 1200Blk The Beach 11:19 a.m.
Lost Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 11:51 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Main St / Hollister Ave 12:16 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2000Blk Cloverfield Blvd 12:22 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300Blk Barnard Way 12:38 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 12:48 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 800Blk 4th St 1:22 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1800Blk 7th St 2:01 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 300Blk Olympic Dr 2:05 p.m.
Battery Report 2700Blk Neilson Way 2:13 p.m.
Animal Related Incident Cloverfield Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 2:19 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:19 p.m.
Fraud Report 300Blk California Ave 2:32 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2200Blk Colorado Ave 2:45 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 800Blk Pearl St 2:51 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:51 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1000Blk 2nd St 2:58 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 3:00 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1200Blk 16th St 3:16 p.m.
Lost Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 3:40 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1900Blk California Ave 3:48 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1000Blk 3rd St 3:51 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 3000Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:57 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:14 p.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order In Progress 3000Blk 4th St 4:18 p.m.
Burglary Report 900Blk 14th St 4:22 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 600Blk Kensington rd 4:24 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 4:33 p.m.
Encampment 2200Blk The Beach 4:33 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Lincoln Blvd / Colorado Ave 4:34 p.m.
Fight Cloverfield Blvd / Pico Blvd 4:56 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 9th St / Pico Blvd 4:59 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 5:00 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 2500Blk 7th St 5:11 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2200Blk The Beach 5:15 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 4th St / Interstate 10 5:34 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1100Blk Pico Blvd 5:54 p.m.
Critical Missing Person Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 6:05 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1900Blk Wilshire Blvd 6:29 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 3100Blk 5th St 6:42 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 600Blk 21st Pl 6:49 p.m.
Drinking In Public 2000Blk Main St 6:53 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2600Blk 11th St 7:51 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 7:55 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2300Blk Hill St 7:56 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper Just Occurred 1200Blk 5th St 8:04 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 2nd St / Broadway 8:06 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500Blk 4th St 8:20 p.m.
Found Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 8:21 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 300Blk Olympic Dr 8:22 p.m.
Loud Music 1400Blk Franklin St 8:31 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper Just Occurred 200Blk Broadway 9:13 p.m.

DA's last big decision: Whether to charge Trump

MICHAEL R. SISAK
Associated Press

After a dozen years in office, one piece of unfinished business remains for Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. before he retires at the end of the month: Will the prosecutor known for his caution go out with a bang by bringing criminal charges against Donald Trump?

Vance, who has spent more than two years investigating the former president, has been coy about whether he'll seek Trump's indictment or leave the decision to the next district attorney, Alvin Bragg, a fellow Democrat who takes over Jan. 1.

"I really can't talk about the Trump case, so I'm not going to talk about the Trump case," Vance said in a recent interview with The Associated Press. "But I think it's pretty clear that our investigation is active and ongoing."

Vance, 67, has continued to pursue Trump over his business practices even as he's packing up to leave the job he's held since 2010.

After charging the Trump Organization and one of its executives with tax fraud last June, Vance convened a new grand jury that could potentially bring a fresh indictment in what could be a legacy-cementing moment. No former president has ever been charged with a crime.

But a rush to get the case done before Jan. 1 might also be out of character for a prosecutor who holds few news conferences, does few interviews and is known for a methodical approach.

While Vance is perhaps best known for overseeing Harvey Weinstein's landmark #MeToo rape conviction last year, he's also been criticized for hesitating to bring potentially risky cases involving the powerful.

In any event, Vance said he has no future political aspirations and little to gain by grabbing the spotlight.

"I'm not running for office again, so politically it's meaningless to me," he told The AP. "I have had no sense that politics has been involved in my mind or the mind of anyone in this office."

Vance, the son of the late former U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance Sr., presided over sizable change in the district attorney's office, where he oversaw a staff of 500 lawyers with an annual budget of about $125 million.

Like other Democratic prosecutors in the city, he eased off of the iron-fisted approach to quality-of-life crimes that was once a hallmark of criminal justice in the city.

Vance ended most prosecutions for possessing and smoking marijuana and for jumping subway turnstiles, slashing the cases handled by his office by nearly 60% — though some activists said he didn't go far enough.

He also re-examined cases involving wrongful convictions. Last month, Vance went to court to overturn the convictions of Muhammad Aziz and the late Khalil Islam, who he said had wrongfully spent years in prison for the 1965 assassination of civil rights leader Malcolm X.

Vance also made good on pledges to tackle cold cases, sending a man to prison in what had been one of the city's most notorious unsolved crimes, the 1979 disappearance of 6-year-old Etan Patz.

Yet Vance has also battled criticisms that he had a two-tiered system of justice — one for everyday New Yorkers, another for the rich and famous.

His career-defining win last year in the Weinstein case came only after he declined a chance to pursue similar charges in 2015 after a model accused the movie mogul of groping her breast. Vance said there wasn't enough proof of a sexual assault.

In 2011, Vance dropped rape charges against the French financier Dominique Strauss-Kahn, then the head of the International Monetary Fund, because of concerns about the credibility of the accuser.

Vance investigated Trump's two eldest children over potential fraud in a hotel project a decade ago, but declined to bring charges.

In 2016, his office struck a deal that let a prominent gynecologist accused of sexually abusing patients avoid prison — a case that has since been reopened in the face of public outcry.

Vance, speaking to the AP, said his office has prosecuted many people of "power and authority," that his office has taken on thousands of sex crimes cases, and that he often defers to the expertise of his career sex crimes prosecutors on charging decisions.

Still, he acknowledged the criticism and outlined steps his office has taken, including bringing in an outside consultant to take a hard look at how its sex crimes bureau operates.

"To those folks who, who criticize our decisions, I would say that we I think we have learned a great deal from the #MeToo movement," Vance said. "Of course we haven't done perfectly and you're going to make people unhappy in this job, just by the nature of the job and the decisions you make. That happens from time to time and it has happened to me from time to time. What I can simply commit to is that the efforts of our lawyers have always been to try to get the right result."

Trump's view on Vance is that he's just another Democrat out to get him in a partisan "witch hunt."

"New York is dying before our very eyes, and all the Democrat Prosecutors are focused on is how we can get and punish Donald Trump," the former president said in his latest missive Wednesday.

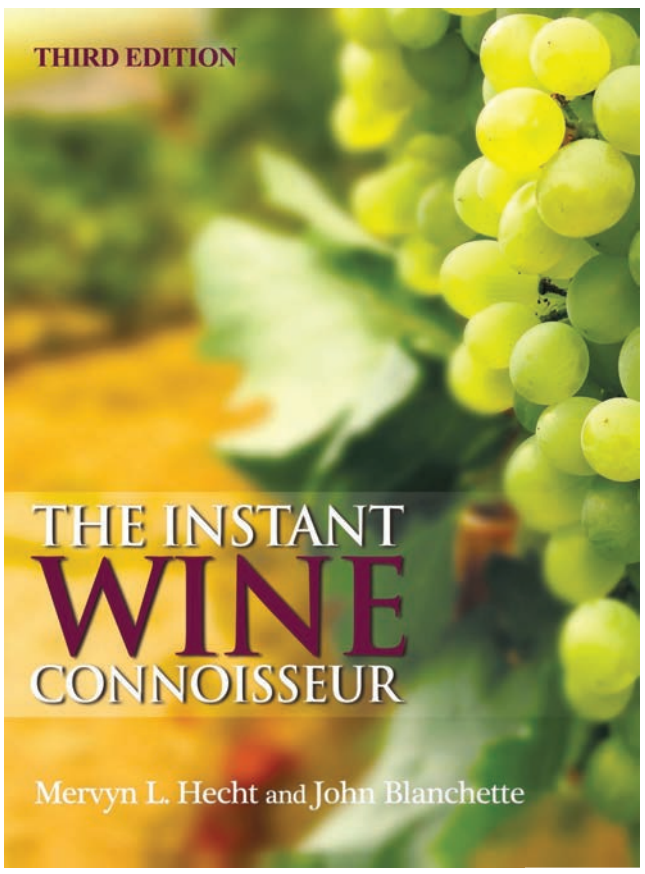
The district attorney's investigation, which initially began as an examination of hush-money payments paid to women on Trump's behalf, has expanded into an inquiry into whether the president's company misled

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Vaccinated California employees face workplace restrictions

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

In a move criticized by business groups and hailed by labor advocates, California's workplace regulators on Thursday extended the state's coronavirus pandemic regulations into next year with revisions that employers said could worsen the state's severe labor shortage.

Vaccinated and unvaccinated employees in the most populous U.S. state will be treated the same under the California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board's revised rules.

Both will be prohibited from the workplace if they come in close contact with someone infected with the virus under the rules that take effect from Jan. 14 and are set to last for three months.

The new rules mark a reversal from the state's current coronavirus workplace regulation. The current rules allow vaccinated employees to keep working at workplaces even if they've been exposed, unless they show symptoms — under the assumption that the vaccine generally will protect them.

The revised temporary rules require that exposed workers who are vaccinated but asymptomatic stay home for 14 days even if they test negative or return to work but wear masks and stay 6 feet (1.8 meters) from others for two weeks.

The seven-member safety board is the policy-making arm of what is known as Cal/OSHA. It adopted the revised rules without discussion on a 6-1 vote.

Business groups argued the new rules will be particularly onerous for small businesses including restaurants and retailers.

"Treating vaccinated and unvaccinated people similarly really denies the scientific value of the vaccine and disincentivizes vaccination," said Rob Moutrie, a policy advocate for the California Chamber of Commerce.

But groups representing California workers supported the changes. Mitch Steiger, a legislative advocate for the California Labor Federation, said regulators last summer were foolish to loosen COVID-19 workplace restrictions put in place earlier during the pandemic.

"It's good that we're realizing that vaccines aren't the silver bullet to get us out of this," Steiger said. "There's never a good time to start disarming against COVID-19."

The safety board's adoption of the revised rules came a day after California reinstituted requiring vaccinated and unvaccinated people to wear masks indoors in a bid to slow the spread of the virus, including the omicron variant, as families and friends gather for the holidays and new coronavirus cases increase.

Safety board members recognized "the science that vaccinated people can transmit the virus, and early reports show that to be

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California utility faces $550M in penalties for 5 wildfires

Associated Press

California regulators approved a settlement Thursday placing more than half a billion dollars in fines and penalties on the utility Southern California Edison for its role in five wildfires in 2017 and 2018.

The penalties relate to the Thomas, Woolsey, Rye, Meyers and Liberty fires. The Thomas fire, which burned in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, is the eighth largest fire in California history, burning more than 439 square miles, according to state fire officials. Meanwhile, the Woolsey Fire that also tore through Ventura County ranks as the eighth most destructive fire in state history, destroying more than 1,600 structures.

Investigations found utility equipment sparked the fires.

Southern California Edison reached the settlement with the California Public Utilities Commission's safety and enforcement division; it was then approved by the five-member commission.

The utility's shareholders will pay a $110 million penalty to the state's general fund and put $65 million toward safety measures, according to the settlement. It also bars the utility from tapping ratepayers to cover $125 million in claims related to insurance for the Thomas Fire and $250 million for the Woolsey Fire.

California has seen increasingly destructive wildfires in recent years, made worse by climate change and drought. Utility equipment has been blamed for sparking some the state's worst fires.

The CPUC's safety and enforcement division found the utility violated state safety regulations that govern design, construction and maintenance of overhead electrical lines and communication facilities. State regulators used a relatively new process to reach the agreement with the utility, bypassing a more formal investigation process. It resolves all claims by state regulators related to the fires.

Southern California Edison serves 15 million customers and is one of the state's three major investor-owned utilities. In signing the agreement, the utility is not admitting any fault.

SCE spokesman Ben Gallagher called the settlement "fair and reasonable."

He said it "puts one additional uncertainty

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CDC panel recommends Pfizer, Moderna COVID shots over J&J's

LAURAN NEERGAARD AND MIKE STOBBE
Associated Press

Most Americans should be given the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines instead of the Johnson & Johnson shot that can cause rare but serious blood clots, U.S. health advisers recommended Thursday.

The strange clotting problem has caused nine confirmed deaths after J&J vaccinations — while the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines don't come with that risk and also appear more effective, advisers to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

It's an unusual move and the CDC's director, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, must decide whether to accept the panel's advice.

Until now the U.S. has treated all three COVID-19 vaccines available to Americans as an equal choice, since large studies found they all offered strong protection and early supplies were limited. J&J's vaccine initially was welcomed as a single-dose option that could be especially important for hard-to-reach groups like homeless people who might not get the needed second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna options.

But the CDC's advisers said Thursday that it was time to recognize a lot has changed since vaccines began rolling out a year ago. More than 200 million Americans are considered fully vaccinated, including about 16 million who got the J&J shot.

New data from unprecedented safety tracking of all those vaccinations persuaded the panel that while the blood clots linked to J&J's vaccine remain very rare, they're still occurring and not just in younger women as originally thought.

In a unanimous vote, the advisers decided the safer Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are preferred. But they said the shot made by J&J's Janssen division still should be available if someone really wants it — or has a severe allergy to the other options.

"I would not recommend the Janssen vaccine to my family members" but some patients may — and should be able to — choose that shot, said CDC adviser Dr. Beth Bell of the University of Washington.

The clotting problems first came up last spring, with the J&J shot in the U.S. and with a similar vaccine made by AstraZeneca that is used in other countries. Eventually U.S. regulators decided the benefits of J&J's one-and-done vaccine outweighed what was considered a very rare risk — as long as recipients were warned.

European regulators likewise continued to recommend AstraZeneca's two-dose vaccine although, because early reports were mostly in younger women, some countries issued age restrictions.

COVID-19 causes deadly blood clots, too. But the vaccine-linked kind is different, believed to form because of a rogue immune reaction to the J&J and AstraZeneca vaccines because of how they're made. It forms in unusual places, such as veins that drain blood from the brain, and in patients who also develop abnormally low levels of the platelets that form clots. Symptoms of the unusual clots, dubbed "thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome," include severe headaches a week or two after the J&J vaccination — not right away — as well as abdominal pain and nausea.

While it's still very rare, the Food and Drug Administration told health care providers this week that more cases have occurred after J&J vaccinations since the spring. They occur most in women ages 30 to 49 — about once for every 100,000 doses administered, the FDA said.

Overall, the government has confirmed 54 clot cases— 37 in women and 17 in men, and nine deaths that included two men, the CDC's Dr. Isaac See said Thursday. He said two additional deaths are suspected.

The CDC decides how vaccines should be used in the U.S., and its advisers called the continuing deaths troubling. In comparing the pros and cons of all the vaccines, the panelists agreed that side effects from the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines weren't as serious — and that supplies now are plentiful.

Nor is J&J still considered a one-and-done vaccine, several advisers noted. The single-dose option didn't prove quite as protective as two doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. Plus, with extra-contagious virus mutants now spreading, booster doses now are recommended.

Several countries, including Canada, already have policies that give preference to the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. But J&J told the committee its vaccine still offers strong protection and is a critical option especially in parts of the world without plentiful vaccine supplies or for people who don't want a two-dose shot.

While blood clots are rare, "unfortunately cases of COVID-19 are not," J&J's Dr. Penny Heaton said.

The U.S. is fortunate in its vaccine availability and Thursday's action shouldn't discourage use of J&J's vaccine in places around the world where it's needed, said CDC adviser Dr. Matthew Daley of Kaiser Permanente Colorado.

The FDA also warned this week that another dose of the J&J vaccine shouldn't be given to anyone who developed a clot following either a J&J or AstraZeneca shot.

The committee also heard some of the first data on reported side effects of Pfizer vaccinations in younger children. Early last month, the CDC recommended a two-dose series for that age group, and more than 7 million doses have been given so far. But few problems have been reported. Of the 80 reported cases of serious side effects, about 10 involved a form of inflammation that has been seen in male teens and young adults.

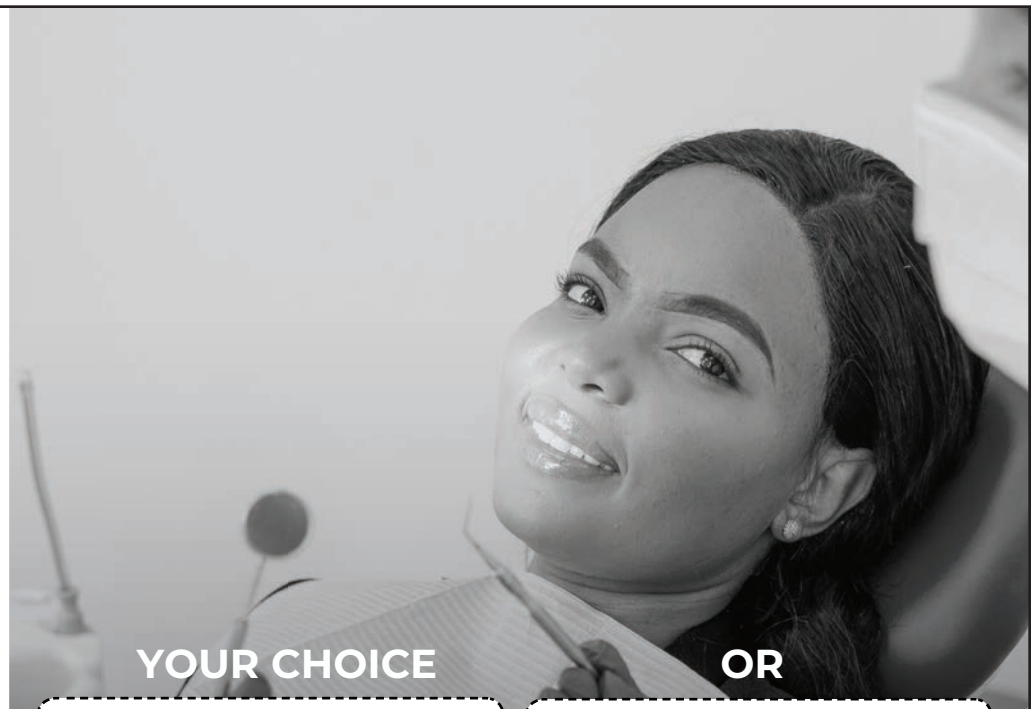
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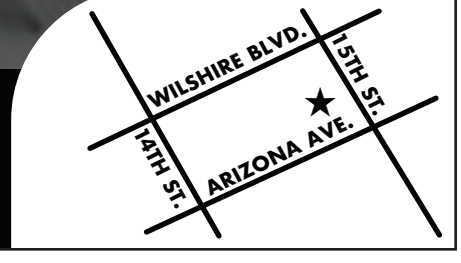


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SUPERVISORS

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Kuehl alleged the finalized map was a political tool meant to create two center-of-the-road districts, rather than one to the left and another to the right.

"Politics is just what is in play here," Kuehl wrote.

Many residents who spoke at the Wednesday redistricting meeting praised the commission and map, but some also expressed dissatisfaction with the final version.

One third district resident from Atwater Village said she was "very disappointed in this remapping," adding, "Our village has historically been represented by district three with a little bit of one. We have a working relationship with Kuehl's office and have little relationship with one and then with five … the new boundaries are not representative of our community."

The new district will not be governed by Kuehl, who announced months ago that she would not seek a third term in office.

In her Thursday morning email, Kuehl went on to predict a "man who's been salivating to run for the office but found himself in need of an electorate more closely tailored to his politics" would soon throw his hat in the ring.

Though Kuehl did not specify to which man she was referring, her communications office confirmed the comments were not an attack on California State Senator Henry Stern (D-27) — a Calabasas resident who formally announced his candidacy 90 minutes after the email was sent.

Stern follows others who have announced their intent to run for the powerful seat, including former Santa Monica mayor and current assemblyman Richard Bloom (D-50), West Hollywood mayor Lindsey Horvath and LA County controller Ron Galperin.

Bloom and Stern share overlapping districts, each representing Malibu, Agoura Hills and Topanga.

Stern, a Malibu native, graduated from Harvard University before earning a law degree from UC Berkeley. He was elected to fill a vacancy in California's 27th Senatorial District, which includes western LA and southern Ventura counties, in 2016, following the retirement of previous senator Fran Pavley, who was termed out of office. Stern, 39, is "the first Millennial elected to the California State Senate," according to his Wikipedia page.

Stern's senate seat is not up until 2024.

On Thursday afternoon, Stern made his announcement during a live Zoom call/Facebook stream from the sidewalk along Ventura Boulevard, standing, he said, "in the heart of the San Fernando Valley." Stern stationed himself in front of a street sign that read "Stern Av." Loud, persistent street noise and poor sound and video quality punctuated the 20-minute announcement, during which he touched on the issues of homelessness, COVID-19, climate change and a recent spate of smash-and-grab robberies.

Though he did not lay out specific policy proposals, Stern said he and Kuehl had a "difference of opinion" on how to handle the issue of homelessness.

"But it's not about legislation right now," Stern said, before the video became inaudible.

"We can't afford to go back to the ways of the past and abandon our social justice agenda," Stern was saying as the stream cut back in. "It's a false choice to say you have to sacrifice a restorative justice system in exchange for more social workers on the street or more field psychiatrists. We don't need to cut public safety services at the expense of that social–"Stern added, before the video cut out again.

Stern also addressed the redistricting, saying the more conservative areas of the district would not hold back progress.

"I know there's discontent. The current supervisor doesn't think it's fair that some communities are out, others are in, like more conservative parts of the north valley, or east valley are represented here," Stern said. "We don't need to suffer from that. We don't need to sacrifice our social justice agenda or our pragmatic kind of progressivism."

Supervisors for the first and third districts of LA County will be selected in the Nov. 8, 2022, general election. Hilda Solis, first district supervisor, will be running to retain her seat for a third and final term.

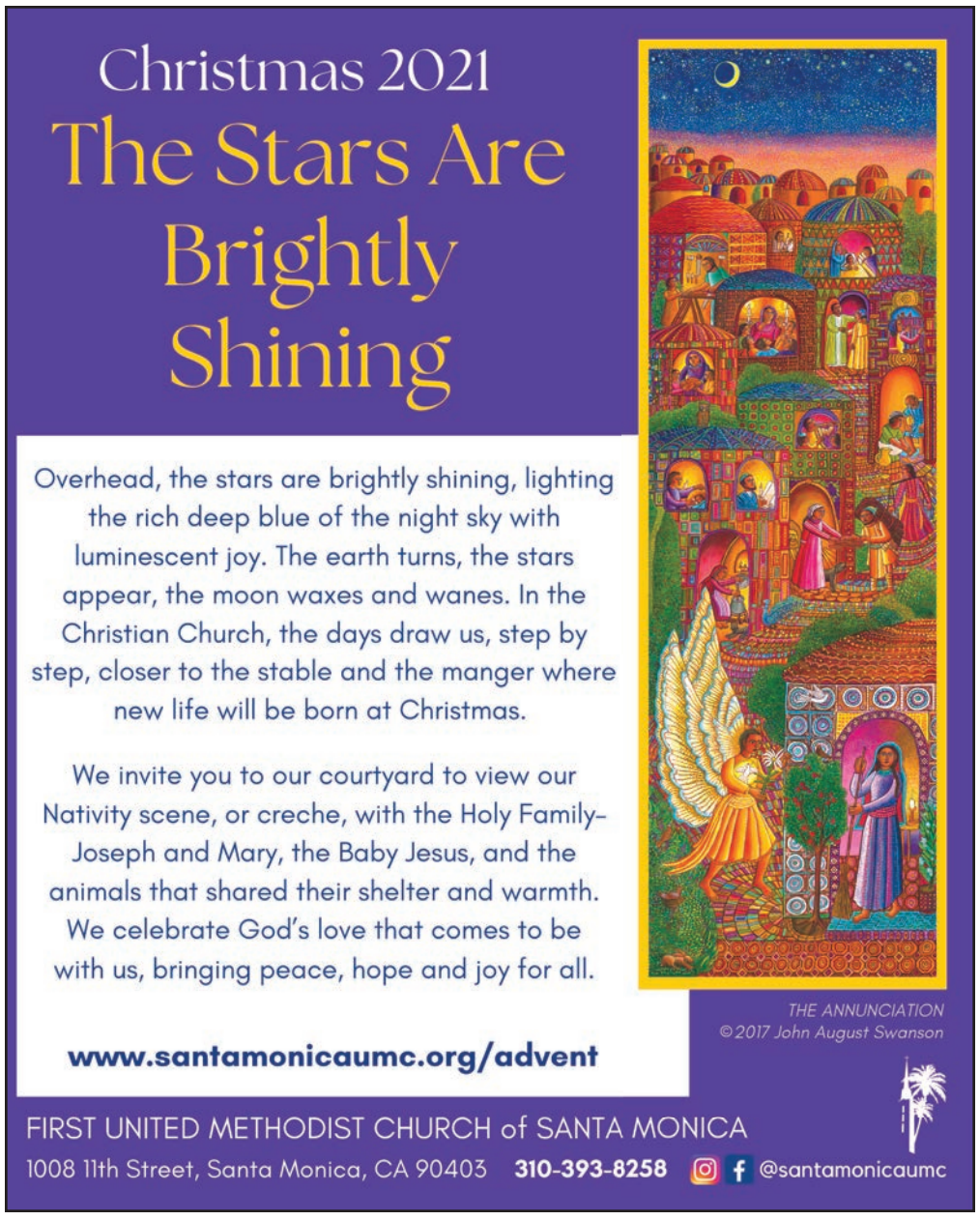
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FIRE

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behind us as the utility continues to implement its comprehensive wildfire risk mitigation measures."

Safety measures, to which the utility must put $65 million of shareholder money, include things like system enhancements, community engagement and contributions to fire safety-focused nonprofits, according to the agreement.







VACCINE

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especially true with omicron," said Saskia Kim, speaking for the California Nurses Association.

Other states besides California that have adopted emergency COVID-19 workplace safety measures include Michigan, Oregon and Virginia.

The Biden Administration has ordered all U.S. employers with more than 100 workers to be vaccinated, tested regularly or wear masks at work starting Jan. 4. But the order is stalled amid court challenges from Republican-led states and fears among employers that the rules could make the worker shortage worse.

The California Chamber of Commerce led a coalition of about 60 business groups arguing in a letter to the state safety board that vaccinations are still largely effective and usually prevent serious illness and death even if there are breakthrough infections.

The groups warned that the new rules to require testing of vaccinated workers with no symptoms could strain the availability of rapid tests and boost employers' costs. The rules apply to almost every workplace in the state, including offices, factories and retail locations.

The stricter safeguards "will only worsen the present labor shortage affecting California workplaces," Moutrie predicted. "Moreover, reinstituting social distancing on a per person basis is just not feasible in many work places" that would have to physically move workstations or equipment.

California has a huge entertainment business sector and Motion Picture Association of America vice president and senior counsel Melissa Patack told the board that the rules aren't feasible for filming movies, television shows or commercials because "actors cannot wear masks while performing."

She added that workers doing hair and makeup for actors cannot stay six feet (1.8 meters) apart, so the new rules "could result in the shutdown of many productions."

While California's labor groups generally backed the workplace changes involving vaccinated and unvaccinated workers, they are upset that other proposed rules to be considered in March would eliminate mandatory employer-paid sick leave for workers who get infected with the virus or are exposed to it.

That temporary rule is aimed at allowing lower-wage workers without sick time to take time off rather than spreading the virus at work because they couldn't afford to stay home.

Doing away with it would mean that "workers will be forced to make the impossible decision of going to work while sick or staying home without pay," Stephen Knight, executive director of the labor advocacy group WorkSafe said in an online petition to the Cal/OSHA Standards Board.

Labor advocates could also work through the state budget process, Legislature and governor to keep the program, but prefer to retain the existing requirement, Knight and Steiger said.

TRUMP

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lenders or tax authorities about the value of its properties.

The June indictments allege the Trump Organization and its CFO, Allen Weisselberg, evaded taxes on lucrative fringe benefits paid to executives. Prosecutors didn't charge Trump, but they did note that he signed some checks at the center of the case.

Vance sought Trump's personal tax records as part of the investigation, eventually winning them through a U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

Shortly after the court decision, he announced he wouldn't seek reelection.

Vance told the AP he only ever planned on serving two or three four-year terms — a relative cup of coffee compared with his predecessors Robert Morgenthau, who was in office for 34 years, until he was 90, and Frank Hogan, who stuck around for 31 years.

"I did not want to be D.A. forever and I wanted to have another chapter or two after I left this job," Vance said.

In the process, he also avoided a potential primary fight with progressive Democrats who said his criminal justice reforms didn't go far enough.

"In many ways, he's sort of old school and to his credit, methodical," New York Law School professor Rebecca Roiphe said. "He may not have been the best at managing public relations, and I don't think he was the best at managing his office — making sure that his principles and policies and commitments made their way to every courtroom and to every D.A. — but I do think he's a decent prosecutor who was trying to do the right thing in most of these situations."

As D.A., Vance took an interest in global efforts to prevent cyberattacks, gun violence and sex trafficking — issues he says he wants to continue working on in the private sector after his retirement.

Vance has also used an $800 million slush fund bankrolled by Wall Street settlements to provide police officers with smartphones, build neighborhood gyms, and help reduce a national backlog in the testing of rape kits, an effort that brought him national attention and praise from "Law & Order: SVU" star Mariska Hargitay.

Vance assesses himself modestly, saying he took what was already "perhaps the greatest 20th century district attorney's office in the country" and made it one of the greatest of the 21st century.

The next two weeks will show whether Vance is content with his legacy as it stands, or intends to take one more shot at rewriting his place in the history books.

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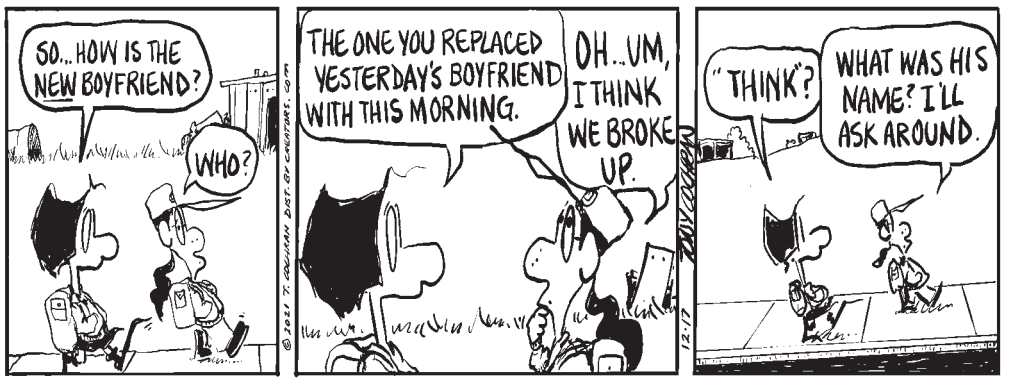
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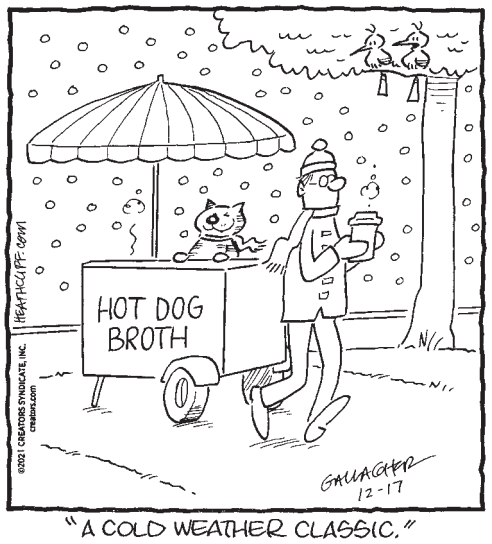
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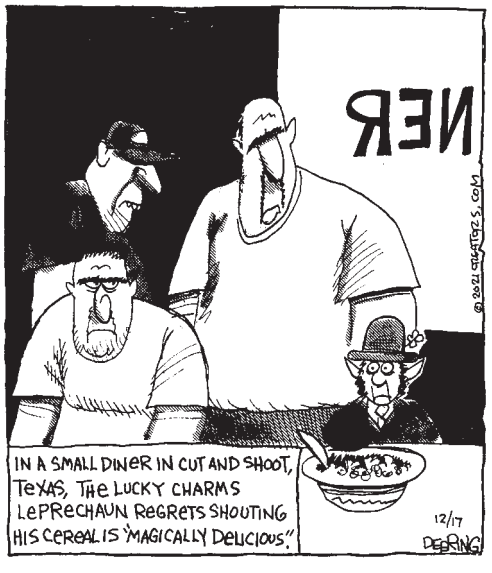
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FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Leveling off in size as reinforcing WNW swell shows. Small SSW swell. Early high tide slows down many areas but expect improving size/shape as it drops. Locally breezy offshore Santa Anas.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Both the mid-period SSW swell and the shorter period WNW swell ease a touch. Winds look favorable offshore all day. Fun on the smaller wave crafts.

WEATHER

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 62. North northeast wind around 10 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 60. North northeast wind around 10 mph.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You enjoy who you are, and this makes it possible for you to get much more pleasure out of every experience. Even daily errands and simple tasks will give you a peaceful, easy feeling.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Being an adult will have a lot to do with sticking to what's constructive. This may involve seeing, and acting like you don't see, or listening to it all and focusing only on the part that is actionable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have three eyes. Two for looking and one for seeing. The third eye does have certain known blinders. For instance, smoldering passion is a smoky irritant to say the least!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Knowing a lot about a person isn't the same thing as knowing a person. You'll get a chance to understand who a person really is, which will be very different from what can be assumed from a social media profile or resume.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Among the scariest words uttered between friends is the inquisitive trifecta, "Can we talk?" Today it's better not to. Everyone's actions are saying enough. Read those, and save the conversation for more puzzling fare.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're feeling reserved and there's a benefit to holding back. After all, not every story needs an answer story from the personal history archives. You'll be appreciated for your excellent listening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Having things in common will bring you together. Making a connection takes more than togetherness, though. It's the differences that ignite the spark. People who are too much alike aren't so interesting to one another.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The competitive mood. It starts with knowing you can beat someone else and then realizing that the thing to beat is the status quo, or perhaps your own personal best.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're not trying to deceive anyone, and no one means to deceive you. But there are dynamics in play that cause people to behave a little differently. Have fun getting to know a heightened version of your personality.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Don't worry about saying the right thing. The words are not what move social discourse along. Hold the space, be interested, and you've won.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Impulsive people need someone thoughtful next to them to temper their flaring energy. You're the stabilizer who will anticipate the other person's move and encourage all to take a pause before rushing into the wrong thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The only thing standing between you and the goal is a knowledge gap. Get the expert. Learn what you didn't know that you didn't know. The right one will be well worth your investment.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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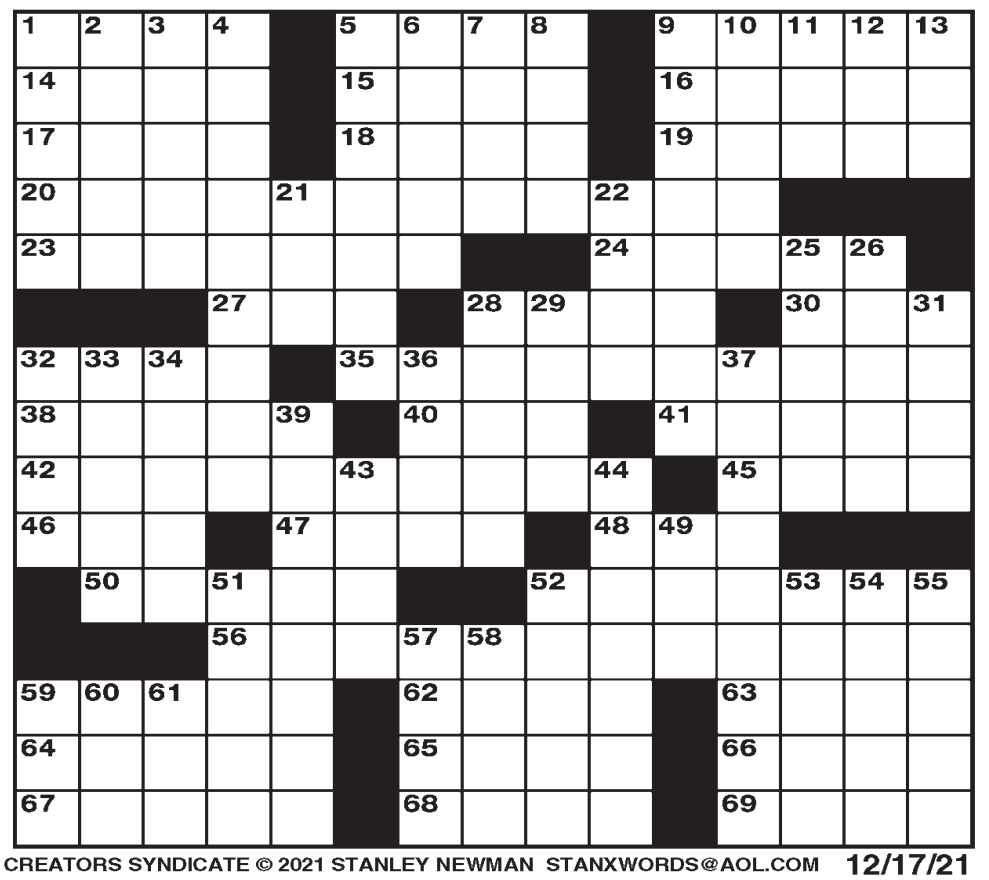
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5 Sort of round
9 Painter from Paris
14 Surveyor's stat
15 Verne antihero
16 Plainly expressed
17 Burn slightly
18 Name from Old Norse
19 Oh so clever
20 Start of a Fran Lebowitz quip
23 Daughter of Polonius
24 Ryder rival
27 Canard
28 *Pinocchio* goldfish
30 "Don't dawdle!"
32 iPod model
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38 Idyllic settings
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41 First name in mascara
42 Part 3 of quip
45 Offender, to an officer
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47 Exploration organization
48 Raggedy redhead
50 Fishing spot
52 In a romantic mood
56 End of quip
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69 Two in a row?

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2 "Small craft warnings __"
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7 Surrounded by
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SUNDAY | DEC 19

SANTA MONICA PLACE HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES
This holiday season, Santa Monica Place will offer an array of festive activities for the whole family to enjoy. Visitors and shoppers will catch special performances by the dancing sensation, Santa Monica Beach Belles, ballerina performances inside the 14-foot larger-than-life Snow Globe, live DJ holiday sets, as well as festive light displays and a 50-foot iconic Christmas tree in Center Plaza. DJ sets begin at 3 p.m.

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET
The Sunday Main Street Farmers Market features some of California's freshest produce plus prepared foods from local Main Street restaurants as well as artisanal foods prepared with ingredients sourced from California farmers. 2640 Main Street. 8:30 - 1:30 p.m.

WINDOWS OF ENCHANTMENT
The historic Merry Go-Round windows come to life with a one-of-a-kind festive, iconic and nostalgic holiday installation by the Santa Monica Pier Corporation. Santa Monica Pier Merry Go-Round Building 200 Santa Monica Pier.

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MAIN LIBRARY BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION
Rosalind Franklin: The Dark Lady of DNA by Brenda Maddox. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Register using the email address below. This award-winning biography recovers the life and work of a brilliant scientist whose contributions to the discovery of DNA had gone largely unrecognized. To register, email jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING
The Architectural Review Board established in 1974, acts "to preserve existing areas of natural beauty, cultural importance and assure that buildings, structures, signs or other developments are in good taste, good design, harmonious with surrounding developments, and in general contribute to the preservation of Santa Monica's reputation as a place of beauty, spaciousness and quality." 7 p.m. https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/uduyukrr

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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5331

Big boys' toys

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
Our feathered friends

SOLUTIONS TO DECEMBER 15 WORDS PUZZLE

The final frontier

GOODKIND

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for positivity.

As a child Goodkind was a natural athlete and played sports as much as possible. Yet sooner or sooner or later Goodkind would hit a certain level of play and be unable to surpass it.

"It was always like I could get to the elite level, but never really had great success because of some sort of limitation that my disability had," said Goodkind.

All of that changed when Goodkind discovered the world of adaptive sports.

Adaptive sports are designed for children or adults with physical or visual impairments, and provide the playing area and equipment necessary for these individuals to excel. Goodkind had always shied away from them, but after the near death septic shock experience, followed a health professional's advice and gave them a try.

Goodkind quickly fell in love with rowing, a sport that provided excellent health benefits and eventually took Goodkind to the 2016 Rio and 2020/1 Tokyo Paralympics for the trunk and arms mixed double skulls.

The biggest outlet in Los Angeles for adaptive sports is Angel City Sports, which offers free adaptive sports clinics and hosts the Angel City Games, an annual adaptive sports festival with competitions, clinics, and special events.

Goodkind competed in the first Angel City Games in 2015 and has remained closely involved in the organization ever since, participating as an athlete, an ambassador and a volunteer, even through incredibly turbulent times.

"A few days before the (2015) games were put on I became homeless and so sports really became my way to manage my reality," said Goodkind. "As opposed to like a lot of the other people I was around, who chose to alter their reality with drugs or alcohol, sports became like my medicine, my peace."

Through a combination of LA's housing crisis and the complexities of navigating the subsidized housing, Goodkind wound up living out of a car for a year and a half while continuing to play with Angel City Sports.

Although Goodkind was able to acquire a Section 8 housing voucher relatively easily, no landlord on the Westside was willing to accept it and moving further afield was not an option as during that time period Goodkind had around 200 appointments at UCLA Medical Center.

Managing all of these stresses, health challenges and physical pain required monumental tenacity, but anyone who talks to the very chipper Goodkind would never imagine these past trials.

"I would say in my early twenties, I realized something has to change, like I have to look at the world differently or I'm not going to be around much longer," said Goodkind. "So I try to think of what each experience presents as an opportunity."

For example when a fracture from a mountain biking accident added to an ever growing list of ailments, Goodkind did not get down in the dumps but used the rest time as a chance to strengthen relationships with friends and do more reading.

Similarly when the pandemic hit and all the hard work put into training for the 2020 Paralympics appeared to be going down the drain, Goodkind tried to reframe it as a chance to get even more training time in, even if Covid restrictions meant rowing pairs had to practice separately.

That patience and attitude shift paid off and in August 2021 Goodkind and rowing partner Russell Gernat competed in the mixed double skulls for Team USA Rowing in Tokyo.

Up next for the rowing superstar, is the Angel City Games on Dec. 18 and Dec. 19. After the games went virtual in 2020, Goodkind cannot wait to return to the adaptive sports festival in person. Angel City has provided Goodkind with not only an outlet for sports, but an incredible group of friends and also job opportunities through the networking component of the games.

"Angel City is more than just sports, they want to grow the entire individual; they want to help us figure out how to live in a world that's maybe not always created for us, and also put us in the workforce and show that we still have opportunity," said Goodkind. "So the games are a really great place because it's sports, it's community and it's networking."

The games are open to children as young as six and adults as old as whatever, as well as veterans. This weekend's games will feature 16 different sports and 20 paralympians, who are coming to coach, mentor and participate.

Visit www.angelcitygames.org for more information.

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DEVELOPMENTS

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floor neighborhood-serving retail space, and three levels of subterranean parking with 198 total parking spaces to serve both residential and retail uses and 96 total bicycle parking spaces. The project website is http://2501wilshire.com/.

Covid rules allow developers to hold virtual meetings for their projects but those meetings must be advertised with public signage in advance and several residents tuned into the first meeting for the 2501 project on Wednesday with resident responses ranging from curious to actively hostile.

The 2501 building is located across the street from Douglas Park and houses the Santa Monica Tennis Center, an iPhone repair store, barber, dance studio and nail salon. Other buildings on the block covered by the proposed project house Starbucks and Relax The Back.

Land-use attorney Dave Rand spoke on behalf of the developer and said the project is entirely within existing zoning codes.

"As many of you probably know, the entitlement process in the city of Santa Monica is lengthy and time-consuming," he said. "It involves going through multiple different departments and reviews and code checks and so ultimately will culminate with a hearing before the Architectural Review Board on design. But that generally takes about a year to run the gauntlet on that extended process. So we're coming to you tonight very early in this process to show you some concept designs and hear your opinions."

He said construction would likely take two years and no decisions have been made on new commercial tenants.

"We do not have any tenants selected yet," he said. "It could be you know a number of different types of tenants but we think it's important for this project to activate the street, create some great retail opportunities and really some interest at the ground floor level."

Residents questioned the parking requirements, traffic impact, project density, retail mix, affordable housing element and some design details.

Rand said the project was in its earliest possible stages and the developers would be revising project details as they continue to gather feedback on the proposal.

No other meetings have been scheduled yet but according to the project website for 2025 Wilshire, the project is a 4-story mixed-use building including 46 residential units (including seven off-site deed-restricted affordable units), ground floor neighborhood-serving retail space, and two levels of subterranean parking with 101 total parking spaces and 86 total bicycle parking spaces. The proposed height of the project is 42 feet. The current building at 2025 Wilshire houses Chipotle and Veggie Grill. The project website is http://2025wilshire.com/.

No project has been described for the 1900 block, and Cypress Equity representatives declined to talk to SMDP prior to the Wednesday meeting. The existing demolition permits cover Dr. Laser, Thai Dishes and Nesou Salon.

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