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City Hall takes an all hands on deck approach to protect the Santa Monica Pier from unpermitted vendors

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SMDP Staff Writer

Hot animal fat drips onto the Pier's wooden deck, while open fires burn and the midday sun bakes down on uncooked bacon-wrapped hot dogs sitting in cardboard boxes — this scene poses a myriad of health and fire risks, but it is also just an average Saturday.

Every weekend dozens of unpermitted vendors set up shop on and around the 114-year-old wooden Pier. They have been known to cause a series of problems including using unregulated combustible fuels, selling food that is not up to health code, dumping trash and liquid waste by the beach and blocking the fire lanes onto the Pier.

All of these issues have been discussed at length in City Council meetings, prompting Councilmembers to take action with a set of new ordinances and increased staffing efforts.

"Me and my colleagues are addressing public safety, environmental advocacy and human rights. This issue isn't about illegal vending, it's about our community values, putting our foot down when enough is enough and now is that time," said Councilmember Lana Negrete in a Dec. 7 Council meeting.

It's an all hands on deck effort to tackle this issue. On any given weekend day there are three code enforcement officers, two SMFD fire inspectors, six to ten SMPD officers, ten to fifteen Public Works employees and eight to twelve Allied Security guards working to collaboratively address the problems around unpermitted vendors.

Code Enforcement educates vendors on regulations and works to encourage compliance. SMFD inspects combustible fuel use and confiscates unpermitted fuel. SMPD is on hand to enforce ordinances around vending and intervene in situations of conflict. Public Works has the massive task of cleaning up after vendors, while contracted Allied Security guards are stationed at Pier entrances to prevent unpermitted vendors from entering.

Once or twice a month the team is joined by six to eight County Public Health Inspectors, who address health code violations.



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CONTRABAND: Officers are looking for unsafe food and dangerous items.

The process is not perfect, the vendors' strategies are constantly changing, and the work is at times very frustrating. But, there have been results.

"I think just that level of collaboration, both in terms of the physical presence on the weekends, but also during the week, all the times we're talking in meetings to tackle this problem, has been one of the biggest positives," said Deputy City Manager Anuj Gupta, who has been working on this issue since 2019.

The issues around unlicensed Pier vendors stem from the 2018 adoption of S.B. 946, which decriminalized street vending across the state. This well intentioned bill was primarily enacted to reduce the risk of deportation if vendors incurred a misdemeanor citation through their vending activity.

An unintended result of S.B. 946 is that cities no longer have any enforcement tools to address negative consequences from street vending.

While many cities have been able to handle this problem by funneling vendors through a training and permitting process, Santa Monica has had more difficulty due to the nature of the Pier. It is not only a widely popular tourist attraction, but it was one of the few open attractions during the pandemic and began attracting hundreds of vendors on the weekends.

Furthermore, vendors are not incentivized to go through the City's permitting process as there are only 13 vending spots available on the Pier, and, per Santa Monica's vending ordinance, all other vendors must be stationed at least 100 feet away. Even though Code Enforcement is hard at work spreading the word about Santa Monica's permitting process, most vendors aren't complying.

"I'll be candid that we haven't seen the sort of the surge (in permit applications) that we would like, because I think, unfortunately the marketplace is at an unpermitted location, so

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Traffic Collision With Injury 100Blk Bay St 12:02 a.m.
EMS 1800Blk 21st St 12:11 a.m.
EMS 500Blk Raymond Ave 12:48 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500Blk Broadway 3:01 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500Blk Broadway 3:42 a.m.
EMS 1200Blk Stanford St 4:12 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1400Blk Olympic Blvd 5:48 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk 23rd St 6:24 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 17th St 7:00 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 7:01 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 7:51 a.m.
EMS 2700Blk Neilson Way 7:52 a.m.
EMS 2200Blk Pico Blvd 8:10 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2500Blk 6th St 8:50 a.m.
EMS 1200Blk 9th St 9:21 a.m.
EMS 2800Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:40 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 700Blk Ocean Ave 10:46 a.m.
EMS 800Blk 4th St 11:13 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk Franklin St 11:13 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk 11th St 11:32 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 11:48 a.m.
EMS 2700Blk Neilson Way 11:56 a.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas 800Blk 2nd St 12:28 p.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas 1200Blk 12th St 1:00 p.m.
Fire Out Investigation 2900Blk 4th St 1:07 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Colorado Ave 2:50 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 26th St 2:56 p.m.
EMS 1700Blk 4th St 4:29 p.m.
EMS 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 4:54 p.m.
EMS 1900Blk 17th St 4:56 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 6:28 p.m.
EMS 2300Blk Hill St 6:44 p.m.
Vehicle Fire 2500Blk Virginia Ave 7:37 p.m.
Wires Down 2400Blk 16th St 8:29 p.m.
EMS 2900Blk 31st St 8:47 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 17th St 8:51 p.m.
EMS 2400Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:52 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 17th St 8:54 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk Euclid St 9:16 p.m.
EMS 2200Blk Neilson Way 9:56 p.m.
EMS 1000Blk 12th St 10:21 p.m.
EMS 2100Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:38 p.m.

CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON DECEMBER 15 AT ABOUT 12:04 AM,

Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) Officers were dispatched to the area of 3rd and Arizona regarding a group of males who were walking through the 3rd Street Promenade while uprooting city-owned trees, damaging and breaking holiday decorations, as well as fencing belonging to a business. SMPD Officers located and detained five male subjects. The promenade security cameras captured their actions. The cost of damages is estimated to be approximately $5,000. The following males, all from Los Angeles, were arrested and booked for Felony Vandalism - 594(B)(1) PC:

· Shane Thomas Barry 21-year-old
· Zachary Lawrence 21-year-old
· William Ian Lawrence 21-year-old
· Aiden Metzner 22-year-old
· Mark Andrew Sapper 21-year-old



DAILY POLICE LOG

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Hit And Run Felony Investigation 100Blk Bay St 12:02 a.m.
Overdose 1800Blk 21st St 12:11 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:59 a.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Ocean Ave / Bay St 1:05 a.m.
Loud Music 200Blk Washington Ave 1:49 a.m.
Construction Noise 7th St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:39 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1900Blk Cloverfield Blvd 5:04 a.m.
Found Property 300Blk Civic Center Dr 6:20 a.m.
Encampment 2100Blk The Beach 7:32 a.m.
Drinking In Public 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:32 a.m.
General Parking Problem 2400Blk 16th St 8:10 a.m.
Fraud Report 1800Blk Centinela Ave 8:59 a.m.
General Parking Problem 300Blk Olympic Dr 9:00 a.m.
Burglary Report 1800Blk 16th St 9:19 a.m.
Encampment 2400Blk Broadway 9:24 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1200Blk 16th St 9:59 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 600Blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:11 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1100Blk Harvard St 10:27 a.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper Report 1200Blk 5th St 10:31 a.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 2600Blk 23rd St 10:33 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2000Blk Cloverfield Blvd 10:41 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1700Blk Montana Ave 10:48 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1100Blk Yale St 10:58 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 2000Blk Arizona Ave 10:59 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 900Blk 14th St 11:04 a.m.
Encampment 1400Blk 25th St 11:08 a.m.
Death Investigation 800Blk 4th St 11:16 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 500Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:21 a.m.
Vehicle Out Of Space 1600Blk Appian Way 11:24 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2200Blk 26th St 11:32 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 2100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:37 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3100Blk Lipton Ave 11:44 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2400Blk Chelsea Pl 11:45 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1100Blk Franklin St 11:49 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 400Blk 4th St 11:51 a.m.
Encampment 2000Blk Ocean Front Walk 12:02 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 17th St / Wilshire Blvd 12:18 p.m.
Fraud Report 700Blk Pico Blvd 12:22 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1500Blk 11th St 12:23 p.m.
Fraud Report 2900Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:28 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1200Blk 3rd Street Prom 12:31 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 300Blk Olympic Dr 12:50 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Broadway 1:06 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1900Blk Lincoln Blvd 1:13 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2000Blk Lincoln Blvd 1:14 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1400Blk 24th St 1:18 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1400Blk Lincoln Blvd 1:24 p.m.
Found Person 400Blk Broadway 1:27 p.m.
Forensics Request - Fingerprint 600Blk Marine St 1:38 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 200Blk California Ave 1:39 p.m.
Burglary Report 2000Blk Ocean Ave 1:41 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Now Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 1:47 p.m.
Armed Robbery/Auto Theft Report 3100Blk 5th St 1:54 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 2200Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:07 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1800Blk 7th St 2:17 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2300Blk 6th St 2:25 p.m.
Encampment 1200Blk 9th St 2:31 p.m.
Encampment 1600Blk Ocean Ave 2:32 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 16th St / Pico Blvd 2:46 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2500Blk 6th St 2:46 p.m.
Fraud Report 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:54 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1500Blk California Ave 2:59 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2700Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:08 p.m.
Person With A Gun 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:27 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2700Blk 2nd St 3:49 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 2600Blk Barnard Way 3:51 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 3:52 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 2600Blk Barnard Way 4:06 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 23rd St / Oak St 4:08 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 2600Blk Barnard Way 4:11 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 2600Blk Barnard Way 4:12 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 2600Blk Barnard Way 4:12 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1400Blk 2nd St 4:17 p.m.
Theft Suspect In Custody 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 4:30 p.m.
Elder Abuse 1300Blk 15th St 4:36 p.m.
Construction Noise 2600Blk 23rd St 4:44 p.m.
Burglary Now 2200Blk Cloverfield Blvd 5:04 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1300Blk 2nd St 5:07 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 800Blk 16th St 5:07 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 200Blk Broadway 5:10 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 1200Blk 15th St 5:12 p.m.
Identity Theft 1100Blk Grant St 5:39 p.m.
Auto Burglary Now 1600Blk Cloverfield Blvd 5:46 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 00Blk Village Pkwy 6:19 p.m.
Grand Theft Just Occurred 2700Blk 6th St 6:34 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 900Blk Idaho Ave 6:51 p.m.
Assistance Call 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:11 p.m.
Encampment 1200Blk Lincoln Blvd 7:15 p.m.

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Far-right using COVID-19 theories to grow reach, study shows

DAVID KLEPPER AND LORI HINNANT
Associated Press

The mugshot-style photos are posted on online message boards in black and white and look a little like old-fashioned "wanted" posters.

"The Jews own COVID just like all of Hollywood," the accompanying text says. "Wake up people."

The post is one of many that white supremacists and far-right extremists are using to expand their reach and recruit followers on the social media platform Telegram, according to the findings of researchers who sifted through nearly half a million comments on pages — called channels on Telegram — that they categorized as far-right from January 2020 to June 2021.

The tactic has been successful: Nine of the 10 most viewed posts in the sample examined by the researchers contained misleading claims about the safety of vaccines or the pharmaceutical companies manufacturing them. One Telegram channel saw its total subscribers jump tenfold after it leaned into COVID-19 conspiracy theories.

"COVID-19 has served as a catalyst for radicalization," said the study's author, Ciaran O'Connor, an analyst at the London-based Institute for Strategic Dialogue. "It allows conspiracy theorists or extremists to create simple narratives, framing it as us versus them, good versus evil."

Other posts downplayed the severity of the coronavirus or pushed conspiracy theories about its origins. Many of the posts contain hate speech directed at Jews, Asians, women or other groups or violent rhetoric that would be automatically removed from Facebook or Twitter for violating the standards of those sites.

Telegram, based in the United Arab Emirates, has many different kinds of users around the world, but it has become a favorite tool of some on the far-right in part because the platform lacks the content moderation of Facebook, Twitter and other platforms.

In a statement to The Associated Press, Telegram said it welcomed "the peaceful expression of ideas, including those we do not agree with." The statement said moderators monitor activity and user reports "in order to remove public calls for violence."

O'Connor said he believes the people behind these posts are trying to exploit fear and anxiety over COVID-19 to attract new recruits, whose loyalty may outlast the pandemic.

Indeed, mixed in with the COVID-19 conspiracy posts are some direct recruitment pitches. For example, a Long Island, New York, chapter of the far-right Proud Boys group posted a link to a news story about a local synagogue and added their message urging followers to join them. "Embrace who you were called to be," read the post, which was accompanied by a swastika.

The researchers found suggestions that far-right groups on Telegram are working together. ISD researchers linked two usernames involved in running one Telegram channel to two prominent members of the American far-right. One was a scheduled speaker at the 2017 Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, where a white supremacist deliberately drove into a crowd of counterdemonstrators, killing one and injuring 35.

That channel has grown steadily since the pandemic began and now has a reach of around 400,000 views each day, according to Telegram Analytics, a service that keeps statistical data on about 150,000 Telegram channels on the site TGStat. In May 2020 the channel had 5,000 subscribers; it now has 50,000.

The data is especially concerning given a rash of incidents around the world that indicate some extremists are moving from online rhetoric to offline action.

Gavin Yamey, a physician and public health professor at Duke University, has written about the rise of threats against health care workers during the pandemic. He said the harassment is even worse for those who are women, people of color, in a religious minority or LGBTQ.

Yamey, who is Jewish, has received threats and anti-Semitic messages, including one on Twitter calling for his family' to be "executed." He fears racist conspiracy theories and scapegoating may persist even after the pandemic eases.

"I worry that in some ways the genie is out of the bottle," Yamey said.

The pandemic and the unrest it has caused have been linked to a wave of harassment and attacks on Asian-Americans. In Italy, a far-right opponents of vaccine mandates rampaged through a union headquarters and a hospital. In August in Hawaii, some of those who harassed that state's Jewish lieutenant governor at his home during a vaccine protest brandished fliers with his photo and the word "Jew."

Elsewhere, people have died after taking sham cures, pharmacists have destroyed vaccine vials, and others have damaged 5G telecommunication towers since the pandemic began nearly two years ago.

Events such as the pandemic leave many people feeling anxious and looking for explanations, according to Cynthia Miller-Idriss, director of the Polarization and Extremism Research and Innovation Lab at American University, which studies far-right extremism. Conspiracy theories can provide an artificial sense of control, she said.

"COVID-19 has created fertile ground for recruitment because so many people around the world feel unsettled," Miller-Idriss said. "These racist conspiracy theories give people a sense of control, a sense of power over events that make people feel powerless."

Policing extremism online has challenged tech companies that say they must balance protecting free speech with removing hate speech. They also must contend with increasingly sophisticated tactics by groups that have learned to evade platform rules.

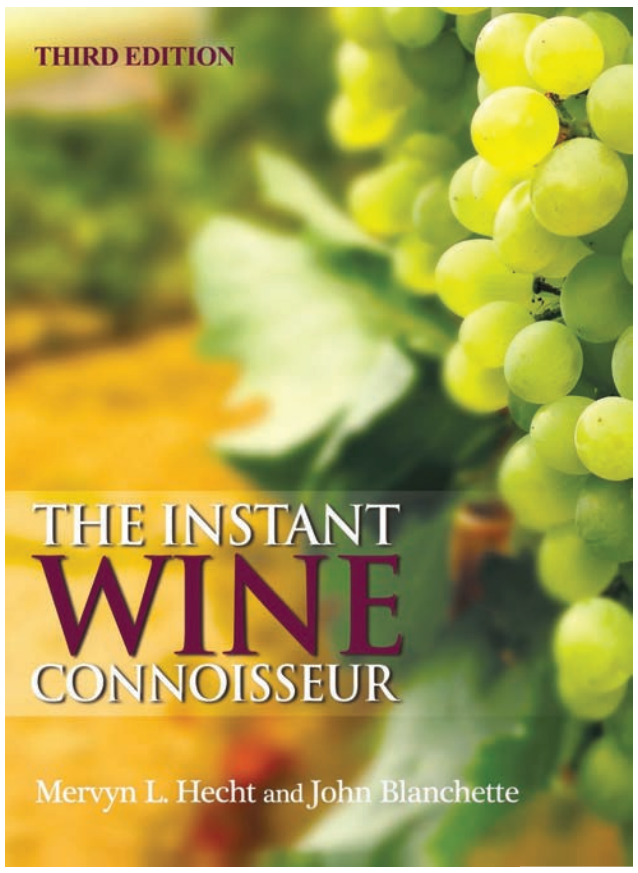
Facebook this month announced that it had removed a network of accounts based in Italy and France that had spread conspiracy theories about vaccines and carried out coordinated harassment campaigns against journalists, doctors and public health officials.

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NBA, players agree to additional protocols through holidays

TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

The NBA and its players have agreed to enhanced health and safety protocols through the holiday season in response to rising virus numbers, with additional testing coming and a return to mask usage in many situations.

The upgraded mask rules will be in place "until agreed otherwise by the NBA and Players Association," according to a memo shared with teams Thursday night and obtained by The Associated Press. Masks need to be worn again in almost all circumstances during team activities — including travel, when on the bench during games, in meetings and locker room, weight room and training room settings.

The exceptions: during on-court basketball activities for players, and for head coaches during games.

Testing will be increased from Dec. 26 through Jan. 8, the league said. The league also told teams that more requirements and recommendations would be coming in the next few days, "to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread within the team environment."

The memo was released on the same day that Russell Westbrook entered the health and safety protocols, joining Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo and Brooklyn's James Harden as past league MVP's currently sidelined by coronavirus concerns.

Westbrook played 42 minutes for the Los Angeles Lakers on Wednesday night in their overtime win at Dallas. The Lakers said he would not play Friday night in Minnesota, along with four other players because of virus issues and two more because of injuries. ESPN, however, reported that one of the five Lakers in the protocols — Malik Monk — tested out Thursday night, which would make him eligible to play Friday.

If granted permission by the NBA to sign reinforcements and temporarily exceed the roster-size limit, the Lakers were planning to sign former All-Star guard Isaiah Thomas to a 10-day hardship contract Friday, according to a person with direct knowledge of the negotiations. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because of the pending league approval.

As of Thursday evening, there were at least 39 players — roughly 8% of the league's total player roster — from at least 13 different teams known to be in the league's protocols. Chicago had a league-high eight players known to be in protocols, one more than Brooklyn. Harden and Antetokounmpo both entered the protocols earlier this week.

Washington coach Wes Unseld Jr., speaking to reporters in Phoenix before the Wizards' game there Thursday, said the rise in numbers — in the NBA, other leagues and around the country — is "a huge concern."

"Protocols are put in place," Unseld said. "We've been testing for some time now with the cases that we've had. It's not unusual. It's not unique to our team. Obviously, look around the landscape of the league and this country; there's been a dramatic uptick in cases. Knock on wood, the severity of those cases and the rate of hospitalizations don't appear to be as dramatic. But it's still very real."

Thomas scored 42 points for Grand Rapids in a G League game Wednesday night and recently appeared in two games for USA Basketball in World Cup qualifying games in Mexico. He was in the NBA briefly last season, averaging 7.7 points in three games with New Orleans.

If it happens, it'll be his second stint with the Lakers. He appeared in 17 games with them during the 2017-18 season.

"For me, personally, the ultimate goal is to get back in the NBA," Thomas, who averaged 29 points for the Boston Celtics in 2016-17 and spent a considerable amount of time battling injuries since, said last month. "But I just love playing the game of basketball. ... I love competing and I love playing against the best players in the world."

There was a bit of good news Thursday when the Bulls revealed that two of their 10 players who entered protocols have since been cleared for a return.

The Bulls had two games this week postponed because of a player shortage. For now, they're scheduled to return to play Sunday at home against the Lakers.

"We got hit really hard with all this and we lost a lot of players," Bulls coach Billy Donovan said Thursday. "Other teams have maybe been hit a little bit, but not as much."

The NBA was up to 430 games played as of Thursday, or 35% of the season. The two Bulls games this week are the only ones postponed by virus concerns.

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Three NFL games moved due to COVID-19 outbreaks

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AP Pro Football Writer

The NFL has moved three games because of COVID-19 outbreaks: Las Vegas at Cleveland from Saturday to Monday; and Seattle at the Los Angeles Rams and Washington at Philadelphia from Sunday to Tuesday.

The Browns could have been without as many as 16 regulars on Saturday, so the game is now scheduled to kick off at 5 p.m. EST Monday. It will be televised by NFL Network.

Washington and Philadelphia will play at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, as will the Seahawks and Rams. Both games will be televised by Fox and available on Sunday Ticket.

"We have made these schedule changes based on medical advice and after discussion with the NFLPA as we are seeing a new, highly transmissible form of the virus this week resulting in a substantial increase in cases across the league," the NFL said in a statement. "We continue to make decisions in consultation with medical experts to ensure the health and safety of the NFL community."

Previously, the NFL did not plan to move any games because of coronavirus outbreaks. It even said forfeits "could be in play." But recent developments with the omicron strain of COVID-19 has changed the league's thinking — as did several outbreaks across the league entering Week 15 of the season.

"We will make every effort, consistent with the underlying health and safety principles, to play our full schedule within the current 18 weeks," Commissioner Roger Goodell said in a memo sent to the 32 clubs and obtained by the AP. "Each team is obligated to have its team ready to play at the scheduled time and place. There is no right to postpone a game, and games will not be postponed or rescheduled because of roster issues affecting a particular position group or particular number of players.

"If games are postponed, we will make every effort to minimize the competitive and economic burden on the participating teams."

The moves were not looked at kindly by some players.

"I pay my player dues just to get lied to and the rules bent!" Raiders linebacker K.J. Wright tweeted at the league and the players' union. "If it was the other way around I swear we would be playing tomorrow."

Eagles safety Rodney McLeod tweeted: "So we have to suffer, and compromise our schedule because of another teams mistake. Make it make sense!"

Seahawks coach Pete Carroll also suggested future game preparation should be taken into consideration.

"Yes, that's a big concern. Anytime you play Thursday game or this is like a Friday game, I think it's a big burden on the players," he said. "It's a big burden on the recovery time. It's not what their bodies want to do. They're trained to have a whole week to recover and they don't get it.

"Now, if our game (vs. Chicago on Dec. 26) could move back to Monday, that would help us some. I don't know, that would kind of get in the middle of the next week as well. I don't know what's going to happen, but I'm not a fan of that for the player sake."

Last season, in the midst of the coronavirus, the NFL completed its season on schedule, but had to reschedule 15 games, some to midweek. In July, Goodell warned teams that no games would be rescheduled under such circumstances and, instead, forfeits could happen.

Earlier Friday, Saints coach Sean Payton tested positive for COVID-19 and was immediately isolated from the team.

Payton, who is vaccinated and tested positive in 2020 for the coronavirus, will remain isolated for 10 days unless he meets the league requirements for a fully vaccinated individual to return to the team environment.

The Saints said defensive coordinator Dennis Allen has been assigned head coaching duties for Sunday night's game at Tampa Bay. Payton is expected to return for New Orleans' game against the Miami Dolphins on Dec. 27.

The positive test for Payton comes after he missed practice Wednesday when the club said he was "under the weather" but had tested negative. Payton was back at practice and meetings on Thursday.

Payton's positive test came as COVID-19 cases spiked across the NFL in recent days, mirroring trends seen in the general population.

Three Saints players — defensive end Cameron Jordan, running back Mark Ingram and receiver Ty Montgomery — did not play against the New York Jets on Sunday because of positive COVID-19 tests. But all have been activated from New Orleans' reserve/COVID-19 list.

"Nobody can sit here and try to be Sean," Ingram said. "He's his own person and his own coach and what he brings to the table is irreplaceable. ... We're all leaning on each other and we're all going to fight for each other. We going to hold it down for Sean as long as he's gone."

"There's so many other people (around the NFL) that are positive this week. We just hope that everyone stays safe, everyone stays healthy and everyone recovers quickly."

The Saints (6-7) snapped a five-game skid when they beat the Jets 30-9 and remain in contention for one of the NFC's wild-card playoff spots with four regular-season games remaining.

In Week 2 of this season, the Saints were without numerous assistant coaches because of a virus outbreak, but Payton was not among those which tested positive. Payton was among the first NFL employees known to have contracted COVID-19 in the spring of 2020.

Also Friday:

—Washington put Taylor Heinicke on the COVID-19 list, making the team's quarterback plan for the upcoming game at Philadelphia a complete uncertainty.

Based on updated league rules, Heinicke could still play if he tests negative twice this weekend and remains asymptomatic. Backup Kyle Allen entered coronavirus protocol on Tuesday and also remains a possibility if he is cleared.

Practice squad QB Kyle Shurmur would be in line to start if neither Heinicke nor Allen is available. He played at Vanderbilt and is the son of Denver Broncos offensive coordinator Pat Shurmur.

Washington also signed Garrett Gilbert off New England's practice squad on Friday. Gilbert has one NFL start with Dallas but is familiar with coach Ron Rivera and offensive coordinator Scott Turner from their time together in 2018 with the Carolina Panthers.

With the addition of Heinicke and the removal of center Keith Ismael from the COVID-19 list, Washington has 21 players unavailable for virus-related reasons, including two players on injured reserve and two on the practice squad. The defense and special teams units have been decimated, with defensive tackles Jonathan Allen and Matt Ioannidis, pass rushers Montez Sweat and James-Smith Williams and safety Kamren Curl out. But the delay until Tuesday gives Washington a better chance of getting Allen, Sweat and others back.

Washington (6-7) is currently in the final NFC wild-card spot going into Week 15 at the Eagles, who are also 6-7 and coming off their bye week.

With Baker Mayfield and Case Keenum on COVID-19 reserve, the Cleveland Browns are signing quarterback Kyle Lauletta, who spent training camp with the team. Lauletta's agent announced the move on Twitter.

Third-string quarterback Nick Mullens is slated to start. He made 16 starts over three seasons for the San Francisco 49ers.

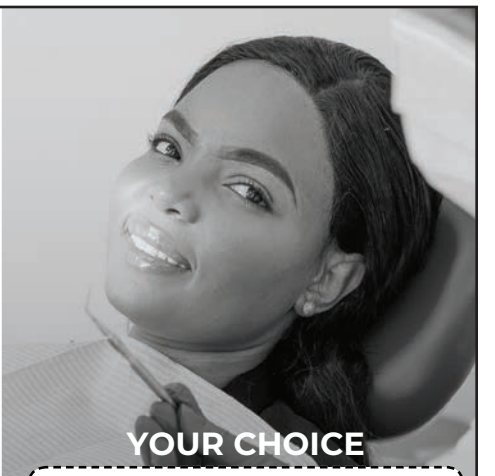
Defensive end Jadeveon Clowney joined the team's massive COVID-19 list after a positive test, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press. Clowney tested positive along with linebackers Mack Wilson Sr. and Tony Fields, according to the person who spoke on condition of anonymity because the team had not announced the results of testing.

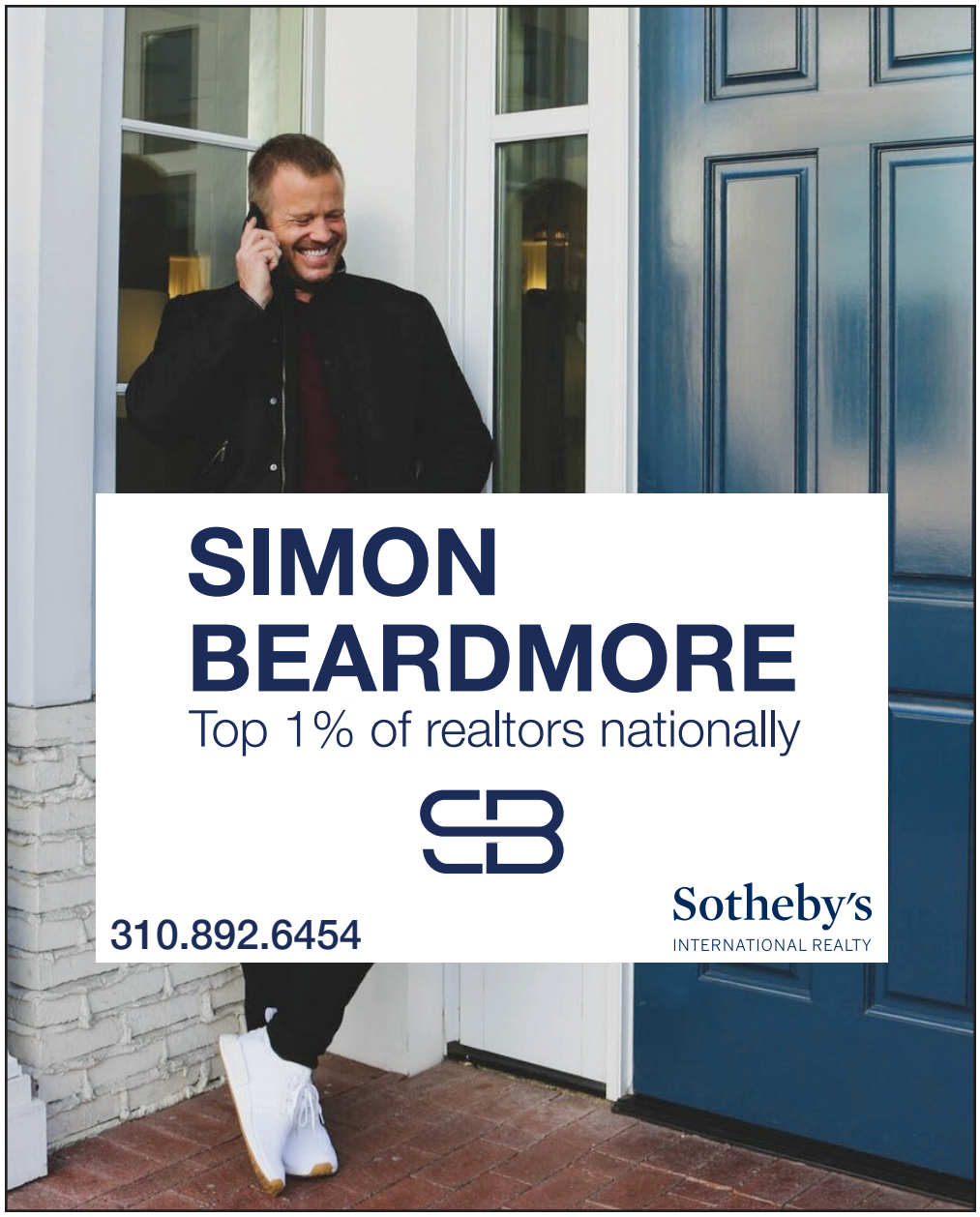
Chicago added backup quarterback Andy Dalton and cornerback Duke Shelley to the COVID-19 list. It also activated offensive lineman Elijah Wilkinson, giving the Bears 13 players on the list. That includes receiver Allen Robinson, nose tackle Eddie Goldman and cornerback Artie Burns.

The Panthers have added third-string QB Matt Barkley to the COVID-19 list. The team sequestered backup P.J. Walker to remote meetings earlier this week when Barkley became ill. They are monitoring the status of Cam Newton and Walker. If both of them wind up testing positive, Sam Darnold could be elevated from injured reserve — but only if his shoulder is cleared medically first.

Buffalo placed starting left tackle Dion Dawkins on the COVID-19 list, leaving his status uncertain for Sunday against Carolina.

Miami's Myles Gaskin was cleared to return to practice. The Dolphins had three running backs on the COVID-19 list before Gaskin was cleared. They play the Jets on Sunday.

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WEEKLY ARRESTS

SMPD MADE 27 ARRESTS FROM DECEMBER 6 TO DECEMBER 12.

Date	Sex	Age	Primary Charge
Mon, Dec 6	M	25	Corporal Injury To Spouse
Mon, Dec 6	M	37	Driving Under Combined Influence of Alcohol And Drugs
Mon, Dec 6	M	51	Obstructing a Business Establishment
Mon, Dec 6	M	18	Corporal Injury To Spouse
Wed, Dec 8	M	22	Drunk in Public
Wed, Dec 8	M	32	Robbery
Wed, Dec 8	M	35	Resisting an Executive Officer
Wed, Dec 8	M	32	Vandalism
Thu, Dec 9	M	50	Vandalism
Thu, Dec 9	M	30	Drunk in Public
Thu, Dec 9	M	76	Battery on a Peace Officer
Thu, Dec 9	M	30	Assault with a Deadly Weapon
Thu, Dec 9	M	57	Peeking While Loitering
Thu, Dec 9	M	61	Possession of Methamphetamines for Sale
Thu, Dec 9	M	33	Robbery
Fri, Dec 10	M	41	Robbery
Fri, Dec 10	M	31	Drunk in Public
Fri, Dec 10	M	31	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
Fri, Dec 10	M	54	Prohibition against camping in public places
Fri, Dec 10	M	37	Arson
Fri, Dec 10	M	38	Indecent Exposure
Fri, Dec 10	M	34	Driving Under Combined Influence of Alcohol And Drugs
Sat, Dec 11	M	32	Assault with a Deadly Weapon
Sat, Dec 11	M	45	Assault & Battery
Sun, Dec 12	M	66	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
Sun, Dec 12	M	33	Robbery
Sun, Dec 12	M	46	Drunk in Public

CONSPIRACY

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The network, called V_V, used both real and fake accounts and was overseen by a group of users who coordinated their activities on Telegram in an effort to hide their tracks from Facebook, company investigators found.

"They sought to mass-harass individuals with pro-vaccination views into making their posts private or deleting them, essentially suppressing their voices," said Mike Dvilyanski, head of cyber espionage investigations at Meta, Facebook's parent company.

O'Connor, the ISD researcher, said sites like Telegram will continue to serve as a refuge for extremists as long as they lack the moderation policies of the larger platforms.

"The guardrails that you see on other platforms, they don't exist on Telegram," O'Connor said. "That makes it a very attractive place for extremists."

Klepper reported from Providence, R.I.

POLICE LOG

FROM PAGE 2

Receiving Stolen Property Suspect There Now 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:17 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2400Blk 5th St 8:30 p.m.
Loud Music 3100Blk 2nd St 8:36 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1700Blk Berkeley St 8:38 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery Just Occurred 600Blk Montana Ave 8:56 p.m.
Fight 5th St / Broadway 8:57 p.m.
Person With A Gun 400Blk Broadway 8:57 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 2nd St / Washington Ave 9:07 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2500Blk 25th St 10:15 p.m.





PIER

FROM PAGE 1

even if you did go through the process and get a permit, you can't be on the Pier," said Gupta.

With the carrot of permitting not enough to create compliance, the City has created a stick. In this case, a series of new ordinances that explicitly prohibit some of the most damaging practices of vendors.

On Aug. 24, City Council voted to ban the unpermitted use of combustible fuels on and around the Pier, the dumping of commercial trash in public receptacles and the dumping of liquid waste in public areas.

"The biggest change is the ability to legally get involved in these issues and support both code and fire, which we weren't able to really do before," said SMPD Lt. Bobby Villegas. "I think it was a frustration on their part that they had a mission to do, but then PD was legally handcuffed to anything, and so the ordinance opened that."

In all enforcement scenarios, staff are instructed to first educate the vendor about the problem, then offer an advisal and only move to a citation or an arrest as a last resort.

Even with the new option of enforcement tools, the City has not been able to get a handle on all of the problems associated with unpermitted vending.

"With our enforcement resources we have to prioritize, so I think that we've all agreed that the Pier itself, the immediate access points, and certainly the fire safety are the priorities that the collaborative enforcement effort is really focused on," said Gupta.

On weekends, the rule that carts cannot be stationed in the pathway of Pier entrances is consistently enforced by Code Enforcement and other personnel, and carts are often relocated. This is a priority because in the event of an emergency on the Pier — be it fire, medical or otherwise — visitors must immediately be able to evacuate and emergency vehicles enter.

Similarly, the combustible fuel issue has been cracked down upon and fire and police officers routinely confiscate unpermitted fuels. This is a priority because of the vulnerable nature of the wooden Pier and the limited ability of its sprinkler system to extinguish a fire.

The prohibitions against trash and liquid dumping are, for the time being, a second priority and unfortunately there are environmental consequences.

Public Works is working around the clock to try and keep the Pier, Palisades Park and surrounding beach area trash free, but according to Chief Operating Officer Peter James, it can sometimes feel like they are fighting a losing battle.

It's like raking leaves in a windstorm — Peter James

"Our sense of frustration comes from the never ending cycle of cleaning something up to a very high standard of cleanliness only to watch it be disrespected each and every day and that definitely takes a toll on the morale of the staff that are assigned to do that job," said James. "It's like raking leaves in a windstorm."



Clara Harter

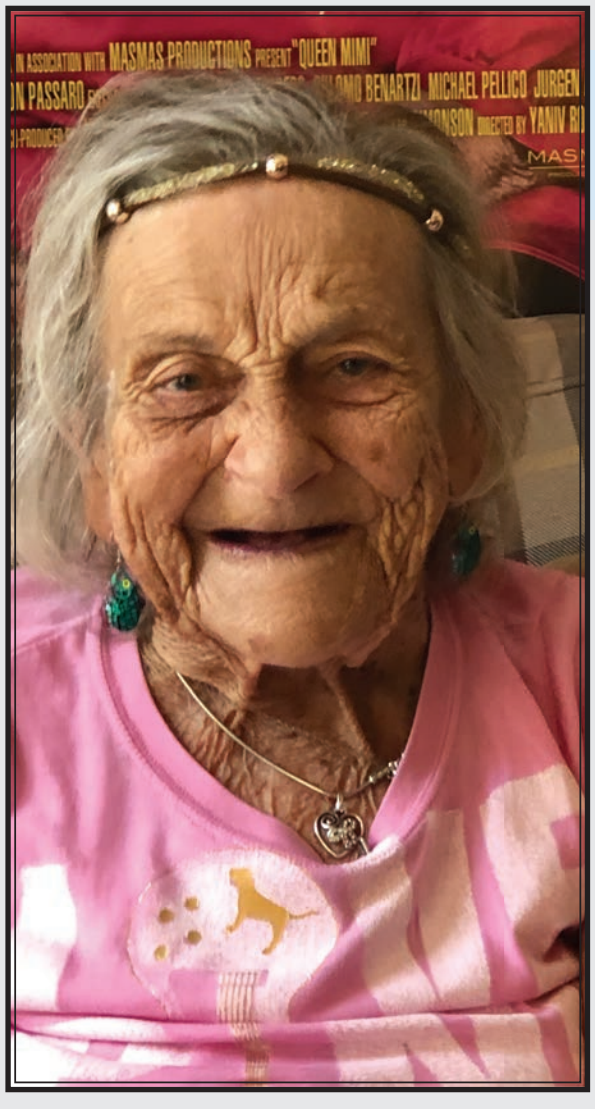
ENFORCEMENT: Officials are seizing dangerous material but many vendors remain.

As the vending problem worsened, Public Works contracted an additional cleaning staff member to solely pick up trash in the 1550 Lot next to the Pier where most of the carts do their staging. According to James, this person fills 12 to 16 giant trash bags a day on the weekends.

Public Works staff tackle the trash dumping problem on all fronts. They wash animal fat grease stains off the bike path, extract rotting fruit that was dumped into the bushes in Palisades Park, and will even remove corn kernels from the sand by hand as their mechanical cleaning tool can't separate parts this small.

"Our staff care very much down to that level of the kernel of the corn and we would support any effort to make the situation better for the community and the planet," said James. "Without enforcement, we are just not likely to resolve these issues in any simple way, so I would support more enforcement of ordinances as a way to curtail some of the damage that's being done to our public spaces."

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Marie 'Mimi' Elizabeth Haist

1925 – 2021

Marie Elizabeth Rizianu Haist, sometimes known as the Queen of Montana Avenue or Queen Mimi, passed away Wednesday, November 24th, 2021, losing her fight with COVID19. She was 96 and a longtime resident of Santa Monica.

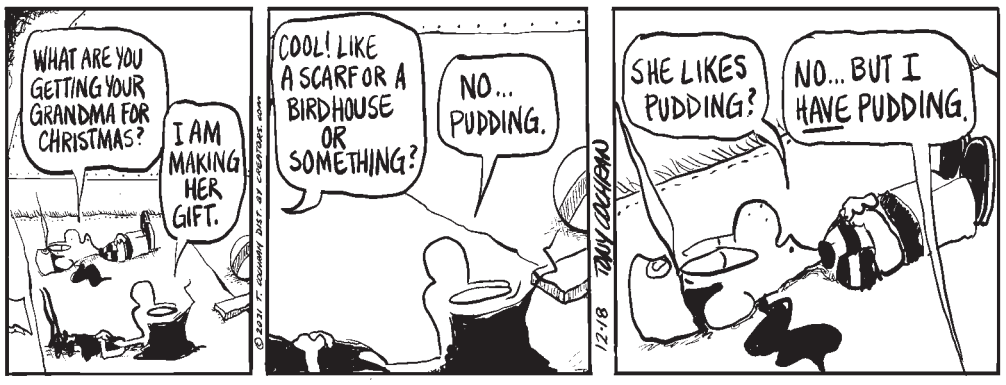
Mimi led an amazing life. A native of Los Angeles, she grew up in the Boyle Heights area of East L.A. She married in 1947, and she and her husband started their life together in Culver City, then moving to Inglewood and finally to Woodland Hills. For 30 years, she was a typical 50's homemaker and very active in the church, teaching Sunday school and singing in the choir. Singing, cooking, entertaining, and raising her two daughters were her joys, and much time was spent with her father and brother, her sisters' families and those of her husband's three siblings. Upon her divorce in 1977, she stayed in the Woodland Hills house for a time, but unable to support herself, she eventually lost her home and lived out of her van until she lost it and ended up living on the street, eventually cutting off contact with her family. She found her way to Santa Monica where she was taken in by Fox Laundromat's owner Stan Fox and spent years helping customers in the daytime and sleeping on a chair in the aisles at night. In 2010, a friend helped her find out about her family online, and she reconnected with her surviving daughter. Then, in 2013, amazingly, a friend from the laundromat rented her an apartment across the street. She said that she felt like Cinderella! She lived there until her death, crossing the street daily to help out at the laundromat until its closure in 2019. In 2010, her dear friend Yaniv Rokah, began filming and interviewing her, eventually leading to a documentary movie about her life. She was endlessly delighted to be the star of "Queen Mimi."

Mimi leaves behind her daughter, Kate Gramcko, her grandaughters Sara, Jessica, and Laura, and dear friends and benefactors Marli, Sean, Stuart, Aldona, Zach, Rene, and Yaniv, and a host of other friends. She was preceded in death by her beloved daughter Elizabeth and her siblings Daniel, Ruth, Jim, and Margaret.

She will be greatly missed for her her radiant smile, her laugh, her positive outlook on life, her lively sense of humor, her feistiness, and her friendly, outgoing, caring nature. She was sunshine!

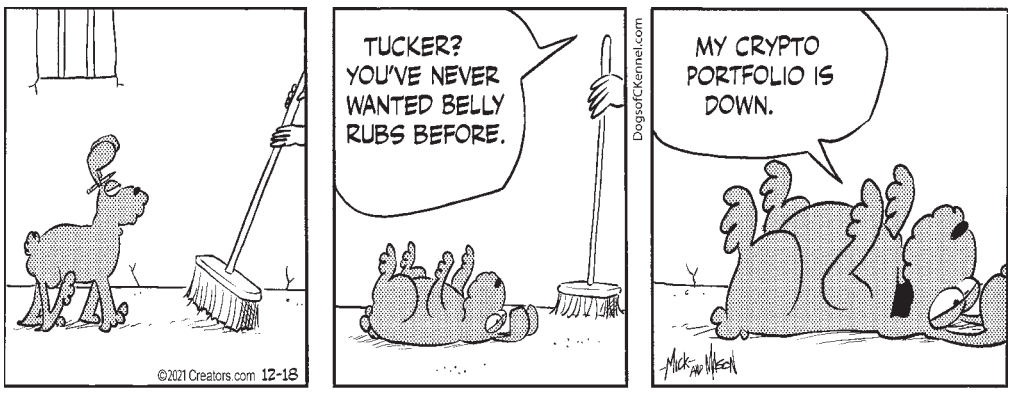
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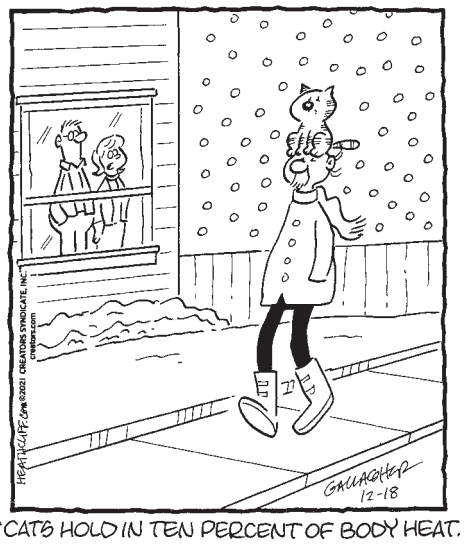
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"CATS HOLD IN TEN PERCENT OF BODY HEAT."

Strange Brew

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 58.5°

SATURDAY - **POOR TO 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.

SUNDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high

Perhaps a little NW swell rebound for the second half of the day. Stay tuned on that. Otherwise, small swell mix continues. Best wind in the morning.

WEATHER

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 60. North wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 45.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 59. North northeast wind around 5 mph.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2021/12/18	Sat	01:40 AM	2.31	L
2021/12/18	Sat	07:59 AM	5.95	H
2021/12/18	Sat	3:20 PM	-0.57	L
2021/12/18	Sat	9:54 PM	3.53	H
2021/12/19	Sun	02:10 AM	2.41	L
2021/12/19	Sun	08:27 AM	5.95	H
2021/12/19	Sun	3:53 PM	-0.60	L
2021/12/19	Sun	10:33 PM	3.48	H
2021/12/20	Mon	02:40 AM	2.50	L
2021/12/20	Mon	08:58 AM	5.88	H
2021/12/20	Mon	4:28 PM	-0.55	L
2021/12/20	Mon	11:14 PM	3.44	H
2021/12/21	Tue	03:12 AM	2.59	L
2021/12/21	Tue	09:29 AM	5.73	H
2021/12/21	Tue	5:05 PM	-0.44	L
2021/12/21	Tue	11:58 PM	3.41	H
2021/12/22	Wed	03:49 AM	2.71	L
2021/12/22	Wed	10:04 AM	5.50	H
2021/12/22	Wed	5:43 PM	-0.28	L
2021/12/23	Thu	12:46 AM	3.43	H
2021/12/23	Thu	04:34 AM	2.83	L

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERball
Draw Date: 12/15
19 20 40 42 59
Power#: 15
Jackpot: 353 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 12/14
33 35 44 55 69
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: 160 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 12/15
5 8 9 19 39
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 7 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/16
5 10 14 18 29

Daily 3
Draw Date: 12/16
EVENING: 9 0 5

Draw Date: 12/16
MIDDAY: 3 6 0

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 12/16
1st: 12 - Lucky Charms
2nd: 02 - Lucky Star
3rd: 11 - Money Bags
Race Time: 1:44.40

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (DECEMBER 18)

New habits and lifestyle transformations will happen! The work isn't glamorous, but the results really are. Your financial horizons will broaden as you learn a new skill. Expect a steady climb. Have tenacity. Also, the resource you most need, over money or sway, is wise guidance. Seek these things and you will win. Scorpio and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 33, 18 and 49.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You now know much more than you did when you made a certain decision. Your new opportunity to do things differently is coming, so this is a good time to visualize yourself making new choices.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Love gets referred to as a game, but what happens in so-called games of love is more about social maneuvering, knowledge of human nature and flexing assets than it is about love. Don't overthink the move; follow your heart.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Before you lament a flaw, consider that shortcomings are usually entwined with interesting talents, remarkable stories and facets of personality most relatable. A flaw can be an exciting asset.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Relationships are not a work of lone architecture; they are always built by a crew. Note the influence of family, friends and culture on your ties. The people next to your relationship are part of the relationship, too.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). As you try to dream big, you might be surprised at how difficult it is to put your head into a fun, crazy fantasy. It's as though before you can even imagine it, your mind is working out the practicalities of bringing it to life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Be kind to you. Don't make unreasonable demands of yourself. Give yourself one thing to do at a time. Bonus points for signing yourself up for tasks that include at least a little pleasurable indulgence!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be made aware that some things are so easy to do and nearly impossible to undo. Like you can't reverse-pour dressing on a salad, you can't take back words once you've said them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can still have a good relationship with someone you don't have much in common with, as long as you get straight to work creating things in common. It's a fine excuse to embark on shared adventures, interests and pursuits.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In a perfect world, the bonus would come when the work deserves more compensation. But in this world, the bonus will come when the bestower has the means to offer more.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Sometimes it's appropriate, or even crucial, to give until it hurts. However, right now it's best to give comfortably and let others contribute in the same spirit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're having to work pretty hard for the "free" stuff. Consider forgoing the complimentary whatnot and paying for what you really want instead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). This is a test; this is only a test. It will seem that you're getting no help at all but going it alone for a stretch will show impressive gumption and attract just the help you need.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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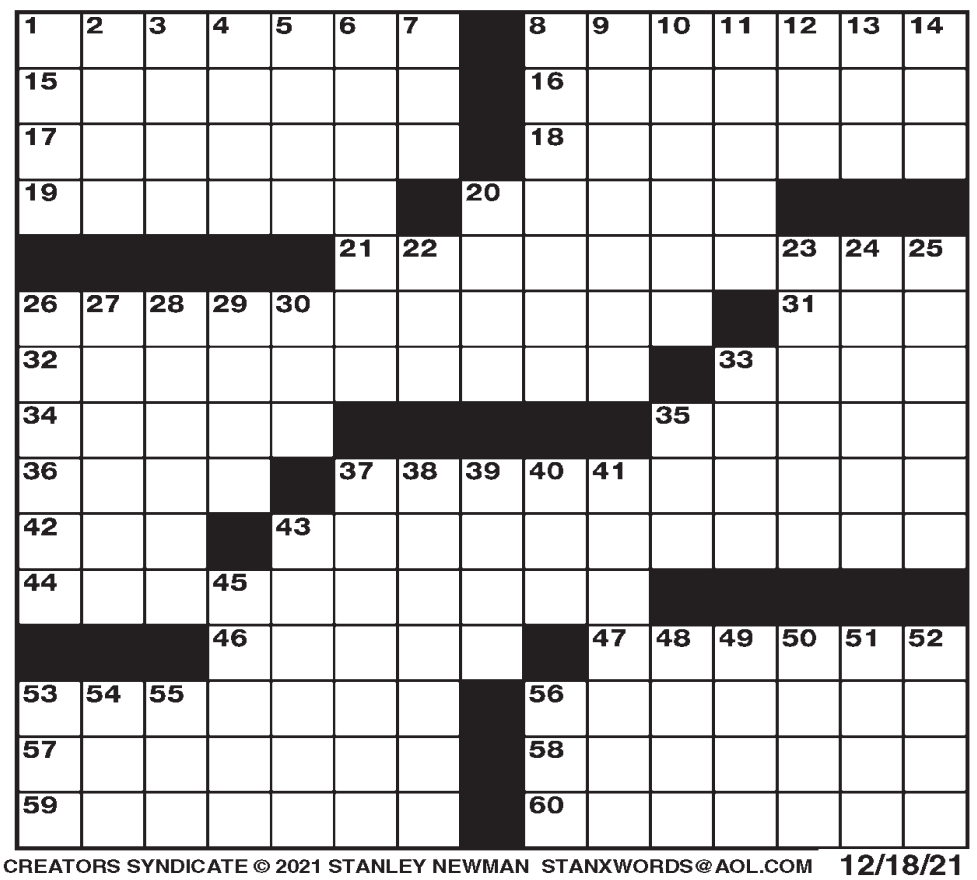
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 See 23 Down
8 Now and then
15 Major Kazakhstan export
16 Character in 200+ films since 1900
17 Furnishes
18 1967 Pulitzer novelist
19 It's usually felt on the head
20 Nursery need
21 Calming comment
26 Beetles' British cousins
31 Washing place
32 Quitting preceder, perhaps
33 It's "written in the face," per Fellini
34 "Unbelievable!"
35 Adverse (to)
36 Be absent
37 Organized rumor-spreading
42 According to
43 Food processors
44 Permanent
46 Host mail
47 Settler of some disputes
53 Greek goddess of healing
56 High-school class
57 Matter-of-fact
58 Primary color for printer ink
59 Welcome thaw
60 Coming soon

DOWN
1 Swell thing
2 Elder, e.g.
3 Coin depicting a springbok
4 European prefix
5 Level
6 Archivist
7 Designation for Nelson's vessel
8 Fan
9 Cloth
10 Some help
11 Net 26 Down
12 "Dark" drink
13 Ray precursor
14 Kind of down
20 Broke down
22 Furrow maker
23 With 1 Across, Baldwin's mom on *30 Rock*
24 Like *The Exorcist*
25 While
26 Scratch
27 Have aspirations
28 Certain status symbol
29 "Go help someone else"
30 __ town
33 Hostile reaction
35 Literally, "lord"
37 "Put up or shut up!"
38 Loosen up, perhaps
39 Goes (for)
40 Fairy-tale sensitivity tester
41 Michael Keaton's ex in *Birdman*
43 MD's order
45 Clear
48 Morningstar Farms sister brand
49 Landing area
50 Advance
51 Advance of a sort
52 Off __
53 Shipping department abbr.
54 With 55 Down, emphatic denial
55 See 54 Down
56 Medicare choice



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What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

SATURDAY | DEC 18

THE ORIGINAL SANTA MONICA PUB CRAWL
11 p.m. $20. Dust off those antlers and Santa hats, shine up those menorahs and get ready for the 12th Annual SANTA Monica Pub Crawl. Dozens of the city's best bars and restaurants are coming together to raise funds for the Westside Food Bank while celebrating the holiday season together. https://santamonica-pubcrawl.com/

NOTABLE FICTION BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION
The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. / Register using the email address below. Engaged to marry a socialite, Newland Archer is forced to decide between happiness and the social code of the era. To register, email karen.reitz@santamonica.gov.

FARMERS MARKETS
Downtown Santa Monica. Arizona Ave. (between 2nd & 4th). 8 a.m. - 1 p.m
Pico. Pico Blvd. & Cloverfield Blvd. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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.

MONDAY | DEC 20

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

TUESDAY | DEC 21

WINTERLIT LIGHTS
Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM) brings the holidays to the Third Street Promenade with the return of Winterlit, transforming the downtown district into an immersive, festive experience. Tens of thousands of colorful lights, decor and garland will deck the Third Street Promenade, 2nd and 4th Streets, illuminating convenient shopping and cozy outdoor dining experiences.

WEDNESDAY | DEC 22

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
The largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Arizona Avenue (between 4th & Ocean).

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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 21 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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