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Madeleine Pauker

KLOBUCHAR TOUR: Amy Klobuchar, a Minnesota senator and presidential candidate, toured Community Corporation of Santa Monica's newest 100% affordable development Wednesday before a presidential debate held at Loyola Marymount University. Tara Barauskas, CCSM's executive director, explained how the non-profit developer built and financed The Arroyo, which provides 64 apartments in downtown Santa Monica for lower-income households. Klobuchar discussed her housing policy proposals, including an expansion of the Housing Choice Voucher Program, which covers rent higher than 30% of the voucher holder's income, to include all qualifying households with children. Klobuchar said she would pay for her housing proposals by raising the corporate tax rate to 25% and aligning the capital gains tax rate with the income tax rate for households earning more than $400,000 annually.

State scores highlight local school successes and failures

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

The California Department of Education and the State Board of Education recently launched the 2019 California School Dashboard, which details the latest statistics on California schools' test scores, college and career readiness and many other data points.

The dashboard was described by state leaders as a key component of California's school accountability system since it allows parents and other educational stakeholders to more closely track how well their local districts and schools are performing on various measures.

"The California School Dashboard is a data-driven approach to provide the 'whole picture' of a school for educators and parents," said State Superintendent Tony Thurmond. "The dashboard empowers local communities to identify opportunities and resources to better serve their students, and provides parents and educators with meaningful information on school and district progress so they can participate in plans to improve student learning."

Crafted to resemble a dashboard that one would see in a car, most of the information detailed on the website is pretty easy to digest as it details information about a school or district's population and climate and also displays colors to help readers decipher how well scholars are doing in areas like English, math and chronic absenteeism.

Blue is the best and highest-achieving rank, but most districts are content with a green score since that still represents a "proficient" level, according to the dashboard. Yellow and orange mean there is some room for improvement, while red means a school or group is on the lowest end of the performance spectrum.

BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDY SESSION

The release of the updated dashboard results aligned with Thursday's board of education meeting, which featured a discussion on a few of the metrics listed, including Cohort Graduation Rate, English Learner Progress indicator and others.

Both Jacqueline Mora, the district's Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, and Sam Koshy, SMMUSD's Director of Assessment, were on hand during the board of education's study session to present the district's areas of success as well as its areas of need in relation to the dashboard scores.

"An area of success we found was the cohort graduation rate in 2018-2019," Koshy said during a

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Among public, a great divide at moment of Trump impeachment

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We interrupt the holiday spirit to bring you the impeachment of a president.

In festive haunts, buzzing stores and rush-hour frenzy, Americans absorbed the moment Donald Trump became only the third president branded with the mark of impeachment, the Constitution's gravest political indictment.

Depending whom you ask in this deeply polarized country, Americans saw the House vote Wednesday night as a just expression of the nation's founding document, or a gross distortion of it. They saw Trump getting what he deserves, or being hunted like a witch.

They reflect the polling that finds a great divide over whether Trump should be driven from office. On this, though, they might agree with Mark McQueen, a state government worker in Tallahassee, Florida: "Tensions are high across the land."

The Associated Press asked people about the impeachment in a half-dozen states important in the 2020 election or in the primaries that will choose Trump's Democratic rival.

TEMPE, ARIZONA

At the moment of Trump's impeachment, the loudspeaker at the Tempe Marketplace blared "Feliz Navidad." Children danced on a stage next to a Christmas tree taller than the surrounding buildings at this outdoor mall in the Phoenix suburbs.

Ana Daugeterre, a 34-year-old claims adjuster from nearby Mesa, responded "yay!" when she saw the impeachment news on Snapchat while waiting to meet a friend. "He's very disrespectful, not just to women but to everyone," she said of Trump.

Few were paying attention to the historic vote, among the young people taking selfies by the tree and the parents watching their children play in the specks of soapy water sprayed from the roof — what counts as snow in the desert.

"Sad day," pharmacist Rudy Dragone said when he learned what had just happened. "I think they should leave the man alone," he added. "I don't think you can run a country without breaking a few eggs."

Sports and an occasional holiday

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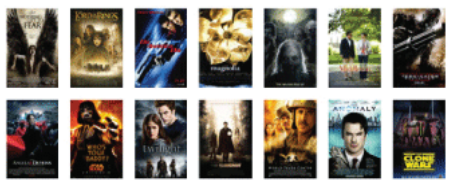
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, December 20

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

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

Saturday, December 21

Master Gardeners at the Market
Helping others to grow more of their own food, even in an urban setting! Master Gardeners provide free gardening tips, solutions to gardening problems, seeds and seedlings as well as their technical expertise based on the Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program which provides intense gardening training emphasizing organic gardening and covers vegetables, fruits, flowers, shrubs, trees, soils, composting, pests and harvesting. The Master Gardeners of Los Angeles visit the Pico Farmers Market on the third Saturday of each month. Virginia Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. - noon.

Ocean Park Fiction Winners Book Group
This book group reads and discusses prize-winning fiction. The group meets the 3rd Saturday of the month. December's title: 'Euphoria' by Lily King. Ocean Park Branch Library, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Santa Monica Certified Farmers' Market (downtown)
Located on Arizona Avenue between 4th and 2nd Streets, the Saturday Downtown Farmers Market featured only California Farmers and one bakery. Find a plentiful variety of fruit, veggies, nuts, animal proteins, flowers, plants. Free 90 minute parking is located in the adjacent City parking structures on 4th and 2nd Streets. 2nd @ Arizona Avenue, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Santa Monica Certified Farmers' Market (Virginia Ave. Park)
Fresh seasonal produce sold direct by California's farmers! The Saturday Pico Farmers Market was established in March 1992. It is a family market in the heart of the Pico neighborhood and adjacent to the Pico Library. This market offers a variety of organic and conventionally-grown produce, in addition to several prepared food options, coffee and musical entertainment. This market also partners with Hunger Action LA to offer Market Match incentives for WIC, CalFresh, SDI and SSI customers. Parking for the market is available in the lot along Pico Blvd., at meters along Pico Blvd. or adjacent to Virginia Park in the parking lot on north/east corner of Pico and Cloverfield. Virginia Ave. Park, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sunday, December 22

Santa Monica Certified Farmers' Market
The Sunday Main Street Farmers Market is a well-balanced blend of Certified California Farmers, tasty prepared and packaged foods, entertainment and children's activities as well as local retail. The Main Street market hosts a variety of activities including bands, a bi-weekly cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts, a face painter, a balloon animal designer as well as seasonal California grown fruits, vegetables, nuts, meats and cheeses. 2640 Main St, Ocean Park, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Guest House open
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Los Angeles

Los Angeles Waterkeeper Sues to Stop South Bay Desal

Los Angeles Waterkeeper filed a lawsuit to prevent the West Basin Municipal Water District from moving forward with its proposed 20 million gallons-per-day ocean desalination facility on the coast in El Segundo, CA.

The lawsuit challenges West Basin's Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project, which LA Waterkeeper contends falls significantly below the standards required of it by the California Environmental Quality Act. In its claim, LA Waterkeeper (LAW) cites a myriad of deficiencies within the EIR, including its failure to adequately analyze alternatives, reliance on false assumptions, and omission of the harmful impacts of the desalination facility.

Along with numerous other shortcomings, LAW is alleging that West Basin fails to sufficiently analyze or address the project's impacts on our climate and marine ecosystems, as well as the environmental justice impacts from poor air quality and rate increases associated with the plant. According to an analysis commissioned by LAW, the proposed plant will add an estimated 44,702 metric tons of CO2e into our atmosphere every year–the equivalent to the emissions associated with adding two Hermosa Beach-size cities to the grid–and will cost at least $480 million to build the facility (not including operations & maintenance or financing). LAW also contends that the project falls outside land-use requirements for the area, and that West Basin failed to properly address the 200+ comments received by the agency during the EIR review period.

"We refuse to let West Basin move forward with a project knowing that ratepayers, our climate and marine environment will pay the price," states Bruce Reznik, Executive Director of Los Angeles Waterkeeper. "A price that we, quite frankly, cannot afford in the face of climate change and the decline of our world's oceans."

"It is a shame that in their quest to build a desal facility, West Basin chose to ignore the many superior alternatives available to meet the water demands of its customers in a sustainable way," says Kelly Clark, an attorney for LAW. "They also chose to ignore comments from numerous public agencies, customers and dozens of environmental and community groups concerned about LA's future."

Recognizing the need for a more renewable local water supply, LAW has long encouraged West Basin to pursue smarter water options – including expanding its existing water recycling capabilities – before pursuing a fiscally and environmentally reckless ocean desalination plant.

Ocean desalination is the most energy-intensive, climate-impacting, and expensive water supply option in LA and should be an option of last resort. "West Basin has proposed a 1970s solution to a 2019 problem," states Arthur Pugsley, lead attorney on the case. "We refuse to stand by and allow such harmful and flawed developments to occur. Los Angeles deserves better."

LAW's in-house counsel will be coordinating with Michelle Black of Chatten-Brown, Carstens & Minteer on this suit.

SUBMITTED BY LINDSEY JURCA

Downtown

Colliers Multifamily Team Arranges $25 Million Sale of Mid-Century Modern Apartment Building on Ocean Avenue

Colliers' multifamily team recently executed a $25 million all-cash transaction of a classic Mid-Century Modern apartment building located on Santa Monica's Ocean Avenue, one of the most sought after areas in the state. The 35,875-square-foot structure situated on .34-acres sold for $1,190,476 per unit and $697 per square foot. Colliers' Executive Vice President, Kitty Wallace, and her team represented both the seller, 1025 Ocean Avenue LLC, and the buyer, OW-Aberdeen Alaska St. Owner, LLC.

"When rare opportunities present themselves in high-street locations like this, there is never a shortage of buyers. The challenge for us was finding a cash buyer who could perform under extreme time constraints to accommodate the seller's time," said Wallace. "We are pleased to share that both parties profited from this transaction. Our team was able to negotiate an all in cash offer and $1 million non-refundable deposit from the buyer and fourteen day due diligence and eight day close for the seller."

Perched atop the bluffs of Palisades Park, 1025 Ocean Avenue comprises 20+1 units wrapped around a central courtyard on approximately 15,000 square feet of prime oceanfront real estate. The building's amenities include floor to ceiling oceanfront views, a rooftop pool and lounge area, gated subterranean parking and expansive private balconies. The property sits in one of the most coveted multi-family rental markets in the country and is walking distance to Santa Monica's world renowned beaches, Third Street Promenade and sits at the core of Silicon Beach's employment hub.

"A prime beachfront location, one of the most iconic in the world, and a high barrier coupled with limited resources for entry make 1025 Ocean Avenue a crown jewel in Santa Monica's rental market," added Wallace. "In our representing of this property, we piqued the interest of a national player and one of the area's most prominent developers. Our expertise in the market allowed us to leverage both our national and local position to bring this sales to fruition.

Originally built in 1961 by entertainer-turned-developer, Lawrence Welk, the property has been pridefully maintained and remains a stalwart beacon of luxury living along Ocean Avenue. Rents in place are currently well below market, offering the new owner opportunity to achieve 102% upside, Wallace estimated. Nine of the units come meticulously updated with top-of-the-line finishes by previous ownership. Plans are in place for future renovations of the remaining units.

SUBMITTED BY SHELLY LEVIN

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 307 CALLS ON DEC. 18

Defrauding Innkeeper In Progress 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:03 a.m.
Person With A Gun 15th St / Wilshire Blvd 1:36 a.m.
Prowler 2300blk Pearl St 2:31 a.m.
Encampment 1800blk Stewart St 5:42 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:53 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 6:05 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 6:51 a.m.
Encampment 2900blk The Beach 6:53 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 7:06 a.m.
Encampment 2400blk Kansas Ave 7:28 a.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 400blk Washington Ave 7:40 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 1500blk Euclid St 8:50 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 20th St / Delaware Ave 8:53 a.m.
Hit And Run 1500blk 4th St 9:25 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1700blk Delaware Ave 9:30 a.m.
Encampment 1400blk Interstate 10 9:37 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 300blk Montana Ave 9:47 a.m.
Trash Dumping 700blk 18th St 9:52 a.m.
Malicious Mischief 2000blk Ocean Ave 10:05 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 800blk Princeton St 10:11 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1500blk 7th St 10:11 a.m.
Drunk Driving Main St / Bay St 10:12 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1500blk Princeton St 10:17 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 1400blk Ocean Ave 10:17 a.m.
Arson 1800blk 9th St 10:31 a.m.
Battery 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 10:37 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1000blk Harvard St 11:36 a.m.
Attempt Suicide 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 11:51 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1000blk Princeton St 12:33 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Main St / Pacific St 12:43 p.m.
Petty Theft 600blk Pico Blvd 12:52 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1400blk Ocean 1:01 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:03 p.m.
Fight 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:06 p.m.
Fraud 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 1:11 p.m.
Malicious Mischief 16th St / Wilshire Blvd 1:20 p.m.
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Hit And Run 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 2:05 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 2:10 p.m.
Malicious Mischief 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:15 p.m.
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Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2600blk 31st St 3:04 p.m.
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All I Want For Christmas

On Wednesday, Donald Trump broke a record by becoming the only elected POTUS to be impeached in his first term. On the 2016 campaign trail Trump, boasted, "I alone can fix things." He alone certainly fixed his way to impeachment. (With help from Rudy Giuliani.)

An argument could be made for the House not sending the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate, but instead, continue investigations with the Articles being a Sword of Damocles over Trump. After all, Senate Majority Leader, Mitch McConnell and his GOP caucus have already made up their minds before seeing the evidence. Hell, at this Senate's trial there might not be any evidence.

In fact, "Moscow Mitch" shamelessly says he's in lock step with the president's lawyers. He boasts he won't be impartial, despite the oath to do just that all senators take before the trial begins. Frankly, the GOP Senate should either convict Trump or coronate him.

As for the title of this week's column, given I'm Jewish, I could have gone with, "All I want for Hanukkah," but admittedly it doesn't have the same ring. From a PR standpoint, Hanukkah has never been able to compete with Christmas.

Christmas has the tree, Santa and Mrs. Claus, the elves, the reindeer, Santa coming down the chimney and chestnuts roasting on an open fire. Hanukkah has spinning a Dreidel. (The excitement of which isn't good for my blood pressure.) After my offending my fellow Jews, my friend, Ron, theorized "Hanukkah isn't pagan enough." (So now I've offended Christians.)

But back to what do I want for Christmas? After three years of agony caused by the newly impeached POTUS, I'd settle for truth and empathy. (Given Trump's personality, I might as well go spin a Dreidel.)

St. Augustine once postulated, "A lie disturbs the universe." So it's no wonder what 15,000 lies have done to our psyches. During Trump's racist birther campaign he said, "Obama might pull off the greatest con in the history of the country." Trump actually sounded jealous. Just recently he complained about foreign governments taking advantage of our corporations, "If anyone's going to do that, it should be us."

Another Trump birther whopper was, "I sent private detectives to Hawaii and what they've found is amazing!" Why didn't he share any of that? Or proof he was being audited by the IRS? Obviously, because both were flat out lies.

Frankly, Trump's so cheap he's not going to pay for detectives, unless, of course, he steals it from a charity. Speaking of which, he was fined $2 million and had his Trump Charitable Foundation dissolved, plus his adult children were ordered into mandatory training. So, instead of going to jail, they have to go to class?

Trump's prevalent prevarication (say that fast three times) is reminiscent of the Big Lie Theory, made infamous by Hitler's Minister of Propaganda, Joseph Goebbels. He theorized



Courtesy photo

TALK: On the night of his impeachment, Trump mocked the late Congressman John Dingle.

if a lie is repeated over and over, people will eventually accept it as truth. Hitler had Goebbels, Trump has Giuliani.

That brings me to empathy. Recently teenage Swedish climate crisis activist, Greta Thunberg, who has Asperger's Syndrome, was featured as Time Magazine's "Person of the Year." Clearly jealous, 73-year-old Trump viciously attacked 16-year-old Greta on Twitter, telling her to "Work on your anger management."

Trump, with the worst temper in modern POTUS history, and who has Twitter tantrums daily, telling anyone else to work on their anger management is laughable. (Can you say "projection?")

Ironically, Melania's "Be Best" campaign to stop cyber bullying is also laughable given she's married to the biggest cyber bully on the planet. And yet, Melania's spokesperson says, because she's an activist, Greta "is fair game." (That's just grotesque.)

As they say in infomercials, "But wait, there's more." The evening of Trump's House impeachment he had a campaign rally in Michigan. During his 2-hour rambling "hate-fest" he mocked Congresswoman Debbie Dingle who had voted for his impeachment.

Compared to Corporal Bone Spurts, Dingle's beloved late husband, John, was a WWII vet, the longest serving Congressman in history and widely respected by both sides of the aisle. Trump said he gave Dingle "the A+ treatment," referring to lowering the flags and Dingle's coffin being viewed in the Capitol Rotunda. (Another lie because it's the Speaker of the House who make the Rotunda decision.)

And then, appalling even for Trump, he joked cruelly that, instead of Dingle looking down, "Maybe he's looking up at us," suggesting that he's in Hell. Thankfully, some in the MAGA crowd groaned but others cheered and laughed.

As Christmas approaches in this holy season, consider that Trump, a man of little character, trolled a 16-year-old girl with Asperberg's and a widow grieving the loss of her husband of 38 years. Given that, to find out what I now want for Christmas, feel free to email me.

Please Google: "Trump implies dead Congressman is in hell, upsetting widow." Jack is at jackdailypress@aol.com.

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presentation Thursday, mentioning this rate was the highest it's been in comparison to the last 5 years.

"Actually, when you drill it down to the subgroups," Koshy added, "we find that each of the subgroups had a cohort graduation rate above 90%. The exclusion being students with disabilities," which had an 81% cohort graduation rate.

"We (also) see that 67% of all graduates met A-G requirements," Koshy said, meaning nearly two-thirds of all SMMUSD seniors have completed the basic requirements to apply for college acceptance. But the district also discovered the subgroups — African-American/Black, Latinx, Socio-economically Disadvantaged, English Learner and Students with Disabilities — met A-G requirements, passed one or more AP exams and met college and career readiness benchmarks at a lower rate in comparison to their peers in SMMUSD.

Later in the presentation, Koshy noted that the suspension rates were higher for specific subgroups and that 35% of staff disagreed or strongly disagreed that discipline is enforced fairly.

In response, Board Member Craig Foster said, "We as a board have an extremely strong commitment to social justice and we have an extremely strong commitment to our social justice standards… and I think the disproportionality of discipline has got to be a great exemplar in this conversation of what it means to have social justice standards."

Foster added he is proud of the work already being implemented on local campuses, "so I love that we have the data; I love that we have the standards and I love that all of this we're just going to keep getting better."

Oscar de la Torres added it's also important to consider the descriptive language that is used to define the progress students are making.

The categories like language and cognitive development describe some students as deficient, "and I want us to really reflect on sort of the labeling that we use to say this student is deficient or not."

"How is it that students (who) speak two languages are still language and cognitive development deficient... what does that mean?" De la Torres added. "I know some kids that are very street smart in the Pico neighborhood. They're not going to do good on SAT, but they're smart — they're intelligent (and) we just need to reflect on that so we're not bringing in a deficit-thinking model in terms of how we assess and how we articulate student needs."

OTHER DASHBOARD HIGHLIGHTS:

- Looking at the district as a whole, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District didn't have a single red score this year, according to the dashboard. SMMUSD also managed to secure the highest level in English and a green score in the area of mathematics.

- The district's college and career readiness score declined 7.5% this year down to 54.3%, the dashboard reads, meaning the district is in the orange.

Graduation Rate increased 2.7% this year, bringing the district's rate to 94.2% — a score good enough for green

- State officials said many California schools are noting increases in their chronic absenteeism rates, which affect school funding and student success, but SMMUSD managed to maintain it's chronic absenteeism rate from last year meaning the district secured a yellow in 2019.

- The percent of English Learners making adequate yearly progress of the ELPAC is "very high."

- 87% of staff agreed or strongly agreed that they enjoyed working at their school.

To view the full 2019 California School Dashboard report for your local school or district, visit caschooldashboard.org/. Parents also have the option to download The Dashboard app, which is available on the iOS App Store, the Google Play Store and the Microsoft Store by searching for the term "CA Dashboard."

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DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 34 CALLS ON DEC. 18

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Odor Of Natural Gas 1100blk 4th St 12:12 a.m.
EMS 400blk Expo Line 1:29 a.m.
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EMS 1700blk Ocean Ave 9:40 a.m.
EMS 500blk Olympic Blvd W 10:30 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1800blk 9th St 10:33 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:42 a.m.
EMS 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:45 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 10:48 a.m.
EMS 900blk 2nd St 11:02 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:20 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 12th St 11:43 a.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Grant St 12:29 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Franklin St 12:35 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1100blk Franklin St 12:51 p.m.
EMS 3100blk Wilshire Blvd 1:42 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Cloverfield Blvd 2:00 p.m.
EMS 00blk Gale Pl 2:06 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 20th St / Pico Blvd 3:02 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Arizona Ave 3:14 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Berkeley St 3:41 p.m.
EMS 2700blk Ocean Park Blvd 3:58 p.m.
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EMS 300blk Pico Blvd 4:28 p.m.
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EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 5:07 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 500blk Wilshire Blvd 6:52 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 28th St / Pearl St 9:28 p.m.
Electrical Fire - No Fire Visible 1500blk 6th St 10:21 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 11:13 p.m.

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Facebook to tackle efforts to interfere with 2020 US census

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Facebook plans to clamp down on attempts to use its services to interfere with the 2020 U.S. census, including the posting of misleading information about when and how to participate, who can participate and what happens when people do.

Facebook and other social media companies have been trying to tackle misinformation on their services, especially ahead of next year's U.S. presidential elections. They already have similar policies around voter suppression, banning misleading information about when and where to vote, for instance.

Facebook said Thursday it will prohibit advertisements that portray taking part in the census as "useless or meaningless" or that encourage people not to participate. The company also said it will try to identify and remove misleading census posts before people see them. But it will also remove any posts it misses after the fact, using both technology and humans to spot violations. The company said it will begin enforcing the census policy in January.

The census, which happens every 10 years, is crucial to determining how many representatives a state gets in Congress and which states and cities get billions of dollars in federal funding for roads, health care, low-income programs and other projects. The results of the 2020 census also will be used to redraw electoral maps.

Civil rights leaders worry that misinformation that discourages immigrants and minorities from participating in the census or voting could lead to those populations being underrepresented in key government decisions for years. Misinformation could include warnings of deportation to discourage Latinos from participating, even though federal law prohibits the Census Bureau from sharing census data, including with law enforcement and immigration officials.

Rashad Robinson, president of civil rights group Color of Change, which has pushed Facebook to combat racism and misinformation, called Facebook's new policy "welcome progress." But Robinson said the policy "is only as good as its enforcement and transparency, which, to be clear, is an area that Facebook has failed in the past."

False and inaccurate information is already circulating online about the census. For example, posts in neighborhood chat groups warned that robbers were scamming their way into people's homes by asking to check residents' identification for the census. That was a hoax, but it left Census Bureau officials scrambling to get the posts removed from Facebook.

Facebook sometimes plays down misleading content rather than banning it outright, as it did with a faked video of Nancy Pelosi that went viral earlier this year. It can also "downrank" false or misleading posts — including videos — so that fewer people will see them. Such material can also be paired with fact checks produced by outside organizations, including The Associated Press.

But Facebook is defining misleading census posts as a violation of its community standards and thus subject to removal.

Google is also trying to prevent misinformation about the census from spreading. It set up a team to focus on preventing hoaxes and misleading information. It also expanded a YouTube policy to make it clear that misinformation about the census is prohibited on the site and will be taken down.

Facebook has long tried to steer clear of having to police its content, claiming it is a platform, not a publisher. But after revelations that Russians bankrolled thousands of fake political ads during the 2016 elections, Facebook and other social networks faced intense pressure to ensure that doesn't happen again. It tightened political ad requirements including verifying political ad buyers and archiving all political ads for the public. But many have found ways to slip through the cracks of the system.

Facebook has been under fire for its policy of not fact checking political advertisements on its service, which critics say allows politicians to lie and then pay Facebook to amplify their lies. Facebook has said it wants to provide politicians with a "level playing field" for communication and not intervene when they speak, regardless of what they're saying.

But now that misleading information about the census is a violation of Facebook's terms, such posts will be removed even if they are coming from a politician. Facebook has a similar policy against interfering with voting.

Mae Anderson reported from New York. AP Technology Writer Rachel Lerman in San Francisco contributed to this story.

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Letter To The Editor

Andrew Liberman
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DIFFERENT PATHS

Editor:

In the front page Daily Press article, "Sanders, Bloomberg test different paths to a California win", Dec. 19, it concludes that both candidates are focusing on California's 5.4 million independent voters for the critical upcoming March primary.

While Bloomberg is trying to buy notoriety and votes with TV advertising, Bernie is garnering votes the old way, one by one.

I walked door to door for Sanders a few weeks ago as part of a volunteer contingent the article refers to. I talked to independent registered voters on the Westside. I found strong support for the Vermont Senator. This experience, and a recent CBSN poll, leads me to think Bernie will win in LA and all of California, despite the expected last minute TV onslaught from Bloomberg.

One of the things that should not be overlooked about Mr. Bloomberg is his instituting in New York City with the invasive, unpopular "Stop and Frisk" practice by police.

Sanders, on the other hand, has the constructive identity of being concretely for Medicare for all, retiring student loan debt, and cutting exorbitant military spending to pay for these programs and others.

See you at the polls independent voters. Go blue, but vote Bernie no matter who!

Andrew Liberman, Santa Monica.

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LOS ANGELES

Police say serial robber is targeting Los Angeles-area banks

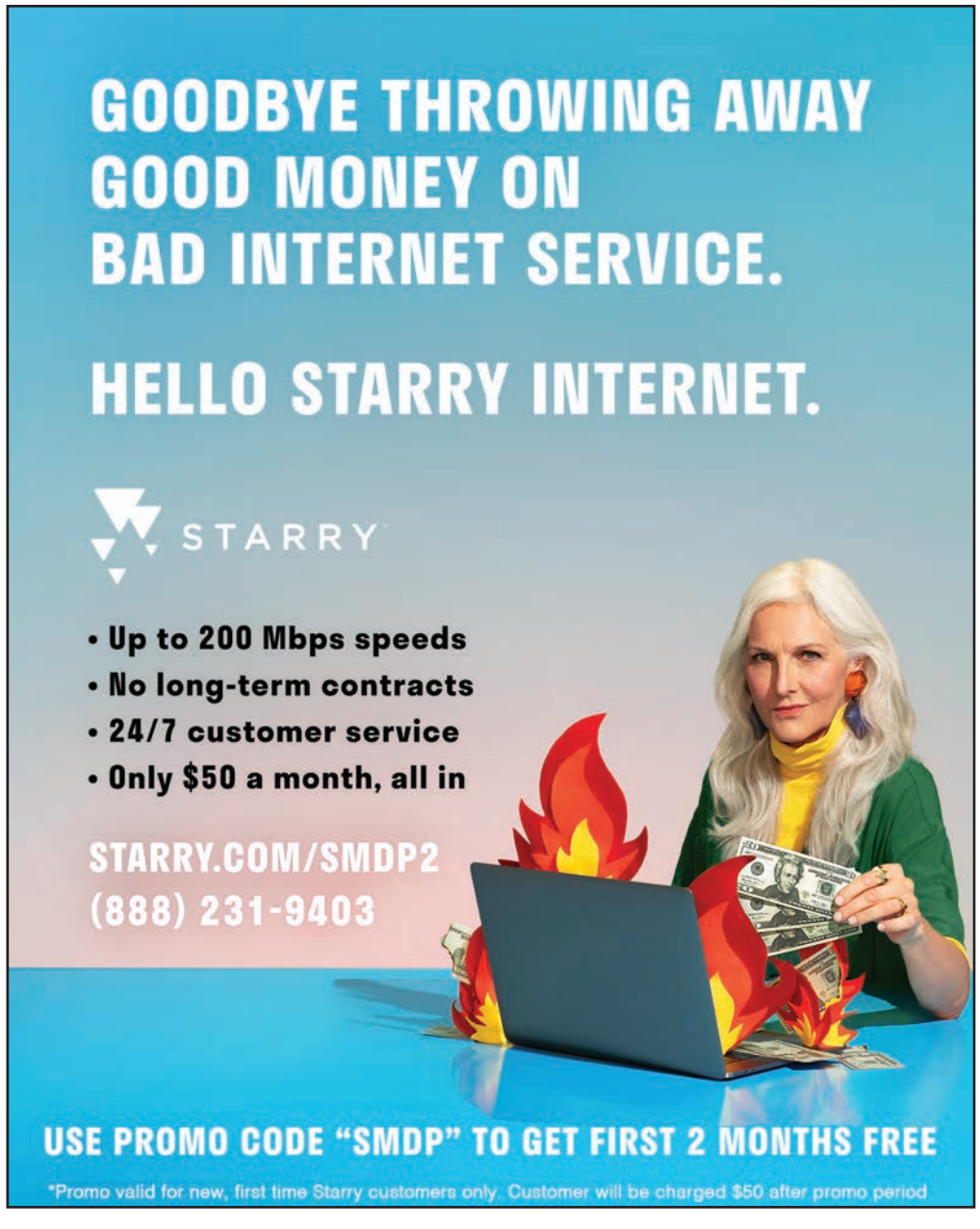
A serial robber has targeted Los Angeles-area banks since November and threatened to shoot everyone inside unless given cash, police said.

Investigators have robberies or attempts by the same man in Los Angeles and West Hollywood between Nov. 22 and Dec. 16, police said Wednesday.

The robber enters banks, approaches a teller window and makes the threat, the statement said.

Police did not release specific details of each crime.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (DECEMBER 20)

The words you cherished and wanted to believe will finally be proven and shown this year. You will trade places with someone for a while to learn about a business or culture. A fun diversion becomes a serious consideration for a lifestyle choice. You'll change your appearance to reflect a surge of confidence. Libra and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 24, 33, 28 and 7.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Maybe you're tired of the way things are and the situation is causing you pain. Or maybe you're inspired by a glittering example of who you want to be. Either way, you're determined to create something different.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Alas, love is not always, as the classic song suggests, a "many-splendored thing." Although, with the Venus change, you'll get a new perspective on whatever bothers you about it, and things will start to shift.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's high value in lighthearted relationships. When your spirit feels heavy and the weather inside your head goes gray, people who are easy to be around are like a breeze blowing away the clouds.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There will always be a question to answer, a mess to clean up, a broken thing to fix. However, these do not always fall under your jurisdiction. Involvement is optional. It's about time you practiced the art of doing nothing at all.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In order to see the world how it is, you must be able to lift the lenses you're looking through and take off the filters and rules you've superimposed. Don't worry; you can put your own reality glasses back on after you're done.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Thinking of others is akin to running a street-cleaning vehicle through the avenues of your mind. It brushes your synapses clean and makes all the rest of your thinking flow better.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You want to take part in a scene; you don't want to take it over. This is the message you need to convey subtly, not with talk but with your tone and, of course, your actions. Once they understand you, all will relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's a paradox in wanting, as want motivates you while also limiting you. Desire enslaves. Maybe you can't reason your way out of wanting, but you can and should question why.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Unsure where another person stands, you may be tempted to send mixed messages in an attempt to see what resonates. This takes too long. Risk rejection. Ask a direct question. Dispense with the cloudy and opt for the clear.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Symmetry is satisfying not just in aesthetics but in all things. Put money in; get the same value out. Talk as much as you listen, etc. Today's symmetrical features may not be immediately detectable. Wait for it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). To moralize things like food or spending opens a whole bag of complicated psychology you don't need right now. No one is "bad" for eating a cookie or "good" for saving a buck. Explore new mindsets and styles of self-talk.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Maybe there are no magic bullets or miracle lifehacks, but looking for them and trying new things will be a great deal of fun anyway, especially when your expectations are realistic.

Winter Solstice Preroll

There's a balance of power that's ripe for the toppling today. The ones in the middle have been afraid to upset certain people up top and not mindful enough of others down below. But it won't go on like this for long. It can't. Nothing would get done. Organizations will get fixed by events that rock them. Don't be afraid of the waves.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST

ARIES: Love returned in equal measure is among the greatest joys of life. TAURUS: You like playing the games of romance to some extent, but it's time to request a timeout and get real about the rules. GEMINI: Joking around will reveal the true character of a person and of a relationship. CANCER: If you think that it's no big deal that the sound of a certain voice gives you butterflies, think again. It's rarer than a total solar eclipse. LEO: The hardest thing about dating is taking care of other people's feelings. It's not your responsibility, but it's nice that you try. VIRGO: Liking all of the same things isn't necessary, but sharing a sensibility in music and entertainment certainly bodes well for being on the same intellectual wavelength. LIBRA: You're not asking too much; you're just asking the wrong person. SCORPIO: Don't waste time searching for the right words, as they'll be born of the moment. Or not. Silence is good, too. SAGITTARIUS: You forget who you are around some people. That's OK. Who you are is always changing. CAPRICORN: You should be able to expect the sweetness of supportive words from your loved ones. Your soul thirsts for it. AQUARIUS: Suddenly, all the songs are about one person. PISCES: Love without problems of pride is beautiful, simple and complete.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEN

Cold nights make the steam that rises from a fire and water sign couple all the more visible. In the case of this weekend, it's Scorpio and Sagittarius who get the theatrical spotlight and requisite special effects, though they'll be oblivious to the attention of anyone but each other. The rest of the world disappears as they focus on and change one another with the intensity of an unshakable attraction. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

WORD UP!

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Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



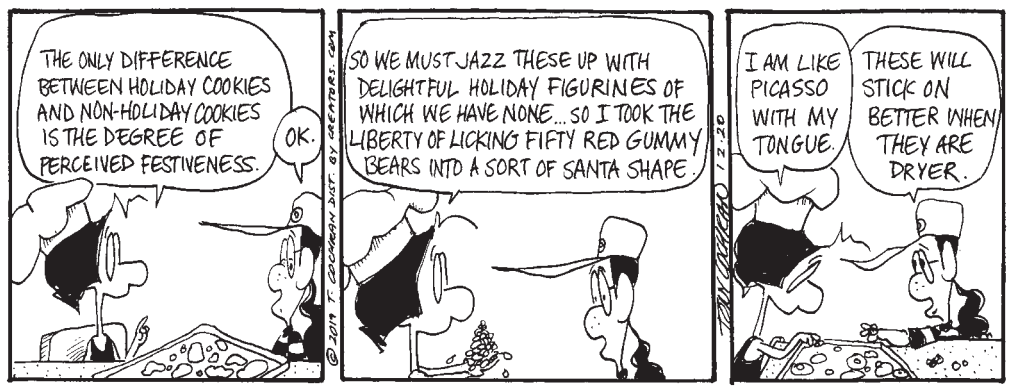
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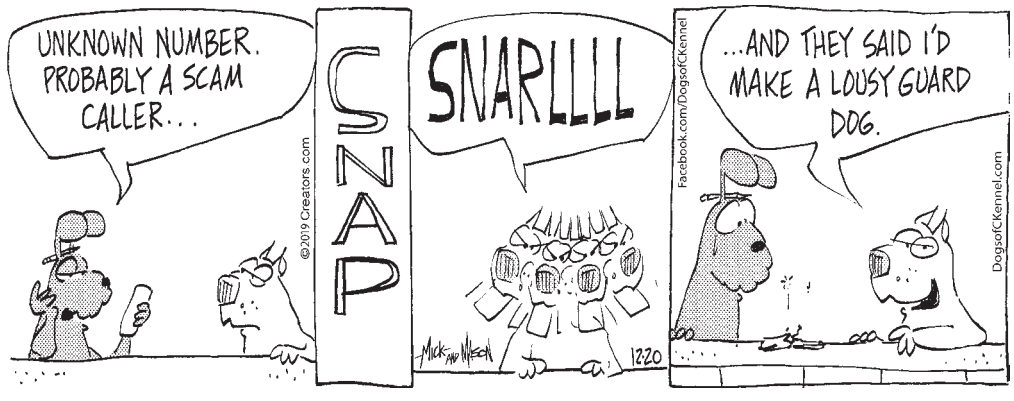
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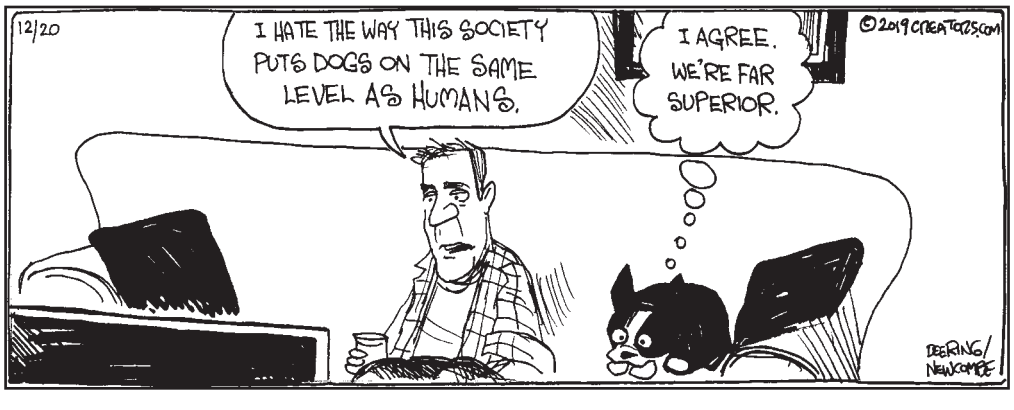
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Mega#: 16
Jackpot: 40 M

SuperLotto PLUS
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1 4 11 23 36
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: 13 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/18
2 6 9 23 34

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Draw Date: 12/18
Evening: 3 1 7
Draw Date: 12/17
Midday: 3 8 3

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 12/17
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2nd: 8 - GORGEOUS GEORGE
3rd: 06 - WHIRL WIN
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 58.8°

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft waist to chest high
WNW swell due to ease..

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft waist to chest high
Fresh, long period NW swell to build in. Winds look favorable for the AM.

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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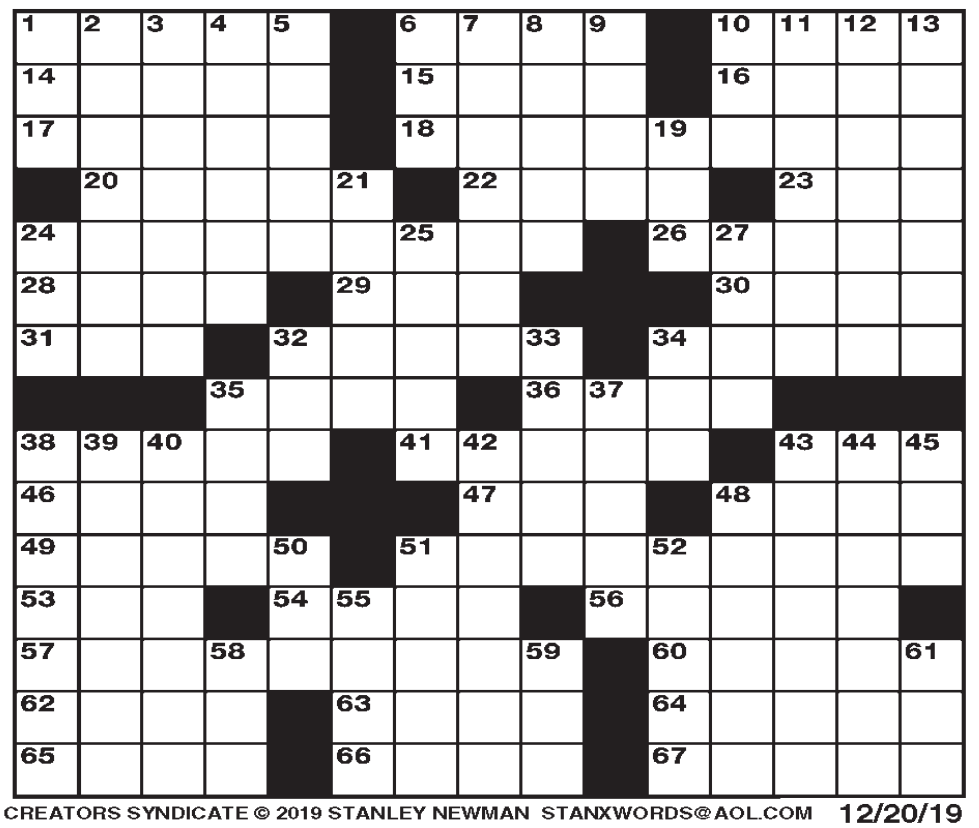
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Newsday Crossword

PARTING WORDS by Gary M. Larson
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS
1 Behind, bill-wise
6 Hoover, for one
10 Tragic accusatory question
14 Alaskan peninsula
15 "Bottled poetry" valley
16 Word before hall or house
17 "Clear!" procedure, briefly*
18 Former name of Mongolia's capital*
20 Albertan NHLer
22 Star of the first *King Kong*
23 Homer Simpson's dad
24 Eventually reached*
26 Greece, to Greeks*
28 Swamp plant
29 Negative connective
30 Drive off
31 Hand-made communication: Abbr.
32 Old Testament prophet
34 The blues
35 Place to eat*
36 Gloomy darkness*
38 Sprayed in self-defense
41 Cheese choice
43 Insurance ad spokesperson
46 Cameo shape
47 Epoch
48 Run __ light
49 Twenty, in Trentino*
51 Skiing/shooting Olympian*
53 Statuary, for instance
54 In good order
56 Desert retreats
57 What you must do, to answer each pair of starred clues
60 Just hung out
62 Vichyssoise veggie
63 Center of the earth
64 Most of the earth
65 Novelist O'Brien
66 Throng
67 Sealy alternative

DOWN
1 Green-lighted
2 Tots
3 Faithless person
4 Performed perfectly
5 Scoffed at
6 Bearded antelope
7 Desktop viruses, e.g.
8 Set off
9 Granny
10 Sorority letter
11 Compute by hand, perhaps
12 __ hit (double)
13 Turmoils
19 Parting word
21 __-the-play contract
24 Epoch
25 False fronts
27 "Check this out!"
32 Outwitted
33 Guatemalan gal pal
34 __ Butterworth's (Log Cabin rival)
35 Irish forebear
37 Be of __ (assist)
38 Like couches on casters
39 Maintained
40 Summer-camp snack bar
42 "Front-of-house" staff
43 Spot for chilling
44 "Lunch is ready!"
45 Poetic form
48 Region of eastern France
50 What fills some wells
51 *Jungle Book* bear
52 Illuminated rings
55 Singly
58 Alias introducer
59 Finish, with "through"
61 Basis of Jurassic Park



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(SEAL)

IMPEACHMENT

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movie played on more than two dozen televisions at the assorted bars, restaurants, yogurt shops and hair salons. None showed the proceedings in Congress.

Stevie Anderson, a 30-year-old pastry chef from Mesa, found the news a bit anti-climactic. "Part of me is like, 'It's about time.' But part of me is like, 'We could've just let him finish his term because he's almost finished.'

"But, good riddance."

LAS VEGAS

Eddie Ramos, a Las Vegas activist, followed the weeks of proceedings closely but missed the impeachment vote because he was attending a meeting of Latino leaders and Cory Booker, a Democratic presidential contender and senator from New Jersey. Impeachment didn't come up at the meeting.

Ramos clung to hope that the Senate would remove Trump from office — against all expectations. "The concerns right now I'm having is with the Republicans, and the reason is because they don't see the evidence," Ramos said. "The evidence is right there. They don't want to listen to anybody."

As House members started voting, Booker drove across town to meet members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community at a boba shop in the Las Vegas' Chinatown district. Booker again didn't bring up the impeachment, instead joking around and chatting with voters before heading off to a town hall.

MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Two televisions by the bar of the Puritan Backroom restaurant in Manchester showed the impeachment debate and vote. Chris Pappas, a Democratic congressman from New Hampshire, is a co-owner of the restaurant and announced just days before that he would support both impeachment articles.

At the restaurant, one person briefly cheered when the first impeachment article reached the necessary number of votes while one woman called out that it was a sad day.

Watching from a table near the television screens showing the vote, Susan Berntsen, a 54-year-old Republican and senior mortgage underwriter at a local bank, said she had voted for Trump in 2016 and felt the House has "tried to get rid of my vote."

She had voted for Pappas in the past but "I will not vote for him again," she said. She added, though: "We'll frequent his restaurant."

Walking outside, James Adamonis, a 39-year-old Navy veteran, voiced support for the impeachment. "He does absolutely nothing for this country, especially for veterans like myself," Adamonis said. "He's just an awful president. Everything he's done has been a lie right from the get go."

LOS ANGELES

Robert James, 72, was people-watching at a Los Angeles mall and waiting to meet a friend. He felt no need to watch the House debate because he's heard all the talking points already. "It's kind of like, how much can I listen to, you know?"

He found the impeachment to be a waste of time, even while thinking Trump needed to be "marked" somehow for improper conduct.

But Jake Murphy, 25, who works at a store in the mall, saw value in what was done and noticed plenty of people keeping tabs on developments. Murphy said the process can feel futile when the outcome — impeachment in the House, acquittal in the Senate — is essentially preordained.

Yet, he said, "I think 20, 30, 40 years from now, we'll look back when something else worse happens and we'll have this to stand by. We didn't remove him from office but we still did something."

DENVER

Morgan O'Sullivan, a 31-year-old Denver brewpub owner and Democrat, kept glancing at his phone as it sent him alerts.

His immediate wish: that his state's Republican senator, Cory Gardner, doesn't just fall into partisan lockstep during the Senate trial on the House articles of impeachment. If Gardner shows some independence, he said, "I'd gain a significant amount of respect for the Republican Party and I'd start to believe there was some bipartisanship out there."

The holiday song "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" played at Denver's Union Station as the House voted. Couples sipped drinks and commuters rushed for trains. Almost everyone else was looking at laptop or phone screens but not at the goings-on in Washington.

"That's happening right now?" Sonia Chacon, a 2016 Trump voter, asked incredulously as she sipped drinks with Loney Mascarenas, who backed Hillary Clinton.

Chacon quickly became disenchanted with Trump after the election and wants him out. She doubted impeachment will accomplish that but said that "it shows we have a voice as a people."

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

"Any time you impeach a president, it's a historic moment," said Aimee Brewer, 49, a nurse from Monticello, Florida, who voted for Trump in 2016. "Being impeached is bad, but I don't know if it's going to be just a blemish or something bigger. Either way, I'm going to support him."

She said of the Democrats: "They never really made a decent case against him. We needed a little more proof; it was all circumstantial."

Concerning her support for Trump, she said: "I don't necessarily like listening to him and reading his tweets, but I like everything else he's doing."

Mark McQueen, 46, is an informational technology engineer with the state government and a Democrat. "We are divided as a society," he said. "Tensions are high across the land. I think people risk losing faith in the political process."

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