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Year in Review Part 1: January - March



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IT BEGINS: The first couple of months of the year were like any other but as March rolled around, COVID-19 began to take hold. Early actions in Santa Monica included closing some public spaces, including the Santa Monica stairs.

The Daily Press is summarizing the year's news as it was covered in our pages for the year. Today, we are covering the first three months of the year.

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Serious crime dropped 16% in 2019. After reaching a historically low level in 2014, the rate of Part 1 crimes, which include murder, rape, aggravated assault, robbery, burglary, theft, grand theft auto and arson, increased 29% between 2015 and 2018. But in 2019, 16% fewer Part 1 crimes were reported than in 2018.

City Council approved a water self-sufficiency plan that will double the price of water and wastewater removal by 2024. The rate increases will finance about $42 million in infrastructure projects that will allow Santa Monica to stop importing water from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California by 2023.

Bad student debt doubled over the last four years at Santa Monica College but officials were left with fewer options for collecting following the passage of the Education Debt Collection Practices Act. The most recent increase in debt, from 2017-2018 to 2018-2019, was $382,362. The Educational Debt Collection Practices Act, formerly AB1313, makes it illegal to withhold a transcript from a student in order to collect fees, mistreat a transcript request due to outstanding fees, or use a transcript as a means of debt collection from a student.

The UCLA Film & Television Archive, the second-largest repository of motion pictures and broadcast programming in the U.S., joined the UCLA Library. The Archive, which had operated under the auspices of the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television, will now be more closely aligned with the UCLA Library's archival and research collections; the move positions the Archive's holdings to be better integrated in instruction and research at UCLA, and it will expand access to the Archive through the Library's robust digital platforms.

Samohi Seniors Morgan Jarow, playing the Sousaphone and Ian DiMundo, playing the Herald Trumpet were part of 250 Students from Southern California accepted into the Tournament of Roses Honors Marching Band, the only band to be in the parade consistently since 1930.

As it has every year since 2009, the city's Workers' Compensation Program once again saw an increase to its total program liabilities. The city's Risk Management Division compiles its Workers' Compensation Annual Report every year. Medical and indemnity payments increased

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Publishing saw upheaval in 2020, but 'books are resilient'

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Book publishing in 2020 was a story of how much an industry can change and how much it can, or wants to, remain the same.

"A lot of what has happened this year — if it were a novel, I would say that it had a little too much plot," said Simon & Schuster CEO Jonathan Karp.

Three narratives ran through the book world for much of the year: an industry pressed to acknowledge that the status quo was unacceptable, an industry offering comfort and enlightenment during traumatic times, and an industry ever more consolidated around the power of Penguin Random House and Amazon.com.

To its benefit and to its dismay, publishing was drawn into the events of the moment. The pandemic halted and threatened to wipe out a decade of growth for independent bookstores, forced the postponement of countless new releases and led to countless others being forgotten. The annual national convention, BookExpo, was called off and may be gone permanently after show organizers Reed Exhibitions announced they were "retiring" it.

The industry had long regarded itself as a facilitator of open expression and high ideals, but in 2020 debates over diversity and #MeToo highlighted blind spots about race and gender and challenged the reputations of everyone from poetry publishers to Oprah Winfrey, from book critics to the late editor of Ernest Hemingway. Employees themselves helped take the lead: They staged protests in support of Black Lives Matters and walked off the job at Hachette Book Group after the publisher announced it had acquired Woody Allen's memoir, which Hachette soon dropped. (Skyhorse Publishing eventually released it.)

Through it all, books managed to sell, keeping a steady pace at a time when film and theater, among other industries, faced dire questions about their future.

"My main takeaways from 2020 are that books are resilient and that the industry has indicated a willingness to change (about diversity) and to make opening gestures towards sufficient, industry-wide change," said Lisa Lucas, executive director of the National Book Foundation, who next year will take over at two prestigious Penguin Random House imprints, Pantheon and Schocken Books.

An alarm bell rang early in the new year. Jeanine Cummins' novel about Mexican immigrants, "American Dirt," had been widely cited as a top seller and critical favorite for 2020 and was likened by "The Cartel" author Don Winslow to John Steinbeck's Depression-era classic "The Grapes of Wrath." In January, Oprah Winfrey announced she had chosen it for her book club and Cummins began a nationwide tour.

But to the surprise of the publisher, Macmillan, and Winfrey, Latino authors and critics alleged that Cummins had reinforced stereotypes about Mexico and Mexican immigrants. Along with Cummins, Winfrey invited a panel of detractors who faulted an industry that is an estimated 75 percent white, and the talk show host herself for choosing few works by Latino writers.

In the following months, leaders at the National Book Critics Circle, the Poetry Foundation and International Thriller Writers resigned or were forced out amid allegations they had failed to address issues of diversity and racial

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23% driven mostly by claims from the Police Department.

The Staples store located on Wilshire Boulevard and 15th Street announced it would close. Target eventually took over the space as its second Santa Monica location.

Santa Monica Restaurant Week returned featuring kumquats as the secret ingredient. Santa Monica's Restaurant Week is held every year in conjunction with California Restaurant Month in an effort to highlight the many fine-dining options that are available in the area as well as the Santa Monica Farmers Market.

StoryCorps' MobileBooth came to Santa Monica. Founded in 2003 by award winning documentary producer and MacArthur Fellow Dave Isay, StoryCorps has traveled to every corner of the country to record interviews that will be passed down for generations to come.

The Santa Monica Education Foundation ended a three-week fundraising campaign that resulted in more than $213,000, which will be used to benefit the various science, technology, engineering and math programs that are currently in place on Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District campuses. A total of 286 donors contributed local education foundation's $25,000 matching opportunity.

The Venice Mexican American Traqueros Monument Committee stepped up efforts to establish a monument at Venice's Windward Circle that would educate visitors and help preserve the Westside's Mexican American history.

About 18% of Los Angeles County Jail inmates could be diverted to mental health treatment programs, according to a study a local think-tank released. One in three inmates in the county jail have serious mental illnesses, or about 5,100 of the 17,000 individuals in the average daily inmate population. The RAND Corporation study found that 61% of those 5,100 individuals were appropriate candidates for community-based treatment programs and an additional 7% were potentially appropriate.

Fritto Misto moved to 620 Santa Monica Blvd. The popular restaurant has been a fixture in the city for years but their old building is scheduled for redevelopment.

A 48-year-old man pleaded no contest to shooting a man during an argument at a Venice bar. Robert Leo Mewhorter (dob 8/10/71), a transient, entered the plea to one count of attempted murder and admitted allegations of using a handgun and causing great bodily injury.

City Council voted to extend the city's contract with Downtown Santa Monica, Inc., the downtown business improvement district, for ambassador services in Reed Park. The six-month, $207,000 contract would provide 228 service hours each week to try to mitigate the impact of homelessness on the park.

The State of the City event offered free admission for residents for the first time after City Council approved up to $10,000 from the council's contingency fund to cover the cost of admission for residents.

Santa Monica's first and only craft brewery underwent a major expansion. The owners of Santa Monica Brew Works applied to start serving food in a larger tasting room, open a weekend beer garden and add a second production facility in the brewery's Colorado Avenue building that will more than double its brewing capacity.

Santa Monica's largest affordable housing provider broke ground on its first building outside city limits. The LEED Platinum development from Community Corporation of Santa Monica will provide 50 apartments for low income households in Mar Vista.

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Los Angeles Police Department Pacific Division arrested a homeless man, Evan McLaurin-Nelson, for the attempted kidnapping of a young child in Venice Beach. The victim, a six-year-old female was with her family visiting Venice Beach when the suspect approached her and stated that he knew her and that he had to "save her." The suspect then followed the victim until she was placed in her mother's lap who was sitting outside of a local restaurant. The suspect reached for the child but was stopped by being forcefully pushed away by a member of the victim's family. Several seconds later, the suspect attempted to grab the girl again. This time, the victim's family member was able to grab the suspect and throw him to the ground.

The Arnold Strongman USA Championship returned to the Santa Monica Pier bringing some of the strongest men in the world who will compete alongside 10 firefighters.

The city of Santa Monica began requiring electric vehicle drivers to pay to use public charging stations for the first time to help fund almost 900 new chargers by 2025. City Council unanimously approved overstay charge and supported plans to introduce charging fees.

The home of a famed local architect was put on the market for $20 million. The Landmarks Commission voted unanimously to landmark the estate John Parkinson built in 1920 on Woodacres Road and lived in until his death in 1935.

Council revised rules for construction of new single-story homes. Council has previously approved rules that limited new construction of a single-story home less than 18 feet to 50% of coverage. New construction of a single-story home more than 18 feet was limited to 45%. A new two-story home was limited to 45%. An addition to a single-story home less than 18 feet could cover up to 55% and an addition to a two-story home could also cover up to 55%. However, the rules did not specify parcel coverage rules for an existing single-story home over 18 feet with an addition. The revised rules preserved the caps on new construction at 50 and 45% and stipulated that all homes with additions, regardless of height, are limited to 55%.

Community leaders, local residents and members of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Westside Coalition gathered for a celebration that sought to honor the memory of Martin Luther King Jr.

The head of a Chinese government expert team said that human-to-human transmission has been confirmed in an outbreak of a new coronavirus, a development that raised the possibility that it could spread more quickly and widely. The late-night announcement capped a day in which authorities announced a sharp uptick in the number of confirmed cases to more than 200, and China's leader called on the government to take every possible step to combat the outbreak.

The investigation into the actions of child molester Eric Uller continued with officers now focused on individuals who may have failed to report or stop Uller despite knowledge of accusations against him. The Los Angeles County Sheriff 's Department interviewed witnesses as part of their ongoing investigation but would not provide details of their inquiry.

Marijuana may account for at least half of the drugs sold on the dark web according to a local graduate school student. Students at the Pardee RAND Graduate School discovered while analyzing hundreds of thousands of listings that marijuana was the most-trafficked drug on the dark web, an encrypted part of the internet that is not indexed by conventional search engines.

Parents in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District voiced concerns that the district's sustainability efforts will fall by the wayside, following the departure of the department head.

A student filed a lawsuit, through his mother, against the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District that alleges the district and its employees ignored ongoing incidents of physical and verbal abuse against the student and violated his civil rights.

Jaime Francisco Bertrand was arrested on Jan. 20 on a murder charge but the District Attorney's office filed an Involuntary Manslaughter case against Bertrand during his court Hearing. The arrest stems from a fight and death that occurred on the 1100 block of 14th Street.

The District attorney filed ten charges against a Santa Monica man who was accused of throwing several firebombs into the streets. Korie Paul Schmidt was charged with seven counts of possessing a destructive device, one count of possessing destructive device materials and two counts of possessing explosive devices with intent to destroy property.

UCLA Health, local community members and former patients gathered for an open house event that sought to celebrate UCLA Breast Center Santa Monica's growth over the years. Attendees enjoyed refreshments, tours and the opportunity to connect with the center's many patients and doctors.

Santa Monica High School student Rex Evans was named one of more than 4,500 candidates in the 2020 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The candidates were selected from nearly 3.6 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in the year 2020.

After 35 years of work in local and federal government, Assistant City Manager Katie Lichtig announced plans to retire from public service. Lichtig returned to Santa Monica in 2017 as Assistant City Manager and Chief Operating Officer.



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TRAIN: A pedestrian was killed when they walked in front of an Expo train.

An Expo train struck and killed a man. According to the Santa Monica Police Department, a westbound Expo train hit a pedestrian in the intersection of Lincoln and Colorado when the victim walked in front of the train.

A helicopter carrying former NBA superstar Kobe Bryant and eight others crashed in a wreck that aviation experts said may have been caused by the pilot becoming disoriented in the fog.

The Census Bureau recruited 72,000 part-time workers to count their own communities in Los Angeles County. Census takers knocked on doors to follow up with households who had not self responded to the 2020 Census.

City Council approved a second Shared Mobility Pilot Program that reduced the number of companies allowed to operate in Santa Monica over the program's 18-month duration. Councilmembers said the city would be better able to administer the program if it concentrates its regulatory power on two to three companies that offer high-quality devices, stable pricing and systems that reduce sidewalk riding and haphazard parking.

Firefighters made a dramatic ladder rescue of a man about to jump from a burning Los Angeles apartment building and helicopters plucked people from the roof of the 25-story highrise as other terrified residents fled through smoke-choked stairwells to safety.

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195 Americans evacuated from the Chinese city at the center of the new virus outbreak had three days of testing and monitoring at a California military base to ensure they do not show signs of the illness. The people flown out of China on a plane chartered by the U.S. government were quarantined.

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Pacific Park announced plans to redesign its roller coaster. On the new West Coaster, cars that mimic classic automobiles from Route 66's heyday will zip past vintage billboards that highlight the attractions along the 2,200-mile highway, including the Chicago Theatre Sign, the St. Louis Gateway Arch, a Saguaro Cactus and the Santa Monica Pier Arch.

The City celebrated Black History Month with several events including a discussion of nine historic black fraternities/sororities and a step performance at City Hall. Activities also included recognition of black entrepreneurs and a celebration of black culture through food, music and crafts.

A child among 195 people quarantined at a Southern California air base after evacuation from a virus-stricken area of China developed a fever and was hospitalized for testing and observation. The child and a parent of the child were taken by ambulance from March Air Reserve Base to Riverside University Health System-Medical Center, Riverside County public health officials said in a statement.

One of six new developments featuring tiny apartments reached the Architectural Review Board. Under a settlement negotiated between the city and developer WS Communities, the ARB retains its authority over design elements of six proposed projects but the City is required to issue an ARB decision on an expedited timeline with additional time restrictions on Appeals.

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Superintendent Ben Drati formed a Superintendent's Budget Advisory Committee to discuss how the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District — like most districts in the state of California — has been challenged by a structural fiscal deficit spending cycle throughout the last decade.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health advised against special precautions related to a coronavirus outbreak in China. Officials said there was no immediate threat to the general public. Residents, students, workers, and tourists were advised to continue to engage in their regular activities as long as they are practicing good public health hygiene.

Individuals arrested in Santa Monica on nonviolent drug charges had the option to enter substance abuse treatment before facing a judge. The Joint Outreach and Linkage to Treatment, or JOLT program, allowed individuals in Santa Monica Police Department custody to immediately start a month-long course of treatment at a local addiction center before appearing in court. The city of Santa Monica funded the program in the hopes that meaningful treatment will divert low-level drug offenders away from the criminal justice system.

A 40-unit apartment building at 2033-2101 Virginia Ave. was sold to Community Corporation of Santa Monica for $13.7 million, real estate company CBRE announced. The building stands in the heart of the Pico neighborhood, which has for half a century been home to a working-class Latino community that is now facing rising rents and evictions as the neighborhood gentrifies.

Santa Monica parents, community members and businesses supported local public schools during a 10-day match fundraising campaign for the Santa Monica Education Foundation. Inspired by a $50,000 match from Bird, 772 donors contributed $186,154 during the match, which ran from January 21 to 31, 2020. The matching campaign coincided with the end of the Ed Foundation's annual parent giving campaign this school year.

A plumbing company extracted $92,000 from an elderly Santa Monica homeowner after she hired the company to complete $5,000 worth of repairs and installations. A superior court judge sentenced Jet Speed Plumbing Inc., doing business as Ritz Plumbing, to three years of probation for unlawfully overcharging an 82-year old woman tens of thousands of dollars for contract work. The owner of Ritz Plumbing was ordered to refund the $92,000 to the homeowner and must pay a $45,000 disciplinary bond before trying to reacquire a contractor's license.

City Council extended its marijuana regulations as dispensaries that have not been allowed to open in the city appealed the permitting process. Santa Monica's marijuana ordinance allows only medical marijuana dispensaries and some medical marijuana manufacturing. The regulations permit two dispensaries in the city, neither of which have opened.

Santa Monica planned to makeover its portion of Wilshire Boulevard. The 2.4-mile stretch of Wilshire has been the site of six traffic-related fatalities and 29 severe injuries over the past 11 years, prompting local officials to propose adding a suite of safety improvements to the street that could range from $11.5 to $22 million.

Three people were injured after a driver crashed into a building on 12th Street. A driver was speeding east on Pico Boulevard at about 2:45 a.m. and collided with a building on 12th Street, as well as three parking meters, two trees, a streetlight and a fire hydrant.

A group of 195 evacuees was cleared to end a two-week quarantine at a Southern California military base after flying out of China during a deadly viral outbreak. After everyone at March Air Reserve Base passed their final health screenings, they threw their face masks into the air and hugged, said Dr. Nancy Knight of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Although most municipal employees work in Santa Monica's transit-rich downtown, just



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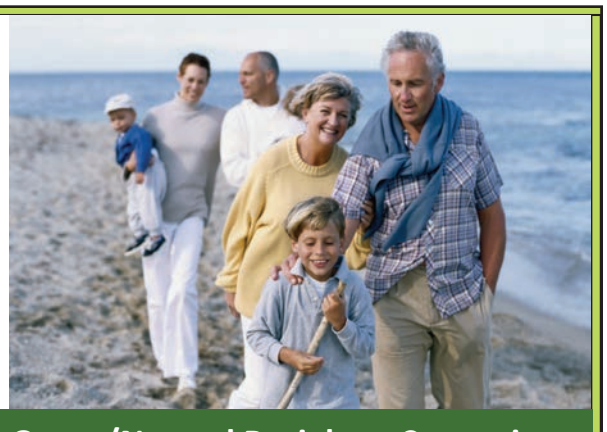
PROTEST: City workers protested a lack of progress in contract negotiations.

16% commute by train, bus, bike or walking, according to a report.

Three years after recreational marijuana became legal in California, Santa Monica prosecutors dismissed 3,000 misdemeanor cannabis convictions as part of a countywide move to bring relief to communities of

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color who disproportionately suffered the consequences of the state's drug laws. The Los Angeles District Attorney's Office asked a Los Angeles Superior Court judge to dismiss 62,000 felony cannabis convictions for cases that date back to 1961 as well as about 4,000 misdemeanor cannabis possession cases in 10 cities across the county.

City of Santa Monica workers picketed the mayor's annual State of the City address over cuts to healthcare and pensions. About 100 workers represented by the Teamsters union held a demonstration outside of the Soka Gakkai International Ikeda Auditorium in downtown to protest contract negotiations with the city that have stalled for more than a year.

Crime on L.A. County's Metro Bus and Rail system decreased 17 percent over the last five years, according to crime figures released by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Between 2015 and 2019, total Part 1 and Part 2 crimes, known respectively as "serious" and "less serious" crimes, have both fallen on the Metro system. Part 1 crimes decreased nearly 23 percent and Part 2 crimes decreased nearly 11 percent. Crime reductions were observed in all major crime categories, including crimes against persons, crimes against properties and crimes against society.

At the city of Santa Monica's annual State of the City address, Mayor Kevin McKeown praised the growth of Santa Monica's technology sector while pointing out that the influx of highly paid workers is straining the city's limited housing supply. McKeown said there were now more than 31,000 tech jobs in Santa Monica and 3,000 tech companies. The total tech payroll in Santa Monica was more than $5 billion, well over half of the total annual payroll in the entire city.

Five Santa Monica High School student-athletes cemented their future as college athletes during a National Signing Day Ceremony that occurred on-campus. Quincy Hilaire-McGriff, Iternite Reed and Chantal Moawad signed with the University of Texas El Paso, Saint Martin's University and Brown University, respectively, to showcase their skills on the hardwood, while Donovan Parks and Anthony Arnou intend to head south to Alabama A&M University and the University of San Diego.

Three music teachers in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District received statewide recognition for their contributions to the district's various music programs. The California Music Educators Association recognized Kirsten Bersch as its 2020 Elementary Music Specialist Award recipient and Joni Swenson as the 2020 CMEA Richard L. Levin Orchestra Educator Award recipient, while Angela Woo was honored with the SCSBOA Gold Award during the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association's Winter Conference.

Santa Monica's Edison Language Academy was recognized by the California Department of Education as a 2020 California Distinguished School. Edison, which also earned the award in 2018, was one of the 324 elementary schools that received the honor in the state this year.

Venice Family Clinic launched its 50th Anniversary celebration, kicking off a year of activities to recognize the nonprofit community health center's leadership in providing comprehensive and high-quality care to people in need, pioneering innovations that improve the lives of patients around the country and effectively advocating for equal access to care.

A video of a pornographic actress and actor performing sexual acts inside a Santa Monica public library surfaced, prompting some residents to call for their arrest. The video showed 19-year old entertainer Elie Elish exposing herself while walking around the library.

A man was assaulted while sleeping in an alley in Mid-City Santa Monica. Santa Monica Police Department officers responded to reports of a person down on 12th Court between Colorado Avenue and Broadway around 6 a.m. Officers found a man in his 60s who had suffered blunt force trauma to his head. The man told officers he had been sleeping under a blanket when he was assaulted during the night,

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Women in Santa Monica make 78 cents for every dollar earned by a man, according to a report released by the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women. This was an improvement from 2013, when women earned 72 cents for every dollar earned by men, but still slightly lower than the national average, according to recent data from the US Census Bureau.



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CELEBRATION: Black History Month celebrations were among the last to occur before the virus shut everything down.

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President Trump was met by a small protest as he flew through Santa Monica Airport on his way to a Los Angeles fundraising trip.

Two presidential candidates opened campaign offices in Santa Monica to court Westside voters ahead of Super Tuesday. Former New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg and hedge fund manager Tom Steyer opened field offices a few blocks away from each other.

Gov. Gavin Newsom said California should lower the legal bar for providing forced treatment to the mentally ill and build more homeless shelters. He took the unusual step of devoting most of the annual speech to just two related issues: affordable housing shortfalls and homelessness.

SMMUSD received 625 claims for reimbursement for educational materials after settling a class action lawsuit over school fees. Plaintiffs claim that SMMUSD had required students to pay for expensive calculators, field trips and athletic uniforms and therefore violated the constitutional guarantee to a free education.

The Planning Commission voted to support expediting the process for 100% affordable housing and market rate housing up to 60 feet tall that conforms to existing standards. The recommendation to City Council would allow many housing projects to bypass the Planning Commission itself.

The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk office opened 976 Vote Centers throughout L.A. County in advance of the primary election.

FBI agents arrested a Santa Monica man on federal charges stemming from a series of distributed denial-of-service – or DDoS – attacks on a website for a candidate who was campaigning for a California congressional seat. Arthur Jan Dam, 32, was taken into custody pursuant to a criminal complaint filed that charges him with one count of intentionally damaging and attempting to damage a protected computer. Dam allegedly staged four cyberattacks in April and May of 2018 that took down the candidate's website for a total of 21 hours.

The Santa Monica Fire Department extended a temporary station that has cut response times to emergency situations at the beach and Santa Monica Pier. SMFD created a pilot station on the beach after data showed that it took firefighters and paramedics based in the department's existing five stations much longer to reach the beach than other locations in Santa Monica because of traffic congestion near the beach and I-10.

A rash of car accidents sent several people to local hospitals but despite some spectacular wrecks, there were no reported deaths. In the most visible incident, a car fell from the top floor of a downtown parking garage. The Santa Monica Police Department said the Jeep drove off the sixth floor of Parking Structure 8 and hit the McDonald's below.

A coalition of government agencies, including the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office, recently secured a settlement with a pair of wine clubs over illegal automatic renewals as part of an ongoing state-wide effort to protect consumers. The Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz county district attorney's offices and the Santa Monica City Attorney filed lawsuits against Direct Wines and Wine Awesomeness that resulted in a total settlement of $365,000 and an agreement from the companies to change their sales practices.

Mayor Eric Garcetti and Councilmember Mike Bonin celebrated the opening of the Pacific Sunset A Bridge Home facility in Venice, which provides 100 beds for homeless adults and 54 beds for transitional age youth. The Mayor and Councilmember were joined at the ceremony by representatives from People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) and Safe Place for Youth (SPY), as well as numerous community leaders.

The city of Santa Monica announced a $2 million budget shortfall this fiscal year as tax revenue from tourism, brick-and-mortar retail and parking eroded more quickly than projected.

City Hall temporarily suspended talks with a developer over a proposed project at 4th and Arizona, known as The Plaza at Santa Monica, over concerns the project could violate a newly expanded state law governing surplus government property. The issue was resolved and the City moved forward with the project.

A recent survey of California Community Colleges found that approximately 50% of students were considered "food insecure," meaning they are unable to access or afford adequate food. Approximately 15,000 Santa Monica College students fall into this category. Everytable, a social business enterprise opened the SmartFridge Lounge at SMC's Center for Media and Design to address the need.

A local filmmaker tackled the nation's most pressing political issues through the lens of food in a five-part television series. Brian Falk, a Santa Monica based producer, writer and director, worked with James Beard Award winning TV personality and chef Andrew Zimmern on "What's Eating America."

Tyra Banks' modeling theme park announced it would open May 1. Banks said she aims to "bring modeling to the masses" with ModelLand, a 21,000-square-foot theme park in Santa Monica Place that will offer interactive beauty experiences such as photoshoots and style consultations.

After unveiling a 7-foot sculpture depicting a homeless man in Santa Monica, artist and social activist Ed Massey is once again working on a project related to homelessness. But this time, it's one that Massey hopes he never has to complete, distributing 5,000 colorful tents across the area.



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PRIMARY: The primary election was marked by extremely long lines at voting places.

The Samohi's girls basketball team began a playoff run after finishing its Ocean League season undefeated. The Girls Soccer team also made it to the Division playoffs.

MARCH

The team behind Brick + Mortar replaced the bar with a restaurant serving up Californian shared plates, craft beer and cocktails. Brick + Mortar's owners closed the bar last December after seven years on Main Street, intending to refresh the rustic interior with a minor renovation but the team transformed the space inside the Edgemar Building into a bright, airy restaurant named The Tipsy Chef.

Long waits were reported across Los Angeles County during the primary election with some Santa Monica voters standing in line for more than two hours. Residents reported problems with broken equipment, incorrect registration information and

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difficulty accessing some voting locations following the County-wide redesign of the voting process.

Students from Santa Monica High School, won the LA Surf Bowl, a regional ocean science academic competition that is part of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB). The LA Surf Bowl, which was hosted by the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, is part of a nationwide competition that tests students' knowledge of ocean science disciplines through buzzer-style, multiple-choice questions and open-ended team challenge questions. Students on the championship team include Teddy Berger, Rosalind Jewett, Emily Chase, Sara Akiba, and Ireland Neville.

A leading Santa Monica architect was slashed on the Expo Line. Former Planning Commission Chair Gwynne Pugh said he was slashed in the knee while riding the train back to Santa Monica from downtown Los Angeles. Pugh said two men and two women, who appeared to be couples, boarded the train at Palms Station with a shopping cart and started arguing loudly as the cart drifted around the train car. Their argument escalated and a woman pulled a knife and slashed Pugh during the fight.

Los Angeles County officials declared a local emergency as the number of residents with coronavirus increased to seven. Six new individuals contracted COVID-19 after traveling to northern Italy or interacting with people who had recently traveled abroad. More than 50 people in California were reported to have the virus, representing more than a third of total cases nationwide.

The number of pedestrians and cyclists who were killed or severely injured on Santa Monica streets slightly increased since City Hall set out to eliminate traffic fatalities in 2016, but the overall number of injury collisions has trended downward. In Santa Monica, traffic collisions that result in death for people walking or biking have remained relatively uncommon — the rolling-five year average of fatalities in 2018 was 2.2 for pedestrians and 0.4 for cyclists — but collisions causing severe injury increased.

Scrambling to keep the coronavirus at bay, officials ordered a cruise ship with 3,500 people aboard to stay back from the California coast until passengers and crew could be tested, after a traveler from its previous voyage died of the disease and at least two others became infected. A Coast Guard helicopter lowered test kits onto the 951-foot Grand Princess by rope as the vessel lay at anchor off Northern California.

The Los Angeles Marathon returned to Santa Monica. Bayelign Teshager of Ethiopia had a successful marathon debut, taking over in the final mile to win the 35th Los Angeles Marathon. Margaret Muriuki of Kenya led from start to finish to take the women's race.

Los Angeles International Airport experimented with a limited restoration of taxi pickups in the central terminal area. Taxi drivers pushed to resume pickups there since taxi and ride-hailing pickups were moved to a lot outside the terminal loop last fall to ease traffic amid major construction.

The U.S. death toll from the coronavirus climbed to 14, with all but one victim in Washington state, while the number of infections swelled to over 200, scattered across about half the states.

Santa Monica hired a consultant to prevent sexual abuse in city-run youth programs more than a year after allegations that a former city employee had abused at least 14 boys came to light. The city first retained the consultant, Praesidium, to help standardize training, policies and procedures to prevent and detect child sexual abuse in city programs after former city employee Eric Uller was arrested in October 2018 for sexually abusing children while volunteering with the Santa Monica Police Activities League during the late 1980s and early 1990s.

SMMUSD handed out dozens of layoff notices to local educators causing concern among community members who expressed concerns about their children's future educational opportunities. The District's annual layoff process requires advance notice to any potential employee who could be fired and by the end of the process, most of the notices had been rescinded.

Much-needed rain fell intermittently across Southern California but in lighter amounts than originally forecast for the region, which has experienced a very dry winter contributing to ongoing fire danger.

The rapid spread of coronavirus forced businesses to adapt to an increasingly worried customer base and local organizers scrambled to decide which, if any, events to open to the public. Some large events were already canceled, including the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Chicago and local businesses began implementing new policies related to sick leave. Restaurants increased cleaning and doubled down on delivery to maintain financial stability. Local restaurateurs hoped that by sanitizing surfaces frequently, spacing tables farther apart and removing self-service food and utensils, they will both prevent the virus from spreading and preserve a customer base so they can continue to pay their staff.

The city of Santa Monica paid $42.6 million to 24 individuals who sued the city for failing to protect them from child sexual abuse at the hands of a former city employee and volunteer.

Santa Monica City Council voted unanimously to allow all affordable housing projects and many market-rate projects to go through a rapid approval process as the city prepares to meet a state requirement to zone for 8,800 units of housing over the next decade, drawing ire from community groups who say the city should be fighting the mandate.

Santa Monica canceled all events and local schools announced plans to close as the number of coronavirus cases in Los Angeles County reached 32 and the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic. Local officials announced that all events, programs and activities hosted by the city of Santa Monica and other groups will be canceled in alignment with guidances issued by state and county public health officials. Santa Monica schools closed, moved to remote instruction or canceled all non-essential events, although they confirmed that no students or staff had tested positive for COVID-19.



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BASKETBALL: Samohi's sports teams had success before schools closed.

Gov. Gavin Newsom said sweeping guidance for Californians to avoid unnecessary gatherings to try to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus would extend beyond March, just before Disneyland announced it would close its California theme parks.

President Donald Trump declared the coronavirus pandemic a national emergency, as Washington struggled with providing Americans with relief and officials raced to slow the spread of the outbreak.

Santa Monica homeless shelters worked to serve a population thought to be at an elevated risk of contracting the virus.

A household earning the Los Angeles area's median income cannot afford a rent-controlled studio in Santa Monica, according to a report from the city's Rent Control Board. By U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development affordability standards, a family would need an income of at least $95,429 to afford a studio, which is about 31% higher than the median household income of the Los Angeles area and 1.7% higher than the median household income of Santa Monica. A family would need a six-figure income to

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COVID: As the virus spread, social distance became the new normal for most interactions.

afford any unit larger than a studio.

Santa Monica went into lockdown as confirmed coronavirus cases in Los Angeles County continued to climb and employees in three Santa Monica offices tested positive for the virus. Under emergency orders from local officials to slow the spread of COVID-19, schools, public buildings, bars, theaters, gyms and salons closed for two weeks, restaurants halted dine-in service and Santa Monica Pier shut down indefinitely for the first time in its history. The city of Santa Monica put a temporary moratorium on evictions for renters financially impacted by coronavirus and its impacts on businesses. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health announced that the county had 94 confirmed coronavirus cases, at least 15 of which resulted from community spread.

Public schools in Santa Monica and Malibu were ordered to close for three weeks to slow the spread of coronavirus. The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education voted to keep more than 10,000 students attending 16 schools at home for three weeks in alignment with guidelines on social distancing from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

Santa Monica College (SMC) announced that all classes — including those that generally require in-person instruction, wherever possible — will transition to a remote learning environment, effective to limit the potential transmission of COVID-19.

Public health officials said that 50 new cases of coronavirus have been confirmed in Los Angeles County including one in Santa Monica. Three Bergamot area offices — Colorado Center, Water Garden and Universal Music's offices on Colorado Avenue — said over the weekend they each had an employee who had recently tested positive for the virus and closed temporarily for cleaning.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) asked California law enforcement to exercise discretion for 60 days in their enforcement of driver license and vehicle registration expiration dates.

The California Legislature approved up to $1 billion in new spending to combat the coronavirus outbreak, then suspended their work for the next month to try and contain the illness. It was the first unexpected work stoppage in the California Legislature in 158 years.

Santa Monica put a temporary moratorium on commercial evictions after local officials ordered many businesses to close to slow the spread of coronavirus, evaporating revenue needed to pay workers, rent and utilities.

Gov. Gavin Newsom's assessment that it's likely "few if any" California schools would reopen before summer break surprised parents, who wondered how distance learning would work.

Los Angeles County announced a Safer At Home order urging all residents to stay home except for essential needs. The order called for the closure of all non-essential businesses and prohibited gatherings of more than 10 people. Grocery stories and other essential businesses remained open.

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey announced that she directed her deputy district attorneys to take steps to reduce the number of people both in local jails and courthouses as part of her office's response to help curb the spread of the coronavirus.

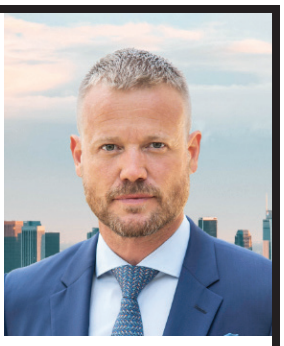
From Maine to Oregon, toilet paper producers ramped up production and shipping operations to resupply stores wiped out by consumers buying toilet paper and paper towels in bulk. But the toilet paper was flying off the shelves as fast as stores can restock them.

The Los Angeles County sheriff said gun shops were not essential businesses and ordered them to stop selling to the public, a move that enraged Second Amendment advocates who said they planned to challenge it in court.

Due to the recently enacted social distancing order, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District moved its meeting

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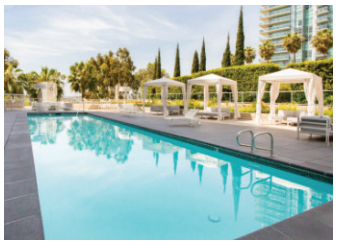


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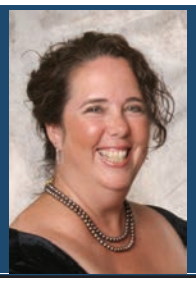
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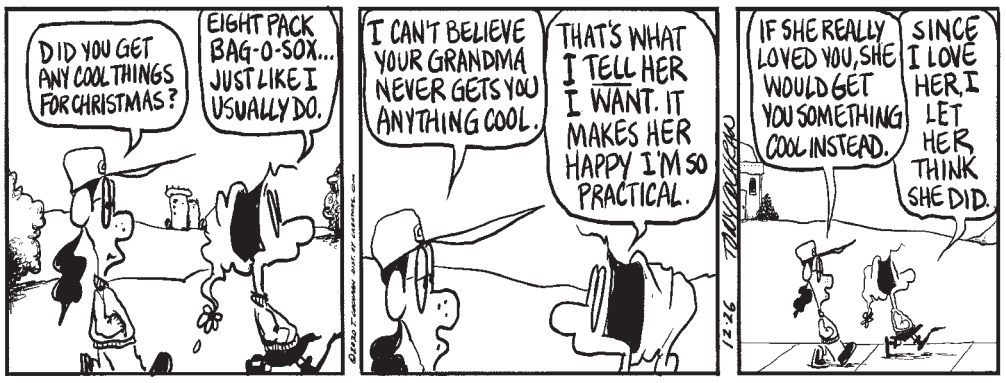
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WATER TEMP: 57.7°

SATURDAY - **FAIR TO GOOD** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high
Possible fun combo. SSW swell holds as WNW swell builds.

SUNDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-5ft Waist to head high
SSW swell lingers. WNW swell holding through most of the day then rebuilds late.

WEATHER

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48.
Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 59zz.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/12/26	Sat	12:06 AM	1.99	L
2020/12/26	Sat	06:33 AM	5.49	H
2020/12/26	Sat	1:47 PM	0.03	L
2020/12/26	Sat	8:07 PM	3.44	H
2020/12/27	Sun	12:39 AM	2.11	L
2020/12/27	Sun	07:02 AM	5.73	H
2020/12/27	Sun	2:18 PM	-0.33	L
2020/12/27	Sun	8:43 PM	3.52	H
2020/12/28	Mon	01:12 AM	2.18	L
2020/12/28	Mon	07:32 AM	5.93	H
2020/12/28	Mon	2:50 PM	-0.60	L
2020/12/28	Mon	9:18 PM	3.57	H
2020/12/29	Tue	01:45 AM	2.22	L
2020/12/29	Tue	08:03 AM	6.08	H
2020/12/29	Tue	3:23 PM	-0.79	L
2020/12/29	Tue	9:55 PM	3.59	H
2020/12/30	Wed	02:18 AM	2.25	L
2020/12/30	Wed	08:35 AM	6.15	H
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2020/12/30	Wed	10:33 PM	3.60	H
2020/12/31	Thu	02:54 AM	2.30	L

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POWERball
Draw Date:12/19
27 32 34 43 52
Power#: 13
Jackpot: 321 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 12/22
29 53 56 59 67
Mega#: 21
Jackpot: 352 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 12/19
10 15 25 31 33
Mega#: 21
Jackpot: 17 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/22
1 4 6 13 22

Daily 3
Draw Date: 12/22
Evening: 7 3 4
Draw Date: 12/22
Midday: 4 4 2

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 12/22
1st: FIRST: 01 - GOLD RUSH
2nd: 03 - HOT SHOT
3rd: 07 - EUREKA
RACE TIME: 1:44.34

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The new year brings several instances of joy out of bounds. An impossible-to-cap effervescence often drives your favorite pursuits and sparkles up ordinary days, too. Key relationships develop into mutual opportunities. Seeing someone benefit from your work as much as you do will be supremely fulfilling. Pisces and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 30, 28, 17 and 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). This game you're playing is only known to you. You made the rules, the board, the pieces. And though you'd love to see someone try to best your score, it's not going to happen.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You learn as much as you can on your own about a thing before you turn to those who can teach you. This is the most efficient approach to education, and you'll impress those in a position to help you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Entitlement is among your least-favorite qualities. You respect those who have earned their position and continue to prove worthy of it through service to others.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's so much more to a job than you expected, and this invigorates you. You're thinking about what skills you could acquire and share, and what role you could take on that would help others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Sometimes, you want a little; sometimes, you want a lot. When it comes to your passion, you'll take no less than all. It's only fair because that's exactly the amount you give.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The bad behavior has a reward. You'll change in the way you want to because you're willing to be honest about what is the payoff and agree to let it go.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's a bit of unpredictability to the day, and it will keep you on your toes. When the details are changing, you'll do well to remain the same. Once you've made a choice, stick with it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your inspiration is not random. You like who you do for a reason. These icons and fantasy people help you find and activate a part of your own personality waiting to emerge.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Relationships change, but they don't have to fade or take over. The intensity level can remain while the roles shift and settle into a new and more useful dynamic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your attitude about money -- more specifically what constitutes real value -- is shifting. Channels open up to accommodate a fatter flow of abundance in the weeks to come.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). High stakes are crucial to successful outcomes. If they do not exist, you can always create them. Ask a Capricorn to help you with accountability.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Pride is a precarious matter. It can have to do with self-respect and a sense of worthiness or it can be focused on the ego's defenses and feelings of superiority. Go cautiously in its expression.

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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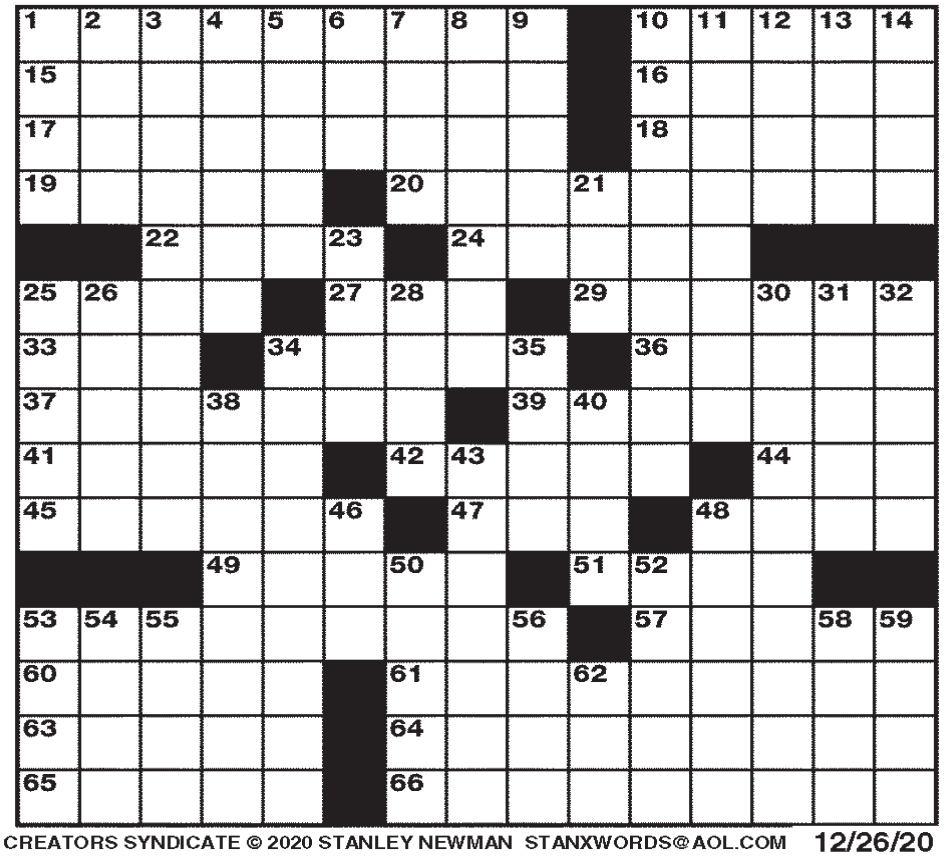
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Kind of committee
10 Strains
15 *Rabbit Seasoning* character
16 Above a flood, say
17 Unwanted overhang
18 Whom a leader trails
19 Lifetime Achievement Grammy recipient of '99
20 *The Clue in the Crossword Cipher* solver
22 Sizable
24 *Q&A* airer
25 Plane wing part
27 Word of dismay
29 Brigham City native
33 Less than one
34 Chain attachment
36 Bait
37 Means of attainment
39 Stop flowing, perhaps
41 Reduces to bits
42 Hepburn's ex-husband in *Breakfast at Tiffany's*
44 Medical specialty
45 Sitting Bull, e.g.
47 It means "native"
48 Angle
49 Pickup provider
51 Bring (out)
53 They're panned in Hollywood
57 "Darn it, dude!"
60 Way
61 Tulane team
63 Elevated place
64 Some of them are overlaid
65 Takes (off)
66 Erstwhile airline

DOWN
1 __ paper
2 Product once pitched by Garfield
3 Flip one
4 Green *Before You Leap* autobiographer
5 Sprung
6 "__ I had heard of Lucy Gray . . .": Wordsworth
7 Total
8 Audiophile's purchase
9 They're perfect
10 20th-century revolutionary
11 It weighs less than one ounce
12 *Tulipán, por ejemplo*
13 Sticking point
14 Mull (over)
21 Smartphone component
23 Where Bob Woodward went
25 Lock problem
26 Mother of Tiberius
28 Inspect
30 Be set
31 Bowl
32 "Crud!"
34 Clientele
35 Piazza del Duomo home
38 Of a recent delivery
40 Element of change
43 Ultra-odd
46 Drink product-name suffix
48 Chow line?
50 Periodical
52 Russian alternative
53 Catcher
54 Muskrat cousin
55 Sharp
56 Futurologist
58 Flying class
59 Stack, in a way
62 Make a fast break



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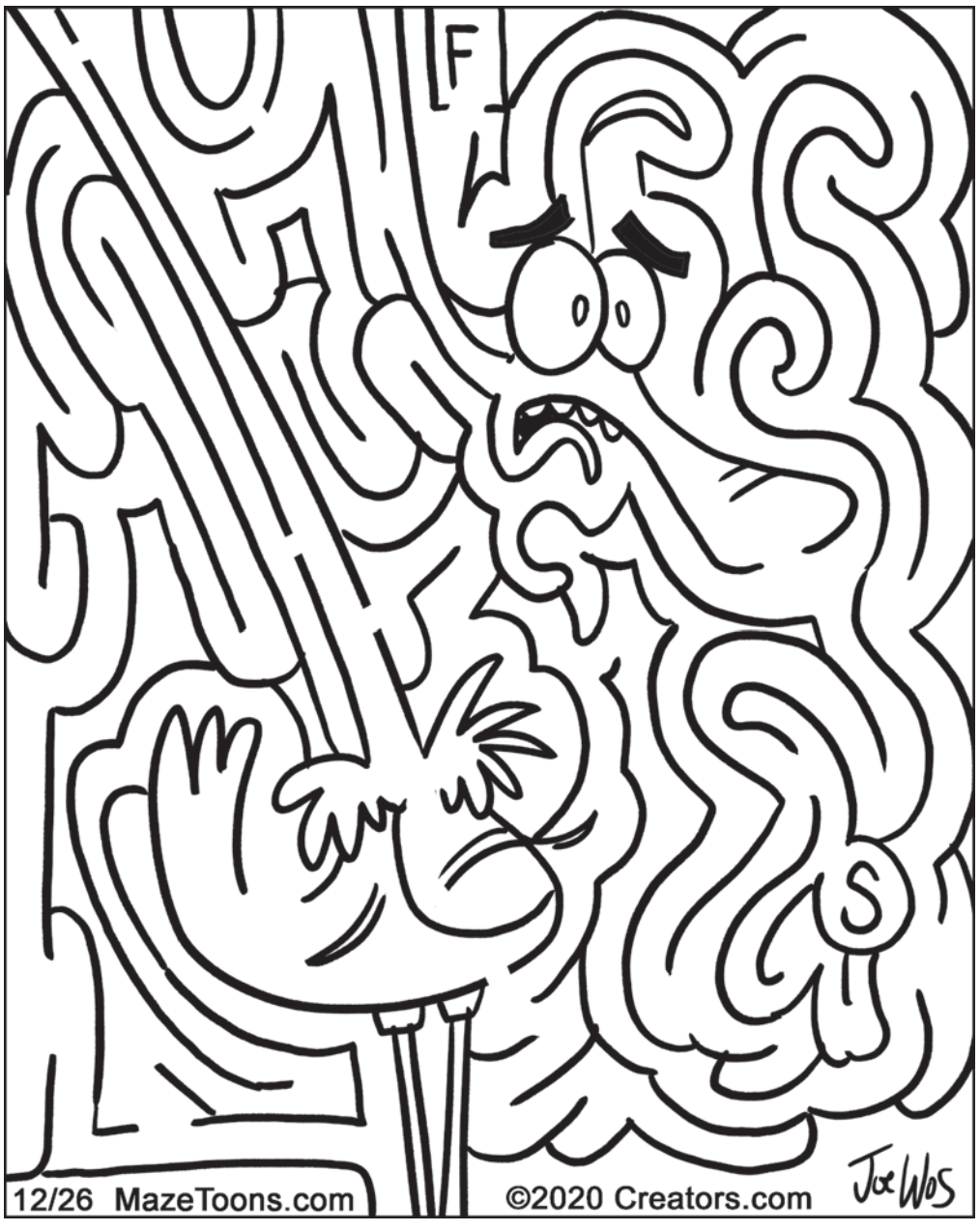
Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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Pulse
Rest
Save
Scar
Sense
Sleep
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Spine
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justice. The Center for Fiction removed the late Maxwell Perkins' name from its award for editorial excellence, noting that besides working with Hemingway and F. Scott Fitzgerald he published books by eugenicists supporting white supremacy.

Lucas and others questioned if the underlying structure of publishing would change. Saraciea J. Fennell, who leads the advocacy group of book professionals Latinx in Publishing, worries that the wave of new hirings and imprints is simply cyclical and asked, "How long are they going to last? Is all this going to be around in 10-15 years?"

Macmillan CEO Don Weisberg, who cited a wide range of diversity programs at the publishing house that began before "American Dirt," said he "understands the skepticism."

"It's not going to happen overnight," Weisberg said. "You've got to build an entire infrastructure that makes it part of the norm."

The CEO of Penguin Random House U.S., Madeline McIntosh, noted how well book publishing could meet the public's needs during the pandemic and other events of 2020. The early days in March led to a surge of sales for children's activity books as schools shut down and parents looked for ways their kids could fill time and continue to learn. Summer bestseller lists were filled with filled with books on race, from "How To Be an Anti-Racist" to Robin DiAngelo's "White Fragility," as many responded to the killing of George Floyd and the Black Lives Matter protests.

But relief over the bottom line ran parallel with concerns over who benefited most. Some of the country's leading independent stores, including City Lights in San Francisco and Anderson's in suburban Illinois, relied on customer support to stay in business. Len Vlahos, co-owner of the Tattered Cover in Denver, called the financial impact of the pandemic "devastating" and sold the store in December to a group of local investors. Vlahos, who will remain in an unofficial capacity through June, added that even with the lift from Barack Obama's "A Promised Land," holiday sales would likely be a "pale shadow" of the previous year.

"We hold out strong hope for a vaccine in the first quarter of 2021, so life can once again return to normal," he said.

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REVIEW

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online as did all public agencies including the City Council and various boards and commissions.

Several of the nation's largest banks agreed to temporarily suspend residential mortgage payments for Californians affected by the coronavirus. The announcement came as more than 1 million Californians filed for unemployment benefits.

Eleven Santa Monica hotels closed as part of the lockdown order. Before the coronavirus pandemic, nearly one in five people working in Santa Monica were employed in the city's nearly 40 hotels and more than 600 restaurants, according to economic data compiled by the city of Santa Monica.

Santa Monica public schools said they would close indefinitely amid the coronavirus pandemic, as will L.A. County beaches, beach bike paths and public trails.

A military hospital ship arrived in Los Angeles providing 1,000 beds for non-coronavirus patients to relieve overburdened medical centers expected to be hit with a surge of COVID-19 cases. The US Naval Ship Mercy pulled into port one day after Los Angeles saw a 50% jump in coronavirus cases.

Nurses at Santa Monica hospitals said they were being asked to reuse protective masks as they treat a swell of coronavirus patients and demanded that their employers and the government provide an adequate supply of masks and other protective equipment.

California enlisted retired doctors and medical and nursing students to help treat an anticipated surge of coronavirus patients. The California Health Corps effort came as the nation's most populous state anticipated hospitals becoming overwhelmed with patients and while it is preparing stadiums and convention centers to handle a crush of cases. The Health Corps effort eventually fizzled with just a few hundred individuals being deployed over the course of the crisis.

The Santa Monica High School girls basketball team ended their State championship run with a loss to Palisades Charter High School but coaches, parents and players said there was plenty to be proud of this season despite falling a game short of the team's first-ever state finals appearance.

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