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Trader Joe's files paperwork for second Santa Monica location



Madeleine Pauker

GROCERY: Trader Joe's has filed an application for a second location.

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Addictive snacks and frozen stir-fries are coming to Mid-City.

Officials have confirmed that Trader Joe's is seeking an alcohol permit to open a second location at the corner of 23rd Street and Wilshire Boulevard, the company's second location in Santa Monica. The first is located at Pico Boulevard and 32nd Street.

The grocery store will occupy the ground floor of a three-story building at 2300 Wilshire, which is still under construction. It will share the building, which stretches the length of the block, with 30 rental apartments and at least one other commercial tenant.

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School District resumes meetings with discussion of new early learning program

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

The New Year promises new beginnings and a brighter future and this week's Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District meeting will be one of both reflection and looking ahead to see what's next for SMMUSD.

Updates on programs that were proposed and instituted last year are key highlights:

SOCIAL JUSTICE FRAMEWORK UPDATE

The board will receive an update on last year's approved Social Justice Framework, a curriculum that Ethnic Studies teacher Sean Arce said would help students develop a social justice literacy through activities, articulating social justice problems and creating solutions.

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Train hits and kills a man at 17th Street station



Madeleine Pauker

DEATH: A man fell into a train at 17th Street and was dragged several blocks before the train stopped.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

An Expo Line train hit and killed a man at the 17th Street Station early Tuesday Morning.

The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department said a pedestrian on the platform of the 17th Street Station was hit by a train at about 8:20 a.m. Tuesday. The train came to a stop just before 14th Street and the victim was pronounced dead at the scene by the Santa Monica Fire Department.

The Santa Monica Police Department sent out an alert at about 8:40 a.m. Tuesday morning saying Colorado would be closed from Lincoln to 17th Street. The Expo Line was closed from Downtown Santa Monica to the 26th Street station and Metro established a bus bridge to cover the closed line.

Train service resumed at about 2:51 p.m. and Colorado opened shortly thereafter.

SMPD's Major Accident Response Team was on scene assisting the Sheriff's office who have jurisdiction over the tracks and platform.

Ramon Montenegro, Public Information Officer for LA Sheriff Transit Services Bureau said Sheriff's investigators processed the incident for most of the day. He said camera footage is available from both the station and individual trains.

"We will be requesting all of that and viewing that as part of the investigation," he said. "Hopefully that will tell us what happened."

Montenegro said pedestrian deaths are rare along Metro tracks and investigators were unsure at this time how the man came in contact with the train.

For December 2018, the most recent reporting period, are 62,383 average weekday boardings were reported on the Expo Line.

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Two Minute Playwriting with Max King Cap
Jump in to playwriting or hone your existing skills while practicing structure: set-up, conflict, redirection, and resolution in bite-sized writing. Each participant will write a two-page, two-character play, then pair with another participant to read both pieces aloud, with each acting in their own and in the other's work. After a feedback and editing session, we'll all converge for a play marathon. No previous experience required, just a willingness to experiment with words and action. Cost: Free Register online or call (310) 458-2239. Palisades Park 12 - 2 p.m.

The Commission for the Senior Community Regular Meeting
Santa Monica's Commission for the Senior Community focuses on preserving and improving the quality of life for Santa Monicans 60 and older. The Commission advises City Council on a wide range of issues relevant to older adults. The Commission also provides opportunities to educate seniors, their families and caregivers on these issues. Please note: Dates, times and locations are subject to change up to 24 hours in advance of a meeting. Ken Edwards Center 1:30 p.m.

Movie Matinée: King in the Wilderness
A look at the final years in the life of Martin Luther King Jr. Pico Branch Library 3:000pm-5:00 pm.

Fairview Teen Advisory Group
Looking for opportunities to serve your community? Join the Teen Advisory Group! Help improve teen services at the library and earn community service credit. Grades 8 - 12. Fairview Branch Library 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Computer Class: Appy Hour - Library Apps Workshop
Bring your smartphone, tablet or e-reader and get help with using library apps and your device. Ocean Park Branch Library 4 - 5 p.m.

Homelessness Steering Committee
Homelessness is a regional crisis that no one group, or city can solve alone. Join the community-led Steering Committee on Homelessness for its public meeting on January 16, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium (601 Santa Monica Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 90401). For more information about the Santa Monica Homelessness Steering Committee (SMHSC) and how to get involved, please contact homelessness@smgov.net Main Library Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium 6 - 8 p.m.

Montana Book Discussion Group: Manhattan Beach
An 11-year-old's daring 1934 dip at Brooklyn's Manhattan Beach introduces the twisted threads of this historical family saga. Years later, the country is at war and her father has disappeared, leaving Anna Kerrigan the sole provider for her family in a dangerous job. A chance meeting with a man from her father's past helps her begin to understand the complexity of his life, and the reasons he might have vanished. Montana Avenue Branch Library 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting
The Santa Monica Planning Commission normally meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month in the City Council Chamber. City Hall Council Chamber 7 p.m..

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Netflix raising prices for 58M US subscribers as costs rise

MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer

Netflix is raising its U.S. prices by 13 to 18 percent, its biggest increase since the company launched its video streaming service 12 years ago.

Its most popular plan will see the largest hike, to $13 per month from $11. That option offers high-definition streaming on up to two different internet-connected devices simultaneously. Even at the higher price, that plan is still a few dollars cheaper than HBO, whose streaming service charges $15 per month.

The extra cash will help to pay for Netflix's huge investment in original shows and films and finance the heavy debt it has assumed to ward off rivals such as Amazon, Disney and AT&T.

While subscribers might bemoan a bigger monthly bill, Wall Street cheered, sending Netflix's shares up 6.5 percent Tuesday.

This marks the fourth time that Netflix has raised its U.S. prices; the last hike came in late 2017 . But this is the first time that higher prices will hit all 58 million U.S. subscribers, the number Netflix reported at the end of September.

Previously, Netflix had continued to offer a basic, $8-a-month streaming plan while raising rates on more comprehensive plans with better video quality and options to watch simultaneously on different devices.

This time, the price for the cheapest plan is going up to $9 per month. A premium plan offering ultra-high definition will jump to $16 per month from $14.

The new prices will immediately affect all new subscribers and then roll out to existing customers during the next three months. Customers in about 40 Latin America countries where Netflix bills in U.S. currency will also be affected, excepting key international markets such as Mexico and Brazil.

Netflix had nearly 79 million subscribers outside the U.S. as of September.

Higher prices could alienate subscribers and possibly even trigger a wave of cancellations. For instance, Netflix faced a huge backlash in 2011 when it unbundled video streaming from its older DVD-by-mail service, resulting in a 60 percent price increase for subscribers who wanted to keep both plans. Netflix lost 600,000 subscribers — about 2 percent of its total customers at the time — after that switch.

"This is a more aggressive move than (investors) were expecting," said Moody's analyst Neil Begley said. "It shows Netflix is pretty confident that is still has some pricing power in the U.S."

That confidence flows from the programming line-up that Netflix has built since it began focusing on exclusive shows five years ago. The acclaimed hits have included "House of Cards," ''Orange Is The New Black," ''Stranger Things," ''The Crown" and, most recently, the film "Bird Box."

"We change pricing from time to time as we continue investing in great entertainment and improving the overall Netflix experience," the company said in a statement.

Consumers also have an increasing array of other streaming options .

Amazon offers a streaming service as part of its Prime shipping program for $13 per month, or $120 for an annual membership. Hulu sells an ad-free service for $12 per month. AT&T's WarnerMedia unit plans a broader streaming service this year centered on HBO. Walt Disney is gearing up to launch a streaming channel this year.

With Apple also widely expected to join the video-streaming fray, the competition for programming is enabling top directors, writers and actors to charge more for their talents. That has intensified financial pressure on Netflix, which hasn't been bringing in enough money to pay for all its programming and other business expenses.

The company burned through about $3 billion last year and is expecting to do so again this year. To offset the negative cash flow, Netflix has been borrowing heavily to pay for programming. The Los Gatos, California, company had accumulated nearly $12 billion in debt before borrowing another $2 billion in an October bond offering. Moody's Begley predicted the price increase will enable Netflix to stop burning through cash by 2022 or 2023, assuming it can reach 200 million worldwide subscribers within the next three years.

Concerns about the stiffening competition and Netflix's ability to sustain its current leadership in video streaming have caused the company's stock price to plummet from peak of $423.21 reached last June.

Investors reacted enthusiastically to Tuesday's news, signaling their belief that the price increase won't significantly slow Netflix's subscriber growth. The company's stock surged $21.70 to finish at $354.64, its highest closing price in nearly three months.

Charter school teachers join picketers in Los Angeles

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

Teachers in the Los Angeles Unified School District walked picket lines again Tuesday as administrators urged them to return to classrooms and for their union to return to the bargaining table.

"It is by no means a normal day in LA Unified," Superintendent Austin Beutner acknowledged as the strike by thousands of members of United Teachers Los Angeles entered its second day.

"To state the obvious, we need our educators back in our classrooms helping inspire our students," he said. "The painful truth is we just don't have enough money to do everything UTLA is asking Los Angeles Unified to do."

The walkout Monday was marked by a plunge in attendance, which cost the district about $25 million because funding is based on how many students come to school, he said.

Beutner urged the teachers to join him in pushing for more funding from the state, which provides 90 percent of the district's money.

"Join me on the bus," he said.

Some charter school teachers joined their public school counterparts on picket lines. Educators with the Accelerated Schools charter network, who are also union members but negotiate their contracts separately — walked off the job Tuesday to demand better working conditions. The action was the first by charter teachers in California, according to UTLA.

Kathleen Whitehead vowed to keep her 14-year-old daughter home Tuesday, after the teen reported not learning much Monday at a high school staffed by a skeleton crew of substitutes.

Whitehead said she grew "more and more irritated" as the ninth-grader texted that she and her classmates at Reseda High School were "shuffled from one large auditorium to the next" so they could be looked after by fewer adults.

The teen told her mom that some kids huddled around a TV showing Michelle Obama's recent appearance on "Carpool Karaoke," a segment from "The Late Late Show with James Corden," while others browsed the internet for busy-work assignments.

Teachers are pressing for higher pay and smaller class sizes that school officials say could bankrupt the nation's second-largest system with 640,000 students.

Teachers are trying to tap into the "Red for Ed" movement that began last year and won big raises even in states with "right to work" laws that limit the ability to strike. They started in West Virginia, Oklahoma, Kentucky and Arizona and moved to Colorado and Washington state.

But unlike those strikes, which shut down many schools and forced parents to find other care for their kids, all 1,240 K-12 schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District were open. The district has hired hundreds of substitutes to replace educators and staff members, a move that the teachers union has called irresponsible.

Taehyum Kim sent his two sons to their San Fernando Valley schools so they wouldn't ruin their perfect attendance records. But then he picked them up early after they complained they weren't doing anything except playing chess on iPads.

Only seven of the 24 students in his younger son's third-grade class showed up, Kim said, adding attendance was better at the older boy's middle school.

Some parents took their children to picket lines.

District officials estimated that about 144,000 students — about a quarter of the usual daily total — attended 1,240 schools on Monday.

The union rejected the district's latest offer to hire nearly 1,200 teachers, counselors, nurses and librarians and reduce class sizes by two students. It also included a previously proposed 6 percent raise over the first two years of a three-year contract. The union wants a 6.5 percent hike at the start of a two-year contract.

Teachers earn between $44,000 and $86,000 annually depending on their education and experience, according to the Los Angeles County Office of Education. The district says the average teacher salary is $75,000.

Teachers want significantly smaller class sizes, which routinely top 30 students, and more staff members for the district's campuses.

The district says the demands run up against an expected half-billion-dollar deficit this budget year and billions that are obligated for pension payments and health coverage for retired teachers.

The union argues that the district is hoarding reserves of $1.8 billion.

Associated Press reporters Amanda Lee Myers, Krysta Fauria and John Antczak contributed to this report.



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Anyone Who Has A Heart

LIFE IS A JOURNEY

And for many of us, it is often a beautiful one, blessed with love and friendship, good health, education and artistic opportunities, meaningful work, acknowledgment, money in the bank, travel, warm sunny skies, a car that runs, a roof over our heads and food on the table. Especially if we are "Populus felix in urbe felice" -- "Fortunate people in a fortunate city" -- the official motto of Santa Monica. (Translations, and pronunciations, vary.)

I can tell you from my travels that anywhere you go in the world, the Number One place the locals would like to visit, and even live, is California. Say the word, when asked where you're from, and most people's smiles light up like a switch was thrown. And America is still the land of opportunity and plenty, on a world scale. For all the mess that's going on, we are still privileged and envied.

When you read that first paragraph, did you start making mental notes of where you felt you were lacking? Not enough love. Missing departed friends and family. Health not perfect. Never finished that degree. Job sucks, not appreciated. Is $100 in the bank a blessing? Does travel to Big Bear count? Your car's 10 years old. The roof over your head is nothing to brag about. Have to shop Vons and the 99 Cents Only Store, not Whole Foods and Gelson's, and rarely go out to eat.

Too many times our dissatisfaction over our life is self-inflicted. That's why I find stopping to count my blessings is the best way out of any self-indulgent funk. Now before I get any more philosophical, and I warn you that's always a danger, let me say that the point of all this is a great idea a local reader of my column came up with to help others in particular need right now, and I want to help her get the ball rolling, if possible.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

It's the longest in history, now. If you watch the network news shows you will have seen many examples from real life of how so many people are being personally devastated by this ridiculous, cruel tantrum from "our President." This is epic. Even beyond the 800,000 federal workers going without pay or a paycheck, there are literally millions more being hurt badly. Vendors, consultants, contractors, and all their employees. Restaurants, gas stations, retail outlets where all those people used to spend their paychecks.

Surely there are Santa Monicans being affected. Nearly 80 percent of American families say they live paycheck to paycheck, meaning missing one paycheck means bills won't be paid, things like medicine and even food may have to be cut back. Many are one missed rent or mortgage payment away from being homeless. Since we are a wealthier demographic here those numbers probably don't quite apply, but there must be some who are struggling to get through this nasty nonsense.

Santa Monican Cheryl Drymon, who I can tell you does not live north of Montana, has been worried about our neighbors who may be struggling mightily. She wrote me, "It occurred to me that we the people should be helping our fellow Americans, the government workers. I went online to see if there was any organization that is doing that and couldn't find one. Maybe we could connect people who want to help with donations, or interim jobs or ...?

IF WE COULD GET IT GOING HERE

It might spread across the U.S. It could be the 'America IS Great' campaign. Surely all across our city and America there are businesses and people who, regardless of their political beliefs, would be willing to help their fellow Americans with cash or goods."

She has reached out to anchor David Muir at ABC News, with its " America Strong" segment. On my advice she has contacted Rev. Janet Gollery McKeithen, amazing minister at our historically socially conscious Church in Ocean Park, and Jerry Rubin, who sure knows how to organize effectively for social causes. I don't know if either of them have any ideas, but... how about you?

THIS IS TIMELY

These people are hurting now. Let's show what America is really made of, not the demagogic amorality of a red-hatted racketeer. Even if a deal is reached soon, workers won't get paid until Jan. 25. For now, you may mail any suggestions for organizing this to me, at my email always at the end of the column. Thank you Cheryl, and all who care. America has always had a big heart, and a heartless President doesn't change that.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Really? We're going to tear down an 18-unit apartment building on Montana? Maybe at this point we have no choice since the owner already Ellis-ed out all the tenants, many longtime residents there, some reportedly elderly, a few years ago. (Where did they go, do you think?) But I have a problem ethically with the City sanctioning all this over the last few years, and no one from SMRR, Rent Control Board, or any other so-called maintain-our-diversity advocates making a sound while the City continues to cry, we are in desperate need of apartment units, we must build, build, build, so many more.

A schoolkids' garden there? I think it's a great idea, to let kids learn how food gets to their table. But this is a private enterprise, listed as a non-profit, and the application also calls for regular "meetings" to be held there, large and small. Do I smell a rat?

QUOTES OF THE WEEK: yesterday was Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday -- I quoted him last week but you can never OD on wisdom, especially from one of our nation's most formidable, beloved leaders, dedicated to peace and justice.

"The time is always right to do what is right."

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

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Rotary News

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The History of Rotary Club of Santa Monica

The idea of a Rotary Club in Santa Monica originated with four businessmen in the fall of 1920. Ernest English took the lead in organizing since he had been a Rotarian and had some knowledge of forming a club. On January 11, 1921, Rotary International referred the proposal to the governor of then District 23, comprising the states of California, Nevada and Arizona and the territory of Hawaii. He in turn referred the matter to the presidents of the Los Angeles and Long Beach Clubs for investigation.

During 1921 a survey of the city was made to determine that the required number of membership classifications existed. In January 1922, an organizational meeting was held and officers elected. On February 1, 1922, our Club was officially chartered as Rotary Club number 1086.

The fifteen charter members were: Jack H. Kirkpatrick, President: Joe C. Gilbert, Vice President: Ernest L. English, Secretary: Ted Fach, Treasurer; Russell K. Hart, Neil Nettleship, & Theodore D. Plumer, Directors: and members Oscar A. Anderson, Sam V. Carlisle, Len J. Murray, Dick Neelands, Roland Speers, W.H.L. Symington, J. Walter Todd, and Harry B. Wilson. Within a few weeks Kirkpatrick resigned as president due to his relocation to Ukiah, and Joe C. Gilbert succeeded him.

Since its inception our Club has met at several locations, including the original Santa Monica Athletic Club at 1441 Ocean Front, the Uplifters Ranch in Santa Monica Canyon, the Brentwood Country Club and the Miramar Hotel. In 1977, during the presidency of Ed Rafeedie, the Club began meeting at the Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades. Starting in 2017 the Club meets at The DoubleTree Hotel.

Our Club has sponsored three other clubs in our district: the Westwood Village Club in 1929, the L.A. Westside Sunrise Club in 1988 and the LA Cedars Club in 2007. In 1955 John English, son of founder Ernest L. English and our President in 1947-48, was elected governor of our district. He also served a partial term as governor in 1958 following the death of the incumbent. In 1988 Archie Morrison, our President in 1982-83, became our Club's second district governor. Our district, originally designated as number 23, has also been designated numbers 2 and 528, prior to the current 5280. Club member Jim Dyer was elected District Governor for 2013-2014, but unfortunately, he passed away before the start of his term.

In 1967, we established two scholarships at Santa Monica High School in honor of past president Russell Hart and one at St. Monica's in honor of past president Tom Fox. In 1982, we established a scholarship at Santa Monica College in honor of past vice-president Nick Holt and a scholarship at Olympic High School in honor of John English. In 1983 under President Dick Rice we established two vocational scholarships at Santa Monica College, which are named in honor of Archie Morrison.

On the occasion of our 50th anniversary, during the presidency of J. Scott King, we established the Santa Monica Rotary Club Foundation. Four years later, following changes in the bylaws of Rotary International, our Club inducted Esther Johnson as the first woman member of Rotary. The following year in Munich, Germany, Esther became the first woman delegate to a Rotary International convention.

As our Club made history with the first woman Rotarian, we also had our first woman President with Dorothy "Dee" Menzies in 2003-2004. A recent accomplishment was the celebration of our 95th anniversary at the Santa Monica Pier Carousel.

ROTARY'S FOUR-WAY TEST

From the earliest days of the organization, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of ethics is The Four-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor (who later served as RI president) when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy.

This 24-word test for employees to follow in their business and professional lives became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy. Adopted by Rotary in 1943, The Four-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways. It asks the following four questions:

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3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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Trump's AG pick vows not to target marijuana businesses

MICHAEL BALSAMO
Associated Press

President Donald Trump's pick to become the next attorney general said Tuesday that he would "not go after" marijuana companies in states where cannabis is legal, even though he personally believes the drug should be outlawed.

In his testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee, William Barr said he would not use limited government resources to target cannabis businesses that are complying with state laws. Businesses in the marijuana industry relied on Obama-era guidance that kept federal authorities from cracking down on the pot trade in states where the drug is legal, but those guidelines were rescinded by former Attorney General Jeff Sessions last year.

Pointing to the growing marijuana industry and investments in cannabis companies, Barr said he didn't want to "upset settled expectations."

"To the extent that people are complying with the state laws, distribution and production and so forth, we're not going to go after that," Barr said.

Despite his affirmation that he would not target cannabis businesses, Barr said he would personally support a federal law that "prohibits marijuana everywhere."

The largely hands-off approach to marijuana enforcement set forth during former President Barack Obama's administration allowed the marijuana industry to flourish into a sophisticated, multimillion-dollar market that helps fund some state government programs. Days after California's broad marijuana legalization went into effect, Sessions rescinded the Justice Department's guidance — known as the Cole Memo — and decried it as allowing a "safe harbor" for marijuana by allowing states to flout federal law.

Since the guidance was rescinded, there has been concern about the future of the growing cannabis industry. Despite medical and so-called recreational cannabis legalization in dozens of states, federal law prohibits the possession and sale of marijuana.

But Barr said the current system is "untenable" and "almost like a backdoor nullification of federal law." He called for members of Congress to come up with a way to handle marijuana enforcement across the U.S.

"I think it's incumbent on the Congress to make a decision as to whether we are going to have a federal system," he said. "Because this is breeding disrespect for the federal law."

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TRADER JOE'S

FROM PAGE 1

Santa Monica almost got another Trader Joe's in 2001 but the Planning Commission said the proposed site at Wilshire and 12th Street didn't have enough parking. 2300 Wilshire has more than enough parking spaces, however.

The store will open across the street from a Whole Foods and a few blocks away from upscale grocer Erewhon, which opened in April.

City of Santa Monica officials said Trader Joe's filed the request to sell a full line of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption on Jan. 8 and the Planning Commission will review the request sometime in March or April.

Santa Monica is already home to 11 grocery stores within the city's 8.5 square mile area with several more just outside city limits. Potential development at the corner of 5th and Broadway has also been envisioned with a possible grocery tenant but the site is still years away from any new construction.

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SMMUSD

FROM PAGE 1

This update will identify progress made in the program thus far, adjustments that have taken place and next steps.

A slideshow to be shown at the meeting displays samples of literature that could be used in lessons, (books ranging from fiction to biographies, subjects ranging from gangmember-turned-poet to Malcolm X), lesson procedures asking students to find examples of oppression and themes of intersectionality in the text, and learning targets.

Next steps involve spreading the curriculum to elementary schools, expanding to Malibu and increasing family and community engagement.

DIGITAL LEARNING UPDATE

The Digital Learning program was presented at a September 6,2018 board meeting, a baby step towards the district's move to 21st-century learning.

The program proposes digital device equity for all students, the initial presentation proposing giving students digital devices to complement their learning. A master plan graph showed that Chromebooks and iPads to be given to students in a staggered release plan with 7th graders and high schoolers getting the first crack at Chromebooks in the 18-19 school year with iPads and more Chromebooks to remaining grades to follow.

The update presentation to be displayed at the meeting shows that staff has done site visits with various school districts to pick up their best practices. Additionally, staff has met with vendors to ensure tech standards of security have been met while also securing a state of the art filtering system.

Possible approval of SMMUSD funding to support the Early Learning Program Starting 2019-20

Last month, staff recommended that the Board forgo an impending 5-year Head Start grant in favor of creating SMMUSD's own model of early education.

District staff believes a district-funded early learning program service can provide similar or better early learning services than that of Head Start.

This update will provide clarification on what actions the district will take if the district foregos Head Start. This includes communicating to families why the district is choosing to forgo Head Start, requirements for participation in this new program, outreach, and procedures for evaluation.

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 63.3°

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4 ft waist to chest high
Easing WNW swell. Southerly windswell in the mix. ESE/SE trending S winds.

THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3 ft waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
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ON JANUARY 2, AT ABOUT 11:44 P.M.

While patrolling the area of Lincoln Blvd and Pearl Street, officers saw a bicyclist riding on the sidewalk in violation of a municipal code. Officers stopped the bicyclist for the violation. A computer check of the subject revealed an outstanding Los Angeles Sheriff's Department warrant for assault on a peace officer. The subject was placed under arrest for the warrant and transported to SMPD Jail for booking. Mark David Bell, 58, from Los Angeles, was arrested for riding a bicycle on a sidewalk and LASD Warrant. Bail was set at $50,500.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To Calls For Service.
HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Encampment 1200blk 10th St 12:31 a.m.
Burglary now 800blk 6th St 1:05 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 300blk Olympic Dr 4:20 a.m.
Burglary now 300blk 10th 5:10 a.m.
Fight 2400blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:28 a.m.
Encampment 400blk Santa Monica Pier 5:43 a.m.
Exhibition of speed 26th St / Wilshire Blvd 7:10 a.m.
Auto burglary report 2900blk Urban Ave 7:21 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1100blk Princeton St 7:37 a.m.
Violation of temporary no parking signs 800blk 4th St 8:48 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:23 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 800blk California Ave 9:30 a.m.
Fraud report 1800blk Broadway 9:44 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 700blk 7th St 9:48 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1200blk Euclid St 9:53 a.m.
Identity theft 1400blk 6th St 9:54 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 3100blk 6th St 9:55 a.m.
Disturbance at a business 1000blk Wilshire Blvd 10:03 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1100blk Stanford St 10:12 a.m.
Auto burglary report 800blk 4th St 10:54 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 600blk Arizona Ave 11:21 a.m.
Violation of restraining order in progress 800blk Palisades Beach Rd 11:29 a.m.
Public intoxication 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 12:18 p.m.
Petty theft now 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 12:24 p.m.
Burglary report 200blk Montana Ave 1:17 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1800blk Euclid St 1:33 p.m.
Grand theft report 2900blk Colorado Ave 1:53 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 1700blk 16th St 1:53 p.m.
Encampment 400blk Pico Blvd 1:58 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1200blk 22nd St 2:07 p.m.
Stalking report 2200blk Colorado Ave 2:16 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 1600blk Ocean Park Blvd 2:35 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 6th St / Idaho Ave 2:59 p.m.
Hit and run misdemeanor investigation 21st St / Wilshire Blvd 3:04 p.m.
Identity theft 700blk 12th St 3:27 p.m.
Missing person 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:37 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 2400blk 6th St 4:12 p.m.
Burglary report 800blk 4th St 4:23 p.m.
Hit and run misdemeanor investigation 1700blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:39 p.m.
Grand theft report 1300blk 15th St 5:19 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 1600blk Montana Ave 5:22 p.m.
Person down 1500blk 2nd St 5:31 p.m.
Traffic collision - unknown injuries Main St / Olympic Dr 5:57 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1000blk Palisades Beach Rd 6:19 p.m.
Petty theft just occurred 1200blk 4th St 6:45 p.m.
Auto burglary report 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:02 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To Calls For Service.
HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) 1100blk 3rd St 12:30 a.m.
EMS 400blk Ocean Ave 1:37 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 3:32 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Euclid St 4:58 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1600blk 26th St 5:11 a.m.
EMS 700blk Broadway 7:07 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Ocean Ave 9:47 a.m.
EMS 100blk Palisades Ave 9:55 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1700blk 21st St 10:19 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 4th St 10:25 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 11 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 21st St 11:16 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 12:07 p.m.
Structure fire 1400blk 2nd St 12:30 p.m.
EMS 300blk Civic Center Dr 1:06 p.m.
EMS 500blk Olympic Blvd W 1:45 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 2nd St 1:59 p.m.
Haz mat - level 1 3100blk 3rd St 2:22 p.m.
Broken gas main 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 2:59 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 6th St / Idaho Ave 2:59 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400blk 4th St 3:02 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 20th St 4:05 p.m.
Broken gas main 700blk Ocean Ave 4:09 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 1600blk Montana Ave 5:27 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 2nd St 5:31 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:36 p.m.
EMS 200blk Santa Monica Pier 7:40 p.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 1000blk Idaho Ave 7:45 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Ashland Ave 8:30 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 8:46 p.m.
Electrical fire - no fire visible 21st Pl / Marguerita Ave 9:06 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 1/12
7 36 48 57 58
Power#: 24
Jackpot: 112M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 1/11
4 5 31 62 69
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: 55M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 1/12
6 18 24 31 42
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 10M

FANTASY 5
Draw Date: 1/14
6 7 9 14 20

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 1/14
MIDDAY: 7 0 5
Draw Date: 1/14
EVENING: 8 8 9

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 1/14
1st: 05 California Classic
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 10 Solid Gold
RACE TIME: 1:45.40

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1. to reason; carry on a process of reasoning.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Phobia of the Week

■ Alektorophobia: Fear of chickens (not to be confused with being chicken)

Number Cruncher

■ A double-double burger with onion from In-N-Out (330 grams) contains 670 calories, 369 from fat. It has 41 grams of total fat or 63 percent of the recommended total fat intake for a 2,000-calorie daily diet, according to the Calorie Count database.

■ It also contains 120 milligrams of cholesterol (40 percent); 1,440 milligrams of sodium (60 percent); 39 grams of total carbohydrates (13 percent); 3 grams of dietary fiber (12 percent); 10 grams of sugar; 37 grams of protein.

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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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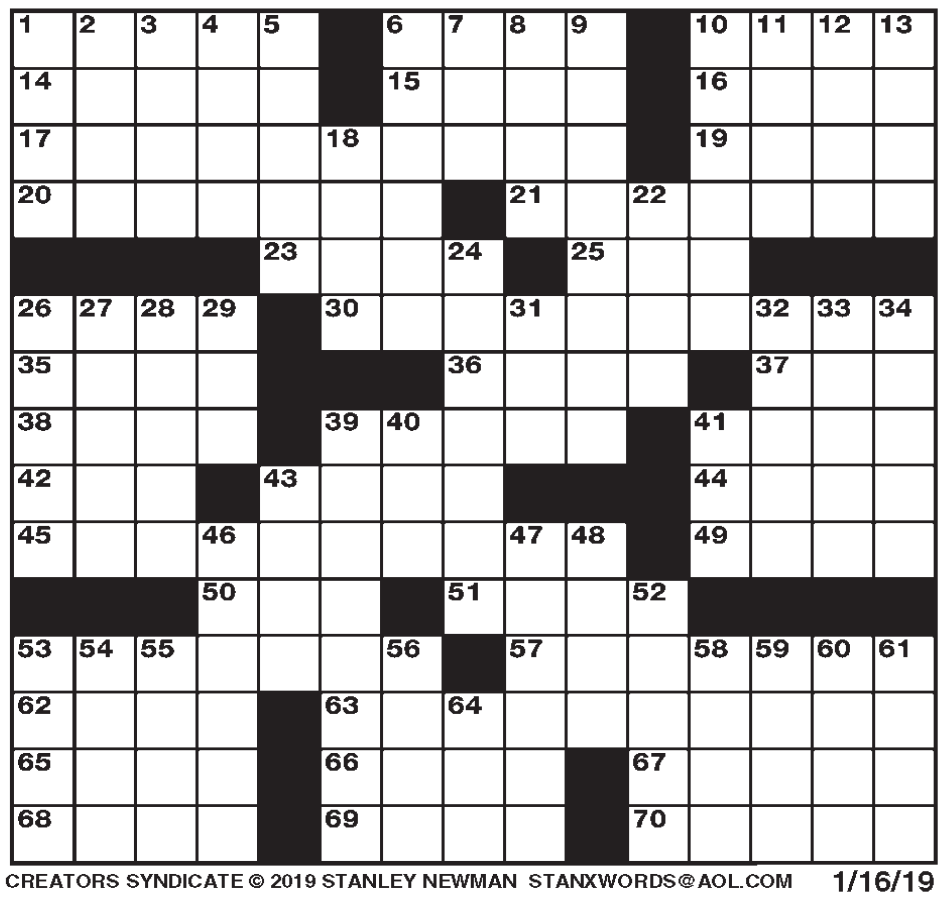
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Newsday Crossword

YELLOWY by Fred Piscop
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ACROSS
1 Fundamental
6 Not firm, as a wet noodle
10 Sport on horseback
14 Appliance alternative to Whirlpool
15 Carpeting measure
16 Shakespeare's river
17 Herb in Thai cuisine
19 Sensible
20 Catch in a web
21 Major annoyances
23 Vein of ore
25 Female deer
26 Potato bag
30 "Do unto others . . ." principle
35 Natural soother
36 Long, long time
37 Knight's title
38 Reverberated
39 *The Lion King* lion
41 Prefix meaning "billionth"
42 Internists' org.
43 Brownish purple
44 Stored for improvement, as cheddar
45 Term of endearrment
49 Roll-call reply
50 Capote nickname
51 Run slowly
53 Capital of New Hampshire
57 Short shopping trips
62 Informal refusal
63 Elongated bike perch
65 Solemn ceremony
66 Part of the eye
67 Holey kitchen utensil
68 One in charge
69 Poker ritual
70 Sultan's wives

DOWN
1 Hay bundle
2 Prayer ender
3 __ Club (Costco competitor)
4 Privy to
5 Artificial waterway
6 Texas city
7 401(k) alternative
8 Mosquito-net material
9 Rose Bowl city
10 Quarterback, at times
11 Brooch shape
12 Singular
13 Small bills
18 Pirate's beverage
22 Boys in the family
24 Nickel or neon
26 Wife of Abraham
27 San Antonio landmark
28 O'Brien of TV talk
29 Beer barrel
31 Driver's lic. datum
32 Gas meter measurement
33 Cruise ship
34 Wear away
39 Commuters' region
40 RN assignment
41 Informal refusal
43 Prefix meaning "fire"
46 Engraves deeply
47 Fabric fold
48 Trumpet, for example
52 Discarded material
53 Sidewalk's edge
54 Indiana neighbor
55 Bar snacks
56 Repair with needle and thread
58 Where India is
59 __-do-well
60 Brubeck of jazz
61 Mushroom part
64 Trivial complaint



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Thoughts on the Taurus Moon

There's a subtle but distinct difference between communing with yourself, and the harmful state called "being in your own head." The grounded Taurus moon calls for getting out of your head and into the flow of the world where there is no rumination, only processing life. Thoughts quiet down as you listen to the conversation that is the world.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You may think that you don't need to be appreciated -- that your ego is small enough and your spirit big enough not to require a lot of validation along the way -- but appreciation is vital to your momentum. Go where it flows.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You help people make upgrades to their situation whether or not their scene is within your expertise. How? Compassionate inquiry. You ask the questions that get people thinking. You listen well, reflecting back what you hear.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You already know that the way to accomplish big things is to do small things on a consistent basis. And today you'll get a better idea about what those small steps really need to be.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
There are a few bad influences around. Possibly it can't be helped. These may be forces that aren't going anywhere soon. They're just a part of the landscape right now, giving you good reason to keep yourself in check.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Relationships get a longer look. You'll notice how behaviors change from moment to moment, but what doesn't change is the fundamental dynamic of the relationship, and there are insights to be gained through examining that.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Consider the actions that make up your routine. Habits are like compound interest. They may not seem hugely significant to the bottom line over the course of a day, but over time they are enormously consequential.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Most problems you encounter get solved with a commonly known solution. Problems that prove resistant to the usual solutions will require patience, awareness, empathy and nuance -- all abundantly available to you now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Emotional labor has always been a main component of the labor force that makes the world go around, though this work is often invisible and typically unacknowledged. Not today. Today, you'll get props for your contribution.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
There are many things you could take issue with, and you would have in past eras, but now you're too occupied with bigger things, too focused on what matters, to bother with them. It's a sign of how far you've come.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Maybe it doesn't seem like a lot of progress, or harm, is occurring, as the case may be. But what would happen if this state continued daily? The trajectory will matter more than net results of any given day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
What is the point of a book club where people don't read the book? Many value the social and identity aspects of a group and yet don't want to put in the intellectual rigor. This is a metaphor for the dynamic you deal with today.

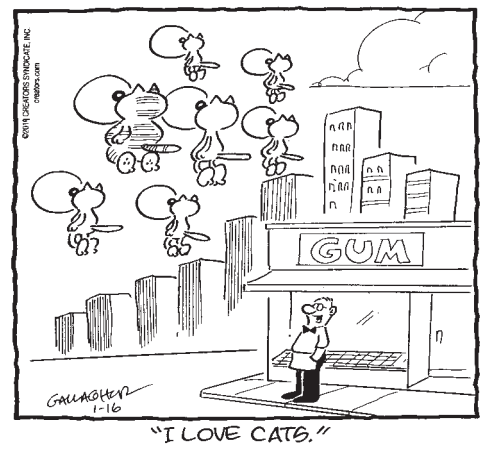
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
On a very scientific level, the world you know is created inside your mind, as it's the only way our brains can process it. Today works this way: You will yourself to let in more light, beauty and joy and so it happens.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 16)

Remember when you came within inches of victory? The experience will only serve to make your victory in 2019 all the sweeter. Other highlights: the approval of someone whose opinion you cherish, a travel plan that goes better than your highest expectations and the fun you have circulating in a high-powered group. Virgo and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 26, 30, 35, 2 and 5.

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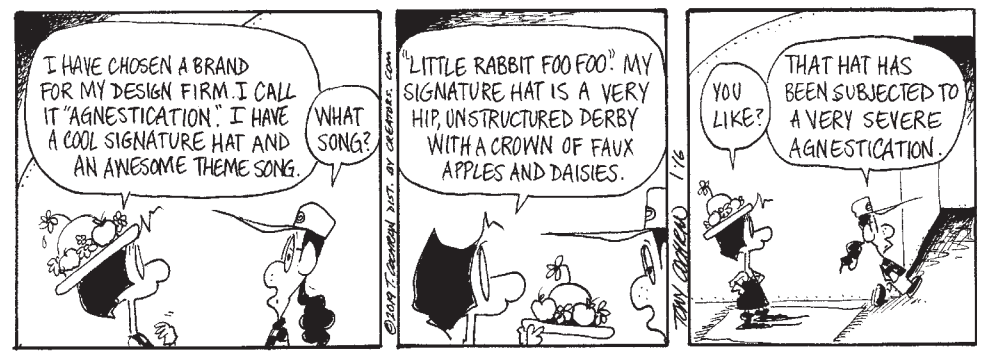


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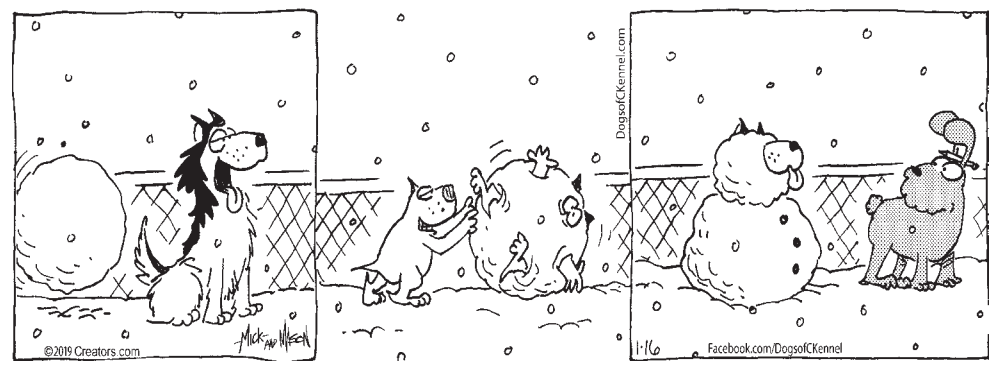
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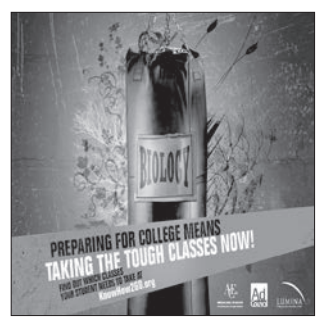
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No-cost birth control, now the norm, faces court challenges

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Millions of American women are receiving birth control at no cost to them through workplace health plans, the result of the Obama-era Affordable Care Act, which expanded access to contraception.

The Trump administration sought to allow more employers to opt out because of religious or moral objections. But its plans were put on hold by two federal judges, one in Pennsylvania and the other in California, in cases that could eventually reach the Supreme Court.

The judges blocked the Trump policy from going into effect while legal challenges from state attorneys general continue.

Here's a look at some of the issues behind the confrontation over birth control, politics and religious beliefs:

A TURNING POINT-THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Well into the 1990s many states did not require health insurance plans to cover birth control for women.

"Plans were covering Viagra, and they weren't covering birth control," said Alina Salganicoff, director of women's health policy with the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation.

By the time President Barack Obama's health law passed in 2010, employers and insurers largely began covering birth control as an important part of health care for women.

The ACA took that a couple of steps further. It required most insurance plans to cover a broad range of preventive services, including vaccinations and cancer screenings, but also women's health services. And it also required such preventive services to be offered at no charge.

Employers and insurers were required to cover at least one of each class of birth control approved by the Food and Drug Administration. That included costly long-acting contraceptives, generally more effective than birth control pills.

It's estimated that 55 million to more than 62 million women now receive birth control at no cost, with only a small share paying for contraception.

"The irony I find about this battle is that in the period of time this policy has been in effect, teen pregnancies have gone way down and the number of abortions has gone way down," said Kathleen Sebelius, Health and Human Services secretary under Obama.

While those rates were already going down before the health law, the trend does continue.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S RELIGIOUS AND MORAL EXEMPTIONS

The Obama administration originally exempted a narrow group of employers — houses of worship— from the birth control coverage requirement.

Following pushback from religious institutions and social conservatives, the Obama administration created an "accommodation." Women employees of religious-affiliated social service organizations, universities and hospitals could continue to get birth control as part of their health care coverage but their employer would not have to pay.

The Supreme Court broadened that work-around to include smaller private companies with a religious objection.

That didn't go far enough for social and religious conservatives, a core component of President Donald Trump's political base. Some religious organizations see Obama's "accommodation" as morally objectionable because it facilitates contraception.

"It still forces religious people to provide a health plan that includes things that violate their religion," said Mark Rienzi, senior lawyer for the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, which led opposition to the Obama policies.

The Trump administration's regulations broadened the religious exemption to any employer with an objection based on religious beliefs and created a new exemption for certain employers with moral objections. The administration made Obama's workaround optional for employers and instituted other changes.

"It's definitely not a tweak," Sebelius said. An employer can say "I don't believe in birth control, and I'm not going to provide it," she added.

Sebelius explained that Congress through the ACA clearly intended health plans to cover women's health services. All HHS did was spell out how that would be done. If the Trump administration wants to change that, it would have to repeal the law, she added, not just change a regulation.

Rienzi said the Trump administration hasn't pulled its policy "out of nowhere." U.S. laws traditionally have protected people with religious and moral objections to government policies.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The Obama-era policy remains in place for now, with U.S. District Judge Wendy Beetlestone in Philadelphia placing a national hold on the Trump administration rules.

More than a dozen states are trying to reverse Trump's policy, including California, New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The Justice Department hasn't revealed its next move. It could ask federal appeals courts or the Supreme Court to lift the injunctions from lower-court judges and allow the Trump rules to go into effect while the cases continue.

The issue could eventually end up before the Supreme Court, which has become more conservative since the last time it considered the ACA's birth control coverage requirement.

The Trump administration estimates that up to 126,400 women could be affected, having to find other ways to cover birth control if the rule is put into place.

But women's rights groups say there's no real way to know.

"The majority of employers want to cover birth control," said Mara Gandal-Powers, a senior lawyer with the National Women's Law Center. "We know that there are dozens of employers and entities that sued the Obama administration. But one of the problems with the (Trump administration) rule is that there is no master list of employers who object to birth control."



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