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REOPENING: After months of learning outside of the classroom via Zoom, students attending John Muir Elementary School, SMASH and other elementary schools in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District were welcomed back to campus this week.

Discussion but no decisions at County meeting on school split

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The long awaited hearing of Malibu's petition to form its own school district played out Saturday as a well choreographed recitation of entrenched arguments and opinions.

County officials asked no questions of the two sides in the weekend hearing and instead received presentations of equal length before taking exactly one hour of public comment from proponents and opponents of the proposition.

The City of Malibu has filed the petition with the Los Angeles County Office of Education asking for Malibu to be severed from Santa Monica. The concept of a split district has been debated for years and while Santa Monica officials have said they support Malibu's independence in theory, the two sides have not been able to come to terms on finances for the two-district plan.

Malibu has about 15 percent of the District's total population but provides about 30 percent of revenue. Malibu officials say the economic disparity is only part of their desire and cite neglect and a lack of representation as additional reasons to secede.

"The contrast is stark with Malibu being left behind in academic facilities, activities and services," said Malibu Mayor Mikke Pierson. "The only category where we are ahead is in the amount of property taxes we disproportionately pay to SMMUSD to enhance programs that are mostly in Santa Monica. There is one thing the city and school district agree on: separation makes sense. The only disagreement is over how to do that fairly and equitably, for both sides."

Malibu officials accused the District of race-baiting in its community outreach and said they have made reasonable offers to keep a Santa Monica District fiscally stable.

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UNIFICATION: Under the proposed split Malibu High School would become part of a Malibu Unified School District.

Earth Day activities will help make Santa Monica green again

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Between the take-out boom and proliferation of disposable PPE, the pandemic has not been a 'green' time, but on Earth Day this Thursday the City plans to put the environment back into focus.

Between a City-wide volunteer cleanup, a sustainable energy rebate program, and online events on combating climate change, there are many ways community members can get involved.

Collectively these actions will reaffirm Santa Monica's commitment to the planet and help compensate for the necessary, yet environmentally damaging, use of plastics and disposables during the pandemic.

On Earth Day, Santa Monica Shines is launching a 'Clean Campaign', rallying residents to carry out neighborhood clean-ups with their friends and family. Free clean-up kits will be available at six different locations around the city until August 31 and prizes are available for those who participate.

"The Clean Campaign is a fun and proactive way to participate in a clean and safe Santa Monica and promotes a sense of pride in our vibrant neighborhoods," said Lane Dilg, interim city manager. "We hope residents will lean into the spirit of Earth Day by joining in this community-wide effort to care for our treasured outdoor spaces that have been so essential to our lives in the pandemic."

Beginning on Earth Day and extending through June 1, residents who post a photo of themselves taking part in a clean-up and tag #WeAreSantaMonica and #SantaMoniCARES could win a $100 gift card to a local Santa Monica business.

The campaign also includes stickers and signs designed to inform residents of best trash and recycling practices, such as utilizing

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File Photo

EARTH DAY: There are many ways to participate in Earth Day and help preserve Santa Monica's natural beauty

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

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Prosecutor: Chauvin 'had to know' Floyd's life was in danger

BY AMY FORLITI, STEPHEN GROVES AND TAMMY WEBBER
Associated Press

Officer Derek Chauvin "had to know" he was squeezing the life out of George Floyd as the Black man cried over and over that he couldn't breathe and finally fell silent, a prosecutor told the jury Monday during closing arguments at Chauvin's murder trial.

"Use your common sense. Believe your eyes. What you saw, you saw," Steve Schleicher said, referring to the excruciating bystander video of Floyd pinned to the pavement with Chauvin's knee on or close to his neck last May for up to 9 minutes, 29 seconds, as bystanders yelled at the white officer to get off.

Chauvin attorney Eric Nelson countered by arguing that Chauvin did what any "reasonable" police officer would have done after finding himself in a "dynamic" and "fluid" situation involving a large man struggling with three officers.

As Nelson began speaking, the now-fired Chauvin removed his COVID-19 mask in front of the jury for one of the very few times during the trial.

The dueling arguments got underway with Minneapolis on edge after Floyd's death last spring set off protests in the city and across the U.S. that at times turned violent.

The defense contends not only that Chauvin acted reasonably but that the 46-year-old Floyd died of heart disease and illegal drug use, not Chauvin's actions.

Prosecutor Jerry Blackwell had the final word, offering the state's rebuttal argument. The prosecutor, who is Black, said that the questions about the use of force and cause of death are "so simple that a child can understand it."

"In fact, a child did understand it, when the 9-year-old girl said, 'Get off of him,'" Blackwell said, referring to a young witness who objected to what she saw. "That's how simple it was. `Get off of him.' Common sense."

Under the law, police are given certain latitude to use force, and their actions are supposed to be judged according to what a "reasonable officer" in the same situation would have done — a point the defense stressed repeatedly.

Nelson noted that officers who first went to the corner store where Floyd allegedly tried to pass a counterfeit $20 bill already were struggling with Floyd when Chauvin arrived as backup. The attorney also noted that the first two officers on the scene were rookies and that police had been told that Floyd might be on drugs.

"A reasonable police officer understands the intensity of the struggle," Nelson said, saying that Chauvin's body-worn camera and his police badge were knocked off his chest.

During the prosecution's argument, Schleicher replayed portions of the bystander video and other footage as he dismissed certain defense theories about Floyd's death as "nonsense," saying Chauvin killed Floyd by constricting his breathing.

Schleicher rejected the drug overdose argument, as well as the contention that police were distracted by hostile onlookers, that Floyd had "superhuman" strength from a state of agitation known as excited delirium, and that he suffered possible carbon monoxide poisoning from auto exhaust.

The prosecutor sarcastically referred to the idea that it was heart disease that killed Floyd as an "amazing coincidence."

"Is that common sense or is that nonsense?" Schleicher asked the racially diverse jury.

But Nelson said the prosecution brought in experts to testify that Floyd died because of asphyxia, or lack of oxygen, while the person who actually performed the autopsy, the county medical examiner, reached a different finding.

Hennepin County Medical Examiner Dr. Andrew Baker, who ruled Floyd's death a homicide, said Floyd's heart gave out because of the way police held him down. He listed Floyd's drug use and underlying health problems as contributing factors.

Nelson also showed the jury pictures of pills found in Floyd's SUV and pill remnants discovered in the squad car. Fentanyl and methamphetamine were found in Floyd's system.

The defense attorney said the failure of the prosecution to acknowledge that medical problems or drugs played a role "defies medical science and it defies common sense and reason."

But Blackwell said prosecutors only have to prove that Chauvin's actions were a substantial causal factor in his death, not the sole cause.

Earlier, Schleicher described how Chauvin ignored Floyd's cries and continued to kneel on him well after he stopped breathing and had no pulse.

Chauvin was "on top of him for 9 minutes and 29 seconds and he had to know," Schleicher said. "He had to know."

He said Chauvin "heard him, but he just didn't listen."

The prosecutor further argued that Floyd was "not a threat to anyone" and wasn't trying to escape when he struggled with officers. Instead, Schleicher said, he was terrified of being put into the tiny backseat of the squad car.

He said a reasonable officer with Chauvin's training and experience — he was a 19-year Minneapolis police veteran — should have sized up the situation accurately.

Chauvin, wearing a light gray suit with a blue shirt and blue tie, showed little expression as he watched himself and the other officers pinning Floyd to the ground on bodycam video played by his attorney. He cocked his head to the side and occasionally leaned forward to write on a notepad.

An unidentified woman occupied the single seat set aside in the pandemic-spaced courtroom for a Chauvin supporter.

Floyd's brother Philonise represented the family in court, as he often has during the trial.

Schleicher also noted that Chauvin was required to use his training to provide medical care to Floyd but ignored bystanders, rebuffed help from an off-duty paramedic and rejected a suggestion from another officer to roll Floyd onto his side.

"He could have listened to the bystanders.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 268 CALLS ON APRIL 18

Death Investigation 1900blk 18th St 12:23 a.m.
Auto Burglary Now 1100blk 2nd St 1:53 a.m.
Arson 1200blk Grant St 3:22 a.m.
Arson 2000blk 10th St 3:27 a.m.
Harassing Phone Calls Report 300blk California Ave 3:51 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 3000blk Urban Ave 5:12 a.m.
Fraud Report 2500blk Pearl St 8:34 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:02 a.m.
Battery Report 1000blk 4th St 9:10 a.m.
Trespassing 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 9:18 a.m.
Encampment 1100blk Centinela Ave 9:26 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 600blk Hill St 9:46 a.m.
Trespassing 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 9:59 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1500blk Pearl St 10:12 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1400blk Marine St 10:18 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 100blk California Ave 10:20 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 2400blk Pico Blvd 10:42 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 200blk Santa Monica Pier 11:30 a.m.
Hit And Run Felony Investigation 600blk Pico Blvd 11:37 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Ocean Ave / Vicente Ter 11:52 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1700blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:00 p.m.
Battery Now 1200blk 10th St 12:09 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2600blk Main St 12:12 p.m.
Trespassing 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 12:16 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1700blk 11th St 12:26 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2300blk 2nd St 12:36 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 16th St / Montana Ave 1:28 p.m.
Grand Theft Just Occurred 2000blk The Beach 1:45 p.m.
Fight 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 1:51 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1600blk The Beach 1:57 p.m.
Trespassing 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 2:19 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 300blk Santa Monica Pier 3:11 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 3:21 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2300blk 2nd St 3:25 p.m.
Person With A Gun 2600blk The Beach 3:28 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1300blk 2nd St 4:11 p.m.
Auto Burglary Just Occurred 1500blk 4th St 4:26 p.m.
Suicide Now 400blk Santa Monica Pier 4:30 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 1900blk Euclid St 4:57 p.m.
Harassing Phone Calls Report 1400blk Harvard St 5:43 p.m.
Battery Now Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 5:45 p.m.
Fight Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 6:18 p.m.
Fight Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 6:22 p.m.
Arson 1400blk Ocean Ave 6:30 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Just Occurred 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:35 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1400blk 15th St 6:57 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2800blk Wilshire Blvd 7:14 p.m.
Identity Theft 2900blk Neilson Way 7:24 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1500blk Ocean Ave 7:36 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1400blk 18th St 7:39 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 1500blk Euclid St 7:46 p.m.
Overdose 1600blk Ocean Ave 7:51 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Now Ocean Ave / Bay St 7:56 p.m.
Trespassing 10th St / Montana Ave 8:01 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 8:41 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:42 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1000blk 10th St 9:09 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:14 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 10:24 p.m.
Burglary Report 2200blk Ocean Ave 11:46 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 39 CALLS ON APRIL 18

EMS 500blk 23rd St 12:40 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 1:19 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk Ocean Ave 3:04 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1200blk Grant St 3:18 a.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 2600blk 6th St 3:52 a.m.
EMS 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 5:03 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 300blk Civic Center Dr 6:00 a.m.
EMS 2400blk Kansas Ave 6:19 a.m.
EMS Euclid St / Wilshire Blvd 7:04 a.m.
EMS Euclid St / Wilshire Blvd 7:29 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 8:25 a.m.
Odor Investigation 1500blk Ocean Ave 8:38 a.m.
EMS 2300blk Lincoln Blvd 9:34 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 10:13 a.m.
EMS 2500blk Georgina Ave 10:51 a.m.
EMS 700blk Palisades Park 11:07 a.m.
EMS 900blk 21st St 12:31 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 10th St 12:40 p.m.
EMS 1200blk Princeton St 1:27 p.m.
EMS 100blk Wilshire Blvd 2:03 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 2:04 p.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas 800blk Montana Ave 2:52 p.m.
EMS 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:58 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 20th St 4:16 p.m.
EMS 300blk Olympic Dr 4:41 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 11th St 5:29 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 900blk Lincoln Blvd 5:55 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Pico Blvd 6:21 p.m.
EMS 3000blk Lincoln Blvd 6:24 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1400blk 2nd St 6:25 p.m.
EMS 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:37 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 6:44 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Pearl St 6:45 p.m.
EMS 12th St / Wilshire Blvd 6:57 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Ocean Ave 7:45 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Ocean Ave 8:39 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 11th St 10:14 p.m.
EMS 300blk Montana Ave 11:08 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Virginia Ave 11:34 p.m.

India's capital to lock down amid explosive virus surge

AIJAZ HUSSAIN AND ANIRUDDHA GHOSAL
Associated Press

New Delhi imposed a weeklong lockdown Monday night to prevent the collapse of the Indian capital's health system, which authorities said had been pushed to its limit amid an explosive surge in coronavirus cases.

In scenes familiar from surges elsewhere, ambulances catapulted from one hospital to another, trying to find an empty bed over the weekend, while patients lined up outside of medical facilities waiting to be let in. Ambulances also idled outside of crematoriums, carrying half a dozen dead bodies each. In an effort to combat crisis, India announced that it would soon expand its vaccination campaign to all adults.

"People keep arriving, in an almost collapsing situation," said Dr. Suresh Kumar, who heads Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan Hospital, one of New Delhi's largest hospitals for treating COVID-19 patients.

Just months after India thought it had seen the worst of the pandemic, the virus is now spreading at a rate faster than at any other time, said Bhramar Mukherjee, a biostatistician at the University of Michigan who has been tracking infections in India.

The country is not alone. Several places in the world are seeing deepening crises, including Brazil and France, spurred in part by new variants. More than a year into the pandemic, deaths are on the rise again worldwide, running at nearly 12,000 per day on average, and new cases are climbing, too. Over the weekend, the global death toll passed a staggering 3 million people.

But the surge has been devastating in India and has weighed heavily on the global efforts to end the pandemic since the country is a major vaccine producer but has been forced to delay exports of shots abroad, hampering campaigns in developing countries, in particular. In a sign of the high stakes, the chief executive of Serum Institute of India, the world's largest maker of vaccines, asked U.S. President Joe Biden on Twitter last week to lift the U.S. embargo on exporting raw materials needed to make the shots.

As it battles the rising cases, India announced Monday that it would vaccinate everyone older than 18 from May 1. The country began inoculating health workers in mid-January and later extended the drive to people over 45. India has so far administered 120 million doses to its population of nearly 1.4 billion.

The country reported over 270,000 infections on Monday, its highest daily rise since the pandemic started. It has now recorded more than 15 million infections and more than 178,000 deaths. Experts agree that even these figures are likely undercounts. Amid the rise in cases, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson called off a trip to New Delhi.

The city of 29 million people has fewer than 100 beds with ventilators, and fewer than 150 beds available for patients needing critical care. Similar strains can be seen in other parts of the vast country, where the fragile health system has been underfunded for decades and a failure to prepare for the current surge has left hospitals buckling under the pressure of mounting infections.

In the Himalayan region of Indian-controlled Jammu and Kashmir, the weekly average of COVID-19 cases has increased 11-fold in the past month. In Telengana state in southern India, home to Hyderabad city where most of India's vaccine makers are based, the weekly average of infections has increased 16-fold in the past month.

Meanwhile, election campaigns are continuing in West Bengal state in eastern India, amid an alarming increase there as well, and experts fear that crowded rallies could fuel the spread of the virus. Top leaders of the ruling Bhartiya Janta Party, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, have campaigned heavily to win polls in the region.

By contrast, in New Delhi, officials have begun to impose stringent measures again. The Indian capital was shut down over the weekend, but now authorities are extending that for a week: All shops and factories will close, except for those that provide essential services, like grocery stores. People are not supposed to leave their homes, except for a handful of reasons, like seeking medical care.

They will be allowed to travel to airports or train stations — a difference from the last lockdown when thousands of migrant workers were forced to walk to their home villages.

That harsh lockdown last year, which lasted months, left deep scars. Politicians have since been reticent to even mention the word. When similar measures were imposed in Mahrashtra state, home to the financial capital of Mumbai, in recent days, officials refused to call it a lockdown. Those restrictions are to last 15 days.

Kejriwal, the Delhi official, urged calm, especially among migrant workers who particularly suffered during the previous shutdown, saying this one would be "small."

But many feared it would spell economic ruin. Amrit Tripathi, a laborer in New Delhi, was among the thousands who walked home in last year's lockdown.

"We will starve," he said, if the current measures are extended.





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CASA MARTIN SURVIVES AND THRIVES

Participation awards might be great for children's egos, but the reality of adulthood is that there are winners and losers in life and business. These days we are seeing more losers than winners due to the costs of getting the pandemic under control. Every industry has been impacted in varying degrees. Locally we're seeing the losses in our tourism and hospitality industry with revenues down and the number of tourists still strikingly off from our pre-pandemic highs.

The fallout has been bad for big restaurants like Herringbone and Jimmy's FAT both of which were large footprint restaurants with big staffs and massive overhead. Both of them are now fast fading memories on Ocean Avenue.

Just a block away from the carcasses of those lost enterprises is a local success story in Casa Martin. The small family-owned and operated restaurant is a study of what it took to survive the pandemic. Their two locations are both in high visibility areas, with the Ocean Avenue location being next to the Santa Monica Pier, and the other on the Promenade. Visibility is crucial for any restaurant if they are going to make it through the crucial first few years. Once a loyal clientele is developed the owners can breathe for a minute.

Then comes the next minute and they have to adapt to keep new customers coming, returning customers happy, and then there is the constant stream of new regulations that demand attention and frequently an expenditure of time, money and attention to avoid run-ins with the health department.

I spoke with Fernando Martin about his experiences during the pandemic and how he and his family have managed to keep their two locations open during the crisis.

"It's been a real adventure! Closing, laying people off, then re-opening and having to comply with the rapidly changing health codes has not been easy. Then closing and adapting to a delivery-only model. There were challenges we had to overcome," he said. "Through it all though, we've had our family pulling together. My wife is at our original Ocean Ave location and my brother and I work the Promenade."

A restaurant is a living thing in a way. To get one up and running requires an investment of time and money in produce and meats. The training of staff in unique procedures consumes huge resources in both time and money. "One of the hardest things we've had to deal with is letting staff go and then bringing them back. Also when we bring on new staff we have to teach them how we do things. Right now for example don't have bar seating. But when that opens up it will be a new wrinkle in the rhythm of the flow. We're doing it and we'll get through it. It is just like those first days at Ocean Ave. chaotic and exhilarating and fun and tiring."

I asked Fernando how he's been handling the cutbacks on staff.

"Long days," he said. "For a while there I'd get up at 5 a.m. to start the day of shopping and prepping then work to close of the restaurant at night and get home at 11:30 or midnight and start all over again the next day."

Cash flow is crucial to any business but the lack of sales will kill a restaurant faster than just about anything. This is where the government helped small businesses the most during the pandemic. The Paycheck Protection Plan allowed many small companies to keep staff in place and allows for a faster reboot. "We got some PPP money and it definitely helped us stay in the game," Fernando told me.

Casa Martin, like most restaurants, moved into the street and sidewalks to open up additional seating. The store on the Promenade probably quadrupled their tables, but at a huge cost. The Health Department allowed outdoor seating, which sounds like a great move for a city like ours where the weather is mostly nice enough to sit outside during the day. It's the nights that get chilly and this is where it becomes more expensive to operate outdoor dining. The hearty customers liked being outside but wanted to have heat. Those propane heaters we see everywhere these days are very expensive to run. "I was spending almost $3,000 a month on propane. That's a lot of rice and beans to sell just for heaters. I'll be very glad when the summer comes and we can dial back on them." I asked him about putting up windbreaks, and they are not allowed on the Promenade like they are on Montana Ave at places like Forma.

As we move back to a sense of normal restaurant service and the summer rush comes to enjoy late balmy nights and stroll the Promenade, I look forward to getting a plate of tacos and a queso fundido at Casa Martin. I'm happy they've weathered the worst of this pandemic. I remember when they opened up on Ocean Ave and have seen them grow in a high-risk industry into a Santa Monica favorite.

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A limited number of spectators will be allowed at the U.S. Women's Open in San Francisco and the U.S. Open in San Diego in June provided they are vaccinated or can show proof of a negative test for the coronavirus.

The USGA announced the policy Monday after consulting with California health officials.

While the U.S. Opens will not be the first majors to allow fans, they will be the first to hold spectators to a standard of health through the COVID-19 vaccine or testing.

The USGA did not indicate how many fans would be allowed at either championship.

The Masters did not require its spectators, believed to be about 8,000, to be tested two weeks ago at Augusta National. The PGA Championship on May 20-23 at Kiawah Island in South Carolina is allowing 10,000 fans a day who will not need to show proof of a negative test or vaccination.

On the LPGA Tour, the ANA Inspiration earlier this month in the California desert did not allow spectators.

The U.S. Women's Open is June 3-6 at Olympic Club. The U.S. Open is at Torrey Pines on June 17-20.

According to the policy the USGA announced, face coverings and social distancing will be required for fans, staff and volunteers even if they have been vaccinated.

Spectators who live in California must show proof they have been vaccinated at least 14 days before the tournament or that they have tested negative. Still to be determined is when the test results are returned.

Those fans from outside California must have been vaccinated 14 days ahead of time.

Neither the U.S. Open at Winged Foot in New York last September nor the U.S. Women's Open at Champions Golf Club in Houston in December were allowed spectators.

"Last year, we missed the energy that fans bring to our U.S. Open championships," said John Bodenhamer, senior managing director of championship for the USGA. "We are grateful to our local and state health and safety officials in California to be in a position to welcome some fans back this year."

Olympic Club has hosted the U.S. Open five times, most recently in 2012 when Webb Simpson won. This will be the first time the course will be used for the Women's Open.

Torrey Pines is hosting the U.S. Open for the second time. Tiger Woods won in 2008 in a playoff over Rocco Mediate. The municipal course also hosts a PGA Tour event year. Fans were not allowed at Torrey Pines in January when Patrick Reed won.

This is the first time since 1971 the U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Open have been held on different courses in the same state. Lee Trevino won the U.S. Open at Merion outside Philadelphia, and a week later, JoAnne Carner won the U.S. Women's Open at The Kahkwa Club in Erie, Pennsylvania.

PROSECUTOR

FROM PAGE 2

He could have listened to fellow officers. He could have listened to his own training. He knew better. He just didn't do better," Schleicher said.

"Conscious indifference. Indifference. Do you want to know what indifference is and sounds like?" Schleicher asked before playing a video of Chauvin replying, "Uh-huh" several times as Floyd cried out.

Nelson, in a closing argument that took about 2 hours and 45 minutes, played portions of bystander video that showed the increasingly agitated onlookers shouting at Chauvin to get off Floyd's neck. He said officers may have determined it wasn't safe to render medical aid to Floyd in that environment.

Nelson described what he called a "critical moment": Floyd took his last breath, Chauvin reacted to the crowd by taking out his Mace and threatening a use of force, and the off-duty paramedic walked up behind Chauvin, startling him.

"And that changed Officer Chauvin's perception of what was happening," Nelson said. He added: "I cannot, in my opinion, understate the importance of this moment."

The downtown courthouse is surrounded by concrete barriers and razor wire, in a city heavily fortified by National Guard members and just days after a new round of unrest over the police killing of a 20-year-old Black man in a nearby suburb. Some businesses boarded up their storefronts with plywood.

Chauvin, 45, is charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter. All three charges require the jury to conclude that Chauvin's actions were a "substantial causal factor" in Floyd's death and that his use of force was unreasonable.

Second-degree intentional murder carries up to 40 years in prison, third-degree murder 25 years, and second-degree manslaughter 10 years. Sentencing guidelines call for far less time, including 12 1/2 years on either murder count.

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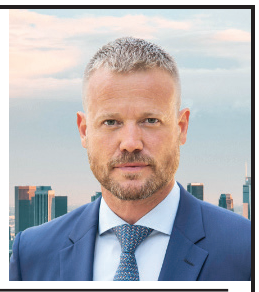
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NASA's Mars helicopter takes flight, 1st for another planet

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AP Aerospace Writer

NASA's experimental helicopter Ingenuity rose into the thin air above the dusty red surface of Mars on Monday, achieving the first powered flight by an aircraft on another planet.

The triumph was hailed as a Wright brothers moment. The mini 4-pound (1.8-kilogram) copter even carried a bit of wing fabric from the Wright Flyer that made similar history at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, in 1903.

It was a brief hop — just 39 seconds and 10 feet (3 meters) — but accomplished all the major milestones.

"Goosebumps. It looks just the way we had tested," project manager MiMi Aung said as she watched the flight video during a later briefing. "Absolutely beautiful flight. I don't think I can ever stop watching it over and over again."

Flight controllers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California declared success after receiving the data and images via the Perseverance rover. Ingenuity hitched a ride to Mars on Perseverance, clinging to the rover's belly when it touched down in an ancient river delta in February.

The $85 million helicopter demo was considered high risk, yet high reward.

Scientists cheered the news from around the world, even from space, and the White House offered its congratulations.

"A whole new way to explore the alien terrain in our solar system is now at our disposal," Nottingham Trent University astronomer Daniel Brown said from England.

This first test flight — with more to come by Ingenuity, the next as soon as Thursday — holds great promise, Brown noted. Future helicopters could serve as scouts for rovers, and eventually astronauts, in difficult, dangerous places.

Ingenuity has provided a third dimension to planetary exploration and "freed us from the surface now forever," said JPL director, Michael Watkins.

Ground controllers had to wait more than three excruciating hours before learning whether the preprogrammed flight had succeeded 178 million miles (287 million kilometers) away. The first attempt had been delayed a week because of a software error.

When the news finally came, the operations center filled with applause, cheers and laughter. More followed when the first black and white photo from Ingenuity appeared, showing the helicopter's shadow as it hovered above the surface of Mars.

"The shadow of greatness, #MarsHelicopter first flight on another world complete!" NASA astronaut Victor Glover tweeted from the International Space Station.

Next came stunning color video of the copter's clean landing, taken by Perseverance, "the best host little Ingenuity could ever hope for," Aung said in thanking everyone.

The helicopter hovered for 30 seconds at its intended altitude of 10 feet (3 meters), and spent 39 seconds airborne, more than three times longer than the first successful flight of the Wright Flyer, which lasted a mere 12 seconds on Dec. 17, 1903.

To accomplish all this, the helicopter's twin, counter-rotating rotor blades needed to spin at 2,500 revolutions per minute — five times faster than on Earth. With an atmosphere just 1% the density of Earth's, engineers had to build a helicopter light enough — with blades spinning fast enough — to generate this otherworldly lift. The Martian wind was relatively gentle Monday: between 4 mph and 14 mph (7 kph to 22 kph).

More than six years in the making, Ingenuity is just 19 inches (49 centimeters) tall, a spindly four-legged chopper. Its fuselage, containing all the batteries, heaters and sensors, is the size of a tissue box. The carbon-fiber, foam-filled rotors are the biggest pieces: Each pair stretches 4 feet (1.2 meters) tip to tip.

Ingenuity also had to be sturdy enough to withstand the Martian wind, and is topped with a solar panel for recharging the batteries, crucial for surviving the minus-130 degree Fahrenheit (minus-90 degree-Celsius) Martian nights.

NASA chose a flat, relatively rock-free patch for Ingenuity's airfield. Following Monday's success, NASA named the area for the Wright brothers.

"While these two iconic moments in aviation history may be separated by time and ... million miles of space, they now will forever be linked," NASA's science missions chief Thomas Zurbuchen announced.

The little chopper with a giant job attracted attention from the moment it launched with Perseverance last July. Even Arnold Schwarzenegger joined in the fun, rooting for Ingenuity over the weekend. "Get to the chopper!" he shouted in a tweeted video, a line from his 1987 sci-fi film "Predator."

Up to five increasingly ambitious flights are planned, and they could lead the way to a fleet of Martian drones in decades to come, providing aerial views, transporting packages and serving as lookouts for human crews. On Earth, the technology could enable helicopters to reach new heights, doing things like more easily navigating the Himalayas.

Ingenuity's team has until the beginning of May to complete the test flights so that the rover can get on with its main mission: collecting rock samples that could hold evidence of past Martian life, for return to Earth a decade from now.

The team plans to test the helicopter's limits, possibly even wrecking the craft, leaving it to rest in place forever, having sent its data back home.

Until then, Perseverance will keep tabs on Ingenuity. Flight engineers affectionately call them Percy and Ginny.

"Big sister's watching," said Malin Space Science Systems' Elsa Jensen, the rover's lead camera operator.

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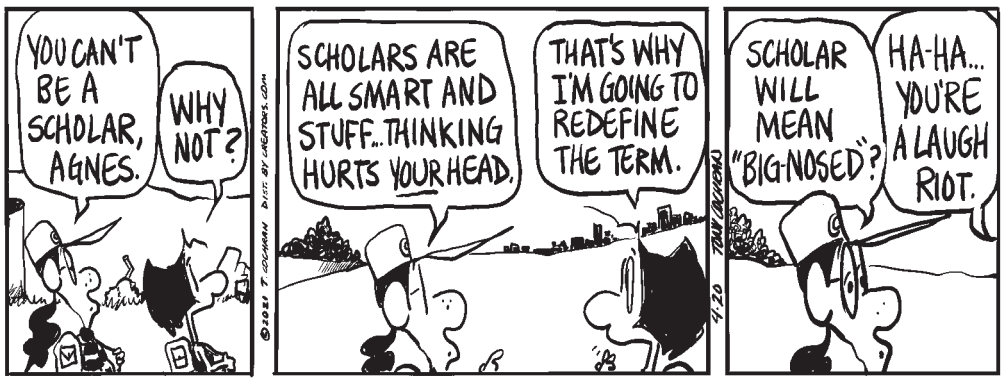
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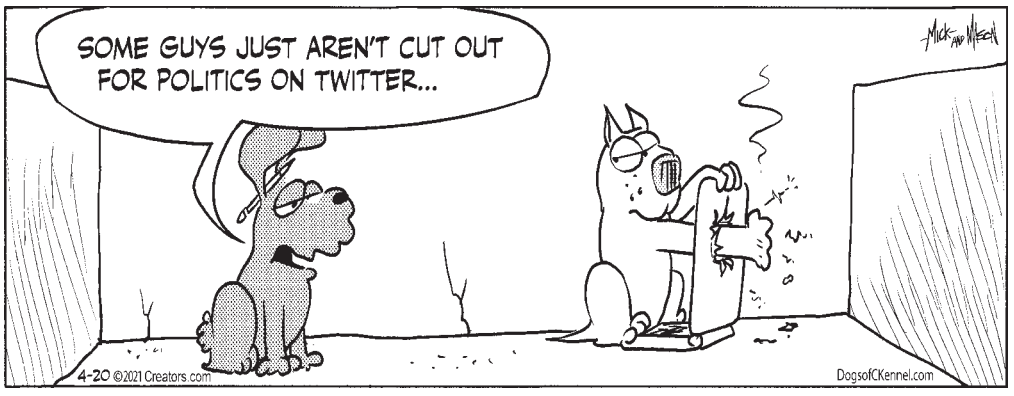
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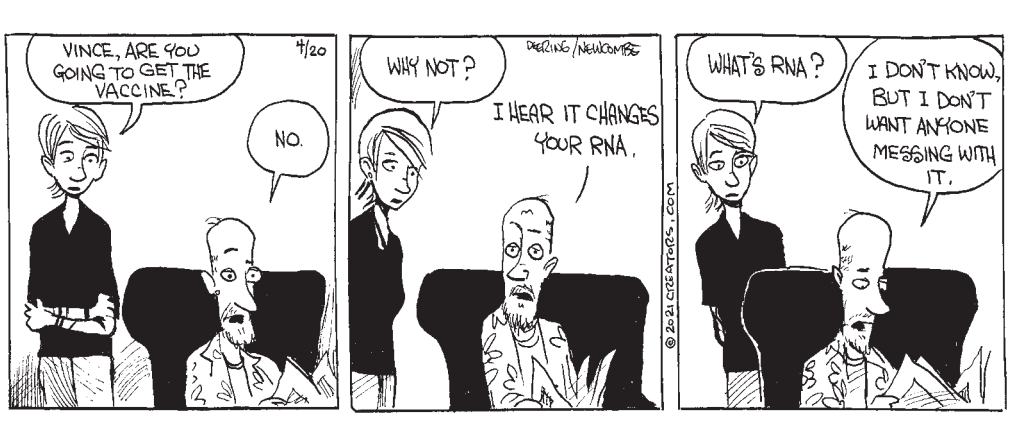
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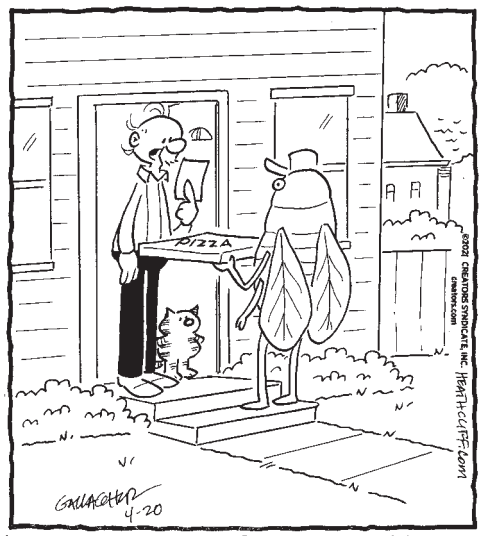
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TUESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Semi clean early with a little extra push. Small pulse of mid-period WNW swell moves in through the day. Modest blend of SSW/S swells continues.

WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Decent little round of WNW/NW swell blends with building SSW/S swell mix - best as early high tide drops.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 64.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 55.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 63.

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2021/04/21	Wed	05:00 AM	4.17	H
2021/04/21	Wed	12:29 PM	-0.02	L
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2021/04/22	Thu	06:09 AM	4.45	H
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An abundance of love and attention give you the security to branch out. You get the sense that some of your curiosities will not be answered in this lifetime, but don't let that hold you back! Ask away. With everything you learn, you are clearing the way for future generations to build on the discoveries of your brilliant mind. Gemini and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 14, 8, 30, 27 and 38.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Be wary of those who find your curiosity to be an intrusion. It is only because they have something to hide. To those who live the value of transparency, your curiosity will be a compliment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're forthright with information when you have it, and you know not to speculate out loud, as there are those around who hear only what they want to hear and will twist your words to exactly that.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are many other things that will bring you pleasure other than your current go-to indulgences. You just haven't found them yet. Your willingness to try new things will land you some healthy and truly interesting alternatives.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You like money, but it's not where you're currently focused. The financial aspect of a decision will factor in after you've considered things like your attraction, interest and what you're likely to learn.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). For some people, the prospect of "fun" is daunting and the pressure of trying new things is less appealing than the certainties of working toward expected outcomes. You'll challenge these people and be an agent for change.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are those who want to have a good time but are unsure exactly how it can be accomplished. You'll be a guide for them. This is less about logistics and more about being intentional and in the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're not as far out on a limb as you think you are. There is someone steady and deeply grounded who is close and ready to help you whenever and however you need.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll take full possession of this world today. For you, that's not about acting like you own the place; rather, it has to do with loving and getting every experience you can from it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are no clean endings to this adventure, although you're certainly on the threshold of the next one. There's overlap here, so what's coming is not quite new. Think of it as a spinoff.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's as though your shoes defy the laws of scale. Some of the biggest steps you take will seem small as you are taking them. In retrospect, you'll marvel at the distances you covered with these unpredictable strides.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Mastery comes from being strategic with your efforts, focusing on one quantifiable thing at a time. The key to success here relates to an aspect of interacting with others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Challenge yourself to do a bit more than before. There is plenty of mundane and extraneous theory to learn if you want to, but you'll learn the most by just getting into the sway of the action.

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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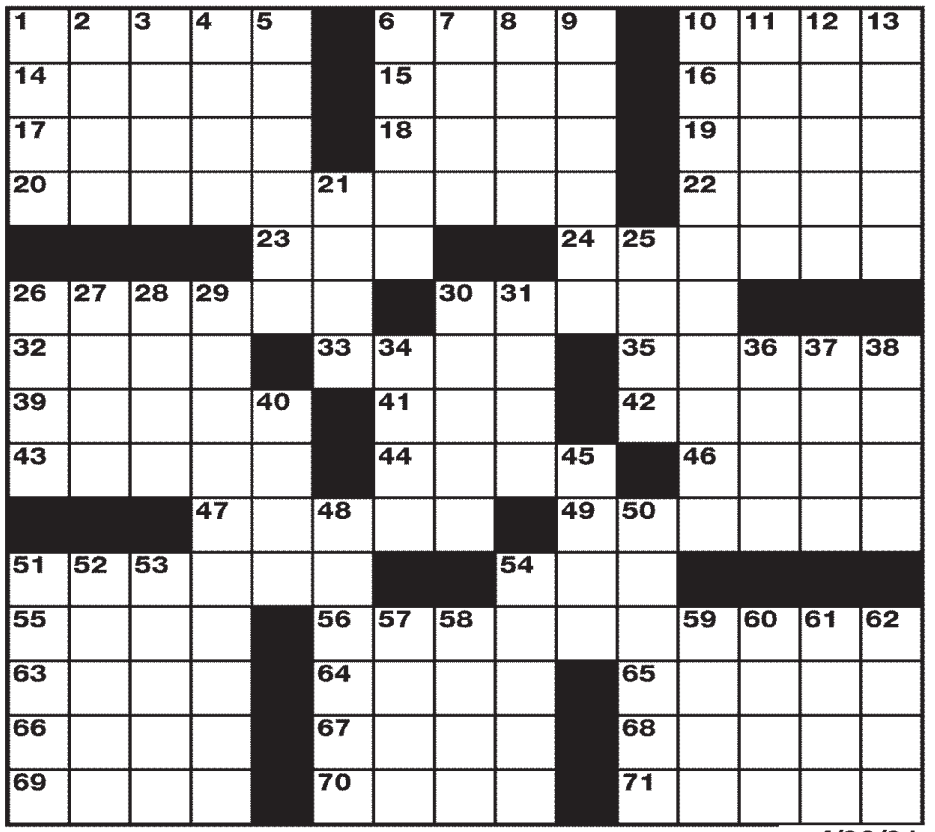
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Browses for bargains
6 "I'm interrupting . . ."
10 Pointers and poodles
14 Appear suddenly
15 Assess, as a tax
16 Poet Pound
17 Formal "Me too"
18 Overly formal
19 Most important
20 Feeling BLUE
22 "It's either you __"
23 Small battery size
24 Person who ridicules
26 Outcome
30 Boss at City Hall
32 River near Shakespeare's home
33 Open-handed hit
35 Grade schooler's glue
39 Wild brawl
41 Intense anger
42 Seat at a tavern
43 Official substitute
44 First in line
46 "Beware the __ of March"
47 Job benefits, for short
49 Video-game emporium
51 Mother __ (Peace Prize nun)
54 "My lips __ sealed"
55 Actor Baldwin
56 BLUE ribbon
63 Business attire
64 Savings protection agcy.
65 Helped
66 Slight advantage
67 Toy brick brand
68 Save for later
69 Tear to shreds
70 Daybreak direction
71 Eagle claw

DOWN
1 Junk email
2 Vacuum cleaner's tube
3 Milky gemstone
4 Mountain lion
5 Of the backbone
6 First Greek letter
7 Long sandwich
8 Diabolical
9 "Triple" cry of surprise
10 BLUE state's party
11 Missouri's __ Mountains
12 Laundry dirt
13 More rational
21 Pets that purr
25 "How clumsy of me!"
26 Sloping walkway
27 At any time
28 Perform by oneself
29 Out of the BLUE
30 Female horses
31 Acme
34 Piece of a chain
36 Any carbonated beverage
37 __ the line (followed orders)
38 Otherwise
40 Centers of hurricanes
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48 Ticket-selling fund-raiser
50 Lavish meal
51 Stun gun
52 Evade skillfully
53 Be a monarch
54 Wide necktie
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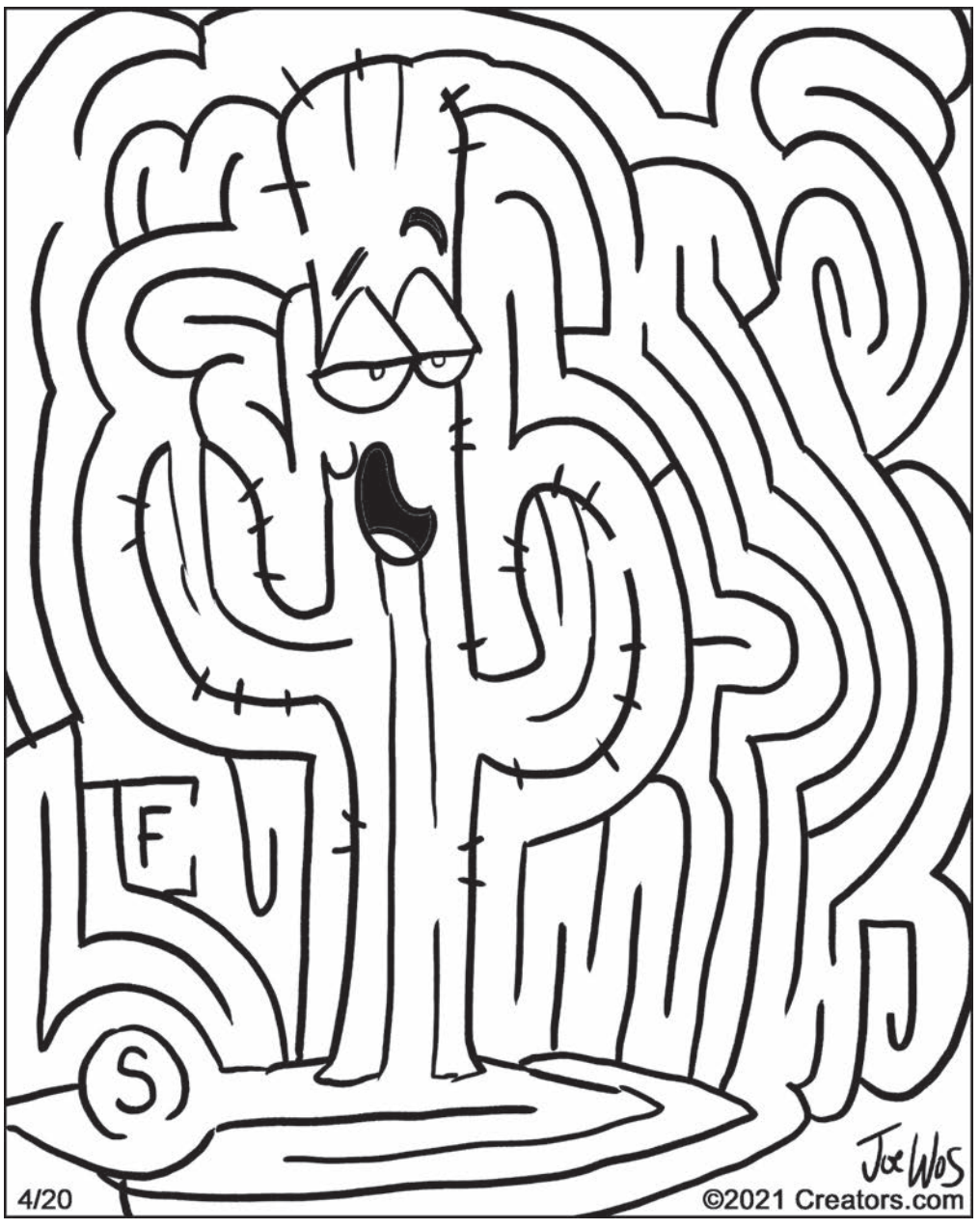
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Mirror in the bathroom

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C B U A L W D S S S G J R N N
H R O B E A C T C R H R Y W B
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Basin	Finish	Medications	Temple
Bevel	Frown	Mirror	Tiles
Ceramic disc	Gasket	Oils	Veneer
	Glass	Outlet	Vitreous china
Chase	Groom	Powder	
Cheek	Jowls	Robe	Wall mounted
Chrome	Lipstick	Rouge	
Curtain	Marble	Shaver	Waste
Ears	Mascara	Shower	

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SCHOOL

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"Instead of seriously considering this offer, or any others placed before them, the school district has refused to compromise and continues to engage in inflammatory rhetoric," said Malibu Councilwoman Karen Farrer. "Frankly I'm appalled and extremely disappointed that a school district would treat a segment of its own district population so poorly with an us versus them attitude. They have drawn a line in the sand of Santa Monica versus Malibu with the residents of Malibu, on the outside looking in. There is no way to recover from this. The education of our current and future students is at risk. At this point, separation is the only solution."

District advocates said Malibu's petition fails to meet required criteria for a split and jeopardizes quality education for students in both communities.

SMMUSD President Jon Kean said recent declines in Malibu's student population were due to City of Malibu policies that have created an aging population with fewer children to educate and that a standalone Malibu district would not have enough students to meet state minimums.

"So this drop in Malibu's population is not a function of Santa Monica centric policies, the decline is accelerated by Malibu's high property values and housing policies, with no historic commitment to affordable housing, or multifamily housing," said Kean. "This is not a case of if you build it they will come. The students are not there anymore. They are not coming back anytime soon, regardless of what we call the school district."

Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati said Malibu's proposal would disenfranchise students of color.

"You will hear how the financial proposal would disproportionately impact students of color, the majority of whom reside in Santa Monica, while simultaneously creating a homogeneous student body population in Malibu, depriving those students of the opportunity to be educated in a more diverse environment," he said. "You have in your possession, a snapshot of the impact of the unification as currently proposed, with no discussion or plan on how to ensure that the Malibu students continue to have an opportunity to be educated in a diverse environment."

Public comment was pre-divided into pro and anti camps with each limited to a total of one hour. Speakers reiterated a variety of arguments previously expressed in the official documents and in some cases disputed assertions of the other side.

Pro-split speakers from both cities said the District mismanaged its budget and needs Malibu's cash to overcome bad spending decisions. Anti-split speakers, including institutions like local unions and the ACLU, said Malibu's petition endangers the education of minority youth.

No decision was made on Saturday nor did the Commission ask specific questions of either side.

The county will hear the proposal again in June. At that time they will receive a county analysis of the report and take an initial vote.

If they vote against the proposal, Malibu's effort is over. However, if they advance the proposal it would enter the regular review process including multiple local public hearings, a staff feasibility study, environmental analysis under the California Environmental Quality Act, or sequence and an election. This process may be extended significantly if there is an appeal of the county committee's decision to the State Board of Education.

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EARTH DAY

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free bulky item pick-ups instead of dumping items in the street. More information on the Clean Campaign and clean-up kit locations can be found at SantaMoniCares.com.

Local non-profit Heal the Bay is also running a series of Earth Day activities. From 5:30 to 6:30 p.m on Thursday the organization is hosting a virtual panel on nature based solutions to combat climate change. Additionally, Heal the Bay is hosting an Earth Day celebration at their recently reopened aquarium on Saturday and Sunday with eco-friendly crafts and activities for kids.

For those who want to keep their environmental activism rolling past Earth Day, the City has several other upcoming green events.

On April 29, the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, the City of Santa Monica and Sustainable Works are hosting the 25th annual Sustainable Quality Awards. The event will take place from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and recognize local businesses with an exceptional commitment to the environment.

Then at 6 p.m. on May 4, Sustainable Works and the City will host a virtual screening of 'I am Greta', a documentary sharing the story of teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg. Following the screening there will be a panel discussion with local youth working on environmental action.

Additionally the City's Office of Sustainability & the Environment is hosting an ongoing rebate program that offers residents up to $1,800 to replace household natural gas equipment with efficient all-electric alternatives. Residents can learn more at: smgov.net/Departments/OSE/categories/energy.aspx

"Santa Monica's commitment to sustainability is part of our community's DNA. We are using the power of community to enhance our resources, prevent harm to the natural environment and human health, and benefit the social and economic wellbeing of the community," said Chief Sustainability Officer, Shannon Parry. "You can get involved this Earth Day, and every day, by joining in the neighborhood cleanup effort and making meaningful changes to reduce your environmental impact."

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