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Samohi prepares for students' return

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica principals and teachers are eager to welcome students back to campus Monday after nearly an entire school year of distance-learning.

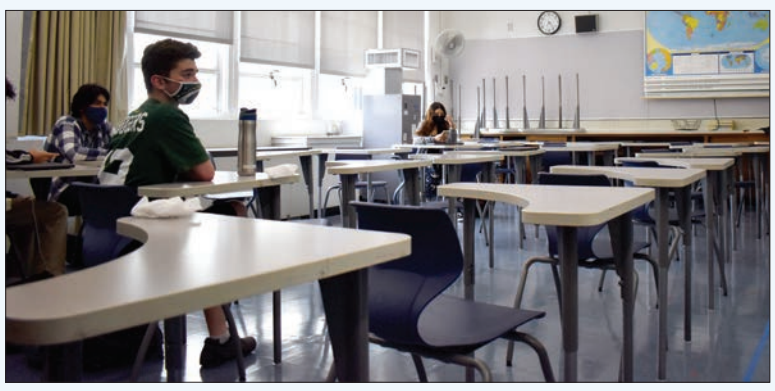
The Board of Education ratified an agreement between SMMUSD and SMMCTA that allows for students in grades seventh through twelfth to fully return to in-person learning on Monday, April 26. An option to remain in distance learning-only is available for those families who choose not to return for in-person learning, but district staff, like Chief Operations Officer Carey Upton, have been hard at work ensuring campuses are as safe as possible for the return of scholars who do opt to return this coming week.

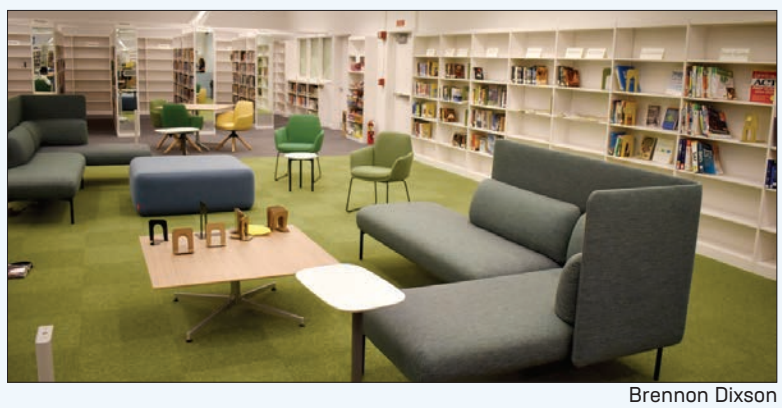
As soon as students enter campus Monday, they will be required to scan a QR code that will pull up a COVID-19 screening questionnaire. Students have the ability to complete it in the car as they pull up to campus, but that's far from the only safety measure taken at Santa Monica High School.

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Brennon Dixson

REOPNING: Students returning to Santa Monica High School Monday morning will notice a few changes made in recent weeks by district officials.

World Book Day drive brings hundred of books to Venice Bridge Home

CLARA HARTER
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In celebration of World Book Day, the Amazon Books store in Marina del Rey partnered up with The Book Foundation to provide hundreds of books for youth living at the Pacific Sunset Bridge Home in Venice.

On Friday, representatives from The Book Foundation were invited to an in-store shopping spree where they were able to pick out a wide range of titles to stock a 'book nook' at the center. Many of the chosen books were requested by the residents themselves, who are all formerly homeless or at risk of homelessness.

"It's great because we're able to provide books for people that might not necessarily have access to the ones that they want right away," said Irina Bekker, Amazon Books employee. "It's a great event and I'm very excited we are doing this because everyone needs access to books. They are an essential part of learning, expanding your horizons, and understanding that there are so many perspectives out there in the world."

The Pacific Sunset Bridge home provides interim housing for 100 men and women in a large white tent and 54 transitional-age youth (18 to 34) in bungalows. The book nook is designed with the center's youth population in mind as the Book Foundation's mission is to promote literacy by bringing books to low-income homes and underserved children.

"We believe that literacy is the key to opportunity and without access to

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Clara Harter

BOOKS: Locals in Venice celebrated World Book Day, Friday, April 23.



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House seat numbers can't be released before next week

MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

The numbers used for deciding how many congressional seats each state gets can't be released before next Monday, according to an agreement that settles litigation between the U.S. Census Bureau and a coalition of local governments and civil rights groups.

The agreement filed in court on Thursday also requires the statistical agency to provide regular updates to the civil rights groups and local governments on the quality of the data used for drawing congressional and legislative districts. It resolves a lawsuit that forced an extension of the nation's head count after the former Trump administration tried to cut it short.

"Every person deserves to be counted — and we are gratified to have been a part of this remarkable coalition's critical fight to secure a fair and accurate census for all," Sadik Huseny and Melissa Sherry, two of the attorneys representing the local governments and civil rights groups, said in a statement.

Shortly after it was filed in federal court in San Jose, California, U.S. District Judge Lucy Koh approved the agreement.

The agreement comes three months after President Joe Biden took office and rescinded two directives issued by President Donald Trump that critics said motivated his administration to try to end field operations for the 2020 census a month earlier than planned.

The first Trump directive ordered that people in the country illegally should be excluded from the state population count used for divvying up congressional seats among the states, also known as the apportionment numbers. The second directive ordered the Census Bureau to gather citizenship information about every U.S. resident using administrative records after the Supreme Court nixed the Trump administration's effort to add a citizenship question to the census questionnaire.

In response to Biden's order in January, the Census Bureau discontinued efforts to create citizenship tabulations at the city-block level using 2020 census data in combination with administrative records. The lawsuit settlement says that the Census Bureau recognizes that the citizenship data are incomplete and unfit for use for either divvying up congressional seats among the states or redrawing congressional or legislative districts.

"This result in this case has increased the prospects that the 2020 Census, which was conducted in the face of unprecedented threats, will be more accurate than it otherwise would have been," said Damon Hewitt, acting president and executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, one of the coalition members. "The settlement of this case will have long-lasting and life-changing consequences nationwide."

Because of the pandemic, the Census Bureau last year pushed back the deadline for finishing the count from the end of July to the end of October. Then last summer the agency announced that the deadline would be changed to the end of September, cutting off a month, after the Republican-controlled Senate failed to take action on a Census Bureau request for more time to turn in the numbers.

The coalition sued the Commerce Department, which oversees the Census Bureau, claiming the shortened schedule would cause Latinos, Asian Americans and immigrants to be missed in the count. Critics also said the count was shortened, as was the amount of time to process the data, so that then-President Donald Trump would still be in the White House when the apportionment numbers were finished and his directives could be implemented.

A federal judge ruled in favor of the coalition, but on appeal, the Supreme Court allowed the Census Bureau to end the head count in mid-October.

The Census Bureau missed a Dec. 31 deadline for turning in the apportionment numbers, and it kept pushing back the dates for releasing the numbers after not-unexpected irregularities were found in the data. As government attorneys negotiated toward a settlement with the coalition, the Census Bureau agreed to release the apportionment numbers sometime between mid-April and the end of the month.

The census not only decides how many congressional seats and Electoral College votes each state gets based on population, but it also determines the distribution of $1.5 trillion in federal funding each year.

As part of the agreement, the federal government will pay the defendants $1.65 million for costs and legal fees.

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Burglary Now 1000blk Grant St 1:48 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2000blk Pico Blvd 2:03 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1200blk 2nd St 4:22 a.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 1400blk 2nd St 6:05 a.m.
Burglary Report 1000blk 17th St 6:21 a.m.
Trespassing 1600blk Ocean Ave 6:38 a.m.
Trespassing 1100blk Colorado Ave 8:26 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Cloverfield Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 8:36 a.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 Cloverfield Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 8:38 a.m.
Trespassing 3000blk Glenn Ave 8:49 a.m.
Trespassing 1200blk 7th St 8:51 a.m.
Burglary Report 1100blk 3rd St 9:04 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1000blk Hill St 9:16 a.m.
Bike Theft Report 1000blk 3rd St 9:18 a.m.
Trespassing 3000blk Pennsylvania Ave 9:28 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 500blk Broadway 9:33 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 800blk Montana Ave 9:43 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 6th St / Santa Monica Blvd 9:44 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2200blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:03 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2400blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:05 a.m.
Transport Prisoner 300blk Olympic Dr 10:10 a.m.
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Bike Theft Report 1300blk 16th St 10:15 a.m.
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Audible Burglar Alarm 1700blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:23 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1400blk 4th St 10:37 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now Centinela Ave / Wilshire Blvd 10:44 a.m.
Identity Theft 900blk 3rd St 10:57 a.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 15th St / Arizona Ave 11:00 a.m.
Trespassing 1500blk 11th St 11:40 a.m.
Burglary Report 1500blk 5th St 11:43 a.m.
Trespassing 200blk Washington Ave 11:51 a.m.
Trespassing 1700blk Main St 12:26 p.m.
Burglary Report 800blk 3rd St 12:38 p.m.
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Person Down 800blk Lincoln Blvd 12:51 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries Main St / Ashland Ave 12:59 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 Main St / Ashland Ave 1:05 p.m.
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Audible Burglar Alarm 1300blk 7th St 6:46 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1100blk 11th St 6:58 p.m.
Fight Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 7:29 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 2000blk Arizona Ave 7:37 p.m.
Defrauding Inkeeper Just Occurred 1500blk Ocean Ave 8:00 p.m.
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EMS 800blk Pico Blvd 8:11 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1100blk 3rd St 8:34 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Cloverfield Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 8:39 a.m.
Broken Water Main 2500blk 3rd St 8:47 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 15th St 8:48 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 10:05 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 16th St 10:42 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1900blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:00 a.m.
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EMS 2100blk Wilshire Blvd 6:02 p.m.
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Automatic Alarm 800blk 4th St 6:55 p.m.
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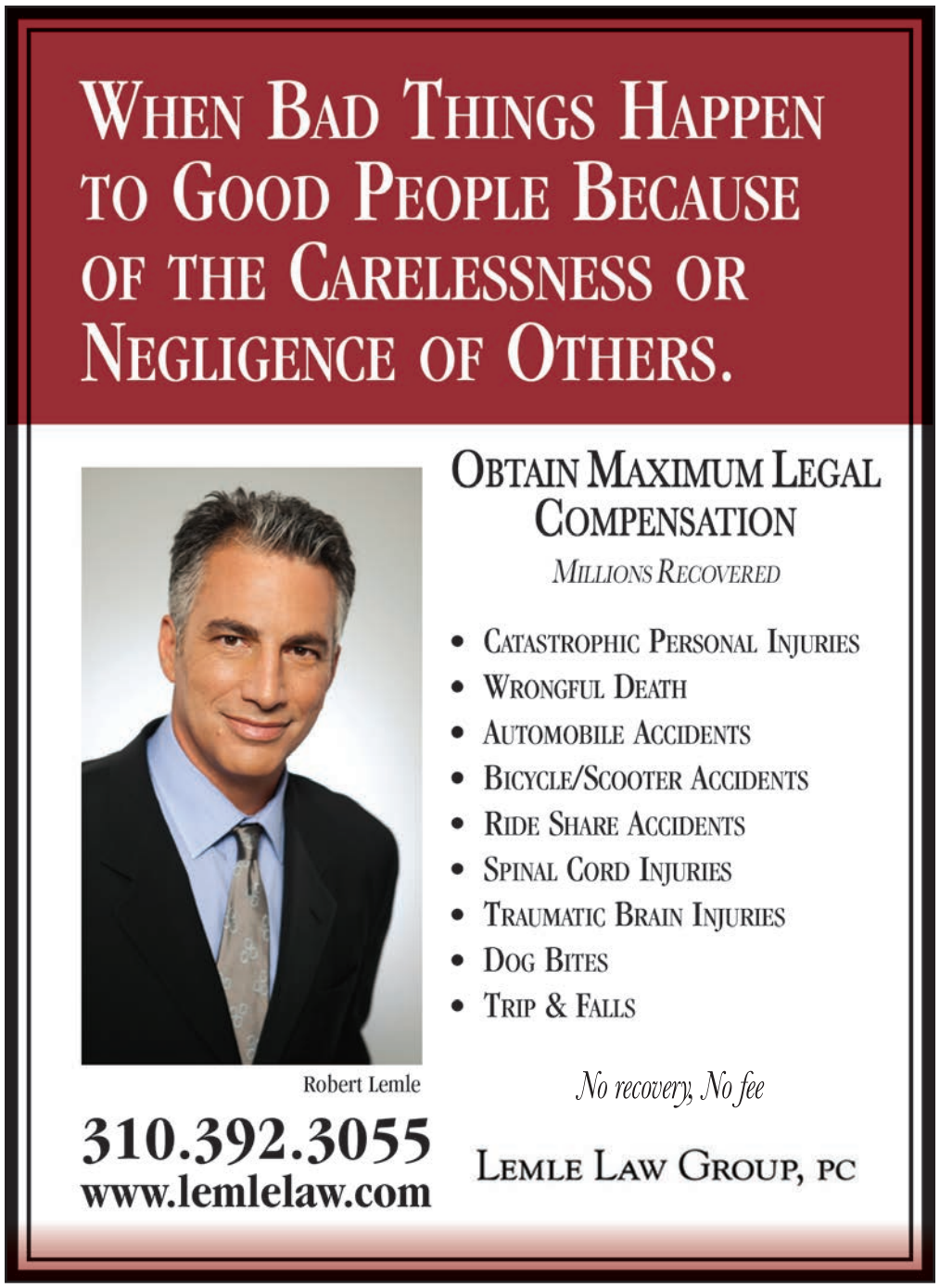
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Petition of Emma Aguila Vega and Erick Guerrero for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: Emma Aguila Vega and Erick Guerrero filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Sophia Guerrero to Sophia Guerrero Aguila . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date May 21 , 2021 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K, Room: A-203. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press. Date: 03/12/2021

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Jenner adds celebrity, questions to California governor race

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Republican Caitlyn Jenner said Friday she will run for governor of California, injecting a jolt of celebrity into an emerging campaign that threatens to oust Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom from office.

Jenner — an Olympic hero, reality TV personality and transgender rights activist — said in statement posted on Twitter and on an accompanying website that she has filed initial paperwork to run for the post.

Newsom, a first-term Democrat, is facing a likely recall election this year, though officials are still reviewing petition signatures required to qualify the proposal for the ballot. Several other Republicans also have announced plans to run.

The race had failed to attract a nationally recognized contender before the entrance of 71-year-old Jenner, who is widely known from shows "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" and the spin-off "I Am Cait."

However, she brings an abundance of questions about her ability to potentially lead the nation's most populous state at a time of crisis and has faced speculation that she's entering politics to steer attention to her entertainment career.

She is untested as a candidate and little is known about her positions on critical issues facing the state, from the coronavirus pandemic to managing the economy. She has ties to former President Donald Trump, who remains broadly unpopular in California outside his GOP base, as well as his former political operatives.

Jenner credits herself with advancing the movement for equality, but the LGBTQ advocacy group Equality California said it would oppose her candidacy, citing her ties to Trump and Republicans who have sought to undercut transgender rights.

Still, with her name recognition and ability to attract publicity, she could overshadow other GOP contenders, including former San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer, former U.S. Rep. Doug Ose and businessman John Cox, who lost to Newsom in the 2018 governor's race.

Hours after Jenner announced she would run, Faulconer took a lightly veiled swipe at her lack of experience in government.

"I think I'm uniquely positioned in terms of somebody who has won elections and knows how to get results," he told reporters.

In a statement, Jenner called herself an outsider and "a proven winner" and the only candidate "who can put an end to Gavin Newsom's disastrous time as governor."

"I'm in," she wrote on her website. "For the past decade, we have seen the glimmer of the Golden State reduced by one-party rule that places politics over progress and special interests over people. Sacramento needs an honest leader with a clear vision."

It was notable that her announcement did not include a video, which is commonplace in political campaign kickoffs. Instead, in her written statement, she referred only vaguely to cutting taxes, a "roadmap back to prosperity" and taking on special interests.

Her campaign did not respond to a request for an on-camera interview.

She described herself as "economically conservative, socially progressive" in a People magazine interview last year.

Her run would come nearly two decades after the ascendancy of Arnold Schwarzenegger, another Republican who used his Hollywood fame as a springboard to California's highest office in a 2003 recall election.

County election officials are required to submit their final signature tallies to the state no later than next Thursday.

If the recall qualifies for the ballot, as expected, voters would be asked two questions: first, whether Newsom should be removed from office. The second would be a list of replacement candidates to choose from, if more than 50% of voters support removing Newsom from office.

The effort largely has been fueled by criticism of Newsom's handling of the pandemic, which shuttered schools and closed thousands of businesses.

If the recall qualifies, Newsom would be forced to fend off rivals in the midst of a pandemic that has cost the state millions of jobs, cored government budgets and upended life for nearly 40 million residents.

He's also been hit by the fallout from a multibillion-dollar fraud scandal at the state unemployment agency while weathering a public shaming for dining out with friends and lobbyists at an exclusive San Francisco Bay Area restaurant last fall, while telling residents to stay home for safety.

However, recent polling has suggested Newsom would hold his seat, and the sour public mood could shift as more schools and businesses reopen. California also is likely to be the recipient of billions of dollars of federal recovery funds, which Newsom will dispense and could use to his political advantage.

In a typical California gubernatorial election, Jenner, as a Republican, would face long odds in the state dominated by Democrats.

But with dozens of candidates expected to join the ballot in a likely recall election, the threshold to win would be far lower with the vote divided among many contenders. Some analysts have projected that a winning candidate might need as little as 20% of the vote to top a large field.

Anne Dunsmore, a consultant for Rescue California, one of the political committees backing the recall, said she recently spoke to Jenner and views her as a serious candidate.

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Los Angeles County considers return of Black family's land

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday to take the first steps toward returning prime beachfront property to descendants of a Black couple who built a resort for African Americans but had it taken away by local city officials a century ago.

In 1912, a young Black couple named Willa and Charles Bruce purchased beachfront property in Manhattan Beach and built a resort that served Black residents. It was one of the few beaches where Black residents could go because so many other local beaches did not permit Black beachgoers. The Bruce's and their customers were harassed and threatened by white neighbors including the KKK. Eventually, the Manhattan Beach City Council moved to seize the property using eminent domain in 1924, purportedly to create a park. The City took the property in 1929 and it remained vacant for decades.

Part of the property taken by the City, including the two parcels of beachfront property, totaling 7,000 square feet, that the Bruce family once owned, was years later transferred to the State and in 1995 that property was transferred to Los Angeles County. It is now the site of the Los Angeles County Lifeguard Training Headquarters, but earlier this year, Supervisor Janice Hahn announced her intention to return that property to the descendants of Willa and Charles Bruce.

This week, the Board voted unanimously to support two items regarding Bruce's Beach, both authored by Hahn and co-authored by Supervisor Holly Mitchell:

Item 8: Returning Bruce's Beach to its Rightful Owners -- Instructs the County CEO's Office to report back in 60 days with a plan for how to return the property to the Bruce family including a timeline, options for how to address property tax issues after the transfer, and plans for the County to either lease the property from the Bruce family or relocate the County Lifeguard facility currently at the property.

Item 9: Los Angeles County Sponsor (SB) 796 -- Would make Los Angeles County an official sponsor of CA Senate Bill 796 introduced last week by Senator Steven Bradford. The legislation is necessary because when the State transferred the property to the County in 1995, the deal restricted the County's ability to transfer the property. SB 796 would lift these restrictions and allow the County to transfer the property to the Bruce family.

Hahn hopes this work will be a model for other governments to follow.

"With this we have the opportunity not only to right a wrong that happened in our own backyards, but also to be an example of to the rest of the nation on how governments can begin to act now to correct historic injustices," said Hahn.

"This was an injustice inflicted upon not just Willa and Charles Bruce– but generations of their descendants who almost certainly would have been millionaires if they had been able to keep this property and their successful business," Hahn added. "We will never be able to erase the harm that was done to the Bruces, but today my colleagues voted to do what is in our power to get justice for this family and return the property that was stolen from them nearly a century ago."

"I am honored to join Supervisor Hahn in this important first step that will allow the County to return this property to its rightful owners, the Bruce Family," said Supervisor Holly Mitchell who coauthored both motions today. "The Bruce Family is only one example of countless others where systemic racism took away access to the American Dream for Black families and families of color. In our mission to be an equitable and inclusive LA County, when faced with the opportunity to correct historic injustices, we took action to do so."

This story featured some information from the Associated Press

CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 13 10:19PM

SMPD Officers were flagged down on the 1600 block of 2nd Street by a vehicle stating that a man had shot at their window. The victims pointed Officers in the direction of the suspect and proceeded to drive up to the suspect themselves and begin arguing. Additional units arrived to assist and interview all parties. Officers gathered that a verbal altercation occurred between the vehicle passengers and the suspect as he walked past their car. The verbal altercation led the suspect to pull a BB gun from his waistband and shoot at the back of the vehicle. Nelson Anthony Flores-Valles was arrested for 23110(b) VC - projecting metal substance, capable of causing serious bodily injury, at a moving vehicle, 246.3(b) PC - Negligent Discharge of a BB gun, 595(a) (2) PC - Vandalism, and 20170 PC - possession of an imitation firearm in a public place.

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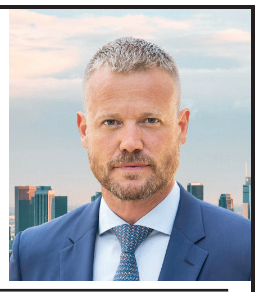
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US health panel urges restarting J&J COVID-19 vaccinations

LAURAN NEERGAARD AND MIKE STOBBE
Associated Press

U.S. health advisers on Friday urged resuming COVID-19 vaccinations with Johnson & Johnson's single-dose shot, saying its benefits outweigh a rare risk of blood clots — in line with Europe's rollout.

Federal health officials uncovered 15 vaccine recipients who developed a highly unusual kind of blood clot, out of nearly 8 million people given the J&J shot. All were women, most under age 50. Three died, and seven remain hospitalized.

Advisers to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said while J&J's vaccine is important for fighting the pandemic, it's also critical that younger women be told about that risk in clear, understandable terms — so they can decide if they'd rather choose an alternate vaccine instead.

The panel voted 10-4 to lift an 11-day pause in use of the J&J shot while adding warnings that women and health workers would see in leaflets at vaccination clinics. The group debated but ultimately steered clear of outright age restrictions.

"This is an age group that is most at risk (of the clotting) that is getting vaccine predominately to save other peoples' lives and morbidity, not their own. And I think we have a responsibility to be certain that they know this," said Dr. Sarah Long of Drexel University College of Medicine, who voted against the proposal because she felt it did not go far enough in warning women.

The CDC and Food and Drug Administration will weigh Friday's recommendation in deciding whether to end the pause; the CDC typically follows the guidance of its advisers and CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky has promised swift action.

The committee members all agreed the J&J vaccine "should be put back into circulation," panel chairman Dr. Jose Romero, Arkansas' health secretary, said in an interview after the vote. "The difference was how you convey the risk ... It does not absolve us from making sure that people who receive this vaccine, if they are in the risk group, that we inform them of that."

European regulators earlier this week made a similar decision, deciding the clot risk was small enough to allow the rollout of J&J's shot. But how Americans ultimately handle J&J's vaccine will influence other countries that don't have as much access to other vaccination options.

Dr. Paul Stoffels, J&J's chief scientific officer, pledged that the company would work with U.S. and global authorities "to ensure this very rare event can be identified early and treated effectively." J&J already was working with the FDA on a warning label for the shot.

At issue is a weird kind of blood clot that forms in unusual places, such as veins that drain blood from the brain, and in patients with abnormally low levels of the platelets that form clots. Symptoms of the unusual clots, dubbed "thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome," include severe headaches a week or two after the J&J vaccination — not right away — as well as abdominal pain, nausea.

The government initially spotted six cases of the rare clots, with nine more cases coming to light in the last week or so. But even the first needle-in-a-haystack reports raised alarm because European regulators already had uncovered similar rare clots among recipients of another COVID-19 vaccine, from AstraZeneca. The AstraZeneca and J&J shots, while not identical, are made with the same technology.

European scientists found clues that an abnormal platelet-harming immune response to AstraZeneca's vaccine might be to blame -- and if so, then doctors should avoid the most common clot treatment, a blood thinner called heparin.

That added to U.S. authorities' urgency in pausing J&J vaccinations so they could tell doctors how to diagnose and treat these rare clots. Six patients were treated with heparin before anyone realized that might harm instead of help.

Dr. Jesse Goodman of Georgetown University closely watched Friday's deliberations and said people should be made aware of the clotting risk but that it shouldn't overshadow the benefits of COVID-19 protection.

"We need to treat people as adults, tell them what the information is and give them these choices," said Goodman, a former vaccine specialist at the FDA.

Two-dose vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna, which are made differently and haven't been linked to clot risks, are the mainstay of the U.S. vaccination effort. But many states had been counting on the easier-to-store, one-and-done option to also help protect hard-to-reach populations including people who are homeless or disabled.

The CDC's advisers struggled to put the rare clot cases into perspective. COVID-19 itself can cause a different type of blood clots. So can everyday medications, such as birth control pills.

The side effect debate isn't the only hurdle facing J&J. The FDA separately uncovered manufacturing violations at a Baltimore factory the company had hired to help brew the vaccine. No shots made by Emergent BioSciences have been used — J&J's production so far has come from Europe. But it's unclear how the idled factory will impact J&J's pledge to provide 100 million U.S. vaccine doses by the end of May and 1 billion doses globally this year.

AP health writer Matthew Perrone contributed to this report.

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BOOK DAY

FROM PAGE 1

great reading material you're already behind," said Ruth Stalford, founder and executive director of The Book Foundation. "This book nook is not just a lending library, it's also a take home library. Some of these books will actually be the first book that residents get to keep and they're incredible titles."

According to Stalford, most underserved communities are "book deserts" and the literacy rates of children growing up in homes with no books is on average three years behind that of children in homes with lots of books.

The simple act of bringing a book into the homes of underprivileged youth has been statistically shown to increase literacy rates. The Book Foundation foundation strives to provide as many books to vulnerable and underserved communities as possible by working with Title 1 charter schools, foster family agencies, and supported housing programs.

The Sunset Pacific Facility is the first bridge home to receive a 'book nook', and the organization seeks to replicate this at other bridge housing facilities across Los Angeles. The books not only provide an enjoyable entertainment outlet, but by strengthening residents' literacy, they also help improve residents' employment prospects.

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BOOK: On Friday, representatives from The Book Foundation were invited on a shopping spree.

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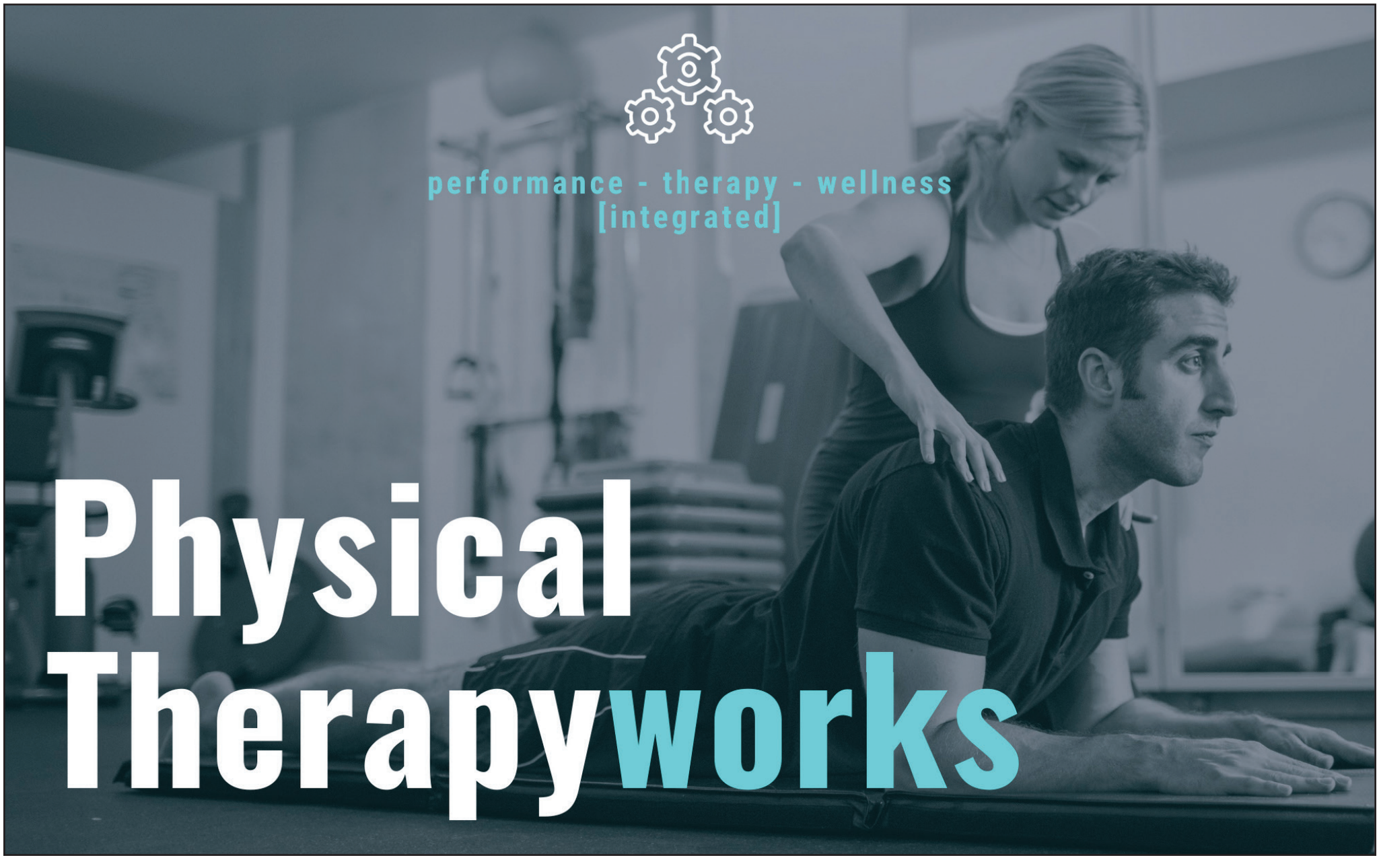
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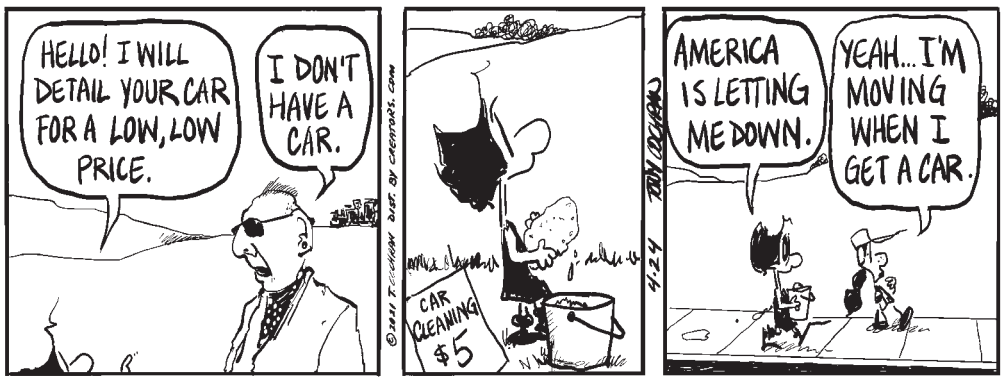
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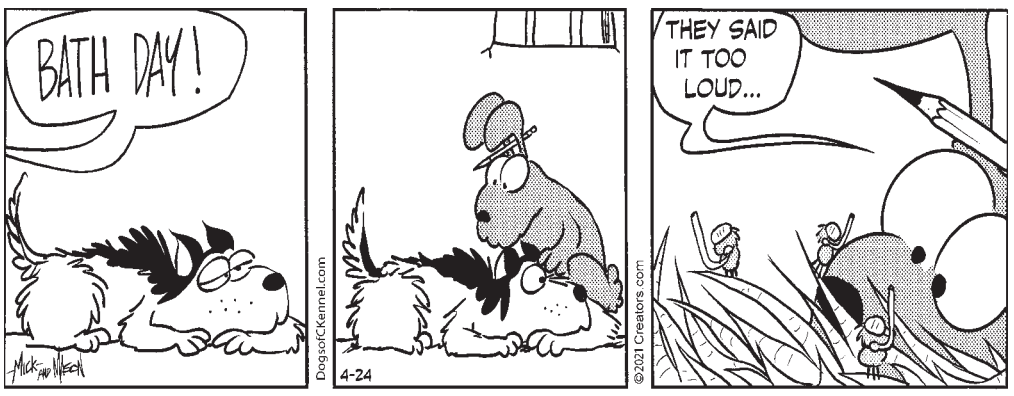
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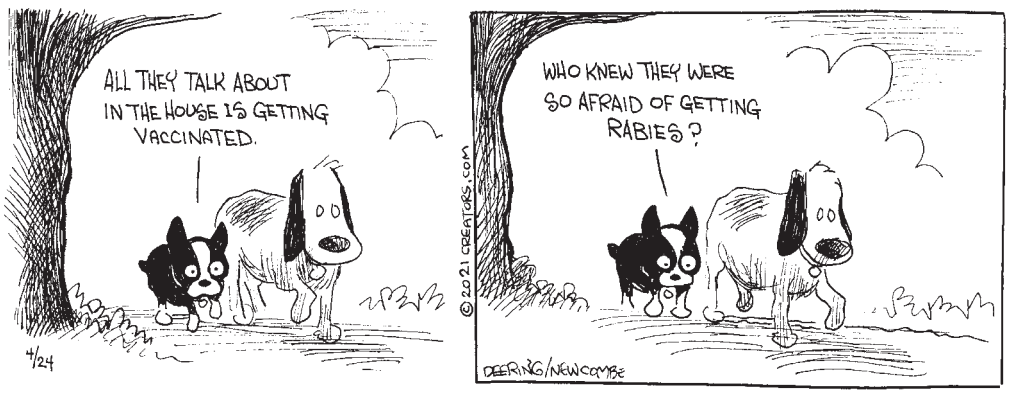
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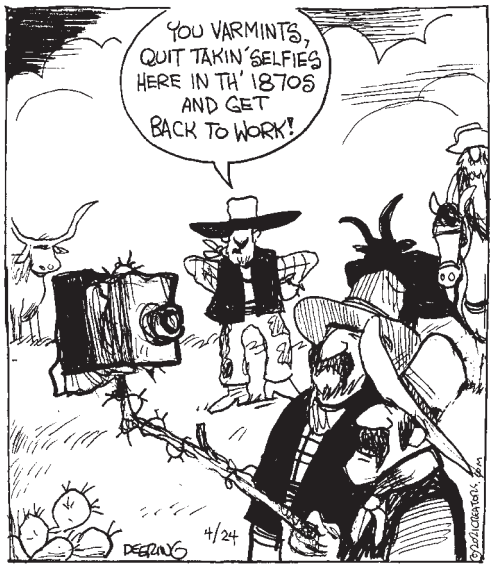
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"IF HE WASN'T LAUGHING, HE'D BE CRYING."

Strange Brew

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 61.3°

SATURDAY - **GOOD** - SURF: 4-7ft Shoulder high to 2 ft overhead
Second long-period S swell tops out with minor NW swell mix blending in underneath.

SUNDAY - **FAIR TO GOOD** - SURF: 4+6ft Shoulder high to 1 ft overhead
S swell starts to slowly taper off, still providing nice size as minor NW energy continues to blend in underneath.

WEATHER

Saturday: Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 62.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.
Sunday: A 20 percent chance of rain after 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 60.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2021/04/24	Sat	2:13 PM	-0.21	L
2021/04/24	Sat	8:33 PM	5.29	H
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2021/04/25	Sun	08:46 AM	4.93	H
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2021/04/26	Mon	03:29 AM	-0.64	L
2021/04/26	Mon	09:35 AM	4.79	H
2021/04/26	Mon	3:19 PM	0.32	L
2021/04/26	Mon	9:34 PM	6.18	H
2021/04/27	Tue	04:16 AM	-1.11	L
2021/04/27	Tue	10:26 AM	4.49	H
2021/04/27	Tue	3:54 PM	0.75	L
2021/04/27	Tue	10:09 PM	6.39	H
2021/04/28	Wed	05:05 AM	-1.35	L
2021/04/28	Wed	11:22 AM	4.10	H
2021/04/28	Wed	4:30 PM	1.23	L
2021/04/28	Wed	10:48 PM	6.38	H
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POWERball
Draw Date: 4/21
21 25 32 63 67
Power#: 6
Jackpot: 104 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/20
6 23 43 49 52
Mega#: 5
Jackpot: 277 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 4/21
3 12 17 41 42
Mega#: 23
Jackpot: 40 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/22
5 10 33 35 37

Daily 3
Draw Date: 4/22
EVENING: 2 1 6
Draw Date: 4/22
MIDDAY: 9 1 8

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 4/22
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3rd: 04 - Big Ben
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As accomplished as you are, you still feel raw and unrefined in many regards, and you can be sure that it's this scrappy spirit that attracts scenarios that allow you to shine. You'll earn the respect of students and the patronage of dream customers. In 2022, your team wins and your favorite investment pays off. Virgo and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 12, 30, 4 and 15.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Because you feel competent in your ability, you will perform well regardless of what else is going on -- the circumstances in the room, the condition of your tools, even trepidation and nerves will only enhance your show.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are loved and prized. While you soak in the love, being prized comes with all manner of implications that feel strange and wrong to you. Shun with impunity. No one owns you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're torn about whether to invest in a new tool. Definitely, using something different will amplify your capacities. Don't rule out that which you make yourself. Tools of your very own will open up fresh avenues of exploration.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Try not to get hung up on having a final, polished result because your time is better spent solving a number of problems, which you'll never get to if you try to make any of them perfect.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll end up throwing something you thought you knew out the window. This is, ultimately, where the idea belongs -- dissipated by the open air. You're onto more relevant things.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you keep the same rules, you'll get the same shaped result. You're going for something else. Your process is evolving. Take away one of your rules to let it expand unimpeded by previous limits.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Fear is as normal a part of the human experiences as is having thumbs. You may eliminate emotional neediness and still be fearful. Just don't let that fear define you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Many say they value humor, but you don't have to say such things. Your entire point of view says it for you. Someone finds this extremely attractive, and you'll know what it feels like to have a fan.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Do you have to look beyond the myth to find the love or are you in love with the myth? To some degree, both of these principles can be true at the same time in the same relationship. It's worth pondering with an open heart.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Mindfulness gets plenty of play in your world lately -- so much so that one might forget about the utter joys of the opposite state. Mindlessness certainly has its merits, especially in the sunshine of spring!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As you make your way through the labyrinth, don't worry too much about getting it right. Deep down, you know that this thing is just made of shrubs, and it's scalable, should you get tired of the maze.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). This problem you see is like a wave that rises high and breaks on your shore and then reassimilates with the ocean of life like it was never anything other than that, which it wasn't.

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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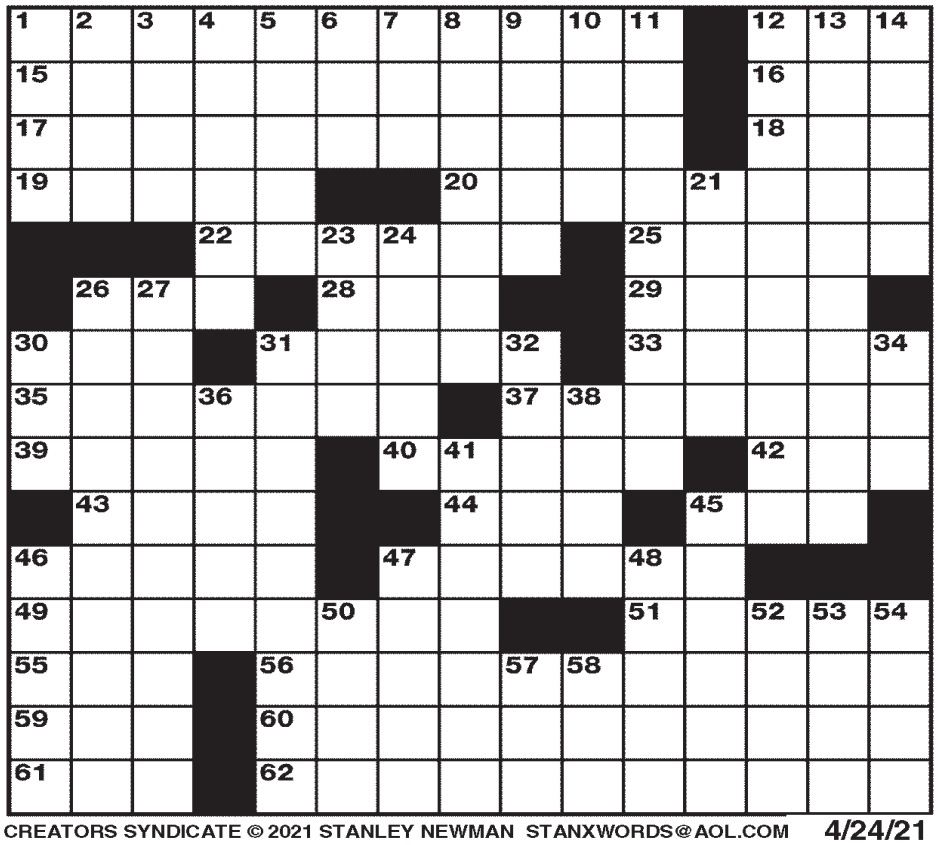
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Latter-day quackery
12 Club VIPs
15 Prepared to make contributions
16 Hardship
17 GPS display
18 Annual report signatory
19 Rubbish
20 Treatment in oils
22 Ultimate introduction
25 It's no fun
26 Spreads threads
28 Laugh half
29 *Animal Farm* rebels
30 First Muslim with an acting Oscar (2017)
31 "Reds" surname
33 Colombian cornbread
35 Michelangelo contemporary
37 Speculate
39 "Rubbish!"
40 Emulating my own self
42 Have in the bag
43 Military action figure, for short
44 Elf (per se or a prefix)
45 "I'll be sad for __-body": Burns
46 Tidal ecosystem
47 Megalopolis renamed in 1995
49 Above all
51 One with a sense of security
55 Profit pool metaphor
56 Early workplace for Gershwin
59 SpaceX propellant
60 Settled
61 Specialist in balance issues
62 Walks, for example

DOWN
1 Trifle with
2 Not past
3 Marc Antony descendant
4 Exhibits reverence
5 "Buh-bye"
6 Setting for the Winnipeg Folk Festival
7 Resident's add-on
8 Catalyzes
9 Actor whom Obama called "big-eared and level-headed"
10 Standing, for short
11 Social asset
12 Where Nauru is
13 Make room
14 Inclination
21 The point at which
23 Lace place
24 Its logo represents a motor cross-section
26 Stop-motion art
27 Decoding candidate
30 Subsidiary
31 Escalate
32 Quirky phrase
34 Backer's word
36 Rugged or ragged
38 "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" scheme
41 They're often pricier than "stores"
45 JFK Jr. alma mater
46 Whiskey flavoring
47 Sticks together
48 Polished bookend material
50 Jukebox musical featuring "Proud Mary"
52 "White" surname
53 Ride (on)
54 Changes visible wavelengths
57 Org. once headed by two future Chief Justices
58 Badger



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Binary Puzzle

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

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
The trapeze act is our favourite

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SAMOHI

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It was only a short time ago that district leaders thought it would be impossible for a full return this year, but decreased social-distancing requirements now allow for everybody to come back since local schools can handle the spacing with a little reconfiguring of classrooms, Upton said during Friday's tour when he highlighted the many changes and upgrades that were recently made to make students and parents feel safer about the upcoming return.

"It's looking a little sparse right now because not everybody has returned, but you can see desks are set up, we've measured everything, and the technology allows for teachers to conduct online and in-person lessons simultaneously," Upton said, mentioning local high schools have seen less students return than elementary and middle schools.

Even so, the energy is vibrant as teachers like Jessi Sunseri eagerly await to see and hear their students in person for the first time. As an Art teacher, she is ecstatic to see her students' work process for the first time since muted Zoom mics and videos have made it nearly impossible for classes to fully connect.

Band and chorus instructors have also had a hard time since the County's department of public health still does not allow for certain instruments to be played indoors. But Upton said musicians will have the ability to wheel a piano and other instruments outside so practice can resume safely.

"The other thing we've done in all of our spaces is upgrade the ventilation. We've added ionization to all of the classrooms that had upgraded air conditioning systems," Upton said, "and then we've brought in large air scrubbers temper filters to cover the other areas of need."

Portable sinks, hand sanitizer bottles and other supplies can also be spotted throughout campus, including in the library where Librarian Dana Bart-Bell and school staff have reshuffled couches, chairs and shelves to make the area more comfortable and COVID-friendly.

Upton said he is optimistic that approximately 30-40 percent of students will show to class during the first week they are allowed back. And he hopes the number will increase to 60 to 70 percent of Samohi students once families see the safety precautions work.

Assistant Principal Tristan Komlos noted students have been good about understanding the safety requirements that must be upheld once they're on campus grounds. A quick walk through the quad and various grass areas, where students are masked and spaced apart while they talk, supports her statement.

"This year has been so hard on everybody, so the idea that we can get kids back to school, it's truly amazing," Upton said.

Samohi Principal Antonio Shelton agreed.

"Our students have continued to excel academically despite the stressors around them. They have inspired me and our staff throughout this pandemic," he said. "Having them return to campus has been the bright spot in our year thus far."

Komlos added it is great to have students on campus again because the energy level is what keeps teachers and principals going.

"It is so gratifying to see students returning to our campuses after more than a year away,"

Board President Jon Kean said. "I can't thank our principals, teachers, and staff enough for their Herculean efforts to reopen our schools and place the needs of all students first."

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RETURN: Samohi teachers and staff have worked hard to make students' return a reality..

JENNER

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"I don't think she's going to use it to further her own purpose, but rather bring awareness to what's happening here," Dunsmore said.

Jenner made headlines in recent years with her ties to Trump, who lost to Joe Biden in the state in November by over 5 million votes.

Jenner supported Trump in 2016 but later criticized his administration's reversal of a directive on transgender access to public school bathrooms. She also criticized Trump after he said transgender people would not be allowed to serve in the U.S. military.

In a statement, Newsom campaign spokesman Dan Newman said, "We always knew the ... recall would be a ludicrous circus full of Trump supporters."

The team advising Jenner has included Trump's former campaign manager, Brad Parscale, and GOP fundraiser Caroline Wren, who worked for Trump's campaign.

Jenner, who won the decathlon in the 1976 Summer Olympics, also could face questions about a 2015 fatal crash in which she rear-ended two cars. A 69-year-old woman was killed when her car was pushed into the path of an oncoming Hummer.

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