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Looking for Traqueros





Courtesy images

PICTURES: The Venice Mexican American Traquero Committee is asking the public to help locate any pictures of family members who were traqueros (Mexican and Mexican American Railroad Workers) that they would like to share. The Committee is trying to capture pictures and stories of all Traqueros, not just on the Westside. They can email Venicetraqueros@gmail.com and upload photos and information.

Santa Monica will keep mask rules synced to county standards

MATTHEW HALL
SMDP Editor

Santa Monica will keep its local mask ordinance in place as local and regional authorities continue to align their rules with state mandates.

California officials have said the state won't lift its mask requirement until June 15 to give the public and businesses time to prepare and ensure coronavirus cases stay low. Under local guidance, face coverings must continue to be worn indoors and around crowds, including for those who have been vaccinated.

"This supplement further signals the return to normal we've worked so hard to reach. We are grateful to the 71 percent of Santa Monicans who have been vaccinated and all community members who have worked together to promote the public health," said Interim City Manager Lane Dilg. "Thank you for continuing to mask up as we look forward to a full reopening of our State economy on June 15."

In Santa Monica, a crowded space is defined as a space outside of one's residence where a person

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Single school board trustee targeted by new recall petition

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

A second Notice of Intention to Circulate Recall Petitions has been filed in the Los Angeles County Registrar's Office against Santa Monica School Board Member Laurie Lieberman, but the longtime trustee said Wednesday that the document includes little more than false and misleading information.

Recall proponents originally filed four Notices of Intention to Circulate Recall Petitions in late March against Lieberman and her fellow SMMUSD board members Maria Leon Vazquez, Jon Kean and Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein. The notices alleged instances of retaliation and other acts, but recall proponents' efforts were derailed when County officials said they were unable to certify the documents since they lacked the necessary number of signatures.

In the weeks since, RecallSMMUSD leaders have remained mum on the situation while they continue to write blog posts that take aim at the decisions made by the local school board. On Monday, the Pico Neighborhood Association hosted a Zoom meeting that featured appearances from Kevin Shenkman, Maria Loya and Contra Costa County Board of Education Member Anamarie Avila Farias, who spoke extensively

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California restaurants expect rebound that will take years

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

Nearly a third of California's restaurants permanently closed and two-thirds of workers at least temporarily lost their jobs as the pandemic set in more than a year ago and Gov. Gavin Newsom imposed the nation's first statewide lockdown, a legislative committee reported Tuesday.

Few business sectors were more battered than the dining industry, which before the pandemic included more than 76,000 eating and drinking establishments employing 1.8 million people, according to the California Restaurant Association.

But with the shutdown, as many as a million of those workers were quickly furloughed or laid off, the association told the state Senate's Special Committee on Pandemic Emergency Response.

"COVID-19 has upended all of our lives, but its impacts have been felt more acutely in the restaurant industry," said Democratic state Sen. Josh Newman, who heads the committee and led the hearing on the issue. "It is clear that recovery will take time."

Restaurant employment is still down one-quarter from before the pandemic, according to the latest numbers from the state Employment Development Department.

Industry leaders said they fear a lack of labor may shutter more establishments as the economy reopens.

The state initially closed nonessential businesses, though it allowed food-serving establishments to continue offering takeout meals. Its color-coded tier system for reopening the economy later allowed restaurants to offer outdoor seating or indoor dining at various levels of capacity as coronavirus cases eased.

With infections dwindling, vaccinations increasing and a positivity rate below 1%, officials say California is on track to lift most remaining restrictions on June 15.

Yet many restaurants are struggling to serve the customers already allowed under current capacity limits because of a lack of staff, the committee said.

Potential employees may be able to make ends meet with

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COMPASS

FTC sues Frontier for delivering internet that's too slow

TALI ARBEL
AP Technology Writer

The Federal Trade Commission and six states are suing Frontier Communications for not delivering the internet speeds it promised customers and charging them for better, more expensive service than they actually got.

In its complaint, filed Wednesday in federal court in California, the FTC said thousands of Frontier customers have complained that the company was not delivering promised speeds. Customers said they couldn't use the internet service for the online activities they should have been able to.

The complaint concerns what's called DSL internet, an older type of network that's sent over copper telephone wires. Phone and cable companies today build networks which can handle much faster speeds. The FTC says Frontier provides DSL service to 1.3 million customers in 25 states, mostly in rural areas. It has about 3 million internet customers overall.

Involved in the suit are attorneys general from Arizona, Indiana, Michigan, North Carolina, Wisconsin and the district attorneys' offices of Los Angeles County and Riverside County on behalf of California. The complaint was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

Frontier said the lawsuit is without merit and it will defend itself. The company said its internet speeds "have been clearly and accurately articulated, defined and described in the company's marketing materials and disclosures."

Customers have for years complained about the Connecticut-based company, which filed for bankruptcy in April 2020 and emerged from out of bankruptcy at the end of April with $11 billion less in debt.

The FTC's complaint noted that Frontier has settled with West Virginia, New York, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Washington, and Minnesota in cases since 2015 in cases claiming the company was misrepresenting its internet speeds. It has denied wrongdoing.

The acting chairwoman of the FTC, Rebecca Kelly Slaughter, tweeted that while the case was important, the FTC could never "fully fill the regulatory gap" left after the Federal Communications Commission repealed net neutrality rules that oversaw internet service. The FCC repealed the rules under a Trump-appointed chairman in 2017. "Active oversight by the proper regulator may have prevented these violations," she said.

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California readies to prevent blackouts, but threats remain

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

California's top energy regulators on Tuesday said the state is better prepared to avoid last summer's rotating blackouts, but they cautioned the power grid of the nation's most populous state is still vulnerable to extreme heat waves that could force more outages later this year.

State officials say they have acquired an additional 3,500 megawatts of capacity ahead of a likely scorching summer that threatens to increase demand beyond what the grid can handle. That includes an additional 2,000 megawatts of batteries designed to store energy generated from renewable sources — like solar — that stop working when it gets dark.

In general, one megawatt of energy is enough to power hundreds of homes, depending on how it is generated.

"Does that mean we are in the clear? Not necessarily," Elliot Mainzer, president and CEO of the California Independent Systems Operator, told state lawmakers during an oversight hearing Tuesday. "The most significant risk factor for grid reliability remains extreme heat, particularly heat that spreads across the wider western United States. And it continues to get hotter every year."

More than an inconvenience, power outages during a major heat wave can also be deadly for vulnerable people while causing a host of other problems in a digital age that relies on electricity for everything from business transactions to Facebook posts.

Blackouts have become more common in California as utility companies will often intentionally turn off the power when it gets too windy in the dry summer months to prevent toppled powerlines from starting wildfires — like the one that killed 85 people and mostly destroyed the town of Paradise in 2018.

But the blackouts in August were the first in nearly 20 years because of an energy shortage, putting California's quest to have 100% of its energy come from renewable sources under more scrutiny.

"This summer will be an important test for the state," said Assemblyman Chris Holden, a Democrat from Pasadena and chair of the Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee. "California is at the vanguard of renewable energy policy. The nation and the world are watching to see how we integrate renewables but also that we can ensure reliability while doing so."

California's plan to survive the summer includes buying power from places "that are not clean resources," Marybel Batjer, president of the California Public Utilities Commission, told lawmakers on Tuesday. She did not say what those sources were, but she said regulators chose to buy them because they wanted to do everything they could to prevent blackouts this summer out of "health and safety concerns."

"I want to be clear that our planning and implementation of our clean energy future progresses forward and will only accelerate in the months and years to come," Batjer said.

Another round of blackouts could pose political concerns for Gov. Gavin Newsom, who will likely face a recall election later this year. In 2003, former Democratic Gov. Gray Davis was removed from office in a recall election largely driven by his handling of rolling blackouts, which were prompted by the deregulation of the energy sector and market manipulation by Enron and other companies.

Newsom's recall election is driven largely by anger over his handling of the pandemic. But rolling blackouts, however brief, could hurt him as he seeks to inspire confidence in voters that he deserves to keep his job.

Energy demand typically peaks in the late afternoon as air conditioners work to cool homes during the hottest part of the day. Demand usually subsides at night as temperatures cool. But that didn't happen in August, when temperatures were up to 20 degrees above normal for much of the western United States.

Demand was so high the weekend of Aug. 14 and 15 that state regulators ordered utility companies to intentionally turn off the power for some people to prevent more widespread outages across the grid, with outages lasting between 8 minutes and two-and-a-half hours.

Newsom declared a state emergency as state officials took drastic actions to find more power. That included David Hochschild, chair of the California Energy Commission, asking the U.S. Navy to use their diesel engines to power their ships instead of relying from on-shore power.

"There was a lot of things we had to do that none of us wants to do again," Batjer said.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

RFP: #290 SANTA MONICA TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

- **Submission Deadline is June 11, 2021 at 5:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is ProcureNow (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for the RFP package.

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica will be holding a public hearing for the following:

2020 Urban Water Management Plan and
Water Shortage Contingency Plan

The Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) is updated every five years and must be submitted to the California Department of Water Resources on or before July 1, 2021. New legislation also requires the City to submit a Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) with the UWMP.

A public hearing for the 2020 UWMP and WSCP will be held during the June 8, 2021 City Council meeting. Effective May 5, 2020 public comment is conducted remotely until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. Please visit the City Clerk's website for updates. https://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/

A copy of the Draft UWMP and WSCP will be made available on the Water Resources Division website in advance of the City Council meeting at: www.santamonica.gov/UWMP

For comments, questions, and inquiries, please e-mail: water.resources@santamonica.gov



DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 271 CALLS ON MAY 18

Stakeout 1600blk Ocean Ave 12:07 a.m.
Overdose 800blk Bay St 12:09 a.m.
Loud Music 1500blk Berkeley St 12:24 a.m.
Speeding2000blk Ocean Ave 12:54 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved Lincoln Blvd / Michigan Ave 1:42 a.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 1900blk Cloverfield Blvd 3:02 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1700blk Stewart St 3:48 a.m.
Battery Now 1400blk Ocean Front Walk 3:55 a.m.
Vandalism Now 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:09 a.m.
Encampment 1300blk Palisades Park 4:33 a.m.
Loitering 900blk 4th St 4:39 a.m.
Battery 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 5:42 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk The Beach 6:09 a.m.
Lost Property 1500blk The Beach 6:52 a.m.
Citizen Flag 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 7:01 a.m.
Loitering 2500blk Lincoln Blvd 7:09 a.m.
Encampment 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 7:16 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1800blk 7th St 7:19 a.m.
Burglary Report 1200blk 14th St 7:31 a.m.
Death Investigation 1700blk Centinela Ave 7:33 a.m.
Vandalism Report 1700blk Ocean Ave 8:05 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 100blk Hart Ave 8:06 a.m.
Domestic Violence Now 2600blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:08 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Ocean Ave / Bay St 8:13 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2400blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:28 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1100blk Princeton St 8:40 a.m.
Lost Property 300blk Olympic Dr 8:57 a.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 9:02 a.m.
Burglary Report 1200blk 14th St 9:12 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1700blk 14th St 9:32 a.m.
Vandalism Report 800blk 18th St 9:33 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 300blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:35 a.m.
Keep The Peace 800blk 18th St 9:43 a.m.
Vandalism Report 3000blk Lincoln Blvd 9:45 a.m.
Citizen Flag 600blk Wilshire Blvd 9:48 a.m.
Lost Property Lincoln Blvd / Hill St 9:50 a.m.
Lost Property 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:03 a.m.
Lost Property 1500blk The Beach 10:04 a.m.
Assault 100blk Wilshire Blvd 10:11 a.m.
Citizen Flag 1200blk 5th St 10:25 a.m.
Burglary Report 1500blk 10th St 10:53 a.m.
Burglary Report 1300blk Berkeley St 10:57 a.m.
Identity Theft 800blk Bay St 11:08 a.m.
Vandalism 2900blk Main St 11:29 a.m.
Encampment 2700blk Barnard Way 11:30 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1700blk 4th St 11:48 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1700blk Sunset Ave 12:04 p.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals Main St / Marine St 12:28 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1000blk 19th St 12:29 p.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 1100blk 26th St 12:36 p.m.
Encampment 1100blk 4th St 12:55 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Broadway 1:13 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1000blk Wilshire Blvd 1:19 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1800blk 7th St 1:28 p.m.
Vandalism Report 2700blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:28 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2200blk Virginia Ave 1:31 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 1:34 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 17th St / Broadway 1:35 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 100blk Broadway 1:54 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1900blk Idaho Ave 2:09 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 3100blk Pico Blvd 2:14 p.m.
Vandalism Report 2700blk Ocean Park Blvd 2:15 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1300blk 4th St 2:29 p.m.
Fraud Report 1400blk Wilshire Blvd 2:31 p.m.
Speeding1400blk The Beach 2:34 p.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 2:42 p.m.
Identity Theft 500blk California Ave 2:55 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 17th St / Broadway 3:02 p.m.
Found Property 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 3:06 p.m.
Grand Theft 2300blk 22nd St 3:21 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 100blk Ocean Park Blvd 3:26 p.m.
Burglary Report 800blk 7th St 3:40 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 800blk 3rd St 3:44 p.m.
Fraud Report 2500blk 3rd St 3:51 p.m.
Injured Person 400blk 7th St 3:58 p.m.
Battery Report 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:59 p.m.
2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:07 p.m.
Sexual Assault 300blk Santa Monica Pier 4:18 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 26th St / Pico Blvd 4:33 p.m.
Fraud Report 300blk Montana Ave 4:53 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 17th St / Broadway 4:59 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 700blk Montana Ave 5:12 p.m.
Prowler 2000blk 20th St 5:25 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 600blk Wilshire Blvd 5:49 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1400blk 2nd St 5:55 p.m.
Person With A Gun Cloverfield Blvd / Olympic Blvd 5:59 p.m.
Fight Appian Way / Pacific Ter 6:13 p.m.
Vandalism Report 2900blk 2nd St 6:30 p.m.
Family Disturbance 2300blk 16th St 6:32 p.m.
Loitering 1300blk 17th St 6:55 p.m.
Identity Theft Colma California 7:04 p.m.
Loud Music 2600blk Barnard Way 7:05 p.m.
Fight 500blk Colorado Blvd 7:13 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1500blk 2nd St 7:29 p.m.
Loud Music 2700blk Barnard Way 7:46 p.m.
Loud Music 00blk Bay St 8:02 p.m.
Loud Music 2700blk Barnard Way 8:06 p.m.
Loud Music 2600blk Barnard Way 8:34 p.m.
Loud Music 2700blk Barnard Way 8:37 p.m.
Vandalism Now 2100blk Main St 9:32 p.m.
Speeding 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:35 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1600blk Ocean Ave 11:20 p.m.
Petty Theft 1400blk 2nd St 11:22 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 29 CALLS ON MAY 18

EMS 800blk Bay St 12:09 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 2:26 a.m.
EMS 900blk 9th St 4:04 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 5th St 6:24 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Centinela Ave 7:32 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2200blk Colorado Ave 7:33 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1600blk Ocean Ave 8:02 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 8:43 a.m.
EMS 20th St / Broadway 8:53 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 9:12 a.m.
EMS 800blk 2nd St 9:28 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200blk Ocean Ave 10:31 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 11:20 a.m.
EMS 600blk Wilshire Blvd 11:55 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Sunset Ave 11:59 a.m.
Electrical Fire - No Fire Visible 1900blk 19th St 1:31 p.m.
EMS 100blk Montana Ave 2:24 p.m.
Wires Down 400blk Ashland Ave 3:00 p.m.
EMS 900blk 9th St 3:06 p.m.
EMS 5th St / Colorado Ave 3:13 p.m.
EMS 400blk 7th St 3:56 p.m.
EMS 700blk Pico Blvd 4:14 p.m.
EMS 18th St / California Ave 5:23 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 5:33 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 3rd St 6:05 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Broadway 6:22 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:34 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 800blk 9th St 6:39 p.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 8:53 p.m.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

Public Health Connects Businesses to Mobile Vaccinations

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has confirmed 16 new deaths and 255 new cases of COVID-19. Of the 16 new deaths reported today, six people that passed away were over the age of 80, five people who died were between the ages of 65 and 79, four people who died were between the ages of 50 and 64, and one person who died was between the ages of 18 and 29.

To date, Public Health identified 1,237,899 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 24,117 deaths. There are 352 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized and 22% of these people are in the ICU. Testing results are available for nearly 6,662,000 individuals with 17% of people testing positive. Today's daily test positivity rate is 0.5%.

Masking and distancing requirements remain in L.A. County. With the majority of County residents still unvaccinated and more opportunities for intermingling, businesses must continue to adhere to workplace protocols that require infection control, occupancy limits, distancing, masking, and appropriate PPE that protect employees, customers and residents from COVID-19. Businesses must also complete and implement their safety protocols and post them or a copy of their Los Angeles County COVID-19 Compliance Program certificate.

Public Health's compliance team continues to visit businesses across the County every day. Inspectors provide education, technical assistance, identify violations, and may issue citations for businesses out of compliance. From May 13 to May 16, a total of seven citations were issued to restaurants for noncompliance with Health Officer Orders. Noncompliance and dangerous conditions at businesses can be reported to Public Health by phone at 888-700-9995 or online at www.publichealth.lacounty.gov . These tips can be submitted anonymously.

Public Health is connecting businesses and workplaces needing vaccinations to County mobile units and vaccination partners throughout the community. Employers are encouraged to fill out the COVID-19 Mobile Vaccine Team Interest Form to express interest in having a mobile vaccine unit come out to your business or workplace to provide vaccines to groups of employees. The form can be found on www.VaccinateLACounty.com.

"We send our deepest condolences to the many people across our County mourning a family member or friend who has passed away due to COVID-19," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "Almost everyone getting infected, being hospitalized or dying from COVID-19 these past few weeks, is not fully vaccinated. If you are already vaccinated, please do your part to help those around you that are not yet vaccinated, feel confident that COVID-19 vaccines are safe and work. Every vaccinated person can be an influencer - and by sharing your story, you can make a difference and even save a life."

COVID-19 vaccinations are available at County-run sites and many community sites without an appointment. Anyone 12 and older living or working in L.A. County can get vaccinated. For now, only the Pfizer vaccine is approved for children, so make sure to go to a site that administers the Pfizer vaccine for children and teens. Teens 12 to 17 years old need to be accompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible adult.

To find a vaccination site near you, to make an appointment at vaccination sites, and much more, visit: www.VaccinateLACounty.com (English) and www.VacunateLosAngeles.com (Spanish). If you don't have internet access, can't use a computer, or you're over 65, you can call 1-833-540-0473 for help finding an appointment or scheduling a home-visit if you are homebound. Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status.

County Reopening Protocols, COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard, COVID-19 Surveillance Interactive Dashboard, Roadmap to Recovery, Recovery Dashboard, and additional actions you can take to protect yourself, your family and your community are on the Public Health website, www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

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Letter to the Editor

By Peter Harding

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When Trumpism Comes to Santa Monica, Kids Lose

Growing up through the Bush and Obama years, politics were always contentious. Until 2016 though, I never fully appreciated just how ugly and bizarre things could get. One could call me naive, but frankly I never expected that nearly half of a Republican nominee's voters would believe—with zero evidence—that the Democratic nominee for President ran a child sex ring out of the basement of a pizza parlor that didn't even have a basement. And, aside from the rise of conspiracy theories, I didn't expect the discourse of a major political party to devolve to the level of "[insert Sleepy Joe/Crooked Hillary] and the Democrats want to destroy America." Even as I was forced to swallow that new national political reality, as a proud Santa Monican I at least clung to the hope that such juvenile disdain for truth and decency would not overrun my progressive hometown.

Now that was naive. At this point, I should say that my mother is SMMUSD Boardmember Laurie Lieberman. I can speak firsthand to the seemingly endless, uncompensated hours she spends working her tail off to improve our schools for each and every kid in this district. I can also speak firsthand to the disgusting, Trumpian, QAnon-esque allegations that a handful of perpetually aggrieved individuals have hurled at my mother, her colleagues, and my family in recent months. I won't waste anyone's time or brain cells by detailing each allegation, but my personal favorite is the notion that my mom ran for School Board for the purpose of pursuing grandiose construction/real estate deals to benefit my dad's law firm. There is quite literally not even a speck of truth to this claim. At its core, it's a conspiracy theory alleging that a female public official only ran for office to do her husband's financial bidding. It's sexist garbage, full stop. Again, it's also demonstrably false.

Here are some relevant facts. I am a third-generation Samohi graduate. My grandfather was student body president back in the '40s. My mom's mom was a professor of education at Columbia and Stanford, my mom's sister is a history professor, and my sister is a third-grade public school teacher. My mom has been a dedicated public servant in Santa Monica for decades. Someone with an ounce of interest in the truth might have inquired into my mom's background—in particular how deeply education, especially public education in Santa Monica, is ingrained within her values—before launching a baseless, pathetic character assassination campaign premised on an irrational personal vendetta against a good person.

The recall proponents' tactics are simply a local manifestation of troubling national trends toward a politics of anger, dishonesty, and presumption of worst intentions. No public servant or member of the public deserves to be subjected to these reprehensible smear tactics in Santa Monica.

Please stand up to oppose the SMMUSD recall and encourage your friends and family to do the same. As Vice President Kamala Harris stressed ad nauseam in 2020, "we are better than this."

Peter Harding

FRONTIER

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The Minnesota attorney general's office settled with Frontier last July over possible deceptive billing practices. The company agreed to disclose its prices to new customers before they get service and said it would pay $750,000 in restitution to customers. It also agreed to invest at least $10 million over four years to improve its broadband network in the state. West Virginia in 2015 required the company to spend $150 million to boost internet speeds for rural customers as part of a settlement.

Millions of Americans can't get online because they have no access to high-speed internet or can't afford it. The Biden administration has promised to tackle this "digital divide."



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Letter to the Editor

By Ms. Ingha Hadi

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Reopen the Library

Dear Santa Monica,

It has been some time, but you or your kids might remember me as Ms. Ingha, formerly the Youth Services Librarian at our neighborhood's beloved Montana Avenue Branch Library.

With the severe budget cuts last spring, Santa Monica cut 45% of their library staff; 80% of the SMPL youth services team—including myself—were laid off.

I write to inform you, my former patrons and fellow community members, the City's biennial fiscal year 2021-2023 budget will not bring back our library. Projections show that the US economy is at the precipice of a massive rebound. And, if all goes well, by this time next year life should be somewhat close to being back to normal.

But, even if that happens, the Santa Monica Public Library will not be brought back to life as we knew it. The proposed budget does not provide funds to fully open the libraries for the next 2 years (Spring 2023). This means as everywhere else fully opens up again, the library will not.

I became a librarian to promote literacy. During my time at the Montana branch, I got to know many of the youth and families in our community. It concerns me that many Santa Monica youth have spent whole days in front of the screen over the past year. And, although a "Zoom education" is better than no education at all, researchers predict the pandemic has already had a massive impact on childhood literacy.

Santa Monica needs libraries more than ever.

Our City must take the necessary steps and re-fund the Santa Monica Public Library system, re-staff our libraries with librarians, and re-open the closed branches so that all children can benefit from a community that supports them in becoming whole individuals who will flourish into healthy, bright, and contributing citizens of the 21st century. I urge you to let the City Council know prior to their May 25th meeting how much of a priority restoring our City's libraries back to normal must be.

Thank you for your time.

Ms. Ingha Hadi, Former Santa Monica Librarian

RECALL

FROM PAGE 1

about similar problems she has seen in her area.

Recall opponents characterized the discussion as "Trumpian" and said RecallSMMUSD officials are being agitators to force a change of position on several issues, like the demolition of the history building and Malibu unification.

Lieberman had similar remarks about the notice she received in the mail on Friday.

"The recall proponents are legitimizing and creating a toxic local culture by employing mean-spirited and dishonest tactics that gained ground nationally during the Trump presidency," Lieberman said. "Leaders of the recall are driven by the desire to punish existing Board members with whom they have personal, policy or political disagreements and to squeeze the School Board into changing decisions that have been made thoughtfully but with which certain people disagree."

Lieberman also accused recall proponents of abusing a democratic process and took issue with the deliberate misrepresentation of School Board actions through the use of "alternative facts and snippets of misinformation without context."

"Elections exist so that we can all vote for those who we think will or are already doing a good job and to vote out those who we believe are not doing the job we want them to do," Lieberman said. "I stand behind my accomplishments while on the School Board; I have received the highest number of votes for School Board in the three elections in which I have run. I am honored to serve my community and our school district. I have served honestly and diligently. I have done nothing that justifies a recall."

A coalition of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District stakeholders formally opposing the effort to recall SMMUSD school board members agreed with Lieberman's sentiments during a conversation earlier this week.

Co-chaired by former Santa Monica Councilmember Ted Winterer, Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association Vice President Claudia Bautista-Nicolas and parent activist Nicole Faries, the Stop the SMMUSD Recall campaign hopes to educate voters on the deeds of the local School Board and why the recall, which they described as cynical Monday, is really occurring.

"Our schools are among the top 2% in the entire nation – largely due to the high-quality student experience, collaborative culture, and forward-thinking fostered by the school board members targeted for recall," said Nicole Faries, a campaign co-chair of the Stop the SMMUSD Recall campaign. "From Rep Ted Lieu and Santa Monica Mayor Sue Himmelrich, to the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association and Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, our coalition has come together to protect excellence and equity in our schools."

Faries added a recall could cost taxpayers nearly $750,000 if it qualifies for the ballot, which she feels is quite costly for a district in the midst of a pandemic.

"We are determined to stop this malicious, intentionally deceptive and outrageously false recall campaign mounted by a small group with personal grievances and agendas who are attempting to delegitimize our democratic electoral process," Faries said, describing the recall attempt as a delegitimation of the election process.

RecallSMMUSD officials did not respond to a request for comment Wednesday.

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Noteworthy

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The Best Times of My Life

WHO KNOWS?

For sure when we will be enjoying music in person again as we used to. In the Good Old Days. — only 15 months ago? Seems like a much longer home-confinement prison sentence. My cell block plays some pretty good tunes. But, it's still not live. It will be a slow progression, I imagine.

I have a healthy respect for facts, science, and for viruses smart enough to hide and mutate and kill millions of us. And I have a desire to live long enough to hear that music again. Not to mention that I want my performers still breathing.

SO NOTEWORTHY

For now will continue to be bits and pieces, shiny objects, tales and trophies, insights and insults, teaching and preaching, musty music memories. While I feel I was blessed to have lived through the best eras for music —

from seeing Elvis on TV for his first time ever (uncensored, I was 8, on The Tommy & Jimmy Dorsey Show, they were big band guys), to The Beatles on Ed Sullivan (and The Stones, Animals, Everly Brothers, Chuck Berry and everyone else), cruising with AM car radio that played just about EVERYthing, Buck Owens followed by The Troggs (what a music school!), almost catching the great Yardbirds in little Las Cruces, NM but finding out just as we were about to jump in the car to drive 450 miles, that the venue burned down the night before, to Cream on their farewell tour in only a dozen US venues, to hanging with Buck Owens at a honky tonk at the edge of Albuquerque and Glen Campbell, who lived there for a while, getting up to jam, to riding in Yes's hot air balloon with an outrageous sound system, to giving the New Riders' John Dawson a ride to Taos (proving true all I'd heard about his prodigious drug intake) after their stunning set opening for the Dead's stunning three-hour set (the only time I ever saw them), to the mind blowing parade of music, literary and other cultural icon guests on Hugh Heffner's very short-lived TV series "Playboy After Dark"

— to The Ramones nearly blasting down the walls of a small coffeehouse, playing at stadium volume, to a life-changing concert by Jimi just a few weeks before he died, to watching from side stage the incomparable acoustic guitarist John Fahey's hands shaking noticeably until the instant he set them on the guitar and played flawlessly like God's personal messenger, to Emerson, Lake & Palmer's unheard-of monster quad sound setup inside the 20,000-capacity Pit, to the ZZ Top tour with a live buffalo on stage, to The Stones' very best tour, 1972, with the founding lineup plus Mick Taylor in for the deceased Brian Jones (their best lineup ever) with Stevie Wonder opening, to Tiny Tim's wedding to Miss Vicki on The Johnny Carson Show, to the illustrious classical Guarneri Quartet's viola-violinist Michael Tree showing up at my farewell to NM party but proving to be too blue-nosed to fiddle with the cool country band I had there, Lawyers, Guns & Money (they were mostly lawyers, my friend/bass player Chuck Daniels later



Courtesy photo

A MISSED CHANCE: ... what might have been.

became Chief Justice of the NM Supreme Court, up yours, Tree), to being absolutely floored by Led Zeppelin on their first tour, in a 3,000 capacity hall,

— to The Pointer Sisters, LaBelle and Bette Midler (not together) giving outrageously fun performances that brought out Albuquerque's previously below-the-radar gay community in full feathers, to the incredibly good Dylan-Band tour (drove to Denver), his first since almost losing it in a bad motorcycle crash, to being disappointed to find out Randy Newman was being honest when he warned me, as I sat down, that he was a bad interview, just a boring suburban dad who mowed his own lawn, to being delighted to see Capt. Beefheart twist into self-conscious, stammering knots a parade of hipper-than-thou DJs at the campus radio station who were each convinced they could "save" the live on-air interview with the avant-garde intellect who had no use for them, to finding John Mayall was a cool, authentic blues guy who scheduled his last tour show in NM so he could go hiking into the great wilderness there (and that he was in twice the shape I was at twice the age),

— to being less than enthusiastic about Dylan's first show in my hometown because he was in his musically-fallow born-again period, but sailing high out of the show because opening act Leon Russell absolutely took us all to church, to saving myself the embarrassment of being terribly shot down, or punched by Lindsay Buckingham, when I was about to hit on that very cute little blonde sharing my side stage vantage point for the opening act, only to realize at the last moment that she was the new singer in Fleetwood Mac, to agreeing to give up the interview with Steppenwolf's John Kay and tagging along as the photographer because my friend Michael Blake was astute enough to propose, "he's a Canadian born in Communist East Germany and I want to ask him about his politics and not even mention music," to finally seeing the Beach Boys and hating them for years after because Dennis Wilson was so out of it he

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Medicare for 60-year-olds not guaranteed to be a better deal

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Associated Press

President Joe Biden and progressive Democrats have proposed to lower Medicare's eligibility age to 60, to help older adults get affordable coverage. But a new study finds that Medicare can be more expensive than other options, particularly for many people of modest means.

There are two reasons: Traditional Medicare has gaps in coverage that most people fill by purchasing supplemental plans, which means they pay added premiums. And premiums for the Obama-era Affordable Care Act have come way down recently due to Biden's COVID relief bill. That's made the ACA more attractive for older adults who haven't reached Medicare's eligibility age of 65.

"Simply expanding Medicare eligibility does not guarantee premium affordability," concluded the study by Avalere Health for The Associated Press.

It found that many older adults with low to modest incomes can already find cheaper premiums in Obamacare's markets, while those in the solid middle class would be more likely to benefit if they could get into Medicare.

Lowering the Medicare eligibility age to 60 is politically popular, with nearly 2 in 3 Americans backing the idea in a Kaiser Family Foundation poll late last year. That included about half of Republicans. But in Congress the proposal has little support from Republicans, meaning that it would be up to Democrats to try to advance it. Liberals are enthusiastic, but moderates worry that tinkering with Medicare's complex financing could have unintended political consequences.

The Avalere analysis did find that traditional Medicare has an important advantage over Obamacare because hospitals and doctors nationwide accept it, whereas coverage through private insurers generally relies on restrictive networks. Another potential plus: the combination of traditional Medicare and a supplemental "Medigap" policy provides more generous coverage than the ACA's midlevel plans.

Avalere, a market analysis and consulting firm, compared Obamacare premiums to premiums for Medicare coverage in Houston, Miami, Los Angeles, and Chicago for a hypothetical 60-year-old nonsmoker and a 65-year-old enrolled in Medicare. Because the ACA's financial assistance is keyed to income, the study looked at individuals making about $18,000 a year, those making about $32,000, and those around $52,000. It also took into account Medicare Advantage, the private insurance option that nearly 4 in 10 Medicare enrollees pick.

Medicare was generally the better deal for those in the solid middle class, those around $52,000.

In Houston, a 60-year-old making $32,000 can get a midlevel ACA "silver" plan for $88 a month, compared with either $284 for traditional Medicare plus a Medigap supplement and a prescription plan, or a Medicare Advantage plan starting at $149. For a resident of the same city making $52,000, the Obamacare plan would cost $344, making Medicare the better deal.

A hypothetical 60-year-old in Los Angeles making $18,000 can now get a silver plan for a monthly premium of $1, compared with $277 for traditional Medicare and its added wrap-around coverage. But for an Angeleno making $52,000, traditional Medicare would work out to about $70 less per month than the ACA plan.

"Simply expanding Medicare as it is to younger people does not always mean those patients are getting a better deal," said Chris Sloan, an industry analyst at Avalere. "The things that the Biden administration has done to increase the Obamacare subsidies thru 2022 have made it really affordable."

Biden is asking Congress to permanently extend the more generous financial assistance that has brought down the cost Obamacare premiums.

The Avalere analysis also found that uninsured people make up only 8% of the 24.5 million adults ages 60-64 who would qualify for Medicare by lowering the eligibility age. Of the total, about 6 in 10 currently have employer coverage.

The Biden administration, through the Department of Health and Human Services, had no comment.

Economist John Holahan of the Urban Institute think thank said the new research "illustrates an important point."

"Medicare as it stands right now is a sort of complicated beast with a separate drug plan and no out-of-pocket caps," he said. "The nation has that in the ACA, and at a pretty heavily subsidized amount."

Without other changes, lowering the Medicare eligibility age may not really solve coverage or affordability problems, said health policy expert Katherine Hempstead of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

"It's hard to see a lot of obvious situations where 'Wow, this is a great deal' for someone, or a big improvement over the status quo," she said.

But Rep. Ro Khanna, D-Calif., a progressive advocating a "Medicare for All" national health insurance plan, said the study framed the question too narrowly. A new tax-financed plan modeled on Medicare and offering comprehensive coverage with no premiums or deductibles would be better for consumers, he said. And the U.S. would reduce health care spending because Medicare pays doctors and hospitals less than private insurance.

"The ACA is still basically a subsidy for private insurance," said Khanna. "What we don't want to be doing is entrenching private insurance companies that are a drain on American competitiveness and have failed to deliver comprehensive coverage to Americans."

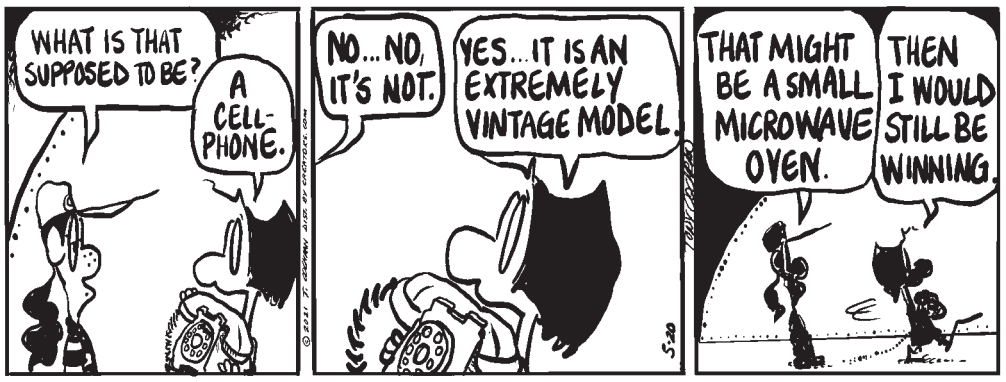
In other findings, the study showed that in Miami, the ACA could offer slightly lower premiums than traditional Medicare even for a solid middle-class individual making $52,000, a potential savings of about $40 a month.

And in Chicago, the traditional Medicare combination would cost a lower-income person $268 a month. But they could find ACA coverage starting at $1.



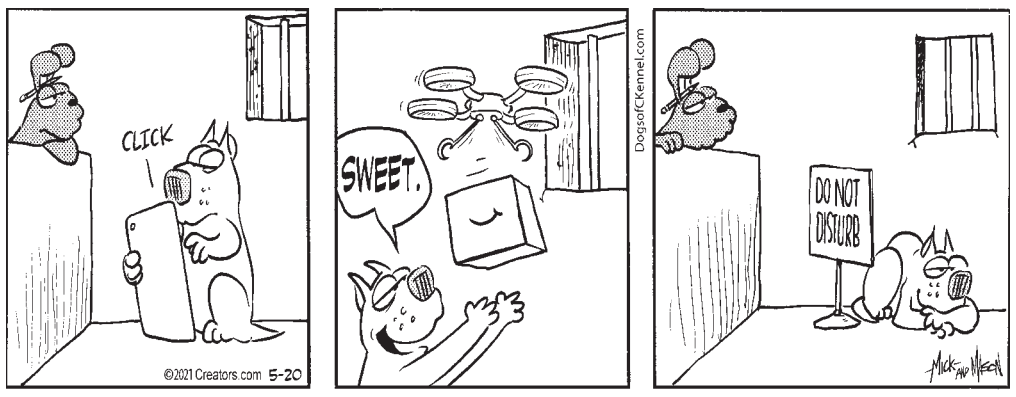
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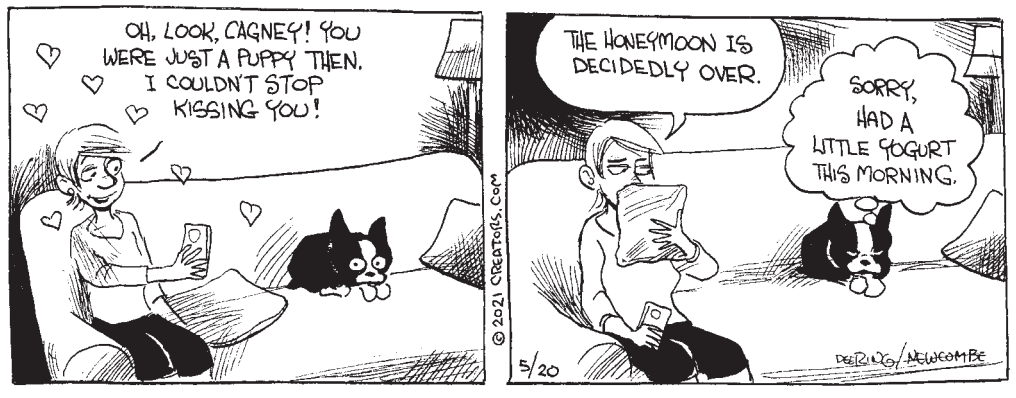
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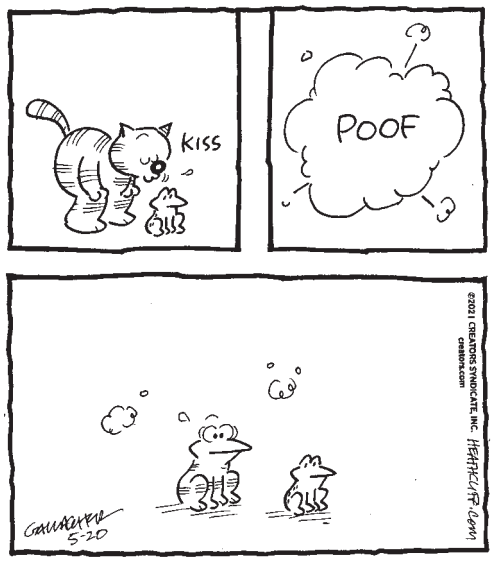
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SURF FORECASTS

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THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high occ. 5 ft
winds/variable looking best. Breezy Westerlies in the PM. Selective, long period SSW/S swell holds through the day – focuses best at summer magnets west of Pt Dume. Small NW swell up a bit.

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 4-5ft Chest to head high occ. 6 ft
Potential for all day onshore flow, strongest in the PM. Very long period new SSW/S swell builds all day – more size select spots. Smaller NW swell continues.

WEATHER

Thursday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 66.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54. West southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 66. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2021/05/20	Thu	6:24 PM	4.24	H
2021/05/21	Fri	12:07 AM	2.06	L
2021/05/21	Fri	05:31 AM	4.04	H
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Power#: 24
Jackpot: 201 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 5/18
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Jackpot: 515 M

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Draw Date: 5/15
6 18 27 35 36
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Jackpot: 47 M

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Draw Date: 5/18
EVENING: 9 3 3

Draw Date: 5/18
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MAY 20)

This year's mood in one word: inspired. There's a fire in you, lit by ideas and people taking life in a dazzling direction. You give that same fire to others, just by being in pursuit of your passion. Your welcoming ways will start a new wave of social fun. A group forms and this could even develop into a team or movement. Cancer and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 25, 3, 10 and 7.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Here comes the reshuffling of your deck of priorities, a process outside of your control, followed by the giddy anticipation as the cards are being dealt. What will you get? It matters but not as much as how you play what you get.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Allowing yourself to get distracted will drain your precious energy unless those distractions are so quality they inspire you. You'll know immediately. Unless you get hit by a "wow" factor, keep moving along.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You may not feel qualified to assume the position you are being asked to fill, but they think you have what it takes, and they're right. You'll gain skills along the way. Just say yes.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). With people around to show you how a thing is done, the plus is that you can skip over a lot of potentially embarrassing trial and error. The minus is that you won't know what you might have invented through failing on your own.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). How deftly you'll navigate the paradox represented in this day: Now is the only moment. And yet, nothing good happens without some degree of delayed gratification.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're carrying more than you know. It's like your mind has pockets you haven't checked in a while. Go through, gather up the useless and dated ideas, and then release them to the trash.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A person need not infringe, intrude or invade your space in any way in order to strike a chord at the very heart of you. The strings ring out with sympathetic resonance when you witness the emotional tone you know so very well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). With multitudes clamoring for attention, the one who doesn't seem to want any becomes accidentally alluring. They will wonder about your private life and inner world that is so compelling that publicity is unwelcome.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Paying attention to a problem doesn't necessarily lead to its solution. Instead, stay focused on what you want. As you keep moving toward that pretty picture, life starts to assemble it before your eyes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have a reputation for being extremely capable — the kind of person who appears in a crisis and fixes everything with brisk elan. That said, don't make it a habit to fix for the same person repeatedly; teach instead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The skill of compartmentalization is a complement to so many areas of life. Just be sure, every once in a while, to remind yourself what's folded and tucked away. Today's success depends on such a check-in.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your past experience matters less than the way people are experiencing you now. You will open doors with your social skills and confident demeanor.

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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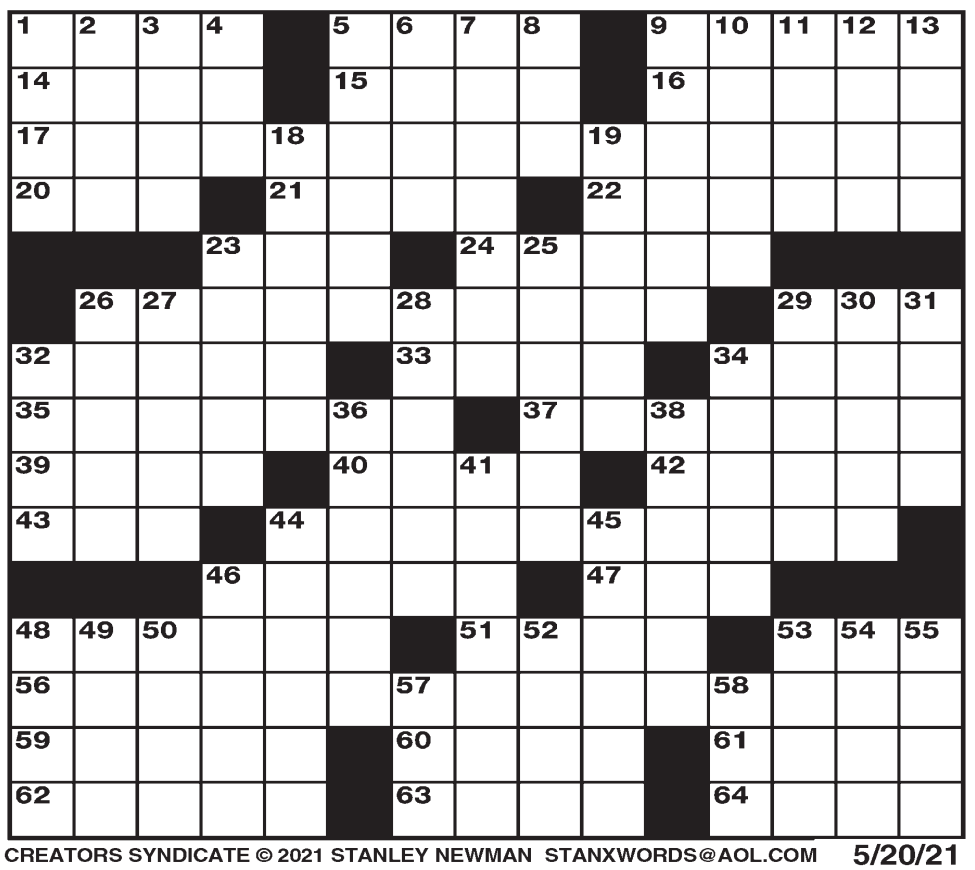
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Far from certain
5 It's between Austin and Dallas
9 Where queens are most powerful
14 Mah-jongg piece
15 Mythical bow toter
16 Winfrey's company
17 Auto safety test
20 Bit of wizardry
21 Antique, quaintly
22 Opts for
23 Adjectival ending
24 TV section listing
26 Inauspicious outset
29 Puncture preceder
32 Cliffside nest
33 Source of spray
34 '90s hi-tech
35 Family member
37 Large wardrobe
39 Pealed
40 Aladdin, for instance
42 Crunchy part of some cakes
43 Director Lee
44 One at home at Wrigley
46 Any vessel
47 Dr. Fauci's employer
48 Colonial firebrand Adams
51 Exemplar of grace
53 Useful URL link
56 Parade-training officer
59 Month before *mai*
60 Retail complex
61 Subcompact
62 What's missing from the accounting department?
63 Without purpose
64 Drainpipe part

DOWN
1 Nagging feeling
2 Prehistoric discovery
3 Where linseed oil comes from
4 "Be my guest"
5 Founder of Methodism
6 Extra-dry
7 Snaps out of it
8 The Buckeyes
9 Mountain home
10 Wanted no part of
11 *Little Mermaid* hero
12 Predicament
13 Family members
18 Hit the horn
19 Longtime PBS news anchor
23 Torte topper
25 Yellow fruit
26 Showing after the first
27 Long-armed beast
28 Zhivago portrayer
29 80%-vowel valedictory
30 Faux cocoa
31 Exercises, as an option
32 It's between Jaipur and Lucknow
34 Possibly screened space
36 Oahu "thank you"
38 Dairy delivery
41 Shows sullenness
44 Cuisine with crawfish
45 Twisted, as tree trunks
46 Do creditably
48 Small scuffle
49 Menlo Park middle name
50 Big name in bars
52 Creditably
53 Equitable
54 Author Quindlen
55 Brand associated with wax
57 Abbr. for two-name people
58 Short-notice transporter



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Binary Puzzle

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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RESTAURANT

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unemployment and federal stimulus benefits instead of going back to work, it said in its report. Some may fear for their safety during the pandemic, while others may want "more stable career paths" after being repeatedly furloughed.

"Right now we're just at the beginning of feeling this crunch," said Matthew Sutton, California Restaurant Association senior vice president for government affairs and public policy.

Without providing specifics, he said lawmakers might want to use part of the state's massive budget surplus to create an incentive program for employees to return to work. Other committee witnesses said they're hoping for more direct aid either through stimulus or tax relief funding.

The industry is expected to eventually rebound, the restaurant association reported, creating another 160,000 jobs by 2029, for a total of nearly 2 million statewide.

"This is a two- to three-year recovery," Kevin McCarney, founder and chief executive officer of Southern California's Poquito Más restaurant, told the committee. In the meantime, restaurateurs said they have to recover from the revenue they lost while their fixed costs like rent and insurance continued.

"It's not a given that we're going to survive," said Laurie Thomas, executive director of the Golden Gate Restaurant Association and owner of two popular restaurants. "We're all digging out from so much the past 15 months."

With a lack of specifics from the state on the June 15 reopening, she fears restaurants will be allowed to return to full capacity only with vaccinated customers, leaving their staff to become "the new ID police" expected to check vaccination cards — a role she and others said they can't handle.

Several witnesses expressed frustration with the state's changing shutdown rules or lack of information on assistance programs, though Greg Dulan, owner of Dulan's Soul Food Kitchen in Los Angeles County, said the state-funded Great Plates food delivery program saved his business during the pandemic.

Health officials' abrupt shutdown orders gave restaurant owners no time to ramp down employment or distribute food, beverages and other supplies they had just acquired, witnesses said at the hearing.

In hindsight, the state lacked evidence to back up its decision to close outdoor dining and that rationale "was not effectively communicated," said Marin County Public Health Officer Dr. Matt Willis, though he said the evidence of virus transmissions during indoor dining was much more clear.

With no time to collect data on the risk of transmissions from open air contact, health officials had to use their best judgment at the time but now understand that the risk of outdoor transmission is low, said Willis and California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health executive director Justin Malan.

"We may not have had all the right answers ... but remember, this was a novel coronavirus," said Malan. "We didn't have a blueprint on how to respond to this."

Restaurants said they adapted to a new business model on the fly during the pandemic.

They could offer curbside deliveries or deliveries off-site, or expand into outdoor areas like patios, sidewalks, parking lots and closed-off streets with local approval — innovations that may remain for some time.

Some adopted disposable menus or ones customers could view on their smartphones. And Sutton said improvements restaurants made to their indoor airflow and filtering will remain long-term.

MASK

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cannot maintain at least 6 feet of distance from non-household members and it is unknown whether all persons present are fully vaccinated. Examples include live performances, parades, sporting events, and the Santa Monica Pier, Ocean Front Walk, and the Third Street Promenade on weekends, national holidays, and after 12 p.m. on Fridays.

The updated rules also include updates to parking rules that allow officials to resume imposition of late payment penalties for unpaid or delinquent parking citations; enforcement of parking restrictions and limitations in Green Parking Zones; and towing for violations of the California Vehicle Code related to delinquent parking citations and expired registration.

The changes come as more counties drop restrictions across the state.

Orange, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara and Amador counties are moving from the orange, or moderate, tier to the yellow, or minimal, tier. Tehama County is improving from the red, substantial, tier to orange.

The moves will put 13 counties in yellow, 35 in orange, 10 in red. No counties are in the purple, or substantial, tier.

Santa Clara County's health officer, Dr. Sara Cody, immediately announced that new yellow tier rules will implemented. Among the local rules being lifted are requirements that businesses maximize the number of staff who are teleworking.

The improvements were announced a day after the state's health director announced that California will require people to keep wearing masks and practice social distancing indoors until June 15 — the date when Gov. Newsom has said nearly all COVID-19 restrictions will be dropped if cases remain low.

More than 34.8 million vaccines have been administered in California, and the seven-day positivity rate is down to just 0.9%.

During a virtual meeting of the California Travel and Tourism Commission, the governor noted, however, that since the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended looser masking guidelines last week there has been a decline in vaccinations "that is creating some pause and a little bit of concern."

More than a dozen other states, including neighboring Oregon, have already followed the new CDC masking guidelines.

Most of the 58 counties in California — including gigantic Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego — are heeding the state's schedule.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis said Monday the county will use the extra month to fully vaccinate more people. "More than half of our adult population remains vulnerable," she said.

After becoming the epicenter for the virus in the U.S. at the start of the year, California has experienced a tremendous decline in cases.

The tiers are based on cases, positivity rate and on vaccination figures.

Associated Press writer Don Thompson contributed to this report.

NOTEWORTHY

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kept falling off his drum stool and the music was terrible, to a fascinating long talk with Dr. John about his studies of Aramaic so he could better understand the original sacred texts of his voodoo religion,

— to being expectedly disappointed with Elton John's concert, especially his lame band, especially his useless drummer Nigel Olsson with the biggest drum kit I ever saw and he used only three drums and was completely shown up by the new drummer for opening act Mark-Almond, English folkies, who snagged the legendary Dannie Richmond, fresh off years of touring with Charles Mingus, and his genius on a drum kit I could barely see was life-changing, to riding up in a hotel elevator for a post-concert interview with Alice Cooper and stopping on a floor to have two of his band members step in, who then proceeded to pull out and gleefully fondle the biggest knife I'd ever seen and talk some strange shite and I did not think I would make it to the last elevator stop (this was not showman-golfer era Alice, this was dangerously weird and drugged out Coopers), and then there was being one of 20 or so people to hear Jethro Tull sound check in a cavernous Pit Arena, sliding from cacophony to nearly a half hour of "Thick As a Brick." Sweet Jesus. But that's another story.

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