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Santa Monica resident helps foster youth experience the magic of camp





Jill Hudspeth

CAMP: The Happy Camper program has adapted to help foster youth experience camp year-round.

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SMDP Staff Writer

For foster youth who have dealt with a year of isolation on top of the loneliness inherent to the foster care system, the chance to attend summer camp is a far-off fantasy come true.

Local resident Lindsay Elliot seeks to deliver that opportunity to as many foster youths as possible, and by partnering with online platform Happy Camper Live, make it an experience youth can access year-round from wherever they live.

As Executive Director of Santa Monica based non-profit Happy Trails for Kids, Elliot provides outdoor learning and extracurricular activities to around 400 foster youths each year, including a highly anticipated summer camp at Big Bear Lake. Over the past year, she has used the online hangouts and activities provided by Happy Camper Live to keep campers connected through the pandemic and beyond.

This partnership meets both organizations' goal to make the joy of camp accessible to every child. According to Elliot and the Director of Happy Camper Live Allison Miller, these experiences can be absolutely transformative in the lives of underprivileged youth.

"There has to be equity in play for children in foster care," said Elliot. "The system works so hard to keep children safe and deal with educational and mental health needs that the absence of childhood experiences and the importance of them is too often forgotten."

L.A. County has the largest foster care system in the nation with over 34,000 children under the Department of Children and Family Services' supervision.

These youth are at heightened risk of facing severe abuse, mental health issues, substance abuse issues, and food insecurity. When youth age out of the system they often lack the education, confidence and self-sufficiency to acquire a job and many fall into homelessness.

Programs like Elliot and Miller's can make a world of difference for these young people by connecting them to community, providing a mentorship resource, and above all an opportunity to enjoy their childhood.

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Holiday weekend saw crowds return to Santa Monica

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Daily Press Editor

The July 4 holiday was a return to almost normal activity for police officers and firefighters who said tourist hubs were busy but total calls into the emergency services were on par with years past.

Local hotels were at or above 90 percent capacity over the weekend and areas along Main Street, Downtown and the beach had significant visitor traffic.

While overall call numbers were about average, several serious incidents occurred in the area.

On Friday, a homeless man identified as Preston Rochon, accosted a couple in a downtown parking garage and threatened to assault the female victim. When the male victim intervened, Rochon was able to steal their vehicle and he backed over the male victim causing life-threatening injuries. Rouchon then crashed the car into barricades near the Pier and was arrested.

Two shootings also occurred just outside city limits over the weekend with an LAPD investigation ending near Lincoln/Colorado and the Sheriff's Department handling a case at PCH/Temescal.

"As you are well aware, 4th of July weekend in Santa Monica was very busy, said Lt. Rudy Flores with the Santa Monica Police Department. "Our beaches, downtown area and business districts were filled with many people enjoying the weekend. This did create a lot of work for the SMPD and our public safety partners however we were able to effectively manage it all. We prepared for such a weekend, with a thorough plan and additional staffing, which greatly helped with the call-load and crowds. SMPD, SMFD and the City worked on getting messaging about traffic, parking and fireworks out early which we felt helped. Gridlock and overall congestion was not as

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Is Thursday the new Monday? Flexible working is in flux

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AP Business Writer

Last year, companies around the U.S. scrambled to figure out how to shut down their offices and set up their employees for remote work as the COVID-19 virus suddenly bore down on the world.

Now, in a mirror image, they are scrambling to figure out how to bring many of those employees back.

Most companies are proceeding cautiously, trying to navigate declining COVID-19 infections against a potential backlash by workers who are not ready to return.

Tensions have spilled into the public at a few companies where some staff have organized petitions or even walkouts to protest being recalled to the office. Many workers in high demand fields, such as tech or customer service, have options amid a rise in job postings promising "remote work" — an alluring prospect for people who moved during the pandemic to be closer to family or in search of more affordable cities.

"A lot of people have relocated and don't want to come back, " said Chris Riccobono, the CEO of Untuckit LLC, a casual men's clothing company. "There's a lot of crazy stuff that is a big day-to-day

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Have a seat: Patio furniture shortage tells US economic tale

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Associated Press

People used to go to Valley View Farms to buy five tomato plants and end up with $5,000 in patio furniture.

This year is different. After a record burst of sales in March, the showroom floor is almost empty of outdoor chairs, tables and chaises for people to buy.

The garden supply store in suburban Baltimore has been waiting six months for a shipping container from Vietnam full of $100,000 worth of wicker and aluminum furniture. Half of the container has already been sold by showing customers photographs. The container should have arrived in February, but it reached U.S. waters on June 3 and has just docked in Long Beach, California.

"Everyone is just so far behind," said John Hessler, 62, the patio section manager. "I've never seen anything like it."

The Biden economy faces the unusual challenge of possibly being too strong for its own good.

There is the paradox of the fastest growth in generations at more than 6% yet also persistent delays for anyone trying to buy furniture, autos and a wide mix of other goods. It's almost the mirror opposite of the recovery from the Great Recession of 2007-2009, which was marred by slow growth but also the near-instant delivery of almost every imaginable product.

What ultimately matters is that demand stay strong enough for companies to catch up and shorten the long waits.

"This is a very good problem for the economy to have," said Gus Faucher, chief economist for PNC Financial Services. "You're much better off having too much demand than too little, because too little demand is the recipe for an extended recession."

Republicans have held out the shortages and price increases as a sign of economic weakness, while Biden can counter that wages are climbing at a speed that helps the middle and working classes. But the real challenge goes far beyond the blunt talking points of politicians to an economy being steered by a mix of market forces, tensions with China, setbacks from natural disasters and the unique nature of restarting an economy after a pandemic.

As America hurtles out of the July 4th weekend into the heart of summer, the outdoor furniture industry provides a snapshot of the dilemmas confronting the economy. A series of shortages has left warehouses depleted and prices rising at more than 11% annually as Americans resume BBQs and parties after more than a year of isolation. The industry cannot find workers, truckers and raw materials — a consequence of not just government spending but crowded ports, an explosion at an Ohio chemical plant and the devastating snowstorm that hit Texas in February.

Patio furniture makers interviewed by The Associated Press say they expect the supply squeeze to end in 2022 or 2023 — meaning it could remain a political flashpoint even if the broader risk of inflation fades as expected by many Federal Reserve officials and Wall Street analysts. The shortages reflect both the stranded shipping containers, a dearth of truckers and the compounded effect of a fatal explosion in April at the Yenkin-Majestic Paints and OPC polymer plant in Columbus, Ohio that depleted the domestic supply of furniture pieces.

The Biden administration, well aware of the challenge, has made fixing supply chains a priority. It's also trying to direct more money to making the U.S. power grid and other infrastructure more resilient against extreme weather events as part of a bipartisan deal reached with Senate Republicans.

"You saw what happened in Texas this winter: The entire system in the state collapsed," Biden said in a recent Wisconsin speech. "That's why we have to act."

Administration officials expect the supply chain issues to self-correct, though they're cautious about asserting a specific timeframe because of the unprecedented nature of the recovery from the pandemic.

They noted that a shortage of toilet paper when the pandemic started was fixed within weeks because factories could ramp up production. But in this case, Biden's White House views the problem in global terms, with many of the challenges being in Asian ports, rather than a problem that is solely domestic in nature.

Republican lawmakers have placed the blame exclusively on Biden's $1.9 trillion coronavirus rescue package, saying the shortages are causing inflation that behaves like a tax by eating into workers' salaries and savings. Outdoor furniture companies do say that finding workers has become more of a challenge in part because of the greater unemployment benefits, but they don't buy fully into the Republican line that government dollars have caused a lasting price bump.

"The Biden inflation agenda of too much money chasing too few goods is causing major harm to hard-working families," House Republican Whip Steve Scalise of Louisiana said at a June hearing.

The reality is not so simple for William Bew White III, who founded Summer Classics, an Alabama-based furnisher whose outdoor products look like they belong next to a Gilded Age mansion or terraced hotel along the Italian Riviera. He summarizes his problems as the three F's: foam, fabric and freight.

"The freeze in Texas closed down two of the plants that make the chemicals that make foam," he said. "These plants were not able to reopen until mid to late March. And supply dried up. I'm not sure how someone that's in the upholstery business makes it on 40% to 60% of the needed products."

His company can produce as many as 3,500 outdoor cushions a day, but for most of the year he was not getting the supplies he needed largely because of snow shutting down the Texas power grid. He's having revenue growth of between 40% and 60% on an annual basis and it's hard to judge how much to increase production to meet that demand and whether that demand can last.

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As New York salutes health workers, Missouri fights a surge

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New York held a ticker-tape parade Wednesday for the health care workers and others who helped the city pull through the darkest days of COVID-19, while authorities in Missouri struggled to beat back a surge blamed on the fast-spreading delta variant and deep resistance to getting vaccinated.

The split-screen images could be a glimpse of what public health experts say may lie ahead for the U.S. even as life gets back to something close to normal: outbreaks in corners of the country with low vaccination rates.

"We've got a lot to appreciate because we're well underway in our recovery," declared New York Mayor Bill de Blasio, who rode on a parade float with hospital employees down the Canyon of Heroes, the skyscraper-lined stretch of Broadway where astronauts, returning soldiers and championship teams are feted.

In Missouri, meanwhile, the Springfield area has been hit so hard that one hospital had to borrow ventilators over the Fourth of July weekend and begged on social media for help from respiratory therapists, several of whom volunteered from other states. Members of a new federal "surge response team" also began arriving to help suppress the outbreak.

Missouri not only leads the nation in new cases relative to the population, it is also averaging 1,000 cases per day — about the same number as the entire Northeast, including the big cities in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

California, with 40 million people, is posting only slightly higher case numbers than Missouri, which has a population of 6 million.

Northeastern states have seen cases, deaths and hospitalizations plummet to almost nothing amid widespread acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Vermont has gone 26 days with new case numbers in single digits. In Maryland, the governor's office said every death recorded in June was in an unvaccinated person. New York City, which was the lethal epicenter of the U.S. outbreak in the spring of 2020, when the number of dead peaked at over 800 a day, regularly goes entire days with no reported deaths.

The problem in Missouri, as health experts see it: Just 45% of the state's residents have received at least one dose of the vaccine, compared with 55% of the U.S. population. Some rural counties near Springfield have vaccination rates in the teens and 20s.

At the same time, the delta variant is fast becoming the predominant version of the virus in Missouri.

Epidemiologists say the country should expect more COVID-19 outbreaks in areas with low vaccination rates over the next several months.

"I'm afraid that is very predictable," said Dr. Chris Beyrer, an infectious disease epidemiologist at the Johns Hopkins University. "If politicians seize on this and say, 'Who could have predicted this?,' the answer is every licensed epidemiologist in the country."

Republican Gov. Mike Parson said Wednesday that his administration has done "everything possible" to fend off outbreaks.

"Right now, the vaccine's out there," he said. "I mean, people walk past it every day, whether they're in a pharmacy, whether they're in a Walmart, whether they're in a health center."

Mercy Hospital Springfield reported Tuesday that it had more than 120 patients hospitalized with COVID-19 — the highest total since the pandemic began. Seventeen people died in the latest two-week reporting period in the county that surrounds Springfield, the most since January. None were vaccinated, authorities said.

Erik Frederick, Mercy's chief administrative officer, said staff members are frustrated knowing that "this is preventable this time" because of the vaccine.

"We try to convince people, but it is almost like you are talking a different language," he lamented. "There is no way they are going to get a vaccine. Their personal freedom is more important."

The Mercy system announced Wednesday it is requiring vaccinations among staff at the hospital in Springfield, as well as at its hundreds of other hospitals and clinics in Missouri and neighboring states. It said about 75% of its more than 40,000 employees are vaccinated.

Missouri also never had a statewide mask mandate. The sentiment against government intervention is so strong that Brian Steele, mayor of the Springfield suburb of Nixa, is facing a recall vote after imposing a mask rule, even though it has long since expired.

At Springfield's other hospital, Cox South, several patients are in their 20s and 30s, said Ashley Kimberling Casad, vice president of clinical services. She said she had been hopeful when she eyed the COVID-19 numbers in May as she prepared to return from maternity leave.

"I really thought when I came back from maternity leave that, not that COVID would be gone, but that it would just be so manageable. Then all of a sudden it started spiking," she said, adding that nearly all the virus samples that the hospital is sending for testing are proving to be the delta variant.

Citing the rise in cases, the Springfield school district reinstated its mask requirement for its summer program starting Wednesday.

The contrasting scenes in the U.S. came as the worldwide death toll from COVID-19

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SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 305 CALLS ON JULY 6

Illegal Weapon 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:04 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1100blk Pico Blvd 12:23 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1100blk Pico Blvd 3:36 a.m.
Encampment 200blk Palisades Park 5:00 a.m.
Encampment 200blk The Beach 5:48 a.m.
Encampment 800blk The Beach 5:52 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1200blk Ocean Ave 5:54 a.m.
Encampment 1000blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:13 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk The Beach 6:27 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk 4th St 6:33 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk The Beach 6:40 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 6:59 a.m.
Encampment 2000blk Ocean Ave 7:26 a.m.
Encampment 2600blk The Beach 7:44 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 200blk Bay St 7:46 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 1100blk Pacific St 8:00 a.m.
Encampment 2900blk The Beach 8:11 a.m.
Burglary Report 1600blk Appian Way 8:18 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2100blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:20 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 700blk Grant St 8:41 a.m.
Scar Investigation 2200blk 4th St 9:13 a.m.
Encampment Ocean Ave / Pacific St 9:23 a.m.
Scar Investigation 2100blk Wilshire Blvd 9:24 a.m.
Person With A Gun Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 9:31 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 2400blk Pico Blvd 9:35 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 2400blk 3rd St 9:38 a.m.
Medical Aid Alarm 400blk 20th St 9:43 a.m.
Battery Now 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 9:47 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:54 a.m.
Expired Registration 1300blk Yale St 9:55 a.m.
Assault Now 1500blk 2nd St 10:00 a.m.
Arson 1500blk Yale St 10:12 a.m.
Fraud Report 1100blk 7th St 10:27 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2100blk 20th St 10:29 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 400blk 4th St 10:38 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 400blk Pier Ave 10:48 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1400blk Ocean Ave 10:54 a.m.
Scar Investigation 1700blk Expo Line 11:22 a.m.
Person With A Gun 1300blk Palisades Beach Rd 11:28 a.m.
Stalking Report 1200blk Pico Blvd 11:34 a.m.
Vandalism Now 700blk Strand St 11:47 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 12:02 p.m.
Burglary Report 600blk Colorado Ave 12:06 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2200blk Pearl St 12:07 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1500blk 2nd St 12:14 p.m.
Fight 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 12:33 p.m.
Trespassing 600blk Ocean Ave 12:43 p.m.
Encampment 1400blk Ocean Ave 12:52 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2900blk Main St 1:00 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2900blk Main St 1:04 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1500blk 5th St 1:09 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 700blk Montana Ave 1:10 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2400blk Pico Blvd 1:10 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Cloverfield Blvd / Olympic Blvd 1:16 p.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 600blk Colorado Ave 1:17 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 2600blk 26th St 1:21 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 300blk Strand St 1:35 p.m.
Trespassing 600blk Pico Pl 1:43 p.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk 6th St 1:45 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd E 2:03 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2900blk Main St 2:04 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 100blk Wadsworth Ave 2:16 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Just Occurred 2900blk Main St 2:17 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1600blk The Beach 2:24 p.m.
Trespassing 2100blk 4th St 2:25 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1100blk 18th St 2:27 p.m.
Vandalism Now 23rd St / Wilshire Blvd 2:36 p.m.
Strong Arm Robbery Just Occurred 20th St / California Ave 2:41 p.m.
Transport Prisoner 1200blk 16th St 2:50 p.m.
Forensics Request - Miscellaneous 2200blk Wilshire Blvd 3:03 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 3:06 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1300blk 18th St 3:23 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 5th St / Wilshire Blvd 3:27 p.m.
Fraud Report 1400blk Broadway 3:33 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 300blk Santa Monica Pier 3:33 p.m.
Public Intoxication Ocean Ave / Wilshire Blvd 3:34 p.m.
Encampment 800blk Pico Blvd 3:51 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 4:24 p.m.
Burglary Report 2900blk 31st St 4:32 p.m.
Identity Theft 800blk 22nd St 4:41 p.m.
Medical Emergency 400blk Santa Monica Pier 5:17 p.m.
Encampment 16th St / Colorado Ave 5:22 p.m.
Trespassing 1200blk Euclid St 5:34 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:49 p.m.
Vandalism Just Occurred 200blk Santa Monica Pier 5:50 p.m.
Burglary Now 400blk Adelaide Dr 5:52 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 5:52 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:54 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300blk Lincoln Blvd 6:03 p.m.
Trespassing 800blk Ocean Park Blvd 6:07 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:15 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300blk Pico Blvd

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DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 40 CALLS ON JULY 6

EMS 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:24 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 12th St 1:27 a.m.
EMS 5th St / Colorado Ave 1:36 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 15th St 5:53 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 7:23 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 100blk Wilshire Blvd 7:34 a.m.
EMS 2500blk 21st St 7:34 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 8:54 a.m.
EMS 4th St / San Vicente Blvd 9:00 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Ozone Ave 9:02 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:35 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 400blk 4th St 10:38 a.m.
EMS 1000blk Pico Blvd 10:55 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500blk California Ave 11:10 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1100blk 3rd St 12:02 p.m.
EMS 2900blk Pico Blvd 1:27 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 1:28 p.m.
EMS Main St / Ashland Ave 1:38 p.m.
EMS 18th St / Delaware Ave 1:57 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Ocean Park Blvd 2:29 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Wilshire Blvd 2:31 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 2900blk Main St 2:55 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 2:58 p.m.
EMS Main St / Colorado Ave 3:01 p.m.
EMS 100blk Broadway 3:07 p.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 3:29 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 3100blk Donald Douglas Loop N 3:48 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 4:03 p.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Pl 5:34 p.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:12 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 2nd St 6:13 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 7:04 p.m.
EMS 900blk Georgina Ave 7:23 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk 18th St 7:57 p.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas 2600blk 32nd St 8:34 p.m.
EMS 100blk Colorado Ave 8:53 p.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 8:58 p.m.
EMS 400blk Broadway 9:28 p.m.
Flooded Condition 1800blk Wilshire Blvd 9:39 p.m.
Transformer Fire 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:35 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Pearl St 11:17 p.m.

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.

ON JUNE 30 AT APPROXIMATELY 3:45 P.M.

Officers received a call of an active petty theft from a commercial location on the 1300 block of the 3rd Street Promenade. Store personnel reported that an individual known for previously shoplifting in the store had returned and upon her exit, the merchandise security alarm indicated there were stolen items in her bag. Veronica Martinez was located in a nearby store where she continued to shoplift items. She was arrested for 459.5 (PC) - shoplifting.

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A pandemic clothing purge is on as normal life resumes in US

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Associated Press

Alina Clark is about as tired of her pandemic wardrobe as her comfort clothes are stretched and torn.

"I have four sets of jeans, seven shirts and five sweaters that I wear every week," said Clark, co-founder of a software development company in Los Angeles. "They're everything I've worn in the last two years. Me and my wardrobe are suffering from COVID fatigue."

A wardrobe purge is on for some as vaccinations have taken hold, restrictions have lifted, and offices reopen or finalize plans to do so. The primary beneficiaries: resale sites online and brick-and-mortar donation spots, continuing a trend that's been building for the last several years.

At the resale site Poshmark, orders are up for handbags and work-worthy dresses when compared to last year. The same goes for blazers, suit jackets and heels.

Projections show the trend growing stronger. The secondhand clothing business is expected to more than double, from $36 billion to $77 billion in 2025, according to a recent report commissioned by the secondhand marketplace ThredUP and the research firm GlobalData.

The growth is driven by an influx of new sellers putting high-quality clothing into the market, said James Reinhart, co-founder and CEO of ThredUP. He estimates that 9 billion clothing items that are hardly worn are sitting in shoppers' closets.

Even before COVID, buying and selling secondhand clothing was popular, but the pandemic made the appetite for thrift even more appealing.

The post-pandemic shopper is more environmentally conscious and is showing a greater appetite for clothes that have good resale value, rather than disposable fast fashion, Reinhart said. People who haven't been able to wear most of the items in their closets for a year are more aware of waste and want to put their clothes back in circulation.

"There's a new mindset around clothing consumption," Reinhart said. "It's not this buy, wear, throw out. There is this consciousness that happened during the pandemic where people were much more sensitive to this notion of waste."

Maia DiDomenico's mother introduced her to ThredUp during the pandemic. A recent college graduate who began a new job working with kids on the autism spectrum, the 23-year-old in Cranford, New Jersey, purged some Athleta sportswear on the site and received $557.60 in Athleta gift cards in exchange.

"It cleans your closet out quickly, and you have the chance to donate unwanted clothes," she said.

For months, the 29-year-old Clark has had the urge to declutter her overflowing wardrobe, and she began piling up clothes for donation several weeks ago. But she'll be purchasing new clothes.

She's looking for some "glitz and glamour" as her Zoom life soon ends and physical get-togethers have begun.

Consumers are purging more than their worn-out pandemic wear.

At the luxury resale site TheRealReal, with more than 22 million members, the total value of pre-owned goods sold this year through May was about $239 million, up by 53 percent from the same period in 2019, according to a company report.

Some are taking the opportunity to reinvent their personal style, said Jessica Richards, a trend forecaster and fashion director for the Accessories Council, a nonprofit trade group.

"We saw a lot of consumers abandon their mindless shopping habits and instead focus on investment dressing. Less of being 'sick' of their pandemic wardrobes but more wondering why they might own as much or what is the breadth of their closet," she said. "It's now about streamlining and zeroing in on what their desired personal style image should be."

Not everybody is looking to abandon their COVID style, however.

In Lynchburg, Virginia, 33-year-old Cameron Howe is ready to burn just about everything she has worn during the pandemic — except her impressive legging collection — as she transitions from a school career.

"I bought 15 to 20 plus pairs of leggings," she said. "In a few weeks, I'll start a new career as a project manager for a local nonprofit. I plan on wearing leggings to work. Thankfully, both my past and new employer are legging-friendly. I don't really want to wear real pants again. I developed an absolute love of leggings during the pandemic."

Among those benefiting from the pandemic reawakening in clothes are dry cleaners.

Tom Ryan, vice president of franchising for CD One Price Cleaners, with 34 locations in the Chicago area, said they've been seeing an upward turn in dry-cleaning customers after a plunge of 80 percent during the pandemic.

"In March, we started making progress again given the vaccine distribution," he said. "As more people go back to work, we're finally starting to see more people bringing their in-office clothes back for professional cleaning. Still, we expect post-pandemic attire and fashion trends to be different going forward with more people in the office less often."

Ryan expects business casual to be more the new normal — swapping out button-up shirts for more polo-style wear.

While piles of pandemic clothes are going to churches, donation boxes, and online thrift and resale sites, some people are keeping them in the family.

Samantina Zeon, like many, has gained weight during the pandemic. She has plenty of great clothes she can no longer fit into, so she plans to send the stylish ones to a cousin in Haiti in a 77-gallon blue barrel.

"It's something many people that have families in different countries do. I have done it before to send food," said the 31-year-old Zeon, in Queens, New York. "She plans on reselling them in her neighborhood for extra cash."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

$1B in illegal pot seized in largest Los Angeles County bust

The largest illegal marijuana bust in Los Angeles County history – which netted 373,000 plants that would ultimately have been worth $1 billion on the street – eradicated only a fraction of the illicit grows in the Southern California high desert, authorities said Wednesday.

The problem is wide-ranging in the Antelope Valley north of Los Angeles, officials said, and has grown tremendously during the coronavirus pandemic. Armed cartel members run massive illegal grows, some spanning dozens of greenhouses, that are detrimental to the state's legal marijuana market.

Multiple law enforcement agencies carried out a 10-day operation in the Antelope Valley last month that resulted in 131 arrests and the seizure of more than 33,000 pounds (14,969 kilograms) of harvested marijuana plants.

Yet the undertaking only demolished 205 illegal grows out of the 500 seen by aerial surveillance in the area. Last year, Sheriff Alex Villanueva said only 150 illegal grows were identified in the Antelope Valley. Scores more exist in other nearby counties.

The cartel members threaten residents and steal millions of gallons of water amid a severe drought, Villanueva said. The growing operations have poisoned streams and groundwater with harmful pesticides and harmed wildlife and plants.

California broadly legalized recreational marijuana sales in January 2018. But the black market is thriving, in part because hefty legal marijuana taxes send consumers looking for better deals.

Officials sought to differentiate between the Antelope Valley operation and the legal market.

"This is not a war on the legal cannabis business in California," said U.S. Rep. Mike Garcia, who represents the area.

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SACRAMENTO

Pace of California wildfires well ahead of disastrous 2020

The number of wildfires and amount of land burned in parched California so far this year greatly exceed totals for the same period in disastrous 2020.

Between Jan. 1 and July 4 there were 4,599 fires that scorched 114.8 square miles (297 square kilometers), according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

In the same time frame last year there were 3,847 fires that blackened 48.6 square miles (126 square kilometers).

By the end of 2020, a total of 9,917 wildfires had charred a record 6,653 square miles (17,231 square kilometers) and damaged or destroyed 10,488 structures. Thirty-three people were killed.

This year's increased wildfire activity, which has damaged or destroyed 91 structures, has been driven by hot and dry conditions, Cal Fire said this week.

The entire state is in the grip of drought, much of it classified as extreme or exceptional. After a dry winter and early heat waves, the landscape is covered in extremely dry vegetation.

Two of the three large wildfires burning for more than a week in the state's far north were more than 70% contained Wednesday while the stubborn Salt Fire north of Redding was 25% surrounded. A big fire in northern Los Angeles County was 88% contained.

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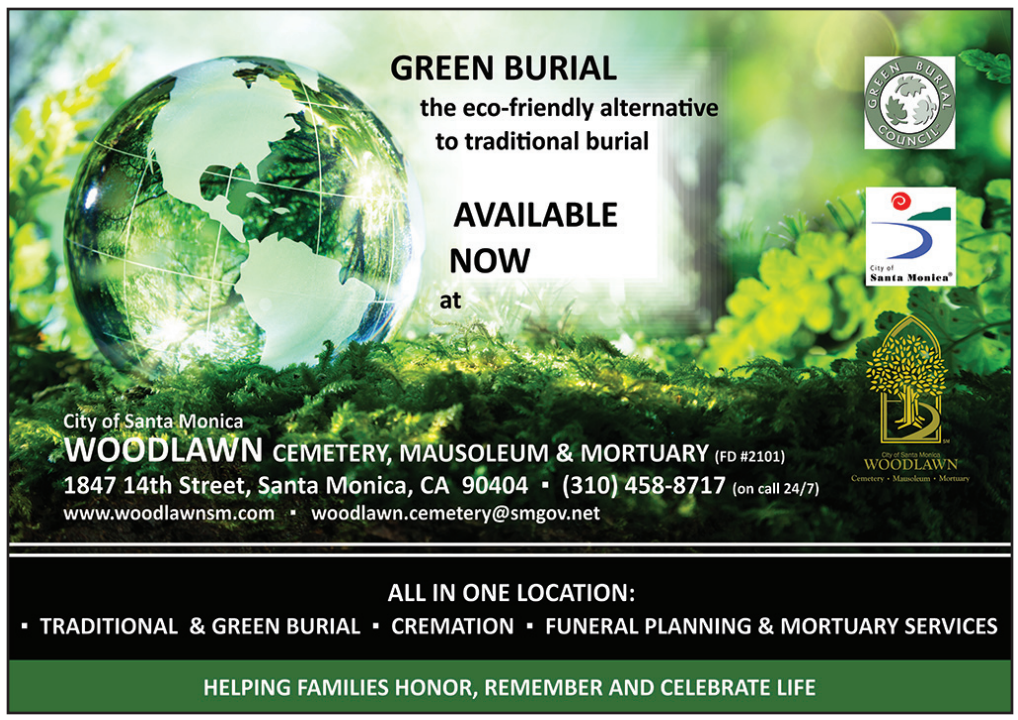
POLICE LOG

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Grand Theft Report 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:47 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 3200blk Airport Ave 8:13 p.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk 6th St 8:26 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Berkeley St / Wilshire Blvd 8:27 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 3100blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:27 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2100blk Wilshire Blvd 8:31 p.m.
Stalking Suspect There Now 11th St / California Ave 8:31 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1100blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:31 p.m.
Found Senile Person 400blk San Vicente Blvd 8:49 p.m.
Resisting Arrest Ocean Ave / Olympic Dr 9:38 p.m.
Assistance Call 300blk Olympic Dr 10:02 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 2000blk Ocean Ave 10:11 p.m.
Loud Music 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 10:24 p.m.









ECONOMY

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He is more concerned with what his Chinese furniture suppliers are charging than prices at home. His prices in China have jumped as much as 26.5% since January, sometimes retroactively on orders that were already in shipping containers.

"This is not sustainable," White said.

In many cases, companies are simply trying to absorb the higher costs. Erik Mueller, CEO of the Cincinnati-based outdoor furniture and home recreation chain Watson's, said he wants to protect his store's reputation as providing value. He doesn't see the situation as paralleling the 1970s mix of stagnation and inflation that helped to drive Jimmy Carter out of the presidency after one term.

"This isn't the 70s," he said. "We still have goods that are reasonably priced."

While he believes that generous unemployment benefits have stunted hiring because people can earn more by not working, Mueller also sees the inflation as a spillover from the pandemic. Some people could not work because of the disease or their shifts were cut. The rush for supplies as economies reopened occurred too fast for factories and shipping firms not yet able to return to their previous capacity. All of that was coupled with a United States that after a brutal year simply welcomed the relief of lounging by the pool with friends.

The problem is one of market forces that are beyond anyone individual's authority, even the U.S. president's.

"You have just this exorbitant amount of demand due to a unique situation that was out of everyone's control," Mueller said.

JULY 4

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bad, especially compared to other very busy weekends."

SMFD responded to a total of 157 calls over the holiday weekend. Firefighters responded to five fires including two vehicle fires, one grass fire, one laundry room fire and a trash fire. The department responded to one call reported overcrowding at an event but determined the occupancy to be within permitted limits. According to SMFD, there was not a significant amount of calls for fireworks related incidents and last year during the same time period, the SMFD responded to 144 calls for service.

There is no "fireworks" designation for calls into Santa Monica's 9-1-1 system but according to SMPD, calls reporting fireworks would be classified as either a Municipal Code violation or an Information Only report but SMPD said most of the weekend's Municipal Code violations were likely to be fireworks.

SMPD received five Municipal Code calls on July 2, 27 on July 3, 70 on July 4 and 18 on July 5. Animal Control officers reported finding two dogs over the weekend that were likely lost as a result of fireworks. Both dogs were returned to their owners.

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Noteworthy

Charles Andrews

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Music Feeds The Soul

STILL NOT ENOUGH NOTEWORTHY

Shows to go back to the endless delectable listings of the week's must-see live performances — soon come — but here are a couple I do recommend.

I usually don't go on someone else's word. For myself, from the right person, I'll sometimes take a chance, but not for publication, for others. However, in this case, the person recommending was David Robaire, the musician who does such a great job, along with owner Paul Dolomon, of booking the acts that play LAX-area jazz club Sam First. Robaire and I were having a long discussion about our music likes and not-likes, and out of that he remarked, you know, I'm positive you would really like pianist Eric Reed, who we have here in a couple of weeks,

Well, he's here, with a trio, Friday and Saturday, two sets at 7 and 9 p.m., $25. I'll be there, with friends in tow, but if you hate it (very unlikely), don't accost me that night. Write me a note. If you love it, tell the management I sent ya.

Friday at Harvelle's, tight here in SM on 4th Street downtown, you can get four bands for 10 bucks, 9 p.m. but the one you don't want to miss is Westerner, one of my favorite local bands. Hope they haven't lost their leap over the shutdown.

BE HONEST

How many times, how many hours, especially during COVID restrictions, have you been sucked down the youtube music rabbit hole? You snap out of it finally because you realize you are hungry, only to discover that the dog defecated all over your vintage Martin guitar because he hadn't been let out forever, the cat shredded every good piece of clothing you had (cats can instinctively discern Halston from Haggar), and the kids graduated and your wife left you. Worse, you didn't even like half the videos you sat through.

Here's a music rabbit hole I can suggest where you will probably like everything that pops up, and you will actually learn from it, and perhaps have an enlightened realization.

I went to the FB page of a good friend and clicked the first video I saw, and as it scrolled to the next and the next, I was mesmerized and had no desire to stop. But I felt great about it all. I was being whisked around the world and through time, and left, from visual-audio experience, with an expanded sense of wonder for the breadth and excellence of musical and cultural traditions and master musicians of all stripes from faraway corners of the world. A table full of young Scottish women, led by an elder, all sang a song to accompany their hand-pounding of laundry — singing always makes odious tasks go by faster and easier, especially in groups, which is why the military has its marching chants. Then to a mystical Miles Davis Quintet number, then what looks like a Middle Eastern orchestra, men in urban dress of maybe the late-'30s, seated on chairs playing traditional instruments, then an Appalachian singer and picker, Cab Calloway at the Cotton Club, master Morrocan musicians gathered around a sacred tree in a mountain village — you get the picture.



Courtesy image

MUSIC: From the DUST TO DIGITAL archives

Where did this amazing footage come from? The entry to this world music cultural rabbit hole is DUST TO DIGITAL. Nicole may have written about it in a past NICOLE RECOMMENDS, but it's worth revisiting.

Founded by Lance Ledbetter in 1999, he and wife April now carry on its mission of "creating access to hard-to-find music by producing high quality books, CDs. DVDs, box sets and vinyl records. They have evolved to today's format standards for computers and phones. By combining research with images, audio and videos, Dust-to-Digital continues to both entertain and educate the adventurous listener."

I would disagree. I don't think you really have to be adventurous. Sure, some of these folks look and dress differently than your average Sunset Park resident, and the sounds may seem at first exotic, but good music is good music, and this may blow your mind wide open as to how much you didn't know was out there. Music enriches lives, and DUST TO DIGITAL shows us there's gold in them thar hills.

THE BOSS IS BACK!

OK, yes, I did try to trick you into reading this. It has nothing to do with Mr. Springsteen. In fact, it has nothing to do with music, or the other usual arts, but I am extending my NOTEWORTHY net of arts consideration to include the art of living, of creating a recognizable, well-known, consistent and persistent persona and daily deeds.

Others may be offended that I am labeling Jerry Rubin The Boss. That would probably be because they disagree strongly with some of his political stands, especially local, specifically on development.

Jerry and I couldn't be further apart in that area. But we're close friends, long time. You can count on Jerry to walk the talk when it comes to his friends. I just figure he's mysteriously misguided in that area of overdevelopment in Santa Monica, but I so respect the thrust of his life, for the last 40 years, which is peace. Peace, peace. He doesn't even hate Trump. (Just the things he does.)

Oh, and trees. Who can hate peace,

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and/or trees? And justice, equality, and the environment. People can find differences in how to honor these things, and they do, but Jerry's roots are buried in that essence and he is immovable. That is making your word your life, and your lifestyle an art.

Rubin was a fixture for decades at his sticker table on the Promenade, until COVID hit. But now, he's back. The constant continues. In a city that throws away its history like its stinky garbage and old news, I like that. No matter what your beliefs, you can probably find a sticker or button at Jerry's table that fits you. And you may have an interesting discussion with Rubin himself over some issue he cares about, which is all of them.

"I'm officially coming back! I'm tan, rested and ready! I updated my Dump Trump sticker table sign. It will now be the DUMPED TRUMP sticker table! And I plan to set up again in the same location on the Santa Monica Third Street Promenade after 15 months away due to the COVID pandemic. Of course, we have a lot of work to do to stand up to all the cowardly Republicans who are still afraid of Trump and won't even admit that Biden dumped him fairly and squarely!

Tentative date: Saturday, July 10! Don't think it's possible you missed me nearly as much as I missed all of you! Back by popular demand! Onward! Together!?

THE LOST MURALS OF LONATO DEL GARDA, ITALY

Was presented yesterday online. I'm a lot more interested in the lost murals of Santa Monica. They're piling up.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 34 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

COVID

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closed in on 4 million, by Johns Hopkins University's count. COVID-19 deaths nationwide are down to around 200 per day from a peak of over 3,400 per day in January.

In New York, those honored at the parade included nurses and doctors, emergency crews, bus drivers and train operators, teachers and utility workers. The crowds along the route were thin, in part because many businesses are still operating remotely.

"What a difference a year makes," said parade grand marshal Sandra Lindsay, a nurse who was the first person in the country to get a COVID-19 vaccine shot.

"Fifteen months ago, we were in a much different place, but thanks to the heroic efforts of so many — health care workers, first responders, front-line workers, the people who fed us, the people who put their lives on the line, we can't thank them enough."

Tom Murphy contributed to this report from Indianapolis.

FOSTER YOUTH

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"This summer we had multiple siblings at camp who had not seen each other since the start of the pandemic, so it was incredibly emotional and inspiring to begin with," said Elliot. "But what was so incredible is we had a large group of campers who had been together in a virtual experience, who were united in person and already had such deep friendships."

Youth in Elliot's programs have been attending Happy Camper Hangouts hosted by Happy Camper Live, which include talks with well-known speakers, activities to build on one's passions and skills, and a space to gather with a community of peers.

The Happy Camper Live website also hosts over 400 on demand activities, live streamed activities, and a camp blog that any child can take advantage of from their own home.

"I had this vision of bringing summer camps to every kid in the world," said Miller. "Wherever they are geographically or socioeconomically, I want them to experience the joy of summer camp," said Miller.

Happy Trails utilizes the hangouts hosted by Happy Camper Live to keep camp connections strong after children pack up their bags. A key component of Happy Trails programs is the mentorship provided by camp counselors as the majority of them have lived experience of the foster care system.



Aaron Weinstein

YOUTH: Live activities were put on hold by the pandemic.

"When they are at camp, either in-person or virtually, they are not only surrounded by their peers, but they have an opportunity to see their camp counselor and connect with them on a deeper level," said Elliot. "We talk about educational dreams, we talk about work opportunities and it's a really special thing to see."

Demand is so great for Happy Trails camps that there is always a long waitlist of foster youth seeking to attend. To help bring camp experiences to more children, the organization has launched an "Everybody Deserves Camp" campaign, which people can donate to by texting "fostercamp" to 51555.

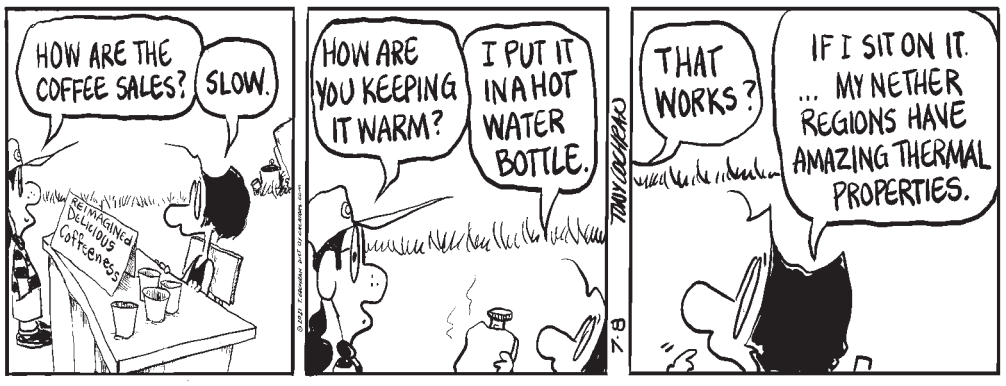
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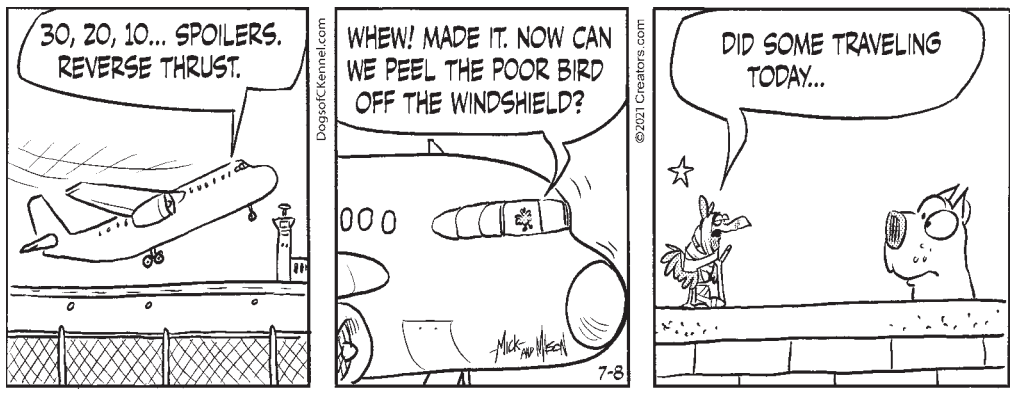
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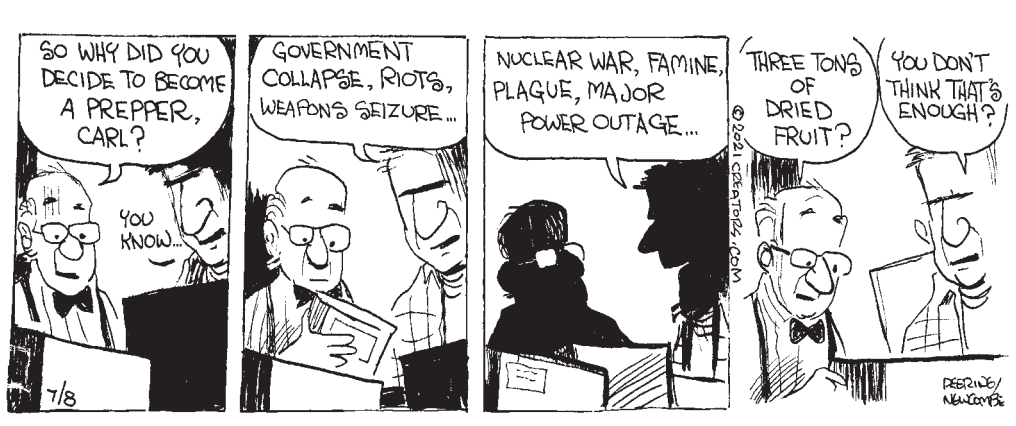
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 68.4°

THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Fresh SW and SSW swells blending in with old energy. NW swell mix likely on the decline, still contributing to some peaks. Light wind w/ a nice tide push for the early morning.

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
SW and SSW swell mix continues. NW swell looks to weaken. Light wind w/ a nice tide push much of the morning.

WEATHER

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 71. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 65.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 73.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2021/07/10	Sat	11:29 AM	3.68	H
2021/07/10	Sat	3:44 PM	2.53	L
2021/07/10	Sat	10:00 PM	6.18	H
2021/07/11	Sun	05:26 AM	-0.63	L
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2021/07/12	Mon	11:14 PM	5.84	H
2021/07/13	Tue	06:36 AM	-0.37	L

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERball calottery
Draw Date: 7/3
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Power#: 24
Jackpot: 113 M

calottery MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/6
18 47 63 68 69
Mega#: 14
Jackpot: 94 M

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Draw Date: 7/3
4 9 21 33 40
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: 61 M

calottery Fantasy5
Draw Date: 7/6
1 16 28 36 38

calottery Daily3
Draw Date: 7/6
EVENING: 3 7 8
Draw Date: 7/6
MIDDAY: 1 4 0

calottery Daily Derby
Draw Date: 7/6
1st: 10 - Solid Gold
2nd: 11 - Money Bags
3rd: 02 - Lucky Star
Race Time: 1:49.85

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JULY 8)

Nothing will interfere with your quest for and maintenance of an exciting, fulfilling personal life. You'll develop skills and sharpen your intellect with an ongoing competitive challenge; advancement is certain. You'll come to new understandings as you experiment and learn how to succeed among diverse personalities. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 32, 14, 4 and 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are arriving at a juncture that many before you were unable to successfully navigate, their failures a motivating force behind your caution and senses on high alert. You can do this.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). To the world, you're a diligent worker bee, but you experience yourself differently. Unmet expectation causes a discrepancy in you that no one else can see. You feel you should do more to get there. Is it even possible though?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you spread yourself thin, there will be a little of you on every sandwich, though maybe not enough to impact the overall flavor profile of anyone's meal. Say no to three things so you can give a more concentrated yes.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). As it was with the royals in days of old, the luxuries you share in your "castle" will really pay off. Entertainment wins battles without raising swords. Diplomacy is among the numerous unselfish reasons to invest in your home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). While attempting to balance the professional, personal, creative and communal aspects of your life, you'll come to the inevitable conclusion that something's got to give. If you don't choose what, the universe will choose for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The work is tricky and new to you, though there are people around who have been doing this for decades. While trying your best to do things right, you may bring smiles to the lips of experts. They will be smiles of compassion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Society will readily present you with an entire chart of what you must do to be virtuous and deserving of respect, and your impulse to set it on fire is not entirely unwarranted. It's all too much, right? Retreat; recharge; and regroup.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Before you spend countless hours trying to figure out and execute the most efficient and effective way to complete the task, make sure it's worth doing. The big-picture view is invaluable. Step back; walk up; figure it out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Communication isn't always talk. In fact, too much talk can definitely muddy the waters of communication. The point gets made best when sharpened by the flint of brevity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Everything you experience today has a benefit of one kind or another. Some will pay off immediately and others years from now. It will be lucky to thank them in advance for the dividends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's taking a while to master a subject. Maybe it doesn't come naturally to you, or perhaps you're so interested in it that you want to absorb it wholly and deeply. Either way, embrace this pacing. It's perfect!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're a diligent, reliable worker, a friend to be counted on, a go-to member of the family — and, in a related story, you're tired. How does the "inside-you" figure into the equation? That person wants equal attention.

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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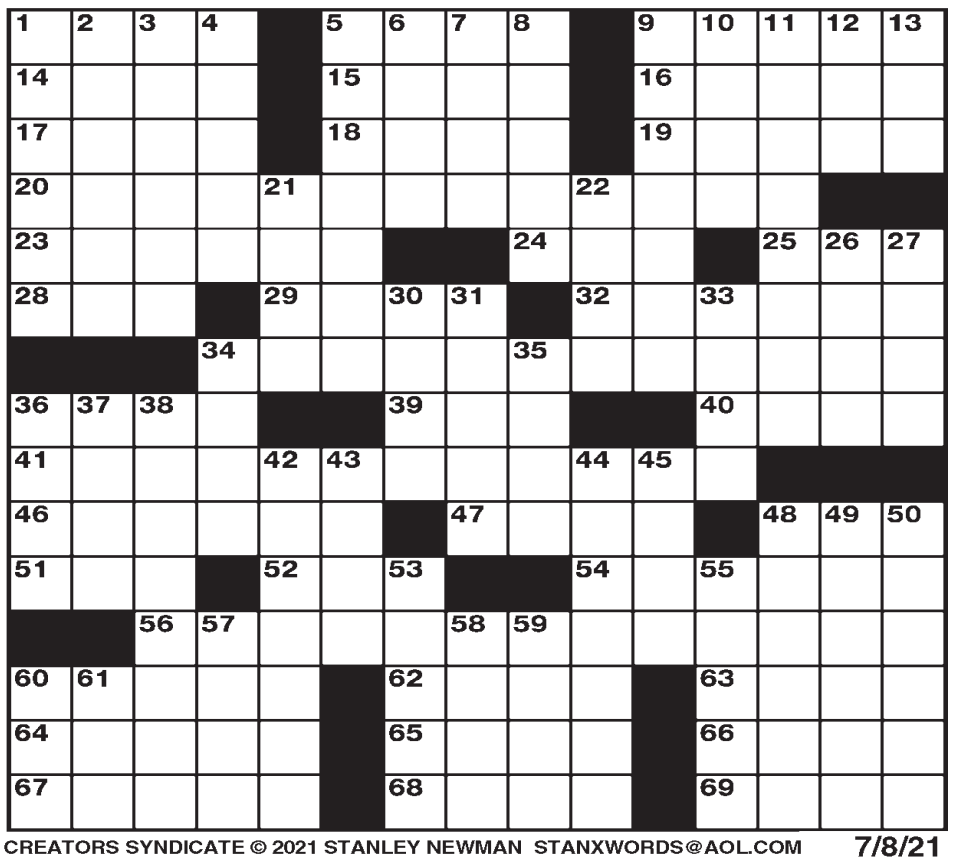
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Decides on, with "for"
5 Terse refusal
9 Health insurance selection factor
14 One-sided contest
15 Father of the Amazons
16 "Fingers crossed!"
17 French 101 verb
18 Italian hero choice
19 Flanged hardware
20 Basketball infraction
23 Hard to excite
24 Shortwave radio measure: Abbr.
25 __-Magnon
28 Extremely long time
29 Lacking tread
32 Trojan War epic
34 Economic indicator of affluence
36 Davis Cup org.
39 Through, on timetables
40 Till section
41 Blouse accessories
46 Not so challenging
47 Jodie Foster alma mater
48 Form W-2 no.
51 Endodontist's designation
52 Funny bit
54 Subdued chuckle
56 Ritual for a resignee
60 Jerry's pal on *Seinfeld*
62 Reason for reluctance
63 "Don't bet __!"
64 Evil personified
65 Proctor's proclamation
66 Casino "card" game
67 Pro-shop set
68 Downhill racer
69 Trend-setting

DOWN
1 Often-unstated "otherwise"
2 Common stew ingredient
3 Power up
4 Mill material
5 Baja holiday
6 Disc-shaped sweet treat
7 Shade of blue
8 Faith for a billion+
9 Passport holder
10 "How awful!"
11 Attack like a cat
12 Inclined (to)
13 Victorious shout
21 Instinctive feeling
22 Cuisine with green curry
26 Coleridge creation
27 Coleridge creations
30 Aired as it's happening
31 Supermarket refrigerated section
33 Base trainers
34 Hawaiian Airlines destination
35 Wine tour region
36 Put in the game
37 Herring family member
38 Plays catch with
42 Multitudes
43 "Oh, darn!"
44 Let out, perhaps
45 A buck, or two
48 Buffed up
49 Keeping company with
50 Birthday present for a tot
53 Birthday presents, e.g.
55 Bring forth
57 Mutant superhero
58 Justice Gorsuch
59 Hardly thrill-filled
60 Long-running CBS drama
61 Blade for the water



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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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WORKING

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pain point."

Riccobono said he can't wait to get his 100 corporate staffers back to the office in Manhattan's Soho neighborhood because he believes that productivity and morale are higher that way. Starting in September, the company will require those employees to report to the office Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays on the hope that the flexibility of a "hybrid" schedule will keep everyone happy.

Many others are similarly introducing a gradual return. Companies like Amazon and automakers Ford and General Motors have promised to adopt a hybrid approach permanently for their office staff, responding to internal and public surveys showing an overwhelming preference for work-from-home options.

But implementing a hybrid workplace can be a headache, from identifying which roles are most conducive to remote work to deciding which days of the week employees need to be in the office. There are client meetings to consider. And some business leaders argue newer employees need more face-time as they begin their careers or start new at at company.

"Thursday is the new Monday," according to Salesforce, a San Francisco-based technology firm, which found that Thursday was the most popular day for employees to report to the office when the company reopened its Sydney offices back in August.

Riccobono, on the other hand, insists employees show up on Mondays to get organized and set the tone for the week. Like many employers, however, he acknowledges he is still figuring things out as he navigates uncharted territory.

"We will revisit in January, " he said. "We will see how it works."

Across the country, office buildings in the top 10 U.S. cities had an average occupancy rate of about 32% in late June, according to estimates from Kastle Systems a security company that monitors access-card wipes at some 2,600 buildings. In Manhattan, just 12% of office employees had returned as of late May, according to the latest survey by the Partnership for New York City, a non-profit organization of major business leaders and employers.

Romina Rugova, an executive at fashion brand Mansur Gavriel, enjoyed the tranquility as she sat on a riverside bench in lower Manhattan after a rare day back at the office for a meet-and-greet with the company's newly hired head of e-commerce.

A mother of two, Rugova had mixed feelings about returning to the office. Seeing colleagues in person after so long was invigorating, and she did not always enjoy blurring her family and professional life.

"The challenge is you have to be three people at the same time. You have to be a professional, you have to be a cook, you have to be a cleaner, you have to be a mom," Rugova said. "Being in the office after a while was so nice and refreshing. It's completely different experience, you don't realize it."

But she doesn't want to completely give up the three hours of extra time she saves without the commute. Many of her colleagues feel the same way, so Mansur Gavriel will likely implement a flexible policy when most of its 40 employees return to the office after Labor Day.

"We are still figuring it out," Rugova said.

While most employers will accelerate their return-to-office plans over the summer, nearly 40% of office employees will still be working remotely in September, according to the Partnership for New York City's survey.

The trend has raised concerns about an unequal economic recovery, given that working remotely is an option available to a privileged few. Only about 15% of workers teleworked because of the pandemic in June, according the U.S. Department of Labor's monthly jobs report. Most work jobs at restaurants, schools, hospitals, factories and other places that require them to show up in person.

Some of large investment banks, which are top employers and office space tenants in New York City, are leading the push to bring employees back, taking a hardline approach in comparison with tech giants that have rolled out generous remote work policies.

Morgan Stanley CEO James Gorman said at a conference earlier this month that he would "be very disappointed if people haven't found their way into the office" by Labor Day.

"If you can go a restaurant in New York City, you can come into the office," Gorman said, though he acknowledged that there should be flexibility for parents still struggling with childcare logistics that fell apart during the pandemic.

Gorman also made clear that he was not open to the "work from anywhere" mentality that some companies have adopted, saying employees who want to earn New York City salaries should work in the city. The CEOs of JPMorgan Chase and Goldman Sachs have made similar comments, sparking furious debate about whether they would push employees out the door.

It remains to be seen how deeply remote work policies will influence recruitment and retention. But professionals looking for flexibility are finding they have options.

Brecia Young, a data analytics scientist and mother of a 1-year-old child, had choices when she was looking to switch jobs from a small Chicago firm. She accepted an offer from Seattle-based real estate company Zillow in part because the company allowed her to work from home and stay in Chicago, where she and her husband have relatives to help with child care.

"Moving to the West Coast was on the table but it would have been a real hardship," said Young, adding that her husband also would have had to look for a new job. "I love the time savings just in terms of the commute. It's like 90 minutes of saved time that I can repurpose."

Associated Press writer Anne D'Innocenzio contributed to this story from New York.

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