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SMMUSD considering updated abuse protections for students

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Faculty and staff at local schools may soon be operating under a new set of guidelines for interactions with students that are meant to prevent sexual misconduct.

On Thursday, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) board of education will discuss changing its employee conduct policy to better protect students from sexual abuse. The proposed policy sets new behavioral boundaries, mandates that every employee report misconduct that they observe or hear about, and outlines disciplinary consequences for employees, who would be defined as any adult that interacts with children, including volunteers and coaches.

SMMUSD's existing misconduct policy places blanket bans on unprofessional relationships, extended contact and sexual behavior between employees and students, but the proposed policy would explicitly prohibit at least 12 separate behaviors that range from selection and grooming to sexual exploitation.

Common tactics that abusers use to groom children, such as singling or seeking out a specific student in a way that may create

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Madeleine Pauker

CRASH: The area around Olympic and 11th was closed briefly Monday while police investigated a multi-vehicle accident.

Bullet grazes man's head during police shooting

MADELEINE PAUKER
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A Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) officer non-fatally shot a man resisting arrest early Sunday morning.

Wolfgang Mountford, 29, of Van Nuys, was struck by a single gunshot after he allegedly charged an officer at about 2:15 a.m. on Sunday morning. He was treated on the scene by officers and Santa Monica Fire Department (SMFD) paramedics before being transported to a local hospital in stable condition, said SMPD Lt. Saul Rodriguez. He has since been released from the hospital.

SMPD responded to multiple calls for service at 10th Street and Pacific Avenue in Ocean Park around 2:15 a.m. Sunday regarding Mountford allegedly creating a disturbance by yelling loudly, throwing trash cans around and trying to open car doors. Officers handled a call involving similar behavior by Mountford earlier that morning, Rodriguez said. When officers arrived to the 2000 block of Lincoln Court, Mountford ran toward and struggled with an officer, who shot him, grazing the back of his head.

Rodriguez said he could not disclose any details on the struggle between Mountford and the officer because the incident is still under investigation.



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WOLFGANG MOUNTFORD

"Detectives are still interviewing officers about what happened," he said.

Mountford, a musician, posted two public videos to his Facebook account immediately following the shooting. In one, he films himself in police custody and his blood on the street. The other shows him in the hospital with a head wound.

"I had so much of my own blood unnecessarily spilled," Mountford wrote. "About 20 minutes before this happened I had an interaction with the police, they ran my driver's license and they saw that I had no felonies, no warrants, no outstanding record, nothing and they thanked me for cooperating and let me go. 20 minutes later I'm getting either a nightstick or the butt end of some officers gun to the back of my head."

Mountford was booked for resisting an officer with force and violence. The case will be presented to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Airport Branch for filing consideration.

The incident is under investigation by the Criminal Investigations Division of the Santa Monica Police Department.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Officer Involved Shooting Response Team was notified and responded for an independent investigation. In accordance with Santa Monica Police Department Policy in relation to an officer-involved shooting, a concurrent administrative investigation has been initiated.

Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact Detective Haro at (310) 458-8432, Sergeant Christopher Skogh at (310) 458-8992 or the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8491.


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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, July 16

SM Reads: Race Relay Discussion

Denise Hamilton, writer and director of Race Relay, invites audience members and new participants for a conversation of open reflection on their feelings and attitudes about race. Main Library, 7 - 8 p.m.

Ocean Park Mystery Book Group

Join organizers as they discuss the latest authors in the mystery genre. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Emphasis on international authors and locations. All are welcome. No registration required. 'The Silkworm' by Robert Galbraith. Ocean Park Branch Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Gentle Yoga at Fairview

In a class that is safe for seniors and beginners, as well as relaxing and stress-releasing for pros, veteran instructor Raghavan guides you through a gentle session of yoga and meditation. Space is limited. Please bring a mat or towel to the program. Fairview Branch Library, 6:30 p.m.

Walk-In Tutoring: Basic Reading Writing and Online Skills

Friendly volunteer tutors provide help with basic reading, writing, and computer skills; using the Internet to search for information; opening and using an email account; filling out online forms or applications; learning how to write a resume or cover letter; and more. Main Library, 5 - 7 p.m.

VR & Retro Games

Escape to outer space with Oculus Rift and play classic games on Raspberry Pi. Must be at least 13 yrs. old to wear equipment. For teens. Montana Avenue Branch Library. 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 17

Life Lessons: How to Prepare for an Interview + How Not to Get Fired

Take the fear and uncertainty out of "adulting." Attend these workshop before you go off to college or live on your own. Included in this session is also lessons on How Not to Get Fired. For Recent High School Grads and College Students Registration required at the Main Library. 2 - 4 p.m.

Santa Monica Reads Book Discussion: The Hate U Give and Ghettoside

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas and Ghettoside by Jill Leovy. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Soundwaves: Thollem McDonas & Alex Cline

New music performance. Main Library, 7:30 p.m.

Mad Science: What Do You Know About H20?

A high-energy exploration of water conservation, surface tension, and the three states of matter. Montana Avenue Branch Library. 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Senior TAP Workshop at Virginia Avenue Park

Apply for a free reduced fare TAP card and receive travel training. Staff from LA Metro's On The Move Riders Club will be on hand to provide information and help you start with a travel club nearby. Virginia Avenue Park. 1 - 2 p.m.

Thursday, July 18

Movies @ The Park Series: Black Panther

Bring a chair, blankets and snacks for a screening of Black Panther under the stars! (134 min.) Presented by Pico Branch Library, Virginia Avenue Park, and Santa Monica Police Department. T'Challa, heir to the hidden but advanced kingdom of Wakanda, must step forward to lead his people into the new future and must confront a challenger from his country's past. Pico Branch Library, 8 - 10:15 p.m.

The Recreation & Parks Commission Regular Meeting

The Recreation & Parks Commission advises City Council and City staff on matters related to recreation and use of public open space. City Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Adult Summer Reading: Space Weather

Seth Dorfman, a researcher at UCLA & The Space Science Institute, discusses space weather, what it is and why it is important. Ocean Park Branch Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

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Treasury chief: Facebook currency plan ripe for illicit use

MARCY GORDON
AP Business Writer

The Trump administration came out strongly Monday against Facebook's ambitious plan to create a new digital currency, as the Treasury chief warned it could be used for illicit activity such as money laundering, human trafficking and financing terrorism.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin expressed "very serious concerns" about the currency proposed by the social network giant, to be called Libra. "This is indeed a national security issue," Mnuchin told reporters at the White House.

His comments came a few days after President Donald Trump tweeted that Libra "will have little standing or dependability."

Trump, fresh off a "social media summit" he led at the White House that gathered conservative critics of Big Tech, tweeted last week: "I am not a fan of Bitcoin and other Cryptocurrencies, which are not money, and whose value is highly volatile and based on thin air. Unregulated Crypto Assets can facilitate unlawful behavior, including drug trade and other illegal activity."

If they want to get into the financial business, Facebook and its dozens of partner companies in the venture will have to accept the kind of tight regulation that banks are under, the president said.

The Treasury chief's comments went further, though, tying Libra directly to concerns over potential use for money laundering, drug and human trafficking, tax evasion and other crimes.

Facebook has "a lot of work to do before we get to the point where we're comfortable with it," Mnuchin said.

On Tuesday, Congress begins two days of hearings on Facebook's Libra plan. The head of the Federal Reserve also raised an alarm about the plan last week.

Facebook's plan "raises a lot of serious concerns, and those would include around privacy, money laundering, consumer protection, financial stability," Fed Chairman Jerome Powell said in congressional testimony. "Those are going to need to be thoroughly and publicly assessed and evaluated before this proceeds."

Unlike Mnuchin, Powell — as head of the central bank — is an independent regulator who is separate from the administration and political influence.

Already under intense scrutiny from regulators and Congress over privacy and market dominance, Facebook stirred anger on Capitol Hill last month with the unveiling of its plan to create a new financial ecosystem based on a digital currency. Senate and House hearings went on the calendar, and the Democratic head of the House Financial Services Committee called on Facebook to suspend the plan until Congress and regulators can review it.

Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., said that Facebook, with some 2 billion users around the world, "is continuing its unchecked expansion and extending its reach into the lives of its users." She called Libra "a new Swiss-based financial system" that potentially is too big to fail and could require a taxpayer bailout.

David Marcus, the Facebook executive leading the project, says in his testimony prepared for Tuesday's hearing by the Financial Services panel that Libra "is about developing a safe, secure and low-cost way for people to move money efficiently around the world. We believe that Libra can make real progress toward building a more inclusive financial infrastructure."

Facebook agrees with Powell's view that the government's review of Libra must be "patient and thorough, rather than a sprint to implementation," Marcus' statement says. "The time between now and launch is designed to be an open process and subject to regulatory oversight and review. In fact, I expect that this will be the broadest, most extensive and most careful pre-launch oversight by regulators and central banks in FinTech's history. We know we need to take the time to get this right."

The planned digital currency is billed as a "stablecoin" backed by deposits in sovereign currencies such as the dollar, euro and Japanese yen — unlike bitcoin, ether or other digital currencies. Promising low fees, it could open online commerce to millions of people around the world who lack access to bank accounts and make it cheaper to send money across borders. But it also raises concerns over the privacy of users' data and the potential for criminals to use it for money laundering and fraud.

To address privacy concerns, Facebook created a nonprofit oversight association, with dozens of partners including PayPal, Uber, Spotify, Visa and MasterCard to govern Libra. As one among many in the association, Facebook says it won't have any special rights or privileges. It also created a "digital wallet" subsidiary, Calibra, to work on the technology, separately from its main social media business. While Facebook owns and controls Calibra, it won't see financial data from Calibra, the company says.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

Weapons Charges Filed Against Bel-Air Man

A 58-year-old man accused of possessing a cache of assault weapons at his Bel-Air home has been charged with 64 felony counts, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Girard Damian Saenz (dob 6/9/61) is charged with 23 counts of possession of an assault weapon, 17 counts of transfer of handgun with no licensed firearms dealer, 15 counts of unlawful assault weapon/.50 BMG rifle activity, seven counts of possession of a short-barreled rifle or shotgun, and two counts of possession of a destructive device.

Saenz pleaded not guilty today at an arraignment hearing at the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Branch. Case SA100880 was filed on July 12.

The alleged offenses occurred between January 2016 and May 2019, according to the charging document.

Bail for Saenz was set at $100,000. If convicted as charged, Saenz faces a maximum sentence of 48 years, eight months in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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Pacific Palisades

Democratic Club to host Presidential candidate

The Santa Monica Democratic Club, continuing the series of events we are cohosting with the Malibu and Pacific Palisades Democratic Clubs offering local Democrats and the general public a chance to hear from and ask questions of as many of the large number of contenders for the Democratic nomination for president as possible, will be presenting Governor Jay Inslee of Washington Monday, July 22, at 5 p.m. (doors open at 4:30 p.m.) at the Palisades Women's Club.

Organizers said Governor Inslee is taking part in the contest to bring a laser-targeted focus on the urgent, globally existential climate crisis, making this a very newsworthy event despite the long odds of his securing the nomination.

Come meet Presidential Candidate, Washington Governor Jay Inslee, at the 4th "Meet the Candidate" Forum hosted by the Pacific Palisades, Malibu & Santa Monica Democratic Clubs. Pacific Palisades Women's Club, 901 Haverford Ave., Pacific Palisades. Limited on-site parking.

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What's the Point?

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Long Beach is leading on men's issues

Last week I was invited to attend a program in the city of Long Beach called Fatherhood in Action: Engaging with your children. The event was a very comprehensive presentation on services that are available to men in Long Beach who want to become better fathers.

Councilmember Rex Richardson kicked off the event with opening remarks on the importance fathers and how his city has created the Father Friendly Initiative to help businesses, and organizations across the city become more supportive of fatherhood in general. The Father Friendly Initiative website lists a three step program:

1. Encourage Fatherhood By Portraying Positive Images of Diverse Fathers

Materials, illustrations, posters, brochures and other collateral include positive, diverse images of fathers. Think of fathers and fatherhood when choosing positive images, photographs or other materials for public display.

2. Train Staff on Fatherhood Issues and Father Friendly Practices

Strive to provide training for all staff on working with men and on fatherhood issues. Provide staff with trainings on father friendly practices and principles.

3. Ensure Men's Restrooms and Family/ Gender-Neutral Restrooms Contain a Changing Station

Strive to ensure all restrooms are equipped with changing stations in order to support fathers as caregivers in public spaces.

I would love to see the City of Santa Monica institute a program similar to this and actually put their support behind it as they do with the Commission on the Status of Women. For example, I would like to see the city, besides just mandating that changing stations be in restrooms, provide them if necessary. Rather than just dictating to businesses one more thing they must do, actually help them with the tools they need to make this a more father friendly environment.

The second part of the program was a set of testimonials from graduates of their Fatherhood Fundamentals program which was a cross disciplinary suite of services to help men who need not only parenting skills, but also life coaching and employment development services. This program is run through their Department of Health and Human Services, in conjunction with Goodwill Industries, Interval House and Families Uniting Families. The parenting program is a 30 hour course to develop healthy relationships. Participants are assigned a Life Coach they meet with twice a month to set and review goals, and the Employment Development program has one on one coaching and a 10 hour workshop series.

All of these are programs that assist men to be better parents, and more importantly give meaning and purpose to their lives which means they will be more engaged and active as fathers. By setting them up for success these programs have long term benefits to society in general because children with active and engaged fathers have lower rates of drug and substance abuse, lower teen pregnancy rates, reduced criminal behavior and higher rates of completion of educational goals. Additionally children who have fathers in their lives are less at risk of suicide and of acting out. By contrast, 26 of the 28 biggest mass shootings since 1948 were boys or men who did not have active and engaged fathers. Remember that those shooters were usually also dead at the end of the shooting, thus they were committing suicide one way or another, and the question for them was how many others to take with them.

While much ink has been used to discuss the #MeToo movement, and the #TimesUP movement and the sexual harassment by men of women and by men of men, little has been said about how to fix the problems beyond "men need to check their privilege" which is code for 'shut the F up'. In my opinion that is putting a band-aid on a chest wound. We have a real problem in our country with fathers being sidelined in their role as parents and then blamed for the outcome of the children. We cannot continue to cut men out of their children's lives and then blame them for not being there.

If we truly want to make the world a better place, we need to bring fathers and the many gifts they bring to parenting, such as self-esteem, boundary enforcement and modeling of how to handle conflict, back into children's lives. Fathers do far more for their children than provide monetary support and we need to step back from the overemphasis on child support and labeling fathers as 'deadbeat dads' (the vast majority of which are men making less than $10,000 a year, and in reality are only a tiny percentage of the men who are ordered to pay support). We need to start encouraging men to be more engaged, and more importantly we need to start taking down the obstacles that stand in their way with mom-centric institutionalized systems that demand the father be relegated to nothing more than being an ATM.

I have previously called for the city of Santa Monica to form a commission on the status of men, and I reiterate that call. We have hundreds of men in our community who need our help, from battling their

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LEADING

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mental health issues to being kept out of their children's lives, which leads to a depressed man who wants to drink, do drugs, becomes homeless and eventually commits suicide either by drink, drug or gun.

We need a men's commission in this city to address the myriad issues boys and men are facing and it is high time that our city council do more than just give lip-service to their efforts at 'equality' – they need to create a commission that will address these issues, and then back it up with support.

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Scientists close in on blood test for Alzheimer's

MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

Scientists are closing in on a long-sought goal — a blood test to screen people for possible signs of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

On Monday at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference, half a dozen research groups gave new results on various experimental tests, including one that seems 88% accurate at indicating Alzheimer's risk.

Doctors are hoping for something to use during routine exams, where most dementia symptoms are evaluated, to gauge who needs more extensive testing. Current tools such as brain scans and spinal fluid tests are too expensive or impractical for regular check-ups.

"We need something quicker and dirtier. It doesn't have to be perfect" to be useful for screening, said Maria Carrillo, the Alzheimer's Association's chief science officer.

Dr. Richard Hodes, director of the National Institute on Aging, called the new results "very promising" and said blood tests soon will be used to choose and monitor people for federally funded studies, though it will take a little longer to establish their value in routine medical care.

"In the past year we've seen a dramatic acceleration in progress" on these tests, he said. "This has happened at a pace that is far faster than any of us would have expected."

It can't come too soon for patients like Tom Doyle, a 66-year-old former university professor from Chicago who has had two spinal fluid tests since developing memory problems four years ago. First he was told he didn't have Alzheimer's, then that he did. He ultimately was diagnosed with different problems — Lewy body dementia with Parkinson's.

"They probably could have diagnosed me years ago accurately if they had had a blood test," said Doyle, who represents patients on the Alzheimer's Association's board.

About 50 million people worldwide have dementia, and Alzheimer's is the most common form. There is no cure; current medicines just temporarily ease symptoms. Dozens of hoped-for treatments have failed. Doctors think studies may have enrolled people after too much brain damage had occurred and included too many people with problems other than Alzheimer's.

A blood test — rather than subjective estimates of thinking skills — could get the right people into studies sooner.

One of the experimental blood tests measures abnormal versions of the protein that forms the plaques in the brain that are the hallmark of Alzheimer's. Last year, Japanese researchers published a study of it and on Monday they gave results from validation testing on 201 people with Alzheimer's, other types of dementia, mild impairment or no symptoms.

The blood test results closely matched those from the top tests used now — three types of brain scans and a mental assessment exam, said Dr. Akinori Nakamura of the National Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology in Obu, Japan. The test correctly identified 92% of people who had Alzheimer's and correctly ruled out 85% who did not have it, for an overall accuracy of 88%.

Shimadzu Corp. has rights to the test and is working to commercialize it, Nakamura said.

Another experimental test looks at neurofilament light, a protein that's a marker of nerve damage. Abdul Hye of King's College London gave results of a study comparing blood levels of it in 2,300 people with various neurological conditions — Alzheimer's, other dementias, Parkinson's, depression, multiple sclerosis, Lou Gehrig's disease — plus healthy folks for comparison.

Levels were significantly higher in eight conditions, and only 2% of healthy folks were above a threshold they set for raising concern. The test doesn't reveal which disorder someone has, but it may help rule one out when symptoms may be psychological or due to other problems.

Later at the conference, Dr. Randall Bateman of Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis will give new results on a blood test he helped develop that the university has patented and licensed to C2N Diagnostics, a company he co-founded. Like the Japanese test, it measures the abnormal Alzheimer protein, and the new results will show how well the test reflects what brain scans show on nearly 500 people.

"Everyone's finding the same thing ... the results are remarkably similar across countries, across techniques," said Bateman, whose work is supported by the U.S. government and the Alzheimer's Association. He estimates a screening test could be as close as three years away.

What good will that do without a cure?

An Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll last year found that most Americans would want to know if they carried a gene tied to a disease even if it was incurable.

"What people want most of all is a diagnosis" if they're having symptoms, said Jonathan Schott of University College London. "What we don't like is not knowing what's going on."







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It will fill with you with pride to realize that you've done the work necessary to arrive at a destination you hoped for many years ago. Next, you'll help loved ones with their plans and further advance your own. Also in the works: passions ignited on a far-flung adventure, and the purchase of something that was once too expensive. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 10, 4, 48 and 16.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). To provide yourself with comfort is more important than you're making it, and not quite as easy as it would seem. This will involve some trial and error. Commit to the work. When you're comfortable, you shine.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The reason blame is so toxic is that it renders the blamer helpless. If the problem is someone else's fault, then that's the person who has the power to fix it. Those who claim responsibility also claim power.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Align yourself with people who get measurable results and be one of them yourself. Feelings are fickle. Chasing them around will be tiring, confusing and pointless. Focus instead on improvements you can track.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Whatever you're avoiding, it's exactly the thing that's going to make you stronger and more capable. Face it and handle it. There's no promise it will be easy, but you'll be better for it, guaranteed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Just as it is human to fear what is different and be drawn to the safety of what is similar, it is also human (and very you) to get curious and do the complete opposite today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The dilemma you face today warrants discussion. Bring a few people in on it, like a think tank. It just so happens that the more points of view you get, the more clarity you'll have.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Even though you want to adhere to some new behavioral standards, you're already pretty awesome. You model values that you don't even realize you're modeling. You've held them so long that they're a part of who you are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What is the cost of inaction? Look at that closely because it's higher than you think. When you tally it up all that's lost by not making a move, you'll find it to be a terrible and needless expense.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Unrealistic deadlines turn up the stress to a level that's neither productive nor healthy. Whatever it is you're trying to do, give yourself more time and fatter margins for error.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Angry feelings are the emotional body's attempt at feeling powerful. Unfortunately, the same anger that makes a person feel powerful can prevent them from actually being powerful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's room for differing opinions. More than one can be right. Also, it's really OK to have some conflict over matters. If you deny conflict, it remains. Accept and resolve it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Just as I.Q. can ebb and flow, emotional I.Q. changes with environmental factors, experience and education. Some are born with an impressive capacity to understand feelings, but emotional intelligence still takes work.

Emotional Flicker of the Partial Lunar Eclipse

This full moon in Capricorn comes with a colorful side of a partial lunar eclipse – more of a garnish than an actual serving, so don't worry too much about the emotional implications of this emotional flicker. This time the commotion centers around power, who has it, who wants it and how to get it. Insights will be sudden, with sparkling clarity.

DEVELOP YOUR INTUITION, LEO

For the cat, intuition is often triggered through sight. A cat's eyes are similar to a human's in that they are tuned into motion and have evolved to key into positional changes in the environment that, once noticed, have an immediate effect on the cat's posture. A feline springing into readiness is an electric phenomenon in and of itself. The cat may not consciously realize what the next move is, but everything in the cat's being seems to align, from whiskers to tail, to execute the pounce.

Leo is the same. Small changes set off Leo's alarms, and without a conscious thought, Leo shape-shifts into a posture of total readiness. This happens before Leo even realizes what there is to be ready for.

Developing intuition is a matter of being increasingly sensitized to changes. Whether it's the weather in the sky or differences in workflow or microexpressions that flicker across the face of friends, the more Leo notices, the keener Leo's intuitive response will be. Note that deliberation or rumination has nothing to do with this process. What's far more helpful is observation, curiosity and the ability to stay in the moment.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

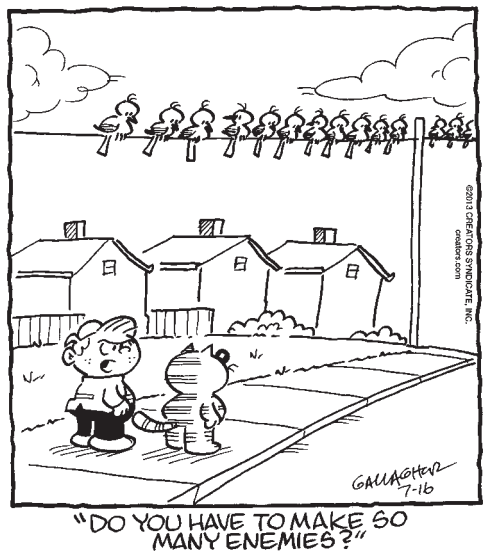
Cancer Will Ferrell is anything but predictable. One minute it's a drum-off with one of the world's greatest rock drummers. The next it's a fight with a late-night talk show host over whose pants are tighter. Maybe he'll make us cry in a serious role or make us laugh by bringing together an all-star cast in one of the funniest movies of the year. In any case, Ferrell is as changeable as the moon by which his sign is ruled. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

WORD UP!

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an obstacle, hindrance, or obstruction.

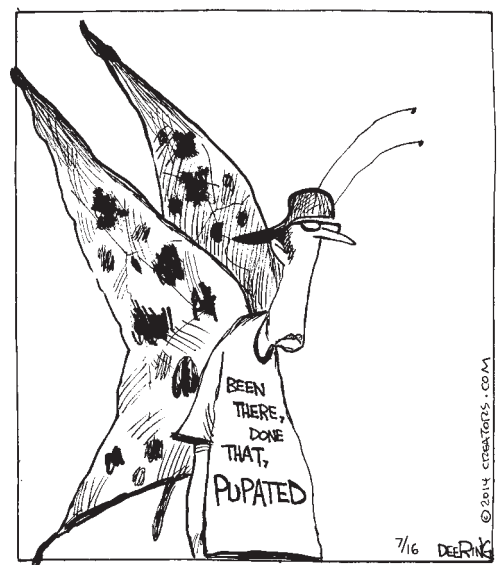
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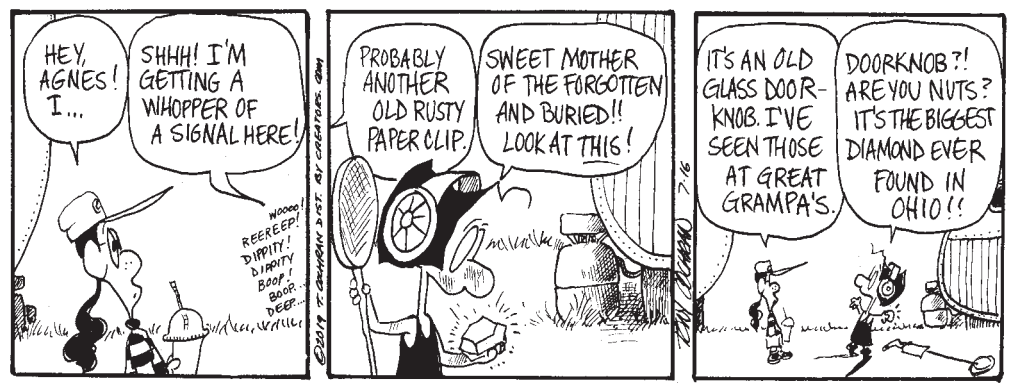
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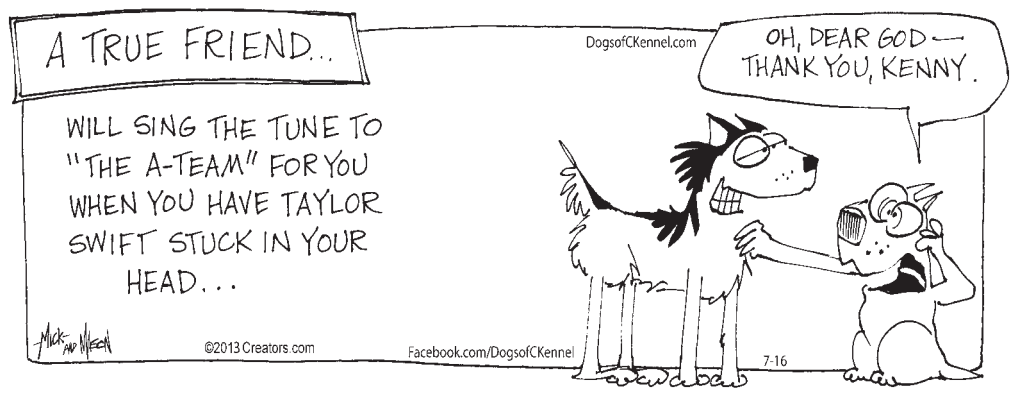
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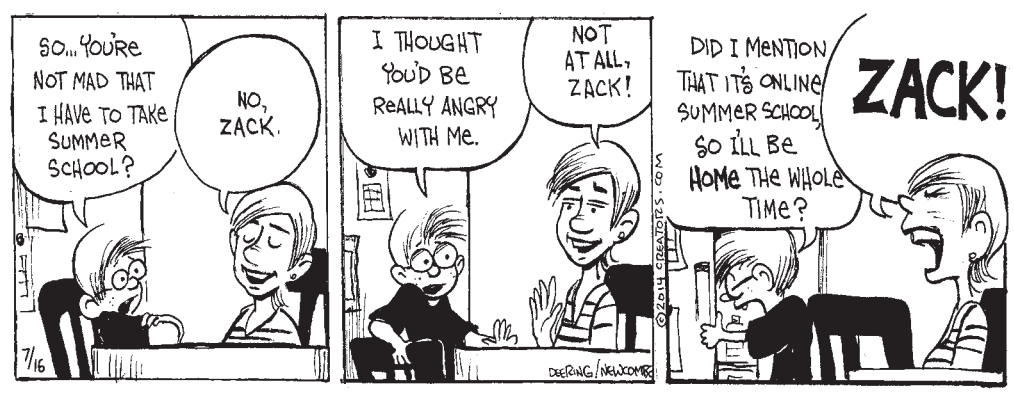
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Draw Date:07/13
13 23 32 35 68
Power#: 21
Jackpot: 40 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 07/12
8 25 38 56 59
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 137 M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 07/13
1 13 18 20 30
Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 62 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 07/14
13 18 23 30 37

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 07/14
Midday: 4 7 6
Draw Date: 07/14
Evening: 6 4 8

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 07/11
1st: 09 - WINNING SPIRIT
2nd: 01 - GOLD RUSH
3rd: 07 - EUREKA
RACE TIME: 1:47.03

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 71.1°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ waist to shoulder high
SSW swell eases as new SW swell builds - exposed breaks offer the most size with select focal points going larger. Cleaner W facing breaks.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ waist to shoulder high occ. 5 ft
SW swell tops out as old SSW swell fades further - summer breaks offer the most size. Cleaner W facing breaks.

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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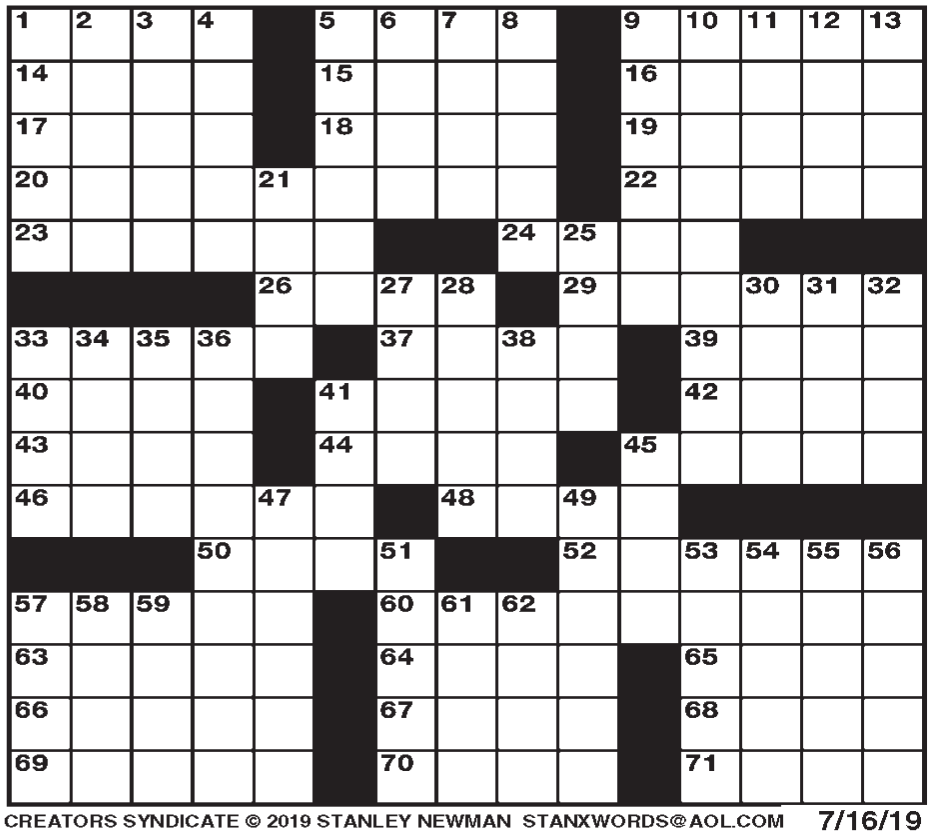
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Newsday Crossword

STICK-Y SITUATIONS by Billie Truitt
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ACROSS
1 Storage containers
5 Barn's upper space
9 Make happen
14 Revise
15 Stare at
16 Liability's opposite
17 Hourly charge
18 Small songbird
19 Passport documents
20 Length of yardSTICKS
22 Premature
23 Unnecessary fuss
24 Bugle or trumpet
26 Hollywood celebrity
29 Notify
33 Willing to face danger
37 Dinner or brunch
39 Black-and-white cookie
40 Ankle-length skirt
41 Personal journal
42 Dollar bills
43 Untamed
44 Just sitting around
45 Fan favorites
46 Arm of a shirt
48 "The Red Planet"
50 Grains in Cheerios
52 Pass, as time
57 Obstructs, as a pipe
60 LipSTICKS, for example
63 Point toward
64 "I've had it __ here!"
65 Pastures
66 Of the highest quality
67 Finished ahead of
68 Land measure
69 Restaurant customer
70 Opening poker stake
71 Looks at

DOWN
1 Space in a sleeper car
2 Potato-producing state
3 Liquid explosive, for short
4 Highly sloped
5 Like 1% milk
6 Brute of folklore
7 Make a fast escape
8 30, to 300
9 Natural underground chamber
10 Cuisine using chopSTICKS
11 Cold War adversary: Abbr.
12 Make watertight
13 Online crafts store
21 "So what __ is new?"
25 Overly greasy
27 Surrounded by
28 Kingdom
30 Yes-__ question
31 Film projector spool
32 Rolling stone's supposed lack
33 German autos, for short
34 Banister
35 Wheel-connecting rod
36 Activity using joySTICKS
38 Square footage
41 Food plan
45 Speck of land in the ocean
47 More immense
49 TV watcher's gadget
51 Deep-sea diving gear
53 Map book
54 Fragment
55 Fill with fear
56 Double-curve letters
57 __ Canaveral, FL
58 Former Italian coin
59 Fail to mention
61 Ready for customers
62 Numerical fact, briefly



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Trump tweets send stinging message to countless Americans

ERRIN HAINES WHACK
AP National Writer

When President Donald Trump tweeted that four congresswomen should "go back to where they came from," Erika Almiron was reminded of the first time she heard the same comments. She was a new fourth-grader at a predominantly white Italian-Catholic school.

Since then, the daughter of immigrants from Paraguay has heard the remark dozens of times. "I was like, 'I was born in South Philly, so what do you want me to do?' said Almiron, now 42 and an immigrant-rights worker in Philadelphia.

For countless Americans, Trump's words sent a stinging message that they are not fully welcome in their own country. His comments echoed painful remarks they have heard throughout their lives. But this time, they came not from a stranger or even a political candidate, but straight from the occupant of the Oval Office.

Trump "feels so emboldened to believe that he has the right to be here and other people don't, and he gets to determine what that looks like," Almiron said.

The president doubled down on his remarks Monday, telling reporters that if the lawmakers "hate our country," they can leave. He defended his tweets by saying the backlash he received "doesn't concern me because many people agree with me."

"He likes to other-ize people and point to them as being the problem," said the Rev. William Barber, senior pastor of Greenleaf Christian Church in Goldsboro, North Carolina. "What he's doing is ugly and vile and un-American and not new. The rhetoric is cover for racist policy."

Trump's tweets hearken back to his entry into politics, when he questioned former President Barack Obama's citizenship, said Rashad Robinson, executive director of the Color of Change civil rights organization, who recalled being told to "go back to Africa" while growing up on Long Island.

"These are basically questions about who should be seen," Robinson said. "This is at the heart of the execution of 'make America great again,' this idea that America was truly great when only some people were allowed to belong."

On the same day as the president's tweets, Amena Qureshi's Uber driver said to her: "Your English is really good! How do you not have an accent?"

She did not take the comments as a compliment but a reminder that people who look like her are not considered American.

"It's super frustrating to always be on the defensive," Qureshi, a native Midwesterner and daughter of Pakistani immigrants who remembers first being told to "go back to your weird country" as a sixth grader. She is now 30 and living in Chicago.

Qureshi was recently at a downtown park and a stranger said: "I'm going to assume that you were not born here. Have you seen the Wizard of Oz?"

"I immediately looked at him and said, 'I've seen the Wizard of Oz. Why would you assume that?'" she said. "He should not be asking that question. It's the immediate assumption that because I do cover my hair in public and I am obviously a Muslim."

She says she is "as American as it gets. Been here my whole life, visited my parents' birth country once. It almost feels like we're going backwards."

Sheela Lal, 28, whose parents immigrated to America from India more than a generation ago, said she's made a practice of loudly pushing back against people who assume the Missouri native is from somewhere else, in hopes that future generations won't be subject to the same questions.

"These types of incidents happen because we are not seen as part of the fabric," said Lal, of Dearborn, Michigan. The idea "that being in a predominantly white space means that we cannot be there either, and that we have no impact on the culture of a region, it's really exhausting to constantly deal with."

Michael Rashid, a 72-year-old businessman in Philadelphia, said Trump's comments recalled for him a time he was told to "go back to Africa" by a woman over a decade ago. He replied, "I can claim a right to this country just as much, if not more than you."

"My ancestors built this country," Rashid, the grandson of slaves, told the woman. "Don't tell me this is not my country."

Maribel Ortiz, who lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts, said the president's comments were particularly hurtful to her as a native of Puerto Rico who grew up in Boston during more racially tense times in the city.

"Puerto Rico is part of the United States, and I've been treated like I'm from another country. I work and pay my taxes and contribute to this country like everyone else," she said.

The 50-year-old laundry worker declined to say who she voted for in the last presidential election but was blunt in her assessment of Trump, calling his ignorance "mind blowing" and saying he can't "even express himself like a decent man."

But Ryan Hanslik, a white 29-year-old from Waltham, Massachusetts, who was passing by jumped in to defend the president, chanting, "Make American great again" over and over.

An independent who voted for Trump, he argued that the president has free speech rights and that Democrats have used divisive rhetoric too.

"He's rough and tough, and I can totally see people's perspective on why they didn't like that, but we all express ourselves differently," Hanslik said. His argument with Ortiz ended with a perfunctory handshake.

Trump is "a different president, and we need to stop holding him to the standard of the office," Hanslik said. "We're in the 21st century. Times are a little bit different than JFK. We got to let him speak his piece."

Associated Press writers Philip Marcelo in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Deepti Hajela in New York and Noreen Nasir in Chicago contributed to this report.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 296 CALLS ON JULY 14

Party complaint 800blk 21st St 12:21 a.m.
Loud music 2800blk Main St 12:31 a.m.
Vandalism 2700blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:43 a.m.
Party complaint 800blk 21st St 1:01 a.m.
Fight 2000blk 10th St 1:19 a.m.
Auto burglary 1300blk 4th St 5:07 a.m.
Vandalism 200blk Broadway 6:05 a.m.
Battery 300blk Bicknell Ave 6:15 a.m.
Drinking in public Euclid St / Wilshire Blvd 7:14 a.m.
Harassing phone calls 800blk 23rd St 7:54 a.m.
Identity theft 1500blk Centinela Ave 8:02 a.m.
Indecent exposure 800blk Palisades Beach Rd 8:06 a.m.
Vandalism Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 8:16 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1800blk 16th St 9:10 a.m.
Harassing phone calls 800blk 23rd St 9:20 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Cloverfield Blvd / Virginia Ave 9:32 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1200blk Franklin St 10:15 a.m.
Battery 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 10:21 a.m.
Petty theft 1300blk Cedar St 10:25 a.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 19th St / Montana Ave 10:33 a.m.
Petty theft 2500blk Main St 10:33 a.m.
Violation of preferential parking zone 500blk Strand St 11:51 a.m.
Extortion 1000blk 7th St 11:54 a.m.
Petty theft 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:57 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved 2000blk Main St 12:03 p.m.
Petty theft 1400blk 4th St 12:13 p.m.
Construction noise 1500blk Princeton St 12:15 p.m.
Bike theft 1500blk Broadway 12:27 p.m.
Bike theft 300blk Ocean Ave 12:27 p.m.
Petty theft 1300blk Cedar St 12:47 p.m.
Vehicle parked on sidewalk 1300blk Washington Ave 1:01 p.m.
Vandalism 1300blk 16th St 1:15 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 1:39 p.m.
Encampment 3200blk Highland Ave 1:41 p.m.
Petty theft ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 1:51 p.m.
Speeding 1300blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:10 p.m.
Child endangerment 1900blk Cloverfield Blvd 2:18 p.m.
Grand theft 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 2:24 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:45 p.m.
Panhandling 400blk Santa Monica Pier 3:10 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 1600blk Main St 3:20 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 600blk Idaho Ave 3:29 p.m.
Hit and run felony 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:48 p.m.
Auto burglary 100blk Hollister Ave 3:52 p.m.
Fight 100blk Wilshire Blvd 3:54 p.m.
Burglary 1100blk Bay St 4:04 p.m.
Battery 500blk Colorado Ave 4:32 p.m.
Indecent exposure 800blk Palisades Beach Rd 4:40 p.m.
Drinking in public 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 4:52 p.m.
Hit and run 1300blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:59 p.m.
Vandalism Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 5:09 p.m.
Hit and run 1800blk Wilshire Blvd 5:16 p.m.
Speeding Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 5:18 p.m.
Battery 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 5:18 p.m.
Speeding Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 5:35 p.m.
Stalking 2800blk Pico Blvd 5:37 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 40 CALLS ON JULY 14

Miscellaneous outside fire 2700blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:48 a.m.
EMS 800blk Montana Ave 1:12 a.m.
EMS 1100blk Broadway 1:47 a.m.
EMS 700blk Broadway 2:07 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Lincoln Blvd 2:12 a.m.
EMS 700blk Broadway 4:24 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:00 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Expo Line 9:09 a.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Grant St 9:33 a.m.
Miscellaneous outside fire Lincoln Blvd / Interstate 10 9:53 a.m.
EMS 900blk 9th St 10:18 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 11:44 a.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 11:50 a.m.
EMS 21st St / Santa Monica Blvd 11:56 a.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 2200blk 20th St 11:57 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 12:04 p.m.
EMS 10th St / Pacific St 12:11 p.m.
EMS 700blk Arizona Ave 12:46 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Pico Blvd 1:27 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 1:38 p.m.
Assist LAFD 00blk E Navy 2:08 p.m.
Assist LAFD 200blk S Main 2:23 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Colorado Ave 2:24 p.m.
EMS 1900blk 19th St 2:43 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Sunset Ave 3:28 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 2nd St 3:35 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 18th St 3:40 p.m.
Elevator rescue 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:19 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Ocean Front Walk 5:49 p.m.
EMS 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 5:55 p.m.
EMS 300blk California Ave 5:58 p.m.
EMS 400blk Santa Monica Pier 7:13 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 2nd St 7:51 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 4th St 8:39 p.m.
Assist LAFD 600blk 26th 9:02 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 3rd St 9:08 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1500blk Ocean Ave 10:25 p.m.
EMS 2900blk 31st St 11:51 p.m.
Haz mat - level 1 800blk Bay St 11:59 p.m.

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PROTECTIONS

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an excessive emotional attachment or be perceived as acting in a "parental" role, would be considered policy violations and could be punished with disciplinary action up to termination or legal action.

Other behaviors that would be subject to disciplinary action include almost all physical contact, making sexual or sexualized comments about a student's appearance, using student restrooms when staff restrooms are available and taking a student out of class without a legitimate educational purpose.

Under the proposed rules, law enforcement would investigate suspected child abuse and the district would confidentially investigate all other violations. Retaliation against the person who reported the misconduct or anyone else involved in the investigation would be prohibited.

SMMUSD staff said the changes are necessary in the wake of multiple child sexual abuse scandals the country, citing U.S. Department of Education research estimating that 1 in 10 students will experience sexual misconduct perpetrated by a school employee by the time they graduate from high school.

In the majority of cases of sexual misconduct in schools, staff said, the perpetrator is a male teacher or coach in their mid-30s. Students from low-income or troubled homes, students who are marginalized or bullied and students with disabilities are most vulnerable to sexual abuse.

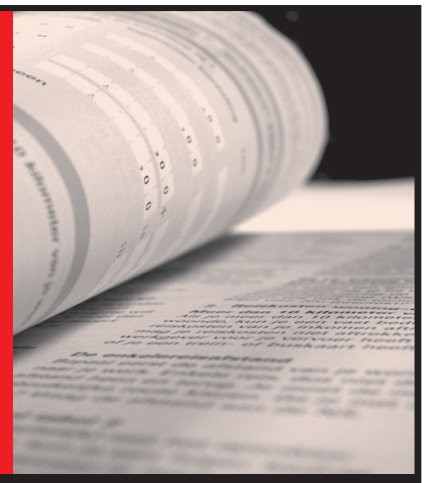
The Alliance of Schools for Cooperative Insurance Program, the district's public insurance agency, gathered a focus group of human resources and risk management professionals from local school districts and resource organizations to develop the policy, staff said. A subcommittee of the district's safety committee reviewed the policy and tailored it to SMMUSD.

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