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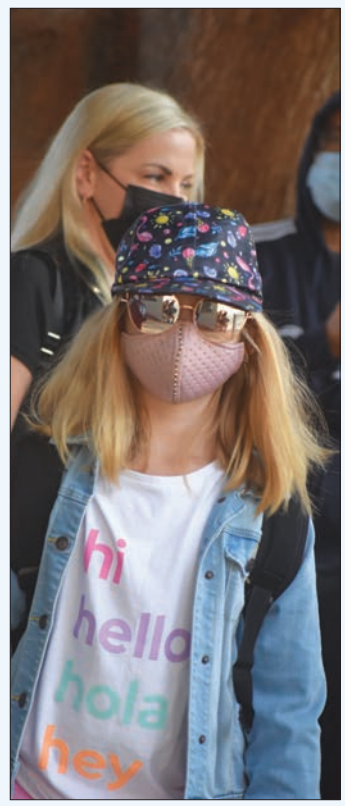












Matthew Hall and Clara Harter

SCHOOL: It was a busy day for students, parents and teachers yesterday with the start of the new school year. Officials are asking residents to be aware of busy streets as everyone adjusts to the new commutes.

Council to discuss vaccine rules and unlicensed pier vendors

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

City Council is returning with a jam-packed agenda set to examine the noise ordinance, weaponizable items at public assemblies, unlicensed pier vendors and vaccination requirements for staff.

VACCINATIONS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

Employee vaccine mandates, a growing trend among public and education employers, could soon fall into place in Santa Monica.

On July 26. Newsom announced that all State employees and health care workers must show proof of vaccination or be tested at least once a week. Newsom encouraged all local governments and other employers to follow suit.

L.A. City Council and the County Board of Supervisors have both passed slightly stricter mandates, only allowing employees to opt for weekly testing if they can demonstrate a legitimate religious or medical reason to not receive the vaccine. At a local level, this policy has been adopted by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and Santa Monica College.

This is also the policy that Councilmembers Davis, Brock and Himmelrich would like to enact locally and have submitted as a discussion item.

Negotiations for some type of vaccination mandate appear to already be underway as Council is meeting with a range of labor

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Open Main St. returns with an activity packed agenda

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The car free Main St. experiment is back for another trip around the block this weekend with a slew of performances, fitness classes and kids activities set to take place in the pedestrian plaza created between Hill and Kinney streets.

The event is being held by the Ocean Park Association and Main St Business Improvement Association in partnership with the City. It was piloted on July 24. and 25. with a goal of bringing the community safely together and supporting local businesses.

While a faction of residents continue to bemoan health, safety, and traffic risks associated with the event, organizers consider the first event a great success and are plowing ahead on the second weekend with zeal and optimism.

OPA reported that from its own survey taken during the first Open Main Street in July, 95 percent of respondents felt positive about the pilot. SMPD officers who were on scene to maintain traffic flows and pedestrian safety, reported that the event was carried out without any incidents.

"Transforming the street into a pedestrian plaza is enabling us all to experience Main Street in an entirely new way," said Sean Besser, chair of OPA's Main St. Committee. "It was heartwarming to see friends and neighbors smiling together on Main Street throughout the first pilot weekend and we look forward to more of that in future weekends."

The initial event was moderately attended and characterized by lulls in liveliness in between the fitness and music activities. With the belief that they have a strong handle on safety, organizers are ramping up programming for this weekend.

There are nine musical performances on the schedule including acclaimed violinist Nick Kennerly, Mocha Chai and the Old Corn Lickers. Local fitness businesses Platinum Pilates, Groove 3, Circuit Works, and F45 fitness will all be hosting free classes.

Kids activities are plentiful, with story time, music, arts and crafts and more. Residents young and old are invited to enjoy giant-sized games such as Jenga, chess, cornhole and Connect 4.

In addition to the abundant al-fresco dining opportunities on Main Street, picnic tables and lawn furniture will be set up for eating and relaxing within the pedestrian

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Death Investigation 300blk California Ave 6:22 a.m.
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Construction Noise 600blk 21st St 8:55 a.m.
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Audible Burglar Alarm 1000blk Princeton St 10:07 a.m.
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Overdose 1800blk 19th St 11:26 a.m.
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Vehicle Parked In Alley 2100blk Yorkshire Ave 11:33 a.m.
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UCLA has high expectations in Kelly's 4th season in charge

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AP Sports Writer

It's now or never as Chip Kelly enters his fourth season at UCLA.

Kelly has one of the more experienced squads in the Pac-12 Conference with 19 starters returning. That's quite a change from 2018 and '19 when the Bruins had one of the youngest squads in the nation.

Upperclassmen now make up 38% of the Bruins' roster. Only Stanford (50%) and Southern California (46%) have a higher percentage.

"It's comforting. It took us a while to get to this point," Kelly said. "Our classes are now a little more evenly distributed. We have a group of juniors and seniors that have played a lot of football. We're going to have to rely on that experience."

No one symbolizes the trial by fire during Kelly's tenure more than quarterback Dorian Thompson-Robinson. The senior was thrown into the fire quickly due to injuries and started what was then just his second collegiate game — at Oklahoma in 2018.

Thompson-Robinson has gone on to start 24 of the 26 games he has played. Last season he completed a career-high 65.2% of his passes with 12 touchdowns and four interceptions.

"Just seeing the growth, We were kids out there playing when we were freshmen. We're grown men now," Thompson-Robinson said. "I'm excited. It is a complete team now."

The Bruins showed improvement last year. Even though they were 3-4, the losses were by a combined 15 points. The expectation this season is that they can notch their first winning season since 2015.

Seven or more wins is also what Kelly might need to save his job. Kelly came to Westwood with much fanfare in December 2017 but is 10-21 in three seasons. Athletic director Martin Jarmond is beginning his second year and Kelly will have only one year remaining on his contract at the end of this season.

"People are expecting big things out of the Bruins," defensive back Qwuantrezz Knight said. "We just want to elevate all around and be the best that we can be. We are going to attack the season like that."

PRETTY SKILLED

Brittain Brown is expected to be the starting running back after Demetric Felton's graduation. Brown joined the Bruins as a grad transfer from Duke last season and averaged 6.6 yards per carry. He got the start in last year's season finale against Stanford and rushed for 219 yards.

Also expected to get plenty of carries is Michigan transfer Zach Charbonnet, who had 11 rushing touchdowns as a freshman in 2019.

The receiver group is also deep. Kyle Phillips — whose 38 catches were second in the conference last season — was the Bruins' only first-team selection to the all-preseason team. Tight end Greg Dulcich averaged 19.9 yards per catch and had five touchdowns last season.

ON DEFENSE

The Bruins return all but one starter on a defense that was among the nation's most improved last season. The unit had 48 tackles for loss, nine interceptions and averaged 3.3 sacks per game.

Even though the unit was stout against the run (the 3.6 yards per carry were 25th in the nation), they allowed 274.1 passing yards per game, which was the seventh-most among Power Five teams.

"The guys understand the things we got to do better at," assistant head coach Brian Norwood said. "A lot of that is just little things. It's not so much at times a guy running free as much as it is finishing at the point of attack."

LINING THEM UP

The Bruins offensive line has all five starters back and it could be one of their best in years.

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EXPLAINER: How California could recall Gov. Gavin Newsom

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California's Sept. 14 recall election could remove first-term Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom from office. Mail-in ballots, the form of voting most Californians use, already have arrived at voters' homes.

The contest is unfolding as the state sees a surge in coronavirus cases from the delta variant and the return of masks and other mandates and restrictions in many places. There are raging wildfires in Northern California and an unrelenting homeless crisis.

Republicans are hoping for an upset in a heavily Democratic state, where the GOP hasn't won a statewide election since 2006. The election is being closely watched nationally as a barometer of the public mood heading toward the 2022 elections, when a closely divided Congress again will be in play.

So, how did California arrive at this point? Here are some answers:

WHAT IS A RECALL ELECTION?

California is one of 20 states that have provisions to recall a sitting governor, 19 through elections. The state law establishing the rules goes back to 1911 and was intended to place more power directly in the hands of voters by allowing them to remove elected officials and repeal or pass laws by placing them on the ballot.

Recall attempts are common in the state, but they rarely get on the ballot and even fewer succeed. The only time a governor was recalled was 2003, when Democrat Gray Davis was removed and voters replaced him with Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger.

WHY IS THERE A RECALL DRIVE AGAINST NEWSOM?

The answer is simple and complicated.

The simple part: Californians grew angry during the pandemic. Whipsaw stay-at-home orders by Newsom, crushing job losses from business closures, shuttered schools and the disruption of daily life soured just about everybody. Many of life's routines were cut off at some point if not altogether, whether trips to the beach or lunches at a favorite taco joint.

The complicated part: In a state with nearly 40 million people there are many grievances, including California's wallet-sapping taxes, rising food and gas prices, the threat of water rationing to contend with a long-running drought and the continuing threat of wildfires. As governor, Newsom is a ready target for that resentment.

He is also being hit by fallout from a multibillion-dollar fraud scandal at the state unemployment agency while weathering a public shaming for going maskless while dining out with friends and lobbyists at an exclusive restaurant last fall, while telling residents to stay home for safety.

HOW DOES THE ELECTION WORK?

Voters are being asked if Newsom should be removed, yes or no, and then who should replace him. They will choose from a list of replacement candidates. If a majority of voters approve Newsom's recall, the candidate who gets the most votes becomes governor. If Newsom is recalled, his replacement could be elected with just a fraction of the votes. With dozens of candidates dividing those ballots, it's possible a winner could get 25% or less.

WHAT REPLACEMENT CANDIDATES HAVE ENTERED THE RACE?

There are 46 names on the certified ballot, though former Congressman Doug Ose withdrew this week after suffering a heart attack. The 24 Republican candidates include talk radio host Larry Elder, Kevin Faulconer, the former San Diego mayor; businessman John Cox, who was defeated by Newsom in 2018; Caitlyn Jenner, a reality TV personality and former Olympian; and Assemblyman Kevin Kiley.

There are nine Democrats, 10 independents, two Green Party members and one Libertarian. No Democrat with political stature decided to run — the best-known Democratic candidate is real estate agent and YouTube star Kevin Paffrath. Most of the candidates are largely unknown and have not mounted credible campaigns.

WHAT ARE CANDIDATES PROMISING?

Faulconer has proposed ending the state income tax for individuals making up to $50,000 and households up to $100,000 as part of a plan to make the state more affordable for the middle class. Cox sought to gain attention by campaigning with a 1,000-pound (450-kilogram) Kodiak bear, which he said represented the need for "beastly" changes in the state, and also is calling for a historic tax cut.

Elder has promised to bring a fresh eye and common sense to Democrat-dominated Sacramento, and has said he would swiftly lift state mask and vaccine mandates. Kiley has said he would immediately end the pandemic state of emergency, which would automatically wipe out all state and local orders issued under it.

WHAT IS NEWSOM SAYING ABOUT THE RECALL?

For months, Newsom steered around questions about a possible recall election, saying he wanted to focus on the coronavirus, vaccinations and reopening schools. But in March, he launched an aggressive campaign strategy, fundraising, running ads attacking the recall and doing national TV and cable interviews. He has acknowledged that people were anxious and weary after a difficult year dealing with the virus and restrictions.

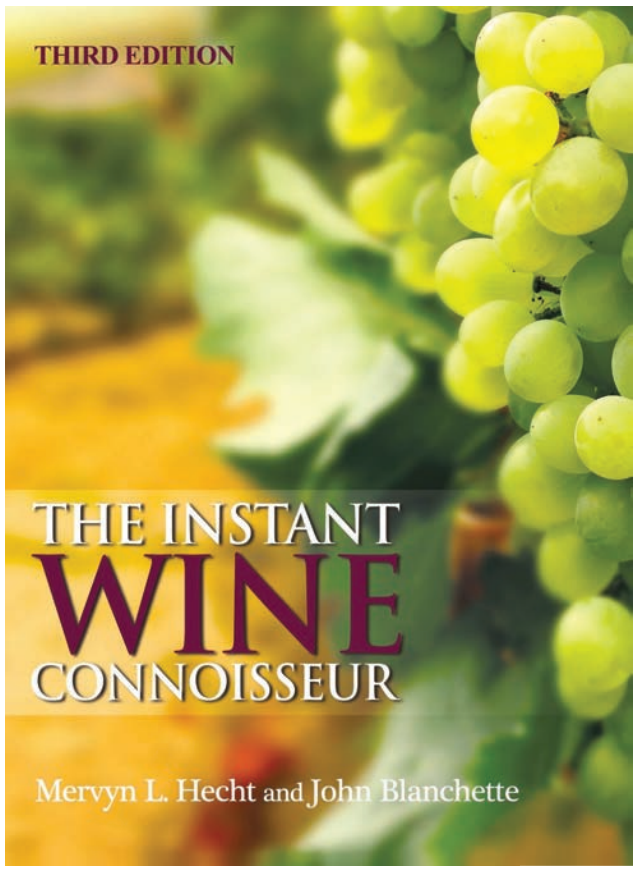
Newsom, who was elected in a 2018 landslide, sees the recall as an attack on

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County deploying specialized teams to handle back-to-school Covid cases

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Daily Press Editor

With local schools back in session this week, the Los Angeles Department of Public Health has deployed several dedicated teams to help educational institutions fight COVID-19 outbreaks.

While the teams help schools spot cases or implement safety protocols and the Department will start providing school specific outbreak information on its website soon.

"With so many school districts either opened or reopening at the end of this week or in the very near future, we do monitor school cases and outbreaks among staff, and students," said Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer. "Additionally, we have several types of teams that are working in schools to ensure the safety of students and staff."

The Department's School Technical Assistance teams reach out proactively to schools throughout the county to help assess preventive readiness and advise on options for improvement. The Exposure Management teams follow up on cases reported by schools and help identify possible sources of infection, as well as close contacts, while also ensuring the schools provide appropriate isolation guidance to infected staff or students and their parents.

If more than one case is identified in a given school, an Educational Setting Outbreak team will work with the school to determine whether these cases are connected. If there's evidence of contagion at a school site, the team takes over the investigation and it helps the school identify the steps it can take to reduce risk in the broader school community.

As part of their transparency efforts, Public Health will launch a new school specific online dashboard in September. The site will include color coded district maps that provide information on testing volume, community case rates and community vaccination rates.

The map will include school specific information such as positive case counts, details on outbreaks and the number of students at the school that are required to quarantine.

While the site is still under construction, Public Health will provide weekly reports on school cases.

Ferrer said that in a 24 hour period from 8 a.m. on Aug. 17 to 8 a.m. on Aug. 18, 118 new K - 12 cases were reported with the majority occurring at schools. Of the 112, 56 were individual cases while 11 were clusters of two or more.

"Our teams are working closely with these schools to ensure that positive cases are isolated and close contacts quarantined to reduce additional transmission at the schools," she said.

Ferrer reiterated the importance of vaccines in fighting outbreaks.

"Given the importance of continuing our recovery journey, we need to act with a sense of urgency to reduce community transmission as quickly as possible. Layering on public health protections is sensible," she said. "Right now, the people who need to be getting vaccinated are those 12 and over who haven't yet received their first doses, and people who are due for their second."

She said the mass testing about to begin in local school districts will increase overall case counts as the sheer number of people being tested will increase positive results but the system will also provide opportunities to gather huge amounts of data on the school populations that will help inform public safety recommendations going forward.

"I also want to note that all schools, private and public, will be required to have a testing program in place by, I believe it's the middle of October, under a State mandate that requires that staff at schools either are able to verify their vaccination status, or they will be required to undergo weekly testing."

Ferrer reiterated the importance of vaccination as the best tool to improve the overall outlook.

"If you have questions about the vaccines, or you want to get yourself and your family members vaccinated. I encourage you to visit our new revamped website at vaccinatelacounty.com," she said. "There you can find resources about vaccination sites near you, including which sites are offering to vaccinate children, and you can also get information on vaccine myths and facts, access to all of the vaccination data, get answers to your frequently asked questions, or you can request to host a mobile vaccine clinic. We do want to make sure you get the information you need to make the right choice, that keeps you and your loved one safe."

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CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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ON AUGUST 6, 2021 AT APPROXIMATELY 9 P.M.

SMPD patrol officers assigned to the Santa Monica Pier were flagged down regarding a subject who was acting erratic and stealing items from pier vendors. The reporting party stated the suspect, later identified as Frank Hutton had stolen his violin during his performance and thrown it off the pier. Hutton was later detained by officers and booked for petty theft and vandalism.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Local Democrats Organize anti-recall efforts

Both of Santa Monica's state legislators, Senator Ben Allen and Assemblymember Richard Bloom, who each reside in Santa Monica themselves, join Mayor Sue Himmelrich and the Santa Monica Democratic Club to canvass their own neighbors to vote No on the Republican Recall on September 14.

The Santa Monica Democratic Club is heralding the No on the Recall election campaign here in Santa Monica by organizing a variety of events to get out the vote including weekly canvassing, phonebanking, textbanking, postcarding and tabling. "Our responsibility is to reach every Democratic voter we can - especially in deep blue regions like ours - and make sure they Vote No on the Republican-led recall of Governor Newsom," said Jon Katz, the President of the Santa Monica Democratic Club. The California Democratic Party is organizing a statewide Weekend of Action to ensure Democrats vote No and then sign and return their ballots right away.

All are welcome to join the Santa Monica Democratic Club with Senator Allen, Assemblymember Bloom, and Mayor Himmelrich to attend a training session in person OR via Zoom this Saturday, August 21, at 10:30 a.m. before joining the effort to knock on our neighbors doors. There will be a full training on how to canvass, what to say, and what to leave behind.

Then volunteers will head out throughout Santa Monica to knock on doors.

RSVP here: https://forms.gle/fytAd2kcQ8tiaqdQ8

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Citywide

Santa Monica Education Foundation Welcomes New School Year with $25,000 Match from Kilroy Realty

Parents and community members have an opportunity to double their support for Santa Monica schools during a back-to-school match for the Santa Monica Education Foundation. Kilroy Realty, a steadfast supporter of local schools for several years, is offering a dollar-for-dollar match for all donations to the Ed Foundation up to $25,000 through Tuesday, August 31.

"We are excited to welcome students back to school with this match," said Alison Havel, President of the Ed Foundation Board of Directors. "Last year was a difficult year for all of our school families, but programs funded by donations to the Ed Foundation are always a bright spot in students' education. We are so grateful to Kilroy Realty for this wonderful matching donation and hope that many parents and community members will join them in giving back for our students."

Donations can be made at smedfoundation.org/donate.

Donations to the Ed Foundation support a variety of programs and additional staff at each public school in Santa Monica. This includes elementary instructional aides, who work with students in small groups, elementary arts programs, and a stretch grant for each school. Schools use these grants for STEM programs, student wellness, teacher training and more.

Kilroy Realty has supported students as an Ed Foundation Corporate Hero for four years.

"Kilroy Realty is committed to creating sustainable communities," said Philip Tate, Senior Vice President, Development and Government Affairs. "Education is key to building vibrant futures and we are thrilled to partner with the Santa Monica Education Foundation to help bring outstanding programs and experiences to all children in Santa Monica public schools."

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Contributions to the Santa Monica Education Foundation fund excellent programs at every Santa Monica public school – from arts to STEM to wellness – that shape our future problem solvers, visionaries, and global citizens. To learn more about the Ed Foundation, visit smedfoundation.org.

SUBMITTED BY LINDA GREENBERG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MAIN STREET

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plaza.

The event will be repeated two more times in September and October and is intended as an experiment to examine new ways to play with car-free areas and find imaginative uses for public space.

"This pilot program is about pushing the boundaries of business/resident collaboration and piloting a new form of self-governance for neighborhood-commercial districts," said Hunter Hall, executive director of MSBIA. "It's about finding ways for communities to work together to come up with solutions and test things out with the City's support."

The closure was approved as a pilot by City Council and is funded by grants from Metro to promote business recovery and community resilience in light of the pandemic. The program will close Main between Hill and Kinny for the entire weekend.

Attendees are encouraged to walk, bike, or scoot the event. The pedestrian plaza area is geofenced to prevent e-scooter and e-bike access, so these devices will need to be parked outside the closed blocks. Bus routes that typically pass through Main St. will be detoured to Neilson Way, while temporary bus stops will be placed outside of the pedestrian zone to serve riders.

"This is a great opportunity to celebrate our community by reconnecting with friends and neighbors while enjoying music, restaurants, shopping and family-friendly activities as pedestrians take over," said Mayor Sue Himmelrich. "Before you venture out, please remember the latest public health tips to get vaccinated, stay home when sick and wear a mask that fits."

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RECALL

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California's progressive policies. Democrats say the effort to remove him is being driven by far-right extremists and supporters of former President Donald Trump. The recall is backed by state and national Republicans, but organizers argue they have a broad-based coalition, including many independents and Democrats.

The governor spent much of 2020 on the defensive. But he has benefited from a record state budget surplus that allowed him to tour the state to announce vast new spending programs, including $12 billion to fight homelessness; checks up to $1,100 for millions of low and middle-income earners who struggled during lockdowns; and $2.7 billion to pay for all of the state's 4-year-olds to go to kindergarten for free.

HOW PRECARIOUS IS NEWSOM'S HOLD ON HIS JOB?

In the depths of the pandemic, Newsom's popularity was tumbling and he appeared imperiled, with widespread unrest over long-running school and business closures. Many business owners were infuriated by what they saw as Newsom's heavy-handed restrictions that had some open and close several times. Others rebelled against mandatory mask-wearing rules.

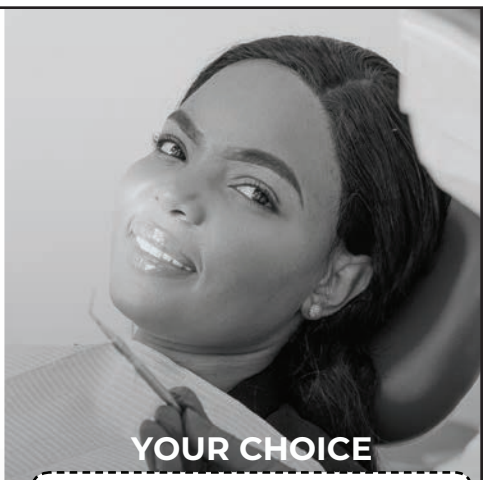
Earlier this year, a reopened economy and the astounding windfall of tax dollars helped Newsom recover his standing. However, when Newsom fully reopened the state on June 15 virus cases were near record lows. Since then cases have been climbing, particularly among the unvaccinated.

Los Angeles County, which accounts for a quarter of the state's population, re-imposed a mandatory mask order on people who are indoors at public places, even if they're vaccinated. California also is requiring K-12 students to wear masks when they go back to classrooms. Such an order could hurt Newsom, especially among those who felt he didn't do enough to reopen schools last year.

Newsom himself has been warning the race is close, and Democrats fear many of their voters are shrugging at the contest while Republicans and conservatives are eager to vote.

Still, Newsom has an advantage over his GOP foes — California is one of the country's most heavily Democratic states. Democratic voters outnumber Republicans by nearly 2-to-1, and the party controls every statewide office and dominates the Legislature and congressional delegation.

Republicans last won a statewide election in 2006, when Schwarzenegger was reelected.

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Merilyn Hurlbut Gripenwaldt
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Merilyn Gripenwaldt, born in Seattle, Washington, passed away Friday, June 18, from natural causes in Fountain Valley, California. A longtime Santa Monica Resident, Merilyn played flute for the Santa Monica Symphony, enjoyed a satisfying career as an aerospace secretary, world travel, and a leadership role in Community Bible Study. She was preceded in death by husband Raoul Gripenwaldt. She is survived and beloved by her children David Gripenwaldt (Angela,) and Marisa Gripenwaldt, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and many nephews, nieces, and friends. A memorial service will be held at **11:00 AM on Saturday, August 21, at Calvary Church of Pacific Palisades.**

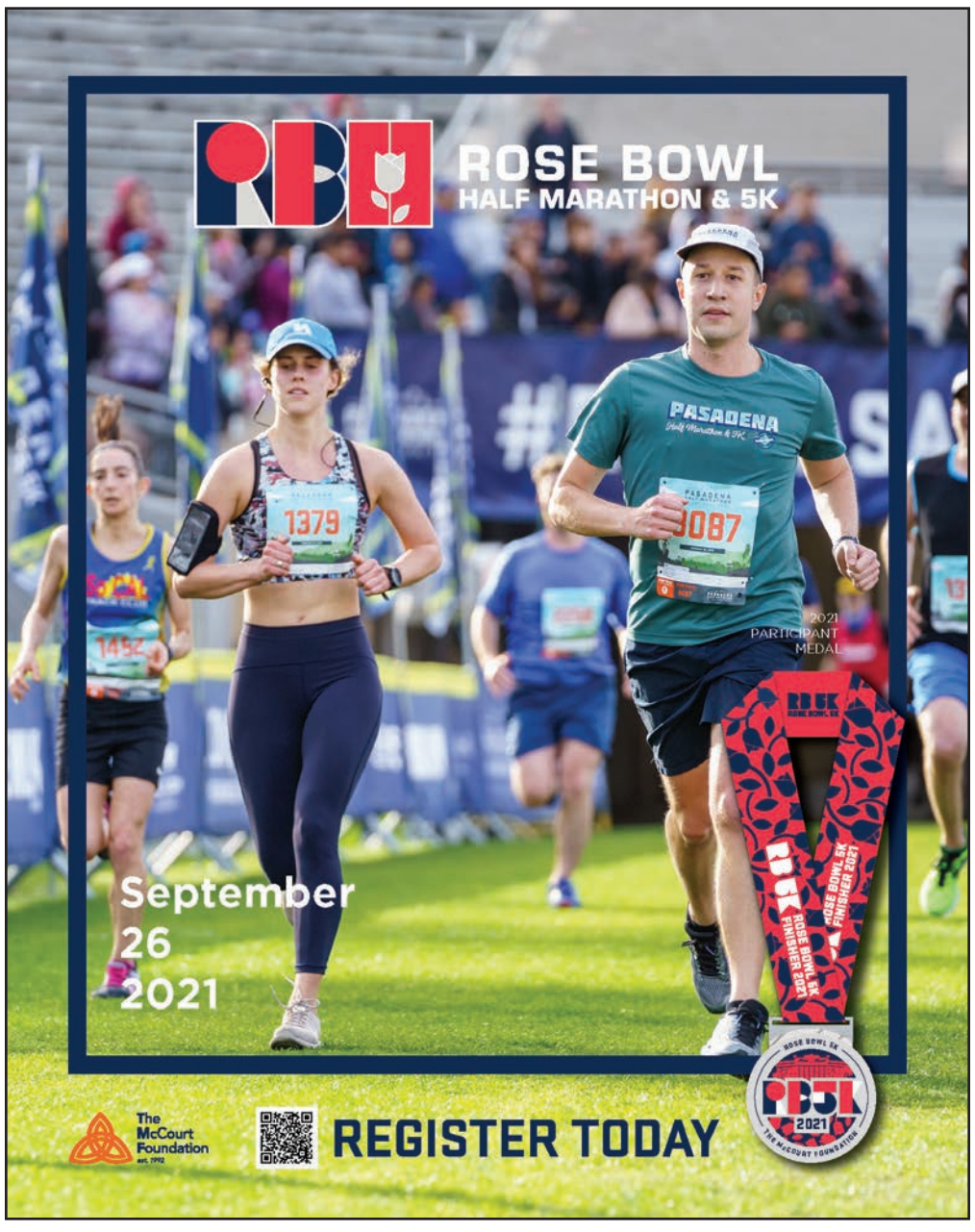
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Good News and Not Such Good News

In my last column, I wrote about the boom box music in Ocean View Park and a seemingly excessively loud live jazz band impacting the peace and quiet of residents at The Shores apartments and the Sea Colonies condominiums. The good news the issue resonated given that I received more reader emails than usual. The not such good news is much of it wasn't terribly flattering. (You'd think after fourteen years I'd be used to it.)

The best news, however, is there appears to be some progress on a compromise which would thankfully afford some music in the park but with limited hours. In this era where everything is confrontational, apparently including emails to columnists, at least the discussions are taking place in a civil manner and an agreement may be reached soon. (Just not in time for this column's deadline. Grr.)

During the decades during which I've lived in Santa Monica I've only been what some would call an "activist" on two issues in a city famous for activism. For example, Jerry Rubin at 77 has made being an activist his life's journey. (Go to smdp.com and type in "The Tale of Two Rubins.")

One "cause" that motivated me was recycling. Because the Shores' 532 unit complex is so huge, rather than schlepping my recycling to Michigan Avenue and using up gas etc, I wondered why couldn't we be the first apartment building in the city to have our own bins. We eventually got them but it took 18 months of my collecting signatures and making myself a pest to city staff. (The Shores recycling program has been a huge success from day one and led to other complexes getting bins and following suit with excellent results.)

Next on my sparse but ultimately productive "activist agenda" was getting a Farmer's Market in Ocean Park rather than wasting gas driving up to Arizona Avenue and battling the crowds. As it happened, the those in charge of our Farmers Markets had been considering a Sunday one in O.P. but needed a resident to collect petition signatures and talk up the idea. I was their guy and believe it or not 18 months later the market finally opened. The problem was, at least in the beginning, there were more farmers than customers. Yikes!

With befuddled city staff wondering where were all those people whose signatures I had collected, it was so embarrassing for me I used to sneak in and out of the market. Eventually the market became more popular but shortly thereafter staff added music to make the event even more so. However the music was so loud that neighbors who signed my petition blamed me for the noise. Ultimately, however, the problem was resolved when the Farmers Market banned the use of amplifiers. This brings me back to the Ocean View Park music mayhem. (Hmm. Maybe no amplifiers at Ocean View could be a solution?)

When my column didn't generate solutions to the noise issue or even bring the parties together, I reached out to City Councilman Phil Brock who graciously agreed to see what he could do. The first thing he did was go down to Ocean View Park and calmly talk to the people playing the music. (Everyone had just assumed any such conversation would be confrontational.)

By far the noisiest for the residents was Mike who was dubbed "10 Speakers" as he would set up a semi-circle of speakers and blast away recorded music. "He was actually a very nice, gentle guy," Phil said after the meeting. Mike was under the misguided impression that his music was much beloved to which Phil pointed out that while, for some of the people in the park it might have been appreciated, but for a considerable number of residents adjacent tot he park, it was quite the opposite.

To Mike's credit, he took Phil's suggestion of playing his music in parks not abutting residential areas and volunteered he wouldn't return to Ocean View with his speakers. In reply Phil said for public events requiring his type of music he would consider Mike.

Put it this way the exchange couldn't have gone better. In fact it reinforces Phil's view about good politics being the art of compromise. (Though he laments that we've been such a divisive country for so many years most people don't even listen to those with different views, much less compromise.)

What appears to be left of the Ocean View Park noise issue is for Phil to again meet with the jazz group with the suggestion that they perform three hours days in a day. If they agree, which hopefully isn't a big "if," then residents and musicians will likely be happy. And with this being my last column on the subject, that might make some of my readers happy.

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UCLA

FROM PAGE 2

Left tackle Sean Rhyan — who was the highest-ranked recruit in Kelly's 2018 early-signing class — could find himself being a highly rated draft prospect with another solid season.

KEEP AN EYE ON

The backup quarterback spot. Chase Griffin nearly led the Bruins to a win at Oregon but there is increased competition after Ethan Garbers transferred from Washington.

SCHEDULE

The Bruins are 0-6 in nonconference games under Kelly but should be favored in their Aug. 28 opener against Hawaii. The bigger test comes a week later when No. 16 LSU comes to the Rose Bowl. In Pac-12 play, UCLA has tough road games against No. 24 Utah (Oct. 30) and crosstown rival No. 15 USC (Nov. 20). It hosts No. 25 Arizona State (Oct. 2) and No. 11 Oregon (Oct. 23).

Democrats face new hurdles in legal fight over redistricting

NICHOLAS RICCARDI
Associated Press

The fight over redrawing political maps is just ramping up in state legislatures and nonpartisan commissions around the country. But both Republicans and Democrats already are planning for major showdowns in the courts.

For months, Democrats and Republicans have been laying the groundwork for a complex, 50-state legal battle over the once-a-decade process of redistricting. Both parties are preparing for a changed legal climate — where federal courts are newly hostile to claims of unconstitutional partisan gerrymandering and state courts could create a patchwork of rulings. And it will all play out in a tightened timeframe, thanks to pandemic-related delays.

Experts say that adds up a challenging landscape for Democrats, who have in the past won major court victories by proving Republicans deliberately used maps to disenfranchise Democratic voters. Some are predicting far fewer dramatic court interventions, despite plans for a more aggressive strategy.

"There will be a lot of litigation, but in a lot of ways the tools will be less sharp than they used to be," said Michael Li of the Brennan Center for Social Justice in New York City.

Democrats began filing preemptive lawsuits in April, well ahead of last week's release of the Census' detailed population data used to draw the lines for Congress, statehouses and school districts around the country. Still, the most significant lawsuits are yet to come, and probably won't be filed until states begin to produce maps over the next few months.

After the 2010 redistricting cycle, courts eventually tossed out maps drawn by Republicans in four states. The courts found Republicans improperly used voters' race and party affiliations to draw lines that favored their candidates — a practice known as gerrymandering. The judges redrew the maps in Florida, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Texas to give Democrats a better chance of winning congressional seats. Without that intervention, the GOP would currently control the House of Representatives.

But legal experts are skeptical there will be such dramatic reversals in court this time. They note that the conservative majority on the U.S. Supreme Court has already cut off one avenue for legal challenges, ruling that striking down partisan gerrymanders is no longer the role of federal courts. That makes it less likely that courts intervene, experts said.

The one way the dynamic could change is if Congress passes an ambitious election bill known as the For the People Act, which would, among other provisions, outlaw partisan gerrymandering. But the legislation is stuck in the Senate, where Democrats have been reluctant to change rules to eliminate the 60-vote threshold needed to overcome a Republican filibuster blocking the measure.

The longer odds of litigation are particularly ominous for Democrats, who start the process at a significant disadvantage. They control line-drawing in states with 75 House seats, while the GOP controls the process in states with 187 seats.

Democrats "have a lot more incentive to litigate because they would have a lot more to gain," said Jason Torchinsky, general counsel to the National Republican Redistricting Trust.

Kelly Ward Burton, executive director of the National Democratic Redistricting Committee, which coordinates litigation for that party, agreed that Democrats will be aggressive. "We fully anticipate being in court in the states where Republicans control the redistricting process and where they intend to gerrymander," she said.

Burton said she's not too concerned about the Supreme Court's 2019 ruling that federal courts cannot overturn partisan gerrymandering, because racial gerrymandering remains illegal under federal law. In the states Democrats are most worried about where the GOP controls the process — Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and Texas — party affiliation often runs along racial lines, with Black, Latino and Asian American voters more likely to be Democratic and white voters more likely to be Republican.

But Li warned that's a double-edged sword. Democrats can argue Republican gerrymanders are racial, rather than partisan, but GOP lawyers can just tell judges they were following the Supreme Court's direction and looking only at party, not race. "The Supreme Court has created this weird binary — if it's on the racial side, it's bad, but if it's on the partisan side, it's okay," he said.

Republicans in the North Carolina legislature — who have complete control over the process because the state's Democratic governor cannot veto a redistricting bill — have already taken advantage of that dynamic by formally declaring they won't use racial data in drawing lines.

Tom Saenz, president of the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund, said he still expects there to be plenty of successful racial gerrymandering cases, especially because populations of voters of color swelled so significantly in the recent census data. The Voting Rights Act still requires the creation of majority-minority districts in areas where a compact legislative district could be drawn that way, and due to the continued growth of several racial and ethnic groups there are more of those places than ever before, Saenz said.

That won't always help Democrats — Saenz notes that, in some states like California, his group has fought with white Democrats over the creation of majority Latino districts. And he noted another obstacle — the tight timelines of redistricting this decade. The Census data used to draw the maps was released six months late due to COVID-19 and legal disputes over how

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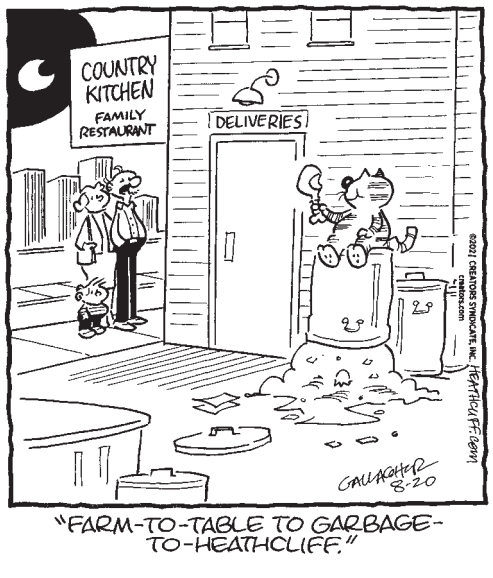
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 69.3°

FRIDAY - **GOOD** - SURF: 4-6ft Shoulder high to 1 ft overhead occ. 7 ft
SW/SSW swell continues, keeping good size in the water. Decent tide push first thing in the morning with light wind. Manageable onshores for the PM at the points, deep high tide for the evening.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-5ft Waist to head high
Most likely clean in the morning but you may want to let that tide come up some if you're surfing the points. SW/SSW swell is winding down, still providing some fun waves through the day.

WEATHER

Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 71.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 64.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 69.

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2021/08/20	Fri	2:19 PM	2.15	L
2021/08/20	Fri	8:32 PM	6.75	H
2021/08/21	Sat	03:38 AM	-0.98	L
2021/08/21	Sat	10:00 AM	4.54	H
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (AUGUST 20)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You doubt you can do it, and you move forward anyway, awkwardly, with quivering confidence. Your courage summons a new sense of self. This is your brave tomorrow.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A pattern of behavior is developing. As you enact key repetitions, you set up the anticipation of what follows. Take a step back to consider the appetites and expectations being established.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Decide what you're going to do, and do it. It's easier without the imposition of too many rules. These early stages of a pursuit are not about attaining specific results so much as establishing a routine.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Be merciful with your power, especially in the realm of love and romance. Power, if abused, is fleeting. Romantic power, if abused, usually flees on the arm of another.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's not just you; the heat gets to everyone. Whether it's the internal temperature rise caused by anger, passion or desire, or the weather outside, you benefit from measures taken to stay cool.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've created something very different from what you set out to do. You're in good company with this phenomenon. Your creation will buzz and breathe, having had a hand in its own birth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you leave the date, meeting or job site feeling exposed, give yourself credit. Relationships aren't forged in strength, but in needing one another. To show your need is to offer others the gift of opportunity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What's on stage isn't necessarily what makes the show. The audience plays a huge part in the energy, thrust and magic of an experience. Consider the teamwork at play in today's drama.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Initial impressions will be unreliable indicators of a relationship's true potential. It takes an entire experience with a person to get an overall picture of where you fit together and how your trust is best invested.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Creative whims seem frivolous because they are. Don't discount the impact of frivolity. Unnecessary fluff can buoy the spirit, providing shimmering motivation and sweet soul sustenance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone close is in need of a helping hand but reticent to ask. Keep your awareness open, especially to neighbors and those just slightly outside of your usual circle.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Feelings count. Emotions trigger your brain to release chemicals into your blood, and then every cell that is you takes a bath in those chemicals. Even so, you declare the meaning. You decide the next action.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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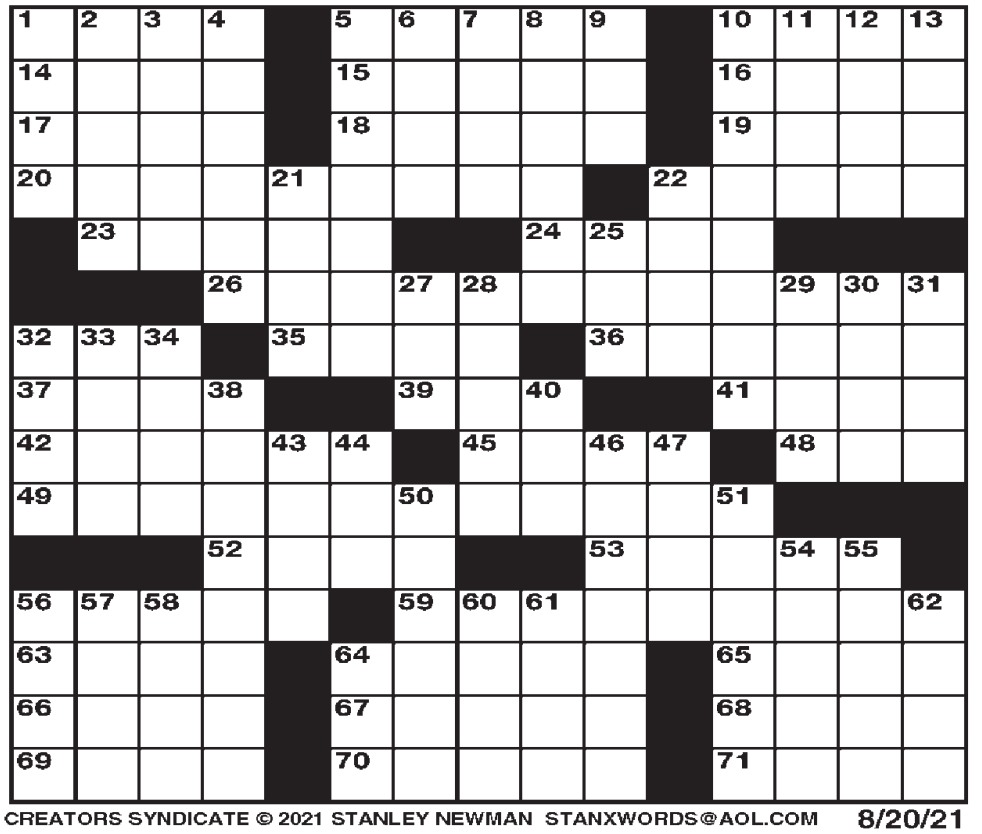
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5 Deep dig of a sort
10 Willing
14 Lively spirit
15 Apollo adjective
16 Xander alternative
17 Dryness comparison
18 Where Vulcan worked
19 Small change
20 Bearded collie, for one
22 Where "chocolate" comes from
23 Out on __
24 Brick brand
26 Online community service
32 Commission, for instance
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36 Poster project material
37 Literary work
39 Decide what's fair
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42 Drew, in *E.T.*
45 Newsstand lineup
48 Designation for WWII's *Nelson*
49 Pioneering pollster
52 It means "soil"
53 Russian name meaning "peace"
56 Far from form-fitting
59 Fowl product of fable
63 Organic air exchanger
64 Say "OK"
65 Tickled
66 Verbalized
67 Not muddy
68 Director Kazan
69 Where the Derby begins
70 Daily highs and lows
71 Withhold

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30 Tropical tree
31 Some PD personnel
32 Verne voyager
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34 Certain 100 cents
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40 Confidant
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44 Ending for profit or puppet
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57 Mysterious air
58 Tiny pest
60 29 Down city
61 Abrupt transition
62 Alternate title of the puzzle
64 Pretense



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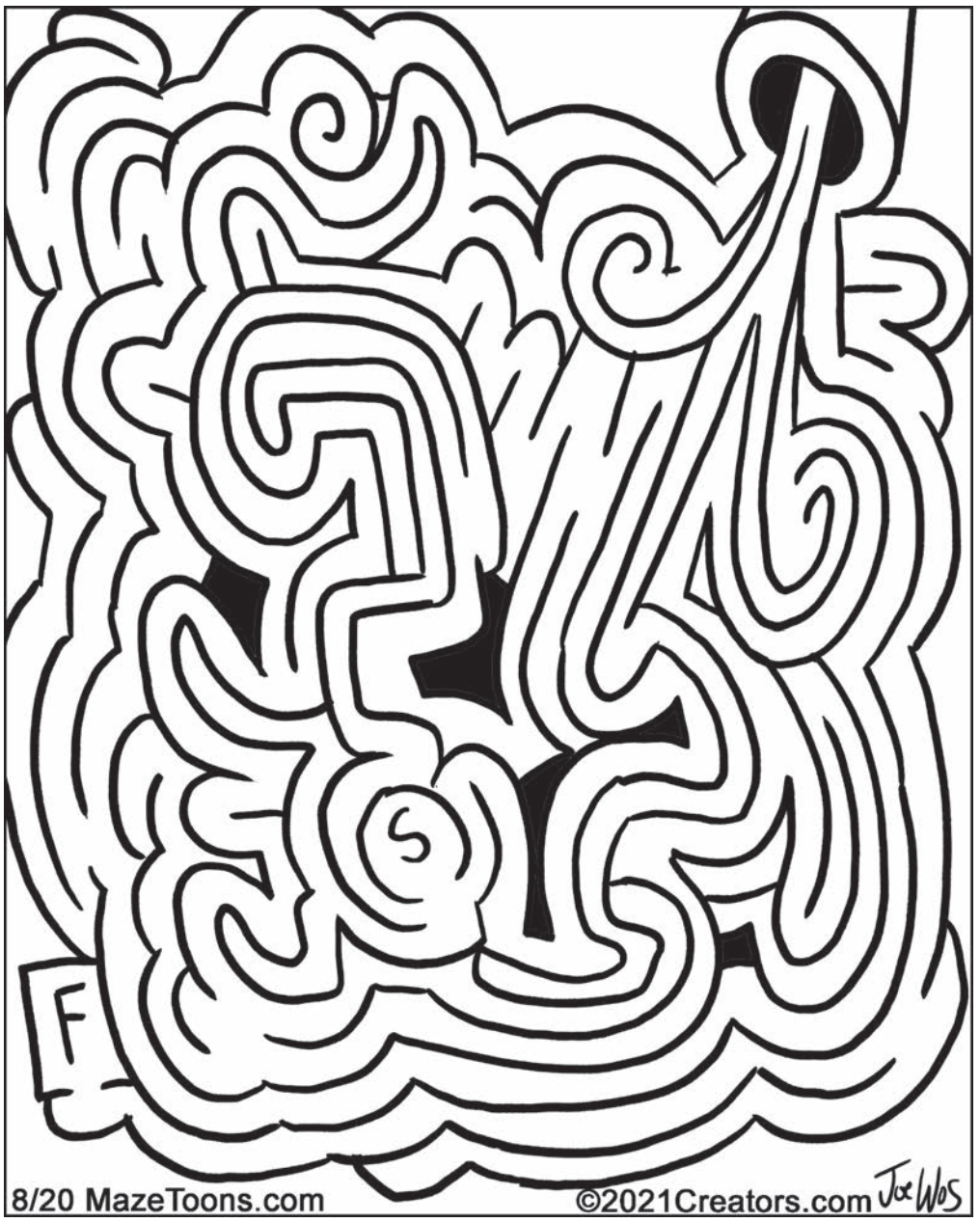
Binary Puzzle

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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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 23 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5212

Flood warning

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L A G O O N S U B M E R G E E
T N A L P O R D R I S E T G Y
I H A Z A R D P R E T L I D S
S N A K E S S U O A N A D I A
E N U E V T T N B R E U E R L
M G A N U R L A S E M O H B A
Y I U R D E I E E G H E C U R
G A W L L A S L R N C R T F M
O K L S E M T C V A T A U E R
L E U S V D I E E D A W G I U
O E L K E N O L C Y C A O L N
C R L N E R U S A E M N O E O
E C N A T S I S S A N I A R F
R D E B O A T S D Y T I C R F

Alarm	Cyclone	Lull	Runoff
Alert	Damage	Measure	Ruts
Assistance	Danger	Muddy	Silt
Aware	Deluge	Observe	Snakes
Banks	Drop	Plant	Stream
Boats	Ecology	Rain	Submerge
Bridge	Hazard	Relief	Swim
Catchments	Homes	Remote	Tide
City	Inundate	Reports	
Clean up	Lagoon	Rise	
Creek	Levee	Ruin	

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COUNCIL

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organizations representing the City's workforce in closed session.

On July 27. the City announced that it was moving towards requiring its municipal workforce receive the COVID-19 vaccine once approved by the FDA. Council's discussion item could lead to the mandate moving forward while the vaccines are still under emergency authorization only.

POLICIES TO TACKLE ISSUES AROUND UNPERMITTED PIER VENDORS

Unpermitted vendors on and around the Santa Monica Pier are a longstanding issue, with concerns raised over excessive trash, runoff, fire dangers and criminal enterprises profiting from these vendors.

Jim Harris, executive director of the Pier Corporation, estimates that there are around four times as many unpermitted as permitted vendors on the pier. Code Enforcement is responsible for checking vending permits, but has not been routinely enforcing rules regarding unpermitted vendors.

According to the staff report, the proposed emergency ordinance to be discussed by Council would "prohibit dumping of commercial trash in City receptacles; dumping of liquid waste on public rights of way, on or onto the Pier or Beach, or into storm drains; and use of combustible fuels on or in close proximity to the Pier."

The report notes that all of these issues—combustible fuels, commercial trash and liquid dumping—have been associated with vendors by the pier.

Combustible fuels such as butane have primarily been seen by vendors illegally selling food on the pier and pose a significant fire risk to the wooden structure, which has a limited sprinkler system.

BAN ON CERTAIN "WEAPONIZABLE ITEMS" AT PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES

Council is reconsidering adopting an emergency ordinance that bans a list of specified items during community events or public assemblies that could cause bodily harm. A similar ordinance failed to pass by a 4-3 vote on April 13, 2021, and staff is recommending that one of the councilmembers who voted against the initial ordinance move for reconsideration and a new vote.

According to the staff report, the goal of the ordinance is to "promote the safety and welfare of those who engage in peaceful protests, public assemblies, and community events, as well as the safety and welfare of City residents, City businesses, and City visitors who encounter and are affected by such peaceful protests, public assemblies, and community events."

There are 19 types of items included on the updated banned list. Some of these items include poles, metal pipes, wooden sticks, baseball bats, gas masks, glass bottles, aerosol sprays, helmets and tactical vests.

NOISE ORDINANCE

Council will hear the second reading of a proposed update to the noise ordinance. The update limits use of amplified noise during targeted protests at residences to between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. on the weekdays and 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on the weekends.

If protesters wish to continue protesting they must move away from the targeted residence and can continue their use of amplified noise from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. This is allowed to happen for two hours for two consecutive days and is limited to 45 minutes on the third day, unless protesters move to a new location. All protests in residential areas are subject to these time and length limits after 8 p.m.

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE

On the consent calendar Council is expected to approve a $100,000 transfer to the Santa Monica Black Lives Association; Big Blue Buses's participation in LA Metro's fareless pilot program; and a 2.7 percent decrease in certain fees for affordable housing development.

On discussion items, Councilmembers Himmelrich, McCowan and Parra request that Council form an ad hoc committee of three members to make recommendations on investments to advance the City's strategy to address homelessness. There are also appointments for vacancies on the Public Safety Reform and Oversight Committee, Library Board and a councilmember vacancy on the Audit Subcommittee.

The meeting will begin with closed session at 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 24.

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REDISTRICT

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the Trump administration ran the survey. That means courts may only have a few weeks to act before the 2022 elections formally kick off with deadlines to file to run in state primaries. Often, redistricting cases take months if not years to decide.

"We have to engage in triage," Saenz said. "In some cases we may have to allow an election to go by with bad lines."

Though several lawsuits have already been filed, they're mainly opening salvos trying to gain advantage before line-drawing begins in earnest. Democrats have sued in Louisiana, Minnesota and Pennsylvania, arguing that deadlock is inevitable between those states' GOP-controlled legislatures and Democratic governors, so courts need to get ready to draw lines. Republicans are filing public records requests to see if they can challenge the way the Census calculated people living in college dorms and other large residential areas.

Still, the only significant litigation so far has come in Illinois, where the Democratic-controlled state legislature redrew its own state maps without waiting for the Census data so as not to miss a legal deadline and have redistricting power handed to the courts. Republicans and civil rights group are suing to overturn those maps.

Though federal courts will no longer be able to strike down gerrymanders due to reliance on partisanship, state courts remain free to. The willingness of state judges to do that may depend on their party, legal analysts say. "It depends on who your state judges are," said Edward Foley, a law professor at The Ohio State University.

In the Southern states where redistricting legal battles are likely to run hottest, the state supreme courts are largely controlled by Republicans. Florida's was Democratic in the previous decade and overturned the GOP redistricting plan then, but it is now majority Republican. North Carolina's, once solidly Democratic, is now more evenly divided.

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