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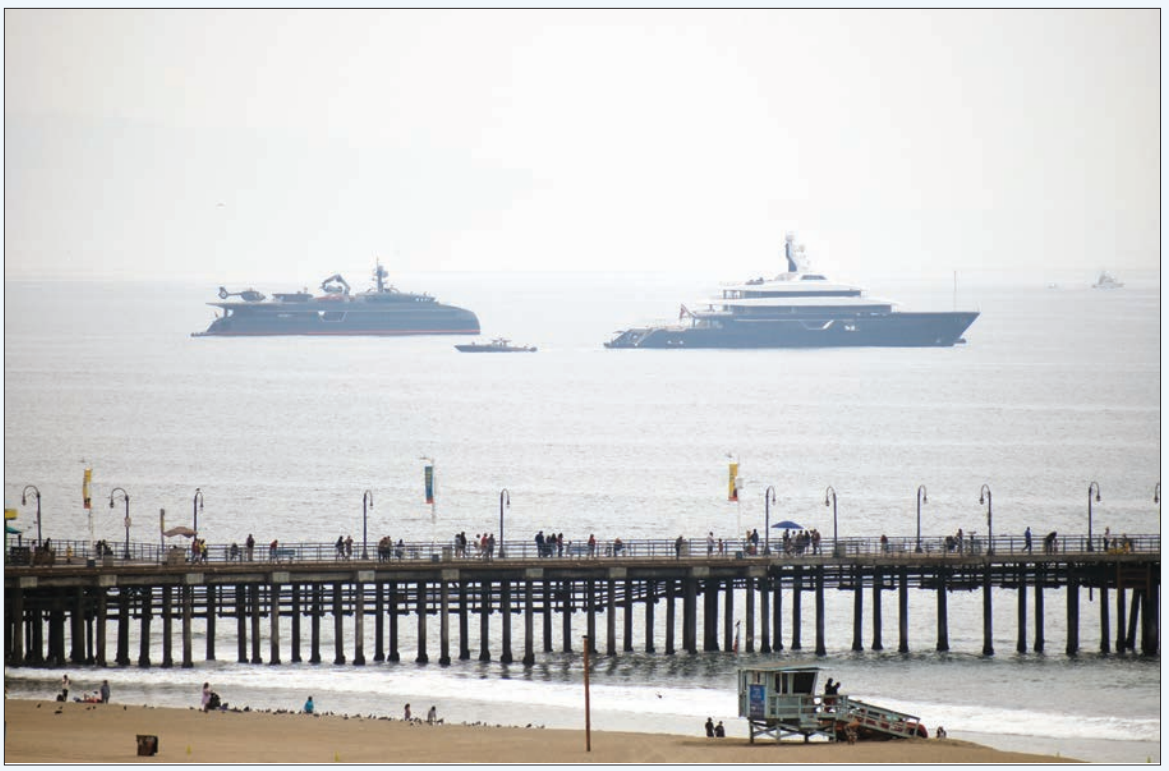
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There's always a bigger boat



Matthew Hall

YACHT: A pair of large yachts have raised eyebrows, and perhaps envy, among Santa Monicans in recent days. The two boats are the Lonian and its attendant Hodor. The Lonian is a 285 foot superyacht owned by Lorenzo Fertitta. The boat set sail in 2019 and is currently heading towards San Diego. The ship has a glass swimming pool with a built-in movie screen, chilled plunge pool, spa and its own helicopter. The five-deck interior can sleep 14 guests across seven cabins. Hodor is a 217-foot support ship carrying equipment and crew. It has five tenders (other small boats), jet skis, quad bikes, submarine garage, dive equipment and helipad. Fertitta is an entrepreneur known for diverse business ventures such as casinos and the UFC organization.

Vaccines seen as the key for protecting youth

MATTHEW HALL
SMDP Editor

County officials continue to focus on vaccines as a primary tool to prevent COVID-19 from disrupting local schools as students return to class en masse across the county.

The case rates among youth have been climbing, particularly among the age groups unable to receive a vaccine, in recent weeks. However, while cases have climbed, County Director of Public Health Barbara Ferrer said LA County is faring better than the national average when it comes to serious disease.

"While many municipalities nationwide are reporting rates of pediatric hospitalizations that are higher than at any previous point in the pandemic, we've not seen this play out in LA County," she said.

Ferrer said that a total of 5,207 students have tested positive across the county in the past two weeks alongside 729 staff. While these numbers are high, they are not reaching levels associated with the County's previous peak outbreak levels.

"This pattern may reflect the fact that many adults are vaccinated, and most people are wearing masks when around people outside their household, including children," she said. "Both of these steps may be playing an important role in protecting our children. Nonetheless, as most of the 1.5 million children in grades K to 12 returned to in-person instruction, there is the possibility of many more exposures. And since hospitalization is a lagging indicator, we're going to need to carefully watch the case rates among children over the upcoming weeks."

Ferrer said the causes of school outbreaks are often preventable including inconsistent use of masks, poor distancing requirements or allowing symptomatic individuals on campus.

She said while the risk of death for youth is very low with only seven deaths reported in children since the start of the pandemic, the possibility of larger outbreaks on school sites is cause for concern.

"It's sobering because the numbers are high and every single one of those cases needs follow-up," she said. "They need to be interviewed, we need to identify the close contacts and that means that

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Weather slows wildfire threatening Tahoe, but flames keep moving

SAM METZ, JANIE HAR AND JOHN ANTCZAK
Associated Press/Report for America

Favorable weather helped firefighters trying to save communities on the south end of Lake Tahoe from an approaching wildfire, but officials warned Wednesday that stiff winds and dry conditions mean that homes in the California-Nevada alpine region are still in danger.

"We lucked out a little bit yesterday with some of the winds that didn't come up quite as hard as we expected them to," Tim Ernst, an operations section chief for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, told firefighters in a briefing. "We were fortunate the fire did not make as strong a push into Tahoe as it did the previous day."

The Caldor Fire remained roughly three miles south of the recently evacuated city of South Lake Tahoe, moving northeast toward the California-Nevada state line, said Henry Herrera, a battalion chief for the agency, which is also known as Cal Fire.

Crews tried desperately to keep flames away from urban communities, where houses are close together and shopping centers, hotels and other structures would provide even more fuel for a fire that so far has been feeding on trees, grasses and scattered homes and cabins.

"We're still not out of the woods. The fire is still moving," he said.

The fire has been burning toward Lake Tahoe from the southwest along California Highway 50, climbing over a Sierra Nevada summit and descending into the Tahoe Basin.

Thick smoke has enveloped the city of South Lake Tahoe, which is all but deserted at a time when it would normally be swarming with tourists. On Monday, roughly 22,000 residents and thousands of others from neighboring communities jammed the city's main artery for hours after they were ordered to leave.

South Lake Tahoe city officials said only a handful of residents defied the evacuation order.

Meanwhile, officials prepared for the next possible phase of the firefight. The South Tahoe Public Utility District asked people to turn off hoses, irrigation systems and sprinklers to ensure that wells can pump at full capacity. That means "the minute a firefighter hooks into a hydrant that they are getting full pressure, and as much water as possible is coming out," said Shelly

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Loud Music 2000blk 21st St 12:30 a.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 300blk Santa Monica Pier 12:54 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 1:40 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 200blk Broadway 2:02 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:29 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1900blk Wilshire Blvd 3:41 a.m.
Loud Music 2400blk Oak St 4:34 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery Just Occurred 2600blk Wilshire Blvd 4:55 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1400blk Berkeley St 5:36 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 1200blk 11th St 5:40 a.m.
Encampment 800blk Palisades Park 6:32 a.m.
Loud Music 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:37 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500blk Colorado Ave 6:44 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2500blk Wilshire Blvd 6:48 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:52 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 20th St / Olympic Blvd 7:15 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2900blk Colorado Ave 7:20 a.m.
Loud Music 2500blk Ocean Front Walk 7:33 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 600blk Navy St 7:37 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2500blk 2nd St 7:59 a.m.
Transport Prisoner 300blk Olympic Dr 8:15 a.m.
Encampment 00blk Vicente Ter 8:22 a.m.
Burglary Report 2500blk Main St 8:54 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 1300blk 9th St 8:57 a.m.
Burglary Report 100blk Montana Ave 9:02 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1200blk 11th St 9:02 a.m.
Found Senile Person 19th St / Wilshire Blvd 9:02 a.m.
Civil Dispute 1300blk 20th St 9:16 a.m.
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Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1000blk 12th St 9:27 a.m.
Encampment 200blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:32 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 600blk Broadway 9:43 a.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 2600blk Barnard Way 9:45 a.m.
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Grand Theft Auto Report 1400blk Berkeley St 12:35 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2500blk 29th St 12:53 p.m.
Battery Report 1300blk 17th St 12:55 p.m.
Found Property 1600blk Ocean Ave 1:00 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 1:05 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 800blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:12 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2400blk 34th St 1:14 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 11th St / Wilshire Blvd 1:26 p.m.
Encampment 200blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:35 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 400blk Broadway 1:46 p.m.
Keep The Peace 1800blk Euclid St 1:49 p.m.
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72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 8:59 p.m.
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EMS 100blk Wadsworth Ave 11:01 p.m.

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Thomsen, spokeswoman for the utility.

As flames moved toward the Heavenly ski resort, officials turned on the mountain's snow-making machines to increase humidity and slow down any flames.

To his wife's dismay, John Rhodes, 60, stuck around to defend the couple's neighborhood in an unincorporated area south of South Lake Tahoe that burned in the 2007 Angora Fire.

Rhodes and his neighbors, including several off-duty firefighters from other California agencies, wrapped homes in hoses and ran sprinklers to create a perimeter around the neighborhood to supplement official firefighting work nearby.

As a rookie firefighter, he admitted to having butterflies.

"I was anxious about how I would stand up near the hot spot. These guys are trying to get me all coached," Rhodes said, pointing toward his firefighter friends, who declined to talk to a reporter.

The Caldor Fire not only emptied out South Lake Tahoe, but parts of neighboring Stateline, Nevada.

Nevada casino regulators said gambling was suspended at the Hard Rock Lake Tahoe, Montbleu Resort, Harrah's and Harvey's Lake Tahoe, where officials said their casinos were closed to the public but their hotels were housing firefighters and displaced employees.

The fire has destroyed at least 700 homes and other structures and scorched nearly 320 square miles (827 square kilometers) since breaking out Aug. 14. It still threatens at least 33,000 more homes and structures. It was 20% contained on Wednesday.

More than 15,000 firefighters, with help from out-of-state crews, were battling dozens of California blazes, including another monstrous blaze in the same area.

Maj. Gen. David Baldwin, adjutant general of California, said the state has also deployed more than 1,000 National Guard soldiers, airmen and sailors and 10 other states have sent around 1,250 additional Guard members. Many of those are providing air support, including 23 aircraft, some equipped with water buckets, others with systems that can drop fire retardant.

Baldwin described the working conditions as "very tough," especially for the hand crews who cut through dense brush using shovels and picks. "They are operating in very hazardous areas."

A firefighter injured while battling the Caldor Fire last weekend was expected to be hospitalized for a month after undergoing skin grafting surgery. Richard Gerety III of Patterson, California, suffered third-degree burns over 20% of his body, the Modesto Bee reported.

About 65 miles (105 kilometers) north of the Lake Tahoe-area blaze, the Dixie Fire is the second-largest wildfire in state history at 1,320 square miles (3,415 square kilometers). The weeks-old fire prompted new evacuation orders and warnings this week.

Climate change has made the West much warmer and drier in the past 30 years and will continue to make weather more extreme and wildfires more frequent, destructive and unpredictable, scientists say.

Tom O'Connell and his wife, Linda, awaited the fate of their home in nearby Meyers while anchored on their sailboat in Ventura Harbor. The two-bedroom they've owned for 40 years survived the Angora Fire that destroyed about 250 houses in 2007. They didn't know if they'd be lucky again.

"You worry about the things you can have some control over," O'Connell said. "We've no control over this."

Laura Forvilly had planned to stay as long as possible in her Stateline condominium, but her adult children persuaded her to pack up Tuesday and leave in advance of an evacuation order. She arrived at her sister's house in nearby Reno, where the air was clear and skies blue.

She's not worried about her home or business running cruises on the lake. But she's surprised by how close the fire is.

"I'm so sad our beautiful Tahoe is going through this," Forvilly said. "It's hard to believe it's actually happening this close to where we all live and work."

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Questioning a catchphrase: 'Pandemic of the unvaccinated'

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Associated Press

This summer's coronavirus resurgence has been labeled a "pandemic of the unvaccinated" by government officials from President Joe Biden on down.

The sound bite captures the glaring reality that unvaccinated people overwhelmingly account for new cases and serious infections, with a recent study of government data showing that hospitalization rates among unvaccinated adults were 17 times higher than among those fully vaccinated.

But the term doesn't appear to be changing the hearts and minds of unvaccinated people. And it doesn't tell the whole story, with some breakthrough infections occurring among the fully vaccinated. That recent twist led health officials to recommend a return to masks and a round of booster shots.

"It is true that the unvaccinated are the biggest driver, but we mustn't forget that the vaccinated are part of it as well, in part because of the delta variant," said Dr. Eric Topol, professor of molecular medicine at Scripps Research in La Jolla, California. "The pandemic clearly involves all people, not just the unvaccinated."

Topol points to Louisiana, where data from the state suggest that nearly 10% of hospitalized patients are vaccinated.

Branding it "a pandemic of the unvaccinated" could have the unintended consequence of stigmatizing the unvaccinated. "We should not partition them as the exclusive problem," Topol said.

Instead officials should call out vaccine disinformation, said Dr. Peter Hotez, dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. A sketchy stream of dubious arguments continues to undermine public confidence.

"We can say that the virus has reemerged in the southern United States, primarily among unvaccinated people, but it doesn't mean we have to blame the unvaccinated," Hotez said. "The people we have to target are the purveyors of disinformation, and we have to recognize that the unvaccinated themselves are victims of disinformation."

Surgeon General Vivek Murthy has tried to call attention to the damage done by misinformation and disinformation. But for many vaccine opposition has become ingrained.

A poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research in July found that 45% of adults who had not yet received a vaccine said they definitely would not get it. Nearly 2 in 3 (64%) unvaccinated adults said they had little to no confidence the shots are effective against mutations like the delta variant, although data show vaccination dramatically reduces the risk of serious illness, hospitalization and death. Just 3% of unvaccinated adults said they would definitely get vaccinated.

Calling it a "pandemic of the unvaccinated" is "just provocative," said Robert Blendon, who follows public opinion on health care at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. "The unvaccinated have an opposition toward Washington, and the more you stir the opposition, the more it convinces them 'I'm not going to give in to those people,'" Blendon said.

Yet top officials don't seem to be ready to retire or amend a favored catchphrase.

"As I've said before, the pandemic of the unvaccinated is a tragedy that is preventable," Biden declared in a recent remarks on his administration's COVID-19 response.

Asked Wednesday whether the sound bite still accurately reflects the evolving pandemic, White House press secretary Jen Psaki said unvaccinated people continue to account for the "vast, vast majority" of those hospitalized. "So it hasn't changed our messaging," she added.

The term caught on before breakthrough infections among vaccinated people became a worry.

During a mid-July media briefing, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, underscored the troubling rise in cases and hospitalizations, saying "there is a clear message that is coming through: This is becoming a pandemic of the unvaccinated."

Until very recently, Biden's handling of the pandemic was seen as a solid strength. But the August edition of the AP-NORC poll found flashing warnings for the president. Approval of his COVID-19 response fell by 12 percentage points from July, down from 66% to 54%. It was the lowest COVID-19 approval rating for Biden, and the first time that his approval number on the pandemic was basically the same as his overall performance rating.

Among independents, there was a nearly 30 percentage point drop in approval.

Democratic pollster Geoff Garin, who tracks health care issues, says he sees no intent to divide in the Biden administration's "pandemic of the unvaccinated" rhetoric. "I think the very clear intention is to tell unvaccinated Americans that they are the ones that are at risk," he said.

But a mutating virus can outrun the smartest sound bites. "When you have a dynamic and fast-changing situation like this, it creates really significant challenges for communicators, who have to both maintain their credibility while staying ahead of the story," said Garin.

Republican pollster Bill McInturff, who collaborates with Garin's firm on some major polls, said, "Calling it a 'pandemic of the unvaccinated' is certainly not going to increase the compliance among the unvaccinated."

In a pandemic no one is an island, suggests Dr. Leana Wen, a former Baltimore health commissioner and commentator on public

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Ocean Water Use Warning for Los Angeles County Beaches

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) continues cautioning residents who are planning to visit the below Los Angeles County beaches to be careful of swimming, surfing, and playing in ocean waters: Santa Monica Pier in Santa Monica and Mother's Beach in Marina Del Rey.

The warning has been issued due to bacterial levels exceeding health standards when last tested.

Warnings have been lifted for the following beach areas where recent sample results identified water quality levels within State standards: Topanga Canyon Beach in Malibu

Recorded information on beach conditions is available 24- hours a day on the County's beach closure hotline: 1-800- 525-5662 or PublicHealth.LACounty.gov/Beach.

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Halibut season opens

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has announced that the recreational Pacific halibut fishery will reopen on Friday, Sept. 3 at 12 a.m. and remain open until Nov. 15 or until the quota is reached, whichever is earlier. Based on the current estimates of catch through June, CDFW estimates that 20,964 net pounds of the 39,260 net pound quota remain for anglers to catch.

The 2021 recreational fishery was closed on June 30 due to projected attainment of the quota. Since that date, new 2021 catch information indicates that the catch volume in the early part of the season was much lower than projected. The new information prompted CDFW and its partners at National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) and the Pacific Fishery Management Council to evaluate the updated catch to date against the state's quota, leading to the decision to reopen the fishery.

CDFW is excited to provide this additional opportunity for anglers to participate in the 2021 recreational Pacific halibut fishery. CDFW field staff will continue to collect information from anglers at public launch ramps and charter boat landings to monitor catch through the remainder of the season. Anglers' cooperation aids CDFW field staff in monitoring the progress of the fishery to ensure the quota is not exceeded.

Anglers are always advised to check for updated information when planning a Pacific halibut fishing trip, as a season closure announcement could come at any time. Other regulatory information, including bag/possession limits and gear restrictions, can be found on CDFW's Pacific halibut webpage. Public notification of any in-season change to regulations is made through the NMFS Pacific halibut hotline at (800) 662-9825 or CDFW's Groundfish and Pacific halibut Regulations Hotline at (831) 649-2801. Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessels are reminded that the appropriate IPHC license is required. For license application information, please visit the IPHC website.

For current information about the Pacific halibut fishery, science or management, please check the following resources:

NMFS Hotline, (800) 662-9825

CDFW Recreational Groundfish Regulations Hotline, (831) 649-2801

https://wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/marine/pacific-halibut

https://www.iphc.int/management/fisheries/commercial-fisheries/license-application-information-license-types

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AP sources: Intel shows extremists to attend Capitol rally

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Associated Press

Far right extremist groups like the Proud Boys and Oath Keepers are planning to attend a rally later this month at the U.S. Capitol that is designed to demand "justice" for the hundreds of people who have been charged in connection with January's insurrection, according to three people familiar with intelligence gathered by federal officials.

As a result, U.S. Capitol Police have been discussing in recent weeks whether the large perimeter fence that was erected outside the Capitol after January's riot will need to be put back up, the people said.

The officials have been discussing security plans that involve reconstructing the fence as well as another plan that does not involve a fence, the people said. They were not authorized to speak publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The planned Sept. 18 rally at the Capitol comes as a jittery Washington has seen a series of troubling one-off incidents — including, most recently, a man who parked a pickup truck near the Library of Congress and said he had a bomb and detonator. Among the most concerning events: A series of unexploded pipe bombs placed around the U.S. Capitol ahead of the Jan. 6 insurrection remain unexplained and no suspect has been charged.

On Capitol Hill, the politics around fencing in the iconic building and its grounds were extremely difficult for lawmakers after the Jan. 6 insurrection. Many said they disliked closing off access, even as they acknowledged the increased level of security it provided.

The decision on whether or not to erect the fence again will likely be considered by the Capitol Police Board, according to a House aide familiar with the matter and granted anonymity to discuss it. No decisions have been made. The board consists of the Sergeant at Arms of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the U.S. Senate, and the Architect of the Capitol.

The deadly riot overwhelmed the police force that was left badly prepared by intelligence failures and has resulted in internal reviews about why law enforcement agencies weren't better equippped. More than 100 police officers were injured and the rioters did more than $1 million in damage.

The planned presence of the extremist groups is concerning because, while members and associates of Oath Keepers and Proud Boys make up just a fraction of the nearly 600 people who have been charged so far in the riot, they are facing some of the most serious charges brought so far.

Those charges include allegations that they conspired to block the certification of President Joe Biden's victory. Several Oath Keepers have pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges and are cooperating with investigators in the case against their fellow extremists, who authorities say came to Washington ready for violence and willing to do whatever it took to stop the certification of the Electoral College vote.

As officials prepare for this month's rally, Yogananda Pittman, the Capitol Police official who led intelligence operations for the agency when the rioters descended on the building, has been put back in charge of intelligence.

In a statement to the AP, Capitol Police Chief Tom Manger said the department was "closely monitoring September 18 and we are planning accordingly."

"After January 6, we made Department-wide changes to the way we gather and share intelligence internally and externally. I am confident the work we are doing now will make sure our officers have what they need to keep everyone safe," Manger said.

Still, law enforcement officials are increasingly concerned about the rally and the potential for violence. The Metropolitan Police Department will activate its entire force for that day and has put specialized riot officers on standby, law enforcement officials said.

But for federal officials, the person who planted the pipe bombs also remains a serious concern. Many of the leads in the investigation have come up dry and investigators working on the case haven't even been able to figure out whether the suspect is a man or a woman, people familiar with the case said.

The FBI has released grainy surveillance video of the person they believe left the bombs and have said the person wore a gray hooded sweatshirt and a face mask and had a backpack and distinct Nike Air Max Speed Turf sneakers in yellow, black and gray.

The FBI had asked Nike for information about the shoes and sought to analyze information from purchasers, according to law enforcement documents obtained by The Associated Press. Agents also looked into a tip that someone had placed an ad on Facebook Marketplace with someone selling nearly identical shoes, the documents said.

The bombs — each about a foot long with end caps and wiring that appeared to be attached to a timer — had contained components that were unique and specific enough that agents reached out to companies like Walmart and other vendors and asked to review information about recent purchases, the documents said.

The explosive devices were placed outside the headquarters of the Republican and Democratic national committees between 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Jan. 5, the night before the riot. But they were not located by law enforcement until the next day, shortly before thousands of pro-Trump rioters stormed into the Capitol.

It is not clear whether that means the pipe bombs were unrelated to the next day's riot or were part of the riot planning. Both buildings are within a few blocks of the Capitol.

Associated Press Writers Alanna Durkin Richer and Nomaan Merchant contributed to this report.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

September events at the Library

KIDS & TEENS

Pirate Story Time. Tuesday, September 21 / 11 to 11:30 a.m. Pico Branch Library. Ahoy, matey! Enjoy pirate stories and songs and learn how to talk like a pirate at the Pico Branch outdoor amphitheater. For ages 2 and up.

Watercolor Monsters Art Workshop. Thursday, September 30 / 4 to 5 p.m. Main Library / Central Courtyard. Create your own monster art with watercolors. Supplies provided. Space is limited. To register, email ann.wilson@santamonica.gov. For ages 5 and up.

Coloring Book Giveaway: The Magic Bubble. Available beginning Thursday, September 2. Stop by the Main Library Youth Services Desk to get a free copy of The Magic Bubble, a special coloring book that celebrates the 15th anniversary of the Main Library building. The Magic Bubble features Janey and her adventurous day at the Library. Available while supplies last.

Library Card Sign-Up Month. Celebrate Library Card Sign Up Month at the Main Library. Throughout the month of September, you can take a selfie with your library card in our photo booth or show your SMPL library card at the Youth Services Desk and receive a special prize. Don't have a card yet? Ask a Librarian. Children's and Teen cards are fine free!

ADULTS

Hispanic Heritage Month: A Celebration of Latino Identity. Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with the City of Santa Monica and Santa Monica community partners. Go to santamonica.gov/blog/HispanicHeritageMonth beginning September 1.

Opening Celebration. Wednesday, September 15 / 4 to 7 p.m. / 1300 Block of the Third Street Promenade. Celebrate with music, dancers, and DJs.

Language & Culture with Dr. Amelia Tseng. Thursday, September 16 / 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dr. Tseng, Assistant Professor of World Languages and Cultures at American University, discusses how language is shaped by identity across immigrant generations. Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEufu2rqTMiGNX8 jqS1Z3JyAux3bjkR6O3g

Hispanic Heritage Month Book Discussion: Finding Latinx: In Search of the Voices Redefining Latino Identity by Paola Ramos

Wednesday, September 22 / 4 to 5:30 p.m. In this cross-country travelogue, journalist and activist Paola Ramos embarks on a journey to find the communities of people defining the controversial term "Latinx."

Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqdOigrjojGtcDP-u_mqybmO-4Mlr1BwxM

Ocean Park Branch Book Group Discussion. Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell

Saturday, September 4 / 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. In this evocative work of historical fiction, a young writer in 16th Century England copes with the death of his 11-year-old son Hamnet by channeling his grief into the writing of the greatest play in the history of English literature. To register, email karen.reitz@santamonica.gov.

Montana Avenue Branch Book Group Discussion. The Plague by Albert Camus. Wednesday, September 15 / 7 to 8:30 p.m. In this allegorical novel published in 1947, following the Nazi occupation of France in World War II, author Camus offers a portrait of the citizens of a small North African town besieged by an all-consuming plague. To register, email stephanie.archer@santamonica.gov.

Notable Fiction Book Group Discussion. The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich. Saturday, September 18 / 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. This historical novel traces the experiences of a Chippewa Council night watchman in mid-19th century rural North Dakota as he fights Congress to enforce Native American treaty rights. To register, email karen.reitz@santamonica.gov.

Main Library Book Group Discussion. I, Claudius by Robert Graves

Monday, September 20 / 7 to 8 p.m. Underestimated because of his disabilities, Claudius survived the turbulent reigns of Augustus, Tiberius, and Caligula to become Roman Emperor in 41 A.D. This 1934 novel based on his life was adapted into a BBC miniseries in 1976. To register, email jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov.

Mystery Book Group Discussion. Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line by Deepa Anappara. Tuesday, September 21 / 7 to 8 p.m. In a sprawling Indian city, a boy ventures into its most dangerous corners to find his missing classmate. To register, email karen.reitz@santamonica.gov.

ONGOING CLASSES

These ESL and Citizenship classes are taught by SMMUSD Adult Education Center instructors. Students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Enrollment is through the Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, 90405. Visit smmusd.asapconnected.com or contact Olga Saucedo at (310) 664-6222, ext. 76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org to enroll.

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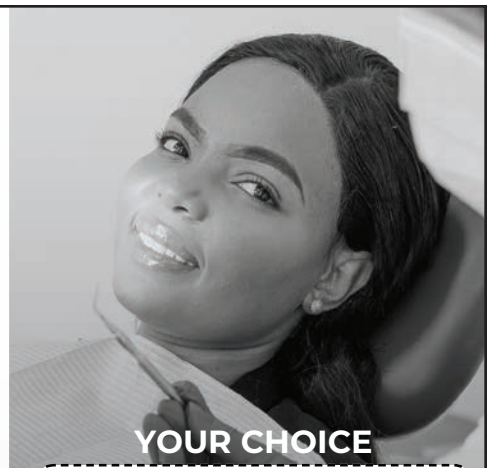
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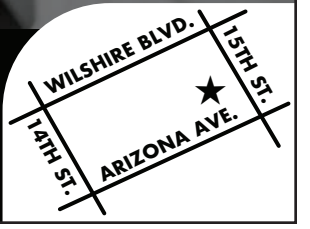
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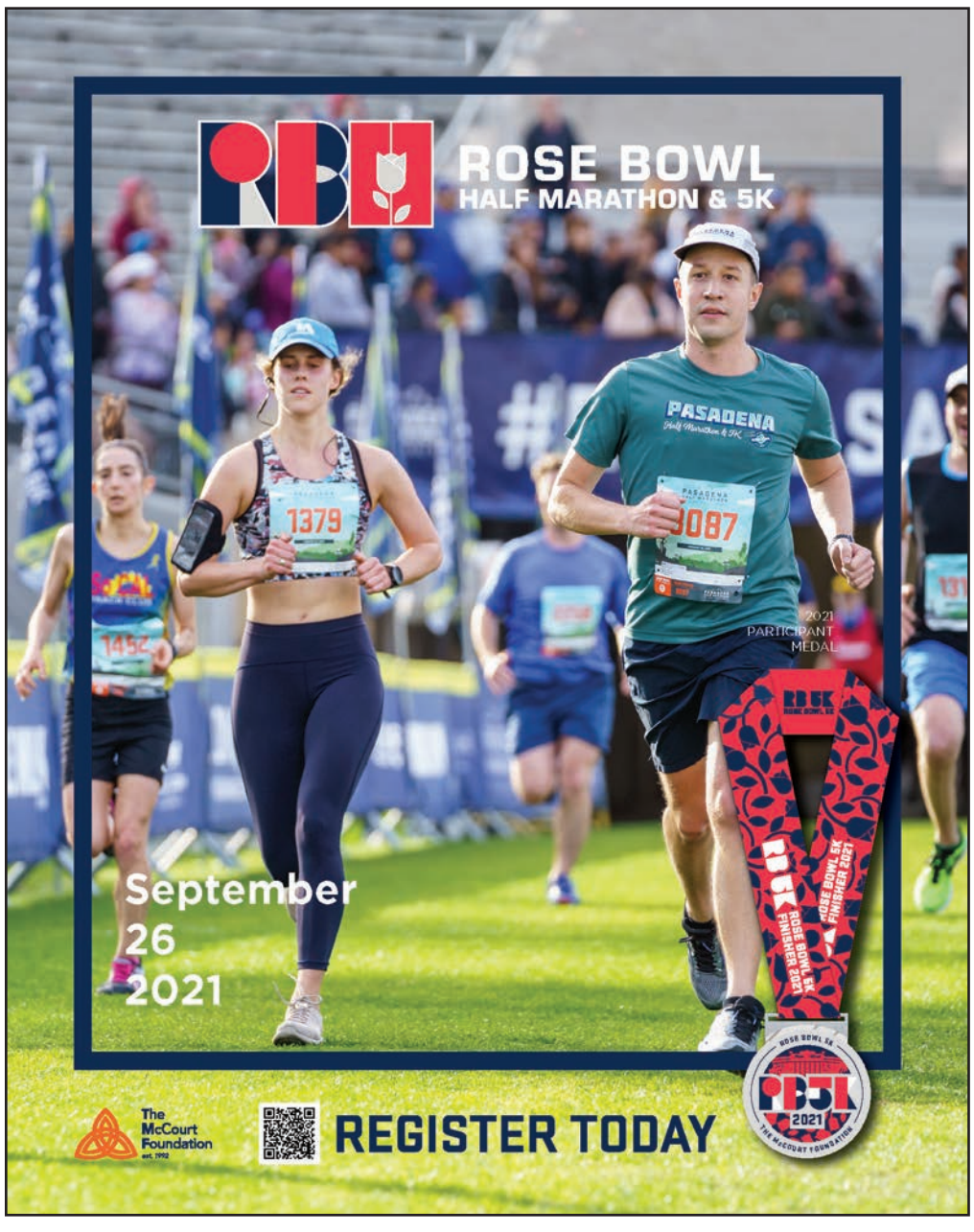
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Noteworthy

Charles Andrews
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Disband the Stones!

OF COURSE

I knew it, I just knew it. That when I acknowledged local activist Judy Abdo's objection to putting LA Guns on my impromptu list of worst bands, suitable only for torture, because LAG is her nephew Tracii Gun's band — I didn't specifically hate LAG, I just lumped together a roster of hair/metal bands, which genre I do find to be torture — turns out, when I listened more to them that night I had to admit Abdo's nephew is a pretty decent guitar player, though misdirecting his talent, I would say. So off the list goes LA Guns and on goes Skid Row.

I knew it. Of course I immediately heard from a few SR fans who complained, so convincingly, that Skid Row could never be a bad band because frontman Sebastian Bach is such a babe. Hard to argue with that critical thinking.

CHARLIE WATTS

The original and only Rolling Stones drummer, since 1962, died at 80 the day I was turning in my NOTEWORTHY column last week. I wrote that I would try to say more about him this week, but so much has been said since then, and I have no personal stories.

I think the best one that people retold was from Keith Richards' autobiography "Life." where he recounted the time in 1984 in Amsterdam when Mick Jagger, returning with Richards to their hotel at 5 a.m. after a bender ("give Mick a couple of glasses, he's gone"), said, "Let's call Charlie." No, it's too late, Richards reasoned. But Jagger rang Watts' room and yelled, "Where's my drummer? Where's my drummer!" No response.

Twenty minutes later there's a knock at the door. Richards opens it and Watts, "Savile Row suit, perfectly dressed, I could smell the cologne" — 5 a.m. — walks straight past Richards and over to Jagger, picks him up by the lapels of his jacker, says, in an even voice, "Never call me your drummer again," and clocks him, right hook to the jaw. Jagger falls back across a table and slides toward an open window.

"I was thinking, this is a good one," Richards wrote, "and then I realized it was my wedding jacket [that he had loaned to Jagger for the night]. And I grabbed hold of it and caught Mick just before he slid into the Amsterdam canal."

Richards called it "his drummer's punch – a punch I've seen a couple of times and it's lethal; it carries a lot of balance and timing. He has to be badly provoked."

A DRAMATIC, MEMORABLE SALUTE

The only fitting tribute from his mates, I think, would be to call off their upcoming tour. To announce to the world, Charlie's gone, and that means the Rolling Stones are no more.

I know, that would be a nightmare to undo, and a lot of people would lose a lot of money. But c'mon, Mick and Keith are worth nearly half a billion bucks each, they're 78 and 77 respectively — don't they have enough "Satisfaction"? They could both have a lot of larks in their remaining golden years just showing up where they wanted to and stepping



Courtesy photo

MUSIC: CHARLIE WATTS – 'not your drummer."

on a stage with anyone. You think it wouldn't make headlines every time?

Ronnie Wood (the new guitar player in the band) said in the 2003 documentary "Tip Of The Tongue": "Charlie's the engine. We don't go anywhere without the engine." Well?

When Led Zeppelin's founding drummer John Bonham, arguably the best rock and roll has ever had, died in 1980, three weeks before their first tour in three years, the band, hardly a paragon of integrity in other areas, announced, that's it, no John Bonham, no Led Zeppelin, and they disbanded, on the spot.

The opposite example is Who founders Pete Townshend and Roger Daltrey, even less associated with the word integrity, who didn't miss a beat after founding drummer Keith Moon, a legend unto himself, died in 1978, and announced the same day that bassist John Enwhistle (in my book, unquestionably the best rock bassist ever) died in 2002 that no, they wouldn't be playing in Vegas the next night but we'll see you at the Hollywood Bowl in four days! John would have wanted it that way, they said. (And we would have lost millions if we canceled the tour.) Literally, the body was probably still warm. Lovely, Pete.

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Afghans face hunger crisis, adding to Taliban's challenges

KATHY GANNON, RAHIM FAIEZ AND EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press

The United Nations' stockpiles of food in Afghanistan could run out this month, a senior official warned Wednesday, threatening to add a hunger crisis to the challenges facing the country's new Taliban rulers as they try to restore stability after decades of war.

About one third of the country's population of 38 million doesn't know if they will have a meal every day, according to Ramiz Alakbarov, the U.N.'s humanitarian chief in Afghanistan.

The U.N.'s World Food Program has brought in food and distributed it to tens of thousands of people in recent weeks, but with winter approaching and a drought ongoing, at least $200 million is needed urgently to be able to continue to feed the most vulnerable Afghans, he said.

"By the end of September, the stocks which the World Food Program has in the country will be out," Alakbarov told reporters at a virtual news conference. "We will not be able to provide those essential food items because we'll be out of stocks."

Earlier, U.N. officials said that of the $1.3 billion needed for overall aid efforts, only 39% has been received.

The Taliban, who seized control of the country ahead of the withdrawal of American forces this week, now must govern a nation that relies heavily on international aid and is in the midst of a worsening economic crisis. In addition to the concerns about food supplies, civil servants haven't been paid in months and the local currency is losing value. Most of Afghanistan's foreign reserves are held abroad and currently frozen.

Khalid Payenda, Afghanistan's former acting finance minister, on Wednesday detailed a country existing in a dangerously fragile state.

Speaking at Georgetown University in Washington, Payenda said the Afghan currency had yet to crash because money exchanges had been shuttered. But its value could plunge by more than 100%, said Payenda, who described former Afghan President Ashraf Ghani as withdrawn and paranoid ahead of the Taliban takeover.

"I think the war had a toll on his psyche and he saw everything with suspicion," Payenda said.

Part of the chaos reflects the speed at which the Taliban took control of the country, with Payenda saying he thought the prior government could have been sustained for two or three more years because of commitments by international donors.

"I did not expect it to be this quickly," Payenda said. "Nobody actually did."

Mohammad Sharif, a shopkeeper in the capital of Kabul, said shops and markets there have supplies, but a major concern is rising food prices.

"If the situation continues like this and there is no government to control the prices, that will cause so many problems for local people," he said.

In the wake of the U.S. pullout, many Afghans are anxiously waiting to see how the Taliban will rule. When they were last in power, before being driven out by the U.S.-led invasion in 2001, they imposed draconian restrictions, refusing to allow girls to go to school, largely confining women to their homes and banning television, music and even photography.

But more recently, their leaders have sought to project a more moderate image. Schools have reopened to boys and girls, though Taliban officials have said they will study separately. Women are out on the streets wearing Islamic headscarves — as they always have — rather than the all-encompassing burqa the Taliban required in the past.

The challenges the Taliban face in reviving the economy could give Western nations leverage as they push the group to fulfill a pledge to form an inclusive government and guarantee women's rights. The Taliban say they want to have good relations with other countries, including the United States.

Many Afghans fear the Taliban won't make good on those pledges and are concerned that the nation's economic situation holds little opportunity. Tens of thousands sought to flee the country as a result in a harrowing airlift.

But thousands who had worked with the U.S. and its allies, as well as up to 200 Americans, remained in the country after the efforts ended with the last U.S. troops flying out of Kabul international airport just before midnight Monday.

President Joe Biden later defended his handling of the chaotic withdrawal and evacuation efforts, which saw spasms of violence, including a suicide bombing last week that killed 13 American service members and 169 Afghans. He said it was inevitable that the final departure from two decades of war would be difficult.

He said he remains committed to getting the Americans left behind out if they want. The Taliban have said they will allow people with legal documents to travel freely, but it remains to be seen whether any commercial airlines will be willing to offer service.

Bilal Karimi, an official member in the Taliban spokesman's office, said Wednesday that a team of Turkish and Qatari technicians arrived in Kabul to help get the airport up and running again. Alakbarov, the U.N. humanitarian official, said the United Nations is asking for access to the airport so it can deliver food and other supplies directly to the capital.

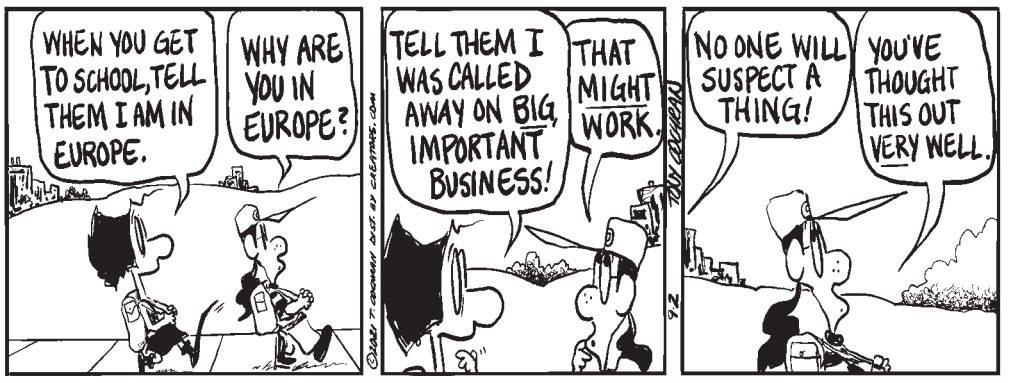
The Taliban also have to contend with the threat from the Islamic State group, which is far more radical and claimed responsibility for the bombing at the airport. The Taliban have pledged they won't allow Afghanistan to be used as a base for attacks on other

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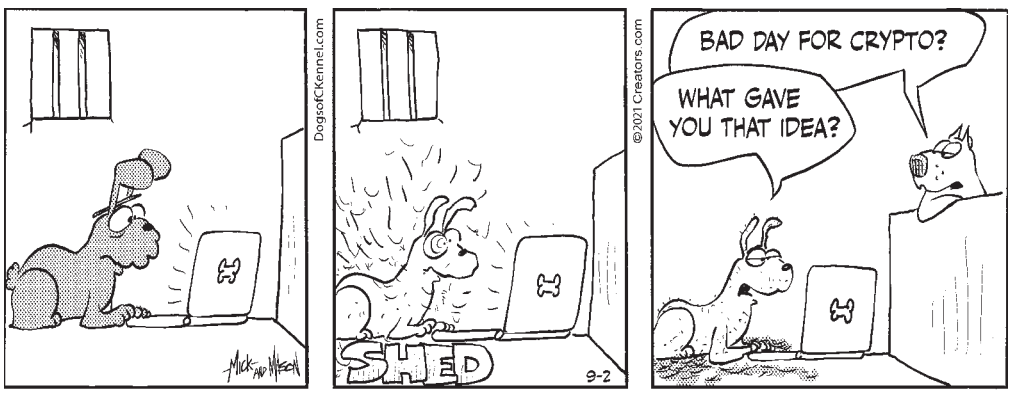
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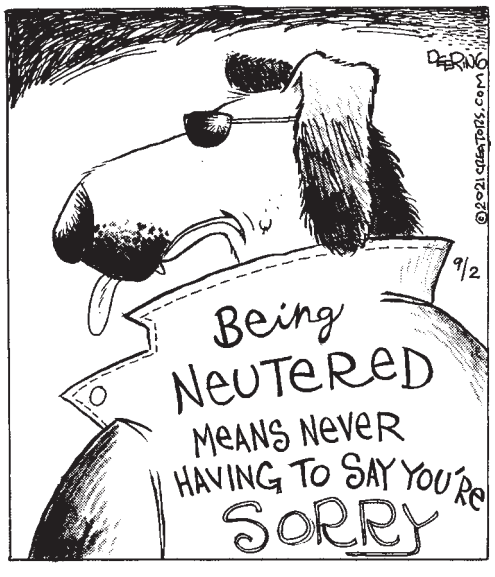
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 64.4°

THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high
Clean and small again but rideable - easing from Wed. There's a mid to higher tide all day, so look for the spots that can handle the extra water/lack of swell to be best.

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high
Smaller leftovers. NW swell and SW swell drops. Clean in the AM but not much size.

WEATHER

Thursday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 71.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 62.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 71.

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Good relationships are worth fighting for, and you will go a few valiant rounds for your loved ones and make a brave difference for all. A competition ignites your passion and brings out the best in you. Plenty of attention comes your way, some of which you can parlay into financial and practical resources. Pisces and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 17, 8, 31, 37 and 50.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Structure gives you a sense of grounding. In a sense, it is because of this deep security that you are able to ultimately make some of your more exciting and spontaneous moves.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Stick with the one you who brought you to the dance. Your loyalty will be rewarded. Working with a partner, you'll accomplish what you couldn't do alone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There was a time when you had to ask permission or go through someone else to get what you needed and wanted. Now you'll celebrate your sweet autonomy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People around you come together or go their separate ways; you'll be open-minded about these new configurations of a shifting social landscape, which tends to favor you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be drawn to the bright lights and noise of the crowd. This doesn't have to be expensive. Resist the social pressure to spend money as a form of showing off. You won't regret spending just enough to participate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In a highly reactive environment, all it takes is one impulsive move to set off an entire string of events. You have more power than you realize, so go slow and calm, eyes wide open.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be dealing in an area you could easily overthink. Instead of analyzing it to death, give it the old duck test. If it looks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it's probably a duck.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Only a writer or director gets angry when people go off script. You shouldn't feel like you're playing a bit part in someone else's movie. Ideally, interactions are more like an improvisation team building the scene together.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Pay attention to how relaxed you feel around people, as it's very telling. An unconscious part of you opens up with certain people and closes off with others. Becoming conscious of this leads to greater self-knowledge.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Avoid getting stuck in a story that isn't helping you. Give it a rewrite. This isn't about falsifying what happened; rather, it's a challenge to find different, more empowering and useful aspects to focus on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Everyone needs attention and validation, but the question is, how much? You're careful not to wear anyone out with this or to let your energy be commandeered by the excessively needy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Today will highlight the difference between getting love from others and sharing love with others. It takes work to nudge relationships toward health and interdependence.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

7	9	2	8	6	3	1	5	4
8	1	4	5	7	2	3	6	9
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1	4	7	9	3	5	2	8	6
5	2	3	6	8	1	9	4	7
9	8	6	2	4	7	5	3	1
4	7	9	3	1	8	6	2	5
6	5	8	4	2	9	7	1	3
2	3	1	7	5	6	4	9	8

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.

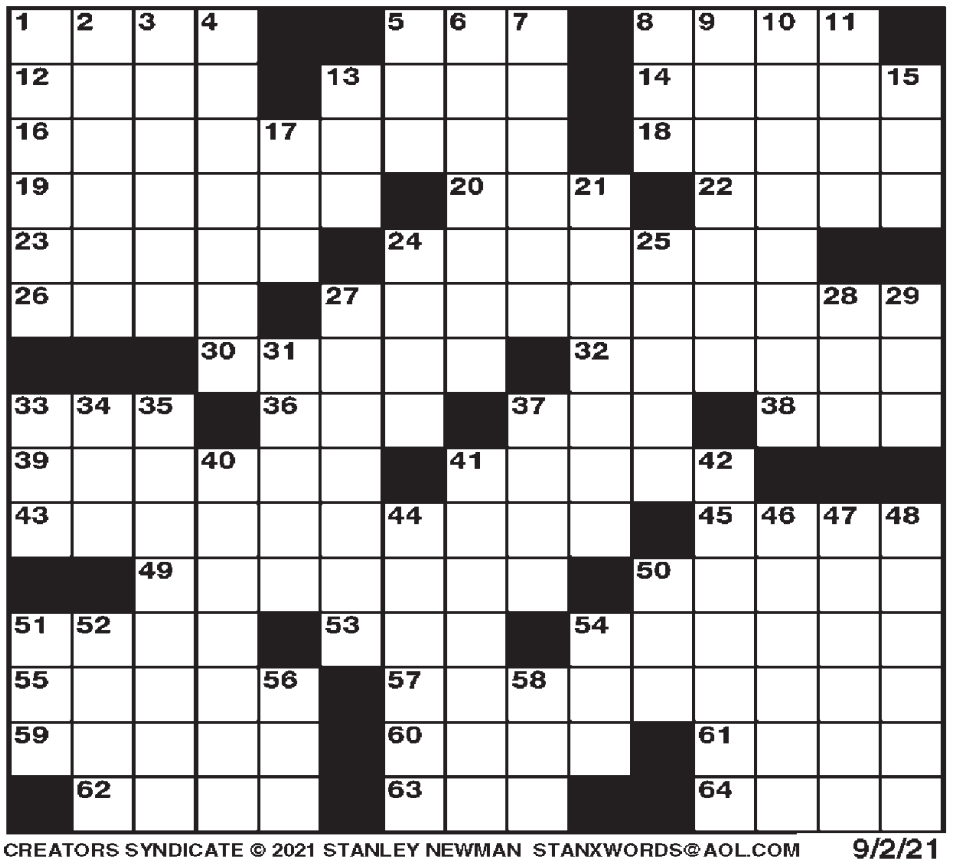
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Newsday Crossword

DOUBLE GOALPOSTS by Mark McClain
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Got worse
5 All-vowel assent
8 Spanish artist Joan
12 Closing passage
13 European capital, 1949-1990
14 Not active
16 Summer bloom with flowers on spikes
18 Offshore
19 Estefan or Estevez
20 False account
22 School near Windsor
23 __ *Black* (Will Smith film)
24 ATM supply
26 Keenness of voice
27 Recruitment expert
30 Makeup mess
32 Internalize
33 Word before pocket or pump
36 Musical perception
37 Prefix for lateral
38 Smallest Canadian prov.
39 House after Tudor
41 Rainbowlike
43 Tot's ride
45 Elevator guy
49 Sticky situation
50 Mineral in geodes
51 HS science class
53 Apprehend
54 MRI alternative
55 Astronomer Hubble
57 Family group
59 Spaghetti al __
60 *Frozen* princess
61 Knock out
62 "__ sow, so shall . . ."
63 Marge's neighbor
64 City north of Austin

DOWN
1 Work on a plot
2 Was arriving soon
3 Wasting time
4 Wastes time
5 Symbols for hugs
6 Needing explaining
7 Equitably
8 Soccer great Hamm
9 Summer apprentices
10 Interstate convenience
11 Two-tone treat
13 GWB successor
15 Light earth tone
17 Yang partner
21 Make better
24 Wrench (away)
25 Ragtime composer Blake
27 Irreligious one
28 Poetic preposition
29 Pinch hitter's success
31 Oscar winner as Sophie and Margaret
33 Barbecue by-product
34 "What was __ think?"
35 Postgame treatments
37 Bear in the sky
40 Competence
41 Humerus, for one
42 Where boxers compete
44 Buffett, by birth
46 Puget Sound city
47 Tilting type
48 Mailing label phrase
50 Munched on
51 Bottom of a brook
52 Flash of brilliance
54 Civil War side: Abbr.
56 Maiden name preceder
58 Conjunction for Merkel



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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 17 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Agist	Cheddar	Gate	Placid	Sows
Algae	Cook	Gentle	Raise	Stake
Annual	Cream	Germ	Rams	Task
Bail	Dogs	Grass	Regions	Tough
Barn	Dust	Hand	Remote	Udder
Bins	Early	Heat	Risk	Wether
Bloat	Eggs	Kikuya	River	Wool
Bran	Electric	Lucerne	Role	Yards
Bull	Ewes	Lush	Rope	
Bunk	Export	Milk	Sheep	
Calf	Feed	Paddocks	Shoot	
Care	Frost	Pests	Silage	

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VACCINES

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if there are close contacts, which in school settings there almost always are, those close contacts will in fact, have some disruption as well as many of them if they're not vaccinated, are going to need to go ahead and quarantine themselves."

If a COVID-19 case is found on school grounds, the patient is immediately isolated. Close contacts are then identified (as defined as individuals who have had a total of 15 minutes of exposure within six feet of the patient). Those contacts are notified and told to quarantine. Students can shorten their quarantine from 10 to eight days if they test negative on day six and do not develop symptoms.

Ferrer said the County could modify its isolation and quarantine protocols based on data gathered through Sept. 10 as that will provide a full 30 days of information with the Delta variant as the dominant strain.

"We have to move quickly to prevent the kind of transmission in schools that will create very large outbreaks, something that's been done successfully since reopening last fall, and remain diligent on that," she said. "I think there's a lot of work and it happens on the part of parents, students, teachers and staff. So this is an effort that works best when everyone is really doing their part. Otherwise, it really can become a situation where we have more spread than we need to."

Ferrer said widespread adoption of vaccines is the only way to preempt outbreaks.

According to the most recent data, officials estimate that 81% of public school district staff members have received at least one shot of a COVID-19 vaccination.

Ferrer said unvaccinated students are eight times more likely to get sick.

"With only 57 cases among every 100,000 vaccinated teens in this age group, compared with 480 cases, among 100,000 teams of those that are unvaccinated," she said. "You can also see that hospitalizations are likewise eightfold higher in unvaccinated children than among vaccinated children and deaths across all pediatric age groups, fortunately, remain exceedingly rare. Given how effective the vaccines are at protecting teens, our highest priority is to make vaccine access super simple for teens who are not yet vaccinated, especially given the continued high rate of transmission."

As of August 29, 60% of county teens 12 to 15 years old had received at least one dose of the vaccine, while 48% were fully vaccinated. About 68% of teens 16 and 17 had received at least one dose, and 57% of this age group is fully vaccinated.

"The most powerful strategy we have for keeping schools open is getting these numbers within the range of 100%," she said. "If all eligible children were vaccinated, we would dramatically reduce transmission both in school settings and in after-school sports programs and extracurricular activities."

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NOTEWORTHY

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could not be charmed by their little chirping sounds? Sun 4 p.m.,

SHAKESPEARE'S "JULIUS CAESAR" — Wordy (how did Shakespeare's actors, mostly illiterate, ever memorize all those lines?), historically informative (and applicable to modern times, because people are people and politics...) and makes it come alive. In school Shakespeare's dialog was often Greek to me (just one of the phrases he came up with in "JC" that infuses our language half a millennium later), but now every word shimmers, also due to the delivery by the TB thespians. Christopher W. Jones stood out as conflicted bad guy Brutus, as did Willow Geer as Portia, and special linguistic laurels go to Melora Marshall as Cassius, who was just made for this part, even those it is a mans part. So much distinction in her delivery, it brings you straight in to the moment. Mr. Schide, you would be proud: I complained no end when he made us memorize the entire funeral speech of Marc Antony in fifth grade, but 60 years later I could murmur right along. Sun 7:30 p.m.,

All performances TB. Topanga Canyon, #10-$26 general admission.

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Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 2,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 34 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

PANDEMIC

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health issues.

"Stating it's a pandemic of the unvaccinated implies that if you are vaccinated, you are protected, and you should not care about those who are unvaccinated, and how that may impact you," said Wen. "That is not the case. The more infection there is around, the more likely you are to contract COVID and spread it to others, even if you are vaccinated."

Associated Press writers Josh Boak, Hannah Fingerhut and Emily Swanson contributed to this report.

AFGHANISTAN

FROM PAGE 7

countries — a key U.S. demand since the militants once harbored the al-Qaida leaders who orchestrated the 9/11 attacks.

In the wake of last week's bombing, American officials said drone strikes targeted the Islamic State group's affiliate in Afghanistan, and Biden vowed to keep up airstrikes.

Army Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Wednesday it was "possible" that the U.S. will have to coordinate with the Taliban on any counterterrorism strikes in Afghanistan in the future.

Faiez reported from Istanbul and Lederer from the United Nations. Associated Press writers Tameem Akhgar in Istanbul and Lolita C. Baldor and Josh Boak in Washington contributed.

Letter to the Editor

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More warning needed

Editor:

As you know, during the ongoing pandemic, street sweeping was only taking place the first full week of every month. I checked last week and the website indicated that regulation was still in effect.

When I got a parking ticket today for parking on Idaho near 16th, I called the police and was referred to the Parking Enforcement Office. I spoke with Officer Marquez and she told me that the street sweeping regulations were reinstated yesterday by the Resource Recovery Recycling Office. I was never notified and neither was anyone else I know.

Today, I discovered that as of yesterday, August 30, 2021, normal street sweeping restrictions were back in place.

I called the RRR Office and while waiting on hold to speak with a live person, I heard the following message, "Monthly street sweeping is scheduled for the first full week of every month." Paula, in that RRR Office admitted that the reinstated street sweeping instructions were "confusing" and she apologized.

I don't know a single resident who was notified of this sudden change including me. A friend told me that he spoke with one of the parking enforcement officers on 3rd Street yesterday and that they were late because "we were writing so many more parking tickets."

The city needed to alert residents regarding this change in a better way. Had that been done, I could have easily moved my car to avoid this $73.00 ticket.

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