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Local students show impressive resilience to learning loss

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— Assistant Superintendent Jacqueline Mora

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With 17 months having passed since all students were in the physical classroom, there are certainly gaps in students' knowledge, but compared to peoples' fears for virtual learning outcomes and national public school trends, SMMUSD students are demonstrating impressive learning retention.

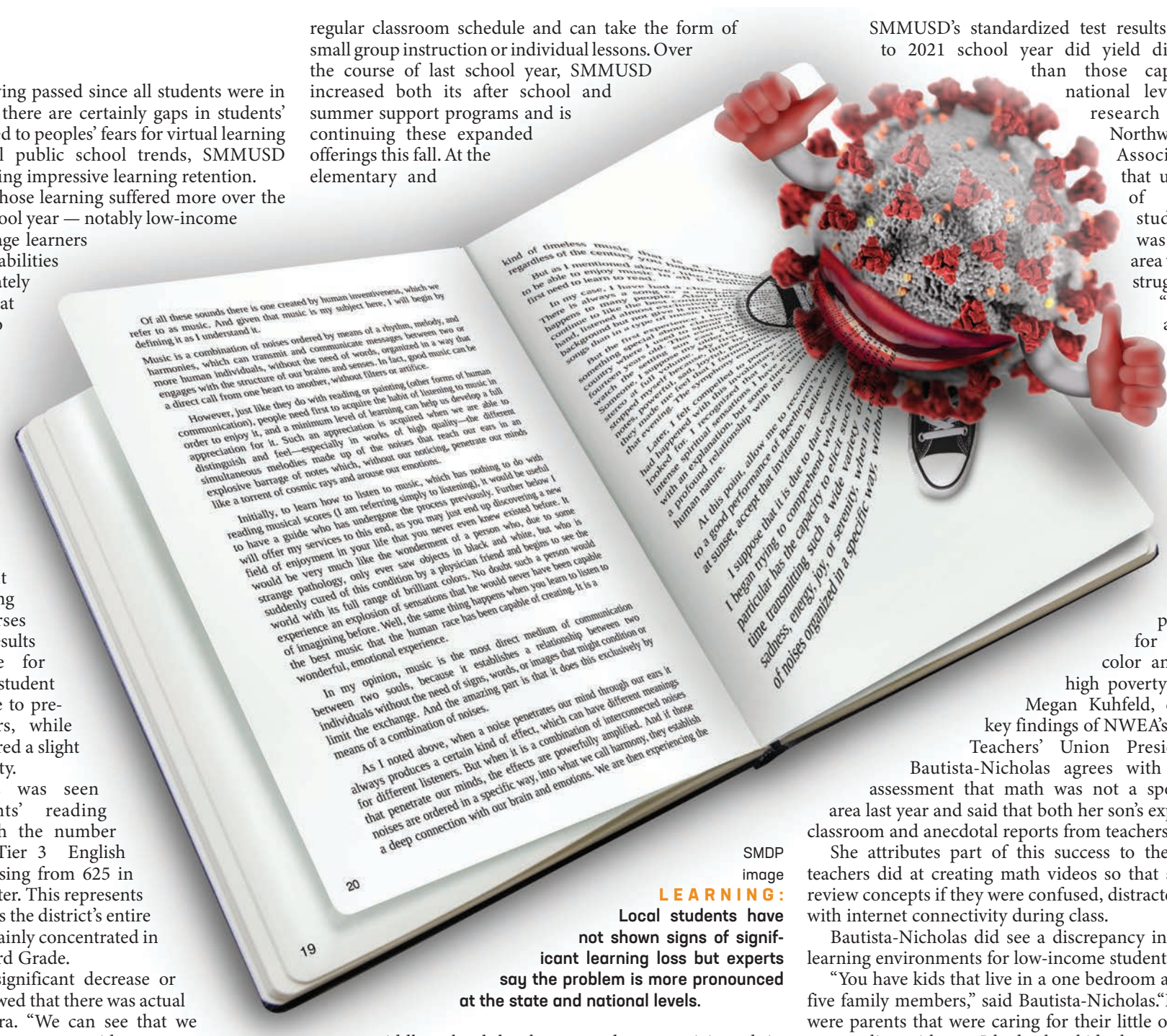
There are students whose learning suffered more over the course of the remote school year — notably low-income students, English language learners and students with disabilities — which is unfortunately the student groups that were most likely to struggle pre-pandemic. According to Assistant Superintendent Jacqueline Mora, the district is aware of these challenges and targeting these populations with specific attention and learning support.

When it comes to the overall student body, both regular testing within students' courses and standardized test results did not show cause for alarm. In subject tests student grades were comparable to pre-pandemic school years, while standardized tests captured a slight decrease in student ability.

This learning loss was seen primarily in students' reading and writing skills with the number of students requiring Tier 3 English learning support increasing from 625 in the fall to 773 in the winter. This represents a 3 percent change across the district's entire student body and was mainly concentrated in Kindergarten through 3rd Grade.

"We didn't have a significant decrease or significant data that showed that there was actual learning loss," said Mora. "We can see that we needed to focus and prepare to provide support to our students that are in that tier three area."

Tier three support requires intervention outside of the regular classroom schedule and can take the form of small group instruction or individual lessons. Over the course of last school year, SMMUSD increased both its after school and summer support programs and is continuing these expanded offerings this fall. At the elementary and middle school level 499 students participated in summer learning opportunities this year as did 464 high school students.



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LEARNING: Local students have not shown signs of significant learning loss but experts say the problem is more pronounced at the state and national levels.

SMMUSD's standardized test results for the 2020 to 2021 school year did yield different trends than those captured on a national level. Education research non-profit Northwest Evaluation Association found that using a sample of five million students, math was the subject area where students struggled the most.

"Students are making learning gains, but relative to what we would expect in a typical school year, those gains were lower than normal, particularly in math and particularly for students of color and students in high poverty schools," said Megan Kuhfeld, discussing the key findings of NWEA's study.

Teachers' Union President Claudia Bautista-Nicholas agrees with the districts' assessment that math was not a specific problem area last year and said that both her son's experience in the classroom and anecdotal reports from teachers support this.

She attributes part of this success to the excellent job teachers did at creating math videos so that students could review concepts if they were confused, distracted or struggled with internet connectivity during class.

Bautista-Nicholas did see a discrepancy in the quality of learning environments for low-income students.

"You have kids that live in a one bedroom apartment with five family members," said Bautista-Nicholas."I had kids that were parents that were caring for their little ones while they were online with me. I had other kids that were in that one

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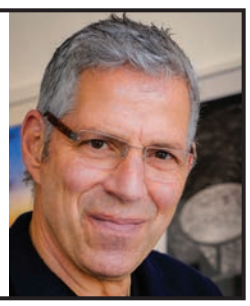
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bedroom with their two other siblings, who were also online with teachers, trying to listen to me and trying to help their siblings access whatever it was that their teachers were trying to tell them."

An additional struggle for remote teaching was finding a way for students to practice hands-on learning skills, which was a major finding of a Rand Corporation study of national public schools.

"Half of principals told us in fall 2020 that they have a major or very major need for strategies or resources to address students' lost opportunities to engage in hands-on learning," said Melissa Diliberti, assistant policy researcher at RAND Corporation.

Bautista-Nicholas said this was a concern she heard teachers in the district consistently voice.

"The teachers that teach science couldn't really do a lot of the laboratory practices that they normally did," said Bautista-Nicholas. "The hands-on experience was something that they all felt that they weren't able to really accomplish online."

Bautista-Nicholas also pointed to music and languages as subject areas where teachers saw their students struggling.

Music was difficult to teach over Zoom because time lags precluded most students from being able to sing or play an instrument together. Languages were difficult because many students were consistently using Google Translate, which delayed their development of speaking skills.

With all of these subject areas back in person, these concerns are less pertinent this fall and the general consensus among academic experts and district leaders is that as long as students are engaged they should be able to recover these skills without issue.

"I think for many students just with some additional support this year being extra learning time, or additional review as a part of kind of catch up and acceleration learning, that many students will be fine," said Kuhfeld.

SMMUSD teachers are adapting their teaching this fall to help students successfully transition back into the classroom and catch-up on any missed learning. There is an emphasis on social emotional skills and community building, and teachers have been trained in trauma informed classrooms. Mental health services are also available to all students K-12.

"We know that students and families experienced different impacts of the pandemic in different ways, so we are making sure that our teachers are equipped with those tools in order to support students," said Mora.

There is also an awareness at the district that while students may have struggled in certain subject areas during the pandemic, they also learned a lot from the challenging experience and developed new skills.

"I think they've learned how to be resilient, be flexible and they have overcome incredible difficulty," said Bautista-Nicholas. "These are also kids who saw their parents lose their jobs, who are dealing with probably the loss of a grandparent because of COVID."

Teachers are striving to ensure students don't come into the classroom feeling like they are lacking or already behind and are instead focusing on celebrating their strengths and triumphs over the past year.

"Maybe our students didn't master all the skills that we hoped for in the academic year but our students developed other skill sets that are going to take them above and beyond," said Mora. "They had to adjust and transition to a virtual environment, they had to build relationships online and learn how to navigate technology."

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 281 CALLS ON SEPTEMBER 2

Loud Music Main St / Pier Ave 12:24 a.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 1800blk Euclid St 12:50 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Cloverfield Blvd / Interstate 10 2:24 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:37 a.m.
Burglary Report 1700blk Ocean Ave 3:06 a.m.
Child Molestation 900blk Lincoln Blvd 3:07 a.m.
Arson 1800blk Main St 6:08 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300blk 2nd St 8:00 a.m.
Encampment 100blk Kinney St 8:05 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1000blk 4th St 8:09 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1100blk Michigan Ave 8:14 a.m.
Expired Registration 800blk 22nd St 8:22 a.m.
General Parking Problem 300blk Olympic Dr 9:00 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1400blk 17th St 9:10 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 900blk 2nd St 9:23 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1500blk Euclid St 10:01 a.m.
Missing Person 1500blk 15th St 10:04 a.m.
Illegal Weapon Barnard Way / Ocean Park Blvd 10:08 a.m.
Vandalism Now 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 10:08 a.m.
Encampment 2400blk Ocean Front Walk 10:24 a.m.
Encampment 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 10:34 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1400blk 5th St 10:50 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2500blk Ocean Front Walk 10:58 a.m.
Encampment 100blk Kinney St 11:00 a.m.
Public Intoxication 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:03 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 700blk Broadway 11:24 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables Barnard Way / Hart Ave 11:28 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1400blk 5th St 11:29 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 100blk Interstate 10 11:32 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 300blk Ocean Ave 12:06 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 700blk Euclid St 12:07 p.m.
Fraud Report 1700blk 9th St 12:10 p.m.
Encampment 1700blk The Beach 12:23 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1700blk 15th St 12:24 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 200blk Broadway 12:29 p.m.
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Rape Report 1500blk Appian Way 1:47 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1900blk 6th St 1:50 p.m.
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Petty Theft Report 1500blk 5th St 1:55 p.m.
Fraud Report 300blk Olympic Dr 1:58 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 200blk Broadway 2:24 p.m.
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Your column here

Stephen Krashen Ph.D. Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Library Card Sign-up Month began on September 1

"The America I love still exists at the front desks of our public libraries." (Kurt Vonnegut)

When I was nine years old, my sister got me my first library card, from the Albany Park Branch Library in Chicago. Yes, we were a comfortable middle-class family and had plenty of books at home, but that library card made life even better. Thank you, Gloria!

Since 1987, every September has been Library Card Sign-up Month and the American Library Association and local libraries make a special effort to make sure each child has a library card. What a great idea!

Here is some of what we know about public libraries:

· Study after study shows that self-selected pleasure reading is the way we develop our ability to read and write: Those who do more self-selected reading (largely fiction) have larger vocabularies, spell better, write better and read better.

· Those who read more know more. They know more about history, literature, science and even practical matters. And most of what people read is fiction.

· Readers, research has told us, also have more empathy for others: Terry Gross of NPR's Fresh Air explains that when you read a novel "You're learning to be somebody else, learning the see the world through their eyes." Also, you learn that the world is complex, and simple solutions don't always work. Former president Barack Obama, I am sure, was unfamiliar with the academicresearch when he was interviewed by the Guardian about his reading habits, but he came to same conclusions: "When I think about how I understand my role … the most important stuff I've learned I think I've learned from novels. It has to do with empathy. It has to do with being comfortable with the notion that the world is complicated and full of grays, but there's still truth there to be found .. it's possible to connect with some[one] else even though they're very different from you."

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Citywide

$561,442 Raised for Santa Monica Public Schools

524 donors contributed to the Santa Monica Education Foundation during its back-to-school campaign that raised $561,442 to fund staff and programs at the Santa Monica public schools. An inspiring $25,000 match from Kilroy Realty led the campaign, which also included two separate $2,500 one-day matches from Harmony Hoefner Group / Compass and Santa Monica Music Center.

The money raised will fund arts programs, classroom aides, STEM and wellness programs at Santa Monica public schools.

"This back-to-school campaign was a fantastic way to kick off our fundraising efforts this year," said Alison Havel, President of the Ed Foundation's Board of Directors. "We are extremely grateful to Kilroy Realty for this generous matching gift opportunity. We also appreciate Harmony Hoefner Group, Santa Monica Music Center, and every donor who stepped forward to support our kids. While we still have a long way to go in our fundraising efforts, we are ecstatic about this phenomenal start!"

The $25,000 match from Kilroy Realty ran from August 13 through August 31. During the match, two other local businesses offered one-day Flash Matches to encourage donations. The Harmony Hoefner Group / Compass matched $2,500 in donations on August 24 and Santa Monica Music Center matched donations up to $2,500 on August 31.

"Kilroy Realty is honored to support Santa Monica's public schools and we are thrilled that our matching gift inspired so many people to donate," said Philip Tate, Senior Vice President, Development and Government Affairs. "We are committed to doing our part to provide an excellent education to students, and we are proud that our support will help give students the vibrant education they deserve."

Last year, the Ed Foundation's annual fundraising contributed nearly $2 million to fund staff and programs in Santa Monica schools. Fundraising for the 2021-2022 campaign will continue through June 30, 2022.

For more information or to donate to support Santa Monica students, go to smedfoundation.org.

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2022 Arnold Maeda Manzanar Pilgrimage Grants Available

The Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument (VJAMM) Committee and the Manzanar Committee announce the Second Annual Arnold Maeda Manzanar Pilgrimage Grant for 2022. Maeda, who passed on September 10, 2020, at the age of 94, inspired the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument Committee on which he served as a charter member. Arnold proved to be a willing and articulate public speaker, and invaluable fundraiser. The VJAMM Committee dedicated the VJAMM on April 27, 2017, on the northwest corner of Venice and Lincoln Boulevards, in Venice, California. This marks the spot where some 1,000 persons of Japanese ancestry forcibly removed from Venice, Santa Monica, and Malibu, lined up with only what they could carry, for their day-long bus ride to the American concentration camp at Manzanar. Maeda remembered that day in his quote engraved on the monument:

"Instead of being worried about where we were going, I was obsessed with the fact that I had parted with my constant companion, my pet dog, Boy. For a fifteen-year old, that was unforgettably traumatic."

Despite that trauma of being forcibly uprooted from Santa Monica, and his family's losing their home and nursery business, Arnold distinguished himself at Manzanar. He participated in music and drama productions, lifted weights, worked as a kitchen helper and a hospital orderly, and became President of his Senior class of 1944 at Manzanar High School. After World War II ended, Arnold began to volunteer with the Manzanar Reunion Committee, the Santa Monica Nikkei Hall, and in 2010, with the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument Committee. Applicants will get to know Arnold Maeda by finding his many interviews and articles online, and will describe his life and legacy in an essay, short story, or poem.

Applicants will address three or more areas of reflection: who Maeda was and how he became a role model for the Japanese American community; how Maeda's legacy has influenced the applicant; how the applicant will apply the lessons learned from Maeda to his/her life today; how Maeda's life in the American concentration camp at Manzanar compares/contrasts with the student's life today; how collaboration and service to others have affected the applicant's life; how and why working with the Manzanar Committee on the 2022 Manzanar Pilgrimage will help the applicant better understand Maeda's life and legacy.

The two recipients of the 2022 Arnold Maeda Manzanar Pilgrimage Grant will each receive a stipend of $500 to pay for their attendance at planning meetings and for their participation in the Manzanar Pilgrimage weekend of April 29 - May 1, 2022 (to help with the expenses of transportation, lodging, and food). Deadline for application submissions: January 7, 2022; all applicants will be notified of the judging results by the end of January, 2022.

To read Leslie Aguilar's winning essay for the 2021 Grant, please go to https://mcusercontent.com/bb2c5682efc993074662c30eb/files/3249d6ee-5269-40fd-9567-c680fe1ce69f/AguilarLeslie_Annual_Arnold_Maeda_Grant_.01.pdf

Download the Information Packet and Application Form at www.venicejamm.org or https://manzanarcommittee.org. Questions may be sent to: am-grant@manzanarcommittee.org

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US hiring slows as delta variant weakens travel and tourism

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America's employers added just 235,000 jobs in August, a surprisingly weak gain after two months of robust hiring and the clearest sign to date that the delta variant's spread has discouraged some people from flying, shopping and eating out.

The August job growth the government reported Friday fell far short of the sizable gains of roughly 1 million in each of the previous two months. The hiring jumps in June and July had followed widespread vaccinations that allowed the economy to fully reopen from pandemic restrictions. Now, with Americans buying fewer plane tickets, reducing hotel stays and filling fewer entertainment venues, some employers in those areas have slowed their hiring.

Still, the number of job openings remains at record levels, with many employers still eager for workers, and overall hiring is expected to stay solid in the coming months. Even with August's tepid job gain, the unemployment rate dropped to 5.2% from 5.4% in July. With many consumers still willing to spend and companies to hire, the overall U.S. economy still looks healthy.

The details in Friday's jobs report showed, though, how the delta variant held back job growth last month. The sectors of the economy where hiring was weakest were mainly those that require face-to-face contact with the public. More Americans said they were unable to work in August because their employer closed or lost business to the pandemic than said so in July.

"The delta variant has taken a bigger toll on the job market than many of us had hoped," said Sarah House, a senior economist at Wells Fargo. "It's going to take workers longer to come back to the labor market than we expected."

A few months ago, many economists, as well as officials at the White House and Federal Reserve, had expected a fading pandemic to encourage more people to resume their job searches. Worries about getting sick on the job would fade, they hoped. And as schools reopened, more parents, particularly women, would return to the workforce.

So far, that hasn't happened. As a consequence, many economists now predict that the Fed will delay an announcement that it will begin withdrawing the extraordinary support for the economy it unleashed after the pandemic erupted in March of last year.

The August jobs report "slams the door" on the prospect of the Fed announcing a

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Los Angeles

IRS Criminal Investigation sees surge in scams

The Internal Revenue Service received a record number of complaints about Economic Impact Payment scams in June and July 2021 not seen in more than a decade.

"There has been a sharp rise in scams linked to the Economic Impact Payments. IRS-Criminal Investigation is committed to pursuing these scammers," said Ryan Korner, Special Agent in Charge with the IRS-CI Los Angeles Field Office. "To those who steal from the American public and take advantage of a stimulus plan meant to help those affected by COVID-19, beware…you will be caught, and you will be held accountable."

Phishing scams attempt to mirror legitimate IRS communications with the goal of convincing unsuspecting taxpayers to enter personal information or submit a payment. This information is then exploited by scammers.

Recent scam reports include:

• Text messages stating that a taxpayer is eligible for a "stimulus payment" and they must click on a link to complete the necessary information to claim it.

• Phishing emails claiming the IRS has calculated a taxpayer's "fiscal activity" and they are eligible for an Economic Impact payment in a specific amount.

Although criminals are constantly changing their tactics, taxpayers can help protect themselves by acting as the first line of defense. The best way to avoid falling victim to a scam is knowing how the IRS communicates with taxpayers. The IRS does not send unsolicited texts or emails. The IRS does not threaten individuals with jail or lawsuits, nor does it demand tax payments on gift cards or via cryptocurrency.

Taxpayers should be on the lookout for grammatical, capitalization and spelling errors in emails and texts, which serve as fraud indicators. Taxpayers should also exercise caution when clicking shortened URLs, which can lead to fraudulent web pages.

Taxpayers who receive unsolicited emails or social media attempts to gather information that appear to be from either the IRS or an organization closely linked to the IRS, should forward the message to phishing@irs.gov. Taxpayers are encouraged not to engage potential scammers.

Taxpayers can report fraud or theft of their Economic Impact Payments to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA). Reports can be made online at TIPS.TIGTA.GOV. If you suspect you are a victim of identity theft as a result of a scam, visit the Taxpayer Guide to Identity Theft to know what steps to take. To learn more about COVID-19 scams and other financial schemes, visit IRS.gov.

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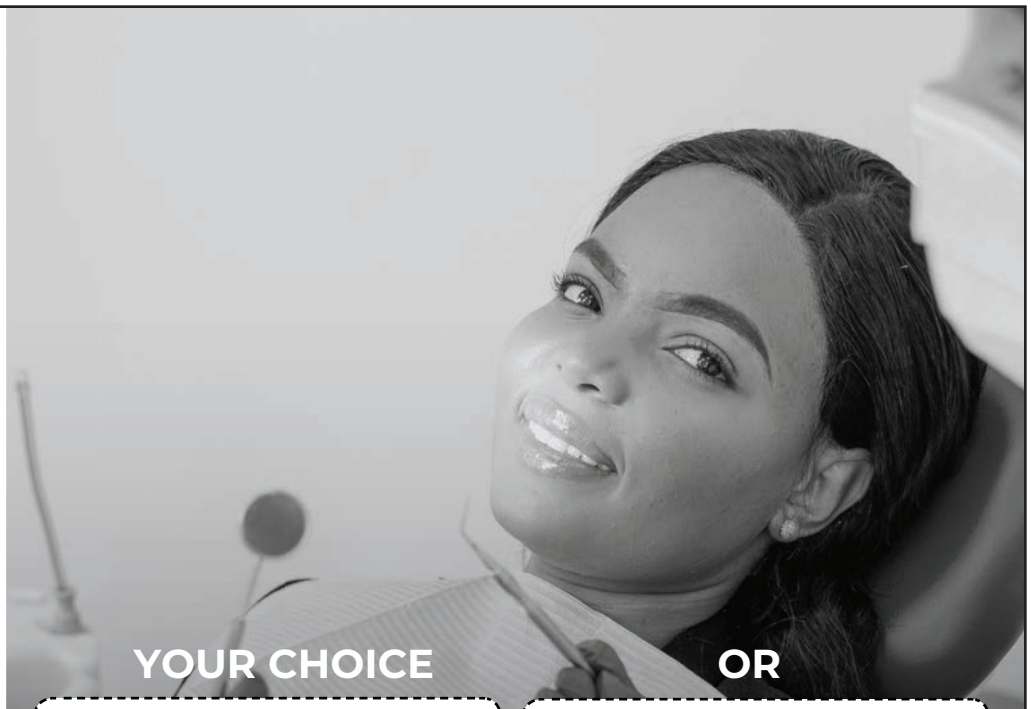
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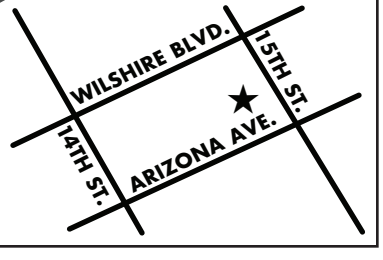


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Apple delays iPhone photo-scanning plan amid fierce backlash

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Apple is indefinitely delaying plans to scan iPhones in the U.S. for images of child sexual abuse following an outcry from security and privacy experts who warned the technology could be exploited for other surveillance purposes by hackers and intrusive governments.

The postponement announced Friday comes a month after Apple revealed it was getting ready to roll out a tool to detect known images of child sexual abuse. The tool would work by scanning files before they're uploaded to its iCloud back-up storage system. It had also planned to introduce a separate tool to scan users' encrypted messages for sexually explicit content.

Apple insisted its technology had been developed in a way that would protect the privacy of iPhone owners in the U.S. But the Cupertino, California, company was swamped criticism from security experts, human rights groups and customers worried that the scanning technology would open a peephole exposing personal and sensitive information.

"Based on feedback from customers, advocacy groups, researchers, and others, we have decided to take additional time over the coming months to collect input and make improvements before releasing these critically important child safety features," Apple said in an update posted above its original photo-scanning plans.

Apple never set a specific date for when the scanning technology would roll out, beyond saying it would occur some time this year. The company is expected to unveil its next iPhone later this month, but it's unclear if it will use that event to further discuss its change in plans for scanning the devices in the U.S.

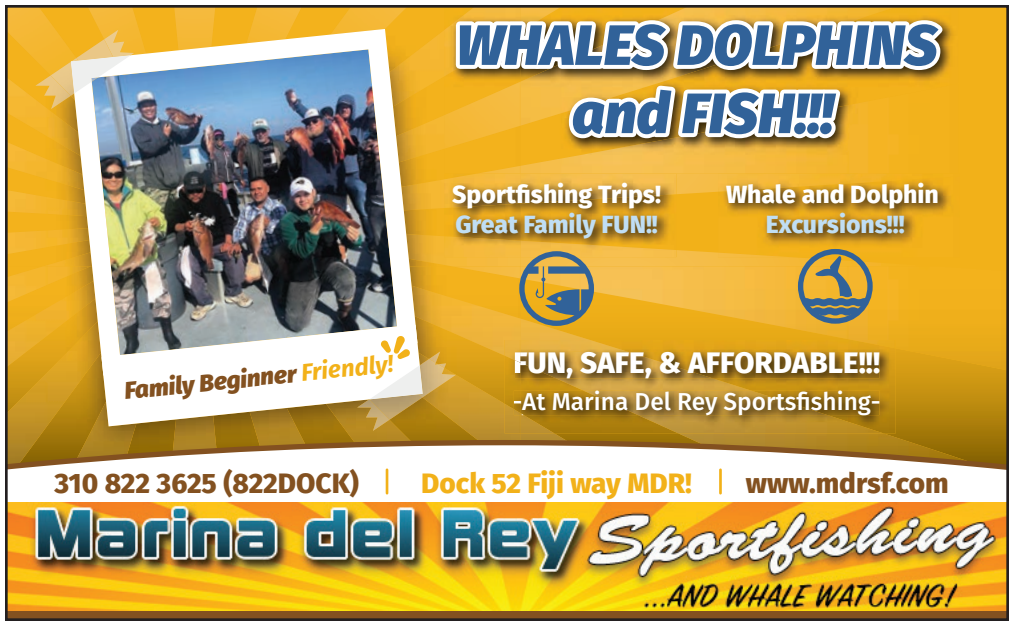
The intense backlash to the scanning technology was particularly bruising for a company that has made personal privacy a marketing mantra. Apple contends it is more trustworthy than other major technology companies such as Google and Facebook that vacuum up information about people's interests and location to help sell digital ads. Apple CEO Tim Cook is known to repeat the catchphrase "Privacy is a fundamental human right."

The photo scanning technology was "a really big about-face for Apple," said Cindy Cohn, executive director for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, one of the most vocal critics of the company's plans. "If you are going to take a stand for people's privacy, you can't be scanning their phones."

Cohn applauded Apple for taking more time to reassess its plans and urged the company

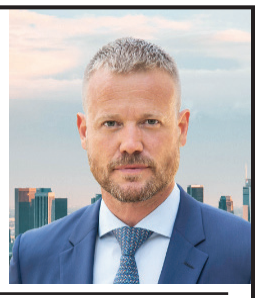
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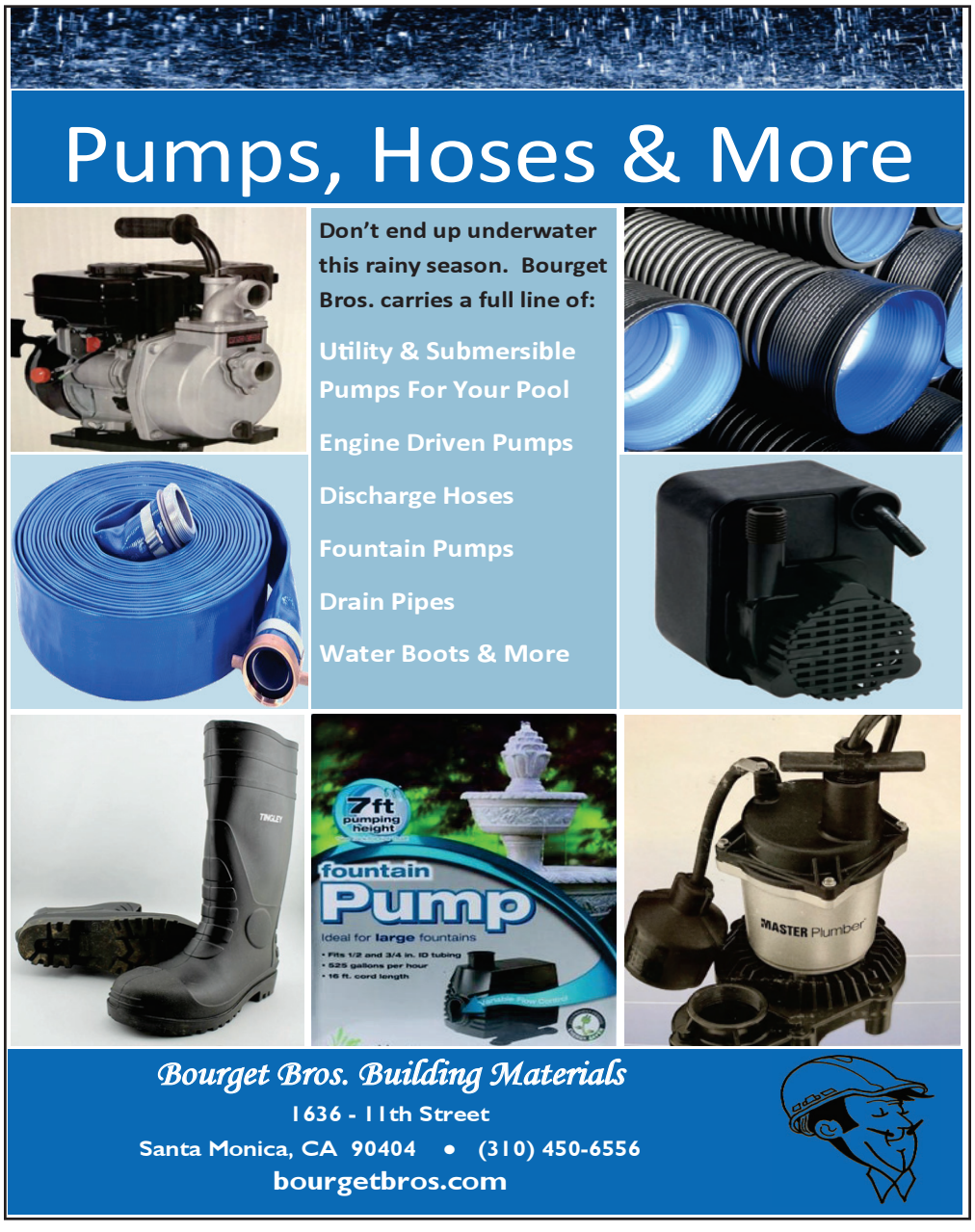




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· Public libraries are a major source of reading material for pleasure reading. For children of poverty, school and public libraries are often the only source of reading material.

· Research specifically about public libraries and school success makes the case for libraries irresistible: In 2008, researchers Keith Curry Lance and Robbie Braverman reported that "the greater the amount of circulated materials and the greater the attendance at library programs, the more likely kids will do well in reading."

· In 2021, researchers at the Federal Research Bank reported that "Substantial financial investments in public libraries are associated with more checkouts and improved reading test scores for children in nearby school districts for several years following the investment."

· And my personal favorite, co-authored with Shu-Yaun Lin and Fay Shin, published in Knowledge Quest. A high school student's reading scores when DOWN during the school year, but went back UP during the summer. During the summer, she spent a lot of time reading novels for pleasure ... at the local public library.

Let's celebrate and support Library Card Sign-Up Month.

"The death of a library, any library, suggests that the community has lost its soul." Kurt Vonnegut

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TRAVEL

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pullback when it meets later this month, said House, the Wells Fargo economist. Fed Chair Jerome Powell made clear last week that the central bank would begin to reverse its ultra-low-rate policies later this year if the economy continued to improve.

Hiring in a category that includes restaurants, bars and hotels sank to zero in August after those sectors had added roughly 400,000 jobs in both June and July. Restaurant dining, after having fully recovered in late June, has declined to about 9% below pre-pandemic levels, according to reservations website OpenTable.

Some live shows, including the remaining concerts on country star Garth Brooks' tour, for example, have been canceled. Businesses are delaying their returns to offices, threatening the survival of some downtown restaurants, coffee shops and dry cleaners.

Health care and government employers also cut jobs in August. Construction companies, which have struggled to find workers, lost 3,000 jobs despite strong demand for new homes.

Government employers shed 8,000 jobs, mostly because of a sharp declines in local education hiring after strong gains in June and July. That decline occurred mostly because the pandemic has scrambled normal hiring patterns as schools have closed and then reopened for in-person classes.

Yet many employers are still looking to hire. The job listings website Indeed says the number of available jobs grew in August, led by such sectors as information technology and finance, in which many employees can work from home. And the National Federation for Independent Business said Thursday that its surveys show that half of small businesses have jobs they cannot fill.

Walmart announced this week that it will hire 20,000 people to expand its supply chain and online shopping operations, including jobs for order fillers, drivers, and managers. Amazon said Wednesday that it is looking to fill 40,000 jobs in the U.S., mostly technology and hourly positions.

And Fidelity Investments said Tuesday that it is adding 9,000 more jobs, including in customer service and IT.

The difficulty in filling jobs is forcing more companies to offer higher pay. Hourly wages rose a robust 4.3% in August compared with a year earlier. Walmart, for one, said it was giving over 500,000 of its store employees a $1 an hour raise.

Governors in about 25 states, nearly all led by Republican governors, cut off a $300-a-week in federal supplemental unemployment benefits in June and July because, they said, the extra money was discouraging recipients from looking for work. Yet the proportion of Americans with jobs or searching for one was flat in August, Friday's report showed, suggesting that the cutoff has had little impact so far.

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WATER TEMP: 61.3°

SATURDAY - **POOR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Small scale surf through the morning creeps up a touch through the afternoon at summer exposures. New SSW swell gradually fills in through the day. Trace NW swell mix.

SUNDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Few fun waves to track down in the morning as SSW swell builds -- still probably best for the small wave gear if you're not at the top summer spots. Cleanest in the morning.

WEATHER

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 82.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 70.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 79.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2021/09/04	Sat	02:51 AM	-0.15	L
2021/09/04	Sat	09:18 AM	4.27	H
2021/09/04	Sat	2:15 PM	2.21	L
2021/09/04	Sat	8:21 PM	6.09	H
2021/09/05	Sun	03:19 AM	-0.31	L
2021/09/05	Sun	09:39 AM	4.50	H
2021/09/05	Sun	2:51 PM	1.84	L
2021/09/05	Sun	8:57 PM	6.25	H
2021/09/06	Mon	03:47 AM	-0.35	L
2021/09/06	Mon	10:03 AM	4.76	H
2021/09/06	Mon	3:29 PM	1.49	L
2021/09/06	Mon	9:34 PM	6.24	H
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2021/09/07	Tue	10:13 PM	6.02	H
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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 9/1
10 20 29 48 51
Power#: 17
Jackpot: 367 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 8/31
8 14 31 58 68
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 323 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 9/1
7 10 15 43 45
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 14 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/2
5 6 9 18 24

Daily 3
Draw Date: 9/2
EVENING: 7 4 2

Draw Date: 9/2
MIDDAY: 7 5 4

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 9/2
1st: 03 - Hot Shot
2nd: 01 - Gold Rush
3rd: 02 - Lucky Star
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The area of life you found so difficult to reign in will fall under your steady hand. Your power grows. You direct the scene. You tame wild forces and apply them to building better relationships and more options for you and your loved ones. You'll meet collaborators and mentors at the turn of the year. Scorpio and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 11, 44, 38 and 16.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Laughter, triviality and other underrated delights are in store. Take note of the people who tend to bring out the lightness in others, as they are the ones to keep close.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). As a goal, happiness is loosely definable and hardly quantifiable, but it's a worthy aim all the same. But if you're not happy, all the other definable quantities matter very little to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People want to spend time with you, perhaps as houseguests. You're comfortable to be around, and the cozy environments you create reflect this so well.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll stumble across a hot tip or excellent advice, though it's roughly delivered. It may even sound like a warning or a criticism, but you can hear past that to the golden suggestion under it all.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you're uncertain and you show it, others will take hold of the situation. If you're uncertain and you act like you know what you're doing, they'll believe it. You don't have to know every step in the plan -- just the next one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can remember both the positive and the negative about a situation. You can see it a few different ways and feel the complex mix of associated emotions. This gives you options that a more limited person doesn't have.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't want to shake confidences or offend egos, but you're not sure who to trust. Knowing more will help you make a decision. Ask your questions. Only those with something to hide will be upset by them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). No relationship is all one tone. Every relationship comes with mixed feelings. Things can be sorted out. Confusion can be worked through, or you can just wait to see where things settle in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A special relationship comes into focus. For now, forget about passion, which is a temporary intensity you can come back to later. Start with compassion, and see where that leads.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Stop and consider the miles of life experiences you've journeyed. It's impressive, even to you! It's OK to quietly acknowledge yourself, as a friend would. Befriending yourself is essential to your well-being.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't need everything around you to be orderly in order to see how you fit into it. In fact, you'll thrive on a taste of chaos and see at once how you can use the energy to further a goal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Partnerships in which no one confronts the other are bound to be less honest. Into every relationship, a little conflict must fall. Let the love in your heart coat the words on your lips.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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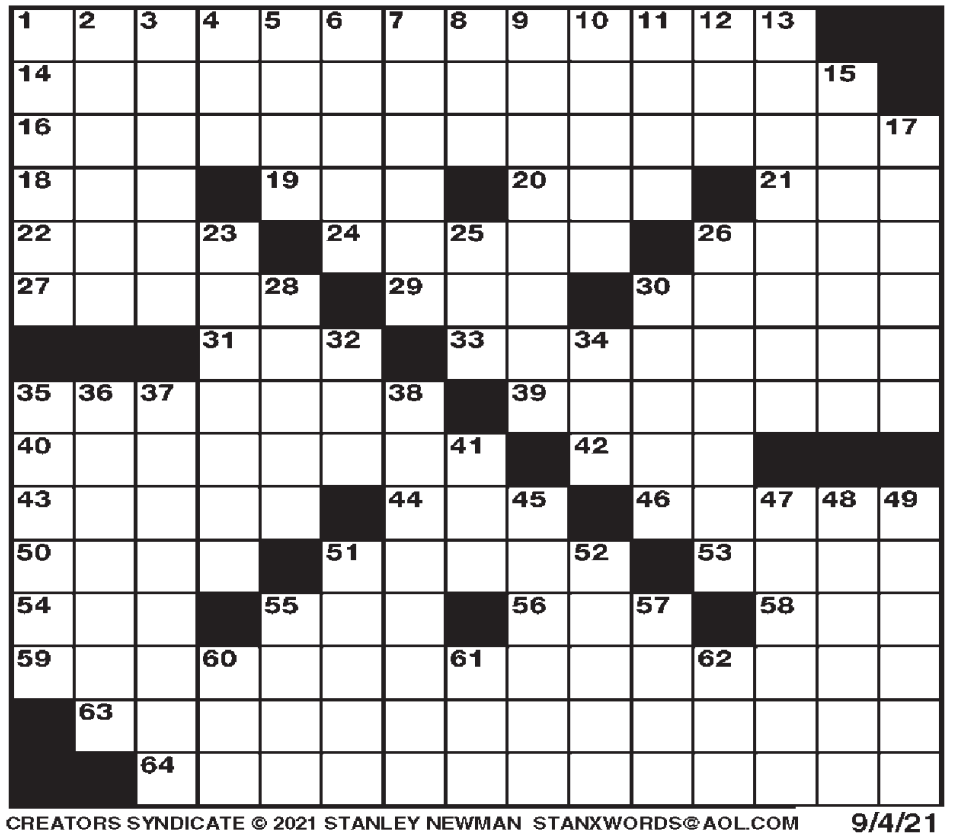
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Anna Stiga
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ACROSS
1 Mutable sci-fi skill
14 Cagers with a dino mascot
16 Lingual clue for Sly's surname
18 Latch onto
19 Name on Apple headphones
20 "Call no day happy ___ it is done": Solzhenitsyn
21 Cattle call
22 *Braveheart* costume
24 Cologne neighbor
26 Inverse of giga-
27 53-calorie snacks
29 Solder fodder
30 Cuts corners with
31 Stand out on a screen
33 Feisty, furry friend
35 Poirot portrayer before Branagh
39 Sheds
40 Faux glow
42 The Battle Born St.
43 Heartquakes
44 Copy cats
46 Fixing-up project
50 Official imposition
51 Send-up
53 With you and me
54 Hoopla
55 Word on a tiki bar menu
56 Tennis ball exterior
58 Trying to be
59 Family-friendly, furry friend
63 Leading the way, in a way
64 Titular adventure of a '68 film

DOWN
1 Really bad
2 Hogwash
3 Adjective from the Latin for "plow"
4 Frequent fund-raiser
5 *Idylls of the King* woman
6 Fixed expression
7 Insistent affirmation
8 Its code is explained in Investopedia
9 Made richer, as a 32 Down
10 Rapper named for his Florida capital home and his early hardships
11 "___ pass"
12 Carnival city's Amtrak code
13 Makes a face
15 Without delay
17 Cowpoke creations
23 Pink elephants, perhaps
25 Nurse a grasshopper
26 Capital of the Assyrian Empire
28 Some CDs, stereos and smartphones
30 One working under pressure
32 Flush acquisition, often
34 Related
35 Frequent flier
36 Suits for the water
37 *Hairspray* remake mom
38 Prone to pallor, 1 Across, etc.
41 Starter like ceno-
45 Remains, most assuredly
47 Swells like a wave
48 Name related to Charles
49 Emulating 51 Down, above the neck
51 Once-a-year flier
52 Measure of electrical storage capacity
55 Big Ten "turtle"
57 Crying shame
60 Bar VIPs
61 Hydrocarbon conclusion
62 49 follower



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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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B T Y E H C T A I C H I A I I
O O H N T E Z O O N S B L S N
G C O E I I S H E A T O M C A
A I R K R M U B U D O N I I E
N T S M I L E A L C E N N L R
S U S H O R T S E C A O H K S
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Bars
Bogan
Book
Calm
Cool
Dance
Facial
Hair
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Heliconia
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Island
Knead
Kuta
Lips
Muscles
Neck
Oils
Pura Tanah Lot
Rafting
Rain
Rejuvenate
Rest
Rice paddies
Sanur
Seminyak
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Shorts
Skin
Smile
Snooze
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to talk to a broader range of experts than it apparently did while drawing up its scanning blueprint in its typically secretive fashion.

Matthew Green, a top cryptography researcher at Johns Hopkins University and another outspoken critic of Apple, also supported the delay. He suggested the company talk to technical and policy communities and the general public before making such a big change that threatens the privacy of everyone's photo library.

"You need to build support before you launch something like this," Green said. "This was a big escalation from scanning almost nothing to scanning private files."

When Apple announced the scanning technology last month, Green warned that the system could be used to frame innocent people by sending them seemingly innocuous images designed to trigger matches for child pornography. That could fool Apple's algorithm and alert law enforcement.

Not long after Green and privacy advocates sounded warnings, a developer claimed to have found a way to reverse-engineer the matching tool, which works by recognizing the mathematical "fingerprints" that represent an image.

Apple traditionally has rejected government demands for data and access to devices that it believes are fishing expeditions or risk compromising the security of its customers or devices.

In a highly publicized act of defiance, Apple resisted an FBI demand in 2016 that the company crack the code protecting an iPhone used by one of the killers during a mass shooting in San Bernardino, California. It argued at the time that it would be opening a digital backdoor that could be exploited by hackers and other unauthorized parties to break into devices. In that instance, Apple was widely praised by civil rights and privacy groups.

O'Brien reported from Providence, Rhode Island. AP Business Writer Kelvin Chan contributed to this story from London.

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