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Heal the Bay celebrates anniversary with a cleanup

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Heal the Bay is celebrating its 32nd anniversary by officially moving back to an in-person group cleanup for Coastal Cleanup Day on Sept. 18.

The annual event encourages volunteers to clean beaches across the state and Heal The Bay's event will focus on the sand in Santa Monica.

Heal the Bay also issues water quality grades for hundreds of California beaches each week via the Beach Report Card with NowCast, provides weekly water quality grades for dozens of freshwater areas with the River Report Card, educates thousands of local students each year and operates the award-winning Heal the Bay Aquarium.

However, with COVID-19 still present in Los Angeles County, Emely Garcia, Senior Beach and Watershed Programs Manager said, "We are encouraging everyone to social distance, wear their masks, and follow CDC guidelines when they take part in the clean up."







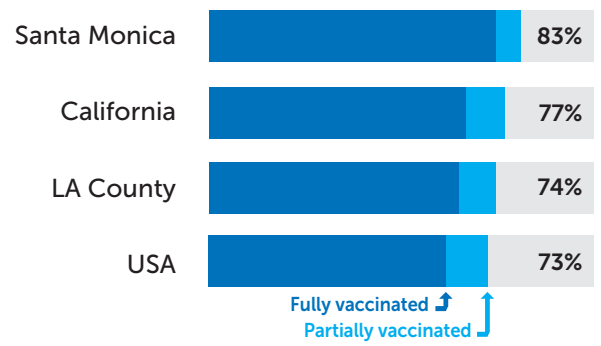
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TRASH: Santa Monica beaches have plenty of trash to pick up.

just the facts

COVID-19 Vaccination Rates
Age 12+ with at least one dose



Sources: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, LA County Public Health. Aug. 31 data.

Two classic car shows honoring Hispanic history are rolling into town

CLARA HARTER
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Fans of lowriders, vintage Chevrolets and classic Pontiacs are set to have an exceptionally fun Saturday with car shows popping up in both Venice and Santa Monica.

The Venice car show will take place at Oakwood Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. while the Santa Monica show will be held on the Pier from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Both shows are a celebration of Hispanic culture and contributions to the local area and are free family-friendly events intended to bring the community together. This year the Venice car show will be raising money for the Venice Mexican American Traquero monument, which was approved for placement at Windward Circle in a May L.A. City Council meeting.

The monument will honor Mexican and Mexican American Railroad Workers known as "Traqueros" who played a key role in the construction of the Main Railroad Transportation System and the Pacific Electric Interurban System in Los Angeles.

"This is bigger than the railroads, this is a piece of our Mexican American History that has been erased. This is the light for the future that people will remember the past," said Jose Gonzalez, Venice native and committee member for the Traquero Monument.

The monument is slated for completion in 2024 and was spearheaded by Laura Ceballos,

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SMMUSD details fight against COVID-19

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SMMUSD updated the community this week with their plans to combat COVID-19 with students back in classrooms. Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati addressed the meeting participants and gave them a run down of the district's outline for the Fall 2021 semester.

Drati shared that Los Angeles County is doing better in terms of positive cases and praised the use of masks and testing. He also mentioned that being in-person is a good thing because the children are visibly happy to be back on campus. However, the district does have approximately 200 students participating in independent study, which allows them to work from home.

"We have teachers dedicated for that [independent study]," Drati said, "I don't have an exact figure, how many for each area, but we have teachers from elementary, middle school and high school, so we have dedicated teachers serving."

On campus, Drati said SMMUSD is following all the rules that the Department of Public Health has in place. "You see, a lot of the requirements from last year are actually recommendations," he said, "So for anybody that's looking at those things wondering why we're not doing the six foot social distance, masks, it is because certain rules moved to recommendations."

Drati said the district will require masks when the students crowd together during passing periods and lunch time. He also said that all teachers and staff are being required to be vaccinated unless otherwise exempt. If a student tests positive for COVID-19 they must quarantine for 10 days.

The Department of Public Health did add mandatory COVID-19 screening for students and staff. Drati praised the decision and thanked policy makers for doing it.

"I think we needed it." Drati said. "They recognized that it actually

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Malibu

Election Information for Malibu Voters

Malibu voters have the opportunity to cast ballots in the statewide "California Gubernatorial Recall Election" by mail or in-person from September 4 through election day, Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

"Whatever your choices may be, I encourage all eligible Malibu residents to participate in the upcoming election, exercise your rights and make sure Malibu is represented," said Mayor Paul Grisanti.

The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, which operates elections in the County, including in Malibu, offers information and assistance to voters, including instructions on how to vote by mail or in-person, Vote Center locations, Vote by Mail Dropbox locations, voting in multiple languages, voting for people with access and functional needs, and safely voting during the COVID-19 pandemic.

VOTING SAFELY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

All registered voters in the state will be mailed a Vote by Mail ballot. L.A. County encourages voters to stay home and vote using their mail-in ballot as a safe choice to avoid the risk of exposure to COVID-19 while voting. However, for some individuals it will still be preferable to vote in-person. Wherever in-person voting is offered, elections will follow the State and County's COVID-19 public health and safety guidance to provide a safe voting environment.

If you must enter a voting location, please wear a mask, maintain appropriate physical distance from people not from your household and use hand sanitizer before approaching the check-in station and after voting. Follow any additional guidance provided at the voting location.

VOTE CENTERS

In L.A. County, elections have been upgraded from polling places to Vote Centers. Voters can cast a ballot in-person at any Vote Center in the County for 11 days, September 4 through Election Day, Tuesday, September 14, 8 p.m. Vote Centers look and feel like polling places, but provide additional modern features to make voting easy and convenient and more inclusive and accessible, including on-site, same day voter registration. The new Vote Centers feature digital, interactive ballot marking devices that are accessible to hearing and vision impaired people, and non-English speakers. Watch a video on how to cast your ballot in person at a Vote Center using the interactive ballot marking devices: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGLE0fkBc4c&t=2s

SAVE TIME AT THE VOTE CENTER WITH AN INTERACTIVE SAMPLE BALLOT

The Interactive Sample Ballot is an optional tool that allows voters to access, review and mark their selections in advance before going to a Vote Center. The Interactive Sample Ballot is NOT online voting and does not store any identifiable information, once you access your Sample Ballot all of your selections are saved on your phone, computer or personal device.

MALIBU AREA VOTE CENTERS AND VOTE BY MAIL DROP BOXES

Eleven-Day Vote Center – Malibu City Hall - Council Chambers/Theater, 23825 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu, CA 90265. September 4 - September 13: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. September 14: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Four-Day Vote Center – (Former) Juan Cabrillo Elementary School, 30237 Morning View Dr, Malibu, CA 90265. September 11 - September 13: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. September 14: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

One-Day Flex Vote Center – Michael Landon Center at Malibu Bluffs Park, 24250 Pacific Coast Hwy, Malibu, CA 90265. September 7: 1 p.m. -7 p.m.

EARLY VOTING AT COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/CLERK HEADQUARTERS

The Norwalk Headquarters is available for early voting 29 days prior to every election for voting in-person or by dropping off a completed ballot at the Ballot Drop Box outside of the building on the north side. All in-person voting must adhere by all COVID-19 public health and safety guidelines including wearing a facemask while inside.

Norwalk Headquarters - 12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650
Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Closed weekends and holidays)
Election Day, September 14: 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

VOTE BY MAIL DROP BOXES

A 24-hour, secure Vote by Mail Ballot Drop Box is located outside of the Malibu Library at 23519 Civic Center Way, Malibu, CA 90265, through election day, marked with highly visible official identification. Vote by Mail ballots may also be dropped off at any Vote Center or Vote by Mail Drop Box in the County. Drop Boxes are available beginning 29 days before, and up to Election Day at 8:00 PM. Drop Boxes are bolted securely in place and have security features. Ballots are picked up regularly by election workers. Search for all Vote Center locations in L.A. County: https://locator.lavote.net/locations/vbm?id=4278&culture=en

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Track your ballot at https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/

GENERAL VOTER INFORMATION

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ANNUAL WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

For the month of September, the contractor will continue installation of new water main on 2nd Street between Hill Street and Ashland Ave; testing and connecting the newly installed water main on 6th St between Ocean Park Blvd and Pier Ave and Raymond Ave between 4th Street and 6th Street and installation of meter boxes on 18th Court between Delaware Ave and Pico Blvd; Traffic on 18th Court, 6th Street, Raymond Ave, and 2nd Street will be closed to through traffic. Please use alternate routes whenever possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carlos Rosales at carlos.rosales@smgov.net or (310) 458-2201, x2620.

ADVANCED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, PHASE 5 PROJECT

For the month of September, this project will upgrade the traffic signal equipment at four locations and install fiber optic cables along Montana Ave and 26th St.; The project will provide transit priority along the corridor, allow for real-time remote monitoring and management of the traffic signals, provide public Wi-Fi along the corridor, and connect the San Vicente Reservoir and the Montana Avenue Branch Library to the City's network. We appreciate your patience during the project, to provide this safety improvement and public enhancements. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jay Dinkins at jay.dinkins@smgov.net or (310) 458-8291.

CITY YARDS MODERNIZATION PROJECT

For the month of September, construction will impact the project area located at 2500 Michigan Ave, which will affect the sidewalk and parking lane on the north side of Delaware Ave just east of 24th St. Please contact Senior Construction Manager Sebastian Felbeck at sebastian.felbeck@smgov.net or (310) 434-2675 with any questions/concerns regarding this project.

SUSTAINABLE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT (SWIP) UNDERGROUND WORK

For the month of September, from 7/22/21 - 9/30/21, underground pipeline work on Main Street between Pico Blvd and Olympic Drive.
1. Expect delays on northbound and southbound Main St. from Pico Blvd. to Olympic Dr.
2. Temporary loss of 4 metered parking stalls on northbound Main St.
3. Temporary loss of sidewalk on northbound Main St, please follow detour signs and cross at designated crossings.

For questions or inquiries, please contact Jason Hoang, Construction Manager, at jason.hoang@santamonica.gov or (310) 351-7913.

PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS AT 4 SCHOOLS PROJECT

During the month of September, this construction project will include installation of centerline delineators, on 16th St, between California Ave & Washington Ave and on 16th St between Pearl St and Maple St. Minimal parking impacts where Temporary No Parking signs are posted. Please use alternate routes when possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Saad Malim at saad.malim@smgov.net or (310) 458-2201, x5048.

ALLEY RENEWAL PROGRAM

For the month of September through December, Street Maintenance Crews will begin alley repair work as part of the Alley Renewal Program in the 200 Blk of 16th Court. The scope of this work involves alley resurfacing and water box upgrade. This project is citywide and will involve repairs across multiple locations from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please use alternate routes whenever possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tyler Brown at tyler.brown@smgov.net or (310) 458-8212.

NON-POTABLE WATER MAIN PROJECT

For the month of September, the contractor will be connecting the newly installed non-potable water main on Ocean Ave, Olympic Drive and Main Street. The contractor will maintain one lane of traffic in each direction on Ocean Avenue, Olympic Drive and Main Street. Please use alternate routes whenever possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carlos Rosales at carlos.rosales@smgov.net or (310) 458-2201, x2620.

ANNUAL PAVING AND SIDEWALK REPAIR PROJECT

For the month of September, starting 9/24/21, the contractor Excel Paving will resurface asphalt paving on City streets listed below. Due to reduced traffic lanes, please expect delays. One-lane traffic in each direction will be maintained. Street parking will not be available. This work will take approximately 4-5 weeks.

Street pavement resurfacing segments are:
- 4th Street between Palisades Ave and Wilshire Blvd.
- 6th Street between Montana Ave and Wilshire Blvd.
- Neilson Way between Pico Blvd. and Pacific Ave.
- Pico Blvd. between 16th St and Ocean Ave.
- 23rd Street between Ocean Park Blvd. and Airport Ave.

Please use alternate routes whenever possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Selim Eren at selim.eren@smgov.net or (310) 458-2201 x5701.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Sacramento

California Close to Legalizing Community Blood Banking for Animals

The California State Senate has approved Assembly Bill 1282, the California Pet Blood Bank Modernization Act, authored by Assemblymember Richard Bloom (D – Santa Monica) and Senate Republican Leader Scott Wilk (R - Santa Clarita), along with Assemblymembers Kevin Mullin (D – San Mateo), Devon Mathis (R – Visalia), and Chad Mayes (I – Yucca Valley). AB 1282 seeks to address both the shortage of animal blood for veterinary transfusion medicine and the obsolete, inhumane practice of requiring blood to come from captive closed colony blood banks in California.

AB 1282 authorizes California licensed veterinarians to operate community blood banks to produce and sell or transfer animal blood and blood products.

Currently, voluntary community-based blood banking isn't allowed in California. Instead, California is the only state in the country that requires animal blood to come from so-called "closed colony blood banks" that source blood from animals kept, housed, or maintained at a facility for the purpose of collecting their blood. These closed colony blood banks require hundreds of animals to be in cages for years while their blood is routinely harvested with animal blood demands only increasing.

"This has been a three-year animal welfare policy reform effort that is now one step away from being implemented. I am elated that we are finally on the verge of replacing a long-standing inhumane practice and with a model program that will ensure the safety proper treatment of animal blood donors in California." said Assemblymember Bloom. "I am optimistic that Governor Newsom will sign AB 1282 into law soon."

"As they say, the third time is a charm. This is a long overdue and needed reform for commercial animal blood banks," said Senator Wilk. "I am glad to see this change - that will save pets' lives - finally become law."

Supporters praised today's preliminary vote of 37-1, which sends AB 1282 back to the Assembly for one final concurrence vote before it goes to Governor Newsom's desk.

"Thanks to Assemblymember Bloom's leadership and the broad support of the state legislature, California is poised to showcase its ethical and humane treatment of animals by allowing community-based animal blood donations and freeing dogs who are held captive in cages," said Shannon Keith, California attorney and president of Beagle Freedom Project. "Every other state in the U.S. allows this volunteer model, and it has proven not only successful, but efficient and a wonderful way to enhance the human-animal bond."

"I am very excited to see California take this step," said Dr. Jeannine Berger, a veterinarian and a senior vice president with the San Francisco SPCA. "Veterinarians regularly face a lack of lifesaving blood and blood products to respond to emergencies, leaving animals and families in deep – and avoidable – distress. With Governor Newsom's signature on AB 1282, California will reduce the suffering of many animals and the people who love them."

"After three years of working on opening up community blood banks for animals and phasing out the warehousing of caged canine blood-slaves in the state of California, we are elated the Senate voted to pass this bill today," said Judie Mancuso, founder and president of Social Compassion in Legislation. "We thank Assemblymember Bloom and Senator Wilk for their tireless leadership on this issue, and look forward to Governor Newsom signing this into law, opening up new business in our state while treating animals humanely."

Other supporters of AB 1282 include the California Veterinary Medical Board, the California Animal Welfare Association, Best Friends Animal Society, San Diego Humane Society, ASPCA, Valley Humane Society, Cruelty Free International, Animal Legal Defense Fund, In Defense of Animals, Project Minnie, and GREY2K USA.

SUBMITTED BY MELISSA KAUFLER, BLOOM'S OFFICE

Citywide

SMC Barrett Gallery Presents "Pop up on the Promenade"

The Santa Monica College (SMC) Pete & Susan Barrett Art Gallery has stepped outside its walls to launch Pop up on the Promenade, a program to place artwork created by SMC students and faculty in vacant storefronts along the Third Street Promenade in Santa Monica. The art installations are temporary and will stay up for a short period of time – usually just a few weeks – determined by when the location is vacated by one tenant and when it will be occupied by a new tenant. The exhibitions contribute an aesthetic element to the popular walk street, give artists a place to show their work, and help attract passersby to look in shop windows, a benefit to local merchants.

The peripatetic program's first exhibition series – Made in the Pandemic – opened on July 25 with art created by Nina Guadalupe Cawley.

Cawley, who was a student in a sculpture class led by SMC Professor and Barrett Gallery Co-Director Emily Silver, describes her work:

"This body of work was made in the height of the pandemic. Removed from the classroom setting, I was forced to sit with my thoughts and process in a way I never had before. With this huge sense of being alone, I had to listen and trust myself, and the work became more emotional than I expected. Previously, I had only made self portraits in 2D, and I think it's much easier to subconsciously edit what we look like when drawing or painting. Now in 3D, because I was using myself as part of the materials, this was incredibly personal. I started to think about my body and its imperfections. As they are amplified through the light in the masking tape sculpture, I realized things that I collected – like old magazines – could be a metaphor for beauty and strength while being temporary or fleeting, as portrayed in the corset dress. This work revealed to me my inner strength in a really hard time, that creating work alone during a pandemic, I was able to learn about myself in ways I never knew."

The Pop up on the Promenade program will present additional installations in the Made in the Pandemic exhibition series as storefronts are made available. More information is available by calling 310-434-3434.

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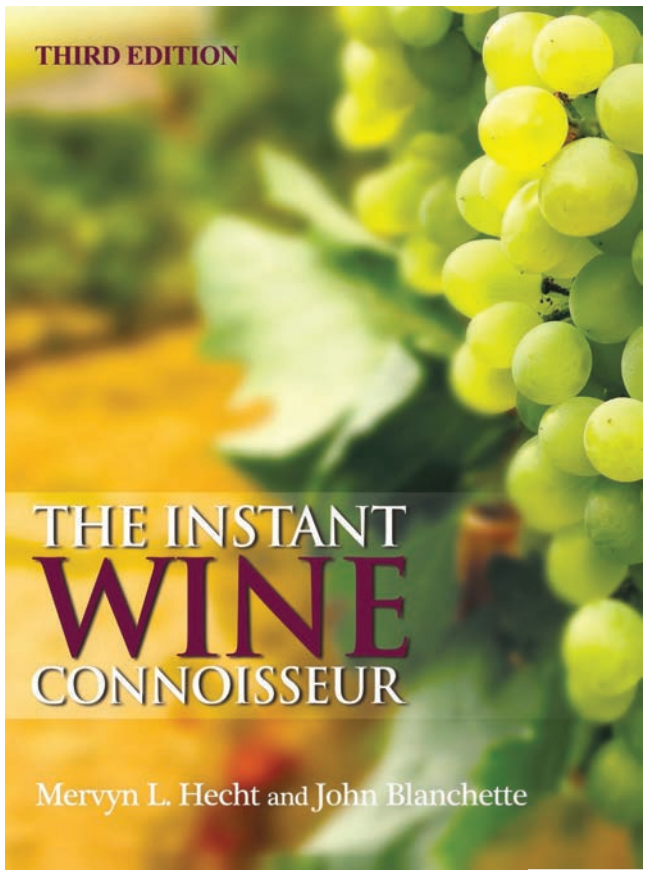
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The public hearing will be held at the meeting of the Board of Trustees **on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, commencing at 6:00 P.M via Zoom.** The Proposed Budget documents will be available for review as part of the agenda for the meeting at the SMCCD webpage at https://www.smc.edu/administration/governance/board-of-trustees/meetings.php starting at 12 p.m. on Friday, September 10, 2021. Instructions on how to participate via Zoom will be included in the agenda.

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Santa Monica Airport (SMO), Leaded Avgas, and Childhood Blood Lead Levels: Profound Pediatric Health Consequences

Santa Monica Airport (SMO) has continued to sell leaded aviation gasoline (avgas) at its facilities and allow airplanes to fly into SMO that utilize leaded avgas. A recent study focused on the Reid-Hillview Airport, Commissioned by County of Santa Clara noted that "Comprehensive and controlled study reviewed 10 years of data; findings include that blood lead level increases in children downwind from the site are similar to those seen in the Flint, Michigan, Water Crisis."

This was particularly impactful due to other studies by the County of Santa Clara: Office of Communications and Public Affairs found essentially that the leaded avgas created significant risk and that even a little lead is still too much.

A 2010 study by the United States National Emissions Inventory found that leaded aviation fuel emitted "from aircraft using leaded aviation gasoline (avgas) is currently the largest source of lead in air in the United States, constituting about 50% of lead emissions in the 2005 National Emissions." A more recent 2021 study is suggesting that the avgas emissions contributions to air lead levels is currently closer 70%.

While the situation with Reid-Hillview Airport seems like new news, the reality is that this information has been known by SMO and the City of Santa Monica for at least 10 years. Miranda et al note that, "A study at the Santa Monica airport in California found that the highest lead levels occur close to airport runways and decrease exponentially with distance from an airport, dropping to background levels at about 1 km." Miranda et al's 2011 study utilized, "... geographic information systems to approximate areas surrounding airports in which lead from avgas may be present in elevated concentrations in air and may also be deposited to soil." They concluded that a significant association was found between potential exposure to lead emissions from avgas and blood lead levels in children, especially within 1 km.

A major concern is how might the leaded avgas exposure impact the children living near, playing in adjacent parks, and going to school, to these lead levels emissions. Apparently, there is a large body of research that demonstrates negative health effects, including learning disabilities and behavioral disorders, associated with lead exposure levels well below the CDC action level. Studies by Miranda et al. suggest that early childhood blood lead levels as low as 2 μg/dL can have significant impacts on academic performance as measured by end-of-grade test scores. Brink et al that found the proportion of children with blood lead levels ≥ 10 μ g/dL was 1.24% in the highest air lead counties, and the proportion with blood lead levels ≥ 10 μ g/dL was 0.36% in the lowest air lead counties.

In response to this body of research, the CDC has stated that there is no safe level for blood lead in children.

Internationally the trend in leaded avgas elimination and improvement in childhood blood lead levels has been found. For instance, a study from Bombay India looked for pediatric blood lead levels (BLLs) by comparing BLLs collected in 2002 (after use of leaded gasoline was phased out in Bombay) to those collected in a study conducted by the George Foundation in 1997 (when leaded gasoline was still used in Bombay). Their study demonstrated a significant success of the public health system in Bombay, India, which was achieved by the removal of lead from gasoline.

In Korea a study was performed to verify a change in the longitudinal trend of blood lead levels for the Korean population, before and after the regulation of leaded gasoline, which occurred between 1987 and 1993 in Korea. That study concluded, that regulation of leaded gasoline significantly contributed to the rapid change in blood lead concentrations. In Madrid Spain a study evaluated intelligence quotient (IQ) of local children exposed to leaded gas and determined that a decrease in blood lead levels in these children prevented a loss of between 135,391 and 144,153 IQ points. Their study assessed the current economic valuation of these points in terms of the productivity gained throughout the working life of this cohort of children and ultimately concluded that the economic benefits derived from the decision to ban leaded gasoline are very high.

OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS

Elementary schools closest to Santa Monica Airport are Mar Vista, Richland and Grant. While these elementary schools east of SMO schools may be over the toxic lead emission 1000-meter distance we must factor in that most incoming flights are over the region covering these schools and the west to east ocean breeze, most common in these areas, would expectantly move greater amounts of airborne lead emissions eastward towards these children.

Pre-schools closest to SMO are Stepping Stone Child Care and Preschool, Bright Horizons at Ocean Park, and Hill and Dale Family Learning Center. Of note both Bright Horizons at Ocean Park and Hill and Dale Family Learning Center are well within the toxic lead emission 1000-meter distance and are therefore these young children are under constant exposure.

At this point what is irrefutable:

1. Avgas is the largest source of lead in air in the United States.

2. SMO sells leaded avgas and allows aircraft using leaded avgas into its airport.

3. Blood lead levels in our children near the airport has profound and drastic short and long-term health consequences.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

LA County Board of Supervisors Appoint Former County Counsel Mary Wickham To Lead New Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness

The County Board of Supervisors have appointed former Los Angeles County Counsel Mary Wickham as Executive Director of the newly formed Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness.

The Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness was established following the July 27 motion authored by Supervisor Kathryn Barger and co-authored by Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, to research and provide recommendations to the Board for a new homelessness governance model that is appropriate for Los Angeles County.

"It's an honor to serve the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the residents of Los Angeles County as Executive Director of the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness. I thank the Board for their leadership on this issue and look forward to working with the Commission to report back on governance models," said Wickham who was hired as a 120-day retiree.

The commission will be made up of 12 members, with one appointed by each of the five Supervisors, one by the mayor of Los Angeles, three from the Los Angeles City Council president, two from the Councils of Government, and one nominated by the Contract Cities Association. The new Commission will be housed under the Executive Office of the Board.

"The Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness has brought together experts who will use their diverse perspectives to find clear, strategic solutions to the homelessness crisis in Los Angeles County," Supervisor Kathryn Barger said. "I'm eager to see the commissioners, who bring representation from across the county, cut through the red tape to guide real results in our mission to provide housing, health, and mental health care to those on our streets. With the guidance of our former County Counsel Mary Wickham as the Executive Director, I am confident the next six months will result in thoughtful, effective outcomes."

Wickham, who retired in July 2021 after 23 years of service, will lead the aggressive, in-depth study of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) governance to identify intrinsic challenges of the existing system and provide recommendations for improvement to the Board within a six-month time frame. Some of those recommendations will focus on the design of an enhanced framework that ensures an accountable governance.

After leaving her post as Los Angeles County Counsel, Wickham was appointed to serve as a Commissioner for the Superior Courts in the Criminal Division.

Prior to County Counsel, she served as Executive Director of the County Equity Oversight Panel overseeing all aspects of the Countywide Workplace Equity Program.

"Mary brings the experience needed to help facilitate this new Commission in tackling homelessness crisis," said Celia Zavala, Executive Officer of the Board. "We are eager to support this new Commission who will offer solutions to the Board to help them navigate this multi-layered complex issue."

The Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness will hold its first virtual meeting on September 8, 2021 at 10 a.m. For more information, visit bos.lacounty.gov.

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BAY

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Due to the ongoing pandemic Heal the Bay is also recommending volunteers who feel safer in uncrowded spaces download the Clean Swell App, where users can go on self-guided trips and track their progress. The last in-person Coastal Cleanup Day was in 2019, and people across the country picked up 30,000 pounds of trash.

"We were able to analyze data from the app, and we were able to see the top items found in L.A. County. Garcia said, "All the usual suspects were found like takeout containers, plastic forks, knives, utensils, and cigarette butts."

Heal The Bay focuses on the protection of the community and marine life alike by using advocacy, education, and social media.

"The pandemic took a significant toll on all of us in so many ways," said the Commission's Executive Director Jack Ainsworth. "There were times when outdoor spaces became the only places many of us could safely go to refresh and reflect. While it's been wonderful to see so many rediscover and enjoy our coast, some of those spaces paid the price for our inability to run organized cleanup events last year. This Coastal Cleanup Day will be an important opportunity for us all to take care of this precious resource."

For the first time ever, masks and gloves made their way into the top ten trash items found in LA's favorite outdoor areas. "It was really alarming that we saw the pandemic affect our waste stream," Garcia said.

Over the last 20 years, Heal the Bay volunteers have removed more than 4 million pieces of trash and debris from LA County beaches. But there are still 8 million tons of plastic being dumped into our waterways every year, which is equivalent to one garbage truck full every single minute.

Online volunteer registration began Sept. 1 at 10 a.m. Heal The Bay is expecting 5,000 individual sites on Coastal Cleanup Day.

For more information, visit healthebay.org.

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GARBAGE: Volunteers are encouraged to participate in the annual cleanup.

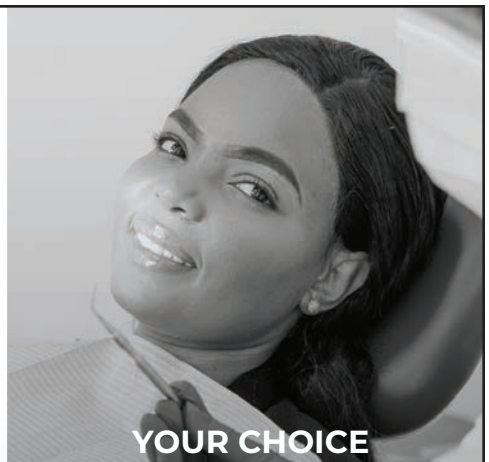
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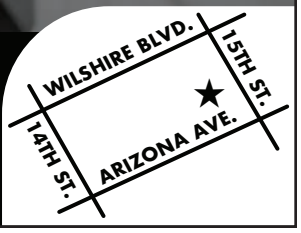
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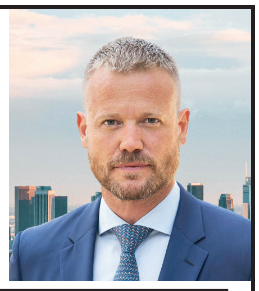
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SHOW

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a Venice native and community activist. Ceballos' parents immigrated to Venice in the 1960s from Jalisco and Nayarit in Mexico.

Ceballos is excited to bring the monument project to fruition and help fund it through a vibrant event celebrating local Mexican American heritage. The Venice Car Show will feature a range of activities including a Oaxaquena food truck, Mexican gifts, raffle, photobooth and live performances by Danza Azteca Chichimeca and Donja Princesa Folklorico Group.

The show is hosted in collaboration with the Westside Classics Car Club and car entry fee is $25.

Over at the Santa Monica Pier, community non-profit Pico Youth and Family Center will be hosting a classic car show in celebration of Latino/Hispanic heritage month.

There will be live performances by local bands and artists The Midnight Cruzzers and DJ Chel, as well as the Miss Chevy Pinup Contest. Car entry fee is $30 and there is a requirement for pre-1975 cars. Participants will be entered in a raffle and award show.

City Council agreed to provide $5,000 in funding for Pier show and former Councilmember and Pier business owner Greg Morena is contributing $1,000. The Pier Corporation has also agreed to waive the typical $15,000 rental fee for use of the Pier parking lot.

"It's a great way for these car clubs to gather to show solidarity, to talk to their friends, talk to their neighbors as part of Hispanic Heritage Month in September," said Councilmember Phil Brock. "This is an ideal way to promote a group gathering to show their heritage, to show their pride, to show that they have a peaceful loving presence."

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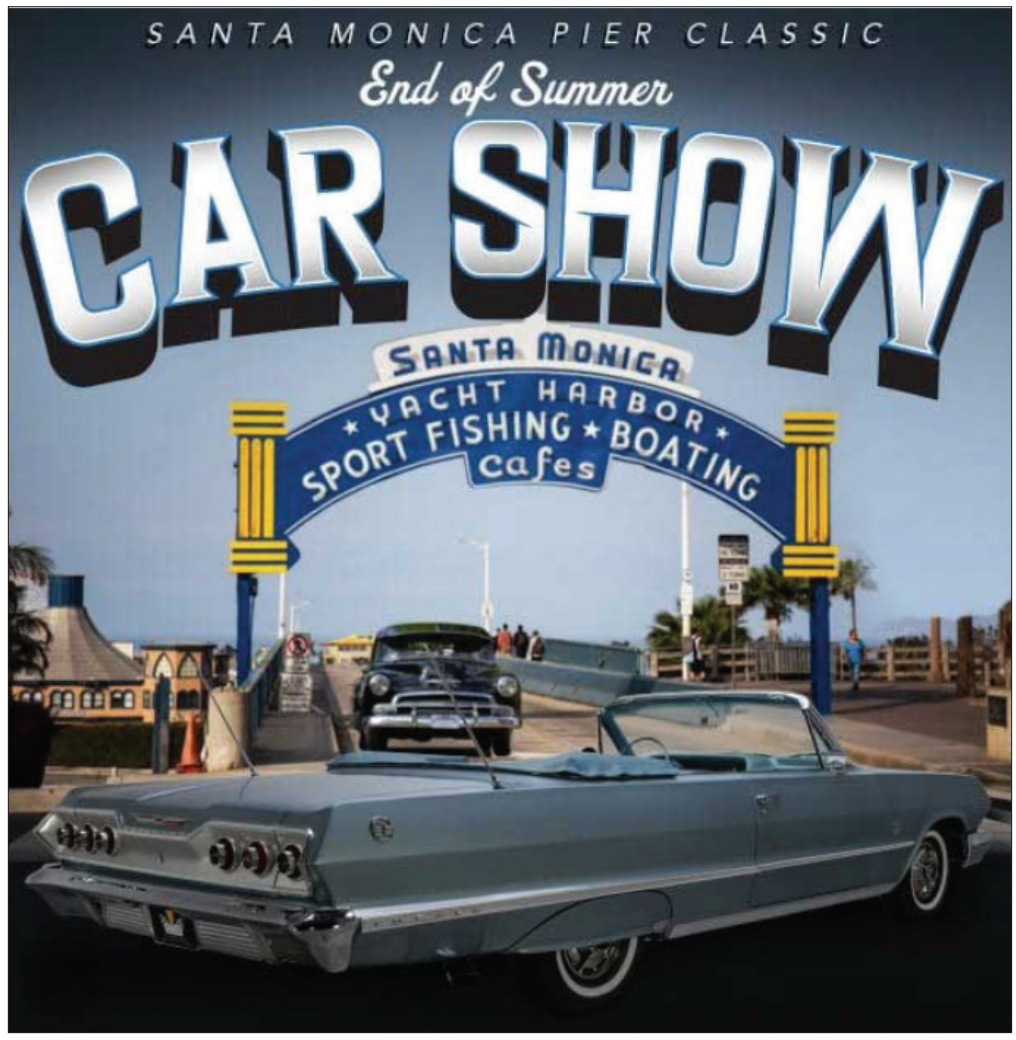


Photo courtesy of Pico Youth & Family Center

CARS: The PYFC will host their show on the Santa Monica Pier this weekend.





COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Malibu

Poetry Workshops for Adults with Malibu Poet Laureate Ann Buxie

Join the City of Malibu's Poet Laureate Ann Buxie for two complimentary Poetry Workshops for Adults, Caffeinated Verse and The Write Time. The workshops offer community members engaging, educational opportunities to find expression through poetry with a renowned local poet.

Caffeinated Verse Workshops includes a featured reader, followed by an open mic format for poets to share their work. During The Write Time workshops, the Poet Laureate will provide prompts and examples to explore different forms of poetry and encourage new works.

Caffeinated Verse takes place on Saturday, September 18 and Saturday, November 20. The Write Time takes place on Saturday, October 16 and Saturday, December 4. All workshops begin at 11:00 AM. For location details and to RSVP, visit www.MalibuCity.org/Poetry.

The City of Malibu's Poetry Workshops are organized by the Malibu Poet Laureate Committee and supported by the Malibu Arts Commission. On August 23, 2021, Ann Buxie was named the City's fourth Poet Laureate by the Malibu City Council.

For more information, visit www.MalibuCity.org/Poetry or www.MalibuArtsCommission.org.

MATT MYERHOFF, CITY OF MALIBU

Citywide

Santa Monica Celebrates Culture, Community, and Economy During Hispanic Heritage Month

The City of Santa Monica invites the public to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with several events and activities that will bring to life the themes of elevate, educate, and empower between September 15 and October 15. A kick-off event, award ceremony, drive-in movies and author talks will illuminate the Latinx identity and experience as well as the contributions of the Latinx community in Santa Monica. The empowering events seek to provide economic mobility and networking opportunities as well as economic recovery resources.

"During National Hispanic Heritage Month, we honor the Hispanic and Latino American cultures and contributions, and celebrate heritage rooted in all Latin American countries," said the City's Hispanic Heritage Month Steering Committee made up of staff from across the organization. "Our goal for this inaugural month-long event is to create a sustainable impact on the well-being of the Latinx community. We hope this serves as a model for programming, engagement and resources that uplift Latinx individual within the city. Collectively we believe this month will reinvigorate, reimagine, and redefine the role of the City in empowering the Latinx community moving forward. Join us in celebrating the Latinx identity and advancing racial equity."

A list of the main events is below. To view the full list of events, visit santamonica.gov/blog/hispanic-heritage-month-2021. All events are complimentary for the public's enjoyment.

All in-person events will follow LA County Department of Public Health's COVID-19 protocols. Please do not attend if you have been exposed to or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Unvaccinated persons are strongly recommended to wear a mask during the event. All persons are required to wear a mask when indoors.

KICKOFF EVENT, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 4 P.M.

Come out to the 1300 block of the Third Street Promenade (by the dinosaurs) to kick off Hispanic Heritage Month with music, dance, art and mercadito. At 5 p.m. we will hear from special keynote speakers.

SCREENING OF "90404 CHANGING," SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Check santamonica.gov/blog/hispanic-heritage-month-2021 for updates on time. Rooftop Cinema and the City's Hispanic Heritage Month Committee present a special screening of "90404 Changing" at the Santa Monica Airport, 3233 Donald Douglas Loop S. The film details the history of an historic culturally diverse area within Santa Monica through the experiences of two locals, a Mexican-American teacher (Paulina Sahagun) who decides to make a documentary about her neighborhood and a black poet (Barry Shabaka Henley) who is knowledgeable about the hidden history of the area. We watch as their paths cross, and they ultimately join forces to excavate the moving and often surprising stories of this neighborhood.

CLOSING CELEBRATION AND HISPANIC HERITAGE AWARDS, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 3:30 P.M.

Join us at City Hall for a closing celebration featuring music, dance, art, and a lowrider car show you won't want to miss. At this event, we will also honor local community members who have made a significant impact on Santa Monica's Hispanic and Latinx community through outstanding dedication, recognizable action, excellent service, and noticeable changes, as demonstrated in one or more of the following criteria. Community members are encouraged to submit award nominations by Friday, September 24, 2021. Click here to view the nomination form in English. Click here to view the nomination form in Spanish.

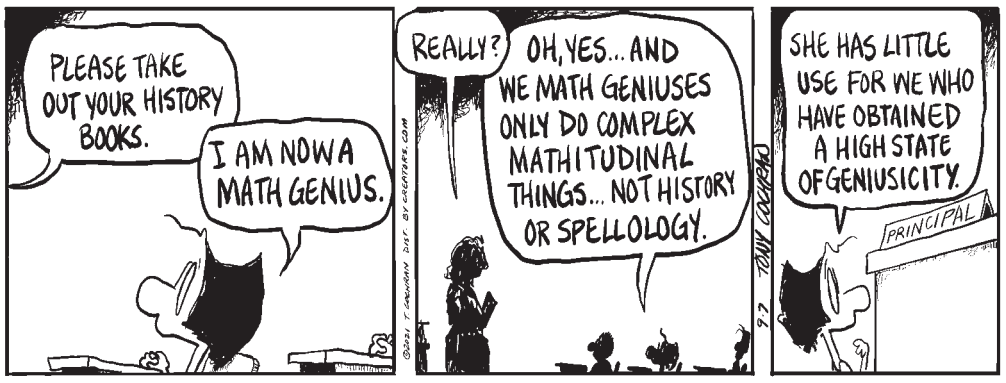
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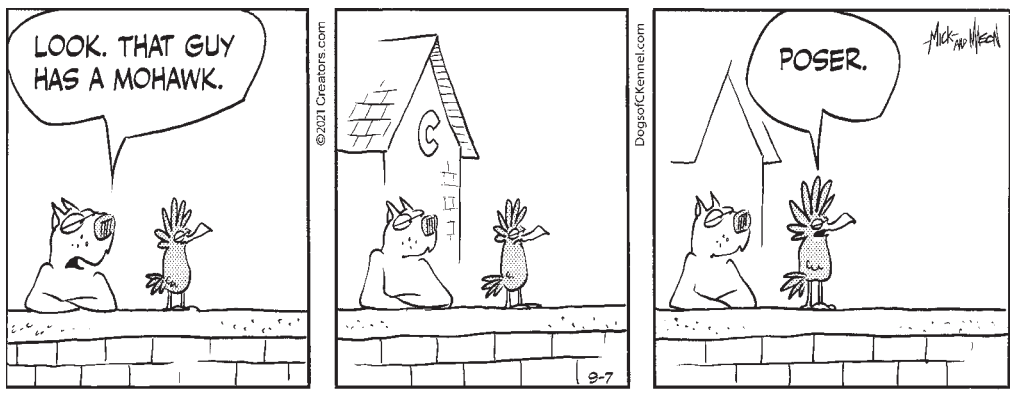
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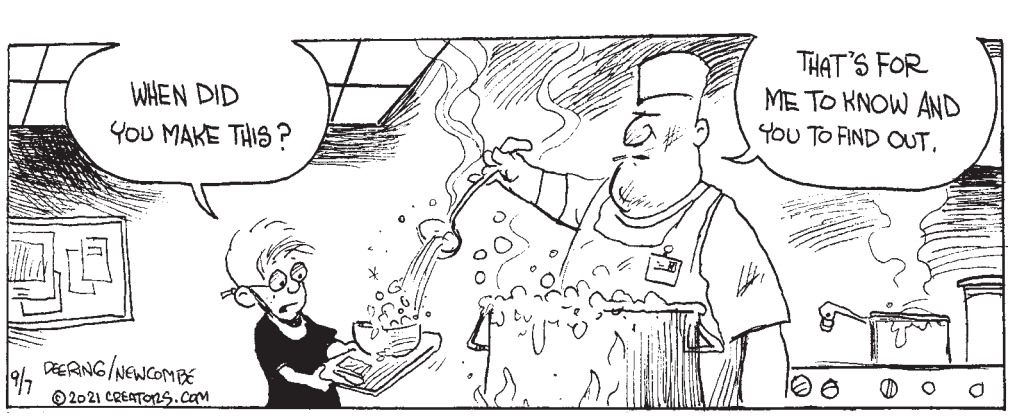
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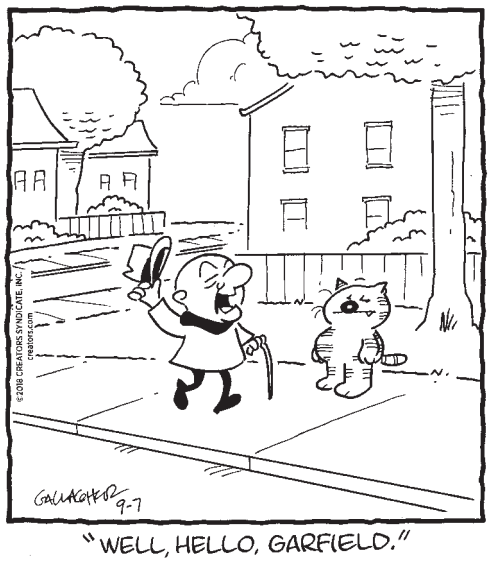
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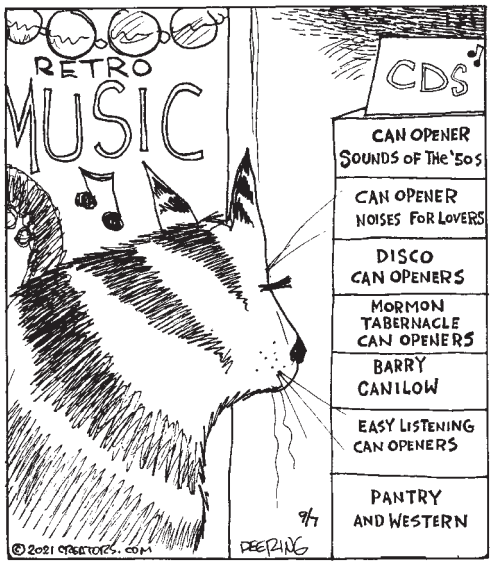
By PETER GALLAGHER



"WELL, HELLO, GARFIELD."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING





SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 66.6°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
Fun little SSW swell eases and the surf gradually fades. Clean in the morning. Small wave gear likely the best option.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Rideable little SSW swell levels off in size, down a notch from Tuesday. Clean in the morning. Small wave gear the call for most breaks.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 73.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.
Wednesday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 73.

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2021/09/08	Wed	04:45 AM	0.02	L
2021/09/08	Wed	10:59 AM	5.27	H
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2021/09/08	Wed	10:56 PM	5.58	H
2021/09/09	Thu	05:15 AM	0.44	L
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Jackpot: 14 M

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (SEPTEMBER 7)

The next six weeks represent a restructuring of routines and priorities. You're going for a life that feeds your soul! Strengthen your strengths and reach higher into zones of mastery, a position that opens new options and attracts admiration, students, supporters and romantic hopefuls. Sagittarius and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 7, 45, 31 and 15.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Pity is not a particularly helpful emotion. You'll do your best to reframe any situation that would bring it up, preferring action instead. You're bold enough to ask, "What can I do for you?"

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're in the middle of a learning process, and this is the part where it gets very frustrating. You may even wonder if it's time to quit. It seems like this is not what you signed on for, but hang in there. You'll be glad you did.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Life will not throw challenges your way today. If you take initiative and challenge yourself, you'll find that outside challenges happen less frequently.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A friendly interaction could take an unwieldy turn. Conversations have a way of slipping out of hand. Tread lightly; people will be overly touchy. Move quickly on.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You and a million other people aspire to the same thing. Don't let it stop you. No two efforts are alike. And regardless of whether a journey yields the desired result, it will certainly yield some result. Stick with it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). While magical transformations are fascinating enough, you're not asking for any big change right now. You don't need one! You seek only to become the best possible version of yourself outside and in, and you will get it, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you pretend you don't know the answer even when you do, the mental trick will help you look beyond your preconceptions. As correct as your assumptions may be, they limit you from seeing the full range of options.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've been known to put a gracious close on the conversation by saying, "I'll think about it," which is usually a white lie. Deliberation will be unnecessary today. You'll have your answer in the first five seconds.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll have multiple issues to tend to, which can only be handled one at a time. First, take the time to prioritize, because if you get the order right, you'll make quick work of this.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You feel tethered to your fascination. You're able to wander off, but never too far before you're yanked back. You will orbit your interest and things will speed up as you close in on it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Take a moment to reflect on your pastimes, hobbies and passions. Reminding yourself what you care about will help you develop mutual interests with others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The old saying goes, "The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth." Whatever the top-to-bottom distance, start filling the void until it's merely a groove.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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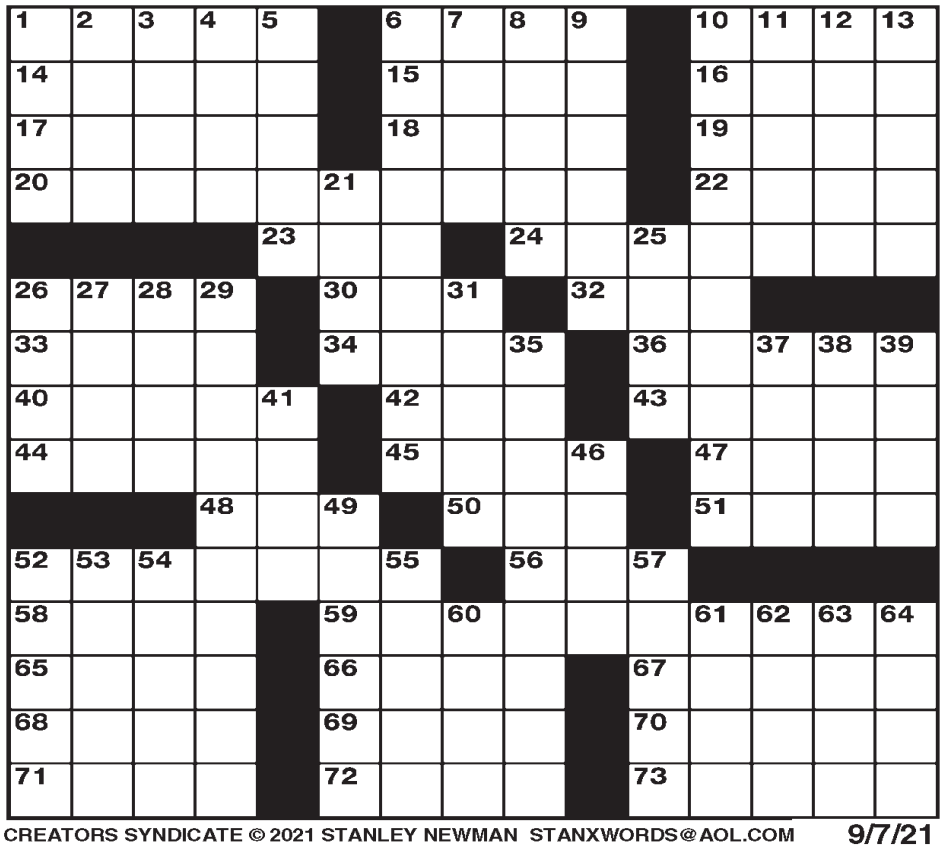
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Doled (out)
6 Give a darn
10 Quantities: Abbr.
14 Still in the game
15 Part of the eye
16 Ecuador neighbor
17 Take a snooze
18 Take a break
19 Strategy
20 Dessert with orange veggie pieces
22 "Tender" cut of meat
23 Day after Wed.
24 Threescore + ten
26 Perched on
30 Nile reptile
32 __ and cheese (kids' hot lunch)
33 Make over
34 Scarlett O'Hara's home
36 Mountain climbed by Moses
40 Makes a sweater
42 Chili __ carne
43 Royal decree
44 T-bone, for example
45 Tot's "little piggies"
47 Concludes
48 Helpful hint
50 TV watchdog agency
51 Somewhat improper
52 They often get away, in angler's stories
56 Bit, as of butter
58 Iowa college town
59 Hard roll with a pungent veggie topping
65 Taboo thing
66 Huff and puff
67 Crystal-lined rock
68 Wise advisor
69 Lo-cal, on labels
70 Eggs on
71 Surface of a stairway
72 Letters with right-angle shapes
73 Middays

DOWN
1 Male: Abbr.
2 Jazz singer Fitzgerald
3 Level of a cake or arena
4 At any time
5 Train station
6 What a ringmaster introduces
7 Neck of the woods
8 Takes a chance with
9 Hold in high regard
10 Fruity fall drink
11 Cantaloupe, for one
12 Characteristic
13 With no clouds
21 "Be __ as it may . . ."
25 Florist's container
26 Boats like Noah's
27 Camper's shelter
28 *Garfield* dog
29 Hot first course with spuds
31 Verification
35 Speaker's humorous stories
37 Ship of 1492
38 Dual-usage, as an appliance
39 __-bitsy (tiny)
41 Dermatologist's specialty
46 Read, as a bar code
49 Humans
52 Forehead-covering locks
53 Poker quitter's comment
54 Artistic category
55 Slow-moving mollusk
57 Kid's shooting toy
60 Worldwide: Abbr.
61 Prefix meaning "flying"
62 Enthusiastic, informally
63 Eve's garden
64 Not as much



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Binary Puzzle

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

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This Flu Season, Getting Vaccinated is More Important Than Ever

Getting your flu shot this year will be more important than ever, health experts advise, because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Every year, physicians recommend getting vaccinated as a way to protect yourself against contracting or spreading influenza. But this year, our health crisis has made this single act of preventative care especially critical at protecting yourself from a disease that plagues millions.

"The flu virus will weaken your immune system, making you more vulnerable to catching other respiratory infections, including COVID-19, and that's why getting vaccinated this year is so important," said Dr. Alejandro Sanchez, an infectious disease physician and physician flu champion at Kaiser Permanente West Los Angeles.

He noted having the flu and COVID-19 at the same time would be devastating to one's health. "The influenza vaccine remains the most effective prevention against contracting the flu and its complications," Dr. Sanchez explained. "In most years, millions of people get the flu, and hundreds of thousands of individuals end up in the emergency room or hospitalized with severe complications."

"We're preparing for a worse influenza season this year," he added. "Last year, we didn't see many flu cases, possibly due to the COVID-19 associated precautions we all took."

Getting the flu vaccine is very important, especially for the most vulnerable populations. They include the elderly, pregnant women, children younger than five years of age, along with those with chronic health conditions, he explained.

When it comes to children who never received the flu vaccine before, those under age 8 will need to receive two flu shots, with a booster vaccine given 28 days after the first inoculation. Parents are strongly encouraged to vaccinate their children this year, as many children have resumed in-person learning at their schools and will be more susceptible to being infected with the flu virus as they interact with other students and teachers.

"A common misconception is that a flu shot will give you the flu," Dr. Sanchez noted. "That's simply not true. You cannot contract the flu from getting a flu shot. Side effects, when they do occur, are typically very mild. However, by not getting vaccinated, you put yourself and your loved ones at a greater risk of getting the flu, which causes serious illness, hospitalizations and thousands of deaths each year."

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COVID-19

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helps stop the spread in schools and so on."

The Superintendent noted that approximately 85% of families have given consent for the testing to take place.

"We did provide an avenue for parents to submit exemption forms, regarding testing and wearing masks. Drati said, "So right now we're in the process of evaluating consent forms. And we've had to notify parents whether their consent form was authorized or not. There's a lot of things about religion, medical needs, and all of that so we're going through it. Our goal is to have that to many families by this weekend, so that they at least know what their options are."

Drati shared that there seemed to be confusion over The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law that governs student information and privacy.

"Federal law says student records are private, and for most purposes cannot be shared by the district without parental concern, consent, but there's exceptions to that rule, including when it's for health and safety purposes," said Gretchen Shipley, an education attorney for Fagen Friedman Fulfrost. "The information is being given directly to the vendor, so I'm not even sure it falls within the sphere of being an educational record, and they are obtaining direct consent from parents."

Some parents questioned a variety of COVID-19 protocols including the kind of test used by the district, mask requirements and the length of mandatory quarantines.

Drati said parents can take their children for outside PCR testing, so long as the results are provided to the district and aligned with the school testing schedule. He also explained the district will continue to follow guidelines from Public health officials regarding masks and quarantine requirements.

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COLUMN

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Since these three issues are clearly evident the City of Santa Monica and SMO must assume responsibility for the sale of leaded avgas and allowing (leaded avgas) aircrafts to utilize the facilities at SMO. Continuing to allow the sale of avgas and piston aircraft using leaded avgas fuel at SMO puts the onus of responsibly for any subsequent health related consequences for the adjacent pediatric population, squarely on the shoulders of the City of Santa Monica and SMO.

The City of Santa Monica is not alone in this challenging situation since the "Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously last week to ban the sale of leaded avgas at Reid-Hillview Airport and to press the Federal Aviation Administration, or FAA, to close the facility earlier than 2031, when conditions connected to FAA grant funding are set to expire." The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors understands that the FAA will likely oppose both efforts, but they plan to continue to press them to take action. They determined that "We can't, … as a local community, sit by and leave children exposed with permanent damage and permanent harm while the federal government takes however long it may take."

There is now a clear consensus that "significantly reducing lead emissions from gasoline-powered aircraft will require the leadership and strategic guidance of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and a broad-based and sustained commitment by other government agencies and the nation's pilots, airport managers, aviation fuel and service suppliers, and aircraft manufacturers…"

The City of Santa Monica and SMO can no longer pretend that they are not aware of the serious health consequences associated with the sale of leaded avgas and instead stand along with Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors to ban the sale of leaded avgas at SMO.

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