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Community live music returns with Americana in the Park concert series



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MUSIC: The Masanga Marimba Ensemble will perform in the upcoming concert series.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Residents sorely missing the conviviality and top-notch tunes of the Twilight or Jazz on the Lawn summer concerts will find solace and joy in the new "Americana in the Park" series this fall.

Performances will take place in Gandara Park, on Sundays between Sept. 19 and Oct. 10 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and celebrate the great range of Americana music from its origins in African, Appalachian, roots, blues and bluegrass, to its modern forms of folk and country.

The free event is presented by 63-year-old community institution McCabe's Guitar Shop in partnership with the City, which is providing funding through an "Art of Recovery Grant". The family-friendly series will also feature food trucks and a McCabe's pop-up shop.

"In the 90s we had like a long running concert series over at what was formerly called Lincoln Park," said McCabe's Concert Producer, Kora Peterson, who grew up in Santa Monica and first worked at McCabe's at age 15. "This a more meaningful concert series because it's more open to the community and it involves a bigger part of the community, which, for me, is really neat, having grown up going to these smaller little concert variants in the park."

McCabe's has been hosting concerts since 1969, when they pulled together an emergency show for Elizabeth Cotten after a canceled concert left her in a financial fix. This latest incarnation of McCabe's concerts hearkens back its origins, as it aims to uplift locals in the music and event industry who have been economically impacted by the pandemic, while creating a welcoming space for residents to come together.

"Everyone involved in it is in Southern California, from the artists to the vendors, to the stage crew, because it really is about helping to rebuild the community, both in gathering and also by employing and supporting them financially," said Peterson.

Americana in the Park is a pilot of a new partnership model, where local organizations are provided funding and support from the City to create unique and diverse community events.

"Our hope is that this new model of partnership will engage and support local community organizations, and will strengthen our communities' connectedness," said Cultural Affairs Manager Shannon Daut. "Jazz on the Lawn was a beloved series for 14 years and we're looking forward to this new approach to continue to bring free family-friendly events to public spaces across Santa Monica."

The range of musicians selected represents both the diversity of Southern California and the global

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Larry Elder pelted while touring Venice

JAMIE PAIGE
Special to the Daily Press

Republican Gubernatorial candidate Larry Elder's walking tour in Venice ended early Wednesday after an abrasive confrontation by a group of homeless people and advocates.

Venice resident Soledad Ursua organized the scheduled tour. Ursua was accompanied by Venice resident Chie Lunn, a mother and teacher who has been passionate about speaking out about the safety of children in the community, and Rick Swinger, an activist who has been vocal about the impact encampments have on the environment, specifically the ocean.

The tour started on Sunset and Hampton Avenue, near the Venice Bridge home in the Special Enforcement Cleaning Zone (SECZ).

Several men dressed in blue, all with bandanas covering their faces, as well as a woman in a gorilla mask riding a bicycle, started yelling racial slurs and at one point threw an object at Elder's head.

"This is what residents in the area deal with on a day-to-day basis said Ursua. "People come and go, but this is what residents face every day [referring to push back from advocacy groups]."

One homeless person on 3rd Avenue said tours like these are all for a show. "Most of us have been in and out of room key [referring to project Room Key], and now we

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Malibu confident going into Sept. 18 hearing on splitting SMMUSD

MATTHEW HALL
SMDP Editor

Advocates for a standalone Malibu school district believe they can still win approval for their proposal despite a recent report concluding efforts to split SMMUSD do not meet eight of nine conditions.

County regulators issued a report last week stating the current proposal only meets a requirement to avoid a split for the sole purpose of raising property values. For eight other criteria, the report stated Malibu's proposal either did not meet requirements or that more information was needed to determine if they could meet the condition.

The process for splitting a district is confusingly known as a "unification" proposal and plans are judged on a nine-condition basis. While meeting the conditions is not an automatic requirement for approval, the evaluation is part of the decision-making process.

Proposals must meet standards for enrollment, community identity, division of property, racial equity, cost to the State, educational outcomes, infrastructure costs, property values and ongoing fiscal health.

The report states Malibu's proposal fails to meet enrollment, identity, racial and fiscal health requirements. It states the proposal does not meet the other conditions but stipulates those failures are based on a lack of information and additional study is needed to make a final determination.

The City of Malibu is leading the effort to establish a new district and their team said it's encouraged by the recommendation to further study its proposal.

"Malibu is a small, residential community with its own identity and needs. We are 20 miles from Santa Monica, and the two cities don't even share a border," said Malibu Councilwoman Karen

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COVID-19 surge in the US: The summer of hope ends in gloom

MATTHEW PERRONE AND DEE-ANN DURBIN
Associated Press

The summer that was supposed to mark America's independence from COVID-19 is instead drawing to a close with the U.S. more firmly under the tyranny of the virus, with deaths per day back up to where they were in March.

The delta variant is filling hospitals, sickening alarming numbers of children and driving coronavirus deaths in some places to the highest levels of the entire pandemic. School systems that reopened their classrooms are abruptly switching back to remote learning because of outbreaks. Legal disputes, threats and violence have erupted over mask and vaccine requirements.

The U.S. death toll stands at more than 650,000, with one major forecast model projecting it will top 750,000 by Dec. 1.

"It felt like we had this forward, positive momentum," lamented Katie Button, executive chef and CEO at two restaurants in Asheville, North Carolina. "The delta variant wiped that timeline completely away."

It wasn't supposed to be this way. More than six months into the U.S. vaccination drive, President Joe Biden held a White House party on July Fourth to celebrate the country's freedom from the virus, and other political leaders had high hopes for a close-to-normal summer.

Then the bottom fell out.

The summer wave was fueled by the extra-contagious delta variant combined with stark resistance to vaccinations that formed along political and geographic lines, said Dr. Sten Vermund, of the Yale School of Public Health.

"The virus was more efficient in spreading among the unvaccinated so that you blunted the expected benefit of vaccines," Vermund said.

The crisis escalated rapidly from June to August. About 400,000 COVID-19 infections were recorded for all of June. It took all of three days last week to reach the same number.

The U.S. recorded 26,800 deaths and more than 4.2 million infections in August. The number of monthly positive cases was the fourth-highest total since the start of the pandemic.

The 2021 delta-driven onslaught is killing younger Americans at a much higher rate than previous waves of the pandemic in the Northeast last spring, the Sun Belt in the summer of 2020 and the deadly winter surge around the holidays.

During the peaks of those waves, Americans over 75 suffered the highest proportion of death. Now, the most vulnerable age group for death is 50 to 64.

Overall, the outbreak is still well below the all-time peaks reached over the winter, when deaths topped out at 3,400 a day and new cases at a quarter-million per day.

The U.S. is now averaging over 150,000 new cases per day, levels not seen since January. Deaths are close to 1,500 per day, up more than a third since late August.

Even before the delta variant became dominant, experts say there were indications that larger gatherings and relaxed social distancing measures were fueling new cases.

"We had been cooped up for over a year and everyone wanted to get out," said Dr. David Dowdy, an epidemiologist at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. "In the face of that kind of strong change in behavior, even getting almost two-thirds of our adult population vaccinated wasn't enough."

The COVID-19 vaccines remain highly effective against hospitalization and death, but many tens of millions of eligible Americans remain unvaccinated. Nearly 40% of Americans 12 and older are not fully protected.

Yale's Vermund sees reasons to be cautiously optimistic about the next few months. Cases in most states appear to be plateauing and are likely to decline in the fall, buying health authorities more time to vaccinate adults and teenagers before flu season.

"If we can continue making progress between now and Thanksgiving, we may be able to substantially blunt the coronavirus surge in flu season," Vermund said.

While the economy has been rebounding strongly over the past several months, hiring slowed sharply in August in a sign that the variant is discouraging Americans from flying, shopping or eating out.

And on Monday, unemployment benefits — including an extra $300 a week from the federal government — ran out for millions of Americans.

Button, the North Carolina chef, was feeling great heading into the summer. Her team was mostly vaccinated in May and restrictions were loosening. But the crisis soon changed direction.

Button supports the mask mandate that was recently reinstated in her county but said her employees are exhausted by having to enforce it. And since she has no outdoor seating, some diners have been less comfortable coming in.

"It's hard to take a step forward and then take three steps back," she said.

Associated Press data journalist Nicky Forster contributed to this report from New York. Durbin reported from Detroit.



California recall vote offers test of Biden political clout

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Associated Press

President Joe Biden has been beset by public health, military and climate crises in the past month. Not much time has been left to help fellow Democrat and California Gov. Gavin Newsom fight off an attempt to boot him from office.

With less than a week to spare, the White House is diving into the California gubernatorial recall election, coming to Newsom's aid with visits from Vice President Kamala Harris and then Biden himself to try to alleviate lingering concerns about Democratic turnout in the unusual September vote.

Harris arrived back in her home state to campaign with Newsom on Wednesday after a previously planned visit was nixed due to the chaos surrounding the Afghanistan withdrawal. Biden is expected to visit California just ahead of Tuesday's election.

For Biden, it's a chance to flex his political muscle in a state where he and Harris remain popular. The outcome also will provide a test of Biden's clout after a difficult August and in advance of the 2022 midterms, when control of Congress and more than half of the nation's governorships are up for grabs.

Harris and Biden are hoping to help bolster Newsom's chance to survive an unpredictable recall effort in a state that remains key to advancing Biden's agenda.

"It's simply too big a state to lose an election in," said Joel Benenson, a pollster for former President Barack Obama's campaigns. "You've got more to risk by not showing up than by showing up."

Benenson noted that beyond the political implications for the Democratic Party of losing a gubernatorial seat, the outcome of the recall could have an effect on the makeup of the Senate if California Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein's seat opens up before her term ends in 2024 — leaving her replacement to be appointed by the governor.

The leading Republican in the race and the candidate Newsom has identified as his biggest threat — conservative talk radio host Larry Elder — told reporters in Los Angeles that Harris and Biden were trying to distract attention from Newsom's record on widespread homelessness, rising crime and long-running school and business closures during the coronavirus pandemic.

"They are so afraid they want to federalize this election. This is about California," said Elder, who could become the state's first Black governor. "This federal firepower is not going to help him."

Elder spoke briefly with reporters after voting at an election center and before starting a statewide bus tour. Asked if he had concerns about the integrity of the election — all of the state's 22 million voters received a mail-in ballot — he said "there might very well be shenanigans, as there were in the 2020 election," referring to former President Donald Trump's unsupported claims of fraud in his loss to Biden.

A survey from the Public Policy Institute of California, conducted in late August and released last week, showed more likely voters would vote no than yes on removing Newsom, 58% to 39%. Among all likely voters, whether they would keep Newsom or not, about half say they do not have a preference on a replacement candidate or do not know their preference. Elder finished first by a wide margin among those who said they supported a replacement candidate.

The election has two questions: First, whether voters believe the governor should be recalled, and then, who should replace him. Voters will choose from a list of 46 replacement candidates — many of them unknown. With so many candidates dividing those ballots, if the recall effort succeeds, it's possible a candidate could win with 25% or less of the vote.

The main concern for Newsom remains getting Democratic base voters engaged and aware that they need to turn out for an unusually timed election, according to Kyle Kondick, a nonpartisan political analyst at the University of Virginia.

"One way to do that is to bring in high-profile surrogates who will get a lot of news coverage and will help spread the word about the fact that the recall is happening," Kondick said. "And from a Democratic perspective, it's hard to find two people better than Vice President Kamala Harris, who's from California herself, and, of course, the president."

Republicans have gone after Newsom for his handling of the pandemic and the economy, with business owners and parents expressing frustration over long-lasting restrictions on businesses, mask mandates and school closures. In contrast, Newsom has sought to nationalize the recall campaign, tying the effort to restrictive voting laws passed by Republican legislatures and warning during a campaign event last weekend that "we did not defeat Trumpism" in 2020.

Newsom's campaign advisers projected confidence Wednesday, saying the governor's decision to make the state's coronavirus response a key piece of the campaign will amount to a winning message. In a briefing with reporters ahead of Harris' appearance, Newsom strategist Sean Clegg predicted the governor will flip the narrative from 2020, when Republican voters turned out more heavily in the final days of early voting and on Election Day, helping the GOP win back several U.S. House seats.

Clegg asserted that Newsom's lead will grow as more votes come in Tuesday and in the following days, when the latest of the early votes are counted.

Biden has already campaigned for Virginia Democratic gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe, who faces election in November. In Ohio's 11th Congressional District Democratic primary for a special House election this November, winner Shontel Brown painted opponent Nina Turner as anti-Biden to pull out a surprise victory.

The outcome of the California gubernatorial recall will offer an early test of whether Biden maintains his political potency after a tough August, during which his national poll numbers took a hit after the rocky U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan and rising

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DAILY POLICE LOG

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Auto Burglary Report 2nd St / Arizona Ave 12:18 a.m.
Loud Music 2800blk Neilson Way 12:41 a.m.
Loud Music Princeton St / Arizona Ave 12:48 a.m.
Overdose 1900blk 6th St 12:55 a.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 1500blk Ocean Ave 1:26 a.m.
Party Complaint 200blk Montana Ave 2:00 a.m.
Rape Report 1200blk 16th St 2:42 a.m.
Traffic Hazard Yale St / Santa Monica Blvd 4:20 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2000blk 4th St 4:47 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 100blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:22 a.m.
Encampment 3100blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:33 a.m.
Burglary Report 300blk 10th St 6:34 a.m.
Encampment 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 7:00 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1400blk 4th St 7:13 a.m.
Traffic Hazard Neilson Way / Bay St 7:23 a.m.
Traffic Hazard Main St / Pico Blvd 7:38 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1600blk Berkeley St 8:05 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1500blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:20 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 200blk Adelaide Dr 8:27 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1000blk 26th St 8:36 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2500blk Michigan Ave 8:37 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2600blk 31st St 8:39 a.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 1300blk Harvard St 9:04 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 2900blk Wilshire Blvd 9:09 a.m.
Lost Property 300blk Olympic Dr 9:12 a.m.
Construction Noise 200blk 21st St 9:31 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 300blk 9th St 9:36 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1500blk The Beach 9:41 a.m.
Expired Registration 2300blk Kansas Ave 9:51 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 17th St / Wilshire Blvd 10:02 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 10:02 a.m.
Traffic Hazard Cloverfield Blvd / Olympic Blvd 10:04 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1500blk Berkeley St 10:40 a.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 100blk Pacific St 10:46 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Cloverfield Blvd / Pico Blvd 10:56 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 10:58 a.m.
Expired Registration 2400blk 34th St 11:08 a.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 600blk Strand St 11:11 a.m.
Construction Noise 1200blk Princeton St 11:16 a.m.
Identity Theft 200blk Ocean Ave 11:21 a.m.
Armed Robbery Just Occurred Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 11:24 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1500blk 5th St 11:29 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 800blk Ashland Ave 11:31 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1800blk 19th St 11:34 a.m.
Bike Theft Report 1300blk Euclid St 11:39 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1300blk Euclid St 11:41 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Just Occurred 1900blk 19th St 11:54 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 11:59 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 12:15 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Now Lincoln Blvd / California Ave 12:28 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1900blk Washington Ave 12:42 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Lincoln Blvd / Broadway 12:52 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1200blk 7th St 12:59 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1900blk Dorchester Ave 1:04 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1300blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:17 p.m.
Battery Report 1900blk 19th St 1:18 p.m.
Loud Music 1400blk Ocean Ave 1:22 p.m.
Battery Report 1200blk Lincoln Blvd 1:32 p.m.
Expired Registration 500blk 4th St 1:39 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 700blk Washington Ave 2:13 p.m.
Battery Report 1200blk Lincoln Blvd 2:16 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1200blk Chelsea Ave 2:17 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1400blk Euclid St 2:26 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 200blk Arizona Ave 2:29 p.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 2:30 p.m.
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Exhibition Of Speed 17th St / California Ave 2:41 p.m.
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Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 300blk 17th St 5:16 p.m.
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Identity Theft 300blk 9th St 5:16 p.m.
Child Endangerment 300blk Olympic Dr 5:22 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2600blk Pico Blvd 5:26 p.m.
Overdose 2300blk Wilshire Blvd 5:39 p.m.
Child Endangerment 2300blk Pier Ave 5:40 p.m.
Found Property 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 6:01 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd W 6:01 p.m.
Lost Property 500blk Raymond Ave 6:27 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1000blk 16th St 6:57 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 2600blk Centinela Ave 6:59 p.m.
Person With A Gun 600blk Kensington Rd 6:59 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 200blk Santa Monica Pier 7:20 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1500blk 4th St 7:26 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 200blk Wilshire Blvd 7:43 p.m.
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EMS 900blk Pico Blvd 9:44 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 300blk Pico Blvd 9:56 a.m.
EMS 1100blk Franklin St 9:59 a.m.
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EMS 800blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:23 p.m.
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EMS 500blk 24th St 8:07 p.m.
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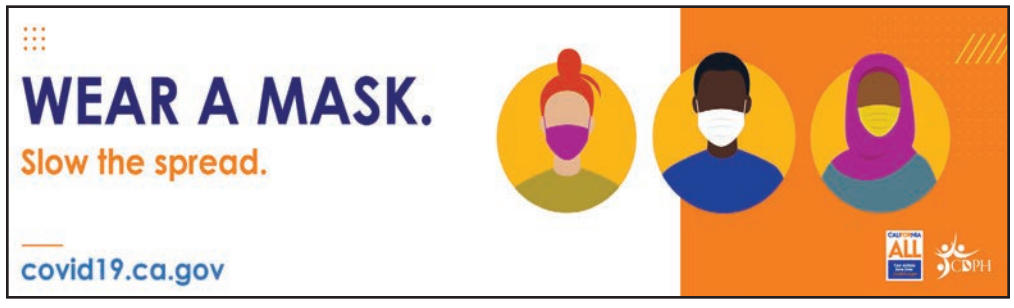
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CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 AT 2:53 P.M.

Officers responded to Vons on the 700 block of Broadway regarding an Arson. Upon arrival, an SMPD fire captain relayed that a bathroom inside Vons was on fire. The store manager showed surveillance footage that showed an individual walking into the bathroom and smoke coming out of it shortly after. The individual was then attended to by SMFD due to a laceration he had sustained on his hand. After reviewing footage, Valentin Sanchez Jr. was arrested for 451(B) PC- Arson.

RECALL

FROM PAGE 2

COVID-19 rates drew headlines.

It's hard to overstate Biden's popularity in California — he won the state with nearly 64% of the vote in 2020. And according to the PPIC poll, 58% of Californians approve of Biden's job as president. Harris, meanwhile, remains one of the highest-profile Democrats in California, where she maintains a home.

But Biden and Harris have faced criticism from some within the progressive Democratic base, a subset of the party that also remains somewhat disenchanted with Newsom. And even if Newsom wins, a tight race could signal trouble ahead for Biden in next year's midterms.

About three weeks ago, Newsom sounded the alarm that Democrats "up and down the state haven't taken this seriously," pointing to an "enthusiasm gap" between Republicans and Democrats.

At the time, Newsom said he had requested visits from Harris and Biden and more engagement from national Democrats — and he got it. Sens. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and Bernie Sanders, the Vermont independent, have appeared in anti-recall ads, while Warren and Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota campaigned with Newsom over the Labor Day weekend.

With Harris and Biden, Newsom will have the biggest names in the Democratic Party behind him, plus millions of dollars invested in turnout efforts from the Democratic National Committee and the Democratic Governors' Association.

Mark Mellman, a Democratic pollster who's done extensive work in California, noted that the visits will offer Harris and Biden the opportunity to shift the focus after a disastrous August back to his infrastructure agenda and a potential victory in a deep-blue state.

Biden "probably welcomes the opportunity to get away for a moment from hurricanes and flooding and everything else that he has faced this last 30 days or so," Mellman said.

Jaffe reported from Washington. AP polling writer Hannah Fingerhut in Washington and AP political writer Michael R. Blood in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

Silicon Valley finds remote work is easier to begin than end

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AP Technology Writers

Technology companies that led the charge into remote work as the pandemic unfurled are confronting a new challenge: how, when and even whether they should bring long-isolated employees back to offices that have been designed for teamwork.

"I thought this period of remote work would be the most challenging year-and-half of my career, but it's not," said Brent Hyder, the chief people officer for business software maker Salesforce and its roughly 65,000 employees worldwide. "Getting everything started back up the way it needs to be is proving to be even more difficult."

That transition has been complicated by the rapid spread of the delta variant, which has scrambled the plans many tech companies had for bringing back most of their workers near or after Labor Day weekend. Microsoft has pushed those dates back to October while Apple, Google, Facebook, Amazon and a growing list of others have already decided wait until next year.

Given how they set the tone for remote work, tech companies' return-to-office policies will likely have ripple effects across other industries. Employers' next steps could redefine how and where people work, predicts Laura Boudreau, a Columbia University assistant economics professor who studies workplace issues.

"We have moved beyond the theme of remote work being a temporary thing," Boudreau says. The longer the pandemic has stretched on, she says, the harder it's become to tell employees to come back to the office, particularly full time.

Because they typically revolve around digital and online products, most tech jobs are tailor made for remote work. Yet most major tech companies insist that their employees should be ready to work in the office two or three days each week after the pandemic is over.

The main reason: Tech companies have long believed that employees clustered together in a physical space will swap ideas and spawn innovations that probably wouldn't have happened in isolation. That's one reason tech titans have poured billions of dollars into corporate campuses interspersed with alluring common areas meant to lure employees out of their cubicles and into "casual collisions" that turn into brainstorming sessions.

But the concept of "water cooler innovation" may be overblown, says Christy Lake, chief people officer for business software maker Twilio.

"There is no data that supports that really happens in real life, and yet we all subscribe to it," Lake says. "You can't put the genie back in the bottle and tell people, 'Oh you have to be back in the office or innovation won't happen.' "

Twilio isn't bringing back most of its roughly 6,300 employees back to its offices until early next year at the earliest, and plans to allow most of them to figure how frequently they should come in.

This hybrid approach permitting employees to toggle between remote and in-office work has been widely embraced in the technology industry, particularly among the largest companies with the biggest payrolls.

Nearly two-thirds of the more than 200 companies responding to a mid-July survey in the tech-centric Bay Area said they are expecting their workers to come into the office two or three days each week. Before the pandemic, 70% of these employers required their workers to be in the office, according to the Bay Area Council, a business policy group that commissioned the poll.

Even Zoom, the Silicon Valley videoconferencing service that saw its revenue and stock price soar during the pandemic, says most of its employees still prefer to come into the office part of the time. "There isn't a one-size-fits-all approach to returning to the office," Kelly Steckelberg, Zoom's chief financial officer, recently wrote in a blog post.

But the biggest tech companies, which have profited even more than Zoom as the pandemic that made their products indispensable for many workers, aren't giving employees much choice in the matter. Apple, Google, Amazon, and Microsoft have made it clear that they want most of their workers together at least a few days each week to maintain their culture and pace of innovation.

That well-worn creed sounds like backward thinking to Ed Zitron, who runs a public relations firm representing technology companies — and which has been fully remote since it launched in 2012.

The only reason to have an office, he says, is to satisfy managers with vested interests in grouping people together "so that they can look at them and feel good about the people that they own ... so that they can enjoy that power."

Switching to hybrid work is ideal for people like Kelly Soderlund, a mother of two young children who works in offices in San Francisco and Palo Alto, California, for travel management company TripActions, which has about 1,200 employees worldwide. She couldn't wait to return when the company partially reopened its offices in June, partly because she missed the built-in buffer that her roughly one-hour commute provided between her personal and professional life.

"When I don't have that, I wake up in the morning, I start doing work and I take my kids to their camp or their daycare," Soderlund says. "And then I come back and I work and then we pick them up, make dinner and then I go back to work. So, it feels like it's just work all the time."

Soderlund believes being together in an office leads to more collaboration, although she also learned from the pandemic that workers don't need to be there every day for teamwork to happen.

Camaraderie and the need to separate

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Critical Race Theory 2: Why We Need It & How It Impacts You

Due to the Labor Day holiday weekend, the Committee For Racial Justice (CRJ) will hold its monthly workshop on the second Sunday of September.

On Sept. 12 CRJ will host a second discussion about Critical Race Theory. Why do we need it? How does it impact us? Why there is opposition? How can anti-racists talk to others about the need for Critical Race Theory? What do those in opposition want to accomplish?

We are living in an era where disinformation is battling with truth and history for control. New legislation in some states bans ideas, as well as research designed to combat racism from classrooms and workplace training, by labeling them as "divisive" and "anti-American." What is at the root of this conflict? And what are its consequences?

LaToya Baldwin Clark, an Assistant Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law, will be one of our resource people. She is a core faculty member of the Law School's Critical Race Studies Program, and she writes and teaches about education law, family law, and property law from a critical race perspective. Dr. Baldwin Clark received her B.S. in Economics cum laude from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and her M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania in Criminology. She then earned her Ph.D. from Stanford University in Sociology and her J.D. from Stanford Law School. Dr. Baldwin Clark is also a mother to three Black children and is active in the Culver City Unified School District Community, serving as the VP of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion of the Culver City Council PTA.

Another resource person will be minister Stanley Talbert, a PhD candidate at Union Theological Seminary in NYC where he studies Systematic Theology and African American Studies. He has written about Critical Race Theory and is the graduate assistant of the Society of Study of Black Religion which is a society of the top black scholars of religion and theology in America. He served as the chair for Early Career Scholars section of the Christian Scholars' Conference and a co-founder of Dikaiosune (an organization focusing on social justice and faith). Talbert was a participant of the 2015 Millennial Leaders Project, where fifty young activists, leaders, and clergy across the United States were selected to engage social issues from the intersection of spirituality and social justice. He has given lectures and presentations across the nation, as well as internationally, and is currently a resident of Santa Monica and involved in social justice work in the LA area.

Stanley Talbert received his Master of Philosophy ('19) and Master of Divinity from Union ('16), his BA from Pepperdine University ('12), and his AS from Southwestern Christian College ('10).

If you are not on our email list, check the Committee For Racial Justice Facebook page closer to Sept. 12 for updates on further resource people and come to see why Critical Race Theory is important, to learn what is at stake, and to take part in the discussion.

For more information, call Joanne at 310-422-5431.

Sunday, Sept. 12, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. - zoom meeting open to all

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Then you will be sent the zoom link to join the meeting.

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ELDER

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have nowhere else to go. Where do they think we can go?"

After the foot tour, Elder held press interviews in the safety of his campaign bus.

A longtime conservative talk radio host in Los Angeles, Elder said he isn't a stranger to public opinion and pushback. "I've been called worse by better," he said when asked about the confrontation.

When explicitly asked about the numerous racial attacks during his walk Elder told reporters that: "If I didn't care about black people, I wouldn't be here. Black and brown are getting the worst of the worst. Forty percent of the homeless are black. I do believe that the impact of the poor quality of education disproportionately hurts Black and brown people. Crime disproportionately affects people living in the inner city, many of whom are the Black and brown people that the left claims that they care about."

Elder spoke directly about the impact the homeless crisis was having on the community. "This is a moral and health crisis that needs to be solved. The government has proven to be ineffective in dealing with homelessness, and it needs to be fixed."

Elder said he supports Sheriff Alex Villanueva's idea of declaring a statewide emergency [when it comes to homelessness] to free up resources. "I think it's a wonderful idea. I also want to declare a statewide emergency on housing so I can build low-cost housing. I'd look at the same for the homeless crisis."

Elder pointed out that the average cost of a home in California is 150 percent above the national average. "Middle-class people are leaving California at a high rate. The same goes for small businesses. That means we are losing good-paying jobs."

Elder also said he is in favor of forensic accounting when it comes to mismanagement of spending. "I'm in favor of accountability of the homeless industrial complex."

Although not talked about during his tour, one central point Newsome is pushing back on is Elder's promise to repeal vaccine verification for health care workers and mask mandates in schools and workplaces.

Alluding to Elder's opposition to such mandates, Newsom said on Wednesday on a tour with Vice President Kamala Harris that Elder would "walk us off that same Covid cliff as Texas, and Florida, Tennessee and Alabama and Georgia."

Elder is leading the latest polls for challengers in the election. Election day is Sept. 14.

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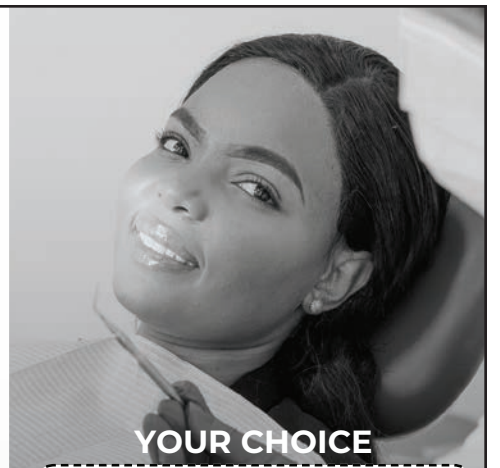
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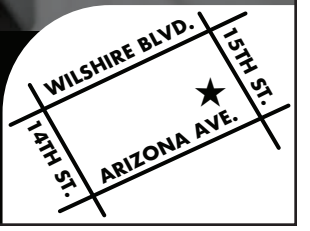
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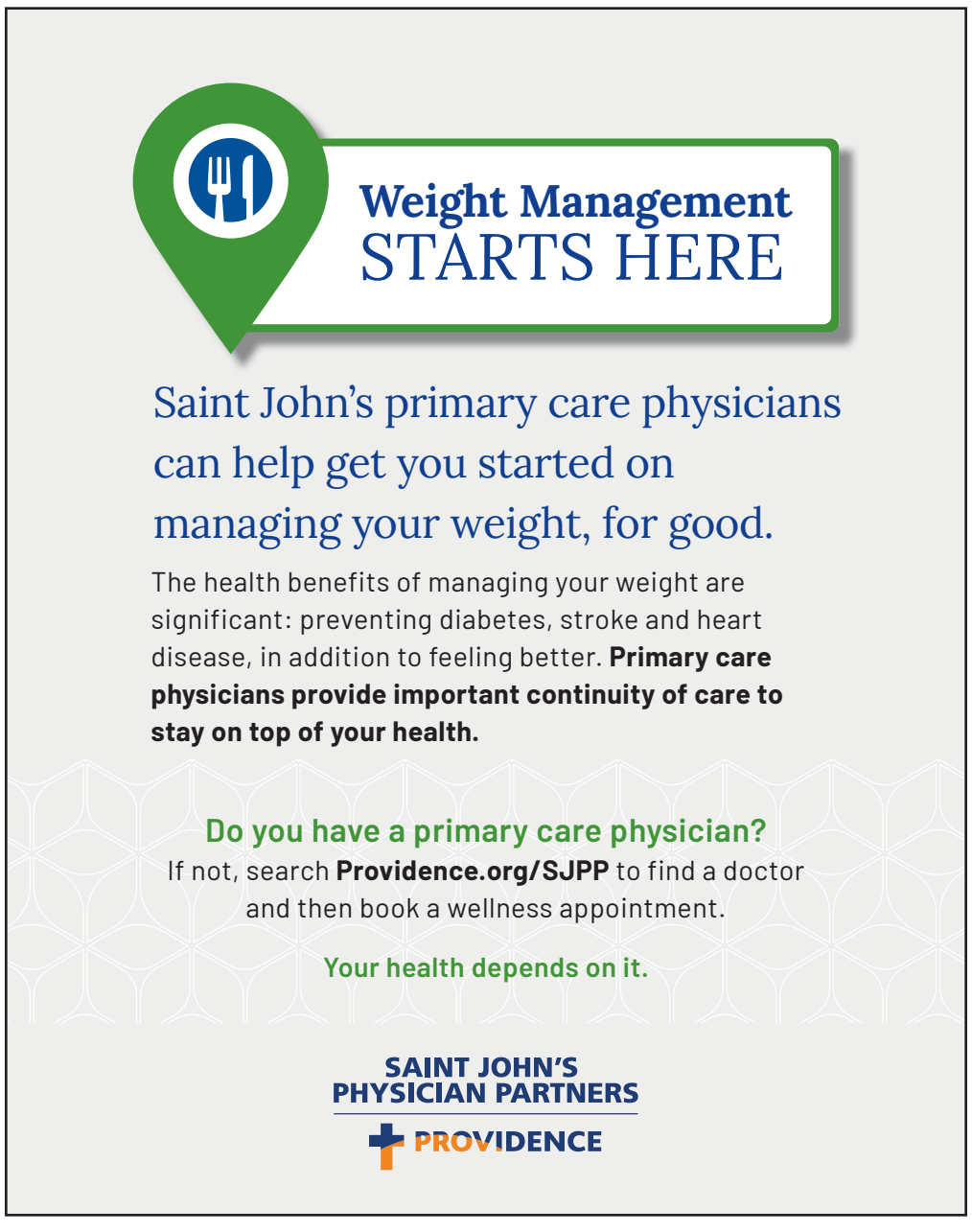
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EM is the Master

AND SANTA MONICA HAS HER

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

EM THE MASTER — Yes, she is officially upgraded from RECOMMENDED to the lofty pedestal of HIGHLY RECOMMENDED (make room, Dudamel). I figured this day would come, but I was getting a little skittish. I had seen her only once.

Would my raves for this performer, appearing every Tuesday night at lil ol' Harvelle's right here in downtown Santa Monica, that I put in previous NOTEWORTHY columns starting about five weeks ago, wind up haunting me? Digital is forever.

It's a hazard of the job of being an arts critic. I burned myself badly in college, when I finally fell off the fence — in the wrong direction — over the multi-mega-hit album "Hi Infidelity" by REO Speedwagon. It just kept hanging around, selling 10x platinum. One hit single after another, six, plus two more that weren't singles but still made the charts. I began to think, maybe I'd missed something. After much agonizing I finally decided to give it a good review, did not sleep that night and by dawn was trying to figure out how to collect every copy that had been distributed and burn them.

It's a tough tightrope. You have to be honest and informed, call spades spades but spot and praise the good stuff, and always remember that the only thing you have is your credibility. (Well, and that spiffy yellow sports car I got from REO's record label, but that was after the fact and only made me feel worse and... it's irrelevant to this discussion, and I've already settled with the DA and the IRS.)

So I dropped in to Harvelle's Tuesday and though I caught only four or five numbers, all doubt was erased. EM is the real deal. You hear this catch phrase a lot but she really does "have it all." Probably not the very best voice you've ever heard but that's not a distraction, and she can sell a song. You want opera or a rockin' show? She's one of the best performers you'll ever see, bar none, and that's worth gold. Mick Jagger is not the world's greatest singer. Elton John either, but a heckuva entertainer. Madonna didn't reach stardom on her singing. Rhianna, Janet Jackson. EM may remind you of Lady Gaga, no small compliment. I know she spent some time in New York and co-authored a book with Gaga that made the NY Times best-seller list — !!

EM not only rules the stage (and the floor she crawls over, and the top of the bar she stomps across pounding out melodic rhythms with glow-drumsticks on every surface, all with unbelievable and non-stop energy), she is backed by a damned good band and, very, very importantly, has fantastic arrangements, which I assume are also hers. And she writes her own songs, excellent both musically and lyrically, and is still coming up with new ones. I heard two Tuesday and they were both winners.

Every Tues 9 p.m., Harvelle's DTSM, $10.

RECOMMENDED:

TONIGHT! HAMILTON — No, I haven;t seen it, dammit, but I think I can only go wrong by not recommending it, right? 6:30 p.m., $55-200.

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SHAKESPEARE'S "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM" — one of the best "AMND" I can recall, since the time my daughter played a faerie when she was wee. Loved the inventive physical comedy, and these fairies were really good, Who could not be charmed by their little chirping sounds? Sun 4 p.m.,

SHAKESPEARE'S "JULIUS CAESAR" — Wordy, Will, but historically informative, and makes it all come alive. In school Shakespeare's dialog was often Greek to me but now every word shimmers, due to the delivery by the TB thespians. Christopher W. Jones stood out as conflicted bad guy Brutus, as did Willow Geer as Portia, and special linguistic laurels go to Melora Marshall as Cassius, who was just made for this part, even though it is a man's part. So much distinction in her delivery, it pulls you straight in, to the moment. Sun 7:30 p.m.,

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

LIBRARY GIRL (is back!!) presents "THE BOOK OF LIGHT – TRIBUTE TO LUCILLE CLIFTON" — actually they came back last month after a year and a half but I missed it boo hoo not going to miss this one because in many years I haven't yet seen a show that wasn't thoughtful, memorable, even inspiring.

Eight poets will be reading their own works, that have some connection to Clifton. A format like this, like the old Improv long line of comics, is always a good bet because if you're not crazy about whoever is up, just wait for the next one. And as carefully, expertly curated as this series is, 13 years now (by founder Susan Hayden, now abetted by husband Steve Hochman, a noted music journalist) — you may just like every reader.

Music performance by The Prickly Pair (Mason Summit and Irene Greene). Managing Director: Mike Myers. Production Support: Nicole Millar and Paul Denk. All proceeds from every LG show are donated to the Ruskin Group Theatre.

Proof of vaccination is required, and wearing a mask during the show is mandatory. Sun 7 p.m., Ruskin Group Theatre, SM Airport, $15, dessert included.

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Police planning to reinstall Capitol fence ahead of rally

ERIC TUCKER, MICHAEL BALSAMO AND LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

Law enforcement concerned by the prospect for violence at a rally in the nation's capital next week are planning to reinstall protective fencing that surrounded the U.S. Capitol for months after the Jan. 6 insurrection there, according to a person familiar with the discussions.

Though no specific measures have been announced, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi hinted during her weekly press conference Wednesday at extra safety precautions for the Sept. 18 rally by saying: "We intend to have the integrity of the Capitol be intact." Briefings for lawmakers, including congressional leaders, are expected in coming days.

A security plan that is being finalized calls for fencing to be put up outside the inner perimeter of the Capitol building and the Supreme Court, though not around the congressional office buildings nearby, said the person, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity ahead of an official announcement.

Police continue to track intelligence indicating far-right extremist groups like the Proud Boys and Oath Keepers are planning to attend the rally later this month at the U.S. Capitol that is designed to demand "justice" for the hundreds of people who have been charged in connection with January's insurrection. Proud Boys leader Enrique Tarrio, however, has said he doesn't expect his membership to attend.

On Wednesday, the FBI released new information to the public in hopes of catching the person suspected of leaving behind two pipe bombs on Capitol Hill the night before the riot, one of the enduring, unsolved mysteries of that chaotic week. The devices did not explode.

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

Some lawmakers and top union officials were expected to be briefed on the plan later this week and another more expansive briefing for the leaders of the House and Senate was planned for Monday.

The fence had been a stark symbol of the fear many in the Capitol felt after the mob pushed its way past overwhelmed police officers, broke through windows and doors and ransacked the Capitol as Congress was voting to certify Joe Biden's electoral win.

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

The planned Sept. 18 rally at the Capitol comes as a jittery Washington has seen a series of troubling one-off incidents — including, most recently, a man who parked a pickup truck near the Library of Congress and said he had a bomb and detonator.

And the most concerning: A series of unexploded pipe bombs placed around the U.S. Capitol ahead of the Jan. 6 insurrection remain unexplained and no suspect has been charged.

The FBI released a new video of that suspect on Wednesday and a digital map showing the person circling the offices of the Democratic and Republican national committees, where the bombs were placed. The FBI also said, for the first time, that agents believe the suspect is not from the Washington, D.,C. area but may have been "operating" out of a location near the Capitol.

"Based upon the suspect's route of travel to the DNC and from the DNC to the RNC, and the manner in which the suspect carries the backpack after placing the pipe bomb at the DNC, the FBI believes the suspect had a location in the vicinity of Folger Park from which the person was operating," the FBI said in a news release. "Reviews of the suspect's behavior in video footage and interviews with residents in the Capitol Hill neighborhood have led the FBI to believe the suspect is not from the area."

On Capitol Hill, the politics around fencing in the iconic building and its grounds were extremely difficult for lawmakers after the Jan. 6 insurrection. Many said they disliked closing off access, even as they acknowledged the increased level of security it provided. The fencing finally came down with a promise to re-erect it if necessary. But the question of what deserves fencing is tricky.

In an interview Wednesday, the district's Democratic representative, Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, said she had not yet been briefed on the security plans, but understood if the fence needs to be reinstalled out of an abundance of caution ahead of the upcoming rally.

"I would hope that we wouldn't have to fence in the Capitol every time there's a demonstration," Norton said. But she added, "If they go with the fence, I'm not going to criticize them."

Norton suggested that in the aftermath of Jan. 6 there would be more robust security preparations ahead of this rally out of an abundance of caution, even though it is scheduled for a Saturday before the House returns to session, a typically sleepy summertime afternoon when few lawmakers or staff would be at work.

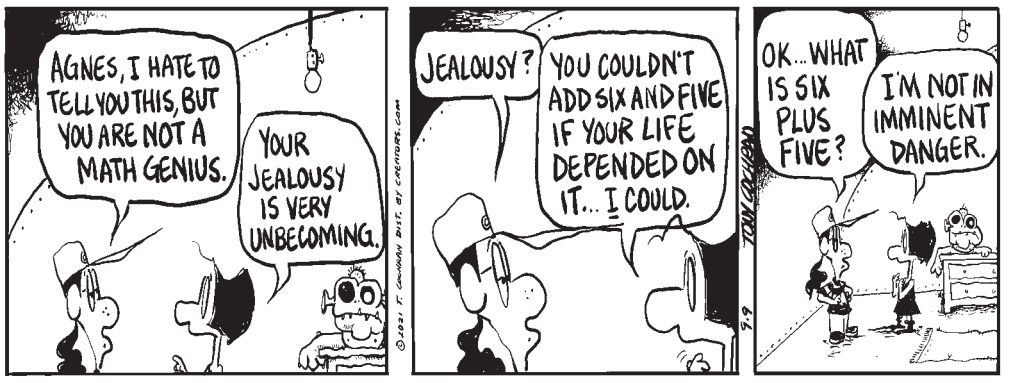
"I wouldn't be surprised to see the fence go up," she said. "The preparations are certainly going to be more than they were on Jan. 6."

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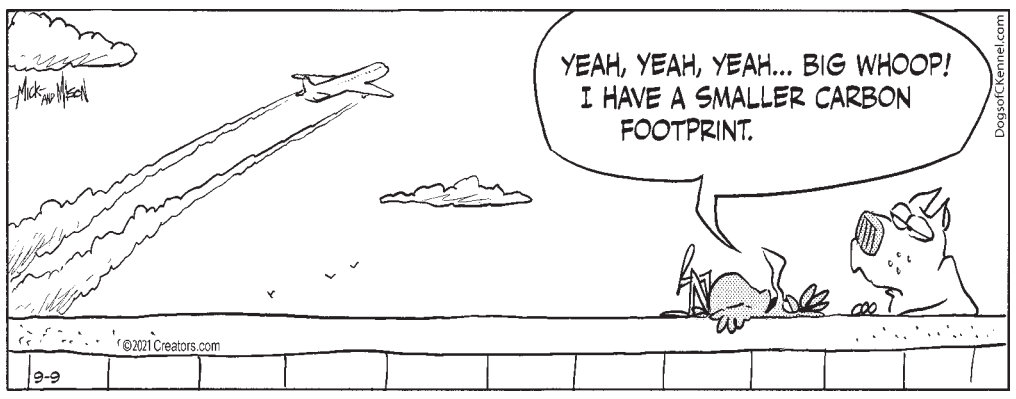
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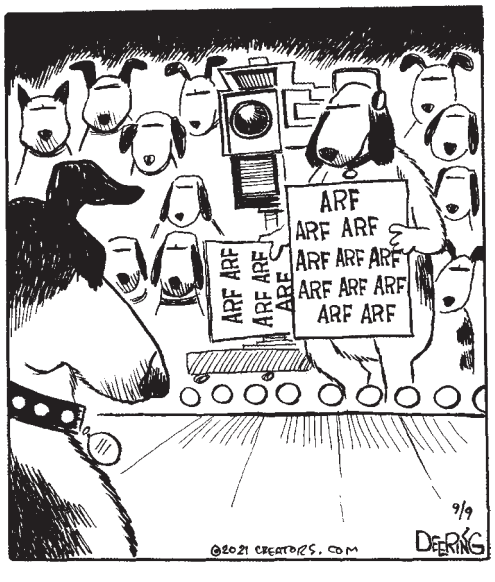
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FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Small SSW/S swell continues and it should be enough to push the small wave gear. Clean in the morning.

WEATHER

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your progress will inspire others. But if you devolve instead, that will, in time, be inspiring, too... just as long as you don't give up. The difference between a comedy and a tragedy is where you end the story.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Even though you like a degree of bustle and noise around you, you also require serenity to thrive. You're super productive as a result of getting different distinct moods into your day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your cheerful attitude is infectious and attractive to the likeminded. You'll have interesting conversations and pick up fun facts and helpful social information to connect you to new prospects.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You expect people to spin their stories to the most flattering effect and will be caught off guard by more honest types who would rather connect with you in their vulnerability than try to impress you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There is no true fulfillment in conquest or winning the games of love. There may be momentary exhilaration and ego inflation, which is not the same as the wholeness experienced in healthy reciprocal connections.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Swimming against the current, you will stay in one place at best; at worst, you regress and tire yourself out in the process. This flow is too strong. For now, go with it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you're doing what you must, it seems to take forever. Meanwhile, you feel like you have to steal your brief moments of pleasure. Is it possible to give yourself much more time for delight?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The relationship has gotten vague, imperfect, unreliable and full of paradoxes. In other words, it is in a good place — a place where anything can still happen.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You give interactions your own personal touch. If you knew you'd be celebrated and remembered for this, would you take it one step further? Or perhaps three?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You appreciate and attract those with an enthusiasm for turning life into fiction. This is much better than listening to someone complain on and on about a dull reality.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You would dispel the mystery if it weren't so fun to watch people try and figure it out. Actually, transparency would only ruin the fun. What if you kept the secret forever?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've earned the trust that comes with doing what you say you will, at times knocking yourself out to keep the agreement. Now you know to limit your commitments to only what you can handle with ease and pleasure.

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.

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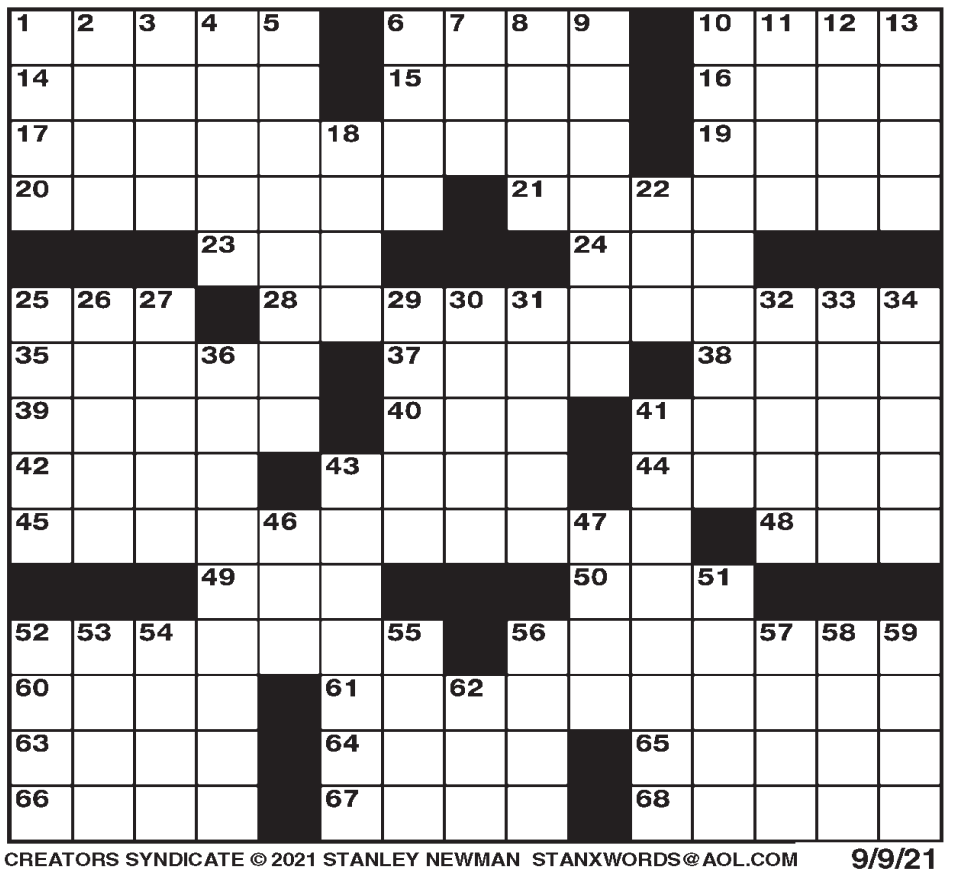
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Grisham's literary colleague
6 PR "performance"
10 "Butt out!" initialism
14 Choice word
15 Intern, for instance
16 Guitar device
17 Hammer handler
19 Jazz singer Laine
20 Stow, as a sword
21 Damon's pal
23 Neckwear on a Michener stamp
24 Common MBA prerequisite
25 *Nova* network
28 Hammer handler
35 Concluding bit of music
37 John, in Wales
38 Soft rock
39 Barnyard sound
40 Dickensian kid
41 Mogul
42 Approve of
43 Sign after the Twins
44 Sushi bar mushroom
45 Hammer handler
48 Neighbor of the Simpsons
49 Pendulum direction
50 Must pay
52 Keeps one's headhunter busy
56 Croat's neighbor
60 56 Across' currency
61 Hammer handler
63 Leak symptom
64 Jazz singer James
65 Mystery writing award
66 "Ah!"
67 Invitation exhortation
68 Homes in branches

DOWN
1 "Jabberwocky" opener
2 "Ain't gonna happen"
3 Product that may be puffed
4 Based on 8
5 Super-sizzling
6 Lucid
7 Profit pool, so to speak
8 Internal flash
9 Foam-dart propeller
10 General at Antietam
11 Bob Woodward alma mater
12 Crude cartel
13 Reserve a room
18 Louisville's river
22 Calendar watch reading
25 Addr. line, at times
26 Inconvenient to carry
27 Super buy
29 What stars call MGM
30 Alpine water source
31 Disney's follow-up to *Dumbo*
32 Apply lightly
33 Bring to mind
34 Over-overeager
36 Optimism metaphor
41 The Williamses, e.g.
43 *M*A*S*H* transport
46 Reliable expert
47 Not in concert
51 Stay away from
52 Knight at the movies
53 Things we share
54 Wheel-shaped cheese
55 Stays put
56 Sharp break
57 Beats on sheets
58 Cleverly done
59 Isn't tactful, say
62 Safari transportation



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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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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 24 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5232

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Crew	Fuel	Pits	Tyres
Damage	Gear	Podium	VIP box
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CONCERT

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influences present in Americana music.

The series kicks off on Sept. 19 with the Masanga Marimba Ensemble performing traditional and popular music from Zimbabwe and Latin America. On Sept. 26, Ukulele musicians Heidi Swedberg and Daniel Ward will open for the New Orleans-style jazz band The California Feetwarmers.

Oct. 3 will feature Children's music duo Hullabaloo, followed by Phil Salazar and the Kinfolk's mix of traditional music alongside rock, blues, country, jazz and bluegrass. The final Oct. 10 event includes kid folk band the Hollow Trees opening for Joachim Cooder, who will perform African-inspired Americana on his mbira, an African thumb piano.

"I think it's easy to just think of Americana as country nowadays, but it's so much more," said Peterson. "So I really wanted to take it back to its roots in Africa and show how it has transformed from its origins."

Slaves transported across the Atlantic brought many of the instruments and rhythms that become the foundation of Americana music, and the performances of both Joachim Cooder and the Masanga Marimba Ensemble will highlight these deep ties.

"We're excited to show that all the music that we play whether it be from Zimbabwe or from Guatemala or from Mexico or from the US, it all has roots in many of the same places," said Ric Alviso, the bandleader of Masanga Marimba. "What you do on top of African rhythms really determines whether it's cumbia or blues or salsa. The same thing is true with folk, bluegrass and country, there are African rhythms in every one of those styles."

Peterson specifically chose the banjo to be the concert series logo, as the instrument was brought from Africa and then became the heart of many traditional American styles that were later exported around the world. She hopes this event will give people a greater appreciation for the great range and geographic influences of Americana music.

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Farrer. "For the past 30 years, students in Santa Monica and Malibu have attended schools in their own cities, and no students will have to change schools if we separate districts. Our families have worked for decades for local control over the education of our children and to make sure they have access here in Malibu to the same programs and resources that the District offers in Santa Monica. The District agrees that we should separate, and the only question is how we can do it fairly and without harming students. Malibu's proposal is fair, and remaining with the District is harming Malibu's students."

In a statement, the City said the terms of its most recent offer to the District should satisfy many of the fiscal questions raised in the report and that with some additional study, it felt the proposal could eventually pass eight of the nine conditions. The statement said Malibu would not meet the enrollment requirements of 1,501 students but the number itself was not actually a problem.

"While enrollment is not a concern for the feasibility of reorganization, it is a concern for the community," said the statement. "There is an argument to be made how an independent Malibu Unified School District could attract additional students and stop enrollment decline by giving Malibu families local control of their children's education and addressing the specific needs and priorities of the community. Other factors such as the community's continuing rebuild effort from the Woolsey Fire and the student voucher program could address this as well."

Malibu officials said they remain open to a negotiated settlement under the right conditions.

"Yes, if the District would agree to binding arbitration by a neutral third party. The District has rejected that proposal, even though the County Committee's consultant supported a third-party arbitration. The City is leery of any further non-binding negotiations because, in the City's opinion, the District had negotiated these past few years in bad faith," said the statement.

The report will be discussed in detail at an upcoming Sept. 18 hearing.

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WORK

FROM PAGE 4

work from home are among the top reasons employees at business software maker Adobe cite for coming back to the office, said Gloria Chen, chief people officer for one of Silicon Valley's older companies. Working from home "is here to stay, but we also continue to value people coming together," she said.

The transition from the pandemic should enable smaller tech companies to adopt more flexible work-from-home policies that may help them lure away top-notch engineers from other firms more insistent on having people in the office, says Boudreau, the Columbia University scholar.

"Labor markets are relatively tight now, so employees have more bargaining chips than they have had in a while," Boudreau says.

Ankur Dahiya, who launched his software startup RunX last year during the pandemic lockdowns, believes that remote work has helped him hire employees that otherwise may not have been candidates. The eight-worker startup rents a San Francisco office one day a week so Dahiya can meet with employees who live nearby, but other employees are in Canada, Nevada, and Oregon. The workers living outside of California have been flying in once every three months for "super productive" meetings and brainstorming, says Dahiya, who has previously worked at Facebook and Twitter.

"I've worked in offices for the last 10 years and I know there's just so much time lost," Dahiya says, recalling all the random conversations, lengthy meetings, aimless wandering, and other disruptions that seem to occur in those settings.

Twilio's Lake is hoping the remote-work experience will transform employee behavior in the office, too, once they come back. She hopes that the remote experience will have given employees a chance to better understand how their teams work.

"I think more than anything it is going to cause us to become more intentional about when, why and how we come together," she says.

NOTEWORTHY

FROM PAGE 6

REST IN PEACE DON EVERLY (1937-2021) — The sole surviving Everly Brother. First song I ever learned on guitar was their 1957 number one hit "Bye Bye Love." I was lucky enough to see them open for Simon & Garfunkel when I was ten. I didn't really listen to Simon & Garfunkel yet I was excited just to see the opening act! I'm ever-grateful for the music Don and his brother made together and shared with the world... some of the greatest harmonies ever recorded.

So many great songs they had, but I've been stuck on "Don't Forget to Cry" for a couple days now.

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

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