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Council voids tickets during expansive discussion

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In a Sept. 14 meeting, City Councilmembers' discussion items ran the gamut of resident concerns from speeding to noise complaints, street sweeping and bus tickets.

While staff were directed to research all of these issues, the most immediate action residents will see is the waiving of street sweeping citations issued between Aug. 30 and Sept. 3.

Weekly street sweeping recently resumed after over a year, and although SMPD and the City conducted extensive outreach, many residents were caught off guard.

In order to have citations waived, or receive a refund if they have already paid, residents must submit a declaration that they were not aware of weekly street sweeping during the period between Aug. 30 and Sept. 3. This can be done by submitting a request through the City's website, mailing the City a letter, calling 800-214-1526 or visiting the LADOT Parking Violations Bureau at 1575 Westwood Blvd, Ste 100B.

Another discussion item brought up in response to a recent City policy change was the issue of cashless payments on Big Blue Bus (BBB).

The City launched a six month contactless payment pilot for BBB on July 12, which eliminates the use of cash and tokens and asks customers to pay using a TAP card or mobile ticket. The program is intended to create faster boarding times, make buses safer for customers and drivers and offer more convenient and economical ways for customers to pay their fare.

Some residents have voiced concerns that this discriminates against low-income, elderly and

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Hispanic Heritage Month



Courtesy photo

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH: City Officials gathered on the Promenade this week to kick-start Hispanic Heritage Month. Upcoming events include programs at local libraries, the Hola Mexico Film Festival (https://www.holamexicoff.com), a screening of Coco (https://rooftopcinemaclub.com/los-angeles/venue/the-drive-up-at-santa-monica-airport), the Masanga Marimba Ensemble (https://www.santamonica.gov/blog/americana-in-the-park-2021-concert-series) and a closing celebration outside City Hall on Oct. 15. Visit https://www.santamonica.gov/blog/hispanic-heritage-month-2021 for more information.

Youth COVID-19 numbers show steady decrease

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COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles youth have declined by about 40 percent in the past week and remain well below the summer surge levels.

The return of in-person instruction this fall has not been without challenges, but cases have declined since the summer spike.

The current case rate for 12 to 17-year-olds is 132 new cases per 100,000 teens, for five to 11-year-olds the case rate is now 141 new cases per 100,000 children, and for children zero to four, the case rate is 88 new cases per 100,000.

Maria Martinez-Poulin, Deputy Superintendent, Los Angeles County Office of Education applauded educators for attacking this challenge with open minds and a passion to help all students safely return to the classroom.

"A growth mindset embraces challenges, and the process of getting better," She said. "We know that educators across Los Angeles County are meeting this moment with grit, perseverance, and a commitment to continuous improvement."

Since in-person learning returned in LA County, almost 8,000 student cases and just about 1,200 staff have tested positive. Over

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Second hearing on school separation proposal

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SMDP Editor

County officials will hear the second round of arguments over splitting the local school district this weekend.

The Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization will hold a virtual hearing on Saturday, September 18 at 9 a.m. This is the second time county officials will have heard the proposal and the first since a report said Malibu's request did not meet eight of nine conditions.

The City of Malibu has filed the petition with the Los Angeles County Office of Education asking for Malibu to be severed from Santa Monica. The concept of a split district has been debated for years and while Santa Monica officials have said they support Malibu's independence in theory, the two sides have not been able to come to terms on finances for the two-district plan.

Malibu officials claim the city is neglected by the Santa Monica dominated school board despite disproportionately funding the district through high property tax revenues. They have said Malibu has no shared identity with Santa Monica and should not be forced to participate in a joint education system.

SMMUSD has said Malibu students have excellent educational outcomes and ample opportunities. In their opposition to the proposal, the district has said a Malibu district would violate guidelines on diversity, lack enough enrollment to be sustainable and jeopardize programs for the district's most vulnerable students by undermining long-term funding.

The County regulators issued a report last week stating the current proposal only meets one of nine conditions for splitting a district.

Proposals should meet standards for enrollment, community identity, division of property, racial equity, cost to the State, educational outcomes, infrastructure costs,

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What's Up Westside
out and about in Santa Monica

FRIDAY | SEPT. 17

ENGLISH AS S SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.
Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Learn more about California adult education at caladulted.org. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, CA, 90405. Visit smmusd.asapconnected.com or contact Olga Saucedo at osaucedo@smmusd.org or (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 to enroll. Classes will begin in a virtual format. If live classes become possible, they will take place at Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Register online at https://smmusd.asapconnected.com/ or call 310-664-6222 x76203

CLIMATE LEGISLATION ROUNDTABLE, 4:30 P.M.
Congressman Ted Lieu, Danny Richter of Citizens' Climate Lobby, and Ted Parson, of UCLA's Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment. Zoom link www.tinyurl.com/CCLonZoom

SATURDAY | SEPT. 18

COASTAL CLEANUP DAY, 9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
Join Heal the Bay for Coastal Cleanup Month 2021 in Los Angeles County during September as they embark on Healing Our Watersheds. Visit https://healthebay.org/coastalcleanup-month/ for more information.

OPEN MAIN STREET, ALL DAY
Four weekends this summer, two blocks of Main Street will become a pedestrian plaza where the community can safely enjoy al fresco dining, family-friendly activities, and other fun experiences with local businesses. Main St. between Hill & Ashland and Ashland & Kinney

SELF-CARE SATURDAYS 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.
Third Street promenade.
Two classes available:
HIIT with Double Ops Santa Monica – HIIT Sessions are a combination of: strength and resistance, functional cardio with some shadow boxing and kick boxing. For more information, see www.doptraining.com. 10 a.m.
Let That S**t Go Yoga with @nafbabes – Kari J. will lead you through a yoga asana voyage that is fun, vibrant and rooted in a deep sense of grounding + awareness to help you shake off the haters & step into your power. ALL ARE WELCOME! You don't already have to be happy, calm, peaceful or flexible to practice with us. Expect laughter and anatomical details & playful movement experience with kick-ass music. When selecting tickets, please choose General Admission 11 a.m. Class. Tickets available online at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/self-care-saturdays-tickets-148069994339

HI DE HO GRAND OPENING
Hi De Ho Comics, LA's oldest comic book store, is celebrating their new location at 1803 Lincoln Blvd. There will be prize raffles, guest signings comic writers/artists and opening day specials. 12 - 7 p.m. https://www.facebook.com/GeoffreysHiDeHoComics/ for more information.

GET LIT AT THE PROMENADE, 6 - 7:30 P.M.
Get Lit at the Promenade is a monthly showcase featuring poets, artists and musicians for an evening of entertainment. Promenade between Arizona and Santa Monica.

SUNDAY | SEPT. 19

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET, 8:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.
Please join us each Sunday for farmers and pre-packaged foods. 2640 Main St. (In The Victorian Parking Lot)

MONDAY | SEPT. 20

PLANNING COMMISSION, 5:30 P.M.
Planning Commission will meet via Zoom to discuss needs and priorities within the community in accordance with the City's General Plan and Specific Plans. The meeting can be watched live at: https://www.youtube.com/user/Citytv16santamonica

MAIN LIBRARY BOOK GROUP, 7 P.M. TO 8 P.M.
Join a community discussion of current and classic books, alternating fiction and nonfiction each month. September's title is "I, Claudius" by Robert Graves. Email jeff.schwartz@smgov.net for the Zoom link.

TUESDAY | SEPT. 21

PIRATE STORY TIME, 11 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.
Enjoy pirate stories and songs and learn how to talk like a pirate. Children 2 and up and adults please wear a mask. Located at the Pico Branch Library amphitheater.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION, 7 P.M. TO 8 P.M.
This 2021 Edgar Allen Poe Award-winning book is a touching story told through the eyes of Jai, a nine-year-old boy living in a basti, or slum, of an Indian city. To register, email karen.reitz@santamonica.gov

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 284 CALLS ON SEPTEMBER 15

Drunk Driving Investigation 1700blk Lincoln Blvd 1:29 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1400blk 4th St 3:51 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2600blk Lincoln Blvd 4:26 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 200blk Broadway 5:09 a.m.
Assistance Call 1400blk Marine St 5:44 a.m.
Found Property 300blk Santa Monica Pier 6:29 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk 10th St 6:33 a.m.
Auto Burglary 900blk 15th St 6:48 a.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 2600blk Main St 6:59 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300blk Lincoln Blvd 7:37 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1600blk Ashland Ave 7:41 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:56 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 8:06 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 2400blk Virginia Ave 8:07 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 800blk Pine St 9:13 a.m.
Loud Music 2200blk 29th St 9:19 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 3000blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:19 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1400blk 14th St 9:27 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2600blk 4th St 9:30 a.m.
Grand Theft 1800blk 18th St 9:36 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 200blk Alta Ave 9:37 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 1700blk Delaware Ave 9:38 a.m.
Rape Report 1200blk 16th St 9:58 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk 11th St 10:08 a.m.
Lewd Activity 1400blk 2nd St 10:14 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1600blk 19th St 10:45 a.m.
Person With A Gun 2300blk Wilshire Blvd 10:56 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 10:59 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 800blk Broadway 11:06 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1000blk Broadway 11:12 a.m.
Administrative Incident 300blk Olympic Dr 11:43 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk Ocean Ave 11:45 a.m.
Fight Ocean Ave / California Ave 11:49 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2400blk 6th St 11:50 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2400blk Chelsea Pl 11:52 a.m.
Drinking In Public 1400blk Wilshire Blvd 12:08 p.m.
Fraud Report 1000blk Euclid St 12:45 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:59 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 1:10 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:31 p.m.
9-1-1 Hang Up 2900blk 31st St 1:55 p.m.
Found Property 1400blk 2nd St 2:02 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred Ocean Ave / Wilshire Blvd 2:12 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2600blk Pico Blvd 2:17 p.m.
Petty Theft 200blk Broadway 2:35 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1800blk Idaho Ave 2:48 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 4th St / Olympic Blvd W 2:52 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 20th St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:09 p.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 2200blk Colorado Ave 3:26 p.m.
Identity Theft 1400blk Maple St 4:16 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 4:34 p.m.
Fraud Report 800blk 21st St 4:56 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1000blk Idaho Ave 5:14 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 1100blk Wilshire Blvd 5:33 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1500blk Berkeley St 6:18 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2200blk Virginia Ave 6:19 p.m.
Petty Theft 1600blk Ocean Ave 7:19 p.m.
Petty Theft 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 7:44 p.m.
Petty Theft 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 7:55 p.m.
Loud Music 3100blk The Beach 7:55 p.m.
Fight 100blk Santa Monica Pl 8:38 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 16th St / Wilshire Blvd 8:54 p.m.
Petty Theft 1600blk The Beach 9:16 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 33 CALLS ON SEPTEMBER 16

EMS 00blk Village Pkwy 12:21 a.m.
EMS 900blk Yale St 3:39 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2300blk California Ave 6:13 a.m.
EMS 2800blk Pico Blvd 11:35 a.m.
EMS 700blk Idaho Ave 11:40 a.m.
EMS 500blk Olympic Blvd W 11:58 a.m.
EMS 5th St / Olympic Blvd W 12:10 p.m.
EMS 5th St / Olympic Blvd W 12:14 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:30 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 12:40 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 2nd St 12:58 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 1:46 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk 6th St 2:15 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 16th St 2:33 p.m.
EMS 2200blk 29th St 2:39 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk 5th St 2:44 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Bryn Mawr Ave 4:50 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 4:59 p.m.
EMS 800blk Arizona Ave 5:07 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk 6th St 5:11 p.m.
EMS 800blk 19th St 5:24 p.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas 1100blk Stanford St 5:28 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 6:08 p.m.
Structure Fire 1500blk 14th St 6:08 p.m.
EMS 200blk California Ave 6:20 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2400blk 16th St 6:35 p.m.
EMS 900blk 9th St 6:47 p.m.
Structure Fire 1400blk 17th St 8:17 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 8:17 p.m.
EMS 9th St / Santa Monica Blvd 9:24 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 1700blk Pico Blvd 9:33 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Ocean Ave 9:42 p.m.
Lock In/Out 2700blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:46 p.m.

California enacts 2 laws to slice through local zoning rules

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

California Gov. Gavin Newsom on Thursday approved two measures to slice through local zoning ordinances as the most populous state struggles with soaring home prices, an affordable housing shortage and stubborn homelessness.

He signed the most prominent legislation despite nearly 250 cities objecting that it will, by design, undermine local planning and control.

The outcome marks the latest battle between what's come to be thought of as NIMBY vs. YIMBY. While most agree there is an affordable housing shortage, proposed construction often runs into "not in my backyard" opposition.

"The housing affordability crisis is undermining the California Dream for families across the state, and threatens our long-term growth and prosperity," Newsom said in announcing his approval.

He also announced the state will put $1.75 billion into what his administration is calling a new California Housing Accelerator, which he said will speed building 6,500 affordable multi-family units that had been stalled for lack of tax-exempt bonds and low-income housing tax credits.

It's part of $22 billion that the state plans to spend to spur new housing and ease homelessness along with the new laws.

The bill by Senate leader Toni Atkins would require cities to approve up to four housing units on what was a single-family lot. They would also have to approve splitting single-family lots so they could be sold separately.

"For too many Californians, the idea of owning a home, renting a house big enough for their family, or even just being able to live in the community where they work is a far-off dream," Atkins said. "This law will help close the gap and make those dreams a reality."

Amid cities' opposition, Atkins included ways local governments can block construction that might harm public safety or public health or benefit housing speculators. Property owners seeking to split a lot would have to swear that they plan to have one of the housing units as their principal residence for at least three years.

That's not enough to keep from undercutting local control, 241 cities joined by the League of California Cities said in a letter to Newsom, though they acknowledged that affordability and homelessness "are among the most critical issues facing California cities."

The bill "would undermine the ability of local governments to responsibly plan for the type of housing that communities need, while usurping local democracy and the input of local residents," said league executive director Carolyn Coleman.

Newsom has made fighting homelessness a centerpiece of his administration and said he was spurred to even more urgency by a recall election that threatened to unseat him in midterm. He survived when nearly two-thirds of voters decided to keep him in office this week.

Atkins, a fellow Democrat, earlier said the legislation was a longtime and elusive goal driven by her own experience growing up in a series of rentals when "the idea that the Atkins family could own a home of our own was ... a far off fantasy."

California's median sales price for single-family homes is now $811,170, up 21.7% since July of last year.

The advocacy group California Community Builders has said legislation approved by lawmakers this year would help narrow a racial wealth gap in California, where more than 60% of whites own their homes compared to 35% of Blacks and about 40% of Latinos.

Atkins' measure was among those lauded this month by President Joe Biden's administration.

Newsom also signed a bill by Democratic Sen. Scott Wiener easing the way for local governments to rezone neighborhoods near mass transit for up to 10 housing units.

Wiener made his bill optional in response to opposition, but the advocacy groups California YIMBY and California Community Builders still hailed its passage.

"It shouldn't take 5 or 10 years for cities to re-zone, and SB 10 gives cities a powerful new tool to get the job done quickly," Wiener said.

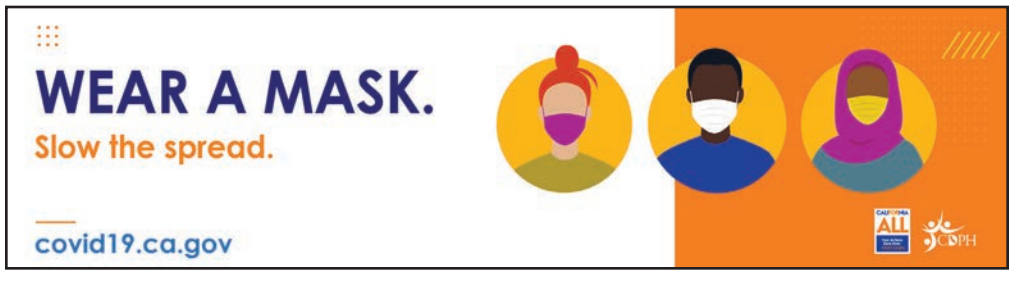
Newsom said in a signing message that "certain provisions may have unintended impacts," so he ordered housing officials to monitor its progress.

Several Sacramento neighborhood groups argued that Wiener's bill would keep more lower- and middle-class residents as perpetual renters because it encourages apartment building ownership by large financial organizations. They also objected that it undermines local control and environmental protections.

Sacramento officials aim to make California's capital city one of the nation's first to eliminate traditional single-family zoning. Portland, Oregon, and Minneapolis have passed similar ordinances in recent years. The state of Oregon passed a law eliminating traditional single-family zoning statewide.

Newsom also signed a bill extending a 2019 law designed to make it easier to build more housing throughout the state. That law had been set to expire until 2025, but now will remain in effect until 2030.

Lawmakers this year did not advance two other high-profile housing bills that would have made it easier to turn abandoned shopping malls into apartment buildings.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Main Street

Open Main Street returns

Santa Monica will hold yet another "Sharing an Open Main Street" event this weekend. As always, it will be a completely car and bus free zone in the pedestrian plaza created between Hill and Kinney streets. The activities take place on Saturday and Sunday beginning at 10 a.m.

Attendees are still encouraged to walk, bike, scooter or skateboard to the event. The previously mentioned pedestrian plaza area will be geofenced to prevent e-scooter and e-bike access, these devices will need to be parked outside the closed blocks. As for buses that typically pass through Main St., they will be detoured to Neilson Way while temporary bus stops will be placed outside of the pedestrian zone to serve riders.

According to data collected during last month's event, nearly 74% of respondents walked or biked to the pilot.

The September event marks the third time Ocean Park Association and Main St. Business Improvement Association have held this event together. There is expected to be live music, entertainment, food, numerous activities for kids and fitness opportunities. The free fitness classes are being put on by Fit Girl Club. It is asked that participants bring their own mats, towels and water.

Residents of all walks are invited to enjoy giant-sized games such as Jenga, chess, and Connect 4. There are expected to be 12 different musicians performing over the weekend including: Old Corn Lickers, Mocha Chai, and Circuit Works.

For children, community members can expect rock climbing, face painting and story time along with other kid-friendly activities planned. Participants can expect to enjoy al fresco dining on picnic tables and lawn furniture set up for eating and relaxing.

Organizers boasted of success when referring to last month's event. According to survey data collected by event organizers, nearly 87% of respondents said they spent more time on Main St due to the pilot.

The program is funded by grants from Metro to promote business recovery and community resilience due to the coronavirus pandemic. "Sharing an Open Main Street" will have its last weekend of fun on October 16 and 17. In October, the events include a pumpkin patch, a kids and pets costume contest and likely movies in the street.

For the full schedule please visit mainstreetsm.com.

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The bid must conform to and be responsive to all the contract documents.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint

The Santa Monica Police Department's Traffic Unit will hold a DUI Checkpoint on September 17, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. at an undisclosed location within the city limits.

Checkpoint locations are chosen based on a history of DUI crashes and arrests. The primary purpose of checkpoints is not to make arrests, but to promote public safety by deterring drivers from driving impaired.

During the checkpoint, officers will look for signs that drivers are under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

The Santa Monica Police Department is committed to keeping the traveling public safe. The safety of our community is and always will be our mission. We are looking for impaired drivers because driving under the influence is dangerous and puts others on the road at risk.

The Santa Monica Police Department reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Some prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. Always follow directions for use and read warning labels about driving or "operating heavy machinery," which includes driving a car. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

If you plan on drinking or taking medications that may impact your ability to drive safely, plan on staying at home.

Drivers charged with a first-time DUI face an average of $13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Santa Monica Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver – Call 9-1-1'.

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Confessions of a Bookie's Bag Man



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CASH: Jimmy, the bookie I worked for, paid his winning bettors in only crisp new $100 bills.

With the start of the 2021 NFL football season I was reminded of my short-lived career in 1985 as a bag man for Jimmy, a bookmaker friend who lived in the Shores apartment complex. His most memorable clientele were Hollywood studio executives and, among other "civilians" Leo, a lovable deli counterman who always seemed to lose. I was an aspiring screenwriter having had four scripts optioned but none ever made. (Ouch!)

So it was Jimmy offered me a one day a week job. (Tuesdays, after Monday Night Football.) The duties included picking up envelopes stuffed with crisp $100 bills and marked with the names and studio addresses in Burbank and Culver City of bettors who won that week. My pay was to be $150 but when I hesitated Jim raised it to $200. (Adjusted for inflation, $495.)

Jimmy assured me I would be safe legally because cops would never bust studio execs for betting. In fact, he confided that he and other bookies paid police to "grease the wheel." Fifteen years later, however, this "arrangement" backfired, as I will explain shortly.

Jimmy's only caveat was I could never talk about my scripts with his clients. So the following Tuesday I began my exciting new gig. With my name being left at the studio's front gate, the guards politely let me in like I was a big shot.

The studio executives were surprisingly courteous. Ironically, when I had been in similar offices pitching my scripts they were never this nice. That said, when one exec was on the phone complaining about "lousy screenplays," remembering Jimmy's caveat, I had to bite my tongue.

After making my payouts and collections, on a few occasions I strolled the studio grounds. I never saw a movie star but I did see parking spots designated with a star's name and the cars were always gorgeous. (I, on the other hand, drove a little Honda.) Once a sound stage door was ajar and I couldn't resist going in. I was amazed how massive the inside was.

Perhaps the most legendary producer, and one whose house I drove to in the Hollywood hills, was Jerry Weintraub. He produced "Ocean's 11" among many hit movies and was worth a whopping $325 million at the time of his death in 2015.

Weintraub was on the phone but, like we were old pals, he told me to help myself from the bar. I didn't drink liquor and I was certainly not going to ask if he stocked apple juice. Instead I perused the framed photos on the living room wall of Weintraub posing with the absolute who's who of Hollywood, including one featuring Johnny Carson, which was hilarious.

It was of a doubles tennis match with Carson and Weintraub on one team. Evidently Johnny had an "erratic" serve because in the photo Jerry, who was at the net, was jokingly wearing a lounge cushion bungee corded to his body protecting him from his ankles to his neck. I laughed so hard Weintraub rushed in and chuckled when he saw what I was looking. He confided that Johnny, who loved tennis, sadly, wasn't very good at it.

I can't forget to mention Leo the lovable deli counterman who frequently lost and was just as frequently short of cash. He often "bribed" me with delicious cold cuts to put in a good word with Jimmy for him, which I always did.

Late in the year the job ended, at least in my mind, at MGM studio in Culver City. My name hadn't been left at the front gate, so I parked on the street and was about to enter on foot when a city bus dropped off some gang banger types. I had thousands of dollars on me and, seemingly, the gang could smell it.

The group surrounded me and menacingly asked what was my big hurry. Thankfully a studio security guard on a 3-wheel motorcycle came close enough that I signaled him. Fortunately, having had their fun, the gang left. As I sighed in relief, I concluded I would not be renewing my bag man gig.

As for Jimmy, in January 2000 he phoned from jail just as I was watching the Rams in the Super Bowl. (Which they won!) Jimmy had me contact his friend to bail him out. Mysteriously, the charges were eventually dropped.

Five years later, however, Jimmy passed away from a sudden heart attack. Our building manager found $150,000 in cash that, instead

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Los Angeles County to require vaccines in indoor bars

STEFANIE DAZIO
Associated Press

Public health officials in Los Angeles County will begin requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination for patrons and workers at indoor bars, wineries, breweries, lounges and nightclubs next month.

The new initiative in the nation's most populous county begins Oct. 7, with proof of at least one vaccine dose required. By Nov. 4, proof of full vaccination will be mandatory, according to the county's Department of Public Health. Health officials strongly recommend the same precautions for indoor restaurants but have not chosen to mandate proof of vaccination for them.

The new restrictions come ahead of the holiday season, which brought a massive surge to Los Angeles last year. More than 25,000 people have died of the virus countywide and the toll continues to climb amid the more-contagious delta variant.

"This is a reasonable path forward that will position us to be better able to break the cycle of surges," Barbara Ferrer, the county's public health director, told the Board of Supervisors during a Wednesday meeting.

The county also will require proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID test within 72 hours for attendees and workers at outdoor events with at least 10,000 people, including at theme parks. That condition begins Oct. 7 — about a month after football season started.

The same requirement is already in place for indoor events of 1,000 people or more.

The health department plans to issue "toolkits" to businesses so they can confirm vaccine status.

Los Angeles and much of the rest of the state has seen significant improvement with virus infections recently. Statewide, the number of new cases in the last two weeks dropped by 33%, according to data from Johns Hopkins University. And the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ranks California as the state with the lowest number of new cases per 100,000 people in the last seven days.

The Central Valley still has some hospitals that are pushed to the breaking point with COVID-19 patients. But overall hospitalizations in California have fallen by about 25% since the start of the month.

LA County reinstated its indoor mask mandate, regardless of vaccination status, on July 17 — just a month after Gov. Gavin Newsom declared California "reopened."

Newsom, who survived a recall election this week, said Wednesday that while 82% of people in California ages 12 and over have received at least one dose of the COVID vaccine, more of the state's residents need to get their shots.

"You want to get our economy humming again in this country and this state, you want to keep us sustainably operating at full capacity in every way shape or form, you've got to get more people vaccinated," he said.

Newsom said that while he supports LA County's move, he does not plan to follow suit for the whole state.

"We're satisfied with where the state is today," he added.

Associated Press Writer Adam Beam in Sacramento contributed.

LAUGHING MATTERS

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of going to the state, went to Jim's lucky cousin whom I helped locate and who feigned grief but in fact barely knew him.

To fellow football fans, I'm happy the NFL is back. To everybody else, as I reflect back, though it was great fun at first, I'm even happier that I'm no longer a bookie's bag man.

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UNIFICATION

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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 proposal's one success was a judgment that it was not being submitted solely to raise property tax revenues.

While staff concludes the proposal does not meet eight of the nine criteria, the report still recommends the proposal advance to the next stage of analysis as many of the failed criteria require additional information and study to make a final decision. The report also states the staff analysis is not the final determination.

"The County Committee may find all, a majority or some of the conditions met and still vote to deny the proposal. Similarly, the County Committee may find that none, few or some of the conditions are met, yet still has authority to vote to approve the proposal. The County Committee's authority lies in its assessment of what is best for this specific situation and proposal, both in regard to individual Conditions and in the totality of the proposal, and its overall assessment that the Nine Conditions are substantially met."

Malibu officials said they are confident they can remedy the failed criteria while the District has said the proposal is fatally flawed.

In an April hearing, County officials asked no questions of the two sides and instead received presentations of equal length before taking exactly one hour of public comment from proponents and opponents of the proposition.

Visit https://www.lacoe.edu/Business-Services/News-Announcements/ID/867/Public-Hearings to watch the Saturday hearing.

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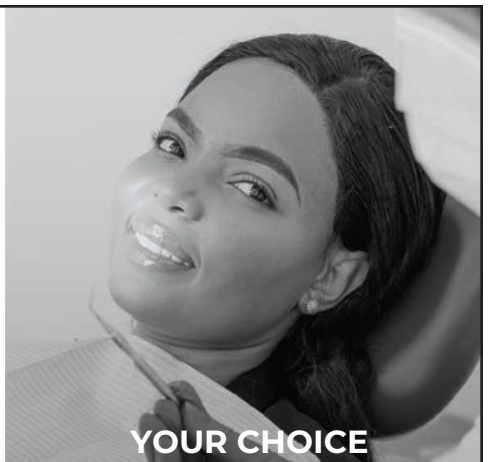
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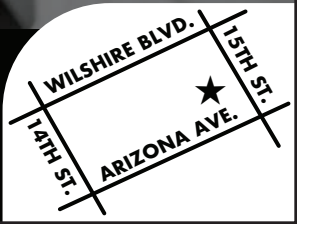
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

SANTA MONICA
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom

DATE/TIME: Monday, September 20, 2021, 7:00 PM
LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Architectural Review Board and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The public may join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/jpfrvwhs dialing in at +1 (415) 466-7000 (US) PIN: 3411115 #.

PROPERTIES:
- 21ARB-0197: 1633 26th Street: Office Buildings
- 21ARB-0208: 2500 Michigan Avenue: Fire Training Facility (City Yards)
- 21ARB-0209: 2906 Santa Monica Boulevard: Multi-Unit Residential

PRELIMINARY DESIGN REVIEW:
- 1674 20th St: Public Storage Building

More information is available online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/ or at (310) 458-8341 (en espanol tambien). The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give public comment must make that request via email to planningcomment@smgov.net. Written information received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Board prior to the meeting and posted online. Written information received after 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be read aloud at the meeting subject to time constraints. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request.

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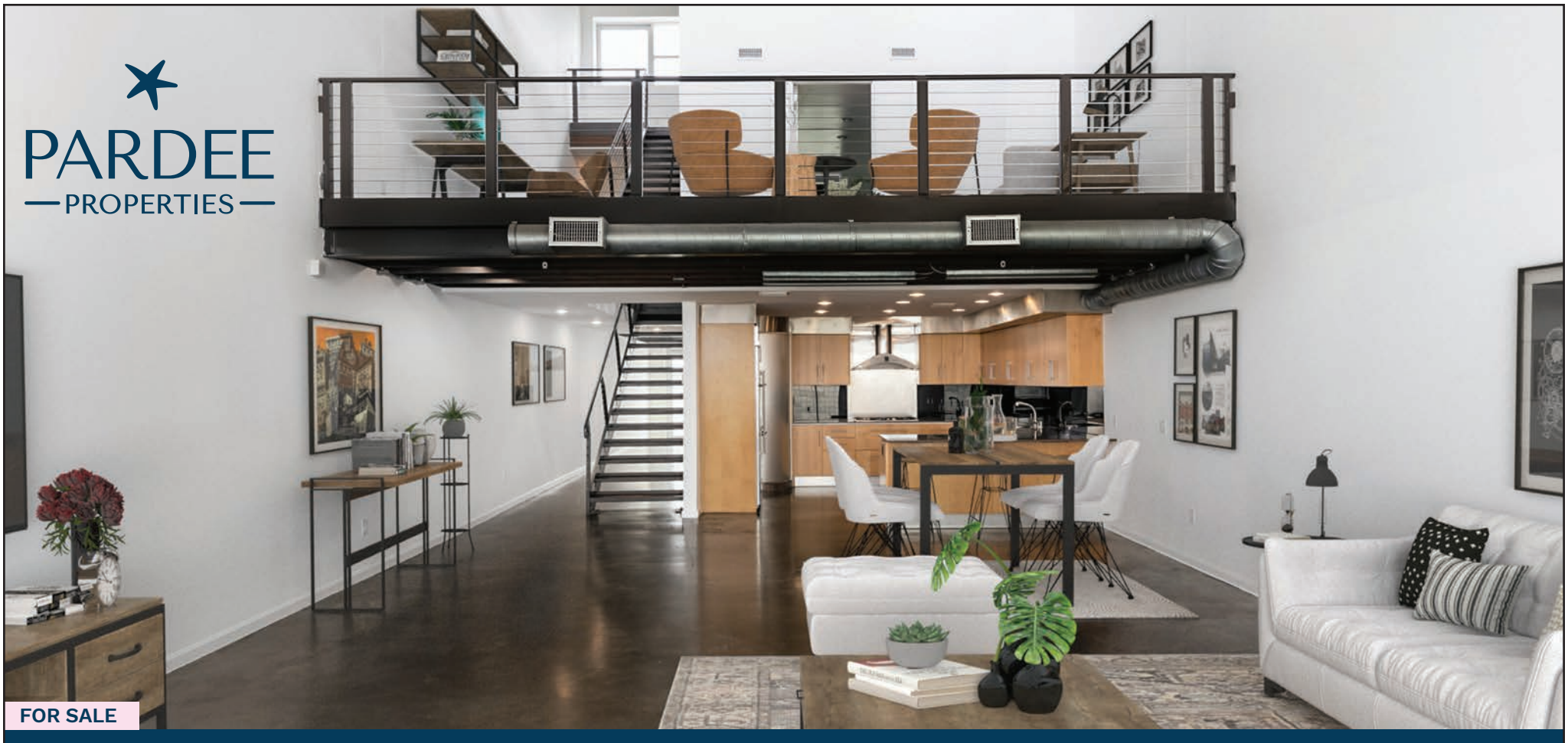
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Oppose Malibu's Petition to Separate from SMMUSD

What programmatic impacts will there be to Santa Monica students based on the current Malibu proposal? Reductions or elimination of the following starting in year one, to name a few:

Districtwide:

- Special education services
- Bilingual community liaisons
- Mental health coordinator and services
- English learner supports / staff / grades 1-4 summer language academy
- Technology support / staff
- Professional development
- Family engagement programs / staff
- Classified support staff

Elementary schools:

- Instrumental music
- Instructional coaches (K-8)
- Literacy and language interventionists
- Library coordinators
- Intensive intervention summer school (K-8)
- $1 million general fund contribution to Seaside and Bridges Early Learning Pathways PK-TK
- $200,000 for PK subsidies for unduplicated students and families
- Physical Activities Specialists
- Supplemental after school tutoring programs for unduplicated students (K-8)

Middle and high schools:

- Visual and performing arts
- Advisors and counselors
- Assistant principals / house principals
- Summer school (Credit Recovery and Get Ahead 9-12)
- CTE Incentive grant funds to support career technical education, career exploration, and pathway programs (9-12)
- Samohi's personalized project-based learning pathway (9-12)
- Centralized supports for the development and outfitting of career labs and/or Academies that integrate project-based learning and career exploration (9-12)
- Student Outreach Specialists (9-12)
- Subsidies for AP, PSAT, and SAT fees for unduplicated students
- Supplemental personalized online tutoring support

Join us:

Join us in opposing the Malibu City Council's petition to form a Malibu school district at the Committee for School Organization hearing on **Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 9 a.m., Via Zoom.**

Let us know you oppose! https://bit.ly/OpposePetition2
Attend the virtual meeting – public comments can be made and will be explained at the beginning of the meeting.

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SMMUSD
SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Separation based on the current Malibu petition will not be in the best interest of all students due to lack of equitable conditions."

Angela Scott
SMMUSD Parent



"It is important for any split of the school district to be fair and equitable for both groups."

Judy Abdo
Former SMMUSD Principal,
Former City of Santa Monica Councilmember,
and child advocate



"In order to fully support social justice, equity, access, and diversity for all students ... the Malibu unification petition must be denied."

Sharon Hart
National Board Certified Teacher,
Lincoln Middle School, SMMUSD



"To create two separate and radically unequally-funded districts is contrary to the purpose of equal public education. This proposal is so obviously discriminatory that its proponents should be embarrassed."

Joel Koury
SMMUSD Parent



"The Malibu petition to split up SMMUSD destabilizes the support that all students need. The Malibu petition to split up the SMMUSD is a serious mistake based on a parochial perspective and structural inequities. Deny the petition."

Cris Gutierrez
Santa Monica resident



"Malibu's proposal would create an immediate budget shortfall in the new Santa Monica School District, leading to teacher layoffs and cuts to services and programs."

Ted Winterer
SMMUSD parent
Former Santa Monica Mayor



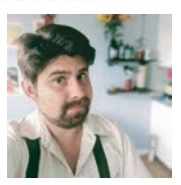
"Any separation of Malibu from SMMUSD must be equitable and done in recognition of the demographics and needs of Santa Monica students."

Leslie Lambert
Santa Monica resident / parent of graduate



"Malibu's petition to separate is nothing less than opportunity hoarding. It would take much-needed resources away from students in the district who need them most, concentrating wealth among the most privileged. Everyone deserves access to a quality education, regardless of their zip code. That's why I oppose Malibu's petition."

Jason Islas
Samohi grad / Santa Monica resident



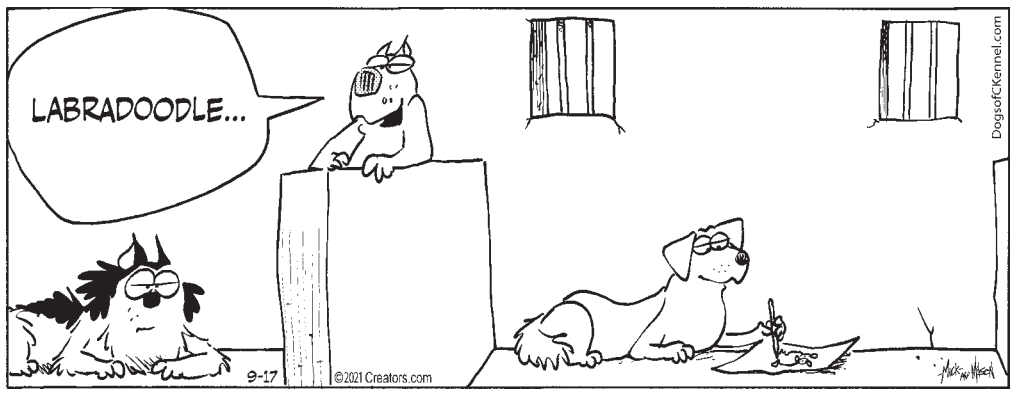
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"THEY BOTH LOVE THAT CHAIR."

Strange Brew

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 65.1°

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
SSW/S swell continues to taper off, showing strongest for focal points west of Dume. Weak NW swell mix. Morning looking clean.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
Staying rideable and fun for select spots thanks to some new, long-period S swell (mixing with old/easing SSW pulse). Clean in the morning with manageable texture in afternoon.

WEATHER

Friday: Mostly cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 69.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 57.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 66.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2021/09/17	Fri	08:32 AM	4.53	H
2021/09/17	Fri	1:39 PM	2.16	L
2021/09/17	Fri	7:41 PM	6.10	H
2021/09/18	Sat	02:37 AM	-0.53	L
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2021/09/19	Sun	3:03 PM	1.35	L
2021/09/19	Sun	9:07 PM	6.04	H
2021/09/20	Mon	03:41 AM	-0.14	L
2021/09/20	Mon	09:53 AM	5.20	H
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2021/09/20	Mon	9:44 PM	5.77	H
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2021/09/21	Tue	10:18 AM	5.31	H
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3rd: 09 - Winning Spirit
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (SEPTEMBER 17)

You'll make this new era beautiful. Once you start the work, you'll get plenty of help, so take initiative, and execute your impulses with gusto. Assemble a posse; make good on the strength in numbers. By losing some individualism, you gain access to more than you thought possible. Lessons will be worth the price. Scorpio and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 22,10, 3 and 29.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be given plenty of leeway to do what you want with a project. However, it will benefit you to ask for input from many and work in conjunction with a team, getting overall approval before you begin the work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will be as lucky as you are daring. Find out what happens when you take an uninteresting aspect of your day and push it a little further, and a little further, until the action moves into a territory of absurdity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's good that this fond wish of yours doesn't come true right away. The anticipation is part of what makes an outcome wonderful. And besides, the journey is where all the learning happens.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sometimes, your nurturing ways allow others to relax enough to grow into the next move. But nurturing isn't always warm and soft. Today, your care may have a tougher side.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). First comes a realization; then comes your plan. To make a plan before you recognize the true nature of things would be to plan in vain. You cannot force your knowledge, but you can observe well, holding a space for all to come together.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The cosmic gift of the day will come wrapped in humor. Whether you laugh silently to yourself or raucously with friends, you'll be healed by the body shake a joke can make.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Oddly enough, knowing too much about a problem could inhibit you from seeing the solution. Children and newbies may have a more helpful take on it than those mired in the issues.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can't change the past, but you can change the backstory. Challenge yourself to see things a little differently than you did yesterday. Find the spin that makes you more excited about who you are right now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Although there may be no tangible prize for the endeavor you now spend so much of your life on, there are rewards to be had here, tangible or abstract, overt or implied.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're adaptable, with a wide social vocabulary to draw from. If you have to change your communication style to get the message across, you will. Understanding your listener is key.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In certain tribes where bravery is more prestigious than anything that can be bought, scars are status symbols. You have emotional scars no one knows about. Would you consider wearing one with pride?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If there is pressure to do things right, either get the most qualified person for the job or find a way to eliminate that pressure. The spirit of innovation cannot thrive where people are afraid to fail.

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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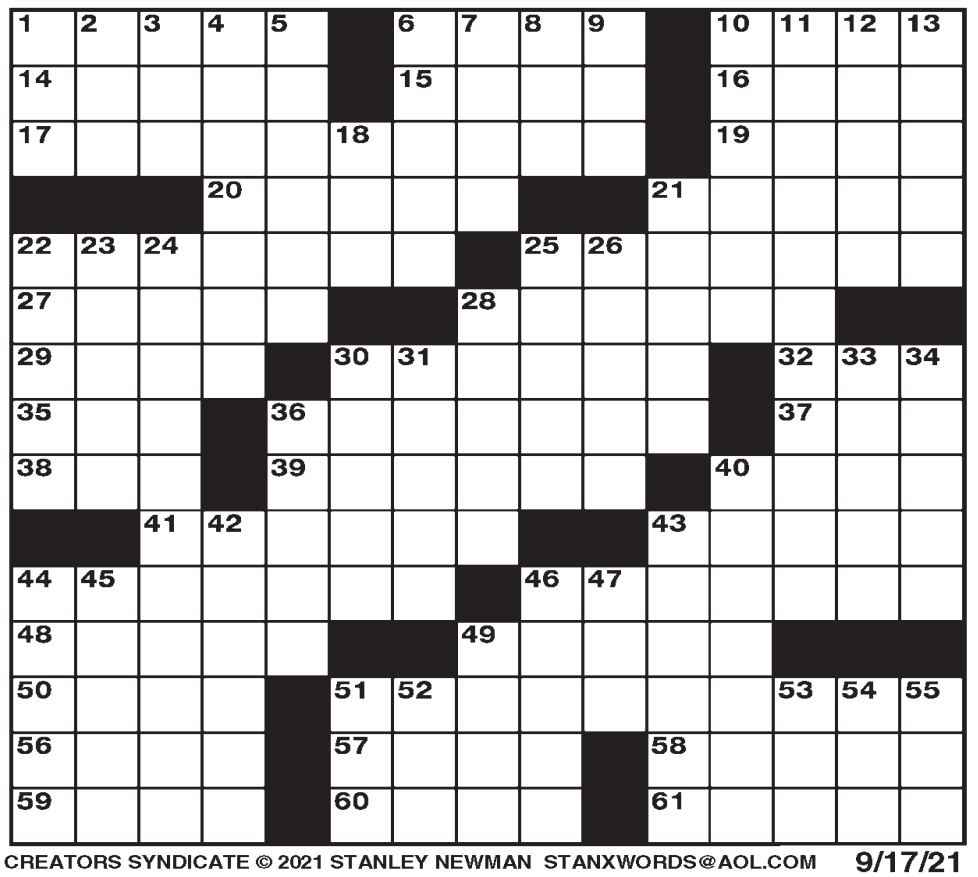
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1 Baker's staple
6 Mull over, with "on"
10 Bistro starters
14 Coincide
15 Too quick to act
16 Quite, so to speak
17 It flows through Turin
19 Number of bones in Brutus' body
20 Particular lunch hr.
21 Couldn't take
22 Done away from the workplace
25 Heavy metal source
27 *Odyssey* hunter
28 More guileful
29 Small brook
30 "Amscray!"
32 Bark remark
35 What SSTs once crossed
36 Asian noodle serving
37 Small, in brief
38 A question of form
39 Amalgamates
40 Far from certain
41 Keys, for instance
43 As long as
44 Lacking a lid
46 More ecological
48 Sap-sucking insect
49 "Over" starter
50 Pare down
51 Berg's origin
56 New staffer
57 Julius' avenger
58 Stuff in stockings
59 Drinks on draft
60 Palm berry
61 Extracts

DOWN
1 Went nowhere
2 Disdainful reaction
3 MA hopeful's hurdle
4 Sort of spray
5 Keep from overdoing it
6 Brunch selection
7 Impair
8 Uncanny ability
9 "What's her name?"
10 Covered passageway
11 It helps flying fish "fly"
12 Driveway stone
13 Decline in value
18 Authenticate
21 It's east of Jamaica
22 Marines' battle cry
23 Fernando's "fried"
24 Enrage
25 Lean and limber
26 Walter __ Disney
28 Horsepower's 746
30 Ruinations
31 Changes to chapters
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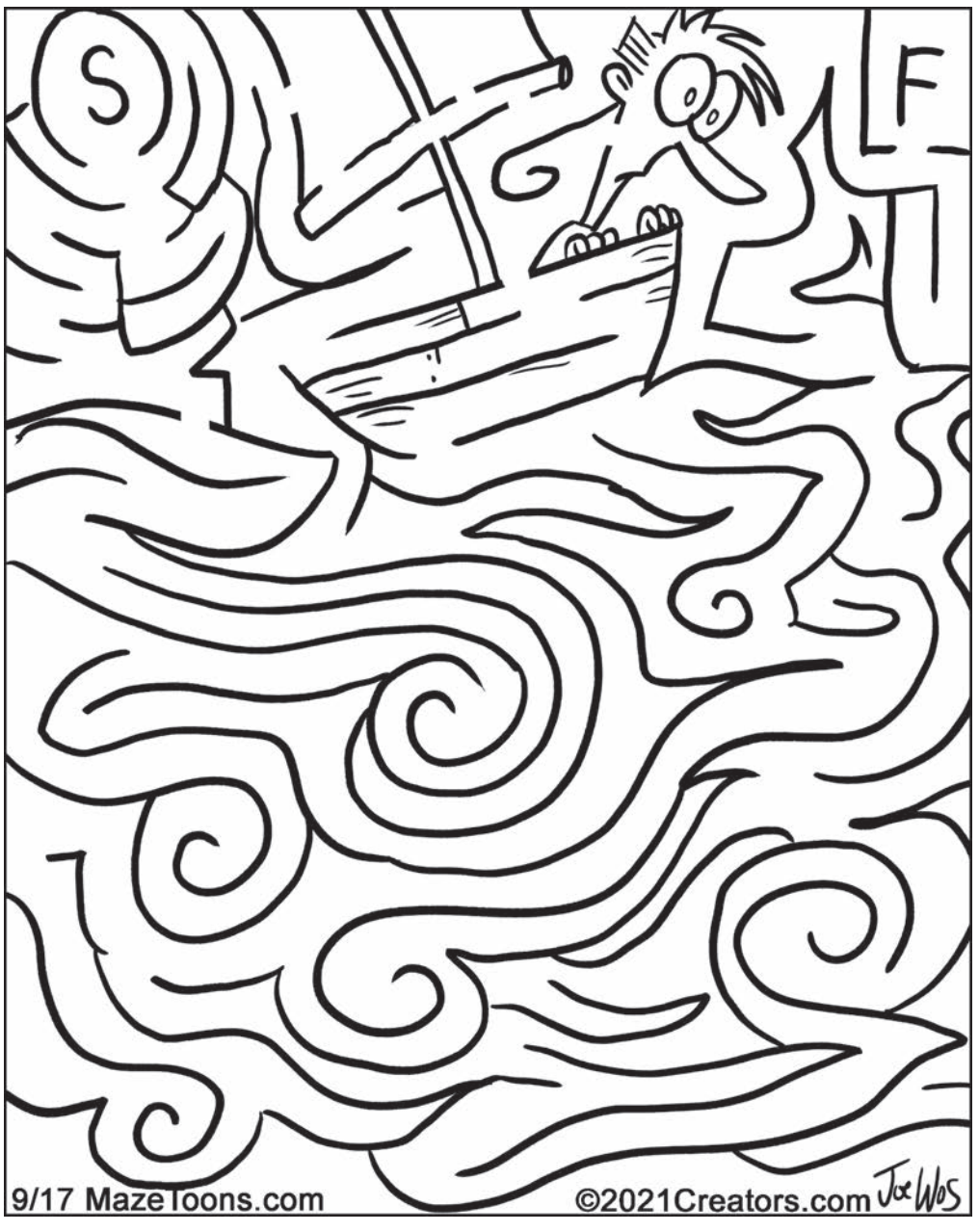
Binary Puzzle

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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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Bars	Clean	Lagoon	Rest
Bega	Coast	Lake	Sunny
Berry	Cool	Mogo	Surf
Boats	Durras	Moruya	Swim
Bombo	Eden	Mountain	Tanja
Bulli	Ettrema	Museum	Track
Bush	Fishing	Narooma	Twofold Bay
Calm	Golf	Nowra	Unique
Candelo	Jobs	Paddock	Visit
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COUNCIL

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Latino residents, who are most likely to pay for the bus with cash. Residents said that several passengers were recently denied entry on the bus for not having a payment available, which is against BBB policy.

"The removal of cash payment access without having a fully developed plan to compensate for the objective inconvenience of restricted TAP card purchase access is an inexplicable Big Blue Bus management omission," said Marc Verville during public comment. "The obvious discrimination against the most vulnerable in our community that's such a move engenders creates access hurdles."

City Councilmembers did not decide to roll back the cashless pilot program. Several members said the pilot was important for allowing Big Blue Bus to adopt a 21st Century public transit model.

Council did direct staff to research ways to make it easier for residents to purchase TAP cards, with cash or credit, including potentially providing them on buses, in grocery stores and convenience stores. They also asked BBB to reiterate to all their drivers that people cannot be turned away from the bus due to an inability to pay.

Also on the subject of transportation concerns, City Council directed staff to research means to ease vehicle speeds on Neilson and Barnard Way. This discussion item suggested installing speed bumps, which are currently used by the City of LA to control traffic directly south of Neilson Way.

"We had a petition in 2019 that over 500 neighbors signed asking for traffic calming after a scooter rider was killed in a hit and run and we just had another hit and run involving a neighbor's daughter," said Ocean Park resident Karen Blackman during public comment. "Please support traffic calming in our neighborhood."

Similar in geographic location, but different in subject, the last City Council discussion item of note was targeted at noise complaints in Ocean View Park on Barnard Way.

For several months residents in adjacent buildings have been upset by the loud music being played in the park on the weekends. Their complaints mainly relate to a DJ who sets up several speakers, but also include a jazz band that plays live music.

Code enforcement officers have been called to the scene on numerous occasions to take decibel readings and have found neither the timing nor volume of music to be in violation of the City's noise ordinance.

Council members directed staff to explore means to change the noise and time regulations around amplified sound in parks, but caveatted this with an explanation of why such a change to the noise ordinance may be difficult.

"I'm willing to vote for this because I do think we need to explore it, but I think there are serious First Amendment implications here," said Councilmember Gleam Davis. "I think people should manage their expectations about what we can do under the First Amendment and what might come back from staff."

Interim City Attorney George Cardona said that since the decibel levels were already in line with the noise ordinance, creating an enforcement measure for music in the park may take extensive time and City resources.

"This is not a short term project and potentially it might even involve taking noise measurements and potentially coming back with a proposal to do a revision of our noise study, which was the basis for the decibel levels that are in place," said Cardona. "In fact that proposal would impose significant costs."

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COVID-19

FROM PAGE 1

the last three weeks, cases declined across all age groups by about 40% according to the Director Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Barbara Ferrer.

The county is crediting the COVID-19 safety procedures schools have in place. Daily symptom checks, regular testing for COVID-19, staggered schedules to limit gatherings and opportunities for exposures, quarantine and isolation to prevent the spread of COVID and required masks are examples of the procedures taking place. LA County schools are also requiring masks indoors and are strongly recommending them outdoors when social distancing isn't possible.

At lunch, there are staggered schedules and schools are implementing social distancing as much as possible. School districts will have federal funding from the CDC to continue and implement and expand their testing programs.

"With most of the 1.5 million children in grades K to 12 now having returned to in-person instruction, we are encouraged that the case rates did not increase," Ferrer said.

While the county's pediatric hospitalization rates remain higher now than they were in the spring and early summer, they are starting to decline. Ferrer said hospitalizations never approached the high rates seen during the winter surge.

"If our case rates don't increase we do anticipate a stabilization, or even small declines among pediatric hospitalizations," Ferrer said. "We've had no additional pediatric deaths, our prayers do remain with the families and friends of the seven children [In LA County], who did lose their lives to COVID."

As of September 12, 63% of LA County teens 12 to 15 years old, had received at least one dose of vaccine and 53% are fully vaccinated, among teens 16 to 17 years old 70% received at least one dose and 61% in this age group are fully vaccinated.

Most outbreaks are now taking place in elementary schools and not in youth sports. An outbreak is when three or more cases are noted.

"The number of outbreaks happening in schools really is unusually low," Ferrer said.

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Fact Check SM-MUSD

On Saturday, the Los Angeles County Office of Education's County Committee will hear testimony as to whether Malibu should have an independent school district. Even though they claim to favor separation, the Board of Education and Superintendent of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School continually use dog whistles and scare tactics to undermine the City of Malibu's attempts to gain local control over its schools. Don't be fooled by the District. In fact, let's fact check some of SM-MUSD's recent assertions about the new Malibu Unified School District.

District Statements	True or False	The Truth
The City's Petition seeks to adopt a funding formula that would disproportionately harm the students who attend Santa Monica schools.	F	The City's funding model transfers funding to Santa Monica for 10 years after reorganization in the event that the new SMUSD's total per pupil funding drops below the current funding level.
The City's Petition would have "dire consequences" for SM-MUSD students and lead to a significant impact on the fiscal management of both future school districts.	F	The School Services Report commissioned by the County Office of Education does not reflect the payments Malibu proposes to make to the future Santa Monica USD and does not recognize the existing structural budget deficit due to SM-MUSD's ongoing and long-standing fiscal mismanagement.
SMMUSD remains open to working with Malibu to reach a fair, equitable and sustainable solution to the City's desire to have an independent school district.	F	The District has not made one advancement toward a negotiated agreement in several years, not since their original offer in 2019, and they have summarily refused every City offer made since that time. The District has repeatedly refused the City's offer to have an independent third party arbitrator development the terms of separation.
Santa Monica students will lose vital programs and services, like English Language Learning (ELL) and special education programs, if the City's Petition is granted.	F	The District is prohibited by law from reducing ELL and special ed services. More importantly, Malibu students don't even have some of these services that the District claims will be lost. For example, Malibu schools have not had a qualified ELL teacher in over 20 years.
With separation, SM-MUSD students of color will have less school funding.	F	The per student funding in both Santa Monica USD and Malibu USD will not be less than it is today and will still be one of the highest funded school districts in Los Angeles County. Therefore, all students—including students of color—will benefit from this high level of per pupil funding.
The City's petition promotes racial segregation and ethnic discrimination.	F	The proposed reorganization will not alter the attendance boundaries of any school sites and, therefore, will not change the racial and ethnic composition of any schools.
Malibu is trying to get an unethical share of the Prop 13 allocation that would take money from the LA county pool that would normally subsidize poorer school districts, like Inglewood USD and Compton USD.	F	The proposed separation will not affect poorer districts. All California school districts receive a calculated amount of per pupil funding based on a combination of property taxes and State aid. To the extent that property taxes are not sufficient to reach the minimum per pupil funding amount, the State will make up the difference.
The City's Petition should be denied because it does not meet the nine criteria defined in Education Code § 35753.	F	There is not enough information to come to this conclusion at this time. On Saturday, the City's Petition is being heard at a preliminary public hearing at which the County Committee can issue a tentative recommendation to allow the City's to enter the process of developing a complete feasibility study that fully addresses the nine criteria.

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