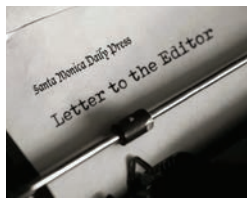


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Test data suggests students weathered COVID-19 shutdowns better than expected

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Amid national concern regarding loss of learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) is reporting the pandemic and transition to online learning had little to no effect on student performance outcomes based on standardized test results.

District wide data from the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) from the 2021-2022 school year showed an increase of 1% in the number of students meeting or exceeding standards for English Language Arts at 75% and a 3% decrease for math at 58%, compared to scores from the 2018-2019 school year.

This data was presented at last week's Sept. 14 School Board meeting by Assistant Superintendent Jacqueline Mora and Director of Assessment, Research and Evaluation Stacy Williamson, who said that the differences were "statistically insignificant."

"We [SMMUSD] are an outlier in what has been reported with the state scores this year," Williamson said. "We do have some student groups that we need to address but overall we have some great things to celebrate."

Superintendent Ben Drati also commented on the data.

"The unfortunate part is what could have happened had there not been a physical school closure – so I don't want to pretend that didn't

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Hispanic Heritage Month







Matthew Hall

PICO: The Pico Farmers Market celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 - Oct. 15) last week with dance performances and several tables highlighting the cultures of different countries.

Final Draft Housing Element on track for approval

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

At long last, Santa Monica's housing element is set to reach final approval.

The latest update on the months-long saga came out earlier this month, after the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), wrote a letter to Santa Monica's planning manager on Sept. 6 stating that the revised draft would be in compliance with state regulations.

Two formal steps remain before the 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element is finally put to bed: planning commission and city

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Beach volleyball camp brings Olympic gold medalists to Santa Monica

GRACE INEZ ADAMS
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Santa Monica beach volleyball courts will be extra busy during the weeks of October 10-23. Former Olympians Phil Dalhausser and April Ross will be coming to Santa Monica to lead a series of training sessions for teenagers and adults.

This will be the inaugural session of 'Phil and April's Beach Volleyball Camp,' an event which has local beach volleyball players excited to

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Statewide

Tens of thousands of volunteers clean California's coast and inland shorelines at the 38th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day

Tens of thousands of Californians turned out over the weekend to take part in the 38th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day, the state's largest annual volunteer event, organized by the California Coastal Commission. For the past two years the event was limited to self-guided cleanups because of the pandemic, but this year's cleanup saw more than 600 in-person cleanup sites taking place throughout the state – a return to near full capacity.

Volunteers gathered hundreds of tons of trash at beaches, shorelines, and inland waterways, cleaning up at locations in virtually all of California's 58 counties. Cleanups took place up and down the coast, from the Oregon to Mexico border, and as far inland as Lake Tahoe. California's event is part of the International Coastal Cleanup, the world's largest volunteer event dedicated to the marine environment, which is organized by the Ocean Conservancy.

Locally, more than 3,350 Heal the Bay volunteers gathered across LA County to remove over 8,500 pounds of trash and debris from watersheds, neighborhoods, and coastline.

"We were amazed by the response to the call for self-guided cleanups over these past two years. But it's not surprising – Californians cherish their coast and want to take care of it," said the Commission's Executive Director Jack Ainsworth. "Even so, we are so pleased about returning to in-person cleanups. These events really do more than help us capture huge amounts of trash before it enters the ocean. Coastal Cleanup Day brings us together to celebrate our precious waterways and coastal resources as a community."

Volunteers not only removed trash from the environment today, but they also kept track of all the items they removed as part of one of the world's largest and longest-running community science projects. This data, and the trends it displays over the many years in which it has been collected, has revealed a great deal about the extent and nature of the marine debris problem over time, and has provided California with crucial information needed to address the sources of the problem. Based on past cleanup data, 75 percent of the debris that volunteers removed today was composed of plastic, a material that never completely biodegrades and has numerous harmful consequences in the environment. Plastic debris can kill wildlife, leach toxic chemicals into the environment, and even introduce them into the food chain. The data has also shown that up to 80 percent of the trash on the California coast originates on land, so volunteers across the state helped prevent enormous amounts of trash from ever reaching the ocean, no matter where they participated.

Every-day debris and plastic items weren't the only things found on Coastal Cleanup Day. Volunteers also picked up a number of "unusual" items during this year's cleanup. The Winners of the 2022 Most Unusual Item contest are:

· Coastal California: A volunteer along the Berkeley shoreline in Alameda County found a large, framed photo of a Jack Russell Terrier.

· Inland California: A volunteer in Colusa County found a trophy with a plaque that read "Best Couples Skate 2006."

In addition to in-person cleanups, the Coastal Commission continues its COVID-inspired push to encourage volunteers to run self-guided cleanups throughout neighborhoods across the state. The self-guided cleanups serve the same purpose as the Cleanup Day events that took place today: to prevent trash from ever having the opportunity to reach our coast. Self-guided cleanups throughout California help to stop trash where it starts, which is primarily within urban areas most prone to stormwater runoff. To date, 522 Californians have conducted a neighborhood cleanup, removing 2,437 pounds of trash during 211 cleanups

Coastal Cleanup Day could not happen without the support of public and corporate partners. Sponsors help to fund the event and often provide additional benefits. Lead sponsor Crystal Geyser Natural Alpine Spring Water donates water for volunteers. Long-time sponsor Oracle provides volunteer support, as do new sponsors Spirit Airlines Foundation and Kokolu. GreenPolly provides trash bags for the event. Along with 60+ non-profit and local government organizations that help organize and run the cleanups around the state, the program's strong team of partners helped make the 2022 cleanup another huge success.

If you participated in the Cleanup, go to www.coastalcleanupday.org to fill out the Coastal Cleanup Survey and receive a free taco from Rubios. You will also be entered into a drawing for fabulous prizes. To stay involved with the cleanup efforts throughout the year, please visit the Adopt-A-Beach page on the same website.

California Coastal Cleanup Day event is presented by the California Coastal Commission with lead sponsorship from Crystal Geyser Natural Alpine Spring Water by CG Roxane. Additional support comes from Oracle, Spirit Airlines, GreenPolly, Kokolu, the Whale Tail© Specialty License Plate, and the Protect our Coast and Oceans Fund.

California Coastal Cleanup Day 2022 is made possible by the hard work of hundreds of local non-profits and government agencies that organize events throughout the state and tens of thousands of volunteers annually. The event is also supported by the California State Parks Foundation and Ocean Conservancy.

The Commission is committed to protecting and enhancing California's coast and ocean for present and future generations. It does so through careful planning and regulation of environmentally sustainable development, strong public participation, education, and effective intergovernmental coordination. The Coastal Cleanup Day Program is part of its effort to raise public awareness of marine and coastal resources and promote coastal stewardship.

SUBMITTED BY EBEN SCHWARTZ

GET IT DAILY...

Queen Elizabeth II mourned by Britain and the world at funeral

DANICA KIRKA, MIKE CORDER AND SAMYA KULLAB
Associated Press

The United Kingdom and the world bade farewell to Queen Elizabeth II on Monday with a state funeral that drew presidents and kings, princes and prime ministers — and crowds in the streets of London and at Windsor Castle — to honor a monarch whose 70-year reign defined an age.

In a country known for pomp and pageantry, the first state funeral since Winston Churchill's was filled with spectacle: Before the service, a bell tolled 96 times — once a minute for each year of Elizabeth's life. Then, 142 Royal Navy sailors used ropes to draw the gun carriage carrying her flag-draped coffin to Westminster Abbey, where pallbearers carried it inside and about 2,000 people ranging from world leaders to health care workers gathered to mourn.

The trappings of state and monarchy abounded: The coffin was draped with the Royal Standard and atop it was the Imperial State Crown, sparkling with almost 3,000 diamonds, and the sovereign's orb and scepter.

But the personal was also present: The coffin was followed into the church by generations of Elizabeth's descendants, including King Charles III, heir to the throne Prince William and 9-year-old George, who is second in line. On a wreath atop the coffin, a handwritten note read, "In loving and devoted memory," and was signed Charles R — for Rex, or king.

"Here, where Queen Elizabeth was married and crowned, we gather from across the nation, from the Commonwealth, and from the nations of the world, to mourn our loss, to remember her long life of selfless service, and in sure confidence to commit her to the mercy of God our maker and redeemer," the dean of the medieval abbey, David Hoyle, told the mourners.

The service ended with two minutes of silence observed across the United Kingdom, after which the attendees sang the national anthem, now titled "God Save the King."

The day began early when the doors of Parliament's 900-year-old Westminster Hall were closed to mourners after hundreds of thousands had filed in front of her coffin.

Monday was declared a public holiday in honor of Elizabeth, who died Sept. 8 — and hundreds of thousands of people descended on central London to witness history. They jammed sidewalks to watch the coffin wend its way through the streets of the capital after the service. As the procession passed Buckingham Palace, the queen's official residence in the city, staff stood outside, some bowing and curtseying.

Mark Elliott, 53, who traveled from the Lake District in northern England with his wife and two children to watch the procession, got up at 1:30 a.m. to stake out a good viewing location near the palace.

"I know we don't know the queen, but she's been our head of state for 70 years, you feel as though you know her, you feel as though she's part of the family. It is kind of moving," he said.

Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby said in his sermon at Westminster Abbey that "few leaders receive the outpouring of love we have seen" for the queen.

More people lined the route the hearse took from the capital to Windsor Castle, and many tossed flowers at the cortege as it passed. Millions more tuned into the funeral live, and crowds flocked to parks and public spaces across the U.K. to watch it on screens. Even the Google doodle turned a respectful black for the day.

As the coffin arrived at the castle, there were poignant reminders of her love of animals: A groom stood at the roadside with one of her ponies, Emma, and another member of staff held the leashes of two of her beloved corgis, Sandy and Muick.

During the committal ceremony in St. George's Chapel on the castle grounds, Dean of Windsor David Conner praised Elizabeth for her "life of unstinting service" to the nation but also her "kindness, concern and reassuring care for her family and friends and neighbors."

Then the crown and the orb and scepter were removed from atop the coffin and placed on the altar — separating them from the queen for the last time. Her coffin was lowered into the royal vault through an opening in the chapel's floor. Charles looked weary and emotional as mourners sang the national anthem.

> "It's good to be with all the people who are all feeling the same — Jilly Fitzgerald

At a private family service, the queen was later laid to rest with her husband, Prince Philip.

The mourners at Westminster Abbey included U.S. President Joe Biden, French President Emmanuel Macron, all of the living former British prime ministers and European royalty.

In Japan, whose Emperor Naruhito also attended, several people sipped beer and watched the service at The Aldgate British pub in Tokyo's fashionable Shibuya district.

"The queen had an especially long history in a country that boasts a long history, and so she deserves deep respect," said one of them, Tomotaka Hosokawa.

The global outpouring of sympathy touched the king, who on the eve of the funeral, issued a message of thanks to people in the U.K. and around the world, saying he and his wife, Camilla, the queen consort, have been "moved beyond measure" by the large numbers of people who have turned out to pay their respects.

Jilly Fitzgerald, who was in Windsor, said there was a sense of community among the mourners as they prepared to wait hours to see the procession carrying the queen's coffin.

"It's good to be with all the people who are all feeling the same. It's like a big family because everyone feels that ... the queen was part of their family," she said.

DAILY POLICE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 249 CALLS ON Sept. 18

Fight 1400Blk 2nd St 12:04 a.m.
Person Down 100Blk Broadway 12:10 a.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 23rd St / Wilshire Blvd 12:25 a.m.
Loud Music 1400Blk Ocean Ave 12:49 a.m.
Loud Music 100Blk Hill St 12:59 a.m.
Loud Music 2nd St / Broadway 1:09 a.m.
Shots Fired 4th St / Idaho Ave 1:21 a.m.
Party Complaint 800Blk 5th St 1:28 a.m.
Vandalism 2600Blk Main St 2:00 a.m.
Overdose 1400Blk 16th St 2:04 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Ocean Ave / Broadway 2:20 a.m.
Loud Music 1600Blk Ocean Ave 2:35 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 500Blk Colorado Ave 2:36 a.m.
Loud Music 300Blk Marine St 3:07 a.m.
Sexual Assault 1400Blk Ocean Ave 3:14 a.m.
Battery 800Blk 2nd St 3:32 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1500Blk 4th St 4:56 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1400Blk 17th St 5:24 a.m.
Assault 1700Blk Ocean Ave 6:18 a.m.
Person With A Gun Lincoln Blvd / Michigan Ave 7:03 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1300Blk 2nd St 7:32 a.m.
Petty Theft 1700Blk Ocean Ave 7:41 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 4th St / Colorado Ave 7:51 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 1200Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:01 a.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1800Blk 9th St 8:11 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400Blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:15 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1000Blk Pine St 8:23 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery 200Blk Santa Monica Pier 8:32 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1200Blk 20th St 8:42 a.m.
Person Down 2000Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:06 a.m.
Loud Music 1300Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:13 a.m.
Loud Music 2600Blk Main St 10:33 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1400Blk Olympic Blvd 10:58 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1200Blk 18th St 11:07 a.m.
Assault 400Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:11 a.m.
Domestic Violence 600Blk Pier Ave 11:14 a.m.
Lost Property 2000Blk The Beach 11:28 a.m.
Traffic Miscellaneous 1100Blk 7th St 12:11 p.m.
Encampment 2000Blk Ocean Ave 12:13 p.m.
Auto Burglary 200Blk 19th St 12:46 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 400Blk Colorado 1:02 p.m.
Bike Theft 1500Blk The Beach 1:09 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300Blk Barnard Way 1:15 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 20th St / Interstate 10 1:22 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1500Blk The Beach 1:23 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 4th St / Broadway 1:24 p.m.
Grand Theft 2300Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:28 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2000Blk Ocean Ave 1:43 p.m.
Person With A Gun Main St / Marine St 2:18 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:38 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 100Blk Hart Ave 2:43 p.m.
Burglary 1000Blk Ocean Ave 2:47 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2600Blk Barnard Way 3:00 p.m.
Loud Music 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 3:03 p.m.
Lewd Activity 1900Blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:07 p.m.
Grand Theft 400Blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:24 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1400Blk 26th St 3:31 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Ocean Ave / Olympic Dr 3:36 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 200Blk California Ave 3:39 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 1000Blk Berkeley St 4:02 p.m.
Grand Theft 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:12 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Lincoln Blvd / Wilshire Blvd 4:13 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1200Blk Harvard St 4:18 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1100Blk Centinela Ave 4:23 p.m.
Panic Alarm 2100Blk Oak St 4:25 p.m.
Found Property 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 4:45 p.m.
Fire Request Police 1800Blk 9th St 4:46 p.m.
Encampment 800Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 5:02 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 200Blk California Ave 5:10 p.m.
Fight 1400Blk Ocean Ave 5:10 p.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order 300Blk Olympic Dr 5:18 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 4th St / Broadway 5:29 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 1600Blk The Beach 5:55 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1400Blk 4th St 6:07 p.m.
Loud Music 2700Blk The Beach 6:07 p.m.
Burglary 200Blk Montana Ave 6:16 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1300Blk 2nd St 6:19 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 6:19 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1100Blk 15th St 6:24 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 4th St / Pico Blvd 6:26 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Interstate 10 6:28 p.m.
Loitering 500Blk Broadway 6:32 p.m.
Petty Theft 1200Blk 3rd Street Prom 6:40 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 800Blk San Vicente Blvd 6:40 p.m.
Encampment 14th St / Montana Ave 6:43 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1200Blk 9th St 7:07 p.m.
Vandalism 200Blk California Ave 7:08 p.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 200Blk Broadway 7:11 p.m.
Fight 1500Blk The Beach 7:12 p.m.
Of Shots Fired 3100Blk Neilson Way 7:49 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1200Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:56 p.m.
Burglary 1100Blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:08 p.m.
Loud Music 1200Blk 3rd Street Prom 8:12 p.m.
Loud Music 1200Blk 3rd Street Prom 8:15 p.m.
Loitering 4th St / Broadway 8:15 p.m.
Arson Lincoln Blvd / Broadway 8:54 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Yale St / Wilshire Blvd 8:54 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1400Blk Lincoln Blvd 8:56 p.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 900Blk 9th St 9:11 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 7th St / Wilshire Blvd 9:27 p.m.
Domestic Violence 1000Blk 12th St 9:42 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 2700Blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:48 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 1500Blk Palisades Park 10:15 p.m.
Found Property 1200Blk 4th St 10:16 p.m.
Public Intoxication 100Blk Broadway 10:53 p.m.
Loud Music 1400Blk 2nd St 11:37 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone Appian Way / Arcadia Ter 11:42 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 800Blk California Ave 11:46 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 45 CALLS ON Sept. 18

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EMS 2500Blk Beverley Ave 12:44 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk 16th St 2:04 a.m.
EMS 7th St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:14 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Broadway 2:29 a.m.
EMS 5th St / Colorado Ave 2:38 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire Centinela Ave / Pico Blvd 2:56 a.m.
EMS 7th St / Olympic Blvd W 3:00 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk Ocean Ave 3:18 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500Blk 5th St 6:32 a.m.
EMS 1600Blk Ocean Ave 7:11 a.m.
EMS 2200Blk Colorado Ave 7:22 a.m.
EMS 600Blk Ocean Ave 7:46 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 2nd St 7:52 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400Blk Montana Ave 8:18 a.m.
EMS 1000Blk 14th St 8:39 a.m.
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EMS 2100Blk Ocean Ave 1:36 p.m.
EMS 1600Blk Idaho Ave 2:05 p.m.
EMS 1000Blk 14th St 2:15 p.m.
EMS 1700Blk Delaware Ave 2:31 p.m.
EMS 400Blk Arizona Ave 2:55 p.m.
EMS 600Blk Pico Blvd 3:15 p.m.
EMS 1600Blk Lincoln Blvd 3:16 p.m.
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EMS 1300Blk 17th St 4:22 p.m.
EMS 1800Blk 9th St 4:46 p.m.
EMS 400Blk Broadway 5:17 p.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 300Blk Broadway 5:38 p.m.
Structure Fire 2700Blk Kansas Ave 5:46 p.m.
EMS 2700Blk Barnard Way 6:29 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 2nd St 7:40 p.m.
EMS 500Blk California Ave 8:30 p.m.
EMS 1800Blk 12th St 9:56 p.m.
EMS 500Blk Pico Blvd 10:18 p.m.
EMS 500Blk Colorado Blvd 10:56 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Arizona Ave 11:30 p.m.

CRIME WATCH

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 SEPTEMBER 2 AT 6 PM

Officers responded to 20th and Colorado for a vandalism report. The victim stated that a suspect, later identified as Michael Podway punched his car and broke the side mirror. The victim claimed the suspect was angered that he'd honked his horn at him for impeding traffic. Officers located Podway nearby who stated that his backpack accidentally hit the victim's side mirror. Podway was issued a citation for vandalism.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Supporting a search?

EDITOR:

In response to the letters from Stewart Resmer and Joan Walston in the September 16 issue: I am not a supporter of either major political party, but it has to be pointed out that most liberals have enthusiastically supported the attack on President Trump's residence. Then, when one of their own suffers a similar fate, now it's suddenly a big problem. Does anyone else see what is wrong with this picture?

Dean Wahls, Venice

No on GS

EDITOR:

Santa Monica ballot measure GS is expected to crush funding for Santa Monica schools and police.

GS has a loophole to let big business avoid its tax. And won't adjust for inflation, so eventually even modest condo owners will be hit. So much for taxing the rich.

GS will be used to build thousands of apartments that are claimed to be affordable - but they will be exempt from rent control.

Very few Santa Monica rent controlled tenants will be eligible for these apartments anyway, which will be mostly given to those from outside the city. They will tower over nearby buildings, and will have no parking - leading to parking wars between neighbors. (Residents of the no-parking buildings will all have cars - they just won't have anywhere to park them.)

How, you ask, will GS reduce school and police funding when measure GS is supposed to give money to schools?

Firstly, the GS buildings will not pay property taxes for the services their residents will use. And these new buildings will replace existing property tax paying buildings

Furthermore, GS is a transfer tax, not a capital gains tax. It will impose a minimum $448,000 fee on properties that are sold even for the same price they were bought for. This will cause properties to be held for much longer.

This delaying of sales will slow property-tax uplifts and reduces sales and business taxes from realtors and remodelers. Transfer taxes are paid occasionally - real estate taxes are paid every year.

Combined, the loss of property tax paying buildings, the increase in new residents whose buildings don't pay taxes for their schools and police, and the delayed uplift in regular property taxes from delayed property sales will have a severe impact on regular city tax revenues, lowering monies for police and schools.

GS sponsors are using the promise of school money to trick voters - in reality it will do the exact opposite of what is advertised.

In effect, measure GS will take millions from the city general revenue stream, and lock it up in a fund for special interests and pet projects to be doled out by an unelected board of insiders.

Santa Monica is being hoodwinked by a bunch of smart politicians who only care about one thing - their monstrous legacy of towering apartment blocks with no parking, impoverished schools and underfunded police.

Vote no on GS.

Vote yes on DT/DTS. A better transfer tax that will benefit all residents by providing additional funding for all city services, including schools, police, libraries etc. And it dedicates funds for housing done properly - under city council control. Not under the control of an unelected board of appointees with their own agendas.

Peter Borresen, Santa Monica

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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

A lot has happened in the world since the year 1922. As a country, we've participated in two World Wars, we've witnessed the fall of the U.S.S.R, and we will never forget the terrorist attacks of September 11th. Closer to home in the greater Los Angeles area, Mickey Mouse came to be, the Dodgers moved from Brooklyn to L.A., and most recently, the Rams won the Super Bowl.

Through all of these events, our modest church building at the corner of Second and Strand in Santa Monica has stood, offering peace, hope, and love to all who walk through its doors. Our local congregation of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is celebrating the 100-year anniversary of our building's original dedication this Sunday at 10 a.m. and we would like to invite all to celebrate in person with us.

HISTORY

Many churches experience opposition and persecution, and our building's origin story is no different. Prior to having their own building, Church members met in a local Masonic Hall but due to growing animosity, they were forced to meet elsewhere.

Shortly thereafter, a parcel of land just steps from the beach was identified and construction began on April 6, 1922. Less than six months later, the building was dedicated on September 24, 1922, by President Heber J. Grant, the leader of the Church at that time. More than a thousand people were in attendance and it was the largest gathering of Church members in California up to that point.

The building cost more than $41,000 to build and most of the funds were donated by local members. The chapel was originally constructed with a mission style and painted a cream color. But in 1964, it was renovated to a more Colonial architectural style which you see today.

MORE THAN A BUILDING

More important than the building itself are the people that walked through its doors in the last century. Currently, I have the pleasure of serving as the Bishop of our local congregation or ward. With this responsibility, I have the opportunity to observe faith in action in the lives of our members every week.

> "Our local congregation of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is celebrating the 100-year anniversary of our building's original dedication this Sunday at 10 a.m. and we would like to invite all to celebrate in person with us — Scott Maddux

Here are a few things to know about the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and its members:

First, we care deeply about helping others. Newsweek magazine wrote: "No matter where [Latter-day Saints] live, they find themselves part of a network of mutual concern; in [Latter-day Saint] theology everyone is a minister of a kind, everyone is empowered in some way to do good to others, and to have good done unto them: it is a 21st-century covenant of caring" (Elise Soukup, "The Mormon Odyssey," Newsweek, Oct. 16, 2005). We care not just about our own Church members but all children of God.

Second, our Church is centered on Jesus Christ. An early Church leader wrote, "The fundamental principles of our religion are ... concerning Jesus Christ, that He died, was buried, and rose again the third day, and ascended into heaven; and all other things which pertain to our religion are only appendages to it" (Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Smith [2007], 49).

Third, our congregation operates as a lay ministry, meaning we have no paid clergy. Each member is given the opportunity to serve in some way to help the Church operate. Some examples include teaching children in our primary classes, giving a sermon to the entire congregation, bringing a meal to someone in need or visiting the sick in the hospital.

I love having the opportunity to serve hand-in-hand with our fellow members as we try and help lift each other up. Much of my ministry focuses on helping the rising generation (children, youth and young single adults). This includes weekly activities focused on developing spiritually, physically, socially and intellectually. This past week, we hosted a career night with Apple executives who voluntarily shared advice for our youth to consider as they study and prepare to enter the professional field.

In addition to weekly activities in the evening, our high school youth attend an early morning Bible study class where they begin school days in the scriptures. Preparation

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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A California Ocean Corps could shore up coastline when disasters strike

In October 2021, the Orange County coastline suffered a catastrophic oil spill, damaging the coast and its wildlife and prompting Gov. Gavin Newsom to declare a state of emergency. More than 25,000 gallons of crude oil were released into the ocean. Beaches and harbors throughout the region were closed, harming the local ecology and economy that depend on tourism. For the second time since its opening in 1984, the Huntington Beach Wetlands endured an oil spill affecting more than 90 species of shorebirds that rely on its rare feeding and resting grounds.

Unfortunately, this oil spill was not an isolated incident. California's coastline is still vulnerable. While we can't predict the next disaster, we can prepare to address issues quickly when disaster strikes and give our local partners the tools necessary to respond.

The California Conservation Corps is the natural fit to respond head-on to coastal disasters. However, under its funding structure, the CCC cannot offer coastal conservation grant funding to local conservation corps, such as the Orange County Conservation Corps. Senate Bill 1036 would establish a California Ocean Corps through grants given to local conservation corps.

When the 2021 spill occurred, the Orange County Corps could not assist in emergency response. This is a big problem when local crises arise, especially when communities have a trusted resource in their local conservation corps. We must empower our local corps members with the skills and knowledge necessary to react swiftly in an emergency, helping mitigate greater damage.

For nearly 30 years, local conservation corps have invested in our state's most disenfranchised young adults by providing crucial work experience and job training skills that build self-sufficiency while delivering community benefits. Corps members have proven their skills and abilities to respond quickly. With deep knowledge and understanding of the community, they are the right people to serve in times of disaster.

For example, the Orange County Conservation Corps demonstrated its ability to meet a separate emergency during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic when, as part of a statewide conservation corps activation, the Orange County corps mobilized to help deliver 25 million pounds of food to families throughout Orange County. It also supported local COVID testing and vaccination sites, assisting in administering 320,000 COVID tests and 3,000 vaccinations daily.

The Orange County oil spill amplified the need for a trained and readily accessible workforce such as the Orange County Conservation Corps to preserve and restore our coastline. SB 1036 seeks to do just that.

The Ocean Corps will focus on crucial restoration and climate resiliency along the coast while providing young people with training and work experience. The program will be open to people ages 16 to 30 and offer participation options ranging from volunteer to paid skill development, creating pathways toward quality employment, career prospects and financial stability for our most disenfranchised young adults.

Investing in creating the Ocean Corps through SB 1036 is a smart move for California in its efforts to address coastal conservancy and workforce development—and will ultimately be a cost-saving for the state. When disaster strikes, as in the case of an offshore oil spill, the Ocean Corps crew members will be trained and prepared to engage quickly, leading to less devastating environmental and financial impacts.

By allowing coastal communities access to a local workforce, they can better ensure a timely and effective response to future coastal disasters while expanding access to education and job skills training for their community's most vulnerable populations. We encourage Gov. Newsom to sign SB 1036 to protect our coasts and build economic opportunity for California's young workforce.

Katharyn O. Muñiz is the CEO of the Orange County Conservation Corps. Terry Tamminen served as secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency under Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and is the CEO of AltaSea, a public-private partnership dedicated to developing solutions for climate change, energy supply and global food security. This article was originally published by CalMatters

CHURCH

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during high school leads to opportunities to serve as full-time missionaries in locations throughout the world. We are constantly amazed by the strength of our youth and have full confidence in their ability to lead faith-filled lives. They are worth investing in.

We welcome all visitors to our services each week. We especially encourage anyone who has an interest in the history of our building to come this Sunday, September 25th, at 10:00 A.M. to learn more about our building's history and share a meal with us. We would love to learn more about our neighbors and see where we can find common ground to help make the world a better place.

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How much 'pain'? Fed to signal more rate hikes ahead

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Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell bluntly warned in a speech last month that the Fed's drive to curb inflation by aggressively raising interest rates would "bring some pain." On Wednesday, Americans may get a better sense of how much pain could be in store.

The Fed is expected at its latest meeting to raise its key short-term rate by a substantial three-quarters of a point for the third consecutive time. Another hike that large would lift its benchmark rate — which affects many consumer and business loans — to a range of 3% to 3.25%, the highest level in 14 years.

In a further sign of the Fed's deepening concern about inflation, it will also likely signal that it plans to raise rates much higher by year's end than it had forecast three months ago — and to keep them higher for a longer period.

Economists expect Fed officials to forecast that their key rate could go as high as 4% by the end of this year. They're also likely to signal additional increases in 2023, perhaps to as high as roughly 4.5%.

Short-term rates at that level would make a recession likelier next year by sharply raising the cost of mortgages, car loans and business loans. The Fed intends those higher borrowing costs to slow growth by cooling off a still-robust job market to cap wage growth and other inflation pressures. Yet the risk is growing that the Fed may weaken the economy so much as to cause a downturn that would produce job losses.

The U.S. economy hasn't seen rates as high as the Fed is projecting since before the 2008 financial crisis. Last week, the average fixed mortgage rate topped 6%, its highest point in 14 years. Credit card borrowing costs have reached their highest level since 1996, according to Bankrate.com.

Powell and other Fed officials still say the Fed's goal is to achieve a so-called "soft landing," by which they would slow growth enough to tame inflation but not so much as to trigger a recession.

By last week, though, that goal appeared further out of reach after the government reported that inflation over the past year was a painful 8.3%. Even worse, so-called core prices, which exclude the volatile food and energy categories, rose much faster than expected.

The inflation report also documented just how broadly inflation has spread through the economy, complicating the Fed's anti-inflation efforts. Inflation now appears increasingly fueled by higher wages and by consumers' steady desire to spend and less by the supply shortages that had bedeviled the economy during the pandemic recession.

"They're going try to avoid recession," said William Dudley, formerly the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. "They're going to try to achieve a soft landing. The problem is that the room to do that is virtually non-existent at this point."

At a news conference he will give Wednesday after the Fed meeting ends, Powell isn't likely to drop any hints that the central bank will ease up on its credit tightening campaign. Most economists expect the Fed to stop raising rates in early 2023. But for now, they expect Powell to reinforce his hard-line anti-inflation stance.

"It's going to end up being a hard landing," said Kathy Bostjancic, an economist at Oxford Economics.

"He's not going to say that," Bostjancic said. But, referring to the most recent Fed meeting in July, when Powell raised hopes for an eventual pullback on rate hikes, she added: "He also wants to make sure that the markets don't come away and rally. That's what happened last time."

Indeed, investors responded then by bidding up stock prices and buying bonds, which lowered rates on securities like the benchmark the 10-year Treasury. Higher stock prices and lower bond yields generally boost the economy — the opposite of what the Fed wants.

At a previous news conference in June, Powell had noted that a three-quarter-point rate hike was "an unusually large one" and suggested that "I do not expect moves of this size to be common." Yet after the alarming August inflation report, the Fed now seems all but sure to announce its third consecutive such increase. A fourth such hike is possible, too, if future measures of inflation don't improve.

The central bank has already engaged in the fastest series of interest rate hikes since the early 1980s. Yet some economists — and some Fed officials — argue that they have yet to raise rates to a level that would actually restrict borrowing and spending and slow growth.

Loretta Mester, president of the Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank, and one of the 12 officials who will vote on the Fed's decision this week, said she thinks it will be necessary to raise the Fed's rate to "somewhat above 4% by early next year and hold it there."

"I do not anticipate the Fed cutting" rates next year, Mester added, dispelling the expectations of many investors on Wall Street who had hoped for such a reversal. Comments like Mester's contributed to a sharp fall in stock prices last month that began after Powell's stern anti-inflation speech at an economic conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

"Our responsibility to deliver price stability is unconditional," Powell said then — a remark widely interpreted to mean that the Fed will fight inflation even if it requires deep job losses and a recession.

Many economists sound convinced that a recession and widespread layoffs will be necessary to slow rising prices. Research published earlier this month under the auspices of the Brookings Institution concluded that unemployment might have to go as high as 7.5% to get inflation back to the Fed's 2% target.

Only a downturn that harsh would reduce wage growth and consumer spending enough to cool inflation, according to the a paper by Johns Hopkins University economist Laurence Ball and two economists at the International Monetary Fund.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Malibu

2XU Malibu Triathlon Presented By Bank of America raised over $1 million to benefit the Children's Hospital Los Angeles



Over 5,000 athletes participated in the 37th Annual 2XU Malibu Triathlon Presented by Bank of America last weekend. The iconic event, bringing together athletes, celebrities, and Fortune 500 Corporations, took place on the shores of Zuma Beach for one common goal - to raise awareness and provide key funds for Pediatric Cancer Research at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. The 2XU Malibu Triathlon raised more than $1 million to benefit the Children's Hospital Los Angeles' Pediatric Cancer Research Program which is focused on curing and preventing life-threatening forms of childhood cancer.

Hollywood celebrities such as Rob Riggle, Max Greenfield, Mark Feuerstein, and Danny Pudi competed on a dynamic swim-bike-run course turning out to support this important cause. Home Economics' star Karla Souza finished first in the celebrity female division with a time of 2:11:26 and Parker Gregory came in first in the celebrity male division with a time of 1:48:19. Kiah Wheeler and Nicholas Chase prevailed as the overall winners of the Classic triathlon, finishing the half-mile swim, 17-mile bike ride and four-mile run in outstanding times of 1:36:24 and 1:15:23, respectively. Bachelor star Nick Viall won the celebrity relay race along with Super League Triathlon pros Non Stanford and Tim Don as part of Team Don't Text Your Ex Happy Birthday. The winners of the Olympic distance were Mirka Murillo and Jim Lubinski with times of 1:57:52 and 2:07:48, respectively.

On Saturday, Super League Triathlon hosted the third race in their 2022 Global Championship Series. Super League Triathlon (SLT) is the world's premier swim-bike-run series, and the fast racing format provided a unique and exciting show for spectators. 40 professional Super League Triathlon athletes including Olympic and World Champions are competing for the 2022 Championship Series title. California-born Taylor Spivey took the female win in Malibu while Hayden Wilde was named male champion of the event.

These elite athletes have been competing around the world the past two weeks as part of the Super League Championship Series which is comprised of five events, kicking off in London and Munich before hitting the shores of Zuma Beach in Malibu. The final two events of the Championship Series take place in Toulouse and NEOM.

> "This is our second year at 2XU Malibu Triathlon and it's one of the most iconic backdrops to hold our events - Michael D'hulst

"This is our second year at 2XU Malibu Triathlon and it's one of the most iconic backdrops to hold our events," said Michael D'hulst, CEO and Co-Founder of Super League Triathlon. "Our goal is to highlight on the ground and through our global broadcast the excitement around shorter distance racing and the incredible agility of triathletes. Our Championship Series is exciting not just for the athletes but for spectators as well." He added, "The 2XU Malibu Triathlon also provides an incredible platform for fundraising for Children's Hospital Los Angeles and we've been extremely proud of the funds everyone has contributed to date and especially during tough economic times."

Additional information, including a full list of participants and finish times, is available by visiting the official 2XU Malibu Triathlon Presented By Bank of America website at malibutri.com or https://superleaguetriathlon.com/

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HOUSING

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council approval. The first of those steps is set for this week, as the final draft comes before the seven-member planning commission on Wednesday, Sept. 21.

Each city in California is mandated to produce an acceptable Housing Element once every decade, outlining development guidelines to allow for an increase in residential housing units to hit state-mandated minimums as well as other state standards (such as low-income housing availability).

Santa Monica's Housing Element saga began in February, when HCD rejected the initial 6th Cycle plan on the grounds that city-identified housing sites were infeasible. That first plan, submitted nearly one year ago in October 2021, identified 8,895 potential new housing units, of which 6,168 would be affordable. City staff believed the plan met Santa Monica's Regional Housing Needs Allocation, or RHNA.

But HCD rejected the plan on several grounds, including that the City was too optimistic with its projected new housing units; in response, the Final Draft Revised Housing Element identifies 13,000 units of potential housing to meet the RHNA.

"Because the zoning does not exclude the probability of commercial development happening … we don't have a prohibition on commercial development," Planning Manager Jing Yeo explained to the Planning Commission when it last saw the Draft Revised Housing Element in June. "But that was something that was accounted for in the SSI, so there was a 15% across-the-board haircut. And that was one of the things that bumped up our overall capacity to make up for that loss."

In other words, HCD believed the first Housing Element relied on an unrealistic outlook on the number of residential units likely to be constructed in mixed-use zones where it is permitted to develop non-residential uses. So, in response, staff bumped up floor-area ratio and building height maximums in several districts to accommodate more density, specifically "in commercial l boulevards north of the I-10 freeway (Wilshire, Santa Monica Boulevard, Broadway, Colorado, Olympic), Bergamot, and Downtown in exchange for lesser development standards in Pico neighborhood and neighborhood commercial areas such as Montana Avenue, Main Street, and Ocean Park Boulevard."

The 185-page Final Draft Revised Housing Element states that the City of Santa Monica has identified "the capacity to accommodate at least 13,600 units providing a 53 percent buffer above the City's RHNA of 8,895 units," later adding that, "The buffer accounts for the likelihood that not all identified SSI sites may be necessarily developed by a property owner for housing. The land inventory includes capacity for 521 extremely low, 2,819 very low income, 2,703 low income, and 1,901 moderate income units."

Planning Commission will begin its hearing on the subject on Sept. 21 and the final draft must be approved by state officials by Oct. 15 or the city could lose the ability to enforce some zoning laws.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

League of Women Voters / CRJ Candidate Forum: City Council

Candidates will answer questions posed by moderator, Dr. Karen Gunn that have been submitted by the constituents from both organizations. Each candidate participating in the evening's forum will have the opportunity to answer various questions related to the overarching theme of Equity, Anti-Racism and Transformative Change for the Black Community. This forum is designed to raise and address issues that the community may not hear in other forums.

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VOLLEYBALL

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participate and help further establish Santa Monica's beach volleyball community, which is regarded as the location where two-person beach volleyball first began.

"I just think it is so exciting that out of all of the Southern California beaches they could have chosen, they chose Santa Monica," said Kurt Schwengel, a local kindergarten teacher, former Samohi beach volleyball coach and a beach volleyball player himself. "And as a tie into the 2028 Olympics, which will be in the shadow of the Santa Monica Pier, it's just great that it's all coming back home to Santa Monica."

Schwengel said he also hopes the camps contribute to a goal of his to get Santa Monica back on the map as a stop on the Association of Volleyball Professional's pro beach volleyball tour. He said he plans to attend several of the sessions and is looking forward to learning from Dalhausser and Ross.

Tyler Varian, the event producer for the camp is also an avid LA beach volleyball player who frequents Santa Monica courts. He said he met Dalhausser in Orlando when he took a lesson with him a while back.

"We started talking about putting together some camps and bringing his amazing coaching capabilities to the greater beach volleyball landscape, and what better place to do that than in Santa Monica," Varian said. "We wanted to have a really strong local community of players who we knew would be interested in learning from gold medalists like Phil and April."

Dalhausser is a four-time olympian who won gold at the Beijing games in 2008. Ross has competed in three olympics and won a medal at each- silver in London 2008, bronze in Rio 2016 and gold in Tokyo 2020.

"The goal is for anyone who takes our classes to get better, to try to level up," Dalhausser said. "A lot of players when they're adults, most of them haven't had any kind of formal training so we figure we can try to give them training tips and techniques to hopefully become a better player."

Both Dalhausser and Ross have coaching experience and said they're passionate about sharing their knowledge and what they've learned throughout their careers.

"My favorite part [about coaching] is seeing something click," Ross said, "maybe a problem a player was having that they hadn't been able to figure out, and then just working with that player and saying something where they're like 'oh yeah that makes sense' and then seeing them improve because of it - it's kind of like a puzzle in a way."

Classes will be small with a ratio of six students to one coach with either Phil or April or both present at every one.

"We really felt it was important that people receive hands-on instruction," Varian said. "There are a lot of other camps out there but you'll sometimes have 10-20 people working with one coach and it's really hard to learn that way."

Registration for the camp is currently open and more information can be found on the website https://www.philandapril.com.

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TEST

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have any impact on learning because I do believe that we probably could have done better, had more of a growth, but we're seeing that we stayed status-quo."

Drati, Mora and Williamson added that while they were not seeing significant differences in overall student testing outcomes, the data does show significant gaps along racial and ethnic lines in test results.

"We know that there was a gap prior to the physical closure and that gap continues to exist," Mora said.

2021-2022 districtwide CAASPP data showed that for math only 34% of Black students and 39% of Latino students were meeting or exceeding standards compared to 69% of white students and 81% of Asian students. For English language arts 53% of Black students and 60% of Latino students met or exceeded standards compared to 83% of White students and 88% of Asian students.

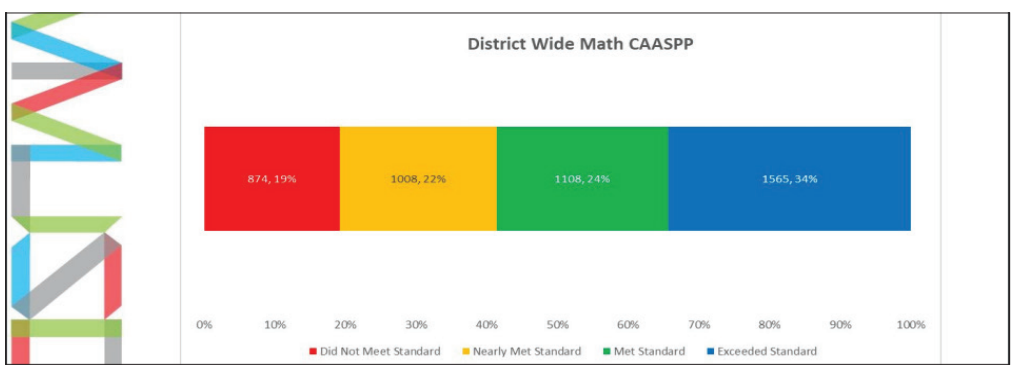
"We're talking about historically marginalized communities and groups in America that, whether it be healthcare, law enforcement or education, have had the short end of the stick…" Drati said. "We need to make sure that we understand what's happening there in order to reverse the trends."

In response to the data, School Board members acknowledged the pandemic may still have had consequences for student development.

"One of the things that's not really measurable by data is the loss of social-emotional learning," said Board Member Laurie Lieberman. "So I just want to call that out and say that I appreciate and I know that our teachers and everyone is working on providing support for addressing that even though it's not measured the way we measure math scores."

SMMUSD students are scheduled to take multiple standardized tests this school year to continue to track their progress, including the STAR Report which will allow teachers to see specific areas in need of improvement.

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Matthew Hall

TESTS: About 56 percent of students met or exceeded standards for math.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 20)

You show up to life with vibrance and daring. You'll try new things in the name of being your best self. It's a journey of beautiful imperfection, though even the mistakes you make will be tinged in good fortune, tipping you onto paths that are a better fit, more lucrative and storied. An investment will pay off and float your dream. Cancer and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 3, 8, 32 and 16.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're not behind. You're in the right place at the right time. There's no need to rush and, in fact, rushing will be counterproductive. You'll get there just as quickly if not faster with small, sure steps.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Who needs a safety net? Not only the naive and the newbies but also the professionals and anyone who values what they have. The safety net is what allows for experimentation, daring invention and the mastery of tricky things.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You won't know how you really feel until you discuss the issue. That's when you'll notice where the emotional hot spots are, which might surprise you. This will save you from wasting time trying to fix the wrong things.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). With a little sleuthing you'll gather the evidence you need to draw a conclusion. But is it the correct answer? The key to that is staying open-minded, which is much easier when you're not invested in any particular outcome.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People need you in ways you're conscious of and ways you aren't. Needs are funny that way, sometimes going unnoticed until they're no longer met. People don't always show appreciation, but you're very important. Don't forget it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A formerly quiet ambition will not stay that way for much longer. If this is going to happen, you have to start making some noise about it. Start by telling safe, supportive people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll get in sync with nature, especially by taking advantage of any weather you're having. If it's sunny, you'll let the sunshine kiss and heal you. If it's rainy, you'll let it wash your soul clean.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Even though you feel drawn to new people, approaching them can feel challenging because you never know what response you'll get. Mostly, you'll be admired for making the first move, as this relays confidence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sometimes overthinking will slow you down, but today you can't think things through enough. Heed caution and double-check yourself, especially in matters of finance. Even if you have a hot hunch, move slowly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're important to many, however you don't want the extra attention this brings. You do your work for reasons that are personal and private to you, and the world's opinion matters little.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The feeling of belonging to the team is much more fulfilling than trying to stand out by yourself. Also, the group is just more fun. Today, the joy of teamwork will eclipse any gains you might have obtained with an individual win.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You love people who can tell you something you don't know, bring you a new vision of the world and make you curious. Your friends do that, and so will new people coming into your realm — something to look forward to!

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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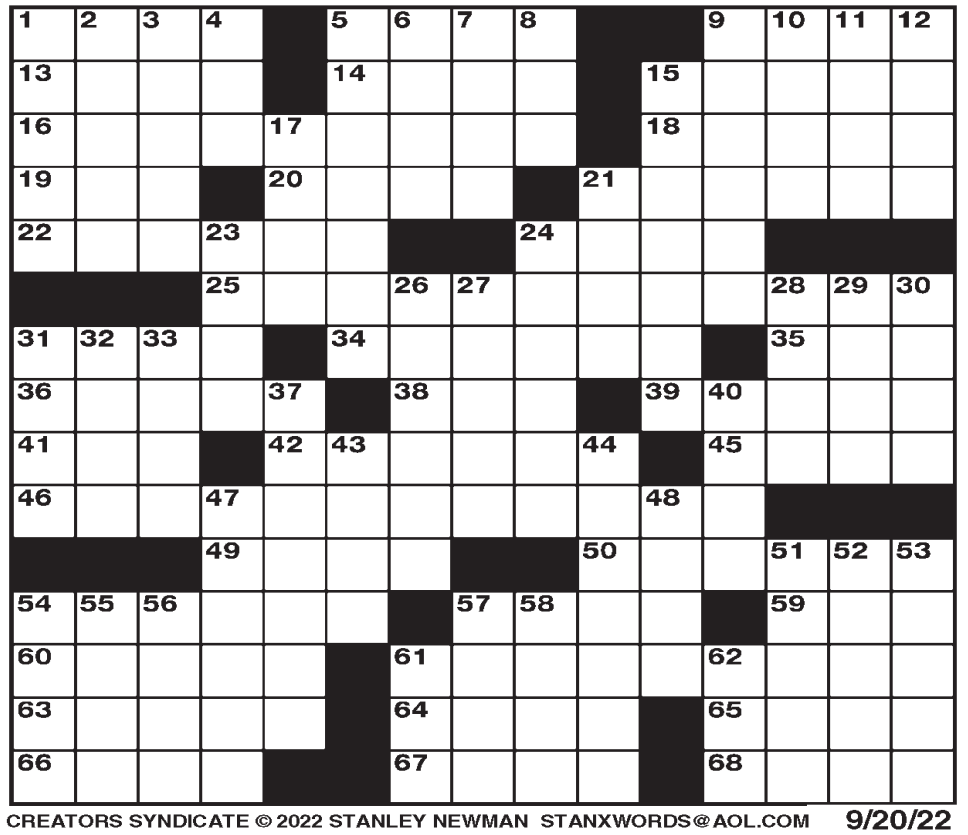
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Newsday Crossword

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES by Billie Truitt
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ACROSS
1 Bagpiper's skirt
5 Remain
9 Any theatrical accessory
13 Historical periods
14 Ill-at-__ (edgy)
15 Vehicle's emergency light
16 Carryalls worn behind a student
18 Roof overhangs
19 Dined or breakfasted
20 Antlered relatives of deer
21 Most sensible
22 Right next to
24 Building's location
25 Student's marking pens
31 Japanese wrestling
34 Simmer with anger
35 Atlas page
36 Total nonsense
38 In the past
39 Motorist's path
41 Superlative suffix
42 Half a diameter
45 Pre-owned
46 Student's plastic containers to drink from
49 Conceited
50 Capital of Canada
54 Not in class today
57 Campus military org.
59 Armed conflict
60 Fair-haired fellow
61 Student's sandwich holders
63 British nobles below dukes
64 __ mater (former school)
65 Creme-filled cookie
66 "__ went thataway!"
67 Beverage served on tap
68 Swiss capital

DOWN
1 Shish __ (skewered steak)
2 Extremely angry
3 Shoestrings
4 Sound of rebuke
5 Steadiness on board a ship
6 Bulletin board pin
7 Invites
8 "Of course!"
9 Mars or Mercury
10 Four-star review
11 Metal-bearing rocks
12 Nuisance
15 Bit of plumage
17 Mani-__ (spa service)
21 Wistful sound
23 Breakfast chain, for short
24 Don't participate in
26 Direct way to deal with a challenge
27 On the up and up
28 Big Aussie birds
29 Hourly charge
30 Drove fast
31 One-pot meal
32 __ Major (Big Dipper constellation)
33 Catcher's glove
37 Short shopping trips
40 Remove, as from office
43 Very slightly
44 Toy racer
47 In equal shares
48 Engrave, as on glass
51 Fully informed
52 Bet
53 Fire-starting crime
54 Assist in a crime
55 Boring, informally
56 In an angry mood
57 Regulation
58 "You can count __"
61 Chemist's workroom
62 Short hairdo



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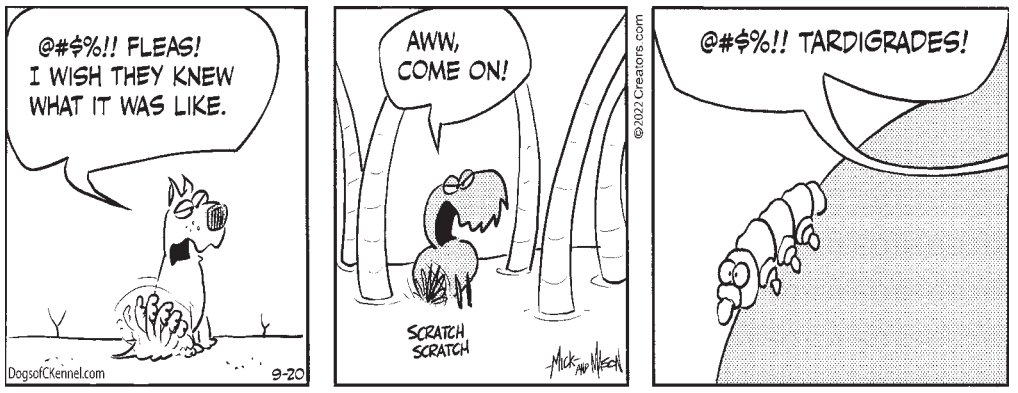
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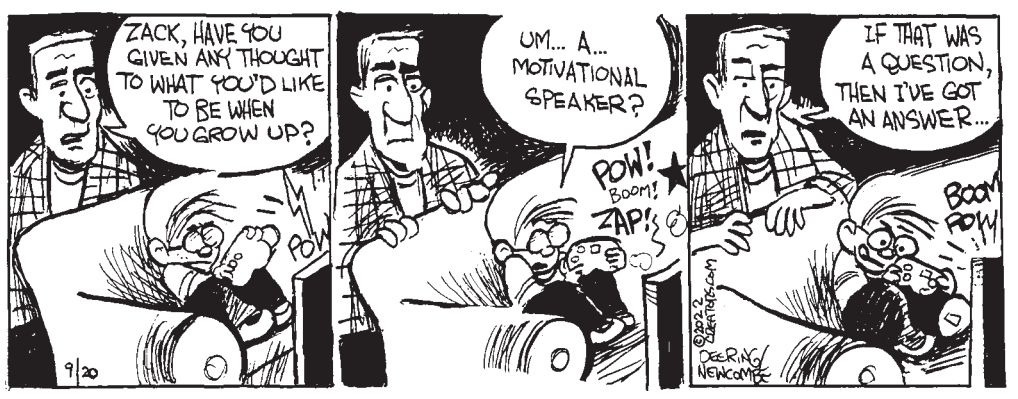
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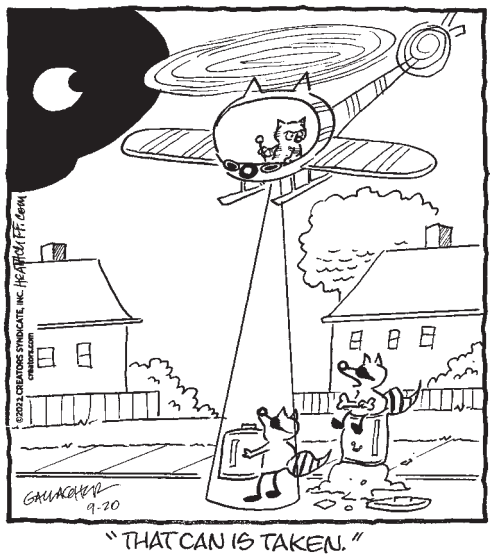
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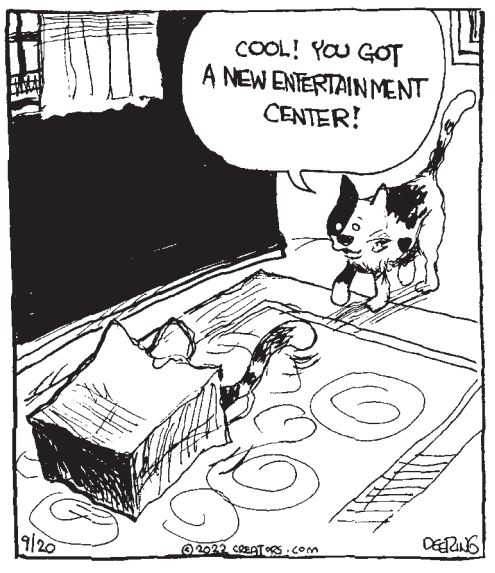
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Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 14 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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In the shed

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Air bed
Angle grinder
Axes
Billy
Boards
Bolts
Broom
Busy
Dirt
Dowel
Drawers
Dust
Engineer
Esky
Grout
Heat gun
Hoist
Hose
Junk
Kero
Kits
Lamp
Lathe
Nuts
Oily
Pick
Pinball
Plane
Racks
Rags
Rake
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LITTLE HANDS ART CLASS
Explore colors with a story and craft. It might get messy and fun! For ages 0-5. Register here: bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps. Main Library, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION
Join a community-led discussion of an exciting mystery novel each month. Currently held on Zoom. Email library@santamonica.gov to join. 7 - 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21

BANNED BOOKS WEEK MOVIE SCREENING: THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER (2012)
Celebrate Banned Books Week with banned books trivia and a screening of the film adaptation of Stephen Chbosky's frequently banned, coming-of-age novel, "Perks of Being a Wallflower". Runtime 105 minutes. Rated PG-13. Ages 13-18 only. Register here: bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps. Pico Branch Library, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION
The Commission acts through open and civil discourse that is informed by public input, impartial analysis, and best practices in land use and planning. 5:30 p.m. https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Planning-Commission/

RUNWAY TO COMPASSION FASHION SHOW
Caregiver Safe Place invites you to join some of Los Angeles' top designers for RUNWAY TO COMPASSION – a charity fashion show – on September 21, 2022, in Santa Monica. The event will include red carpet arrivals, a cocktail reception, a silent auction, the runway fashion show, and a special tribute to the 2022 caregivers of the year – with MCs Vincent Ward ("The Walking Dead") and Trisha Mann-Grant ("Family Business"). Find more information and purchase tickets at https://www.runwaytocompassion.org/ $75.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22

HARVEST GRATITUDE
Create a gratitude list on the Autumnal Equinox, as we transition from Summer to Fall, the traditional time to harvest the fruits of our year. Drop in. All ages welcome. Main Library . 3 - 5 p.m.

CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION
Attend a lively discussion on current events, every Thursday 1:00 to 2:30. Formerly at the Fairview Library, now conveniently on Zoom. Excellent facilitator, Marsha, sends an email list on Wed. night of topics to discuss which is informative in itself. There is never a lack of interesting material or opinions. For information and to receive a Zoom link for the next meeting, email mushcb@gmail.com.

ITALIAN WINE PARTY
Say "ciao" to summer at Bodega Wine Bar last party of the season on September 22! Come for $9 wines, tunes spun by DJ Capulet and a good time. Bodega Wine Bar, 814 Broadway. 6 - 10 p.m.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23

DRUNK THEATRE
A comedian takes five shots of whiskey in a row and tries to perform an improvised play with five sober comedians. What could go wrong?! Drunk Theatre is the entirely improvised, unpredictable, and crazy comedy show that'll kick your weekend into overdrive. Limited seating and space is available. Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th Street. 9 p.m. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/drunk-theatre-la-tickets-399052455637

KARAOKE AT CULT
Sing your heart out at Summer Karaoke Nights at Cult! Come enjoy live music with your friends, dim sum and spiked boba starting at 8 p.m. every Friday and Saturday night though the summer. 8 p.m. https://www.cultsantamonica.com/

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24

LINGERACE 2022 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT
Join the annual LINGERACE Beach Volleyball Tournament and party with a purpose! Hold on TIGHT for another fun-filled beach day and after party. Play in 2×2 women's or a 4×4 coed and enjoy music spun by a lineup of incredible DJs, early morning yoga, volleyball clinic, acro yoga and more, all while supporting a cause and making a difference for veterans suffering from homelessness. 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Perry's Café and Beach Rentals, 2400 Ocean Front Walk. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lingerace-2022-registration-343665210897

DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA WALKING TOUR
Discover downtown Santa Monica's architecture, history and culture with one of our highly engaging docents. See where Jim Morrison played his first show and visit the lavish Art Deco hotel that housed a speakeasy during Prohibition. The walking tour covers about 6 blocks in 2 hours and begins at the city's first landmark, the 1875 Rapp Saloon. Reservations recommended. Open to all ages. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. $10. https://smc.givecloud.co/dwt.

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **74.3**

TUESDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 3-5ft Waist to head	A day to target. SSW swell holds steady and a blend of NW swells could setup nice peaks for the combo breaks. Wind currently looks favorable for the morning.
WEDNESDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 3-4ft Waist to chest	Lingering blend of SSW and NW swells. Decent potential for light wind in the earlier morning.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 71.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 71.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/09/20	Tue	01:24 AM	0.51	L
2022/09/20	Tue	08:24 AM	4.06	H
2022/09/20	Tue	1:01 PM	2.94	L
2022/09/20	Tue	6:44 PM	5.04	H
2022/09/21	Wed	01:57 AM	0.30	L
2022/09/21	Wed	08:38 AM	4.23	H
2022/09/21	Wed	1:35 PM	2.54	L
2022/09/21	Wed	7:27 PM	5.34	H
2022/09/22	Thu	02:25 AM	0.17	L
2022/09/22	Thu	08:53 AM	4.42	H
2022/09/22	Thu	2:05 PM	2.13	L
2022/09/22	Thu	8:03 PM	5.56	H
2022/09/23	Fri	02:49 AM	0.11	L
2022/09/23	Fri	09:09 AM	4.64	H
2022/09/23	Fri	2:36 PM	1.72	L
2022/09/23	Fri	8:36 PM	5.67	H
2022/09/24	Sat	03:12 AM	0.14	L
2022/09/24	Sat	09:27 AM	4.90	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 9/17
5 25 36 51 61
Power#: 1
Jackpot: 238 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 9/16
15 30 35 38 66
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 277 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 9/17
8 9 13 46 47
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 26 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/18
3 20 24 25 32

Daily 3
Draw Date: 9/19
EVENING: 2 9 4
Draw Date: 9/18
MIDDAY: 2 0 0

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 9/18
1st: 03 - Hot Shot
2nd: 05 - California Classic
3rd: 07 - Eureka
Race Time: 1:47.18

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