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School Board to debate vaccine mandate for kids

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SMMUSD will hold a virtual board meeting on Wednesday to discuss the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress data, their sustainability goals, COVID-19 protocols and possibly mandating the vaccine for students amongst other agenda items.

VACCINE MANDATE

SMMUSD is considering a vaccine mandate for eligible students as a measure to keep children and teachers in classrooms. The Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education adopted a mandate on Sept. 9. Many California districts are considering making the same move.

Recently, Pfizer said their COVID-19 vaccine works in children ages 5 to 11 and the company will seek authorization and could start vaccinating youngsters.

At the same time, according to health officials, elementary schools are where the virus is spreading more than anywhere currently.

TEST SCORES

Due to COVID-19, the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) was not viable last year. California school districts were required to administer local assessments in order to report on growth in student performance in English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics. Malibu High School alone was able to administer the Summative CAASPP during Distance Learning.

The remaining SMMUSD schools administered the following assessments: Renaissance Star Reading assessment (Secondary English Language Arts), Mathematics Diagnostic Testing Project assessments (Secondary Mathematics) and FastBridge.

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Trades intern program plugs local residents into technical careers

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As part of its ongoing initiative to offer gainful employment opportunities to local residents, the City of Santa Monica is recruiting for a two-year trades intern program.

The program is designed to provide a supportive skilled job training experience to adults between the ages of 18 to 30 years old. It is targeted towards residents with limited education credentials, to help them enter stable and financially sustaining career paths without needing to pursue expensive post-graduate degrees.

Participants are paid $16.63 per hour and have the opportunity to learn different occupational trades across the Resource Recovery & Recycling Department, Water Department and Big Blue Bus. Residents or individuals who attended a Santa Monica public school are eligible.



Daniel Farr

JOBS: The BBB is part of the job recruitment program.

High school graduates are welcome, but preference is given to those who have not completed their high school education. During the program, interns participate in a weekly job skills class and are required to continue their education by completing their GED or attending a trade school.

"The cool thing about this program today is beyond the living wage they get paid during this time, they also get their school

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County expects to decide SMMUSD split proposal in six months

MATTHEW HALL
SMDP Editor

County officials have advanced a petition to create a standalone Malibu school district and will make a decision on the proposal in about six months.

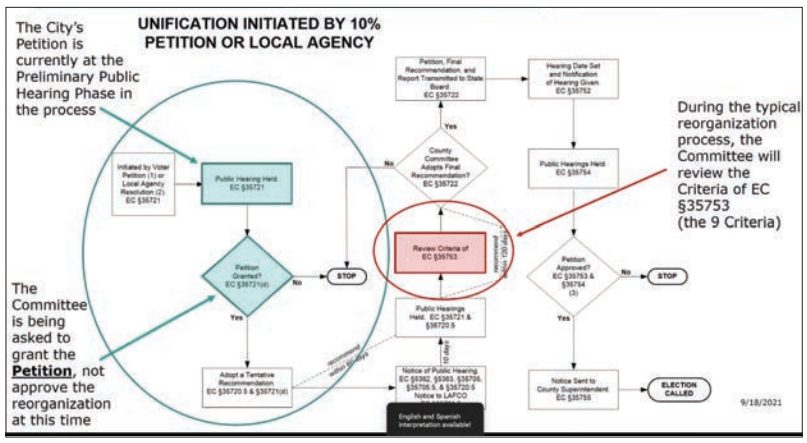
At a virtual meeting on Sept. 19, the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization agreed with a recent staff report that said more time was needed to evaluate Malibu's proposal to split the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District and the Committee approved the decision on an 8-2 vote.

The Saturday meeting followed the release of a preliminary report that said the proposal submitted by the City of Malibu as written today, failed to meet eight of nine conditions. Proposals should meet standards for enrollment, community identity, division of property, racial equity, cost to the State, educational outcomes, infrastructure costs, property values and ongoing fiscal health.

At the Saturday hearing, each side had a chance to reiterate their longstanding arguments while addressing the recent report.

During their minute pitch, Malibu Councilwoman Karen Farrer said the SMMUSD Board was not interested in hearing Malibu concerns and that Malibu was too small a voting block to be of influence in district elections relegating them to second class status.

"Any one of you would reasonably expect a school district's leadership to try to address the ongoing concerns with the quality of a child's academic program," she said. "That is not the case here in Malibu. We would not be here today if we saw any other path to resolution. In fact, we've tried several times and the needs of Malibu's students and community continued to go unmet because the district is not interested in finding a remedy to this situation. That is why we have come to you to get this done."



Courtesy image

CHART: Even if the County approves the split, the proposal has a long road.

Proponents of the split said the District's response to environmental concerns at Malibu schools was unacceptable and cited ongoing trauma caused by the Woolsey fire as significant evidence the District does not understand the community. Callers also said the lack of attention to toxic materials at Malibu schools showed the district's neglect.

In response to the staff report that said the current proposal failed eight of nine separation conditions, Malibu officials said many of the failed

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What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

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

WEDNESDAY | SEPT. 22

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH BOOK DISCUSSION, 4 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.
In this cross-country travelogue, journalist and activist Paola Ramos embarks on a journey to find the communities of people defining the controversial term "Latinx." Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqd0igrjojGtcDP-u_mqybm0-4Mlr1BwxM

MONEY COACHING WORKSHOP, 12:30 P.M. TO 1:30 P.M.
From "Budgets Made Easy" to "Spend Smarter. How to Get More for Your Money", Money Workshops are designed to get you talking and thinking about money in a whole new way. The workshop will take place at Capital One Café at 401 Broadway. For more information: https://www.capitalone.com/local/losangeles-santamonica/

THURSDAY | SEPT. 23

ANIMAL FARM: CONVERSATIONS ON THEATER AND POLITICS WITH STEVEN LEIGH MORRIS AND GUESTS 12 P.M.
Jyan Isaac Bread holds their grand opening at 10 a.m.
The Other Art Fair Los Angeles Discover the next big thing at this art fair, which heads to the Barker Hangar, with works from over 130 up-and-coming and independent artists, curated for collectors and fans with varying budgets. 6 p.m.

FRIDAY | SEPT. 24

MARION DAVIES GUEST HOUSE TOUR 12 P.M.
Santa Monica Conservancy docents share the rich history of the Beach House site from the 1920s onward. Free 20-minute visits docent tours are available on a walk-up basis, for groups of up to six people on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 12pm - 2pm.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) 10 A.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. 10 a.m.

ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE TOUR 12 P.M.
Santa Monica Conservancy docents share the rich history of the Beach House site from the 1920s onward. Free 20-minute visits docent tours are available on a walk-up basis, for groups of up to six people on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 12pm - 2pm.

SATURDAY | SEPT. 25

STORY TIME AT THE SANTA MONICA PIER AQUARIUM 2 P.M.
Join us every Saturday at 2:00 p.m. for a whale of a tale! The Santa Monica Pier Aquarium will host story time in the Dorothy Green Room. Children (and adults) love to hear a good story, and the Aquarium has a nearly endless supply of books celebrating life on the sea. Join us any Saturday.

MONTANA AVENUE ART WALK 10 A.M.
Mark your calendars for the much-anticipated Montana Avenue Art Walk. September 25th. Featuring local artists, activities, music, and more.

SELF-CARE SATURDAYS AT THIRD STREET PROMENADE 10 A.M.
Take some time to take care of YOU. Join us & Fit Girl Club LA for a morning of self-care featuring FREE workouts on Third Street Promenade. Mingle with like-minded fitness fanatics or make a trip to the celebrated Downtown Santa Monica Farmers' Market. Bring a yoga mat, towel and water for maximum enjoyment.

SUNDAY | SEPT. 26

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET 8:30 A.M.
The Sunday Main Street Farmers Market features some of California's freshest produce plus prepared foods from local Main Street restaurants as well as foods prepared with ingredients sourced from California farmers!

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 311 CALLS ON SEPTEMBER 19

Audible Burglar Alarm 1500blk Ocean AVE 12:02 a.m.
Citizen Flag Main ST / Pico Blvd 12:02 a.m.
Disturbance of the Peace 2000blk Ocean Ave 12:04 a.m.
Party Complaint 1800blk 17th Ave 12:04 a.m.
Traffic Vehicle Stop 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 12:07 a.m.
Disturbance of the Peace 100blk Hill St 12:26 a.m.
Loud Music 2100blk 4th St 12:26 a.m.
Suspicious Circumstances 1100blk Palisades Park 12:36 a.m.
Encampment 10th St / Pico Blvd 12:37 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1800blk 20th St 12:38 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Main St / Pico Blvd 12:40 a.m.
Attempt Burglary Report 1400blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:42 a.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred Lincoln Blvd / Pearl St 12:51 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 300blk 21st St 1:03 a.m.
Found Property 300blk Idaho Ave 1:13 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500blk 12th St 1:13 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:18 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 400blk Ashland Ave 1:21 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Centinela Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 1:21 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2100blk 3rd St 1:21 a.m.
Encampment 00blk Pico Blvd 1:27 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle 22nd St / Delaware Ave 1:29 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 700blk Ozone St 1:31 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 900blk 15th St 1:37 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 5th St / Pacific St 1:39 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 1500blk Montana Ave 1:49 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1400blk 14th St 1:53 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 26th St / Georgina Ave 2:01 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2600blk 11th St 2:03 a.m.
Identity Theft 300blk Olympic Dr 2:04 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300blk 18th St 2:16 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2400blk 5th St 2:18 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 700blk Broadway 2:19 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1000blk 17th St 2:28 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 22nd St / Pico Blvd 2:31 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1300blk 4th St 2:32 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1600blk 19th St 2:37 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1200blk 9th St 2:40 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1000blk 9th St 2:42 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred Centinela Ave / Pico Blvd 2:54 a.m.
Fraud Report 2200blk 24th St 2:55 a.m.
Burglary Report 1700blk Ocean Ave 3:01 a.m.
Found Property 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:03 a.m.
Death Investigation 1500blk 16th St 3:09 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1000blk 2nd St 3:35 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:49 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 400blk Raymond Ave 4:08 a.m.
Encampment 1100blk 5th St 4:11 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2500blk 3rd St 4:31 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 100blk Washington Ave 4:43 a.m.
Lost Property 1100blk Georgina Ave 4:45 a.m.
Found Property 1300blk 2nd St 2:18 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1400blk 4th St 2:19 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1300blk 15th St 3:02 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 500blk 26th St 3:34 p.m.
General Parking Problem 2000blk Ocean Ave 4:05 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2200blk 5th St 4:06 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:13 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1500blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:18 p.m.
Hit And Run Felony Investigation Lincoln Blvd

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 33 CALLS ON SEPTEMBER 19

EMS 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 12:35 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 12:43 a.m.
EMS 100blk Wilshire Blvd 12:46 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 6th St 4:17 a.m.
EMS 1600blk 6th St 4:42 a.m.
Structure Fire 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 6:21 a.m.
Carbon Monoxide 1300blk 15th St 7:09 a.m.
HazMat 1300blk 4th St 7:18 a.m.
EMS 2900blk Colorado Ave 8:21 a.m.
MISC. 3100blk 3rd St 9:19 a.m.
EMS 2400blk 31st St 10:03 a.m.
EMS 2300blk 4th St 12:33 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 1:47 p.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 3:15 p.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 4:42 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 19th St 4:55 p.m.
Public Assist 1900blk Pico Blvd 5:02 p.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas 800blk Ashland Ave 5:07 p.m.
EMS With Injury 22nd St / Pico Blvd 5:09 p.m.
Traffic Collision 1000blk Ocean Ave 5:16 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 9th St 5:20 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 11th St 5:44 p.m.
MISC 3200blk Pico Blvd 5:55 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:36 p.m.
EMS 1500blk California Ave 6:56 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 16th St 7:24 p.m.
Odor of Natural gas 100blk Bay St 7:37 p.m.
Electrical Fire - No Fire Visible 1300blk 4th St 8:03 p.m.
EMS 800blk Pico Blvd 8:35 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Colorado Ave 9:14 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 9:14 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Centinela Ave 9:17 p.m.
EMS 400blk 17th St 10:03 p.m

Inflation forces homebuilders to take it slow, raise prices

ALEX VEIGA
AP Business Writer

Even in the hottest U.S. housing market in more than a decade, new home construction has turned into a frustratingly uncertain and costly proposition for many homebuilders.

Rising costs and shortages of building materials and labor are rippling across the homebuilding industry, which accounted for nearly 12% of all U.S. home sales in July. Construction delays are common, prompting many builders to pump the brakes on the number of new homes they put up for sale. As building a new home gets more expensive, some of those costs are passed along to buyers.

Across the economy, prices having spiked this year amid shortages of manufactured goods and components, from cars and computer chips to paint and building materials. The Federal Reserve meets this week and officials' outlook on when they might start raising interest rates could indicate how worried the Fed is about inflation.

The constraints on homebuilders are unwelcome news for homebuyers, already facing historically low levels of resale homes on the market and record prices. Economists worry many first-time homebuyers are getting priced out of the market. The erosion in affordability is one reason the pace of home sales has been easing in recent months.

At Sivage Homes in Albuquerque, N.M., the builder's efforts to keep its construction on schedule are undercut almost daily by delays for everything from plumbing fixtures and windows, to bathtubs and appliances.

"Nowadays, we literally could be sitting waiting 30 days, maybe even 60, for one thing or another," said CEO Mike Sivage. "I've been doing this since 1986 and I have to say I've never seen anything like this before."

The pandemic set the stage for higher prices and shortages of construction products. Factories went idle temporarily and are now trying to catch up on production at the same time that demand has intensified due to an unexpectedly hot housing market and a surge in home remodeling.

Lumber futures jumped to an all-time high $1,670 per thousand board feet in May. They've since dropped to $634, about 10% higher than a year ago. Still, wholesale prices for a category of homebuilding components that includes windows, roofing tiles, doors and steel, increased 22% over the last 12 months, according to an analysis of Labor Department data conducted by the National Association of Home Builders. Before 2020, it was typical for such aggregate prices to rise a little over 1% annually.

Those conditions are likely to persist. Robert Dietz, chief economist at the NAHB, said he's heard from builders that "there are ongoing challenges, and in some cases growing challenges, with flooring, other kinds of building materials."

Meanwhile, any savings on lumber have yet to filter down to many builders, including Thomas James Homes, which operates in California, Washington state and Colorado.

"The price we're paying for lumber today is the same price we were paying 90 or 120 ago," said Jon Tattersall, the builder's president, who noted his company's overall building costs have increased about 30% since November.

Homebuyers shouldn't expect to see any discounts from falling lumber prices, either, because builders set their prices based largely on overall demand in the housing market.

A signed contract for a home yet to be built typically includes an allowance for unexpected construction costs, but generally builders will have to eat big increases and then pass them on to the next buyer.

"On our future ones, those are the ones we're having to raise the costs on," Tattersall said.

Higher building materials prices aren't the only factor driving up builders' costs. A chronic shortage of skilled construction workers has worsened during the pandemic, forcing builders to factor in higher labor costs.

Inflation is being felt across the economy. Consumer prices rose 5.3% in August from the same month a year ago. At the producer level, inflation jumped an even steeper 8.3%, the biggest annual gain on record.

The Federal Reserve has said it believes the surge in inflation will be temporary. For now, though, the rise in building materials costs and the lingering supply crunch are making everything from houses and apartments to commercial buildings more expensive.

To manage, many builders are slowing the rollout of new homes. Zonda Economics, a real estate data tracker, estimates some 85% of builders are intentionally limiting their sales.

"They're trying to make sure they have the land ready, the workers ready and the materials ready to be able to actually delver the homes that they've sold," said Ali Wolf, Zonda's chief economist.

Even with inflation, builders are benefiting from the hottest housing market in years. Demand for new homes has strengthened, while the number of previously occupied U.S. homes up for sale has fallen to historic lows, pushing prices higher.

The median price of a new home sold in July climbed 18.4% from a year earlier to $390,500, an all-time high, according to the Commerce Department. For existing homes, the median price jumped 17.8% in July to $359,900, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Builders typically hire contractors who handle framing, electrical, plumbing and other facets of construction. As these firms have faced higher costs to secure skilled labor or source the materials they need to do their job, they've had to pass those increases onto builders.

Tri Pointe Homes, which builds homes in 10 states, including California, Texas and Maryland, has faced higher labor costs. It's been working through those increases, at times moving beyond its core group of contractors, said CEO Doug Bauer.

One way Tri Pointe and other builders are dealing with product delays is to ask contractors to install temporary fixtures and appliances, for example, so that buyers can move in as quickly as possible.

"Then, as soon as the original item becomes available, we are returning to install it," Bauer

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TRADES

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paid for and they get benefits just like they are regular employees," said Community Services Program Coordinator Michael Jackson. "I think many of the interns find great stability in the program."

The program focuses on technical skills in electricals, plumbing, hydraulics, vehicle mechanics and carpentry. Participants will perform a variety of unskilled and semiskilled tasks in these fields while on the job and also have the opportunity to obtain a class A or B drivers license.

At the same time participants are taught life skills and meet with a variety of speakers such as entrepreneurs, financial advisors and credit repair professionals.

"We go through life skills from financial literacy to intelligent decision making," said Jackson. "This program also teaches you the essence of what soft skills are: What is your attitude? How do you set up your day? What is your work ethic? How do you deal with challenging co-workers?"

By the end of the two-year program, participants will have developed both trade and life skills that will pave the way for future employment at the City or with other employers such as the Department of Water and Power, Southern California Edison or private contractors.

"It is a high expectation but high support program, because we are really looking at ways to make sure everybody meets their challenges, but also learns skills that will be invaluable for them," said Jackson. "Whether they go into a career in the trades or they don't, soft skills translate everywhere."

To qualify, potential applicants must have a valid California driver's license, show proof of eligibility to work in the United States and any convictions on their record must be six months or older at the date of the application. More information on the program can be found at tinyurl.com/tradesintern.

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Letter to the Editor

Tim Tunks — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Covid inoculation responsibility

"1 in 500 Americans have died of covid-19" reads a story headline in today's Washington Post—what a Grim milestone.

"My body—My decision. No Covid Vaccination for Me", many say. One thing we hear a lot is: "If I get sick, I'm the only one affected."

"Horse pucky!" I reply. "What a stupid selfish thing to say and think!"

Let's consider the social obligations related to driving a car on public roadways. The law says you have to wear a seat belt. Some seatbelt refusers say, "If I'm injured in a wreck, I'm the one to pay the price so it's no one's business but mine whether I belt in or not." O.K., if you get bumped off perhaps it will just be Darwinian Natural Selection, that is if you have no progeny — then no worry.

The law also says that you can't drive when you're drunk, but a drunken wreck can injure multiple innocent victims. It may not be my business whether you're seat belted, but it is definitely my business if you choose to be an intoxicated menace to anyone near by. Who can argue with that?

Responsibility for Covid vaccination is a lot more like drunk driving laws than it is like seatbelt requirements. Let's list some of the collateral damage your choice to remain unvaccinated and unmasked can cause and who you put in jeopardy with your personal choice.

1. If you get infected, you can easily infect others before you even know you're sick. You can easily kill off grandparents and sicken grandkids with the virus you pass on. And those you sicken can pass it along to their contacts.

2. You can get sick and require hospitalization to save your life, so look at what that costs—besides all the dollars involved. Over-burdened health care systems and workers have diminished capacity to take care of others, whether they be covid patients, accident victims, or an old person with a heart attack. That list goes on and on; including premature births, cancer patients, sport field injuries, home accidents, innocent passersby hit during drive-by shootings, and on, and on, etcetera.

3. Unvaccinated people make ideal hosts for covid variants to evolve. This is a fact of science. Even if an unvaccinated person contracts an asymptomatic case where the infected person experiences only slight symptoms, or sometimes none at all, the covid virus finds an ideal host to evolve into new variants. Because the host does not have the antibodies to attack and kill the covid viruses, the virus easily survives and thrives so it can be transmitted to others. There is nothing to prevent these variants from developing the capability to escape the antibodies of the current vaccines and start a new plague.

4. We all belong to the community of humans who live on this planet, so the covid virus is a common threat to us all. Universal vaccination is the best defense against this global threat. "Who's side do you want to be on in this existential battle?" your children might ask.

I ask vaccination resisters to digest this information and decide whether they want to be potential contributors to the "One in five hundred Americans dead" statistic.

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US easing virus restrictions for foreign flights to America

ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

In a major easing of pandemic travel restrictions, the U.S. said Monday it will allow foreigners to fly into the country this fall if they have vaccination proof and a negative COVID-19 test — changes replacing a hodgepodge of rules that had kept out many non-citizens and irritated allies in Europe and beyond where virus cases are lower.

The changes, to take effect in November, will allow families and others who have been separated by the travel restrictions for 18 months to plan for long-awaited reunifications and allow foreigners with work permits to get back to their jobs in the U.S.

Airlines, business groups and travelers cheered — though also calling the step long overdue.

"It's a happy day. Big Apple, here I come!" said French entrepreneur Stephane Le Breton, 45, finally able to book a trip to New York City that had been put on hold over the virus restrictions.

The new policy will replace a patchwork of travel bans first instituted by President Donald Trump last year and tightened by President Joe Biden that restrict travel by non-citizens who have in the prior 14 days been in the United Kingdom, European Union, China, India, Iran, Republic of Ireland, Brazil or South Africa.

White House COVID-19 coordinator Jeff Zients announced the new policies, which still will require all foreign travelers flying to the U.S. to demonstrate proof of vaccination before boarding, as well as proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within three days of flight. Biden will also tighten testing rules for unvaccinated American citizens, who will need to be tested within a day before returning to the U.S., as well as after they arrive home.

The tougher rules for unvaccinated Americans come as the White House has moved to impose sweeping vaccination-or-testing requirements affecting as many as 100 million people in an effort to encourage holdouts to get shots.

Fully vaccinated passengers will not be required to quarantine, Zients said.

There will be no immediate change to U.S. land border policies, which restrict much cross-border travel with Mexico and Canada.

The travel bans had become the source of growing geopolitical frustration, particularly among allies in the UK and EU. The easing comes ahead of Biden meeting with some European leaders on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly this week.

"This is based on individuals rather than a country-based approach, so it's a stronger system," Zients said.

The EU and UK had previously moved to allow vaccinated U.S. travelers in without quarantines, in an effort to boost business and tourism. But the EU recommended last month that some travel restrictions be reimposed on U.S. travelers to the bloc because of the rampant spread of the delta variant of the coronavirus in America.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will require airlines to collect contact information from international travelers to facilitate tracing, Zients said.

It was not immediately clear which vaccines would be acceptable under the U.S. system and whether those unapproved in the U.S. could be used. Zients said that decision would be up to the CDC.

Monday's announcement was met with applause by the air travel industry, which has lost significant revenue from declines in international travel.

Delta Air Lines spokesman Morgan Durrant said, "Science tells us that vaccinations coupled with testing is the safest way to re-open travel, and we are optimistic this important decision will allow for the continued economic recovery both in the U.S. and abroad and the reunification of families who have been separated for more than 18 months."

Worldwide, air travel is still down more than half from pre-pandemic levels, and the decline is much sharper for cross-border flying. By July, domestic travel had recovered to 84% of 2019 numbers, but international travel was just 26% of the same month two years ago, according to figures this month from the airline industry's main global trade group, the International Air Transport Association.

The numbers are similar but not quite as stark for the U.S., where international travel in August was 46% of that in August 2019, according to Airlines for America. Arrivals by non-U.S. citizens were only 36% of the 2019 level.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson tweeted that he was "delighted" by the news. He said: "It's a fantastic boost for business and trade, and great that family and friends on both sides of the pond can be reunited once again."

Airlines hailed the U.S. decision as a lifeline for the struggling industry. Tim Alderslade, chief executive of industry body Airlines U.K. said it was "a major breakthrough."

Shai Weiss, chief executive of Virgin Atlantic, said it was "a major milestone. ... The U.K. will now be able to strengthen ties with our most important economic partner, the U.S., boosting trade and tourism as well as reuniting friends, families and business colleagues."

"The travel bans were really behind the times," said Maka Hutson, counsel specializing in immigration issues at the law firm Akin Gump. She said they were very frustrating to European executives who'd been vaccinated but still couldn't fly to the United States to conduct business.

The changes also drew praise from business groups, who have been contending with labor shortages as the economy bounces back with unexpected strength from last year's coronavirus recession. U.S. employers have been posting job openings — a record 10.9 million in July — faster than applicants can

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DECIDE

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conditions would be remedied with additional study. They said the district's enrollment challenges are not large enough to torpedo the proposal and that they are a distinct community with no common interests with Santa Monica.

"After years of attempts to separate and endless negotiations with no progress Malibu residents have had enough," said Farrer. "Because we are elected by our constituents and have a responsibility to respond to their needs and priorities, the Malibu City Council has directed the city to submit this petition for reorganization. A tentative recommendation from the county committee today would simply bring our petition into the typical reorganization process whereby the county committee will hold public hearings in both Santa Monica and Malibu. At that time, you will have the opportunity to assess the feasibility of reorganization, using the nine criteria set forth by the Department of Education, when there is sufficient data available to actually make such findings."

In their presentation, district officials said the current proposal simply doesn't meet the legal criteria for separation and continued study amounted to a waste of time. David Soldani, an attorney for the district, said it would be unfair to require the District to continue to expend time on the proposal given the ongoing challenges educators face at this time as their proposal failed to meet the conditions under the County's recent study.

"We know it, your staff knows it, outside organizations dedicated to equity and fairness note, you, the county committee have the discretion to deny the City Council petition at this stage," he said. "The ability to deny is explicitly set forth in the education code. And I would submit that denial, at this stage is appropriate, because the underlying structure and facts of the city council petition, are not going to change during the next 60 days, or even during the next year, subjecting the district and its families to more process, and more hearings, based upon this flawed petition is a waste of the committee, and the district's time and resources, both of which are in dangerously low supply right now."

SMMUSD Board member John Kean said data was readily available today to judge Malibu's proposal as insufficient.

"There are no data driven reasons to move the petition to a public hearing process," he said. "60 more days will not change these facts, it will not lead to new numbers being discovered. There are only political concerns to appease. For this reason, I respectfully request the committee deny the city council's petition, as it does not and will never be able to meet this criteria."

District Superintendent Ben Drati said the proposal would set a dangerous precedent and undermine broader pushes for equity in the community.

"As a district superintendent, charged with acting in the best interest of students for the entire district. I personally implore you to deny the city council's petition now, rather than drag the district through more hearings in process, when we are doing all we can to focus on returning students to campus in a safe and sustainable way," he said.

Committee members ultimately voted to continue studying the proposal as their previously generated report lacked enough information to accurately judge several criteria.

Committee chair Cherise Moore said a vote to approve or deny the proposal will occur in March of 2022 once staff has had an opportunity to answer their questions.

"The expectation is that at that time, there will be no 'mays', there will be no possibilities, there will be no need for further information," she said. "We need everything done at that time."

Two committee members opposed the motion and instead voted to terminate the Malibu proposal immediately.

Commissioners Barry Snell and Susan Solomon said they doubted additional time would provide the information needed to reverse the preliminary results.

Snell said both parties had ample time to provide robust information prior to the preliminary report and he said the formal proposal should be rejected in favor of a negotiated settlement.

"I'd like to make a motion to deny the petition and ask the individuals on both sides to go back to the table to negotiate this and give us a pathway to be able to ultimately see these two districts to come up with a plausible, economical, and ethical decision," he said.

Commissioner Donald LaPlante said rejecting the proposal at this time was foolish as it could be reactivated with a simple community vote.

"Turning down the city of Malibu petition and ending this preliminary part of the process will simply force the proponents into a 10% citizens petition which I have no doubt would happen," he said. "I believe all the parties would be better served by taking this petition through the process to a conclusion, and will be more advantageous to all than to merely force a restart of the process and be back to this exact same place six nine or 12 months from now."

Before taking a vote, the Commission listened to about an hour of argument on each side.

Following the hearing, District officials continued to criticize the Malibu proposal for lacking equity as they said it revolves around an inequitable distribution of financial resources that would cause irreparable harm to students in both Santa Monica and Malibu.

"As a district, we are not optimistic about any major developments occurring during this additional review period as we have been in talks for years with the City and the City of Malibu's position has remained consistent in seeking an inequitable distribution of financial resources," said Kean. "Our district will continue fighting for the students of both communities and urge education leaders in Malibu to inject themselves into the city's process in order to assist them in understanding why their proposal is flawed."

Malibu officials credited community input for helping advance the proposal.

"I want to thank all the Malibu parents, students and community members that participated in the County hearing, shared their experiences with SM-MUSD and voiced their support for school district separation, and I want to convey our appreciation to the County Committee for its attention to this critical community issue. We are all very pleased with their decision to move the City's petition forward," said Malibu Mayor Paul Grisanti.

The proposal will now receive a more substantive review with additional information requested of both parties. A third community hearing will be held before Nov. 17, most likely via an online platform due to ongoing covid restrictions.

If approved by the County, the proposal would enter a years long review by the state and could culminate in a public vote.

HOMEBUILDING

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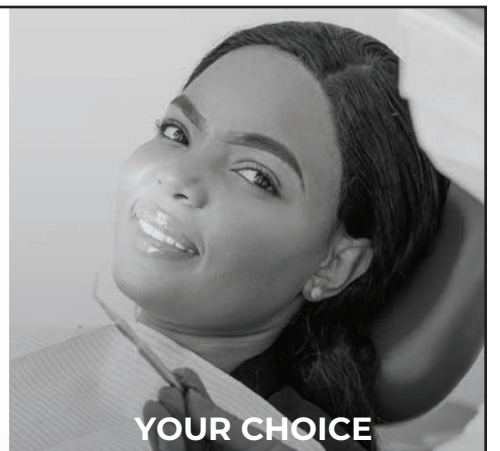
said.

To stay ahead of rising costs, Tri Pointe has raised its home prices and reduced buyer incentives when necessary. Even so, the builder has raised its guidance on the number of homes it expects to deliver this year from 6,000 to 6,300.

While the big, publicly traded builders have the means to buy building materials and warehouse them until needed, smaller builders that make up the majority of the industry are at the mercy of suppliers.

Sivage, whose company builds homes priced from $250,000 to $1 million, used to be able to lock in the price of lumber with suppliers a year in advance. That changed in recent years as demand for lumber increased. Now, Sivage doesn't know what it will cost him until it's ready for delivery.

"We've had to grin and bear it," he said.

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What's the Point?

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Pro-life and Pro-choice?

Courts and judges don't like vigilantism and resorting to self-help. The concept of allowing the average individual to take action, to seek revenge, to "right the wrongs" on behalf of another or themselves is generally anathema to the conduct of an orderly society. We have built laws and infrastructure to enforce those laws so that there is as much objective, rational and emotionless application of the laws to the defendants so that we can have the greatest amount of justice possible.

Our courts often fail in the fair administration of justice, but at least they are trying to do the right thing. Humans are inherently faulty and so any system that must deal with human frailty is going to be complex, confusing, and incapable of taking into account all situations.

As a situation becomes more complex, finding an appropriate resolution, or marking lines for boundaries becomes ever more difficult and murky. This is where the flexibility of interpretation of the law becomes more important and infuriating. It is the source of the most used phrase in law, "well that depends…".

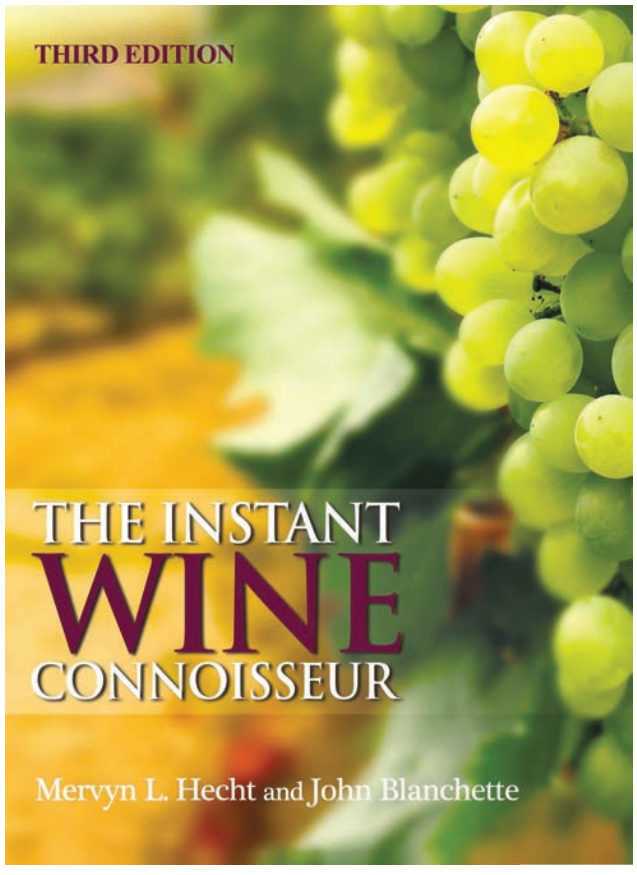
This is all a precursor to an incomplete discussion of that hottest of all topics – abortion and the latest assault on a woman's right to have an abortion at will out of Texas. I will fail to completely address the topic, because it is simply too big to address outside of a law school textbook, and maybe even then as well.

Here's my background on abortion: as a single gay man it's really not an issue that is likely to impact me personally, absent a drunken, mistaken, one-night stand (all of which are getting more and more unlikely as I hit 55 this week!) pregnancy is not in my foreseeable future. But that doesn't mean I don't have opinion on it. And it's not what you anticipate, but we'll get there.

When I was attending St. John's College in the 80's we did biology in an experimental manner. We were reading Aristotle, Harvey and a few other names no one will know. One of the things we did was examine chicken embryos at various stages of development. We would take an embryo, put it on a slide and examine its development under a microscope. As my lab partner and I did ours the circulatory system that had developed was nicked and it bled out, but the rudimentary

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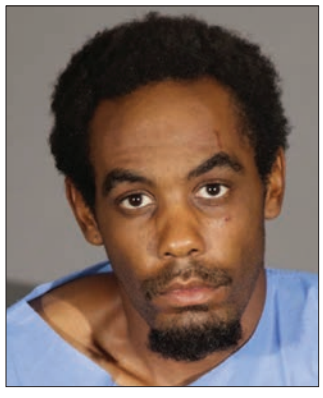


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JARVIS MATHIAS NEWMAN AKA MARQUIS PERKINGS

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has filed charges against Jarvis Mathias Newman AKA Marquis Perkings, a 26-year-old male, for his involvement in two separate incidents in Santa Monica. On September 12, Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) Officers met with a victim who reported that a couple days prior, she was asleep in the 1700-1800 block of the beach when she was awoken by a male that was touching her vaginal area over her clothes. The victim screamed and the suspect walked away. The victim provided police with a description of the suspect. She noted he had a distinctive gap in his front teeth. On September 15, SMPD Officers were dispatched to the area of Ocean and Colorado to investigate an assault. Officers met with a victim who told them, on that date at about 4:30 a.m., she was asleep in her tent at around the 1200 block of the beach, when a male woke her up and began to make small talk. At one point the male attempted to shift their conversation to be sexual in nature. The male then attempted to grab the female around the neck and take off her clothes. The victim screamed and was able to fight the male off her before he fled. The victim of this second incident provided police with the suspect's description. SMPD personnel observed a male matching the description of the suspect, later identified as Jarvis Newman, in the area of 4th and Colorado. The victim in this incident positively identified Newman as the person who attacked her. During the course of their investigation, officers learned Newman was an active Registered Sexual Offender. Detectives followed up with the victim of the first incident and she also identified Newman as the male that assaulted her.

On September 17, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office filed the following charges against Newman:

- 1 count - 220(a)(1) PC - Assault to commit rape
- 1 count - 243.4(e)(1) PC - Sexual Battery

Anyone with additional information or incidents related to this individual is encouraged to contact Detective Jacob Holloway with Criminal Investigations Division (CID) at (310) 458-8934 or the Watch Commander's office at (310) 458-2249.

Stocks drop the most since May on worries over China, Fed

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Stocks on Wall Street closed sharply lower Monday, mirroring losses overseas and handing the S&P 500 index its biggest drop in four months.

Worries about heavily indebted Chinese real estate developers — and the damage they could do to investors worldwide if they default — rippled across markets. Investors are also concerned that the U.S. Federal Reserve could signal this week that it's planning to pull back some of the support measures it's been giving markets and the economy.

The S&P 500 fell 75.26 points, or 1.7%, to 4,357.73, it's biggest drop since May. At one point, the benchmark index was down 2.9%, the biggest decline since last October. The S&P 500 was coming off two weeks of losses and is on track for its first monthly decline since January. The S&P 500 has gone an unusually long time without a pullback of 5% or more.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 614.41 points, or 1.8%, to 33,970.47. The blue-chip index was briefly down 971 points. The Nasdaq fell 330.06 points, or 2.2%, to 14,713.90. The Hang Seng, Hong Kong's main index, dropped 3.3% for its biggest loss since July. European markets fell about 2%.

"What's happened here is that the list of risks has finally become too big to ignore," said Michael Arone, chief investment strategist at State Street Global Advisors. "There's just a lot of uncertainty at a seasonally challenging time for markets."

The worries over Chinese property developers and debt have recently centered on Evergrande, one of China's biggest real estate developers, which looks like it may be unable to repay its debts.

The fear is that a potential collapse there could send a chain reaction through the Chinese property-development industry and spill over into the broader financial system, similar to how the failure of Lehman Brothers inflamed the 2008 financial crisis and Great Recession. Those property companies have been big drivers of the Chinese economy, which is the world's second-largest.

If they fail to make good on their debts, the heavy losses taken by investors who hold their bonds would raise worries about their financial strength. Those bondholders could also be forced to sell other, unrelated investments to raise cash, which could hurt prices in seemingly unrelated markets. It's a product of how tightly connected global markets have become, and it's a concept the financial world calls "contagion."

Many analysts say they expect China's government to prevent such a scenario, and that this does not look like a Lehman-type moment. Nevertheless, any hint of uncertainty may be enough to upset Wall Street after the S&P 500 has glided higher in almost uninterrupted fashion since October.

Besides Evergrande, several other worries have been lurking underneath the stock market's mostly calm surface. In addition to the Fed possibly announcing that it's letting off the accelerator on its support for the economy, Congress may opt for a destructive game of chicken before allowing the U.S. Treasury to borrow more money and the COVID-19 pandemic continues to weigh on the global economy.

Regardless of what the biggest cause for Monday's market swoon was, some analysts said such a decline was due. The S&P 500 hasn't had even a 5% drop from a peak since October, and the nearly unstoppable rise has left stocks looking more expensive and with less room for error.

All the concerns have pushed some on Wall Street to predict upcoming drops for stocks. Morgan Stanley strategists said Monday that conditions may be ripening to cause a fall of 20% or more for the S&P 500. They pointed to weakening confidence among shoppers, the potential for higher taxes plus inflation to eat into corporate profits and other signs that the economy's growth may slow sharply.

Even if the economy can avoid that worse-than-expected slowdown, Morgan Stanley's Michael Wilson said stocks could nevertheless drop about 10% as the Fed pares back on its support for markets. The Fed is due to deliver its latest economic and interest rate policy update on Wednesday.

Earlier this month, Stifel strategist Barry Bannister said he expects a drop of 10% to 15% for the S&P 500 in the final three months of the year. He cited the Fed's tapering of its support, among other factors. So did Bank of America strategist Savita Subramanian, as she set a target of 4,250 for the S&P 500 by the end of the year. That would be a 4.1% drop from Friday's close.

Technology companies led the broader market lower. Apple fell 2.1% and chipmaker Nvidia dropped 3.6%.

Banks posted big losses as bond yields slipped. That hurts their ability to charge more lucrative interest rates on loans. The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 1.31% from 1.37% late Friday. Bank of America fell 3.4%.

Oil prices fell 2.3% and weighed down energy stocks. Exxon Mobil fell 2.7%.

Smaller company stocks were among the biggest losers. The Russell 2000 fell 54.67 points, or 2.4%, to 2,182.20.

Airlines were among the few bright spots. American Airlines rose 3% to lead all the gainers in the S&P 500. Delta Air Lines rose 1.7% and United Airlines added 1.6%.

Cryptocurrency traders also had a rough day. The price of Bitcoin fell nearly 8% to $43,717, according to Coindesk.

Investors will have a chance for a closer look at how the slowdown affected a wide

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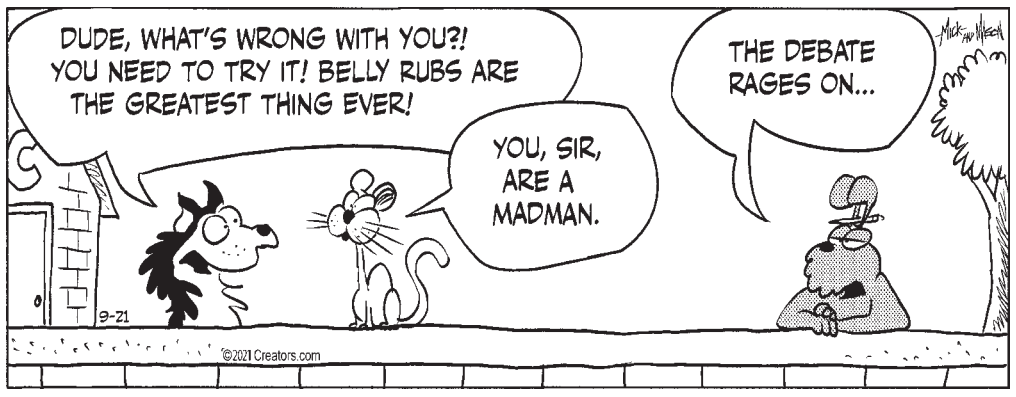
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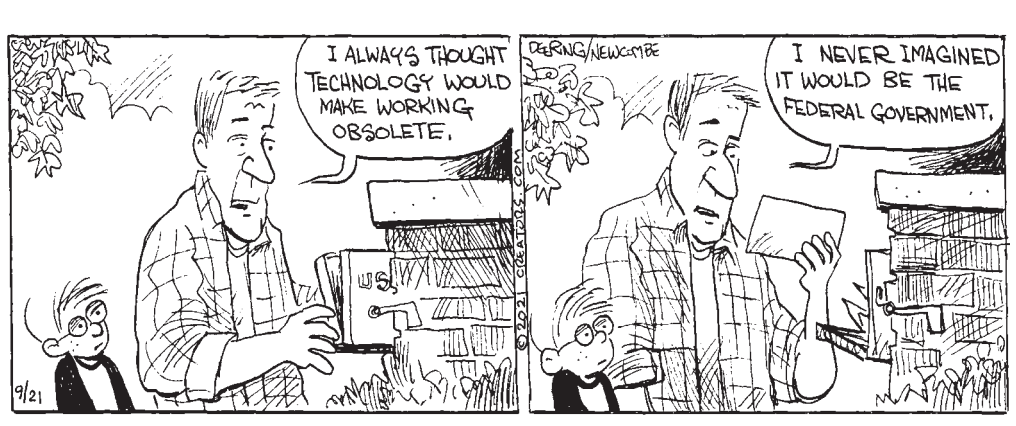
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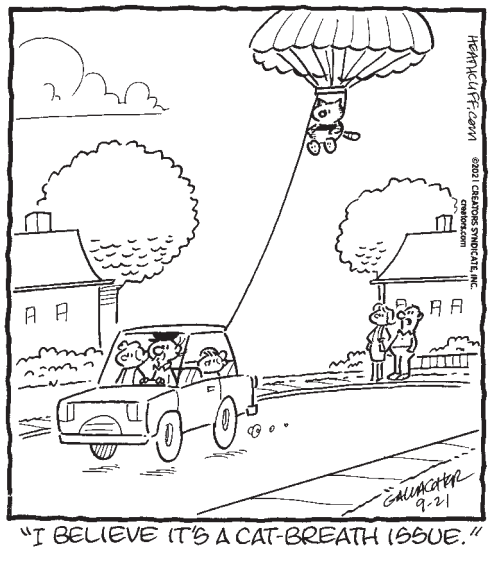
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WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're open-hearted and tolerant of people's mistakes, which definitely get made today. Consider this proof that people are willing to risk showing their true selves to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Reach out and ask for help; you'll immediately feel better. It's likely you won't need the help you ask for, but that's not the point. The point is, you're not alone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Though an independent spirit surges in you, you still believe individuals are often best served within a thriving group. You'll give yourself over to the work that will make the group great. All will be lifted.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sometimes, you feel like a genie who is only freed from your confines to serve those who would rub the lantern. It's not a sustainable dynamic. Assert yourself. Make your own plans and stick to them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Putting yourself in a good mood is worth the extra effort and time it takes. If you don't know how to get there, it's a skill worth learning. When you come to the situation in good cheer today, all goes well for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Someone with secret knowledge and super abilities will swoop in and save the day; that someone is you. What you can handle goes far beyond what you imagined you were capable of.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A good rapport with your people will be fundamental to the action of the day. And if you consider everyone you come across "your people", then you'll very likely create such a connection.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Beware of the one who thinks you are the total package. Packages are bought and sold. While you have much to offer, you're a person to be collaborated with -- not a gift for others to claim or use.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's a comfort to know what to expect from a person. It makes everyone's job easier. You work with people you can trust and who work with you for the same reason. Just relax and do what you do, because it's working.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You remain humble in accomplishment. Some in your position are too proud to entertain the question of how they might have done it better, but you have the courage to seek feedback and act on what you learn.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Because you are becoming a master, you will push yourself to not only execute on the plan but do it with style. You'll fulfill agendas within agendas. You're getting really good at this.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Sometimes, you wish you'd made a different choice. But your choices led you right where you can make the most difference. The places you've been and the things you've done set you up for today's win.

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

9	5	6	1	2	8	3	4	7
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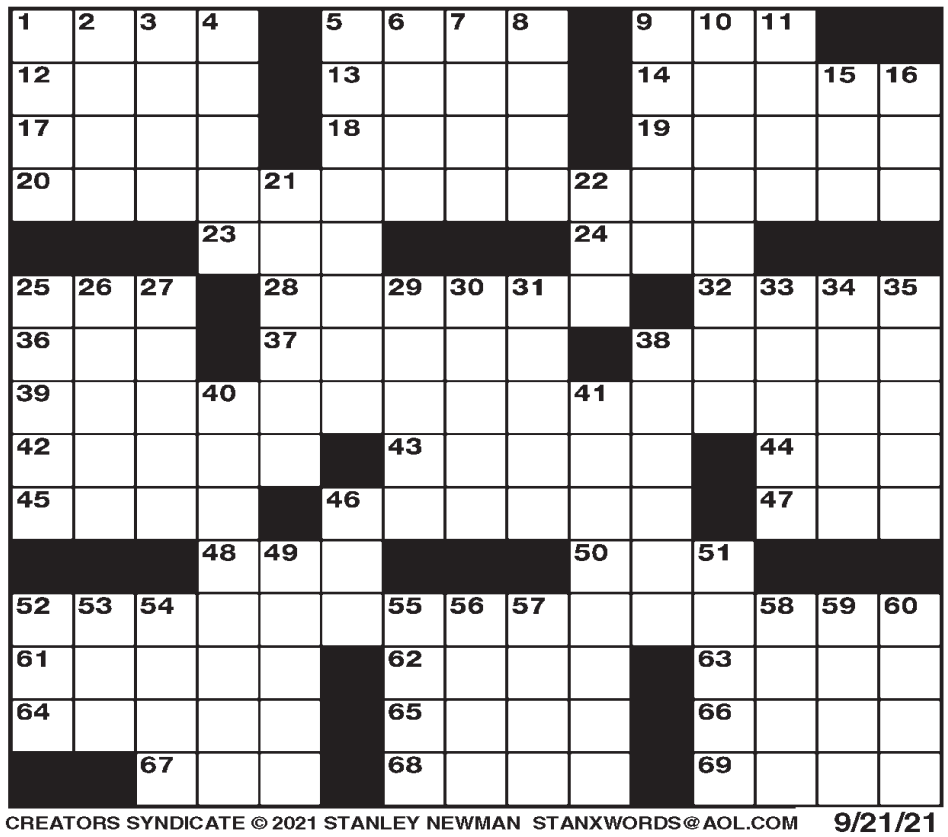
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Newsday Crossword

WEATHER PHRASIES by Sally R. Stein
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ACROSS
1 "Right away" memo initials
5 Helpful facts, for short
9 Chicken __ king
12 Rejection of legislation
13 ". . . borrower __ lender be"
14 Tier of society
17 "That's my cue!"
18 __ the bill (pay)
19 Worker's organization
20 When temperatures are very high
23 007 creator Fleming
24 Lion of the zodiac
25 Belly muscles
28 Was nostalgic for
32 General Motors' Michigan rival
36 "Gee, that's amazing!"
37 Had dinner at home
38 Unhappy sports spectator
39 Cold weather rain
42 Excessive
43 More timid
44 __ *for Evidence* (Grafton novel)
45 Impolite glance
46 Tried out
47 Roads that often cross aves.
48 Rower's implement
50 Prefix meaning "modern"
52 "Much snow is coming" advisory
61 Worker made out of metal
62 __ the Red (Norse explorer)
63 Genesis paradise
64 Drop __ to (write to)
65 Fender ding
66 __ mater (former school)
67 Mo. for caroling
68 Is indebted to
69 Cat's complaint

DOWN
1 Rival of Hertz
2 "Half" prefix for final
3 The full alphabet
4 Swindler with a "scheme" named for him
5 Nissan's luxury make
6 "High" time of day
7 Former tadpole
8 Hand-on-Bible ritual
9 Sharp, as eyesight
10 Where Dorothy met the Wizard
11 India's continent
15 Plaything
16 Two letters in "notion"
21 Childbirth training method
22 __ Glory (American flag)
25 Extremely poor-quality
26 Carried, as by the wind
27 Stockholm native
29 Hearing or sight
30 Sounds of lament
31 Cancel a project
33 Seeps slowly
34 Ignited again
35 Wedding gown, for example
38 Person viewing feathered friends
40 One-currency region of Spain, France, etc.
41 Simulates, as historical battles
46 __ la la (singing sounds)
49 Ancient Mexican
51 Hr. after midnight
52 Bathing suit top
53 Texter's "That's hilarious!"
54 Footnote abbr.
55 Begin again with
56 Created a sketch
57 Corked beverage
58 Not doing anything
59 Verne submarine captain
60 Chew like a squirrel



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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

I	O	I	O	O	I	O	O	I	O	I	I
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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 13 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5244

At the bank

A	C	C	E	S	S	K	T	E	L	L	E	R	W	A
M	R	A	L	A	I	N	A	N	N	U	I	T	Y	T
R	T	R	A	N	S	A	C	T	I	O	N	I	A	G
E	E	I	N	U	M	B	E	R	Y	M	O	S	N	O
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Access	Debtor	Meet	Safe
Alarm	Demand	Mint	Sale
Annuity	Duty	Monopoly	Spendthrift
ASIC	Euro	Notes	Staff
Awards	Export	Number	Stocks
Bank	Fees	Passbook	Supply
Buck	Gain	Pay	Teller
Cash	Gold	Pound	Terms
Cent	Goods	Queue	Transaction
Charges	Kits	Real	Users
Coin	Loan	Reliable	Usurer
Copper	Loss	Risk	Value

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SMMUSD

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The tests highlight student performance results of student subgroups identified in various regulatory and funding systems.

Wednesday's presentation is part one of a two-part series that will focus on the 2021 Local Assessments.

Part 2 will focus on the Early Development Instrument [EDI], Advanced Placement Assessment Data, ELPAC Summative Assessment, Cohort Graduation Rates, College and Career Readiness information, Attendance, and Suspension and Expulsion Rates.

COVID UPDATE

SMMUSD will provide the Board of Education with an opportunity to hear from the superintendent with updates on COVID-19 related information. The district will go over efforts to prevent the spread of the coronavirus with children back in classrooms.

The district will also discuss the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's new guidelines in regards to COVID-19 safety protocols, testing, and other topics. This will continue to be a recurring theme throughout the pandemic.

SUSTAINABILITY

SMMUSD's sustainability plan was adopted by the Board of Education in Feb. 2019. It provides a strategic roadmap for the district to take action and lead by example to promote environmental stewardship and climate protection in an effective and measurable way. The Sustainability Plan was developed through a community- and district stakeholder-driven effort under the direction of the Facility Improvement Projects (FIP) Department with assistance from Cumming Corporation.

Climate, education, engagement, energy efficiency, renewables, water, solid waste, transportation, food, nutrition, wellness, green buildings and operations will be discussed and specific goals for 2020, 2025, and 2030 for these areas will be laid out.

TEXTBOOK

A new textbook is being recommended. The adoption request is for AP Human Geography, a history elective course at Santa Monica High School. The textbook was reviewed by teachers and the grand total of adopting the textbooks would be $12,706.58.

STAFF REQUEST

It is also recommended that the Board of Education approve an increase in FTEs/new position for a Bilingual Senior Office Specialist. This position is replacing an Office Specialist position, which has been abolished. The 2021-2022 budget will be adjusted $2,997 for salary and benefits. The board will also acknowledge Hispanic heritage month. This is expected to last roughly 10 minutes.

The meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m. and become open to the public at 5:30 p.m. There will be public comment. To listen in on the meeting, visit https://www.smmusd.org/domain/2977

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WHAT'S THE POINT?

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heart kept pumping.

That experience led me to decide that there was some life force present in that embryo. Maybe it's just an electrical charge that is causing the muscle to continue to pump, or not. I don't know. I do know that for me the decision was that I believe there was life there, and that should I get a woman pregnant, I would be responsible for the life I created, and hence against aborting it.

However, I was also reading Ayn Rand's Fountainhead and Atlas Shrugged. I was very strong Reagan Republican (HEY! I was only 20ish, forgive me!) and believed, and still do, in personal freedom. Freedom to me, as a gay man, means I get to decide what I do with my body so long as it doesn't negatively impact another, and if I want that freedom for me, I have to be willing to grant it to another. Hence, personally I am pro-life, and societally I am pro-choice as a woman should be able to control her body as much as I can control mine.

Now this is where the messiness of the law, and human frailty converge to make a convoluted, complex, and excruciating situation. For I said that my rights end at the edge of another, the hardline pro-life advocates take that to mean the embryo that has developed in a woman. Their point is not completely invalid. Left alone, most of those embryos probably would continue to develop into fetuses and then live human beings.

Texas has decided to honor that proto-human and give uninvolved individuals the right to seek redress on the behalf of the aborted embryo after 6 weeks. The law as written skirts the requirements of Roe v. Wade and empowers 'true believers' with a $10,000 bounty. This level of vigilantism is scary to any thinking person, and it sets a horrible precedent, if it stands.

The Court is hearing a case in December in which an amicus brief has been filed. I found this on ABC7.com, "Crissy Perham, a double gold medalist and captain of the 1992 U.S. Olympic swim team, offered one of several personal testimonies in the brief attesting to her experience obtaining an abortion.

"When I was in college, I was on birth control, but I accidentally became pregnant," she wrote. "I decided to have an abortion. I wasn't ready to be a mom, and having an abortion felt like I was given a second chance at life."

"That choice ultimately led me to being an Olympian, a college graduate and a proud mother today," Perham wrote.

How the Supreme Court will ultimately rule on this remains to be seen. It doesn't look good for the abortion rights advocates, but then again, we don't know if the Supremes will set aside their personal beliefs and recognize that they are setting laws for all of the country, not just the people who agree with them.

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STOCKS

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range of companies when the next round of corporate earnings begins in October. Solid earnings have been a key driver for stocks, but supply chain disruptions, higher costs and other factors could make it more of a struggle for companies to meet high expectations.

"The market's biggest strength this year could become its biggest risk," Arone said.

TRAVEL

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fill them.

Myron Brilliant, head of international affairs for the U..S. Chamber of Commerce, said in a statement, "Allowing vaccinated foreign nationals to travel freely to the United States will help foster a robust and durable recovery for the American economy."

AP writers Jill Lawless in London, Thomas Adamson-Koumbouzis in Paris, Paul Wiseman in Washington and David Koenig in Dallas contributed.

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