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# Confusion and concern over two controversial housing bills

**CLARA HARTER**
SMDP Staff Writer

In February, City Council broke with its longstanding pro-housing stance and sided with several other California cities in opposing SB 9 and SB 10. In September, Newsom signed both controversial housing bills into law.

Both bills change zoning laws to allow more units to be built on a single parcel of land, but there is a debate over whether this will help address the state's affordable housing crisis or solely lead to more profits for developers and investors.

SB 9 allows owners to build duplexes on lots currently zoned as single-family housing and also offers the option to split lots into two. This ultimately gives owners the ability to build four housing units on a property currently limited to one house.

SB 10 gives jurisdictions the option to upzone land parcels near to transit to allow up to 10 units to be built per parcel. Neither bill has requirements that any of the newly constructed units be affordable.

"We opposed these bills because they do nothing to expand affordable housing and will lead to further gentrification and displacement of lower income residents," said Oscar de la Torre, who initiated the motion for Council to oppose the bills in February.

Five councilmembers agreed with de la Torre and voted to oppose the bill, while Councilmember

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# Doctors dispel Covid myths at Chamber discussion

**DANIEL FARR**
SMDP Staff Writer

In a world where misinformation is far too common, the Chamber of Commerce hosted a meeting with four local doctors this week aimed at clarifying the current state of the pandemic.

Organizers said the meeting was designed to help participants gain peace of mind and distinguish what is fact or fear.

Chamber CEO, Laurel Rosen thought inviting four proven medical officials could ensure Santa Monica knows what and who to believe.

Dan Uslan, Clinical Chief, Infectious Diseases and Clinical Professor, UCLA Health discussed why booster shots are being offered and why they're only being offered to certain groups. He also said that fully vaccinated people can still spread Delta, but they are less infectious for a shorter period of time.

The immune response from the vaccines does wane over time and that is why many people have proposed, about six to eight months after those initial injections, booster shots for certain groups. However, vaccines do remain effective against hospitalizations and retain that impact longterm.

"Like everything we do in medicine, there's benefits and there's risks. So the benefits of giving a booster dose are fairly clear; the benefits are things like preventing COVID-19 cases, preventing hospitalizations and deaths, and possibly preventing transmission," Uslan said. "We know that there is some data that suggests that the virus vaccines work fairly well to prevent transmission, why not just give booster doses to everyone? Why focus on select groups like the immunocompromised? Well there are risks like everything we do and the risks of getting boosters to everyone, are really things like miocarditis which is inflammation

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# A dream of pastry comes to life for longtime Santa Monican







Courtesy photos

**NOW OPEN: Uppers Cafe & Bakeshop has opened on Broadway for breakfast and lunch.**

**DANIEL FARR**
SMDP Staff Writer

A 15-year Santa Monica resident originally from Lithuania has achieved a lifelong dream of opening a local bakery.

"It has been a dream," Raimonda Gintaliene, owner and head baker of Uppers Cafe & Bakeshop said. "Dreams come true."

Gintaliene and her husband spent four years walking around Santa Monica everyday after work looking for the right place to open their dream cafe and when they passed the building on Broadway, both of them knew they'd found the perfect place.

Uppers Cafe & Bakeshop officially opened their doors on Sept. 15 in the building formerly occupied by Back on Broadway but it was not an easy transition. Gintaliene had to wait an entire year before opening due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Permits and approval were difficult to secure due to everyone working from home and working entirely by email also slowed the process.

However, she knew opening a bakeshop in Santa Monica would bring her true happiness and working through the pandemic-era process was worth her time.

"I fell in love with Santa Monica the minute I got here," she said. "Our kids went to the local schools and I said that I am not going to move anywhere else, I'm going to stay here. It's our home."

The cafe sells coffee, teas, pastries and cakes. They also serve breakfast and lunch items like avocado toast, sandwiches and salads.

"Our favorite [breakfast item] is Uppers brioche bun," She said. "We try to give our customers healthy food that is prepared right away. We do not freeze or have any fried stuff so everything is prepared freshly. It's our goal to give Santa Monica the same food that we cook at home."

Gintaliene, a Lithuanian native said the store always puts their European touch on their items and that makes them standout compared to other bakeries.

"My cakes, they are not that sweet," she said. "So they're not so sugary and this way, you can taste actual cake and not just sugar."

However, Gintaliene bakes

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# What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

## TUESDAY | SEPT. 28

**NATALIE JACOB QUARTET 8 - 9 P.M.**
Natalie is an LA native, based in Santa Monica, who has a particular passion for Bossa Nova and can also swing with the best of them. TR!P Santa Monica, 2101 Lincoln Blvd. Free show. One drink minimum.

## WEDNESDAY | SEPT. 29

**FARMERS MARKET 8 A.M. - 1 P.M.**
The largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California. Downtown Farmers Market Locations: at Arizona Ave & 2nd St.

**THE DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA PUBLIC SAFETY TOWN HALL FORUM 2 - 3:30 P.M.**
The Downtown Santa Monica Public Safety Town Hall Forum has been rescheduled for Wednesday, September 29, 2 - 3:30 p.m. at Santa Monica Place, Community Room, Level 3.This meeting will provide community members an opportunity to learn more about public safety efforts in the downtown, with presentations by the Santa Monica Police Department and DTSM Staff.

**COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT 7 P.M.**
Join in celebrating National Recovery Month with a free community movie night showing the Disney movie "Soul" at Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave, on September 29 at 7 p.m. The event will be taking place at the courtyard of the Teen Center at Virginia Avenue Park. There will be free popcorn, a selfie station, and more.

**LANDLORDS AND TENANTS: WHAT THE END OF THE EVICTION MORATORIUM MEANS FOR YOU. 12 P.M.**
Rebecca Herman of Pettit Kohn will lead this webinar joined by Senator Ben Allen, who will also cover what financial and other resources are available to you from the State of California. Free for members. $15 for non-members. https://members.smchamber.com/events/

## THURSDAY | SEPT. 30

**ANIMAL FARM**
"Animal Farm: Conversations on Theater and Politics with Steven Leigh Morris and Guests." It will be an engaging and thought-provoking look at current issues and ideas in world politics and how they're reflected in theater. It is completely free and can be viewed at: https://citygarage.org/animalfarm/ at 12 p.m.

## FRIDAY | OCT. 1

**ABSOLUTELY HALLOWEEN IS ABSOLUTELY GREAT!**
Santa Monica Playhouse is excited to present the in-person return of its modern classic, now celebrating its 15th year (live-streaming in 2020) as part of the Playhouse's "We're Back" play series. https://www.santamonicaplayhouse.com/

**RARE BOOKS**
Rare Books LA welcomes you back to in-person book fairs with the upcoming show Rare Books LA - Santa Monica. This exciting event is sponsored by Biblio.com and is being held in a beautiful retail storefront at 1219 Third Street Promenade, a prime retail and dining destination just a few blocks from the beach.

## SATURDAY | OCT. 2

**OCEAN PARK BRANCH BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION: THE WORLD WITHOUT US BY ALAN WEISMAN. 11 A.M. - 12 P.M.**
What would happen if the human race vanished? Weisman's book is a fascinating examination of the permanent and impermanent human impact on the earth. To register, email karen.reitz@santamonica.gov

**ENGLISH AS S SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, HIGH. 12 - 3 P.M.**
Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Visit smmusd.asapconnected.com or contact Olga Saucedo at osaucedo@smmusd.org or (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 to enroll.

## SUNDAY | OCT. 3

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS, 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.**
Drive Thru or Walk Up Blessings. First United Methodist Church. 1008 11th Street. Pet blessings, memorial wall and crafts for kids. Please bring pet supplies that will be donated to a local shelter.

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 288 CALLS ON SEPTEMBER 26

Party Complaint 1300blk Yale St 12:02 a.m.
Party Complaint 1800blk 17th St 12:23 a.m.
Loud Music 1400blk 2nd St 12:46 a.m.
Loud Music Ocean Ave / Bay St 1:02 a.m.
Loud Music 5th St / Arizona Ave 1:46 a.m.
Loud Music 19th St / Wilshire Blvd 1:46 a.m.
Found Senile Person 6th St / Arizona Ave 2:16 a.m.
Party Complaint 900blk 6th St 2:42 a.m.
Construction Noise 1500blk 6th St 2:49 a.m.
Loud Music 600blk Hill St 3:03 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 10th St / Wilshire Blvd 3:10 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 200blk Arizona Ave 3:15 a.m.
Loud Music 1400blk Ocean Ave 3:16 a.m.
Overdose 1400blk Ocean Ave 3:39 a.m.
Lost Property 1000blk Wilson Pl 4:20 a.m.
Petty Theft 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:57 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1900blk Euclid St 6:54 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2400blk Main St 7:04 a.m.
Petty Theft Main St / Ashland Ave 7:14 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 3200blk Colorado Ave 8:04 a.m.
Missing Person 900blk 3rd St 8:04 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 700blk 12th St 8:06 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 900blk 7th St 8:32 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1700blk Sunset Ave 8:33 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 8:45 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300blk Ocean Ave 8:59 a.m.
Arson 17th St / Colorado Ave 9:09 a.m.
Rape 11th St / Wilshire Blvd 9:38 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1700blk 16th St 9:50 a.m.
Stalking 600blk Raymond Ave 9:56 a.m.
Fraud 2300blk Montana Ave 10:07 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold Lincoln Blvd / Cedar St 10:13 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 26th St / Alta Ave 10:26 a.m.
Arson 300blk Santa Monica Pier 10:53 a.m.
Encampment 3100blk The Beach 11:00 a.m.
Missing Person 400blk Colorado Ave 11:07 a.m.
Domestic Violence 1500blk 15th St 11:23 a.m.
Panhandling Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd W 11:25 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 18th St / Maple St 11:30 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2200blk 21st St 11:31 a.m.
Encampment 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 11:36 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400blk Broadway 11:42 a.m.
Petty Theft 7th St / Broadway 11:54 a.m.
Person With A Gun 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 11:54 a.m.
Stalking 600blk Raymond Ave 11:54 a.m.
Prowler 2400blk 3rd St 12:18 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 500blk 15th St 12:20 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1300blk The Beach 12:34 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2900blk Pico Blvd 12:34 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1500blk 14th St 12:44 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 1300blk 12th St 12:56 p.m.
Rape 2300blk Kansas Ave 1:05 p.m.
Battery 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:20 p.m.
Public Intoxication 3100blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:32 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1200blk Princeton St 1:43 p.m.
Found Property 100blk Wilshire Blvd 2:40 p.m.
Public Intoxication Moomat Ahiko Way / Ocean Ave 2:53 p.m.
Loitering 3000blk Wilshire Blvd 3:34 p.m.
Loud Music 2500blk Pico Blvd 3:35 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Now 1200blk 5th St 3:39 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 3:44 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Cloverfield Blvd / Michigan Ave 4:01 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2400blk 16th St 4:18 p.m.
Lewd Activity 300blk Santa Monica Pl 4:23 p.m.
Domestic Violence 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 4:25 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 800blk 7th St 4:52 p.m.
Lost Property 16th St / Arizona Ave 4:58 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1500blk 18th St 5:04 p.m.
Petty Theft 1400blk 4th St 5:19 p.m.
Battery 1300blk 23rd St 5:47 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 500blk 20th St 5:47 p.m.
Burglary 1400blk Franklin St 5:51 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 100blk Wilshire Blvd 5:57 p.m.
Vehicle Burglar Alarm 300blk 22nd St 6:01 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 800blk San Vicente Blvd 6:11 p.m.
Encampment 2200blk 27th St 6:12 p.m.
Burglary 1500blk 6th St 6:35 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Now 2000blk Ocean Ave 6:41 p.m.
Person With A Gun Barnard Way / Ocean Park Blvd 6:49 p.m.
Loud Music 3100blk 2nd St 6:50 p.m.
Battery 1200blk 16th St 7:00 p.m.
Battery 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 7:15 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 7:16 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Broadway 7:56 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Main St / Olympic Dr 8:06 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 8:08 p.m.
Encampment 2100blk The Beach 8:28 p.m.
Loud Music Ocean Ave / Broadway 8:34 p.m.
Prowler 00blk Village Pkwy 8:34 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 9:15 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 300blk Pico Blvd 9:40 p.m.
Living In A Vehicle 2900blk Virginia Ave 9:53 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2900blk 4th St 10:25 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:25 p.m.
Shots Fired 6th St / Ocean Park Blvd 10:36 p.m.
Shots Fired 100blk Pacific St 10:36 p.m.
Overdose 1100blk Pico Blvd 10:39 p.m.
Loud Music 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 11:05 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 3100blk Donald Douglas Loop N 11:27 p.m.
Loud Music 2500blk Ocean Park Blvd 11:37 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1600blk 5th St 11:47 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 1600blk 5th St 11:47 p.m.

# Hospitals fear staffing shortages as vaccine deadlines loom

**HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH AND TAMMY WEBBER**
Associated Press

Hospitals and nursing homes around the U.S. are bracing for worsening staff shortages as state deadlines arrive for health care workers to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

With ultimatums taking effect this week in states like New York, California, Rhode Island and Connecticut, the fear is that some employees will quit or let themselves be fired or suspended rather than get the vaccine.

"How this is going to play out, we don't know. We are concerned about how it will exacerbate an already quite serious staffing problem," said California Hospital Association spokesperson Jan Emerson-Shea, adding that the organization "absolutely" supports the state's vaccination requirement.

New York health care employees had until the end of the day Monday to get at least one dose, but some hospitals had already begun suspending or otherwise taking action against holdouts.

Erie County Medical Center Corp. in Buffalo said about 5% of its hospital workforce has been put on unpaid leave for not being vaccinated, along with 20% of staff at its nursing home. And the state's largest health care provider, Northwell Health, said it has begun removing unvaccinated workers from its system, though it said its workforce is nearly 100% vaccinated.

"To those who have not yet made that decision, please do the right thing," New York Gov. Kathy Hochul said.

Some New York hospitals prepared contingency plans that included cutting back on noncritical services and limiting nursing home admissions. The governor also drew up plans to summon help from National Guard members with medical training, retirees or vaccinated workers from outside the state.

About a dozen states have vaccination mandates covering health care workers in hospitals, long-term care facilities or both. Some allow exemptions on medical or religious grounds, but those employees often must submit to regular COVID-19 testing.

States that have set such requirements tend to have high vaccination rates already. The highest rates are concentrated in the Northeast, the lowest ones in the South and Midwest.

The Biden administration also will require the roughly 17 million workers at health facilities that receive federal Medicare or Medicaid to be fully vaccinated under a rule still being developed.

That has worried some hospital officials, particularly in rural communities where vaccination rates tend to be lower.

"We are looking at the need to reallocate staff, in some cases just to maintain services that are essential, and there are going to be some delays" in care, said Troy Bruntz, president and CEO at Community Hospital in McCook, Nebraska.

He said 25 of the hospital's 330 employees said they would definitely resign if they were required to be vaccinated. The remainder of the approximately 100 unvaccinated employees — a group that includes nurses as well as cleaning and maintenance staff — haven't decided.

He also worries that it will be difficult to hire new workers when the hospital is already short-handed.

"It doesn't make us feel too confident that this isn't going to turn into something short of a nightmare for American health care," he said.

Many hospitals and nursing homes are already suffering staff shortages because many nurses and others have quit as a result of pandemic-related burnout or have left for lucrative jobs traveling from state to state.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki noted that hospitals in Houston and Maine lost a relatively small number of employees recently after requiring employees to get vaccinated.

"We're seeing in a lot of places that this is working, it's effective. It's creating more certainty and protection in their workforces," Psaki said.

In California, where health care workers have until Thursday to get fully vaccinated, some hospitals are anticipating firings, suspensions or the moving of people to other positions, Emerson-Shea said. She said many traveling nurses have declined assignments in California because of the state's vaccine requirement.

But with a statewide mandate, health workers won't be able to just quit their jobs and go to other hospitals, said Dr. Jeff Smith, CEO and executive vice president of hospital operations at Los Angeles-based Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

He expects that about 97 percent of Cedars-Sinai's almost 17,000 employees affected by the vaccine mandate will comply by the deadline. Another 1 percent have applied for medical or religious exemptions. Those who don't comply by Friday will be suspended for a week, and fired on Oct. 8 if they don't comply or if there are not extenuating circumstances, he said.

The hospital also was able to hire over 100 nurses in the past month and uses some travel nurses.

"We're in a good place but don't want to minimize the challenges other hospitals are likely facing," Smith said.

In Rhode Island, where the vaccine mandate takes effect Friday, the state said hospitals can allow unvaccinated employees to keep working 30 days past the deadline in cases where firing them would compromise patient safety. The mandate is being challenged in court because it doesn't allow religious exemptions.

In states that don't have mandates, some hospitals are imposing their own.

Ginger Robertson, a registered nurse who works in a mental health clinic at a hospital in Bismarck, North Dakota, has requested a religious exemption from her hospital's vaccination requirement. She said she will look for other work if she doesn't get it.

"Honestly, I really love my job. I am good at it. I enjoy my patients. I enjoy where I am at," she said. "So this is a really hard place, to have to choose between two things I don't want to do. I don't want to leave, and I don't want to get the vaccine."

She said other nurses are also considering leaving over what she called the "insulting" mandate.

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City of Santa Monica

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to AB361**

**SUBJECT:**
**(1) Certify the Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH #2020100575) for the 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element**
**(2) Adoption of 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element of the City's General Plan**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider:
1) Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element of the City's General Plan; and
2) Adoption of the 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element of the City's General Plan

California State law requires that communities prepare and update the Housing Element of the General Plan every eight years. The Housing Element serves as the City's guide for addressing the housing needs of all segments of Santa Monica's population. Housing needs are determined by the California Housing and Community Department (HCD), which decide the numerical housing targets for each regional council of governments. Each council of government across the State then further allocates the regional housing number (known as the Regional Housing Needs Allocation – or RHNA) to every city and county within its jurisdiction. The RHNA is a targeted housing number - cities and counties must plan for the RHNA and show that under current land use and development standards, there is capacity to accommodate for this number of housing. For the proposed 6th Cycle 2021-2029 Housing Element, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) determined that the City's draft RHNA allocation is 8,895 units, more than 5 times than the last cycle. The significant increase in the City's RHNA housing number is indicative of the severity of the current housing crisis. As part of the proposed 2021-2029 Housing Element, Santa Monica must demonstrate to the State that there is available capacity within its jurisdictional boundaries to meet its targeted RHNA number. Per State requirements, the City's 2021-2029 Housing Element has been drafted and available online at www.santamonica.gov/housing-element-update. The Housing Element Update includes the following components:

- A detailed analysis of the City's demographic, economic and housing characteristics.
- An analysis of the barriers to producing and preserving housing.
- A review of the City's progress in implementing current housing policies and programs.
- An identification of goals, objectives, and policies, in addition to a full list of programs that will implement the vision of the plan.
- A list of sites (aka the Suitable Sites Inventory) that could accommodate new housing, demonstrating the City's ability to meet the quantified housing number established in the RHNA.

On July 1, 2021, the City issued a Draft 6th Cycle Housing Element consistent with Council direction given on June 15, 2021 and submitted the Draft Housing Element to HCD for review. On August 30, 2021, HCD issued a letter which, in part, determined that changes to the draft were necessary for compliance with State law. After holding two public discussions on the July 1 Draft Housing Element and HCD's comments to the City; on September 24, 2021, the Planning Commission voted to recommend that the City Council: 1) certify the Final EIR; and 2) adopt the 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element, with changes.

Environmental Analysis

The Housing Element update was analyzed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and this analysis is contained in the Housing Element Update's Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH #2020100575) (FEIR). The City Council will consider the analysis and make a decision on the FEIR.

**DATE/TIME:** **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021 AT 5:30 PM**

**LOCATION:** In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), only members of the City Council and City Staff will participate in person at City Hall. Members of the public may participate via telephone. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal at https://www.youtube.com/user/Citytv16santamonica or https://www.smgov.net/video. Members of the public may also dial in at 1-760-699-0393 (PIN: 4331138598#).

**HOW TO COMMENT:**
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Written public comment can be submitted via email to councilmtgitems@smgov.net. Written public comment submitted before 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

If you want to speak on a particular agenda item, please call (310) 312-8173 once the caller queue for the agenda item opens. Please note that the caller queue for each agenda item will not open until just before the item is called and will close after the first five public comments (from other callers) are heard.

Please see the October 12, 2021 City Council Agenda for more detailed instructions.

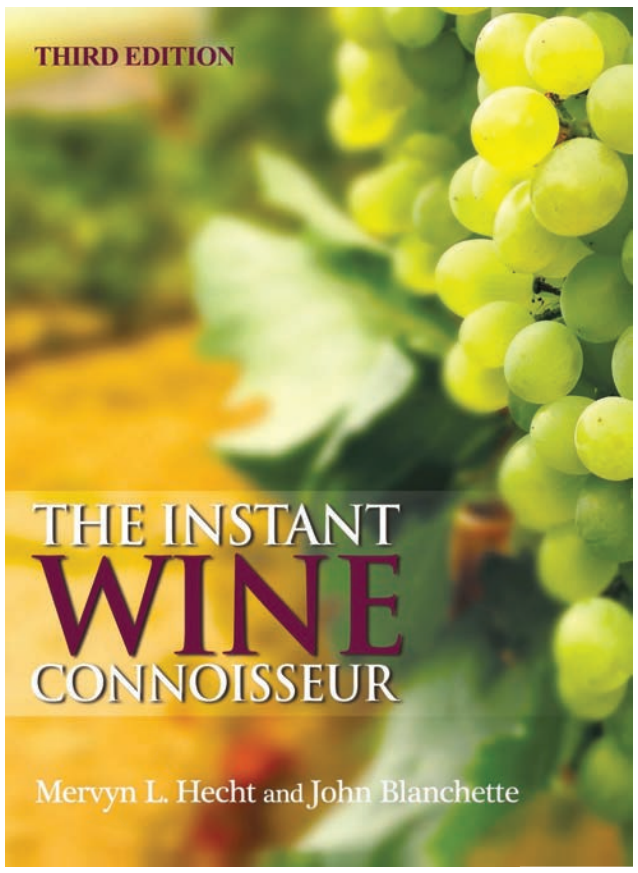
Address your comments to: **City Clerk**
**Re: Housing Element Update**

**MORE INFORMATION:** If you want more information about the 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element and the FEIR,, please see the City's website: https://santamonica.gov/housing-element-update, or email housingupdate@smgov.net. The Final Public Hearing Draft Housing Element will be available on the City's website prior to the hearing. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

**ESPAÑOL:** Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.




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# California to mail every voter a ballot in future elections

**KATHLEEN RONAYNE**
Associated Press

Every registered California voter will get a ballot mailed to them in future elections under a bill signed Monday by Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom.

The law makes permanent a change adopted during the pandemic for the 2020 election and the recent recall against Newsom. California, the nation's most populous state, joins several other Western states in mailing all voters a ballot, including Utah, Colorado, Washington and Oregon.

Under the new law, ballots in California must go out at least 29 days before the election. Voters still have the option to drop off their ballot or vote in person. Prior to the pandemic, many Californians were already voting by mail.

"Voters like having options for returning their ballot whether by mail, at a secure drop box, a voting center or at a traditional polling station. And the more people who participate in elections, the stronger our democracy and the more we have assurance that elections reflect the will of the people of California," California Secretary of State Shirley Weber, a Democrat, said in a statement.

Newsom signed 10 other voting-related bills on Monday, crafting them as part of an effort to expand voting rights and access. Voting rights have become a major political flashpoint nationally. Democrat-led states are pushing legislation aimed at expanding voting access while many Republican-led states are trying to tighten it amid baseless accusations of widespread voter fraud by former President Donald Trump and other GOP leaders.

"As states across our country continue to enact undemocratic voter suppression laws, California is increasing voter access, expanding voting options and bolstering elections integrity and transparency," Newsom, a Democrat, said in a statement.

Mail-in voting put California Republicans in a tricky spot during the recent recall election against Newsom, which he handily defeated. Many Republicans didn't trust the process, leaving party leaders to both encourage their voters to cast ballots while promising they were closely monitoring claims of fraud.

Republicans who hold a minority in the state Legislature rejected the effort to expand mail balloting.

Another proposal Newsom signed relaxes the rules around ballot signatures, giving officials more leeway to accept ballots if the signature doesn't exactly match what's on file. The legislation by Democratic Sen. Josh Becker bars election officials from taking a voter's party preference into account when evaluating their signature. Republicans in the state Legislature also opposed the bill.

In order to reject a signature, two other election officials must also determine if the signature differs in obvious ways from the signature in the person's registration record.

Other bills Newsom signed:

-Increase penalties for improper use of campaign funds

-Expand the distance at which campaign activities are blocked outside of polling places

## DAILY FIRE LOG

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**Citywide**

### Art Faculty Show at SMC Barrett Gallery Starting October 4

The Santa Monica College Pete & Susan Barrett Art Gallery is pleased to present its annual SMC Faculty Art Exhibit, featuring a wide range of works in various media, starting Monday, October 4.

Gallery exhibition viewings are free and available by appointment only, which can be scheduled by sending email to silver_emily@smc.edu. Proof of vaccination is required upon arrival at the gallery.

The show, which features about 20 original works by professional artists who are members of the SMC art faculty, celebrates the working artists, designers, and art historians who teach and inspire the Santa Monica community. The show is also the precursor for the SMC Art Department's new YouTube channel, which will feature interviews with art faculty in their studios or in the gallery, revealing their journey in creating their work.

The SMC Pete & Susan Barrett Gallery is located at the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th Street (at Santa Monica Boulevard), Santa Monica. Please enter from the Performing Arts Center's courtyard.

More information is available by calling (310) 434-3434.

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**LOS ANGELES**

### Gas well blowout near Los Angeles leads to $1.8B settlement

Thousands of families sickened and forced from their Los Angeles homes after the nation's largest-known natural gas leak have reached a $1.8 billion settlement with a utility, attorneys said Monday.

The settlement with Southern California Gas Co. and its parent company, Sempra Energy, will compensate 35,000 plaintiffs from the 2015 blowout that took nearly four months to control.

The Aliso Canyon blowout led to the largest-known release of methane in U.S. history and was blamed for sickening thousands of residents who moved out of homes near the San Fernando Valley to escape a sulfurous stench and maladies including headaches, nausea and nose bleeds.

The plaintiffs alleged personal injury for their illnesses and property damage to their homes. SoCalGas spent more than $1 billion on the blowout – with most going to temporarily relocate 8,000 families. The utility has faced more than 385 lawsuits on behalf of 48,000 people.

"Our goal has always been obtaining justice for the men, women and children who were failed by SoCalGas throughout every turn of this catastrophe," attorney Brian Panish said in a statement.

Plaintiffs allege they suffered personal injury and property damage after a natural gas storage well failed and uncontrollably released nearly 100,000 tons of methane and other substances into the atmosphere over 118 days.

Sempra and SoCalGas denied wrongdoing, attorneys for plaintiffs said. A company spokesman did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

State regulators found the gas company failed to investigate previous well failures at the storage site and didn't adequately assess its aging wells for disaster potential before the Oct. 23, 2015, blowout.

SoCalGas previously reached a $120 million court settlement with the state attorney general and agreed to a $4 million settlement with Los Angeles County prosecutors after being convicted in Los Angeles Superior Court of failing to quickly report the leak to state authorities.

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## HOSPITAL

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"We feel demoralized, like as though we aren't intelligent enough to make these choices for ourselves," Robertson said.

A North Carolina-based hospital system announced Monday that more than 175 of its 35,000-plus employees have been fired for failing to comply with its COVID-19 vaccination requirement.

Last week, Novant Health announced 375 workers had been suspended and given five days to comply. Nearly 200 of them did so — including those who submitted approved exemptions — before the Friday deadline, spokesperson Megan Rivers said.

Massachusetts' mandate, issued by Republican Gov. Charlie Baker, applies only to rest homes, assisted living facilities, hospice programs and home care programs. It allows for medical and religious exemptions but doesn't require regular testing. The deadline is Oct. 31.

In Connecticut, a vaccine mandate for employees of state-run hospitals took effect on Monday. It does not apply to privately run hospitals, some of which are imposing their own requirements. Medical and religious exemptions are possible, but anyone else who fails to get vaccinated will be barred from the workplace.

About 84% of over 450,000 hospital workers in New York were fully vaccinated as of Wednesday, according to state data. Nursing home data through Sunday showed about 89% of nursing home workers fully vaccinated.

New York City's hospital system reported a 95% vaccination rate for nurses and a higher rate for doctors.

In Missouri, which became a severe COVID-19 hot spot over the summer, the Mercy hospital system is requiring vaccinations among staff at its hundreds of medical centers and clinics in Missouri and neighboring states by Thursday.

Anyone who doesn't comply by then will be placed on a 30-day unpaid suspension, said Mercy spokeswoman Bethany Pope.

Webber reported from Fenton, Michigan, and Hollingsworth from Mission, Kansas. Philip Marcelo and Mark Pratt in Boston; Michael Melia in Hartford, Connecticut; Michael Hill in Albany, New York; Skip Foreman in Charlotte, North Carolina; and Zeke Miller in Washington contributed to this story.

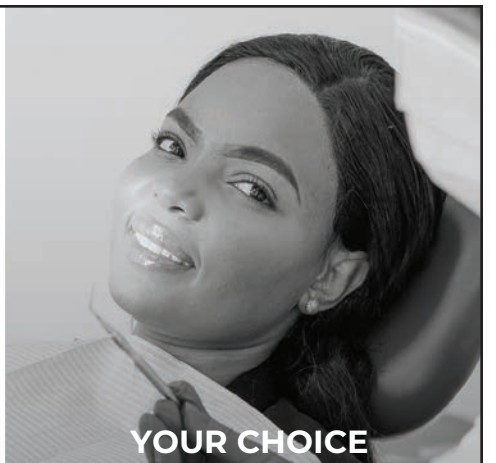
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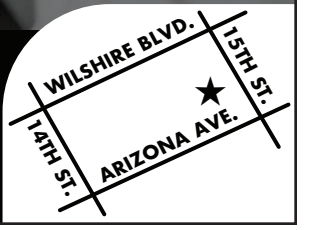
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## UPPERS

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American favorites like red velvet and confetti cake as well.

Gintaliene is the only baker but she is looking for an experienced barista amongst other staff members and like many businesses, she has had trouble finding employees over the past month. As of now, the cafe employs four staff members.

Gintaliene says business during her first week of opening has been going O.K. and mentioned that the cafe has outdoor seating so patrons can enjoy Santa Monica weather and feel COVID-19 safe at the same time.

"You can't find many cafes or food places where you can sit outside on Broadway," she said.

The cafe is located at 2024 Broadway and is open six days a week from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Courtesy image

**SANDWICH:** The cafe also has breakfast and lunch options.

## HOUSING

FROM PAGE 1

Gleam Davis was the only dissenting voice and maintains her support for SB 9 and SB 10.

"I believe that SB 9 and SB 10 give cities and homeowners the opportunity to build more inclusive and more affordable housing," said Davis. "Compared to single family homes in Santa Monica, most multi-family homes are more affordable for nurses, teachers, and other valued and essential workers in our community. Allowing them to live where they work will reduce traffic and greenhouse gas emissions while creating a more economically diverse and stronger city."

The differing perspectives of Davis and de la Torre exemplify the ongoing debate around these bills.

On the one hand, allowing more units to be built on single land parcels does provide an expeditious solution to meet an immediate need for more housing. On the other hand, upzoning land parcels increases the value of the land, which could entice investors to buy parcels and convert them into expensive developments that fail to create more working and middle class housing.

When it comes to development in Santa Monica, SB 10 will not have any immediate impact, but SB 9 could lead to more housing development in single family neighborhoods.

SB 10 will not have an impact because jurisdictions have to opt in to exercise the law. It is up to City Council to bring forward such an ordinance and, currently, the majority of members remain opposed to the bill.

SB 9 does apply to Santa Monica, which has several neighborhoods with extensive single-family properties such as North of Montana, Ocean Park, Sunset Park, Northeast Neighbors and Pico. However, the City does not anticipate seeing an immediate increase in development.

"Given that SB 9 is still reliant on the individual choice of property owners to split their lots, we don't anticipate any sudden changes to single-family properties in the city," said City Public Information Officer Constance Farrell. "When we look to other cities that have eliminated R1 (a more drastic measure) like Minneapolis, change has been extremely slow because single-family homeowners choose to live in their homes and not sell, or buyers of single-family homes choose to live in a home and are not developers."

Some opponents of SB 9 disagree with this assumption and believe that the real estate market in Los Angeles is so profitable that many homeowners will take up payment offers from developers and opt to sell their homes. One such opponent is Casey Maddren, the President of United Neighborhoods for Los Angeles.

Maddren said he believes that speculative investors will pay good money to purchase these single family lots, knowing that the land will only increase in value when it can hold more units. He disagrees with the logic of the bill's authors and believes that affordable developers cannot afford to compete with speculative investors to purchase these single-family lots.

"In their mind this is somehow going to create a lot more housing which will lower housing prices, but that value is actually captured by either the owner or the developer, it's not captured by renters and buyers," said Maddren. "We believe we should not be upzoning land and instead require developers to build within existing zoning and the reason for that is because that takes the speculative investment out of the market."

There are several eligibility restrictions in place that will limit the use of SB 9. For example, homes that are in environmentally-sensitive areas, in historic districts or have been occupied by a tenant in the last three years are not eligible. If a homeowner wishes to split their land parcel in two, they must sign an affidavit signaling an intent to remain in their unit for the next three years.

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# Beyond, Impossible join crowded plant-based chicken market

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Beyond Meat and Impossible Foods found success with realistic plant-based burgers. Now, they're hoping to replicate that in the fast-growing but crowded market for plant-based chicken nuggets.

Beyond Meat said Monday that its new tenders, made from fava beans, will go on sale in U.S. groceries in October. Walmart, Jewel-Osco and Harris Teeter will be among the first to offer them.

Impossible Foods began selling its soy-based nuggets this month at Walmart, Kroger, Albertsons and other groceries. They'll be in 10,000 stores by later this year.

The rival startups, both based in California, helped redefine what plant-based burgers could be. Beyond burgers were the first to be sold in grocery aisles next to conventional meat in 2016; Impossible burgers joined them a few years later.

But this time, Beyond and Impossible will be stacked in freezers already bursting with plant-based chicken options. More than 50 brands of plant-based nuggets, tenders and cutlets are already on sale in U.S. stores, according to the Good Food Institute, which tracks plant-based brands.

Some, like Morningstar Farms and Quorn, have been making plant-based meat for decades. But Beyond and Impossible have also spawned a host of imitators making realistic products marketed to omnivores, not just vegans and vegetarians. Fifteen percent of those 50 brands were new to the U.S. market in 2020, like Nuggs, from New York startup Simulate, and California's Daring Foods.

They're all trying to grab a slice of the plant-based market, which is still dwarfed by the conventional meat market but growing fast. U.S. sales of frozen, plant-based chicken tenders and nuggets jumped 29% to $112 million in the 52 weeks ending Aug. 28, according to Nielsen IQ. Sales of conventional frozen tenders and nuggets rose 17% to $1.1 billion in the same period.

Globally, retail sales of meat substitutes are expected to grow 2% to 4.6 million metric tons between 2021 and 2022, according to the market research firm Euromonitor. Processed animal meat sales are expected to stay flat in the same period, at 18.9 million metric tons.

Tom Rees, an industry manager with Euromonitor, said plant-based meat sales were already growing before the coronavirus hit. In Euromonitor surveys, nearly a quarter of consumers worldwide say they are limiting meat intake for health reasons.

But the pandemic gave plant-based meat a boost as consumers looked for new things to cook at home. Rees said meat shortages and coronavirus outbreaks at meat production facilities also made consumers think twice about the animal meat market.

Meat or no meat, breaded nuggets aren't exactly a health food. One serving of Beyond's chicken tenders have 12 grams of fat, 450 milligrams of sodium, 11 grams of protein and 210 calories. Impossible's nuggets have 10 grams of fat, 320 milligrams of sodium, 10 grams of protein and 200 calories. By comparison, a similar size serving of Pilgrim's chicken nuggets contains 14 grams of fat, 10 grams of protein, 460 milligrams of sodium and 220 calories.

Impossible Foods Vice President of Product Innovation Celeste Holz-Schietinger said it was important to start with plant-based burgers because beef production is a bigger contributor to climate change. But Impossible spent the past year developing the plant-based tenders as part of a goal is to replace all animal agriculture with more sustainable alternatives by 2035.

Beyond Meat has been experimenting with chicken for even longer. The El Segundo, California-based company launched chicken strips in 2012. But it pulled them from the market in 2019, citing the need to devote more manufacturing capacity to its burgers.

Unlike the new fava bean-based tenders, Beyond's burgers are made with pea protein. Beyond President and CEO Ethan Brown said the company has spent more than a decade researching various protein sources and their attributes and doesn't want to limit itself to just one.

Dariush Ajami, Beyond's chief innovation officer, said mimicking the fibrous texture and fat distribution in chicken was the biggest challenge with the new tenders. The company is still far from perfecting a plant-based chicken breast or a marbled steak, but has 200 scientists and engineers working on it, he said.

"The goal is to reduce that gap between our product and animal meat," he said.

There's also a price gap. Beyond Meat's suggested retail price for an 8-ounce package is $4.99, while Impossible's 13.5-ounce package costs $7.99. Tyson Foods sells a 2-pound bag of chicken nuggets at Walmart for $5.76.

But it's clear many people are eager to try plant-based foods. In July, Panda Express quickly sold out of Beyond Meat orange chicken in a trial run at locations in Los Angeles and New York. Panda Express says it's exploring a wider rollout of the product, which was specially developed for the brand.

Jasmine Alkire recently tried Beyond Meat orange chicken at a Panda Express in Los Angeles. Alkire became a vegetarian seven years ago, but the Beyond chicken tasted similar to the orange chicken she grew up eating.

"It was flavorful and didn't have a weird aftertaste or off-putting texture," she said.

For now, Beyond Meat has several advantages. It has partnerships with big brands like KFC and McDonald's and has already opened its first manufacturing plant in China, where Impossible's products aren't

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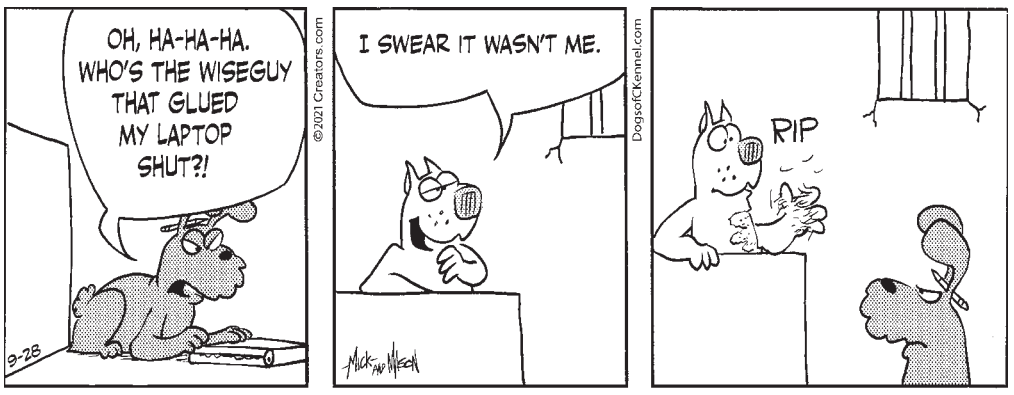
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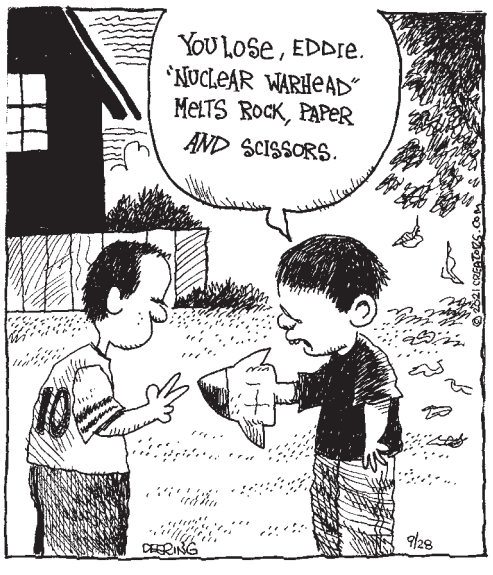

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## SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 65.5°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Fun, easing combo of SSW and NW swells. Nice consolation prize if you miss the Monday window. Morning wind looks relatively light and wind could stay down all day.

WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-5ft Waist to head high
Decent combo of swells for breaks west of Pt Dume. Expect to see fresh NW swell mix blending with rejuvenated SSW/S swell. You'll want to account for the medium tide in the morning.

## WEATHER

**Tuesday:** Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 66.
**Tuesday Night:** Increasing clouds, with a low around 58. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 67.

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Draw Date: 9/26
MIDDAY: 5 1 0

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2nd: 09 - Winning Spirit
3rd: 11 - Money Bags
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Though your plans play smartly out and you admirably fulfill your various roles, what catches you off guard is the sweetness of languid, idle moments in which you feel most yourself. Even as passion pursuits pulse through your months, the constant throughout is a feeling of wholeness and enjoying your humanity. Cancer and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 12, 38 and 14.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Disappointment is a powerful emotion that can drastically alter the plot, changing what people decide to go for. A past disappointment fuels a grand plan that feels something like revenge without the ill-intent.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be drawn to new work. It's scary because you're not sure you can do it. Start anyway. Begin in private so there is no pressure from outside eyes and no expectations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're getting better by doing. The practice improves you more than any teacher, method or affiliation could. There's no mindset that will matter more than the repetition of a correct move.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll add a skill or tool to your arsenal. Friends inspire, and you'll experiment with their methods. Something they are doing will work for you; you just have to figure out which part that is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Shortcuts aren't always lazy. Sometimes, they are just smart. Look for a way of getting things done that's also an efficient use of time. Ask for the abbreviated directions or the condensed version of a story.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're serious about someday performing at the highest level, though your approach is more constant than straight-faced. The highest level is often marked by humor and ease.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A charismatic person has you looking into previously unconsidered options. But before you plunk down for a fresh solution, make sure there's actually a problem there to be solved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Work with a team. The results will be better, the job will be more fun and the energy expended will seem negligible because it will be offset by the pleasure of company.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Give yourself whatever is required for your development. You need space, nourishment and a light to grow toward. Anyone who is crowding you or demanding things too early in your process is no help. Avoid them!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're interested in what will make a stronger person of you. You are most satisfied by elite challenges. You already feel equipped to deal with trials, but you want to reign supreme over them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You control what you can, take charge of your immediate environment and command yourself. This is the way to accomplishment, and the reason all complaining is both unnecessary and uninteresting to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're charitable, generous and yet still a discerning giver. You want to contribute to those who really need what you have and will put it to direct use.

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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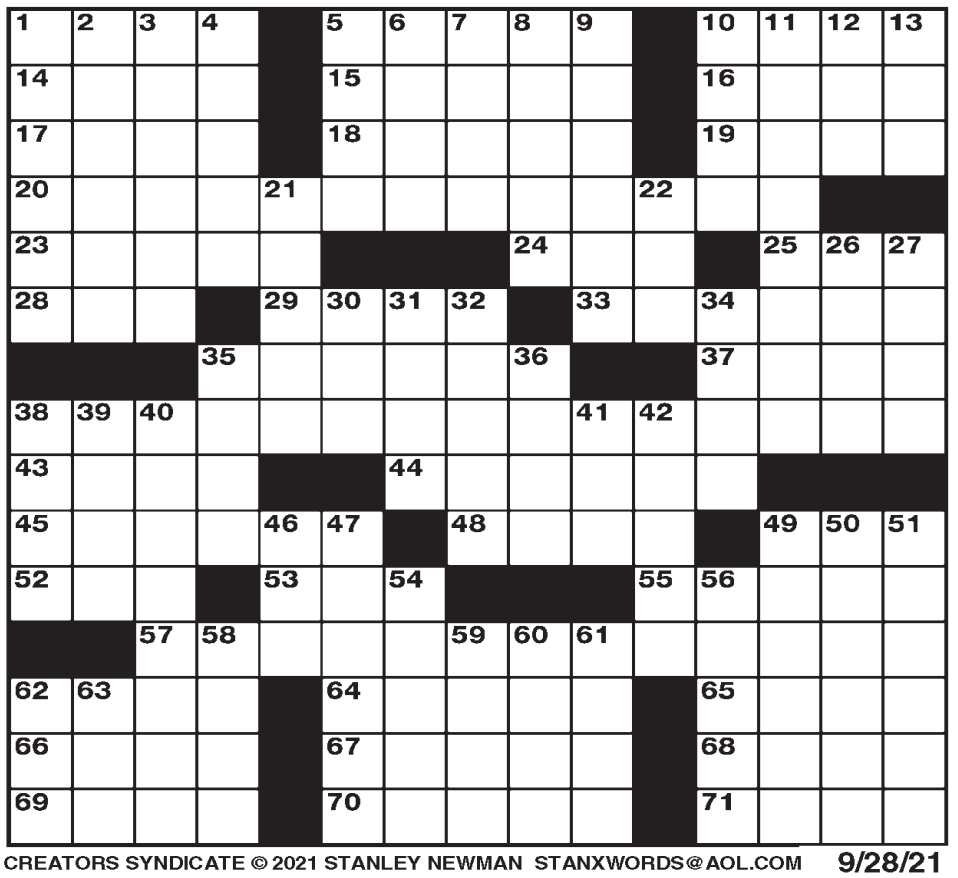
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## Newsday Crossword

**RESTAURANT FREEBIES** by Billie Truitt
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**ACROSS**
1 Inky stain
5 Final authority
10 "Identical" sibling
14 Italy's capital, to Italians
15 Large flashlight's battery
16 "This is terrible!"
17 Best pair in poker
18 Was feeling poorly
19 Tenant's payment
20 Contents of a shaker pair
23 Take the wheel
24 __-med student
25 Quiche ingredient
28 As of now
29 Breakfast or brunch
33 At a reduced price
35 Miniature tree
37 Prophetic sign
38 Candy at a cashier counter
43 Scratches up
44 Small sofa
45 Criticize harshly
48 Physicians, for short
49 Police alert initials
52 Available without a prescription: Abbr.
53 Tax agcy.
55 Opinion piece
57 Red condiment for a burger
62 Snooty person
64 Damascus' country
65 Civil rights icon Parks
66 Measure of land
67 Vote into office
68 Greek war god
69 Prone to prying
70 Pieces of office furniture
71 Untidy state

**DOWN**
1 Loud and bold
2 Track down
3 Brunch choice with cheese
4 Eat a sample of
5 Read digitally
6 Corrosive chemical
7 High-pitched cry
8 Visit dreamland
9 Veteran expert
10 __ apart (ripped up)
11 Question from one who's lost
12 Rural hotel
13 "Believe it or __ . . ."
21 Knight's iron suit
22 Pigsty
26 Hidden valley
27 Polite guy
30 Finale
31 With no warranty
32 Marked like a highway
34 __ of the time (occasionally)
35 Highest in quality
36 Turn __ (become)
38 "Are not!" comeback
39 True statement
40 Farm vehicles
41 And so on: Abbr.
42 Turn back to zero
46 That fellow
47 Removed from a blackboard
49 Back on dry land
50 Takes a short break
51 Don't stop at along the way
54 Fashion sense
56 "Get lost!"
58 Comply with
59 Rocks from mines
60 Football punt
61 Ingests
62 __ Francisco, CA
63 Sgt., for one



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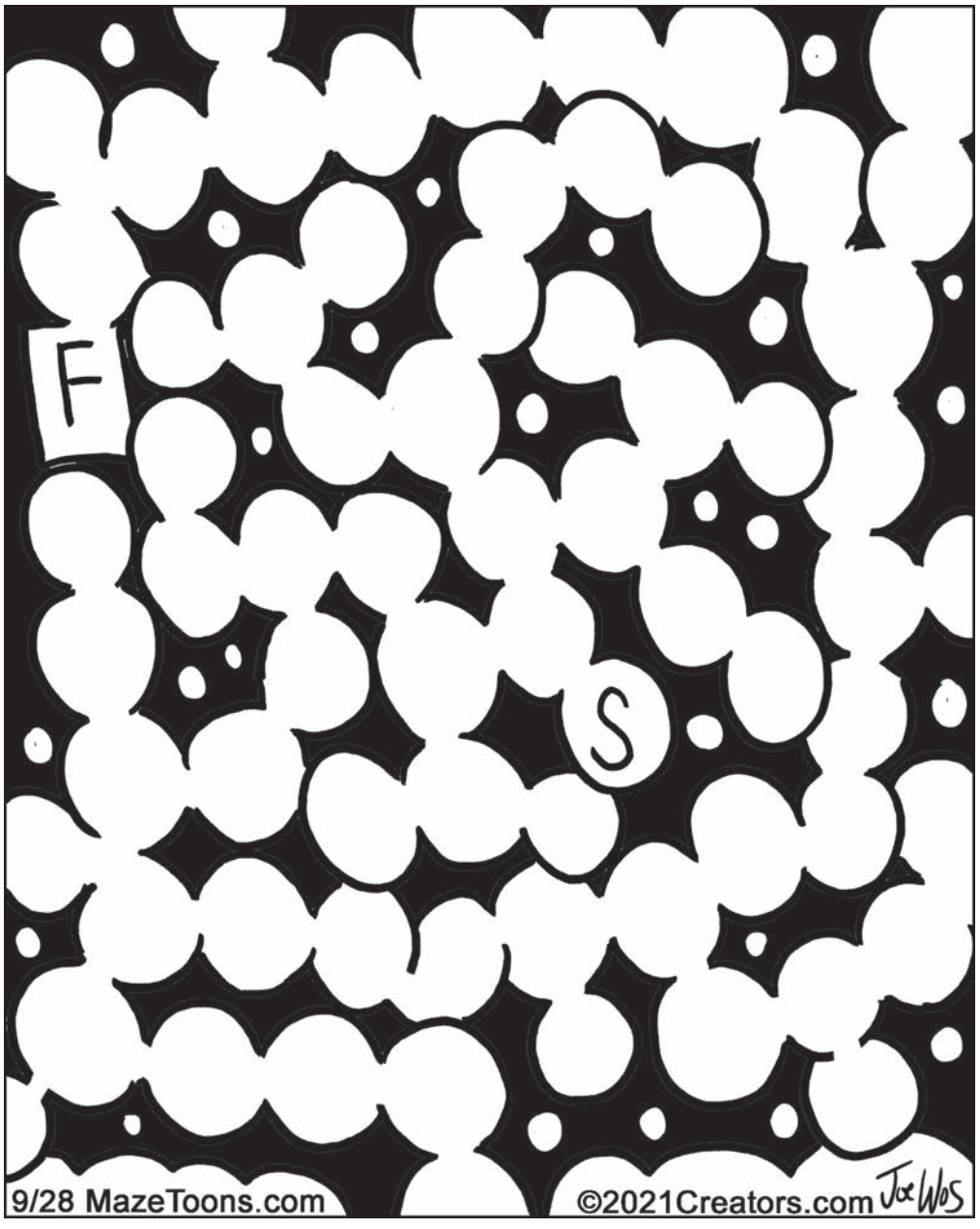
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Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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## CHICKEN

FROM PAGE 7

yet sold.

Impossible is still waiting for regulatory approval to sell its burgers in Europe and China because they contain genetically modified ingredients. But Impossible's chicken doesn't contain those same ingredients. Both companies plan to sell their chicken overseas.

Impossible is confident that consumers will gravitate to its nuggets. In company taste tests, it found that most consumers preferred its product to actual chicken.

"It's better for you, its better for the environment and it tastes better than the animal," said Impossible Foods President Dennis Woodside. "So we think that's a pretty strong value proposition."

Other brands insist they'll defend their turf. Morningstar Farms, the current plant-based poultry sales leader in the U.S., launched a separate brand called Incogmeato in 2019 with products that closely replicate meat.

Sara Young, the general manager of plant-based proteins at Kellogg Co., which owns Morningstar, said the brand has the biggest product portfolio and the highest repeat-buyer rate in the plant-based category.

"We've been at this for a long time," she said.

Terence Chea contributed from Redwood City, California.

## COVID

FROM PAGE 1

of the heart or other rare events that have been reported to occur after mRNA vaccines, and if those events occur, one in every 500,000 or 1 million doses of the vaccine, it does not sound like a lot but when you're talking about 200 million people vaccinated in the United States, those numbers add up very quickly."

Dr. Mana Baskovic, an obstetrics and gynecology specialist at Providence Saint John's Health Center said that vaccines do not make men or women less fertile and should be taken, even if pregnant or expecting to be pregnant. She said menstrual abnormalities are seen after taking the COVID-19 vaccine, but they are temporary side effects.

"We know that the vaccine does not have any effects on fertility, we've looked at men semen analysis, we've looked at it before they've received the vaccines and then followed up several weeks later," Baskovic said. "Several months after the vaccine has been given, we've seen absolutely no change, no change whatsoever. In that same point with their female counterparts as well you know we have many women who are struggling with infertility or who have had poor pregnancy outcomes and we're still very confidently recommending the vaccine because we haven't seen any effect."

Priya R Soni MD, FAAP, Assistant Professor, Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center went over infections in children. She noted that the delta variant seems to be infecting them more than the early variant did.

Luckily, children's cases are dropping according to data from local schools in Southern California. A lot of the cases in children are coming from unvaccinated parents and children are typically not spreading it child to child, according to Dr. Soni.

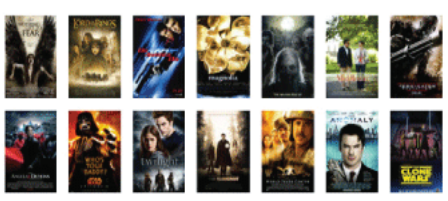
"And we have seen an increase in kids being hospitalized in areas where the vaccination rates in adults are much lower. And when we look at the overall sort of infectivity and sort of complications that arise from kids that are in the hospital," Soni said. "They do seem to pick it up a bit more. The Delta variant does seem to transmit a bit more in kids, but we aren't seeing as much complicated disease in children."

Dr. Kimberly Petrick, Kaiser Permanente Santa Monica Family Medicine Physician discussed telehealth and how it's usage has trended during the pandemic. During the strictest of lockdowns, data showed that 80% of people were using telehealth. However, that number has fallen off. It was an even 50/50 split but now only 35% of people are using telehealth as a preferred method.

"Members can also have primary and specialty care providers as we already mentioned, but also videos with things like ER doctors for things like flu, stomach ache, minor injuries that can actually prevent members from having to come into the emergency for non-emergency room visits, email is another form of secure telehealth messaging with the capability to send photos," Petrick said. "Think of this also as a great means of care for non urgent questions and follow up with visual tools such as follow up to pinkeye or rashes, for example, and keeping on board is also embedded with at home or on the go, where members can access lab results, schedule appointments request refills and so much more."

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