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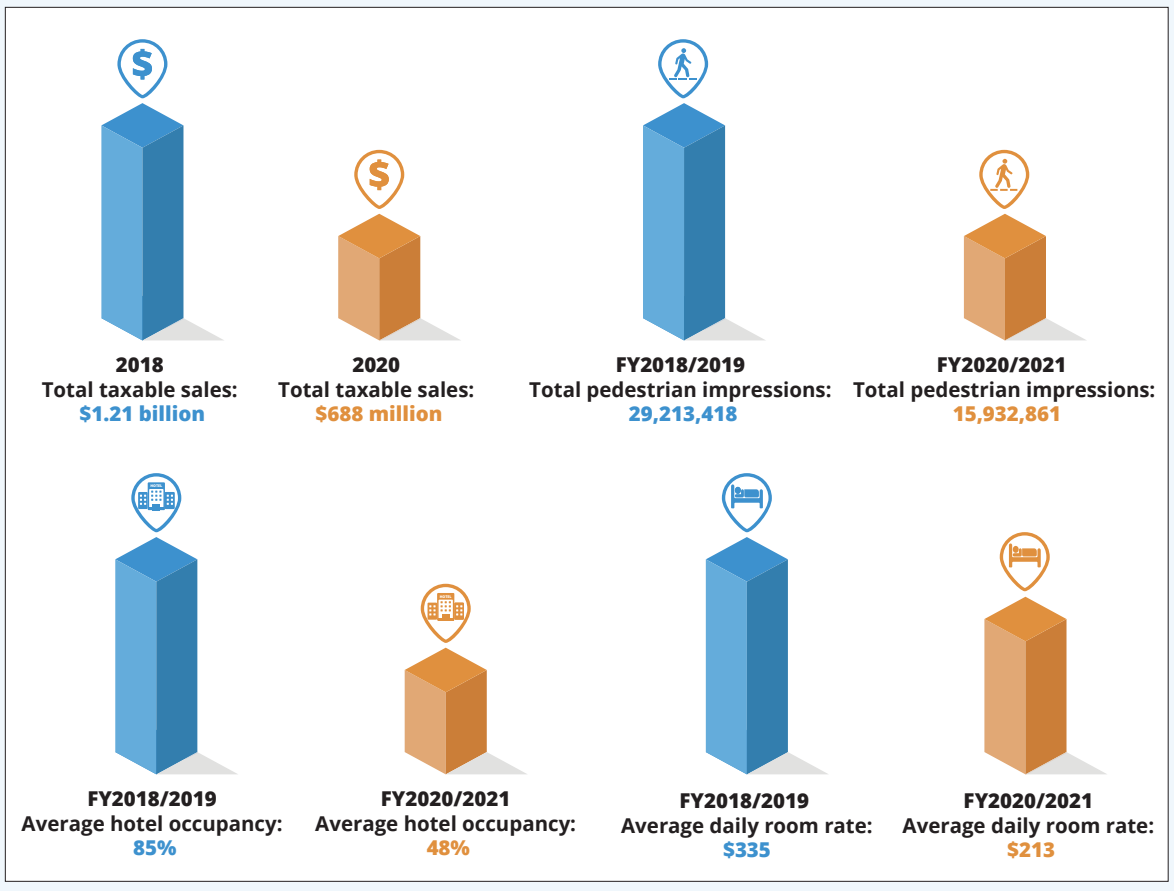
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# Downtown annual report shows sluggish economic recovery




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**DTSM:** Covid has had a significant impact on several key metrics in Downtown Santa Monica.

**CLARA HARTER**
SMDP Staff Writer

Despite promising signs of a return to normalcy, pedestrian counts, spending levels and hotel occupancy Downtown over the past year were roughly half of pre-pandemic levels.

These figures are detailed in Downtown Santa Monica, Inc.'s annual report, which shares plenty of optimism for future recovery, but could not avoid the fact that the last year was economically devastating for many Downtown businesses and hotels.

Total taxable sales in 2020 were $688 million, which represents an approximate 40 percent decrease from 2019 and almost 50 percent decrease from the $1.21 billion in taxable sales in 2018.

Downtown hotels also took a severe economic blow.

In the pre-pandemic fiscal year 2018 to 2019, hotels had an 85 percent average occupancy rate and $335 average daily room rate.

In the past fiscal year 2020 to 2021, average occupancy was cut almost in half, down to 48 percent, while the average daily room rate was $213.

Visitor and parking numbers show similar trends. During FY 2020 to 2021 there were 15.9 million total pedestrian impressions recorded on the 3rd Street Promenade, compared to 29.2 million in FY 2018 to 2019. Average daily parking peak occupancy was also cut in around half, from 62 percent in FY 2018 to 2019 to 28 percent in FY 2020 to 2021.

These overarching numbers paint a bleak picture, but when broken down more closely, contain nuggets of hope.

For example, while hotel occupancy reached a low of 20

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# Dine LA Restaurant Week begins today



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**DINNER:** The Dine LA restaurants in Santa Monica include Tallula's.

**DANIEL FARR**
SMDP Staff Writer

Restaurant week returns today and community members can find discounted multi-course menus today through Oct. 15.

Santa Monica has nearly 30 restaurants participating in the LA-based restaurant spectacular. The annual program encourages diners to explore restaurants and try new dishes through pre-set menus.

There are no tickets or passes required for Dine LA Restaurant Week. Simply dine out at a participating restaurant, ask for the Dine LA Restaurant Week menu,

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# Samohi student promoting clean air with bike ride

**MATTHEW HALL**
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California Clean Air Day is recognized this year on Oct. 6 and the awareness campaign asks a simple question: do you like breathing? If so, perhaps you'd like to take some steps to keep the air clean.

Designed around individual actions, this statewide event allows millions of participants to take part via a simple, online pledge of at least one action that will help clean our air.

Organizers said the concept of clean air has taken on new

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**RIDE:** Maggie Ineno is hosting a bike ride from Culver City to Venice on Saturday.


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72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 700blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:45 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 1800blk 10th St 10:45 a.m.
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Animal Related Incident 800blk 4th St 10:57 a.m.
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# Big drop in US teen vaping seen with COVID school closures

**MATTHEW PERRONE**
AP Health Writer

Teen vaping plummeted this year as many U.S. students were forced to learn from home during the pandemic, according to a government report released Thursday.

U.S. health officials urged caution in interpreting the numbers, which were collected using an online questionnaire for the first time. But outside experts said the big decrease in electronic cigarettes use is likely real and makes sense given that young people often vape socially.

"They found a dramatic drop from last year and it's hard to imagine that doesn't represent a real decrease in use among high school and middle school students," said Dr. Nancy Rigotti of Harvard University, who was not involved in the research.

In the national survey, 11% of high school students and less than 3% of middle school students said they were recent users of e-cigarettes and other vaping products, the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported.

That's a roughly 40% drop from last year, when nearly 20% of high school students and 5% of middle schoolers said they'd recently vaped.

If this year's numbers hold up, it would be the second big drop in a row, from a peak of 28% for high schoolers in 2019.

Even before the pandemic, a number of new restrictions were curtailing underage use of e-cigarettes. In late 2019, a new federal law raised the purchase age for all tobacco and vaping products from 18 to 21. Shortly afterward, the FDA banned nearly all flavors from small, cartridge-based e-cigarettes, which first sparked the teen vaping craze.

Also, some kids may have been scared off by an outbreak of vaping-related illnesses and deaths; most were tied to a filler in black market vaping liquids that contained THC, the chemical in marijuana that makes users feel high.

For months, tobacco experts have speculated about the potential effect of school closures on vaping, given most teens vape with their friends and get e-cigarettes from their peers.

Rigotti said the decline will have to be confirmed by other surveys due out later this year. It's also hard to predict whether vaping could rebound now that most schools have returned to in-person classes.

"I'm sure schools are working hard to ensure that doesn't happen," she said.

Previously, the survey was always conducted in classrooms. This year's was done online from January through May to accommodate students both at home and in school. Anti-tobacco advocates point out that students who completed the survey in school reported higher rates of vaping — 16% compared to 8% for students learning at home.

Overall, government officials estimate about 2 million U.S. teens and adolescents are vaping, a number they say is far too high. "E-cigarette use among youth remains a serious public health concern," said CDC specialist Dr. Karen Hacker, in a statement.

Thursday's report comes as the FDA is poised to potentially place even bigger limits on the vaping industry. The agency is in the midst of a sweeping federal review to decide which e-cigarette brands and products can stay on the market, after years of regulatory delays.

Earlier this month, the agency announced a ban on thousands of products, but it has not yet ruled on a handful of major manufacturers that account for most sales, including Juul and Vuse.

The new government numbers show teen vaping habits are shifting away from those brands. The top brand cited by high schools students is a disposable e-cigarette called Puff Bar that comes in flavors like pink lemonade, strawberry and mango. Disposable e-cigarettes are not subject to the tight flavor restrictions of products like Juul, which is only available in menthol and tobacco. Only 6% of students who vape said they prefer Juul.

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# It's flu vaccine time, even if you've had your COVID shots

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Amid all the focus on COVID-19 vaccinations, U.S. health experts have another plea: Don't skip your flu shot.

Flu cases have dropped to historically low levels during the pandemic. The U.S. and Europe experienced hardly any flu last winter, and the Southern Hemisphere just ended its second flu season of the coronavirus pandemic with little to report.

But with U.S. schools and businesses reopened, international travel resuming and far less masking this fall, flu could make a comeback. The big question is whether it will trickle in or roar back and put extra pressure on hospitals already struggling with COVID-19 surges.

"People are sick to death of hearing about having to roll on out and get vaccines of any sort," said flu specialist Richard Webby of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

Yet after 18 months of little influenza exposure, "we probably as a population don't have as much immunity against this virus as we typically might," Webby said. "It makes absolute sense to go on out and get that vaccine and at least prepare for something that, you know, could be quite severe."

Here are some things to know:

**Q: WHO SHOULD GET A FLU VACCINE?**

A: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says just about everybody needs an annual flu vaccination, starting with 6-month-old babies. Influenza is most dangerous for adults over age 65, young children, pregnant women and people with certain health conditions, such as heart or lung disease.

**Q: WHY DO I NEED ONE THIS YEAR, SINCE FLU HASN'T BEEN A THREAT DURING THE PANDEMIC?**

A: COVID-19 restrictions including masking and staying home — especially for children, who are flu's biggest spreaders — clearly had a side benefit of tamping down influenza and other respiratory bugs. But as soon as masks started to come off, the U.S. experienced an unusual summer surge of children hospitalized with a different virus, named RSV, that usually strikes in the winter. That's a worrying sign of what to expect if flu returns.

**Q: WHAT'S THE FORECAST FOR FLU THIS WINTER?**

A: Flu is notoriously difficult to predict. But there's a little more circulating in some countries this fall than last, including a recent uptick in China, said Webby, who directs a World Health Organization flu center. And people may be a little more vulnerable: Before the pandemic, 15% to 30% of the population was exposed to flu each year, a missing bump in immunity, he said.

"If flu does at least get a foothold in, it's going to have more opportunity of spreading this season," he said.

**Q: WHEN SHOULD I GET A FLU VACCINE?**

A: Now. The CDC encourages people to get their vaccine by the end of October. Doctors' offices, retail pharmacies and local health departments have millions of doses in hand. And most Americans with health insurance can get it with no co-pay.

**Q: I ALREADY GOT A COVID-19 VACCINE. DO I REALLY NEED A FLU SHOT, TOO?**

A: COVID-19 vaccines prevent the coronavirus and flu vaccines prevent influenza. They don't overlap. But you can catch both viruses at the same time, or one after the other.

"Avoid the double whammy" and get both vaccines, advised the American College of Emergency Physicians. For now, COVID-19 vaccines are available for anyone 12 and older.

Flu vaccines aren't as powerful as vaccines against some other diseases but if people do get influenza anyway, they tend to have a much milder illness.

**Q: CAN I GET A FLU VACCINE AND A COVID-19 VACCINE AT THE SAME VISIT?**

A: Yes, the CDC says it's fine to pair a flu vaccine with either a primary COVID-19 shot or a booster dose.

**Q: WHAT'S THE BEST FLU VACCINE TO GET?**

A: Flu constantly evolves, and each year's vaccine is made to fight the strains that international experts deem most likely to circulate. This year all the flu vaccines offered in the U.S. offer protection against all four of those strains. Options include traditional shots or a nasal spray vaccine. There also are shots specifically designed to rev up seniors' age-weakened immune systems, either with a higher dose or an added immune booster. There are also options for people allergic to eggs, which are used to make some flu shots.

**Q: HOW MUCH FLU VACCINE IS AVAILABLE?**

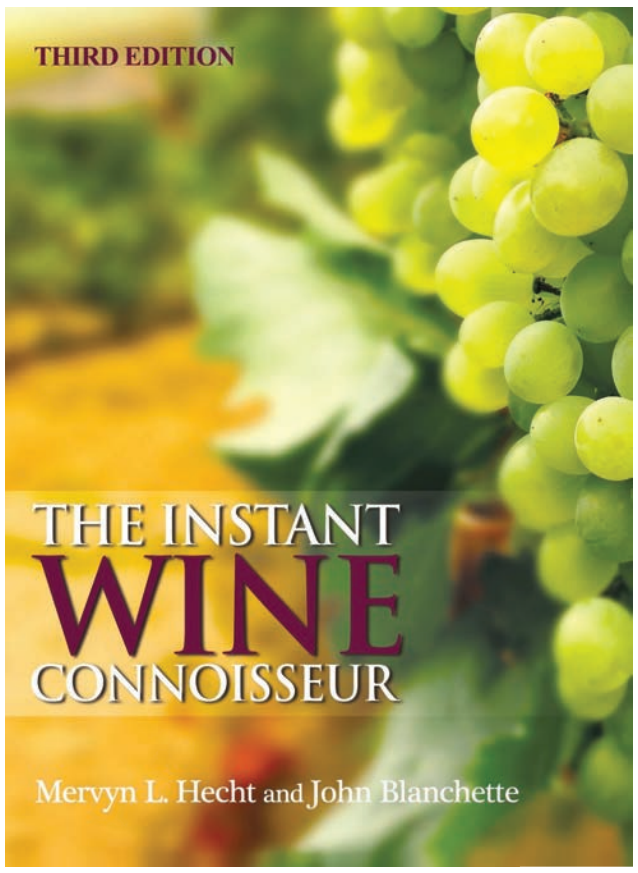
A: The CDC expects vaccine manufacturers to deliver 188 million to 200 million doses. Nearly 194 million doses were distributed last winter, a record.

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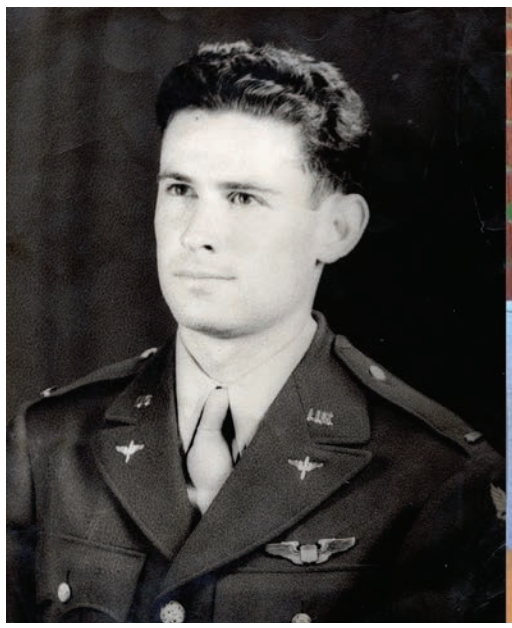
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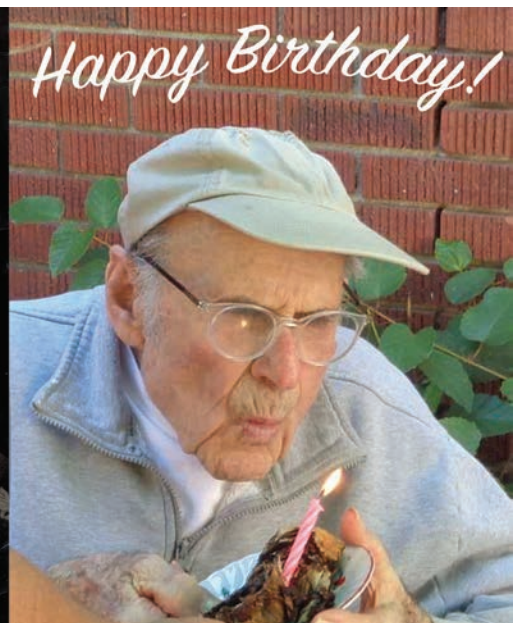
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# WWII Vet Dr. Lamm Turns 98 and "Keeps on Doing"






I first interviewed Jule Lamm, one of Santa Monica's most admired and respected residents, five years ago when he was a mere 93. When Randy, Jule's oldest son recently asked his now 98-year old dad how was he doing, Jule chuckled, "I just keep on doing," (Spoken like one of the "Greatest Generation" who survived the Great Depression and served valiantly in WWII.)

As a transport pilot in New Guinea and the Philippines, Jule's planes were frequently riddled with bullets but miraculously he was never hit. However having suffered debilitating cases of Malaria and Hepatitis, Jule jokes "The bullets never got me but the mosquitoes never missed."

After the war Jule attended UCLA and then the Optometry School and earned his Doctor of Optometry. He opened an office in Santa Monica and Culver City but also benevolently donated time treating economically disadvantaged patients. In addition, for many years he flew his own plane at his personal expense including the crew and supplies, into remote areas of Mexico to treat patients, among them children most of whom had never seen a doctor before.

Jule's 98th birthday party was held on September 21 at his attractive home attended by his three children, six grandchildren, other relatives and friends, some whose relationships go back 40 years or more. Jule's poignant birthday wish was that he could continue helping others.

Born in Los Angeles in 1923, Jule's life is a living memoir of 20th century L.A. and Santa Monica where he spent the past 53 years. It's also where he and his beloved wife of 57 years, Judy, lived happily. Emotionally Jule confided, "The best day of my life is when Judy married me, the worst was when we lost her." (Sadly Judy passed in 2013.)

Judy and Jule raised three wonderful and intelligent children, Randy, Brett and Wendy all of whom graduated Santa Monica High School and college. (At Samohi Randy even had a class with Bob Dylan's daughter, Maria.) In fact, the kids grew up in the same house that Jule lives in today.

In the 1920's, Jule was raised in an area of Los Angeles now known as Echo Park which overlooked Chavez Ravine. A fascinating side note, because times were economically hard, Jule's resourceful mother rented out the bottom of the house to the legendary modernist architect Richard Neutra.

The family lived across the street from Mickey Rooney, and Jule even attended one of Mickey's lavish birthday parties. Jule was ever energetic, curious and inexplicably talented. In junior high shop classes he excelled in skills he would later use even to avert danger in World War II.

At age 12, Jule bought a Model-A car for the grand sum of $7. With remarkable ingenuity he restored the vehicle and converted it from gas to diesel which was much cheaper fuel in those days.

Though close to home, he drove it proudly. Jule was a jack of all trades and a master of a many. As a young boy Jule was fascinated with the new world of aviation. At the nearby Grand Central Air Terminal he eagerly volunteered to clean the planes, including one reportedly owned by the iconic aviatrix, Amelia Earhart.

Jule's youth, however, came to an alarming end with the outbreak of WWII. Seventeen and deeply patriotic, Jule convinced his parents to let him join the Army Air Corps in the war to save world democracy. (A value he still espouses today.)

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percent in January, there was a relative boom in summer with occupancy peaking at 72 percent in June and average daily rates hitting $301. This is not far off from pre-pandemic numbers and indicates that Downtown Santa Monica still has a strong draw for domestic and local visitors, even if international travelers were, for the most part, precluded from visiting.

The Promenade pedestrian tracker also reflected this summer boom hitting a high of 115,817 pedestrian impressions on June 28, which is comparable to the 2018 high of 124,445 on Black Friday.

In order to help draw more visitors Downtown, DTSM launched a regional advertising campaign in July 2020 that was featured on over 100 billboards, and doubled down on its public relations and marketing campaigns reporting a total of 3,457 placements in newspapers, magazines, event listings, blogs and social media posts.

Rental rates were an additional positive indicator in the annual report. Despite the significant drop off in visitor numbers and spending, residential and retail rents retained most of their value over the last fiscal year, displaying an annual decrease of 4 percent and 5 percent respectively.

"Our emotional, physical, and economic recovery from the pandemic will take time and effort," said Kathleen Rawson, CEO of Downtown Santa Monica, Inc., in the report. "But if we all do our part, and continue to collaborate and lean on one another, I am confident we will emerge stronger and more capable of meeting the challenges of tomorrow."

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## DINE LA

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and try a new dish or enjoy an old favorite. Chefs are excited and preparing for a steady stream of customers.

"I think as a chef, part of why we get into kitchens is the thrill of the rush. DineLA brings a crowd and gives restaurants a good flow of business," Executive Chef Victor Morales at Beachside Restaurant at Jamaica Bay Inn said. "It inspires me to create dishes that are thoughtful and entice our guests into exploring our cuisine. For this particular menu I went based on seasonality and fall flavors. We source as locally as possible while thinking globally on our dishes. Our cuisine can vary from Latin inspired to some Asian flavors and beyond. In essence still keeping it "L.A." a giant culture pool."

The event showcases some of the area's culinary gems and the extra push to try something new is particularly welcome as the hospitality industry recovers from Covid lockdowns.

"Restaurants play a vital role in how our guests experience our hotel and Santa Monica. Being able to taste the best ingredients from local farms and ranches as well as fresh Pacific seafood really enhances any visit to Southern California," Diego Ruiz de Porras, Director of Food and Beverage said. "Our business is very rewarding but what makes it unique is the experience the guests can have. It is really easy to duplicate an experience in a guest room, you can buy the best TV, the best mattress, add great music and great lighting, it's not rocket science. What makes the experience different in a hotel is the Food and Beverage. That's our show. DineLA allows us to share this experience with our community and remain relevant."

Dine LA Restaurant Week takes place twice a year and is often as fun for the chef as it is for the diner.

"We have been a part of DineLA since the very beginning and are always excited to have a chance to reach a new audience," said Chef Raphael Lunetta of his namesake restaurant.

"It's been a tough year, and we are excited to get back to some normalcy, Dine LA feels like a fun familiar time for new guests to try us out and our regulars to come back in," he said. "We are especially excited this year, as it gives us a chance to open our night side dining room that has been closed since last April. We are going through a remodel of our dining room on the night side and will launch it officially in October."



Courtesy photo

**TACOS: Tallula's is offering a taco special.**

The menu options also provide diners with options that might not exist outside of the deal.

"dineLA is such an awesome, affordable opportunity for people to eat their way across the city, as well as support local restaurants while they're still recovering from this pandemic," said Tallula's Executive Chef Brad Long. "We're excited to be a part of this year's celebration and we've put together a really fun, generous menu of our greatest hits. You get four different tacos to choose from, all of which come on fresh tortillas made with our very own masa, plus two other courses and snacks for only $35."

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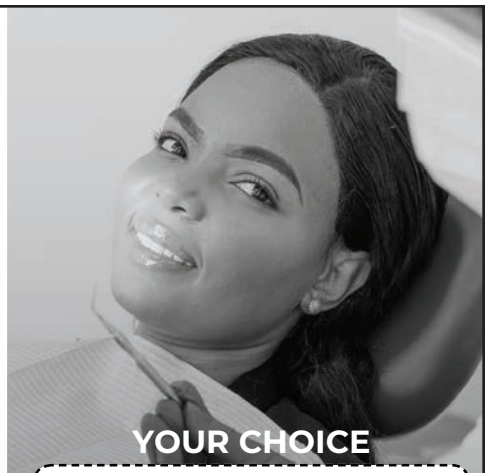
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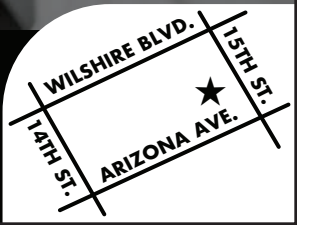
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# School boards ask for help with threats

**CAROLYN THOMPSON**
Associated Press

A group representing school board members around the country asked President Joe Biden on Thursday for federal assistance to investigate and stop threats made over policies including mask mandates, likening the vitriol to a form of domestic terrorism.

Parents and community members have been disrupting meetings and threatening board members in person, online and through the mail in a trend that merits attention from federal law enforcement agencies, the National School Boards Association said in a letter to Biden.

"Whatever you feel about masks, it should not reach this level of rhetoric," NSBA Interim Executive Director Chip Slaven told The Associated Press by phone.

School boards around the country have been disrupted by unruly attendees out to interfere with business and silence other viewpoints.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said responsibility for protecting school boards falls largely to local law enforcement but "we're continuing to explore if more can be done from across the administration."

"Obviously these threats to school board members is horrible. They're doing their jobs," she said during a press briefing.

The association asked for the federal government to get involved to investigate cases where threats or violence could be handled as violations of federal laws protecting civil rights. It also asked for the Justice Department, FBI, Homeland Security and Secret Service to help monitor threat levels and assess risks to students, educators, board members and school buildings.

"As these acts of malice, violence, and threats against public school officials have increased, the classification of these heinous actions could be the equivalent to a form of domestic terrorism and hate crimes," the association wrote.

The association represents more than 90,000 school board members in 14,000 public school districts.

The letter documents more than 20 instances of threats, harassment, disruption, and acts of intimidation in California, Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, Ohio and other states. It cites the September arrest of an Illinois man for aggravated battery and disorderly conduct for allegedly striking a school official at a meeting. In Michigan, a meeting was disrupted when a man performed a Nazi salute to protest masking.

"We are coming after you," a letter mailed to an Ohio school board member said, according to the group. "You are forcing them to wear mask—for no reason in this world other than control. And for that you will pay dearly."

It called the member "a filthy traitor."

Last week, a crowd of up to 200 protesters

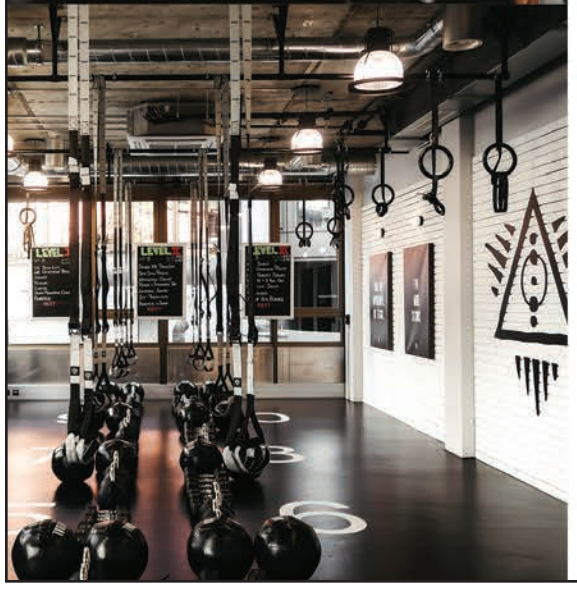
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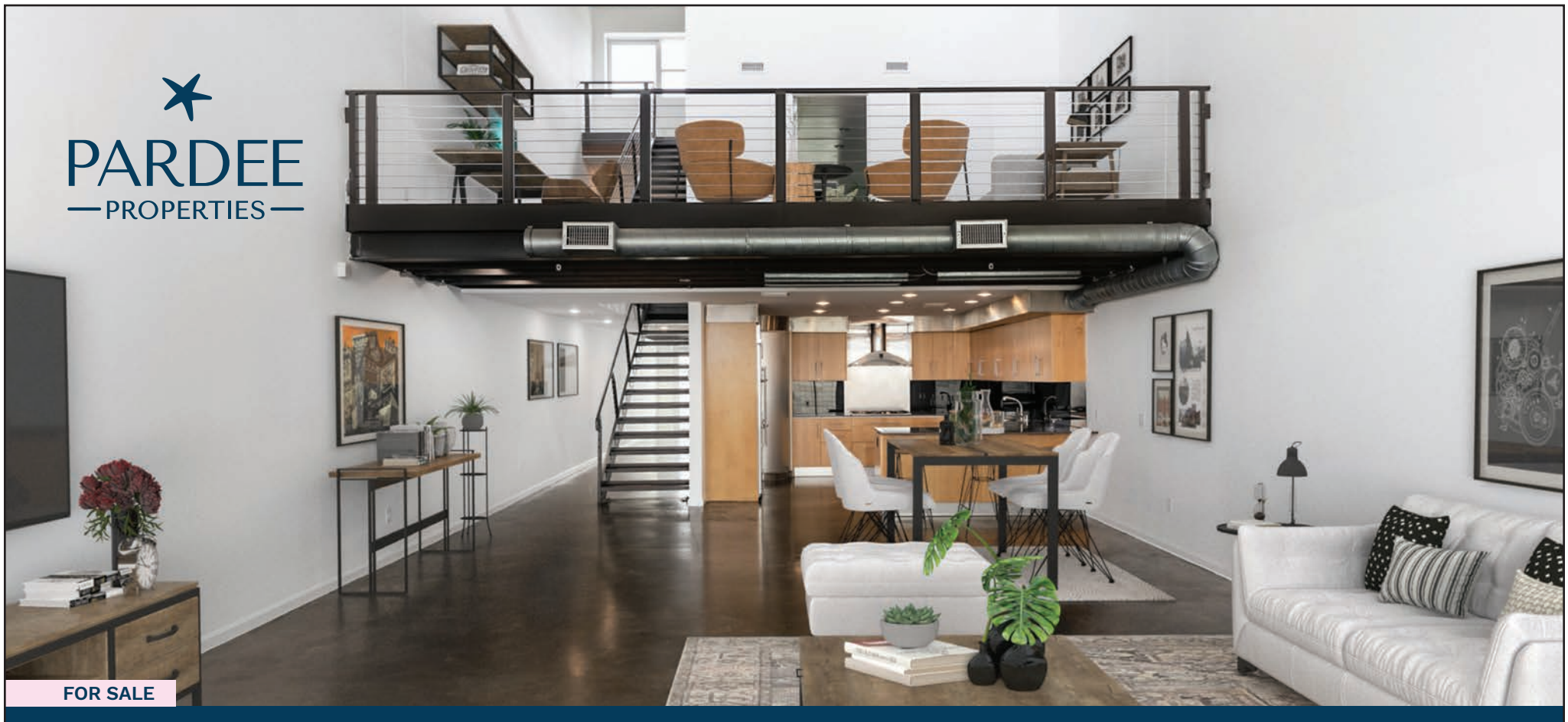
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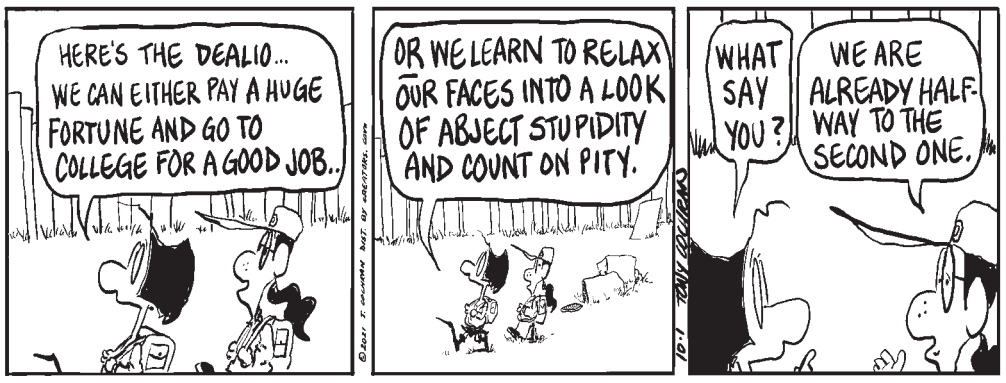
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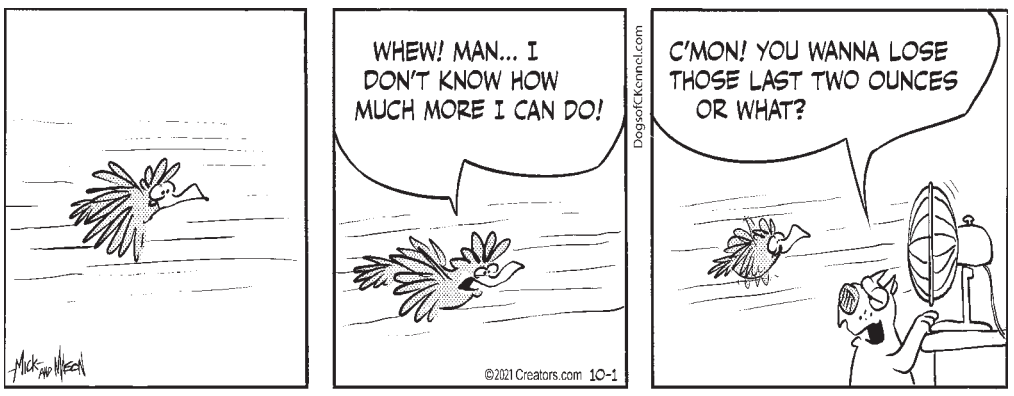
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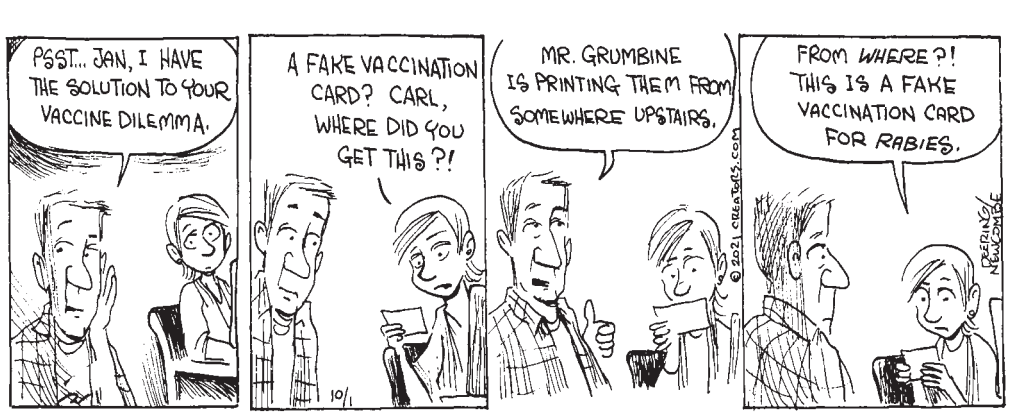

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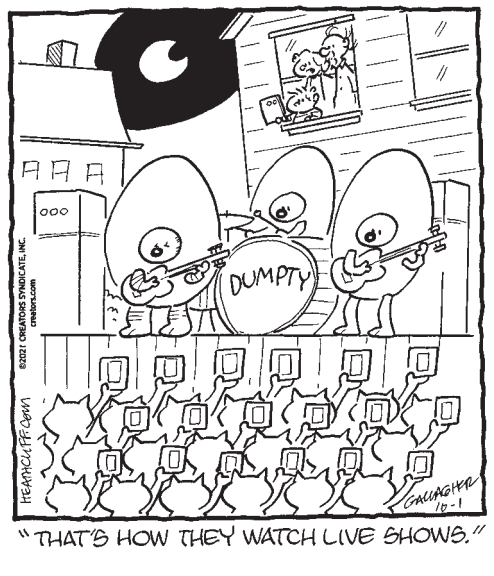

## Zack Hill

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## Heathcliff

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## Strange Brew

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## SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 64.2°

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Smaller leftovers. Fading mix of SSW/S swell and NW swell shows best west of Dume. Mind the mid to higher tide all day.

SATURDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Leftover SSW/S swell and a refresh of NW swell mix. Decent chance at a clean morning window with a few serviceable little peaks on offer for the combo breaks. The points are small.

## WEATHER

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 78.
**Friday Night:** Increasing clouds, with a low around 60.
**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 76.

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## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (OCTOBER 1)

You'll work toward something you want, and then the universe shows you an even better fit. It won't require more effort, just different effort. You'll be enlivened by a challenge. You'll make a system out of the solution that will be helpful to others. New thought and fitness patterns raise the amount of fun in your world. Gemini and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 44, 41, 20 and 15.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You don't approach relationships like an investor approaches the stock market, with an eye constantly out for the return. You're a giver, so you give. The winds of love will distribute your offerings perfectly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What do you want to be known for? The answer to that question has changed many times over the years and is changing you still. Today brings novel and bright new ideas on the subject.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Space and silence can be a healing gift to a relationship. Long conversations are apt to get off track, so keep it brief, say what you need to say, and then leave and let it sink in.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You shouldn't have to power through an endeavor on your willpower alone. Demand something of the venture. Is it exciting enough to pull you forward? Momentum is easy when the job fits with your life and interests.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The past has your attention like a spell. Break the hold it has over you by freshening up your environment. Different and new surroundings will sing out to you, "Welcome to today!"

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). No one is born strong. Strength is weakness handled proactively. You've lifted much in this lifetime and gotten stronger with each effort. You'll do it again today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've seen plenty around here, and you're ready to see what's over there. This appetite for adventure, being stronger than usual, is going to take some planning to execute, and that will be half the fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've a multifaceted skill set. When you don't get the chance to use some of these skills for too long a time, you start to feel diminished. Want a spiritual lift? Seek opportunities to exercise your competence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The inherent chaos of human connection is bound to create a mess sooner or later. Would you really want it any other way? Today's madness is poetry in motion. It will even seem to rhyme.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The old vaudevillians had it right. A three-step process helps the show along quite nicely. First, tell them what you're going to do. Next, do it. Finally, tell them what you did. Cue the applause.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). How do you buy time? In the case of library fines and overdue credit cards, you can buy it with money. But in most other cases, time is bought with charm. Your charisma will get you as much of someone's time as you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are as worthy of the best things in life as any king, queen or saint. The question is, what constitutes a "best thing"? Love's gaze tops the list. Currently, the most splendor-per-inch will be found in the eyes of another.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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## Sudoku

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

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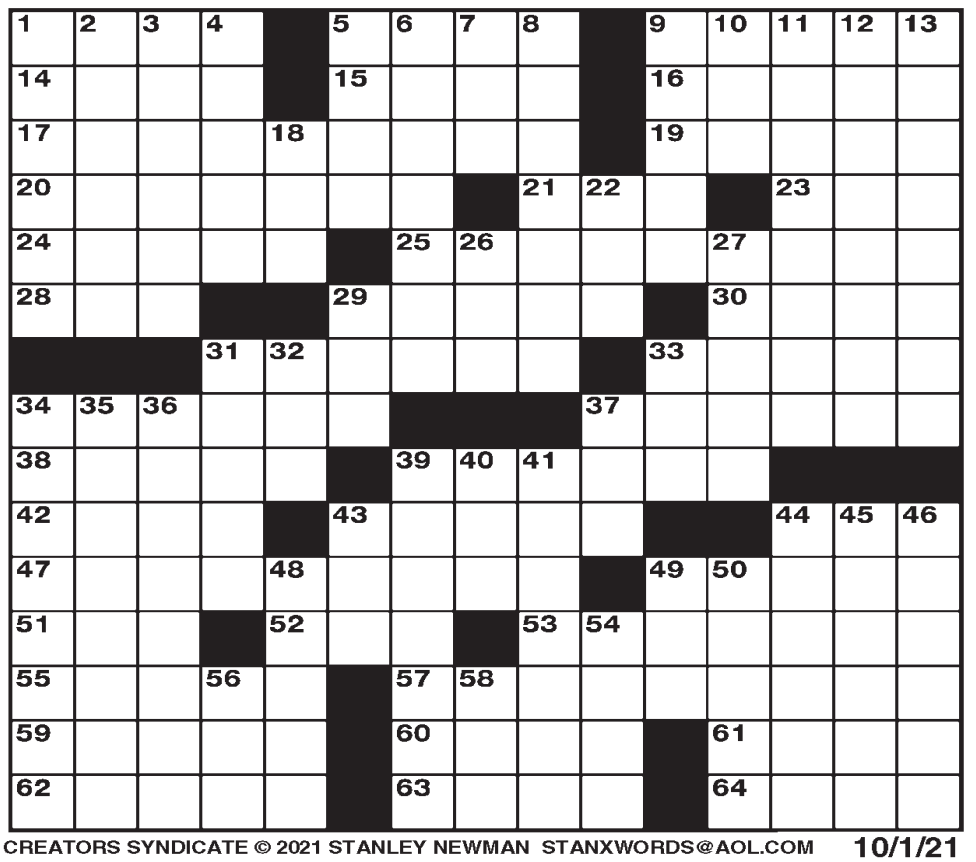
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## Newsday Crossword

**VOWEL PLAY** by Jerry Clarkson
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**ACROSS**
1 Help for the power hungry
5 Unfeeling
9 Negotiated hurdles
14 Medicinal shipment
15 Ending like -ula
16 Puccini pieces
17 Talk while posing
19 Mattress supplier for Hiltons
20 Billion-dollar startup, to investors
21 Many AMA members
23 Green span
24 OK to ignore
25 Anticipate
28 Diagnostic printout
29 Grates on
30 Up-front payment
31 "Apple of your eye" source
33 Eco-friendly
34 With 37 Across, "Alas!", for instance
37 See 34 Across
38 Ill-fated energy company
39 Evening family ritual
42 Quote book notation
43 *Iliad* king
44 Will Smith series, for short
47 In a sense
49 Valuable hoard
51 USMC rank
52 Cannon conclusion
53 Longest line of latitude
55 French version of Ralph
57 It's north of Omaha on I-29
59 "This is only __"
60 Henry VIII's IInd or IVth
61 Motorcycle Hall of Fame name
62 Positive feedback
63 Spa treatment
64 Cherry and ruby

**DOWN**
1 Take on, as an identity
2 Villainous one
3 Nosy
4 Vanzetti codefendant
5 "Will these hands __ be clean?": Lady Macbeth
6 Baker's helper
7 What a range is made of: Abbr.
8 '70s superstar singers
9 Saddle attachment
10 Preposition for Poor Richard
11 One of the jet set
12 Edison, notably
13 DHS officer
18 Where sea meets sky: Abbr.
22 HP hardware
26 Popular bonsai choice
27 Longtime sitcom mom
29 UN peacekeeping participant
31 Hi-fi, for short
32 Every president, so far
33 Tour de force
34 Waves-into-rocks result
35 Do something new
36 Underground spaces
37 Tumbler's edge
39 Tapping target
40 Itinerary term
41 Free sample invitation
43 Not COD
44 Driving force
45 Sticker seen in November
46 Emeralds and aquamarines
48 They may be smelling
49 Formal wear
50 Tortoise or hare
54 What: Fr.
56 Fair __ (copyright law concept)
58 Ending like -ish



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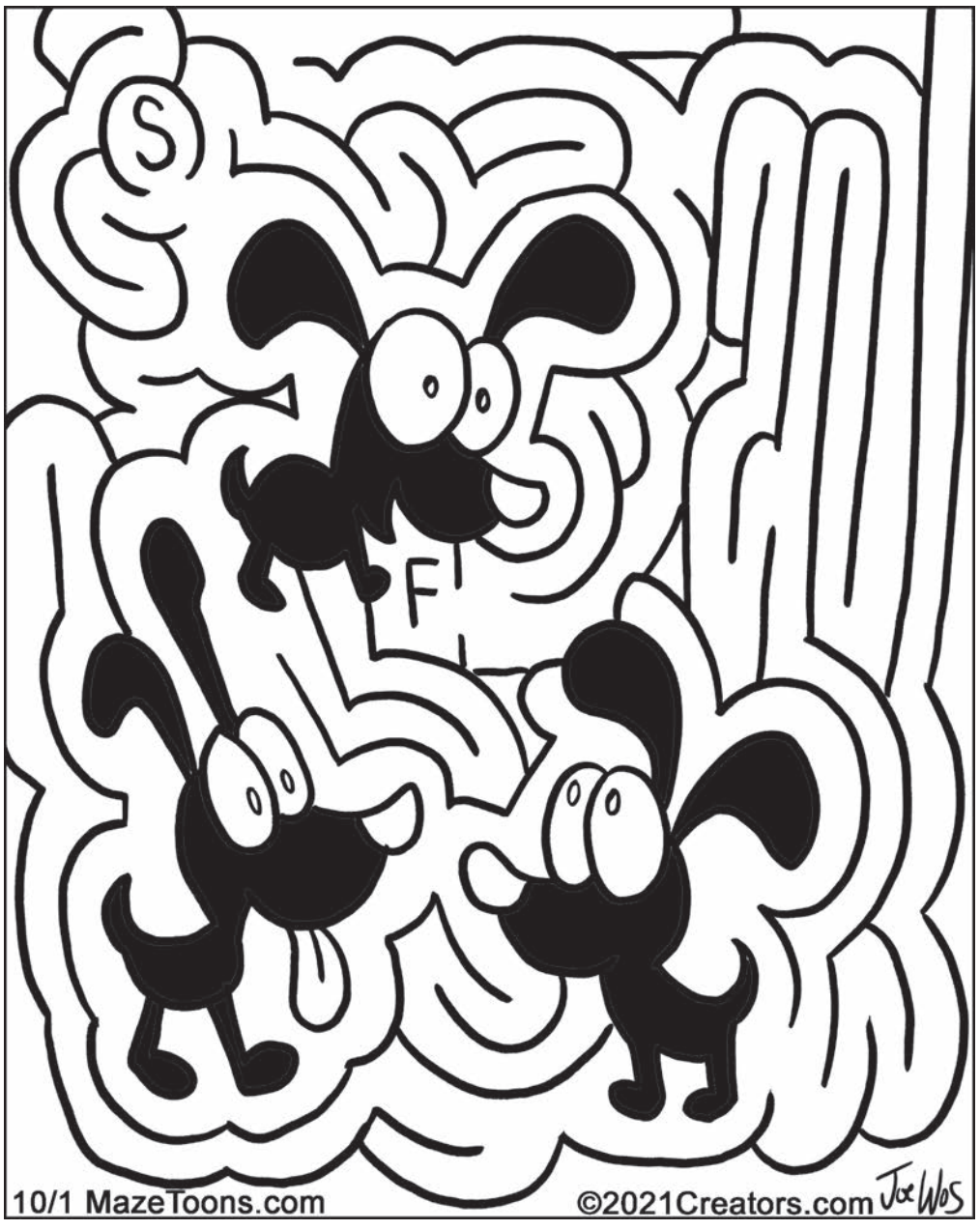
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Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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**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.

**DINEL.A.**
Experience dineL.A. Restaurant Week, October 1-15, where local foodies and visitors to Los Angeles have the opportunity to enjoy a selection of specially priced prix-fixe lunch and dinner menus from some of L.A. and Santa Monica's best restaurants. https://www.santamonica.com/dinela/

## 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 A 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.

**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.

## SUNDAY | OCT. 3

**AMERICANA IN THE PARK**
The City of Santa Monica is partnering with McCabe's Guitar Shop to present Americana in the Park in Gandara Park, on Sundays between September 19 and October 10 from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

**FARMERS MARKET**
The Sunday Main Street Farmers Market features some of California's freshest produce plus prepared foods from local Main Street restaurants as well as artisanal foods prepared with ingredients sourced from California farmers - you can't get more local than that! Also, enjoy musical entertainment from a variety of featured weekly bands, face painting, balloon designs, and bi-weekly cooking demonstrations featuring local produce. 2640 Main St. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

## MONDAY | OCT. 4

**FIRE SAFETY STORY TIME 10:30 A.M.**
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## BIKE

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significance for many residents who have experienced poor air quality from the record-breaking fire season but poor air quality is a permanent fixture in large parts of the state.

"For far too many, poor air quality is a fact of life they experience on a year-round basis," explained Dr. Joseph Lyou, President & CEO, Coalition for Clean Air. "On Clean Air Day, businesses, government agencies, and individuals can all join in to make sure the benefits of breathing clean air can be shared by everyone."

Clean Air Day is an opportunity that allows for virtual and in-person participation, as well as the ability for businesses, schools, government agencies, and others to sign up to engage their members, students, employees, and customers to encourage participation.

Samohi Senior Maggie Ineno is one of the young activists organizing around the day and she is excited to incorporate her love of bicycles into the day.

As an avid cyclist she said she was excited to bring her personal interests into the event.

"I really like the fact that I could bring in my own creative side to it," she said. "I decided I wanted to bring in bikes and I'm super happy I could do that with the opportunity."

Using a combination of grant funding from the Coalition and donations from local businesses, Ineno is organizing a community bike ride from Culver City to Venice.

On Sunday, Oct. 3 all are welcome to join Ineno in Culver City outside the Arclight Theater (9500 Culver Blvd) at 8 a.m. The ride will begin at 8:30 a.m. and travel to Groundworks Coffee on Rose Ave. in Venice.

Ineno said sponsors including Groundworks, the Los Angeles Bike Academy and Snapchat are enabling participants to have free refreshments and an automatic entry into a raffle for a pair of augmented reality Snapchat Spectacles. She has also secured several bicycles that will be given away to local students who participate in an essay competition.

Ineno has been working with a neighbor through their A Blue Sky Foundation to advocate for clean air for about a year. Their work so far has focused on small off-road engines like those used in leaf blowers, lawnmowers or hedge trimmers but their work has been predominantly on the advocacy side so the bike ride will be her first event.

"I love that a large portion of my generation is so concerned with protecting our planet," she said. "I'm certain that this event will just be a small step towards fulfilling my mission of educating and spreading awareness about effective ways to approach climate change."

The County is also participating by offering free transit on Metro on Oct. 6.

"I was proud to lead the motion for free transit on California Clean Air Day because transit is a safe, affordable and sustainable mode of transportation for all Angelenos," said Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Hilda L. Solis, Supervisor to the First District. "We know that transportation is the number one contributor of greenhouse gas emissions, so I'm encouraging Angelenos from across the County to leave their car at home on October 6 as we take action for clean air."

For more information about Clean Air Day and the community bike ride, visit https://www.cleanairday.org/events/2021/150-Cycling-for-Clean-Air/.

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## LAUGHING MATTERS

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Jule and his family came to settle in Santa Monica because he and Randy often rode their bikes from W. L.A. to the Santa Monica Pier. Blessed with an outgoing nature, one day Jule noticed Phil Hill, a famous Santa Monica race car driver was working on old Packard cars in his garage. The two chatted amiably about how idyllic Santa Monica was and voila, the Lamm clan soon made the move.

Among Jule's vast interests was skiing but in those days there were no ski lifts. A brave skier would be "rope towed" by a car with a tire off. The rope would be wrapped around the wheel and with the engine going the wheel would spin and the skier clutching the rope would make his precarious ascent. But nothing ever deterred Dr. Lamm, not even controversial political action.

In 1968 Jule joined Tom Bradley, Pat Brown and Ed Edelman to get funding for a subway under Wilshire but the auto lobby defeated it. As I've alluded, Jule's life should be a book but I've run out of room so please go to www.smdp.com and type "Democracy Means More Than Voting."

Because they don't make them like Jule Lamm anymore, I hope next year I can once again write about my friend. Knowing him as I do, I have a feeling he'll humbly say, "I'm still doing." God bless Dr. Lamm.

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## SCHOOL

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who banged on doors and shouted at police shut down a school board meeting in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where members planned to consider a temporary COVID-19 mask mandate.

At a U.S. Senate committee hearing on Thursday, Education Secretary Miguel Cardona decried the hostility against school board members and praised their "unwavering support" to reopen schools safely. He said the lack of civility in some meetings is disappointing and, in some places, it has been "very dangerous."

He made the comments in response to questions from Sen. Mike Braun, R-Ind., a former school board member who said contentious meetings are a part of civic engagement.

The threats have gone beyond board meetings.

The father of an Arizona elementary school student was arrested after he and two other men brought zip ties to the campus, threatening to make a "citizen's arrest" on the school principal over a COVID-19 quarantine.

The current climate has led a growing number of board members to resign or decide against seeking reelection.

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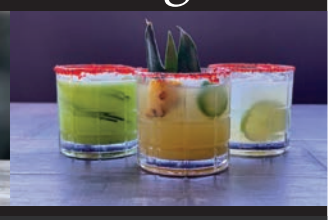
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