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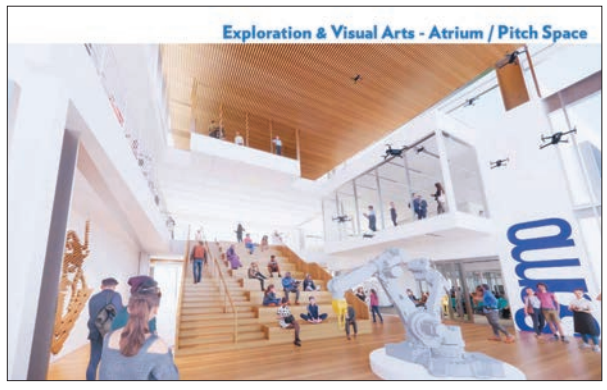
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Samohi shares design plan for Gold Gym and Exploration Building









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CONSTRUCTION: More work is scheduled for the Samohi campus during Phase 3 of the school's overhaul.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is on a mission to transform Samohi into a cutting edge campus for 21st century learning. On Tuesday, Santa Monica High School hosted a Zoom community meeting unveiling the design plan for Phase 3 of facility improvements, which includes the Gold Gymnasium and Exploration Building.

While the $133 million Discovery Building is planned to open for the fall 2021 semester, the $112 million Phase 3 buildings are scheduled to be ready for fall 2023. Both of these big ticket construction projects are funded through Measure SMS, which was approved by voters in 2018 and allowed the District to issue $485

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Courtesy photo

VENICE FAMILY CLINIC: Mike Bonin officially proclaimed Venice Family Clinic Week in Los Angeles to celebrate the Clinic's 50th anniversary and Week of Action.

Council approves revisions to leasing rules

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Revisions to Santa Monica's recently adopted leasing requirements were passed by City Councilmembers this week, allowing local homeowners to rent their homes for less than a year as long as they meet certain criteria.

Council first tackled medium-term rentals in August when it adopted an ordinance mandating all residential rental properties in the city must be rented unfurnished to natural persons, who intend to occupy the unit as their primary residence for longer than a year.

Mayor Kevin McKeown said the ordinance sent an unmistakable message to the large corporations who often found ways to exploit loopholes in the city's laws. However residents and students voiced their objections to the rules before they came into effect at the beginning of

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Stocks fall on Wall Street as hopes fade for stimulus deal

STAN CHOE, DAMIAN J. TROISE AND ALEX VEIGA
AP Business Writers

Stocks gave up early gains and closed lower Wednesday, adding to Wall Street's losses from a day earlier.

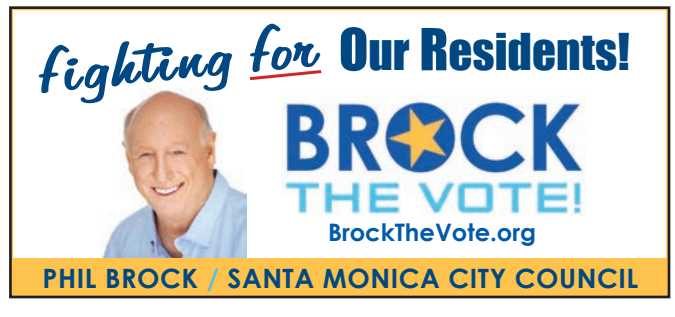
The S&P 500 fell 0.7% after spending the morning swaying between small gains and losses. Companies that rely on consumer spending, banks and technology and communication stocks bore the brunt of the selling. Trading in stock markets overseas was subdued as coronavirus counts climb around the world, raising the risk of more government restrictions on businesses. Treasury yields fell, while prices for crude oil and gold rose.

The decline came as talks

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Alzheimer's Association Fundraising Walk

The Alzheimer's Association is inviting Santa Monica residents to join the fight to end Alzheimer's by participating in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's on October 25.

The Santa Monica Walk to End Alzheimer's continues, but instead of hosting a large gathering, the Alzheimer's Association is encouraging participants to walk as individuals or in small groups on sidewalks, tracks and trails across Santa Monica.

"This year's Walk to End Alzheimer's will be everywhere," said Wendy Vizek, vice president, constituent events at the Alzheimer's Association. "The pandemic is changing how we walk, but it doesn't change the need to walk. This year, more than ever, we need to come together to support all those affected by Alzheimer's and other dementia. With the dollars raised, the Alzheimer's Association can continue to provide care and support to families during these difficult times while also advancing critical research toward methods of treatment and prevention."

Time-honored components of the Walk to End Alzheimer's are being replicated. On Walk day, an Opening Ceremony will feature local speakers and a presentation of Promise Flowers to honor the personal reasons participants join together to fight Alzheimer's and all other dementia, all delivered to participants' smartphones, tablets and computers. A small group of Alzheimer's Association staff and volunteers will create the iconic Promise Garden in a "view only" format on Walk day to honor all those impacted by Alzheimer's.

To enhance the participant experience leading up to the event and on Walk day, new features are being added to the Walk to End Alzheimer's mobile app to create an opportunity for the community to connect. Participants can use the app and new "Walk Mainstage" to track their steps and distance, follow a virtual Walk path, manage their Facebook fundraisers, and access information and resources from the Association and Walk sponsors to help individuals and families affected by the disease. A new audio track is available to encourage participants along the way and to congratulate them upon completion of their Walk.

"Alzheimer's is not taking a hiatus during COVID-19 and neither are we," said Alzheimer's Association California Southland Chapter Executive Director Meg Barron. "We must continue Walk to End Alzheimer's, and we are working with all participants to ensure they have a powerful and moving experience that is felt when we are together. Many of our constituents are at higher risk when it comes to COVID-19 and we know that our volunteers and participants appreciate our commitment to keeping all involved healthy and safe."

More than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease – the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States. Additionally, more than 16 million family members and friends provide care to people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias. In California alone, there are more than 690,000 people living with the disease and 1.6 million caregivers.

To register and receive the latest updates on this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's, visit: alz.org/walk.

SUBMITTED BY MUKTA CHOLETTE



Trump tries to shore up support from big business, Iowans

ZEKE MILLER, BILL BARROW AND AAMER MADHANI
Associated Press

President Donald Trump on Wednesday sought to shore up support from constituencies that not so long ago he thought he had in the bag: big business and voters in the red state of Iowa.

In a morning address to business leaders, he expressed puzzlement that they would even consider supporting his Democratic challenger, Joe Biden, arguing that his own leadership was a better bet for a strong economy. The president was set to campaign later Wednesday in Iowa, a state he won handily in 2016 but where Biden is making a late push.

Biden, for his part, held a virtual fundraiser from Wilmington, Delaware, and was delivering pretaped remarks to American Muslims in the evening. He did not have any public campaign events scheduled, unusual for just 20 days out from Election Day.

The Democratic nominee used his appearance at the fundraiser to say that Trump was trying to rush through Amy Coney Barrett, his nominee for the Supreme Court, to help his efforts to repeal the Obama health care law, calling that "an abuse of power."

Biden was expected to spend much of the day preparing for a town-hall-style TV appearance in battleground Pennsylvania on Thursday, which was to have been the night of the second presidential debate.

Instead, the candidates will have dueling town halls on network television — Trump's in Miami and sponsored by NBC News, Biden's in Philadelphia and on ABC. Trump backed out of plans for the originally scheduled presidential faceoff after debate organizers last week shifted the format to a virtual event following Trump's coronavirus diagnosis.

Trump used his economic address Wednesday to play up his administration's commitment to lowering taxes and deregulation of industry, and he didn't hide his frustration with signs that some in the business community are tilting to Biden.

"I know I'm speaking to some Democrats, and some of you are friends of mine," Trump said in a virtual address to the Economic Clubs of New York, Florida, Washington, D.C., Chicago, Pittsburgh and Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Should Biden be elected, he continued, "You will see things happen that will not make you happy. I don't understand your thinking."

The former vice president has collected more than $50 million in campaign contributions from donors in the securities and investment sectors, according to the private nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics. During his decades in the Senate representing Delaware, a center for the credit card and banking industries, Biden built relationships and a voting record in the business sector that has raised suspicion on the left but provides Wall Street with a measure of ease at the prospect of a Biden administration.

After being sidelined by the coronavirus, Trump has resumed a breakneck schedule this week, with travel and campaign rallies every day. Trump has appeared hale in his public appearances since reemerging from quarantine, though at moments during his economic address on Wednesday his voice was raspy.

His trip to Iowa comes as the state this week surpassed 100,000 coronavirus cases and has seen a recent surge in hospitalizations. The number of people being treated in Iowa hospitals for COVID-19 reached a new high Wednesday of 473 people, and there's no sign of slowing as the number of people admitted in the past 24 hours was third highest.

Biden has tried to make Trump's handling of the pandemic, which has killed more than 215,000 Americans, the central issue of the election.

"President Trump isn't coming to the Hawkeye State to offer words of comfort to those suffering, or a helping hand to the Iowans who are out of a job, or an actual plan to get the virus under control," Biden said in a statement. "Instead, he's here to spread more lies about the pandemic and distract from his record of failure."

Officials at the Des Moines airport, where the rally was to be held in a cargo hangar, were told to plan for up to 10,000 people, and such Trump campaign events typically feature little to no social distancing and only spot mask wearing.

A public health emergency declared by Republican Gov. Kim Reynolds in March remains in place and requires that organizers of mass gatherings "must ensure at least 6 feet (1.8 meters) of physical distance between each group or individual attending alone."

Reynolds, a Trump ally, was expected to appear at the event.

Trump had an extra treat in mind for Iowa voters, drawing on one of the perquisites of his office: Ahead of his visit, Trump said he would be awarding the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Iowa wrestling legend Dan Gable. The former University of Iowa coach won 15 NCAA team championships from 1976 to 1997.

Trump is also expected to make an appeal to the state's farmers. After years of farmers supporting him despite the trade war with China that cost them in agricultural exports, some Republicans say Trump's renewable fuel policy has sown some doubt.

Trump's Environmental Protection Agency granted dozens of waivers to petroleum companies seeking to bypass congressional rules requiring the level of the corn-based fuel additive ethanol that gasoline must contain. He has recently denied more waiver requests, but the EPA's previous action removed about 4 billion gallons of ethanol demand, resulting

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 288 CALLS ON OCT. 18

Exhibition Of Speed Ocean Ave / California Ave 12:20 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2800blk 28th St 12:22 a.m.
Living In A Vehicle 1300blk 18th St 12:23 a.m.
Burglary 1100blk Broadway 12:52 a.m.
Party Complaint 2300blk 4th St 1:05 a.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 1:21 a.m.
Attempt Armed Robbery 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 1:57 a.m.
Rape Lincoln Blvd / Colorado Ave 2:18 a.m.
Person With A Gun 3rd Street Prom / Arizona Ave 3:41 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1900blk Pico Blvd 3:41 a.m.
Burglary 2600blk Main St 4:09 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2600blk Main St 4:10 a.m.
Burglary 1900blk Pico Blvd 4:14 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 200blk Wilshire Blvd 4:27 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 1400blk 17th St 5:00 a.m.
Encampment 1800blk Main St 5:45 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300blk Olympic Dr 5:51 a.m.
Fight 500blk Colorado Ave 5:55 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 7:54 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Stewart St / Pico Blvd 7:56 a.m.
Burglary 200blk 19th St 8:03 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2200blk 29th St 8:10 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk 10th St 8:20 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1100blk Centinela Ave 8:33 a.m.
Identity Theft 2500blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:35 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2700blk 6th St 8:56 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300blk Olympic Dr 8:58 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2200blk 5th St 9:00 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1400blk 17th St 9:38 a.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 100blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:39 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 600blk Adelaide Dr 9:45 a.m.
Public Intoxication 2200blk Pico Blvd 9:51 a.m.
Burglary 1400blk 14th St 9:59 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1400blk 5th St 9:59 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2200blk Virginia Ave 10:02 a.m.
Petty Theft 600blk Wilshire Blvd 10:19 a.m.
Petty Theft 500blk Wilshire Blvd 10:27 a.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 2400blk 34th St 10:28 a.m.
Burglary 2200blk Colorado Ave 10:56 a.m.
Grand Theft 2600blk Highland Ave 10:59 a.m.
Auto Burglary 900blk 12th St 11:08 a.m.
Stalking 1300blk Grant St 11:36 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 900blk 16th St 11:37 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Lincoln Blvd / Ashland Ave 11:49 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1000blk Euclid St 12:00 p.m.
Petty Theft 1000blk Wilshire Blvd 12:16 p.m.
Petty Theft 1800blk Wilshire Blvd 12:48 p.m.
Encampment 1600blk Ocean Ave 12:53 p.m.
Trash Dumping 1100blk 7th St 12:55 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 400blk 14th St 12:56 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 700blk Ozone St 12:58 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1200blk 14th St 1:11 p.m.
Grand Theft 2500blk Pico Blvd 1:23 p.m.
Petty Theft 600blk Wilshire Blvd 1:27 p.m.
Petty Theft 12th St / Colorado Ave 1:28 p.m.
Grand Theft 1800blk 19th St 1:46 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1400blk Ocean Ave 1:51 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2600blk Barnard Way 2:09 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1800blk 20th St 2:19 p.m.
Fight 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:22 p.m.
Auto Burglary 9th St / Idaho Ave 2:39 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1000blk 26th St 2:40 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1200blk Pearl St 2:45 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 7th St / San Vicente Blvd 3:45 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2500blk Beverley Ave 4:13 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 900blk Broadway 4:24 p.m.
Battery 1900blk Cloverfield Blvd 4:29 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 1400blk Montana Ave 5:25 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1700blk Broadway 5:36 p.m.
Burglary 2700blk Neilson Way 5:38 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1800blk 11th St 5:39 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2600blk 34th St 5:45 p.m.
Petty Theft 1800blk 12th St 6:26 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 3100blk Lincoln Blvd 6:31 p.m.
Trash Dumping 1200blk San Vicente Blvd 6:31 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 300blk Olympic Dr 6:41 p.m.
Domestic Violence 1200blk 15th St 7:19 p.m.
Petty Theft 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 7:25 p.m.
Person Down 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 7:31 p.m.
Battery 1500blk 4th St 7:44 p.m.
Battery 1500blk 4th St 7:44 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Main St / Hill St 7:50 p.m.
Living In A Vehicle 1500blk 7th St 7:56 p.m.
Grand Theft 2000blk Cloverfield Blvd 8:15 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1800blk California Ave 8:32 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 700blk California Ave 9:01 p.m.
Prowler There 900blk Palisades Beach Rd 9:09 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1500blk 7th St 9:27 p.m.
Bike Theft 700blk Broadway 9:40 p.m.
Party Complaint 1400blk Broadway 10:11 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2400blk Chelsea Pl 10:17 p.m.
Domestic Violence 2000blk 20th St 11:02 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 00blk Pico Blvd 11:03 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2200blk Ocean Front Walk 11:40 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 35 CALLS ON OCT. 14

Automatic Alarm 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 3:43 a.m.
EMS Cloverfield Blvd / Pico Blvd 3:57 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 4th St 4:37 a.m.
EMS 2100blk 20th St 4:50 a.m.
EMS 900blk 17th St 5:03 a.m.
EMS 1200blk Lincoln Blvd 5:34 a.m.
EMS 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:04 a.m.
Elevator Rescue 1200blk 9th St 6:23 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Franklin St 7:52 a.m.
EMS 28th St / Pico Blvd 7:55 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Stewart St / Pico Blvd 7:56 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 8:08 a.m.
EMS 1800blk Broadway 8:18 a.m.
EMS 800blk 7th St 8:54 a.m.
EMS 700blk Ocean Ave 10:01 a.m.
EMS 1800blk Cloverfield Blvd 10:17 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 2nd St 10:59 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 16th St 11:06 a.m.
EMS 2400blk Pico Blvd 12:20 p.m.
EMS 100blk Wilshire Blvd 12:37 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 1:15 p.m.
Arcing Wires 300blk San Vicente Blvd 3:30 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 21st St 3:30 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500blk California Ave 4:20 p.m.
EMS 14th St / California Ave 5:22 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 1300blk 2nd St 5:49 p.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 6:12 p.m.
Public Assist 2300blk Pico Blvd 6:34 p.m.
EMS 7th St / Olympic Blvd W 7:01 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Ocean Ave 7:14 p.m.
EMS 500blk Olympic Blvd W 7:16 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 7:31 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 4th St 7:43 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 10:15 p.m.
EMS 1800blk Ocean Ave 10:18 p.m.

CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, AT APPROXIMATELY 10:16 A.M.

An SMPD Officer and a DMH Clinician were dispatched to a home on the 3000 block of 16th St. regarding a call about a battery. Dispatchers reported that the Victim had entered the unoccupied home to paint and found the Suspect already inside. The Suspect pretended to live in the home and pushed the Victim to the ground. Upon arrival, Officers spoke to the Victim and the actual homeowner, who had arrived shortly after. The homeowner reported that about $4,000 worth of property had been missing. Officers located the Suspect and arrested Julya Maree Jones on a 242 PC- Battery and a 459 PC- Burglary.

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Census whiplashed by changing deadlines, accuracy concerns

MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

Shortly after the Supreme Court ruled that the Trump administration can end the 2020 census, a text message went out to field supervisors in Northern California telling them to start collecting the iPhones their census takers use for gathering household information during their door-knocking.

It was the fifth time in two months that they were given a new end date — this one Thursday — for the head count of everyone living in the U.S.

The Supreme Court decision Tuesday was just the latest case of whiplash for the census, which has faced starts and stops from the pandemic, natural disasters and court rulings, as well as confusion over when it was going to end and questions over whether minorities, immigrants, poor people and others would be counted accurately.

Minority groups have historically been undercounted in the once-a-decade census that determines how many congressional seats each state gets, as well as how $1.5 trillion in federal spending is distributed each year, and advocates said the two-week-shorter schedule will make that even worse.

"The Trump administration is acting out of fear. They fear a future America where we are majority minority. They don't want to see the power shift," Meeta Anand, a fellow at the New York Immigration Coalition, said Wednesday. "They will ignore the rules. They will do everything they can to make sure the true nature of our society is not reflected."

The Trump administration had argued that the head count needed to end immediately to give the Census Bureau time to meet a congressionally mandated Dec. 31 deadline for completing the figures that will be used to apportion House seats.

A coalition of local governments and advocacy groups had sued to keep the census going through October, saying that minorities and others would be missed if the census ended early.

By sticking to the Dec. 31 deadline, the Trump administration would end up controlling the numbers used for the apportionment, no matter who wins next month's presidential election. Opponents fear the administration will depart from past practice and leave out of the count people who are in the U.S. illegally.

The nation's highest court didn't offer a reason for ending the census, though Justice Sonia Sotomayor said in a dissent that minorities and others "will disproportionately bear the burden of any inaccuracies."

The end date for the 2020 census has been a moving target since the pandemic temporarily halted field operations last spring.

The Census Bureau pushed an end-of-July deadline for concluding the count to the end of October because of the virus. But the Commerce Department, which oversees the agency, decided to move up the deadline to late September, then early October, and was thwarted both times by a federal judge in California.

The constantly fluctuating deadline probably affected the quality of the data gathered, since census takers were more likely to rely on administrative records or neighbors instead of making an extra visit to a household if they were under the gun to end the count, Minnesota State Demographer Susan Brower said.

Many census takers have said they hadn't been given work since the beginning of the month, with little explanation, even though they had been planning to work through the end of October.

In recent weeks, "the census operation has been in a holding pattern," Brower said. "They didn't say, 'Great! More time. Let's go back and revisit some of those things we've already done.' The attitude was more, 'What's done is done, and we will put our energy toward closing cases.'"

Brower said she is more concerned about whether Census Bureau statisticians can process the data accurately by Dec. 31, in less than three months, when they originally had five months to do it.

"My interpretation is it cannot be done in that amount of time," she said..

Whether that Dec. 31 deadline holds is still being decided in the courts.

The data processing phase takes time since the statisticians must remove duplicate answers, fill in information gaps by using records and check for quality, said Thomas Saenz, president and general counsel for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Losing two weeks of the count is going to be felt in New York City, where activists since the start of the month had held 100 events to get people to fill out the census form, and "every single day we were moving the numbers upward," said Julie Menin, director of NYC Census 2020.

"We could have done so much more. Paid canvassing. Advertising. Phone banking. Texting," Menin said. "To lose those two weeks is unconscionable."

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Extra safety scrutiny planned as virus vaccine worries grow

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AP Medical Writer

Facing public skepticism about rushed COVID-19 vaccines, U.S. health officials are planning extra scrutiny of the first people vaccinated when shots become available — an added safety layer experts call vital.

A new poll suggests those vaccine fears are growing. With this week's pause of a second major vaccine study because of an unexplained illness — and repeated tweets from President Donald Trump that raise the specter of politics overriding science — a quarter of Americans say they won't get vaccinated. That's a slight increase from 1 in 5 in May.

The poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found only 46% of Americans want a COVID-19 vaccine and another 29% are unsure.

More striking, while Black Americans have been especially hard-hit by COVID-19, just 22% say they plan to get vaccinated compared with 48% of white Americans, the AP-NORC poll found.

"I am very concerned about hesitancy regarding COVID vaccine," said Dr. William Schaffner, a vaccine specialist at Vanderbilt University who says even the primary care doctors who'll need to recommend vaccinations have questions.

"If the politicians would stand back and let the scientific process work, I think we'd all be better off," he added.

The stakes are high: Shunning a COVID-19 shot could derail efforts to end the pandemic — while any surprise safety problems after one hits the market could reverberate into distrust of other routine vaccines.

On top of rigorous final testing in tens of thousands of people, any COVID-19 vaccines cleared for widespread use will get additional safety evaluation as they're rolled out. Among plans from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Texting early vaccine recipients to check how they're feeling, daily for the first week and then weekly out to six weeks.

Any vaccine before Election Day is extremely unlikely. Over Trump's objections, the Food and Drug Administration issued clear safety and effectiveness standards that shots must meet -- and Commissioner Stephen Hahn insists career scientists, not politicians, will decide each possible vaccine's fate only after all the evidence is debated at a public meeting.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the top U.S. infectious diseases expert, says that should be reassuring because it means scientists like himself will see all the evidence.

"So the chances of there being secret hanky-panky are almost zero, because everything is going to be transparent," he told The AP.

Here are some things to watch as vaccines get closer to the finish line.

THERE'S STILL NO GUARANTEE

Furthest along in final-stage testing in the U.S. are a vaccine candidate made by Pfizer Inc. and Germany's BioNTech, and another developed by Moderna Inc. and the National Institutes of Health.

Fauci says "the best bet" is that data about whether one or both work will emerge sometime in November or December.

How soon depends on an independent Data Safety and Monitoring Board -- the only group that can peek at the data before the study's finished. At pre-set time points, the board can analyze the number of infections occurring so far among participants and decide if the study should be stopped early because of strong evidence the vaccine works, or if it's failing, or that it's too soon to know.

EFFECTIVENESS IS ONLY HALF THE STORY

The DSMB also watches for side effects. Many vaccines cause temporary side effects like fever, chills and other flu-like symptoms.

Two other vaccine candidates in final-stage testing in the U.S. have been temporarily halted to investigate additional safety questions. Johnson & Johnson paused its study this week after learning of "an unexplained illness" in one participant, and the company expects it will take a few days to learn if the problem is a side effect or a coincidence.

But testing of AstraZeneca's vaccine has been on hold in the U.S. for over a month after news emerged of neurological illnesses in two British participants. Regulators let AstraZeneca's study resume in Britain and several other countries, but FDA still is deciding.

Stopping those studies "shows you that the system that we have in place to monitor the safety of the vaccines and the rigorous conduct of the trial is in place and it's working," Schaffner said.

Looking back at vaccines for other diseases, side effects show up within two to three months, said FDA vaccine chief Dr. Peter Marks.

So FDA told COVID-19 vaccine makers: If they seek "emergency use authorization" to get their shot to market faster than normal, they still would have to track half the participants for two months after the last dose.

Then it would take FDA several weeks of breakneck work to decide if a COVID-19 vaccine really was suitable for emergency use, Marks said. In contrast, evaluating an application for full approval could take months, as FDA officials comb through fuller records of how participants fared.

EXTRA SAFETY STEPS

Even large final tests won't catch a side effect that happens in, say, 1 in 100,000 people. So there's an early warning system that monitors every vaccine sold in the U.S. to spot unsuspected side effects.

"It's a system that has served us very well," said Dr. Bruce Gellin of the Sabin Vaccine Institute, who once directed the government's National Vaccine Program Office. "But for this unprecedented vaccination campaign, we need to expand" that monitoring.

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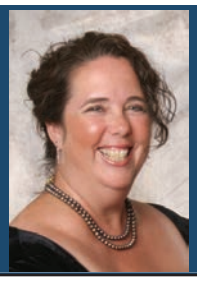


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Noteworthy

By Charles Andrews

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I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW

Sometimes, rarely, a song just grabs you from the opening notes and the first words. In this case, Johnny Nash's 1972 huge hit "I Can See Clearly Now" clasps you like a dear friend sneaking up from behind, with an all-embracing, loving hug, and who can help but smile?

That happens the first time you hear it, and the hundredth time. And if your mood is dim, this may be your best musical shot at banishing "the dark clouds that had me blind." As Bob Marley famously intoned on "Trenchtown Rock," "when the music hits you, you feel no pain." Famously grouchy rock critic Robert Christgau called it "the kind of song that can get you through a traffic jam." Also, "2 minutes and 48 seconds of undiluted inspiration." It has always been rumored that he wrote it while recovering from cataract surgery.

Like Millie Small's 1964 mega-hit "My Boy Lollipop," it helped introduce mainstream US audiences to reggae music, even though most at the time still didn't know that's what they were listening to. It was a Number One hit for Nash, who recorded it in London, backed by the whose platinum album by the same name included three other Bob Marley-penned songs.

Nash boosted Marley's career many ways in the beginning, recording Marley songs and bringing The Wailers to London to open for him. Nash partner Danny Sims says Nash "loved Bob and the guys," taught Marley how to sing on the mic while Bob taught Johnny how to play a reggae rhythm.

But they had a difficult relationship. Marley was a purist. Author Christopher John Farley opined that to Marley's ears, an American singer doing a commercial take on reggae was inauthentic. He quoted Marley as saying, "He's a nice guy, but he doesn't know what reggae is. Johnny Nash is not Rasta; and if you're not a Rasta, you don't know nothin' about reggae."

NASH WAS BORN IN HOUSTON

And sang in his New Hope Baptist church choir as a boy. At 13 covered R&B hits on a Houston TV show, and three years later began a seven-year run on Arthur Godfrey's very popular radio and TV shows. At 17 he signed a major label deal with ABC-Paramount and had a few hit singles -- "Hold Me Tight" in '68 went Top Five in both the US and UK, followed by UK hit "Stir It Up," written by Marley and first recorded by The Wailers. But he released 10 albums that couldn't crack the Top 100 before "I Can See Clearly Now" went Number One and platinum. Then, six more albums, none Top 100. He released only one album after 1979, in 1986, and then at 46 he largely retired from the music industry. He loved horses and managed rodeo shows at his Johnny Nash Indoor Arena, on the family ranch in Houston. As a young man he also did some acting, including a film with Dennis Hopper.

In 1965 he moved to Jamaica with business partner Sims to promote American singers coming there to record (much cheaper), plus Nash wanted to break the Jamaican rock steady sound in the US. An acquaintance took him to a Rastafarian party where The Wailers were performing and he immediately signed the three front men plus Rita Marley to publishing contracts, and The Wailers to his JAD label.



Courtesy image

MUSIC: JOHNNY NASH hit single/Epic Records.

It went belly up in 1971 but was resurrected in '97 by local reggae authority Roger Steffens, who had scoured the world and all his many Marley family and other inside sources for never-released recordings that became "The Complete Bob Marley & the Wailers 1967–1972," a series of compilation albums released in eleven volumes by JAD Records between 1997 and 2002. Marley never stopped playing and singing, even at his mother's home or in hotel rooms on vacation, and almost always turned on the tape recorder. These tapes wound up everywhere but Steffens collected them, negotiated the rough waters of gaining everyone's permission, and it's a treasure, For that many never-released songs, the quality and consistency is amazingly high.

RAY LOVED IT, WILLIE, JIMMY

"Clearly Now" was covered by many vocalists, including Ray Charles, Willie Nelson, Hothouse Flowers, Gladys Knight, Queen Ia, The Ventures, Brenda Lee, Sonny & Cher, Sergio Mendes, Neil Finn, Nana Mouskouri, a host of Jamaican artists, and versions by Lee Towers and Jimmy Cliff that reached the Top 20.

Side note trivia: Nash recorded his big hit in London backed by Jamaican group The Fabulous Five Inc. The "Inc" was added because when asked the name of the group, they hadn't picked one yet, so turned around and made a head count on the spot and announced -- We are The Fabulous Five! Trouble was, one of their mates in the six-man band wasn't there at the moment. Later, to cover, they added the "Inc."

Here's my personal story. While my wife was in labor (33 hours!!) we mostly listened to a calming compilation I made of classical baroque instrumental music. When that beautiful baby finally arrived my wife, a professional singer since her mid-teens, spontaneously, joyously burst into "I Can See Clearly Now." (And not just because one of her nurses was Jamaican.) I will never forget that moment.

Johnny Nash, 80, died peacefully at home in Houston two weeks ago after a long decline in health, his son announced. What a legacy.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 2,500 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 34 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

VACCINES

FROM PAGE 5

Once the FDA clears a vaccine, health workers and other essential workers are expected to get the first doses — and they'll have to sign an agreement to do so that includes their cell number and email. The CDC will use those registrations to check how the vaccinated are feeling.

Any health complaint bad enough that they missed work, couldn't do a normal activity or had to seek medical care gets a follow-up probe, said CDC's Dr. Tom Shimabukuro.

Separately, the FDA will be checking giant databases of insurance claims and electronic medical records, to see if people who received vaccine also have an uptick in health care.

And states including New York, Rhode Island and Virginia are forming advisory committees to review the safety of any COVID-19 vaccines that pass FDA.

AP writer Candice Choi and video journalist Federica Narancio contributed to this report.

SHORE UP

FROM PAGE 2

in the closure — at least temporarily — of more than a dozen ethanol plants in Iowa.

In prepared remarks released by his campaign, the president claimed that a Biden administration would wipe out the state's ethanol industry, but Biden's campaign has rejected that assertion, saying it would promote ethanol and other biofuels to support the rural economy.

While mostly laying low on Wednesday, Biden has stepped up campaign travel in the past week, with visits to Arizona, Nevada, Florida and Pennsylvania. The former vice president isn't introducing new themes in his pitch that he's a steady alternative to Trump. Biden and his aides believe the president's scattershot campaign messaging since his COVID-19 diagnosis proves the core of Biden's case.

Trump's return to Iowa comes as he has been forced into playing defense following a widely panned debate performance and his own coronavirus diagnosis. Republicans have raised alarm that enthusiasm among Trump's base has waned slightly after the one-two punch of those events, casting his reelection into doubt.

Barrow reported from Wilmington, Del., and Madhani reported from Chicago. Associated Press writer David Pitt in Des Moines, Iowa, contributed to this report.

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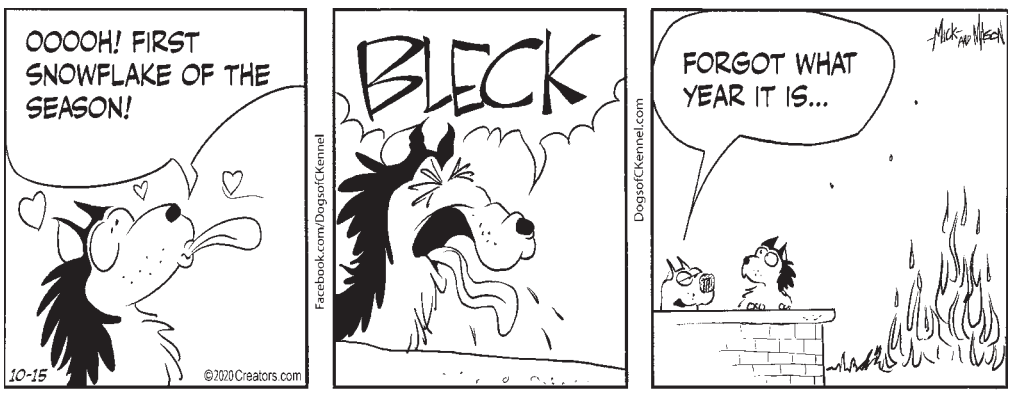
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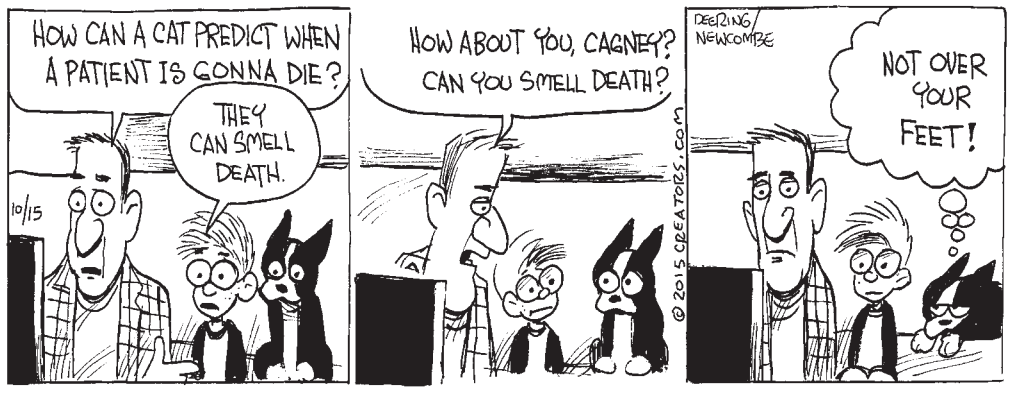
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WATER TEMP: 69.1°

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high occ. 5 ft
Fresh SSW swell tops out and holds. Small NW swell in the mix. AM wind looking more favorable across the board.

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high
SSW swell starts to ease as next pulse of SW-SSW swell builds underneath.

WEATHER

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 83.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 65.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 83.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 65.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 79.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 62.

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2020/10/15	Thu	9:04 PM	5.75	H
2020/10/16	Fri	03:10 AM	0.14	L
2020/10/16	Fri	09:24 AM	6.22	H
2020/10/16	Fri	3:46 PM	-0.26	L
2020/10/16	Fri	9:52 PM	5.49	H
2020/10/17	Sat	03:45 AM	0.53	L
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2020/10/17	Sat	10:44 PM	5.06	H
2020/10/18	Sun	04:20 AM	1.03	L
2020/10/18	Sun	10:34 AM	6.58	H
2020/10/18	Sun	5:26 PM	-0.68	L
2020/10/18	Sun	11:42 PM	4.54	H
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Mega#: 21
Jackpot:17 M

Fantasy 5
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Draw Date: 10/14
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Draw Date: 10/13
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Here come the tough customers. Cover the basics before you try to fulfill their extra requests. Resist the urge to impress and don't get too ambitious. Keep your offerings simple so you can serve them with immediacy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Most of the world's boundaries are drawn on maps yet unseen on ground. It is not uncommon for the people who live on them and walk over them every day to be unsure of where they actually lie. This is also true metaphorically.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're not sure how much of yourself to share with someone, but if you don't take a chance and share something, there will be no connection. Social grace is often an estimation about what others might enjoy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Kindness is among your core, unbending values, though it's presentation can be unusual. "Cruel to be kind" is a legitimate, though seldom called for, tactic. More often employed is "minding your own business to be kind."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Only try to fix that which is a true impediment. You could provide solutions to a variety of everyday situations, but so often the mend can open up the door for other problems, some of them much worse.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). How about getting more rest? If you undervalue rest, then you'll book your discretionary time with wasteful busy work and junky activities. Rest is healing, fortification and a fertility shot for wisdom.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be reminded of how some kinds of stress are actually good for you, as they ultimately give you a sense of expansion and of being able and willing to do more than you would have were you left to your own devices.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What's more daunting than a group you don't want to belong to? A group you do want to belong to. You're still figuring out what you have to do to fit in, learn the rules and live the creed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're more concerned with your character, (largely up to you) than you are with your reputation, which is outside of your control. Sure, you can influence your reputation, but ultimately, it's what other people say it is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The more a person tries to be above the others, dignified and correct, the less cool that person is likely to be. Being cool is partly a function of accepting one's own humanity, especially the flaws.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can be deeply emotional and yet not a slave to your feelings. You are learning how to manage some of the uncomfortable ones and use them differently than you once did.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You rely on your intuition but don't act on every hunch, because you're not a lemming. To follow any directive too literally, including your own, is to shut out the spontaneous opportunity of the moment.

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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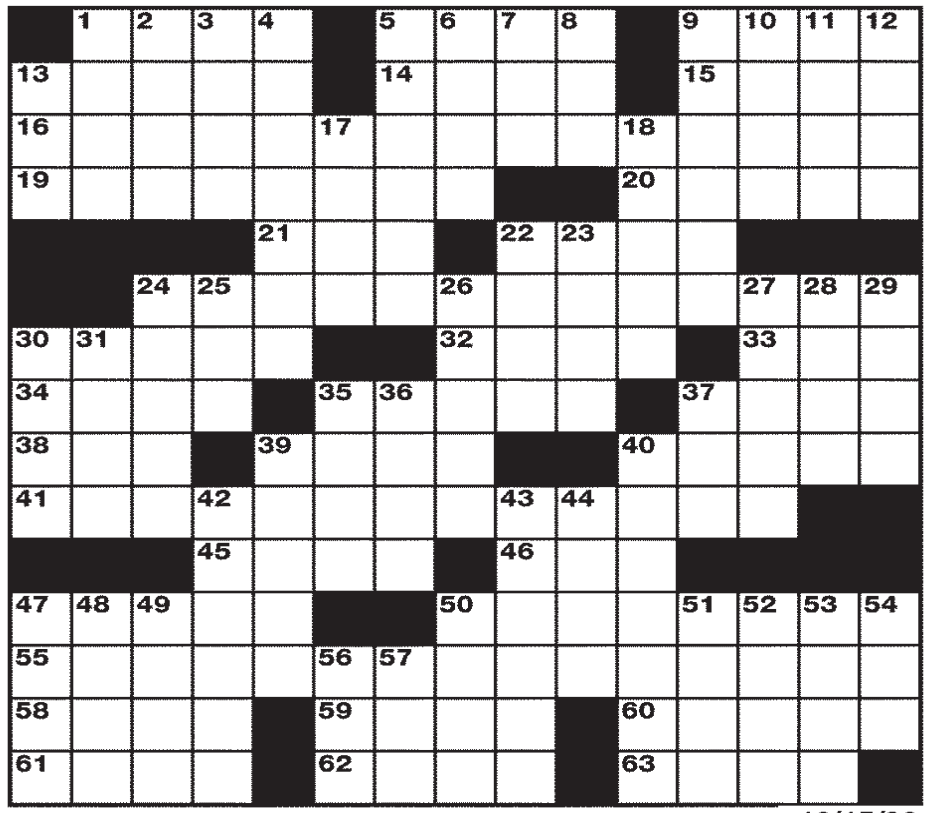
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ACROSS
1 Risky business, for short
5 Living room item
9 Colorado River tributary
13 Kurosawa of cinema
14 Group touting Movies for Grownups
15 Have no destination in mind
16 Holbrook's *Mark Twain Tonight*, e.g.
19 Stack at a shower
20 County near London
21 Bubble's interior
22 MLB playoff round
24 Couple's transport
30 Give rise to
32 *Frozen II* queen
33 Place for a hoop
34 Gas pump part
35 Reno in Clinton's cabinet
37 __ mater
38 "Leave now!"
39 Downsides
40 Factors in turnpike tolls
41 Plaintiff's big award
45 Bank (on)
46 Homophone for 21 Across
47 Gulf War ally
50 Tom Hanks' boss in *Bridge of Spies*
55 Disasters for golf pros
58 Horse hair
59 Where it's happening
60 Devious devices
61 Print-shop inventory
62 Barriers to collaboration
63 Large-scale

DOWN
1 Hershey toffee bar
2 Large quantity
3 Winged Olympian
4 Rocky region of Massachusetts
5 Camus contemporary
6 Big bumblers
7 Back from "to"
8 S&L ad info
9 Prairielike
10 Atoms that may be radical
11 Decorative trim
12 Discover alternative
13 Venomous viper
17 City in Oklahoma
18 Birthplace of Muhammad
22 Equipped with the skill
23 Shopper's sheet
24 Take a bit of
25 Wonderment
26 Society for the brilliant
27 Honeycomb parts
28 Glittery fabric
29 Historic chapters
30 Worn out
31 Come down in buckets
35 "Piano Man" man
36 Murray at Wimbledon
37 Guitar, in rock slang
39 Not in doubt
40 Expected life-stage behavior
42 Mag with a white dress usually on its cover
43 Big brawls
44 Part of UAE
47 32,300, for the UAE
48 Chinese currency
49 Airman, for instance
50 Boys' choir voice
51 Taquería freebie
52 Take away
53 61 Across ingredients
54 Zebra cousin
56 Put into the mix
57 It's found in a pen



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Binary Puzzle

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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DESIGN PLAN

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million in bonds.

The Gold Gym and Exploration Building will be situated on Prospect Hill and cover 110,000 square feet. The gymnasium will be built into the hill; feature a dramatic sloping roof with large windows; and include three courts, a dance studio, and a fitness/yoga room. The Exploration Building will house the Career Technical Education Program; visual arts studios for photography, film, and digital design; a central gathering "pitch" space; and outdoor classroom spaces.

To make room for Phase 3 buildings the cafeteria, History Building, and pool building will be demolished beginning summer 2021. Phase 3 construction is scheduled to start in early 2022 and the South Gym will be demolished when new construction is complete.

The Exploration Building, like the Discovery Building, will be built with an "open building plan", so the layout can be reconfigured over time to meet students' evolving educational needs.

"We're really designing the Exploration Building in anticipation of continuous pedagogical change, and to support that we started with a structural system, which is a bolted moment frame system, which means none of the interior walls are fixed; they can all be moved," said John Dale, Architect at Harley Ellis Devereaux. "We know that career technical education is constantly changing and we want this building to be able to keep flexing to help accommodate the programs as they evolve and meet the needs of students at Santa Monica-Malibu."

Both buildings will have open air elements to maximize the use of outdoor space and take advantage of the year-round excellent climate. The Exploration Building will have an outdoor pottery studio, terrace, and rooftop classrooms, while the Gold Gymnasium will have outdoor spaces for fitness and yoga activities.

"Another aspect which is really hitting home right now, given what we've been dealing with a pandemic, is how we can we use every possible space as a teaching space. We have a rooftop, which is entirely available for outdoor classroom space, we have the commons areas with bleacher seating, stretching along the south side of the building and into the pitch space so that even in times like we're going through now, we may be able to maintain more of a student population presence and the functionality of the building as we deal with social distancing," said James O'Connor, Architect at Moore Ruble Yudell.

In the community presentation the District emphasized the inclusive process used in the design of Phase 3 buildings.

"We've included visioning sessions for various groups, we've surveyed students, and we're now doing focus groups with faculty. All along the way there have been site based district advisory committee meetings that have kept us going in the right track," said Amy Yurko, Architect at Brainspaces. "As we continue to fine tune the plans that we're developing, we feel pretty confident that we're close to achieving all those visions we've heard so far."

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REVISIONS

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this month.

In response to community input, Council adopted multiple amendments to the medium-term leasing ordinance Tuesday, which, among other requirements, calls on anybody renting out a property to have an active business license with the City.

The amendments also permit an owner, who occupies a rental housing unit as their primary residence, to lease a unit for more than 30 days and less than a year no more than twice a year for a total period of less than six months. The unit would be allowed to be rented furnished, city staff said Wednesday.

Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units with plans submitted for plan check before Dec. 31, 2020 can also be rented out for more than 30 days and less than one year if the ADU or JADU is located on a parcel improved with a single-unit dwelling that's occupied by the owner as the primary residence. The owner must remain on-site during the rental, city staff added, and qualifying ADUs or JADUs would be allowed to be rented furnished.

Council also broadened the types of documents tenants can use to show that a rental housing unit will be used as the tenant's primary residence to ensure that the documentation requirements do not unduly burden undocumented students. And in an effort to help further a landlord's ability to relocate tenants to comparable temporary rental housing within the City, leases for tenant relocation do not need to comply with the new aspects of the leasing requirements.

Discussion regarding the new leasing rules, which were approved unanimously, will continue through an update to the Housing Element, according to city leaders.

"After weeks of public input about improving our initial ordinance against 'corporate rentals,' which already proved effective in stopping the commercialization of housing meant for residents, we added reasonable exemptions for homeowners, Accessory Dwelling Units, displaced tenants, and students," McKeown said. "At the same time we further strengthened safeguards against heartless evictions to turn rental apartments into more profitable but community-unfriendly commercial uses."

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STOCKS

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between Democrats and Republicans in Washington over another economic stimulus package continued to drag on, dimming investors' hopes for a deal that can deliver more aid for the U.S. economy in the near term.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi spoke by phone again Wednesday morning but didn't reach an agreement, Pelosi aide Drew Hammill tweeted, adding that the two plan to speak again Thursday. Mnuchin said at a conference sponsored by the Milken Institute that it would be "difficult" to get a deal done before the presidential election next month.

"The time for being able to pull this off is now coming to a close," said Rod von Lipsey, managing director at UBS Private Wealth Management. "The market has been listless because it understands that it's probably not going to happen."

Investors are still anticipating some kind of an aid package eventually passing, he said, but it will now likely wait until after the election.

The S&P 500 fell 23.26 points to 3,488.67. The benchmark index broke a strong four-day winning streak on Monday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 165.81 points, or 0.6%, to 28,514. The pullback knocked the Dow back into the red for the year. The Nasdaq composite slid 95.17 points, or 0.8%, to 11,768.73. At one point it had been up 0.6%.

Small company stocks, the biggest gainers so far this month, also fell. The Russell 2000 small-caps index gave up 15.20 points, or 0.9%, to 1,621.65.

Despite the market's two-day slide, stocks have been mostly pushing higher this month. About halfway through October, the major stock indexes have recouped most of their losses from last month's market swoon.

Even so, this week's kick-off to earnings reporting season is painting a mixed picture for investors.

Big banks are traditionally the first companies to tell investors how much profit they made in the prior quarter, and Bank of America and Wells Fargo fell following the release of their reports, posting the biggest losses in the S&P 500. Bank of America sank 5.3% after its revenue fell short of analysts' forecast, while Wells Fargo dropped 6% after its earnings were lower than Wall Street expected.

Goldman Sachs rose 0.2% after reporting stronger profit than analysts expected. U.S. Bancorp was fell 0.4% after giving up an early gain following its earnings report, which was also stronger than analysts expected.

Across the S&P 500, analysts are expecting companies to report another drop in profits for the summer from year-ago levels. But they're forecasting the decline to moderate from the nearly 32% plunge from the spring as the economy has shown signs of improvement.

The sharpest profit drops for the quarter are expected to come from energy stocks, but the sector rose Wednesday to some of the biggest gains among the 11 that make up the S&P 500 index. A 2.1% rise for crude oil prices helped. So did a report that ConocoPhillips is in talks to buy Concho Resources. Concho jumped 10.2%, the biggest gainer in the S&P 500, following the report from Bloomberg News.

Tech stocks fell, weighing down the broader S&P 500. Amazon fell 2.3% and Microsoft slid 0.9%. Apple bounced back from an early slide and eked out a 0.1% gain.

Because of their massive size, the movements of Big Tech stocks have an outsized effect on the S&P 500 and other indexes.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 0.72% from 0.74% late Tuesday despite a report showing that inflation at the wholesale level strengthened more than economists expected last month.

Prices for producers rose 0.4% last month from August, double economists' expectations. But even though inflation firmed, economists say it's still subdued amid a weakened economy.

The Federal Reserve has also indicated that it will keep interest rates at nearly zero for a while to support the economy, even if inflation hits its target level.

Aid for the economy from elsewhere in Washington, though, has been harder to come by. Hopes are fading that Congress and the White House can agree on another round of support any time soon.

"The cold reality that markets have refused to countenance is that even if an agreement was reached, its chances of being enacted before the November election are about zero," said Jeffrey Halley of Oanda. "Still, this is 2020, the year where markets never let reality get in the way of a good story."

Economists and the head of the Federal Reserve have said the economy will likely need such stimulus. Earlier benefits for laid-off workers and other support that Congress approved earlier this year have expired.

The rate at which Americans save money spiked earlier this year as the pandemic-related business shutdowns limited where people could shop. Thus far, that extra savings cushion has helped people who lost their job weather the loss of extra unemployment benefits, said Elyse Ausenbaugh, global market strategist at J.P. Morgan Private Bank.

"It's not going to last forever, especially with the unemployment rate so high," she said. "That really underscores the need for the government to gas the economy."

European and Asian markets ended mixed.

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