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Church in Ocean Park needs $100,000 to reopen



Matt Hall

CHURCH: The Church in Ocean Park is home to many groups and organizations.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Church in Ocean Park is in desperate need of donations to repair their ceiling after a section collapsed recently, rendering the building unusable until repairs are made.

Reverend Janet Gollery McKeithen said the building is off-limits to the many community groups that use the site until the work can be finished and the estimated cost is about $100,000. She said the damage is age-related and isn't covered under the Church's insurance policy.

"So we thought at first we'd just patch this little place that fell down, well it was kind of a large place, and it was during COVID

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SMC hopes to double in-person students

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica College is aiming to double the number of students on campus over the next two semesters as the facility continues to reopen post pandemic.

About 4,000 students returned to class in-person during the fall with about 13 percent of classes being held on-the-ground. Individual departments held anywhere from 0 to 81 percent of their classes in-person.

Officials said their plan is to double the percentage of classes offered in-person during the Winter to about 29 percent, however, far fewer students attend classes during that time. For Spring 2022, SMC is aiming for 36 percent of classes with a projected on-ground population of about 10,000.

Classes that are not fully in person may operate on one of several formats.

"There are these flexible online classes that are really traditional that have always existed, but we have begun to experiment and learn

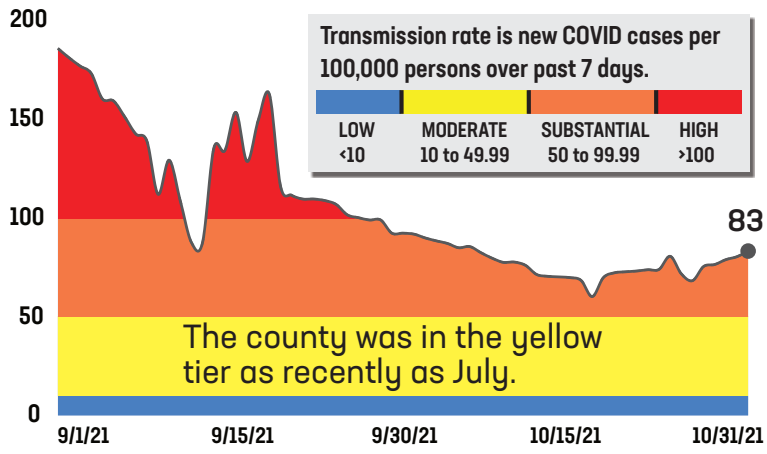
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LA County's mask challenge

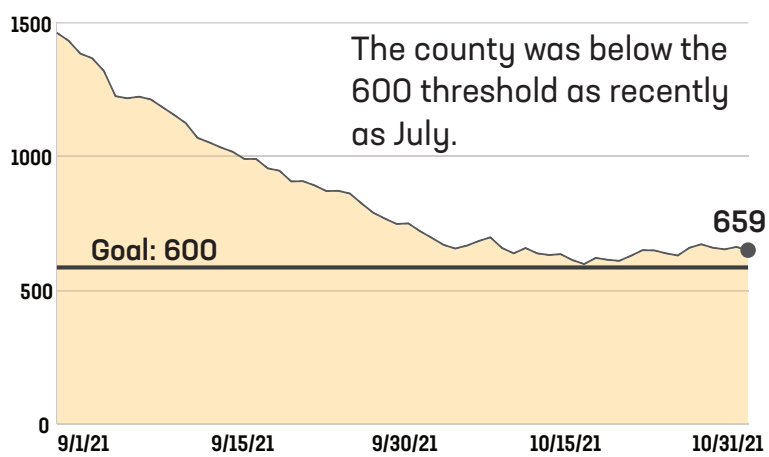
On Tuesday, the LA County Health Dept. outlined their criteria for relaxing the current Countywide mask mandate.

The three criteria listed below must all be met. In addition, they reserve the right to maintain a mask mandate should challenging new COVID-19 variants emerge.

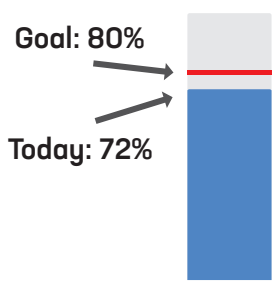
1) Moderate/Low transmission rate for 3 weeks



2) Hospitalizations <600 for 3 straight weeks.



3) >80% Full Vaccination Rate for age 12+



With 80% currently having 1+ dose, this metric could be achieved relatively soon.

SMDP graphic. Data from CDC, CA Dept of Public Health and LA County Health Dept.



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ON WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20 AT 2:25 P.M.

Downtown Services Units (DSU) responded to the 700 block of Broadway regarding a Strongarm Robbery. Upon arrival, Officers learned it was an Elder abuse incident and not a robbery. The victim stated that she had been walking on Broadway pushing her utility cart when she suddenly felt a forceful impact against her cart causing her to lose balance and fall. Although the victim could not identify a suspect, a nearby witness observed the suspect kick the victim's cart and was able to describe his appearance and direction of travel. Edgar Raul Cabrera was arrested for Elder Abuse- 368(B)(1) PC. Cabrera was arrested and a parole hold was issued.

City of Santa Monica

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

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the Text of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to Remove the Minor Use Permit Requirement for Tattoo and Body Modification Parlors in the City's Downtown and Mixed-Use and Commercial Districts

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

An Ordinance amending the text of the Zoning Ordinance, Divisions 1 through 5 of Article 9 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code, to remove the Minor Use Permit requirement for Tattoo and Body Modification Parlors in the City's Downtown (LT, NV, BC, TA, OT and WT) and Mixed-Use and Commercial (MUBL, MUB, GC, and NC) districts.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2021 AT 6:30 PM**

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Address your comments to: **City Clerk**
Re: Tattoo and Body Modification Parlors

MORE INFORMATION: If you want more information about this project, please contact Tony Kim by e-mail at tony.kim@santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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US mandates vaccines or tests for big companies by Jan. 4

DAVID KOENIG
Associated Press

Tens of millions of Americans who work at companies with 100 or more employees will need to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by Jan. 4 or get tested for the virus weekly under government rules issued Thursday.

The new requirements are the Biden administration's boldest move yet to persuade reluctant Americans to finally get a vaccine that has been widely available for months -- or face financial consequences. If successful, administration officials believe it will go a long way toward ending a pandemic that has killed more than 750,000 Americans.

First previewed by President Joe Biden in September, the requirements will apply to about 84 million workers at medium and large businesses, although it is not clear how many of those employees are unvaccinated.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations will force the companies to require that unvaccinated workers test negative for COVID-19 at least once a week and wear a mask while in the workplace.

OSHA left open the possibility of expanding the requirement to smaller businesses. It asked for public comment on whether employers with fewer than 100 employees could handle vaccination or testing programs.

Tougher rules will apply to another 17 million people working in nursing homes, hospitals and other facilities that receive money from Medicare and Medicaid. Those workers will not have an option for testing — they will need to be vaccinated.

Workers will be able to ask for exemptions on medical or religious grounds.

The requirements will not apply to people who work at home or outdoors.

Biden framed the issue as a simple choice between getting more people vaccinated or prolonging the pandemic.

"While I would have much preferred that requirements not become necessary, too many people remain unvaccinated for us to get out of this pandemic for good," he said Thursday in a statement.

Biden said his encouragement for businesses to impose mandates and his own previous requirements for the military and federal contractors have helped reduce the number of unvaccinated Americans over 12 from 100 million in late July to about 60 million now.

Those measures, he said, have not led to mass firings or worker shortages, adding that vaccines have been required before to fight other diseases.

OSHA said companies that fail to comply with the regulations could face penalties of nearly $14,000 per violation.

The agency will face enforcement challenges. Even counting help from states, OSHA has only 1,850 inspectors to oversee 130 million workers at 8 million workplaces. An administration official said the agency will respond to whistleblower complaints and make limited spot checks.

The release of the rules followed weeks of regulatory review and meetings with business groups, labor unions and others.

OSHA drafted the rules under emergency authority meant to protect workers from an imminent health hazard. The agency estimated that the vaccine mandate will save more than 6,500 worker lives and prevent more than 250,000 hospitalizations over the next six months.

The rules set up potential legal battles along partisan lines between states and the federal government. Several states and Republican governors threatened to sue, contending that the administration lacks the power to make such sweeping mandates under emergency authority.

OSHA's parent agency, the Labor Department, says it is on sound legal footing. The department's top legal official, Seema Nanda, said OSHA rules preempt conflicting state laws or orders, including those that bar employers from requiring vaccinations, testing or face masks.

Senate Republicans immediately launched a petition to force a vote to overturn the vaccine mandate, but with Democrats controlling the chamber, the effort is nearly certain to fail.

The rules will require workers to receive either two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine by Jan. 4 or be tested weekly. Employees testing positive must be removed from the workplace.

Companies won't be required to provide or pay for tests for unvaccinated workers, but they must give paid time off for employees to get the shots and sick leave to recover from side effects that prevent them from working. Requirements for masks and paid time off for shots take effect Dec. 5.

Employers covered by the requirements must verify their workers' vaccination status by checking documents such as CDC vaccination cards or records from doctors or pharmacies.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services issued a separate rule requiring vaccination for workers in 76,000 health facilities and home health care providers that get funding from the government health programs. A senior administration official said several large private health care organizations imposed their own mandates and achieved high vaccination rates — 96% or higher — without widespread resignations.

A previously announced requirement for federal contractors to make sure workers are vaccinated was scheduled to take effect Dec. 8, but the administration delayed that measure until Jan. 4 to match the requirements on other large employers and health care providers. Already, more than a dozen states have sued to block the mandate on contractors.

For weeks, Biden has encouraged businesses not to wait for OSHA to act. He has touted businesses that announced their own vaccine requirements and urged others to follow their lead.

Administration officials say those efforts are paying off, with about 70% of adults fully vaccinated.

Workplace vaccine mandates have become

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DAILY POLICE LOG

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Audible Burglar Alarm 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 1:31 a.m.
Rape Report 200Blk Broadway 1:37 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1600Blk Arizona Ave 3:32 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2800Blk Pico Blvd 3:56 a.m.
Construction Noise 800Blk Colorado Ave 5:45 a.m.
Encampment 2200Blk Virginia Ave 5:52 a.m.
Person Down 9th St / Alta Ave 6:10 a.m.
Encampment 700Blk Olympic Blvd W 6:51 a.m.
Found Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 8:08 a.m.
Panic Alarm 1300Blk 2nd St 8:27 a.m.
Encampment 2600Blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:32 a.m.
Fight 1400Blk 5th St 9:13 a.m.
Harassing Phone Calls Report 2200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:14 a.m.
Public Intoxication 1400Blk 6th St 9:17 a.m.
General Parking Problem 300Blk Olympic Dr 9:19 a.m.
Arson 400Blk Broadway 9:35 a.m.
Encampment 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:58 a.m.
Loud Music 2000Blk Ocean Ave 10:15 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1000Blk Pico Blvd 10:27 a.m.
Burglary Report 600Blk Washington Ave 10:45 a.m.
Encampment 800Blk Pacific St 10:56 a.m.
Lewd Activity 400Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:02 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1300Blk Berkeley St 11:05 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500Blk 6th St 11:05 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1400Blk 6th St 11:06 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1300Blk Ocean Ave 11:12 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 2200Blk Virginia Ave 11:14 a.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 1100Blk Colorado Ave 11:24 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery Just Occurred 2100Blk Main St 11:38 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 11:58 a.m.
Encampment 1000Blk Bay St 12:09 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2200Blk 29th St 12:17 p.m.
Missing Person 1500Blk 15th St 12:18 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 800Blk 19th St 12:20 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 800Blk 20th St 12:27 p.m.
Encampment 14th St / Montana Ave 12:37 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 800Blk Georgina Ave 12:42 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1400Blk 21st St 12:47 p.m.
Lost Property 1200Blk 2nd St 12:58 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 800Blk 19th St 1:08 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 1:11 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 400Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:14 p.m.
Burglary Report 1100Blk 5th St 1:15 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2700Blk Colorado Ave 1:28 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1900Blk Delaware Ave 1:29 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1300Blk 2nd St 1:34 p.m.
Elder Abuse 2000Blk Arizona Ave 1:50 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1100Blk Centinela Ave 1:51 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 3000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:55 p.m.
Found Property 1300Blk 2nd St 1:58 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 1:59 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 2700Blk Main St 2:32 p.m.
Encampment 500Blk Colorado Ave 2:33 p.m.
Sexual Assault 500Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:39 p.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals 20th St / Broadway 3:12 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:18 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 400Blk Santa Monica Pier 3:21 p.m.
Person With A Gun 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 3:34 p.m.
Fraud Report 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 3:41 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 2700Blk Main St 3:47 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 3100Blk Lincoln Blvd 3:57 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 800Blk 20th St 4:00 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:09 p.m.
Person Down 2200Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:12 p.m.
Found Property 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 4:14 p.m.
Loud Music 800Blk Lincoln Blvd 4:25 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 500Blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:26 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1500Blk Georgina Ave 4:27 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1700Blk Main St 4:32 p.m.
Expired Registration 100Blk Georgina Ave 4:44 p.m.
Found Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 5:05 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 5:14 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 400Blk 19th St 5:17 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 11th St / Idaho Ave 5:31 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 400Blk Wilshire Blvd 5:39 p.m.
Identity Theft 800Blk 4th St 5:51 p.m.
Loud Music 500Blk San Vicente Blvd 6:09 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1900Blk 19th St 6:13 p.m.
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Encampment 800Blk Pearl St 7:45 p.m.
Panic Alarm 900Blk 3rd St 8:22 p.m.
Lost Property 1300Blk 4th St 8:26 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 1000Blk Ashland Ave 8:48 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 900Blk 3rd St 9:28 p.m.
Party Complaint 1500Blk 6th St 9:30 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1900Blk Ocean Ave 9:52 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 1200Blk 16th St 10:01 p.m.
Panic Alarm 2400Blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:15 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Ocean Ave / Strand St 10:18 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 800Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:44 p.m.
Encampment 800Blk Broadway 11:36 p.m.

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A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

849 Ocean Avenue, Text Amendment and Appeal of Conditional Use Permits (20ENT-0236, 21ENT-0138, 21ENT-0139). Appeals of Planning Commission denials of two Conditional Use Permit applications to provide alcohol and meal services to the general public offered by the Oceana Hotel's existing onsite restaurant. These services are currently limited only to hotel guests and their visitors. Conditional Use Permit 21ENT-0090 seeks to open the Oceana Hotel's existing restaurant to the general public within established indoor and outdoor dining facilities on the hotel property. Conditional Use Permit 20ENT-0237 seeks to amend the hotel's existing Conditional Use Permit 96CUP-009 associated with the hotel's existing ABC Type 70 alcohol license (On-Sale General-Restrictive Service) to provide alcohol service to the general public in conjunction with the hotel's full-service restaurant meal service. The proposed project requires modifications to land use regulations contained in Article 9 of the Municipal Code. Therefore, an application to amend the Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) will also be considered by the City Council for approval and adoption. Text Amendment 20ENT-0236 seeks to amend SMMC Section 9.08 (Multi-Unit Residential Districts) to establish a new Conditional Use Permit requirement for an existing legal, non-conforming hotel restaurant located within the R2 and R3 zoning districts to request approval to provide meal service to the general public provided that certain criteria are met. The Oceana Hotel is located in the R3 (Medium Density Residential) Zoning District. After holding a public hearing on June 9, 2021, the Planning Commission denied the Condition Use Permit applications and did not make an affirmative recommendation to Council for the proposed Text Amendment.
[Planner: Rathar Duong] **APPLICANT:** OCBSM Owner LLC **PROPERTY OWNER:** OCBSM Owner LLC

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Automatic Alarm 700Blk 21st Pl 7:12 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 900Blk 6th St 7:50 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 8:53 a.m.
Elevator Rescue 2400Blk Broadway 9:01 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 400Blk Broadway 9:36 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500Blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:36 a.m.
EMS 1900Blk 11th St 11:28 a.m.
EMS 2000Blk Stewart St 11:32 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk 23rd St 12:30 p.m.
EMS 800Blk Pico Blvd 1:41 p.m.
EMS 800Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:45 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1100Blk 4th St 2:12 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk Ocean Park Blvd 5:39 p.m.
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EMS 600Blk Ashland Ave 7:06 p.m.
EMS 2900Blk Washington Ave 7:21 p.m.
EMS 3100Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:26 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 7th St 7:41 p.m.
EMS 100Blk Broadway 8:19 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 1000Blk Euclid St 8:31 p.m.
EMS 800Blk 2nd St 8:46 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 2400Blk Arizona Ave 8:48 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Arizona Ave 8:54 p.m.
EMS 800Blk 7th St 9:00 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 1200Blk Stanford St 9:02 p.m.
EMS 200Blk Beach St 9:34 p.m.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SANTA ANA

Stolen truck standoff snarls Orange County freeway traffic

A police standoff with the driver of a reportedly stolen truck snarled Thursday morning rush hour traffic in Orange County after an hours-long pursuit through Southern California.

The driver of the big rig finally gave up after a police SWAT team surrounded the truck on State Route 55 in Santa Ana, north of Interstate 405.

"We're grateful that he did come out peacefully and he's being taken into custody right now," California Highway Patrol Officer Florentino Olivero told KTLA.

The pursuit began after 8 p.m. Wednesday and went on for hours until spike strips blew out some of the truck's tires, eventually bringing it to a stop.

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California attorney general puts focus on affordable housing

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

California's attorney general said Wednesday he is putting a new emphasis on trying to alleviate the state's seemingly intractable affordable housing problem, including by creating a "strike force" to focus on tenant protections, on local governments that don't comply with state housing laws, and related issues.

The 12-member strike force will draw on attorneys from four existing sections within the state Department of Justice, said Attorney General Rob Bonta, a Democrat who took office in April and must run for reelection next year.

"This is, I believe, something unique in the history of the California Department of Justice to have the priority and emphasis and focus on housing, law enforcement, that we have" with the new approach, Bonta said.

He noted that a new law clarifies and increases his authority to enforce state housing and zoning laws alongside the state Department of Housing and Community Development. That includes added authority to file lawsuits if local governments don't boost their housing supply, including fair and affordable housing and rental properties, or meet other requirements.

"We are certainly looking at local jurisdictions' responsibilities to build more housing," Bonta said, adding later that "there will be consequences, there will be accountability" if communities willingly refuse to comply.

The department sets the number of new housing units that a region is projected to need to provide homes for all income levels, and also recently created a new Housing Accountability Unit to compel compliance.

"What we've tried to do is put more teeth into these important laws that have been around sometimes for as long as 40 years, and now empowering the attorney general to take action to enforce them," said Sen. Scott Wiener, a Democrat from San Francisco and a proponent of expanded housing.

League of California Cities executive director and CEO Carolyn Coleman said local governments have been making significant progress and by 2023 will have planned for more than two million units of additional housing statewide.

Cities "for years have endured whiplash from the state's scattershot approach to passing housing laws that are often in direct conflict with each other," she said. Officials instead should pause "these unproven top-down state mandates and enforcement policies" in favor of working cooperatively with local governments to solve a decades-in-the-making housing crisis.

In one example, the department last week said it is investigating the San Francisco Board of Supervisors' recent rejection of a proposed 495-unit apartment building, though director Gustavo Velasquez said Wednesday that so far his department is just gathering facts and seeing if the city violated state law.

Bonta said his office is acting as the department's legal counsel in that inquiry.

California also just enacted two high-profile housing laws, including one requiring cities to approve up to four housing units on what was a single-family lot.

The attorney general's lawyers will also focus on tenant rights, mortgage and other consumer protection laws, Bonta said.

He announced a new "housing portal" on the department's website with resources and information for homeowners and renters. Those with housing complaints or tips can send them to housing@doj.ca.gov.

Bonta said it's part of his effort to "advance Californians' fundamental right to housing," something he has long held should be a legally enforceable right.

His move is the latest step in state officials' efforts to address housing affordability and the most populous state's massive homeless population.

An estimated 150,000 of the state's residents are sleeping in shelters, in their cars, or on the street, he said, while another 700,000 Californians are at risk of eviction.

The median price of a single-family home now tops $800,000, which he said has led to the lowest homeownership rates since the 1940s.

Bonta said one major emphasis will be on housing equity, noting that nearly half of the state's Black households spend more than 30% of their income on housing, in contrast to about a third of white households.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Port of Los Angeles forecasts 200-plus cruise ship sailings

The Port of Los Angeles expects a major return of cruise ship operations next year.

More than 200 sailings are forecast for the 2022 calendar year, the most since 2008, the port said in a statement Wednesday.

The first cruise ship departure from Los Angeles since the coronavirus pandemic shut down the industry occurred when the Grand Princess sailed from the port's World Cruise Center on Sept. 25.

A busy weekend, with three or four cruise ships in port, may bring as many as 20,000 travelers to the LA Waterfront district and each ship call generates more than $1 million in economic activity, the port said.

Companies scheduled to operate out of Los Angeles include Princess Cruises, Norwegian Cruise Line, Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, Oceania, Regent Seven Seas, Viking Cruises, Crystal, Seabourn, Cunard and NYK.

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Many women have left the workforce. When will they return?

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Associated Press

There was a time when Naomi Peña could seemingly do it all: Work a full-time job and raise four children on her own.

But when the viral pandemic struck early last year, her personal challenges began to mount and she faced an aching decision: Her children or her job?

She chose her children. In August, Peña left her well-paying position as an executive assistant at Google in New York City. In doing so, she joined millions of other women who are sitting out the job market recovery while caring for relatives, searching for affordable child care, reassessing their careers or shifting their work-life priorities.

"I had to pivot," said Peña, 41, who said the pandemic disrupted her children's lives and led her to suspend her career because she felt she was needed more at home than at work.

"I walked away from a salary job with amazing benefits, so ultimately I could be present with my kids," she said.

A single mother of four ranging from middle school-age to college-age, Peña knows she'll eventually have to look for another full-time job — or join the gig economy — to regain a steady income. Just not yet.

The pandemic has both laid bare the disproportionate burdens many women shoulder in caring for children or aging parents and highlighted the vital roles they have long played in America's labor force. The United States bled tens of millions of jobs when states began shuttering huge swaths of the economy after COVID-19 erupted. But as the economy has swiftly rebounded and employers have posted record-high job openings, many women have delayed a return to the workplace, willingly or otherwise.

Even with children back in school, the influx of women into the job market that most analysts had expected has yet to materialize. The number of women either working or looking for work actually fell in September from August. For men, the number rose.

For parents of young children, the male-female disparities are stark. Among mothers of children 13 or younger, the proportion who were employed in September was nearly 4% below pre-pandemic levels, according to Nick Bunker, director of economic research at the Indeed job listings website. For fathers with young children, the decline was just 1%.

"A lot of women have left the labor force — the question is, how permanent will it be?" said Janet Currie, a professor of economics and public affairs at Princeton University and co-director of the Program on Families and Children at the National Bureau of Economic Research. "And if they're going to come back, when will we see them come back? I don't know the answers to any of that."

Many economists and officials, including Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell, had speculated that the re-opening of schools would free more mothers to take jobs. So far that hasn't happened. The delta variant caused temporary school closings in many areas, which might have discouraged some mothers from returning to work in September. The number of mothers who were employed actually declined for a second straight month.

Still, economists are holding out hope that with increasing vaccinations leading to fewer viral cases, Friday's U.S. jobs report for October will show an increase in the number of employed women. Any gain, though, is likely to be small, and it could take months to at least partially reverse the pandemic's impact on female employment.

A major reason, Currie noted, is the worsening difficulty of finding reliable and affordable child care.

That crisis, Currie suggested, is "probably making some people's minds up for them, because if you can't get childcare and you have young children, somebody has to look after them."

Besides childcare, experts point to other factors that have kept some women out of the workforce. The number of people who aren't working because they're caring for sick relatives remains elevated. And surveys by the job listings website Indeed have found that many of the unemployed aren't searching very hard for jobs because their spouses are still working.

As the pandemic erupted in the spring of 2020, roughly 3.5 million mothers with school-age children either lost jobs, took leaves of absence or left the labor market altogether, according to an analysis by the Census Bureau.

A new report, "Women in the Workplace," by the consulting firm McKinsey & Co. illustrates how the pandemic imposed an especially heavy toll on working women. It found that one in three women over the past year had thought about leaving their jobs or "downshifting" their careers. Early in the pandemic, by contrast, the study's authors said, just one in four women had considered leaving.

"Women are even more burned out now than they were a year ago," the report said, "and the gap in burnout between women and men has nearly doubled": Forty-two percent of women said they felt burnt out this year, compared with 32% who said so in 2020. By contrast, a smaller proportion of men — 35% — felt burnt out this year, compared with 28% in 2020.

Months before the pandemic, Keryn Francisco, a 51-year-old former designer for The North Face, had to decide whether to move, along with her company, to Denver.

She ultimately decided not to leave. And as COVID-19 raged, she became more

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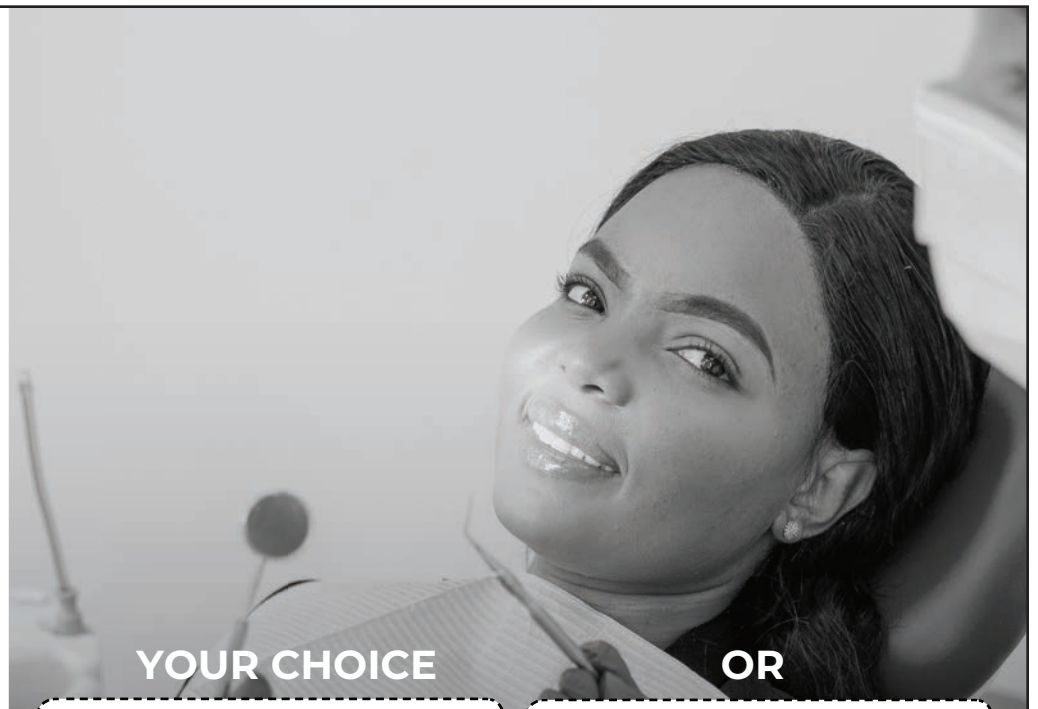
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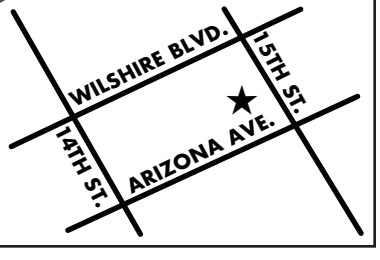
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She said the assessment didn't point to a specific cause but rather an overall degradation of the ceiling.

"If it had been caused by a certain thing, we could have gotten insurance but it's just decay and aging so they won't cover it."

Until repairs are made, the building can't host services or programs.

The church hosts many community groups for regular meetings or specialized activities including Girl Central, Girls who Code, the Committee for Racial Justice, Climate Action Santa Monica, Queer Prom, AA, Grief counseling and the Santa Monica Special Needs Parents Network.

Julie Ginsberg, co-founder of the parents network, said her organization has benefited greatly from the church's generosity.

"Janet has been incredible," she said. "She's allowed us to host there and we had four dances before Covid started. [The network] is all volunteer-run, it's just a group of parents who support it and pay for it and Janet gave us the space for free."

The network used the church to hold regular informational meetings for parents who needed support and for special events such as movie nights.

"It was amazing because here you have this huge indoor open space where kids are safe and nobody cares, there's no judgment, it's a beautiful community that she's allowed us to help build and give us a home," she said.

Ginsberg said her organization has been meeting outside during Covid per health rules but the structural damage is a blow to her group as many of the kids loved the events.

"It would be amazing if we could get back into the church, the children know the space, they know Janet, it's a safe space where they can be themselves," she said.



Matthew Hall

REPAIR: There is a fundraising campaign to pay for the needed repairs.

The church is an interfaith community with Muslim, Jewish, Wiccan, Buddhist, Hindu, Christian and Atheist activities. They celebrate a variety of Holy Days as well as Transgender Remembrance Day, Mental Health Awareness Month, Bodhi Day and more.

Rabbi Diane Rose, the spiritual leader of Cool Shul said the Church is a second faith home for her.

"I love that community so much and the way that we practice Judaism is a very Universalist way and the way that they approach spirituality as the interface church fits so beautifully with us," she said.

Rose said the two organizations have held events together and worked together in the past.

"I really admire the community and love the work they do out in the world and pastor Janet is such a force of good in this town and we need them so desperately," she said.

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from online classes with scheduled exam times, online classes that have some optional meeting times and online classes that even require people to all be in the same learning management system at the same time with scheduled synchronous meetings and that last modality didn't really exist before the start of the pandemic and it's becoming really popular with students and faculty alike," said Vice President of Academic Affairs Bradley Lane.

In Spring, the college plans to have about five percent of classes be online with exams, five percent online with optional meetings, 19 percent online with required meetings and 34 percent fully online.

The school is asking every department to have at least 50 percent of classes in-person for the Summer and Fall of 2022.

Lane said full reopening requires cooperation and planning.

"We want to take it slowly and intentionally," he said. "We want to certainly work with our partners and Faculty Association around the working conditions of this environment because it can be really complicated fast. We also want to make sure that we have the right kind of educational technology to support that kind of teaching and learning but we do think it's the future and there are a lot of different departments on campus that want to get started with it."

Some programs have already adapted to the online future. Students who experience difficulty finding an online class at their homeschool can take advantage of an exchange program.

"There is an online exchange going with community colleges across the state where if a student cannot get online a course that they need at their home college it actually makes it seamless for them to take a course online through another college and the trend to credit just goes back to them and they use it for graduation," said Lane.

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New grand jury seated as Trump criminal probe continues

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New York prosecutors investigating former President Donald Trump's business dealings have convened a new grand jury to hear evidence in the probe as the previous panel's term was set to run out, a person familiar with the matter told The Associated Press Thursday.

The development comes as the Manhattan district attorney's office is weighing whether to seek more indictments in a case that has already resulted in tax fraud charges against Trump's company, the Trump Organization, and its longtime CFO Allen Weisselberg.

Trump himself remains under investigation after District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. led a multiyear fight to get access to the Republican's tax records.

The person was not authorized to speak publicly and did so on condition of anonymity. The news of the new grand jury was first reported by The Washington Post.

The Manhattan DA's office declined comment. A message seeking comment was left with a Trump Organization lawyer.

Investigators working for Vance and New York Attorney General Letitia James have spent more than two years looking at whether the Trump Organization misled banks or tax officials about the value of the company's assets, inflating them to gain favorable loan terms or minimizing them to reap tax savings.

As part of a continuing civil investigation, James' office issued subpoenas to local governments in November 2019 for records pertaining to Trump's estate north of Manhattan, Seven Springs, and a tax benefit Trump received for placing land into a conservation trust. Vance issued subpoenas about a year ago seeking many of the same records.

James' office has also been looking at similar issues relating to a Trump office building in New York City, a hotel in Chicago and a golf course near Los Angeles. Her office also won a series of court rulings forcing Trump's company and a law firm it hired to turn over troves of records.

The New York Times reported last month that Westchester District Attorney Mimi Rocah had opened an investigation into whether the Trump Organization misled officials to cut taxes for a golf course.

In the criminal case, Weisselberg has pleaded not guilty to charges he collected more than $1.7 million in off-the-books compensation, including apartment rent, car payments and school tuition. Trump's company was also charged in the case, which prosecutors have described as a "sweeping and audacious" tax fraud scheme.

Prosecutors have also been weighing whether to seek charges against the company's chief operating officer Matthew Calamari Sr.

According to the indictment, from 2005 through this year, the Trump Organization and Weisselberg, 74, cheated tax authorities by conspiring to pay senior executives off the books by way of lucrative fringe benefits and other means. Weisselberg alone was accused of defrauding the federal, state and city governments out of more than $900,000 in unpaid taxes and undeserved tax refunds.

Trump himself was not charged with any wrongdoing, but prosecutors noted he signed some of the checks at the center of the case.

In recent months, a pair of Trump Organization executives testified before the grand jury hearing evidence in the Manhattan case. Under New York law, grand jury witnesses are granted immunity and cannot be charged for conduct they testify about.

One of the Trump executives granted immunity to testify before the grand jury is the company's director of security, Matthew Calamari Jr., the son of Matthew Calamari Sr. The other, senior vice president and controller, Jeffrey McConney, was first subpoenaed to testify in the spring and appeared before the panel again in September.

At a September hearing, Weisselberg lawyer Bryan Scarlatos told a judge he had "strong reason to believe" more indictments were coming in the case.

The grand jury that returned the Weisselberg and Trump Organization indictments was empaneled in the spring for a six-month term. The new grand jury will also meet for six months, overlapping the start of Alvin Bragg's tenure as district attorney.

Bragg, a Democrat, won Tuesday's election and will take over in January for Vance, who is retiring.

As a top deputy to New York's attorney general in 2018, Bragg helped oversee a lawsuit that led to the closure of Trump's charitable foundation over allegations that he used the nonprofit to further his political and business interests.

In an interview prior to his election, Bragg told The Associated Press his prior experience handling mortgage fraud, money laundering and other white-collar investigations made him feel "very equipped to follow the facts wherever they go" in the Trump criminal probe.

"I remember the moment sitting around the table with the attorney general deciding to file the case and the ultimate question was, 'is this a matter that we would file if it were someone else,'" Bragg said.

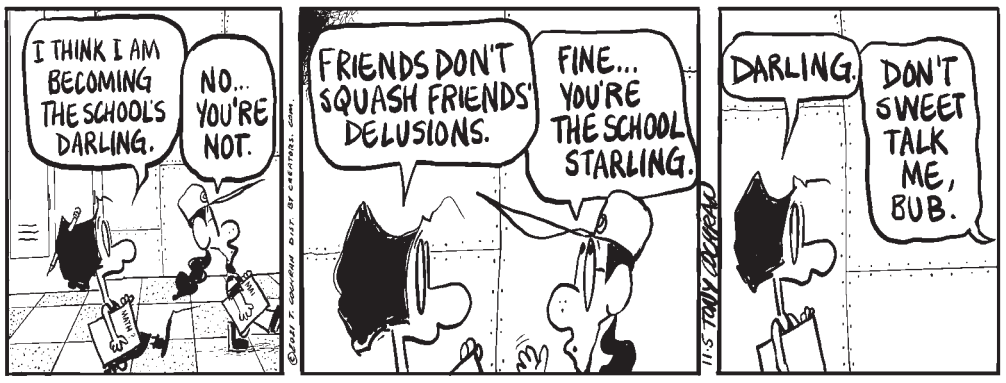
"And we arrived with the answer that yes, this was the kind of conduct that was worthy of an attorney general action. It's that same philosophy and approach that I'll take to the D.A.'s office," he said.

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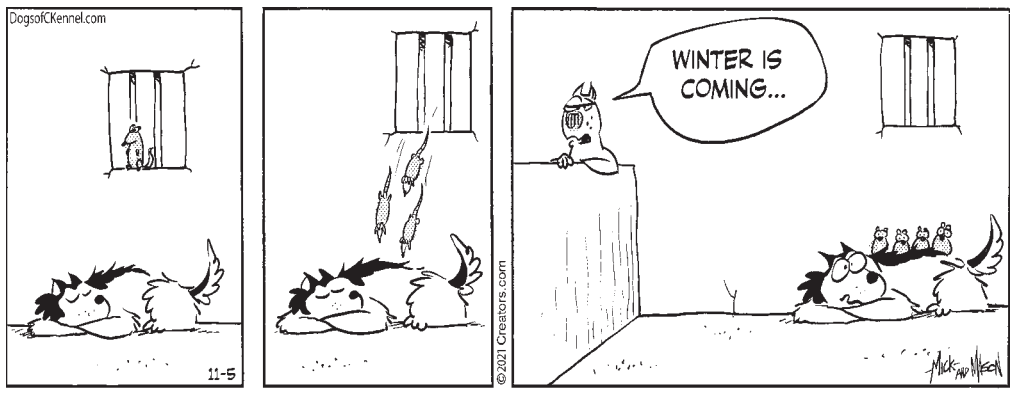
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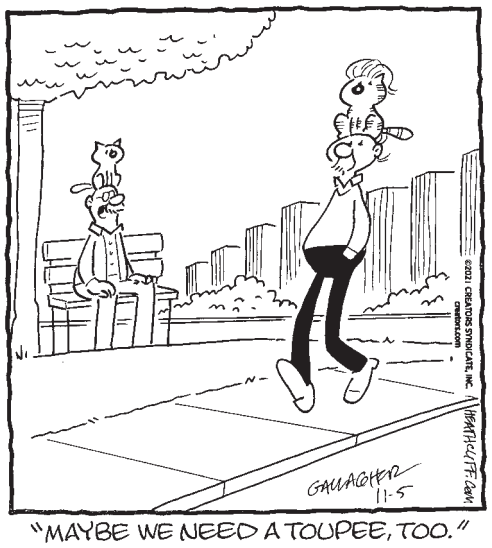
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FRIDAY - **FAIR TO GOOD** - SURF: 3-5ft Waist to head high
Looking like a pretty fun day with a decent combo of peaking SSW swell and WNW swell mix. Very high tide late morning slows most spots down, especially the points. Afternoon wind looks light.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Fun WNW swell due to come down through the day. Cleanest early but the tide will be an issue. Light wind sticking around for the PM tide drop with some fun-zone waves to track down.

WEATHER

Friday: Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 69.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 64.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Emotionally intertwined, you seem to feel someone's pain, joy, interest, apathy and more. And what about what you go through? Is it mutually felt? Consider the balance of the relationship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's a time for maximum preparedness. Everyone is capable of more than you think, especially you. Stretch yourself, and expect that your competition is also out there stretching.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've heard the same words from different places. Parents, teachers, leaders, mentors... from each source, the meaning changed a little, but it points to the same thing. Take action.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Attempts to make others feel comfortable will grease the social wheels. People care what you think of them more than you might guess. Simply making the effort to get in sync with others will do the trick.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Finding the right perspective will be tricky. There is much to take in. The closer you look, the less you see. A wide-angle lens will show you more but removes you from the action. Let intuition guide you to your ideal vantage point.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Share your feelings with enthusiasm. Your boldness lets others know who you are. They trust you when they understand you better. And your confidence inspires others to be forthright.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It is difficult to carry items up a ladder. It is much safer to set things down and secure your climb in hopes things will still be there on the way back down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're not worried about what they think of you because you sense their minds are elsewhere. This will come as a liberation and an invitation to do as you please.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You hate to think of yourself as complicated, but there's no getting around it: All humans are. Any time you spend figuring out your particular needs will save you from wasting time on what cannot fulfill you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Write it down; write all of it down. These are details you won't want to miss. Later, you'll be using these notes to organize your life into the calendars and checklists that keep you on track.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're uncomfortable as the center of attention, but try not to deflect praise. A secret part of you needs the admiration and will absorb it to use as fuel for your work to come.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In some instances, keeping the sacredness of your inner life to yourself is healthy for a relationship, and sometimes it's not. Caring enough to cautiously consider what is best to share is, in itself, a sign of love.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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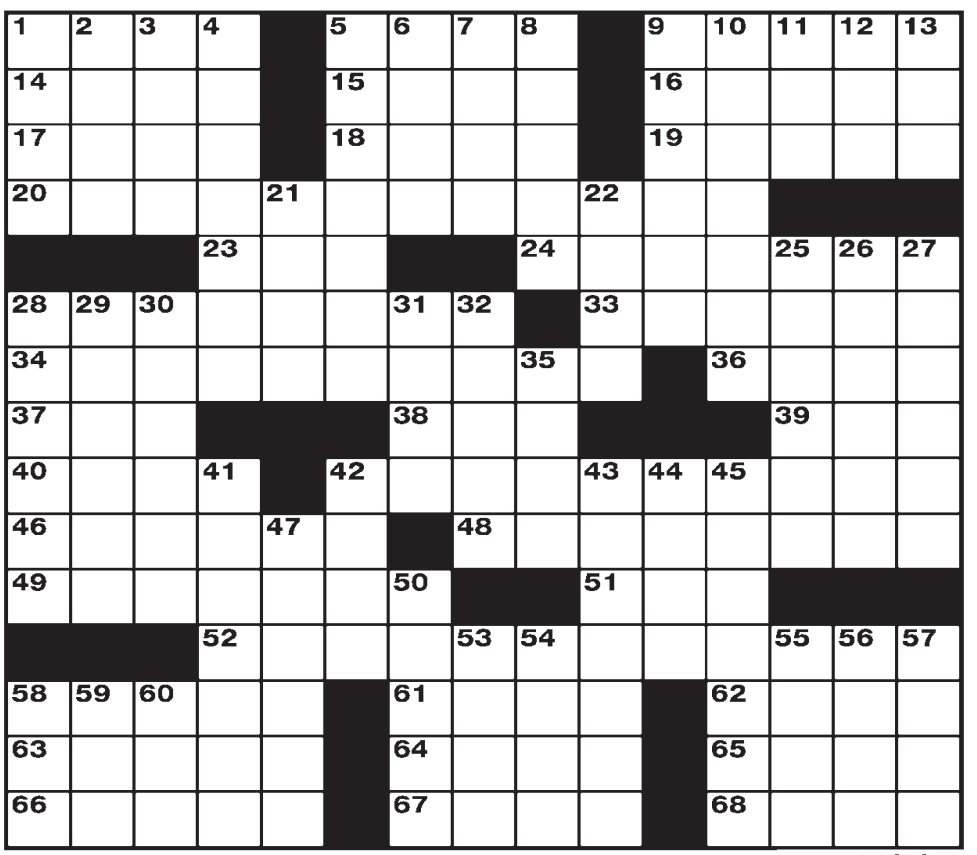
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Newsday Crossword

INSIDE JOKES by S.N.
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ACROSS
1 What a crank once started
5 Draw for an audience
9 Only inanimate sign
14 HS auxiliaries
15 Animal met by Alice
16 Tough nut to crack
17 Place to walk
18 Make slow progress
19 With much recent info
20 Welcome ritual
23 Cheer heard in chants
24 It's east of the Keys
28 Turn off terribly
33 Gulf War VIP
34 Connecticut's state hero
36 Learned one
37 Suffix for stock
38 WWII Cronkite employer
39 Flip-flop's lack
40 Zany
42 World's largest fish
46 On __ (tilted)
48 Liquor levies, e.g.
49 Pal of Emerson
51 Talk down to
52 Modern dance icon
58 Home office, at times
61 Morning TV cohost
62 Bolognese beloved
63 Team trainer
64 Call for attention
65 Words of distress
66 Baklava ingredient
67 Throw out there
68 Techniques

DOWN
1 Menu grouping
2 Hexagonal state
3 Conversation stopper
4 University of Wisconsin campus
5 Illuminate
6 Taste sensation
7 Mischievous
8 Fixed-up building
9 Cry from on high
10 Winter anglers' devices
11 Show of respect
12 Transportation cos.
13 No thing in particular
21 German equivalent of Betty
22 Barbering spot
25 Metaphor for heavy-handedness
26 Former veep with a Grammy and Emmy
27 Makes smooth
28 Annoy no end
29 Pungent root
30 Opera with *"Desdemona rea!"*
31 "Forget it"
32 Cantina fare
35 Name derived from a flower
41 Rodents that hibernate
42 Erode
43 Late-stage play
44 Move a bit
45 Disregards Bart's directive
47 Clinglike
50 Drainpipe type
53 Kermit's greeting
54 Pretends to be
55 What the four longest answers have in common
56 Major employer, often
57 Spring times
58 Berlin wail
59 Inordinately
60 Fall foliage shade



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What's Up Westside
out and about in Santa Monica

FRIDAY | NOV 5

ENGLISH AS S SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, LOW
Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Learn more about California adult education at caladulted.org. Visit smmusd.asapconnected.com or contact Olga Saucedo at osaucedo@smmusd.org or (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 to enroll. Classes will begin in a virtual format. If live classes become possible, they will take place at Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

VIRTUAL HEALTH CONFERENCE
UCLA Health Integrative Medicine Collaborative is hosting a free virtual educational conference that will review the latest scientific evidence on the benefits of integrative medicine and its role in enhancing our health. At this inaugural conference UCLA faculty and physicians who are part of the integrative medicine collaborative will educate attendees on how mindfulness, nutrition, acupuncture and other integrative approaches can optimize health, immunity, chronic disease management, disease prevention, cancer care and pain management. The all-day event will feature more than a dozen presentations and panels. The conference, which runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., is free to the general public. For more information or to register, go to An Integrated U registration https://www.cme.ucla.edu/courses/registration?registration_id=695765

SATURDAY | NOV 6

CONSCIOUS NIGHT MARKET
Elevated sustainable and wellness brands, healthy food trucks, local artisans, booch garden, live music and more. 4 to 9 p.m. 1351 3rd Street Promenade

RECEPTION FOR GRONK AND WOODS DAVY
Join us on Saturday November 6th from 4 to 6 p.m. for the opening of Gronk: GronkOne and Woods Davy: They Are What They Do. This event is free and open to the public. 2525 Michigan Ave, #B3

18TH STREET ARTS CENTER'S 2021 VIRTUAL GALA
An evening honoring essential arts workers evolving wellbeing, culture, and community life in LA. Join organizers in uplifting and honoring essential arts workers evolving wellbeing, culture, and community life in Los Angeles in an evening of music, video art, and more. 6 p.m. Online. Register at https://18thstreet.org/gala2021/.

PICO FARMERS MARKET
Pico Blvd. & Cloverfield Blvd. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

OCEAN PARK BOOK DISCUSSION: TIES BY DOMENICO STARNONE
The story of a marriage that has been subject to strain, to attrition, and to the burden of routine. Yet it has survived intact. Or so things appear. To register, email: karen.reitz@santamonica.gov. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Virtual.

SUNDAY | NOV 7

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET
The Sunday Main Street Farmers Market features some of California's freshest produce plus prepared foods. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 2640 Main Street.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL BAND: KIDS ROCK THE PROMENADE
Kids rock! The First Day of School Band (@fdosofficial,) perform live every Sunday, on the Third Street Promenade in Santa Monica. 3 p.m. 1330 Third Street.

MONDAY | NOV 8

CITIZENSHIP CLASS
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MANDATE

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more common recently, with hospitals, state and local governments and some major corporations requiring COVID-19 shots for employees. The mandates have led to overwhelming compliance — in some cases 99% of workers — although a small but vocal number have faced dismissal, filed lawsuits or sought exemptions.

United Airlines required 67,000 U.S. employees to get vaccinated or face termination. Only a couple hundred refused to do so, although about 2,000 are seeking exemptions.

In August, Tyson Foods told its 120,000 U.S. workers that they must be vaccinated by Nov. 1. On Thursday, the company said more than 96% of its workforce was vaccinated, including 60,500 people who got their shots after the August announcement.

Walmart, the nation's largest private employer, said in late July it was requiring all workers at its headquarters in Bentonville, Arkansas, and managers who travel within the United States to be vaccinated by Oct. 4. The retailer stopped short of requiring shots for frontline workers, however.

However, some companies have expressed fear that some vaccine-hesitant workers might quit, leaving their workforces even thinner in an already-tight labor market.

Several corporate groups, including the Business Roundtable, endorsed the mandate. However, retail groups worried the requirement could disrupt their operations during the critical Christmas shopping period. Retailers and others also said it could worsen supply chain disruptions.

The National Retail Federation suggested the new rules are not needed because the rolling average number of new daily cases in the U.S. has fallen by more than half since September.

"Nevertheless, the Biden administration has chosen to declare an 'emergency' and impose burdensome new requirements on retailers during the crucial holiday shopping season," said David French, a senior vice president for the trade group.

The number of new infections in the U.S. is still falling from a summer surge caused by the highly contagious delta variant, but the rate of decline has slowed in recent weeks. The 7-day moving average is down 6% from two weeks ago, at more than 76,000 new cases and 1,200 deaths per day.

The earlier mandate on federal contractors led to demonstrations by opponents, including workers at a NASA rocket engine test site in Mississippi. Some said they are immune because they contracted COVID-19. Others said vaccines violated their religious beliefs and constitutional rights.

"No one should be forced to take a medical treatment just to keep their job," said engineer Nyla Trumbach. "There's years and years of experience and skill out here, and I just want anyone who's watching to see what we stand to lose here if these people don't keep their jobs."

Associated Press Writers Paul Wiseman in Washington, Tom Krisher and Dee-Ann Durbin in Detroit, Stacey Plaisance-Jenkins in Picayune, Mississippi, and Matt OBrien in Providence, Rhode Island, contributed.

JOBS

FROM PAGE 5

comfortable with her decision, even if it meant being unemployed and shrinking her severance payout. She had been collecting unemployment aid and has picked up some freelancing to avoid dipping too deeply into savings.

A solo parent, Francisco wanted to focus on caring for her son, now 10, and her elderly parents in the San Francisco Bay area.

"It was out of a sense of responsibility and obligation," she said. "But also, honestly, I didn't know what was happening with COVID. So there was a lot of fear and kind of insecurity about like, if my parents died."

During her time away from work, Francisco made a discovery that hadn't quite seemed clear to her before: "I was burned out." Now, she's considering the conditions for a full-time return to the workforce.

"Once you leave the corporate treadmill," she said, "you can actually catch your breath. Something does change inside of you."

Many other women can't afford to be so choosy, even if they'd like to. Tens of millions of working women, many of them people of color, labor in low-wage jobs and struggle to afford rent, food, utilities and other necessities.

"There may be labor shortages, but lots of folks are working right now and do so because there is really no choice," said Debra Lancaster, executive director for the Center for Women and Work at Rutgers University. "They need to work to put food on their table."

Ashley Thomas, who is in her early 40s, said her sabbatical from her job as a public policy advocate is just temporary but a much-needed respite to more deeply consider her career options.

"I had this opportunity to take a step back and just take a breather — because I have been working hard my entire adult life," Thomas said. "This is not a permanent break. It's a temporary break."

There was no single trigger, Thomas said, for her decision to leave her job as a public policy advocate based in Jacksonville, Florida. The virus played a role, although even she is uncertain how much a factor it was.

"I have family members who are elderly and maybe not in the best of health that I was very worried about," she said. "We have two teenagers here who were home from school, and this is a really hard time for them to just sort of be out of school and not be interacting with their friends as much."

She recognizes that many other women can't afford to take such a break from work. Thomas' husband remains employed, and her two teenage step-children no longer need so much close attention.

"Women have been known to sort of take the brunt of the emotional labor involved in running a household — and working on top of that," she said. "It's probably inevitable that folks have some sort of reckoning to reconsider the trajectory of what their life is going to look like, especially after a pandemic."

Rugaber contributed from Washington.

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