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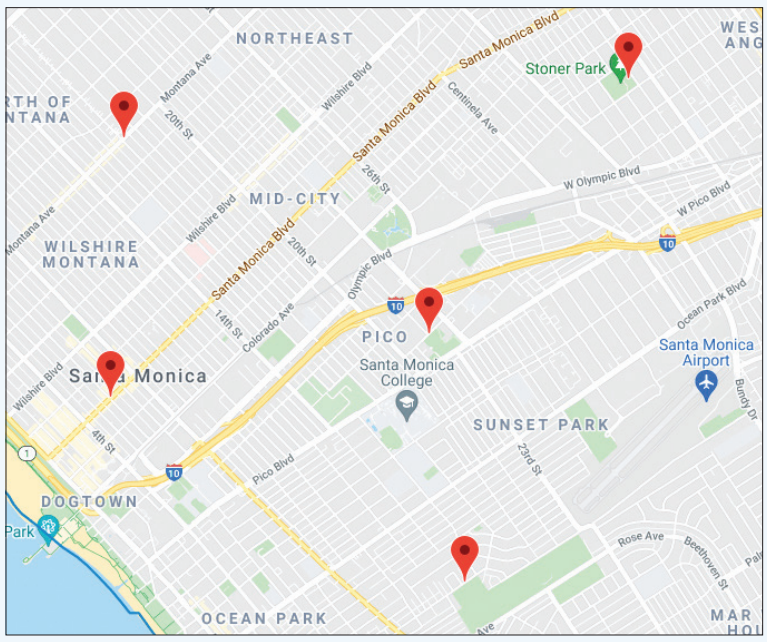
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DROP BOX: In a Monday story, the Daily Press omitted the Montana Ave. Library from the list of Santa Monica ballot drop box locations. There are four boxes available to residents plus others nearby:
Montana Avenue Library, 1704 Montana Avenue
Santa Monica Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard
Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Avenue
Marine Park, 1406 Marine Street.
Stoner Recreation Center, 1835 Stoner Avenue

SMC men's volleyball coach seeks to restore luster to historically dominant team







Courtesy photos

SMC: SMC's volleyball program has a history of success that appeals to its new coach.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

With seven national titles, seven state championships, and 17 conference championships, the SMC men's volleyball team has one of the best records in the nation and has vastly exceeded athletic expectations for a community college.

The team has been spiking, acing, and digging its way to success for 60 years, with the majority of its notable victories taking place in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s.

Liran Zamir was thrilled to take over as head coach in Dec. 2020 and approached the position with great zeal. Unfortunately, the pandemic put an end to the 2020 season and precluded the possibility of a 2021 season.

This year, Zamir is more determined than ever and has been hard at work developing a strategy to propel the team to championship success. Part of this has been compiling a document on the team's history in order to better understand its legacy and help recruit talented new players.

"In order to focus on the present and have a better idea of the future, you have to understand the past," said Zamir. "Having this head coach position at Santa Monica College, that is what I want to do; I want to research and see the history in order to build the future."

There certainly is plenty of glory to dig into, starting in the sixties when the team was among the best in America and won five national championships.

During this time the SMC produced numerous star players, including Butch May who went on to play on the 1968 American Olympic volleyball team. May also happens to be the father of three-time Olympic beach volleyball player Misty May-Treanor, who grew up in Santa Monica and is the second most successful female beach volleyball player in the world with 112 championship victories to her name.

The team has had a star studded line-up and over its history has sent 2 coaches and 10 players to the Olympics.

When the NCAA was created in 1970, SMC was excluded from joining because it is a two-year college. Yet, despite its community college status, the SMC team had consistently been beating four-year volleyball powerhouses including Stanford, USC and UCLA.

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Pair of Venice deaths mar the weekend

MATTHEW HALL
SMDP Editor

Emergency service providers in Venice had a busy and tragic weekend with a pair of accidental deaths.

A bicyclist was killed on Friday and a teenager died Saturday in unrelated cases.

On Friday, at about 3 a.m. a woman was riding her bicycle in circles at the intersection of Pacific and Rose when she was hit by a vehicle. She died at the hospital and officers have not released her identity.

Police officers were looking for a large SUV, possibly a Chevrolet Suburban after the driver fled the scene and anyone with information on the case was urged to call police at 213- 473-0236 or 213-473-0234; 877-LAPD-247; or Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS.

On Saturday, police officers responded to multiple overdose calls with one resulting in the death of a teenager.

The deceased teenager was one of two who were hospitalized after the Los Angeles Fire Department

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School mask, vaccine mandates supported in US: AP-NORC poll

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Associated Press

As COVID-19 cases surge around the country, a majority of Americans say they support mask mandates for students and teachers in K-12 schools, according to a new poll, but their views are sharply divided along political lines.

About 6 in 10 Americans say students and teachers should be required to wear face masks while in school, according to a poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Similar shares say teachers and eligible students should also be required to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

Masks have been a point of contention as U.S. schools reopen amid rising numbers of coronavirus cases. Questions about whether to require them have caused turmoil among parents and politicians, with some Republican governors banning mask mandates even as President Joe Biden threatens legal action against them.

In a reflection of that polarizing debate, the poll finds a wide partisan divide. About 3 in 10 Republicans said they favor mask requirements for students and teachers, compared with about 8 in 10 Democrats. There was a similar split over vaccine mandates in schools.

Some of the nation's largest school districts will require masks for all students and staff this fall, including in New York City. That's fine with Budhiono Riyanto, 37, of Queens, who will be sending his 7-year-old son, Gabriel, back to school next month.

"I understand personal choice, I understand personal freedom. But when it comes to public health, we should all be looking out for each other," Riyanto said. "The best protection so far is to mask up and vaccinate."

Others say masks shouldn't be forced upon children.

Kim Oldfield, who lives in rural Jessieville, Arkansas, said masks are unpopular in her area. She opposes the idea of a mandate and says it should be up to families to decide. In her local school district, masks are optional this fall.

"America is supposed to be the land of the free," said Oldfield, 70. "And when the government starts getting into your personal life and making you do things that you don't want to do, people don't like that."

Parents are slightly less likely to support mask requirements than the broader population, the poll shows. Fifty-two percent of parents with school-age children said they supported a mandate for kids, while 28% opposed it, with a similar split over mandates for teachers.

There were also differences by race: About two-thirds of Black parents said they back mask mandates for teachers and students, compared with about half of white and Hispanic parents.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recommended universal mask-wearing for teachers and students inside school buildings this fall, citing the rapid spread of the delta variant.

In some areas with school mask mandates, tensions have flared in recent weeks. Protesters opposing mask requirements have filled school board meetings from Maryland to California, in some cases disrupting meetings and forcing them to postpone.

Most states allow school districts to set their own mask policies, but some including California, Illinois and Louisiana are requiring masks for students and teachers statewide. At least eight Republican-led states have moved to ban universal mask mandates in schools, including in Texas, Florida and Tennessee.

In Land O' Lakes, Florida, Gail Jackson worries about sending her 12-year-old grandson to a school where masks are optional. Her grandson, Zahkai, wears a mask, she said, but some of his classmates don't.

"I don't know how it's all going to play out in the end," said Jackson, 74, who is Zahkai's legal guardian. "My prayer is that somehow or another, an angel passes over and these kids are allowed to grow and mature without finding themselves in a hospital on a ventilator."

Compared to mask mandates, school vaccine requirements have been rare. Some states and local districts have required vaccines for teachers, saying those who refuse must face regular virus testing. Some others have taken a harder stance, including Washington state, which says teachers must be inoculated or face dismissal.

Last week, the Culver City Unified district near Los Angeles was believed to be the first in the U.S. to require vaccines for all eligible students this fall. But student vaccine mandates are still uncommon, and the shots are not yet approved for children below age 12.

The poll shows 59% of Americans support vaccination requirements for teachers and nearly as many — 55% — say the same for students age 12 and over, who are eligible to be vaccinated. Among parents, support was lower, with 42% backing vaccine mandates for students.

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US regulators give full approval to Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine

LAURAN NEERGAARD AND MATTHEW PERRONE
Associated Press

The U.S. gave full approval to Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine Monday, potentially boosting public confidence in the shots and instantly opening the way for more universities, companies and local governments to make vaccinations mandatory.

The Pentagon promptly announced it will press ahead with plans to force members of the military to get vaccinated amid the battle against the extra-contagious delta variant. The University of Minnesota likewise said it will require its students get the shot, as did Louisiana's major public universities, including LSU, though state law there allows broad exemptions.

More than 200 million Pfizer doses have been administered in the U.S. under emergency provisions — and hundreds of millions more worldwide — since December. In going a step further and granting full approval, the Food and Drug Administration cited months of real-world evidence that serious side effects are extremely rare.

President Joe Biden said that for those who hesitated to get the vaccine until it received what he dubbed the "gold standard" of FDA approval, "the moment you've been waiting for is here."

"Please get vaccinated today," he said.

Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla called the FDA's action "an important milestone that I think will unlock some of the more skeptical minds."

Pfizer said the U.S. is the first country to grant full approval of its vaccine, in a process that required a 360,000-page application and rigorous inspections. Never before has the FDA has so much evidence to judge a shot's safety.

The formula, jointly developed with Germany's BioNTech, will be marketed under the brand name Comirnaty.

Moderna has also applied to the FDA for full approval of its vaccine. Johnson & Johnson, maker of the third option in the U.S., said it hopes to do so later this year.

Just over half of the U.S. population is fully vaccinated. Vaccinations in this country bottomed out in July at an average of about a half-million shots per day, down from a peak of 3.4 million a day in mid-April. As the delta variant fills hospital beds, shots are on the rise again, with a million a day given Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Full approval of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine means it meets the same "very high standards required of all the approved vaccines we rely on every day," said Dr. Jesse Goodman of Georgetown University, a former FDA vaccine chief. That should help "anyone who still has concerns gain confidence" in the shots.

Earlier this month, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said he would seek the president's OK to make the vaccine mandatory by mid-September or once the FDA grants final approval, whichever comes first. On Monday, after the FDA acted, the Pentagon said guidance on vaccinations will be worked out and a timeline will be provided in the coming days.

The approval also opened the way for swift action by colleges to require vaccines and solidified the legal ground for hundreds of universities that have already issued mandates for students and staff.

The public university systems in Louisiana and Minnesota had been waiting for FDA action before making vaccinations mandatory. Louisiana has become a COVID-19 hot spot, repeatedly breaking records for the number of people hospitalized with the virus. But certain other states forbid universities to require shots, including Texas and Florida.

"Mandating becomes much easier when you have full approval," said Dr. Carlos del Rio of Emory University. "I think a lot of businesses have been waiting for it."

On the same day the FDA decision came down, New York City announced that all public school teachers and other staffers will have to get vaccinated.

The delta variant has sent cases, deaths and hospitalizations soaring in recent weeks in the U.S., erasing months of progress. Deaths are running at about 1,000 a day on average for the first time since mid-March, and new cases are averaging 147,000 a day, a level last seen at the end of January.

Elizabeth Nichols, 18, of Akron, Ohio, said she felt "a rush of relief" after hearing the news of the FDA's approval. She already was on her way to get her first vaccine shot Monday morning after months of hesitation.

"I had an internal battle of whether I should get the shot or not," Nichols said in an email. "It can be scary subjecting yourself to something that is unapproved." But she added: "The authorization proves how safe it is."

The FDA, like regulators in Europe and much of the rest of the world, initially allowed emergency use of Pfizer's vaccine based on a study that tracked 44,000 people 16 and older for at least two months — the time period when serious side effects typically arise.

That's shorter than the six months of safety data normally required for full approval. So Pfizer kept that study going, and the FDA also examined real-world safety evidence.

Pfizer's shot will continue to be dispensed to 12- to 15-year-olds under an emergency use authorization, until the company files its application for full approval.

Normally, doctors can prescribe FDA-approved products for other reasons than their original use. But FDA's acting Commissioner Dr. Janet Woodcock strongly warned that the Pfizer vaccine should not be used "off-label" for children under 12 — a warning echoed by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Both Pfizer and Moderna have vaccine studies underway in youngsters, and they are using lower doses than those available for people 12 and older.

Pfizer's Bourla said he expects study results from 5- to 11-year-olds by the end of September, but data for those younger than 5 will take a couple of months.

Also, Woodcock said health providers are offering COVID-19 vaccines under agreements with the government that should preclude using Monday's approval as a pretext for offering booster shots to the general population.

Currently, the FDA has authorized

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 310 CALLS ON AUGUST 22

Party Complaint 1200blk Princeton St 12:11 a.m.
Party Complaint 200blk Montana Ave 12:36 a.m.
Panic Alarm 1500blk 18th St 1:50 a.m.
Party Complaint 1500blk 6th St 1:55 a.m.
Party Complaint 1100blk 18th St 2:02 a.m.
Encampment 700blk Ozone St 3:25 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2nd St / Ashland Ave 5:03 a.m.
Encampment 400blk The Beach 6:40 a.m.
Construction Noise 1300blk 20th St 7:01 a.m.
Hazard Materials Investigation 1600blk The Beach 7:01 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 600blk 18th St 7:24 a.m.
Encampment Dorchester Ave / Pico Blvd 7:41 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 4th St / Olympic Blvd W 8:18 a.m.
Fight 2700blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:23 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 28th St / Ocean Park Blvd 8:25 a.m.
Prowler 500blk 15th St 8:34 a.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 200blk Pico Blvd 8:41 a.m.
Loitering 100blk Marine St 8:48 a.m.
Encampment 3000blk The Beach 8:55 a.m.
Burglary Report 2500blk Washington Ave 9:19 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 400blk Georgina Ave 9:44 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1200blk 23rd St 9:45 a.m.
Identity Theft 800blk 5th St 9:51 a.m.
Fraud Report 100blk California Ave 9:58 a.m.
Burglary Report 600blk Bay St 10:01 a.m.
Found Property 1600blk Ocean Ave 10:17 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 10:43 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 800blk Pacific St 10:53 a.m.
Encampment Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 10:58 a.m.
Extortion Investigation 1100blk 9th St 11:05 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1300blk Marine St 11:06 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2400blk California Ave 11:10 a.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 2800blk 2nd St 11:31 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1400blk 17th St 11:32 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1700blk The Beach 11:44 a.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 12:07 p.m.
Identity Theft 500blk San Vicente Blvd 12:09 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 2700blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:22 p.m.
Battery Report 2000blk Delaware Ave 12:27 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1300blk 4th St 12:37 p.m.
Stalking Report 1700blk Ocean Ave 12:56 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries City Prop Involved Neilson Way / Ocean Park Blvd 1:01 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 3000blk Pico Blvd 1:21 p.m.
Panic Alarm 2300blk 4th St 1:28 p.m.
General Parking Problem 700blk California Ave 1:42 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Report Main St / Pacific St 1:47 p.m.
Burglary Report 700blk 17th St 1:50 p.m.
Burglary Report 2200blk Main St 2:03 p.m.
Burglary Report 800blk Georgina Ave 2:09 p.m.
Armed Robbery Report 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 2:15 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1100blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:20 p.m.
General Parking Problem 700blk California Ave 2:25 p.m.
Panic Alarm 1500blk 16th St 2:38 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 1400blk Ocean Ave 2:42 p.m.
Found Property 300blk Santa Monica Pier 2:42 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 4th St / San Vicente Blvd 2:43 p.m.
Arson 700blk Broadway 2:44 p.m.
Person With A Gun 100blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:04 p.m.
Smoking Violation 1000blk Marine St 3:10 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 300blk California Ave 3:12 p.m.
Public Intoxication 2400blk Ocean Front Walk 3:16 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 500blk Olympic Blvd W 3:24 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1500blk Ocean Ave 3:28 p.m.
Lost Property 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:09 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1600blk Ocean Ave 4:11 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 800blk 7th St 4:27 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2400blk Euclid St 4:33 p.m.
Battery Now 00blk Seaview Ter 5:26 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1300blk 2nd St 5:30 p.m.
Found Property 300blk Santa Monica Pier 6:04 p.m.
Panic Alarm 2700blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:44 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 6th St / Santa Monica Blvd 7:02 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1300blk 2nd St 7:03 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1500blk Wilshire Blvd 7:26 p.m.
Attempt Homicide 2200blk Colorado Ave 7:39 p.m.
General Parking Problem 00blk Pico Blvd 7:51 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred Ocean Ave / Broadway 7:51 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 1300blk 2nd St 7:54 p.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 8:03 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 2600blk Highland Ave 8:10 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 12th St / Santa Monica Blvd 8:13 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1600blk Appian Way 8:15 p.m.
Public Intoxication 3100blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:21 p.m.
Burglary Report 1200blk 10th St 8:28 p.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 2500blk 28th St 8:32 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 1400blk 17th St 8:46 p.m.
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Petty Theft Report 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:54 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 9:20 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300blk Olympic Dr 9:46 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1600blk Wilshire Blvd 9:58 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 1400blk Ocean Ave 10:25 p.m.
Living In A Vehicle 900blk Ocean Ave 10:26 p.m.
Fight 100blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:40 p.m.
Fight 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:40 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 11:17 p.m.
Fight 4th St / Arizona Ave 11:58 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 34 CALLS ON AUGUST 22

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EMS 2300blk 14th St 12:45 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Cloverfield Blvd 1:51 a.m.
EMS 2000blk 21st St 2:31 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 00blk Village Pkwy 3:15 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 3:17 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 6th St 4:53 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 2nd St / Ashland Ave 5:03 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Franklin St 6:57 a.m.
EMS 200blk San Vicente Blvd 8:10 a.m.
EMS 100blk California Ave 8:51 a.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 9:08 a.m.
EMS 2200blk Colorado Ave 9:42 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 900blk 9th St 9:51 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 7th St 9:56 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 11:01 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Lincoln Blvd / Interstate 10 11:14 a.m.
EMS 100blk Wilshire Blvd 1:58 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 2:17 p.m.
Fire Out Investigation 700blk Broadway 2:19 p.m.
EMS 1400blk California Ave 2:42 p.m.
EMS 22nd St / Arizona Ave 3:13 p.m.
EMS 1000blk Hill St 4:13 p.m.
EMS 800blk Ocean Ave 4:25 p.m.
EMS 1800blk Marine St 4:49 p.m.
EMS 2300blk Kansas Ave 5:37 p.m.
EMS 300blk Olympic Dr 5:50 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 1500blk 6th St 5:52 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Expo Line 7:23 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Colorado Ave 7:45 p.m.
Public Assist 900blk 10th St 8:00 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 8:05 p.m.
EMS 900blk 9th St 9:30 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Yale St 9:53 p.m.

CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11 8:02 A.M.

Officers responded to the 1900 block of Lincoln Blvd. regarding a battery. Upon arrival, the victim relayed that the subject had been sitting at a nearby table and out of nowhere punched him in the face. When the victim asked the subject why he had punched him, the subject responded by saying, "I punched you because I felt like it!" The victim noticed the subject was holding a foldable pocket-knife in his hand and decided not to further engage. Officers located the subject nearby and arrested Anthony Dwayne Smith for 243(a) PC - Battery and 417(a)(1) PC - Brandishing. Smith was later cited and released.



Longshot recall candidate Kiley may emerge as a GOP leader

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

The race to recall California Gov. Gavin Newsom has attracted a nationally syndicated radio show host, an ex-Olympic champion turned reality TV star and the former mayor of one of the nation's 10 most populous cities who has deep ties to the Republican Party establishment.

And then there is Assemblyman Kevin Kiley, a 36-year-old lawyer who represents the Sacramento suburbs in the state Legislature. While little known outside his district, the former teacher and state prosecutor has gained a devoted but relatively small following by staking a claim as one of Newsom's chief critics during the pandemic.

He's a conservative who often flirts with the fringes of the GOP.

Kiley says climate change is real, but opposes Newsom's orders to ban all oil-drilling by 2045 and the sale of new gas-powered cars by 2035. He supports a minimum wage, but says it should vary by region and not be as high as Democrats want.

He is vaccinated against COVID-19 and says the virus is not a hoax, but if elected governor has pledged to overturn Newsom's emergency declaration and all of the rules mandating vaccines and masks that come with it.

Last year, at the start of the pandemic, Kiley and the Legislature voted to let Newsom — with little oversight — spend $1 billion responding to the pandemic, urging everyone "to trust in Governor Newsom's leadership and listen to his guidance." But later he turned hard against Newsom, saying he "made a mockery of that trust."

Kiley teamed up with Republican Assemblyman James Gallagher on a lawsuit to block Newsom's emergency powers, a case that earned a favorable ruling from a judge but was overturned on appeal. He traveled statewide to help qualify the recall election for the ballot and even wrote a book with the unambiguous title " Recall Newsom."

Kiley has raised close to $1 million, mostly in small amounts from thousands of

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Save the Santa Monica Municipal Pier

Before I get into the reasons I am writing this letter, I feel I must tell you something about myself. I am a First-Generation American, of Mexican descent. Both of my parents immigrated to the United States in the late 1950's, initially undocumented. They both briefly worked in California, while undocumented, but eventually achieved their legal resident status. In 1970, my parents were able to purchase a home here in Santa Monica, which my mother still owns and lives in today. My siblings and I were all born and raised in Santa Monica, and educated in SMMUSD schools. I fully understand the plight of the immigrant population, and I am by no means anti-immigrant. That being said, the following is solely my opinion, and does not represent the opinion of anyone else, nor any other entity.

Our historic and iconic Santa Monica Pier, an international symbol of the City of Santa Monica is being destroyed by unpermitted vendors. The pier has survived several storms, since it was built in 1909. It nearly met its fate in May, 2020, if protesters had their way. But now, city officials are not only allowing, but encouraging its slow destruction.

Due to the deliberate inaction by the City Attorney's office, the vendors have become increasingly brazen, and feel entitled to sell their products where they wish on the pier (in violation of 10.08.440 SMMC- unlawful peddling on the pier). The unpermitted vendors utilize homemade and unsafe carts to sell hot dogs and corn. Grease and oil drips from the vendor's carts onto the wooden planks of the pier, causing significant damage (in violation of 10.08.410 SMMC- defacing the pier). That grease and oil is also falling through the planks into the ocean below, which I'm sure is unsafe for the marine life below. It also creates an extreme slip hazard to pedestrians on the pier, which in turn becomes a liability to the tax payers.

I understand the passage of SB 946 in 2019 made the act of street vending enforceable only administratively, and not criminally, but it does not restrict local authorities from "requiring compliance with other generally applicable laws" (per SB 946, 51038©(7)). The two I mentioned above should immediately be enforced, along with any other applicable municipal and/or penal codes, which are being violated by the unpermitted vendors.

By allowing the unpermitted food vendors to sell their products, without inspection by the Los Angeles County Department of Health (which SB 946 allows), the city is NOT fulfilling their duty to protect the public. I have seen gross displays of improper food handling by these vendors. I saw a recent photograph depicting a hot dog vendor's cart inside of a bathroom stall with the vendor, while the vendor relieved himself. I also witnessed a corn vendor allowing his teenage companion to pick clusters of cheese from a container on the cart, with his bare hands, eat the clusters, lick his fingers and repeat the process. This is disgusting and extremely unsafe for the public, who unwittingly purchase and consume food products from these vendors.

The unpermitted vendors DO NOT contribute anything to the local economy. On the contrary, they are a drain on the City of Santa Monica's maintenance and public safety resources. Not to mention, the damage they are being permitted to cause to the pier and surrounding beach and park areas.

The City Attorney's office must act now to protect the public's health and safety, and save the pier from any further damage. Support the efforts of the Code Enforcement and Police Officers, who are trying to keep the public safe and protecting city (taxpayer) property, within the scope of SB 946. Is your inaction due the "optics" of enforcement on "immigrant" vendors and/ or possible backlash from immigrant's rights groups? Well, think about the immigrants employed by restaurants, located on the pier and the permitted vendors on the pier. They too are trying to survive, but doing it lawfully.

As the son of immigrants and native of Santa Monica, I implore you to act now. Your inaction minimizes the efforts of the millions of other immigrants, past and present, who immigrated to this country for a better life. Your inaction also contributes to the continuing destruction of our beloved pier.

Miguel Rodriguez, Jr., Santa Monica

VACCINE

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third doses of either Pfizer's or Moderna's vaccine only for certain people with severely weakened immune systems, such as organ transplant recipients. For everyone else, the Biden administration is planning for boosters starting in the fall. But the FDA is evaluating that question separately.

In reaching Monday's decision, the FDA said serious side effects remain very rare, such as chest pain and heart inflammation a few days after the second dose, mostly in young men.

As for effectiveness, six months into Pfizer's original study, the vaccine remained 97% protective against severe COVID-19. Protection against milder infection waned slightly, from a peak of 96% two months after the second dose to 84% by six months.

Those findings came before the delta variant began spreading, but other data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows the vaccine is still doing a good job preventing severe disease.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Healthcare Facility Vaccine Verification Compliance Begins

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the license for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19 disease in individuals 16 years of age and older. The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine continues to be available under emergency use authorization (EUA) for those 12 through 15 years old and for a third dose in certain immunocompromised individuals. The licensing approval was announced after another thorough evaluation of safety and effectiveness data by a panel of scientific and medical experts. FDA-approved vaccines undergo the agency's standard process for reviewing the quality, safety and effectiveness of medical products.

Also as of Monday, acute care and long-term care facilities, high-risk congregate facilities, and other healthcare facilities must be in full compliance with the State's Order that requires these facilities to verify the vaccine status of all workers. The State Order also requires compliance with respirator and masking mandates and screening testing. And, by September 30, healthcare workers are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) confirms 7 new deaths and 2,331 new cases of COVID-19. The number of cases and deaths are likely to reflect reporting delays over the weekend. Of the 7 new deaths reported today, two people who passed away were over the age of 80, four people who passed were between the ages of 65 and 79, and one person who passed was between the ages of 50 and 64. To date, Public Health identified 1,385,505 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 25,078 deaths.

There are 1,722 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized. Testing results are available for nearly 7,940,000 individuals with 16% of people testing positive. Today's test positivity rate is 2.8%, a slight decrease from last week's same-day rate of 3.4%

"To the families that are experiencing the profound grief of losing a loved one to COVID-19, we send you our deepest condolences," said Muntu Davis, MD, MPH, Los Angeles County Health Officer. "The COVID-19 vaccine is safe and remains the most powerful tool we have to both lower our risk of infection and protect against serious illness and death from COVID-19 if infected. The other tools to help reduce and prevent transmission are wearing a mask, keeping your distance, avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces, and washing your hands frequently. We are grateful to the many scientists and researchers who have worked tirelessly to develop and evaluate the vaccines during the most challenging public health crisis of our lifetime. We are also grateful to the FDA for their thoughtful analyses and review processes to ensure that we can have the highest confidence that the vaccine is safe and effective. I hope the milestone of this vaccine's full approval gives those that were waiting to get vaccinated the confidence to now take this important step."

Public Health encourages everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated – it is the most important step you can take to protect yourself, your loved ones, and our L.A. County community and to ultimately end this pandemic. If you still need to get vaccinated, Public Health can help. Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status.

Anyone 12 and older living or working in L.A. County can get vaccinated against COVID-19. Many vaccination sites across the county, including all the County-run sites, are also offering third doses of vaccine to eligible immunocompromised people.

To find a vaccination site near you, make an appointment at vaccination sites, and much more, visit: www.VaccinateLACounty.com (English) and www.VacunateLosAngeles.com (Spanish). If you don't have internet access, can't use a computer, or you're over 65, you can call 1-833-540-0473 for help finding an appointment, connecting to free transportation to and from a vaccination site, or scheduling a home-visit if you are homebound.

COVID-19 Sector Protocols, Best Practices, COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard, COVID-19 Surveillance Interactive Dashboard, Recovery Dashboard, and additional actions you can take to protect yourself, your family and your community are on the Public Health website, www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

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MASK

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Vaccinated parents were more likely to support mask and vaccine requirements than unvaccinated parents.

Jeff Hicklin in Falmouth, Maine, said he supports mask and vaccine mandates for teachers and eligible students. He says it's the best way to protect those who are too young to be vaccinated, including his 7-year-old son, Oscar.

"We need to do everything we can to keep schools open and safe," said Hicklin, 40, an accountant.

In Menomonie, Wisconsin, Erik Pederstuen has been vaccinated and plans to have his 9-year-old daughter inoculated once she's eligible. But Pederstuen, a technical college instructor, said he doesn't think coronavirus vaccines should be a requirement.

"I'm not an anti-vaccine person at all, I've just never liked the idea of it being forced," said Pederstuen, 40. "I think everyone should get it, but I think it should be your choice."

The AP-NORC poll of 1,729 adults was conducted Aug. 12-16 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak Panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 3.2 percentage points.

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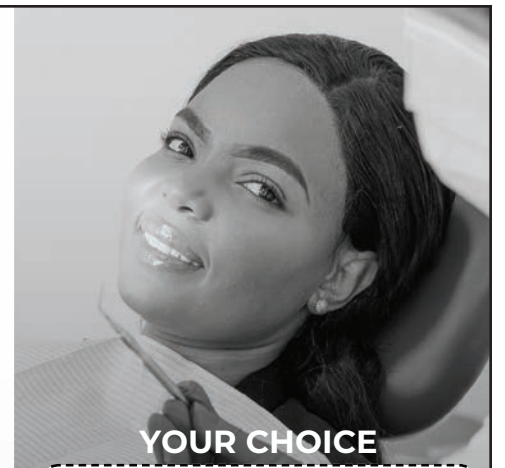
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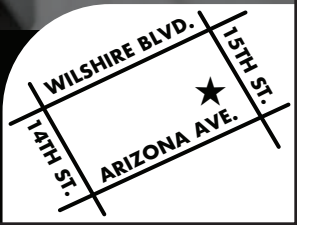
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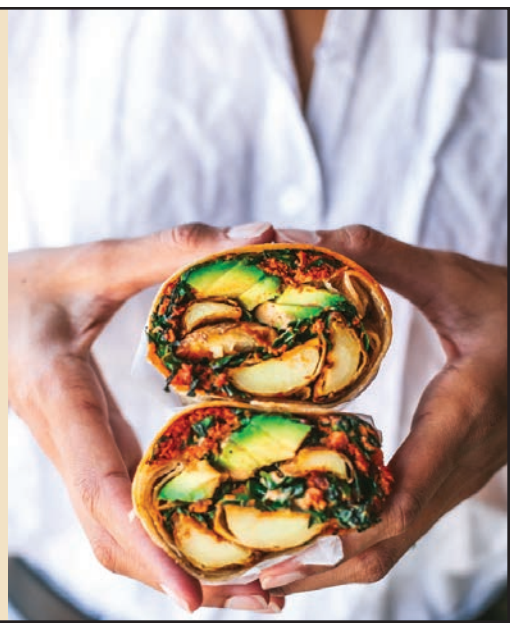
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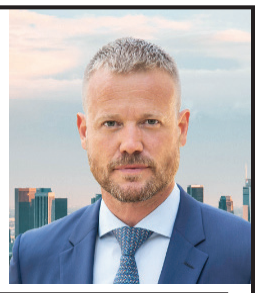
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FROM PAGE 1

When the USVBA temporarily ran national championships for two-year universities and unaffiliated four-year universities, SMC scooped two more national titles in 1971 and 1972. From the late 70s through to today, SMC has competed within the state and won 17 conference championships and 7 state championships.

Although victories fell off during the 1990s and 2000s, the team was able to comeback with conference championships in 2005 and 2008 in addition to a notable state championship in 2015.

"It is hard to put a finger on one specific thing that made this program so successful," said Zamir. "It's a combination of things: the location, the historic reputation of beach volleyball in Santa Monica, our great facilities and the strong talent pool in local high schools."

Having stepped into the head coach position in Dec. 2020, Zamir is eager to make his contribution to the team's legacy and return them to championship status. One of the challenges of heading a community college team is that you cannot recruit players with athletic scholarships, so Zamir has been hard at work educating local players about the many benefits that can be reaped at SMC.

"One of the reasons I built this document of the team's history is for recruiting, because I wanted to show how great the program is, our rich history, the great players and coaches that have been through the program and so on," said Zamir. "I managed to recruit some talented players, some talented players reached out to me and we have some good returners. I believe we're going to do great things this year."

This year's team will be practicing indoors in masks after being limited to Zoom workouts last academic year. The plan is to compete in all competitions and shoot for an eighth state title. Zamir is working to form a strong team spirit and ensure the players are representing Santa Monica well.

"It is very important for us in the program to behave in such a way that they will remember us for being from Santa Monica," said Zamir. "We want to be the best in the nation again and we're going to start building up from here, so when people say Santa Monica they know what's coming."

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Courtesy photos

TEAM: Santa Monica College has been a volleyball powerhouse over the years.

VENICE

FROM PAGE 1

said they became suddenly ill around 3 p.m.

Firefighters say the teens, who were from a youth group, were taken to a Santa Monica hospital by LAFD Paramedics.

The LAPD said the kids bought what they thought was Percocet in McFarland (near Bakersfield).

The surviving teenager was in serious condition with an altered level of consciousness Monday, according to the LAFD.

Police said this incident is not related to an earlier overdose at the Rose Avenue and Ocean Front Walk bathroom around 8 a.m. Saturday morning.

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What's the Point?

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Santa Monica Needs a Diversity Commission for its LGBTQI Citizens

Tonight Santa Monica continues its push for greater equality, equity and humanity of its citizens. The Council has an item on the Consent Calendar to award $100,000 to the Santa Monica Black Lives Matter Association to improve the wellbeing of black lives in the city. This is a progressive use of city funds and while $100,000 is not a small amount of money, it's not a huge one either. But it's a start in the right direction.

Our city has a history of making progress on cultural fronts and I like to see the Council actually doing something, anything, that helps our citizens and doesn't involve allowing more density and growth and the "boring architectural boxes" that the "Celebrity Architects" are throwing up (an apt term!) on our streets.

To the end of addressing our citizen's needs we have commissions and boards for Women (more on that later), Seniors, the Recreation and Parks, Arts, Library and the list goes on. These are ways for the citizens to partake in our government besides just going to Council meetings and voicing our concerns to the elected officials.

I have been told I should run for office – maybe be on the Council. Thank you, but no. I know my limits and honestly, I admire those who have the internal fortitude to sit through the hours of Council Meetings. Truly, I don't have the patience for that. I'm too driven to action, and a "let's get something done" attitude, for those meetings.

However, I do believe I should give back to the community and that's why I looked at the Commissions and thought, "well, those meetings are not endless. They have a mission. They have a limited scope. So perhaps that would be good." And I started to look at what opportunities were available on the boards and commissions. You can do this by going to the SMGOV.NET website and seeing what is available and where there are openings.

Of course my ego said ARTS! or Architecture. But it's not a place where I have a skill or experience that would be beneficial. So then I saw the Commission on the Status of Women. I thought, now that's interesting, there's openings; I have experience with women in court, as both Petitioners and Respondents, as Protected Parties and as Perpetrators. I'm a big ole gay dude, so women open up to me. I have a lot of women in my life that I love and respect. Plus I do a lot of reading on social justice issues and, my detractors aside, I'm not a total idiot.

So I applied for the Commission on the Status of Women. (You can read it online as the applications are public). I know I'm a bit of a longshot, as a man, as a lawyer for men in court, but I thought maybe I have something to offer. The Commission is currently all women, and I believe that it has never had a man on it.

Turns out the Council is reviewing what Commissions to keep, maybe combine, and I'm hoping add one or two. I found this out when I asked the Council if they had read the Report put out by the COSW in 2019. I received responses from four of the councilmembers, three of whom had read the report, one hadn't and I never got the courtesy of a response from the other councilmembers. Sidenote, this was one of the reasons why I always respected Kevin McKeown, he always responded to my emails, even when we disagreed.

While reading the report, available here as the 2019 CEDAW REPORT: https://www.smgov.net/Departments/CCS/content.aspx?id=31919. I noticed that there was a fair amount of overlap with the needs and treatment of the LGBTQI community in the report. That got me thinking that maybe what actually the city needs is a Diversity Commission. The more I thought about it, the MORE, I thought about it. I have asked in the past for a Men and Boy's Commission (which is also going nowhere in our political climate – so I wont be serving there also) but for a city like Santa Monica to NOT have a Diversity Commission is a glaring, gaping, enormous hole in our credentials as a progressive city.

So with that being acknowledged, I'm asking the City Council to charter a Diversity Commission and I would like to be on it. I think it's a fair request that we recognize the great variety in our city of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer and intersex individuals.

As a gay male lawyer who lives in a heteronormative society, I feel the discomfort of not always being a part of. I had this recognition the other day while I was enjoying a slice at Dagwoods Pizza on Wilshire. Sitting outside in the sunshine I saw an everyday event. A cute young couple walking down the street holding hands, leaning into each other and giggling in new love energy. It was adorable. And then it hit me. I rarely see a young gay or lesbian couple like that. Honestly I can't recall the last time I did see it on our streets.

And that absence, the 'not seeing it' is why it's hard for young, and old, LGBTQI people to feel comfortable. Can I walk down the Promenade holding a man's hand? Sure, am I going to be hyperaware that I'm doing it? OH HECK YEAH. But I shouldn't, and that's why this city needs a Diversity Commission. To make it comfortable for all the city's

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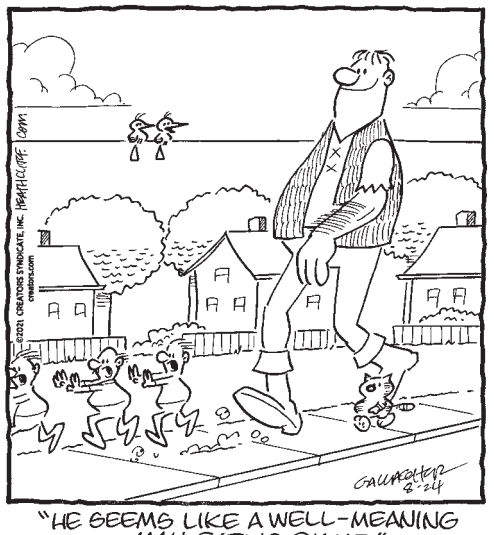
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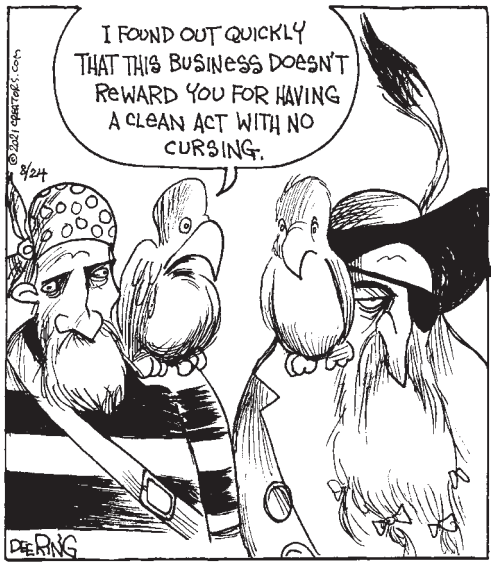
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Strange Brew

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 64.2°

TUESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Old SSW swell leftovers as modest new SW/SSW swell creeps in. Small wave gear and the incoming tide through the morning looking like the best bet at this point.

WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Blend of fresh SW/SSW swell and old SSW swell leftovers. On the small size but likely clean for the morning tide push -- going to want to let that tide come up for the points.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 72.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 62.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 76.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Get excited about what you want without worrying about the price tag. There's a certain flexibility factor built into the cost of things. There are arrangements to be had and deals to be made.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You keep returning to someone. This is about more than the utility of the relationship. There is a deeper need being fulfilled than can be seen on the surface -- a trigger to reliable satisfaction.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are those who need to be first. Let them. First is sometimes the power position, but more often not. True power grows when you settle in wherever you happen to be and work from there.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your contribution is vital to the success of the mission. Even so, the most important move you can make now is the move to understand what everyone else is giving so you can cater your gift accordingly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your surroundings bleed into your imagination, which animates your behaviors, which contribute to your surroundings. Use this circle of influence. Put yourself in a beautiful location, or beautify the location you're in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Although you're not trying to say anything new or point to any profound truth of the scene that no one else is seeing, these things will occur naturally and silently when you bring the whole of you into attendance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's OK to get weird and messy. Your best friends and most ardent supporters are those who are unfazed by the wildness because they're confident in their abilities to handle the grittiness of life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The same degree to which you are willing to step outside the expectations of your people is the degree to which you will fascinate them. This isn't about delivering beyond what they want; it's about bravely doing what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Musing is an activity, and so are its cousins: thinking, dreaming and scheming. The luckiest and most restorative thing you can do now is spend a block of time on absolutely no activity -- not even thinking.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A problem having to do with money, responsibility or children will be alleviated. Since these are also the topics which typically cause couples to argue, the solution also injects peace into a relationship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The group agrees, and maybe that's not good. Too many "yes" people make for a bland experience. Invite a rebel into the mix, and then brace yourself for the ride.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). These periods of rest between events are essential to your well-being. Recovery isn't a lazy transition; it's a real and necessary part of health. Respect the work being done under the surface of life.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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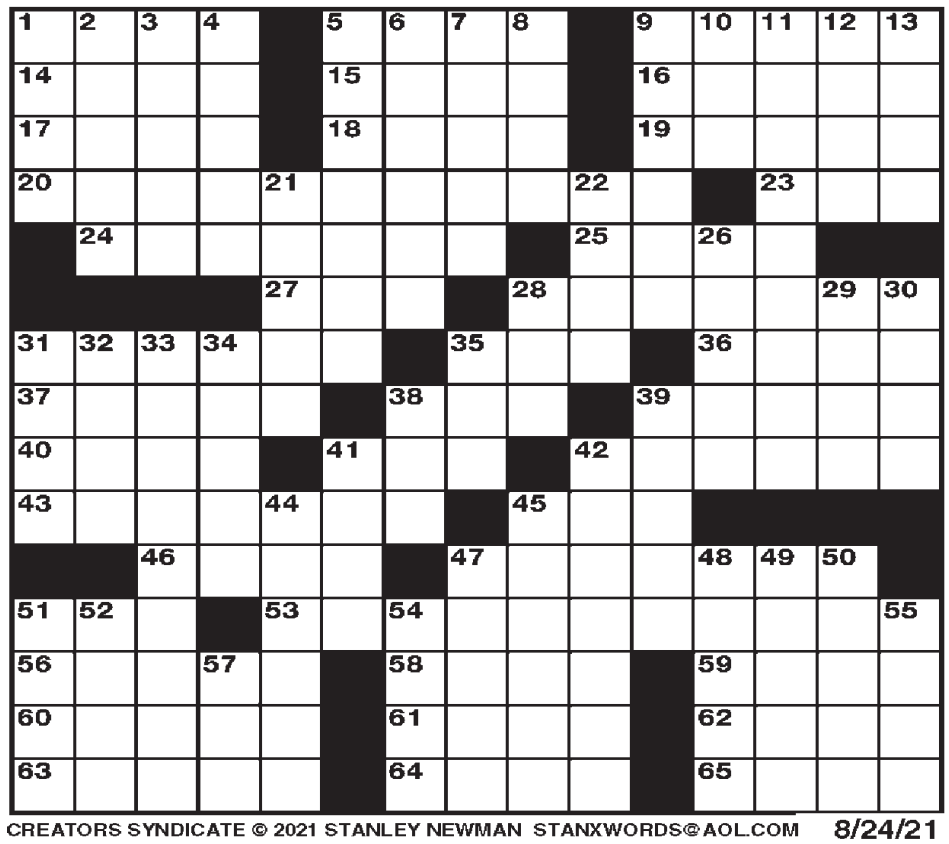
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20 Bathtub spheres that pop
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35 __ minute now (very soon)
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38 Digital watch display, briefly
39 Made from a sturdy wood
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42 Witch's hexes
43 Main dishes
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64 Adjusts, as a clock
65 Terriers and turtles

DOWN
1 The one here
2 Family vehicles
3 Sports show spike
4 Florida Gulf city
5 Made an advance inspection
6 Apt to fall over
7 Southwestern brick
8 Banana skin
9 Grad student's research paper
10 Rowboat blade
11 Bottle tops that pop
12 Ireland, in poetry
13 Changed the color of
21 Main impact
22 Swirling current
26 Piece of asparagus
28 "Furthermore . . ."
29 Genealogy chart
30 Nine-digit IDs
31 Identical
32 Old Testament paradise
33 Backs of vehicles that pop
34 Drama with singing
35 Perform in a play
38 __ Vegas, NV
39 External
41 Presidential rejection
42 Impersonates at a costume party
44 Concert's bonus song
45 Jab with a finger
47 Take potshots
48 Served from a keg
49 Extreme audacity
50 Legendary lawman Ness
51 Tire that needs repair
52 *Mona* __
54 Tachometer readings: Abbr.
55 Boys in the family
57 Obtain



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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.

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Victorian towns

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Emus
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Huon
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RECALL

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contributors across the state and has pledged to not accept money from special interests. But it takes many millions to mount the kind of statewide media campaign that can raise his name recognition in a Republican field that includes talk radio host Larry Elder, ex-Olympian Caitlyn Jenner and former San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer.

Voters have two choices in the Sept. 14 election: Should Newsom be removed from office and who among 46 candidates should replace him? If a majority votes to oust Newsom, whoever gets the most votes on the second question will be governor. With so many candidates dividing the votes it's likely a winner could emerge with 25% or less.

Jon Fleischman, former chair of the California Republican Party, is among GOP observers who say Kiley's campaign is more about the future than pulling an upset next month. No Republicans hold statewide office in California and the party is desperate to find new political leaders to rally around.

The state is home to 5.3 million registered Republicans — more than the total populations of more than half the states. Jon Fleischman, publisher of the "Flash Report," a conservative news website, said many people forget that reality because Democrats have such a stranglehold on power in the state.

"I think Kevin, whether he is the governor or not ... will emerge from this as a very significant leader" of California Republicans, predicted Fleischman, who voted early and went with Elder, the GOP front-runner.

Kiley grew up in Granite Bay, California, a city of about 20,000 northeast of Sacramento. He was the valedictorian of Granite Bay High School and got his undergraduate degree at Harvard and law degree from Yale Law School.

He spent two years teaching Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" and George Orwell's "Animal Farm" to 10th-graders in a cramped portable classroom at Manual Arts High School in Los Angeles. After teaching, he joined a law firm in Los Angeles and helped prepare a case for T-Mobile accusing Chinese mobile phone giant Huawei of stealing its technology, a case that eventually was the basis for a U.S. criminal investigation into the company.

He got elected to the state Assembly in 2016 — the same year Donald Trump upended national politics. He won't say whether he voted for Trump or if he supported his policies.

"My position in that campaign and since I have been in office is that I just stay out of national politics altogether," Kiley said. "I think national politics is a distraction that is used frankly by those in power in Sacramento (as) kind of a smokescreen for their own failures."

In the Legislature, Kiley has sometimes worked across the aisle. He teamed with the Democratic majority to pass a bill that made transcripts of grand jury proceedings public. This year, a bill Kiley authored to let students sue schools in sexual assault cases even if their parents signed a document waiving their rights has passed the Legislature and will soon be on Newsom's desk.

He has gotten the most attention for things he opposes. He led the charge against a state law that required most companies to treat independent contractors as full-time employees — although voters overturned a provision of the law that applied to Uber and Lyft, among others. Last week, the voter-approved law applying to ride-hailing app companies was ruled unconstitutional by a California Superior Court judge.

It was Kiley's opposition to Newsom's coronavirus orders that got the attention of Heidi Hall, who said she never paid attention to politics until the pandemic. The lifelong Democrat registered as a Republican and got elected to a school board in Roseville, a city within Kiley's legislative district.

She said she was particularly impressed with Kiley's lawsuit against Newsom.

"I recognize someone who sees a problem and instead of just sitting around yapping about it ... he took action," Hall said.

Kiley said he decided to run for governor after getting encouragement from Orrin Heatlie, the former police officer who organized and launched the recall petition to remove Newsom. Heatlie, speaking only for himself and not the recall campaign, said he supports Kiley because of his experience in the Legislature.

"You're going to have to have somebody that knows the ropes and experience working within the Capitol that can get in, roll their sleeves up, get right to work," he said.

Kiley hasn't said much about the other candidates in the race, saying he views them as "teammates" working toward a shared goal of recalling Newsom. If the recall is successful, whoever replaces Newsom will finish out the remainder of his term. A general election will be held in 2022.

"You are not signing on for four years. You are signing on for one year," Kiley said in a pitch to California voters who might be hesitant to vote for a Republican. "You can see if your quality of life improves, and then you can, you know, decide whether you want to continue down that path."

WHAT'S THE POINT?

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citizens to do a very normal thing every day. Not just in June. Not just a "Pride Month", but every day.

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