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We are our own worst enemies in terms of procrastination

By Nassim Sana
 Special to the Independent

Procrastination is something we all do, and we are experts at creating stories around it.

The funny thing is the stories we create are universal, and we all have used them at some point in our lives.

Here are some of my personal favorites that I still use: "I promise, I'll do it tomorrow," or "yes, I know. I'm working on it."

We have a way of making ourselves believe we never have

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enough time or it's not the right time to get things accomplished.

It's that mentality that tomorrow is another day, but that tomorrow never comes.

If you think about it, this way of

thinking produces little result and diminishes your power as a human being.

I think it's important for us to understand what gets in our way that makes us procrastinate.

There are several triggers I have experienced in my life enabling me to continue to procrastinate. One of the main reasons is fear, yes fear.

It's the fear of not knowing the results of what I'm producing, or not have it be completed in that perfect way I had thought it to be.

We create these expectations of wanting to produce results in a certain way. So if we think it won't happen the way imagined, then we won't complete it.

Once you have made up your minds and you are attached, it makes it a lot harder not to generate disempowering stories around the action step. Another aspect may just be a lack of commitment.

How many times do we com-
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LETTERS to the Editor

Do we really need an SUSD override?

It seems like just yesterday voters said 'No' to SUSD's request for more money -- yet, we now have board president Pam Kirby laying the groundwork to 'override' that decision with another election this fall, an off-year when fewer voters turn out and district employees, relatives, and friends can more easily dominate the outcome.

SUSD already has at least one

teacher for every 15.3 pupils, in addition to volunteers and paid classroom assistants, along with an administrator for every 70 pupils -- seemingly more than enough.

SUSD's 'need' for more money is 'justified' by wanting to continue funding for pupils that have left the district, and the board having previously dipped into its financial reserve. We're supposed to fund the education of 'ghost' students

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