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Rent control increases capped by Board

BRENNON DIXSON
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Rent increases for rent-controlled units will be limited to 1.7% this year with a maximum monthly increase of $39.

Rent Control Board Commissioners previously approved the percentage increase last month as well as the date for a public hearing that sought to allow landlords and tenants an opportunity to share their thoughts on the increase before the board agreed on setting the additional dollar cap.

"Under the rent control law, the general adjustment for a given year is equal to 75% of the change in the Consumer Price Index for the Los Angeles area for the 12-month period between March of the previous year and March of the current year," Executive Director Tracy Condon said in May. "Using that formula, with the CPI for that period of 2.2 percent, 75 percent of that is 1.65 percent."

Commissioner Anastasia Foster said shortly after the board had received emails in the past about landlords who had slightly higher vacancies than normal, so they hoped for a greater increase in rents than usual.

"And we had notes from tenants over the past year, saying, 'Because of COVID and we've lost employment, could we have a smaller or no rent increase?' So, I just want to take this brief opportunity since we have such a short agenda to remind everyone that this is in the charter;

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City leaders to study ethics code for Council

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Mayor Sue Himmelrich believes Santa Monica's current Code of Conduct does not clearly apply to some of the city's elected officials and lacks proper enforcement provisions, so city leaders are beginning a process to create an ethics code that aligns with drafts adopted in cities like Vallejo and Irvine.

Himmelrich asked for the matter to be placed on the agenda so it can be discussed at last week's City Council meeting.

"This is the second time I've brought this forward. The first time I brought this forward, what came back was the current — what I would call — the aspirational Ethics Code for our employees," she said last week, referring to a values-based ethics system that was adopted in 2015 as part of a broader ethics debate citywide, which was initiated in the wake of resident concerns about a civil employment lawsuit, Elizabeth Riel v. City of Santa Monica and enforcement of the Oaks Initiative.

In 2016, after hiring John C. Hueston to examine the conduct of city employees during the hiring and firing of Elizabeth Riel and enforcement of the City's ethics laws, Council formally approved a values-based system of behavior that was incorporated into multiple

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What to expect in Santa Monica's June 15 reopening

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Starting Tuesday businesses across Santa Monica can reopen to 100 percent capacity and masking becomes optional for vaccinated residents in most settings.

"With an astounding 76 percent of the Santa Monica community vaccinated, we are in a strong position to welcome the full re-opening of the state's economy today," said Susan Cline, acting assistant city manager.

June 15 marks a significant milestone in the County's recovery process, but uncertainty remains over workplace guidelines and to what degree business owners will ask patrons to wear masks.

Dr. Mark Ghaly, the State's Health and Human Services Secretary, outlined three mask policies businesses can choose to adopt going forward. They can require all patrons to continue wearing masks, they can ask for proof of vaccination, or they can rely on an honor system where people self-attest their vaccination status.

"If somebody comes into their business or their operation without a mask, it should be considered as self attestation for someone being vaccinated," said Ghaly. "We are not requiring businesses to have somebody at the door checking for vaccine status as a way to comply with this."

Masks will still be required for all individuals in certain settings. These include indoors at K-12 schools and childcare facilities; all health care settings and long term care facilities; on public transit like planes, buses and ride-shares; at transport hubs like airports and bus stations; and at detention centers and homeless shelters.

Locally, time will reveal to what degree people — patrons, business owners and employees — feel comfortable ditching the mask.

"Who really knows if the customers will come back in force or still be scared to go out?" said Steve Lieberman, Owner of Downtown gastropub West 4th and Jane. "As for masks, it will be up to the customers to wear or not wear them. My staff will probably still wear them to help with customers' level of comfort."

Santa Monica Brew Works will also be following the honor

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Activity	Fully Vaccinated	Not Vaccinated
Uncrowded outdoor space	😊	😊
Restaurant/bar	😊	😷
Retail/grocery store	😊	😷
Gym/fitness studio	😊	😷
Movie theater	😊	😷
Performance venue	😊	😷
Hair salon/personal care	😊	😷
K-12 school	😷	😷
Childcare facility	😷	😷
Healthcare facility	😷	😷
Bus/train/airport	😷	😷
Rideshare	😷	😷

These are state regulations for mask wearing. Individual businesses may still choose to require masking for all customers regardless of their vaccination status.

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Gains for some tech giants nudge S&P to another record high

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AP Business Writers

Technology companies helped lift stocks higher on Wall Street, nudging the S&P 500 to its third straight all-time high, even as other parts of the market faltered.

A burst of buying in the final 10 minutes of trading sent the benchmark index 0.2% higher. The S&P 500 had been down 0.3% earlier amid another bout of choppy trading as Wall Street awaits the latest take from the Federal Reserve on inflation.

Investors are trying to gauge the strength of the economic recovery and whether emerging signs of inflation will be transitory, as the central bank believes. The Fed delivers its interest rate policy update Wednesday afternoon.

"Most of this is just positioning in front of the Fed later this week," said Willie Delwiche, investment strategist at All Star Charts. Investors are "trying to get a sense of not just what the Fed is going to say in terms of announcements, but what they expect in terms of the path of monetary policy and the economy going forward."

The S&P 500 added 7.71 points to 4,255.15. The index has notched a weekly gain three weeks in a row. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 85.85 points, or 0.2%, to 34,393.75. The Nasdaq rose 104.72 points, or 0.7%, to 14,174.14.

Small-company stocks fell. The Russell 2000 index lost 9.66 points, or 0.4%, to 2,326.15.

Among the tech sector winners Monday were Apple, which rose 2.5%, and Adobe, which gained 2.9%. Several large communications companies also made gains. Facebook rose 1.7% and Netflix gained 2.3%. Those gains offset a broad decline in financial, industrial and materials stocks, among others. JPMorgan dropped 1.7%.

Wall Street is trying to gauge the strength of the economic recovery, the impact rising inflation is having on its trajectory, and the Fed's next move.

Investors have been worried that the Fed could ease up on bond purchases and other stimulus measures as the economy recovers. No policy changes are expected immediately, but comments on a shift in policy could jostle an already skittish market.

Fed officials have maintained that any rise in inflation will be temporary as the economy recovers.

"There's still this debate on inflation and, notwithstanding what the Fed does and whether yields move down, there's still some upward pricing pressure," said Tom Martin, senior portfolio manager with Globalt Investments.

A boost in demand for goods has helped fuel a rise in the cost of everything from food to cars and household goods. Shipping costs are also rising and adding to the increase in prices. The uncertainty over inflation has been fueling much of the back-and-forth in the market between stocks that are considered safer value holdings versus those with more potential for sharp growth.

"As you go into the summer and you have uncertainty about inflation, the fed and the stimulus, you'll kind of see people neutralizing bets," Martin said.

Lordstown Motors sank 18.8% after the CEO and CFO resigned as problems mount for the startup electric truck maker.

Novavax gave up an early gain, dropping 0.9%. The vaccine maker said its COVID-19 shot was highly effective against the disease and also protected against variants in a large study in the U.S. and Mexico. The company is facing raw-material shortages, though, and plans to seek authorization for the shots by the end of September.

Bond prices fell, sending yields mostly higher. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 1.50% from 1.46% late Friday.

"You don't get a message from the bond market that it's worried either about persistent inflation or about the Fed doing something dramatic in terms of not being the buyer of bonds that it has been in recent quarters," Delwiche said.

European markets were mostly higher. Several markets in Asia were closed for a holiday.

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS
SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BID: 060721SF DRESCHER HALL AHU REPAIR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter "the District" will receive up to, but not later than the below-stated date and time, sealed Bid Proposals for the Contract for the Work of the Project generally described as: Prevailing wage labor, materials, services, equipment, and appliances required to repair SMC Drescher Hall AHU-1 and AHU-2, replace supply and return fan VFD's, re-connect VFD's to power source and ACL control system, provide lighting in AHU-2, test and verify operation of control dampers & VFD's, clean inside of AHU's cabinets, provide missing belt guards for supply and return fans in accordance with bid documents.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE BID PROPOSALS: 07/07/21, 2:00 pm
Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the District bidding website at: https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=13721#.

All Bid Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished by the District. Bid Proposals must conform with, and be responsive to, the Bid and Contract Documents, copies of which may be obtained from the District as set forth above. Only Bid Proposals submitted to the District at or prior to the date and time set forth shall be considered.

MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: 06/23/21 at 10:00a.m. sharp. Meet outside SMC Facilities Trailer at Receiving Lot by stadium bleachers 2121 16th St. Santa Monica CA 90405. Bidder attendance at Job Walk is mandatory. Sign-In required & late arrivals not permitted. Attendees required to maintain min. 6ft distance from others. Wear face covering over nose & mouth at all times. Small areas/rooms limited to 1 person at a time. Do not attend if sick or have cold/flu-like symptoms. Limit surfaces touched, do not touch equipment & building materials if not necessary.

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $120,000.00

CONTRACT DAYS: 60 calendar days

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: n/a
The Contractor is required to have a CSLB C-20 license and CADIR registration at the time of bid submission and through work period. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the District's Request for Bids.

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SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 289 CALLS ON JUNE 13

Living In A Vehicle 2200blk Washington Ave 12:08 a.m.
Loud Music 2000blk Ocean Ave 12:51 a.m.
Fight 100blk Wilshire Blvd 1:18 a.m.
Loud Music 500blk Hill St 1:20 a.m.
Loud Music 17th St / Michigan Ave 1:45 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 1:50 a.m.
Party Complaint 500blk Hill St 1:51 a.m.
Report Of Shots Fired Ocean Ave / Bay St 2:20 a.m.
Party Complaint 700blk Idaho Ave 3:34 a.m.
Grand Theft Just Occurred 3100blk 18th St 6:28 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2300blk Michigan Ave 6:58 a.m.
Prowler Report 200blk Bay St 7:16 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 30th St / Ocean Park Blvd 7:24 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 400blk Santa Monica Pier 7:55 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 7:57 a.m.
Burglary Report 500blk San Vicente Blvd 8:04 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 10th St / Pine St 8:04 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 4th St / Ocean Park Blvd 8:08 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1100blk 7th St 8:12 a.m.
Burglary Report 1900blk 6th St 8:46 a.m.
Public Intoxication 300blk Santa Monica Pier 8:51 a.m.
Construction Noise 800blk San Vicente Blvd 9:01 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 9:08 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2200blk 25th St 9:11 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 20th St / Olympic Blvd 9:40 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 700blk Broadway 9:48 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 4th St / Olympic Blvd E 10:14 a.m.
Fight Ocean Ave / California Ave 10:19 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 300blk Santa Monica Pier 10:43 a.m.
Loud Music 2500blk Barnard Way 11:08 a.m.
Lost Property 1700blk Ocean Ave 11:19 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2300blk 4th St 11:33 a.m.
Attempt Burglary Report 1400blk Palisades Beach Rd 11:36 a.m.
Attempt Burglary Report 1400blk Palisades Beach Rd 11:37 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1500blk 2nd St 12:29 p.m.
Sexual Assault 19th St / Pico Blvd 12:31 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 12:31 p.m.
Encampment 800blk The Beach 12:36 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 2100blk Neilson Way 12:56 p.m.
Burglary Report 1100blk 10th St 1:25 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 1:33 p.m.
Encampment 1500blk Ocean Ave 1:45 p.m.
Found Property 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 1:46 p.m.
Injured Person 1100blk Wilshire Blvd 1:59 p.m.
Construction Noise 1900blk Ocean Ave 1:59 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 900blk 11th St 2:24 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1600blk Wilshire Blvd 2:34 p.m.
Grand Theft Just Occurred 1300blk 4th St 2:36 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1200blk Euclid St 2:39 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1500blk Ocean Ave 2:44 p.m.
Family Disturbance 200blk 25th St 2:45 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Moomat Ahiko Way / Ocean Ave 2:46 p.m.
Family Disturbance 200blk 25th St 2:47 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1200blk 4th St 2:48 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1500blk 2nd St 3:04 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1100blk Palisades Park 3:16 p.m.
General Parking Problem 400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:18 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Ocean Ave / Marguerita Ave 3:43 p.m.
Lost Property 1500blk Ocean Ave 3:56 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 300blk Santa Monica Pier 4:00 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1400blk Ocean Ave 4:01 p.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 500blk Palisades Ave 4:18 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 800blk Palisades Park 4:35 p.m.
Drinking In Public 26th St / Broadway 4:35 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1000blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:40 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1300blk 4th St 4:57 p.m.
Fraud Report 2900blk Pennsylvania Ave 5:13 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2600blk Barnard Way 5:22 p.m.
Fraud Report 2900blk Pennsylvania Ave 5:40 p.m.
Fight 1500blk Palisades Park 5:44 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 2200blk Delaware Ave 5:54 p.m.
Party Complaint 2200blk Colorado Ave 5:56 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Main St / Marine St 6:03 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 6:06 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 9th St / Pico Blvd 6:16 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 6:17 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2800blk Wilshire Blvd 6:24 p.m.
Fight 2500blk Main St 6:25 p.m.
Fight 1500blk 2nd St 6:30 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:42 p.m.
Attempt Burglary Report 1400blk Palisades Beach Rd 7:05 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 3000blk Airport Ave 7:05 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Wilshire Blvd 7:13 p.m.
Loud Music 1200blk 18th St 7:21 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 100blk Hollister Ave 7:35 p.m.
Party Complaint 1200blk 19th St 7:38 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 6th St / Pico Blvd 7:50 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 2900blk 31st St 7:50 p.m.

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DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 45 CALLS ON JUNE 13

Lock In/Out 2200blk Colorado Ave 12:34 a.m.
EMS 800blk 10th St 12:41 a.m.
EMS 500blk San Vicente Blvd 12:47 a.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 1:17 a.m.
EMS 100blk Colorado Ave 2:33 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 2nd St 2:53 a.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 900blk 21st St 3:31 a.m.
EMS 800blk Pico Blvd 5:25 a.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 6:11 a.m.
Broken Water Main 1700blk Main St 6:39 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Pier Ave 6:41 a.m.
EMS 2600blk Wilshire Blvd 6:57 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1800blk Broadway 8:48 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 2400blk Virginia Ave 8:59 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 16th St / Colorado Ave 9:10 a.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 9:34 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 20th St / Olympic Blvd 9:40 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 7th St 10:05 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 4th St / Olympic Blvd E 10:14 a.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 11:21 a.m.
Lock In/Out 700blk Euclid St 11:24 a.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Pl 12:05 p.m.
EMS 800blk 9th St 12:53 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 4th St 1:30 p.m.
EMS 2600blk Main St 1:44 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk 2nd St 1:48 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk 2nd St 2:03 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 4th St 3:02 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Wilshire Blvd 3:17 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:55 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1000blk 3rd St 4:08 p.m.
Smoke Investigation 1800blk 10th St 5:15 p.m.
EMS 800blk Pico Blvd 6:03 p.m.
EMS 100blk Wilshire Blvd 6:09 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 9th St / Pico Blvd 6:16 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Pearl St 6:26 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 2nd St 7:17 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 2nd St 7:45 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 6th St / Pico Blvd 7:50 p.m.
Smoke Investigation Cloverfield Blvd / Interstate 10 8:22 p.m.
EMS 3000blk 3rd St 10:16 p.m.
EMS 2900blk 4th St 10:53 p.m.
EMS 1800blk 21st St 11:48 p.m.
EMS 2200blk 29th St 11:52 p.m.
EMS 3100blk Neilson Way 11:57 p.m.

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
CALLING FOR BIDS
DISTRICT: SANTA MONICACOMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BID: 061521SH
TITLE: KCRW BRIARCREST ELECTRICAL PROJECT – RE-BID**

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MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: June 23, 2021 @ 10am Sharp; No late arrivals.

CONTRACT DAYS: 60 Days

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the District bidding website at: https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=13721#.

The Contractor is required to have a C-10; CADIR license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the District's Request for Bids.

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Your column here

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The inside story of Santa Monica's darkest day

Who's responsible for the Santa Monica Police Department's disastrous failure to anticipate and confront the meltdown in public order on May 31, 2020? To read last month's keenly anticipated independent report by the OIR Group into the Black Lives Matter protest and the concurrent looting spree that ripped our city apart, the answer appears, at first glance, to be everyone and no-one.

In assessing the performance of the police's top leadership in the crucial planning phase, starting the night before, the report alludes to "a collective under-reaction to the various signs suggesting that a much more comprehensive law enforcement presence than usual would be needed." A significant number of SMPD officers at different levels strongly disagree with that assessment, however – and have now broken ranks to share their misgivings with this reporter.

Read the fine print, these officers say, insert the names that the report leaves out, and what you see is that the two SMPD captains with the most operational experience, Thomas McLaughlin and Saul Rodriguez, get unfairly dinged, even though they foresaw the risk of major trouble and pushed hard to deploy as many officers as possible. They didn't under-react at all, the officers insist; rather, they and the rest of the department were undermined by Cynthia Renaud, then the police chief, and further let down by Darrick Jacob, at the time her senior captain, to whom the report largely gives a free pass.

Why does this matter? Renaud is of course long gone, pressed into retirement last October and replaced on an interim basis by her predecessor, Jacqueline Seabrooks. But Jacob is still very much in the picture. Renaud promoted him to deputy chief a month before her departure, and he is now viewed in political circles as a leading candidate to take over the top job. That alone makes his performance on the worst single day in Santa Monica's history worthy of closer scrutiny.

Assessing the truth as an outsider is no easy matter, not least because relations between Jacob and the captains are reported to be strained, and all have their loyalists in the ranks. The account below is based on multiple viewpoints, not all of them in agreement on everything, but all finding fault in some fashion with the OIR Group's narrative and in some instances coinciding with information from public records and other non-police sources.

Michael Gennaco, the OIR principal, did not push back against any of the officers' objections, even when they directly contradicted his team's findings. ("We... do not intend to get into a debate at this juncture," he said in response to a point-by-point invitation to comment.) Gennaco acknowledged, meanwhile, that his team had "multiple communications" with Jacob, since the deputy chief had been the department's point person on the report, and did not refute an allegation made by a number of officers that Jacob thereby had an unusual opportunity to shape the narrative in his favor.

Jacob did not challenge any part of this account either. "Everyone views the events of May 30th and May 31st in hindsight and through their own lenses," the deputy chief said in a written statement after reviewing the details, but provided no such lens of his own.

The crucial events begin on the evening of Saturday May 30, five days into a national uprising over the Minneapolis police killing of George Floyd. While the protests in the Los Angeles region were largely peaceful, the police response was violent in places. Serious episodes of looting and vandalism, meanwhile, consumed first the Fairfax district, then Beverly Hills, where two SMPD patrol cars were smashed and burned that night.

Santa Monica eventually sent members of its SWAT team to Beverly Hills as reinforcements, but without the express approval of Chief Renaud, who was out of town, or of Jacob, who according to a number of sources wanted to defer to the chief. (Renaud later claimed that she had designated Jacob as acting chief in her absence, but if she did so, the message did not appear to get through.) Several officers in and out of the SWAT team understood at the time that Renaud and Jacob disapproved of the deployment, which rankled them as they viewed it as essential.

Later that night, with word that a protest in Santa Monica had been called for noon the next day, Captains McLaughlin and Rodriguez got on the phone with Chief Renaud to discuss what to do. The call was amplified through a phone speaker, enabling a number of other officers at headquarters to listen in.

According to three people who either heard the call or were told about it immediately after, McLaughlin wanted at least 100 officers on duty, starting at 8 or 9 in the morning. Renaud, however, had a tendency to resist large deployments, seeing them in many instances as a waste of money, and initially suggested deploying no reinforcements at all. She wanted officers on standby at home instead.

McLaughlin and Rodriguez pushed back hard, saying that officers who lived in Palmdale or Thousand Oaks would be in no position to respond from home if an emergency broke out. Renaud reluctantly consented to just 20 extra officers -- and no SWAT members. She also insisted that they come in no earlier than 11 a.m. and

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work a four-hour shift. "I'm not paying people to come in and stand around," she was overheard saying. (Renaud did not respond to a voice mail message inviting her to comment.)

When the call ended, there was a clear understanding, according to those listening, that Jacob would oversee the necessary arrangements when he came into work early the next morning. Another captain, Candice Cobarrubias, would join him later, while McLaughlin and Rodriguez would not come on shift until the afternoon.

For reasons that nobody I spoke to could elucidate, neither Jacob nor Cobarrubias fleshed out a formal plan to deploy the admittedly meager forces at their disposal. Since neither was on the call the night before, it's possible they received poor or insufficient instructions. "They were supposed to pick up the baton from where McLaughlin and Rodriguez left it," one source who heard the call said. "That clearly didn't happen."

Renaud was in transit for part of the morning, returning to Santa Monica only for the tail-end of a late morning briefing. Once back, she made a baffling decision to send the two captains on duty into the field to talk to protest leaders (which, I was told, would ordinarily be the job of a sergeant) instead of having them direct operations from headquarters.

The pair was variously seen at the corner of Montana and Ocean, where a rudimentary skirmish line was quickly surrounded by protesters on all sides, rendering it useless, and at the corner of Colorado and 4th, where they were within eyeshot of the looting at Van's shoe store but, according to two city council members who saw them there, did nothing about it.

Jacob's internal critics do not begrudge the fact that he and Cobarrubias followed the chief's perplexing orders to wade into the crowd – she was, after all, the chief. But they say that as soon as the situation spiraled out of control, which was almost immediately, the two captains should have rushed back to the operations center to take charge.

The OIR Group report sheds a rather different light on this timeline. McLaughlin and Rodriguez come under fire, first, for failing to debrief the officers returning from Beverly Hills to understand the extent of the trouble there. (Not true, say my sources; the SWAT team was in touch with headquarters all night.)

Then they are upbraided for failing to ensure "that even the rudiments of an 'operations plan' were in place" before they went home on May 30. (Not fair, my sources say; the expectation was that Jacob would put the plan together when he came in early on Sunday morning. "In our wildest dreams," one officer involved in planning told me, "we never thought they wouldn't finish putting together what had been started.")

About Jacob's activities early on May 31 the report is strangely silent. It talks about the actions and reactions of four lieutenants, a sergeant, and Cobarrubias, but not the man in charge. Why not? Michael Gennaco offered this less than satisfactory answer: "An investigation into issues of individual performance, accountability, and blameworthiness was not the focus of this project."

The officers I talked to certainly don't discount the OIR Group's work. They, like the city's civilian leadership, broadly accept its policy recommendations and are eager to enact them. But as one of them put it: "Conveniently or inconveniently, some very important facts have been left out… displacing some of the responsibility."

And those facts matter. Santa Monica residents deserve a proper evaluation of Darrick Jacob's performance last May so we can determine whether he has the experience, temperament and judgment to be chief – or, for that matter, deputy chief, at a time when there's no more important task than ensuring we never suffer a similar debacle again.

Andrew Gumbel is a Santa Monica-based reporter and author. Previous investigative pieces about May 31 have appeared in Los Angeles magazine, and last month he discussed the OIR Group report on an Inside the Daily Press podcast.

REOPENING

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system. They will allow vaccinated guests to decide whether they want to wear a mask and will ask unvaccinated guests to continue wearing a mask at all times except while seated.

On the subject of masks, the owner of Heroic Italian Jeffrey Merrihue said, "we will not lead the way but will ease off as we see what customers want."

The City of Santa Monica is awaiting further guidance from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to determine how its operations will change in the coming weeks. However, there are still several confirmed amenities reopening from Tuesday onwards.

Splash pads will be springing back to life at the Annenberg Community Beach House and at Tongva and Virginia Avenue Parks. Annenberg will also be reopening its courtyard and resuming stand up paddle board rentals.

"Residents should expect gradual changes to City programs as COVID-19 safety requirements are modified," said Cline. "We will share that information when it becomes available and look forward to supporting a safe and fun summer in Santa Monica for our residents, businesses, and all who come to enjoy this very special place."

Businesses are awaiting further guidance from the state on how they should regulate employee mask wearing.

Initially, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's proposed directive required all employees to wear masks if one or more employees was unvaccinated. Last week, OSHA released updated guidance saying vaccinated workers would not need to wear a mask if they show their employer proof of vaccination. Unvaccinated workers would still need to wear a mask.

This situation has created confusion for many business owners.

"There's not much direct information on what today (June 15) brings, which I hoped would have more clarity," said Lieberman.

The state's OSHA Board is expected to approve the updated regulations on Thursday and Governor Newsom said he would be willing to issue an executive order to implement them immediately.

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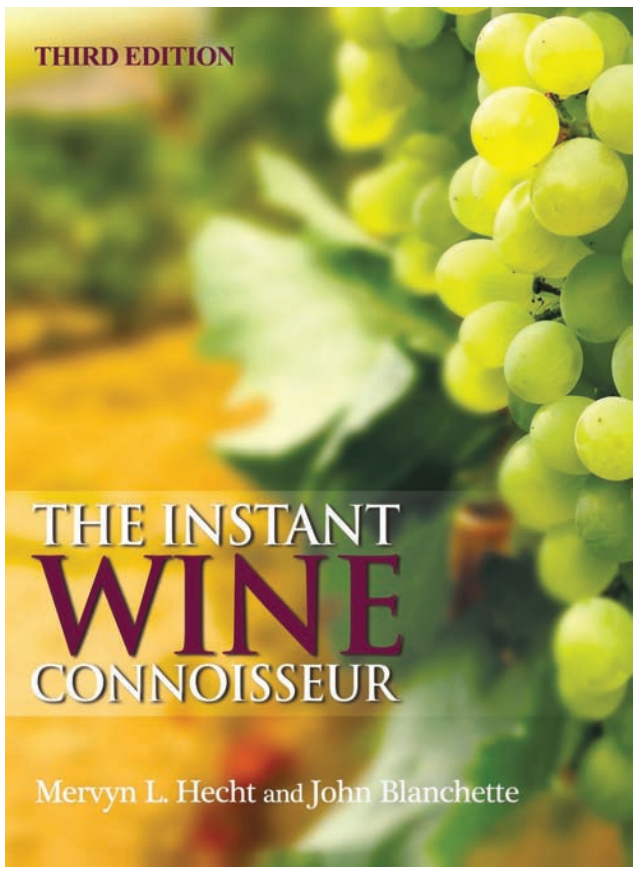
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What's the Point?

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Happy Father's Day Dads

I love dads. I love seeing a man attending to his children in the park. I love dad humor with all its annoying, painfully corny, groaners. I think dads are vital to a child's development, and lucky for me, the science backs me up on this.

Study after study replicates the findings that active and engaged fathers are a huge benefit to a child's language development, socialization, and future mental health. Plus there's the impact on future relationships that having a solid father figure has in how boys are acculturated and in how girls view themselves and what they tolerate in future relationships.

The men's group I'm a part of has a saying, "men teach men to be men". And it's been my experience that this is true. I came to the group a very broken, angry at my father, hurt, frustrated man. My parents had a nasty, alcoholic, abusive relationship at the end of their marriage, and there was a lot of emotional and physical abuse by each of them to the other, with me as collateral damage.

My father left the home, as most men do, and I was left with my mother. She was damaged by all this abuse, and I heard too much about her experiences and it colored my view of my father. I learned to be very angry with him as a result of her hurt. I was convinced that he was the source of all our troubles, and to be clear, his disease definitely impacted our family. But so did hers.

It wasn't until my early 30s when I joined my men's group that I took an honest look at what was happening in that household and could begin to unpack that my father had his role in the drama and that his disease caused a big part of the damage. I was able to look at what my father did and what he taught me and put it in proper perspective. I let go of the hurt and the anger and was able to see that the gifts my father gave me, none of which were material, have made my life so much more fulfilling.

When I was able to forgive him for his sins, I found the peace and serenity that I needed to truly benefit from the gifts he gave me. I remember a man who was funny, charming, and smart. Was he more Willie Loman than Ward Cleaver? Yes. But he was also a WWII vet. He was a man who was caught in the throes of his alcoholism and had a wife who was in throes of her alcoholism. They both were trapped with the expectations and roles of their generation and I don't think either of them found comfort in the molds they were cast from.

Today's fathers and mothers have a rapidly evolving set of expectations and roles they are to fulfill. Men are asking for more time to parent their children (NO it's not called babysitting – it's called parenting when a dad has the kids on the weekend.) Sometimes the courts even allow the fathers to primary parent these days, and the mom doesn't even have to be a bi-polar, crack-addled, schizophrenic before dad can get custody. But it's not easy for dads to get custody still.

Just look at the clash of titans that occurred in the Los Angeles Superior Courts between Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt. It was an epic legal battle involving the best lawyers in the city, literally MILLIONS of dollars was spent by them jointly between lawyers, private investigators, child custody evaluators, supervised visitation monitors and likely a bevy of nannies, mannies and support staff.

And what was the result? Equal shared parenting. Turns out Brad's a good dad and Angelina clearly has some dad issues besides Mr. Pitt, her relationship with her father is volatile. The court though saw through the arguments against Mr. Pitt and just in time for this coming Father's Day gave him an eminently fair role as the father he wants to be.

This Sunday is Father's Day. It's easy to see the 'doofus dads' on TV and think that dads are just there for child support and to change light bulbs, but they have a lifetime impact on their children and they deserve to be respected and honored this coming Sunday.

Happy Father's Day to all the men who are standing up and being a part of their kids' lives.



California adds vacation incentive to spur vaccinations

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

California will offer six "dream vacation" incentives to spur more people to get coronavirus vaccinations, Gov. Gavin Newsom said Monday on the eve of the state awarding of $15 million in cash prizes.

Aside from boosting California's vaccination rate as it lifts most pandemic restrictions Tuesday, the latest promotion aims to jump-start the Golden State's travel and tourism industry after more than a year in virtual hibernation because of stay-at-home orders and travel restrictions.

The tourism industry "had a sledgehammer taken to it," Newsom said.

Tourism revenues nose-dived from a record $145 billion in 2019 to $65 billion last year as California enacted some of the nation's toughest restrictions.

But Newsom said it's safe to return as the state of nearly 40 million people boasts among the nation's lowest virus transmission rates.

In San Francisco, 80% of eligible city residents have received at least one dose of vaccine, and nearly 70% are fully vaccinated, becoming the first major American city to hit that threshold, Mayor London Breed said Monday.

Newsom spoke in San Francisco, site of one of the six vacation packages offered by various donors through Visit California, the state's nonprofit travel promotion arm.

Others will include Anaheim in Orange County, Los Angeles, San Diego and at a luxury hotel in Palm Springs. Newsom hastily added that he has never visited the luxury hotel, a caveat that comes after he was widely criticized for patronizing an exclusive Napa Valley restaurant during the pandemic.

Goodies in the package include floor seats at an NBA game with the LA Lakers, and tickets to Disneyland, Legoland, SeaWorld and a symphony, he said.

They are among "a series of spectacular items and packages and experiences, including culinary experiences, that really highlight the best of California," Newsom said.

Visit California will also provide each winner with $2,000 in travel money, Newsom said.

Californians who are at least 18 years old who are at least partially vaccinated are eligible for the drawing.

Newsom is also proposing $95 million in state funding to help a hospitality and tourism sector that at one point during the pandemic he said lost nearly half its 1.2 million jobs. The investment could speed the resumption of more than 300,000 jobs within a year, he projected.

Caroline Beteta, president and CEO of Visit California, said California is perceived to be less ready for tourism than other states, in particular Florida, because it enacted more safeguards that Newsom and other officials said were worth it both for the economy and the health of Californians.

She predicted it will take another four years for California to fully recover, particularly because business and convention travel is expected to take more time to return.

Meanwhile, Newsom said he expects California's workplace regulators this week will allow employees to "self-attest" that they have been vaccinated.

Fully vaccinated employees would not need to wear masks under rules to be considered Thursday by the California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board. Newsom said he will then issue an executive order putting those regulations into effect immediately, bypassing a normal 10-day legal review.

The methods of employer verification aren't spelled out in the draft regulations released Friday.

But the board's staff confirmed Monday that employers would have options, including requiring workers to show proof of vaccination; requiring everyone to remain masked, vaccinated or not; or allowing employees to self-attest to their vaccination status, with the employer keeping a record of who self-attests.

"Self-attestation is a necessary option to help businesses — particularly small businesses — avoid getting into the murky waters of attempting to verify vaccinations when workers may have lost their vaccine cards," said Robert Moutrie, a policy advocate at the California Chamber of Commerce.

Monday's new prize announcement adds to a weekslong effort to entice those reluctant to get the vaccines to do so.

Newsom on Tuesday will oversee a drawing where 10 vaccinated people will win $1.5 million each.

That's the same day Newsom is lifting his stay-at-home order and ending most restrictions on businesses, including allowing fully vaccinated people to stop wearing masks under most circumstances.

He said the state began offering the incentives after California and the nation started seeing a decline in the number of first vaccinations. Administered doses increased 13.8% week-over-week since the prize drawings began, he said.

"We are confident these vaccine incentives have worked. That's why we want to continue in that spirit" with the vacation packages, he said.

The prize giveaways, streamed online, have the appearance of game shows, with Newsom as host giving out 30 $50,000 prizes. The state is also giving $50 gift cards to 2 million people who get vaccinated.

Newsom, a Democrat, faces a likely recall election this fall largely driven by his handling of the pandemic, and his

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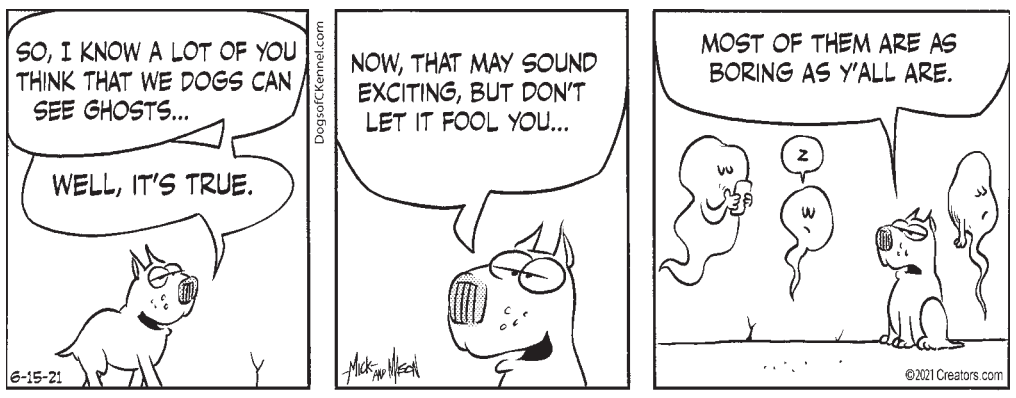
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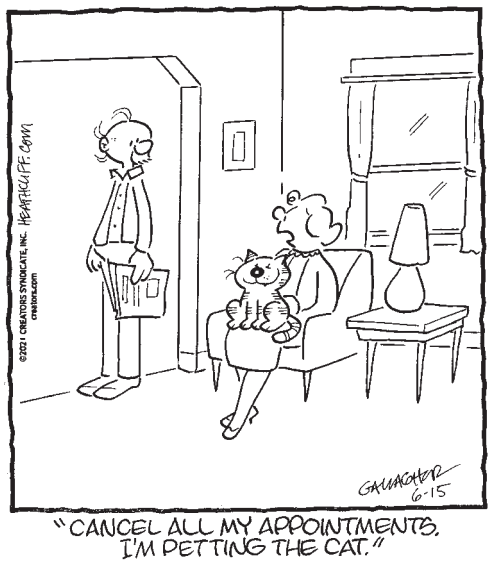
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TUESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
More SSW swell shows, along with peaking NW swell. Light wind likely for the first half of the day with a decent tide push back half of the morning.

WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Small SSW/S swell continues, smaller NW swell eases. AM winds look light. Tide push helps mid day. Points more rideable than previous days with a bit more S running.

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Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 89.
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 87. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JUNE 15)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You don't have to know what to do next to get to a better place. It's time to try a few things out to see what works -- or, more than likely, start eliminating the things that don't work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Keen observation takes practice. How do you know whether you're really paying attention? Devour the moment with your senses. Later, quiz yourself to see what you remember.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your mind has a mind of its own. Certain lines of thought aren't compelling enough to hold you, and others you can't seem to let go of them. Accept your thinking style, even as you nudge yourself toward a desired mindset.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You encounter feelings you can't quite identify. You linger in emotional states that fall in between the ones with names. There is opportunity here. Describe what you're going through, if only to yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Take a rest from the creating, scheming, inventing, plotting and improving; contemplate things as they are. It will be an act of solace, of stillness that is, strangely, also movement.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Normally, you're more collaborative than this. But today, you really don't want people telling you what to do. You feel like you already know, and you're right about that!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're plenty generous with loved ones and community. However, the current arrangement isn't about generosity. The sanctity of a deal depends on everyone holding up their end of the bargain. You'll fight for what's right.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The ideas are flowing, and you have an unencumbered channel of expressing them, too. Be careful who you involve at this tender point in the creative process. Flesh things out on your own first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People offer you excuses. It's not even worth getting into. The art of focusing yourself well will come into play. Bring your mind's eye to what you want, and don't let it get out of your view.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A sensation can be such a slippery thing that you can't even hold it while you're experiencing it, and neither can you recall it with sufficient vividness afterward. Frankly, this is exactly what keeps you coming back.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The force field around you while you are sleeping or in a meditative state is especially powerful. Your dreams will be both vivid and revealing, even though it may take many weeks for the full meaning to come to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Today's highlight is the kind of scene that startles you with its warmth, like the spiritual sunshine that catches you off guard when you're waved at by someone you don't know.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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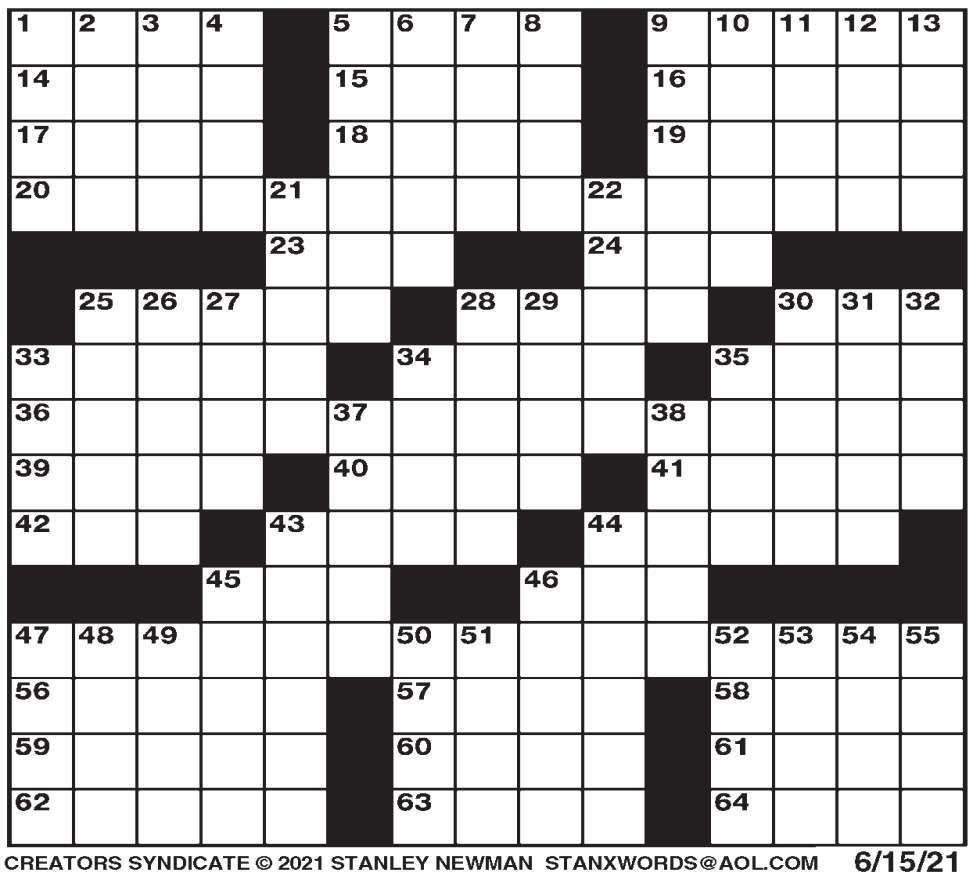
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Round specks
5 Stress-free
9 From Japan, for instance
14 Wickedness
15 Moisturizer ingredient
16 Nervous
17 Tra __ (song syllables)
18 Ghost's greetings
19 Judge's orders
20 Iffy response
23 Small bill
24 Slot-machine lever
25 Constellation components
28 Bulletin-board fastener
30 Ballplayer's headgear
33 Security worker
34 Approximately
35 Boy or man
36 Iffy response
39 Curds and __ (Muffet's meal)
40 Faucet annoyance
41 Not moving
42 Relative
43 Hidden valley
44 In plain sight
45 Luau wreath
46 Sandwich bread
47 Iffy response
56 Rhyme writers
57 Recommend
58 Plug away
59 Make a speech
60 Start a poker pot
61 Historic times
62 Try to prevent
63 Impolite look
64 Nothing more than

DOWN
1 Sandwich shop
2 Egg-shaped
3 Cash drawer
4 Venetian-blind part
5 Log houses
6 Single-handedly
7 Take a peek (at)
8 Flat-topped elevation
9 In one's office
10 Vaccine fluid
11 "What's __ for me?"
12 __ spumante wine
13 Bird's home
21 Large group of people
22 Side order with eggs
25 Japanese fish dish
26 Spoken for
27 Military force
28 Prepare for a contest
29 Take __ (drink slowly)
30 Supply party food for
31 On one's toes
32 Sassy
33 Stare (at)
34 Storybook monster
35 Thick head of hair
37 Speak without notes
38 Exists
43 Old Faithful, for one
44 Seafood in a shell
45 Coffeehouse order
46 Auto-club suggestion
47 Digital music player
48 Pulled apart
49 Venison or veal
50 And others: Abbr.
51 Corn bread
52 List entry
53 Tiresome speaker
54 Untruthful one
55 "So what __ is new?"



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Binary Puzzle

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RENT

FROM PAGE 1

it's not at our discretion," Foster said. "This is actually based on a five-county average of the CPI and is not something that we, as commissioners, decide. It's a mathematical formula that is laid out in our charter, so this amount reflects the average of all of the reasonable operating expenses that most average buildings go through and it has been time-tested over decades of data to show that the formula does in fact reflect most changes."

With nobody signed up for public comment, Commissioner Caroline Torosis said she hopes the public will weigh in on the matter during this month's public hearing. However, not a single resident signed up to speak on the matter before the board approved the $39 cap on June 10.

"Although I'm disappointed that we don't have any public comment today, hopefully by the time we are back together in person, we will have people feeling more comfortable to come speak with us," Torosis said.

Commissioner Nicole Phillis added the Board typically receives a lot of feedback on the matter since it garners a lot of discussion in the community. But with no comments scheduled, she felt it important to share why she's supporting the cap.

"I worry about the young people who are moving into these neighborhoods who won't be able to have a say, and I want renters to always have a stake in our community and to have a voice in our community," Phillis said. "And, obviously, we're coming out of the pandemic. Our economy is uncertain, and I hope that this will allow the renters to stay in their homes, particularly as some of our other rental protections are going to be potentially going away."

Landlords can implement the General Adjustment beginning September 1, so long as they present tenants with proper notice.

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COUNCIL

FROM PAGE 1

city documents.

At the time, Council touted the move to adopt a code of conduct as a first step, but city leaders never returned to shore up the enforcement provisions since they have remained relatively clear of any issues.

But the most recent iteration of Council has had a number of public spats. One notable instance was Himmelrich calling Councilmember Oscar de la Torre a coward following an abstention from the vote on Main Street closures, which occurred just a few hours before Council began discussing the ethics-related agenda item.

"And I have to say, in view of our recent issue with our closed session hiring procedure, I think we need a code of conduct and ethics; most other cities have it. We need a set of rules that are easy to follow and are clean to enforce," Himmelrich said. "So, that's why I'm moving this forward."

Phil Brock agreed that Council should move forward with instituting a more enforceable ethics code.

"I think this is a valuable exercise that will help clarify the ethics rules for City Council since we just had a breach," Brock said. "We need to have clear rules, clear guidelines to follow… And I believe it's good for our Council."

Oscar de la Torre noted some state statutes protect closed session discussions. "And we can't supersede state law," he said, "so I just want to make sure we do that research when crafting an ordinance at the local level."

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POLICE LOG

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Loud Music 20th St / Pico Blvd 8:02 p.m.
Loud Music 20th St / Virginia Ave 8:14 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 3rd St / California Ave 8:23 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper Report 900blk 16th St 8:32 p.m.
Missing Person 800blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:34 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 300blk Colorado Ave 8:54 p.m.
Fight 17th St / Santa Monica Blvd 9:01 p.m.
Loud Music 900blk 11th St 9:12 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 26th St / Broadway 9:13 p.m.
Party Complaint 800blk Maple St 9:37 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Cloverfield Blvd / 26th St 9:47 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 26th St / Olympic Blvd 9:48 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 00blk Seaview Ter 9:53 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1300blk Lincoln Blvd 10:30 p.m.
Fight 2900blk 4th St 10:48 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 300blk Georgina Ave 11:13 p.m.
Loud Music 2000blk Ocean Ave 11:30 p.m.
Fight 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:55 p.m.

VACCINE

FROM PAGE 7

Republican challengers have contended that the prizes are a taxpayer-paid way for him to boost his popularity. However, other governors of both political parties launched similar incentives.

To aid those who must show they have been vaccinated, the state later this week will unveil what Newsom said will be a way for people to show "an electronic version of your paper version" of the vaccine verification card.

"It's not a passport, it's not a requirement," he said, without giving details.

Letter to the Editor

Darrick Jacob — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Response to Gumbel

The last year and a half has been a challenging time for law enforcement agencies around the nation, including the Santa Monica Police Department. Although the events of May 30th and May 31st, 2020 are historic moments in our community, they do not define who we are as a police department or the quality of the women and men who serve our community.

Everyone views the events of May 30th and May 31st in hindsight and through their own lenses. The leadership of the Santa Monica Police Department recognized missteps in its response, and took immediate actions to remedy shortcomings. In the weeks and months following May 31st, the Santa Monica Police Department worked quickly to, among other things, enhance the quality of our intelligence gathering and mutual aid capabilities and formalize our protocols. I am proud of the improvements we have made, and the merits of those enhancements have been demonstrated in our responses to subsequent events within our city. I am confident that this department is well prepared to address any potential challenges that may arise in the future.

The OIR Group's independent evaluation utilized a mixed method methodology for this report including interviews, document and digital review, and community outreach. They came to their own independent conclusions and provided 44 recommendations to the city. I, along with the entire Santa Monica Police Department, will continue to work hand-in-hand with our residents and the newly formed police oversight commission to implement these recommendations, to serve our community with pride, and to keep Santa Monica safe.

Darrick Jacob, Deputy Chief of Police

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