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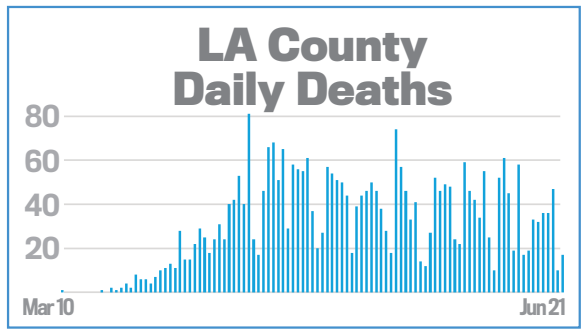
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CORONAVIRUS DEATHS per 100,000

SANTA MONICA	LA COUNTY	CALIFORNIA	USA	WORLDWIDE
28.1	31.0	14.0	36.9	6.0

SMDP Graphic - Data from Johns Hopkins, WHO, LA County Public Health







Samuel Neustadt
PROMENADE LIGHTS: While most of Santa Monica's Pride events were canceled due to the pandemic, DTSM has hung colored lights over the street to mark the month.



SMMUSD to present three potential models for reopening in the Fall

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

In an effort to receive input and share information on three prospective classroom learning models for next school year, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education will hold a series of virtual town hall-style meetings in the coming weeks.

Superintendent Ben Drati said prior to summer vacation that Malibu and Santa Monica students will begin the Fall 2020 semester on August 20, however he and district officials are unsure what school will exactly look like when it returns in the Fall.

"I realize many people want a definitive answer as to what school will look like," Drati said, sharing the best answer he could give based on the most presently available information is SMMUSD will most likely provide a combination of distance learning and an on-campus experience. "Our goal is to keep our students and staff safe and healthy (physically and mentally) while maintaining excellent teaching and learning."

In a letter to parents Friday, SMMUSD staff said the district has since developed three possible models for reopening based on health guidelines, parent and staff survey results and the district's available resources.

But before coming to a decision, SMMUSD would first like to receive feedback from Santa Monica elementary school community members on June 30 at 6 p.m., Santa Monica secondary school

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Health Director received death threats over Covid response

MATTHEW HALL
SMDP Editor

The woman leading Los Angeles County's fight against Coronavirus has received death threats over her actions but Dr. Barbara Ferrer said the ugly behavior will not change how the county approaches the health crisis.

Ferrer, the Director of Public Health for Los Angeles County, released a statement Monday describing the first instance as occurring on Facebook.

"In my case, the death threats started last month, during a COVID-19 Facebook Live public briefing when someone very casually suggested that I should be shot. I didn't immediately see the message, but my husband did, my children did, and so did my colleagues," she said.

She said these threats have been levied against public health officials across the country and one reason she took a prominent role in the public emergency was to shield other employees from these kind of attacks.

"It is deeply worrisome to

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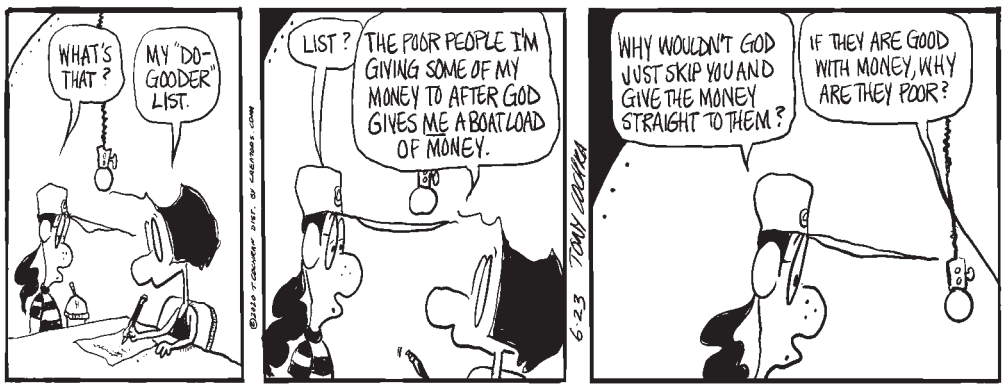



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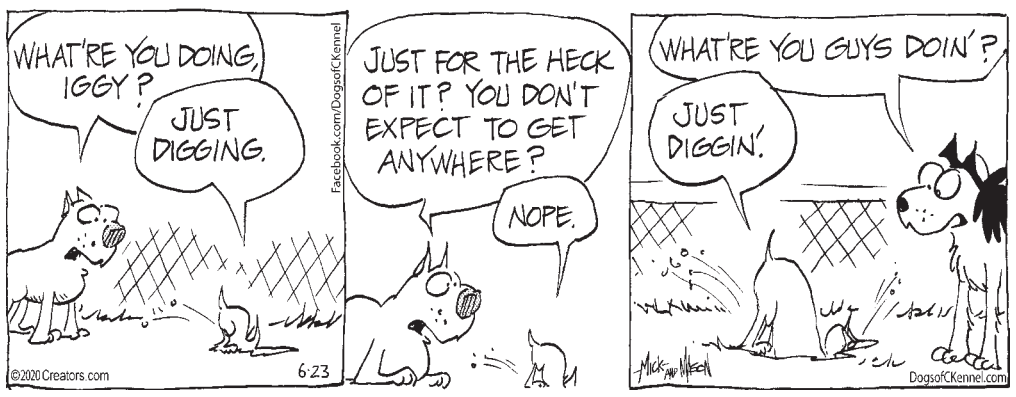
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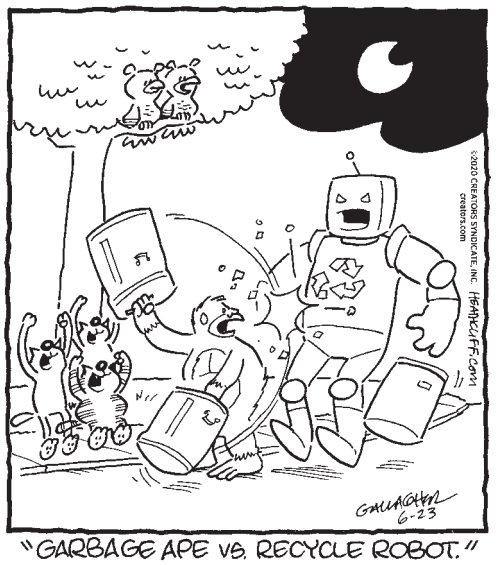
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 66.2°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
SSW swell peaks. Small NW windswell mixing in.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
SSW swell holds. Small NW windswell mixing in.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 73.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after midnight. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 62.
Wednesday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 71.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.
Thursday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 71.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 71.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/06/23	Tue	05:57 AM	-0.90	L
2020/06/23	Tue	12:42 PM	3.64	H
2020/06/23	Tue	4:53 PM	2.54	L
2020/06/23	Tue	11:08 PM	6.05	H
2020/06/24	Wed	06:40 AM	-0.78	L
2020/06/24	Wed	1:31 PM	3.73	H
2020/06/24	Wed	5:48 PM	2.64	L
2020/06/24	Wed	11:55 PM	5.72	H
2020/06/25	Thu	07:24 AM	-0.55	L
2020/06/25	Thu	2:23 PM	3.89	H
2020/06/25	Thu	6:54 PM	2.71	L
2020/06/26	Fri	12:50 AM	5.23	H
2020/06/26	Fri	08:11 AM	-0.21	L
2020/06/26	Fri	3:17 PM	4.16	H
2020/06/26	Fri	8:17 PM	2.65	L
2020/06/27	Sat	01:56 AM	4.63	H
2020/06/27	Sat	09:03 AM	0.20	L
2020/06/27	Sat	4:09 PM	4.54	H

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POWERBALL
Draw Date:06/20
10 31 41 63 67
Power#: 5
Jackpot:33 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 06/19
11 34 36 52 66
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 35 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 06/20
7 13 15 25 30
Mega#: 13
Jackpot: 17 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 06/21
7 10 15 29 38

Daily 3
Draw Date: 06/21
Evening: 4 9 3
Draw Date: 06/21
Midday: 2 9 5

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 06/21
1st: 09 - WINNING SPIRIT
2nd: 04 - BIG BEN
3rd: 07 - EUREKA
RACE TIME: 1:43.63

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Your cosmic birthday gift is raw, unadulterated drive. You know what you want. Your motivation is so high that whatever might have stopped you before will no longer be an issue. You will have all the support you desire. There's frivolous fun that turns into a lucrative venture. You've an excellent sense for investing. Aries and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 2, 10 and 15.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Relationships heal with awareness. Knowing what you're feeling is stage one, and then things really come together as you get better at recognizing what's going on with others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In the past, there have been times when certain people took advantage of your soft heart. Now you're a little more guarded but not jaded. Compassion is still your best guide.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Usually, the calm comes before the storm, but today, the order will be reversed. The excitement will hit without warning, followed by a calm that stretches for hours beyond.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You know the emotional landscape and aren't afraid of fluctuations. Highs and lows only bring out the best in you, as they help you come to an understanding of the situation that otherwise wouldn't be possible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The road of love isn't always smooth, so you have to celebrate the times like right now, when love is bringing you comfort and excitement without asking for too much in return.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Everything in your life serves a purpose but not always an obvious one. When you want something for no apparent reason, perhaps the reason is primal, soul deep, or it belongs to a future known only to your intuition.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Listening well is easier within set parameters. Be judicious. Sure, people need to be heard. But you're not the only one in the world assigned to the work of listening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Neatness is not the same as style, but when things are neat, clean and organized, it is easier to see your way to choices that could lift the scene to a stylish level.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The surprising and silly things that happen are what make a good story. You can't force such things, but when you're open to them, they tend to land in your life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll enjoy your time alone even more than usual, recognizing the stellar features of your own company. It's so much easier to be a good friend to others when you're first a good friend to yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). "Someday" doesn't really exist, and that is why it never shows up. There is only today. As you make your plans and act on them, you'll line up something solid for a future "today."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're warm and welcoming, and people will be disarmed by your lack of pretension. You don't have to worry about earning respect. You'll have it automatically.

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.

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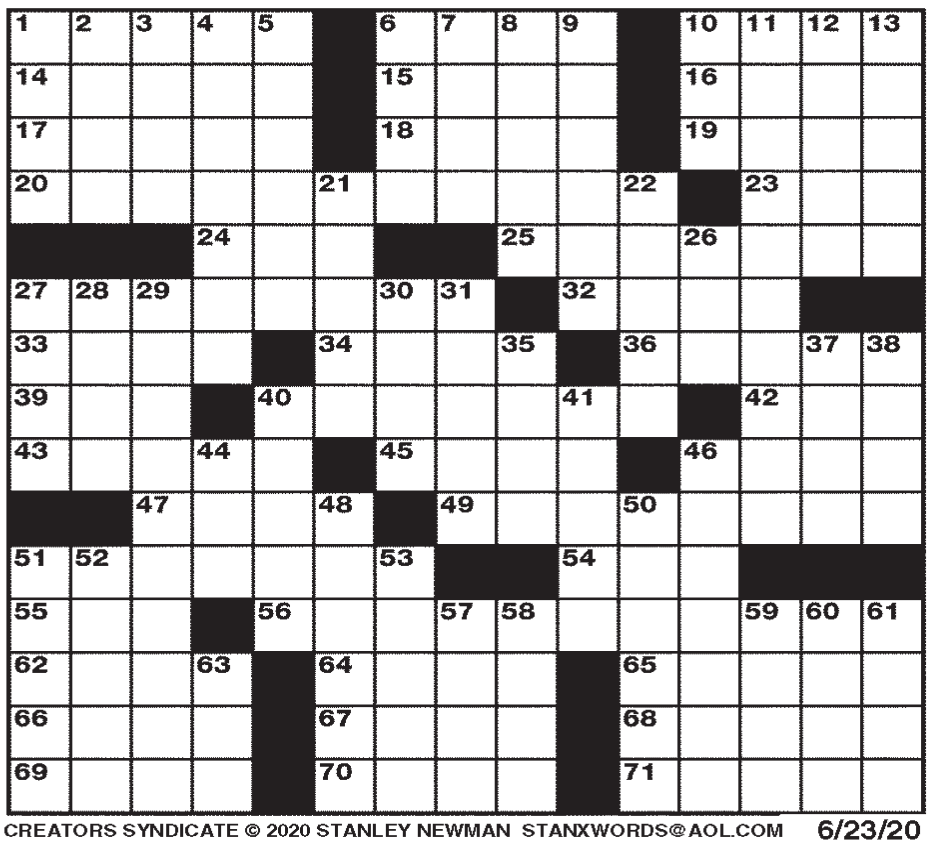
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2	8	5	3	6	9	1	4	7
9	6	3	4	7	1	5	8	2

Newsday Crossword

THE ANIMAL'S by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Coins and Frisbees
6 Sheet to fill out
10 Actor Alda
14 Consumed eagerly
15 Black-and-white cookie
16 Farm tower
17 Ringo of the Beatles
18 "No ifs, __ or buts"
19 Call from an owl
20 Reliable source
23 SSW opposite
24 __ de Cologne
25 Holy
27 "Let's shake on that"
32 Talks on and on and on
33 Soup can damage
34 "Darn it!"
36 Lake near Reno
39 Timeline segment
40 China pieces on saucers
42 Noah's vessel
43 Pal, in Puerto Rico
45 Alpha, __, gamma . . .
46 Family diagram
47 Conclude a plane flight
49 Woman's summer garment
51 Motivate to act
54 Poor grade
55 Atlas page
56 Something great, in the Roaring Twenties
62 Anthem beginning
64 Horse-stopping shout
65 Easy __ (simple)
66 Front of a clock
67 Jar tops
68 Shout like "Ta-da!"
69 Went by plane
70 Shout like "Shoo!"
71 Beneath

DOWN
1 100-yard race
2 "I gotta hand __ you . . ."
3 Brown quickly
4 Attack with oaths
5 Butter or mayo
6 Cappuccino froth
7 Yes-__ question
8 Edit a soundtrack
9 Nearly all
10 Hibachi residue
11 Biggest portion
12 Leave well enough __
13 Jotted down
21 Soft leather
22 Warms up in the oven
26 Health __ (place to get a massage)
27 Creative thought
28 Semester
29 Very slow speed
30 Typical Saudi
31 Shoestrings
35 Ballerina's skirt
37 Rocks taken from mines
38 __ out a living (barely manages)
40 Pick-me-up drink
41 Black-and-white bear
44 Empty space
46 Traitor's crime
48 Speaks slowly
50 "Done that before" feeling
51 "Gotta go now"
52 Twangy
53 Moral code
57 Any fizzy drink
58 Bygone time
59 Hotel room cleaner
60 Well-skilled
61 Lasting mark
63 Tree that sounds like "you"



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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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Boya	Harvey	Nacre	Tour
Bush	Isolated	Ocean	Trips
Cafes	Jarrah	Old Mill	Warm
Cliffs	Jetty	Ord River	West
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THREATS

FROM PAGE 1

imagine that our hardworking infectious disease physicians, nurses, epidemiologists and environmental health specialists or any of our other team members would have to face this level of hatred," she said.

She said her office had previously issued a "no comment" statement on the question of threats but she decided to issue a statement acknowledging the situation after confirming the threats to NPR.

She said health officials understood the anger and frustration felt by people impacted by restrictions on movement or economic activity but that public health officials were acting in the best interest of the entire county.

"Our job and our calling is to keep as many people as safe as possible during this pandemic," she said. "We did not create this virus. We come into work every single day prepared to do our very best, prepared to work with everyone, with all of our partners, to try to continue to contain this pandemic and to try to continue to minimize the loss of life. And while frustration boils over in our communities as people are done with this virus, this virus is not done with us."

Her statements were issued during the first weekly briefing provided by the county. Officials were providing daily updates for the first few months of the crisis and they recently pulled back to three briefings per week. Starting this week, the county is providing one weekly briefing to accompany what will be daily emails with updates about case counts and recovery measurements.

The county confirmed 18 new deaths and 2,571 new cases of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Monday. Thirteen people who died were over the age of 65 years old and four people who died were between the ages of 41 and 65 years old. Seventeen people had underlying health conditions including nine people over the age of 65 years old and four people between the ages of 41 to 65 years old. One death was reported by Pasadena.

Officials said that despite a growing number of positive cases, hospitalizations remained steady with enough capacity to handle future cases.

"The number of new cases of COVID-19 requiring care in our hospitals, each day remains constant and has been constant now for several weeks in terms of the hospital system, the number of hospital beds and the number of ventilators in Los Angeles County appears to be adequate to meet the projected demand for those services for caring for COVID-19 patients over the next four weeks," said Dr. Christina Ghaly Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. "The number of ICU beds is somewhat more limited. In part this is because of our increased need to take care of patients who are showing up for care who have conditions and illnesses and injuries, other than COVID-19."

Officials said the standing advice regarding hand washing, social distancing and wearing a mask remains in place but Ferrer said she hoped more conversation would occur about rebounding as a community.

"We would love for the discourse to shift and for us to really spend our time talking about how together we make our way through our recovery journey and we all work together to save lives," said Ferrer.

Santa Monica had 360 cases as of Monday.

LEARNING

FROM PAGE 1

community members on July 1 at 6 p.m., and Malibu school community members on July 7 at 6 p.m., according to the letter.

During the upcoming virtual meetings, district staff is expected to present the results of a recent parent and staff survey, while also walking attendees through the rationale and details associated with the three potential models for reopening schools.

The letter states Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati will share the three models in a letter in advance of the meetings, but State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond and the California Department of Education recently released new guide for school districts who are preparing to return to classes. In the guide, Thurmond and state officials suggest a number of detailed adaptations that schools can make to accommodate students' return.

Additional details regarding the structure of SMMUSD's town hall meetings will be shared next week, according to staff. Local residents will have the ability to submit questions ahead of the town hall meetings. And the agendas for these three town hall meetings will be posted on the district's website along with a Zoom link that will allow residents to access each meeting.

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Abandon the Plaza

If you live or work in Santa Monica, your heart might be feeling more than a bit anxious, concerned and even wounded by all that has happened in our beautiful city these past few months.

The pandemic was bad enough… then just when our shuttered businesses and economy were starting to reopen, throngs of angry people attacked our city, looting and damaging hundreds of businesses, virtually unabated, as we and the world watched it all unfold on our televisions.

Both events have left huge scars… the HEART of our city is wounded… but TONIGHT, your City Council has the chance to make a decision that will help heal and the very heart of our city.

TONIGHT the Council must reject the construction of a huge, 11-story hotel, retail, office, housing complex at 4th, 5th and Arizona ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, and work to create an urban oasis of true, ground-level park space in the HEART of Downtown.

Last Thursday, at a Special Meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission, our first since the pandemic, the Commission voted unanimously for the third time in four years to urge the Council to:

1) Abandon negotiations with the developer,

2) Build a true public park on public land at the site, and

3) Direct staff to explore ways a public-private partnership might raise the money for a park and the underground parking garage that could help pay for it.

Here's why:

—The "Plaza Project" is too big for the site and will dwarf everything around it.

—The land this huge hotel would be built on is PUBLIC PROPERTY, paid for by you.

—Most residents will NEVER stay in this hotel or be able to afford the cost of even a single night there.

—The current deal is a bad deal and calls for a 99-year lease for a mega-project on PUBLIC property in exchange for a few million dollars a year in tax revenue.

—The city does NOT have a completed "deal" yet with the developer. What they HAD was an "Exclusive Negotiating Agreement" or "ENA" which expired a year after it was signed several years ago and for good reason: The project was a bad idea then when it and is even worse now. It is NOT a "done" deal, despite what the developer says. A "done deal" is bit like a marriage. An ENA is essentially a "promise ring." It's not the same thing. And it expired years ago.

—Tourism revenues have cratered since the pandemic. They'd been flattening for years even before the coronavirus hit. Retailers big and small are leaving our city daily. The promenade is a ghost town. Many businesses are boarded up and will never return. Vacancies were already common along such streets as Main and Montana. So why would our Council vote to continue the same outdated strategies in pursuit of tourism dollars when so many other hotels in the city are hurting? Our reputation as a safe tourist destination was already declining due to rising crime and the negative perceptions of widespread homelessness. Then images of violence and looting circled the world for all to see. Try putting THAT in a "Visit Santa Monica" ad.

—There is not a single acre of park space in the official 'Downtown' area bordered by Wilshire Blvd. and the 10 Freeway, Ocean Ave. and Lincoln Blvd. Not one. By any standard of measurement, we are a park-poor city, especially north of Colorado and especially Downtown.

—A new park at 4/5/AZ would be in the very center of our Downtown. Other cities have them. Other cities have created them. Why not us? This may be our only chance for generations to create a central park that will serve generations of people long after we're gone.

—The project provides very little ground-level "open space" on such a huge site. Even the ice-skating rink area will be smaller. The developer claims there will be ample public space on "plazas" at various levels of the hotel, but they will never be truly public space and will also be used for hotel events.

Our job as Parks Commissioners is to guide and advise Council on matters relating to parks and recreation. We first did this in 2017 when the Downtown Community Plan was being debated. We called for 2/3 of the site to be devoted to ground-level park space, leaving room for affordable housing and/or a smaller hotel.

That same week I wrote an editorial urging Council to consider a park, and buy the old Post Office and turn it into a City Hall Annex, instead of the $140 million dollar building that now sits behind City Hall. A new park in the heart of our city, across the street from a repurposed Post Office City Hall North would have gone a long way toward putting some "community" into the "Downtown Community Plan."

The Council did not listen.

In 2019 our Commission tried again, advocating for a park as part of the EIR process for the hotel project.

Then came Thursday's Commission vote. 7-0, for a park, our third such vote in four years. At a meeting city staff at first refused to let us hold. At a meeting we had to lobby hard for to get the item on the agenda.

Our City has made many decisions over the past few years. And I will not debate the merits of the ones already made. But I will say this: The mistakes are starting to add up. And it would be a HUGE MISTAKE to grant a developer a 99-year lease and the right to build a mega-hotel project on PUBLIC LAND in the heart of our city.

Many resident groups and residents will be at tonight's Council meeting, virtually asking the Council to finally make the right decision and devote public land to the public, instead of some big developer.

Please join us tonight. Send the council your thoughts in a short email. Developers and attorneys will be cued up and ready with talking points, blathering on about how great the project will be for our city.

They are wrong, and the council will be as well if they approve this project.

We can stop it in an election year if enough of us raise our collective voices loud enough. We can finally create a public park in the HEART of our city that people will enjoy long after we're gone.

It's the right decision. Your Santa Monica Recreation and Parks Commission has made that right decision and advised the Council three times now.

Urge the Council to make the right one tonight and tell them you won't vote for them if they don't.

Maybe they'll finally listen.

John C. Smith, Former Chair & current member, Santa Monica Recreation and Parks Commission

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Profiles in courage. Santa Monica residents and friends demanded justice for George Floyd and the countless racist murders and harassments of Black people by law enforcement. They were met with an unconstitutional attack by Santa Monica Police, in "**the travesty of 5/31**," who fired tear gas and rubber bullets without warning and prior to curfew.

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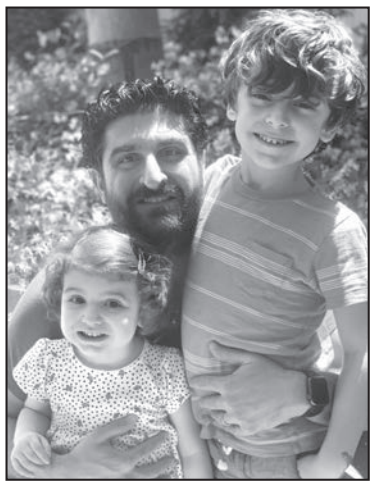
Cowardice in profile. L to R: Chief Cynthia Renaud, Interim City Manager Lane Dilg, and Ceremonial Mayor Kevin McKeown pose for cameras on June 4. The day before, in her first media interview after the mayhem, **Dilg said SMPD deserves "an A" for its response on May 31** -- which included unprovoked violence toward demonstrators while our business district was overrun by criminal looters.

Kevin McKeown, Gleam Davis:
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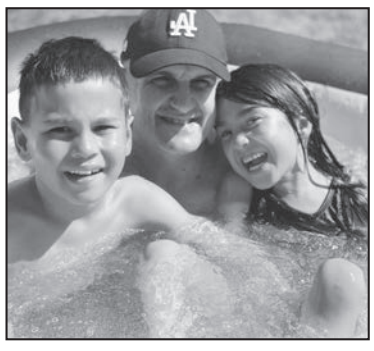


Each June we feature dads with their children. Harout Derassoyan is on our cover once again, with daughter Claire and son Noubar.



Eddie Guerboian, left, poses proudly with his son, Avo, and his year-old son, Edward. Edward is Eddie's first grandchild.

Saluting Our Dads During the Month of June



Here's Mike Litvack cooling off with his seven-year-old twins, Jackson and Rosalyn.



Ross Furukawa ran the L.A. Marathon in March with his daughters, Maya and Jade.



Timur Berberoglu, right, recalls fond days in the Italian countryside with his children, Candan, left and Deren, center.



Former Santa Monica Police Department Captain Alex Padilla, left, with son Miguel, daughter Priscilla, son Alejandro, wife Stella, and their dog, Kobe.

Each year we publish photos of dads with their children in the June issue. You may recognize some of the same families from last year.

I wish there was more room for photos and the stories that go with them. Have a wonderful Father's Day holiday with your family.

--***D.M.***

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Meals on Wheels West: More Vital Than Ever

By Anne Wallentine

Many businesses have had to scale back since the pandemic started – but Meals on Wheels West has seen significant growth. "We're serving more people than we ever have," says Chris Baca, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels West (MOWW).

The nonprofit, which delivers meals and supports services for independent living, has seen a 45% growth in clients since the pandemic began. Their client bases have doubled in Venice and the Pacific Palisades, and increased in the other areas they serve: Santa Monica, Marina del Rey, and Malibu.

People are often surprised to learn that the nonprofit has so many clients in these areas, but Chris notes, "There's hidden hunger, even in the most affluent communities." Chris suggests checking in with neighbors during social distancing when people have less visibility. "You can enroll a neighbor in the Meals on Wheels program," he says, and "just knowing your neighbors goes a long way."

Meals on Wheels West "is not just for seniors," Chris explains. The service also supports people who live with mental and physical health issues, those who face difficult economic circumstances, and veterans of all ages.

Many who use the service are part of the populations to whom the coronavirus poses the most risk. "People see Meals on Wheels as one of the frontline responders," Chris says. Since March, Meals on Wheels West has hired additional staff and gone from one to five suppliers to accommodate both the increased demand and changes in the supply chain. Where they used to provide only hot meals, they now provide hot, frozen, and shelf-stable meals, as well as meal-replacement shakes. They have also partnered with the Westside Food Bank to provide emergency boxes of groceries.

The pandemic has changed how Meals on Wheels West operates. They have gone from delivering five days a week to three days in order to minimize points of contact. "We've taken really strong preventive measures and are very careful to protect our clients and volunteers," Chris describes. They have also instituted rigorous cleaning and social distancing procedures, providing masks and gloves to their staff and volunteers.

"We couldn't do this without the support of the community and volunteers," Chris adds, citing the influx of support they have received during the pandemic. "The City of Santa Monica, Providence Saint John's Health Center, foundations, and companies have helped us cover the costs of these many new clients." Volunteers from several tech companies, including Google, Amazon, and Snap, have also joined in to conduct "phone wellness checks" twice a week. The calls provide a personal check-in for homebound clients to augment the delivery service and refer them to other resources if needed.

To provide all of these vital services, Chris says, "I'm lucky to have a great staff and wonderful support." To learn more about donating or volunteering, visit www.mealsonwheelswest.org.



Santa Monica Rotarian Monika White explains her decision to become a volunteer. "Here I am, about to walk up the driveway to deliver food for a couple who are Meals on Wheels West clients. My husband Roger and I deliver meals once a week and also make telephone reassurance calls to some of their clients twice a week. MOWW has established a safe method for picking up and delivering the food, and the meals and the phone calls are very welcomed by the clients. I knew that MOWW is always in need of volunteers and thought this would be a good time to help out."

Do You Recognize These Neighborhood Celebrities?

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Brain Matters

Stress, Isolation, and Risk of Drug or Alcohol Relapse



By Dr. Keith Heinzerling

The worldwide coronavirus pandemic and the resulting widespread social distancing and stay-at-home orders may be a source of significant stress and social isolation for some people.

Those with drug or alcohol problems may be particularly susceptible to the potential negative effects of stress and isolation, which may increase the risk of relapse. Studies show that stress is a trigger for relapse to drug or alcohol use via actions of the stress hormone corticotropin-releasing factor acting on the brain's reward system.

So, what can people with drug or alcohol problems do while socially distancing themselves to reduce the risk of relapse?

One suggestion is to seek out and schedule regular social interactions with sober friends and family. Feeling lonely or bored has long been recognized by self-help programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) as triggers for relapse. Although in-person self-help meetings are not possible now, online meetings and support were already available from AA (aa-intergroup.org) and SMART Recovery (www.smartrecovery.org/community) prior to the pandemic.

In addition, telemedicine options for connecting with your doctor and/or therapist are now much more accessible due to changes in regulations caused by the pandemic.

Another suggestion, which is often recommended as part of any treatment plan for a drug or alcohol problem, is to avoid long stretches of idle time. Try to keep a regular schedule for going to bed and getting up, and use a calendar to schedule healthy activities throughout the day – such as talking on the phone or video conferencing with family or friends – to avoid lapsing into boredom. Light exercise, yoga, or meditation may also help to relieve stress.

Keeping alcohol use to the minimum and avoiding drug use will help to keep you and your immune system as healthy as possible. But, that may not be possible for all people. If you do use drugs or alcohol in these times, social distancing and isolation may increase the risk of fatal overdose.

Never use drugs or alcohol alone and know that combining drugs and alcohol, especially opioids and benzodiazepines, increases the risk of accidental overdose. Naloxone or Narcan (https://tinyurl.com/read-narcan) nasal spray is available from pharmacies without a prescription in many states, including California, and can be administered by a lay person to reverse an opioid overdose. But, if no one is there to witness an overdose, there will be no one to administer Narcan and call 911 for help.

Again, the safest path is to avoid drug and alcohol use during these times, but if you do use, do not use alone, and follow the CDC's recommendations (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html): wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, keep a distance between yourself and other people, avoid close contact with people who are sick, and clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.

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Paws and Claws

A Rabbit's Disease



By Dr. Frank Lavac MS, DVM,VCA

Q: What is Rabbit Hemorrhage Disease?

A: Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHD) is a fatal disease in rabbits caused by Calicivirus (not Coronavirus). It affects both wild and domesticated rabbits. It has been rare in the U.S. with episodic outbreaks over the past 20 years. With the current outbreak, it has been found in Colorado, Texas, Arizona and Nevada. Most recently, cases have been found in wild rabbits in the Palm Springs area.

The incubation period is one to five days. It causes fever, anorexia, lethargy, and spontaneous bleeding, and even death. It is NOT contagious to people. Rabbits acquire the virus through ingestion, inhalation, or through wounds. It persists in the environment for several months. Keep your rabbits indoors and restrict visitors to your rabbits. Vaccines are available outside the U.S., and we are attempting to see if the USDA will allow us to import the vaccine.

Dr. Frank Lavac can be reached by calling 310-828-4587.

Planning Ahead

Estate Plan Signing While Safer at Home



By Lisa C. Alexander, Esq.

Even before the coronavirus pandemic, California has not kept up with electronic execution of Wills and other Estate Planning documents. And, while emergency orders in a handful of states now permit a notary to acknowledge a document without an in-person meeting with the signer, California is not one of them. Excuse the pun, but California Estate Planning attorneys live by the adage "where there's a 'Will,' there's a way!"

In California, your Will must still be personally signed. You cannot sign a Will by DocuSign or other e-signature method. You cannot type out a Will on your computer, phone, or iPad without printing it out and signing it. And, unless the Will is written in your own handwriting, it must also be signed by two witnesses. Some states require a Will to be notarized, but not in California – we still need two witnesses.

Although it is standard practice to have a Trust and many other Estate Planning documents notarized, there are only a few documents that require a notary to be effective. For example, there is no legal requirement that a Trust be notarized. Compare a Durable Power of Attorney using the statutory form (the form most commonly used and recognized) which must be notarized. Note that a Durable Power of Attorney other than the statutory form is valid with two signatures. An Advance Health Care Directive can be notarized, but if a notary is not available, it is valid with two signatures instead. Other documents that require a notary are Deeds and Certifications of Trust.

Finding a notary or even obtaining two witnesses can be a challenge under current circumstances. Estate Planning attorneys are finding "work arounds" to assist their clients with proper execution. Signings are happening with face masks and gloves at "Safe

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Byte by Byte

Boost School and Skills with Tech Tools



By Miceala Shocklee

With the necessity of stay-at-home procedures continuing and the future of what school will look like come fall still uncertain, parents (and people in general) are ever on the lookout for at-home educational opportunities. Technology can be a time sink, but it can also be a school and skill boost. If your well of inspiration is running dry, try checking out the following sites for ideas on how to teach yourself and those around you.

• **Coursera** - From computer science to psychology to business to climate change, Coursera has thousands of free courses available from universities, independent expert lecturers, and even major names in industry teaching introductory to advanced-level university courses. Some courses provide certificates of completion at the end. Some courses can be done at whatever pace the student chooses, while some are done on a more scheduled basis. To explore options, visit: www.coursera.org.

• **Masterclass** - The Masterclass set-up capitalizes on the appeal of celebrity instruction. Students can delve into topics under the instruction of major names like Jane Gooddall on conservation, Neil deGrass Tyson on scientific thinking and communication, Judy Bloom on writing, or Wolfgang Puck on cooking. Classes can be done at the student's own pace, but accessing some courses does require a membership. To find out about free trials and membership options, visit: www.masterclass.com.

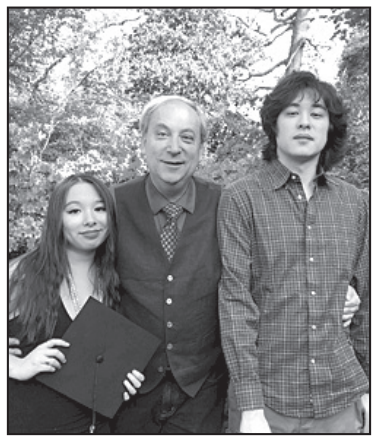
• **Khan Academy** - Whereas Coursera and Masterclass are often more targeted towards adult independent learners, non-profit Khan Academy has material suitable for learners of all ages. From elementary school math and reading to ACT and LSAT prep, Khan Academy is touted for its concise videos breaking down topics in straightforward, memorable ways. To see what resources Khan Academy has for your learning objectives, visit: khanacademy.org.

• **Duolingo** - Available online and as a smartphone app, Duolingo is a treasure trove of learning opportunities. Duolingo offers instruction in languages from around the world for all levels of learners. The site also offers online language learning communities, story features to aid in language processing, and even podcasts in other languages. The site and app are free to use, and offer bonus and ad-free features with a subscription. To get started on learning another language, go to: duolingo.com.

• **Youtube** - Of course, there's always the vast resource that is Youtube. Good not just for cat videos and general distraction, Youtube also has a wealth of educational resources. Many universities have their own channels, and experts from most fields have information and instructional videos (whether that's how-to or how-not-to). If sheltering in place has led to Youtube binging becoming a part of your routine, try switching out one of your usual videos with an education one every five "fun" videos, or every hour, depending on your schedule.

Dr. Miceala Shocklee, is a Caltech alumna and graduate of the University of Edinburgh veterinary school. Her reporting interests include the intersection of science, technology, conservation, and the written word.

Saluting More Dads



Halley Sun Stubis, who just graduated from the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University, is with her dad, Mark Stubis, and brother, MIT grad and Johns Hopkins graduate student Keaton Stubis.



Chuck Husting, center, shares that "My older son, Peter, (right), is in the music business. My younger son, Conor is an actor who has been in two Netflix TV shows. Conor is 20 years old. Peter is 22. I am a lucky father. They are wonderful human beings and always fun to be with."

Selling Your Items Online, Part 3

By Mark Presky

This is a continuation of my *Selling Online Part 2* discussion which ran in the April 2020 issue.

Now, you've gotten your item cleaned up (and functioning, if applicable), and you have nice photos that show off your sale item. For most sales platforms like Craigslist and Nextdoor, you may want to use smaller file sized photos, say in the 100-400 kilobyte (kb) range. That way, they'll upload into the listing/ad faster. For eBay, you'll want much larger file sizes for your photos, and to be careful about following eBay's stricter background guidelines.

Most digital cameras today take larger sized photos, e.g. about two to five megabytes (MB), but there are several ways to reduce the file sizes of your photos to 100-400 kilobytes (kb) each (1000 kilobytes = 1 megabyte).

Remember my May 2020 column on using Google? This might be a good time to try using Google.com. I'm able to send photos from my iPhone to my laptop computer, and when I do, the phone asks me for the photo file size that I'd like to send. But, there are many ways to adjust photo file sizes.

If you are not able to do this on your own or by using Google, you might try the free Picmonkey.com program, or just ask someone. Call customer service where you bought your smartphone or camera, or just ask a family member or friend for help. Once you learn this essentially simple procedure, you'll be on your way and will be able to teach it to another friend or neighbor who will be impressed with your tech skills.

Finally, reduce the number of photos you're posting down from 12 to three. The number of photos each platform allows is different. Craigslist allows up to 24 photos. Although you do want to show lots of detail, and to include several item angles (including the bottom), pick the best photos that show off your item, but that still disclose the defects (e.g. scratches).

You don't want the potential buyer to drive all the way over to your place, or to where you're meeting them, only to have them be disappointed in the condition of the item and walk away.

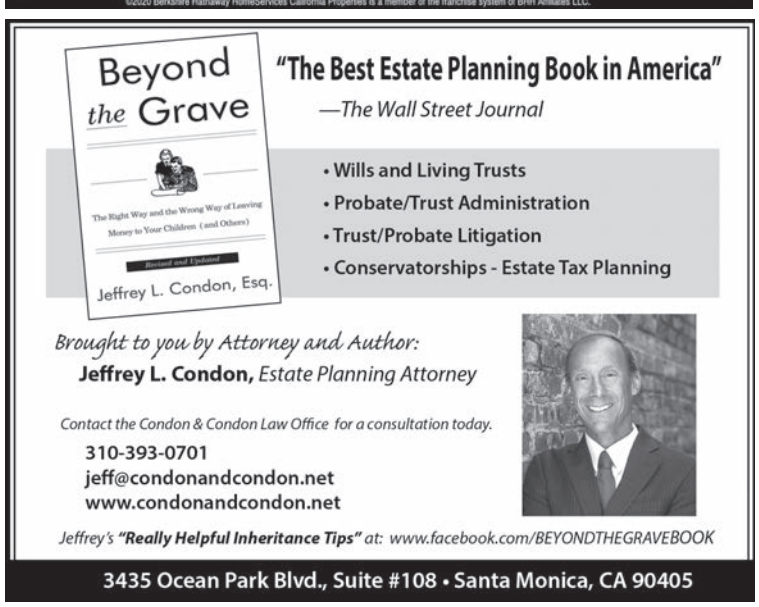
That's all on photos for now. Next time in *Selling Online*, I'll cover information to watch out for, such as fraud and discourteous potential buyers.

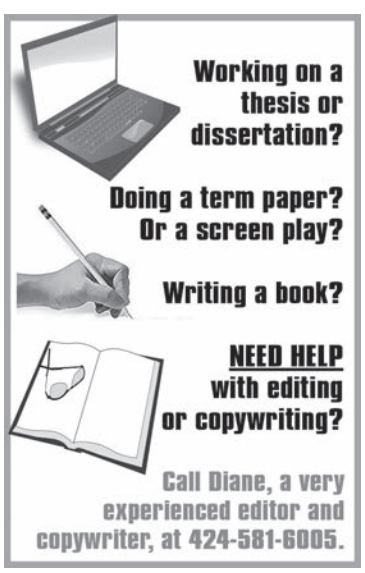
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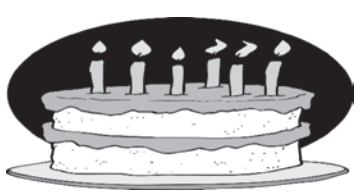
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Happy June Birthdays to:

David Rosenfeld, David Trachtenberg, Michael Margolin, Wendy Navin, Sharon Gavin, Frances McDormand, Rick Mateus, Thelma Daar, Rose Mann, Eric Schmitter, Marv Levin, Chris Baca, Brandon Murray, John Dravillas, Pat Bofird, Eric Jorgensborg, Steve Rosell, Bernadette Lucier, Clara Wright, Rufus Baker, Julia Abbott, Jeff Jarow, Charles Haskell, Elise Martin, Matt Lehman, and Ruth Sperber

Local Realtors Keep the Personal Touch ... From a Social Distance

By Anne Wallentine

Realtors Chuck Husting and Christina Jhun Hopkins have been business partners for 11 years. "We have a great time together," Chuck says, because "we complement each other." Christina brings practicality, organization, and discipline to the table, while Chuck is interested in the many aspects involved of the sale.

Both realtors are L.A. transplants: Christina was born in South Korea, and Chuck is originally from Chicago. Like most of L.A.'s non-native species, they are now firmly rooted here. Each has lived on the Westside for almost 30 years.

The partners cover a "broad spectrum" of residential properties across the Westside from Santa Monica to Westwood, and Malibu to Playa del Rey. Despite their differing approaches, Chuck and Christina agree that one of the best parts of their business is building a rapport with clients. "Each client ends up becoming like our family," Christina says. They keep the needs and comfort of their clients in mind when they meet them.

They "cherish" getting to know the community that surrounds each property, from owners to staff, as well as the "uniqueness" of each home. "Every property has [a] sort of romance to it," Chuck notes. "It's usually a new chapter in somebody's life when they're buying a new home. And, it's a big deal."

Christina's previous experience as a pianist also affects their approach to selling homes. She likens the effort and coordination of setting up an open house to the process of preparing for a performance. "In both cases," she says, "it's a big accomplishment."

Though there has been a "pause" in the market, the partners don't see COVID-19 as ultimately changing the way the real estate market functions. "We still think it's about people coming to a house and seeing it," Chuck says. "It's about people taking the proper steps of precaution as opposed to virtual tours," he adds, acknowledging that "I'm not talking the way the big buzz is at present." Though camera and video technology have vastly improved, Chuck says, "Pictures can be deceiving. They just don't necessarily relate the true feel of a space." Christina agrees. "We still need to show – human to human."

The COVID-19 pandemic has created a period with "not much inventory" and "pent-up demand," according to Chuck, although "we're just starting to see momentum come back" in the local market. While he acknowledges that the long-term is hard to predict, Chuck sees the Westside as "different than other areas, because we have a lot of momentum with tech as it continues to combine with entertainment." Not to mention – although he does – "the weather, the ocean, and the amenities" inherent to the area.

To learn more about these special local realtors, visit www.chuckandchristina.com.



Teen Scene

All About AP Exams

By Julia Abbott

If you know a high schooler, they have probably just finished their AP Exams. AP Exams are internationally administered exams in a variety of subjects for college credit.

This year, AP Exams were administered online. Of course, this came with a variety of challenges. Cheating was a concern, as it was expected that many kids would pay tutors to take the exams for them. In fact, quite a few kids are expected to have done this.

However, I speak from my own personal experience when I say that these online exams were very, very difficult in a different way. Although makeup exams are offered in June, in some of the subjects, tests were whittled down. For AP European History, we only did a fourth of what we would have done normally. We were given only 45 minutes to write a very long essay. I will say, it was very time-intensive, and I knew many kids who had issues with the Internet. When I finished, my sister joked that I looked like I'd been in a war.

So, if you know any high schoolers taking AP exams give them a social distancing high five. We were the first group of kids to ever take online AP Exams, which came with a special set of challenges. I'm sure a high five and sending a good thought in their direction will truly make their day.

Julia Abbott is a local high school student.

Estate Plan Signing

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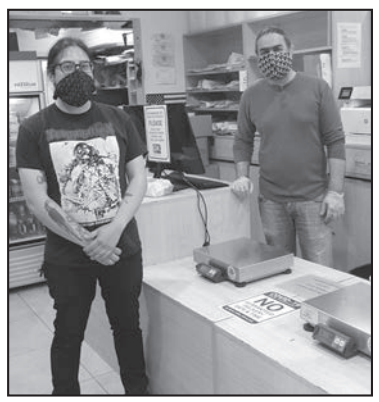
Distance" on the porch at home or at the street curb outside the attorney's office. For clients in a nursing facility unable to receive visitors, with generous assistance of nursing home staff, attorneys are presiding over signings outside the window, communicating with the client inside by phone. Even under "Safer At Home" directives, attorneys are creatively overcoming obstacles to make sure their clients' Estate Plan documents are properly executed, witnessed, and notarized, as applicable.

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Answer to Neighborhood Celebrities

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Chris, left, and Jasmit, owner of Montana Mail on Montana Avenue, are so pleasant and helpful when it comes to providing postal service, mailing and receiving packages.

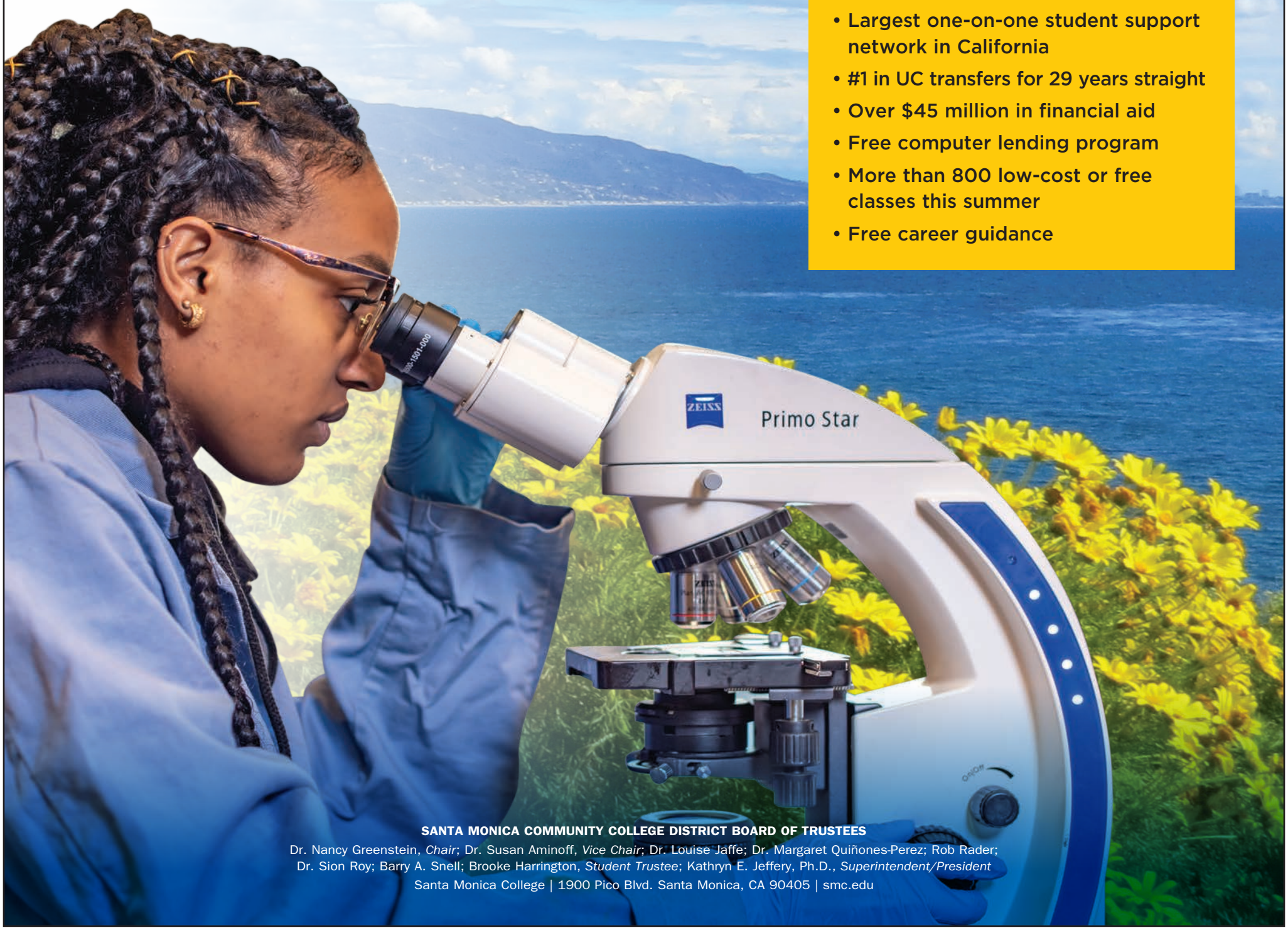
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