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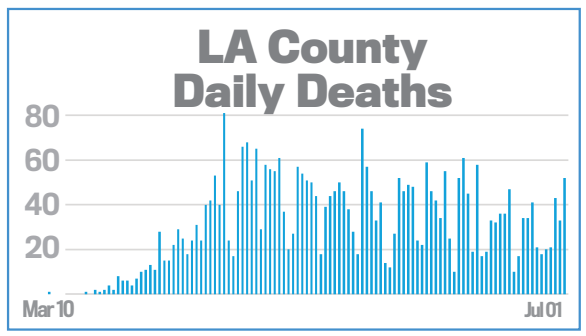
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First responders hoping for a dry, quiet holiday weekend

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

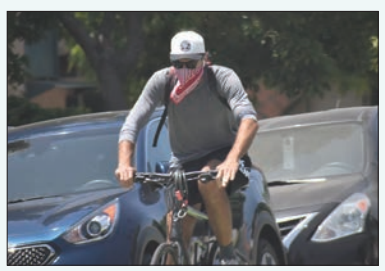
With the closing of bars, beaches and indoor restaurants, officials are hoping locals will adapt to a quiet July 4 holiday weekend but police officers and firefighters are still warning residents to stay away from illegal activity.

Official firework shows have been canceled throughout the region and all personal fireworks are outlawed in Santa Monica.

"As the July 4th holiday approaches, the Santa Monica Fire

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Matthew Hall

MASKS: Residents can be fined for not wearing a mask in public. See page 3 for more information.





L.A. County officials deliver criminal justice reform updates

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

In an effort to provide members of the general public with information related to developing police reform updates, community leaders from the Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, Office of Inspector General and the Anti-Recidivism Coalition gathered Wednesday for a news conference hosted by Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Pro Tem Hilda Solis.

Lasting a little under an hour,

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Santa Monica charity forced to close after allegations of self-dealing

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A Santa Monica based charity has been ordered to dissolve and its directors are prohibited from serving on any future non-profit board or handle money associated with a volunteer position.

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra announced a $7 million settlement against the Lithuanian Assistance Foundation

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom

SUBJECT: **Proposed Modification to Amend Interim Zoning Ordinances Establishing Interim Regulations for the Demolition Permit Review Process**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce and adopt an Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance to Amend Interim Zoning Ordinances 2592, 2599, and 2626 (CCS) establishing interim regulations for the demolition permit review process relating to the preservation of historic resources to reflect the restructured historic preservation program.

Council previously extended the Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance which is set to expire on November 13, 2021. It is not proposed to change the termination date of the Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020, AT 6:30 P.M.**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the City Council and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but participants may also join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/ peqafcsx or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 9742862 #)

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give public comment must make that request via email to councilmtgitems@smgov.net. Written public comment submitted before 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. Additionally, public comment can be made by phone at (310) 458-8423. Remarks from the public are limited to a total of 6 minutes per City Council meeting, with a maximum of 2 minutes per agenda item; under some circumstances, Council may change the maximum to 1 minute per agenda item.

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: Demolition IZO Amendments

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Jing Yeo at by e-mail at jing.yeo@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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Your column here

By Lindsay B. Call — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Stay Home, Stay Safe

We've now surpassed 10 million cases of COVID-19 worldwide and yesterday, Los Angeles County had its highest daily case recording since the start of the pandemic. Hospitalization rates are also rising. Governor Gavin Newsom ordered the immediate closure of all bars at noon on Sunday in seven counties, including Los Angeles. LA County is now projecting the possibility of running out of hospital beds in two to three weeks. Likewise, the number of intensive care unit beds could be exhausted sometime in July. Santa Monica's case count has surpassed 400. These benchmarks are a signal that we are very much still in this public health crisis.

As businesses reopen and more people venture outside the home and loosen some of their grip on quarantine, new case recordings are escalating after a plateau earlier this month. At the beginning of the pandemic, skilled nursing facilities were the most impacted but now there's a 44% increase in cases among 18 to 40-year-olds. At the beginning of June, LA County had a 5% positivity rate. That number is now 8.8%, an alarming increase for public health officials and each of us. Recovering from a virus our best scientists don't yet completely know and can't entirely predict, is a delicate dance.

Individuals and families whose pocketbooks have been deeply impacted need to get back to work. Businesses have significantly changed operations to keep customers and their employees safe. We've adapted our behavior to stay six feet apart and to wear a face covering whenever we are out and patronizing local restaurants, retail, and other services we depend on as we take steps towards something that feels more like normal.

As we've taken small steps toward recovery, there's a large issue we must all take seriously and that's personal responsibility. Every decision to wear a mask, not gather with those outside our home, and to check in and help neighbors at risk are vital to recovery. There's no immediate hope that we will soon live absent the threat of COVID-19, so we must manage our every action to keep ourselves, our neighbors, and those each of us comes in contact with safe.

This becomes more difficult when we think about the social and emotional impact of spending our days inside without seeing our extended families and support systems in person. But, the consequences of expanding our quarantine with family and close friends is illustrated in cases where entire families have contracted the virus. Let's build on the social creativity we've developed and continue to connect from afar.

As we approach the 4th of July holiday weekend when gathering for BBQs, beach volleyball tournaments, and beloved parades are typically the norm, it's important to remember we are a long way from normal. The best way to celebrate freedom this year is by showing your love for our country's health and your neighbor by wearing a face covering and not participating in get-togethers and social events that threaten the very freedoms we hold most dear.

Remember that reopening does not mean gathering. Let's be a model for how to care for one another by maintaining the separation that keeps us all healthy and safe. When you go out only with those in your household, wear a face covering and practice six feet of physical distancing from those outside of your household. It's a sign of respect, especially for everyone putting their health on the line to serve the Santa Monica community.

As we head into the holiday weekend, know that LA County has ordered the closure of all beaches, beach bike paths, piers, and beach parking lots. Words to remember from Mayor Kevin McKeown: "Protecting each other, and each other's families and friends, means keeping in mind three simple words: Don't share air! Whether you're indoors or outdoors, when you get too close or don't wear a mask, you're breathing air that's just been in a stranger's lungs. Avoiding that is easy. Stay six feet apart. Wear a mask. Keep Santa Monica healthy. Don't share air!"

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Fireworks - Can We Not

If you feel like you are hearing more fireworks this year, you are not alone. People across the country have reported experiencing fireworks earlier and more often than in previous years. The loud noises from fireworks can distress people and pets alike. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (spcaLA) asks the community to consider their neighbors and pets and refrain from setting off fireworks.

Loud fireworks can trigger your pet's nervous systems and cause fear and anxiety. A frequent response is to run, which is why so many pets become lost and wind up in shelters at this time of year. This triggering effect can also negatively impact people, such as those coping with post traumatic stress or anxiety disorders.

spcaLA recently teamed up with My Safe LA to record a PSA addressing these issues. The PSA reminds that fireworks in Los Angeles are illegal, and can severely impact the community. In addition, there is always the looming threat of fire.

While spcaLA and other organizations urge Angelenos to refrain from lighting fireworks, we know that it is almost certainly inevitable. To prepare your pets best you can, please follow these recommendations.

Microchip & I.D. tags: Dogs and cats should be microchipped and wear current I.D. tags at all times. This is the best way towards a happy reunion if your pet goes missing.

Report lost pets: By law, you MUST report a lost pet to your local animal care services department. Please do this as anyone looking for a lost pet will certainly look there. You can also post lost pets on social media and neighborhood apps. For more recommendations for lost or found pets, visit spcaLA.com.

Keep pets indoors: Leave the family pet at home where they will be safe, secure, and less stressed. Loud noises from fireworks can cause a dog to jump a fence and run away from home or a cat to hide for days. Keeping your pets indoors will keep them out of danger.

Train your dog: Training your dog provides mental stimulation, reduces anxiety and enables you to manage your dog safely. spcaLA currently offers virtual private dog training.

Keep pets comfortable: Create a safe space for your pet in their crate (if crate-trained) or in a cool, well-ventilated room with soothing music playing softly in the background. Include your pet's favorite toys, a tasty chew, a stuffed frozen Kong, and a pet bed or blanket for comfort. If you can, stay home with your pet.

Refrain from restraint: Never tie-up your dog to keep them from escaping. The loud noises from the fireworks can frighten your pooch making them more likely to attempt to flee. Dogs can seriously injure themselves, or even die, trying to escape.

Educate children: Teach them to not scare or tease pets with firecrackers or sparklers.

SUBMITTED BY ANA BUSTILLOZ

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Santa Monica Strengthens Face Covering Requirement and Allows for Citations and Refusal of Service

Interim City Manager and Director of Emergency Services Lane Dilg has issued a Twentieth Supplement to Santa Monica's local emergency declaration strengthening and clarifying requirements for wearing face coverings and setting penalties for those who do not wear them when required. Face coverings are critical to preventing the spread of COVID-19.

"As public health experts have shared widely this week, we are in a dangerous period with dramatic increases in cases and hospitalizations," said Interim City Manager Lane Dilg. "Face coverings are essential. I encourage everyone to try different styles to find what works for you. But it is a critical time to save lives by wearing face coverings whenever we are outside of our homes and not gathering with people outside of our households."

Under the Twentieth Supplement, businesses can refuse service to any person who does not wear a face covering or fails to comply with social distancing. Businesses must also take all reasonable steps to ensure those in line or entering their business wear face coverings and comply with physical distancing requirements. The supplement authorizes administrative citations for failing to wear face coverings, for individuals, as $100 for a first violation, $250 for a second violation, and $500 for a third violation. For businesses, the administrative citations are $500 for a first violation, $750 for a second violation, and $1,000 for a third violation.

The supplement clarifies that the face covering requirement applies:

When individuals are or can be in contact with or walking near or past others who are non-household members in both public and private spaces, including, but not limited to, walking through common areas such as hallways, stairways, elevators, and parking facilities, meaning that a face covering must be visible and ready to be immediately put on whenever a moving person approaches within 30 feet of a non-household member;

When patronizing a business, including while standing in line to enter any business;

When obtaining services from healthcare operations, unless otherwise directed by the healthcare provider;

When obtaining services from and while inside or at any location or facility engaging in essential government functions;

When waiting for or riding on public transportation or paratransit or while in a taxi, private car service, or ride-sharing vehicle;

When driving or operating any public transportation or paratransit vehicle, taxi, or private car service or ride-sharing vehicle when passengers are present;

When participating in an in-person protest; and

When engaged in work, either at a business or off-site (other than at one's own residence) and (i) interacting in-person with any member of the public; (ii) working in any space visited by members of the public, regardless of whether anyone from the public is present at the time; (iii) working in any space where food is prepared or packaged for sale or distribution to others; (iv) working in or walking through common areas, such as hallways, stairways, elevators, and parking facilities; or (v) in any room or enclosed area where people who are non-household members are present and unable to maintain a minimum six-foot separation from one another.

Exemptions from the face covering requirement apply to the following:

Persons younger than two years old;

Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering;

Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication;

Persons for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines;

Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose or face for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service;

Persons who are (i) outdoors alone or with household members; (ii) stationary; and (iii) maintaining at least six feet between the edge of the area they are in and the edge of the next closest person's area;

Persons who are actively engaged in a water-based activity, including, but not limited to, swimming and surfing.

Persons compliant with the County Department of Health's Protocol for Restaurants Opening for On-Site Dining under which customers who are seated at a restaurant or other establishment that offers food or beverage service are not required to wear face coverings while they are eating or drinking;

Persons wearing personal protective equipment ("PPE"), such as medical-grade N95 respirator or a similar mask that is more protective than a face covering;

Persons compliant with any other reopening protocol issued by the County Department of Health authorizing persons to remove their face coverings.

Santa Monica's order is in effect until July 31, 2020.

To keep the community informed of the importance of face coverings, residents and businesses can pick up free lawn signs and retail signage to help inform friends, neighbors and customers. Free signs are available for pick up at the Downtown Santa Monica Farmer's Market Info Booth (Saturdays and Wednesdays, 8 a.m.-1p.m.) or the Main Street Visitor Information Center located at 2427 Main Street (Wednesday - Sunday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.).

Governor Gavin Newsom yesterday announced the closure of indoor dining and indoor entertainment, including museums, aquariums, wine tasting rooms, and more across Los Angeles County and other counties highly impacted by COVID-19. For the latest information on this, visit covid19.ca.gov.

For the latest information, please visit santamonica.gov/coronavirus, or call the City's Coronavirus Hotline at (310) 458-8400.

SUBMITTED BY CONSTANCE FARRELL, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive sealed qualifications and proposals from contractors holding a type "B" license, on the following: **RFQ/P #20.16.SMS, Samohi Exploration Building & Gymnasium Lease-leaseback (LLB) Project at Santa Monica High School.** The total scope of work for the project is estimated to be $100,000,000 and includes the following: The abatement and demolition of the existing: History Building and adjacent buildings known as H123 and H127; and the Cafeteria. The construction of a new building, comprising of two different forms of construction, being the gymnasium and associated spaces; and the construction of an adjacent, new academic building. The design and installation of shoring for the excavation of the new Gym Building and the bulk excavation to final floor level in preparation for the start of construction of that building. Extensive grading of the site, with a substantial amount of cut and fill and the export of surplus dirt. Installation of utilities to service the new buildings. A substantial amount of landscape and hardscape. The demolition of the existing South Gym, Drake Pool and Art Building after the occupation of the new buildings and other associated improvements per the projects bidding documents. All submittals must be submitted to the SMMUSD Facility Improvement Office, 2828 4th Street, Santa Monica, California 90405 on or before 7/21/20 at 3:00 PM. Each submittal must be sealed and marked with the RFQ/P name and number. All interested firms must attend the Mandatory Pre-Response meeting to be held at Santa Monica High School on 7/2/20 at 9:00 AM. All General Contractors and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumping (M/E/P) Subcontractors must be pre-qualified for this project per bidding documents. To view the projects bidding documents, please visit ARC Southern California public plan room www.crplanwell.com and reference the project RFQ/P #.

Prequalification Due Date & Instructions for Application Submission: All applications are due no later than 7/7/20 - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has contracted with Colbi Technologies, Inc. to provide a web-based process for prequalification called QualityBidders. To submit an application at no cost please visit www.qualitybidders.com. Once you have been approved, you will receive an email indicating your approval expiration date and limit. The Districts approved contractors listing can be obtained via the FIP website at http://fipcontractors.smmusd.org/fip-office-website.aspx.

Mandatory Pre-Response Meeting (attendance is required for all Prime Contractors): 7/2/20 at 9:00 AM

Pre-Response Meeting location: Santa Monica High School located at 601 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405 – **The meeting will start on the football field. The only entrance for the campus is through the 4th Street Pedestrian gate located between the football field and the Double Tree Hotel - Due to COVID-19 all attending contractors must bring and wear face masks/coverings at all times while on the site and adhere to social distancing safety requirements during the meeting or they will be asked to leave the property.**

Submittal Due Date: 7/21/20 no later than 3:00pm

Any further questions or clarifications to this bidding opportunity, please contact Sheere Bishop-Griego at smbishop@smmusd.org directly. In addition, any pre-qualification support issues relative to Colbi Technologies, Inc., website or for technical support please contact support@qualityBidders.com directly.

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If Only Trump Would Magically Disappear

You're probably aware by now that our beaches have been closed for the July 4th holiday due to increased Covid-19 infections. In sum, we are living through a once in a century pandemic without a national strategy and historic racial tension made worse with our "Wizard in Chief" re-tweeting white power videos.

And now there are revelations that Vladimir Putin paid Taliban fighters $100,000 bounties for killing American soldiers in Afghanistan and this administration does nothing. (Perhaps M.A.G.A. really stands for "Morons Are Governing America.")

Just compare life last July 4th to this one. For 7/4/2019, like a 3rd world dictator, Donald Trump desperately wanted tanks to roll down Pennsylvania Avenue. Thankfully, the idea was rejected because the street wasn't designed for such excessive weight (The tanks, not Trump, although...)

So Trump came up with a Plan B extravaganza. It featured tanks but at least in place, along with a military flyover, and Trump's mistake-riddled 45-minute speech to a rained on crowd at the Lincoln Memorial. The entire fiasco cost the American taxpayers $13 million.

In his speech, Trump heaped praise on the Revolutionary Army of 1776. "Our army manned the air and rammed the ramparts. And our army took over the airports, did everything it had to do, and at Fort McHenry, under the rockets' red glare, it had nothing but victory." (Airports? A plane wouldn't be invented for another 125 years!).

As for "at Fort McHenry, under the rockets' red glare," that describes the Battle of Baltimore. That was the War of 1812, not the Revolutionary War. (Forgive me, but sometimes Trump's colossal ignorance is just staggering.)

This July 4th, Trump is hosting 300,000 on the National Mall for a fireworks spectacular with no social distancing and no masks required, setting the stage for a Covid super-spreader event. By the way, after Trump's underwhelming Tulsa rally, of the 513 people tested many were positive. Yikes!

And yet perhaps more alarming is Trump's complete silence about Putin putting bounties on American soldiers. The story broke on Friday but "see no evil" Trump played golf on Saturday and Sunday. (Borrowing from Mad Magazine's Alfred E. Neuman, "What, me worry?")

That Trump often doesn't read Presidential Daily Briefing is a dereliction of duty. The president takes an oath to protect the country not put it in danger. While it's common knowledge that Trump doesn't read much of anything, not according to "Press Barbie," Kayleigh McEnany, who said emphatically, "The president does read!" (How's that for a bumper sticker? "Trump 2020 – He Can Read.")

McEnany elaborated further, though she sounded like a Trekkie, "The president is the most informed person on planet earth." What's next, "Beam me up, Scotty?"

Meanwhile, she blames everyone for "Bounty-Gate" including anti-Trump intelligence officials and the media but not Moscow or Trump's puppet master, Putin. (Whose butt Trump wants to kiss with reinstatement in the G-7, making it the G-8 again.)

The Covid-19 spikes Trump said would be "embers" are more like forest fires. Then again, remember when Trump said, "Not only will the cases be down to zero but the virus will soon magically disappear." In retrospect, that he even used the word "magical" is still so disturbing.

Sadly, on Wednesday we broke the world record of 50,000 cases in one day. Dr. Fauci says we may soon experience 100,000 daily. (3 million a month!)

Many epidemiologists predict that eventually 150 million Americans will have been infected and 200,000 will die from Covid-19. Is it any wonder for many feel like the world has gone mad?

For example, here in Santa Monica there's an alarming situation that has been going on for months as documented at www.NextDoor.com. Like gunshots, extremely loud fireworks have been going off late at night and into the wee morning hours, frightening children, dogs and even a rabbit, an animal that can literally be scared to death. This inexplicable madness has left in its wake many sleep deprived adults.

And it's happening in other cities as you can view on Twitter by typing "#fireworks." It's unclear who exactly is behind it all but hopefully they'll stop on July 5th. Otherwise, like the recent shortage of toilet paper, there may be a shortage of earplugs.

And that brings me to a panic-inducing event that happened to me at CVS on Main Street a few days ago. Asking permission first, I parked my bike in the corner while I shopped and was vaguely aware of a woman arguing with an employee.

As the dispute escalated, I turned to see her seemingly lose her mind. She proceeded to use my bike to ram shelves sending items flying and damaging my poor bike. (On November 3rd, Donald Trump will have a hell of a lot to answer for but not this. Although...)

For more, go to YouTube and type "Lincoln Project Ads."Jack is at: jackdailypress@aol.com

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Department would like to remind everyone that ALL types of fireworks are illegal in the City of Santa Monica. This includes so-called "safe and sane" fireworks, which may not be used in Santa Monica EVEN IF they are legal in the city in which they are purchased," said Santa Monica Fire Marshal Eric Binder in SMFD's annual statement. "Possession of fireworks is considered a misdemeanor and may be punishable up to $1,000.00 fine, and or 6 months in jail."

The City of Malibu, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Los Angeles County Fire Department are also warning against the use of dangerous, illegal consumer fireworks to celebrate July 4th or any other event.

"While we all work to get through the COVID-19 pandemic, people understandably long for beloved annual celebrations like the festive fireworks that go with Independence Day," said Malibu Mayor Karen Farrer. "Please celebrate Independence day safely, and do not use fireworks."

Residents countywide have been reporting an increase in illegal fireworks for several weeks and officials said the devices are dangerous for those setting them off and those nearby.

SMFD's warning includes sparklers, which are often considered harmless enough for children, burn as hot as 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit and can cause third-degree burns. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) about 36% of the people injured by fireworks are children ages 10-14.

Law enforcement agencies are also preparing for problem drinking over the holiday even with the recent closure of bar spaces.

The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department said that as the holiday falls on a Saturday, there will be extra deputies on patrol throughout the Independence Day Weekend looking for drivers suspected of driving impaired.

"We are all anxious to get out and return to some sense of normalcy," Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Sergeant Robert Hill. "But that doesn't excuse forgetting how to be safe on the road by driving impaired."

LASD said that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Some prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving and warnings about "operating heavy machinery," includes driving a car. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

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REFORM UPDATES

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Wednesday's conference included a number of important updates pertaining to the county's immigrant and vulnerable communities who are struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Today, I want to talk about the need for historically underserved communities of color to receive the resources that they need and deserve," Solis said at the beginning of the conference when she mentioned a need to divide the available resources evenly. "This is what justice is about. It's what the marches in the streets are about. And it's time to shift our mindset."

As she shared graphics depicting the ways black and brown communities have endured decades of underinvestment and are now struggling during the pandemic, Solis said, "there will be more opportunities in the coming weeks to push for bold and systemic changes — to push for more investments in our underserved areas. And that is exactly what I'm committed to doing."

Solis added, "People will only achieve their full potential if they're provided with health and mental health care, job opportunities and affordable housing, instead of a jail cell," which is why Max Huntsman, Inspector General for the County of Los Angeles, was invited to discuss the reform efforts he is currently undertaking.

"I believe we're at a moment now where we can make great progress," Huntsman said, before addressing body-worn cameras — which were recommended almost a decade ago by the LA County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission. "The board has provided funding and it is ready. And LASD has said that they will begin a partial program to implement the body cameras by the end of this year," but there is still no plan from LASD for implementing complete camera coverage, which is an action Huntsman and his peers take issue with.

"Now, as all of you know, our country's in the middle of a critical debate on how to effectively reform law enforcement to reduce the lethal use of force and make policing more accountable," said Hernán Vera, commissioner of the LA County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission. "Two weeks ago, the civilian oversight commission adopted a resolution with 18 separate recommendations as first steps towards needed reforms. Now, some have said that these recommendations are simply band-aids," but Vera disagrees.

"If implemented, I believe they can make an enormous difference," Vera said, after Huntsman aired his grievances with LASD for refusing to comply with subpoenas from the oversight commission, which was a power granted by voters last year.

"The county has started legal action," Huntsman said. And while that's a slow process, it is one that residents hope will lead to law enforcement following the law.

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**SANTA MONICA
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REGULAR MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom

DATE/TIME: **Monday, July 6th, 2020, 7:00 PM**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Architectural Review Board and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The public may join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/udybuapd or by dialing in at +1 (415) 466-7000 (US) PIN: 8973433 #

PROPERTIES:
- 20ARB-0145: 157 Hart Avenue: Duplex
- 20ARB-0159: 1238 7th Street: 100% affordable

PRELIMINARY REVIEW(S):
- None

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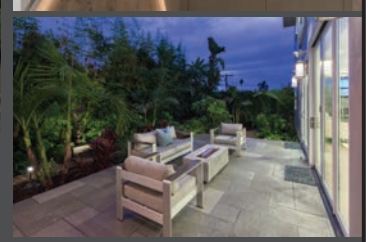
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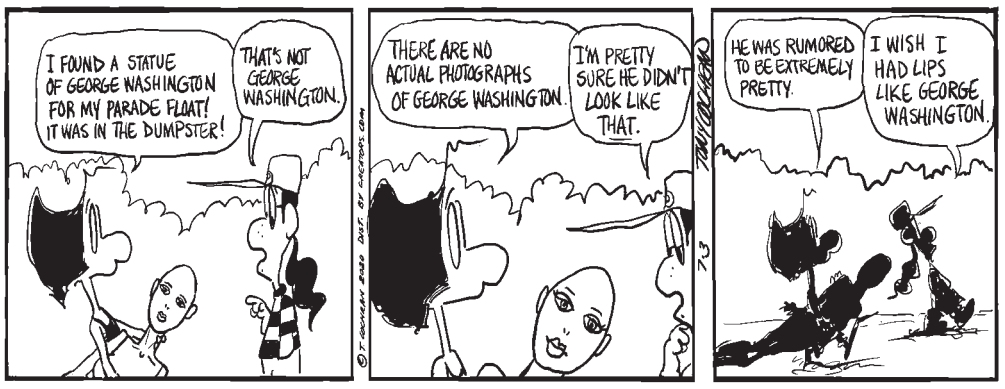
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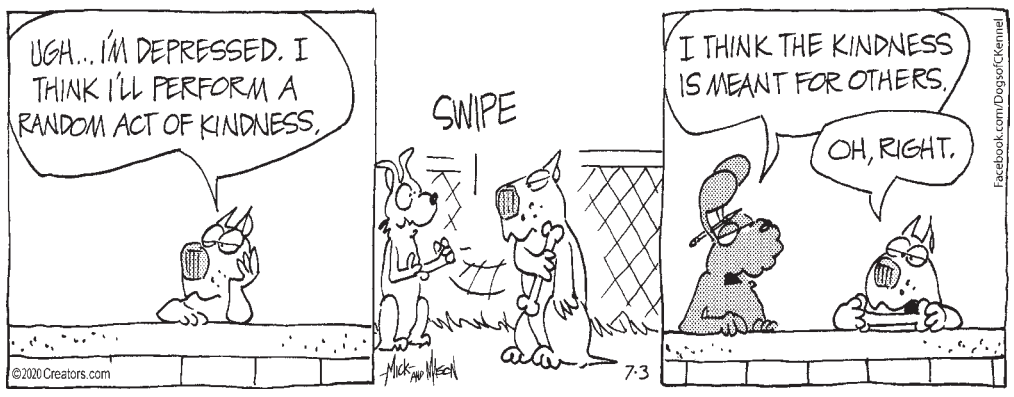
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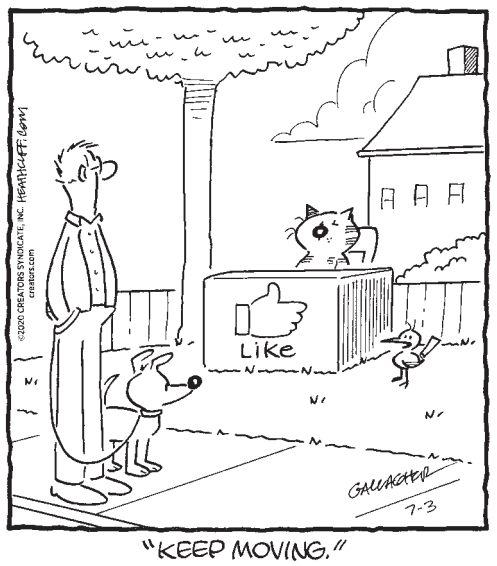
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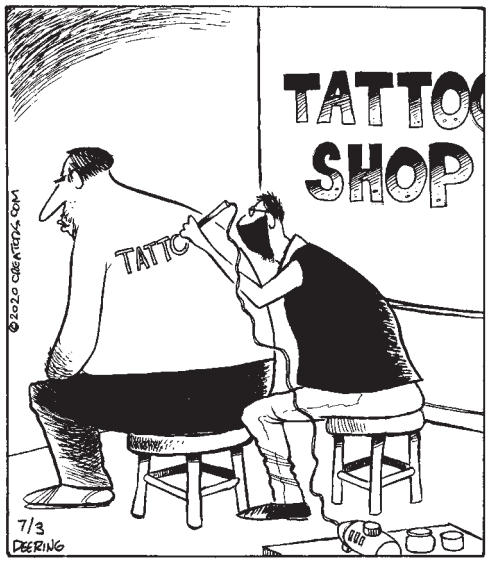
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Independence Day: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 77.
Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 78.
Sunday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.
Monday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 78.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2020/07/03	Fri	8:37 PM	6.78	H
2020/07/04	Sat	03:56 AM	-1.23	L
2020/07/04	Sat	10:23 AM	3.92	H
2020/07/04	Sat	2:58 PM	2.17	L
2020/07/04	Sat	9:18 PM	6.75	H
2020/07/05	Sun	04:39 AM	-1.25	L
2020/07/05	Sun	11:09 AM	3.96	H
2020/07/05	Sun	3:42 PM	2.26	L
2020/07/05	Sun	9:59 PM	6.58	H
2020/07/06	Mon	05:20 AM	-1.11	L
2020/07/06	Mon	11:54 AM	3.97	H
2020/07/06	Mon	4:27 PM	2.36	L
2020/07/06	Mon	10:39 PM	6.27	H
2020/07/07	Tue	06:00 AM	-0.83	L
2020/07/07	Tue	12:38 PM	3.97	H

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Fantasy 5
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Draw Date: 07/01
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2nd: 02 - LUCKY STAR
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The gap between a certain dream and the reality of the situation has been quite wide for a good while. Now, you're in for the thrill of closing that space and bringing something truly fantastic at hand.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Communication that starts with "no offense" or "with all due respect" usually ends with notions that are offensive and disrespectful. When people declare themselves upfront, flip it. The opposite might be truer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People with achy hearts will find their way to the sweet balm of your warm attention. You do not have to do much to help them feel better, and, in fact, you'll be most effective when you keep it brief.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't think about earning another person's trust because you are the real deal and it wouldn't occur to you that anyone would doubt it. Masqueraders abound, but there's no substitute for the real thing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Change happens. It's a day to use a pencil, not a pen. Or, more likely, a day not to text or email because, if you change your mind later, you can't take those back.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are kind to everyone you talk to and everyone you deal with, and it's because you genuinely want to contribute to the good experience of others. Be wary of anyone who treats servers badly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What would you most like? You can have what you set out to get, as long as you stick to one thing. If you chase after two or more things, you'll end up empty-handed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If there is a discrepancy between what's on your face and what's in your heart, that's emotional labor. Recognize the different ways you work to and give yourself credit — and breaks when you need them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To move from point A to point B, you're going to need more than perseverance and a plan. You're also going to need the best team you can find. Magic brews as you start talking about this.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A good mentor may come from a different background and work in a different field and still have exactly what you need including a treasure trove of mistakes and the learning that goes with that.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). This is an intensely psychological game. Whether you win or lose will depend on your ability to accurately sum up a situation. Watch and predict before you make your move.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone will be willing to sacrifice along with you to help you realize a goal. You'll have to demonstrate your own sacrifice first to know from whence your support shall come.

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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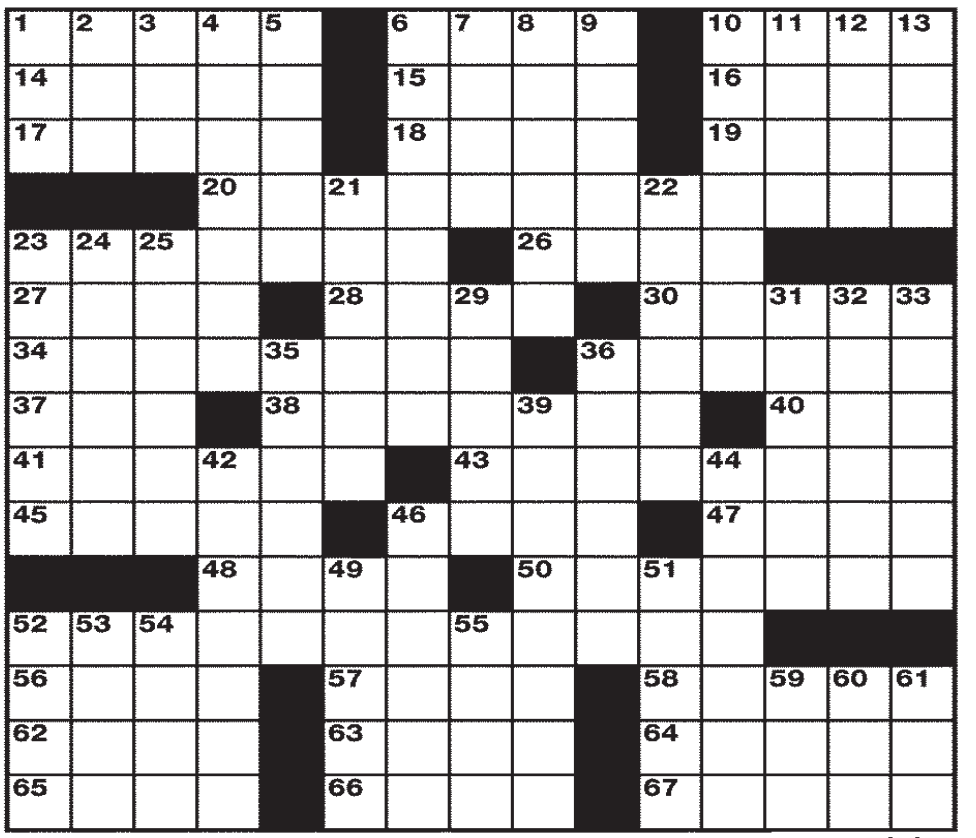
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ACROSS
1 Language of Iran
6 Shipping route
10 Sci-fi knight
14 Of bees
15 Genesis brother
16 Farmer's livestock
17 Saddle ___ riding (rodeo event)
18 Makeshift swing
19 Practice jabbing
20 Annual alteration, part 1
23 Adjective for intake
26 Boone nickname
27 Airport counter brand
28 *Domicilio*
30 Military warehouse
34 Part 2 of alteration
36 "He ___ do it!"
37 Sew up
38 Outlawed
40 Ending like -ule
41 Two-card combo in bridge
43 Part 3 of alteration
45 Bewildered
46 *Vino* region
47 Nodder's comment
48 *Carmina Burana* composer
50 Stoutness
52 End of alteration
56 Grapelike berry
57 What ESPNU covers
58 Make a mess of
62 "Last word" in cosmetics
63 East Timor's capital
64 Giraffe cousin
65 Hamburg highway
66 Embodiment
67 Spooky

DOWN
1 Beatles-era "excellent"
2 National Humor Mo.
3 Vegas hotel with Samba Suites
4 Silicon Valley city
5 Become subject to
6 Ref's delayed decision
7 Minimally
8 Chilean Nobelist poet
9 High Court name
10 Pushed around
11 Convention center show
12 Admissions executive
13 About, in briefs
21 Fashion designer Miller
22 Ultimate purpose
23 Income stat word
24 Wading bird
25 Washday category
29 Slow flows
31 Congressional leader
32 Frittata, for instance
33 Lipton rival
35 *Star Trek:* ___ (CBS All Access series)
36 City near Santa Monica
39 Unwanted Monopoly card
42 Wind-blown
44 Uncouple, as 16 Across
46 Org. including Actors Equity
49 Endows
51 Push around
52 Paint badly
53 ___ Health (36 Down medical center)
54 Trellis strip
55 North Korea/China separator
59 ___ chi class
60 Red Cross class
61 Kept under wraps



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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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(Foundation), its directors and officers Albinas Markevicius, Joseph Praske, Zina Markevicius and Arunas Sodonis, and associated companies RME LLC and Washington Shores LLC on Thursday.

The settlement resolves allegations that the officers and directors either engaged in or authorized illegal self-dealing transactions, unjust enrichment, and breach of fiduciary duty by improperly transferring charitable assets to individuals who were related to, or associated with, the charity's officers and directors, in addition to other wrongdoings.

While all parties agreed to the settlement, the individuals involved dispute any wrongdoing.

"The Foundation Parties strongly dispute the Attorney General's findings and maintain that they acted in good faith for the benefit of the beneficiaries of the Foundation," said the settlement. "To the extent that real estate transactions involved any of the Foundation Parties, the Foundation Parties contend that the transactions were unique, fair market value (as determined by the forensic appraisals) was paid, and the intended beneficiaries received the proceeds except as limited due to the Attorney General's investigation. The Attorney General disagrees with these contentions."

According to the Attorney General's Office an investigation revealed four properties, worth about $6 million, were donated to the charity and improperly transferred to members of the board or their associates at significantly below market value.

"The investigation also showed that the defendants did not disclose the donations of the four properties, nor the transfer of these properties, in any of their regulatory filings with the Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts," said a statement from Bacerra's office. "Additionally, the defendants allegedly filed false registration renewal forms from 2005 through 2013 with the Attorney General's office. Damages to the Foundation resulting from the real estate transfers exceeded $6 million."

Under the terms of the settlement, RME LLC, Washington Shores LLC, and the directors and officers of the Foundation will pay $7 million in damages. The Foundation must also adhere to the following:

The Foundation will be required to dissolve. Dissolution will begin within 30 days after the settlement is executed and any assets remaining at the time of dissolution will be deposited with the California Community Foundation;

Joseph Praske and Albinas Markevicius must agree to not serve on a board of directors for any 501(c)(3) organization. Mr. Praske will be allowed to remain on the board that he currently serves on, but will not serve in any capacity for which he is responsible for the organization's assets; and Zina Markevicius, Arunas Sodonis, and Joseph Praske must complete board training within 90 to 180 days after the settlement agreement is executed.

"The people of California should be able to trust that their generous donations are going towards their intended purposes. The directors and officers of this foundation knowingly used their roles to deceive donors and divert millions of dollars in charitable assets from the organization they were responsible for safeguarding," said Attorney General Becerra. "With this settlement, we are holding the directors and officers of Lithuanian Assistance Foundation accountable for their wrongdoings and getting misdirected funds back to charity."

The settlement resolves allegations that the defendants breached their fiduciary obligation to act in the best interest of their charitable organization.

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