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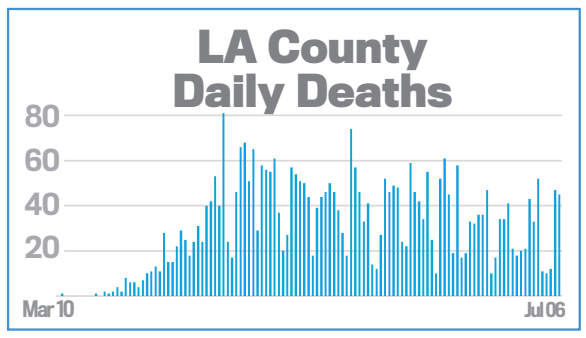
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Two arrests for REI looting

MATTHEW HALL
SMDP Editor

Two men have been arrested in connection with the looting of downtown businesses on May 31.

The Santa Monica Police Department announced the arrest of Sebastian Martinez and Christopher Gutierrez on Tuesday following reviews of video evidence and help from the Manhattan Beach Police Department.

Martinez, from El Segundo has been charged with looting and burglary. He was released from custody due to COVID restrictions on the jail population. Gutierrez was arrested for looting and assault with a deadly weapon. He remains in custody.

According to SMPD, detectives identified a vehicle related to the REI looting through social media posts that showed two suspects loading merchandise into the car. REI security video also showed the suspects inside the store removing thousands of dollars worth of items. During the investigation one of individuals was also identified as the suspect of an assault on a police officer.

The Manhattan Beach Police Department stopped the wanted vehicle and notified Santa Monica Police Department detectives. The occupants of the vehicle were determined to be the two outstanding suspects and were subsequently arrested.

If you have any information related to this crime please contact Detective Buus or Detective Burciaga at (310) 458-8491.



Courtesy photo

SUSPECTS: Two men have been arrested for looting and assault related to the May 31 riot.

82 applications for vacant council seat

MATTHEW HALL
SMDP Editor

More than 80 people have applied to be an interim council member following the unexpected resignation of Councilman Greg Morena last month.

Morena resigned in June due to concerns over his family business. Morena's family operates the Albright restaurant on the Santa Monica Pier and he said at the time the business was in jeopardy unless he was able to secure a new lease. As his landlord is a division of the City, negotiations would have been a conflict of interest so he stepped down.

Morena's seat will be up for election in November as part of the general election and the council voted to appoint someone to temporarily fill the seat for the next four months.

Applications were due by noon on July 7 and 82 people submitted paperwork. Candidates were asked about their current service on city

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City Hall launches Emergency Rental Assistance Program

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

In an effort to provide assistance to local residents who have experienced a loss of income or increase in expenses due to the pandemic, the City of Santa Monica is now accepting applications for the recently launched COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

The COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program will provide eligible applicants with up to three months of rental assistance. Applications opened Tuesday and residents are allowed to apply until noon Friday, July 17. All eligible applications will subsequently be entered into a lottery for final selection.

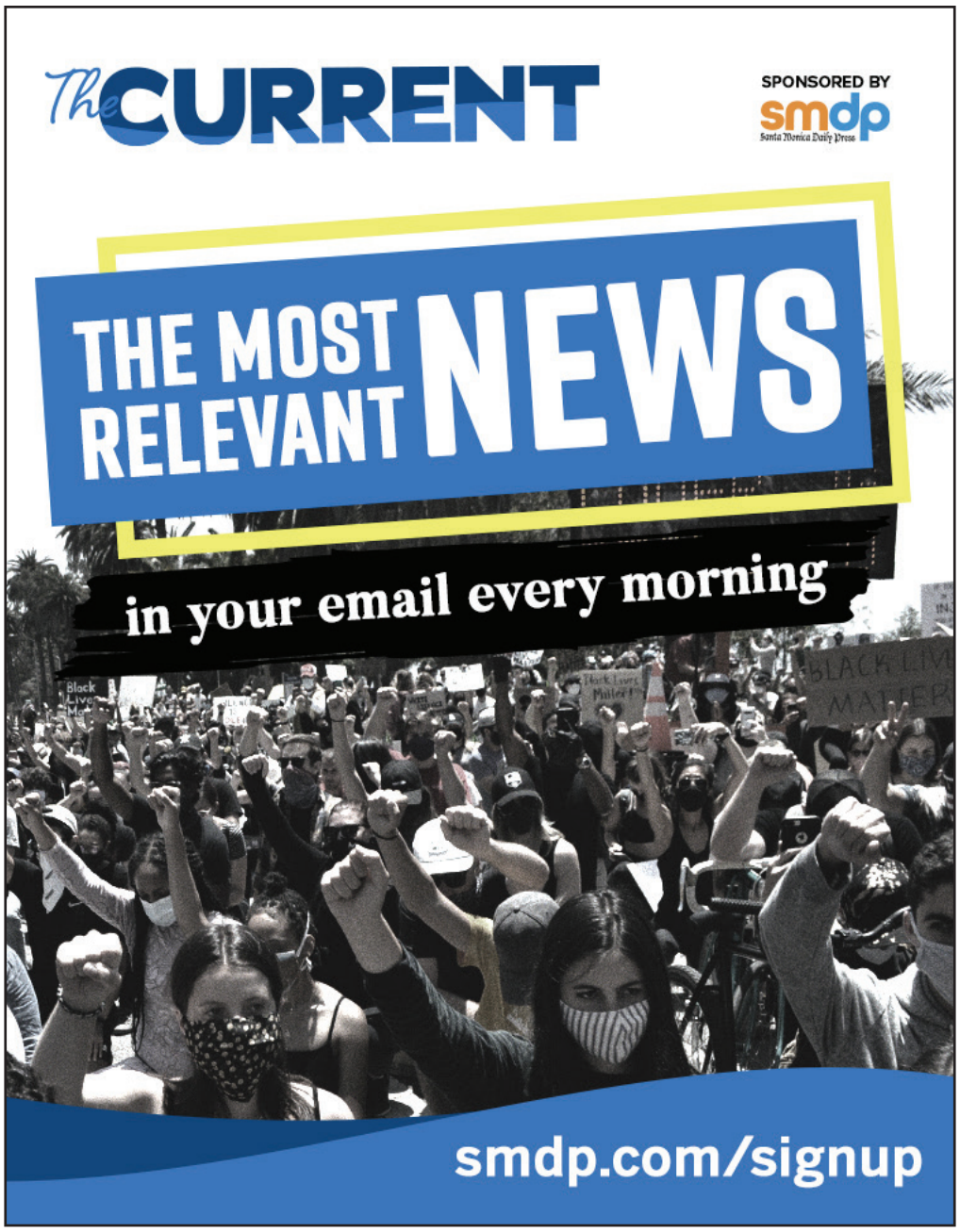
Since March, cities across California have instituted eviction moratoriums that extend until the end of the pandemic, but Maggie Willis, a human services administrator with the City of Santa Monica, said the Housing & Human Services Division recognizes it will be hard for residents to pay their rent after the moratoriums expire because there are a lot of folks who may remain unemployed or still

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States sue US department over virus relief funds for schools

OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ AND DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

The U.S. Department of Education is attempting to take pandemic relief funds away from K-12 public schools and divert the money to private schools, California and four other states argued in a lawsuit filed Tuesday against the Trump administration.

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra and Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel announced the lawsuit, which was joined by Maine, New Mexico, Wisconsin and the District of Columbia. The suit also names Education Secretary Betsy DeVos as a defendant.

Becerra said the department unlawfully interpreted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, which established guidelines to distribute $13.2 billion in aid to schools nationwide using Title I funds earmarked for students from low-income families.

The department's interpretation will instead allow school districts to get funds based on their total student population, leading tens of millions of dollars to be diverted from public schools in the poorest districts to private institutions with tuition similar to that charged by private colleges, the lawsuit says.

"Today's announcement is about stopping the Trump administration's latest effort to steal from working families to give it to the very privileged," Becerra said.

Department of Education Press Secretary Angela Morabito said that while the department does not comment on pending litigation, "the Secretary has said many times, this pandemic affected all students, and the CARES Act requires that funding should be used to help all students."

Under the rule issued by DeVos, school districts are ordered to set aside a portion of their aid for private schools using a formula based on the total number of private school students in the district.

The policy has been contested by public school officials who say the funding should be shared based on the number of low-income students at local private schools rather than their total enrollments. That's how funding is shared with private schools under other federal rules that Congress referenced in the legislation creating the relief aid.

But DeVos has said the funding is separate from other federal aid and was meant to support all students.

The rule "creates a false choice where school districts must include private schools on the basis of their total population or be forced to jump through unnecessary hoops to do what Congress intended and make sure the funds get to schools that are hurting the most," Becerra said.

He said the rule undermines the intent of Congress and violates the separation of powers as established by the U.S. Constitution.

It could cost California public schools $1.5 billion in funding, he said.

Becerra said it is not that private schools are ineligible for relief funds, but he said Congress called for those funds to be distributed on the basis of need.

"Some of those private schools have already been able to access hundreds of billions of dollars from the CARES ACT Paycheck Protection Program unlike California public schools that can't," he said.

In Michigan, officials said the rule could cost public schools at least $16 million, including $2.6 million each in Detroit, the state's largest district, and Grand Rapids, where DeVos has roots.

"All students in this country deserve an equal chance at an education. That's why we cannot and will not sit on the sidelines while critical funding specifically allocated based on low-income status is allowed to be re-allocated by counting students who have privileges and resources already available to them," said Nessel, a Democrat who announced the lawsuit at a news conference alongside Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and state superintendent Michael Rice.

Rice said nonpublic schools in Michigan are entitled to $5.1 million under the relief law but would get $21.6 million under one of two options outlined under DeVos' policy.

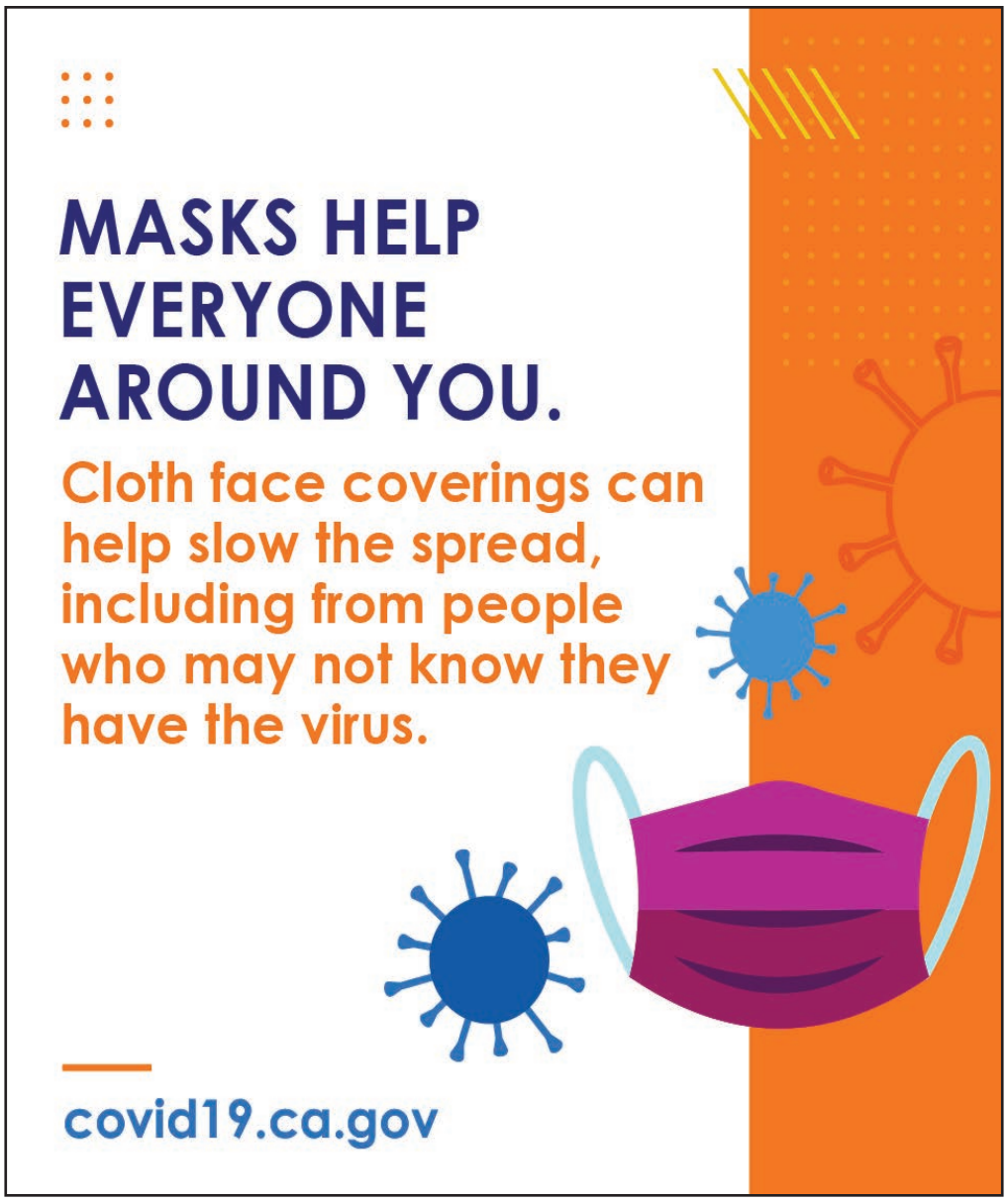
"This is enough to buy 63,694 Chromebooks for students at $259 per Chromebook, or to buy personal protective equipment for 33,944 students at $486 per student annually," Rice said.

"The U.S. Secretary of Education manufactured guidance and their rule that favored nonpublic schools at the expense of public schools in a way neither intended nor enacted by Congress," he said.

The Great Lakes Education Project, a Michigan group co-founded by DeVos long before she became education secretary, criticized the lawsuit.

"The coronavirus did not discriminate based on the kind of schools Michigan kids attend, and neither did the governor's executive order shuttering every school building in the state," said executive director Beth DeShone. She accused Michigan leaders of attempting "to discriminate against and strip emergency funding from kids in the midst of a global pandemic, based simply on the schools their parents have chosen."

Eggert reported from Lansing, Michigan.



DAILY POLICE LOG

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Construction Noise 1200blk Yale St 12:54 a.m.
Rape 1700blk Ocean Ave 3:42 a.m.
Of Shots Fired 00blk Seaview Ter 4:14 a.m.
Arson 1100blk 9th St 5:48 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 2700blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:28 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Now 1400blk Palisades Park 6:45 a.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 800blk Wilshire Blvd 7:37 a.m.
Grand Theft 600blk Pier Ave 7:52 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2800blk 2nd St 7:58 a.m.
Missing Person 500blk Olympic Blvd W 8:10 a.m.
Grand Theft 1700blk Stewart St 8:36 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 3200blk Wilshire Blvd 8:45 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 500blk Arizona Ave 8:46 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 100blk Bicknell Ave 9:11 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery Now 2800blk Wilshire Blvd 9:22 a.m.
Overdose 1800blk 9th St 9:32 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 900blk 6th St 9:55 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1600blk 9th St 9:57 a.m.
Bike Theft 600blk Palisades Ave 9:57 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1100blk 4th St 10:03 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 10:30 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1700blk Main St 10:31 a.m.
Death Investigation 1100blk 7th St 10:38 a.m.
Fraud 1500blk 6th St 10:47 a.m.
Burglary 500blk Ashland Ave 10:49 a.m.
Bike Theft 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:54 a.m.
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Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1700blk Appian Way 1:29 p.m.
Missing Person 700blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:30 p.m.
Stalking 900blk 3rd St 1:32 p.m.
Sexual Assault Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 1:34 p.m.
Auto Burglary 2400blk Centinela Ave 1:40 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 1500blk 14th St 2:02 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2200blk Colorado Ave 2:35 p.m.
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Man Sentenced for Carjacking, Kidnapping in Pacific Palisades Crime Spree

A 50-year-old man was sentenced to 141 years to life in state prison after being convicted for a 2014 crime spree in Pacific Palisades, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Brian Thomas Cruz, a transient, was found guilty during a court trial of four felony counts of assault with a deadly weapon, an automobile; three counts of carjacking; two counts each of first-degree burglary, person present, second-degree robbery, criminal threats and reckless driving causing specified injury, a bone fracture; and one count each of kidnapping and false imprisonment by violence.

Case SA088296 was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Eugene Hanrahan.

On Aug. 11, 2014, Cruz went into a woman's home and forced her at knifepoint to drive him in her car, which she deliberately crashed so she could run away, the prosecutor said.

The defendant went on to carjack a second woman, a teacher near Palisades High School, ramming the stolen car into several other vehicles, the prosecutor added.

Cruz then abandoned the teacher's vehicle and entered a home where he forced a third woman to surrender her car keys. The defendant crashed that victim's car into other vehicles before running a red light and colliding into a car near Webb Way in Malibu, according to evidence presented at the 2019 trial.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, West Los Angeles Division.

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Right Here in Bay City

IT'S NOTHING NEW

Back in the '60s, conservatives used to think they had a simple, short shut-up, an iron-clad comeback for students protesting police brutality.

"Next time you're in trouble, call a hippie!"

There are a couple of reasons why that smug advice — popping up today in revised form — was disingenuous then and still is. For one thing... what is a hippie anyway? A mythical beast. Everyone has their own notion, like the blind men describing an elephant.

But the idea was and is, if you want to get rid of the cops, who ARE you going to call?

DEFUND THE POLICE?

A lot of people are getting used to that shorthand. But as any writer or advertising pro can tell you, if you have to explain it, you better find a better way to say it. We have enough division now without using a term that pushes buttons for too many. We need to have everyone on board to solve this critical, persistent, soul-crushing problem.

"Defund" means "to withdraw financial support," and I don't think many people are talking about eliminating police altogether. "Police" is just a word, anyway. We need to redefine it, and by doing so address the defects.

If we want to end the disproportionate killing of people of color by police, and the devastating fear that wreaks on the daily lives of such a large number of Americans, we need to completely rethink the role of policing and who does what, and reallocate funds wisely.

If there is an armed robbery, murder, rape, riot, assault, a hostage situation, you want someone trained and equipped to handle that sort of thing. But we now have our police handling situations that would be better addressed by a social worker or medical professional, situations that too often spiral out of control when an armed enforcer intervenes. (Especially those enforcers with prejudices and tendencies toward violence. We definitely need to reform recruiting and training.)

CODE OF SILENCE

In these last few months when so much has come under a microscope, I have drastically revised my own estimate of how many cops are bad, to — a lot. Way, way too many. And if you think that doesn't apply in Santa Monica, you may be fooling yourself. (More on this later.)

That's not to say all cops are bad, or even most. But look at what we've learned from the horrifying number of police killings mounting up. How many of those officers had previous instances of brutality, but no consequences, thus reinforcing the temptation to use deadly force?

Who can ever forget the calmly defiant look on the face of Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin as he stared into the cameras recording his suffocation of a prone, handcuffed George Floyd, putting his full body weight on Floyd's neck for 8:46. Chauvin had 18 conduct complaints on his record, fired his gun at suspects twice previously, one of whom died. He was involved in a car chase that resulted in the deaths of three innocent people in another car. Only two of the 18 complaints resulted in ... reprimands.

Of the three officers who assisted Chauvin in executing Floyd, two were very new on the force and certainly would have had difficulty telling the veterans in charge to stand down, but the other officer, Tou Thao, seen standing guard for Chauvin, has six complaints, one still open — no disciplinary action.

The very real code of silence guarantees police officers who "snitch" on another, even a murderer, will be completely ostracized for the rest of their career. It's powerful, toxic, and needs to change. So do police chiefs who investigate something for so long it becomes irrelevant, and police unions who defend every single action by an officer.

BAD APPLES?

— just a few are to blame, they're the exception... you always hear that. I used to buy in somewhat. But then when Buffalo police officers Robert McCabe and Aaron Torgalski were captured on video a month ago shoving to the pavement a 75-year-old peaceful protestor, leaving him there bleeding and unconscious, with a fractured skull, and emerged from their hearing the next day to a cheering crowd of fellow officers and firemen, and all 57 police officers on Buffalo's Emergency Response Team left that special unit in support of the two officers — all 57 — well, that's a lot of bad apples. Maybe it's a bad police force.

When Atlanta officer Garrett Rolfe was charged with murder a week later for shooting Rayshard Brooks in the back as he ran away from an arrest attempt, for intoxication and falling asleep in his car in a fast food restaurant line, the police chief immediately resigned, but Atlanta police staged a "sick-out" and walk out by 170 officers, in support of Rolfe, and in three out of six zones in the city, officers did not respond to calls. That's hardly protect and serve, and a lot of "bad apples" too.

MANY THINK SANTA MONICA

Isn't in those leagues, It isn't, so far, but we still have work to do. Are we doing it?

Last week I wrote, "I can't recall... an incident of brutality from our police force." There was that case four years ago of Justin Palmer being cited for charging his electric car in Virginia Park, allegedly after closing time. (There were others using the park at that time but Palmer, a black man, was singled out.) Stating to officers he had done nothing wrong, Palmer refused to provide his ID for a citation, and at that point was wrestled to the ground, knocked unconscious and pepper

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California Assembly delays session after virus outbreak

ADAM BEAM AND DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

A coronavirus outbreak in the California Legislature has indefinitely delayed the state Assembly's return to work from a scheduled summer recess, highlighting the rapid spread of the virus in a state that has imposed new restrictions on bars and restaurants following a surge of cases and hospitalizations.

Speaker Anthony Rendon's office confirmed five people who work in the state Assembly have tested positive for the coronavirus. That includes Assemblywoman Autumn Burke, a Democrat from Inglewood, who is believed to have been infected while on the Assembly floor last month when lawmakers returned to the state Capitol in Sacramento to approve a $202.1 billion budget.

The Assembly was scheduled to return to work on July 13.

"The Assembly will remain in recess until further notice," Rendon said. "We have taken this decision, as we did in March, to protect members, staff and the public from exposure, and it comes in light of recent news of positive coronavirus tests in the Capitol."

Many state legislatures shut down earlier this year as the pandemic took hold of the U.S., including California, where lawmakers missed nearly two months of work in its first unscheduled recess in 158 years. But many legislatures eventually returned to work with restrictions in place to limit the spread of the virus.

In California, those restrictions included mandatory masks for lawmakers on the floor, plus physical distancing in the chamber. Burke said both she and the person who exposed her to the virus were wearing masks.

"Currently, my daughter and I have no symptoms, but will be remaining in quarantine until released by a doctor," Burke wrote in a message posted to her Twitter account.

The delay comes as more young people are getting the coronavirus in California, fueling a surge of hospitalizations across the state and prompting Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration to step up enforcement of new restrictions on bars and restaurants.

Statewide, coronavirus hospitalizations have increased 56% in the past two weeks while the number of confirmed cases has jumped 53%. In Los Angeles County, where one quarter of the state's population lives, people between the ages of 18 and 40 now account for 25% of all coronavirus hospitalizations — up from about 10% in April.

"Unfortunately where we are today is different than where we were two, three or four weeks ago. Cases are surging, hospitalizations are increasing and mostly this is a reflection of a lot more community spread," Los Angeles County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said.

Overall, about 56% of the state's nearly 74,000 hospital beds are occupied, leaving some 32,000 beds available for new patients. But the number of coronavirus hospitalizations has steadily increased in the past few weeks, now accounting for 8% of all hospitalizations in California compared to about 6% a month ago.

Hospitals in Imperial County are overwhelmed, forcing the transfer of 500 patients to medical facilities in other counties.

In response, Newsom has ordered bars, indoor restaurant dining and other indoor businesses to close for the next three weeks in 23 of the state's 58 counties. Over the busy Independence Day weekend, Newsom's administration deployed "strike teams" of state inspectors to enforce those rules. But the teams only issued 52 citations because most business owners complied with state directives, Newsom said.

"The overwhelming majority of people were doing the right thing," he said. "Even if people were out of compliance, the engagement got people back into compliance very quickly."

Newsom had sent a letter Friday urging local police and sheriffs to enforce the state health orders. He warned local elected officials again Monday that they risk losing out on $2.5 billion in state funding if they refuse to ensure compliance.

In West Hollywood, where city officials authorized law enforcement to fine people $300 for not wearing facial coverings, deputies stopped more than 100 people but did not fine anyone over the weekend, according to Los Angeles County Sheriff's Capt. Edward Ramirez, who oversees the West Hollywood station.

San Diego County, added to the state watch list on Friday because of its increasing number of cases, announced Monday it would comply with Newsom's order by barring indoor dining and re-closing movie theaters, card rooms, museums, bowling alleys and other family entertainment venues.

The county has seen more than 21 outbreaks of at least three people from different households, including 16 at restaurants.

"We have to fight to slow the spread to save our economy," San Diego County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher said.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia and death.

Associated Press reporters John Antczak and Stefanie Dazio in Los Angeles and Julie Watson in San Diego contributed to this report.

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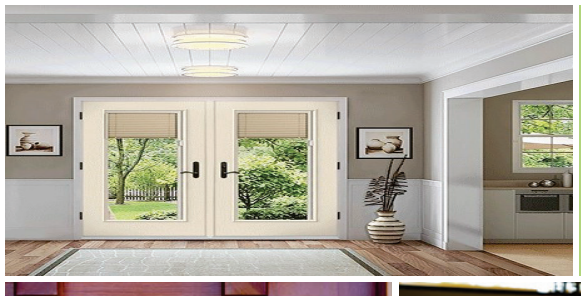
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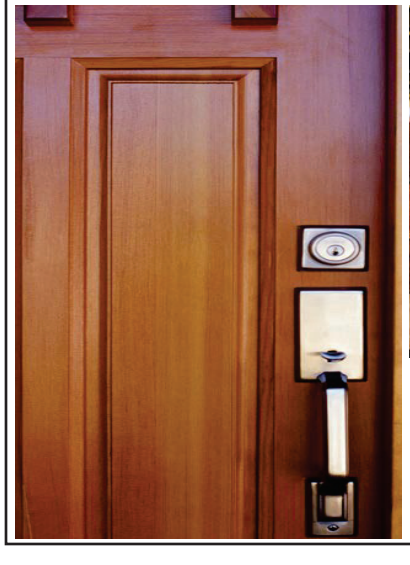
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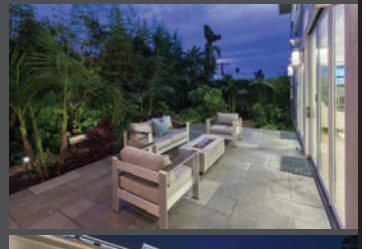
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SURE. IF "A" STANDS FOR ABUSE.

On May 31, in response to a **Black Lives Matter** demonstration on Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica police attacked the crowd with a violent frenzy of rubber bullets and tear gas. In her first media interview after the mayhem, Interim City Manager Lane Dilg said S.M.P.D. deserved "an A" for its actions — which included violence toward demonstrators while our business district was overrun by criminal looters.

Cities across the country are taking tangible steps to rein in this kind of policing while enhancing social programs. But here in Santa Monica? Our City Council just passed a budget that cuts social services and gives more money to the S.M.P.D. More money for police — and brutal cuts for everyone else. Help our city leaders get their priorities straight. Because **Black Lives Matter**.

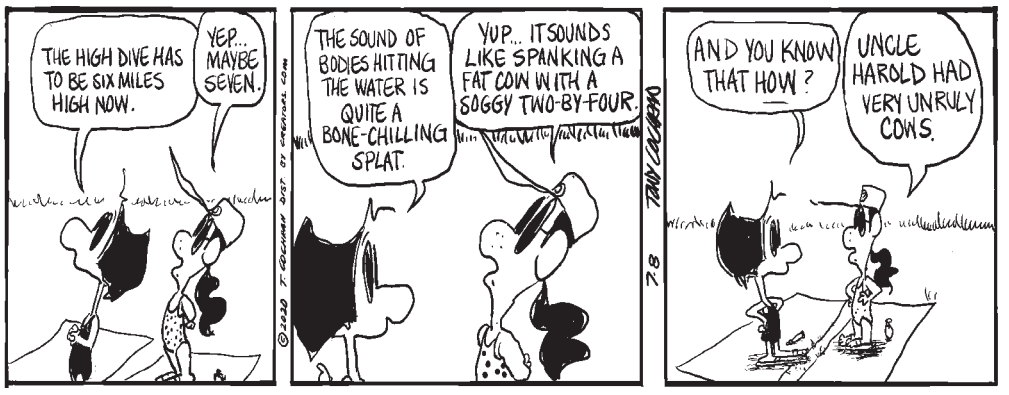
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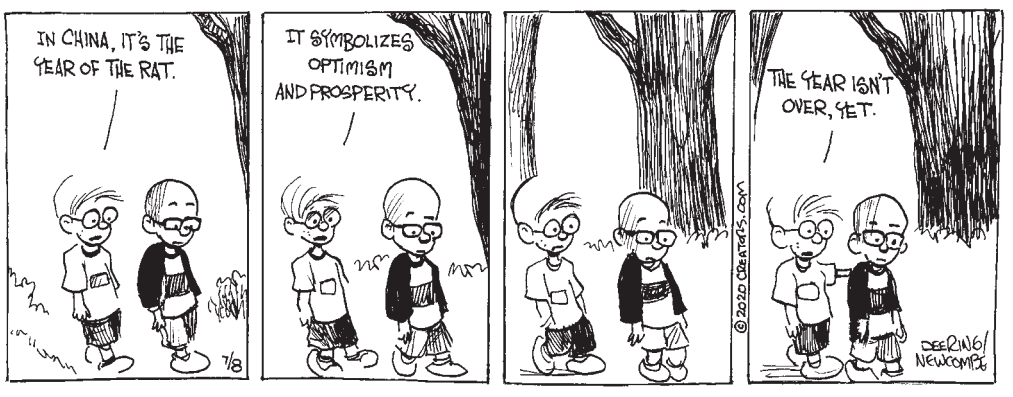
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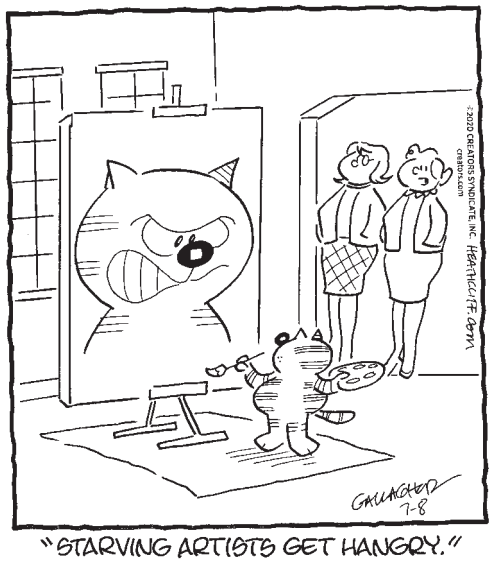
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 70.9°

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach hight
Modest new SSW swell, lingering NW windswell. Light early AM wind.

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Modest SSW swell, trace NW windswell.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 63.
Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 74.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 64.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 78.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/07/08	Wed	06:39 AM	-0.46	L
2020/07/08	Wed	1:22 PM	3.98	H
2020/07/08	Wed	6:01 PM	2.58	L
2020/07/09	Thu	12:01 AM	5.33	H
2020/07/09	Thu	07:17 AM	-0.02	L
2020/07/09	Thu	2:07 PM	4.01	H
2020/07/09	Thu	6:55 PM	2.69	L
2020/07/10	Fri	12:44 AM	4.74	H
2020/07/10	Fri	07:54 AM	0.46	L
2020/07/10	Fri	2:55 PM	4.09	H
2020/07/10	Fri	8:02 PM	2.75	L
2020/07/11	Sat	01:33 AM	4.13	H
2020/07/11	Sat	08:33 AM	0.95	L
2020/07/11	Sat	3:43 PM	4.22	H
2020/07/11	Sat	9:36 PM	2.65	L
2020/07/12	Sun	02:41 AM	3.54	H
2020/07/12	Sun	11:17 PM	2.28	L
2020/07/13	Mon	04:19 AM	3.12	H
2020/07/13	Mon	10:05 AM	1.83	L
2020/07/13	Mon	5:12 PM	4.66	H

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date:07/04
16 21 27 60 61
Power#: 6
Jackpot:69 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 07/03
20 40 44 45 50
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 73 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 07/04
4 6 10 20 41
Mega#: 8
Jackpot: 21 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 07/06
15 18 21 25 38

Daily 3
Draw Date: 07/07
Midday: 0 0 3
Draw Date: 07/06
Evening: 5 8 2

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 07/05
1st: 2-LUCKY STAR
2nd: 5-CALIFORNIA CLASSIC
3rd: 06-WHIRL WIN
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You will often be moved by sudden emotion like spontaneous joy, extreme curiosity or effervescent attraction. You'll take on projects with zest. Your unbeatable attitude will have you competing with top performers and landing in the winner's circle. A new responsibility in 2021 will bring on a shift in how you spend your time. Aries and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 13, 22, 3 and 5.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The way to get people to take your advice is to find out the action they want to take, and then advise them to take it. Pointless? Maybe. But people want to do what they want to do and not feel so alone in it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Be cool, go at a relaxed pace, believe that you, like the gods, have all the time in the world. With a laid-back attitude, you will get there amidst people who feel as comfortable as you do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The one in charge may not be better than the others on the team, but someone has to lead. You'll respect and defer to authority because it's the proper and smart thing to do.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Before you set out to work, make sure the ingredients and tools you need are right where you need them. This gives you the best advantage in an already challenging task.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Once you get into a creative mode, even the worst messes are not mistakes. Everything is a building block for something else. Your mindset is to problem-solve, time and again, until you can make something beautiful out of it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll get the job if you believe you'll get the job. The same goes for getting the attention you would like or any other result for that matter. Believe you can and you can.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Togetherness, like food, air and shelter, is a basic human need. Don't be afraid to reach out today. Chances are that the other person will want to join forces, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Even though you are content with your own company, you don't necessarily want to date someone who is just like you. You'll love the banter that burbles up with an unlikely partner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are not careless with other people's hearts. You will be careful to pace relationships and manage expectations so that all involved are likely to experience a comfortable, slow-growing bond.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You believe that the best way to learn something is to teach it. You personalize the lesson. This isn't just information; it's also a feeling that comes from you and goes straight to the hearts of others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's not a lot you need, but the temptation to get what you don't need is pretty strong now. You're trying to make your life more convenient, though each new purchase comes with a responsibility.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). To whatever extent you can control your own destiny, you will, as long as you keep your mind focused. Beliefs can be more addicting than substances. Stick to the thoughts that help you.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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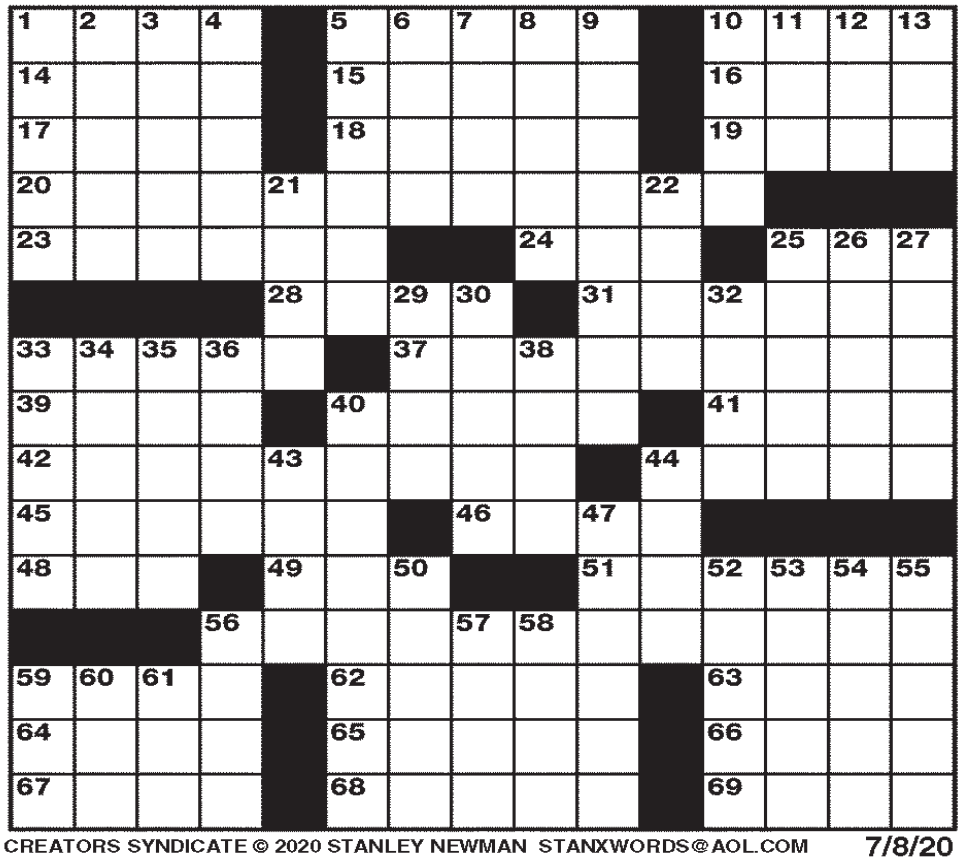
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 OPEC amounts
5 Playful prank
10 Go no further
14 Actor Alda
15 Greek salad morsel
16 Hideout
17 Had on
18 Become ready to harvest
19 With skill
20 Romantic role
23 Few and far between
24 Early afternoon hour
25 Car tank's contents
28 Poet Ogden
31 Spark to action
33 Come apart
37 Place to get a mud bath
39 Dry as a desert
40 State map's dots
41 Line on a grocery list
42 Log of hours worked
44 Diving birds
45 Pierce
46 Needing urgent attention
48 Phone listings: Abbr.
49 Workplaces for RNs
51 Really bothers
56 One on a police force
59 At no cost
62 Steam radiator device
63 Folk tales
64 Subtle radiance
65 Bugs Bunny foe Fudd
66 Small mattress size
67 First word of a letter
68 Bright store lights
69 Vehicle on snow

DOWN
1 Cries loudly
2 Clumsy mistake
3 Caterpillar that will be a butterfly
4 Curl one's lip
5 Eyeball cover
6 Made a landing
7 Plumbing duct
8 Tennis great Chris
9 Subscription continuations
10 Window blind part
11 Bar bill
12 Frying medium
13 Be nosy
21 "Freedom __ free"
22 Alphabetize, say
25 Vigorous vitality
26 Colorado ski spot
27 Stitches in baseballs
29 Horse hoof attachment
30 Chopped down
32 Dayton's state
33 Sleek fabric
34 Top-notch
35 Walks unsteadily
36 Brainstorm
38 Opposite of pro-
40 Eerie Poe poem
43 Plumlike fruit
44 Table extension
47 Passes the buck
50 Pianist's warm-up
52 Leans to one side
53 Look displeased
54 Nest on a telephone pole
55 Drift of fashion
56 Brandy flavor
57 Red Muppet
58 Baker's appliance
59 Brief craze
60 Regret
61 Slice of history



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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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CURIOUS CITY

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sprayed.

I remembered this event but forgot about the unnecessary physical assault, so did not mention it. Palmer was awarded $1M+. Guess who had to cover that award?

Black Lives Matter art and slogans painted on the plywood used to cover store windows after the looting here May 31, were white-washed over in the night.

And if you're still skeptical that we have serious problems with racism here in "progressive, diverse" SM, just go read a dozen Instagram posts in Dear Samohi. I dare you not to cry.

Charles Andrews has lived in Santa Monica for 34 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealm-rmusic@gmail.com

PROGRAM

FROM PAGE 1

have very limited income.

"So, when the federal government released the CARES act and additional funds became available to the city for COVID-related impacts, the first thing we thought to use it for was rental assistance," Willis said, mentioning the program is unique because it focuses on keeping people in their home if they're unable to pay their rent after the moratorium.

"We're trying to help as many as we can and with the amount of money that we have available. We estimate that if everyone used the maximum amount that it would be about 300 households," Willis added. "And I know that a lot of people may hesitate to request government assistance if they have members of their household who are undocumented so we really want to reassure people that we don't ask those questions — and we have a separate pod of city general funds to help people who may not qualify for any federal assistance. So, we are encouraging everyone who has a need that is Covid-related and is unable to pay their rent to apply."

Rental assistance payments will be made directly to landlords or property management companies on behalf of qualifying Santa Monica residents, and the City has opted to partner with St. Joseph Center, a local nonprofit organization who provides rental assistance experience to low-income populations, to expedite both the application review process and the payment of emergency rental assistance to landlords on behalf of Santa Monica residents.

"We've led a charge for quite some time in trying to ensure that families and individuals do not become homeless but this is now a new layer with COVID," said Maia Eaglin, Director of Family Services & RRH at St. Joseph Center, while she detailed how families across the county are no longer able to borrow from family members or compromise with their landlords. "So really what you're seeing now is that people are kind of running out of their problem-solving solutions."

While operating the same program for the unincorporated districts of Los Angeles County, Eaglin said, the program is expected to assist 135 families in the area but it had more than 1,000 people end up in the lottery.

"That just tells you the need and that was just from a specific area," Eaglin said, and she imagines a similar scenario will play out in Santa Monica. But both she and Willis said its key for locals to not get discouraged by the number of applicants.

"Definitely, everybody should apply because part of going through this process is that we're also trying to educate the public too. So if you don't qualify for this program then there are lots of other resources — now some of them may not be as low-barrier as this program," Eaglin said. "But there are other basic needs that people can be connected to," like food banks, which could be crucial in helping families save a few dollars in the long run.

"We've heard loud and clear from our most vulnerable residents that making rent and putting food on the table are urgent concerns," said Mayor Kevin McKeown. "These two new crucial basic-need programs are meant to help our neighbors most at risk. Your city is very clear that we're all in this together, and we continue not only to fight the spread of COVID-19 but to support those of us most impacted by the pandemic's effect on jobs and the economy."

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VACANT

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boards/commissions, their qualifications for the position, goals, vision for the city and personal qualities.

Candidates include former and current commissioners, artists, financial professionals, a boat captain, stylists, lawyers, Realtors, sales agents, scientists, medical professionals, parents and many other professions.

Staff said the final pool of candidates would be finalized in the coming days as officials must verify everyone who applies is a registered voter in the city. Council will make their decision at the July 14 council meeting.

Applications can be viewed online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/Clerk/Boards_and_Commissions/City_Council_Appointment.aspx

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Loan No. G18106812 Title Order No. APN 4268-020-029 Tra No. You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 11/13/2018. Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceedings Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. On 07/16/2020 at 11:00AM, First American Title Insurance Company as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded on November 19, 2018 as Document Number 20181162722 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: 2850 Delaware Holding LLC, as Trustor, Goldman Sachs Bank USA, a New York Chartered Bank, as Beneficiary, Will Sell At Public Auction To The Highest Bidder For Cash (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: Lot 81 Of Tract No. 7993, In The City Of Santa Monica, County Of Los Angeles, State Of California, As Per Map Recorded In Book 98, Pages 89 To 91 Inclusive Of Maps, In The Office Of The County Recorder Of Said County. APN: 4268-020-029 The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2850 Delaware Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90404. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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