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Planners approve micro-hotel but reject restaurant at The Shore

ASHLEY NAPIER
Special to the Daily Press

City Planners have approved plans for a micro-hotel project at the existing Shore Hotel property that will include 34 beds inside a 14 room concept as part of an ongoing settlement issued by the California Coastal Commission due to the unpermitted construction of the original building.

In 2008, Sunshine Enterprises L.P., the development company owned by the Farzam Family, obtained a permit from the California Coastal Commission to construct a low-cost hotel, with room-rates as low as $165 per night. The permit to construct the low-cost hotel expired in 2011, when Sunshine Enterprises failed to fulfill the special conditions of their Coastal Development Permit (CDP). The development firm then constructed the 164-room, boutique, luxury Shore Hotel with rooms going between $300-$800 per night. Sunshine Enterprises received a fine of $15.5 million from the California Coastal Commission over the work.

The Commission's directive is to protect fair and equitable access to the coast and one method is to ensure moderately priced hotel

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Housing and finances at Tuesday's Council meeting

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A seemingly diverse group of items are up for debate at Tuesday's Council meeting but expenses and housing are a central theme of the agenda.

Council will hear items on replacing a downtown garage with a housing project, giving historically displaced families priority in city housing projects, increasing settlement authority for staff, assessing fees to property owners for lighting, issuing bonds to fund construction projects and appointing individuals to 49 openings on boards or commissions.

PARKING STRUCTURE 3

As part of the consent calendar, council could authorize a contract to demolish Parking Structure 3 in Downtown. After consideration of several City-owned sites by the Housing Commission in 2018 and 2019, the Housing Commission recommended repurposing the PS 3 site to add affordable housing. Staff anticipates presenting a recommendation to the City Council for selection of the developer by the end of this year. The demolition duration is estimated to be 180 calendar days and would begin in late 2021 or early 2022.

SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY

At its meeting on June 22 City Council introduced for first reading

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Santa Monica's first medical marijuana dispensary edges closer to opening



Clara Harter

DISPENSARY: It will be several months before any store can possibly open its doors.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

While marijuana dispensaries have been sprouting like weeds across Los Angeles, no company has been able to take root in Santa Monica's highly regulated soil — until now.

After being selected by the City as one of two cannabis companies in a 2018 licensing application process, CPC Compassion Inc. has secured a location at 925 Wilshire Blvd. and submitted its application for a Conditional Use Permit.

If the permit is granted, construction and design plans approved, and other necessary licenses obtained, Santa Monica could see its first dispensary open doors by December at the earliest. However, unlike almost every other dispensary in LA, it will not be selling marijuana for recreational use.

This is due to Santa Monica's Cannabis Ordinance, which only allows for two medical dispensaries to do business in a strictly defined area of the City. These rules were passed by City Council in October 2017 — a few months after recreational marijuana was legalized in California — and then extended until 2023 by a vote in February 2020.

The team behind CPC Compassion is excited to be the first dispensary to open in Santa Monica's coveted market, but acknowledges that there will be difficulties that come with its medical only designation.

"Finding providers that can give recommendation letters is not required by 99 percent of all the dispensaries here, so it is going to be a challenge for patients to find recommendation letters to then come use our dispensary," said Dr. Paul Song, chief medical officer at CPC Compassion's parent company Calyx Peak.

Prior to California's recreational legalization of marijuana, customers needed a letter from a medical professional to patronize a dispensary. While there was formerly a large market

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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 Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance to Extend Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance 2674 (CCS) Authorizing Temporary Use of Private Outdoor Space, Temporary Permitted Uses for Emergency Shelters, Public Safety Facilities, and Drive-Through Facilities for COVID-19 Testing and Vaccination Purposes, and Flexibility in Issuance of Temporary Use Permits and Alcoholic Beverage Sales.**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce and adopt an Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance extending Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance 2674 (CCS) that authorized the temporary use of private outdoor space, temporary permitted uses for emergency shelters, public safety facilities, and drive-through facilities for COVID-19 testing and vaccination purposes, and flexibility in issuance of temporary use permits and alcoholic beverage sales. The City Council adopted Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance 2674 (CCS) at the June 8, 2021 City Council meeting.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021, AT 6:30 P.M.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Gavin Newsom, the public can only attend this meeting by watching it streaming at https://www.youtube.com/user/Citytv16santamonica or https://www.smgov.net/video or Dial-In Number 1 (415) 466-7000 (US), PIN 8756194#

In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), only members of the City Council and City Staff will participate in person at City Hall. Members of the public may participate via telephone. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but individuals may also join the teleconference via other methods listed above, and provide public comment via Call-In Studio by dialing in at (310) 312-8173.

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Written public comment can be submitted 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. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

If you want to speak on a particular agenda item, please call (310) 312-8173 once the caller queue for the agenda item opens. Please note that the caller queue for each agenda item will not open until just before the item is called and will close after the first five public comments (from other callers) are heard.

Please see the July 27, 2021 City Council Agenda for more detailed instructions.

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: Extension of Santa Monica Outdoors Interim Zoning Ordinance

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Steve Mizokami by e-mail at steve.mizokami@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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Burglary Now 1200blk Wilshire Blvd 12:33 a.m.
Forensics Request - Fingerprint 1600blk 11th St 1:05 a.m.
Burglary Now 1600blk 11th St 1:05 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2100blk Montana Ave 1:07 a.m.
Person Down 800blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:48 a.m.
Family Disturbance 1400blk 7th St 2:11 a.m.
Domestic Violence 1700blk Washington Ave 3:20 a.m.
Encampment 2000blk Ocean Ave 4:06 a.m.
Battery 2800blk The Beach 4:11 a.m.
Trespassing 700blk Montana Ave 5:57 a.m.
Battery 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:05 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 26th St / Wilshire Blvd 6:45 a.m.
Encampment 2000blk The Beach 6:47 a.m.
Encampment 2600blk The Beach 7:04 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now Ocean Ave / Olympic Dr 7:23 a.m.
Burglary Now 800blk 12th St 7:38 a.m.
Missing Person 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:22 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 17th St / Wilshire Blvd 8:53 a.m.
Encampment 1300blk Palisades Beach Rd 8:55 a.m.
Missing Person 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:04 a.m.
Forensics Request - Fingerprint 1600blk 12th St 9:04 a.m.
Loitering 1500blk Princeton St 9:06 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1500blk 4th St 9:18 a.m.
Battery 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 9:24 a.m.
Petty Theft 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 10:04 a.m.
Burglary 1100blk 10th St 10:24 a.m.
Attempt Burglary 2200blk Wilshire Blvd 10:33 a.m.
Attempt Strongarm Robbery 2500blk Main St 10:54 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 500blk Ashland Ave 11:30 a.m.
Auto Burglary 2400blk Main St 11:50 a.m.
Grand Theft 100blk Colorado Ave 11:54 a.m.
Burglary 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:09 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 1400blk Palisades Park 12:11 p.m.
Attempt Burglary 2200blk Wilshire Blvd 12:21 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:22 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 1400blk 15th St 12:38 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 12:39 p.m.
Person Down 1200blk Ocean Ave 12:41 p.m.
Person Down Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 12:52 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Navy St 1:15 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Ruskin St / Marine St 1:21 p.m.
Petty Theft 200blk Bicknell Ave 1:22 p.m.
Battery 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:41 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 3100blk Main St 1:43 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1400blk 2nd St 1:49 p.m.
Vandalism Now 300blk Santa Monica Pl 1:53 p.m.
Petty Theft 1600blk Ocean Ave 2:17 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Interstate 10 / Lincoln Blvd 2:18 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 300blk Olympic Dr 2:32 p.m.
Battery 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 2:33 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 2:34 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1300blk 2nd St 2:57 p.m.
Vandalism Now Lincoln Blvd / Montana Ave 3:03 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 100blk Wadsworth Ave 3:06 p.m.
Assault 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:18 p.m.
Fraud 1300blk 26th St 3:22 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1500blk Ocean Ave 3:26 p.m.
Attempt Strongarm Robbery 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 3:27 p.m.
Fight Ocean Ave / Broadway 3:31 p.m.
Domestic Violence 7300blk Medical Center Dr, West Hills 3:32 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 2600blk 2nd St 3:35 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 1500blk 2nd St 3:44 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 3:44 p.m.
Petty Theft 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 3:47 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500blk 11th St 4:02 p.m.
Found Person 300blk Santa Monica Pier 4:07 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1800blk Main St 4:20 p.m.
Armed Robbery/Auto Theft 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:49 p.m.
Person Down 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 5:01 p.m.
Forensics Request - Fingerprint 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 5:08 p.m.
Medical Emergency 1200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 5:17 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1400blk Olympic Blvd 5:24 p.m.
Vandalism 3100blk Pico Blvd 5:26 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1300blk The Beach 5:38 p.m.
Vandalism Now 2600blk Main St 5:44 p.m.
Fraud 1200blk 12th St 5:57 p.m.
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Burglary 700blk 14th St 6:12 p.m.
Vandalism 2200blk Ashland Ave 6:24 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1100blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:31 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Ocean Ave / Montana Ave 6:31 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 17th St / Broadway 6:36 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Ocean Ave / Wilshire Blvd 6:55 p.m.
Trespassing 1400blk 7th St 6:58 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 17th St / Broadway 7:04 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1800blk 7th St 7:20 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1100blk 16th St 7:45 p.m.
Auto Burglary 2000blk Marine St 8:00 p.m.
Trespassing 1300blk 2nd St 8:05 p.m.
Petty Theft 1800blk Wilshire Blvd 8:27 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 8:45 p.m.
Trespassing 900blk Palisades Beach Rd 9:11 p.m.
Burglary 1900blk 19th St 9:14 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300blk 7th St 9:17 p.m.
Petty Theft 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:17 p.m.

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Summer camps hit with COVID outbreaks – are schools next?

HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH, KANTELE FRANKO AND LINDSEY TANNER
Associated Press

The U.S. has seen a string of COVID-19 outbreaks tied to summer camps in recent weeks in places such as Texas, Illinois, Florida, Missouri and Kansas, in what some fear could be a preview of the upcoming school year.

In some cases the outbreaks have spread from the camp to the broader community.

The clusters have come as the number of newly confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S. has reversed course, surging more than 60% over the past two weeks from an average of about 12,000 a day to around 19,500, according to data from Johns Hopkins University.

The rise in many places has been blamed on too many unvaccinated people and the highly contagious delta variant.

Gwen Ford, a 43-year-old science teacher from Adrian, Missouri, was cautiously optimistic when she eyed the dropping case numbers in the spring and signed up her 12-year-old daughter for the West Central Christian Service Camp.

But one day after the girl got home from a week of playing in the pool, worshiping with friends and bunking in a dormitory, Ford got an email about an outbreak and then learned that her daughter's camp buddy was infected.

"It was very nerve-wracking. It kind of seems like we finally felt comfortable and it happened," Ford said, adding that her daughter ultimately tested negative.

Ford said she definitely plans to get her daughter vaccinated but hadn't done so because there wasn't much time between the start of camp and the government's authorization of the Pfizer vaccine for 12- to 15-year-olds in May.

A note posted on the camp's Facebook page showed that the camp nurse and several other staff members and volunteers were among those infected. Staff members at the camp did not return a call for comment.

JoAnn Martin, administrator of the public health agency in surrounding Pettis County, lamented the difficulty in getting people to take the virus seriously and get vaccinated.

"It has been a challenge since the first case," she said. "You have people who still say it is not real. You have people who say it is a cold. You have people who say what is the big deal. You have people who say it is all a government plot."

Dr. William Schaffner, a Vanderbilt University infectious disease specialist, said he isn't surprised by the outbreaks as camps reopen this year after being closed last summer. He said he had his doubts that some camps "thought through all the implications of camping during COVID."

Ideally, he said, camps would require vaccinations for adults and for campers who are old enough, and would take other measures such as serving meals in shifts, putting fewer youngsters in the cabins and requiring anyone unvaccinated to wear masks indoors.

In the Houston area, health officials reported more than 130 youths and adults tested positive for the virus in cases connected to a church camp. The pastor of Clear Creek Community Church in League City said the outbreak happened in two waves, first at the camp and then when people returned home in late June.

"In some cases, entire families are sick," pastor Bruce Wesley said on the church's Facebook page.

In Illinois, health officials said 85 teens and adults at a Christian youth camp in mid-June tested positive, including an unvaccinated young adult who was hospitalized, and some people from the camp attended a nearby conference, leading to 11 additional cases.

The Illinois Department of Public Health said all the campers were eligible for the vaccine, but only "a handful" of campers and staff had received it. The camp didn't check people's vaccination status or require masks indoors, according to the department.

The health department in Leon County, Florida, which includes Tallahassee, tweeted this month that an increase in cases there also was tied in part to summer camp outbreaks.

And in Kansas, about 50 people have been infected in an outbreak linked to a church summer camp held last month not far from Wichita.

Elsewhere the situation is better. The roughly 225 overnight camps and thousands of day camps run by local YMCAs are mostly open this summer, though with slightly reduced capacity, said Paul McEntire, chief operating officer for YMCA of the USA.

McEntire said he is aware of a few cases of Y camps where people tested positive for the virus, but no instances of significant spread. He said many camps are taking precautions such as serving meals in shifts or outside and trying to keep youngsters in separate groups. Most are requiring masks indoors, but he acknowledged it can be a challenge.

"To be frank, there are some parents that didn't want to send their kids unless they were assured that masking was being used indoors," he said. "There were others that took the exact opposite viewpoint."

Ahead of the school year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated its guidance last week to say vaccinated teachers and students don't need to wear masks inside and 3-foot distancing of desks is not necessary for the fully vaccinated.

Summer camp outbreaks "certainly could be a precursor'' to what happens when youngsters return to classrooms in the fall, said Dr. Michelle Prickett, a pulmonary

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FDA adds warning about rare reaction to J&J COVID-19 vaccine

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Associated Press

U.S. regulators on Monday added a new warning to Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine about links to a rare and potentially dangerous neurological reaction, but said it's not entirely clear the shot caused the problem.

The Food and Drug Administration announced the new warning, flagging reports of Guillain-Barre syndrome, an immune system disorder that can causes muscle weakness and occasionally paralysis. Health officials described the side effect as a "small possible risk" for those getting the shot.

The action comes after the FDA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reviewed reports of about 100 people developing the syndrome after receiving the one-dose vaccine. Almost all of were hospitalized and one person died, the FDA said.

Guillain-Barre syndrome occurs when the body's immune system mistakenly attacks some of its nerve cells, causing muscle weakness and sometimes paralysis that typically is temporary. An estimated 3,000 to 6,000 people develop the syndrome each year, according to the CDC.

The number of cases reported in connection with J&J's vaccine represents a tiny fraction of the nearly 13 million Americans who have received the one-dose shot. Most cases were reported in men — many 50 years old and up — and usually about two weeks after vaccination.

J&J said in a statement it has been discussing the reports with the FDA and other health regulators around the world.

The CDC said it would ask its panel of outside vaccine experts to review the issue at an upcoming meeting.

The government said the vaccines most used in the U.S., made by Pfizer and Moderna, show no risk of the disorder after more than 320 million doses have been administered.

The new warning will be included in pamphlets given to people getting the J&J shot. They should seek medical attention if they experience any symptoms, which include tingling sensations, trouble walking and double vision, the FDA said.

Vaccines historically provide broad protection with little risk but come with occasional side effects just like other drugs and medical therapies. The three COVID-19 vaccines used in the U.S. were each tested in tens of thousands of people, but even such huge studies can't rule out extremely rare side effects.

The CDC and the FDA have been monitoring side effect reports submitted by physicians, drugmakers and patients to a federal vaccine safety database.

Guillain-Barre can be triggered by a number of infections, including flu, cytomegalovirus and Zika virus. But there have been rare cases in which people develop the disorder days or weeks after receiving certain vaccines.

J&J's vaccine was highly anticipated because of its one-and-done formulation and easy-to-ship refrigeration. But early on, it was linked to another rare risk, of blood clots, and the company hasn't been able to produce as much as expected because of problems at a Baltimore factory that helps make the shots.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 44 CALLS ON JULY 11

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EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 3:35 a.m.
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EMS 18th St / Olympic Blvd 9:14 a.m.
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EMS 1900blk 20th St 10:18 a.m.
EMS 1200blk Stanford St 10:53 a.m.
EMS 2700blk Neilson Way 10:54 a.m.
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EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 11:17 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 11th St 11:36 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk 7th St 12:06 p.m.
EMS 800blk 2nd St 12:07 p.m.
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Biden balances fighting rising crime, reforming police

JONATHAN LEMIRE, MICHAEL BALSAMO AND COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press

Facing rising fears of summer violence, President Joe Biden is embarking on a political high-wire act, trying to balance his strong backing for law enforcement with the police reform movement championed by many of his supporters.

His focus Monday was on crime.

Biden met at the White House with urban leaders — including Eric Adams, the heavy favorite to be the next mayor of New York City — about increased shootings, as Democrats warily watch a surge across the nation. Though limited to what can be done at the federal level, Biden promised to support efforts on the ground to combat crime.

"We know when we utilize trusted community members and encourage more community policing, we can intervene before the violence erupts," the president said.

The meeting was the second in just three weeks, underscoring the political concern crime has become for Democrats as they look to protect their thin margins in Congress. Big city mayors and lawmakers have sounded the alarm on the rise in crime, believed partly fueled by destabilizing forces of the pandemic, and polls suggest it is an increasing matter of concern for many Americans.

White House aides believe that Biden, with his long legislative record on crime as a former senator, is not easy to paint as soft on the issue. And the president has been clear that he is opposed to the "defund the police" movement, which has been effectively used against some Democrats to paint them as anti-law enforcement.

The president promoted the money for policing in his COVID-19 relief bill and, reflecting on his nearly four decades in the Senate, declared that "Most of my career has been on this issue."

At the same time, Biden has also tried to boost progressives' efforts to reform policing and has backed a bill that, after initial promise, has stalled in the Senate.

Biden lent his support to the protests that swept the nation last year after the death of George Floyd, a Black man, under the knee of a white police officer. That incident sparked a national reckoning on race, including sometimes-violent protests that were seized upon by then-President Donald Trump to raise anger among his conservative supporters.

Crime has become a major Republican talking point and has been a frequent topic of conversation on conservative media.

That's where Biden's balancing act comes in.

He received overwhelming election support from Black voters and picked the first Black woman, Kamala Harris, to be vice president. The president and White House aides are frequently in touch with civil rights leaders to consult on police reform and voting access.

While combating crime and reforming the police don't inherently have to be at odds, the two efforts have been increasingly billed that way. And the presence in the White House meeting of Adams, who doesn't face general election voters until November, was symbolic of the administration's effort to find a middle ground.

A rise in shootings as New York City began to emerge from the pandemic helped propel a late charge for Adams, a black former police captain who rejects defund-the-police talk. Adams also says he would bring back a contentious plainclothes anti-crime unit that focused on getting guns off the streets, a unit that was disbanded amid charges that it used excessive force.

Adams beat more-liberal candidates, but his lifetime of speaking out against police misconduct and his blunt, working-class style make it difficult to pigeonhole him. He spoke frequently on the campaign trail of being beaten by police officers as a teenager and joining the force to reform it from within. And Adams, who appears to face only token Republican opposition this fall, was a founder of a group called 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement Who Care that fought against racial profiling and advocated for the hiring of more officers of color.

"My request of the president was number one, to make sure that we use the money that has been allocated to deal with underlying causes," said Adams after Monday's meeting. "But he must have a plan that's prevention and intervention."

Adams, the current Brooklyn Borough president, said, "Other communities are waking up to an alarm clock" while minority communities are "waking up to gunshots, and this president said 'This is not good.'"

Biden recently announced new efforts to stem the tide of violence, but the federal government is limited in what it can do to help localities reduce the spike. His plan focuses on providing funding to cities that need more police, offering community support and cracking down on gun violence and illegal firearms.

But much of Biden's effort is voluntary — centered on encouraging cities to invest some of their COVID-19 relief funds into policing and pushing alternative crime reduction steps such as increased community support and summer jobs for teenagers, who are often both targets and perpetrators of violence.

Having already issued a series of executive actions but powerless to do much more on his own, Biden again on Monday called for Congress to pass gun legislation. But there are no signs of movement on Capitol Hill.

Federal statistics show significant increases in murder nationwide, though spikes in crime are common in the summer months. The federal government has been trying to step up its efforts, launching strike forces in Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington, D.C., to help address illegal gun trafficking.

And while crime is rising, violent crime overall remains lower than it was a decade ago or even five years ago. And most violent crimes plummeted during the first six months of the pandemic, as people stayed indoors and away from others.

In fact, the spike in crime defies easy

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Your Local Mechanic is a Dying Breed

When I was a kid our local auto mechanic was a well-known fixture in the community. Being a mechanic was considered a good, stable, well-paying job that had a future in it. People would always need car repairs so long as there were cars, and that seemed like as sure a bet as being a family law attorney, where people will always fight over kids and money.

I drive an older car. I have a 1994 Lexus LS400 and it inevitably needs a bit of love from the local mechanics. The transmission went out a few thousand miles ago, of course it was on a Saturday and I was thinking that meant no repair shops open til Monday. But I was wrong. I put in the Google Maps a search for a local transmission shop and up popped Master Transmission on Lincoln. They opened at 8:00 a.m. on a Saturday and I was able to get my car towed there.

The owner, Carlos Pineda is a bit of a bear of a man who came bounding out to meet me and asked what was wrong. I told him, and he took the car for a spin around the block and came back with a diagnosis that I wasn't thrilled with, I needed to replace the entire thing because that's just the way they make them these days.

It would be about 5 days before I had my car back, and a few thousand dollars, but it came with a one year guarantee and my car was running just fine again. Later that year I took it in to Lexus for a complete physical and they noted that there was some slight transmission leakage, so back to Carlos I went and he honored his guarantee and fixed the problem.

If you're like me, you use the air conditioner a great deal in traffic, and will notice over time that the cold isn't as cold as it used to be. That coolant can lose its effectiveness, but for a few hundred dollars and half a day the great guys at Morris Automotive on Colorado Blvd, were able to recharge the system and now my car is like a meat locker.

My regular mechanic is Greg at Morgan Auto on Pico across from the Trader Joe's. I like having a regular mechanic who knows me and my car. The man is able to give me honest work at a reasonable price, and as much I love the bagels and coffee at the Lexus Dealership, I don't think I've ever had the same serviceperson. It's the little things in life that make it nicer. When I call Greg and ask if I can get in for an oil change and a checkup, it's sorta like going to my barber, Brian at Tel's across from Virginia Avenue Park. The ease and comfort of seeing an old friend just makes the pain of paying for repairs just a little bit less.

Greg has been my mechanic for years now and I don't have to explain everything to him. I'm going to miss that when either I no longer drive, or he retires. His retirement may happen sooner than I'd like, since the city is doing everything they can to eliminate the auto repair shops in our town. The grunge and mess of repairs don't seem to fit with the master plan for what is to be our little city by the Bay.

The future of repair shops is bleak at best, and the city isn't the only factor in killing this industry. The auto industry and the insurance industry are actively trying to put the small repair shops out of business as well. The auto industry does it with designs that make it financially unfeasible and almost impossible to repair and or replace parts. That way you are forced to buy bigger and bigger composite components, rather than individual pieces.

From the insurance industry side, they are all about the dollars and cutting costs. I had another Lexus before this one, and was T-Boned. The body of the car on the passenger side was crushed in, but the engine was fine, the driver's side was fine, but the damage was done to lower frame, and with a unibody design it couldn't be repaired, so the insurance company wrote me a check and scrapped the car. I still cry over that. Loved that car.

Our world is changing, not always for the better. Some things are improvements, air bags for example, but others just create more waste, and kill jobs. Over the next decade you'll see fewer and fewer repair shops, and of course you'll need them less, because your car is more likely to be replaced rather than repaired.

It'll be a sad day when the last repair shop closes, but hopefully there'll be a replacement industry for those jobs. I just have no idea what it will be, and if it'll have the charm and familiarity of my old school repair place.

If you have good idea for a story, or know of a company that is innovating in some novel way that should be brought to a wider audience, please drop me an email at DAVID@SMDP.COM and let's see what the future is looking like.

CRIME

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explanation. Experts point to a number of potential causes: the pandemic that has killed more than 600,000 people in the U.S., worries about the economy, large gatherings after months of stay-at-home orders, intense stress and even the weather.

Police leaders nationwide have said they are struggling with the increase in shootings and homicides. They're grappling with retirements and fewer staff and a difficulty in recruiting officers to help push back.

In the cities, "disparities exist everywhere; we're talking education, health care, criminal justice system," Portland Oregon Chief Chuck Lovell said recently at a forum on crime.

"We're solely focused on law enforcement at the moment. My hope is that throughout this time we can do some things that really benefit people in general, but we really need to think globally."

Pesticide caused kids' brain damage, California lawsuits say

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

Lawsuits filed Monday in California seek potential class-action damages from Dow Chemical and its successor company over a widely used bug killer linked to brain damage in children.

Chlorpyrifos is approved for use on more than 80 crops, including oranges, berries, grapes, soybeans, almonds and walnuts, though California banned sales of the pesticide last year and spraying of it this year. Some other states, including New York, have moved to ban it.

Stuart Calwell, lead attorney in the lawsuits, argued that its effects linger in Central Valley agricultural communities contaminated by chlorpyrifos during decades of use, with measurable levels still found in his clients' homes.

Lawyers project that at least 100,000 homes in the nation's largest agricultural state may need to dispose of most of their belongings because they are contaminated with the pesticide.

"We have found it in the houses, we have found it in carpet, in upholstered furniture, we found it in a teddy bear, and we found it on the walls and surfaces," Calwell said. "Then a little child picks up a teddy bear and holds on to it."

All that needs to be cleaned up, he says, because "it's not going away on its own."

State records show 61 million pounds of the pesticide were applied from 1974 through 2017 in four counties where the lawsuits were filed, Calwell said.

Officials with Dow and its affiliated Corteva Inc. did not immediately respond to telephone and email requests seeking comment.

Corteva stopped producing the pesticide last year. The Delaware-based company was created after a merger of Dow Chemical and Dupont and had been the world's largest manufacturer of chlorpyrifos. The company has said it believes the product is safe and said it stopped production because of declining sales.

Scientific studies have shown that chlorpyrifos damages the brains of fetuses and children. It was first used in 1965 but was banned for household use in 2001.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is weighing whether to ban the product or declare it safe, including for infants and children. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in April ordered the EPA to make a decision after studying the product for more than a decade. The Trump administration had halted the rule-making process.

The lawsuits were filed on behalf of people in Fresno, Kings, Madera and Tulare counties, though Calwell said they are a precursor to seeking class-action status. Aside from Dow-related companies, they name various farming companies they say applied the chemical near the plaintiffs' homes.

In each case, the plaintiffs are parents suing on behalf of children who suffer from severe neurological injuries that the lawsuits blame on their exposure to the chemical while they were in the womb or when they were very young.

Aside from nearby spraying, the lawsuits say the parent, relatives or others in frequent contact with the child worked in the fields or packing plants and became contaminated with the chemical that they passed on to the child.

Calwell filed related lawsuits last fall on behalf of farmworkers who his firm said "spent years marinating in the pesticide."

The first of those related lawsuits blames chlorpyrifos for causing autism, cognitive and intellectual disabilities in a now-teenager born in 2003.

The teen's father worked spraying pesticides on farm fields and his mother packed what the lawsuit says was chlorpyrifos-covered produce in a facility surrounded by fields treated with the pesticide, often applied by aerial spraying.

Calwell similarly sued Monsanto for damages he alleged it caused to homes in Nitro, West Virginia, with its use of dioxin to make the defoliant known during the Vietnam War era as Agent Orange.

That case settled for $93 million, with Monsanto paying to decontaminate 4,500 homes, a fraction of those that he alleges in California will require more extensive decontamination followed by medical monitoring.

COVID

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and critical care specialist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. The outcome will depend on vaccination rates and which virus variants are prevalent, she said.

"We just need to be vigilant," Prickett said.

Schaffner said he thinks schools won't face similar outbreaks because they tend to be more structured and disciplined than camps and because most got used to making adjustments over the past year and a half. But he said the best way to reduce the risk is to get most people vaccinated.

"There are many parts of the country that simply have not grasped this," he said.

It could be several months before regulators make a decision on authorizing shots for children under 12. Studies on such youngsters are still going on.

Ford, the teacher whose daughter narrowly escaped getting COVID-19 at a Missouri summer camp, is worried.

"With the uptick in cases, I am concerned that we won't be able to go back to normal, and we will have to ask people to mask and stuff," she said, "and I have a feeling that there is going to be a huge argument."

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MARIJUANA

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of letter providers, the infrastructure faded away once recreational use was legalized.

Song remains optimistic about the viability of CPC Compassion's Santa Monica dispensary as Calyx Peak specializes in the medicinal uses of marijuana and aims to service this market locally.

"We're targeting a different user than the recreational user. We're targeting people that maybe have difficulty sleeping and have been taking Ambien far longer than they should be or people that have chronic joint pain," said Song. "We still think there's a real market for people that are suffering but don't necessarily want to go light up a jay; they may want to take either an edible or apply a cream."

Song is a 14 year resident of Santa Monica and a licensed physician radiation oncologist. He was drawn into the field of medical marijuana after witnessing its pain relief benefits during his late father's battle with cancer.

"We are really going to bring a much more medicinal professional side to this," said Song. Between the opioid epidemic, the number of people that are hooked on Ambien or benzodiazepines, if we can help reduce those needs and usage — that's what we want to do."

Once the City's Cannabis Ordinance edges closer to its 2023 expiration date, City Council could choose to extend it further as written or alter it to allow for recreational dispensaries. Song expressed hope that recreational stores could be allowed as he acknowledged that it would help the company's bottom line.

However, Song maintained that above all CPC seeks to prove its benefit to the community and always play by the rules — of which there are many.

Dispensaries are allowed to open along a two mile stretch of Wilshire Boulevard from Lincoln to the city limits or on Santa Monica Boulevard between Lincoln and 20th or between 23rd and Centinela Avenue. The shops may not be within 600 feet of a school, daycare, park, library, social services center, or the other cannabis business.



Clara Harter

SIGNAGE: The proposal is for a medical store.

Prior to receiving a license to operate in the City, CPC beat out 19 other applicants to secure one of two available spots in December 2018. Notably, CPC narrowly edged out national marijuana mogul MedMen for the second spot with a score of 60.76 compared to 60.35.

The development of the two licensed companies was delayed by an appeal process of almost two years, during which several applicants protested their exclusion. City Planning ultimately upheld the original selection decision and issued Preliminary Selection Letters for the two retailers in November 2020.

With a lease agreement in place and a hefty Conditional Use Permit application fee of $19,257.25 filed, CPC is awaiting Planning Commission review. According to City Public Information Officer Constance Farrell, this is anticipated to take place in the fall.

"Beyond issuance of a CUP, the company will need a Santa Monica business license and Medicinal Cannabis Retailer Permit as well as a State license from the Bureau of Cannabis Control," said Farrell.

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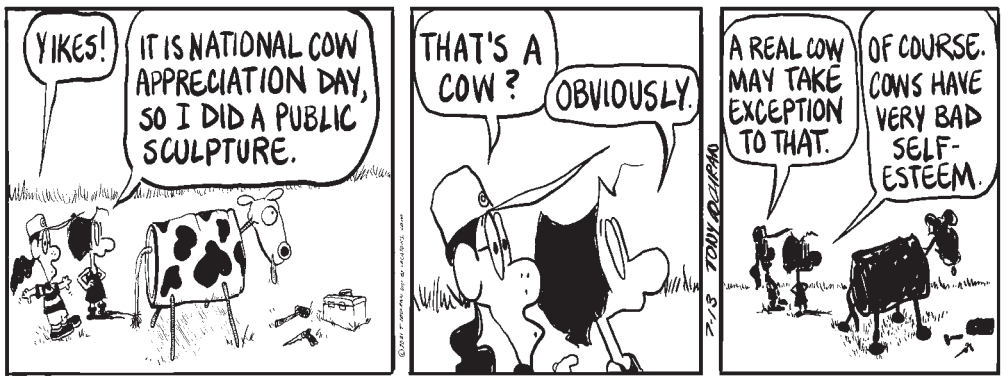


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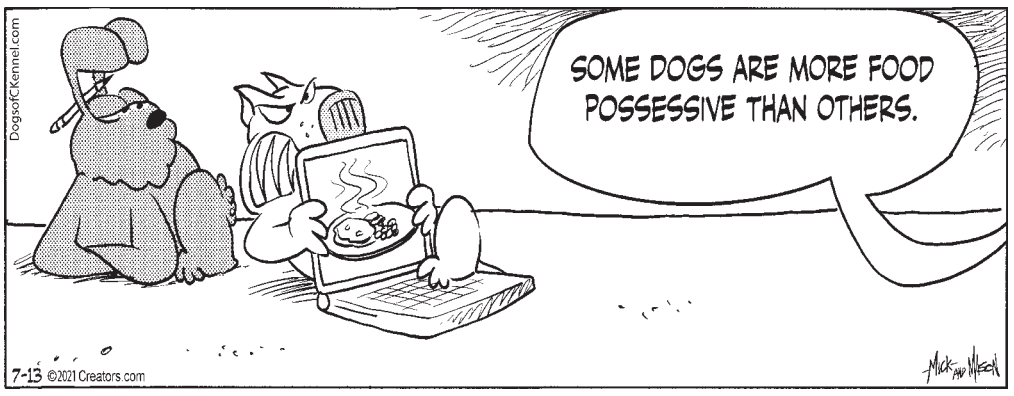
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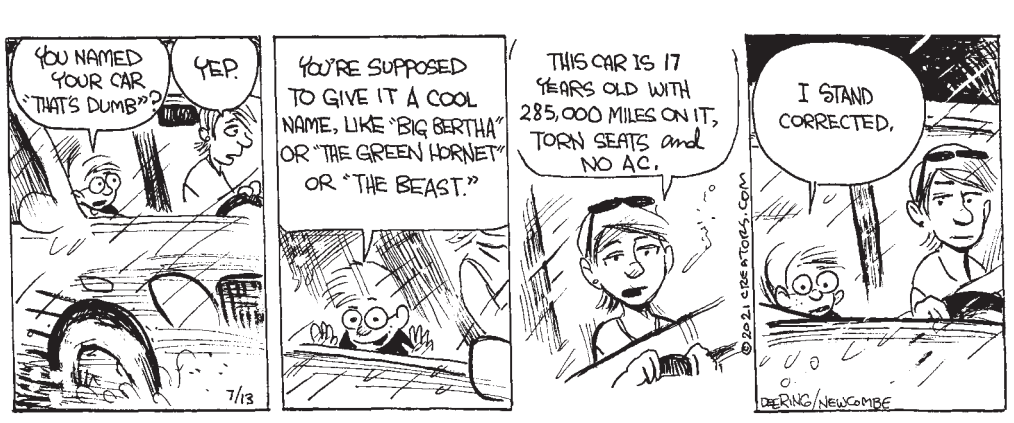
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 69.4°

TUESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-5ft Waist to head high
SSW/S swell finishes building -- new long period adds a little extra push over previous days. Nice tide push through mid-morning after a drained dawn patrol.

WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-5ft Waist to head high
SSW/S swell continues -- most size west of Dume. Early morning wind looking lighter than previous days. Find structure (reef, point) for shape.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 72.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 65.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 72.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2021/07/14	Wed	2:01 PM	4.14	H
2021/07/14	Wed	7:00 PM	2.56	L
2021/07/15	Thu	12:46 AM	4.90	H
2021/07/15	Thu	07:48 AM	0.33	L
2021/07/15	Thu	2:46 PM	4.40	H
2021/07/15	Thu	8:17 PM	2.45	L
2021/07/16	Fri	01:48 AM	4.25	H
2021/07/16	Fri	08:29 AM	0.81	L
2021/07/16	Fri	3:33 PM	4.75	H
2021/07/16	Fri	9:56 PM	2.08	L
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2021/07/17	Sat	4:24 PM	5.17	H
2021/07/17	Sat	11:26 PM	1.42	L
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Fantasy 5
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3rd: 11 - Money Bags
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You'll allow yourself the joy of dabbling, dipping your toe into interesting social realms, snooping new skill sets, investigating what intrigues you. What are you looking for? You'll know it when you see it. Suddenly, you'll be swept into the escapade! Success is assured because you won't give up until it's entirely yours. Gemini and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 1, 11 and 27.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be most comfortable (and productive!) with as few commitments as possible on a loose schedule. Having to be certain places at certain times will limit the natural flow of your energy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your curiosity ignites, and each clue entices you to the next, only to find, after following a dozen or so leads, this is a mystery that only seems to deepen.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Lack of appreciation is a pernicious problem, often overlooked because the erosion of bonds can happen little by little, day by day. Take preventative measures so no one feels taken for granted.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A behavioral shift makes a problem go away. An attitude adjustment makes the trouble irrelevant. A slight posture change fixes the ailment. Amazingly, sometimes eliminating the symptom will eliminate the disease.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't have to pay for all of your pastimes, and you certainly shouldn't need to pay another person's way in exchange for genuine interest and care. An absolutely free endeavor will be a gateway to good fortune.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have an instinct for understanding the reality of group dynamics, which is completely different from the official story. For instance, the leader is often nowhere on the masthead while exerting power behind the scenes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The temptation will be to ask, "Do you know what I mean?" or play for a laugh or subtly ask for other signs of acceptance. It's when validation is no longer something you need or want that it's heaped on you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The task at hand has more layers than are immediately apparent. There are so many ways to go about it that to settle on the first one that works would be a shame. Keep experimenting and sharpening your methods.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Leaning, by definition, makes work for the thing or person being leaned upon. Strength and sturdiness are not to be taken for granted. What's bearable in the short term may not work in the long term.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Today's route won't be paved. You are the director of your own balance. Rocky paths and high beams provide the opportunity to locate and rely on your center of gravity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Worries about the grand scheme kick in. Do these decisions make sense? Is this so me, or am I trying to be something I'm not? Is there a unifying theme? Yes. The unifying theme is you're the one living, making, doing it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're moving ahead, leading with your curiosity, trying not to make assumptions. Mold your expectations into the shape of cupped hands or, better yet, open palms.

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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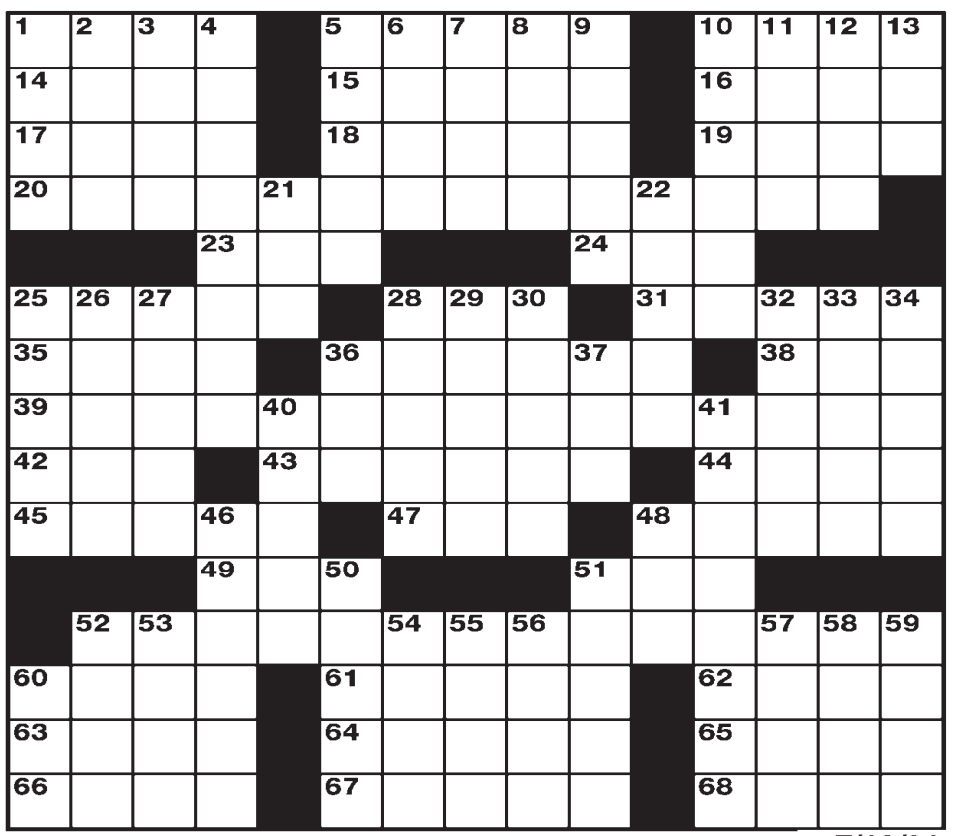
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Dual-power, as an appliance
5 Lawn-neatening tool
10 Chunk of concrete
14 "No way!"
15 In itself
16 California wine valley
17 Italy's capital, to Italians
18 Skips over
19 Was in debt
20 Numerical guesses
23 Weep
24 Fuel additive letters
25 Make hazy
28 Used to be
31 Overwhelmingly
35 Opera solo
36 "My friend," in France
38 Self-image
39 Numerical guesses
42 Opposite of WNW
43 Threw, as a bowling ball
44 Window glass
45 Brief quarrel
47 __ Moines, IA
48 Leaves rudely
49 MDs' coworkers
51 Enthusiast
52 Numerical guesses
60 Star soprano
61 "On the __ hand . . ."
62 Job for an actor
63 Unwrap
64 Chills down
65 Think (over)
66 Fifth of a nickel
67 Posed to propose
68 Flower stalk

DOWN
1 Subtle glow
2 Karate motion
3 Unload, as trash
4 Briquettes for barbecuing
5 Strong glue
6 Actress Moore
7 Bleak
8 *"¿Cómo __ usted?"*
9 Takes a break
10 Charlie Brown's dog
11 Grassy yard
12 Baboons and chimps
13 Misbehaving
21 Nonprofit's URL ender
22 Make __ (achieve success)
25 __ in the woods (innocent ones)
26 Remove pencil marks
27 Boneless beef cut
28 Any planet
29 Foot-to-leg joint
30 Vaults in some walls
32 Untamed, as a cat
33 Author's negotiator
34 Valentine's Day dozen
36 __ Zedong (longtime Chinese leader)
37 "Central" prefix for night
40 Fork point
41 Very angry
46 Student skipping school
48 Traffic tie-up
50 Astound
51 Gold medalist's place
52 Ready to harvest
53 Baker's appliance
54 Venerable British prep school
55 Sandal or loafer
56 Expose a secret
57 Praise greatly
58 "If all __ fails . . ."
59 Appear to be
60 Physician, familiarly



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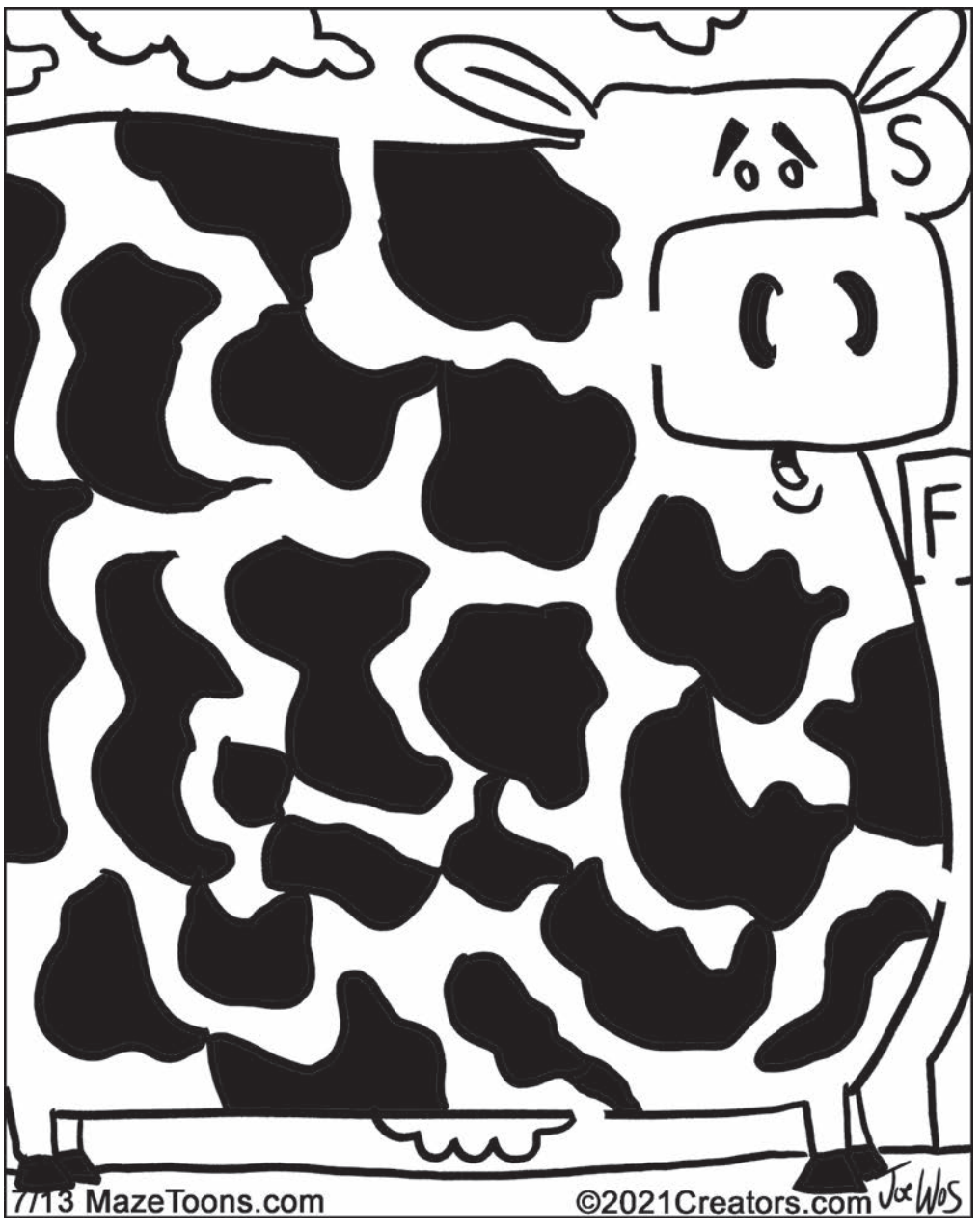
Binary Puzzle

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5174

Mother knows best

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Argue	Dinner	Mama	Robe
Asleep	Fete	Meals	Sons
Beauty	Gift	Movie	Special
Best	Granny	Noisy	Strict
Book	Happy	Organised	Sunday
Busy	Heart	Outing	Sweet
Cake	Hugs	Pamper	Tea and
Card	Kids	Phone	toast
Chat	Lottery	Prepare	Tired
Chocolates	Love	Remedy	Treat

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Repairing some socks

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SHORE HOTEL

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options are available. The Commission took issue with the fact that The Shore marketed themselves as a "luxury" hotel, instead of a low-cost operation. Sunshine Enterprises also paid a $1.2 million mitigation fee to the city of Santa Monica to remove the city-mandated requirement of the low-cost lodging and accommodations.

The Commission granted after the fact approval, on the condition that the Shore Hotel provide 72-moderate cost rooms, with the inclusion of a 14-room 34-bed "micro-hotel" and a youth-lodging program "to assure access for disadvantaged/underserved youth by providing the opportunity for non-profit organizations and other outdoor educational programs to bring these community members to the coast and stay at no-cost overnight in the micro-hotel for a minimum of 12 nights per year" according to the city Staff Report.

Last week's Planning Commission meeting included discussion of the micro-hotel and additional requests by the Hotel to add a café, restaurant and spa services.

Sunshine Enterprises requested approval of a 4,000 square foot micro-hotel and asked for flexibility in design standards related to ceiling height. The proposal also asked to convert 580 square feet of existing floor space to create an ancillary nine-seat Café with a patio and alcohol service, convert 800 square feet into a breakfast room with an ancillary 80-seat restaurant with a bar, patio and live entertainment, as well as expand the hotel amenity to include a personal on-site masseuse.

Staff recommended the Commission approve the micro-hotel, believing that it is a "fairly unique concept" that will "incentivize unique lodging" in and around the downtown area, according to Senior Planner, Scott Albright, as well as approve the modifications to the CUP. However, they denied approval for the additional amenities.

Commission discussion focused on the possibility that new amenities would reclassify the hotel as "luxury," whether the Commission can regulate prices in a private business and whether they can trust an organization that has a history of being a "bad actor."

The Commission received nearly three hours of public comment from a divided city. Daniel Wilson, a representative of Unite Here, Local 11 — a union that represents hospitality workers, urged rejection of the proposals stating that "it is extremely elusive to regulate what is and is not lower cost," and that per the terms of the original approval, the Commission should "protect affordability."

The original permit states that the hotel "does not include a restaurant, bar, conferencing facilities, spa, florist, lounge or similar amenities typically found in more upscale or luxury hotels."

Some local organizations agreed with Unite 11's stance, including Downtown Santa Monica who wrote a letter to the commission saying they support the micro-hotel, but "oppose, however, CUP amendments to permit the property to operate additional on-site food and beverage outlets or to offer other luxury services, such as massage or spa treatments," and "encourage the Planning Commission to deny these requests."

The Commission did receive calls in support of the project.

Natalie Hubbard, who called to represent the Surf Bus Foundation — a non-profit organization whose mission is "to empower people to have a healing connection with the sea" and is partnered with The Shore Hotel. Hubbard said to the council that without the approval of the micro-hotel, they would not be able to take advantage of the youth lodging program set out in the conditions of the after-the-fact 2020 CDP and urged the Commission to "give underserved youth access to the coast."

After five hours of discussion and deliberation, the Commission went to a vote. In a four-to-two vote, the commission adopted the flexibility in design to allow a height variance, with Commissioner Raskin and Commissioner Fresco dissenting. Commissioner Raskin dissented on this, and all following proposals on the basis that he is "not convinced that the environmental impacts of this have been adequately studied under the EIR [Environmental Impact Report] for the DCP [Designated Coastal Project]."

The Commission rejected the café, restaurant and spa services proposal.

The 14-room micro-hotel was approved four-to-one, with the conditions that rooms cannot be enlarged and that for five years, the project's Emission Reduction Plan and Coastal Commission compliance report be posted to a Planning Commission agenda once per year. Lambert was absent from the final vote, after seemingly becoming frustrated with the Commission's slow-pace and Raskin dissenting.

Planning Commission's votes were not the final approval for the proposals as City Council has ultimate authority over the proposed changes to construction and as the adjudicating agency if the developer appeals the Commission's rejection of their expanded amenities.

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POLICE LOG

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Traffic Control Request - Level 1 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:30 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 1400blk 17th St 9:37 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 4th St / Strand St 9:40 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 4th St / Broadway 9:44 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 10:40 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:42 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1200blk 4th St 10:49 p.m.
Missing Person 2000blk 21st St 11:20 p.m.
Loud Music 900blk 22nd St 11:45 p.m.

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an ordinance amending the Municipal Code to increase the settlement authority of the City Attorney and Risk Manager for liability claims from $15,000 to $95,000 and increase the Risk Manager's settlement authority for worker's compensation claims from $15,000 to $25,000. The ordinance also deletes two outdated, inconsistent, and unnecessary provisions relating to settlement authority. The item has a second reading Tuesday.

RIGHT TO RETURN

City staff are proposing a right to return policy in response to historic zoning practices and land use decisions that disproportionately impacted communities of color and displaced thousands of households living in Santa Monica. At Tuesday's meeting, Council will debate creation of a pilot program to provide priority in City-funded housing and inclusionary housing for up to 100 households or descendants of households who were displaced by creation of the Civic Auditorium in the Belmar Triangle neighborhood or the I-10 Highway in the Pico neighborhood. With this modification, priority for Santa Monica affordable housing would be:

1. Households facing immediate displacement due to the Ellis Act, government action, natural disaster, or similar evictions.

2. Households or descendants of households displaced from the Historic Belmar Neighborhood in what is today the Civic Center or along the I-10 Highway.

3. Households who currently live or work in Santa Monica.

All other households that do not qualify for the three priorities above are placed on the waitlist behind the prioritized households. The pilot program approach would allow staff to test and evaluate outreach strategies, applicant demand, the availability of historical documentation, verification processes, compliance with governing legislation, and the administrative resources required to implement a broader program.

STREETLIGHT ASSESSMENT

The City has completed construction of two streetlight assessment district projects: 10th Street between Carlyle Avenue and Marguerita Avenue and 25th Street between Idaho Avenue and Washington Avenue. Each project entailed the construction of new ornamental streetlight poles, post-top luminaries, and the associated underground electrical system. Construction is complete and final assessment costs have been compiled. Staff recommends the total assessment to property owners be the maximum estimated assessment of $79,250 or 47% of the total project cost, with the balance of the total project cost to be paid by the City. The City would seek reimbursement for less than half of the total project cost and bill the property owners for their proportional share of the $79,250 assessment based on their parcels' square footage.

REVENUE BONDS

City Council and Public Financing Authority (PFA) could approve documents required for the issuance of Lease Revenue Bonds for the City Yards Project (Series 2021) to finance certain capital improvements at the City Yards undertaken as part of the City Yards Modernization Project. Bond proceeds will also cover bond issuance costs and interest due on the Series 2021 Bonds through July 1, 2022. The proposed Series 2021 bonds will be for a maximum principal amount of $70,000,000, with a final maturity date of July 1, 2051 and a maximum true interest cost of 3.50%.

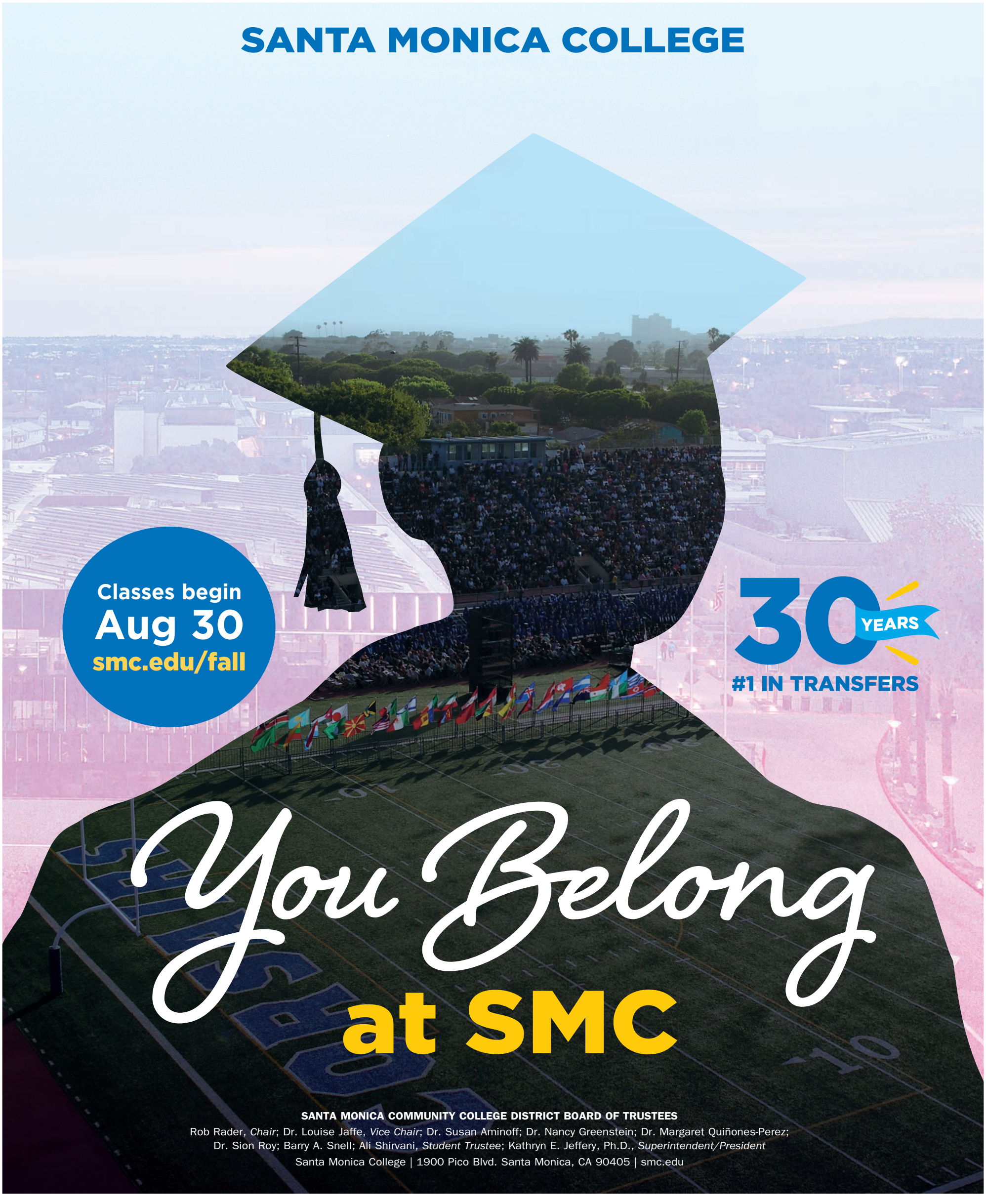
The final item of the night will be debate over filling 49 vacancies on local boards and commissions.

Council will meet on Tuesday, July 13 at 5:30 p.m. Visit smgov.net for more information.

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