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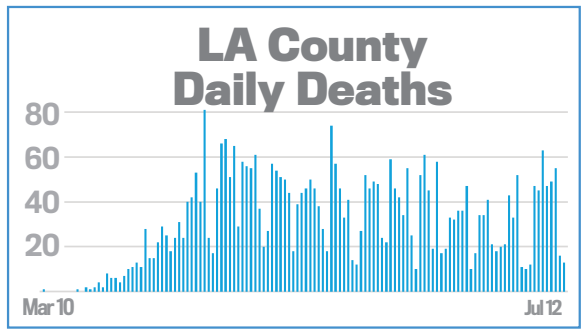
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First candidates pull paperwork to run for local election

MATTHEW HALL
SMDP Editor

Santa Monica's 2020 election season officially began Monday when Merviendo Andika became the first person to pull papers to run for City Council.

In November, local voters will choose five councilmembers, two rent control commissioners, three school board members and three trustees for Santa Monica College.

On the City Council, incumbents Gleam Davis, Terry O'Day, Ana Jara and Ted Winterer are up for reelection. While the first four seats are full four-year terms, the fifth is for a two year term to fill the remaining time created when Greg Morena resigned his position in June. Candidates running for council will have to choose between the four year and two year seats when filing their applications.

Rent Control Commissioners Anastasia Foster and Caroline Torosis are up for election on the Rent Control Board. Both women pulled paperwork on the first day.

The three School Board members

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SMMUSD to announce reopening plan for Fall 2020 on Thursday

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is scheduled to hold its first meeting of the new academic year this Thursday, and the board of education is expected to approve a plan detailing the district's reopening plan for the Fall 2020 semester.

The planned presentation will include information about SMMUSD's reopening plan and the results of a parent survey, which were recently highlighted during the district's town hall events in June and early last week. Discussion on the Major Action Item is expected to last approximately 180 minutes, according to Thursday's agenda, which lists a number of other items set to be discussed Thursday

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California shuts bars, indoor dining and most gyms, churches

ADAM BEAM AND KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

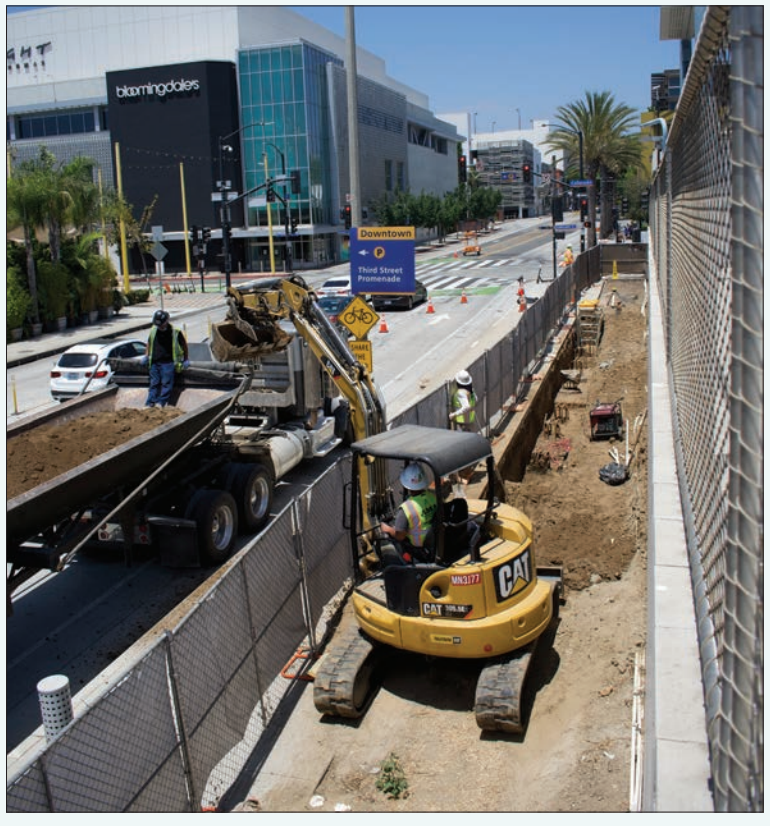
California Gov. Gavin Newsom on Monday extended the closure of bars and indoor dining statewide and ordered gyms, churches and hair salons closed in most places as coronavirus cases keep rising in the nation's most populated state.

On July 1, Newsom ordered 19 counties with a surging number of confirmed infections to close bars and indoor operations at restaurants, wineries, zoos and family entertainment centers like bowling alleys and miniature golf.

The Democratic governor extended that order statewide Monday. He also imposed additional restrictions on the 30 counties now with rising numbers, including the most populated of Los Angeles and San Diego, by ordering worship services to stop and gyms, hair salons, indoor malls and offices for noncritical industries to shut down.

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Sammy Neustadt

CONSTRUCTION: **Installation of a significant sculptural artwork by Metro-commissioned artist Walter Hood resumed last week at the corner of 4th and Colorado. Construction is slated through fall at the west end of the Downtown Santa Monica Station. Intermittent easterly sidewalk and northbound 4th St lane closures will take place. The artwork is tentatively scheduled for completion sometime in Fall 2020.**

Immigration courts reopen despite rising coronavirus cases

REGINA GARCIA CANO AND JULIE WATSON
Associated Press

Three immigration courts reopened Monday as the government extended its push to fully restart the clogged system despite rising coronavirus cases in states where many of the small courtrooms are located.

In Baltimore, people with hearings to reach final decisions were allowed to enter the federal building housing the immigration court only if they wore masks. Benches in a courtroom and seats in a waiting area were blocked off with tape, and social distancing signs were placed on the floor and elevators.

But scheduling hearings, which can include dozens of people in a single courtroom, did not take place Monday.

Courts in Newark and Detroit also were scheduled to reopen Monday. The reopenings extend a haphazard but unmistakable march to business as usual that has outraged judges and lawyers who say the pandemic poses unacceptable risk of spreading disease.

The Justice Department's Executive Office for Immigration Review started reopening courts over the past month to non-detained immigrants, first in Honolulu on June 15 and over the next three weeks in Boston; Buffalo, New York; Hartford, Connecticut; Las Vegas; New Orleans; Chicago; Cleveland; and Philadelphia.

Changes have been frequent and last minute.

Dallas reopened June 29 but, five days later, the agency announced on Twitter that it was closing until July 17 and gave no explanation. Texas has been reporting a record number of coronavirus cases, and its governor has warned the state may have to return to a lockdown to get things under control.

San Diego, which also has seen a surge in coronavirus cases, was scheduled to reopen court on July 6 but moved it back two weeks — again without explanation.

Hearings for non-detained immigrants were suspended in March because of the public health crisis, though courts in detention centers have continued to operate on a limited basis.

The court system's backlog of 1.2 million cases becomes more crushing as long as courts are closed. The Justice Department said Monday that any court whose reopening date hasn't been announced will be closed through July.

At Baltimore's reopening Monday, security guards in the lobby of the federal building told people they could only enter without any accompanying relatives.

Among those told to wait outside was Wilfredo Vazquez, who traveled more than two hours from the West Virginia-Maryland border with his wife, who faces the risk of deportation. They drove the approximately 150 miles so she could try to file paperwork in her case after her scheduled check-in in June was canceled.

"We live very far away," Vazquez said. "So much waste of time frustrates me."

The Justice Department agency has given virtually no explanation on what public health data it is using to determine if courtrooms are safe, said Ashley Tabbador, a Los Angeles-based immigration judge speaking in her capacity as president of the National Association of Immigration Judges union.

"We keep coming back to 'what numbers are you using?'" she said. "They seem to be out of touch with the state numbers we are seeing."

Judges in Dallas have contacted the union, concerned their health is being put at risk. The union represents about 460 immigration judges who work more than 65 courts.

"People don't have trust that the agency is doing the right thing," Tabbador said.

The agency said it continually reviews guidance from the Justice Department, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other federal agencies in making pandemic-related operational decisions.

"Consistent with public health officials' guidance, EOIR has implemented practices to help to protect all people working in and visiting EOIR spaces throughout the country," spokeswoman Kathryn Mattingly said in an email.

In conjunction with the reopening, the government is going to stop allowing the electronic filing of documents, which it had done as a precaution to prevent the spread of the virus.

The agency is requiring face coverings and social distancing, but it has not shared its safety protocols, such as what will be done if someone shows up with no mask, Tabbador said.

Immigration courts are often housed in office buildings — not courthouses — making it particularly difficult for people to spread apart because the rooms are small, Tabbador said, adding that there is also little ventilation, especially in older buildings. The virus may linger in the air indoors, increasing the risk of infection in those spaces, according to the World Health Organization.

Last month, a dozen Democratic senators wrote to the agency asking about the logic behind the May 29 decision to reopen the court system.

Hearings in courts for non-detained immigrants, who can come and go freely, usually require the person be there with their lawyer, especially when deciding whether someone is eligible for asylum.

"Despite these risks, you are moving ahead with the re-openings, and it is far from clear that the immigration courts and the parties who will be using them are prepared for those risks," the senators stated in the letter.

The agency "does not acknowledge the difficulties that litigants still face in effectively presenting their cases, as health concerns may continue to deter witnesses from appearing in court and office closures may make it difficult to obtain medical records, tax records, and other supporting documents," the letter states.

The American Immigration Lawyers Association has urged the agency to postpone the majority of non-detained hearings until the health crisis has subsided.

Watson reported from San Diego.

4 charged in Los Angeles death of rising rapper Pop Smoke

JONATHAN LANDRUM JR.
AP Entertainment Writer

Two men and two teens have been charged in the death of rising rapper Pop Smoke who was killed during a Los Angeles home-invasion robbery in February, the district attorney's office said Monday.

Los Angeles District Attorney Jackie Lacey said in a statement that Corey Walker and Keandre Rodgers were charged with murder that occurred during the commission of a robbery and burglary. The two male juveniles were also charged with murder and robbery while in juvenile court.

The 20-year-old New York rapper, whose legal name is Bashar Barakah Jackson, was killed Feb. 19 at a home in the Hollywood Hills. A 911 call from a friend of someone in the house reported armed intruders inside the home, police previously said.

Walker, 19, and Rodgers, 18, face the death penalty or life in prison without the possibility of parole if convicted. Both are expected to be arraigned Monday.

Jaquan Murphy, 21, was also arrested in connection to the incident last week. The complaint includes gang and gun allegations.

Capt. Jonathan Tippet, who oversees the Los Angeles Police Department's elite Robbery-Homicide Division, said three men and two teenage boys likely went to the home because they knew Pop Smoke was there from social media posts. They stole items from the home, though Tippet said he could not divulge what was taken.

All five are believed to be members of a South Los Angeles gang, which Tippet would not name, and at least some of them are believed to be linked to a 2019 homicide when a fight escalated into a shooting outside the Rose Bowl in Pasadena.

Authorities did not initially believe the rapper's death was related to a robbery. The home where the shooting occurred is owned by Edwin Arroyave and his wife Teddi Mellencamp, a star of "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" and the daughter of Rock & Roll Hall-of-Famer John Mellencamp.

Teddi Mellencamp previously said on Instagram that the couple had been notified of the shooting at their rental property but knew no more than what they had seen in media reports.

Pop Smoke arrived on the rap scene in 2018 and broke out with "Welcome to the Party" a gangsta anthem with boasts about shootings, killings and drugs that became a huge sensation, and prompted Nicki Minaj to drop a verse on a remix.

Earlier this year, Pop Smoke released the mixtape "Meet the Woo 2," which debuted at No. 7 on the Billboard Top 200 albums chart. It was the follow up to his first official release, "Meet the Woo." The rapper also had the popular hit "Gatti" with Travis Scott and Jackboys and "Dior."

His major label debut album, "Shoot for the Stars Aim for the Moon," was executive produced by 50 Cent. It was released posthumously July 3 to mostly positive reviews and features appearances from popular artists including Future, DaBaby and Quavo.

Pop Smoke had been scheduled to start a U.S. tour in Washington, D.C., on March 2.

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EMS 1900blk Cloverfield Blvd 12:44 a.m.
EMS 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:59 a.m.
EMS 3rd St / Bay St 3:27 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 6:45 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1000blk Pico Blvd 9:23 a.m.
EMS 900blk Berkeley St 9:30 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 9:49 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk 19th St 11:26 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 11:39 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 12:13 p.m.
EMS 1800blk 9th St 12:26 p.m.
EMS 2600blk Main St 1:35 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 2:55 p.m.
EMS 500blk 14th St 3:14 p.m.
EMS 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 3:52 p.m.
EMS 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:59 p.m.
EMS 3100blk Neilson Way 4:04 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 23rd St 5:04 p.m.
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Petty Theft 500blk Broadway 12:47 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2400blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:57 a.m.
Prowler Just Left 2200blk 20th St 1:09 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 300blk Pico Blvd 3:26 a.m.
Petty Theft 15th St / Michigan Ave 3:44 a.m.
Burglary 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 3:54 a.m.
Loud Music 2600blk 28th St 3:58 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 1400blk 17th St 6:09 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 800blk 7th St 7:19 a.m.
Burglary 1700blk Colorado Ave 8:10 a.m.
Battery Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 8:22 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 500blk Colorado Ave 8:36 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1800blk 19th St 8:43 a.m.
Battery 1500blk Ocean Ave 8:48 a.m.
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Burglary 500blk 18th St 9:27 a.m.
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Burglary 1200blk 5th St 10:53 a.m.
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Grand Theft 1100blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:20 a.m.
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Public Intoxication 1800blk 9th St 12:11 p.m.
Petty Theft 1300blk 2nd St 12:27 p.m.
Auto Burglary 900blk Stanford St 12:32 p.m.
Grand Theft 2900blk Main St 1:02 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300blk Olympic Dr 1:08 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2600blk Main St 1:18 p.m.
Fight 2nd St / Arizona Ave 1:34 p.m.
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Auto Burglary 500blk Colorado Ave 2:13 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2500blk 4th St 2:28 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2500blk Kansas Ave 2:48 p.m.
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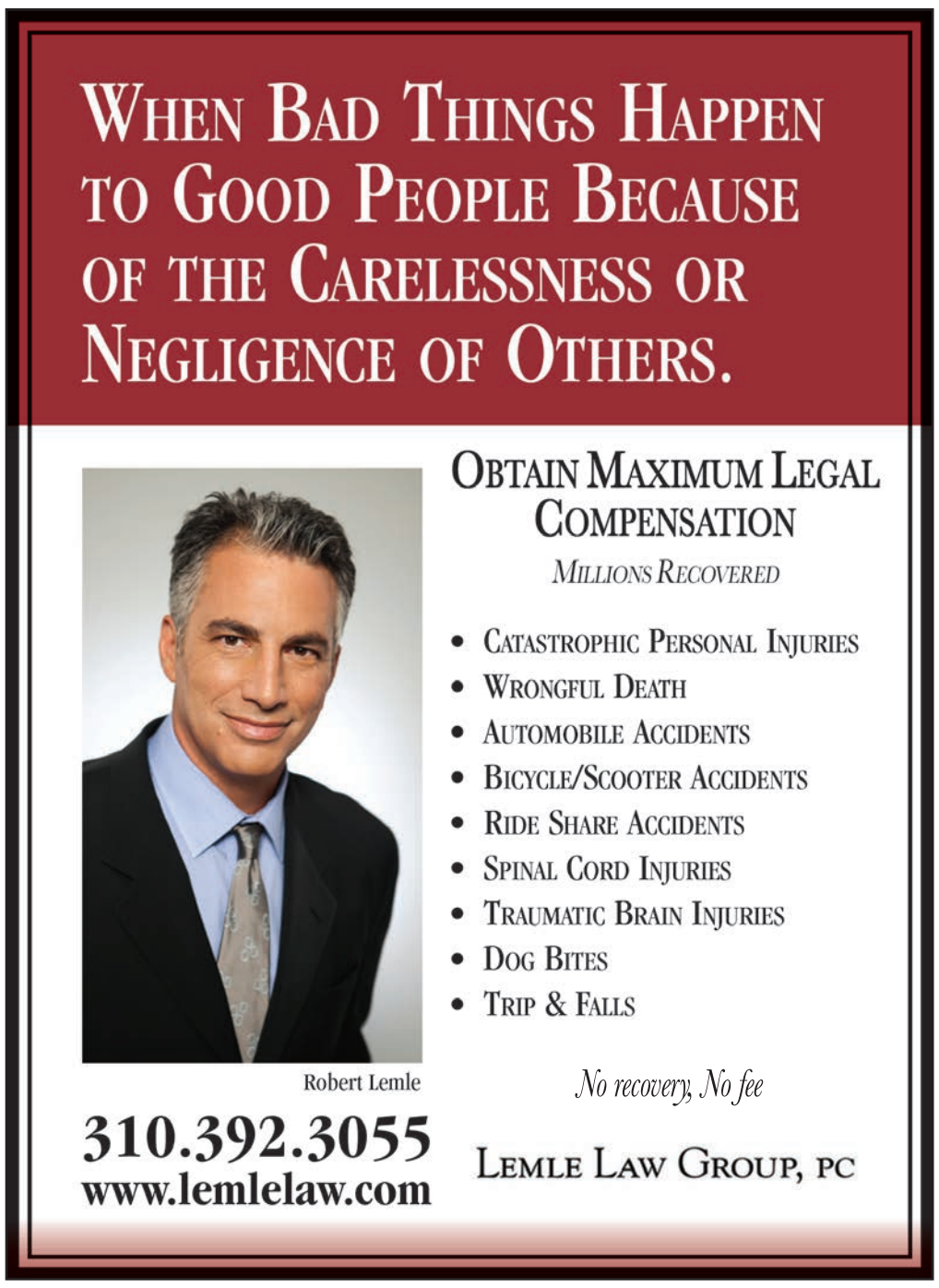




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US budget deficit hits all-time high of $864 billion in June

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The federal government incurred the biggest monthly budget deficit in history in June as spending on programs to combat the coronavirus recession exploded while millions of job losses cut into tax revenues.

The Treasury Department reported Monday that the deficit hit $864 billion last month, an amount of red ink that surpasses most annual deficits in the nation's history and is above the previous monthly deficit record of $738 billion in April. That amount was also tied to the trillions of dollars Congress has provided to cushion the impact of the widespread shutdowns that occurred in an effort to limit the spread of the viral pandemic.

For the first nine months of this budget year, which began Oct. 1, the deficit totals $2.74 trillion, also a record for that period. That puts the country well on the way to hitting the $3.7 trillion deficit for the whole year that has been forecast by the Congressional Budget Office.

That total would surpass the previous annual record of $1.4 trillion set in 2009 when the government was spending heavily to lift the country out of the recession caused by the 2008 financial crisis.

The June deficit was driven higher by spending on various government relief programs such as an extra $600 per week in expanded unemployment benefits and a Paycheck Protection Program that provided support to businesses to keep workers on their payrolls.

The report showed that the cost of the Paycheck Protection Program in June was $511 billion. That reflected a charge to the government for all the bank loans made under the program even though the government will not actually have to pay out funds until the banks determine whether the businesses met the criteria for having the loans forgiven. Those requirements include spending at least 60% of the loan amount on worker pay with the other 40% going to overhead costs such as rent and utilities.

Another reason for the surge in the June deficit was the government's decision to delay tax payments this year until July 15. That decision mean that quarterly payments made by individual taxpayers and corporations will not be due until July 15 this year rather than June.

So far this budget year, revenues total $2.26 trillion, down 13.4% from the same period last year, while spending totals $5 trillion, up 49.1% from a year ago.

The CBO estimate of a $3.7 trillion deficit for this year could go higher depending on the course of the economy. The country fell into a deep recession in February, ending a record long expansion of nearly 11 years. The Trump administration is predicting that the economy will come roaring back in second half of this year but many private forecasters are concerned that a resurgence of virus cases could make consumers too fearful to resume spending, which drives 70% of the economy.

Congress which has already approved more than $3 trillion in a series of rescue packages, is scheduled to debate another support effort when it returns from recess on June 20. Democrats are pushing for an extension of the expanded unemployment benefits which will soon run out.

Nancy Vanden Houten, senior economist at Oxford Economics, said she was expecting that lawmakers would end up compromising on a new economic support package that would fall somewhere between a $3.5 trillion measure passed by the House but not taken up by the Senate and what is shaping up to be an opening offer by Senate Republicans for a package of about $1.5 trillion.

"The risk is that the deficit will be larger due to additional stimulus but, given the congressional timetable, the impact of the next package will likely be skewed to fiscal 2021, which starts Oct. 1," she said.

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Rotary News

By Alanna Shepard

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Rotary Club Rotation

Happy Summer Santa Monicans! This article will say thank you and goodbye to this year's Rotary board and welcome in the new one as well as highlight the club's response to COVID-19, the annual scholarships and their recipients, and this year's big accomplishments.

Thank you to this year's amazing board and the work they have accomplished. President Sharon Perlmutter-Gavin, Vice President's Matt Williams and Carol Powell, Treasurer Suzan Albritton, Secretary Laurel Rosen, Immediate Past President Mitch Kraus and Directors Vicky Curtis, Andrea Gressinger, Greg Abrams, Kathy Shepard, Bill Rayman, and Josh Bradburn.

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During this difficult and unprecedented time, the Rotary Club of Santa Monica has remained committed to the well-being of our community and have awarded multiple grants to deserving organizations for COVID-19 Relief.

AWARD AMOUNTS ARE $3,500 UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED:

- Santa Monica College Foundation – to support Meal Project for food-insecure students
- Connections for Children ($2,850) for 4 laptop computers for staff working at home
- St. Anne's Church & Shrine - for supplies & equipment to provide and deliver to-go meals and to keep staff safe
- Salvation Army – for bottled water, sanitizing supplies, blankets & solar power banks
- Boys Girls Clubs of Santa Monica – to support food insecure youth by providing grocery gift cards per 50-59 individuals for two weeks
- Safe Place for Youth ($5,000) to purchase supplies & equipment to provide and deliver to-go meals and for survival materials for youth during sheltering-in-place
- St. Joseph's Center – for supplies & equipment to provide and deliver to-go meals & keep staff safe
- Step Up on Second – to provide supplies & equipment to ensure staff safety & to provide meals to go
- Upward Bound House – to purchase refrigerators & provide high speed Internet access at Family Place
- First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica Preschool – for art supplies for at-home preschoolers
- reDiscover Center ($1,750) hands-on maker supplies, Tinker Tool Kits for grades 4-8
- Children's Lifesaving Foundation - to help assist families & college students in need of grocery & supplies
- K9 Connection ($500) to purchase annual membership for the platform Thinkific for student access to online courses
- Venice Family Clinic – to purchase in-home blood pressure monitoring devices for patients, including prenatal and diabetic individuals
- CLARE | MATRIX ($3,205.05) to purchase laptops with web cameras for staff to resume individual and group sessions at residential treatment facilities
- Universal Human Rights Initiative ($900) to purchase portable solar chargers for unhoused youth

Rotary members can also be seen volunteering around the community delivering meals for Meals on Wheels West, packing food boxes for the Salvation Army, and cleaning up after the civil unrest in May. In addition, members donated two car loads of groceries and other necessities to the food bank at Virginia Avenue Park. Special thanks to John Bartlett for organizing this food drive.

The Rotary Club of Santa Monica is proud to award scholarships and citizenship awards to deserving students from local schools. Congratulations to this year's winners:

Santa Monica College: Louis Gossart, Liz Laing, and Kelvin Galvin
Santa Monica High School: Roxy Ong, Tupelo Sullivan, and Kimiya Aframian
New Roads High School: Christian Contreras
St. Monica High School: Ally Vasquez
Olympic High School: Gian Gladous
New Roads Middle School: Sheaun Medley
Crossroads Middle School: Mariela Hernandez
John Adams Middle School: Alasia Amani Dennis
Lincoln Middle School: Clara Vanden Bosch

The Rotary Club of Santa Monica had many achievements this year which included providing over $165,000 to local causes in the form of grants and scholarships, organizing and participating in multiple service projects which resulted in 827 hours of hands-on service, over $159,000 in global donations, $16,500 for disaster relief, $7,500 for Polio, and a district humanitarian trip to Oaxaca, Mexico,

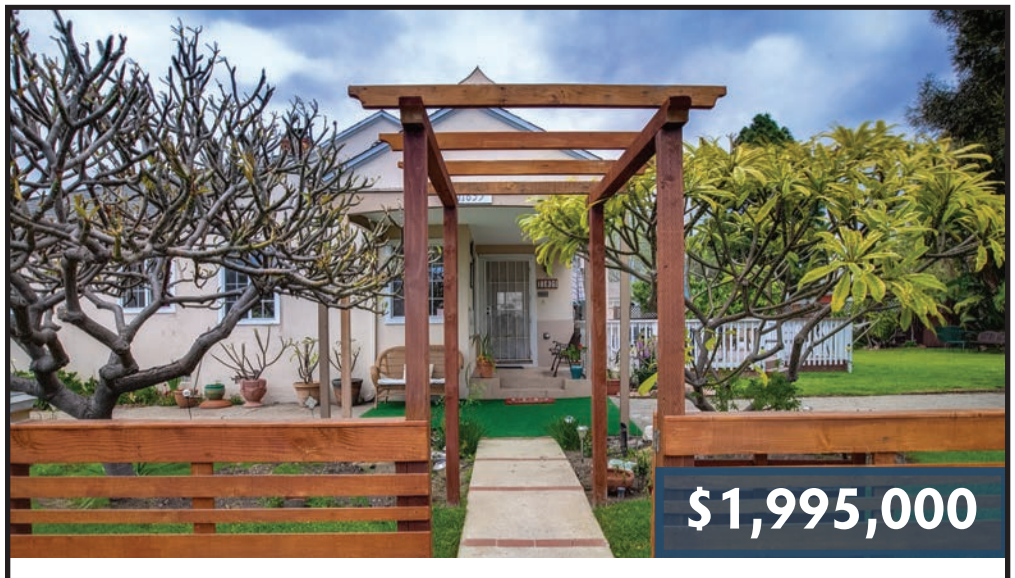
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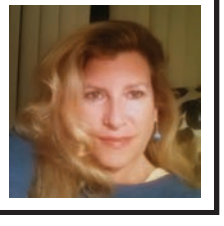
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REOPENING

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beginning at 5:30 p.m.

BLACK LIVES MATTER AT SCHOOL WEEK OF ACTION

The first Major Action Item listed on the agenda this week pertains to the Resolution No. 20-01 - Recognition of the First Week of February as Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action.

Last month, while Samohi seniors were busy organizing a local Juneteenth celebration, a petition circulated by local residents called for SMMUSD to institute a Black Lives Matter week of celebration at all district schools. After garnering hundreds of signatures, current students and SMMUSD alumni took the podium to share their ideas with the board.

If all goes all planned, the first week of February will be celebrated as Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action, according to the agenda, which states: "(SMMUSD) has long been concerned about providing equity and opportunity for all students and ensuring the success of all students."

"Members of our community have requested that we follow the lead of other districts that have recognized the first week in February as, 'Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action,'" the agenda adds. "Staff believes that having Black Matters Week provides another valuable opportunity to involve students and staff in addressing the vestiges of racism in an intentional way."

INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE POLICIES

The discussion surrounding SMMUSD's interdistrict permit policies has been ongoing since December 2019 and it's likely to continue into Thursday evening, according to the agenda.

Interdistrict permits allow students living outside district residential boundaries to attend a SMMUSD campus, but since the district is transitioning to a basic aid funding model, schools will no longer receive state funding for transfers.

Board members previously proposed that the district tweak its annual verification method, but a lengthy discussion about possibly cutting two low-priority permit categories prompted SMMUSD to postpone a decision until its next meeting.

On March 5, the board held a second discussion regarding the proposed language changes and directed staff to move forward with reordering the permit priority categories; however, the COVID-19 pandemic caused the state to enforce Stay at Home orders beginning March 19, and board leadership directed staff to postpone any non-essential items from upcoming board meeting agendas.

"Now, that our district is preparing for enrollment for 2020-21, however," the agenda states, "the changes to BP and AR 5117 need to be formalized with board action."

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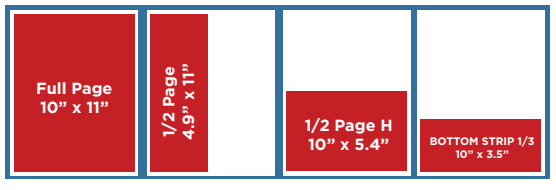
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Voters Right to Choose City Council

This Tuesday City Council will make a very important decision. Last month, after accepting the resignation of councilmember Greg Morena, the Council announced the process to fill that seat. After accepting applications, a majority of them would either appoint a person to fill the seat or allow the voters to choose them this November.

The fairest and most democratic solution is to await the election in a few months and let the residents of this City elect the person they feel is most qualified to sit on the dais, rather than select for them.

Selecting a councilmember for residents again would mean that a majority of current sitting councilmembers (four out of seven, Gleam Davis, Ana Jara, Terry O'Day and Council's pending selection) were never initially elected by the voters. Yet once selected by the Council, their incumbency entitled them to all the monetary benefits for their re-election campaigns that developers and their "teams" courting influence bestow. Historically, virtually all incumbents, once seated, keep their seats for decades, overcoming new challengers. In the past 30 years, only 3 incumbents were ever voted out of office.

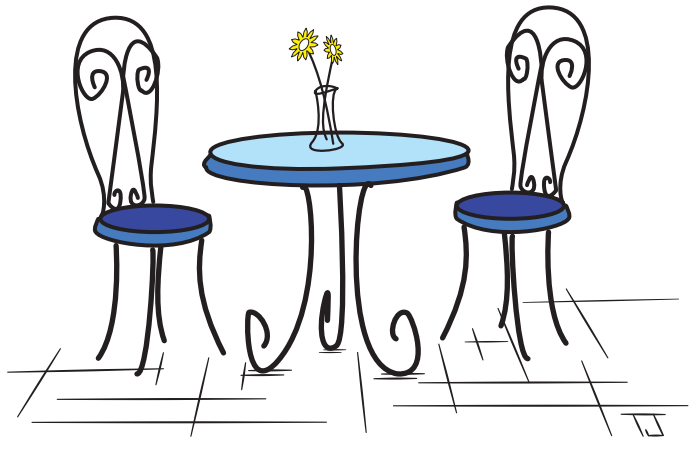
Such entrenched incumbency has made our electoral system less fair, less competitive, and less representative. When confronted with this cycle of money and influence and voters, by a huge margin – 74% - voted FOR term limits in the last election, less than two years ago.

Given this, we believe voters do NOT want Council to put its collective thumb on the scale with an election just around the corner. With over 100 candidates filing applications in a time of a pandemic where neither community groups or the council can adequately vet them, this is no time for political gamesmanship or behind the scenes maneuvering to get a person who will vote for one group's agenda.

Please refrain from appointing another incumbent from the dais: Let the voters make their choice in November as to who they believe is the most qualified candidate. It will be here soon enough.

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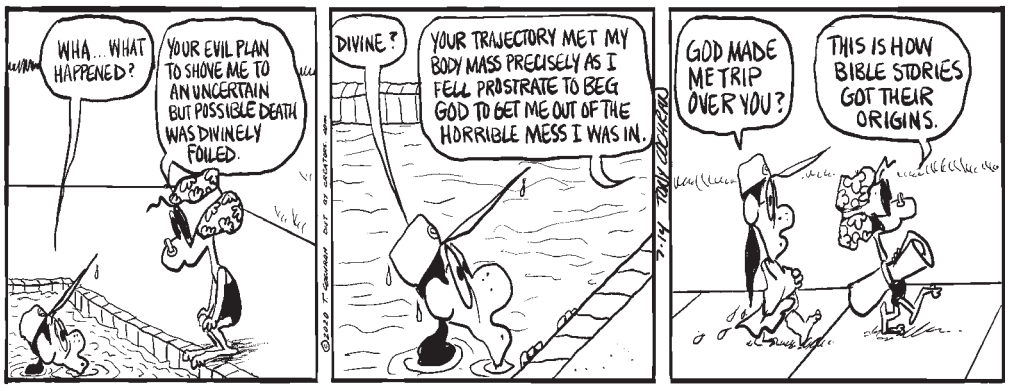
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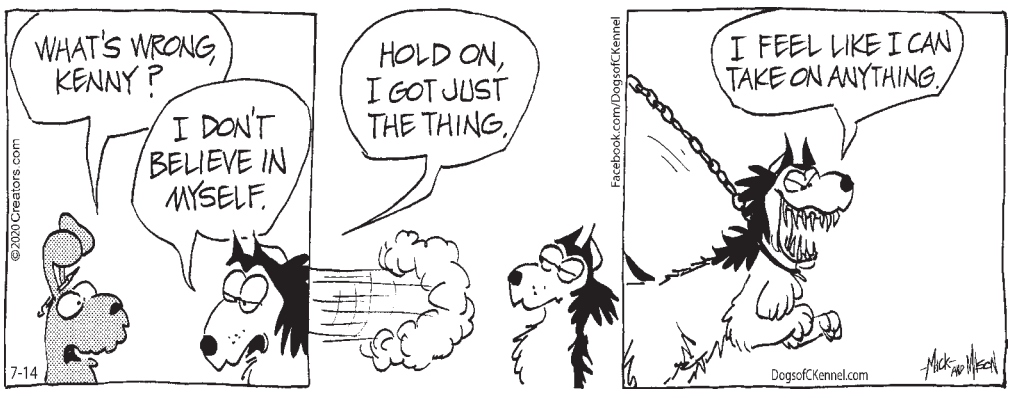
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TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
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WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high
Minor blend of NW and SW swell.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 73.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.
Wednesday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 71.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.
Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 70.

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2020/07/15	Wed	01:18 AM	1.17	L
2020/07/15	Wed	07:28 AM	3.10	H
2020/07/15	Wed	11:45 AM	2.35	L
2020/07/15	Wed	6:29 PM	5.28	H
2020/07/16	Thu	01:58 AM	0.63	L
2020/07/16	Thu	08:24 AM	3.29	H
2020/07/16	Thu	12:32 PM	2.46	L
2020/07/16	Thu	7:07 PM	5.62	H
2020/07/17	Fri	02:34 AM	0.13	L
2020/07/17	Fri	09:05 AM	3.48	H
2020/07/17	Fri	1:16 PM	2.49	L
2020/07/17	Fri	7:44 PM	5.96	H
2020/07/18	Sat	03:09 AM	-0.30	L
2020/07/18	Sat	09:39 AM	3.65	H
2020/07/18	Sat	1:59 PM	2.45	L
2020/07/18	Sat	8:21 PM	6.28	H

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Jackpot: 91 M

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Draw Date: 07/12
Evening: 6 8 2
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3rd: 05-CALIFORNIA CLASSIC
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Cue the orchestra. Here come the sentimental chords and a story to match. Your buy-in will depend on how much else is going on in your realm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're not trying to be mysterious, and yet, if someone wants to reach you, that person is going to have to try a little harder now because you're working something out in the world of your mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What baffles those around you is cake to you. You can unravel it, no problem. You'll use what you know and attend to the issue, stopping a problem from growing worse.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are rogue elements at play. You're not afraid of them, and you're not enthused by them either. They are a sure indicator of an unpredictable and unforgettable time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your mind loves a habit, the comfort of a pattern. Good or bad hardly matters; it's more about the rhythm. In this new situation that's unfolding, the rhythm is still being established.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). How much control do you really need? This is the question. You would like more than you have, and yet, maybe you also need less than you have.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The theme today is wealth sharing, though the wealth in question isn't money. Whatever you think the most valuable thing you could share is, you'll be passing that around.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It is possible to catch the deluge in a cup so long as the cup is made of good material and the deluge is contained and can be controlled. Many a mountain were carved with a slow drip.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Friends and loved ones may be all around, but if their offers fall short, it's only because you know how excellent your own company can be. Sometimes it's about you spending time with you in a way that makes you happy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A stamp of approval can count in times when you're not so sure about the next good move. You're worthy without the validation, but something about it still helps.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Are you feeling uncharacteristically shy? It might help to know. No one is expecting you to have answers. You're so lovable, and just being available is enough.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Amusement is one of those human needs that would seem easy enough to meet, and yet, with every exposure to a thing, it becomes less amusing. This is the secret to your appeal. You keep changing it up

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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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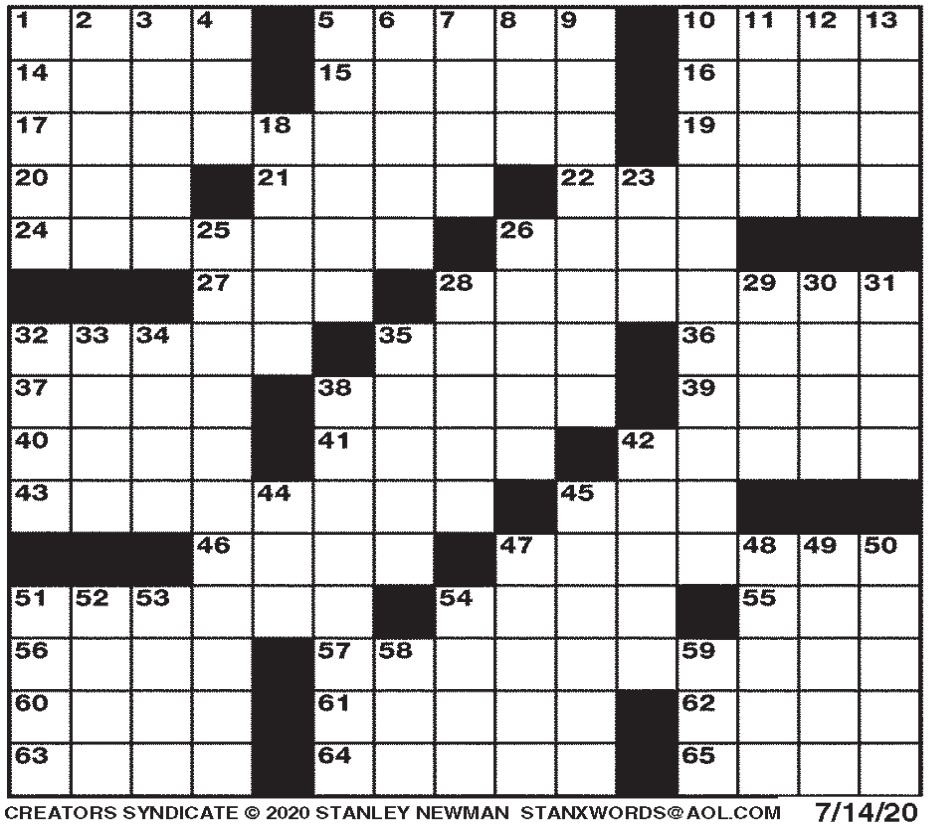
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Newsday Crossword

FOR HERE OR TO GO? by Billie Truitt
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ACROSS
1 Elaborate party
5 Unexpected difficulty
10 Thailand neighbor
14 Norway's capital
15 Impressive display
16 Trade fair, for short
17 Remain patiently
19 Actor Alda
20 CPR pro in an ambulance
21 Narrow road
22 Carouses
24 Allow to leave, as a class
26 Extreme anger
27 Approves, for short
28 Robin or canary
32 Courageous
35 __ in the dark (wild guess)
36 Cleveland's lake
37 Ripped (up)
38 Molecule parts
39 Conceal
40 Military pilots' org.
41 Military branch with battleships
42 Early __ (person up before dawn)
43 Spy's deliberate destruction
45 Family room
46 Job for an actor
47 Car's wheel guards
51 Big and muscular
54 Tip of an ear
55 Director Spike
56 The Dalai __
57 Remain temporarily
60 All __ again (one more time)
61 Vacant apartment sign
62 Just slightly
63 __ over backwards (try hard)
64 Look without blinking
65 Alluring

DOWN
1 Took a curtain call
2 More formal "Me too"
3 Narrow openings
4 Very spicy
5 Bother continually
6 Smooths, as a shirt
7 Factual
8 Is able to
9 Firefighter's water sources
10 Don't bring when you go
11 Wheel shaft
12 White gem
13 Boys in the family
18 Similar
23 Soft-boiled breakfast
25 Go on to the next stop
26 Spacious
28 Strong push
29 Colored part of the eye
30 Roller coaster or Ferris wheel
31 Stag or buck
32 A/C measures
33 Civil rights icon Parks
34 United __ Emirates (Mideast nation)
35 Theater platform
38 Studiers of statistics
42 Extend, as a subscription
44 Fall like a __ of bricks
45 Argue the issues
47 Entrance hall
48 Chosen few
49 "Calm down!"
50 In run-down condition
51 Globule, as of paint
52 Glowing review
53 Prayer-ending word
54 Tra __ (song syllables)
58 Little kid
59 Owns



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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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COVID-19

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"The data suggests not everybody is practicing common sense," said Newsom, whose order takes effect immediately.

He didn't include schools, which are scheduled to resume in a few weeks in much of the state. But Monday, the state's two largest school districts, San Diego and Los Angeles, announced their students would start the school year with online learning only. LA Unified is the second-largest public school district in the country.

In March, California was the first state to issue a mandatory, statewide stay-at-home order to slow the spread of the coronavirus. The order appeared to work as cases stabilized in the ensuing weeks while other states grappled with huge increases.

But the order devastated the world's fifth-largest economy, with more than 7.5 million people filing for unemployment benefits. Newsom moved quickly to let most businesses reopen in May. Like other states that took similar steps, a subsequent rise in cases and hospitalizations led him to impose new restrictions this month.

Newsom has compared his strategy of opening and closing businesses as a "dimmer switch," highlighting the flexibility needed as public health officials monitor the virus's progress

California confirmed 8,358 new coronavirus cases on Sunday. Cases have increased 47% over the past two weeks, while hospitalizations have jumped 28% during the same time period.

Overall, California has reported more than 329,100 cases and more than 7,000 deaths, though infections are probably higher because some people don't show symptoms and there's a lack of testing.

ELECTION

FROM PAGE 1

up for election are Jon Kean, Maria Leon-Vazquez and Ralph Mechur. On the College Board, Susan Aminoff, Margaret Quinones-Perez and Rob Rader are up for election.

To qualify for a local race, candidates must gather 30 signatures from registered voters. Per state rules, the signature gathering must be done in person despite the ongoing health crisis but local officials have reduced the threshold from 100 to 30 this year.

Candidates for office must make an in-person appointment with the City Clerk's office to receive their nomination paperwork. While the State did allow for the digital distribution of nomination packets, jurisdictions must have access to a secure, encrypted system and Santa Monica lacks the technology to fulfill the state requirements.

By 5 p.m. on Monday, three people had pulled papers for the four-year City Council seat. Merviendo Andika, Janeen Jackson and Todd Mentch. Robert Seldon was the first, and only, prospective candidate for the two-year term.

Foster and Torosis were the only people to pull Rent Control papers on Monday.

Jon Kean and Maria Leon-Vazquez pulled papers for School Board.

Susan Aminoff and Rob Rader were the first people to request paperwork for the SMC Board.

The Nomination Period for these offices closes on August 7 at 5 p.m. If nomination papers for an incumbent are not filed by August 7, the deadline will be extended to August 12.

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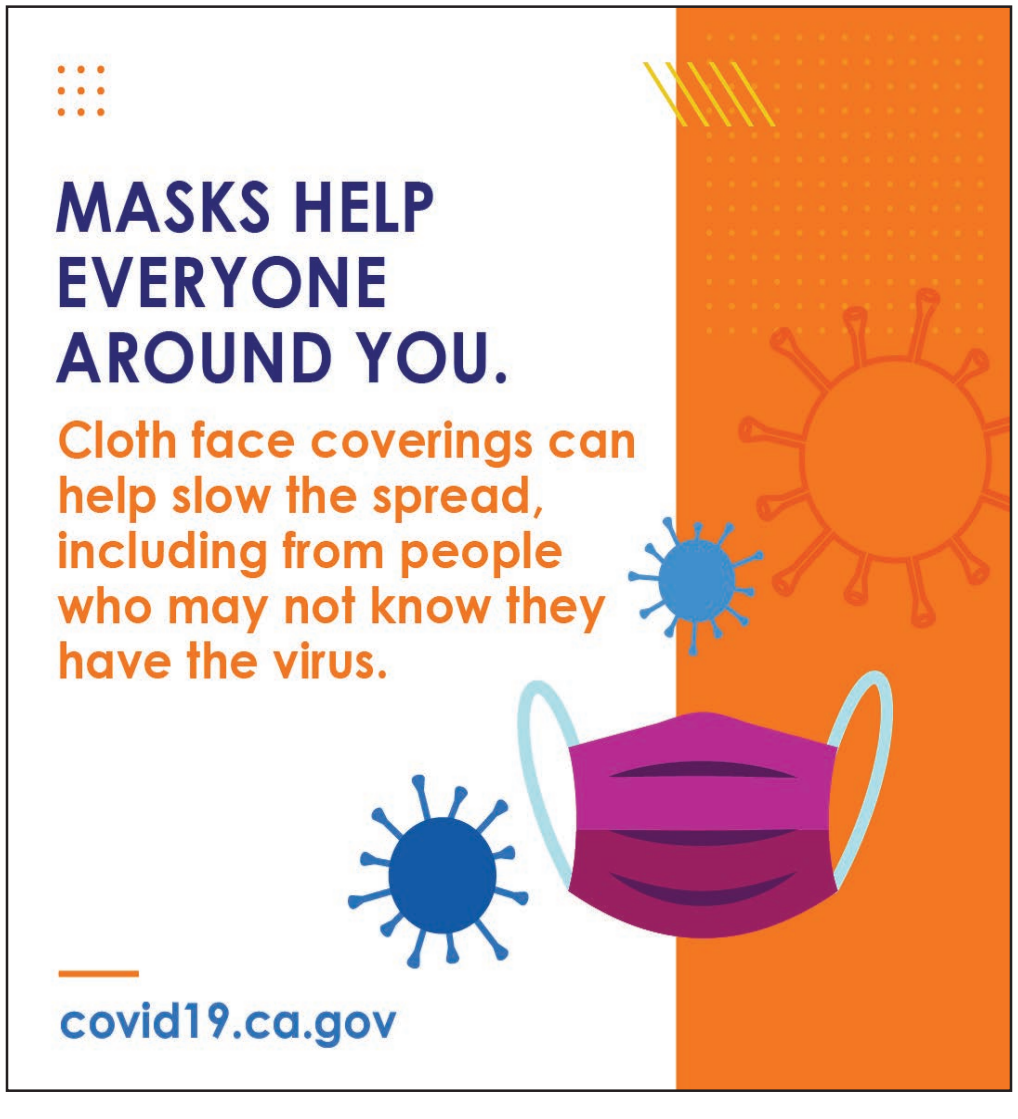
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