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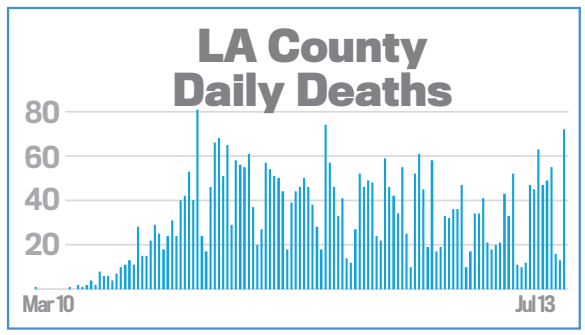
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Red Hen Press Poetry Hour revamps for second season return





Courtesy photo

PERFORMANCE: Sholeh Wolpé and Nassim Soleimanpour will be participating in the upcoming poetry program hosted by The Broad Stage.

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SMDP Staff Writer

Covid-19 is still preventing locals from gathering for entertainment purposes, but The Broad Stage and LA-based publisher Red Hen Press are excited to begin season two of the Red Hen Press Poetry Hour this Thursday with award-winning actor and writer Sandra Tsing Loh.

In April, The Broad Stage and Red Hen Press partnered for the first season of Poetry Hour, which gave thousands of people across the world the ability to stream live music and poetry readings from the comfort — and safety — of their homes.

With the national emergency happening right now, "I think that poetry is something that will help people get through it," Kate Gale, co-founder and Managing Editor of RPH, said at the beginning of the safer-at-home orders. "And I think it's wonderful The Broad Stage is giving people the opportunity to breathe and remind ourselves that there are still creative and beautiful moments in the world."

This Thursday, the second season of Red Hen Poetry Hour is set to premiere at 6 p.m. with a program titled, "Finding Truths

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California narrows testing priority

KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

With coronavirus cases rising fast, California overhauled its guidelines Tuesday for who can be tested, prioritizing people who are hospitalized with symptoms, those in close contact with infected people or when necessary to control a local outbreak.

The new guidelines say people without symptoms and not in essential jobs won't be prioritized for testing until results can be turned around in less than 48 hours.

The changes come as the state faces testing shortages and long wait times for results as new outbreaks pop up around the state. To stem the surge of cases, Gov. Gavin Newsom on Monday closed malls, hair

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SMMUSD could start year with distance learning

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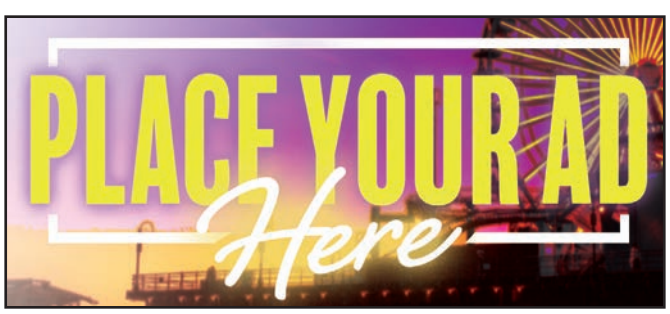
The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is likely to begin next school year with a distance-learning format, school officials announced Tuesday.

In an attempt to follow recent state and local health recommendations amidst a surge of Los Angeles County Covid-19 cases, district staff will recommend that SMMUSD adopt a model that calls for students to learn from the safety of their homes, a letter sent out to parents Tuesday by Superintendent Ben Drati reads.

"SMMUSD staff want to reopen in-person as soon as possible and had been preparing to recommend an in-person option (similar to) Model B, the hybrid model that includes both in-person and distance learning," Drati said. "However, the steady upsurge in

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NEW YORK

Judge rejects tentative $19M Weinstein deal with accusers

A $19 million settlement between Harvey Weinstein and some of his accusers and the state of New York was rejected Tuesday by a judge.

U.S. District Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein in Manhattan said Weinstein's accusers in the proposed class-action settlement were too varied to be grouped together.

Three lawyers for several women who had opposed the deal praised what they described as Hellerstein's swift rejection of a one-sided proposal.

"We have been saying for over a year and a half that the settlement terms and conditions were unfair and should never be imposed on sexual assault survivors," the lawyers wrote in a statement released by one of the attorneys, Douglas Wigdor. "On behalf of our clients, we look forward to pursuing justice against Harvey Weinstein and his many enablers."

A spokesperson for Weinstein did not comment. A lawyer for his companies declined comment.

A spokesperson for New York Attorney General Letitia James, who announced the tentative agreement on June 30, said her office was reviewing the decision and determining its next steps.

"Our office has been fighting tirelessly to provide these brave women with the justice they are owed and will continue to do so," Morgan Rubin said in a written statement.

The deal to settle lawsuits brought by the New York attorney general's office and Elizabeth Fegan, a Chicago lawyer, on behalf of multiple women aimed to provide between $7,500 and $750,000 to some women who accused Weinstein of sexually abusing them.

Fegan said in a statement that attorneys who negotiated the deal were disappointed.

"We've long held that we needed to find justice for all the women that Weinstein preyed upon in a fair and equitable way. Now, we need to turn our attention to litigating our clients' individual cases," she said.

The 68-year-old former Hollywood producer was convicted earlier this year of rape and sexual assault against two women. Accusations by dozens of women in 2017 led to the downfall of his career and helped spur #MeToo, the global movement to hold powerful men accountable for their sexual misconduct.

Weinstein was diagnosed in March with the coronavirus just days after he was moved to the state's maximum security Wende Correctional Facility near Buffalo to begin serving his 23-year prison sentence.

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LOS ANGELES

Police can't access LAPD gang database records after scandal

The California attorney general on Tuesday made it impossible for law enforcement agencies to access entries that Los Angeles police made in the state's gang database after three LA officers were charged with falsifying records.

The Los Angeles Police Department's records are roughly 25% of the database, which critics have long said fosters racial profiling. Known as CalGang, the database lists nearly 80,000 people – the majority of them people of color – suspected of being active gang members or possible associates.

Banning access to the LAPD's entries comes amid a national reckoning into police practices and racial injustice.

Three members of the department's Metropolitan Division were charged last week. Prosecutors allege the officers misidentified dozens of people as gang members and some of the false information was used to enter individuals into the database.

Getting removed from the database can be difficult and take time. Advocates say being listed can be detrimental to a person's immigration standing and efforts to find housing and jobs.

The LAPD has vowed to stop using the database "for anything other than removing individuals from it," and an internal investigation found extensive issues in entries. More than 20 other officers are under investigation in the widening scandal.

The department revealed in January that officers had been assigned to home duty or taken off patrol after a mother complained last year that her son was wrongly identified as a gang member and a police supervisor began a review.

State Attorney General Xavier Becerra on Tuesday urged other police departments statewide to audit their own entries.

"I've said it before and I'll say it again: CalGang is only as good as the data that is put into it," Becerra said in a news release. "If a quarter of the program's data is suspect, then the utility of the entire system rightly comes under the microscope."

The three LAPD officers are accused of writing at times that a person admitted to being a gang member, but video from police body-worn cameras showed those listed were not asked about gang membership. Prosecutors said some people denied gang affiliation but the officers wrote that they admitted being gang members.

Los Angeles Superior Court records do not indicate when future proceedings will be held.

STEFANIE DAZIO, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tom Moore
February 24, 1948 - July 3, 2020

July 3, 2020, was a sad day for the Moore family and friends of Tom Moore, who passed away after a lengthy illness.

Tom was born in Fargo, North Dakota, on Feb. 24, 1948. By 1949, our family was moving to Los Angeles, where we took up residence in the Ratteree Track, West Los Angeles.

Tom attended grammar school in Brentwood and junior high at Paul Revere, High school was in the Pacific Palisades. Next stop was the University of Arizona in Tucson for undergraduate work, then back to California for law school in San Diego at the University of California San Diego.

After passing the California bar exam, he began practicing law in West Los Angeles. By now he was married to Mary Sutton and purchased a home in his old neighborhood, now renamed Brentwood Glen.

Unfortunately, that marriage didn't last, but at the same time he was working his way up the ladder at Sunkist Growers in the law division. It was there he met and married Magdalena and they soon had a son they named Thomas.

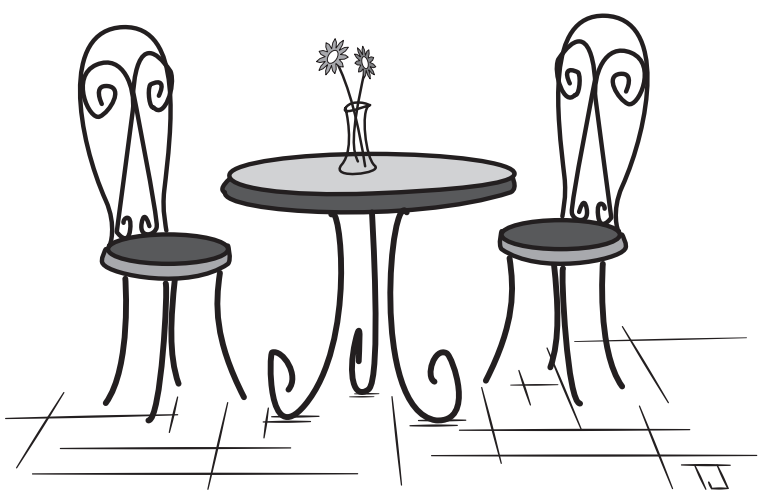
Tom retired from Sunkist as the vice president and leader of the legal division.

Tom is survived by his wife, Magda; son Thomas; brother Ed and wife, Mary; and nephews Blake and Bryan and nieces Maile and Cassie.

The family plans to have a memorial in the near future when COVID-19 settles down and friends and relatives can travel without fear of infection.

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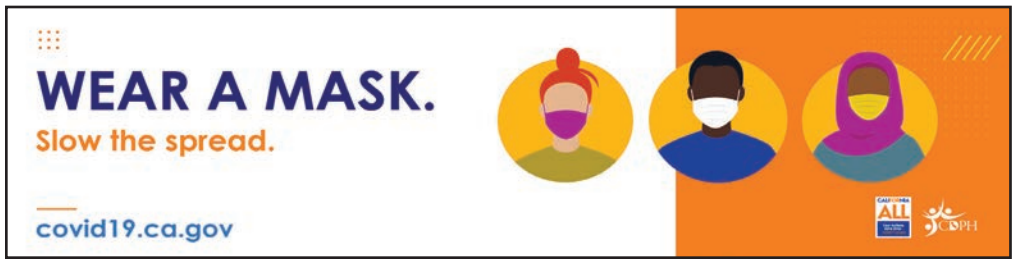
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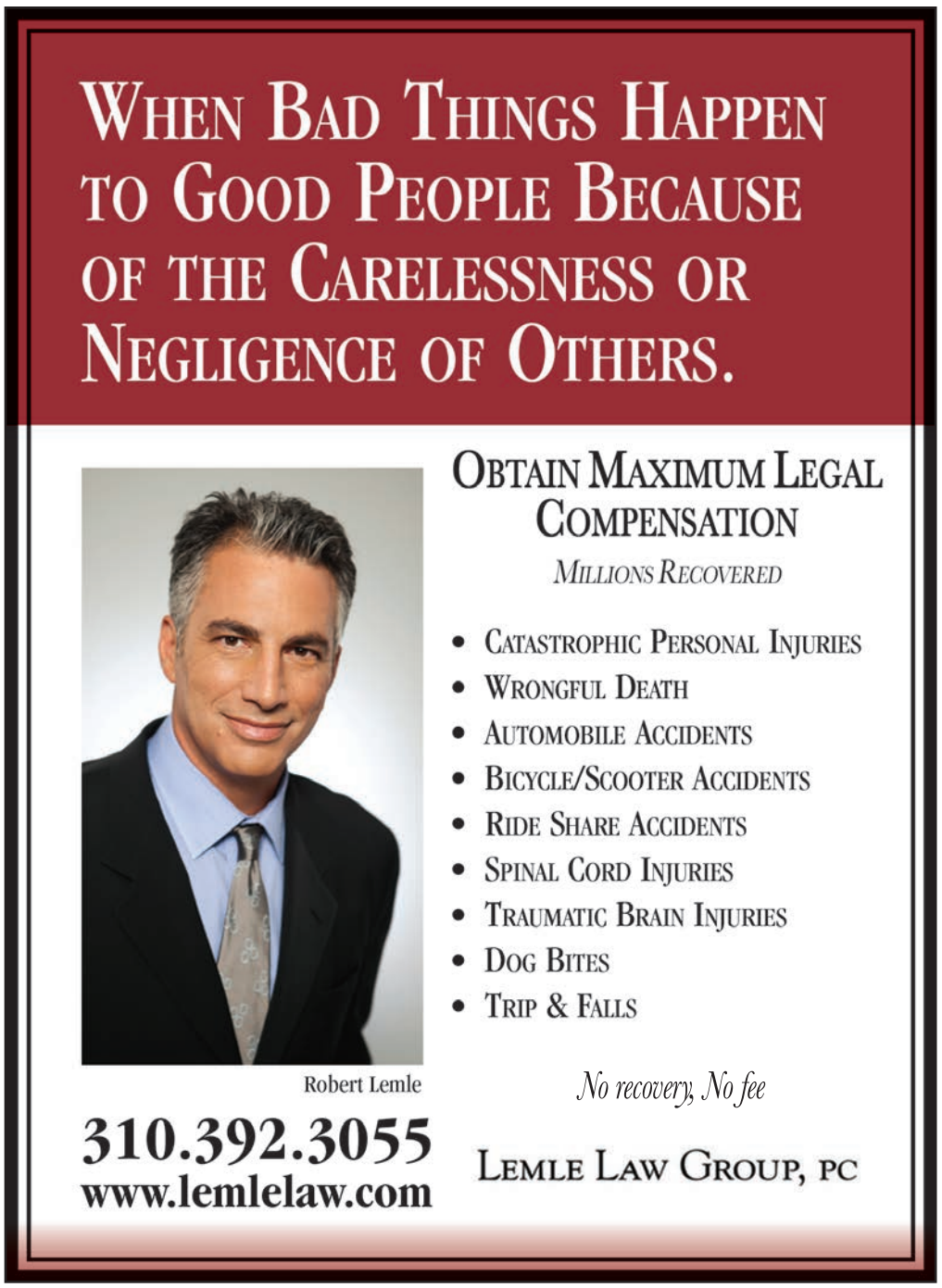
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BOSTON

Loughlin, Giannulli want $1M bail cut in college scam case

"Full House" actor Lori Loughlin and her fashion designer husband, Mossimo Giannulli, want their bail cut from $1 million to $100,000, telling a judge they will not flee ahead of their sentencing in the college admissions bribery case.

In a court filing on Monday, lawyers for the famous couple who admitted to paying half a million dollars to get their daughters into the University of Southern California as fake crew recruits also asked the judge to remove the requirement that their bonds be secured by a lien on their house. The defense said prosecutors have agreed to their request.

"There is no indication that Defendants will flee rather than face sentencing," Loughlin and Giannulli's attorneys wrote.

On Tuesday, another California couple also pleaded guilty to participating in the bribery scheme.

Diane Blake and Todd Blake from Ross, California, appeared before a Boston federal court judge via video conference because of the coronavirus pandemic and admitted to paying $250,000 to get their daughter into USC with fake volleyball credentials.

Under their plea deals, Diane Blake has agreed to serve six weeks in prison, while Todd Blake has agreed to serve four months. The Blakes are scheduled to be sentenced in November. Emails seeking comment were sent to their lawyers.

The Blakes are the 27th and 28th parents to plead guilty in the case dubbed "Operation Varsity Blues." They were among dozens of wealthy parents, athletic coaches and others arrested last year in the case that shocked the education and entertainment worlds.

In a stunning reversal, Loughlin and Giannulli pleaded guilty in May after insisting for more than a year that they were innocent. The judge said at the time that he will decide whether to accept the deals after considering the presentencing report, a document that contains background on defendants and helps guide sentencing decisions.

Loughlin and Giannulli are scheduled to be sentenced on Aug. 21. If the judge accepts their plea deals, Loughlin will be sentenced to two months in prison and Giannulli will be sentenced to five months.

The first trial for several parents fighting the charges is scheduled for October.

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NEW YORK

Amazon unveils shopping cart that knows what you're buying

Amazon has a new cure for long supermarket lines: a smart shopping cart.

The cart, which Amazon unveiled on Tuesday, uses cameras, sensors and a scale to automatically detect what shoppers drop in. It keeps a tally and then charges their Amazon account when they leave the store. No cashier is needed.

It's the latest attempt by Amazon to shake up the supermarket industry and offer a solution to long checkout lines. The online shopping giant opened a cashier-less supermarket in Seattle that uses cameras and sensors in the ceiling to track what shoppers grab and charge them as they leave. Amazon.com Inc. also has roughly 25 cashier-less convenience stores with similar technology.

The cart, called Amazon Dash Cart, will first show up at a new Los Angeles supermarket Amazon is opening later this year. The store will have cashiers, but Amazon said it wanted to give shoppers a way to bypass any lines. In the future, it could be used at Amazon's Whole Foods grocery chain or other stores, if Amazon sells the technology, but there are no plans for either right now.

Several startups are already making similar smart shopping carts that are being tested in stores, but many require scanning groceries before dropping them in.

There's no scanning on the Amazon cart. A screen near the handle lists what's being charged, and the cart can detect when something is taken out and have it removed from the bill. And there's also a way to let the cart know if you need to throw a jacket or purse in the cart so you don't have to carry it around.

JOSEPH PISANI, AP RETAIL WRITER

LOS ANGELES

Foie gras back on the menu in California after court ruling

Foie gras is back on the menu in California after a federal judge ruled the rich dish can't be prevented from being brought in from out of state.

California's ban on the delicacy, the fattened liver of a duck or goose, was challenged in court by out-of-state producers who said they lost nearly one-third of their total sales when the prohibition took effect.

A federal appeals court eventually upheld the ban, but on Tuesday U.S. District Judge Stephen V. Wilson decided for the plaintiffs, which include farmers in Canada and New York and a restaurant. They had challenged part of the law that banned liver produced out of state from being sold.

Wilson ruled the sale of foie gras doesn't violate the law if the seller is located outside of California and the product is given to a third-party delivery service and brought into the state.

"There is no principled way to distinguish between foie gras purchased out of state and transported into California by the purchaser and that which is delivered by a third party," the judge wrote.

The issue had been simmering in courts for years since lawmakers in 2004 barred California farmers from producing it because the birds are force fed.

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Business As Usual



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COUNCIL: Is the old guard in the way of progress in Santa Monica?

SO MANY CLOCKS TICKING

Climate change, economy, education, safety, health care, hunger, homelessness, democracy, crime, inequalities of race - gender - income - justice - sexual orientation. I Can't Breathe. The planet, the nation, Santa Monica.

Dang, do all the bills have to come due at once? George Floyd says yes, they are too long past due, and hundreds of thousands of us have been marching in agreement. But start with the longest running, most lethal, shameful, nationally debilitating ones. Slavery and "the Redskins" (still, in 2020?!) are America's original sins, our founding fatal flaws, and redemption time is here. 400 years since Plymouth Rock and the genocidal march west, 401 since the first slave ship. Time's up.

Let's do our part here to address the brutality, from police misconduct, from pandemic on the reservations. Not sure what we can do about the latter -- moral support, solidarity, raising our official voice to Washington, at least. Has anyone suggested it? Santa Monica is built on the ancient lands of indigenous people, the Tongva; let's always keep that debt high in our consciousness.

OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Like all of them, needs radical restructuring, and I'm sure there are more than a handful of smart, informed, experienced, civic-minded residents who could do that job. But our City Council has decided, true to their habit, to throw money, another six figures toward outside consultants who will study the situation and report back. ("Analyses by independent professionals with expertise about the subject matter under investigation are an effective tool to help the city do better in the future," intoned Council member Sue Himmelrich. Gag me. "Effective"? "Do better in the future"?)

Stop it! Business as usual doesn't work any more. Never did, really. Why didn't they immediately at least adopt the 8 Can't Wait platform? Mayor McKeown made a motion but what has happened in the five weeks since? I guess that's why they call it a "motion."

Other cities just acted, boom. What do you have to study to decide to ban chokeholds and shooting at moving vehicles, to exhaust all alternatives before shooting, and require a warning? I know that some in the Black Lives Matter movement say it's not enough and it isn't, but having such basic rules in place, for starters, seems better than not having them. But we can't even do that.

We can heal if we do the right thing, America can become that venerated democracy we've been in the world's eyes (but in theory only) for 244 years, and this is probably our last chance. A "blessing" of the pandemic.

LOAD OF HOOEY

Santa Monica's politicians have for years puffed up their chests as guardians of our vaunted reputation as that small but famous city on the California coast that leads the world for its progressiveness, diversity, inclusiveness, innovation. But we who live here know that's a load of hooey. Belmar Triangle, Pico Neighborhood, the 10 Freeway, the Inkwell, and in 2020, in excess of $10,000,000 of our taxpayer money spent to fight to overturn a court ruling that said our at-large voting system discriminates against minorities.

We can actually now become the city that serves its residents, without worrying about reputation, image, or politicians' resumes. But we need a new crew. The folks who dug us into this hole thinking that was the direction of progress, are not the ones to dig us out.

Our multiple crises are in fact a rare opportunity. To rethink, radically. Restructure. We're really broke now, and economically shut down. But we act as though we still have all the time in the world. We do not. This moment is already being lost, to the drumbeat of business as usual.

That may seem reasonable, but at this point, with all that's happened, it isn't. It's a tactic. That's what people say who want it all back to the way it was before, when they had the power and influence and its financial rewards. Well, a lot of us here did not like the way it was before.

SOME FOOL THEMSELVES

And deny there's racial or any other kind of inequality, they disregard the medical science of a pandemic, they do not believe that

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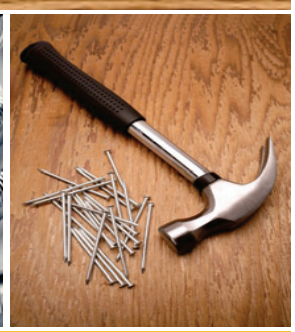
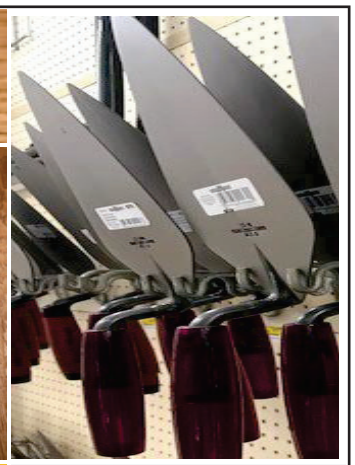
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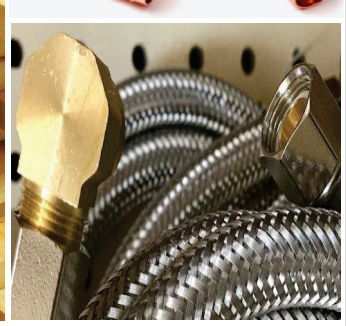

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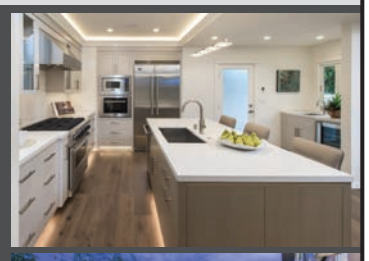
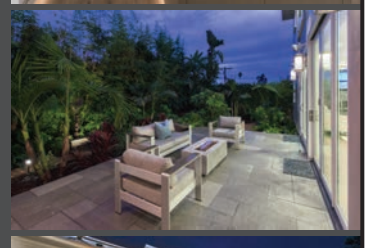
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On May 31, in response to a **Black Lives Matter** demonstration on Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica police attacked the crowd with a violent frenzy of rubber bullets and tear gas. In her first media interview after the mayhem, Interim City Manager Lane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

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

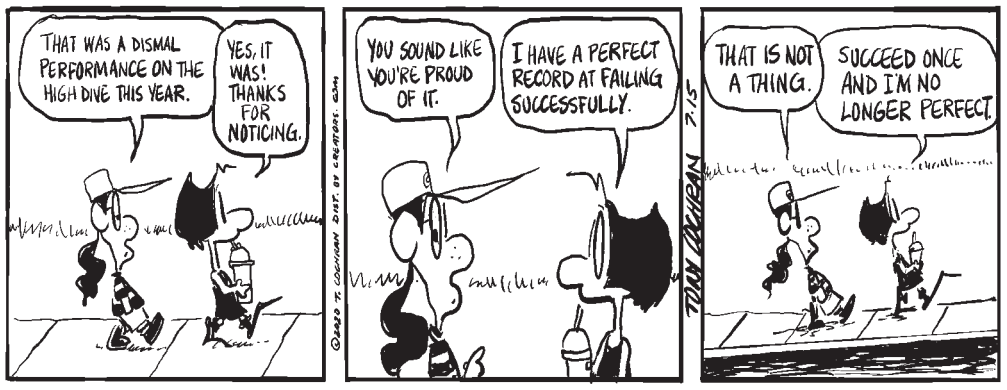
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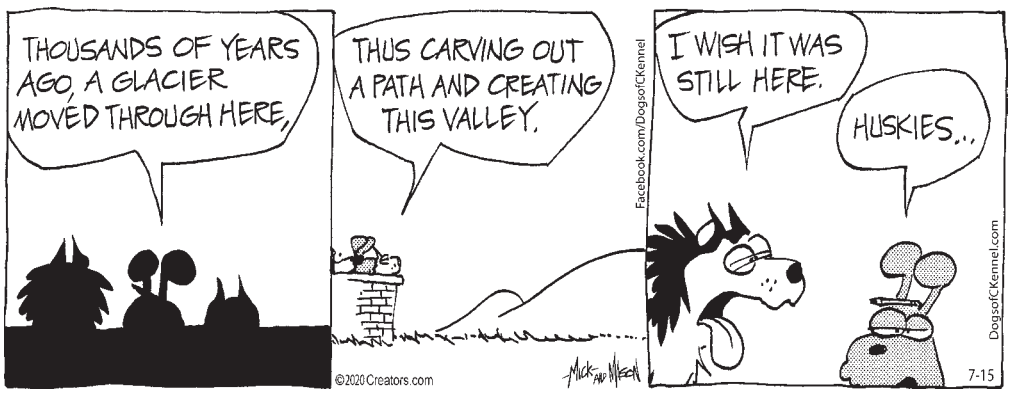
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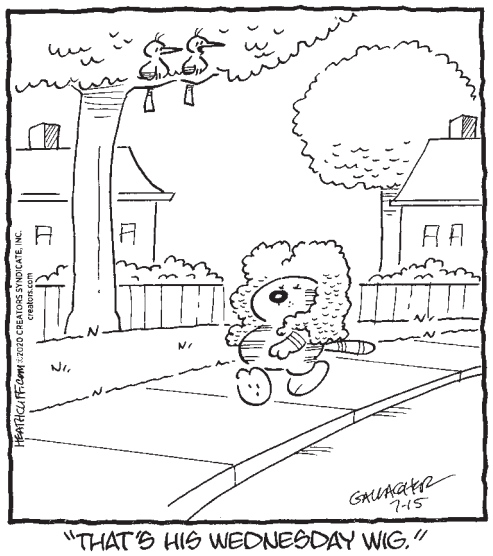
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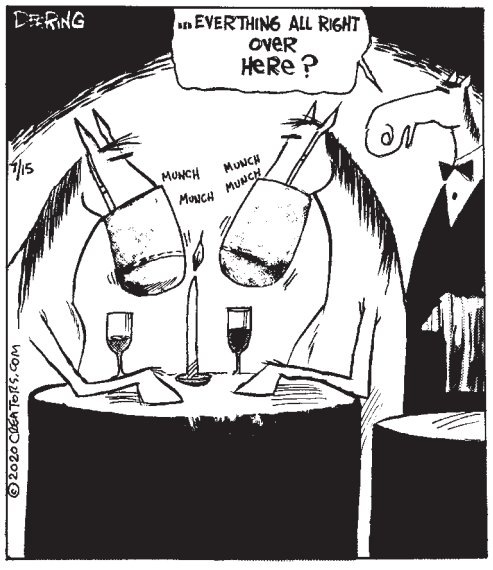
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"THAT'S HIS WEDNESDAY WIG."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING





SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 73.2°

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

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

WEATHER

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

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/07/15	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
2020/07/19	Sun	03:43 AM	-0.64	L
2020/07/19	Sun	10:13 AM	3.80	H
2020/07/19	Sun	2:40 PM	2.37	L
2020/07/19	Sun	8:59 PM	6.53	H

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Draw Date:07/11
14 19 61 62 64
Power#: 4
Jackpot:87 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 07/10
10 15 20 49 53
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 91 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 07/11
2 12 16 19 31
Mega#: 8
Jackpot: 23 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 07/13
8 11 17 30 32

Daily 3
Draw Date: 07/13
Evening: 9 1 3
Draw Date: 07/13
Midday: 1 4 0

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 07/13
1st: 09-WINNING SPIRIT
2nd: 08-GORGEOUS GEORGE
3rd: 01 - GOLD RUSH
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JULY 15)

You think you know your favorite activities, but you'll have a whole new set of them after this year. The next 10 weeks show you adjusting to the world in a way that will bring you closer to your own heart. Your sunny outlook goes well with the environment you find yourself in charge of as the year turns. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 33, 36, 1, 27 and 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can capitalize on the special connection you have with your fellow fire signs (Aries, Leo and Sagittarius) today, especially in a social or professional sense.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The flip side becomes a real possibility today. Relationships change suits; platonic relationships could turn romantic or professional or something else entirely as a fresh need inspires different behaviors.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The famous Dr. Martin Luther King speech says, "I have a dream." What it didn't say is, "I have money," nor, "I have a plan." Focus on the vision. It's the most important part now.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Because someone was forward enough to ask for the moon, you now get your slice of it. It's time to join the big thinkers and rule breakers again. A better future hangs in the balance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Indecision throttles creativity. When you make up your mind to make up your mind, the result will be change in rapid succession. Life will fuse with imagination.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The theme is: enjoying the ordinary. Chores are pleasant exercise. Errands are a chance to connect with the people in your neighborhood. All is running smoothly, something to appreciate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll sense that there's something new on the horizon and won't wait around for others to educate you about it. You'll read up, ask around and figure out what you need to know to get to the next place.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't punish yourself for having strong feelings of affection. They are inconvenient, but in a sense, you depend on your affection. Feeling tenderness and want of another person makes you more alive, more human.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You doubt the judgment of others, even when their judgment is liking you very much -- especially then, actually. Your doubt is ridiculous, but your modesty is better than any other alternative.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When it feels like you're running against the wind, stop, turn around and put up a sail. It's scary to go where life blows you, and that's only because you can't see the wonderful place you're going yet. You will love it there.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are varieties of silence. Some are heavy and some float. There are silences that smile and silences that glow. You can fall in love with a certain kind of silence. Today will bring you a sample platter.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The sacred will call you near. You'll know it by its feeling, which will be hard to miss. The poet Wendell Berry writes, "There are no unsacred places; there are only sacred places and desecrated places."

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

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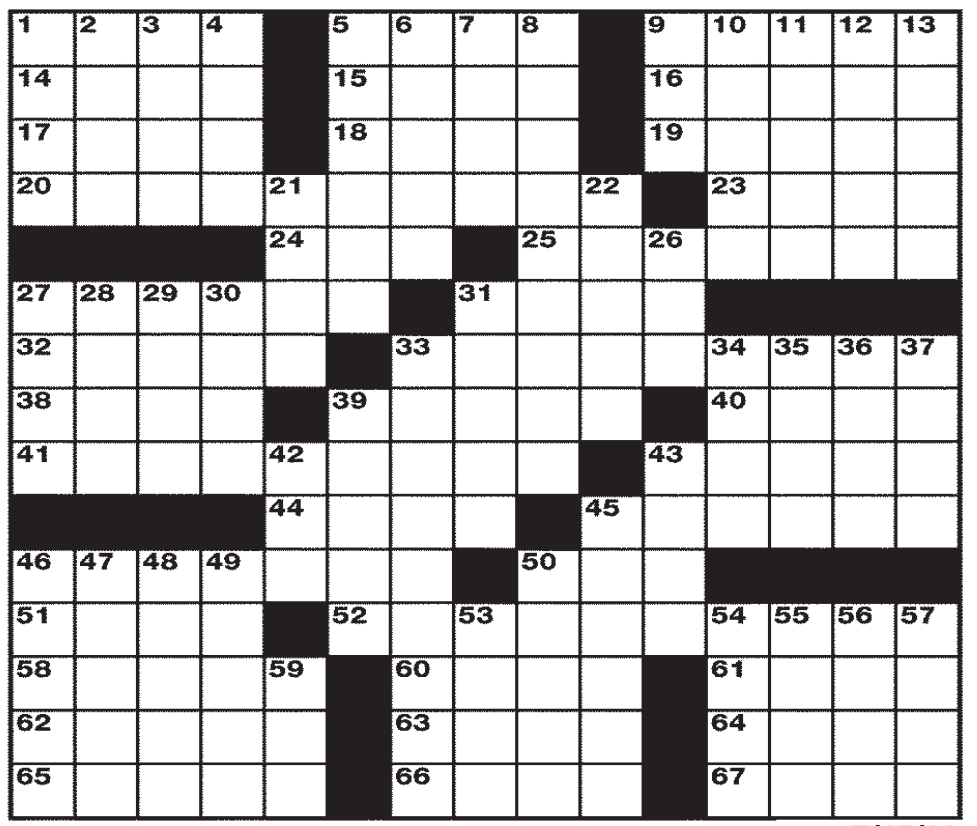
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Newsday Crossword

CUT IT OUT by Carolyn Stewart
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 ___ for (decides to choose)
5 In the distance
9 San ___ (city south of Los Angeles)
14 100%, as gold
15 Make angry
16 Blue part of a globe
17 Great Lake near Niagara Falls
18 Grasp firmly
19 Young ladies
20 Plane that sprays stuff
23 River near the Sphinx
24 Nevertheless
25 Taking the most time
27 Tried out
31 Make a secret plan
32 States with certainty
33 URL's diagonal divider
38 Capital of Peru
39 "Potted" windowsill decor
40 Wind instrument
41 Overpriced eatery
43 Extinguish, as a fire
44 Office errand runner
45 Coming from the brain
46 Leading lady of a film
50 Feel poorly
51 Slightly open
52 Well-toned body
58 Provides for a while
60 Service branch with jets: Abbr.
61 On the rocks
62 Band larger than a 3 Down
63 Lounge in a hammock
64 Something to salute
65 Floor level
66 Gave the once over
67 "Tall" story

DOWN
1 Oil cartel acronym
2 Sound of a Siamese
3 Small band
4 Leak slowly
5 Had a spat
6 At the head of the line
7 Landed
8 Insect spray, for example
9 Kennel dweller
10 Frosting on the cake
11 Hair-raising
12 Makes angry
13 Beginning stage
21 Changes the color of
22 Hen's perch
26 Extreme degree
27 Soft mineral
28 Wicked
29 Prefix for final
30 Golf hazard
31 One way off an island
33 Hand-held calculator of yore
34 Earth's natural orbiter
35 Share a border with
36 Activist Parks
37 On an even ___
39 Indicate the direction
42 ___ alai
43 Supermarket section with slicers
45 Somewhat sore
46 Saintly circles
47 Remove from a DVD player
48 Charged towards
49 Make a demand of
50 Cause raised eyebrows from
53 Brit's exclamation
54 Natural ability
55 School beside Sunset Blvd.
56 Factual
57 Upper hand
59 Pig's pen



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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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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S	K	C	U	D	E	T	A	G	Y	R	I	A	D	P
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Acres	Cups	Foals	Milk	Shed
Agist	Dairy	Gate	Mooing	Sows
Algae	Dams	Hand	Pens	Stake
Barley	Dogs	Hard	Pests	Stock
Break	Ducks	Heat	Plough	Tank
Calf	Dust	Hectare	Ponies	Toil
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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
Working out our itinerary

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CURIOUS CITY

FROM PAGE 5

our democracy has nearly slipped from our hands. Our pandemic of stupidity.

I'm tired of trying to convince them. They're a delusional, very vocal minority and they're killing us. Literally. Nearly 150,000 US dead and climbing like a SpaceX rocket. We're pushed into a corner and the building's on fire. Recognize the reality in front of you, city leaders, and act. We need bold new vision. I'm not seeing it.

WEAR A MASK!!

I'm so sick of having to even think that. In my experience in Ocean Park, ⅔ do not. Hello, SMPD? It's the law, right? City Council, why not hire a small army of citation writers, give a desperately needed income to our out-of-work residents, generate a ton of money for our ailing city treasury from dangerous scofflaws, and watch compliance soar? You were pretty quick and thorough handing out an avalanche of $73 tickets on windshields last week as street sweeping was brought back. Some complained there wasn't adequate notice. You could have handed out warnings.

The illegal fireworks barrage is STILL continuing, almost a month now. People hate it and are complaining a lot. Quality of life in Santa Monica. Is there an easier criminal to catch in the act, lighting up their lawbreaking? SM has a reputation for not enforcing our laws, and so of course we attract lawbreakers. And then there was May 31.

Why, 60,000 recall signatures later, leaving town when she knew the looters were coming, admitting one day she knew and then denying it the next, does Police Chief Renaud still have her job? You saw it on TV. Do you need another study? Why didn't the City Council, within the week, ask her to resign or be fired? Do we only make decisions here based on the fear of a lawsuit?

The City Council is equally responsible for May 31, our day of infamy. The buck stops there. They did not, all seven, conference with the chief to make sure plans were in place to protect us. And so 120 local businesses were savaged. There is absolutely no excuse for that, and they all should have resigned over that epic failure. But no. Business as usual.

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

POETRY HOUR

FROM PAGE 1

and Creating Art in Exile." The show features award-winning playwrights Sholeh Wolpé and Nassim Soleimanpour, according to The Broad Stage's Director of Artistic Planning Eric Bloom, who said last week that the poetry hour has been revamped to better meet the needs of the public.

"The first season really focused primarily on the poets that Red Hen has access to and every episode that was running weekly at the time included live readings, conversations and some pre-recorded footage," but as the pandemic stretched into May, there became an overload of online content, Bloom said. "So, we really wanted to think more deeply about what we could put out there to make sure that it was something really unique in the market that could attract people's attention."

During the upcoming season, Bloom said, The Broad Stage and Red Hen will now produce one episode a month for the remainder of the year. The two companies also intend to bring in artists who aren't poets who could speak to the themes and conversations prevalent in the different programs.

The first episode features Nasim Soleimanpour, "who's an Iranian playwright who couldn't leave Iran for a long time because he refused military service," Bloom said, describing how Soleimanpour has found international success from his "White Rabbit, Red Rabbit" theater readings and will talk about finding an identity in exile.

As the season progresses, Soleimanpour and Wolpé will be joined by acclaimed guests as well as award-winning artists like Nathalie Handal, Lory Bedikian and more. "The artists will explore the lives they live—and the lives that people in the West imagine for them," Bloom added, mentioning Red Hen Press Poetry Hour will continue with readings and a discussion about environmental justice and climate change on Thursday, Aug. 27. And a deep dive into feminism will follow in September.

Each of the upcoming broadcast will be available on The Broad Stage website at thebroadstage.org/athome and on Facebook at facebook.com/thebroadstage, according to organizers. Each program will also be archived following the live stream for on-demand viewing.

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TESTING

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salons, gyms and other indoor businesses in most of the state, and barred inside religious services.

"This is all done while we are in parallel working to increase testing capacity across the state," said Dr. Mark Ghaly, secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency.

The new testing methods are designed to help California zero in on outbreaks spread among essential workers or by gatherings of family and friends. Getting test results more quickly in areas of potential outbreak is important to the state's ability to contain the spread, Ghaly said.

The state's increased transmission level has made contact tracing harder, he acknowledged. About 7,800 people are testing positive a day, and the state has 10,000 contact tracers reaching out to people who have been in close contact with infected individuals. The state is testing about 107,000 people per day.

"We did not build the current contact tracing program on this level of transmission," Ghaly said.

California's old testing guidelines, introduced May 1 when the virus was under much better control, had just two tiers. The first included hospitalized patients, health care workers, people over 65, those in nursing homes, workers at essential businesses like grocery stores and lower risk people with symptoms. Tier two included only lower risk people without symptoms.

As testing expanded and California initially avoided its expected surge, cities including Los Angeles and Sacramento opened testing to anyone, regardless of symptoms.

That's no longer a priority as resources are spread thin and as the state's transmission rate increases. Under the new system, the highest priority is only on hospitalized patients with symptoms, those in contact with people who have confirmed cases and to manage outbreaks at the direction of local and state health officials.

The second tier includes anyone with symptoms or asymptomatic people who live in congregate care settings such as nursing homes, care for the elderly, or work in emergency services or a jail or prison, and patients entering or leaving hospitals. The third tier includes workers in retail, manufacturing, food service, agriculture, public transportation and education.

Other asymptomatic individuals who think they are at risk are in the fourth and lowest tier. Testing will only be given to those individuals once the state can turn around results in less than two days, according to the guidance.

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DISTANCE LEARNING

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coronavirus cases in our region combined with the advice of public health experts has led us to the conclusion that distance learning is the most prudent model to start the 2020-2021 school year."

The school board will discuss and take action on the distance learning plan during this Thursday's school board meeting, which will also feature a presentation detailing the results of the recent staff and parent surveys.

"We understand that distance learning may present a challenge to many families," Tuesday's letter reads. "We will address these concerns in the upcoming school board meeting and during the next month and beyond, along with how we plan to deliver distance learning to our students in a consistent and effective manner." The district also intends to send out a follow-up letter on Friday once the board of education has made a final decision.

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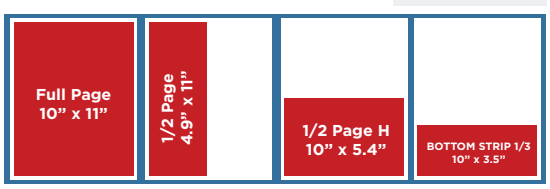
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