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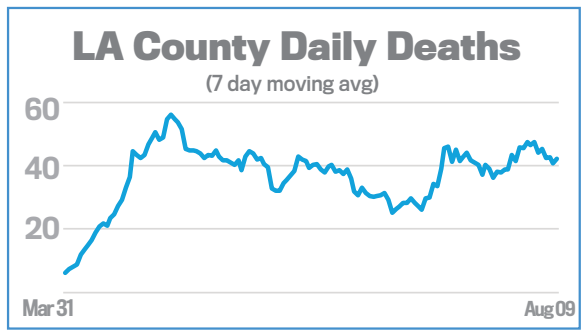
Police and Fire logs
See the calls for service.
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Food Distribution
Food will be given away on Wednesday.
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CORONAVIRUS CASES (1WkChg)

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County makes progress in fight against COVID-19





Matthew Hall

TESTING: After weeks of effort, officials said COVID-19 numbers are improving across Los Angeles.

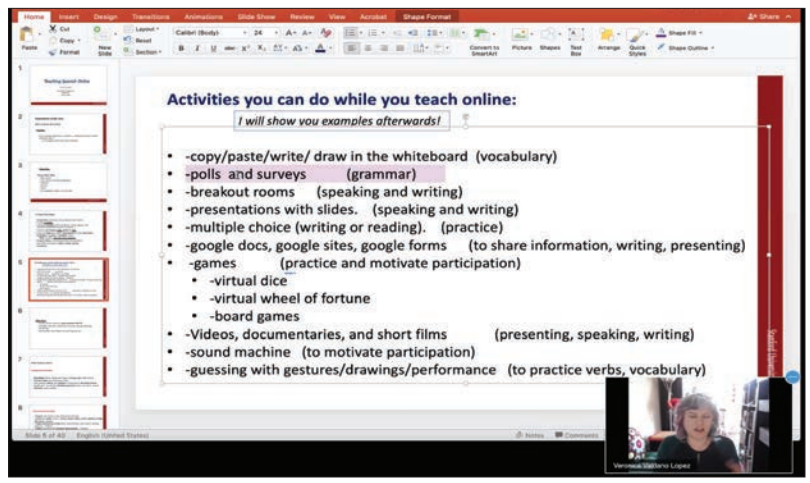
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SMDP Staff Writer

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health officials said Monday the number of COVID cases and deaths in L.A. County remains high but the data shows residents are making progress in the fight against Covid-19.

Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer, who spoke Monday after

SEE **COVID-19** PAGE 11

Teachers prepare for distance learning



Courtesy photo

TRAINING: Teachers are being taught how to teach from a distance.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

While school may be out for summer, teachers in Santa Monica are hard at work developing new skills and lesson plans for the upcoming semester of distance learning.

After the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District shut down in-person classes on March 16

SEE **DISTANCE LEARNING** PAGE 6

Union officials worry layoffs will harm already-disadvantaged students

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Employees in SMMUSD's child care and preschool programs, as well as its special education department, have been out of work in recent weeks in an effort to keep the district fiscally flexible, but local educators say the decision negatively affects students districtwide when the pandemic is already putting some student groups at a severe disadvantage.

Layoffs in the district have occurred since February when dozens of teachers first received pink slips. And in recent weeks, a number of positions, including Speech-Language Pathology Assistants and preschool workers — some who had more than 20 years of experience in the district

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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: **Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance amending the Downtown Community Plan (DCP) authorizing Tier 3 housing projects greater than 90,000 square feet within the Downtown to be reviewed through a Development Review Permit, text revisions to the definition of a "housing project", and proposed amendments to Section 9.10.070 of the Zoning Ordinance to establish project requirements for Tier 3 Downtown housing projects greater than 90,000 square feet.**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce for first reading an ordinance amending the text of the Downtown Community Plan (Sections 9.10.050 and 9.10.050(A)) to authorize Tier 3 housing projects greater than 90,000 square feet within the Downtown to be reviewed through a Development Review Permit instead of a Development Agreement and text revisions to the definition of a "housing project". The City Council will also consider text amendments to Section 9.10.070 of the Zoning Ordinance to establish project requirements for Tier 3 Downtown housing projects greater than 90,000 square feet.

On May 20, 2020, the Planning Commission adopted a resolution recommending to the City Council that the Council amend the text of the Downtown Community Plan and Zoning Ordinance as described above.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the City Council and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but participants may also join the teleconference via
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Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: DCP Amendments for Tier 3 Housing Projects

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project, please contact Steve Mizokami at (310) 458-8341, or 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.

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SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 302 CALLS ON AUGUST 9

Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 12:02 a.m.
Living In A Vehicle 1100blk Stanford St 12:03 a.m.
Party Complaint Princeton St / Broadway 12:08 a.m.
Battery Now Ocean Ave / Bay St 12:09 a.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper Just Occurred 1400blk Ocean Ave 12:23 a.m.
Encampment 400blk Palisades Park 1:09 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 3rd Street Prom / Santa Monica Blvd 1:17 a.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:22 a.m.
Grand Theft Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 1:24 a.m.
Party Complaint 1500blk 6th St 1:24 a.m.
Party Complaint 700blk Hill St 1:58 a.m.
Party Complaint 800blk Pacific St 2:06 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 1300blk 20th St 2:12 a.m.
Fight 4th St / Pico Blvd 2:42 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 300blk Marine St 2:53 a.m.
Attempt Burglary 800blk Euclid St 4:57 a.m.
Encampment 500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:28 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 2100blk Oak St 7:10 a.m.
Petty Theft 1600blk Ocean Ave 8:19 a.m.
Found Property 7th St / Broadway 8:19 a.m.
Grand Theft 1400blk 18th St 8:35 a.m.
Grand Theft 2200blk Delaware Ave 8:38 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2500blk Kansas Ave 8:54 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 600blk Pico Pl 8:56 a.m.
Found Property 1300blk 4th St 9:33 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1900blk Ocean Ave 9:37 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1300blk Ocean Ave 9:50 a.m.
Encampment 1300blk 14th St 9:56 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 25th St / Arizona Ave 9:58 a.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 10:01 a.m.
Identity Theft 1200blk 10th St 10:08 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 2600blk 7th St 10:12 a.m.
Assault 200blk Broadway 11:15 a.m.
Encampment 200blk California Ave 11:27 a.m.
Grand Theft Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 11:53 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 300blk Santa Monica Pier 11:53 a.m.
Harassing Phone Calls 1800blk 20th St 11:54 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 11:56 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 500blk Idaho Ave 12:05 p.m.
Keep The Peace 2300blk 6th St 12:13 p.m.
Petty Theft 1600blk Ocean Ave 12:13 p.m.
Encampment 2200blk The Beach 1:00 p.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 200blk Ashland Ave 1:00 p.m.
Petty Theft 1000blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:21 p.m.
Auto Burglary Just Occurred 400blk 4th St 1:23 p.m.
Petty Theft 2000blk Block Of The Beach 1:28 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:32 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1500blk 5th St 1:41 p.m.
Battery 600blk Hollister Ave 1:55 p.m.
Fight 3rd Street Prom / Santa Monica Blvd 2:20 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1600blk 20th St 2:25 p.m.
Person With A Gun Stanford St / Nebraska Ave 2:33 p.m.
Party Complaint 21st St / Pearl St 2:35 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle 200blk Bay St 2:41 p.m.
Person Down 900blk The Beach 3:00 p.m.
Construction Noise 1500blk 16th St 3:01 p.m.
Construction Noise 1400blk 24th St 3:30 p.m.
Found Property 17th St / Olympic Blvd 3:32 p.m.
Bike Theft 1800blk 7th St 3:33 p.m.
Bike Theft Main St / Colorado Ave 3:36 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2600blk Barnard Way 3:45 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 600blk Raymond Ave 4:52 p.m.
Party Complaint 1200blk San Vicente Blvd 5:14 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 800blk 12th St 5:21 p.m.
Assault Just Occurred 2700blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:36 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 2000blk Pearl St 5:36 p.m.
Auto Burglary 300blk Olympic Dr 5:45 p.m.
Public Intoxication 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 5:51 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1100blk California Ave 6:01 p.m.
Found Property 200blk Santa Monica Pier 6:13 p.m.
Party Complaint 26th St / San Vicente Blvd 6:16 p.m.
Party Complaint 1200blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:28 p.m.
Public Intoxication 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 6:41 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 6:43 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 1800blk Olympic Blvd 6:44 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd E 6:44 p.m.
Petty Theft 400blk Wilshire Blvd 6:48 p.m.
Missing Person 1000blk 14th St 7:02 p.m.
Drinking In Public 2nd St / Wilshire Blvd 7:17 p.m.
Encampment 800blk Bay St 7:37 p.m.
Missing Person 1000blk 14th St 8:08 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1200blk 20th St 8:29 p.m.
Burglary Just Occurred 100blk Broadway 8:42 p.m.
Burglary Just Occurred 1300blk Palisades Beach Rd 8:51 p.m.
Bike Theft 1800blk 7th St 9:07 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1800blk Euclid St 11:22 p.m.
Prowler There Now 1400blk 9th St 11:30 p.m.

CORRECTION / CLARIFICATION

Robert Kronovet is running for the Santa Monica Rent Control Board. His name was omitted from the candidate list published in the Santa Monica Daily Press.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 32 CALLS ON AUGUST 9

EMS 2500blk Main St 12:02 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:52 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 3:54 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:00 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 7:01 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:21 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 7:26 a.m.
EMS 6th St / Pico Blvd 9:38 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:50 a.m.
Alert 2 - Serious 3300blk Donald Douglas Loop N 10:11 a.m.
EMS 200blk Pacific St 10:45 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 10:52 a.m.
EMS 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 11:00 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Arizona Ave 11:10 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 19th St 11:18 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Colorado Ave 11:21 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 100blk Foxtail Dr 11:42 a.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 11:59 a.m.
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EMS 1800blk 9th St 5:58 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk 5th St 6:20 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:34 p.m.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

William H. Crookston, Ph.D.

It is with great sorrow that friends and family announce the passing of Dr. William H. Crookston. He died peacefully in his home on July 25, 2020 at 84 years old. He is survived by his loving wife, Kathleen, their five grown children, and their ten grandchildren residing in Ventura, Manhattan Beach, and Westchester, California and Campobello, South Carolina. Bill Crookston was a longtime Santa Monica resident. He raised his family and lived in Santa Monica from 1964 until he moved to Ventura in 2014...50 YEARS!

Bill Crookston's career combined over 60 years of selling, sales management, and entrepreneurial experience with academic and consulting assignments.

He owned and managed two manufacturing and marketing businesses and lectured in Entrepreneurship Studies, Sales Management, Personal Selling, Industrial Marketing, and Marketing Management in the California State University system and at the University of Southern California. He was a Professor Emeritus of Clinical Entrepreneurship in the Entrepreneur Program at the USC Marshall School of Business where he taught MBA and undergraduate students.

Dr. Crookston's consulting practice centered on being a CEO Coach to owners/managers, but also included many sales management and sales training assignments with emergent companies. He was a sought-after speaker and trainer with a long list of speaking engagements that dealt with sales and marketing issues, business plan writing, motivations of employees, and governance of startup firms. He studied and served on various Not for Profit (NFP) endeavors.

As President of the Sales and Marketing Executives Association of Los Angeles, Crookston served on the Board of Directors of the International Sales and Marketing Executives Association. He was the former President of the Santa Monica Junior Chamber of Commerce and served for ten years on the Santa Monica Personnel Commission. Crookston was President and Board Member of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club of Santa Monica. He was a Certified Marketing Executive and a volunteer board member of several NFPs; as well as an Eagle Scout and a First Lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps, US Army Reserve.

Dr. Crookston received his BA in Economics from Stanford University (1957), an MBA in Marketing (1967) and an MS in Business Administration (1974) from USC, and a Ph.D. (1990) in Executive Management from Claremont Graduate School.

Crookston was active in church governance. He served as Junior Warden and vestry person at St. Alban's in Westwood. He then served as head usher, lay reader, and Treasurer at St. Matthews, Pacific Palisades. When Crookston moved to Ventura in 2014, he became an active and involved member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where he served as a vestry member, was on the financial committee, house and grounds committee, and was Chairman of Outreach. His other Episcopal connections include Jubilee Consortium Board, Canterbury Westwood and USC, Program Group to Higher Education.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Ventura, California via their website at https://www.saintpaulsventura.org/give/

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA

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: **Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Text of the Santa Monica Municipal Code Related to Housing Legislation, Including Accessory Dwelling Units, Density Bonus Standards, and Family Daycare Homes for Consistency with State Law**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce for first reading an ordinance amending the text of the Zoning Ordinance to update provisions related to recently adopted housing legislation, including provisions related to accessory dwelling units, density bonus standards, and family daycare homes for consistency with State law.

On May 13, 2020, the Planning Commission adopted a Resolution recommending to the City Council that the Council make the proposed amendments to the text of the Santa Monica Municipal Code related to accessory dwelling units, density bonus, and family daycare homes for consistency with State law.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020, AT 6:30 P.M.**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the City Council and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but participants may also join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/jjrpqhfs or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 7582237 #)

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Re: State Housing Legislation

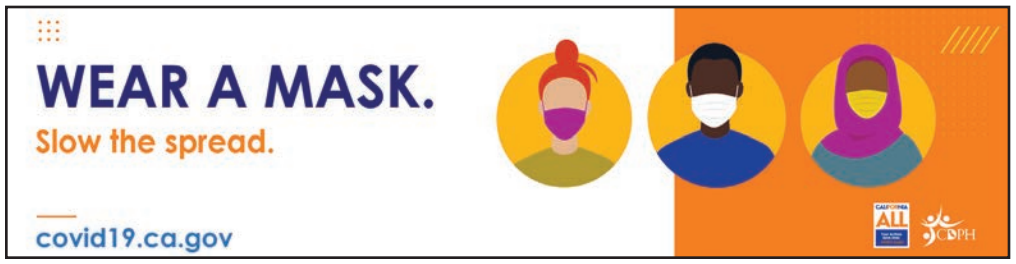
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If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Jing Yeo, City Planning Manager, at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at jing.yeo@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net.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

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10 Providence hospitals in Southern California recognized for excellence in stroke care

All 10 Providence medical centers in Southern California were recognized this week for quality care in treating patients suffering strokes, standards measured by the American Heart Association's/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines awards program.

The Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award is given to hospitals that have experienced two or more consecutive years with a minimum 85 percent adherence with AHA/ASA achievement measures, and 75 percent on additional quality measures.

"We are employing the latest procedures and technology in order to extend the revolution in stroke care, which in many cases not only halts the stroke, but reverses its effects and restores function," said Santa Monica-based neurosurgeon Neil A. Martin, M.D., executive medical director of neurosciences for Providence Southern California. "Today, patients, who not long ago were destined for a lifetime of disability, now can be treated in minutes, recover in hours and walk out of the hospital in days.

"In many cases, paramedics bypass other hospitals to get to one of our Providence medical centers because of the expertise that has gained them recognition as elite award-winning destination stroke centers. Our stroke teams are focused on relentlessly pursuing improvements in care, so that ever more patients can be saved."

In Los Angeles County, the AHA/ASA Gold-Plus recognition was awarded to Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center, Burbank; Providence Holy Cross Medical Center, Mission Hills; Providence Cedars-Sinai Tarzana Medical Center, Providence Saint John's Health Center, Santa Monica; and Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Centers in San Pedro and Torrance.. This honor recognizes the hospitals' commitment to and success in implementing a high standard of stroke care by ensuring stroke patients receive treatment that meets nationally accepted, evidence-based standards and recommendations.

Additionally, Saint John's was named to the Advanced Therapy Honor Roll and along with Saint Joseph, Holy Cross, and the Torrance and San Pedro hospital were designated for diabetes care. Saint John's and Saint Joseph earned other top honors, making the Elite Plus Honor Roll, while Little Company of Mary Torrance garnished Elite Honor Roll status.

The Elite Plus Honor Roll level is based on adherence to target measures, and for the Elite Honor Roll, the speed at which patients are treated, which can make a critical difference.

In Orange County, Mission Hospital, with campuses in Mission Viejo and Laguna Beach, and St. Jude Medical Center, Fullerton, earned the Gold Plus Achievement Award, were named to the Stroke Elite Plus Honor Roll and recognized for diabetes care. Mission also was recognized for advanced stroke therapy.

St. Jude Medical Center in Fullerton earned the Gold Achievement Award; while St. Joseph Hospital, Orange, earned the Silver Achievement Award.

A Heart Association study shows stroke patients treated at hospitals participating in the national Get With The Guidelines - Stroke program were more likely to be discharged and less likely to die after leaving the hospital than patients in non-participating hospitals.

The awards go to hospitals that adhere to Get with the Guidelines indicators consistently and succeed in complying with recommended measures in treating stroke.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Chris Carrey PAL Scholarships Recipients Receive $22,000 During

Beaming into the homes and the hearts of Santa Monica Police Activities League (PAL) members, four PAL youth were honored with personal recognition and individual scholarship funds totaling $22,000 as presented by the Chris Carrey PAL Education Scholarships program on Wednesday, July 29 via Zoom video conferencing that included the scholarship recipients and their families, and the Chris Carrey PAL Education Scholarships donors.

Through a joint gift from Ed Simmons and Standard Parking and from Neil and Karen Carrey, an endowment fund has been established for the Chris Carrey PAL Education Fund. This fund provides scholarships for post-high school education expenses to a PAL member who meets required criteria, shows financial need, successfully completes an application package, and is selected by the Chris Carrey PAL Education Fund Committee. The scholarship recipients are presented annually at the PAL Recognition Dinner and Awards Ceremony. Now in its 18th year, more than 110 scholarships totaling more than $280,000 have been awarded to PAL youth.

The Chris Carrey PAL Education Scholarships 2020 recipients include Melisa Ramirez-Hernandez, Karen Morales, Jesse Del Rio and Amy Tessema.

Each scholarship recipient participated in the live virtual ceremony and revealed their scholarship award amounts by opening a scroll that was followed by brief remarks on receiving their scholarship award and future academic plans:

– "I will be attending Santa Monica College in the Fall studying Kinesiology," said Jesse Del Rio, Recent Graduate from Santa Monica High School, Scholarship Recipient and PAL member.

– "I plan to attend San Jose State in the Fall and study Communications with a specialty in Advertising," said Amy Tessema, Recent Graduate from Santa Monica High School, Scholarship Recipient and PAL member.

– "I plan to attend the University of California, Davis to become an Orthodontist," said Karen Morales, Incoming Senior at Santa Monica High School, Scholarship Recipient and PAL member.

– "I am currently reviewing potential schools and I plan to study Kinesiology so that I can become a Sports Therapist," said Melisa Ramirez-Hernandez, Incoming Senior at Santa Monica High School, Scholarship Recipient and PAL member.

PAL also arranged to have dinner delivered to each award recipients' home for the winners and their families to celebrate the evening.

The Chris Carrey PAL Scholarship presenters included Neil Carrey; Ed Simmons, SP Plus; Helen Albright; and Kathy Irby.

"This was such an incredible evening with a first-ever virtual Chris Carrey PAL Education Scholarships presentation. Each of the recipients are truly deserving of the awards," says Eula Fritz, Director at Santa Monica Police Activities League. "The PAL youth work very hard on their school programs throughout the year and the scholarships program is a terrific way to recognize and support their academic commitment and dreams."

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Free Drive-Thru Food Distribution in Santa Monica August 12

The City of Santa Monica is partnering with Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Cedar Sinai, and SEE-LA/local farmers to distribute food to up to 1,500 Los Angeles County residents in need. The event is open to all and Santa Monica residents who could benefit are encouraged to participate. There are no eligibility requirements. The event is strictly drive-up and recipients must wear face coverings and may not get out of their cars.

Wednesday, August 12, 9 a.m. to noon
Santa Monica Airport Interim Open Space,
Enter from Airport Avenue off of Bundy Drive

"Ensuring our community members have access to food is a critical concern right now," said Lindsay Call, the City's Emergency Operations Center Director. "We must continue to support our most vulnerable friends and neighbors, as we know so many are suffering the impacts of this health emergency. Santa Monica is honored to join partners in providing additional food resources and we hope our residents in need will participate on Wednesday."

To access the food event, participants must enter Airport Avenue using Bundy Drive. Airport Avenue via 23rd Street/Walgrove Avenue will be for business access only. Airport Park parking lots will be closed to the public from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday due to event impacts. Expect increased traffic around the Santa Monica Airport, particularly around Bundy Drive at Airport Avenue.

In addition to the drive-through food distribution event on April 12, Cedar Sinai is supporting the food security efforts at the Virginia Avenue Park (VAP) Emergency Food Pantry by contributing hundreds of produce boxes to be distributed over the next several weeks. For more information about how to access the weekly food pantry at VAP, call 424-410-1354 or 310-458-8688.

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
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 Extension of Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance Establishing Application Process Thresholds for 100% Affordable Housing Projects and Tier 2 Housing Projects Compliant with the Housing Accountability Act.**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce and adopt an Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance extending Interim Zoning Ordinance 2633 (CCS) establishing interim application process thresholds for 100% affordable housing projects and Tier 2 housing projects compliant with the Housing Accountability Act.

City Council previously adopted the Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance on March 10, 2020, which was set to expire 60 days from adoption but timelines were tolled pursuant to the 4th Supplement to the Executive Order.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020, AT 6:30 P.M.**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the City Council and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but participants may also join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/jjrpqhfs or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 7582237#)

HOW TO COMMENT

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

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: Process Thresholds for Housing Projects.

MORE INFORMATION

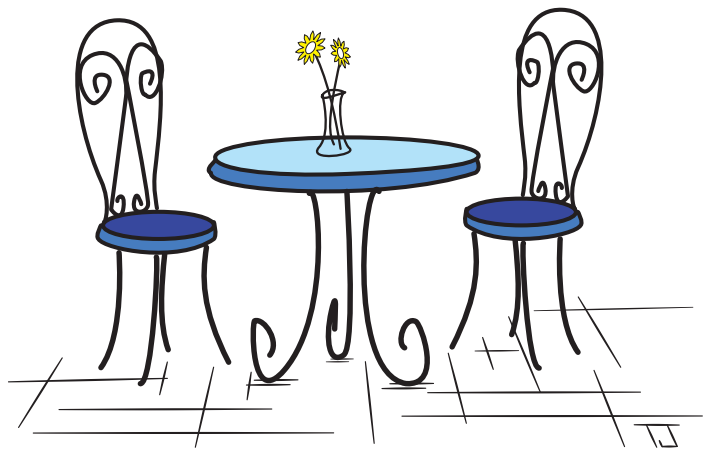
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Jing Yeo by e-mail at jing.yeo@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696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

ESPAÑOL

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

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DISTANCE LEARNING

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in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, teachers taught their students remotely for the remainder of the semester. Now, they must plan an entire semester of distance learning for students they have never met. In preparation, many teachers are voluntarily giving up hours of their summer to create adapted lesson plans and attend technology trainings and distance learning workshops.

"The challenge for me this fall is trying to build a sense of community and having the kids feel like I have a relationship with them, even though it's on a computer," said Kitty Donohoe who teaches 2nd and 3rd grade at Roosevelt Elementary School.

This summer Donohoe took it upon herself to apply for a grant from the Cotsen Foundation to attend a virtual two week learning institute run by Teachers College at Columbia University. Through this program she learned strategies to build community virtually and methods for teaching reading and writing remotely. One activity she is excited to try out is to have her students draw mind maps of what they have learned during the pandemic.

"I'm trying to come to this distance and pandemic learning not with a deficit lens, but with a mindset of thinking kids are coming to this situation having learned things they never would have learned," said Donohoe. "While they haven't been in traditional school, they've learned how to get along in a small space with their family, they've learned about finance with COVID, and they've learned about social justice."

She hopes activities like these will help her connect personally with her students and foster a positive attitude towards learning during the pandemic.

LaShawn Moore, a Kindergarten teacher at McKinley Elementary, also worries about building relationships with her new students, especially since many of them are coming from preschool and were not enrolled in distance learning in the spring.

"I've taught kindergarten for a long time but this is a very different animal," said Moore, as she prepares for her 23rd year of teaching. She has spent time finding how to personalize lessons on Seesaw, the remote learning platform adopted by SMMUSD, so that her students feel connected to her. This includes recording instructions in her voice and planning sharing activities like having kindergarteners introduce their family to the class via photos, videos, drawing, or audio.

Gilda de la Cruz, an English teacher at Samohi, has similarly done extensive preparation for the fall, and said "I went to so many trainings I have webinar notes coming out of my ears." According to de la Cruz, teachers have banded together this summer circulating useful webinars, sharing workshop notes, and exchanging advice on distance learning Facebook pages.

In the spring semester many of de la Cruz's high school students struggled with motivation and had limited participation in distance schooling. She hopes that live instruction alongside clear expectations will lead to more effective learning in the fall. Through online trainings she has learned methods to make remote learning more interactive, to incorporate choice for students, and to integrate technology in creative ways.

All three teachers mentioned that mastering all these new technology platforms has been a challenge for them and their students' families, but hope that the spring and summer provided good training grounds.

Donohoe, who is beginning her 33rd year teaching in the district, said, "It takes me a long time to pick up tech because I am not a digital native. I got my masters at UCLA on an electric typewriter, so it's a big learning curve, but that's a positive for me to get more adept at it".

Positivity and attitude are other factors teachers said would be essential to a successful remote semester.

"We have to remember to be flexible because this is new for all of us and we all have to continue to display a positive attitude to our students about learning and about school," said Moore. "I know that this is challenging, but I think that a positive attitude is going to go a long way. We are all in this together and want it to work as best as it possibly can."

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Disbarred Beverly Hills Lawyer Pleads Guilty to Federal Charge

A disbarred Beverly Hills lawyer pleaded guilty today to a federal criminal charge for scheming to steal more than $500,000 from a client he represented in bankruptcy proceedings and then use part of the money to pay off a $75,000 debt.

Alan F. Broidy, 65, pleaded guilty to a one-count information charging him with interstate transportation of stolen property.

According to his plea agreement, Broidy was hired to represent GRL-Mesa Investments LLC, a Phoenix-based company that filed for Chapter 11 protection in United States Bankruptcy Court in Los Angeles in December 2015.

In August 2016, the bankruptcy case was resolved and dismissed. Broidy was directed by the court to hold $2,469,926 in a client trust account – funds derived from the sale of assets belonging to GRL-Mesa's bankruptcy estate. This money was supposed to be distributed to Mesa's creditors.

Although he transferred a total of $1,937,400 of Mesa's funds to its creditors, including $975 owed to the United States Trustee, Broidy did not return the remaining $512,526 that belonged to Mesa. Instead, he stole it and used it to pay for personal expenses.

Broidy admitted that on August 16, 2016, without his client's knowledge or consent, he deposited $100,000 of Mesa's money into his personal bank account, and then transferred $75,000 of that money to the bank account in New York of one of Broidy's own creditors. Through these unauthorized transfers that were hidden from Mesa, Broidy arranged to pay one of his own expenses with Mesa's money.

In July 2019, the State Bar of California disbarred Broidy based on the facts involved in this case.

United States District Judge Dale S. Fischer scheduled a November 30 sentencing hearing, at which time Broidy will face a statutory maximum sentence of 10 years in federal prison.

This matter was investigated by the FBI.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Valerie L. Makarewicz of the Major Frauds Section.

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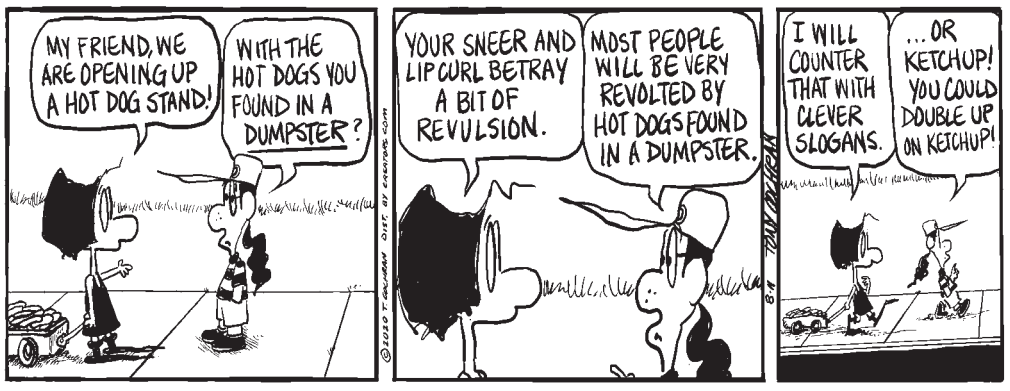
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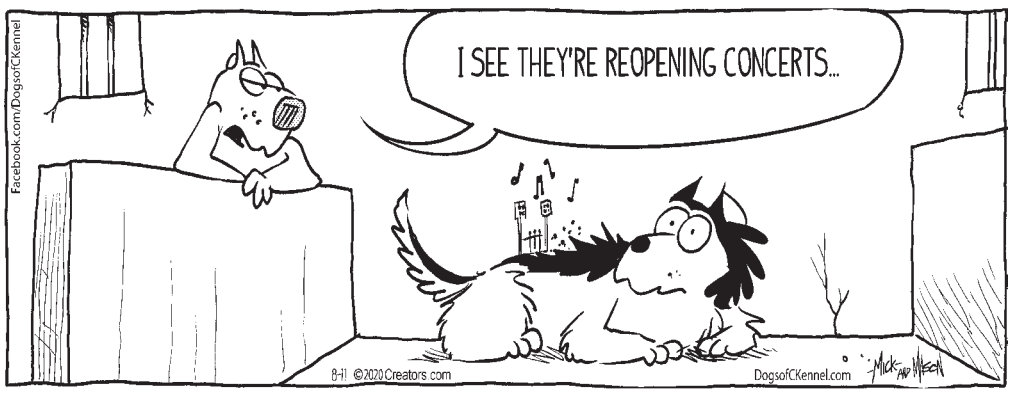
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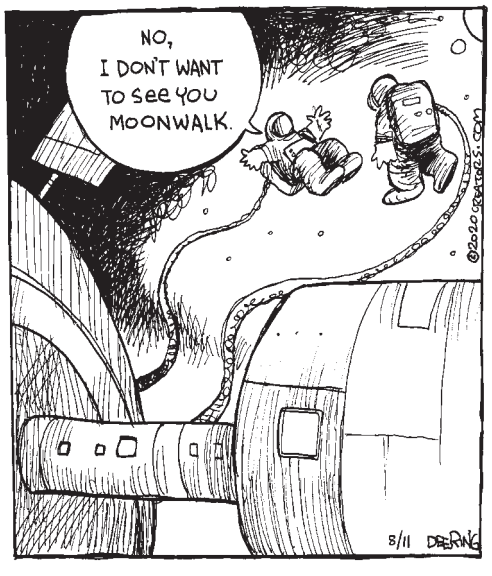
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 65.5°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high
SSW/S swell peaks -- 5' sets at standouts and less shadowing west of Pt Dume. Capitalize on the conditions in the early AM before W wind builds.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high
SSW/S swell holds early with plus sets, then eases -- less shadowing west of Pt Dume. Little more NW windswell energy in the mix. Beachbreaks an option, early AM still cleanest.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 70. Light south southwest wind becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.

Tuesday Night: Clear, with a low around 60. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light south in the evening.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/08/11	Tue	03:35 AM	3.01	H
2020/08/11	Tue	08:24 AM	2.38	L
2020/08/11	Tue	3:51 PM	4.58	H
2020/08/11	Tue	11:43 PM	1.75	L
2020/08/12	Wed	06:04 AM	2.94	H
2020/08/12	Wed	09:32 AM	2.74	L
2020/08/12	Wed	4:51 PM	4.80	H
2020/08/13	Thu	12:46 AM	1.22	L
2020/08/13	Thu	07:41 AM	3.19	H
2020/08/13	Thu	11:04 AM	2.91	L
2020/08/13	Thu	5:46 PM	5.12	H
2020/08/14	Fri	01:31 AM	0.68	L
2020/08/14	Fri	08:21 AM	3.47	H
2020/08/14	Fri	12:11 PM	2.87	L
2020/08/14	Fri	6:36 PM	5.51	H
2020/08/15	Sat	02:09 AM	0.17	L
2020/08/15	Sat	7:22 PM	5.95	H
2020/08/16	Sun	02:44 AM	-0.27	L
2020/08/16	Sun	09:15 AM	3.97	H
2020/08/16	Sun	1:49 PM	2.43	L

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL calottery
Draw Date:08/08
2 3 14 40 51
Power#: 24
Jackpot:169 M

MEGA MILLIONS calottery
Draw Date: 08/07
4 44 53 64 70
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 24 M

SuperLotto PLUS calottery
Draw Date: 08/08
15 20 23 37 41
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 13 M

Fantasy 5 calottery
Draw Date: 08/09
1 2 3 8 31

Daily 3 calottery
Draw Date: 08/09
Evening: 2 5 4
Draw Date: 08/09
Midday: 8 1 9

Daily Derby calottery
Draw Date: 08/09
1st: 09 - WINNING SPIRIT
2nd: 07 - EUREKA
3rd: 06 - WHIRL WIN
RACE TIME: 1:46.859

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (AUGUST 11)

You care deeply, so you involve yourself deeply, but not with everything, only with things that are inherently meaningful and/or part of a larger mission. You'll gain fans of your work, which makes people's lives better. You'll turn attention into the means to spoil your family in some ways and give unforgettable experiences. Gemini and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 33, 59, 2 and 18.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). To think in terms that are overly profound is to push fun away from yourself. The good news is that getting the fun back is easy; it also happens to be the way to enlightenment -- lightening up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be conducting experiments today. You may feel like you're all over the place, but there's a great deal of cohesion in your actions because it's all coming from you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You do a job justice by embracing the planning phase of it. Take all the time you need. Then, when the actual events are upon you, you'll be cool, calm and collected, ever-confident that your vision is coming together.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You used to think of something as hard work and now you see it more like just part of making yourself into the person you want to be. Thinking about it this way is energizing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Solo goals should not be cake-sized. It will take you so long to eat the whole thing that by the time you get midway through, it will already be stale. Make your personal goals small as a cake pop and life will be sweet.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's no one-size-fits-all route to success. Some learn the most through reading; others have to get elbow-deep into projects and really understand them from the ground level. You'll find your style and work it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you repeatedly try a thing and somehow it just keeps not working out, do you need persistence or change? Much depends on the feeling you get and the spirit of your attempts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Once the work is out of your hands, it becomes a mirror in which your current standard of output is reflected. This is why it will be well worth the extra time it takes to double- and triple-check your work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are unique, and the way you do things cannot be duplicated by anyone else. Sure, you could get a replacement to fill in, but it just wouldn't be the same. Your loved ones know this.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you know you don't care about something, what is it doing on your to-do list? Go through your various projects, possessions and responsibilities and determine what is relevant to who you are today. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). How are you talking to yourself these days? Self-talk is a behavior. It's hard to see it that way because it is not evidenced so clearly in action. And yet, to an astute and soulful observer, of course, it is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Do not debate with yourself; rather, see what needs to be done and then jump in and start doing it immediately. Things either come together quickly, or you figure out they are not worth your time.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

S	A	U	C	Y		S	A	L	E		A	K	I	N
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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

4	6	2	9	3	5	1	7	8
9	3	5	7	1	8	4	6	2
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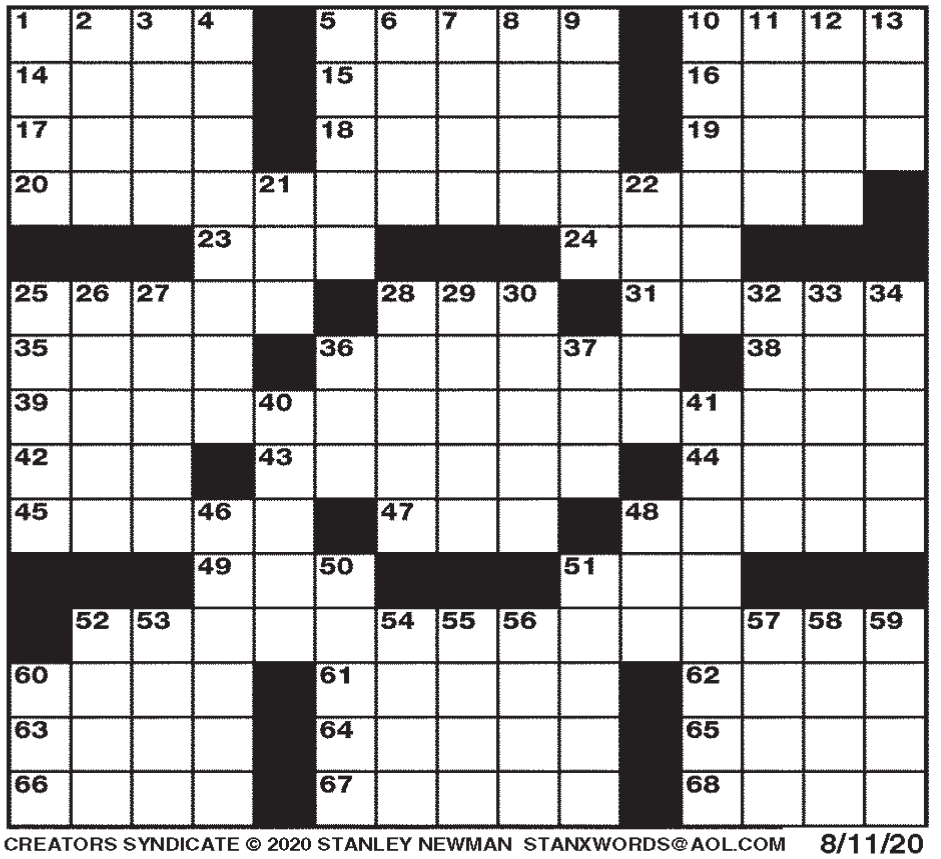
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Newsday Crossword

WITH INTELLIGENCE by Billie Truitt
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ACROSS
1 Prescriptions, for short
5 Including everything
10 Wagers
14 Highway off-ramp
15 Brief movie role
16 Vicinity
17 Don't throw out
18 Wall-climbing plants
19 Dryer fluff
20 Attired in high fashion
23 Get the __ of the land
24 Healthful resort
25 Join the cast of, as a play
28 Recipe meas.
31 Public persona
35 Make a left or right
36 Seal up again with cellophane
38 Pigsty
39 Having eye-catching hues
42 Inquire
43 Gave a shout
44 Stand up
45 Start a hole of golf
47 "I'll be glad to"
48 Lubricated
49 The Caribbean, for instance
51 Cleaning cloth
52 Outlined very clearly
60 Unsatisfactory
61 Soak up knowledge
62 Halifax, __ Scotia
63 Eve's husband
64 Vacant, as an apartment
65 Mimicked
66 Candlelike in feel
67 Meat-and-vegetable meals
68 Glass in a pair of glasses

DOWN
1 Untidy spot
2 Class test
3 Female opera star
4 Fine silver
5 In an unfriendly way
6 Admiral's fighting force
7 In the thick of
8 Sly glance
9 Misplaces
10 Fragrant fir tree
11 Cleveland's lake
12 __ bar (serve drinks)
13 Took a chair
21 Light brown
22 Sales pitch
25 Facing the pitcher
26 Put a hex on
27 Preschooler's wheels
28 Appliance to watch the BBC on
29 Manner of talking or writing
30 Walks back and forth
32 Fools' Day month
33 Birds that honk
34 Discontinued
36 Numbered hwy.
37 Like two peas in a __
40 Overactive, informally
41 Innovative
46 GI Joe's group
48 Awkward person
50 Very high mark
51 Takes out a lease on
52 Any fizzy soft drink
53 Elaborate deception
54 Gave temporarily
55 New Haven university
56 Sketched
57 Informal refusal
58 On an __ keel
59 Fathers, familiarly
60 Dog's foot



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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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FIND THE WORDS

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Be happy

E	S	Y	D	E	M	O	C	Y	R	E	E	H	C	D
S	L	M	O	O	D	B	P	E	E	T	E	N	A	T
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J	M	Y	B	V	I	V	A	C	I	O	U	S	E	D

Aglow	Euphoric	Mood
Amused	Giggle	On cloud nine
Blithe	Glad	Peace
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LAYOFFS

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— have been affected by district cuts as well. SMMUSD's board of education has rescinded most of the pink slips it previously handed out this year but with last month's approved reopening plan now in the works, the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District intends to start the school year without preschool, child care and after-school tutoring programs, which Service Employees International Union leaders said will affect nearly 700 children.

"We not only support children, we help their families," said Monica Razon McMillan, a teacher assistant who has worked in the child development program for 24 years. "Working parents need the peace of mind of a safe and secure learning environment for their children. It's sad that the school district simply decided to close down with no real plans to reopen early education programs."

In an interview last week, McMillan said she knew the move to lay off Child Development Services staff would affect the entire community, and she wasn't alone.

"Because we have hotel workers, and market employees, and people who drive for Uber and Lyft and also SMC students who all know we provide services for them… They know their child is going to get, breakfast, lunch and snack and they have that security, knowing their children are going to be taken care of no matter what their needs are," McMillan said. "And that's such a huge weight off their shoulders because every child's situation is different. I mean, we've had children that were homeless, we had children that live with their grandparents. We see it all and we're here for families from morning to night to help."

And like McMillan, former Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Jennifer Ingle said she worked with students who could very well struggle without the supports she provided and worries what their year will look like without the assistants who helped the often-busy speech and language pathologists.

Ingle has delivered speech therapy to students with communication disorders in special education for the last eight years along with her fellow SLPA, who was also recently let go during the district's budget cuts.

"Our layoff was not a result of lack of work nor was it a RIF associated with reduced enrollment as was the case for some certificated staff," Ingle said.

"Up until my last paid workday on June 10th, I delivered full days of speech teletherapy to elementary, middle, and high school students via Zoom/Google meet every day," and until June 4, when SMMUSD's board of education voted to lay off childcare center workers, bilingual community liaisons, paraeducators, custodial, clerical, and speech pathology assistants, Ingle said she was hopeful she would be hired by SMMUSD to work as a full-time speech pathologist so she could continue providing students at nearly every local school with the specific one-on-one instruction they need to thrive in school.

Now, the opportunity is gone even though Ingle is still on track to become certified in May. And like the students that she and McMillan had to say goodbye to, Ingle is unsure what will come next.

SMMUSD spokesperson Gail Pinsker said, "We have not eliminated or cut any programs in our Child Development Services (CDS) Department, including the Infant & Toddler Center, preschool, and child care services. Our programs are fee-based, with tuition on a sliding scale, along with state-subsidized support. With our programs closed during COVID, and uncertainty about continued state funding or fee-paying families, we were unable to keep staff on payroll as there was no revenue stream to pay them."

Pinsker added the layoff was a fiscally prudent decision and the district hopes to bring back all staff at some point soon.

SEIU leaders noted the board's decision comes at a time when parents are struggling to secure care for their children in order to return to work and the fact the district surveyed parents to determine the "best way to reopen" preschools and other child development centers. Despite 90% of parents responding that they would participate in an in-person or hybrid program, the district moved to close all centers without consideration of alternative models, SEIU officials said in a news release. In another district survey, 75% of parents said they would require child care or student supervision in the fall.

"While safety is paramount in any decisions about returning to school, by excluding early education and care from reopening plans, the Santa Monica Malibu Unified school district is ignoring its responsibility to our youngest learners. This rushed and ill-advised decision will have a lasting impact on our communities and on young children who need stability now and as they move forward beyond this crisis," said Max Arias, Executive Director of SEIU Local 99. "School reopening plans must include all children. As concerned education workers, we're taking action."

Pinsker said, "Early childhood education is extremely important to us and we know positive experiences in early childhood provide a foundation for kindergarten and school readiness. We also know our families rely on these programs, (so) a resumption of our Early Childhood programs is a very high priority for us and this will occur as soon as it is safe for our students and staff."

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COVID-19

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a short word from Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, touched on the latest dashboard numbers Monday before noting the importance of wearing a mask, which Ferrer said has been proven to be an effective measure in preventing the spread of COVID.

"We remain cautiously optimistic that our recent efforts to slow the spread COVID-19 are working, and I have to emphasize the word cautiously because, although our data is showing signs of stability, everyone knows we do have a delay in getting accurate reporting from our labs, so we'll stay in the cautious phase until we actually see our numbers for the past two weeks," Ferrer said as she detailed how the daily hospitalization rates continue to decline every day.

Deaths remained stable with an average of 37 people dying from COVID daily, "which is a high number. And although the data around daily cases is complicated by the missing and backlogged data from the labs, we are seeing that our daily new cases these last few days have stabilized at well below the 3,000 cases we were seeing in the middle of July. It's still a very high number but it does show that we're making some progress," Ferrer said, later adding there were 19 additional deaths Monday, which brings the total number of deaths from COVID in Los Angeles County to 4,996.

"Ninety-two percent of the people who died from COVID-19 had underlying health conditions," Ferrer said, but with the number of deaths hovering around 5,000, that means there are also hundreds who did not have underlying health conditions. So, everybody needs to take care of themselves and the people they interact with.

"We do think that this is a fairly accurate count for positive test results for (Monday)," but there is still a backlog of tests, Ferrer added, stating the total number of cases in L.A. County now sits at 210,424.

"This progress that we've made is essential as we continue building what we call our new normal this month so we can get to a point where we're able to reopen our schools… and more of our neighbors are able to get back to work," Ferrer said. "But the new normal means that as individuals, we're going to make some choices. And we have to make the best possible choices we can. This will mean continuing to avoid crowds, avoiding being physically close to people when we leave our homes, avoiding gatherings with people we don't live with, and we have to continue to wear our face coverings."

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