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Hotel workers call on JW Marriott to reinstate worker who tested positive for Covid-19





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HOTEL: Dozens of workers and community members held a protest at the JW Marriott Santa Monica Le Merigot on Wednesday to call on the company to reinstate a worker who tested positive for COVID-19.

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To support a coworker who was recently fired shortly after testing positive for COVID-19, dozens of employees and community members gathered Wednesday for a protest at the local Marriott hotel.

With signs in hand and masks over mouths, the group called on the company to reinstate Margarita Santos, who worked at the hotel as a housekeeper for nearly a decade before being fired less than a week after testing positive for COVID-19.

Santos said in an interview Thursday the company justified her dismissal by claiming she

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Bird launches free ride program for teachers

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As the new semester of distance learning commences, educators are hard at work learning new teaching strategies and mastering multiple online platforms without any additional compensation. To say thank you for going above and beyond in these challenging times, Bird scooters has decided to launch a monthlong free ride program for teachers.

The new program offers teachers two free 30-minute rides per day and is valid from Tuesday, Sept. 1 through Wednesday, Sept. 30. To sign up, teachers can email together@bird.co with their teacher ID or teaching credentials.

"Bird is part of every community in which we operate. Our communities and team are made up of parents and teachers who are working together to navigate the school year this fall," said Rebecca Hahn, Chief Corporate Social Responsibility Officer at Bird. "After launching Free Rides for Healthcare Workers in the spring, it was a natural next step to support this additional group of essential workers."

Santa Monica High School Principal Antonio Shelton spread the word about the program Wednesday morning on Twitter and thanked Bird for supporting local teachers.

While many of Bird's riders are young adults, the program encourages teachers of all ages to experience a socially distant, environmentally friendly, and fun way to get around. To help new riders get comfortable traveling by scooter, Bird recently introduced a 'warm-up mode' that automatically softens a scooter's acceleration as it works its way up to full speed.

"School looks so different this year and varies from community to community. Some teachers will need to commute to school to lead zoom classes from an empty classroom. Some may need to run errands to get

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56 arrested in crimes during local Floyd protests

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Two-and-a-half minutes, in and out. Just 150 seconds to smash a store's glass door or window with a hammer, fill up a suitcase with designer sneakers, jewelry, cash or cellphones, and run outside to a getaway car.

Throughout Santa Monica and Los Angeles, brazen thieves and looters used peaceful protests against police brutality in late May and early June to systematically steal from mom-and-pop shops and big box stores alike, leaving behind thousands of dollars of damage.

More than 50 people have been arrested so far through the work of the regional "Safe LA Task Force" that was established to track down the criminals whose greed, hatred and desire to create chaos overshadowed others' intent

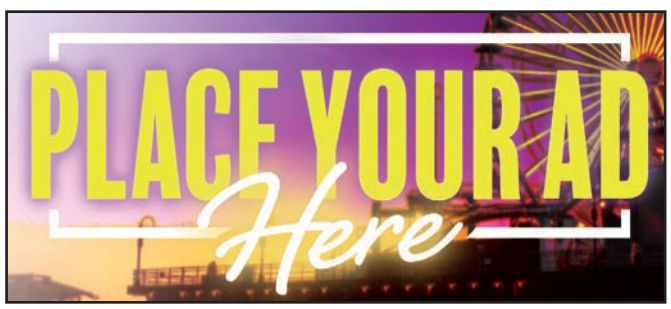
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LOOTING: Officials have arrested residents across the county for their role in looting Santa Monica businesses and stores during the May 31 protests.

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State Senate meets without 10 GOP senators amid virus tests

BY ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

All but one of the Republicans in the California Senate were barred from the state Capitol on Thursday after they were exposed to the coronavirus, prompting unprecedented changes that will allow them to vote via video conference from their homes as the Legislature rushes to complete its work by Monday's deadline.

Republicans were furious, with state Sen. Jim Nielsen — the only one of 11 Republicans allowed in the 40-seat chamber — demanding the Legislature shut down until his colleagues could be tested and cleared to return. Republicans in general have opposed remote voting, arguing it is not allowed under the state Constitution.

"I don't care what bills we've got before us, none could possibly be that important," Nielsen said. "Here we're talking about bills dying. But through exposure, we're talking about humans dying."

Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins, a Democrat, said the Senate did not have time to wait. Lawmakers cannot pass bills after midnight Monday unless Gov. Gavin Newsom calls them into a special session.

Dozens of high-profile measures are pending, including police reform proposals filed in the aftermath of George Floyd's killing in Minneapolis and a proposal to extend eviction protections for people who cannot pay their rent because of the pandemic.

"Our clock is running out," Atkins said. "We have work to do."

The Senate abruptly canceled its session on Wednesday after Republican state Sen. Brian Jones confirmed he had tested positive for the virus. Jones was on the Senate floor Monday with his colleagues, but he followed Senate rules by wearing a mask and staying at least 6 feet away from his colleagues.

On Tuesday, however, Jones attended a Republican caucus lunch where 10 of the 11 members sat around a large conference table and removed their mask to eat, according to Republican state Sen. John Moorlach.

Senate Republicans were scheduled to be tested for the coronavirus later Thursday.

"I feel frustrated obviously that I'm prepared and ready to go but I'm being asked not to, so what else can I say," said Moorlach, adding that he has no symptoms of the disease,

The Legislature has already been delayed twice, once in March at the start of the pandemic and again in July after at least seven people who work at the Capitol — including two lawmakers — tested positive for the virus. Republican Assemblyman Tom Lackey was briefly hospitalized.

This latest outbreak also includes a California Highway Patrol officer who works in the Capitol. The officer was last in the building on Tuesday but had no contact with senators or their staff members, according to a memo from Secretary of the Senate Erika Contreras.

Anyone entering the Capitol from the public entrances must be screened for symptoms, including temperature checks. But those screenings did not apply to lawmakers and staff, who usually enter the building from the parking garage.

Legislative leaders had asked lawmakers and staff to "self screen" at home and not to come to work if they have symptoms. That changed Thursday, with everyone entering the building now required to go through the screening process.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Protesters hit California streets over Wisconsin shooting

Hundreds marched in two California cities over the shooting of a Black man in Wisconsin, setting fire to property and damaging businesses.

In Los Angeles, a group of protesters vandalized buildings with graffiti and clashed with police in a downtown tunnel late Wednesday night. A KABC-TV news helicopter showed objects being hurled as officers struggled with individuals. KTTV reported that 10 people were taken into custody.

In Oakland, the police department tweeted that 600 to 700 people took part in protests where "numerous fires (were) set, dozens of windows broken, (and) multiple businesses vandalized." Protesters threw objects at officers but none were injured, the department said. Several people were arrested.

Calling them "violent protesters," police said they vandalized and set a fire at the Alameda County Superior Court building. Police photos showed fireworks and burning trash cans.

Jacob Blake, 29, was shot in the back seven times on Sunday by police in Kenosha, Wisconsin, as he leaned into his SUV, in which three of his children were seated. A family attorney on Tuesday said Blake was paralyzed, and it would "take a miracle" for him to walk again.



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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 318 CALLS ON AUGUST 26

Traffic Collision With Injuries Ocean Ave / California Incline 2:30 a.m.
Arson 1800blk 16th St 2:40 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Now 2600blk 2nd St 3:38 a.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk 4th St 4:23 a.m.
Trespassing 300blk Santa Monica Pl 6:36 a.m.
Trespassing 300blk Wilshire Blvd 6:41 a.m.
Transport Prisoner 300blk Olympic Dr 7:36 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 400blk Wilshire Blvd 7:50 a.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk 4th St 8:02 a.m.
Trespassing 1400blk 6th St 8:39 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1500blk Maple St 8:51 a.m.
Trespassing 1200blk Franklin St 8:56 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2200blk Ocean Ave 9:12 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 10th St / Michigan Ave 9:21 a.m.
Fight 1100blk Palisades Park 9:36 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1200blk Princeton St 9:54 a.m.
Identity Theft 2000blk 3rd St 9:58 a.m.
Elder Abuse 400blk San Vicente Blvd 10:24 a.m.
Elder Abuse 800blk Broadway 10:25 a.m.
Elder Abuse 1200blk Marine St 10:26 a.m.
Elder Abuse 1200blk Idaho Ave 10:27 a.m.
Elder Abuse 1300blk 20th St 10:27 a.m.
Elder Abuse 400blk San Vicente Blvd 10:28 a.m.
Person With A Gun 4th St / Broadway 10:38 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2800blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:04 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 1600blk Ocean Ave 11:20 a.m.
Trespassing 800blk 2nd St 11:25 a.m.
Burglary Report 2900blk Arizona Ave 12:02 p.m.
Fight 1500blk 4th St 12:04 p.m.
Burglary Report 1900blk 6th St 12:08 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2900blk Arizona Ave 1:06 p.m.
Burglary Report 300blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:09 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2900blk Arizona Ave 1:19 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2900blk Arizona Ave 1:34 p.m.
Trespassing 1300blk Ocean Ave 1:47 p.m.
Trespassing 1300blk 6th St 1:53 p.m.
Identity Theft 800blk 15th St 2:08 p.m.
Elder Abuse 500blk Olympic Blvd W 2:20 p.m.
Elder Abuse 400blk 7th St 2:21 p.m.
Elder Abuse 400blk 7th St 2:22 p.m.
Elder Abuse 2200blk 20th St 2:22 p.m.
Elder Abuse 1300blk 7th St 2:23 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2800blk Wilshire Blvd 2:36 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1300blk Stanford St 2:40 p.m.
Burglary Report 1200blk 26th St 2:45 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 900blk 19th St 2:49 p.m.
Person With A Gun 700blk Ozone St 2:54 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved Main St / Olympic Dr 3:02 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400blk 4th St 3:41 p.m.
Domestic Violence Now 12th St / Michigan Ave 3:48 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1200blk 15th St 4:00 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400blk 4th St 4:23 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 4:38 p.m.
Trespassing 1600blk 5th St 4:48 p.m.
Missing Person 1800blk 20th St 4:52 p.m.
Attempt Burglary Just Occurred 300blk Wilshire Blvd 5:02 p.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk 6th St 5:09 p.m.
Burglary Report 1600blk Franklin St 5:23 p.m.
Person Down 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 5:36 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2400blk Lincoln Blvd 5:43 p.m.
Identity Theft 600blk 15th St 5:48 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2200blk Lincoln Blvd 6:46 p.m.
Fraud Report 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 7:13 p.m.
Attempt Strongarm Robbery Report 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 7:17 p.m.
Trespassing 1000blk 12th St 7:18 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 1300blk 2nd St 8:17 p.m.
Burglary Report 1800blk 10th St 8:23 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1500blk 2nd St 8:30 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery Just Occurred 2000blk Ocean Ave 9:47 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2200blk Colorado Ave 9:52 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 00blk Bay St 9:54 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 20th St / Colorado Ave 10:06 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 11:38 p.m.
Battery Report 1100blk Arizona Ave 11:56 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 27 CALLS ON AUGUST 26

Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1800blk 16th St 2:38 a.m.
E.M.S. 2700blk Neilson Way 3:32 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk 2nd St 4:59 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2800blk 2nd St 7:57 a.m.
E.M.S. 600blk Marine St 8:05 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 700blk 10th St 8:59 a.m.
E.M.S. 1800blk 18th St 9:28 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1700blk San Vicente Blvd 10:04 a.m.
Wires Down 2700blk Main St 10:40 a.m.
E.M.S. 2100blk Ocean Ave 11:12 a.m.
E.M.S. 20th St / Broadway 11:19 a.m.
E.M.S. 1300blk 20th St 12:10 p.m.
E.M.S. 1300blk 17th St 12:37 p.m.
E.M.S. 1200blk California Ave 1:15 p.m.
E.M.S. 19th St / Broadway 1:18 p.m.
E.M.S. 1200blk 16th St 1:34 p.m.
E.M.S. 1200blk 6th St 1:38 p.m.
E.M.S. 1100blk 18th St 2:13 p.m.
E.M.S. 800blk Pearl St 2:40 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200blk 15th St 6:03 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 900blk Euclid St 7:58 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk Ocean Ave 9:44 p.m.
E.M.S. 1600blk Arizona Ave 10:00 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 20th St / Colorado Ave 10:09 p.m.
E.M.S. 1400blk Ocean Ave 10:21 p.m.
E.M.S. 2500blk Pico Blvd 11:34 p.m.
E.M.S. 2200blk 20th St 11:39 p.m.

HOTEL

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failed to notify management about her symptoms but the former employee said her superiors knew about the headaches she was experiencing. Marriott officials said they had no comment on the matter Thursday, but a letter signed by General Manager Damien Hirsch that was sent to Santos confirms she was terminated from her position at the Le Merigot JW Marriott hotel on Friday, July 31.

Less than a month prior, Santos was recalled from her temporary furlough to work, the termination letter states in the beginning. Upon her return to the hotel, she went through COVID-19 safety and prevention training with Ingrid Sandoval, the hotel's Director of Housekeeping.

As a Spanish speaker, Santos said she did not understand the English-only training initiatives. Still, she was happy to return to work and remembers everything being fine until Saturday, July 18, when she went into work at 2 p.m. as usual. Later that day, around 6 p.m., she said she reported to her manager that she had come down with a severe headache.

"She gave me two pills from her wallet," Santos said, sharing she didn't know what they were but they alleviated her headache.

With Sunday and Monday being her day off, Santos said she returned to work Tuesday feeling better.

"And then that Wednesday I went into work. And then when I started feeling ill," Santos said, a manager asked if she had already clocked in.

Santos said, "'Yes but if you want, I can clock out and go home.' But the manager said, 'No, go clean the bathroom, get to work. I'm going to go call and talk to HR," according to Santos.

While in the middle of cleaning the restrooms, Santos said she was told to go see HR, who said they had decided to send her home.

"They didn't do a temperature test, and another thing they said was to tell the people who did the test that she had been in contact with a guest who had COVID-19," said Maria Hernandez, who works with UNITE HERE Local 11, a union that represents housekeeping workers at the hotel. They said she'd get an expedited test result, "so they told her to lie."

Santos said she went and got tested and received a positive result on Saturday, July 25.

"She called the supervisor and nobody answered," or returned her many voicemails, Hernandez said. The silence from her employers would continue until Friday, July 31, when she got the letter stating she had been terminated.

"On Wednesday, July 22, 2020, after you clocked in and received your first work assignment and reminders about following COVID-19 safety precautions and protocols," the letter states, "(Santos) walked away, hesitated, came back and informed Ingrid and Housekeeping Supervisor Maira Ceron that you had a fever."

The letter states Santos had also said she had been ill for three days before and she worked the previous day with a high fever.

"Additional symptoms you mentioned having were a cough, a headache, and burning eyes," the letter states, concluding: "By coming to work on July 21 and July 22, knowing the symptoms you had and in willful violation of our COVID-19 safety and prevention policies and protocols, you knowingly put our guests and your coworkers at considerable risk of being infected with COVID-19. Your egregious behavior and conscious disregard for the safety and health of others is completely unacceptable. For these reasons, we are terminating your employment with Le Merigot JW Marriot Hotel effective July 31, 2020."

Santos said she believes the action is unfair because she did share that she wasn't feeling well, and Hernandez said Unite Here agrees.

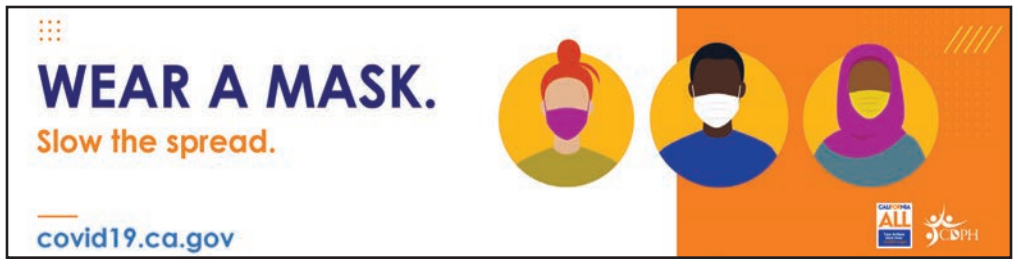
"The union filed an (Unfair Labor Practice form) because it could've been retaliation against her activism in 2019 when she contributed to a successful campaign to win a 'housekeeping bill of rights,'" Hernandez said.

Santos said it feels good to know her peers are supporting her and she hopes their efforts don't go unnoticed. She added she hasn't heard from Marriott officials outside of the termination letter but believes she isn't asking for too much.

"I want my job back," Santos said.

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Second day of NBA playoff games halted over racial injustice

BY BRIAN MAHONEY AND TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writers

An unprecedented NBA walkout over racial injustice postponed a second day of the playoffs Thursday, although players pledged to finish the postseason even as they wrestled with their emotions about wanting to bring change in their communities.

For now, the basketball courts in the NBA's virus-free bubble at Disney World remained empty. And other athletes across the sports world also said they weren't ready to resume playing.

They are still angry and emotional after the shooting of Jacob Blake, a Black man, by police in Kenosha, Wisconsin. NBA players considered not playing again the rest of the postseason and going home to their communities, although they decided Thursday they wanted to continue, according to a person with knowledge of the details. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no official announcement had been made.

"We obviously agree that whether we play or not, we still have to do our best to make change and we still have to do our part in the community," Orlando guard Michael Carter-Williams said in a video interview with a Magic public relations official.

"It's obviously not easy, given everything that's going on. But I think that if we can go out there and do our best and also have a list of things that we want to accomplish, everything gets completed."

The NBA decided to postpone three more games Thursday to join the three that weren't played a day earlier.

NBA spokesman Mike Bass said the league hoped to resume Friday or Saturday. He added in as statement that a group of players at Disney would hold a video conference call later Thursday with representatives of the owners, including Michael Jordan, and National Basketball Players Association to discuss the next steps.

The tennis tours had already decided they would pause play Thursday at the Western & Southern Open in New York; a number of NFL teams canceled practices; and the NHL postponed two nights of playoff games.

A second night of WNBA games were postponed and other teams and sports pondered whether they would play on.

"This is not a strike. This is not a boycott. This is a affirmatively day of reflection, a day of informed action and mobilization," WNBA players' union president Nneka Ogwumike said on ESPN.

At least four Major League Baseball games also were postponed.

The sudden stoppages were reminiscent of March, when the NBA suspended its season after Utah center Rudy Gobert tested positive for the coronavirus. Other sports quickly followed until the worldwide sporting landscape had almost completely come to a halt.

NBA players agreed to resume their season in July at Disney, making clear they intended to chase social justice reform just as passionately as a championship. But the video of Blake's shooting on Sunday left them so disgusted and dispirited that they wondered whether they should continue playing.

The players voiced their frustrations in a meeting Wednesday night, then continued talks Thursday morning. As they prepared to do that, NBA referees led a march around campus to show their support in the fight against racism.

Play had been set to resume at 4 p.m. with Game 6 of the Western Conference series between Utah and Denver. Boston and Toronto were also to begin their second-round series before the Clippers and Dallas met in the nightcap.

It was the Raptors and Celtics who had been most vocal about the idea of not playing, but the Milwaukee Bucks acted first when they opted to remain in their locker room instead of playing their Game 5 against Orlando on Wednesday. Kenosha is about 40 miles south of Milwaukee.

Before coming to Disney, many NBA players wrestled for weeks about whether it was even right to play, fearing that a return to games would take attention off the deaths of, among others, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd in recent months.

They ultimately decided that playing would give them the largest platform — while also providing a bigger target for critics.

The NBA's relationship with the White House eroded when Donald Trump was elected after President Barack Obama was close with some players and officials. Trump was critical of the league again Thursday.

"They've become like a political organization, and that's not a good thing," Trump told reporters, noting that the league's ratings are down from previous seasons. "I don't think that's a good thing for sports or for the country."

Earlier Thursday, Vice President Mike Pence's chief of staff Marc Short said in a CNN interview that the NBA protests are "absurd and silly" when compared to their response to ongoing to human rights violations in China.

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Three Big Time No Shows at RNC

The Republican National Convention is finally over. For many it's none too soon, for others the fear-mongering RNC will be just a "fond" memory.

I tuned in when Donald Trump Jr.'s girlfriend, Kimberly Guilfoyle, was speaking. Actually she was more "yelling" than speaking. (Conservative New York Times columnist, David Brooks wrote, "This convention is targeted to one voter, Donald Trump, to make his lonely soul feel affirmed.")

It's hard to visualize, but Kimberly was once married to Gavin Newsom and thought of herself as the next Jackie Kennedy. (I don't ever recall elegant Jackie maniacally screaming from a podium.)

In 2016 the Republican platform was 54 pages. This year's "no platform" is W.T.W. (Whatever Trump Wants, which appears to be getting crowned King.)

A dozen campaign RNC events were broadcast from the White House, though they're possible violations of the Hatch Act. Then again, illegal practices has never stopped the Trump administration before.

On Tuesday, the "star" of night was Melania. On Saturday Melania revealed photos of the recent remodel of the Rose Garden, including uprooting a dozen beautiful crab apple trees planted by Jackie Kennedy in 1962.

This caused a massive backlash on Twitter. The White House responded by saying the trees will be re-planted elsewhere on the grounds, but provided no details. (Duh.) One of the tweets read, "Melania modeled the Rose Garden after the Trump family, cold and empty." (And this ends the Better Homes and Gardens segment of today's column.)

Though her speeches often remind me of a hostage video, Melania's talk from the Rose Garden was well received. (Especially when compared to Kimberly's screed.) Melania suggested her husband deserves a second term because "the country relies on his honesty." I immediately imagined viewers all across America laughing hysterically or spitting out their coffee.

Melania said proudly, "You always know what he's thinking." (Yes, himself.) The First Lady also said Trump is "an authentic person." On the other hand, Dr. Lance Dodes, a retired professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, sees Trump as "an authentic sociopath."

Describing Trump to a T, Dr. Dodes writes, "Sociopaths lack normal human empathy for others and a normal human conscience. Cheating, conning, lying, stealing, threatening are all done with no remorse." (And this ends the American Journal of Psychiatry segment of today's column.)

This brings me to three "luminaries" who missed the RNC. (In addition to George W. Bush and Mitt Romney.) The first is former federal judge Maryanne Barry, Trump's older sister.

In clinical psychologist Mary Trump's recent Donald Trump biography (Too Much and Not Enough) her aunt Maryanne Barry was highly critical of Donald. In Mary's secret tape recordings from 2018 and 2019, we hear Barry refers to her brother as "cruel, unprepared, a liar, a phony and has no principles."

Barry also questions how religious people can not care about the poor kids in cages separated from their families at the border. (I suppose, given the post office scandal I could say Barry's RNC invitation got lost in the mail.)

Another no-show was Steven Bannon, former Trump chief White House adviser. Reportedly worth $55 million, he's out on $5 million bail after being charged with wire fraud and money laundering in a scheme that allegedly bilked hundreds of thousands of donors to a Go Fund Me page that raised $25 million to build a border wall.

Trump says he was never in favor of the fund and yet Don Jr. enthusiastically described the seemingly scam project as "private enterprise at its finest." On the Internet there's actually a video of Bannon fund raising but joking they were going to buy a yacht with the money. (Ironic that Bannon was arrested in part by Postal Service inspectors on a $28 million "super yacht" owned by an exiled Chinese billionaire.)

I saved the worst for last, Jerry Falwell Jr., the son of the late right-wing evangelist Jerry Falwell and president of the Christian Liberty University his father founded in 1971. (Sr. was famous for claiming 9/11 was God's revenge for American immorality with homosexuality at the top of the list.)

After a photo of Jr. smiling with his pants unzipped, his arm around the waist of his wife's pregnant assistant and a drink in his hand, he took an "indefinite leave of absence." But when a sex scandal surfaced involving his wife and a pool boy where allegedly Jr. is described as "a cuckold who enjoyed watching," the leave of absence turned into a resignation. (Reportedly to the delight of Liberty students.)

The now disgraced Falwell was instrumental in rallying the evangelical community behind Trump. Most seem just fine with: kids in cages, Trump with porn stars, his backing murderous dictators Putin, Kim-Jong-un, Turkey's Erdogan and Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince. But maybe some will have a "come to Jesus" over Falwell Jr. being a "cuck." (Which rhymes with...yuck.)

Not discussed at the RNC was Trump's disastrous handling of Covid, so please Google: "Barack Obama had warned of a flu pandemic back in 2014 (though Donald Trump denies it)

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BIRD

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supplies for teaching at home. Still others may simply need a break from zoom and want to clear their minds with an open-air ride around their neighborhood or to grab lunch from a local restaurant. We hope we can offer a little support in whatever way we can," said Hahn.

The Free Rides for Teachers program recognizes that teachers in urban areas work very hard for not a large amount of money and often rely on public transportation to get around. During the pandemic residents of Santa Monica may be more reluctant to ride the metro and can no longer order shared rides on Uber or Lyft. Scooters from companies like Bird or Lime that are designed for single riders, offer a COVID-safe means of transportation and are a great way to take advantage of Santa Monica's unusually quiet streets.

"Bird e-scooters are sanitized every time they are recharged and/or serviced, using CDC-approved cleaning solutions and disinfectant products. Between servicings, spot cleanings are regularly performed in the field on high-touch surfaces such as bells, throttles, and handlebars," said Hahn. "We are sharing the good news across media, social channels, and through direct outreach by our community partnerships teams to help reach as many teachers as possible this month."

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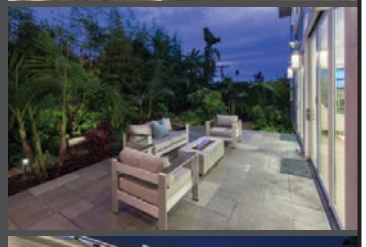
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ARRESTS

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to peacefully have their voices heard, Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva said at a news conference to announce the arrests.

Reviews of text messages and social media exchanges, investigators said, showed that multiple perpetrators would arrive at stores in Santa Monica, Long Beach and Los Angeles and send one person inside to loot the business while another waiting in the car timed the crime to avoid police detection.

Authorities say some of the cases were solved thanks to tips from the community and stressed that the alleged arsonists, thieves, looters and others were not at the protests to demonstrate against police brutality. Police leaders stressed that they understood protesters' concerns and supported their right to peacefully demonstrate.

"The evidence shows that it was prevalent and these were well-coordinated," Santa Monica Police Chief Cynthia Renaud said, noting that the suspects' use of suitcases and large bags showed they were not interested in "engaging in the protest activity, the First Amendment right to free speech and this nation's anger over systemic injustice."

Renaud and Santa Monica police have taken 19 people into custody while Los Angeles police have arrested 14 people — some of whom are suspects in multiple crimes — as they investigate 149 cases as part of the task force.

Separately, officials in Los Angeles are also investigating allegations that police exhibited inappropriate conduct against demonstrators during the protests. Meanwhile, Santa Monica City Council voted in June to begin the process of reforming the Santa Monica Police Department and reallocating some department funding to crime prevention programs.

Residents and business owners have also since criticized the department's approach to a May 31 protest against police violence in downtown Santa Monica, which led council to vote to explore various police reforms, open an independent review of SMPD's response to the May 31 unrest and create a Black Agenda to address systemic racism in Santa Monica.

The Associated Press and reporter Stefanie Dazio contributed to this report.

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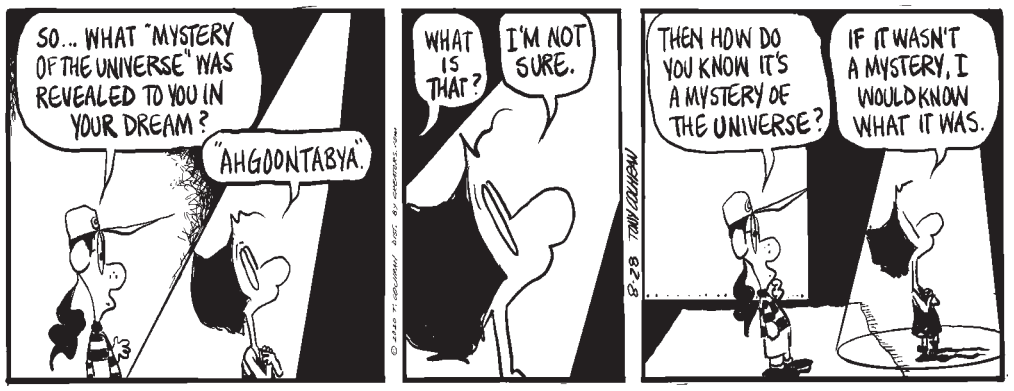
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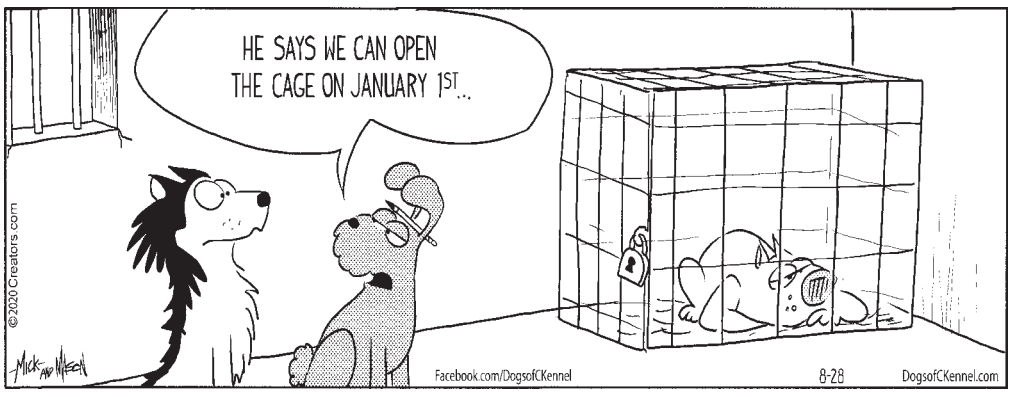
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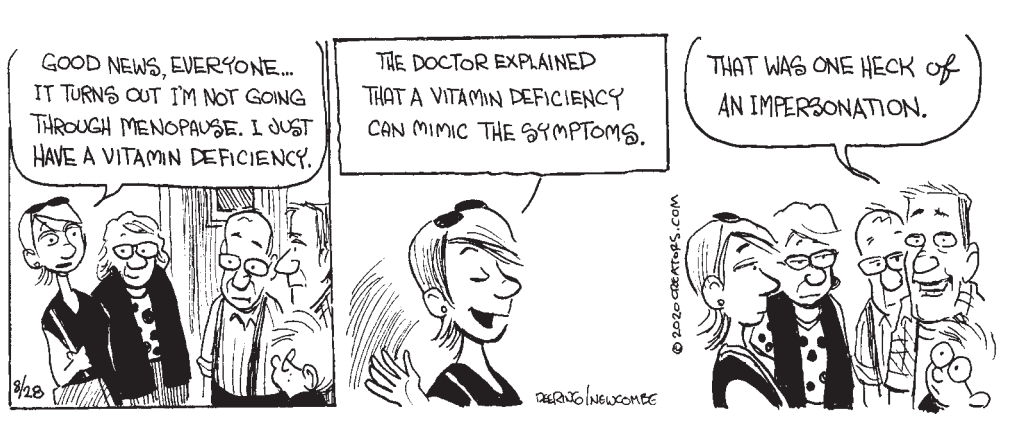
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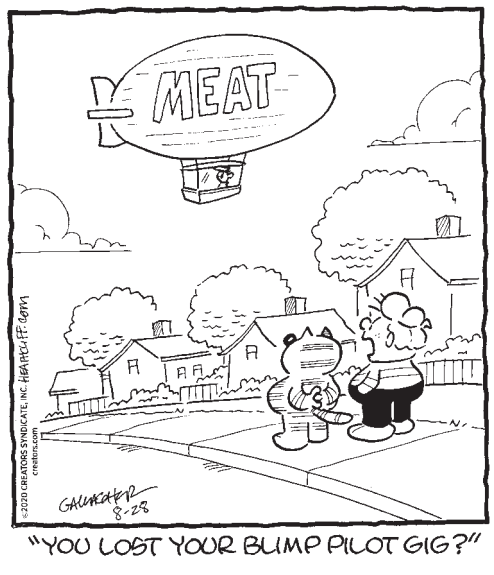
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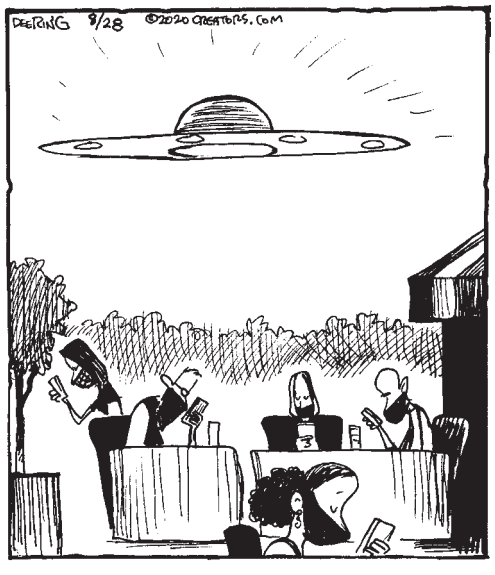
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 71.4°

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Fun little SSW swell holds. NW windswell eases. Cleanest early (still probably a bit lumpy/jumbled) before W/WNW winds build for the afternoon. Tides stay pretty full all day.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Reinforcing SSW swell moves in as NW windswell mix eases. Small SSE tropical swell joins in. Cleanest early before W/WNW winds build for the afternoon.

WEATHER

Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 77. Light south wind becoming west southwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.

Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 62. West southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming light west in the evening. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. Light south wind becoming southwest 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

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2020/08/28	Fri	12:39 PM	2.71	L
2020/08/28	Fri	6:49 PM	5.91	H
2020/08/29	Sat	02:09 AM	-0.35	L
2020/08/29	Sat	08:45 AM	4.21	H
2020/08/29	Sat	1:34 PM	2.46	L
2020/08/29	Sat	7:41 PM	6.08	H
2020/08/30	Sun	02:48 AM	-0.47	L
2020/08/30	Sun	09:16 AM	4.41	H
2020/08/30	Sun	2:19 PM	2.18	L
2020/08/30	Sun	8:24 PM	6.18	H
2020/08/31	Mon	03:22 AM	-0.45	L
2020/08/31	Mon	09:43 AM	4.54	H
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Lady Gaga lives for the applause "applause... applause..." or so she sings, though she would agree that with worthy tasks, the glory-seeking aim that was the initial draw usually fades into the satisfaction of the work itself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People won't ask the right questions so don't wait for them to inquire. Talk about what you want to talk about. Discus the headway you've made. Speak of your curiosities. Take charge of the conversational flow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Maybe you can't teach a person to do the things you'd like to see them do. You can try other things, for instance, leading by example or by provocation.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's a type of pain that lets up at the exact same time that the job is finished -- sweet relief. This won't deter you from taking the same task on. The more times you do, the easier it gets.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Right and wrong are obvious. Most of life falls into narrower categories. Address the gray areas with different barometers: kind/unkind, effective/ineffective, energizing/draining, etc.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll ponder the underlying meanings and connected personal truths. A little goes a long way with this so don't wallow in the depths. Soon your brain craves either action, comfort or rest.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't wait for praise. They seldom say what you want or need to hear. They only see the public result of what you're doing, but you're also on a private journey that requires internal reinforcement you'll have to provide yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It is only natural to want to be under someone's skin the way they are under yours. Does it comfort you to know that perfect balance and mutuality is not the norm in love? Someone always gives more.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). No one gets to be all one thing today. Introverts will have to do extraverted things and vice versa. Agreeable people will have to have the guts to disagree. Disagreeable people must learn to acquiesce.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What is more important than people's feelings? Not a lot. But when you come across it, you'll know and you'll do what's necessary instead of what makes everyone happy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Success is a pretty simple equation really. You'll decide which tasks seem worth your while, then you'll work hard at them and be as kind as possible in the process.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Today's paradox: You care about others more than you care about yourself, but if you don't take care of yourself first, you won't be able to take care of them either.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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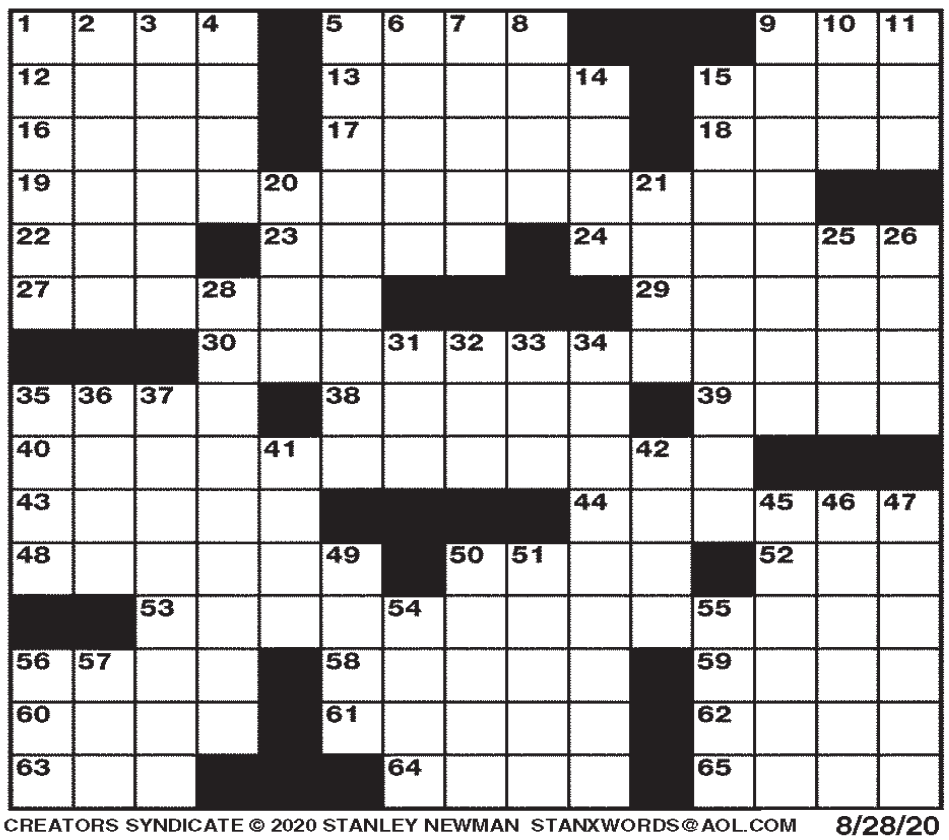
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Half a hyphenated beverage brand
5 Nation on the Indian Ocean
9 CFO's degree, often
12 Cartel that includes 5 Across
13 *Frasier* brother
15 Doesn't take a stand?
16 Left on a map
17 Texas fly catcher
18 Single-serve coffee product
19 It's no one else's business
22 __ de parfum
23 Sound from the shivering
24 Some pears
27 Capital of Eritrea
29 *Hunger Games* emcee portrayer
30 "Better luck next time!"
35 "Doubtful"
38 Belief, in brief
39 Prefix for fall
40 Possible request at a wedding
43 Whodunit stock character
44 "Doggone it!"
48 Invalidates
50 Alley assignment
52 Be a contender
53 Flying auto, in a film
56 Shout at a pest
58 *The View* airer
59 Contents of some cartridges
60 Heads or tails
61 Percentage offering
62 Bird-feeder food
63 Ending like -ling
64 It may be a revolver
65 Good guy

DOWN
1 "Black-eyed" legume
2 At least a dozen Mozart works
3 Element in atomic clocks
4 *Hamlet*'s conclusion
5 More than distracted
6 Choir stand
7 End of a bridal path
8 Soft ball maker
9 The King Midget of the '50s and '60s
10 A/C measure
11 Rattler relative
14 Movie night seating
15 Certain Winter Olympian
20 Incantation starter
21 Pot starter
25 Abdul-Jabbar went there
26 Accumulation at a bank
28 Affected in some way
31 __ la la
32 United
33 Ore-__
34 Melodrama turndown
35 Occupational ending
36 Road near the Rhine
37 Becomes balanced
41 Boar or buck
42 Course designer
45 Washington's Constitution
46 News show's scrolling graphic
47 Begins
49 Shout at a pest
50 __-ovo vegetarian
51 And yet, briefly
54 Footnote abbr.
55 Bass, for example
56 NBC series with nearly 900 episodes
57 Earth-breaking tool



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Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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(CITACION JUDICIAL)
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¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.
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The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Superior Court, County of Orange, 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Thomas J. Stolp, Esq., 114211, Rogers, MacLeith & Stolp, LLP, 10061 Talbert Avenue, Suite 390, Fountain Valley, CA 92708 (714) 847-6041
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