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Council keeps police budget intact

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

A number of public safety reforms are in motion after Santa Monica City Councilmembers approved a slate of recommendations Tuesday. But city leaders decided it was best to keep local police resources intact after it was suggested that Council shave $8 million off the Santa Monica Police Department's annual operating budget.

In the months since mayhem occurred locally on May 31, residents have called on the city to decrease SMPD's funding after officers allegedly fired teargas on peaceful protesters and failed to act while stores downtown were looted. The call to defund the police has been repeated in cities across America but not all Santa Monica locals agree with the proposal.

In June, Council fully funded the local police department during a budget decision that resulted in layoffs to librarians, planners, traffic engineers and other positions. Officials said at the time they

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Trump spurns science on climate: 'Don't think science knows'

JONATHAN LEMIRE, AAMER MADHANI, WILL WEISSERT AND ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press

With the smell of California wildfires in the air, President Donald Trump on Monday ignored the scientific consensus that climate change is playing a central role in historic West Coast infernos and renewed his unfounded claim that failure to rake forest floors and clear dead timber is mostly to blame.

The fires are threatening to become another front in Trump's reelection bid, which is already facing hurdles because of the coronavirus pandemic, joblessness and social unrest. His Democratic challenger, Joe Biden, in his own speech on Monday said the destruction and mounting death toll across California, Oregon and Washington require stronger presidential leadership and labeled Trump a "climate arsonist."

Trump traveled to Northern California to be briefed by Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom and other state and federal officials. At one point, state Natural Resources Agency Secretary Wade Crowfoot urged the president to "recognize the changing climate and what it means to our forests."

"If we ignore that science and sort of put our head in the sand and think it's all about vegetation management, we're not going to succeed together protecting Californians," Crowfoot added.

Trump responded, "It will start getting cooler, just you watch."

Crowfoot politely pushed back that he wished the science agreed with the president. Trump countered, "I don't think science knows, actually."

That striking moment came on a day of dueling campaign events, with Trump and Biden dramatically contrasting their outlooks on climate change —and the impact it has had on the record-setting fires ravaging the West Coast.

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Homeless encampment burns at Penmar Golf course







Photos by Brad Miller

FIRE: An encampment on the city's border went up in flames Monday morning.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

At approximately 6:20 a.m. on Monday morning an engine from Station 61 responded to a trash fire at a homeless encampment on 900 E Rose Ave., according to LAFD.

The fire was extinguished and no people or permanent structures were harmed, although multiple trees were burned. The L.A. Fire Department did not record a cause of the fire and will not be conducting an arson investigation.

For several months around 100 residents have been voicing concerns about the encampment on Rose Ave. that stretches almost the length of the Penmar Golf Course, according to Carol Reynes who is a member of neighborhood organization The Rose Penmar Group.

"We got really concerned a few months ago about the fire danger with summer coming and Santa Anas, and the fact that there were five to seven fires happening every week that the LAFD was called out for," said Reynes.

Many of these fire calls were related to open barbecues, but on April 19 a tent caught on fire on 3rd Ave and Rose Ave. Members of the Rose Penmar Group arranged a meeting with LAFD Deputy Chief Armando Hogan on June 30 and requested a fire risk assessment.

"He pretty much said I don't know what you're talking about; It's not something that we do," said Reynes. "We brought up the fact that his crews were coming out five to seven times a week and his response was that's what they are there for and the only costs are to the taxpayers."

Community members living by the encampment arranged a meeting with members of the LAPD last week to seek help. According to Aneez Lakha, who hosted the meeting in his yard, residents were told the police can only interfere

SEE **ENCAMPMENT FIRE** PAGE 7

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: Consideration by the City Council of the following:
11DEV-003 (Development Agreement)
13EIR-001 (Final Environmental Impact Report)
20ENT-0153 (Vesting Tentative Tract Map)
1992 Local Coastal Plan, Land Use Plan Amendment

1133 Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90401
APPLICANT: Ocean Avenue, LLC
PROPERTY OWNER: Ocean Avenue, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following:

The Applicant, Ocean Avenue LLC, has submitted applications for a Development Agreement, 1992 Local Coastal Plan Land Use Plan Amendment, and a Vesting Tentative Tract Map to comprehensively redevelop the existing Fairmont Miramar Hotel as a new mixed-use hotel project with the following key components:

- 312 hotel guest rooms.
- New food/beverage space, meeting/banquet space, and spa/fitness facilities.
- New retail space along Wilshire Boulevard.
- Up to 60 for-sale residential condominium units.
- 14,000 SF publicly-accessible open space at the corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Ocean Avenue.
- Approximately 428 parking spaces in an on-site subterranean garage.
- Preservation of the Landmark Moreton Bay Fig Tree.
- Preservation and rehabilitation of the Landmark Palisades Building.
- Funding and land for a minimum of 42 deed-restricted affordable apartments located in a 100% affordable housing building to be developed by a nonprofit housing provider on property currently owned by the Applicant and used as a surface parking lot at 1127-1129 Second Street.
- In addition to the historic preservation and 100% affordable housing components above, other negotiated community benefits, including, but not limited to, public art, historic preservation interpretive feature, local hiring program, internship program, community meeting space availability, sustainable design features, open space programming, enhanced development impact fee contributions, sustainable water infrastructure contribution, affordable lodging contribution, and an economic equity/opportunity fund contribution.

The proposed project on the hotel parcel would result in approximately in 502,157 SF of above-grade floor area (239,873 net new SF compared to the existing hotel) and a 2.6 floor area ratio (FAR). Building heights at the hotel parcel would vary and would range from the existing Palisades Building height of 78 feet to a maximum of 130 feet for the new Ocean Building. The 100% affordable housing building at 1127-1129 Second Street would be approved through a separate Administrative Approval and is approximately 41,250 SF of floor area, maximum 2.75 FAR, split four- and five-story design up to 60 feet in height, and provide on-site parking.

A Local Coastal Land Use Plan Amendment is proposed to amend the 1992 Land Use Plan (LUP) with development parameters for 1133 Ocean Avenue (Miramar project site) and 1127-1129 Second Street (100% affordable housing site) to be consistent with the City's Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan that was adopted by the City Council on October 9, 2018. The City's adopted 2018 LUP is pending review and certification by the California Coastal Commission. The Amendment to the 1992 LUP may become unnecessary depending on timing of the California Coastal Commission's certification of the 2018 Draft LUP and their review of the Miramar project and the 100% affordable housing building.

The proposed project was analyzed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and this analysis is contained in the project's Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH #2013041091) (FEIR).

DATE/TIME: **Tuesday, September 29, 2020 AT 6:30 PM**

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 members of the public wishing to observe the meeting may also join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/xxxyhdtd or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 5675903 #)

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to submit written public comment may email comments to councilmtgitems@smgov.net. Written comments received prior to 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. Additionally, public comment can be made by telephone during the meeting by calling (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: Miramar Hotel Project Development Agreement

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Roxanne Tanemori by phone at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at roxanne.tanemori@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net.
The Downtown Community Plan is available on the City's web site at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Plans/Downtown-Community-Plan/.

If you require any special disability related accommodations (i.e. sign language interpreting, access to an amplified sound system, etc.), please contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 458-8211 or TDD: (310) 917-6626 at least 3 days prior to the hearing.

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.

Vision 2020: Electoral College vs popular vote in America

The Associated Press

Election Question: Why is it that one candidate can win the popular vote but another wins the electoral vote and thus the presidency?

Answer: That's how the framers of the Constitution set it up.

This unique system of electing presidents is a big reason why Donald Trump won the presidency in 2016. Four candidates in history have won a majority of the popular vote only to be denied the presidency by the Electoral College.

The Electoral College was devised at the Constitutional Convention in 1787. It was a compromise between those who wanted direct popular elections for president and those who preferred to have Congress decide. At a time of little national identity and competition among the states, there were concerns that people would favor their regional candidates and that big states with denser populations would dominate the vote.

The Electoral College has 538 members, with the number allocated to each state based on how many representatives it has in the House plus its two senators. (The District of Columbia gets three, despite the fact that the home to Congress has no vote in Congress.)

To be elected president, the winner must get at least half plus one — or 270 electoral votes.

This hybrid system means that more weight is given to a single vote in a small state than the vote of someone in a large state, leading to outcomes at times that have been at odds with the popular vote.

In fact, part of a presidential candidate's campaign strategy is drawing a map of states the candidate can and must win to gather 270 electoral votes.

In 2016, for instance, Democrat Hillary Clinton received nearly 2.9 million more votes than Trump in the presidential election, after racking up more lopsided wins in big states like New York and California. But she lost the presidency due to Trump's winning margin in the Electoral College, which came after he pulled out narrow victories in less populated Midwestern states like Michigan and Wisconsin.

It would take a constitutional amendment to abolish the Electoral College — an unlikely move because of how difficult it is to pass and ratify constitutional changes. But there's a separate movement that calls for a compact of states to allocate all their electoral votes to the national popular vote winner, regardless of how those individual states opted in an election. That still faces an uphill climb, though.

Vision 2020 is a new series from the AP dedicated to answering commonly asked questions from our audience about the 2020 U.S. presidential election.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 38 CALLS ON SEPTEMBER 13

EMS Main St / Ashland Ave 12:04 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 12th St 12:43 a.m.
EMS 2500blk Main St 12:44 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 12:57 a.m.
EMS 14th St / Colorado Ave 1:50 a.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 2:08 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 4th St / Pico Blvd 2:54 a.m.
EMS 800blk Broadway 3:47 a.m.
Elevator Rescue 800blk 12th St 5:04 a.m.
EMS 800blk Pico Blvd 5:24 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 300blk Wilshire Blvd 6:19 a.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 1000blk 5th St 6:28 a.m.
Fire Out Investigation 1500blk Euclid St 7:00 a.m.
EMS 900blk 4th St 7:06 a.m.
EMS 1800blk 7th St 7:53 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 3rd St 9:44 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 9:55 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Bryn Mawr Ave 11:23 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Cloverfield Blvd Pico Blvd 11:35 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 9th St 11:44 a.m.
EMS 200blk 14th St 12:06 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1700blk Ocean Ave 12:51 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 15th St 1:58 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 21st St 2:21 p.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:30 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Colorado Ave 3:19 p.m.
EMS 3rd Street Prom / Wilshire Blvd 4:21 p.m.
EMS 3300blk Barnard Way 6:46 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Ocean Park Blvd 6:47 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 7:54 p.m.
EMS 800blk Harvard St 8:20 p.m.
EMS 2900blk 2nd St 8:32 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 7th St / Santa Monica Blvd 8:53 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Maple St 9:00 p.m.
EMS 900blk Pico Blvd 9:55 p.m.
EMS Main St / Pico Blvd 10:06 p.m.
EMS 2900blk 4th St 10:22 p.m.
EMS 300blk Arizona Ave 11:31 p.m.

CORRECTIONS

The Santa Monica Democratic Club membership will vote on SMMUSD endorsements this week. The Board recommends Keith Coleman, Maria Leon-Vazquez and Jennifer Smith. The Santa Monica Firefighters Local 1109 have endorsed Gleam Davis, Kristin McCowan, Christine Parra, Terry O'Day and Ted Winterer for City Council.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 275 CALLS ON SEPT. 13

Party Complaint 800blk 7th St 12:02 a.m.
Party Complaint 1300blk 14th St 12:10 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1700blk Appian Way 12:16 a.m.
Party Complaint 7th St / Broadway 12:19 a.m.
Encampment 1800blk Ocean Front Walk 12:22 a.m.
Party Complaint 2500blk Kansas 12:34 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 2500blk Main St 12:44 a.m.
Party Complaint 2000blk Ocean 12:48 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 600blk 12th St 12:51 a.m.
Person Down Main St / Pier Ave 1:13 a.m.
Party Complaint 1700blk Franklin St 1:26 a.m.
Party Complaint 1200blk Berkeley 1:58 a.m.
Party Complaint 600blk Broadway 2:54 a.m.
Speeding 19th St / Broadway 3:14 a.m.
Burglary 900blk 2nd St 3:26 a.m.
Domestic Violence Now 800blk Broadway 3:40 a.m.
Petty Theft 1600blk Santa Monica 3:55 a.m.
Party Complaint 1400blk 6th St 4:00 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 29th St/Pico Blvd 4:20 a.m.
Grand Theft 1400blk 18th St 4:23 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 5:20 a.m.
Burglary 700blk Lincoln Blvd 6:50 a.m.
Bike Theft 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 7:05 a.m.
Burglary 1200blk 11th St 7:10 a.m.
Arson 1500blk Euclid St 7:22 a.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 7:50 a.m.
Encampment 2000blk Ocean Ave 8:48 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1000blk Chelsea Ave 9:15 a.m.
Battery 800blk 26th St 9:30 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 29th St/Pico Blvd 9:37 a.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 600blk Arizona Ave 10:02 a.m.
Petty Theft 1500blk The Beach 10:13 a.m.
Attempt Burglary 2300blk 34th St 10:26 a.m.
Found Property 1900blk Centinela Ave 11:26 a.m.
Burglary 800blk Pine St 11:26 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1400blk 2nd St 11:32 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 1400blk 17th 11:34 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries Cloverfield Blvd / Pico Blvd 11:35 a.m.
Prowler 1500blk 19th St 11:39 a.m.
Fight 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:42 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1900blk 12th St 11:55 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 7th St / Santa Monica Blvd 12:03 p.m.
Auto Burglary 300blk 22nd St 12:08 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1100blk 20th St 12:13 p.m.
Petty Theft 500blk Wilshire Blvd 12:24 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1300blk 2nd St 12:26 p.m.
Grand Theft 1400blk Ocean Ave 12:37 p.m.
Battery 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:38 p.m.
Petty Theft 1600blk Montana Ave 12:46 p.m.
Encampment 21st St / Pico Blvd 12:57 p.m.
Found Property 200blk Bicknell Ave 1:01 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1400blk Yale St 1:05 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 1:21 p.m.
Arson 1700blk Ocean Ave 1:23 p.m.
Drinking In Public 3100blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:24 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1400blk Yale St 1:29 p.m.
Domestic Violence 1000blk 12th St 2:00 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1400blk Wilshire Blvd 2:12 p.m.
Speeding 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 2:15 p.m.
Petty Theft 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 2:33 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 2:38 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1600blk Wilshire Blvd 2:46 p.m.
Grand Theft 1400blk Ocean Ave 2:55 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 2:58 p.m.
Fight 2000blk Main St 3:03 p.m.
Found Property 300blk Santa Monica Pier 3:31 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1300blk Wilshire 3:44 p.m.
Encampment 2600blk Pico Blvd 3:53 p.m.
Burglary 800blk Navy St 4:01 p.m.
Petty Theft 2500blk Santa Monica 4:09 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 100blk Fraser Ave 4:22 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1700blk The Beach 4:38 p.m.
Prowler 1500blk Harvard St 4:43 p.m.
Found Property 300blk Santa Monica Pier 4:53 p.m.
Battery Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 4:55 p.m.
Petty Theft 3100blk Virginia Ave 4:55 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1700blk Wilshire Blvd 4:58 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 900blk Ocean Ave 5:11 p.m.
Battery 500blk Wilshire Blvd 6:03 p.m.
Found Property 700blk Ocean Ave 6:06 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 600blk Alta Ave 6:28 p.m.
Domestic Violence 2700blk Main St 6:43 p.m.
Fight 1600blk Appian Way 7:41 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Ocean Ave / Washington Ave 8:02 p.m.
Assault 100blk Broadway 8:13 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 7th St / Santa Monica Blvd 8:53 p.m.
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Drunk Driving Investigation 400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:23 p.m.
Armed Robbery 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 9:34 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2200blk Wilshire Blvd 9:43 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Main St / Pico Blvd 10:03 p.m.
Person Down 1600blk Ocean Ave 11:31 p.m.

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FY19/20 Annual Water Main Replacement Project
SP2614

Bids will only be accepted through the CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL, PlanetBids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica. They must be received by the specified date and time. Late bids will not be accepted. Please allow sufficient time for uploading of documents. The bid opening will be electronic, all submitted bids will be viewable by the public via Planet Bids immediately after bid close time.

MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: None

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $5,363,000
CONTRACT DAYS: 360 Calendar Days
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: $1,000.00 Per Calendar Day

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Help is on the Way: Biden's Plan to Beat COVID-19

The United States may have 4 percent of the world's population, but we have at least 25 percent of the world's COVID-19 cases and a commensurate number of deaths. But percentages only tell part of the story.

We are the wealthiest country in the world; we have been acknowledged leaders in science, technology and medicine. Yet we have no unified, aggressive, science-based response to combat the pandemic.

Instead President Trump opposed his own scientists and medical specialists who attempted to give Americans real, scientific guidelines to combat the pandemic. Even knowing how deadly the COVID-19 virus is Trump withheld information that would have saved thousands of lives. He scoffed at proven ways to avoid transmitting the disease and offered instead bogus advice on unproven drug therapies. He even suggested the virus was a Democratic hoax. Instead of providing a coordinated national response to the scarcity of PPE supplies for hospitals struggling to care for the growing number of COVID cases, he threw responsibility for procuring these scarce supplies to the states forcing them to scramble and compete for them. While proclaiming that he bears no responsibility whatsoever for the health devastation in the United States, he has advanced his own medical theory that the virus would just disappear.

Meanwhile, the number of cases and deaths continue to grow. According to the COVID-19 Statewide Update as of September 11th, California alone has registered more than 746,000 confirmed cases and over 14,000 deaths. The toll for the United States is now 6,400,000 cases and nearly 200,000 deaths. Adding to this, the pandemic has led this country into a recession, devastating local and national economies and wiping out 5 years of financial growth. More than 30 million citizens have become unemployed with no end in sight.

There is a fully-developed remedy to the deadly dysfunction we are all living with, Joe Biden's plan to beat COVID-19. Biden has a comprehensive, fully-developed plan to combat the virus and get our nation back on its feet. As president-elect, Biden would, within minutes after he is declared the winner, make one of his first calls to Dr. Anthony Fauci asking him to return to fully serve the nation under his administration. Fauci will have full access to the Oval Office and an unhindered voice to speak directly to the American people about COVID-19. During his transition, Biden would seek out governors, mayors and leaders of both parties, from every state, territory and tribe in his efforts to bring people together to add their concerns and ideas to this fight.

As president he would implement a comprehensive plan to limit the spread and save the lives of citizens who regularly come into contact with this disease. He would fully deploy the Defense Production Act, which allows a president to direct private manufacturers and businesses to make needed supplies and materials under emergency authorization. This would set up a critical lifeline and sustainable national supply chain for PPE, hospital supplies and other critical needs for health care workers and first responders to get priority access to these vital supplies. These workers, while working to save our lives, have been increasingly contracting and dying of the virus. So far there have been 900 deaths of doctors, nurses and others in the field.

To combat the pandemic on the ground, Biden would call for a three-month nationwide mask mandate, which could save an estimated 40,000 lives. A national campaign will commence that will guarantee regular, reliable and free testing sites to accommodate everyone who wants a test. Biden also will initiate a national contact tracing workforce that would find people who may have been exposed to the virus and have them tested as well.

The Biden administration would call for critical research agencies to establish an Emerging Infectious Disease Clinical Trial Network. This would accelerate the development of treatments and vaccines with a coordinated global approach in partnership with the World Health Organization. The Network would develop, manufacture and equitably distribute a safe and effective vaccine. The plan would also secure international strategies to eliminate cyber threats. Biden would empower the State Department to ensure the U.S. plays a major role in these global decisions with all the resources the United States commands.

Knowing that a strong economy is based on the health of our population, Biden recognizes that to open stronger and more effective businesses in the safest ways possible requires a unified directive of clear, science-based and national public health guidance from his administration.

This includes standards of compliance and rules for employers and employees to keep workers and customers safe. Along with this, his plan would give small businesses a "restart" package that would offer financial support to re-open businesses and rehire employees.

Biden knows that the health of Americans and our economy depend on fulfilling these efforts. His plan will keep us safe and help us regain our place as partner and leader in an interconnected world.

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TRUMP

FROM PAGE 1

Trump's suggestion that the planet is going to start to unexpectedly cool is at odds with reality, experts say.

"Maybe there is a parallel universe where a pot on the stove with the burner turned to high 'starts getting cooler.' But that is not our universe," said Stanford University climate scientist Chris Field.

Biden lashed at Trump, saying the moment requires "leadership, not scapegoating" and that "it's clear we are not safe in Donald Trump's America."

"This is another crisis, another crisis he won't take responsibility for," Biden said. He said that if voters give "a climate denier" another four years in the White House, "why would we be surprised that we have more of America ablaze?"

Trump, who was briefed during a stop near Sacramento before a campaign visit to Phoenix, had been mostly quiet as the catastrophe on the West Coast has unfolded over the past few weeks. He tweeted appreciation of firefighters and emergency responders on Friday, the first public comments he had made in weeks about the fires that have killed dozens, burned millions of acres and forced thousands from their homes.

The president arrived at Sacramento McClellan Airport to the powerful scent of smoke from the fires burning some 90 miles away.

He contended anew that Democratic state leaders are to blame for failing to rake leaves and clear dead timber from forest floors. Trump offered no evidence to support his claim, and wildfire experts and forest managers say raking leaves makes no sense for vast U.S. wilderness and forests. And many of the blazes have roared through coastal chaparral and grasslands, not forest.

"When you have years of leaves, dried leaves on the ground, it just sets it up," Trump said. "It's really a fuel for a fire. So they have to do something about it."

University of Colorado fire scientist Jennifer Balch called Trump's deflecting blame on forest managers "infuriating."

"It's often hard to know what Trump means," Balch added. "If by forest management he means clear-cutting, that's absolutely the wrong solution to this problem. ... There's no way we're going to log our way out of this fire problem."

Biden, who gave his climate speech in Delaware on Monday, released a $2 trillion plan in July to boost investment in clean energy and stop all climate-damaging emissions from U.S. power plants by 2035.

But as the wildfires rage, some climate activists have expressed frustration that Biden has not been more forceful on the issue. He has not embraced, for instance, some of the most progressive elements of the Green New Deal.

To that end, Biden in his address did not wade into political and policy disagreements among Democrats, progressive activists and even some Republicans who acknowledge the climate crisis. As he has before, Biden sought to frame his energy proposals as an immediate necessity and a long-term economic boon focusing more on new jobs and a cleaner economy that would offset any initial costs.

"Donald Trump's climate denial may not have caused these fires and hurricanes," Biden said. "But if he gets a second term, these hellish events will continue to become more common and more devastating and more deadly."

Trump visited McClellan Park, a former U.S. Air Force Base about 10 miles outside Sacramento that is used by firefighters as a staging area for large aircraft used in combating blazes. Most of the largest firefighting aircraft have not been utilized in recent days due to heavy smoke limiting visibility.

Biden's running mate, California Sen. Kamala Harris, will return to her home state on Tuesday to meet with emergency service personnel to be briefed on the state's wildfires.

In 2015, Trump stated bluntly: "I'm not a believer in global warming, I'm not a believer in man-made global warming." After the publication of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report concluded climate change would hurt the economy, Trump said he read it but didn't believe it. In September 2019, he falsely slammed the Green New Deal as an effort that would lead to "No more cows. No more planes ... no more people, right?"

Climate scientists say rising heat and worsening droughts in California consistent with climate change have expanded what had been the state's autumn wildfire season to year-round, sparking bigger, deadlier and more frequent fires.

All five of the state's largest fires in history have raged in the past three years, including the deadliest fire, a 2018 blaze that killed 85 people when it swept through the town of Paradise on the slopes of the Sierra Nevada. Trump during his Monday visit awarded seven members of the California National Guard the Distinguished Flying Cross for the rescue of dozens of Californians during the 2018 Paradise fires.

An analysis out in August from Stanford climate and wildfire researcher Michael Goss and others found that a nearly 2-degree (1 Celsius) rise in autumn temperatures and 30 percent drop in rainfall has more than doubled the number of autumn days with extreme fire weather over the past 40 years.

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Oracle and TikTok struck a deal. What it is, none will say

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The short-video app TikTok has chosen Oracle as its corporate savior to avoid a U.S. ban ordered by President Donald Trump. The U.S. government will review the prospective deal.

That much is known. Everything else is confusion, at least to outsiders. For instance:

— What does it mean that, as Oracle declared, it will become a "trusted technology provider" for TikTok? Is this a joint venture, a vendor agreement or something else? Oracle is pointedly not referring to its deal as a sale or acquisition.

— Will Trump approve such an arrangement after having threatened a ban if TikTok remains owned by its China-based parent ByteDance? Would it answer the national-security concerns around potential data siphoning, censorship and propaganda from Beijing that Trump raised?

— Will the Chinese government go along with it?

— Will TikTok get kicked out of the major app stores after Sept. 20, when Trump's threatened ban was supposed to go into effect, threatening its future in the U.S.?

"This whole process has been a mess," said Martin Chorzempa, a research fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics.

Microsoft, an announced TikTok suitor, said Sunday that its rejected bid would have protected U.S. national security interests by making "significant changes" to ensure security, privacy, online safety, and anti-misinformation measures. Oracle's statement Monday was more muted, emphasizing that it has a "40-year track record providing secure, highly performant technology solutions."

U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin appeared to support the Oracle bid on CNBC Monday morning. Oracle's proposal made "many representations for national security issues," Mnuchin said. He also noted a new commitment — by whom, he didn't say — to make TikTok's global operations a U.S.-headquartered company with 20,000 new jobs. Neither TikTok nor Oracle mentioned that pledge Monday, although TikTok said in July that it would add 10,000 U.S. jobs

TikTok said in a statement Monday that its proposal to the Treasury Department should "resolve the Administration's security concerns" and emphasized the importance of its app to the 100 million users it claims in the U.S.

TikTok, which says it has about 700 million globally, is known for its fun, goofy videos of dancing, lip-syncing, pranks and jokes. It's also home to more political material, some of which is critical of Trump.

An Aug. 6 Trump order threatened a vague ban on TikTok, creating a sense of emergency and seeding chaos into an existing national-security review of TikTok by a U.S. interagency group, the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, or CFIUS. A subsequent Aug. 14 order demanded that ByteDance divest its U.S. business. In addition, Trump insisted that the U.S. government get a cut of any deal, something experts said was unprecedented and possibly illegal.

Matters were complicated further when the Chinese government appeared

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LA Sheriff to politicians: emphasize trust in justice system

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The Los Angeles County sheriff on Monday criticized elected officials, sports figures and civic leaders for "fanning the flames of hatred" as America grapples with racism and police brutality, saying they instead should emphasize trust in the criminal justice system.

Sheriff Alex Villanueva's comments to The Associated Press came after the weekend ambush of two deputies who were in their parked police vehicle when a man walked up to the passenger's side and fired multiple rounds. The deputies were struck in the head and critically wounded but both are expected to recover, Villanueva said. The gunman hasn't been captured.

The shooting occurred in Compton, one of the communities that makes up South Los Angeles, an area with a large Black population that has long been a flashpoint for racial tension and mistrust of police. Hundreds marched to the Sheriff's Department South LA station in Compton on Saturday to protest the fatal shootings of a Black man on Aug. 31 and a Black teenager in 2018.

Both were killed by deputies from the station, which also is the workplace of the deputies targeted Saturday. After that shooting, a handful of protesters gathered outside the hospital where the deputies were treated and tried to block the emergency room entrance. Videos from the scene recorded protesters shouting expletives at police and at least one yell "I hope they ... die."

Villanueva said the angry rhetoric is making his deputies' work more difficult.

"They're out there doing their job and yet we have people fanning the flames of hatred and just turning up the volume when we don't need it. We need to be turning it down," Villanueva said. "Particularly our elected officials and civic leaders and sports figures, they need to start emphasizing trust in the system, due process."

Villanueva did not specify any particular people but many politicians and athletes have harshly criticized police and called for defunding departments in the wake of police shootings of George Floyd in Minneapolis and Jacob Blake in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

The NBA playoffs were delayed last month when Los Angeles Lakers star LeBron James and other stars supported the Milwaukee Bucks' decision not to play following Blake's shooting. U.S. Open winner Naomi Osaka of Japan wore masks with the names of Black victims of violence throughout the tennis tournament.

After 29-year-old Dijon Kizzee was killed by two LA County deputies last month, U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, a Democrat who represents part of South Los Angeles, said ""while we don't know all of the details of this incident" she shares the community's outrage and that the message from police killings is "the lives of people of color do not matter and that the practice is to shoot first and ask questions later."

She said the Sheriff's Department is out of control and called on state Attorney General Xavier Becerra to investigate "the pattern of abuses."

The department has begun its own investigation of allegations that a renegade group of deputies calling themselves The Executioner s have taken control of the Compton station through threats, intimidation and harassment.

Villanueva said the department's investigations into police shootings like Kizzee's take time.

"We're not going to speed up or slow down at the behest of anybody," he said. "It's going to be based on fact, not on emotion. Some people already have determined the results, so they're trying to throw rocks at the process."

Villanueva also rejected claims the criminal justice system is biased against people of color, saying his department is committed to thorough investigations, including of its own employees.

"To someone who says they're biased, the only bias we have is toward facts," he said. "We need to stop the false narratives. We have to let the system take its course and justice has to be based on facts, based on evidence. It has to be right."

Meantime, Villanueva defended the arrest of Josie Huang, a reporter for public radio station KPCC taken into custody during Saturday's demonstration outside the hospital. The department said Huang didn't identify herself as a journalist and interfered with the arrest of a protester.

After she was released, Huang tweeted she was "filming an arrest when suddenly deputies shout 'back up.' Within seconds, I was getting shoved around. There was nowhere to back up."

In a video of the incident, Huang can be heard shouting, "I'm a reporter. ... I'm with KPCC" as she falls to the ground. She said she was wearing a press pass.

Villanueva said Huang was too close to the deputies during the man's arrest, He claimed "that's where she crossed the line from journalism to activism," He said he didn't know if the deputies heard her shouting "I'm a reporter."

"You have to have a certain level of responsibility as a journalist," Villanueva said. "Do your job but do it as a safe distance where you're not interfering with the deputies doing their job."

He added: "All I can say is, in the heat of the moment when these protesters are calling or chanting for the death of the deputies in the emergency room, she picked the worst time possible to try to get an up-close of the deputies making an arrest. That's on her."

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ENCAMPMENT FIRE

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with the encampment if they witness a crime or are sent photos or videos of an ongoing crime.

"People on Rose leave their house through the alley because they don't want people to know they left their house because they are scared they will get broken into," said Lakha. "There have been plenty of break ins. Two people on Indiana have sold their houses because they got broken into during the day time and on Rose it is even worse."

Currently police officers cannot seize unhoused residents' property due to the suspension of Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 56.11, which occurred in response to the pandemic in April. This ruling, in combination with removals of homeless encampments from the beach, has led to a significant increase in tents along Rose Ave.

"The day that the COVID shutdown happened they closed the beach and we literally got 60 tents within days piled onto Rose. From the very beginning there were fires here and there and people were having open BBQs," said Reynes.

According to Reynes, the Penmar encampment grew in size following a recent homeless sweep along Venice Beach on August 21.

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Citywide

Hispanic Heritage Month: A Family Program with Author Naibe Reynoso

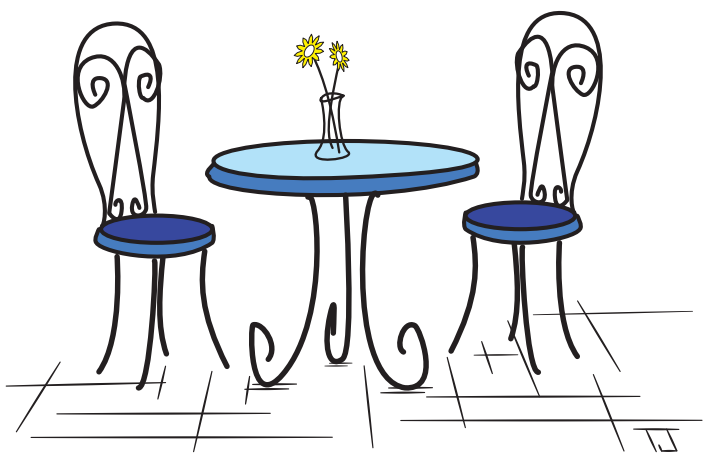
Santa Monica Public Library is proud to celebrate Hispanic American Heritage Month with a virtual program for elementary school age students and their families, Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. The program features author and founder of Con Todo Press, Naibe Reynoso, as she reads her children's book Be Bold! Be Brave! ¡Sé Audaz, Sé Valiente!: 11 Latinas who made U.S. History / 11 Latinas que hicieron historia en Estados Unidos. A question and answer session will follow the reading. To access the virtual event: http://bit.ly/septsmplys

Naibe Reynoso's book is written in both English and Spanish, and features the stories, in rhyme, of 11 Latinas, including actress Rita Moreno, Olympic Gold Medalist Lisa Fernandez, astronaut Ellen Ochoa, and first female U.S. Surgeon General Antonia Novello, among others. Beautifully illustrated by Jone Leal, the book is published by Con Todo Press, founded by Ms. Reynoso. After reading her book, Ms. Reynoso will answer questions from attendees.

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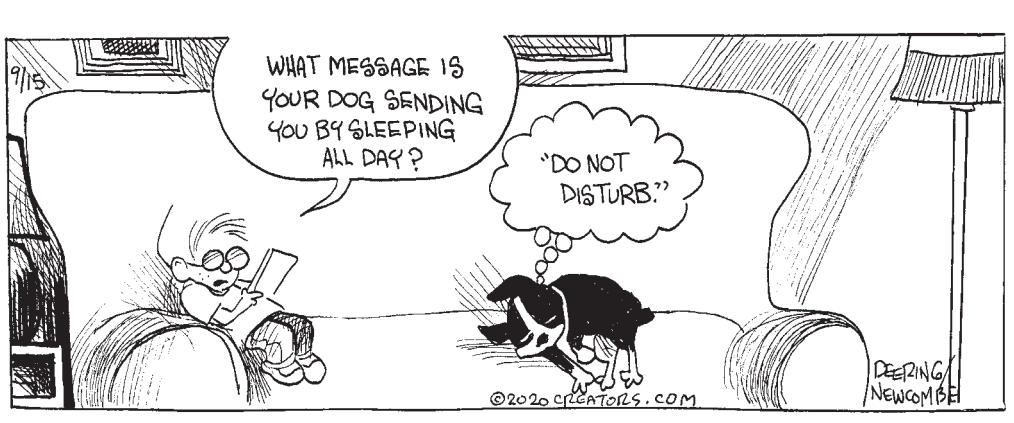
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 68.2°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
SSW/S swell perks up a bit further – waist high+ for best breaks further west in the region. AM wind looks light at this point.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Modest SSW/S swell continues – waist high+ for best breaks further west in the region. NW swell-mix trends up. AM wind looks light at this point.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Areas of smoke. Sunny, with a high near 82. Light and variable wind becoming west southwest 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.
Tuesday Night: Areas of smoke. Clear, with a low around 64. West wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northeast 5 to 10 mph in the evening. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.
Wednesday: Areas of smoke. Sunny, with a high near 77. Light and variable wind becoming west southwest 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

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2020/09/17	Thu	9:59 PM	6.26	H
2020/09/18	Fri	04:24 AM	-0.15	L
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2020/09/18	Fri	10:47 PM	5.79	H
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Mega#: 20
Jackpot:9 M

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Evening: 4 2 8

Daily Derby calottery
Draw Date: 09/13
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2nd: 07 - EUREKA
3rd: 12 - LUCKY CHARMS
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (SEPTEMBER 15)

People typically live inside the boundaries of their own comfort, which can be like a cage. This solar return gives you a key to open the doors and experience a larger and more varied world. You'll get strong competing for a worthy prize. New and improved financial strategies better serve your lifestyle. Aries and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 22, 48, 17 and 27.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your mind will pose questions all day and this continues into the night. Your dreams have answers, but you'll have to remember them first. Put a pen and paper by your bed to write them down when you first wake up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People do tend to feel entitled to what they are used to. It will make you think twice as you are setting things up in a relationship. Openings set the expectation and the tone for everything.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Thinking differently is like moving your body differently. New dances and sports can be learned and so can new thought processes. Work on it piece by piece. Eventually, you'll pull the whole thing together.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The same task can be energizing or draining, depending on your approach. If you do it because you want to (not because you have to) then you'll find a lot of energy inside of it indeed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Winning isn't everything. In fact, to bring home the top prize today would not even bring good fortune. Better to look for the real benefits of what you're doing, which can't be encompassed in one particular outcome.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Oscar Wilde said, "I can resist anything but temptation." Small temptations are apt to chip away at your powers of self-control. Great temptations are best overcome by being nowhere around them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have something in common with the stranger next to you, and if you strike up a conversation, you'll quickly find out what it is. If you don't, you'll still feel an unspoken kinship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're in the mood to make a change. The change may be unnecessary, and that's fine. Many of the best things in life are. Keeping things interesting is important, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Busy people often feel important but busyness does not make someone important. You desire to be there for people who need and count on you more than you desire to be busy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Parts of your life are so good, though you may not think about just how good until you spend some time in someone else's world. Say "yes" to invitations that will give you a chance to get to know how others live.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your motives are pure. You want the best for your loved ones. There are a couple of ways to go about it now. The long way is the best one. Think it through and you'll see why.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You benefit from breaking drastically from your usual routine. When you are uncertain of your environment, you rely on the thing you are certain about — your purpose.

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 LAST SUDOKU

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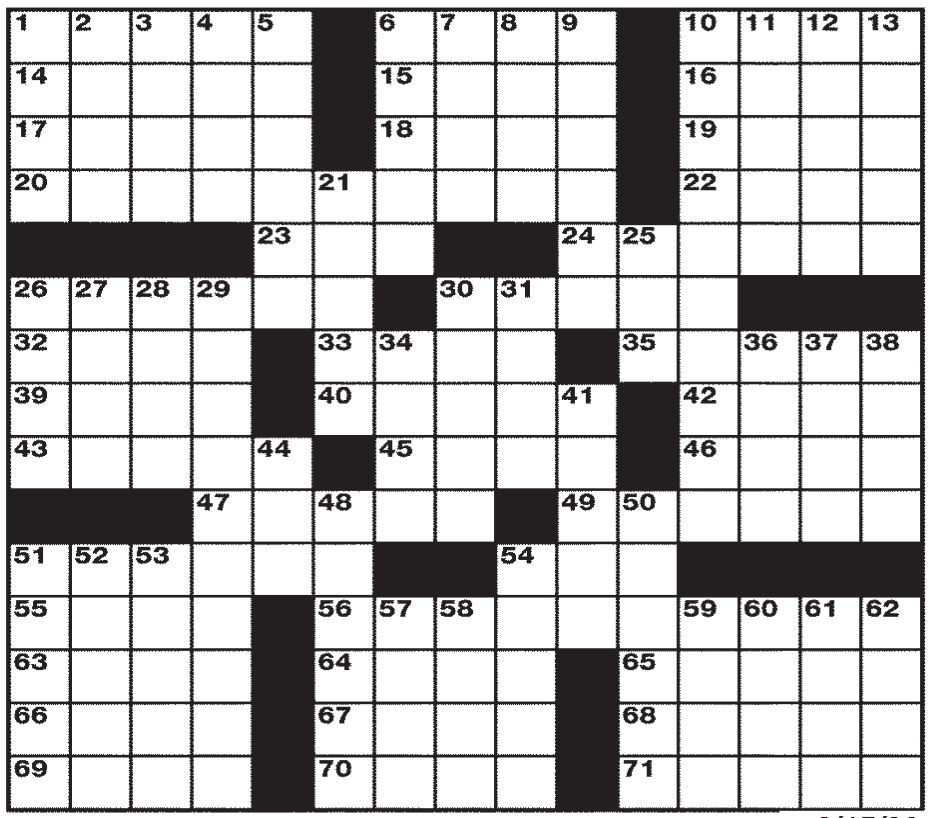
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Crispy potato snacks
6 Phone used in a play, say
10 Castaway's log vessel
14 Synagogue scroll
15 Untruthful one
16 Folklore brute
17 Nose-horned beast
18 Initial poker payment
19 Neighbor of Thailand
20 Reduced, as one's waistline
22 Shopper's reminder
23 Soil that's saturated
24 Bill from an ATM
26 Brief film preview
30 Trifled (with)
32 Humpty Dumpty's perch
33 Milky-colored gem
35 Type of steak
39 Approximately
40 Jazz band wind instruments
42 Improved, as wine
43 Winter precipitations
45 *Mona* __
46 Clothed (in)
47 Roof overhangs
49 Where to buy a pie
51 "There was no other choice"
54 Implore
55 Geeky type
56 Reduced, as intensity
63 Ticklish red Muppet
64 And others: Abbr.
65 Himalayan country
66 Soil-turning farm machine
67 Stir up
68 Tractor brand with a stag logo
69 Needing repair, as a dress
70 Limber
71 Tacked on

DOWN
1 Bottom-left PC key
2 Santa's laughing sounds
3 Part of the eye
4 Take short breaths
5 "Prove it!"
6 Crisscross clothing pattern
7 Doorbell sound
8 Solemn pledge
9 Attractive
10 Reduced, as prices
11 Once more
12 Icy coating on a window
13 In a mean mood
21 Coins in Spain and Italy
25 Needing to dry off
26 "Terrible" years of childhood
27 Make, as a salary
28 Plus
29 Reduced, as speed
30 Cars for hire
31 Cheers heard at bullfights
34 Become drained of color
36 Stare at
37 Close by
38 Whirlpool
41 Cavalry sword
44 Took a chair
48 Electorate
50 Meeting plan
51 Having no skill
52 Phone call starter
53 Knight's iron outfit
54 Stomach, informally
57 At the summit of
58 Duo
59 Home ownership document
60 Commentary page
61 Cost to ride a bus
62 Escaped in a hurry



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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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POLICE BUDGET

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intended to alter SMPD's finances in the "near future" since they didn't want to make a hasty decision before hearing specific proposals from members of minority communities who should have input on any changes.

Many residents opposed the city's adoption of its budget this summer and demanded additional cuts to police services but city leaders said they were legally required to pass a budget by June 30. In the weeks since the budget adoption, Santa Monica's Public Safety Reform Advisory Committee has met multiple times on Zoom with dozens of community activists. On Tuesday, the group presented their final report to councilmembers and the general public.

"One of the initial stated goals of our committee was to recommend changes that should be made to the city's budget to better achieve public safety and wellbeing for everybody in our community. The adopted 2020-2021 Santa Monica Police Department budget is $98.9 million," and the committee has made the recommendation to divest $8 million from the SMPD budget going forward, said advisory committee member Mike Shotton. "That would put the budget in line with the police budget from just two years ago."

Shotton added the three City departments that most directly impact residents' wellbeing are the Community Services department, library department and the police department. If those three departments were treated equally in the pandemic-related budget cuts, he said, "each of them would have been reduced by 7.5 percent. And a 7.5 percent reduction of the police budget would take them down to $91 million."

Instead, the Community Services Department was cut by $6.3 million, "or 21%," according to Shotton. "The library department was cut by $4.6 million, or 35%, while the police department budget increased by $600,000," which is just under 1 percent more than the previous year's allocations.

"Our committee does not believe that this is an equitable way to respond to the reduction in revenues from the pandemic," Shotton said Tuesday, stating some of the $8 million could be used to fund the advisory committee's recommendations.

"Now, our full list of recommendations are in the document and we encourage you to look at those," he said, before Kristin McCowan, who was recently appointed to council partly due to her work on the Black Agenda, asked if staff had considered what the proposed cuts might look like on paper.

Budget isn't typically discussed until October or January so Interim City Manager Lane Dilg said staff was unsure how many positions would be lost. But the council asked to speak to SMPD chief Cynthia Renaud, who said an $8 million cut to the department would be a substantial loss.

"Knowing that 92% roughly of our budget is personnel costs, the cut of $8 million would result in layoffs within the police department," Renaud said as city staff estimated about 35 to 40 positions could be lost. "We've cut substantially from every area that we can," so there's no way to make a budget adjustment without losing dozens of vital jobs.

Councilmember Ted Winterer later noted the adopted budget was based on the assumption that the shutdown would end June 30 but that's clearly not the case so he was hesitant to direct $8 million in cuts.

"I think maybe we ought to head in the direction of trying to get some more input on what budget changes might be advisable and where they would come from and where they would go," Winterer said. "We also need to acknowledge that it wasn't too long ago that most people in the city were upset about the crime rate and the PD has done a good job of reducing the crime rate in the last year, so we don't want to have the unintended consequence of taking away people-power that they need to continue to reduce crime."

Councilmember Gleam Davis said she understood Winterer's thinking, "but I think that one of the things this committee really was asking us to do was rethink public safety, and not think that public safety resided solely in the police department budget."

Davis added she would appreciate staff looking at all of the recommendations to consider what's feasible now and in the future.

Councilmembers agreed and directed staff to take steps — through the budget process — to achieve a more balanced investment of city resources to promote public safety in different spheres.

"And I added to that," Winterer said, "that the process should be informed by recommendations made by the Civilian Oversight Commission and the work of the Public Safety Reform Advisory Commission."

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TIKTOK DEAL

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to suggest that the technology used in TikTok's algorithm could not be exported without government permission. On Sunday, ByteDance tapped Oracle as its U.S. partner, embracing a company whose co-founder Larry Ellison has raised funds for Trump. Its decision also followed criticism of Microsoft by a Trump trade adviser, Peter Navarro.

Oracle and TikTok did not answer questions about the structure of the proposal on Monday. The Treasury Department didn't return an emailed request for more information about the proposal.

"We don't know that this is the wrong outcome. But we do know that (the administration) shouldn't have politicized it this way," said Derek Scissors, who studies China at the American Enterprise Institute think tank.

The promise of 20,000 new jobs and a U.S. headquarters for TikTok "certainly smacks of crony capitalism," said Chorzempa.

Eurasia analyst Paul Triolo noted that if ByteDance retains ownership of TikTok, it won't have actually sold anything. China doesn't want to be seen approving a deal where a Chinese company is forced to a sale or stripped of its intellectual property, he said, while Trump can't easily walk back a ban without major concessions he can point to. "A face saving way out of this will be very difficult for all parties to find," he said.

Any deal must still be reviewed by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, or CFIUS, a group chaired by the Treasury Secretary that studies mergers for national security reasons. Mnuchin said he expects the group to review the proposal this week and later make a recommendation to the president.

The president can approve or deny a transaction recommended by the panel, though Trump has already voiced support for Oracle as a "great company" that could handle the acquisition.

Oracle primarily makes database software. It competes with tech giants such as Microsoft and Amazon that provide cloud services as well as business-software specialists like Salesforce. Some analysts see Oracle's interest in a consumer business as misguided, but its shares popped 4.3% on Monday to $59.46.

If the arrangement is approved by the U.S. government, TikTok would be allowed to continue operating.

Whether the Oracle-TikTok deal will allow the sidestepping of Chinese export restrictions depends on which entity retains control of TikTok in the U.S., said Paul Haswell, a Hong Kong-based partner at law firm Pinsent Masons.

Another loose end is Walmart, which had planned to partner with Microsoft on the acquisition. The retailer said Sunday it "continues to have an interest in a TikTok investment" and is talking about it with ByteDance and other parties.

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