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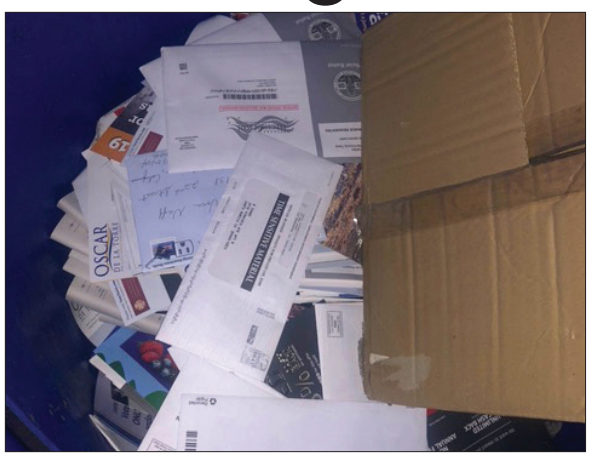




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MEMORIAL: Local youth are working to maintain the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument. For more information on the groups and project, see Page 11.

Ballots found in Pico neighborhood trash





Osvaldo Jimenez

BALLOT: Stolen mail, including ballots for the election, were found in Pico trash cans and recycling containers.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A Santa Monica man has found multiple ballots for the 2020 election in public trash bins this week alongside what appeared to be other mail from nearby homes.

Osvaldo Jimenez found the first batch of ballots in an Alley between 20th and 21st in the Pico neighborhood around 4:30 p.m. and he found a second batch on Virginia Ave in a recycling bin in front of the nearby church later that night.

Jimenez said he was walking his dog that afternoon and when he went to throw pet waste into a nearby garbage can something caught his

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OIR Group Selected to Lead May 31 After Action Report

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica City Attorney's Office has chosen the OIR Group to lead an after-action review for the looting, riots and protests of May 31.

On May 31 large groups of criminals flooded Santa Monica following a peaceful protest for racial justice. While significant looting occurred in the Downtown area, SMPD deployed officers to confront ongoing protests including the use of tear gas and rubber bullets. Eventually, National Guard troops were called in to restore order.

Santa Monicans were initially promised two reports about the incident. The first would be an after-action report listing the timeline and facts. The second would provide analysis of the facts. City officials said publicly that the first report would be finished in August of this year but the police department said it was unable to prepare the document and handle regular police work. In response, council authorized staff to hire a third party company to combine both reports into a single document.

"OIR Group brings approximately two decades of experience and expertise in oversight of law enforcement practices and activities, including preparation of after-action reports. They were given lead responsibility by the City of Los Angeles' Office of Inspector General to investigate the controversial, large-scale use of force by LAPD officers during the 2001 May Day incident in MacArthur Park," said an announcement issued by the City.

The scope of work includes:

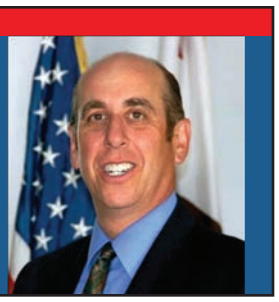
a written narrative of facts regarding those events as determined by the selected firm based on its independent review; and

an independent evaluation

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Verdi Chorus Performance

The Verdi Chorus continues its 37th season with The Fox Singers in Amor y Odio, Songs of Spain and the New World presented by The Verdi Chorus and the Sahm Family Foundation. This musical soirée is the premiere offering of the new online series called VERDI CHORUS PRESENTS led by Founding Artistic Director Anne Marie Ketchum. The Fox Singers comprise the professional ensemble of The Verdi Chorus, which is the only choral group in Southern California that focuses primarily on the dramatic and diverse music for opera chorus.

Amor y Odio is dedicated to the songs and zarzuelas of Spain and the New World, and will premiere online Sunday, November 8. Future VERDI CHORUS PRESENTS soirées featuring The Fox Singers will include an evening of Neapolitan favorites and Italian art songs and an evening dedicated to American song. These online concerts will be available on the Verdi Chorus website at https://www.verdichorus.org.

The Fox Singers demonstrate the mission of The Verdi Chorus to provide performance opportunities to young professional singers, and these highly promising singers, named in memory of long-time Chorus and Board member Walter Fox, not only serve as section leaders and rehearsal coaches for the Verdi Chorus, but also have opportunities to perform as featured singers in performances, and perform on occasion independently of the full Chorus. The Fox Singers featured in Amor y Odio, Songs of Spain and the New World are: sopranos Tiffany Ho and Sarah Salazar; mezzo-soprano Judy Tran; tenors Joseph Gárate and Elias Berezin; and bass Esteban Rivas.

The Fox Singers have been presented at several venues in Southern California including the Annenberg Beach House, The Broad Stage, the Huntington Library, and the Nixon Library.

How to watch: Go to https://www.verdichorus.org

The Verdi Chorus is a Southern California nonprofit organization dedicated to presenting opera choruses in concert and to providing career development opportunities for young professional singers. As the only choral group in Southern California that focuses primarily on the dramatic and diverse music of the opera chorus, The Verdi Chorus gives talented amateur singers the unique opportunity to sing side-by-side with professional singers in rehearsals leading up to performances held to the highest artistic standards. Under the direction of its remarkable Artistic Director Anne Marie Ketchum, each rehearsal is like a vocal master class.

The Verdi Chorus was founded in 1983 at the Verdi Restaurant in Santa Monica. When the restaurant closed in 1991, The Verdi Chorus continued. In 1999, the chorus incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Under the continuous direction of Founding Artistic Director Anne Marie Ketchum, the Chorus presents four concerts each year as well as other collaborative events. Its repertoire includes over 300 choruses from 81 operas in seven languages.

For more information visit: https://www.verdichorus.org

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AMENDED 2020-24 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND FY 2020-21 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN ALLOCATING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) & HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT (HOME) PROGRAM FUNDS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides annual CDBG and HOME entitlement funds to the City of Santa Monica. As a recipient of these federal funds, HUD requires the City to develop a five-year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans for housing and community development which identify high priority needs and the associated goals, strategies, and resources anticipated over a five-year period.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has amended the 2020-24 Consolidated Plan and FY 2020-21 Annual Action Plan. The plans were approved by City Council on June 9, 2020 following an initial 30-day public review period beginning on March 16, 2020 and an additional five-day public review period beginning on June 4, 2020.

Since then, additional CDBG funds have been allocated to the City via the CARES Act to fund activities that prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. Those additional funds have been incorporated into the amended plans, which are available for a five-day public review period beginning October 10, 2020 and can be viewed online here: http://www.smgov.net/hsd.

Written comments may be submitted by October 15, 2020 by email to humanservices@smgov.net or by mail to: Housing and Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, MS22, Santa Monica, CA 90401.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 35 CALLS ON OCT. 08

Odor Investigation 900blk 4th St 12:37 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 1:03 a.m.
EMS 3rd St / Washington Ave 1:28 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 100blk Ocean Park Blvd 2:18 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Broadway 3:17 a.m.
EMS 1000blk Princeton St 3:42 a.m.
Flooded Condition 1200blk Georgina Ave 6:54 a.m.
EMS 2200blk Hill St 7:20 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 500blk Broadway 7:26 a.m.
EMS 700blk Pacific St 9:01 a.m.
EMS 1000blk 3rd St 9:09 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 17th St 9:11 a.m.
EMS 2600blk Kansas Ave 10:05 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 9th St 10:29 a.m.
EMS 1000blk 9th St 12:06 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 2800blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:13 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200blk 6th St 12:22 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 12:37 p.m.
EMS 12th St / Wilshire Blvd 12:47 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 12:49 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 2nd St 1:46 p.m.
EMS 500blk Olympic Blvd W 1:55 p.m.
EMS 2300blk 31st St 3:37 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 1500blk 9th St 4:43 p.m.
EMS 800blk 20th St 5:02 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 2300blk 4th St 5:43 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 5th St 5:45 p.m.
EMS 900blk California Ave 6:16 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Colorado Ave 6:47 p.m.
EMS 3300blk Barnard Way 6:50 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Centinela Ave 8:22 p.m.
EMS 2800blk 3rd St 8:26 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200blk 6th St 8:41 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Princeton St 8:42 p.m.
EMS Main St / Pico Blvd 9:41 p.m.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

SMC Student Film "The Attempt" Wins Best Student Film at the 2020 Vienna Independent Film Festival

"The Attempt" – a short film written and directed by Santa Monica College (SMC) film student Daniel Despart – has won Best Student Film at the 2020 Vienna Independent Film Festival (VIFF). The awards were announced on the festival's official Facebook page (facebook.com/ViennaIndependentFilmFestival) Oct. 4.

VIFF'S programming director, Elena Ringo, said about the winning film: "'The Attempt' impressed the audience and judges with its artistic qualities and important subject matter. The current clashes in Nagorno-Karabakh made people recollect the Armenian Genocide, thus increasing interest in the film."

"The Attempt" is set in 1921 post-World War I Berlin and it is based on a true story. It follows Soghomon Tehlirian, a young man who is given the mission to assassinate the chief orchestrator of the Armenian Genocide. During the attempt, Soghomon realizes that killing another man is not easy and contemplates starting a new life with the woman he loves.

"It's a great honor to have won Best Student Film at VIFF," said Daniel Despart, "and it is a great testament to the artistry and professionalism of our SMC crew, since we had to recreate 1921 Berlin in Los Angeles! My intention with this film was to inspire others to look further into the true story behind Soghomon Tehlirian and in turn, the Armenian Genocide as a whole. We must never forget our past, and in this modern age of wholesale disinformation and double-speak, this has never been more pertinent."

"'The Attempt' takes a Dostoyevskian approach in exploring a young man's moral conflict when he is given the mission to assassinate another human being," said SMC Film Professor Salvador Carrasco, who heads the film production program. "Conflicts have recently arisen in the Caucasus that make the historical ghosts of this story ever so present. Such is the power of cinema: films can take on a broader dimension depending on what is going on at a given time in the world."

Ara Woland, a renowned professional actor who plays Tehlirian and also co-produced the film, said, "I am thrilled that 'The Attempt' is getting the recognition it deserves because it is timely and more relevant today than ever. The events depicted in the film did not put an end to the Armenian Genocide. Armenians today, at this very moment, are at war, fighting for the survival of the nation and its 4,000 year old history. The world, however, is turning a blind eye just as it did during the Armenian Genocide, during the Holocaust, and other ethnic cleansings. The spirit of Soghomon Tehlirian is the perfect example of the perseverance of the Armenian nation. We will fight to preserve our existence, our culture and our sacred lands. And hopefully the world will wake up and fight terrorism and aggression."

SMC student films have won numerous accolades – including a BAFTA nomination; the Panavision Limelight Award at the Ojai Film Festival; Best Short Drama at the San Diego Film Festival; Best Short at the Prague Independent Film Festival; Special Mention at the International Festival of Film Schools in Munich; and Winner at the Women's Independent Film Festival – and have been selected to screen in many prestigious domestic and international film festivals.

SMC offers an Associate of Science degree and Certificate of Achievement in Film Production. To learn more, visit www.smc.edu/filmproduction or email Carrasco_Salvador@smc.edu. The film program – as well as the films that come out of it – is on YouTube as the "Santa Monica College Film Program" channel.

VIFF is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the discovery and development of independent artists and audiences. VIFF seeks to discover, support, and inspire independent film and theater artists from around the world, and to introduce audiences to their new work. For more information, visit vienna-film-festival.com.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 292 CALLS ON OCT. 08

Death Investigation 1400blk 21st St 12:12 a.m.
Encampment 1800blk The Beach 12:27 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk The Beach 12:42 a.m.
Person Down 3rd St / Washington Ave 1:28 a.m.
Person With A Gun 1500blk Palisades Park 3:19 a.m.
Attempt Burglary 2600blk Wilshire Blvd 6:20 a.m.
Traffic Hazard Ocean Ave / Pico Blvd 6:35 a.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 6:46 a.m.
Traffic Hazard Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 7:07 a.m.
Petty Theft 1000blk 2nd St 7:44 a.m.
Burglary 1900blk Broadway 8:07 a.m.
Burglary 2800blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:35 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1900blk 18th St 8:48 a.m.
Burglary 1800blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:53 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1000blk 3rd St 8:57 a.m.
Missing Person 400blk Pico Blvd 9:06 a.m.
Petty Theft 2600blk Arizona Ave 9:09 a.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 1200blk 2nd St 9:16 a.m.
Petty Theft 300blk 23rd St 9:17 a.m.
Found Property 1000blk 12th St 9:28 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 9:31 a.m.
Threats /Investigations 2300blk 14th St 9:36 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1200blk 16th St 9:50 a.m.
Petty Theft 500blk Wilshire Blvd 9:54 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 800blk Pacific St 10:01 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 2700blk Pearl St 10:17 a.m.
Burglary 200blk Washington Ave 10:22 a.m.
Battery 2000blk Ocean Ave 10:38 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 900blk Wilshire Blvd 10:50 a.m.
Petty Theft 3100blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:09 a.m.
Identity Theft 800blk 14th St 11:13 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1600blk Washington Ave 11:26 a.m.
Fraud 1100blk Washington Ave 11:41 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2400blk Oak St 12:01 p.m.
Threats /Investigations 2900blk 3rd St 12:01 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:09 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 2800blk Pico Blvd 12:13 p.m.
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Traffic Collision - No Injuries 14th St / Oak St 12:22 p.m.
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Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 700blk Ozone St 1:05 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1400blk 7th St 1:18 p.m.
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Violation Of Posted Sign 300blk San Vicente Blvd 2:15 p.m.
Petty Theft 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 2:20 p.m.
Auto Burglary 3000blk Ruskin St 2:49 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 1000blk 10th St 3:00 p.m.
Fight 1500blk 17th St 3:10 p.m.
Person Down 100blk Hill St 3:13 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1300blk 19th St 3:24 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 4th St / Olympic Blvd E 3:26 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Main St / Bicknell Ave 3:27 p.m.
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City of Santa Monica

PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom**

SUBJECT: **Proposed Extension of Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinances Extending Interim Zoning Regulations for Economic Recovery in the City's Downtown, Mixed Use and Commercial, Employment, Oceanfront, and Public and Semi-Public Districts**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce and adopt Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinances extending Interim Zoning Ordinances 2636 and 2637 (CCS) establishing interim zoning regulations for economic recovery in the City's Downtown, Mixed Use and Commercial, Employment, Oceanfront, and Public and Semi-Public Districts including proposed changes allowing more flexible loading standards in the Third Street Promenade area and allowing more flexible Alcohol Exemption standards for the Santa Monica Pier.

City Council previously adopted the Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinances on May 12, 2020, which were set to expire 60 days from adoption, but those timelines were tolled pursuant to the 4th Supplement to the Executive Order.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020, AT 6:30 P.M.**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the City Council and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but participants may also join the teleconference via \ https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/awqpbxap or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 3107751 #)

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

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: Economic IZO Extensions

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

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





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Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON SUNDAY, OCT. 4

The Santa Monica Police department arrested Larry Black for rape. According to SMPD, officers responded to the area of Lincoln and Wilshire for reports of a woman in distress. Officers found a woman inside a shed located in a nearby alley and subsequently arrested the suspect. The Los Angeles County District Attorney declined to file charges against the suspect and he was released. SMPD said the investigation is still active, and they are seeking the public's help with evidence, including witnesses or video, that would help the case. SMPD's tip line is (310) 458-8449 or the criminal investigation division can be reached at (310) 458-8451.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC

SMC Board Passes Resolution in Support of HR 763

The Santa Monica College (SMC) Board of Trustees unanimously passed a resolution at their meeting on Tuesday night, Oct. 6 that urges Congress to approve HR 763: Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act. This legislation, if passed, would impose a fee on carbon emissions at their source, with costs passed on to the consumer and fees collected distributed to American households in the form of a dividend. HR 763 is projected to reduce the nation's carbon emissions by at least 40 percent in the first 12 years and to create 2.1 million new jobs by driving economic growth.

Congressman Ted Lieu, who represents California's 33rd congressional district (it includes Santa Monica), is one of the 80 sponsors of the legislation. Endorsers of HR 763 include the City of Santa Monica, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and numerous other local community/civic leaders, groups and organizations.

"Santa Monica College's Board of Trustees felt the urgency of passing this resolution, as this institution has a long-established commitment to climate action advocacy," said SMC Board Chair Dr. Nancy Greenstein. "This board is proud of the many ways that the college has demonstrated leadership to combat climate change–from Superintendent/President Dr. Kathryn E. Jeffery signing on to the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment to cultivating a campus culture where sustainability in curriculum, various facets of daily life, and transportation is the norm and not the exception.

In January 2020, the SMC Board also passed a resolution to pursue the 2025 and 2030 climate change and sustainability goals as adopted by California Community Colleges Board of Governors.

SMC's Center for Environmental and Urban Studies (CEUS) serves as a hub for all things sustainability at the college, housing eco-focused student clubs, the SMC Environmental Affairs Committee, the Transportation Task Force, a Student Greening Workshop program, and a library. The college is also the only California community college to be recognized as a Bicycle Friendly University (BFU) by the League of American Bicyclists, which honored SMC with a Silver-level BFU award in 2018.

The college offers Associates Degrees in Environmental Science and Environmental Studies; Certificates in Solar, Energy Efficiency, Recycling, and Sustainability; as well as dozens of environmentally focused courses across a wide range of fields. In addition, students and employees–in non-pandemic circumstances–learn how to grow food at the SMC Organic Learning Garden. More information about sustainability at SMC is available at smc.edu/community/sustainability.

SMC Superintendent/President Dr. Kathryn E. Jeffery said that supporting the passage of HR 763 was imperative for two reasons: to safeguard the future of the planet, and to do so for the wellbeing of Santa Monica College students and generations to come.

"We at Santa Monica College are proud to add our voices to those of numerous other champions advocating for climate action, and most imperatively through this new legislation that would substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions," said Dr. Jeffery. "Safeguarding the future of our planet should not be a partisan issue–especially when the wellbeing of future generations is also at stake. The time to act is now."

HR 763 is projected to, if enacted, having both the potential to reduce the nation's carbon emissions by at least 40 percent in the first 12 years as well as to improve health and save lives and also help low- and middle-income Americans by putting the fees collected into their pockets to spend as they see fit.

More than 3,500 economists–including 27 Nobel Laureates–signed an open letter in the Wall Street Journal in 2019, stating that a carbon tax is the most effective way to reduce harmful emissions at the scale and speed necessary. Also last year, the Columbia University Center for Energy Policy issued a report comparing the carbon pricing bills that have been introduced in Congress, finding that HR 763 is best for the environment and best for the people. It would reduce carbon dioxide emissions at a rate of 36 to 38 percent by 2030 and targets a 90 percent reduction by 2050.

For more information on the bill, see energyinnovationact.org To endorse the bill personally, visit energyinnovationact.org/endorse.

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Susan Lee DeRemer
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The Santa Monica Lions are adapting to COVID-19 by reducing our regular monthly meetings to one, having it at 6 p.m. and holding it via Zoom. While they don't have the same social feel, it is great to catch-up with each other and learn how some of the nonprofits we fund are operating during the pandemic.

This month we were happy to have Lidia Magarian from the Santa Monica YMCA update us about their Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP), which targets reducing the number of people developing type 2 diabetes. Research conducted by the National Institutes of Health has proven that programs like theirs can reduce the number of cases of type 2 diabetes by almost 60%.

Even with the pandemic changing the structure of the program, from group activities at the YMCA, to connecting on Zoom, the core and the success of the program remain the same. In partnership with the LA County Dept. of Health, the classes still teach you ways to eat healthier, increase your physical activity and make other lifestyle changes to improve your over-all physical health and mental well-being. The integrated program also includes twice-monthly check-ins where you share your challenges and successes and report on your blood pressure, with the free monitor the YMCA provides.

DPP is open for registration to everyone over the age of 18 years, even if you are not a member of the Santa Monica YMCA. It is also offered in Spanish. While there is a charge for the program, there are some free spots available for each 12-month session. If you are interested in improving your health and learning more about DPP, please contact Lydia at 310-393-2721 ext. 129, or lidiam@ymcasm.org.

Please consider becoming a Santa Monica Lion and taking part in our online meetings. We would love to have you join us. All meetings are in the evening and require no travel time or parking. Please contact Yoriko Fisher at yorikofisher@gmail.com or 443-883-1101 to learn more.

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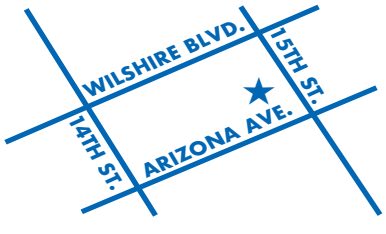
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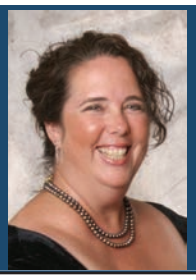
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No on 21

Editor:

I am a long term Santa Monica resident, and can remember the bad old days of "vacancy control". It was horrific.

Prop 21 would return vacancy control to Santa Monica, and so cap the price of rents to new renters, often at very low levels - and over time inflation will send those capped rents lower and lower.

(All of what follows is not about the existing rent control, but about the extreme form of rent control called "vacancy control.")

It is well known that capping the price of goods below market price always leads to inefficient use of those goods and the collapse of supply. Just look at the gas crisis of the 1970's; where price caps turned a minor price adjustment into a disastrous loss of supply.

Apartments are no different: Price caps encourage inefficient use of gas (wasteful driving) and apartments (cheap rent means not having to rent out a spare bedroom, or using an apartment part time or as a weekend retreat.) And price caps discourage new supply (digging new oil wells or building new apartments or pulling super cheap rentals off the market). Price caps also create black markets and the reselling on of the goods at well above market price (illegal subletting/ fraud.)

Inefficient use of housing supply would be where a $1000 per month 2-bedroom apartment is occupied by a single person. But in a $2000 a month 2-bedroom you might find two roommates. This creates a home for an additional person and helps ease any housing shortage.

If I were a landlord forced to rent out an apartment for $900 that should go for $2000 I would leave it vacant. The rent control fees, gas and water costs, maintenance and hassle mean it would make more sense to leave it empty. Plus if it is rented out at $900, then that renter will never, ever move out.. Better to leave it empty and wait till a change in the law, or even demolish the whole thing. Thus price caps will have directly caused loss of supply.

It is also common that when a low rent apartment comes available it will go the well connected. (As, doubtless the wealthy and powerful were unaffected by the gas crisis). So much for the working class benefiting.

Once a tenant has rented an apartment, there is an argument that they should be protected from eviction or excessive rent increases, as moving apartments is a costly and difficult process. That is the current situation in Santa Monica and there is merit in this normal form of rent control - but the abnormal vacancy control is utterly self-destructive.

Political rationale for strict vacancy control includes:

It costs nothing to legislate into place and, unlike the gas crisis, the damage is inflicted slowly and insidiously over time. Thus the renters who can't find a home at any price don't understand why it's happening and can only cry out for more rent control, which would be like pouring gasoline on a house fire.

It sounds like you are helping the poor. (But usually the wealthy and well connected get the low rent places.)

Cheap rents for everyone! (How about gas as well? Which is just as essential to modern life.) But of course only a lucky few get the low rents and cheap gas.. The rest face dry pumps and no vacancies at any price.

Renters already in low rent apartments feel trapped and are fearful of the loss of rent control. They think that vacancy control will give them a chance to move with cheap rents. (But they never will snag such a rare unicorn. And their buildings will be in ruins and facing demolition as the owners fight bankruptcy.).

It is claimed that vacancy control will discourage owners from harassing low rent tenants into leaving. But in reality such cases are uncommon and are always resolved in the tenants favor very quickly. Santa Monica has very strict laws and heavy penalties, even imprisonment, against harassment. If harassment were common we would see an army of owners being locked up - but that is clearly not so. But the city still trumpets there that there is a wave of criminal harassment sweeping the city. That fanning of fear keeps renters voting for those who now trumpet vacancy control.

And when vacancy control has killed all supply, the next step is a government-managed waiting list. And then you end up with 20-year waits for an apartment, as currently happens in Stockholm, Sweden. Pitfalls of rent restraints: why Stockholm's model has failed many (Of course the well connected at city hall will jump the list and get the choicest apartments.)

Pitfalls of rent restraints: why Stockholm's model has failed many

Half a million are on the waiting list for rent-controlled flats in Stockholm, meaning a two-tier system, bribes...

Trying to legislate away the loss of supply caused by price caps only makes things worse. The government has tried (many times in many different ways) to cap the price of gasoline and always ended up with dry pumps and fist fights in the resulting lines. The Swedes aren't fools (apart from when it comes to rent control) and the best result they have come up with is 20-year waiting lists, and a huge black market of illegal subletting that leaves sub-tenants renting at gigantic markups with no protections. They tried it in Santa Monica before and ended up with crippled supply and decrepit ruins for buildings.

Santa Monica in the 1980's really was in a distressing state. We are lucky (no, very unlucky) to have a real example of what really happened when vacancy control existed in Santa Monica, and what will happen should it come back: Santa Monica really was called "Skidrow-by-the-sea." The apartment buildings really were decrepit slums. There really was a 'demolition-derby' as apartments were torn down and replaced with condos. There really weren't any apartments to rent. People visiting from other cities really were appalled by the horrific, crumbling, Eastern-Bloc appearance of the place. (What a coincidence: Stalin believed in price caps too.). It really will all happen again, should Prop 21 pass.

Peter Borresen, Santa Monica

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Countywide

Public Health Reminds Residents to Avoid Crowded Places

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has confirmed 13 new deaths and 1,256 new cases of COVID-19. To date, Public Health identified 279,909 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 6,741 deaths.

Public Health has confirmed one additional case of multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C). This brings the total cases of MIS-C in L.A. County to 41 children. All 41 children with MIS-C in L.A. County were hospitalized and 46% of the children were treated in the ICU. Of the children with MIS-C, 27% were under the age of 5 years old, 39% were between the ages of 5 and 11 years old, and 34% were between the ages of 12 and 20 years old. Latino/Latinx children account for 70% of the reported cases. There are no reported MIS-C deaths in L.A. County children.

There are 724 confirmed cases of COVID-19 currently hospitalized and 26% of these people are confirmed cases in the ICU. While slightly increasing from the low of 673 this week, the number of daily hospitalizations has remained under 800 daily hospitalizations since mid-September.

Public Health urges residents to adhere to public health protocols and directives to prevent increases of COVID-19 infections. As a reminder, gathering with people outside your household puts you and those around you at greater risk. If you are celebrating this weekend, please remember to avoid crowded places and close contact with others not in your household. Everyone should always wear a face covering securely over their nose and mouth and maintain six feet distance between yourself and people not in your household. Gatherings, events or parties with non-household members are not permitted even if they are conducted outdoors except those expressly allowed in the L.A. County Order. This includes in-person sport viewing and dinner parties as these events can become places where COVID-19 can spread easily. It is important for everyone to follow the directives and to do their part every day to keep everyone as safe as possible.

In the last two weeks, 118 outbreak investigations were opened. Because of the possibility of asymptomatic and presymptomatic infection, it only takes one person to contract and become infectious with COVID-19 and unknowingly bring the virus home and expose their household and or go to work and expose their coworkers and start an outbreak.

Because there continues to be significant potential for transmission of COVID-19 at worksites, it remains important that businesses adhere to workplace protocols that require infection control, distancing, masking, and appropriate PPE that protect employees, customers and residents from COVID-19 as much as possible.

Public Health's compliance team continues to visit businesses across the County every day. Initial efforts are focused on educating business owners and workers about Health Officer Order requirements and how to stay safe but can result in citations for non-compliance where businesses are in violation of the Health Officer Order and protocols. As a result of inspections conducted since October 4, a total of 125 citations have been issued. In some cases, establishments were also closed because there were significant health and safety concerns or violations of the Health Officer Orders, including operating indoors in violation of the State and County Health Officer Orders.

To assist businesses follow the required protocols and maintain their operations with as much safety as possible for their staff, customers, and visitors, Public Health encourages L.A. County businesses to take advantage of the COVID-19 Safety Compliance Certification Program. The program is a no-cost online course that trains businessowners and employees on what they need to do to ensure that their business practices are aligned and in compliance with infection control and physical distancing requirements. Once completed, business owners receive a certificate and window seal to display on their storefront. For more information on the program and to take the training course, visit: www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

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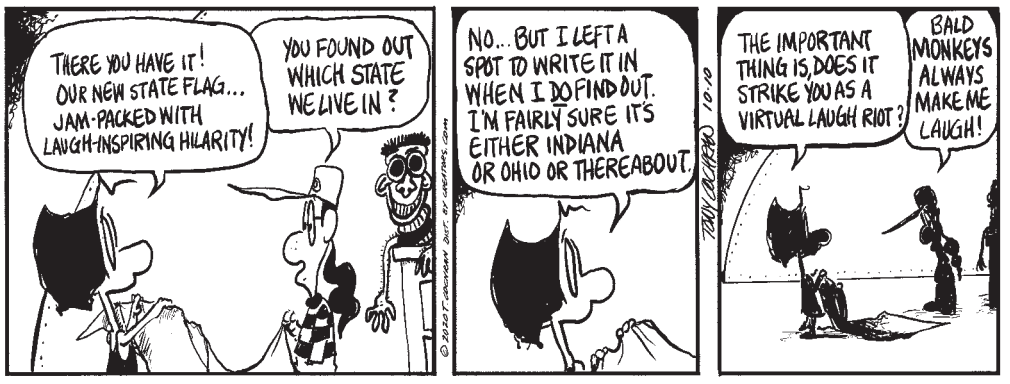
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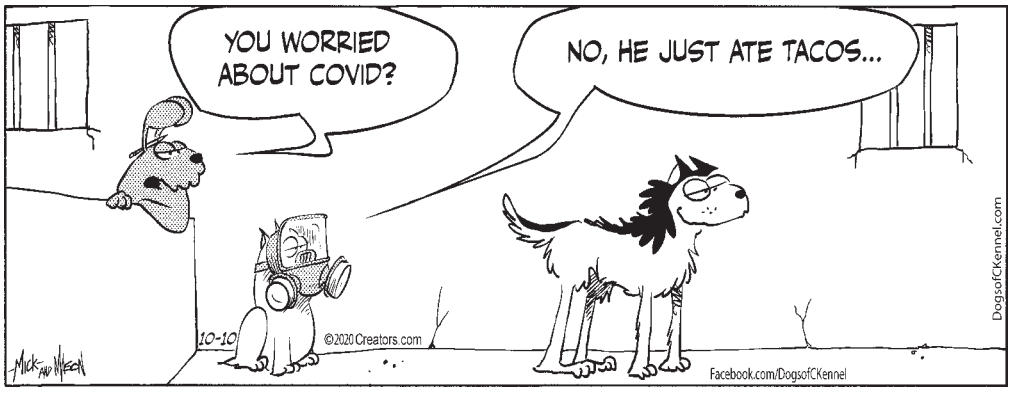
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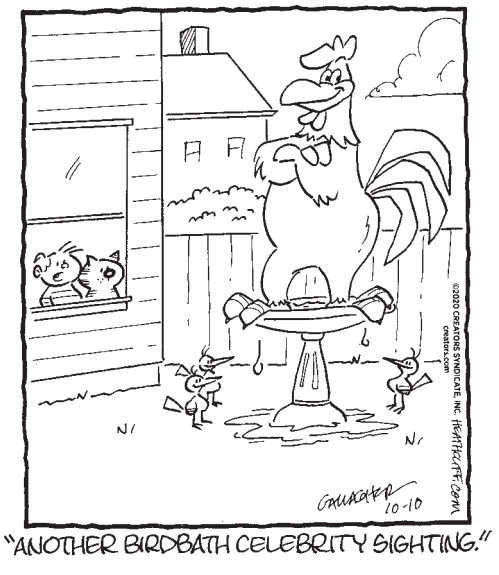
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 67.1°

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Small SW swell holds. Should be cleanest/best in the AM for most spots. WNW swell creeps up in the PM. Some onshore wind bump for the PM at open and exposed breaks

SUNDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Small SW swell eases. WNW swell is up a notch. Should be enough to be rideable and might be pretty fun for combo breaks west of Pt Dume.

WEATHER

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 65.
Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70.
Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59.
Columbus Day: Sunny, with a high near 76.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63.

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2020/10/11	Sun	07:18 AM	4.01	H
2020/10/11	Sun	11:56 AM	2.98	L
2020/10/11	Sun	5:35 PM	4.95	H
2020/10/12	Mon	12:50 AM	0.16	L
2020/10/12	Mon	07:36 AM	4.39	H
2020/10/12	Mon	12:46 PM	2.35	L
2020/10/12	Mon	6:35 PM	5.33	H
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The question will arise: "What have you done for me lately?" Even the best arrangements can go stale. The maintenance on relationships isn't always obvious, but make the effort and you'll figure it out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The task seems beneath you, but you still have to do it. Since there's no getting around it, you may as well change how you're going to think about this. Give it a new title. Naming things helps you frame them differently.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'd love to trust that person who says, "Don't worry, I got this." Unfortunately, until it's proven, it's not easy. You're better off trusting the one who admits not knowing but is also determined to figure it out.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are times when drama keeps things interesting, helps people bond and turns a relationship into a story. Then there's today -- when drama is tiresome and stands in the way of getting actual work done.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Transitions are so interesting. The in-between stage, when you know you can't stay where you are but you don't yet know where else to go, is awkward. Also, it's exciting.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're willing to adapt to your environment or do what it takes to work smoothly with the people around you. What you're not willing to do is to stray from your principles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). This thing you're considering will be an uphill climb. But just because it's hard doesn't mean you shouldn't tackle it. Know what you're getting into. If you go forward, then you'll be working an entirely different set of "muscles."

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Those who assume they are not biased have the worst bias. Those who admit that they, like everyone, have an agenda are more likely to make a fair assessment of the scene.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you don't have enough laughter flowing through your days (and really, who does?) this is the time to take off in search of it. You won't have to go far.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If there's something to think carefully through, then it's your schedule. How well does it really represent your priorities? Are you unfairly giving someone more of your time just because they demand the attention?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Share your work. When you show people what you're doing, you see it differently -- more through their eyes than yours. Also, you inspire others to take risks and go in new directions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You believe that people have good intentions, and it's usually better to extend the benefit of the doubt. Even if someone disappoints you, believing in people feels better than doubting them.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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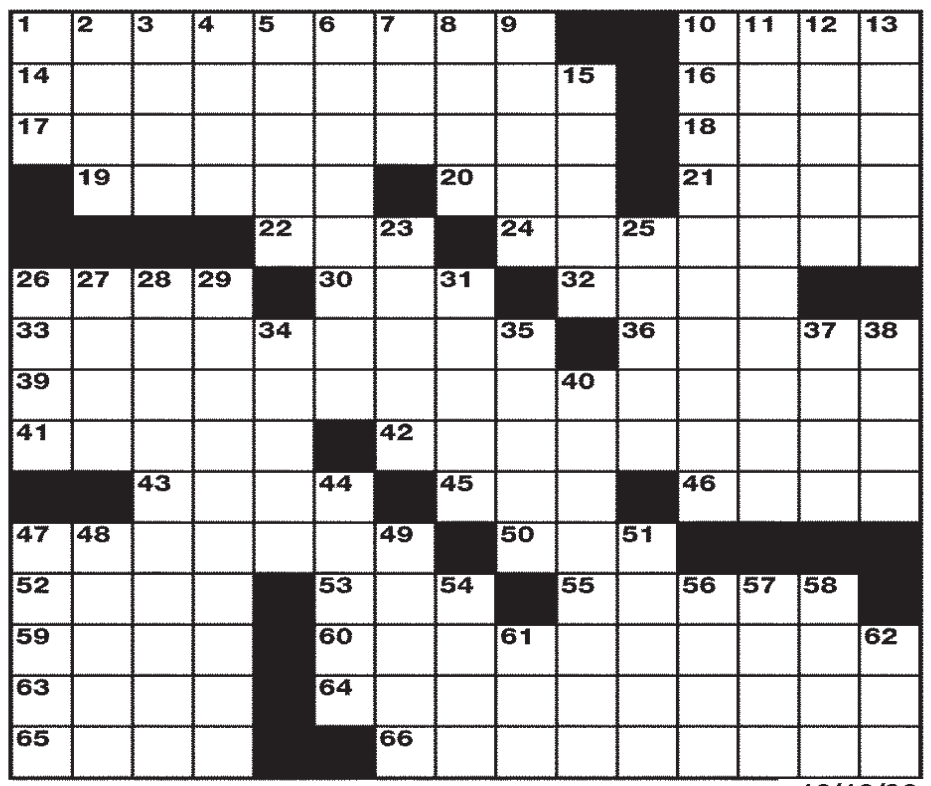
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ACROSS

1 Revolutionary, stationary group
10 Half a miscellaneous pair
14 Totaled
16 Comfortably
17 Land from the water
18 Safe spaces
19 Very slick
20 Toy type
21 Something taken at the office
22 Fairly dry
24 Guys set for life
26 *Chica, brevemente*
30 The latest thing
32 Suspended course
33 Swing shift?
36 Arborist's procedure
39 Mercenary
41 Upsize, say
42 Powerful brick
43 Where you could once see Montessori and Marconi
45 Pronoun in Hiroshima
46 Hockey Canada's industrial sponsor
47 Do over
50 Mama Bear, e.g.
52 He was mentored by Althea Gibson's coach
53 Shape of some Tesla coil light
55 Bryant preposition
59 Hurdle with logic games
60 Carnival crewperson
63 Excerpt
64 Hit on
65 Push hard
66 Yielding

DOWN

1 It had 300+ campus chapters in '69
2 Group "working to end speciesism"
3 Had a text exchange
4 "Impossible!"
5 Hand-made props
6 Take in
7 Archaeological fragment
8 Talk follower or preceder
9 Plasma minus clotting proteins
10 Ryder Cup contingent
11 Partners of pleated skirts
12 "Shoot!"
13 Burton's mom in *Roots*
15 He called Cubism "more difficult than painting"
23 Beast on King Tut's mask
25 Code meant not to be broken
26 Kool-Aid directive
27 Either of two in the Bluetooth logo
28 98-string instrument
29 Big name in 18th-century European history
31 Monitor
34 Negotiator of the first video-game royalty agreement (1993)
35 Many makers of 11 Down
37 They may be cleaning in motels
38 Word from the Latin for "recruit"
40 Capital not far from the Rockies
44 paperlesspost.com selection
47 First name on many an 1840s 48 Down
48 Written argument
49 Word on a Dumas first edition
51 Don't stay in one's lane
54 Point of a change's beginning
56 Offerer of "the firstlings of his flock"
57 Pulled (down)
58 Spectral array
61 Env ___ (Yale major)
62 Sneak successes: Abbr.



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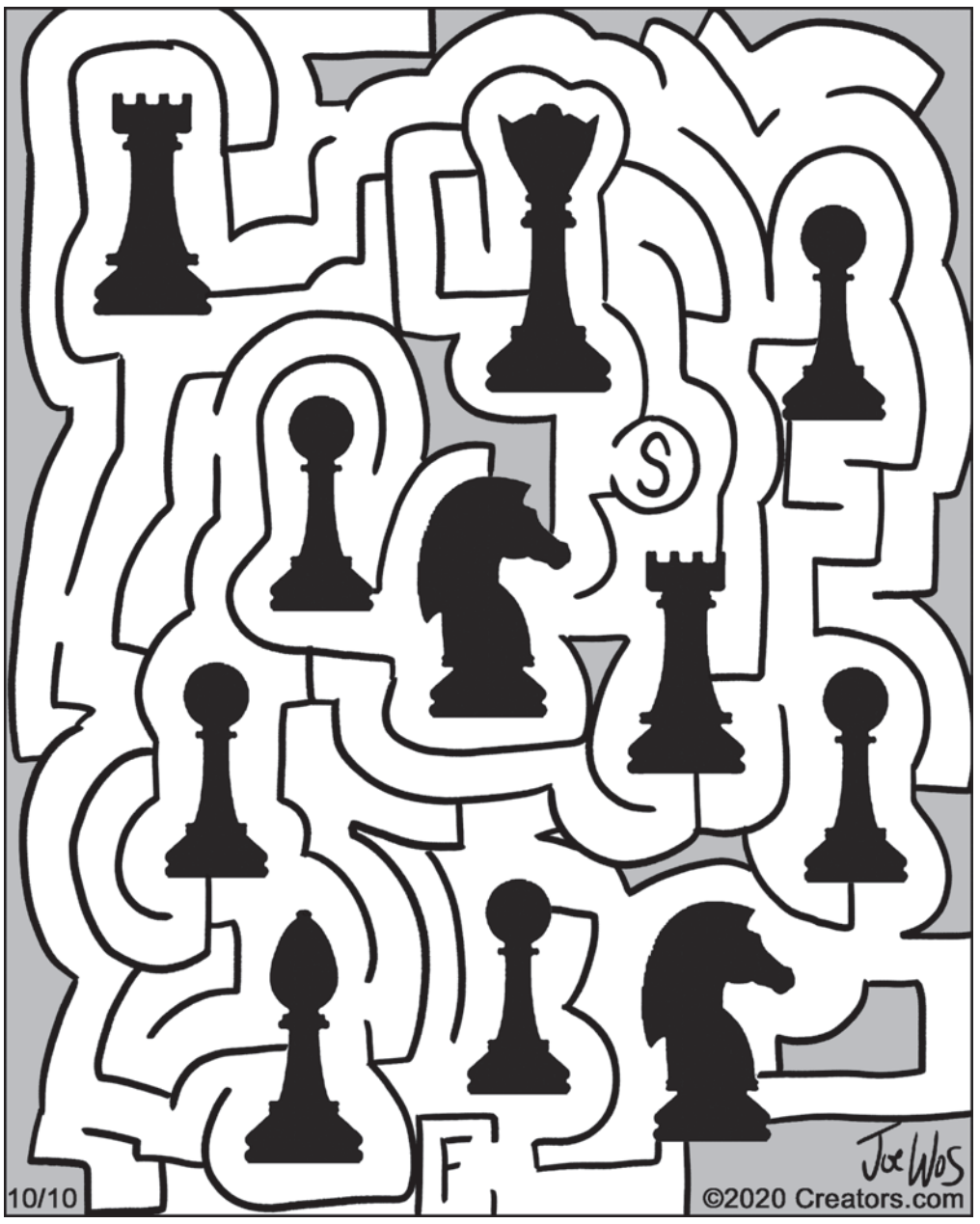
Binary Puzzle

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of, and recommendations regarding, the City's response to those events, including in particular the response by the SMPD, SMPD Chief, Interim City Manager, and City Council. The firm selected will be responsible for presenting the independent after action report and evaluation to the City Council, including answering questions regarding the report and evaluation at a public meeting of the City Council.

"OIR Group will complete the independent after action report and evaluation on an expedited timeline with the goal of having a final written report and evaluation within 180 days," said the statement. "The timeline can be extended if OIR Group determines that additional time is necessary for it to complete a thorough independent report and evaluation. The project contract will not exceed $75,000."

Regular updates on the progress of the after action report will be shared at santamonica.gov/May31afteraction.

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BALLOTS

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eye.

"There was a big bulk of mail and not just any mail but I noticed there were voting ballots," he said. "And I started digging through the mail and saw there were a few bank statements a few EDD envelopes as well and there was also some other spam mail, like magazines and those political postcards that they send."

He said at first he thought it was a prank of some kind but when he realized it was actual mail in the trash, he was confused. He said he's seen the discussions around mail safety in the national press but didn't expect to encounter the issue in Santa Monica.

Jimenez notified the Santa Monica Police Department and had a subsequent discussion with the USPS Inspection Service, the federal law enforcement and security department of the U.S. Postal Service.

Ricky Vida with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service said the service is unable to comment on the matter at this time.

However, his discovery didn't end there. Later that night, at about 10:30 p.m. he went into a different alley to dispose of delivery boxes from the day and found a second batch of mail, with ballots, in the recycling bin.

"I went to a recycling bin in front of the Jehovah's witness and their recycling center was on the sidewalk on Virginia Ave. so I threw my box in there and took my dog for a walk in the park but something inside of me told me to look inside because there was something else in there so I followed my gut feeling and I found a second batch of ballots in there."

Jimenez said the discovery has reinforced his plans to vote in person.

"I definitely won't be putting it in a drop box or by mail," he said.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Venice

YouthBuild Volunteers Maintain the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument

The Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument Committee thanks the volunteers of YouthBuild of Venice Community Housing, for resuming its regular, monthly maintenance of the VJAMM obelisk on the northwest corner of Venice and Lincoln Boulevards.

YouthBuild had temporarily suspended all activities in the spring and early summer of 2020 due to social distancing restrictions of the corona virus pandemic. In January, VCH YouthBuild staffers Orlando Nava and Tyquanique Jackson met YB volunteers Alexandria, Carmen, Kaylyn, Roberto, Steven, Aaron, Jorge, Sergio, and Keven. In June, VCH YouthBuild staffer Marisol Perez met YB volunteers Luis Rose, Nehemiah, and Coral. In July, VCH YouthBuild staffer Brandy Alonzo met YB volunteers Robert, Nehemiah, Luis Rose, Destiny Dex, Devin, Montavius, and Coral. In September, VCH YouthBuild staffer Orlando Nava met YB volunteers Kaylyn, Jose, Alexandria, Joseph, Geo, and Joey. The VJAMM Committee deeply appreciates the volunteers, who Windex the solid black granite VJAMM obelisk, and sweep up the accumulated debris from the sidewalks and curbs around the VJAMM.

VJAMM Committee member Phyllis Hayashibara asks the volunteers to read aloud to each other the VJAMM text on the front, the quotes on the west side, about Manzanar on the back, map side; and to acknowledge the many major donors who have made the VJAMM possible on the east side. She hopes this gives to the volunteers a sense of the VJAMM's historical context and current relevancy. In a moment of bittersweet poignancy, Phyllis noted that the inspiring and outspoken Arnold Maeda had recently passed away on September 10, 2020. His quote laments having to leave behind his beloved dog, Boy, as he readied for his forced removal from Santa Monica and incarceration in Manzanar at the age of fifteen. Of the five former Manzanar internees who provided quotes for the VJAMM, only Brian Maeda and Mae Kakehashi remain alive. Amy Ioki passed away on June 4, 2020; and Yosh Tomita passed away on January 19, 2017.

Thanks to a generous donation from Dr. Thomas Yoshikawa, the VJAMM Committee provided BBQ chicken bowl lunches from Rutt's Hawaiian Café for the volunteers in September, who arrived at the VJAMM at noon.

The VJAMM Committee dedicated the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument on April 27, 2017. The VJAMM commemorates the northwest corner of Venice and Lincoln Boulevards, where some 1,000 persons of Japanese ancestry forcibly removed from Venice, Santa Monica, and Malibu reported in April, 1942. They lined up with only what they could carry, and boarded buses to take them to what would become the War Relocation Camp at Manzanar, where they would be incarcerated in violation of their Constitutional rights to the writ of habeas corpus and due process, most for the duration of World War II.

Venice YouthBuild, a program of Venice Community Housing, provides education, job training and leadership development services to out-of-school and out-of-work youth, ages 18-24. Community service comprises an important part of the YouthBuild program.

Venice Community Housing, a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, celebrates thirty years of affordable housing and community development, and serves as the fiscal sponsor for the Venice Arts Council and the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument Committee.

For more information about the VJAMM, please visit www.venicjamm.org.

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