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VOTING: Two Vote Centers are open in Santa Monica. The National Typewriter Company center, pictured here, is located at 1666 Euclid St. The Santa Monica College center is located in the Corsair Gymnasium on 1900 Pico Blvd. Voters can drop off their ballot or safely vote in-person at any center. Centers will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day until Election Day when they will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Seventeen additional local Vote Centers will open on Friday Oct. 30.

Council to ban autonomous delivery vehicles

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica City Council is expected to institute a one-year moratorium on the operation of autonomous delivery vehicles on city sidewalks and other pedestrian pathways at their next meeting.

In August, a company called CyanRobotics deployed autonomous, electrified delivery vehicles on city sidewalks and pedestrian paths of travel. The company offered contactless delivery options from noon to 10 p.m. seven days a week to help residents receive everything from sunscreen to ice cream, according to the company's Instagram posts, which featured little, four-wheeled robots at popular Santa Monica sites like the pier and Palisades Park.

However, a recently released staff report said several members of the public complained that the devices obstructed sidewalks and created difficulties for people who had to navigate around the devices; and since the company did not apply for a business license prior to deploying its devices, staff sent the company a cease and desist letter, which forced the company to immediately stop all deployments in the city.

"Additionally, while only one company thus far has deployed the devices, staff immediately became concerned with the potential proliferation of devices on sidewalks deployed by multiple companies," the report reads. So, officials have sought to determine how current Municipal Code provisions could be enforced against companies who operate devices in a violative manner.

A review of the risks associated with operating autonomous delivery devices on sidewalks has also been undertaken and staff believes the operation of such devices without

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School fees lawsuit resumes with 334 reimbursement claims disputed by District

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

A court hearing today will reopen settlement proceedings for the lawsuit over alleged illegal school supply fees charged by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. The court needs to assign a new third party referee and decide on procedures for adjudicating the 334 school fee reimbursement claims disputed by the District.

Attorney Kevin Shenkman initiated the lawsuit in 2017 on behalf of parents Vivian Mahl and Gina de Baca, claiming that SMMUSD required families pay for field trips, uniforms, and school supplies in violation of the constitutional guarantee to a free education. On Aug. 8, 2019 the District reached a settlement and agreed to reimburse families' school fees.

The court granted preliminary settlement approval on Nov. 22 2019, but proceedings have subsequently

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Fast Food prohibition on Promenade heads to Council

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

With the prohibition on fast food restaurants in the Third Street Promenade set to expire in November, Santa Monica's Planning Commission has asked Council to permanently ban fast food restaurants in the Promenade but commissioners hope to revisit the ordinance, which was described as elitist, by next summer.

In November 2018, in order to ensure that the Promenade maintained its authentic characteristics, City Council adopted an urgency Interim Zoning

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM

SUBJECT: **Proposed Extension of Emergency Interim Zoning 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.

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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/gzgqubcz or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 3725032 #)

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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
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Your column here

By Emily Heard — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Sensory Art is The Way to One's Heart

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest and most prestigious award in Girl Scouting. Only 5.4% of eligible Girl Scouts successfully earn the Gold Award. Approximately one million Girl Scouts have earned the Gold Award since 1916. Any Girl Scout who has earned the Gold Award has reflected outstanding leadership and citizenship skills. It has inspired girls all around the world to find the greatness inside themselves.

My name is Emily Heard, and I am currently a senior at Saint Monica Catholic High School in Santa Monica. I have been a Girl Scout since I was in first grade. Once I graduate, I will have been a Girl Scout for 12 years. For my Gold Award, I have chosen the issue of empowering children with disabilities of varying types. Specifically, disabilities that leave children impaired in their ways of interacting with people and objects around them.

Over 100 million disabled people are children. I have noticed that children with disabilities do not get as much assistance as ones who do not have a disability. I have an 8-year-old cousin who has down syndrome and he has inspired and motivated me to do this project to help other children with disabilities. I selected this project because I love working with children and I wanted to give all children a chance to have fun in an environment made for them.

Since the beginning, my goal has been to create a safe and accommodating environment for all children, no matter the disability. I wanted it to be a place where they could go to calm down and unwind. After a lot of thought and consideration I finally came up with the idea of creating an art/sensory room for children with disabilities. I then found a facility called Wayfinder Services which is located in Windsor Hills, California.

Wayfinder Services has been helping children and adults with special needs since 1953. Their mission is to ensure that children, youth, and adults facing challenges always have a place to turn to. So, what my project entailed was me going in and cleaning out the room. Then I noticed that it was extremely dull and boring and that I needed to find a way to make it a happier and inviting environment. I could tell that the room had not been painted in a while, so I decided to give it a fresh new coat of paint. I picked a light blue in hopes that it would brighten it up and it did!

From there I have spent countless hours on numerous projects. I spent my entire summer refurbishing a table, four chairs, recycling wine crates to create a storage unit, putting -together 120 activity kits for the children, creating a sensory wall/walkway, collecting donated art materials, creating an interactive ABC and braille board, and many other sensory items.

Another important aspect of my project was bringing awareness to other children about disabilities. I know that children with disabilities are at an increased risk of being bullied. I wanted other children to understand that children with disabilities need the same love, care, and attention as children without disabilities. I wanted to make it clear that just because other children are genetically impaired it does not give them the right to treat them differently. To explain the topic of disabilities I created pamphlets and talked about the different types of disabilities through zoom to three different Girl Scout troops in the Marina Del Rey, Santa Monica, and the Pacific Palisades area, all of different age levels. I hope that by doing this project and putting it out there that many others will treat children with disabilities with empathy and kindness!

Emily Heard is a Girl Scout

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 27 CALLS ON OCT. 25

EMS 400blk Expo Line 1:09 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 2:57 a.m.
EMS 1100blk Pico Blvd 4:21 a.m.
EMS 4th St / Broadway 6:07 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 9th St 7:13 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Wilshire Blvd 8:49 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 25th St 10:56 a.m.
EMS 1800blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:16 p.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 Ocean Ave / California Ave 12:50 p.m.
EMS 700blk Strand St 3:01 p.m.
EMS 200blk 25th St 3:42 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Main St 3:49 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:59 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 10th St 4:06 p.m.
EMS 300blk Olympic Dr 5:03 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 5:48 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk 6th St 5:49 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 7:19 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1900blk 6th St 7:24 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 11th St 7:28 p.m.
EMS 800blk 20th St 7:35 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire Lincoln Blvd / Interstate 10 7:42 p.m.
EMS 2300blk Wilshire Blvd 7:44 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2400blk Montana Ave 8:24 p.m.
Electrical Fire - No Fire Visible 800blk Washington Ave 8:28 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Colorado Ave 8:54 p.m.
EMS 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 9:38 p.m.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 227 CALLS ON OCT. 25

Battery Now Main St / Hollister Ave 12:22 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1300blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:25 a.m.
Lewd Activity 1400blk Broadway 1:19 a.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 1600blk Ocean Park Blvd 3:01 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1000blk Montana Ave 3:45 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 800blk Wilshire Blvd 4:28 a.m.
Burglary Just Occurred 2200blk Main St 5:00 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 800blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:38 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2000blk Ocean Ave 6:00 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1300blk Oak St 7:18 a.m.
Found Property 1200blk Euclid St 7:22 a.m.
Fraud Report 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 8:05 a.m.
Found Property 1400blk Olympic Blvd 8:13 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2300blk 4th St 8:55 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 3200blk Donald Douglas Loop S 8:55 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 500blk Wilshire Blvd 9:00 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 700blk Ozone St 9:18 a.m.
Construction Noise 800blk 18th St 9:48 a.m.
Construction Noise 1000blk Pacific St 9:56 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 2800blk 4th St 10:03 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 400blk Pico Blvd 10:50 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500blk 16th St 11:06 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1600blk Franklin St 11:14 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 200blk 4th St 11:31 a.m.
Injured Person 930blk The Beach 11:45 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 3000blk 17th St 11:48 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 300blk Montana Ave 12:03 p.m.
Encampment 1700blk The Beach 12:22 p.m.
Battery Now 300blk Santa Monica Pier 12:27 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 12:50 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1000blk Wilshire Blvd 1:00 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 1:38 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 2:23 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2900blk 16th St 2:52 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 1800blk Wilshire Blvd 2:54 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 3:00 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 1900blk Wilshire Blvd 3:05 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 200blk Bicknell Ave 3:08 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 3:23 p.m.
Person With A Gun 3100blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:30 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 26th St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:30 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 200blk Santa Monica Pl 3:59 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 500blk 10th St 4:00 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1600blk 14th St 4:03 p.m.
Battery Now 2100blk Lincoln Blvd 4:07 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Now 2100blk Lincoln Blvd 4:08 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2800blk Kansas Ave 4:14 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 500blk Wilshire Blvd 5:00 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 1500blk The Beach 5:10 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery Report 4th St / Colorado Ave 5:13 p.m.
Burglary Report 500blk Montana Ave 5:18 p.m.
Encampment 200blk Palisades Ave 5:22 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 5:24 p.m.
Encampment 1200blk Euclid St 5:24 p.m.
Encampment 1000blk Palisades Park 5:31 p.m.
Encampment 2200blk 27th St 6:18 p.m.
Burglary Report 400blk 10th St 6:39 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 500blk Wilshire Blvd 8:12 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 600blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:28 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 100blk Hollister Ave 8:52 p.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 1300blk Stanford St 8:53 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1500blk 5th St 10:05 p.m.
Fight 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 10:40 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle 2200blk Dewey St 10:56 p.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 4th St / Interstate 10 11:11 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 200blk Santa Monica Pier 11:15 p.m.

CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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 OCTOBER 14, AT 11 P.M.

SMPD officers were dispatched to the 2000 block of Ocean Ave near Crescent Bay Park for a report of approximately 10 individuals engaged in a physical altercation with sticks. Additional dispatched information included a report of a male striking parked vehicles with a stick. Due to the large number of potential suspects, multiple officers responded to the scene. Multiple victims and witnesses approached officers and provided statements indicating that one individual with a metal pole had assaulted a bystander and vandalized several parked cars. Officers detained Javier Hernandez-Osorio who was subsequently placed under arrest for 245 (a)(1) PC – Assault with a Deadly Weapon and 594 (b)(1)PC - Vandalism.

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 an amendment to the Development Agreement for Saint Monica Catholic Community**
ADDRESS: 1140 7th Street, 715 California Avenue, and 1030 Lincoln Boulevard
APPLICANT: Tom Zanic
PROPERTY OWNER: Archdiocese of Los Angeles Education and Welfare Corporation and The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce for first reading an ordinance to amend and restate the Saint Monica Catholic Community Development Agreement (18ENT-0347). The proposed amendments would eliminate the development agreement's public benefit to provide the overnight neighborhood use of 15 parking spaces located at the off-site parking lot at 1140 7th Street. The development agreement was originally approved by City Council in 2010 and the proposed amendment would not result in any additional construction or development on the Saint Monica Campus.

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Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: Saint Monica Catholic Community Development Agreement

MORE INFORMATION
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Your column here

By Lieutenant Joseph A Cortez

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SMPD preparing for Election night

The Santa Monica Police Department places the highest priority on public safety and understands there may be concerns about the possibility of any kind of disruption during the week of our national elections. Currently, we have no intelligence to indicate Santa Monica will be a place of unrest. However, we also know that things can change rapidly and are actively monitoring the situation.

Over the last several weeks, the Santa Monica Police Department has been working with our local and regional partners in preparation for any unrest surrounding the election. Additionally, the City of Santa Monica and Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) have plans in place that include a robust staffing model and have coordinated with the Office of Emergency Management to have an activation plan for the entire City. The police department will be working closely with our city partners throughout the next few weeks to ensure we provide the highest level of public safety.

There are very strict guidelines when in terms of police presence at polling locations. The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department will be working with the LA County Registrar's Office to handle security issues at ballot boxes and polling locations. It is our job to support the process and ensure everyone participates without consternation about our voting system.

Beginning October 30, the community will see an elevated police presence throughout the city. Our visibility should not cause alarm and is dedicated to swiftly intercede with any type of criminal activity. We have received questions about reinforcing storefronts. As a Police Department, we cannot tell business what to do when it comes to boarding up. However, we understand the need to feel secure and we respect your decisions on how to handle your day to day operations. If you choose to board up your business or want to have the materials ready to do so, we support you. If things change, we will be working with our city partners and media outlets to get the word out as quickly as possible. To stay informed with the latest information, we strongly urge you to register for the City emergency alert system, email outreach, and/or follow the City's official social media channels.

If you have any information you feel is useful to the Santa Monica Police Department, please contact us at police.intelligence@smgov.net. We are actively monitoring and carefully vetting all information we receive.

Submitted by Lieutenant Joseph A. Cortez

DELIVERY

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an adequate regulatory framework poses a risk to local pedestrians, bicyclists, scooter users, and drivers. Robots delivering goods and groceries also threaten to clutter sidewalks and crossings, which could place an undue burden on City enforcement services. As a result, the report states, "the City maintains a compelling interest in protecting the public by temporarily prohibiting the deployment and operation of these devices on sidewalks and pedestrian paths of travel."

But the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and a current priority to maintain a clean and safe city has led staff to believe a one-year moratorium on the deployment of autonomous vehicles is the best action for the present.

The subject will continue to be studied and regulations could come back earlier if there is capacity or new information, according to the report.

OTHER COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

When councilmembers meet Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom, they are also expected to discuss existing litigation relating to the CVRA case that will soon be taken up by the California Supreme Court. City Manager Lane Dilg will also provide an update on the city's economic recovery efforts, according to the agenda, which be accessed online at bit.ly/3mCsNJV.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Education Is The Answer To Reducing Domestic Violence

It's almost over, just a few more days and we can forget about it for another 11months. Yep, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is coming to an end and with that, for most people the topic will fade into the background. Occasionally it will make a front page headline when some celebrity is either killed by a lover, or kills a lover, but for the most part the topic is just not your idle chatter.

For those of us that work in the industry, whether on the victim side as a service provider like Valley Oasis in Lancaster or Haven Hills in Canoga Park, or on the legal side where I'm headed to court to either defend a perpetrator or help a victim, it's a daily topic. We look at the causes of it, ways to reduce it, how to help people heal from it and then we get burned out on it.

Caregiver burnout is a huge issue that is often overlooked in the world. Whether it's as a social worker who has a huge caseload of needy victims that are trying to rebuild their lives, or an administrator who is constantly battling for resources from government budgets and grant, the constant stress of trying to help wears people down. I see it in the caseworkers who take on a single response to their cases and see the world in a victim/perpetrator way and then make grand pronouncements about the sources and causes of domestic violence.

I know this caregiver burnout well, because I battle it in my life. As a divorce lawyer who fights for fathers where the system appears to be set up to protect victims and prosecute perpetrators, it becomes easy to start seeing everyone as one or the other. But the truth is that it rarely is that simple. Family dynamics, family histories, temporary situations and biochemical imbalances, along with hidden agendas, all come in to play when we start to unpack the family. I've spent years seeing the worst in people, on both sides of the case, and in both sides of the courtroom frankly.

Many a divorce lawyer doesn't help the family towards a "conscious uncoupling" as one famous couple put it. Oftentimes the lawyers can increase the rancor, either consciously or unconsciously, based on their own responses to the situation and their motivations for "winning" and for being paid. I wish I had a $100 for every "pitbull" lawyer I had to fight in court over things that I knew they were doing solely to increase their fees – I'd have a vacation home somewhere!

The fact that there is so much anger and hurt, rancor and recrimination around the topic of domestic violence is what often prevents us from finding solutions and preventing it. As we take sides and become dug in to our foxholes, in order to survive the battles, we lose sight of the intrinsic humanity of the other side. It happens in war, it happens in litigation and it certainly happens in domestic violence – but it's not helpful.

We can make progress in reducing the incidence of domestic violence – the laudable but unrealistic goal of putting an end to it forever makes for a great fundraising campaign but sets us up for false expectations. Rather than try to eliminate something that is so intrinsic to our human nature, we would be better off if we could accept that the causes of it are multifaceted and educate people on its negative impact on themselves and their children. I firmly believe that education and compassion will be the long term keys to reducing the rate of domestic violence.

I don't believe we will ever rid our society of domestic violence, and the fact that no society on earth, throughout history, has ever done will leads me to believe that I am correct. Some societies do better than others in reducing the rate of domestic violence, and we can learn from them, but no society has ever eliminated it. I think that education and compassion are the keys because in my own experience of 20 years in the trenches, when I was most burned out, as I learned more, and found new sources of compassion, my burnout lessened, which taught me that there is a way out.

So while this is the end of this year's Domestic Violence Awareness month, hopefully I've taught someone, something, that helps them stop, prevent or manage the domestic violence in their life.

I'll be back again next October with new insights on domestic violence awareness.

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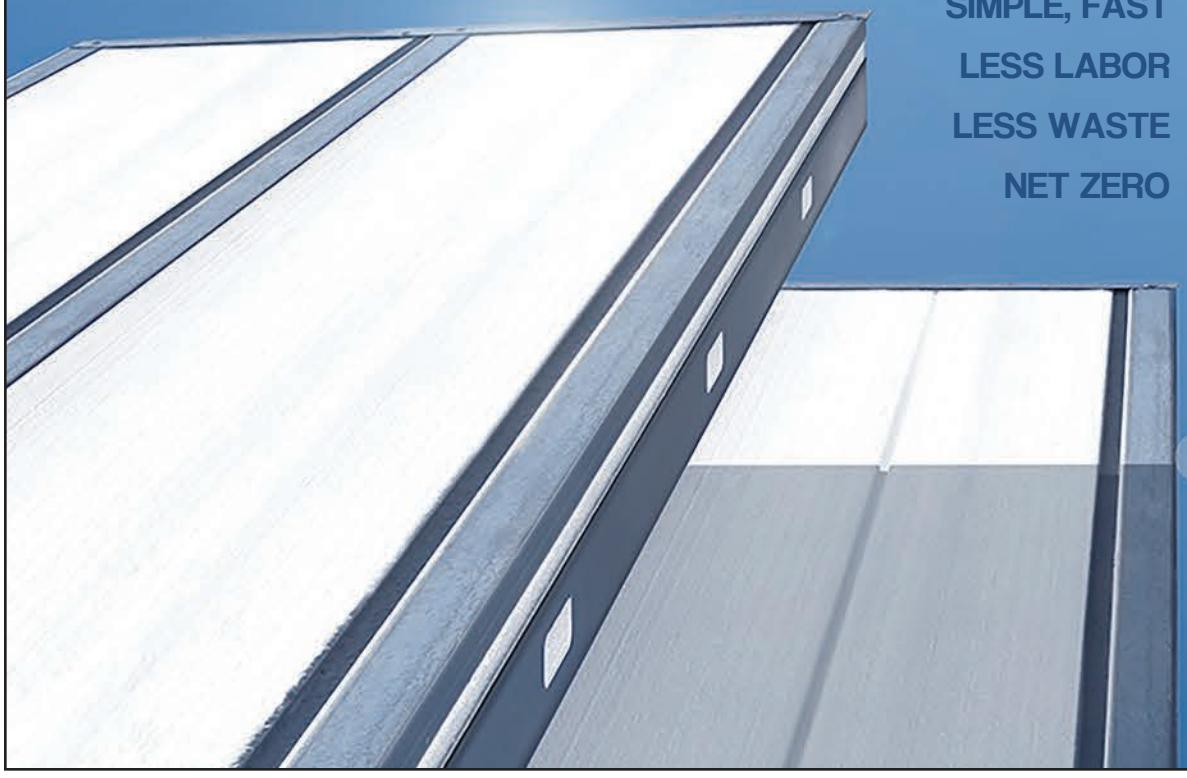


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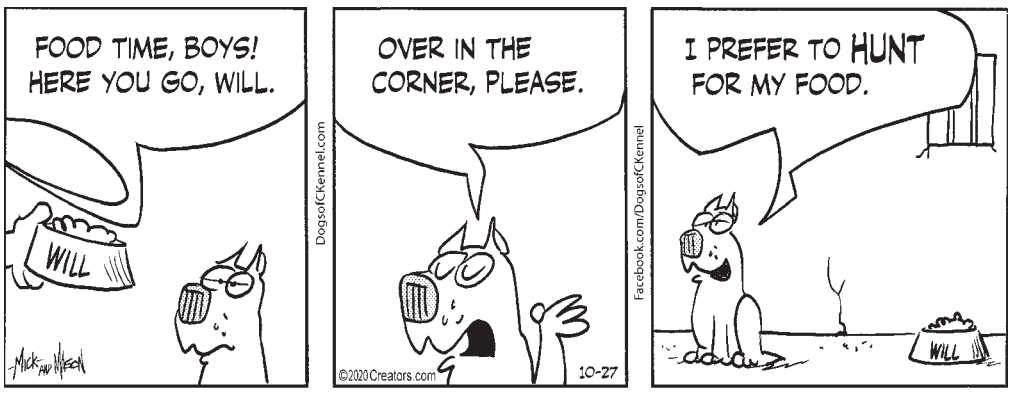
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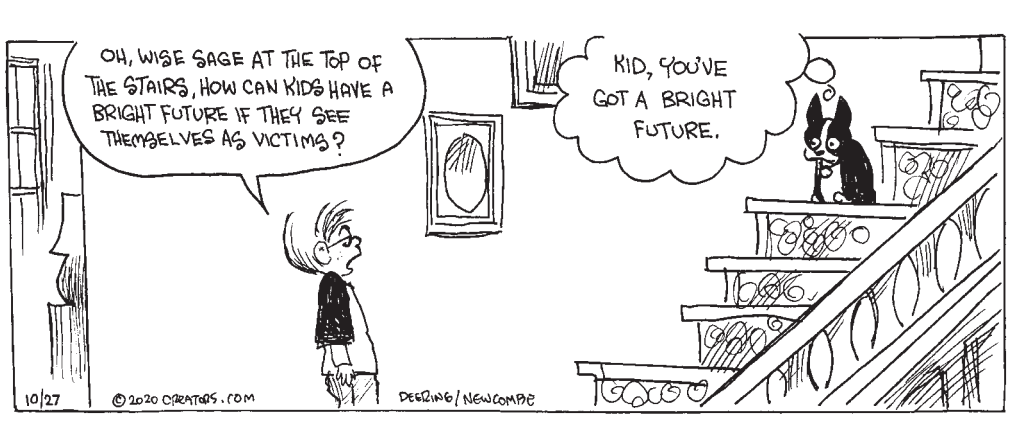
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WATER TEMP: 64.8°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Small SSW swell and deep high tide around 8am. Points struggle in the earlier AM, more rideable later AM and PM. Clean/glassy early, light crumble/bump PM. Best for big boards.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Small SSW swell and deep high tide around 8:30am. Points struggle in the earlier AM, more rideable later AM and PM. Clean/glassy early, light crumble/bump PM. Best for big boards.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 71.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 67.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 72.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/10/27	Tue	01:39 AM	0.41	L
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2020/10/27	Tue	2:08 PM	1.41	L
2020/10/27	Tue	7:58 PM	4.77	H
2020/10/28	Wed	02:08 AM	0.62	L
2020/10/28	Wed	08:27 AM	5.25	H
2020/10/28	Wed	2:39 PM	1.01	L
2020/10/28	Wed	8:35 PM	4.71	H
2020/10/29	Thu	02:32 AM	0.87	L
2020/10/29	Thu	08:47 AM	5.43	H
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2020/10/29	Thu	9:10 PM	4.58	H
2020/10/30	Fri	02:54 AM	1.14	L
2020/10/30	Fri	09:06 AM	5.58	H
2020/10/30	Fri	3:38 PM	0.41	L
2020/10/30	Fri	9:44 PM	4.40	H
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2020/10/31	Sat	09:27 AM	5.69	H
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Draw Date:10/24
18 20 27 45 65
Power#: 6
Jackpot:116 M

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Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 109 M

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Draw Date: 10/24
8 20 22 34 35
Mega#: 3
Jackpot:21 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/25
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Draw Date: 10/26
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Draw Date: 10/25
Evening: 8 0 9

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 10/25
1st:06-WHIRL WIN
2nd: 02-LUCKY STAR
3rd: 05-CALIFORNIA CLASSIC
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So much more is possible than before, and opportunities crop up all around you. You can take next month's exciting outcome as a sign to stay that path. This early success is only the first nugget in a bag of gold. Keep it all rolling by making sure you have helpful partners and a system of accountability and support. Cancer and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 33, 10, 28 and 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Associative memories will play a role in today's decision-making process, although not all of the memories are vivid, many being as faint as ghosts and yet still powerfully influential.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Wherever you go, you cultivate a sense of belonging meant for everyone around you, not just the few you know or the few that are similar to you. In this way, you are a light in the world.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). No state of being is intrinsically better than another, though you have your preferences. You wouldn't willingly choose to be inconvenienced or uncomfortable, though what you gain will make the trouble worthwhile.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You probably don't realize how important it is that you show up. You are bringing something of value to the table, though because it is also integral to who you are, you don't experience it as anything out of the ordinary.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You set out knowing what you want at the end of the journey. Getting that specific prize will not, in the end, be very important. It's the hope of a prize that opens the world, not the prize itself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your social network is as unique a possession as can be. Sharing it will help you see this much more clearly and will inspire you to continue cultivating new connections.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Everyone you come into contact with is living a vividly complex life, though some are more inclined to give you a peek into it than others. You're lucky today because you do not assume to know anything about other people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Keep track of those strange details that don't readily fit. Things that seem unrelated on the surface, you'll find, are quite related indeed if you dig but a little deeper into the matter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Some are afraid that putting together a bucket list will cause too much focus on their own demise when the opposite effect will occur. Living gets more exciting. The longer the list, the more life it represents.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). No two relationships are the same, so there's no single approach to relationship success. However, today, your way of learning about others before you decide where to take things will work beautifully and universally.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). We all have feelings that we're not sure how to or whether to express; you're not alone in that. What does set you apart today is your exquisite instinct and follow-through in this regard.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't need to know everything about a person to make a relationship work, but do try to find out a little more about where the other person is coming from. That will make today's interaction much smoother.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

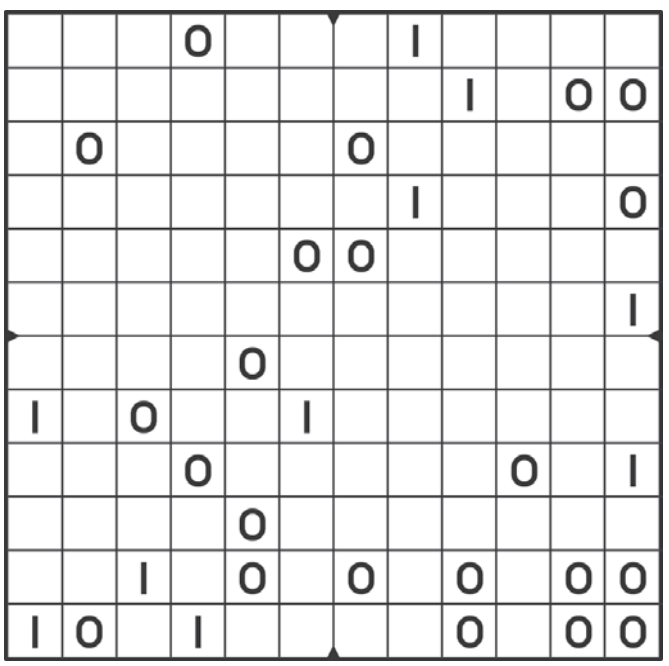


Sudoku

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

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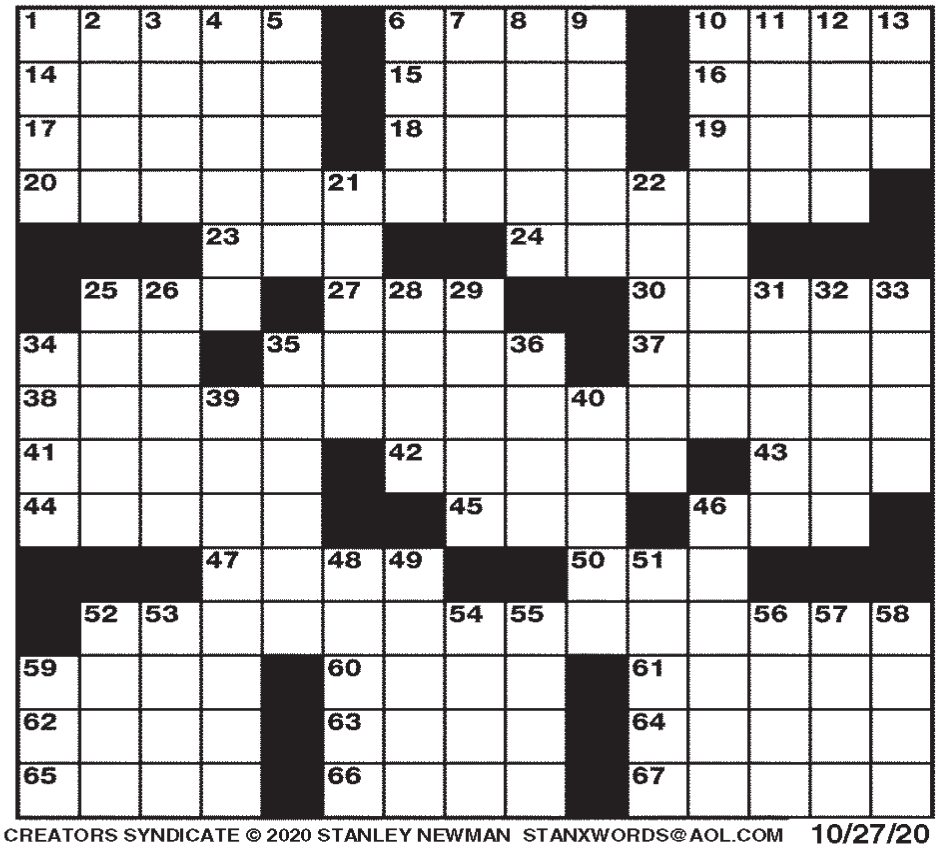


Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Rock source of petroleum
6 Chooses, with "for"
10 Tiny amount
14 Piece of a flower
15 Map out
16 Stuck-up person
17 Love, in Italy
18 Coin in Italy
19 Beasts in a sty
20 Green-to-red BLT ingredient
23 "Dear old" father
24 Point of a constellation
25 In the past
27 Attorney's expertise
30 Vapor from a radiator
34 Petroleum measure: Abbr.
35 The Lone Star State
37 Large crowd
38 Green-to-yellow foliage
41 __ days (time long past)
42 War horse
43 Plop down on a chair
44 Actress Close
45 Pampering place
46 What a spider spins
47 Shape of a hockey puck
50 Athlete who's paid
52 Blue-to-red horizon
59 Not worth debating
60 Memo header
61 "Same here"
62 "If it __ broke . . ."
63 Where a ship docks
64 Netherlands' floral symbol
65 "Not guilty," for example
66 Con game
67 Cancels an editorial deletion

DOWN
1 Practice for a bout
2 "Half" prefix for sphere
3 Perched on
4 35 Across city on the Rio Grande
5 Justice Kagan
6 "__ sesame!"
7 End of a power cord
8 Little pies
9 Nose, informally
10 Belongs to, as a club
11 "You have my word __"
12 Diner take-out order
13 Belly muscles
21 Just hangs around
22 Pulverized, as potatoes
25 Rings __ (sounds familiar)
26 Forest clearing
28 Planet's line of rotation
29 Would like to have
31 Remove a pencil mark
32 Stray from the script
33 Thaw
34 Online diary
35 Game played at Wimbledon
36 Rung of a ladder
39 Long-running feud
40 Falling-apart cars
46 Triumphed in the end
48 Doesn't attend
49 Skeptical person
51 Corrodes, as iron
52 Work hard
53 Sharpen, as skills
54 General vicinity
55 School semester
56 Reduced-price event
57 Radiate, as rays
58 Helpful hints
59 Page in an atlas



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Binary Puzzle

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

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PROHIBITION

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Ordinance to prevent the proliferation of fast food restaurants on the Promenade. The ordinance defined a fast-food restaurant as a place where orders are taken at a walk-up window, counter or machine; payment is completed prior to food consumption; and food is served with disposable, one-time, or limited-use wrapping, containers, or utensils; and also banned restaurants and cafes that have more than 100 domestic locations.

"Two weeks ago, the Planning Commission adopted a resolution of intention to consider these amendments, and the emergency IZO is set to expire on November 26 of 2020 with no further extensions possible," Principal Planner Tony Kim said during last week's Planning Commission meeting, when he detailed how the recently passed amendments would make the prohibition on fast food uses on the Promenade permanent.

Staff believes the proposed amendments would help promote a unique and diverse promenade experience that promotes locally-based, independent restaurants, according to Kim. However, Commissioner Leslie Lambert disagreed.

"I absolutely hate this. I think it is elitist and (shows) the Promenade is too special and we're too special to have a Taco Bell on the Promenade. I am so offended by this I can barely even talk about it," Lambert said. "And what it does is limit the eating options to people who can afford the sushi restaurants on the Promenade. And we have lots of tourists and residents who can't afford those restaurants."

Lambert added she doesn't believe a ban on fast-food restaurants will lower rents and allow small businesses to move in.

"It's absolutely delusional," she said. "I mean, Downtown Santa Monica is probably one of the most costly real estate markets in West L.A. and it's going to stay that way with or without fast-food."

Lambert liked Commissioner Raskin's proposal, which sought to allow some discretion in what businesses would be accepted because Santa Monica could have a diversity of options available downtown.

Planning Commission Chair Shawn Landres said he shared the concerns of equity — and after some back-and-forth, commissioners agreed there may be better and more equitable ways to accomplish the city's goals.

But with the emergency interim ordinance set to expire in less than a month, Mario Fonda-Bonardi motioned for the group to stay the course with staff's recommendation and revisit the matter in six months with Downtown Santa Monica Inc., officials when there is a little more clarity about the consequences that COVID has had on local businesses. "I think this is a sufficient and not necessarily harmful thing to do at this time," Fonda-Bonardi said.

Lambert agreed to support the motion as long as there is a commitment from commissioners to come back six months and discuss Raskin's CUP proposal in more detail.

"A lot can happen over the next six months in the middle of an economically volatile situation," Landres said as he detailed his reasons for supporting the motion. "I think we need to put all of those (options) on the table, and then make the right recommendation based on full-throated input from DTSM and other stakeholders in the area, so that's why I'll be supporting the substitute motion."

Commissioners would vote 4-2 to take staff's recommendation to City Council during a meeting in Late December. Commissioner Ellis Raskin and Jim Ries voted no because they believed it best to immediately address the matter.

"For the next six months, restaurants are not going to be operating as business-as-usual," Raskin said. "And I think that at this time, we should err on the side of providing more flexibility for business rather than less."

Landres said, "I'm supporting the substitute motion precisely for the first half of what Commissioner Raskin just said, which is that I think we need to be providing certainty."

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LAWSUIT

FROM PAGE 1

been delayed by the 334 reimbursement claims disputed by the District, the COVID-19 pandemic and the resignation of the referee set to adjudicate claim disputes.

The District received 626 claims totaling $1,632,424. The highest claim was for $552,257 submitted by Malibu resident and Equinox Co-founder, Danny Errico and his wife Vera. They are seeking reimbursement for private school tuition, a privatized home school program, private tutoring, college admission counseling and a helicopter, according to SMMUSD's Community & Public Relations Officer Gail Pinkser. The second highest claim was $15,535 submitted by Soyoung Jung for violins and accessories, followed by $14,818 submitted by Denise Griffis and $12,691 submitted by Corlene Flanagan.

"It is clear that in roughly half of the filings submitted to the district there is a case to be made that an impermissible fee was charged," said SMMUSD Superintendent Ben Drati. "However, it is also clear that the plaintiff's counsel encouraged parents to submit wildly exaggerated and disingenuous forms to justify his own personal fees. These disputed claims will be examined, but it is obvious that the most outlandish, including one for more than $500,000, are not grounded in reality."

Shenkman said the vast majority of submitted claims, including those of $5,000 and higher, are accurate reflections of school fees paid by parents for things like field trips and cheerleading supplies.

"We've gone through about 50 of those claim disputes so far and most of them are just baffling to me. There is absolutely no basis to challenge those claims and I tend to think that this is just kind of a last ditch effort to delay things," said Shenkman. "The reason you settle a case is to settle it and move on not to continue occurring legal fees, because that's what is in the financial best interest of the school district and that's what is in the best interest of all of these kids."

The District's counsel alleges that the large number of disputed claims is due to a misunderstanding in what reimbursement families are entitled to.

In addition to selecting a new referee and claim dispute resolution procedure there are two additional outstanding issues up for discussion. There is a disagreement over whether a $3,721 claim that was postmarked, but not received, by end of the claim period is valid and the two parties have calculated different claim totals as the District does not count the Errico's $552,257 claim in its total.

Shenkman is also representing Maria Loya against the City of Santa Monica in a voting rights case that has now made its way to the California Supreme Court. Loya is the wife of SMMUSD Boardmember Oscar de la Torre.

TOP 10 CLAIMS:

$552,257, Vera & Danny Errico
$15,535, Soyoung Jung
$14,818, Denise Griffis
$12,691, Corlene Flanagan
$12,400, Patricia Zarwanitzer
$12,542, Jeannie Lin
$12,070, Sally Moore
$11,650, Rodica Marinescu
$10,500, Vickie Dyson
$10,222, Julia Meng

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