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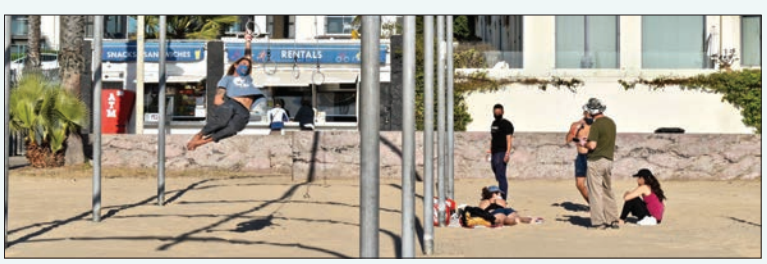


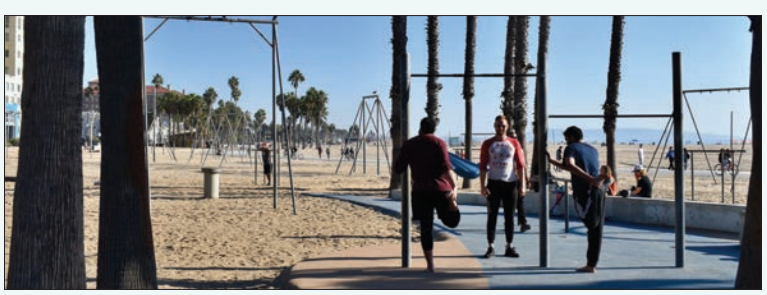




Clara Harter

OPEN: **After several months of closure Muscle Beach has officially reopened in Santa Monica. The County cleared it for reopening this week in line with the same requirements as playgrounds. People are required to wear a mask at all times they are in the park. In addition, visits are limited to thirty minutes if others are using the equipment, eating and drinking is not allowed, and people must remain six feet away from non household members.**





Council extends parking and alcohol exemptions through 2022

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Relaxed regulations in the Third Street Promenade, Santa Monica Pier and other commercial zones have been extended by City Councilmembers until the end of 2022 in an attempt to bolster the economic recovery of local businesses.

In May, Council adopted two Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinances, which established temporary rules that sought to make it easier for businesses to adapt to the changing world of COVID.

Specifically, the ordinances tried to foster nightlife and entertainment in the shopping district by allowing restaurants in commercial areas other than the Promenade to serve alcohol from 8 a.m. to 12 a.m. each day, rather than just on Fridays and Saturdays. The emergency ordinance also allowed restaurants to generate half of their gross revenue from alcohol sales — the state's legal limit — and extended a coronavirus era rule that allows restaurants to offer alcoholic drinks

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City Council wants equity in potential school separation debate

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City Council is the latest party to enter the renewed debate over Malibu's desired school district separation, voting unanimously on Nov. 10 to submit a letter to the L.A. County Office of Education supporting SMMUSD's side of the debate.

The Malibu City Council voted in October to exit negotiations with the Santa-Monica Unified School District and bring its petition for district separation to LACOE. This move upset the District and triggered an argumentative letter exchange between Malibu and SMMUSD over what constitutes a just separation.

Now Santa Monica City Council will toss its hat in the ring and send a letter to LACOE requesting that a fair division of assets and resources and the preservation of student diversity be included in any separation agreement.

"I've always been really proud of our unified school district and that it provides equitable and fair opportunity for students in both

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Incumbents ready for life after council

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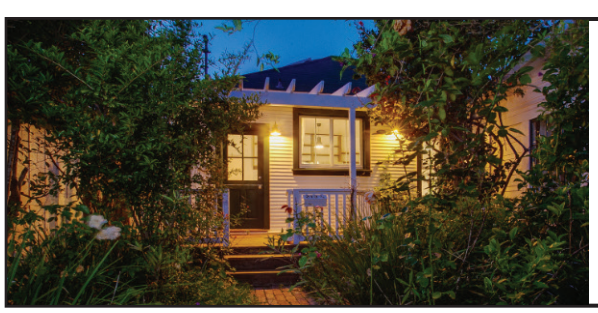
Santa Monica will have three new City Councilmembers this December when the results of the recent election are certified. And while winners like Christine Parra celebrate, outgoing representatives wished to thank the community one last time before they head out to service the community as civilians.

"Ballots are still being counted, but it appears our campaign fell narrowly short," current councilmember Terry O'Day said in an email this week.

Phil Brock leads the pack while Gleam Davis and Parra are battling it out for second. Oscar de la Torre has secured the fourth seat. Councilmembers Ted Winterer and Ana Maria Jara find themselves in fifth and sixth with 15,764 and 14,947 votes.

O'Day said Biden's win at the top of the ticket is a salve for the nation, "and these local results...

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Fever, symptom screening misses many coronavirus cases

MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

Temperature and COVID-19 symptom checks like the ones used at schools and doctor's offices have again proved inadequate for spotting coronavirus infections and preventing outbreaks.

A study of Marine recruits found that despite these measures and strict quarantines before they started training, the recruits spread the virus to others even though hardly any of them had symptoms. None of the infections were caught through symptom screening.

The study, published Wednesday in the New England Journal of Medicine, has implications for colleges, prisons, meatpacking plants and other places that rely on this sort of screening to detect infections and prevent outbreaks.

"We spent a lot of time putting measures like that in place and they're probably not worth the time as we had hoped," said Jodie Guest, a public health researcher at Atlanta's Emory University who had no role in the research.

"Routine testing seems to be better in this age group" because younger adults often have no symptoms, she said.

The study was led by researchers from the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York and the Naval Medical Research Center.

It involved 1,848 Marine recruits, about 90% of them men, who were told to isolate themselves for two weeks at home, then in a supervised military quarantine at a closed college campus, The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, for two more weeks. That included having a single roommate, wearing masks, keeping at least 6 feet apart and doing most training outdoors. They also had daily fever and symptom checks.

The recruits were tested for coronavirus when they arrived for the military quarantine and 7 and 14 days afterward. Sixteen, or about 1%, tested positive on arrival and only one had any symptoms. Another 35 -- an additional 2% -- tested positive during the two-week military quarantine and only four had symptoms.

Only recruits who tested negative at the end of both quarantine periods were allowed to go on to Parris Island for basic training.

Genetic testing revealed six separate clusters of cases among the recruits.

"A lot of the infection that occurs, we don't even realize it is occurring," said one study leader, Navy Cmdr. Andrew Letizia, a doctor at the Naval Medical Research Center.

The quarantine measures and adherence to them were far more strict than what would occur at a typical college campus, said another study leader, Mount Sinai's Dr. Stuart Sealfon.

"This is a really infectious virus. You really need to use a combination of good public health measures, temperature checks, mask wearing, social distancing, hand washing ... and comprehensive testing" to prevent spread, he said.

Previously, federal officials said a screening project to check temperatures and symptoms at U.S. airports caught fewer than 15 cases out of 675,000 travelers. It's not known how many cases were missed, just that very few were detected.

A separate study published Wednesday in the New England journal reports on an outbreak last spring on the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt. Among the crew of 4,779, mostly young people, 1,271 became infected; 77% did not show symptoms when diagnosed and 55% never developed any.

The case shows that "young, healthy persons can contribute to community spread of infection, often silently," Dr. Nelson Michael of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research wrote in a commentary.

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Future of business travel unclear as virus upends work life

DEE-ANN DURBIN AND DAVID KOENIG
AP Business Writers

Brian Contreras represents the worst fears of the lucrative business travel industry.

A partner account executive at a U.S. tech firm, Contreras was used to traveling frequently for his company. But nine months into the pandemic, he and thousands of others are working from home and dialing into video conferences instead of boarding planes.

Contreras manages his North American accounts from Sacramento, California and doesn't expect to travel for work until the middle of next year. Even then, he's not sure how much he will need to.

"Maybe it's just the acceptance of the new normal. I have all of the resources necessary to be on the calls, all of the communicative devices to make sure I can do my job," he said. "There's an element of face-to-face that's necessary, but I would be OK without it."

That trend could spell big trouble for hotels, airlines, convention centers and other industries that rely so heavily on business travelers like Contreras.

Work travel represented 21% of the $8.9 trillion spent on global travel and tourism in 2019, according to the World Travel and Tourism Council.

Delta Air Lines CEO Ed Bastian recently suggested business travel might settle into a "new normal" that is 10% to 20% lower than it used to be.

"I do think corporate travel is going to come back faster than people suspect. I just don't know if it will be come back to the full volume," Bastian told The Associated Press. Right now, Delta's business travel revenue is down 85%.

Dubai-based MBC Group, which operates 18 television stations, says it's unlikely employees will travel as often once the pandemic ends because they've proven they don't need to.

"We have managed to deliver projects and negotiate deals very successfully, though remotely," MBC spokesman Mazen Hayek said. MBC has reduced trips by more than 85%, Hayek said.

Amazon, which told it employees to stop traveling in March, says it has saved nearly $1 billion in travel expenses so far this year. The online shopping giant, with more than 1.1 million employees, is the second-largest employer in the U.S.

At Southwest Airlines, CEO Gary Kelly said while overall passenger revenue is down 70%, business travel — normally more than one-third of Southwest's traffic -- is off 90%.

"I think that's going to continue for a long time. I'm very confident it will recover and pass 2019 levels, I just don't know when," Kelly told the AP.

U.S. hotels relied on business travel for around half their revenue in 2019, or closer to 60% in big cities like Washington, according to Cindy Estis Green, the CEO of hospitality data firm Kalibri Labs.

Peter Belobaba, who teaches airline management at MIT, said business travel is down partly because some people are afraid to fly and partly because companies fear liability if employees contract COVID-19 while traveling for work.

Companies have also reined in travel because times are lean, he said. ExxonMobil cut business travel in February — even before the pandemic's full impact was felt in the U.S. — because of falling global demand for oil.

Those who want to travel may also be limited by travel restrictions, Belobaba added. Last month, Polestar CEO Thomas Ingenlath observed a mandatory 14-day quarantine in China after flying in from Sweden for the Beijing Auto Show.

Polestar, an electric car brand jointly owned by Sweden's Volvo and China's Geely, has always tried to limit travel for environmental reasons. But the 14-day quarantine has restricted travel even further, said Kiki Liu, Polestar's head of communications.

The cutback in travel has been a boon for teleconferencing services. Zoom said it had 370,200 customer businesses with at least 10 employees at the end of July, more than triple the number it had at the end of April.

But for some workers, teleconferencing can't replace being there in person.

Rebecca Lindland, an automotive consultant and founder of Rebecca Drives, used to travel 38 weeks each year for test drives and auto shows. This year, she didn't fly from March until September. Test drives have been cut back to regional events, so attendees don't have to travel as far.

Lindland misses the downtime air travel gave her, and she's confident she can return to the skies safely. She wears a mask, and even before the pandemic she always carried Lysol wipes and hand sanitizer.

"I've been wiping down my tray tables since 1985," she said with a laugh.

Sam Clarke, an assistant professor in the college of business at California State University San Marcos, agrees that some in-person events — like trade shows — will still be important in the future. But he thinks new kinds of business travel could also emerge.

Lockdowns have taught employees how to adapt to different work environments, he says, so hotels, airlines and even cruise ships should beef up their connectivity and cater to business travelers.

Late last month, Marriott introduced flexible options aimed at business travelers, including one-day stays with an evening check-out.

Clarke also expects some companies will flip their travel. Instead of letting a few executives travel a lot, he said, companies could let most employees work from home and fly them all back to their headquarters once a year.

Some businesses are already changing the way their work is done. Cynthia Kay and Co., a media production company based in Grand Rapids, Michigan, used to send its

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 218 CALLS ON NOVEMBER 10

Traffic/Vehicle Stop 24th St / Pico Blvd 12:10 a.m.
Living In A Vehicle 1600blk Stanford St 12:22 a.m.
Auto Burglary Just Occurred 1000blk Idaho Ave 4:27 a.m.
Person Down 2400blk Broadway 5:09 a.m.
Rape Report 1300blk 2nd St 6:06 a.m.
Panic Alarm 100blk Santa Monica Pl 6:45 a.m.
General Parking Problem 2600blk 23rd St 7:26 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1400blk Princeton St 9:20 a.m.
Loitering 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:24 a.m.
Prowler 1500blk Broadway 9:29 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1000blk 2nd St 9:49 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1100blk 3rd St 9:52 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1100blk Colorado Ave 9:56 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery Just Occurred 1700blk Ocean Ave 10:02 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1200blk 25th St 10:03 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1400blk 10th St 10:03 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1700blk Lincoln Blvd 10:19 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1300blk Princeton St 10:46 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1200blk 20th St 11:07 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 500blk San Vicente Blvd 11:17 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1200blk 24th St 11:20 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 1200blk 23rd St 11:28 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1200blk Yale St 11:30 a.m.
Injured Person 2100blk Wilshire Blvd 11:37 a.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 3100blk Lincoln Blvd 11:37 a.m.
Identity Theft 2000blk 20th St 11:44 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1100blk Wilshire Blvd 11:48 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1500blk Ocean Ave 11:59 a.m.
Encampment 200blk Santa Monica Pier 12:08 p.m.
Encampment 800blk Interstate 10 12:11 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign Oblk Marine Ter 12:12 p.m.
Found Property 200blk Santa Monica Pier 12:37 p.m.
General Parking Problem 2000blk Euclid St 12:47 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2300blk 7th St 12:48 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 1100blk Euclid St 12:49 p.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 1100blk 7th St 1:06 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1600blk 19th St 1:11 p.m.
Fraud Report 1000blk Princeton St 1:18 p.m.
Burglary Report 600blk Pacific St 1:23 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 300blk Arizona Ave 1:40 p.m.
Identity Theft 200blk Bay St 1:41 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1700blk Washington Ave 1:46 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 500blk Ashland Ave 1:56 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1900blk 18th St 2:06 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1400blk 4th St 2:26 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:39 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:50 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:52 p.m.
9-1-1 Hang Up 2400blk Olympic Blvd 2:57 p.m.
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Traffic/Vehicle Stop 4th St / Marine St 3:01 p.m.
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Abandoned Vehicle 1400blk 17th St 4:14 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 4:24 p.m.
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Check Temporary No Parking Signs 500blk Pier Ave 4:33 p.m.
Public Intoxication 2200blk Virginia Ave 4:35 p.m.
Grand Theft Just Occurred 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 4:59 p.m.
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EMS 1800blk Euclid St 10:24 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Pico Blvd 10:25 a.m.
EMS 2500blk 3rd St 10:34 a.m.
EMS 2100blk Wilshire Blvd 11:29 a.m.
Transformer Fire 800blk 2nd St 11:51 a.m.
EMS 1900blk 12th St 11:58 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 3rd St 12:26 p.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 1300blk Yale St 1:05 p.m.
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EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 4:05 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Wilshire Blvd 4:47 p.m.
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California voters reject revamp to property tax system

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California voters rejected a proposal to partially dismantle the state's 42-year-old cap on property taxes, a move that would have raised taxes for many businesses in a pandemic-hobbled economy.

Following Tuesday's update to the vote count, Proposition 15 had only about 48% support and was trailing by more than a half-million votes.

The loss is another blow to organized labor, which also came out on the losing side of the most expensive ballot question in state history. It would have required Uber, Lyft, DoorDash and other app-based delivery services to treat their drivers as employees rather than independent contractors.

Since 1978, California has limited tax increases to 2% a year until a property is sold. With prices climbing at a much higher rate, taxpayers who have held homes and businesses for many years pay far less than what the market value would determine.

Proposition 15 would have allowed local governments to reassess commercial and industrial property every three years, while residential property, including home-based businesses, would remain under 1978 rules. The change would have generated up to $12.5 billion in revenue.

Supporters argued a "split-roll" system would help fix inequities that shield wealthy corporations from paying a fair share and deprive tax revenue for public schools and local governments. Several polls released before or during early voting showed the measure ahead, though not by much.

The No on 15 campaign had a simple message: "Stop Tax Hikes," its red-and-white yard signs read.

Rob Lapsley, president of the California Business Roundtable and co-chair of the No on Prop 15 campaign, said the outcome signals efforts to dismantle the 1978 tax system will fail.

"From day one, we knew that if voters understood the harm this deeply flawed tax hike would impose on California's economy and its families, farmers and small businesses, voters would reject this ill-advised effort," he said.

The Yes on 15 campaign said Tuesday that it took on "the third rail of California politics" and achieved a level of support that many thought could never be achieved.

"It represented a big step forward for a more equitable and prosperous state, and it provides a framework and base of power for future work and reform to truly take on the biggest challenges of our times on behalf of all Californians," the campaign said.

As expected, the measure performed far better in Democratic strongholds, including Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area. But it still fell short in many areas that went solidly for President-elect Joe Biden, who endorsed it along with his running mate, U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris of California.

In San Diego County, the state's second most populous, voters rejected Proposition 15 by 13 percentage points, while backing Biden over President Donald Trump by 23 points. In Sacramento County, No votes outnumbered Yes votes by 7 percentage points, while Biden won by 29 points.

The voter-backed 1978 Proposition 13 sparked a nationwide tax revolt and held enduring popularity. Jerry Brown, California's governor from 1975 to 1983 and 2011 to 2019, said several years ago that Proposition 13, enshrined in the state constitution, is "a sacred doctrine that should never be questioned."

But backers of Proposition 15 mounted a formidable challenge by targeting only commercial and industrial properties, with exemptions aimed at small businesses.

The measure would have raised $8 billion to $12.5 billion a year. After costs to counties to reassess property and some tax cuts for business equipment, local governments and schools would net $6.5 billion to $11.5 billion a year in a 60-40 split.

Businesses would have been exempt if the property owner had $3 million or less worth of commercial property in California. For businesses with fewer than 50 employees that occupy half a building's space, the changes wouldn't take effect until 2025. For others, they would begin in 2022.

Supporters raised $56.3 million by Oct. 16, fueled by the California Teachers Association, Service Employees International Union and the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative started by Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg and wife Priscilla Chan.

Opponents raised $60.9 million, led by business groups including the California Business Roundtable and the California Farm Bureau.

Another ballot measure that would allow homeowners who are 55 and older, disabled or wildfire victims to transfer a primary residence's tax base to a replacement home was narrowly ahead.

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Harris' husband, Doug Emhoff, poised to break stereotypes

KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

In the Biden White House, the first lady wants to keep her job teaching and the second gentleman plans to quit his law firm to support the vice president's career.

When it comes to political marriages, we've reached a new moment.

Doug Emhoff, the 56-year-old husband of Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, will leave his private law practice by Inauguration Day to focus on his role at the White House, a spokesperson said Tuesday. He's said little so far about how he'll approach the role and is still working with the transition team on what issues he'll tackle.

"We've been waiting for this sort of gender switch for decades now," said Kim Nalder, a professor of political science who has focused on women and gender at California State University-Sacramento. She added, "There is a lot of symbolism from a man stepping back from his high-powered career in order to support his wife's career."

Spouses often build public awareness or advocacy campaigns around key issues. Current second lady Karen Pence promotes art therapy and focuses on military families. Jill Biden also spotlighted military families and promoted community colleges as the vice president's wife.

Emhoff's decision to cut ties with DLA Piper also offered an early test of how a Biden administration would avoid potential ethical issues. While Emhoff is not a lobbyist, the firm has a large presence lobbying the federal government on behalf of clients including Comcast, Raytheon and the government of Puerto Rico. He took a leave of absence from the firm in August when Biden chose Harris, a U.S. senator from California, as his running mate.

While Emhoff built a career as a high-profile entertainment lawyer in Southern California, he's been most visible to voters as Harris' supportive husband. He quickly befriended other political spouses in the Democratic primary, when Harris sought the party's nomination.

"I want more women in office, and I want more partners, whoever their partner is, to support them and to provide an opportunity and an environment for success," Emhoff said in an October interview with the digital site NowThis News. He was not made available for an interview with The Associated Press.

Chasten Buttigieg, the husband of former presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg, said the two quickly formed a friendship as they swapped stories about people they were meeting and their strange "fish out of water" experiences as political spouses. Emhoff would compliment Chasten Buttigieg on his speeches at events and never approached him as a competitor.

"He was just there for the right reasons," Chasten Buttigieg said. "It was because he loved his wife, and he thought that she would make a great president."

Buttigieg, who also would have broken barriers as a male presidential spouse, said he remembered how often he was asked what title he would use, a question that seemed frivolous. (Emhoff hasn't officially selected his title. But Biden has referred to him as the "second gentleman.") Buttigieg expects Emhoff to thrive in his new job as a public servant.

"You just have to be someone that people can see themselves in," he said. "People love chatting with him and getting pictures with him. He's always full of dad jokes and he's really disarming."

Emhoff embraced his role as a political surrogate during the campaign. He will be the first Jewish spouse of a president or a vice president, and he was a prominent liaison to Jewish groups and donors.

He also developed a close friendship with Jill Biden, a former second lady, and the two campaigned together frequently in states including Iowa and New Hampshire. Jill Biden has said she wants to keep teaching at a community college, as she did when Joe Biden was the vice president.

Harris on Monday tweeted a photo of herself and Emhoff smiling on the night Biden was announced the winner of the election.

"Meet the love of my life," she told her 11 million followers.

It was Emhoff who filmed a video of Harris calling Biden after news of their win, which she shared on social media.

Harris and Emhoff met in 2013 and married a year later. It was Harris' first marriage and Emhoff's second; his children are in their 20s and call Harris "Momala," a play on her name and a Yiddish word for "little mother."

The two were set up by a friend, and Harris recalls the scrutiny she faced as a single woman in her 40s and her hesitance to be public about her relationships in her memoir, "The Truths We Hold." She first brought Emhoff out in public to a 2014 speech about a truancy initiative she'd pursued. Her team would refer to everything that came next as A.D. — After Doug.

"They knew how much he made me laugh. I did, too," she writes.

Harris was attorney general of California at the time, and Emhoff was practicing law as a managing director for the West Coast branch of Venable LLP, handling clients in the entertainment industry with a focus on trademark disputes and intellectual property. He'd previously represented clients including Merck, Walmart and an arms-dealer based in Fresno, California, clients that today seem out of step with progressive wings of the Democratic Party.

When Harris began her term in the U.S. Senate in 2017, Emhoff moved to DLA Piper, which had a presence in Washington and Los Angeles, where Harris and Emhoff split their time. More recently, he's represented clients including a production company and a prominent wine maker.

John Bessler, the husband of Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar, who is also a lawyer, called Emhoff a "modern man" for dedicating time to Harris' political career over his own.

"This is just another example of how supportive he's being of Kamala," he said.

Associated Press researcher Rhonda Shafner in New York contributed to this report.

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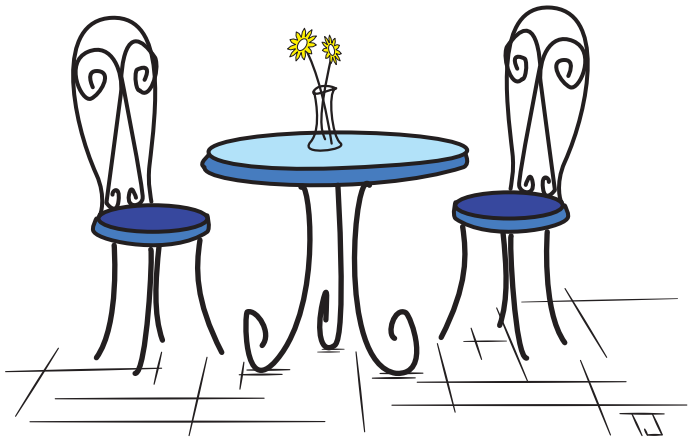
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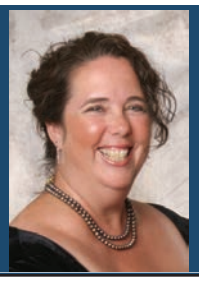


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The Music Of Celebration

HOW DO HUMANS CELEBRATE?

With drink, of course, and food. In ancient times (nine months ago), by gathering together, hugging and kissing friends and family who share the elation. But what are you doing even as you prepare those elements? You're probably dancing or at least swaying, to the music playing in the room or in your head, and maybe singing along.

Of all the art forms, music is most able to penetrate your mind, heart and soul intact, probably because it alone is without any material substance. (And yes, I do know music creates sound waves and vibrations, but those are just delivery systems.) It is very portable, across time and space. No canvas, no bodies in motion, no video, no buildings or statues, just those notes that hang in the air for less than an instant each but hang together magically.

Writing can of course move and inspire you, leave you with a feeling, but you can't bring it back word for word unless you have some kind of photographic memory. Only music is so uniquely accessible. Not note for exact note maybe (hey! - you forgot the cowbell!), but close enough. Not perhaps an entire album or even the whole song (it's okay to only love the chorus), but enough. Snippets will do. It could be a tune you haven't heard for years but, there it is, old friend.

"ALIVE INSIDE"

Science (remember science?) has shown that the first part of a human embryo brain to become functional is the one that recognizes music. And it is the last to go. Which is why some have had great success bringing people out of deep dementia to come alive for at least the time music is playing, the music they loved when they were younger. Sometimes the memories and emotions the music triggers are as vivid as if it were yesterday. It seems miraculous. Social worker Dan Cohen discovered the phenomenon and made a documentary in 2014 called "Alive Inside," and it will blow your mind. You should be able to find it on Youtube.

BUT LET'S RETURN

To the present, just last Saturday, when the Presidential election results became indisputable to all but a loopy few, and many felt the need to celebrate, perhaps as never before for an election. I was sad not to be able to join in (I've been uber-cautious since the pandemic hit) but watched a lot on TV, street celebrations all over the world (we're sorry, we're sorry! please love us again) and heard the horns honking and sometimes voices raised, here in Ocean Park.

In 2008 many celebrated because a black man had finally been elected president; surely, most of this celebration was less a crazy enthusiasm for Joe than for ridding ourselves of a strangely orange man many felt was destroying democracy, honesty, civility and the office of the President at every turn.

The first song that popped into my mind was, "Ding-Dong! The Witch is Dead!" from "The Wizard of Oz" (1939), then of course "Dancin' in the Streets" (Martha & the Vandellas, 1964) and "Na Na Hey Hey, Kiss Him Goodbye" (Steam, 1969).

A DJ friend in Madison, Brian Hirsh, called to chat, and sent me some of the songs he played at a spontaneous street party in his neighborhood Saturday afternoon. Some good ones to add to your next big celebration party: Kool & the Gang, "Celebration" (1980), "This Land Is Your Land" by Woody Guthrie (1940), Curtis Mayfield's "Move On Up (Long version)" from 1970 and the oh-so-danceable "I Thank You" from Sam & Dave (1968).

There are so many more, but now, a breaking news shout out:

SANTA MONICA BUSINESS GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Goes again to California Pizza Kitchen on Wilshire, this time with a gold star, for continuing for many years to offer a free entree on Veterans Day to military and veterans. An admirable gesture. There have always been a number of restaurants offering that but I made it a tradition to go to CPK because they were always so gracious and you wound up having half a dozen employees from kitchen to management offering a big smile, welcome and "thank you for your service." One year they asked me if I wanted to share a table with another veteran, and I wound up in a great conversation with another Santa Monican who served.

Any restaurant who offered that Veterans Day special specified it had to be dine-in, otherwise some would probably schedule a series of grab-and-goes. If you come in, maybe you'll bring a friend or two, maybe you'll have a drink or order dessert, and you will hopefully have an experience that will result in your returning. That's just good business. I was planning on skipping it this year, then my daughter suggested I call them to see if they allowed take-out, under these circumstances, and she was right.

Her call was a gift in itself. She said, "I know you didn't want to serve, when you were 19 and in college, but you felt at that time that it was the right thing to do, for your country and for the world, and didn't think it was right to dodge the draft if someone else had to take your place, so you did it, and I thank you for that, and acknowledge you for it." She got it exactly right. Of course, a year after I got out, I was demonstrating against the war, and lost the sight in one eye, hit with a large rock while covering an anti-war march for the student newspaper.

So, thanks Nicole, thanks Dian, and thank you California Pizza Kitchen.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 2,500 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 34 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

Few legal wins so far as Trump team hunts for proof of fraud

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Associated Press

California voters rejected a proposal to partially dismantle the state's 42-year-old cap on property taxes, a move that would have raised taxes for many businesses in a pandemic-hobbled economy.

Following Tuesday's update to the vote count, Proposition 15 had only about 48% support and was trailing by more than a half-million votes.

The loss is another blow to organized labor, which also came out on the losing side of the most expensive ballot question in state history. It would have required Uber, Lyft, DoorDash and other app-based delivery services to treat their drivers as employees rather than independent contractors.

Since 1978, California has limited tax increases to 2% a year until a property is sold. With prices climbing at a much higher rate, taxpayers who have held homes and businesses for many years pay far less than what the market value would determine.

Proposition 15 would have allowed local governments to reassess commercial and industrial property every three years, while residential property, including home-based businesses, would remain under 1978 rules. The change would have generated up to $12.5 billion in revenue.

Supporters argued a "split-roll" system would help fix inequities that shield wealthy corporations from paying a fair share and deprive tax revenue for public schools and local governments. Several polls released before or during early voting showed the measure ahead, though not by much.

The No on 15 campaign had a simple message: "Stop Tax Hikes," its red-and-white yard signs read.

Rob Lapsley, president of the California Business Roundtable and co-chair of the No on Prop 15 campaign, said the outcome signals efforts to dismantle the 1978 tax system will fail.

"From day one, we knew that if voters understood the harm this deeply flawed tax hike would impose on California's economy and its families, farmers and small businesses, voters would reject this ill-advised effort," he said.

The Yes on 15 campaign said Tuesday that it took on "the third rail of California politics" and achieved a level of support that many thought could never be achieved.

"It represented a big step forward for a more equitable and prosperous state, and it provides a framework and base of power for future work and reform to truly take on the biggest challenges of our times on behalf of all Californians," the campaign said.

As expected, the measure performed far better in Democratic strongholds, including Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area. But it still fell short in many areas that went solidly for President-elect Joe Biden, who endorsed it along with his running mate, U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris of California.

In San Diego County, the state's second most populous, voters rejected Proposition 15 by 13 percentage points, while backing Biden over President Donald Trump by 23 points. In Sacramento County, No votes outnumbered Yes votes by 7 percentage points, while Biden won by 29 points.

The voter-backed 1978 Proposition 13 sparked a nationwide tax revolt and held enduring popularity. Jerry Brown, California's governor from 1975 to 1983 and 2011 to 2019, said several years ago that Proposition 13, enshrined in the state constitution, is "a sacred doctrine that should never be questioned."

But backers of Proposition 15 mounted a formidable challenge by targeting only commercial and industrial properties, with exemptions aimed at small businesses.

The measure would have raised $8 billion to $12.5 billion a year. After costs to counties to reassess property and some tax cuts for business equipment, local governments and schools would net $6.5 billion to $11.5 billion a year in a 60-40 split.

Businesses would have been exempt if the property owner had $3 million or less worth of commercial property in California. For businesses with fewer than 50 employees that occupy half a building's space, the changes wouldn't take effect until 2025. For others, they would begin in 2022.

Supporters raised $56.3 million by Oct. 16, fueled by the California Teachers Association, Service Employees International Union and the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative started by Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg and wife Priscilla Chan.

Opponents raised $60.9 million, led by business groups including the California Business Roundtable and the California Farm Bureau.

Another ballot measure that would allow homeowners who are 55 and older, disabled or wildfire victims to transfer a primary residence's tax base to a replacement home was narrowly ahead.

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NO: Estimate the kittens' age by what they look like.

Eyes still closed or just beginning to open: 1–2 WEEKS OLD	Eyes open and alert, becoming mobile: 2–4 WEEKS OLD	Very mobile and often talkative, can eat food: 4–6 WEEKS OLD	Very active and playful, weighs 1–2 lbs.: 6–8 WEEKS OLD	Very active and playful, weighs 2 lbs. or more: 8+ WEEKS OLD

CAN YOU SEE THE NEST OR HIDING SPOT?
Avoid handling the kittens and watch them from a distance to see if the mama cat returns to care for them. If she does, leave the kittens with her, since it greatly increases their chances of survival.

WHAT IF THE MAMA CAT DOESN'T RETURN AFTER SIX OR MORE HOURS?
Take action by doing one of the following:

TAKE ACTION
1. **Care for the kittens.** Take the kittens to your local vet for a check-up and vaccines. Or foster the kittens through your local shelter's foster program.
2. **If you can't care for the kittens yourself, find someone who can.** Ask your family, friends and neighbors.
   When the kittens you've cared for reach eight weeks old, they're ready to be spayed or neutered, micro-chipped and adopted.
3. **Can't care for the kittens or find someone who can?** Ask your local shelter for assistance.

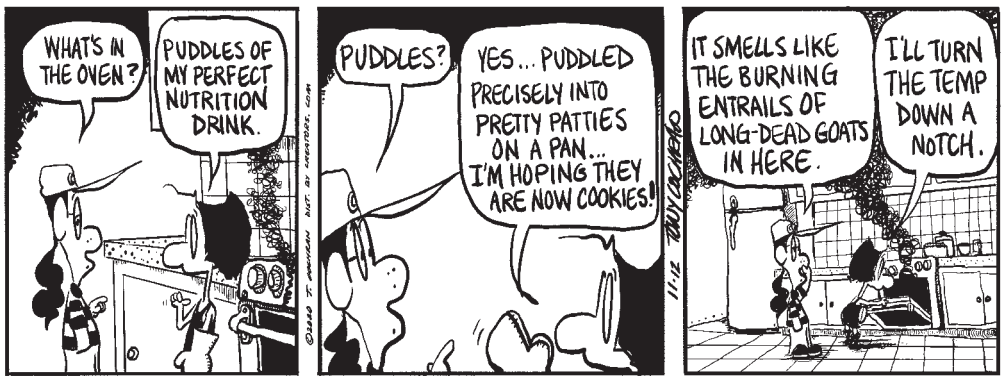
TAKING NEWBORN KITTENS TO YOUR LOCAL SHELTER SHOULD BE A LAST RESORT.
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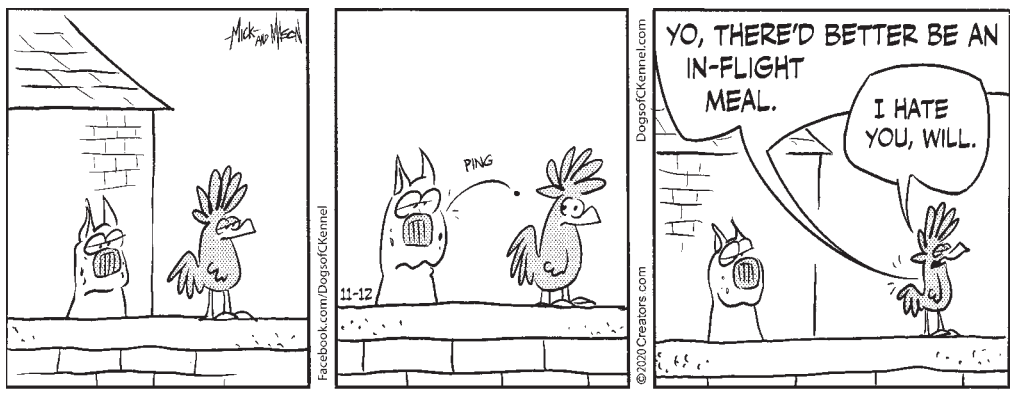
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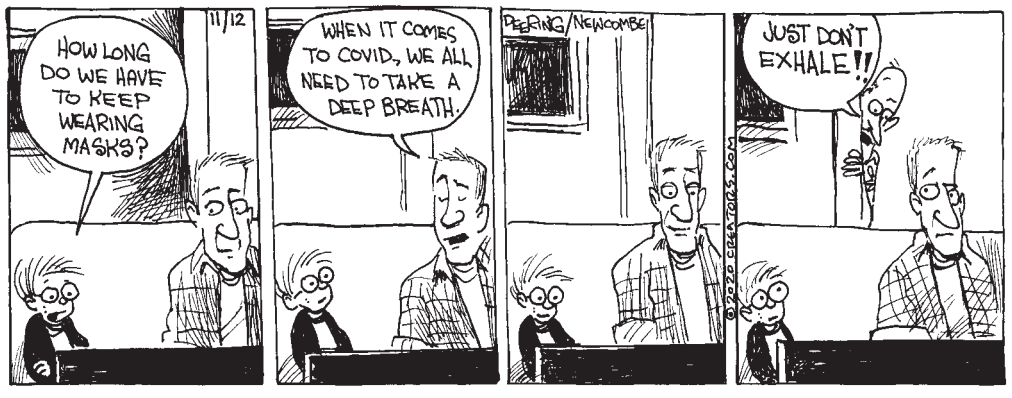
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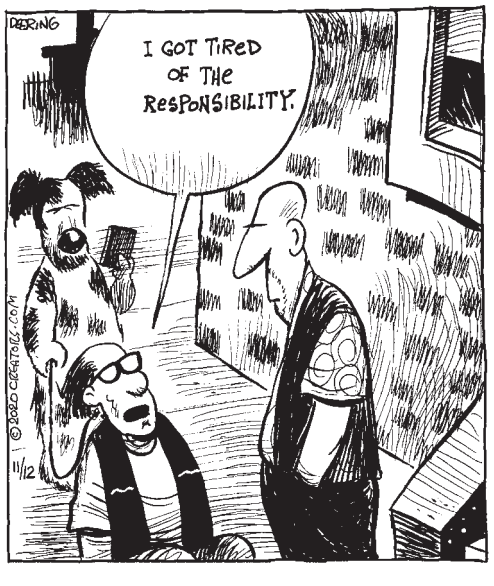
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"LOOKS LIKE THINGS ARE GETTING SERIOUS."

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Steep NW swell mix. Small SSW swell early trends up PM. Will be especially slow early before the tide drops a bit.

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+Waist to stomach high
More SSW swell moves in. Small, steep NW swell mix. Will be slow early before the tide drops a bit.

WEATHER

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63.
Thursday Night: A chance of rain, mainly after 4am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50.
Friday: A 20 percent chance of rain before 10am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 63.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 52.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 64.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You like to be included, but you also like to, when you're in a certain kind of mood, be left alone. Woe to the one who interrupts your solitude when that mood strikes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The option isn't wrong; it just doesn't work for you. You've too much else on your plate to worry about making a judgment for the rest of the world. It's not for you. You move on to try the next and don't look back.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's not so easy to know what you need. Supplying it won't be nearly as hard as figuring out what exactly it is. Once you do that, it will be so much easier to determine what others need as well.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It will be more important to learn than to judge. Don't worry about making the right determination. Instead, try to deepen your understanding of what things are and how they work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be in a position to direct people. They will respond well to soft tones, spoken with confidence. Soft tones spoken with trepidation, however, will be interpreted as weakness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Everything you try is part of your process. The defeats count as much as the breakthroughs. Gains and losses are equally necessary to perfecting your game, so put equal stock in both experiences.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). One person can be a light in your life or an element of chaos. This is why it's so important to keep plenty of good people close around you as you would a fortress of protection.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You feel certain of what you can do for people, but they need proof before they'll buy in. This is why it's worth it to take the time to present your happy customers, references and reputation in just the right way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The inner critic is confused, showing up at the wrong call times. Show the inner critic the correct schedule, and then offer a pardon and a break, as judgment or corrective advice will be necessary today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). No one lives without, at some point, being opposed. No one asserts oneself without eventually being hindered. These realities are to be not only expected but also embraced as proof of one's vitality.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's dangerous to believe you are capable of getting and keeping a thing because it automatically sets you up for the consequences of not getting and keeping it. You are daring, said "thing" is worth the risk, and so you'll go for it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Even when you don't feel like you're contributing much, you are more powerful than you think. If you don't believe it, pull away and notice what happens. Sometimes absence is felt more than presence.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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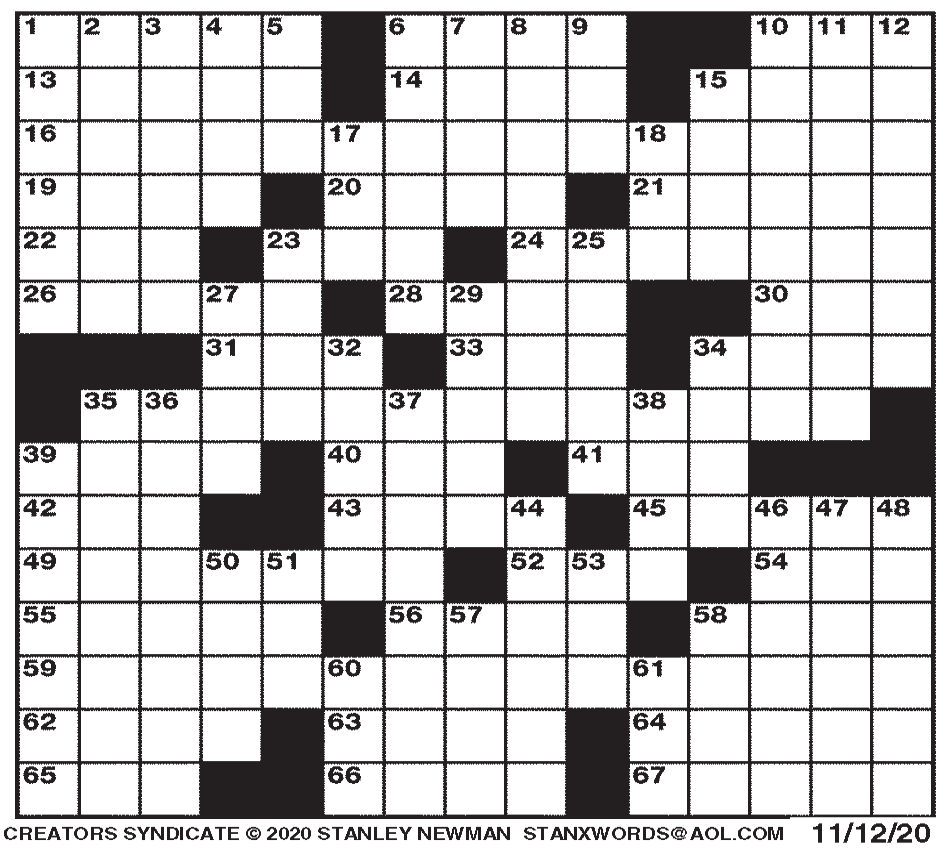
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Newsday Crossword

SEE THREE SWEETS by Steve Faiella
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ACROSS
1 Upscale retreat
6 Nonspecific amount
10 Apply lightly
13 *Odyssey's* godfather of hunting
14 Not yet decided
15 In a snit
16 Fluffy colorful dessert
19 Tiny colonists
20 Rights advocacy org.
21 Forecasting tool
22 Depart from the facts
23 Visual perceptiveness
24 No time at all
26 Doc's written order
28 Cantina drink, for short
30 Govt. code crackers
31 Sour cream concoction
33 Dudes
34 Put __ on (limit)
35 Desserts with edible holders
39 Cereal box stats.
40 "It's me"
41 Poetic direction
42 Tree with winglike seeds
43 __ buco (Italian entrée)
45 Real beauty
49 Cook in hot oil
52 Motor coach
54 Cross-promotion, e.g.
55 Sound of a small explosion
56 Fool (with)
58 App development step
59 Finger-shaped dessert
62 __'-shanter
63 Mistypes or misplays
64 Colas in quantity
65 Multi-rm. accommodation
66 __ by (barely manages)
67 Footlocker

DOWN
1 Certain soundtrack tracks
2 Wryly funny
3 Urban blight
4 A great deal
5 "I'll take that as __"
6 Association football
7 "Fire" gem
8 Soup, or salad, or steak . . .
9 Tunnel terminus
10 Waltz or rumba
11 State of the Ozarks
12 Keg access
15 "Amscray!"
17 Formal denial
18 Jr. and sr.
23 Imposing work
25 '80s First Lady
27 April 13th, for one
29 Mosque leaders
32 Abbot's subordinate
34 One of the Brontës
35 Yakety-yak
36 Returned from work
37 Con artist's quest
38 "Didn't mean that"
39 Deletes for security reasons
44 Fixate (on)
46 Chilling
47 Dots on a globe
48 Pulitzer rival
50 Slightly, on a score
51 Egg __ yung
53 Profit from
57 Marie's "to be"
58 Lackluster
60 Creator of the Finches
61 What the three longest answers have in common



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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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Abut	Eggs	Lawn	Pets
Adjoin	Fences	Lend	Phone
Avenue	Gang	Lifelong	Rely
Bike	Garage	Listen	Rewarding
Bins	Gift	Lost	Roads
Birds	Grandparents	Love	Safe
Borrow	Help	Loyal	Secure
Busy	Jogger	Mail	Smile
Chat	Kerb	Mixes	Store
Compassion	Kids	Music	Talks
Dogs	Lane	Older	Tears
Drive	Laugh	Oval	Togetherness

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REGULATIONS

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for takeout and delivery.

Promenade restaurants and bars gained the ability to obtain alcohol permits through an administrative process and serve alcohol on their premises, for takeout and delivery until 2 a.m. each day. Restrictions on live entertainment, television screens and games were removed as well with the introduction of the IZOs.

"These ideas were one prong of a multi-pronged effort to aid in the economic recovery of the city," Principal Planner Tony Kim said while he discussed how the interim regulations intended relax and streamlining zoning and permitting requirements during council's meeting Tuesday.

Both of the Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinances proposed for Tuesday remain largely unchanged, but they will include more flexible loading standards in the Third Street Promenade area and more flexible Alcohol Exemption standards for the Santa Monica Pier and other applicable commercial areas, according to Kim, who said the IZOs are set to expire in July. But they were extended pursuant to the executive order of the director of emergency services," so they will expire when the executive order expires. "However, it's uncertain as to when that will be so the proposed IZOs would extend the interim regulations until at least Dec. 31, 2022."

It's only been five or six months since the adoption of the regulations so it's hard to quantify the effects this soon, "but the feedback that we've heard, I believe, has been overwhelmingly positive," Kim said, noting the popularity of the new parking and alcohol regulations.

Shortly before council unanimously agreed to extend the interim zoning ordinances, Interim City Manager Lane Dilg said city leaders do not expect a full economic recovery by the end of 2022.

"Nationally, we think it will take longer than that. Nonetheless, we believe this is an appropriate timeframe because we certainly will know more about the trajectory of economic recovery," Dilg said. "And in that sense, I think this is an appropriate timeline to allow businesses to invest but also for us to see the impacts of that on our net residents and on our neighborhoods. So that is the frame in which we're operating."

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LETTER

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cities, so I look forward to seeing an equitable and fair solution out of this and to the extent that our council can assist, I want to be part of that," said Councilmember Kristin McCowan, who attended SMMUSD schools and currently has a kindergartener enrolled in the District.

The issue of funding equity is at the crux of the ongoing debate. If SMMUSD splits, Malibu will need to redistribute some of its property taxes to the new Santa Monica District to ensure it is no worse off financially than the current unified district.

Unfortunately, the District and Malibu have been unable to agree on a redistribution plan. The SMMUSD negotiating team seeks the redistribution of $4 million in Malibu property taxes over 50 years. Malibu seeks a smaller and less permanent redistribution.

The Council has sided with the District in supporting a separation agreement where the redistribution of Malibu funding creates two equitable Districts.

The approved agenda item is to send a letter to LACOE "affirming our City Council's support for such a split but only if the terms of separation, including but not limited to the division of revenues and assets, are fair and just to students in Santa Monica schools, and provide robust and equal educational opportunity for both Malibu and Santa Monica students."

The proposed Malibu redistribution plan would not result in an equitable division of funds. Financial analysts predict that under Malibu's plan a Malibu district would have $25,998 in per student funding by fall 2023, whereas a Santa Monica district would have $14,555. However, both new districts would be better funded than the current unified district, which is why Malibu believes this plan is a viable option.

City Council also addressed student diversity. While this is not mentioned in the original agenda item, council members voted to include this concern in their letter to LACOE. The concern was brought forward by a letter from a member of the public who noted that an independent Malibu district would serve an almost entirely white student population.

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INCUMBENTS

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Each elected candidate will need and deserve our support as the city navigates this winter's Covid peak, the economic fallout from Covid, the state housing crisis and Santa Monica's appropriate role, the selection of a new police chief and its implications, and more," he added.

Ted Winterer had similar feelings as he discussed how proud he is of the many accomplishments that occurred throughout his tenure, "including rental assistance to keep our lowest income seniors housed; increased funding for our public schools.. and much more."

Winterer said, "I am grateful the voters of Santa Monica granted me the honor and privilege of serving our community for eight years."

Jara could not be reached for comment this week, but O'Day shared he plans to continue to serve the community through In-Charge Energy, a fleet electrification company he co-founded. "I will also continue to engage in our local community," he said, "albeit in a different role."

Parra thanked Santa Monica residents for the opportunity to represent them in the coming years.

"Thank you, thank you, thank you!" she said, adding: "This campaign was never about me, it was about giving our residents a voice, especially to those who felt left out and ignored like I did. I am excited to be stepping into this role and look forward to the great work we have ahead of us," Parra said, "and I am extremely grateful and fortunate that I get to do this with my running mates Phil Brock and Oscar de la Torre."

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TRAVELING

FROM PAGE 2

seven employees around the country to make videos for clients like Siemens.

When travel came to a halt in March, the company invested in proprietary software and sent iPads and other equipment to clients so it could coach them through their own video shoots, President Cynthia Kay said.

As a result, the company's sales are down only 15-20% even though its travel spending has plunged 75%.

Still, Kay and her staff were eager to get back on the road once they felt they could do that safely. Kay began traveling again last month.

"For some people, this is the way they will work going forward," Kay said. "But you can't account for the spark that happens when you get people in the same room."

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