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Harbor Days addresses security guard controversy

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The organizers of Olympia Harbor Days, the just-completed maritime festival that happens each Labor Day weekend at Percival Landing, found themselves in a different position over the weekend after they heard from residents concerned about a festival security guard and that person's social media activity.

On Saturday, social media posts began calling attention to a person hired to provide security with "a documented history of transphobic and hateful social media posts." The posts and emails to the organization and city of Olympia demanded an explanation for the hire and a response.

In response, the organizers released a statement, saying they will not work with this person again. The statement was posted on the Olympia

Harbor Days' Facebook page Sunday night.

"On Saturday evening, August 30, we were alerted that a company/individual providing private overnight security services to Olympia Harbor Days had an online presence sharing dangerous, hateful rhetoric about the LGBTQ+ community and other groups," the statement reads.

An image lifted from the security guard's Facebook activity shows the image of one person striking another with a bat un-

der a headline that reads: "How to kindly tell someone your child doesn't need to go see a drag show."

The Olympian also heard from a resident over the weekend, who shared an email he wrote addressed to Harbor Days organizers and sponsors.

"Silence on this matter is not neutrality, it is complicity. By failing to address this (hiring) decision, Harbor Days and its sponsors are signaling that the safety and dignity of LGBTQ

community members are negotiable," the email reads. "That is unacceptable."

"We take these concerns seriously," the Harbor Days' statement reads. "We have since ended our working relationship with this company/individual and will not use their services in the future. Our leadership team did not have prior knowledge of this person's online history or community involvement. Going forward, we will strengthen our due diligence in hiring, including reviewing company websites and social media accounts when available."

"We also want to clarify that the South Sound Maritime Heritage Association (SSMHA) is the sole hiring entity for Harbor Days. Our valued partners —

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Thurston County health assessment helps set priorities

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Thurston County Public Health and Social Services announced on Wednesday the release of a community health assessment survey designed to identify local needs and guide community-wide health priorities.

The survey is available on the county website under Health Data. It's also available in Spanish.

According to the county, a Community Health Assessment is a collection and review of local health data used to track trends, identify needs, and guide community-wide health priorities. The survey will help Thurston County target its programs and resources.

The survey takes five to 10 minutes and is anonymous.



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An anti-immigration raid protester walks in front of California National Guard members behind the Federal Building during protests on June 12, 2025, in Los Angeles.

Judge rules Trump deployment of military to LA illegal

BY SONJA SHARP
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A federal judge in San Francisco on Tuesday barred soldiers from aiding immigration arrests and other civilian law enforcement in Southern California, warning of a growing "a national police force with the President as its chief" in an impassioned order set to take effect Sept. 12.

In a 52-page decision early Tuesday morning, Senior District Judge Charles R. Breyer barred the administration from "deploying, ordering, instructing, training, or using" California troops to engage in civilian law enforcement - a ruling that could have wide-ranging consequences for Trump's use of the military nationally.

"Why is the National Guard still around?" Breyer demanded with evident irritation at trial

last month.

"What is the threat today? What was the threat yesterday or two weeks ago that allowed it?" the judge said. "I'm trying to see whether there are any limits, any limits to the use of a federal force."

The government called California's suit a "Hail-Mary pass" and vowed to fight the decision.

The ruling comes as hundreds of troops now patrol the United States capital, following

an order by the president in mid-August deploying the National Guard to tamp down crime in D.C.

Thousands more could soon be deployed to other American cities, the administration has warned.

About 300 soldiers remain on the streets of Los Angeles, where thousands of National Guard troops and hundreds of

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Afghanistan earthquake death toll surpasses 1,400

BY IAN STARK
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Officials in Afghanistan confirmed that more than 1,400 people have been killed in an earthquake that struck the country over the weekend.

Deputy Spokesman of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan Hamdullah Fitrat announced Tuesday that across several districts within its Kunar Prov-

ince, the death toll has reached 1,411, while 3,124 people were injured and 5,412 houses were destroyed.

"Rescue operations continue across all affected areas today," Fitrat posted to social media Tuesday. "In locations where helicopters could not land, dozens of commando forces were air-dropped to pull the injured from the rubble and move them to safer ground."

The U.S. Geological Survey

has reported the magnitude 6.0 earthquake's epicenter that struck around midnight Sunday was approximately 17 miles east of the city of Jalalabad, capital of Nangarhar Province.

Others were reported killed in Nangarhar Province, where around 8,000 houses were destroyed, but the death toll remains unclear.

Ministry of Public Health Public Relations Director Dr. Sharafat zaman Amar posted

images of injured children to social media Tuesday from Nangarhar Provincial Hospital in Jalalabad who he said are "lying together on beds who have no parents or relatives, and they are enduring these harsh moments of life in pain, fearlessness and motherless."

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, or IFRC, Communications officer Mir Abdullah Rasikh posted to social media Tuesday from the Noorgal district of Kunar, where he stated that he was "Reporting directly from the epicenter, where aftershocks continue to

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