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Sobriety leads to success for SMC Student



Santa Monica College / Amy Williams

SMC: Valeria Galbert made a commitment to change her life and pursue an education.

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Valeria Galbert is an anomaly.

She's many things which studies say should've stacked higher educational odds against her: a daughter of immigrants who didn't attend college, growing up in a harsh environment, and a on-and-off relationship with community college. According to those same studies, Galbert shouldn't have had her pick post-SMC between the likes of Columbia, UCLA, UC Berkeley, Loyola Marymount and more.

Yet she defied the odds.

To hear the soon-to-be LMU philosophy grad tell it — after seeing friends die on the streets, after becoming sober, after finding God, after finding stability — her journey to this point always felt predestined.

"It all felt meant to be, like everything happened for a reason, as corny as that sounds," Galbert said in a phone call with the Daily Press. "When I look back, it's crazy to me."

Galbert grew up in a 90s pre-gentrified Mid-

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Unauthorized scooter competitors face fines



Ross Furukawa

ILLEGAL: Mini-bikes owned by Wheels are not allowed in the City.

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica is battling a second incursion of unauthorized scooters and bikes.

Mini-bike rental company Wheels has been staging its bikes around the city for the past few weeks in violation of the City of Santa Monica's shared mobility pilot program, which only allows Bird, Lime, Lyft and Jump, which is owned by Uber, to operate a combined 3,000 devices in the city. The City selected those four operators last summer, but Wheels is a younger company that launched in January and expanded to Los Angeles from San Diego in March.

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Downtown to establish delivery-only parking

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Food delivery drivers are getting dedicated parking spaces downtown for the next three months.

Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM) is launching a pilot program Friday that will set aside two parking spaces in front of

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DELIVERY

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2nd Street restaurants HiHo Cheeseburger and Uovo between 6 and 10 p.m. for drivers contracting with food delivery apps like Postmates and DoorDash. Two spaces in Parking Structure 1 on 4th Street will also be available.

Drivers will be able to park for a maximum of 10 minutes and a sidewalk sign will mark the spaces as reserved for mobile delivery.

Hector Soliman-Valdez, DTSM's mobility manager, said the program is meant to alleviate congestion stemming from the increasingly popular delivery apps. The spaces in front of HiHo and Uovo were selected because both restaurants are among the most sought-after on the apps, he said.

"We were getting a lot of reports that mobile deliveries were impacting the area," he said. "We wanted to get ahead of the curve as that business model keeps growing."

Soliman-Valdez briefly became a delivery driver while developing the program, and he often had to double-park in the bike lane to pick up food from restaurants.

"We want to make sure the spaces are in appropriate locations so traffic isn't backed up," he said.

Juan Matute, a DTSM board member and deputy director of the UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies, said cities are looking at different ways to manage the impacts of delivery services and ridesharing, including increasing turnover at the curb and reducing the amount of time drivers need to park. Matute said he would consider the DTSM pilot successful if the spaces are used primarily by delivery drivers who respect the time limit.

"If they're staying for a few minutes 80 percent of the time, that's a success, but other drivers may see the spaces and make the calculation that they can just use them for 30 minutes without getting a ticket," he said. "I'm interested in the percentage of the time that they're not working as intended."

DTSM will be conducting surveys throughout the length of the pilot program to monitor how the spaces are being used. If the program goes according to plan, it will explore setting aside more spaces in other locations, Soliman-Valdez said.

The district recently partnered with startup Coord to map curbs in downtown Santa Monica, recording every street sign, fire hydrant and bus stop. The map helped DTSM identify parts of the curb that could be used for delivery parking, Soliman-Valdez said, and may be used to inform future work with ridesharing and electric scooters. The technology puts public entities like DTSM on a more equal footing with large tech companies, he added.

"We want positive regulation rather than being adversarial with companies," he said.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the Text of the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Single-Room Occupancy Housing

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider a Resolution recommending to the City Council the adoption of an Ordinance amending the text of the Zoning Ordinance related to Single-Room Occupancy Housing citywide. The proposed ordinance would potentially restrict Single-Room Occupancy Housing citywide unless proposed as a 100% Affordable Housing Project as defined by SMMC Section 9.52.0050 or certain specialized housing uses such as emergency shelters, transitional housing, and supportive housing. The proposed ordinance may also explore other development standards and regulations applicable to Single-Room Occupancy Housing.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, May 1, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project or to provide comments, please contact Roxanne Tanemori, Acting Planning Manager, at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at roxanne.tanemori@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, Rapid 3, 7, 8, 9, Rapid 10, and 18 serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL

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

What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, April 19

Craft, Swap, or Create
Do you have leftover yarn, extra buttons, or scraps of ribbon you haven't used in months? Join us at the library to share your crafting supplies or find new crafting treasures, and while you are at it, make some time to create, invent and learn a new craft or skill. Sewing machine, crochet tools, and other items available for your use. Pico Branch Library, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

S.T.E.A.M. Week: MATH-Candy Count BINGO!
Participate in S.T.E.A.M. activities for a week during spring break! MATH day is for ages 5-11. Main Library, 2 - 2:45 p.m.

Main Library Docent Tours
Docent led tours are offered the third Friday of each month. Docent led tours of the Main Library cover the library's gold LEED rating of sustainability, its art, architecture and even the library's collection! Docents are able to adapt the tour to fit your interest and time. Main Library, 12:20 - 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 20

The Seed Library: Plant a Tiny Garden!
Celebrate Earth Day and learn about the branch's new Seed Library. Decorate and plant a tiny garden with reusable materials. Limited space; to register call 310-458-8681 beginning April 1st. For ages 4-12. Fairview Branch Library. 2 - 3 p.m.

Get Dirty at the Library: a Workshop for Adults
Bring out the child in you while creating a hypertufa (lightweight cement-like material) tea-light candle holder or small pot for your garden. Come dressed for getting dirty. Materials and protective gloves provided. Main Library, 2 - 4 p.m.

Ocean Park Fiction Winners Book Group
This book group reads and discusses prize-winning fiction. The group meets the 3rd Saturday of the month from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Ocean Park Branch Library.

Connected Families: Robot Playtime
Play with robots and coding toys with your family. For Families. Main Library, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Master Gardeners at the Market
Master Gardeners provide free gardening tips, solutions to gardening problems, seeds and seedlings as well as their technical expertise based on the Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program which provides intense gardening training emphasizing organic gardening and covers vegetables, fruits, flowers, shrubs, trees, soils, composting, pests and harvesting. The Master Gardeners of Los Angeles visit the Pico Farmers Market on the third Saturday of each month 9:30 am - Noon. Virginia Avenue Park

EGGSTRAVAGANZA
Hop on down to the Beach house for a fun-filled morning of egg hunts, sack races, crafts, face painting and more! Hunts will be organized by age so every child can have an opportunity to find eggs. Annenberg Community Beach House, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 21

Guest House Open
Visit anytime between 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. for a self-guided or docent tour. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House

Monday, April 22

Social Services Commission
The Social Services Commission works to preserve and enhance the quality of life for all Santa Monica residents through research, outreach, and advocacy. The Commission advises City Council and City staff on identifying needs, setting priorities, planning programs, and analyzing fiscal impacts on social services. Ken Edwards Center. 7 p.m.

Airport Commission meeting
The Santa Monica Airport Commission meets the 4th Monday of each Month at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

DIY Club: Earth Day Planters
Celebrate Earth Day by learning about eco-friendly crafting and creating your own DIY planter! All teens welcome, while supplies last. Pico Branch Library. 4:30 - 6 p.m.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown

California Fish and Game Commission Meets in Santa Monica

At its April 2019 meeting in Santa Monica, the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) took action on a number of issues affecting California's natural resources. The following are just a few items of interest from the meeting.

The Commission assigned commissioners to committees. President Eric Sklar and Commissioner Russell Burns and were assigned to the Wildlife Resources Committee. Newly appointed Commissioner Samantha Murray and Commissioner Peter Silva were assigned to the Marine Resources Committee. Commission Vice President Jacque Hostler-Carmesin and Silva were assigned to the Tribal Committee.

The Commission voted 4-1 to draft a letter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service opposing the proposal to delist gray wolves from the federal endangered species list. Hostler-Carmesin opposed.

The Commission adopted waterfowl hunting regulations for 2019-20, including extending the duck season closure date to January 31 and reducing the daily bag limit for pintail from two to one. It also received the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) 90-day evaluation report on a petition to list four species of bumble bee as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). CDFW plans to present its petition evaluation report at the Commission's June meeting in Redding to inform the Commission's decision about whether listing may be warranted. If, in June, the Commission decides listing is warranted, CDFW will begin a year-long status review.

The Commission heard from CDFW that projections for Chinook Salmon fisheries are looking better than last year. In May, the Commission will consider increasing bag and possession limits on the Klamath and Trinity rivers to a three fish bag limit with no more than two adults and nine fish possession limit with no more than six adults. On the American, Feather and Sacramento rivers in the Sacramento River Basin, the Commission is considering a two bag, four possession limit. Last year, due to lower salmon returns, anglers in the Sacramento River Basin were only allowed one bag limit with two in possession. Also in May, the Commission will consider extending fishing in the Feather River an additional two weeks, closing on October 31, and opening 10 additional miles of the Mokelumne River to fishing. The May 16 Commission meeting is via teleconference.

The Commission voted unanimously to open a short-term fishery on spring Chinook Salmon on the Klamath and Trinity rivers. Spring Chinook Salmon became a candidate for listing under CESA at the Commission's February meeting, when emergency regulations were adopted that closed salmon fishing on the Klamath and Trinity rivers until August 15. Since February, CDFW held several meetings with the public, fishing interests, affected counties and CESA petitioners to evaluate whether a fishery could happen that would protect the salmon, allow fishing, and provide some economic relief to citizens and counties in the affected area. The Commission voted to reopen fishing on July 1 in both the lower Klamath and upper Trinity rivers with a one fish bag limit and two fish possession limit.

Commissioners received an update from CDFW staff on whale and sea turtle protections in the commercial Dungeness crab fishery, and referred discussion of the recreational fishery to the Commission's Marine Resources Committee. Marine related items also included an update on CDFW's transition to electronic commercial fisheries landing receipts ("E-Tix"), an update on the recreational ocean salmon and Pacific halibut seasons, and the publication of the Marine Region Year in Review.

All commissioners were present. This was Murray's first meeting.

The full Commission agenda, supporting information and a schedule of upcoming meetings are available at www.fgc.ca.gov. An archived video will also be available in coming days.

SUBMITTED BY JORDAN TRAVERSO, CDFW COMMUNICATIONS

LOS ANGELES

Federal Law Enforcement Official Sentenced to More than 12 Years in Prison for Large-Scale Interstate Narcotics Trafficking Operation

A 25-year veteran officer of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) who worked at Los Angeles International Airport was sentenced today to 151 months in federal prison for helping to move hundreds of kilograms of cocaine, heroin and marijuana from Southern California to Chicago as part of a narcotics distribution ring.

Manuel Porras Salas, 52, of Fontana, who is on indefinite suspension from the agency, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Cormac J. Carney, who said Salas "let his agency down and let his country down."

Sayda Powery Orellana, 50, also of Fontana, who was Salas' wife during the time of the narcotics trafficking conspiracy, also was sentenced to 151 months in federal prison for her role in the drug distribution ring.

After a five-day trial in December, a federal jury found Salas and Orellana guilty of one count of conspiracy to distribute controlled substances, one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering, and one count of making false statements to law enforcement. The jury also found Orellana guilty of four additional money laundering counts.

According to the evidence presented at trial, Salas, who previously worked as a CBP officer at John Wayne and Ontario International airports, and Orellana obtained kilogram quantities of narcotics and provided them to a commercial truck driver who delivered the narcotics from California to Illinois. The defendants also laundered the hundreds of thousands of dollars they received in compensation by using bank accounts in the names of Orellana and others.

"This federal law enforcement officer and his then-wife were involved in the distribution of narcotics worth millions of dollars," said United States Attorney Nick Hanna. "They participated in a sophisticated trafficking operation that sent many pounds of dangerous and addictive drugs to the Midwest. While the narcotics distribution was not directly related to Officer Salas' position with the government, we cannot tolerate any law enforcement official playing a role in illegal activity that threatens the well-being of American citizens."

"U.S. Customs and Border Protection stresses honor and integrity in every aspect of our mission, and the overwhelming majority of CBP employees perform their duties with honor and distinction every day to keep our country safe," said Denise R. Mar, Special Agent in Charge of CBP's Office of Professional Responsibility in Los Angeles. "Today's lengthy sentence will serve notice to all government employees that integrity and public trust in our agency will be held to the highest standard. We will continue our efforts with our law enforcement partners to investigate CBP employees involved in criminal activity."

"Today's sentence reflects DEA's commitment to not only destroying drug trafficking organizations, but also to rooting out police corruption," said David J. Downing, Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration, Los Angeles Field Office. "This sentence is indicative of the hard work by our federal law enforcement partners, as well as our financial investigations group's dedicated agents."

"As today's sentence reflects, this case involves serious criminal conduct – the distribution of millions of dollars of narcotics and the deposit of hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash to accounts associated with Salas and Orellana," said Ryan L. Korner, Special Agent in Charge of IRS Criminal Investigation's Los Angeles Field Office. "Mr. Salas violated the trust placed in him by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the people of this country, for his own and his former wife's personal financial gain."

The conspiracy began to unravel on March 11, 2012, when a commercial truck driver was stopped in Gallup, New Mexico with approximately 260 kilograms of narcotics – including heroin, cocaine, and marijuana – that was valued at approximately $1.5 million. The commercial truck driver told law enforcement that he had worked with Salas and Orellana transporting narcotics to Chicago on multiple occasions, and that he would receive the drug sales proceeds and deposit them into various bank accounts at Salas and Orellana's direction. The driver later pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute controlled substances. The driver's telephone, telephone records, and banking records tied Salas to the narcotics distribution activities and money laundering. Salas and Orellana lied to law enforcement that they didn't know the commercial truck driver and that the money deposited into Orellana's bank account was intended for someone else.

This matter was investigated by U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Office of Professional Responsibility, the Drug Enforcement Administration and IRS Criminal Investigation.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Joseph T. McNally of the Violent and Organized Crime Section and Aron Ketchel of the Public Corruption and Civil Rights Section.

SUBMITTED BY CIARAN MCEVOY, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Citywide

City Attorney Files Multiple Criminal Charges in Tenant Harassment Case

The Santa Monica City Attorney's Office has filed a criminal complaint charging Miesha Charnae Grant with five counts of tenant harassment in violation of Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 4.56.020, one count of operating an unlawful business in violation SMMC Section 6.04.020, five counts of grand theft in violation of Penal Code Section 487, five counts of criminal contempt in violation of Penal Code Section 166, one count of vandalism in violation of Penal Code section 594, and one count of battery in violation of Penal Code section 242. The charges relate to actions taken with respect to tenants in rent-controlled units at 1914 18th Street.

The Santa Monica Police Department and the Code Enforcement Division of the City's Planning & Community Development Department investigated this case after receiving numerous complaints from the public. The investigation revealed evidence that Grant disobeyed a court order; defrauded tenants by posing as a landlord charging rent in violation of a court order; interfered with tenants' right to quiet use and enjoyment of rental housing units by entering tenants' units without permission, threatening tenants, vandalizing properties, and battering a tenant. Following the investigation, the case was referred to the City Attorney's Office for criminal prosecution.

"City prosecutors and enforcement staff will take prompt action when individuals knowingly violate state and local laws and threaten the safety of others," said Chief Deputy City Attorney Yibin Shen. "The City Attorney's Office is committed to enforcing all applicable laws and ensuring that victims from all income levels and backgrounds can feel safe and secure in their homes and receive equal justice under the law."

City law protects tenants against unlawful harassment by landlords or person acting as landlords. Such persons may not, in bad faith, influence or attempt to influence a tenant to vacate a rental housing unit through fraud, intimidation or coercion; threaten a tenant, by word or gesture, with physical harm; or interfere with a tenant's right to quiet use and enjoyment of a rental housing unit. The City Attorney's Office encourages any person experiencing similar or related violations to immediately contact the Santa Monica Police Department Non-Emergency Phone number at 310-458-8491 or the City's Code Enforcement Division at 310-458-4984. In case of an emergency, please call 911.

This case is being prosecuted by Deputy City Attorney Autumn Rindels.

SUBMITTED BY CONSTANCE FARRELL, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

LOS ANGELES

Alert for teen who may be with couple wanted in homicide

Authorities are seeking the public's help to find a 15-year-old girl believed to be with her mother and a man who investigators say are suspects in a Southern California homicide investigation.

Los Angeles County sheriff's officials say Alora Benitez was last seen Wednesday morning with

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STUDENT

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City, a time when that stretch of LA was, as Galbert says, wasn't exactly friendly.

"In those times, it wasn't the best environment for kids, adults, anyone," she said. "A lot of criminal activity, wild crowds. I got caught up in that. It was a low-income community, people doing what they had to. All of that though, it affects a child. You don't sit there and prioritize your education when you're a part of that life."

In spite of her surroundings, Galbert did well in school for the most part.

She liked to learn, something she says her parents instilled in her. Despite not being college educated, Galbert says her parents are extremely well-read and continuously inspired her.

"They always wanted me to go to school and good grades so I wouldn't have to work paycheck to paycheck or worry about life ... Academically, I never had issues. I picked stuff up quick. Behavior-wise was the issue."

Around high school, Galbert says she started hanging with the wrong crowd. She says she was focused on feeling good, drinking, smoking and ditching school. Despite getting into LACES, a university-preparatory school, she flunked out.

Life changed. She saw a friend get killed in front of her. She developed depression, anxiety and PTSD. She bounced between high schools before finishing her GED at a continuation school.

She didn't see much of a life for herself past high school, despite wanting more.

She attempted community college at SMC and dropped out. She would go on to work service jobs for years until she felt stuck. She knew she had to change her ways to move forward in life.

After she stopped hanging with the wrong crowd, she met her husband, Marcel. She credits him and her parents' constant support for getting her to change her ways.

"My husband was sober and it inspired me the way he got things done. He was also always calm, nothing ever bothered him. He'd say, 'I'll let Jesus handle it' when things came up. I admired that."

Galbert got sober (cold turkey), started going to church, and knew she had to "go to school and do the damn thing."

She initially went to school to get an AA, to "be a supervisor or something at one of these jobs" and got more than she could've ever imagined in her second stint at college.

She dove into her education. She aced her classes and actively participated in the school, eventually interning at NASA's JPL Science Division in Pasadena.

SMC Tutoring Coordinator Aline Baumgartner saying Galbert was "always looking for opportunity rather than waiting for things to happen to her."

Galbert got involved in Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), an SMC honor society, which she says catapulted her to success. She ascended up the ranks of the group and when school transfer time came around, she was supported by fellow PTK members.

"I was applying to just state schools, I didn't think I'd have a chance anywhere else. But Irving (Angeles, a former SMC student and PTK member) said, 'Cal States? No girl, you need to apply to private schools, universities, big schools.' They helped me trust and believe in myself."

After gaining two AA degrees — one in science, another in geography — Galbert had her pick of colleges to choose from for her Bachelor's. UCLA, Columbia, UC Berkeley and more, but it was LMU that had her heart.

There, she says, she felt she got a hands-on education. She joked that "each student there — every student — had an advisor for something, and that advisor had an advisor for them advising them on something," giving her an impression her individual education would be cared about.

Though she started with environmental studies as her major — which she began due to her love for nature, sparked by her nature-loving dad — she is now a philosophy major, on the verge of getting her degree.

When reflecting, she takes pause and gets choked up thinking how much her life has changed.

"I credit my husband, parents, professors, so many people. I hope this shows people like me — grew up in a tough socioeconomic position with no real college role model — that life can get better. You can get out of that life and change things."

"Resilience," Baumgartner says, is the word that defines Galbert. "She defies all the erroneous studies that portray students from certain groups as low achievers. Yes, there is talent and yes, they're capable as long as they're put on the right path ... She's not only a Latina but first in her family. Married, too, and achieved so much. She's a good example for other students. It's good that they see it's possible that people like them can make it."

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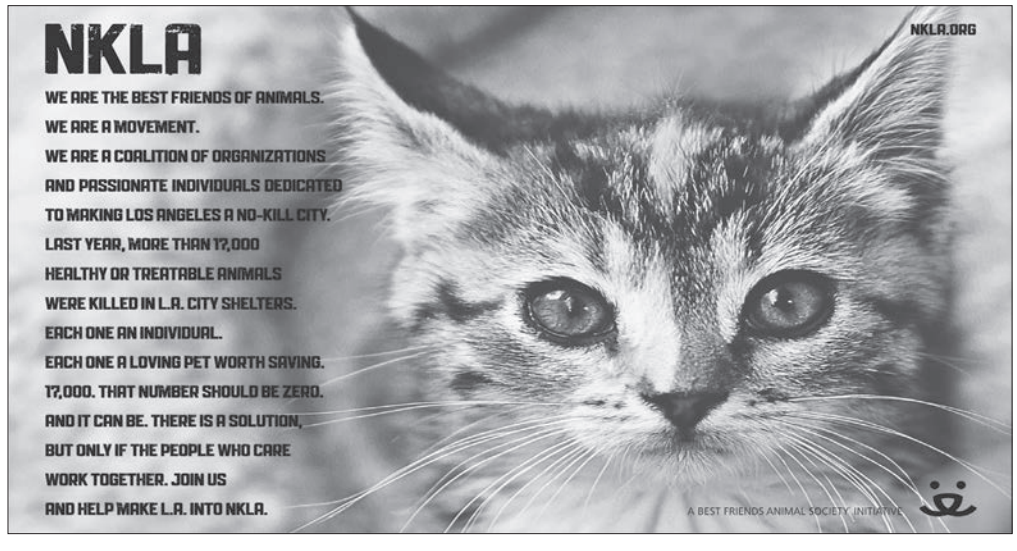
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the two adults in Torrance in a white 2013 BMW sedan.

The Los Angeles Times reports Alora's mother and her male companion are suspected in the death of a man whose body was found inside a parked car in Carson.

Officials say the pair, who have not been identified by name, should be considered armed and dangerous.

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LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles police nab scooter-riding Bay-area thieves

Police say they've broken up a band of scooter-riding robbers from the San Francisco Bay Area who busted into 40 cars over the weekend in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles police say the thieves traveled to Hollywood and used ride-sharing scooters to hit dozens of cars.

Surveillance video obtained by KNTV shows a man ride a scooter to the back of a car, bust out its window, grab a bag inside and pass it to another man on a scooter before they zip away.

LAPD Capt. Cory Palka says "the scooters allow them to maneuver through the community almost at will."

He says such thefts are an ongoing issue, and that thieves have been taking stolen items up to Oakland to sell them on the street.

Palka says five arrests have been made.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Facebook says more Instagram passwords exposed than thought

Millions more Instagram users were affected by a password security lapse than parent company Facebook acknowledged nearly four weeks ago.

The social media giant said in late March that it had inadvertently stored passwords in plain text, making it possible for its thousands of employees to search them. It said the passwords were stored on internal company servers, where no outsiders could access them.

Facebook said in a blog post Thursday that it now estimates that "millions" of Instagram users were affected by the lapse, instead of the "tens of thousands" it had originally reported. It had also said in March that the issue affected "hundreds of millions" of Facebook Lite users and millions of Facebook users. Facebook Lite is designed for people with older phones or slow internet connections.

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SACRAMENTO

Appeals court backs California laws to protect immigrants

A federal appeals court on Thursday kept in place three California laws intended to protect immigrants, continuing the state's efforts to be a national leader in opposing Trump administration policies.

The court upheld lower court rulings denying the Trump administration's request to block law enforcement from providing release dates and personal information of people in jail, as well as to throw out a law barring employers from allowing immigration officials on their premises unless the officials have a warrant.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected U.S. District Judge John Mendez's reasoning last year for denying a portion of the third law, which requires the state to review detention facilities where immigrants are held. It ruled that the section requiring the state to review circumstances surrounding the apprehension and transfer of detainees puts an impermissible burden on the federal government.

But the appellate panel said Mendez can consider rejecting a preliminary injunction for that section on other legal grounds.

The U.S. Justice Department did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, who has repeatedly sued the Trump administration mostly over immigration and environmental decisions, said the ruling shows that states' rights "continue to thrive."

"We continue to prove in California that the rule of law not only stands for something but that people cannot act outside of it," Becerra said in a statement.

California officials have said the immigration laws promote trust between immigrant communities and law enforcement, while the administration argued the state is allowing dangerous criminals on the streets.

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Health officials: California baby dies from whooping cough

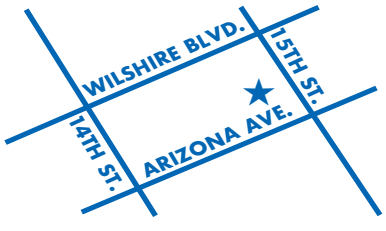
California health officials say a baby has died from whooping cough – the first such infant death in the state since 2018.

The Department of Public Health says Thursday that the child was from Orange County, but didn't provide any other details.

Whooping cough, also known as pertussis, is a highly contagious respiratory ailment that can spread through coughing.

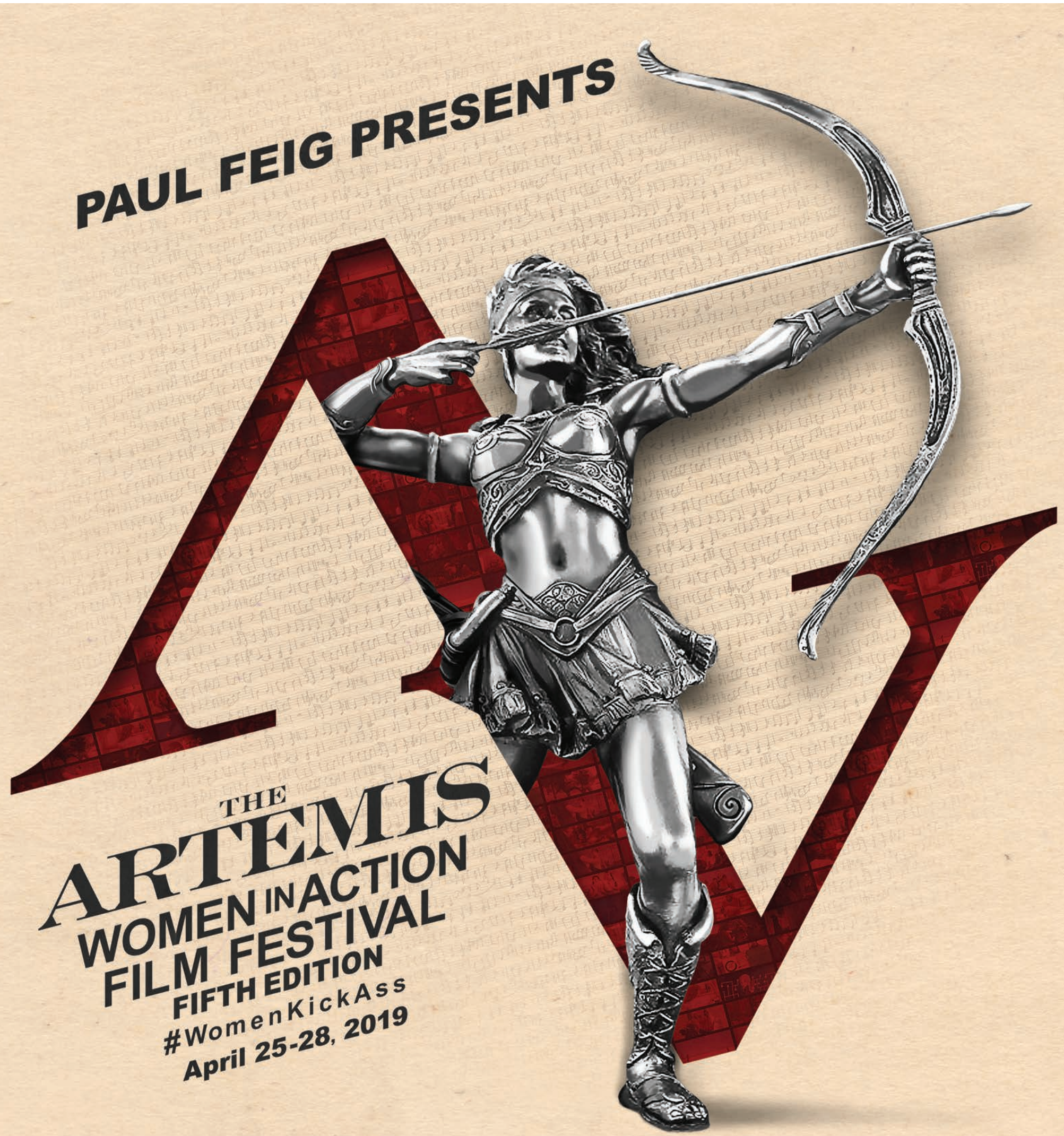
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Farewell to Queen Esther

On April 5, Esther Weiss, who first moved to Santa Monica in 1944, passed away peacefully of natural causes surrounded by her family. She was 97. The mother of my good friend, Phyllis Weiss, Esther had battled courageously.

Three years ago, at Phyllis' request, I called Esther and we chatted for over an hour. Hearing stories of her life, I was reminded of Tom Brokaw's 1998 book "The Greatest Generation." That was Esther's generation, which seemingly didn't complain about life's hardships, they just did what needed to be done.

Esther was remarkably informed, graceful and calm. I say "calm" with a smile because I wouldn't say Phyllis, a former flower child, hippie, jazz dancer at the famed Candy Store night club, inherited the "calm gene."

I'm reminded of when 19-year-old Phyllis wanted to join famed attorney, 40-year-old Marvin Mitchelson, in an impromptu trip to Las Vegas. Esther vetoed the idea, despite Phyllis pleading, "This is supposed to be a democracy." "No, sweetheart," Esther replied, "this is a monarchy and I am the Queen." (A compromise was reached in which a friend joined Phyllis on the overnight jaunt and return home.)

As a peace offering, Phyllis bought her mother a queen of hearts necklace that she wore till her death. In fact, family and friends affectionately called her "Queen Esther," fittingly because she certainly possessed regal-like grace. As for the necklace, it's among the precious keepsakes of her mother's Phyllis cherishes.

Besides intelligence, what Phyllis and her younger brother Allen seemingly inherited was a boundless free spirit. That would explain Esther's bold move from Kansas City to Santa Monica at age 21, all alone, and with no job, during the chaotic times of WWII.

She bravely took the El Capitan train to L.A., even though she only slightly knew the woman she would room with. In fact, one day that roommate said she was going to wash her hair and never returned! (She met a guy and moved in.)

But Esther didn't panic. Ever resourceful, she made friends with people who would ultimately be in her life until old age. Open-minded, she loved meeting people who were different religiously and politically.

Esther worked diligently as a secretary for a Hollywood apparel company. But she and her friends also often stayed up late dancing with servicemen at Santa Monica's 1400 square foot swing dance club, Casino Gardens. She was also one of millions of Frank Sinatra "bobby soxers," young females who swooned and screamed at his shows.

Intellectually-minded, Esther often went to the theater and museums, and attended art exhibits and lectures. She was also part of the joyous excitement as L.A. celebrated VE Day on May 8th 1945.

Esther eventually fell in love with Norman Weiss. He wrote her poetry, wined and dined her, and played her songs on the piano. They were married in Reno, honeymooned in San Francisco, and started their life together.



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PHYLLIS (LEFT) AND ESTHER WEISS

The couple had two children, Phyllis born in 1949 and Allen in 1950. The family soon moved to a house off Sawtelle, which was separated from Sepulveda by cornfields. It was then Esther learned to drive, and forever loved the freedom that a car provided.

Unfortunately, the marriage didn't last, and Esther was left with no job and two children to support. Undaunted, she landed a job at UCLA's School of Engineering and Applied Science and stayed until retirement.

Allen would grow up to earn two Masters degrees and a PhD and become a USC professor. Phyllis was a prolific dancer whose talent, personality and looks allowed her to cross paths with innumerable celebrities, including Sinatra.

On her 95th birthday, Esther told everyone she was going to live to 100. She passed away at 97 but, in battling her various illnesses, she kept her word to do her best. In fact, you could say she lived life doing her best.

Not long before her passing, Esther asked Phyllis, who visited her mother almost daily, a question about one of her daughter's celebrity acquaintances. Phyllis never talked about them nor did Esther ever pry. But on that day, seeming out of the blue, she asked, "What was Frank Sinatra really like?" Phyllis' answer, "Larger than life," made her mother smile.

Thankfully, Esther lived long enough to see the birth of her only great-grandchild, Ashton Noah Greenberg. His parents brought him to see her only weeks before she passed. Esther was overjoyed. It brought to mind the optimistic idiom "As one door closes, another opens."

Esther Weiss is survived by her daughter Phyllis Weiss, son Allen Weiss, daughter-in-law Debbie Macinnis, grandsons Daniel Greenberg, Scott Greenberg, Ryan Jaworski, granddaughters Brittany Greenberg and Katie Jaworski, and great grandson Ashton Greenberg. As family and friends can attest, Queen Esther was graceful to the very end.

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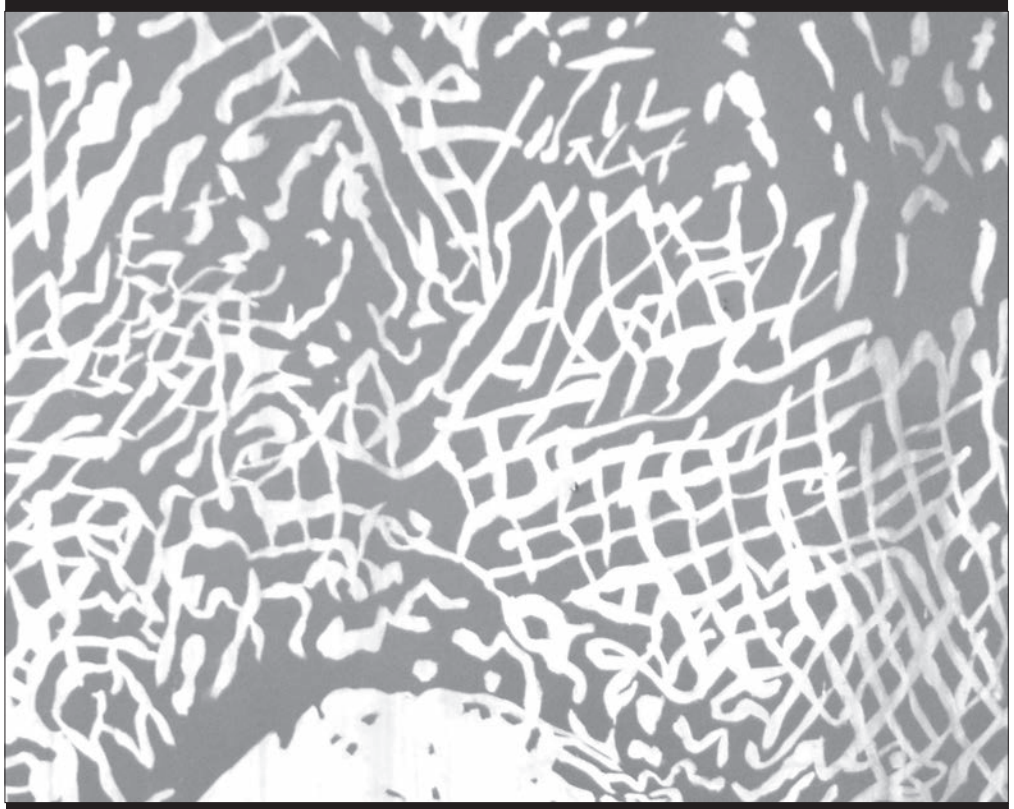
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WHEELS

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Founders Jonathan and Joshua Viner, who created the popular dog-walking app Wag, say the mini-bike is safer than scooters because of its lower center of gravity and larger wheels.

The company's contractors began deploying its bikes in neat rows along Santa Monica sidewalks earlier this month, but by Thursday, only a few remained scattered around the city, according to the Wheels app. Deputy city manager Anuj Gupta said the City immediately began enforcing its ban on unauthorized devices by issuing citations and fines to the company and impounding the bikes. City manager Rick Cole tweeted Tuesday that Wheels had been fined more than $40,000.

"We're sending a message to the company that says this is unacceptable under our shared mobility program," Gupta said.

When local officials spoke with senior leadership at Wheels Wednesday morning, the company said the devices were deployed in error, Gupta said. Wheels pays "transporters" up to $175 a night to collect bikes and drop them off on sidewalks, according to recent job postings.

"Since they employ gig economy workers it seems plausible that it was in error, but there will be serious consequences if that conduct continues," he said.

This isn't the first time the City has had to contend with unauthorized devices. Spin's contractors began staging scooters around Santa Monica earlier this year, even though the Spin app prevents users from renting scooters within city limits. The app displays the city with a pink overlay and warns riders, "Please do not ride here: We may have to suspend your account for repeated violations."

Gupta said Spin immediately began preventing the erroneous deployment of scooters in Santa Monica after the City began issuing citations. The company received lesser penalties than Wheels, however.

"In contrast to (Spin), Wheels has made its devices available for rent through its app within city limits, which actually constitutes conducting business without a license," he said. "That's a much more serious offense and entails a more significant fine."

The City recognizes that unauthorized scooters and bikes may be ridden into Santa Monica from other areas, Gupta said. Wheels has staged dozens of bikes in Venice, mostly near the boardwalk. But while some cross-contamination may be unavoidable, the company has an obligation and a financial interest to comply with local law.

"We appreciated the measures Spin took immediately after its erroneous deployment a couple of months back," Gupta said. "We'll be sitting down with Wheels in person over the next couple of days and we expect a similar level of compliance from them."

Wheels could not be reached for comment.

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SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 300 CALLS ON APRIL 17

72 hour psychiatric hold 100blk Broadway 1:18 a.m.
Armed robbery 200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:32 a.m.
Battery 1500blk 10th St 1:58 a.m.
Traffic collision - unkn injuries 3300blk Ocean Park Blvd 6:19 a.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 34th St / Ocean Park Blvd 6:21 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 2200blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:37 a.m.
Panhandling 400blk Wilshire Blvd 8:47 a.m.
Petty theft 2600blk Barnard Way 9:01 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 700blk Ocean Ave 9:26 a.m.
Fight 500blk Olympic Blvd W 9:27 a.m.
Hit and run felony Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 9:33 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 500blk San Vicente Blvd 9:45 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 2400blk 4th St 9:47 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 200blk Bicknell Ave 9:54 a.m.
Burglary 1500blk 10th St 10:09 a.m.
Smoking violation 2800blk Lincoln Blvd 10:32 a.m.
Suspicious person Euclid St / Broadway 10:41 a.m.
Drunk driving Lincoln Blvd / Navy St 10:49 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 1500blk Broadway 11:24 a.m.
Hit and run 14th St / Wilshire Blvd 11:24 a.m.
Burglary 1800blk 19th St 11:50 a.m.
Battery 1200blk Ocean Front Walk 12:07 p.m.
Petty theft Ocean Ave / Broadway 12:15 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 300blk Olympic Dr 12:20 p.m.
Vandalism 1900blk Pico Blvd 12:28 p.m.
Person with a gun 6th St / Broadway 12:35 p.m.
Abandoned vehicle 200blk Marguerita Ave 12:45 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 700blk Broadway 12:55 p.m.
Fraud 67700blk E Palm Canyon Dr 1:06 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2600blk Main St 1:10 p.m.
Fight 600blk Wilshire Blvd 1:21 p.m.
Violation of preferential parking zone 1500blk 17th St 1:29 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1500blk Ocean Ave 1:36 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 900blk 3rd St 1:45 p.m.
Petty theft 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 1:48 p.m.
Auto burglary 1900blk Ocean Ave 2:14 p.m.
Battery 2000blk Ocean Ave 2:28 p.m.
Petty theft 700blk Marine St 2:38 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 2000blk 18th St 2:38 p.m.
Person with a gun 400blk Wilshire Blvd 2:52 p.m.
Vehicle parked on sidewalk 900blk 17th St 2:55 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 1500blk Berkeley St 3:06 p.m.
Auto burglary 1100blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:13 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1600blk Ocean Ave 3:17 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 1600blk 7th St 3:20 p.m.
Vandalism 4th St / Colorado Ave 4:04 p.m.
Drunk driving 2200blk Ocean Ave 4:09 p.m.
Petty theft 3200blk Wilshire Blvd 4:34 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 2400blk 20th St 4:54 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 700blk 12th St 5:08 p.m.
Petty theft 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 5:12 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1700blk Wilshire Blvd 5:21 p.m.
Burglary 1400blk 14th St 6:17 p.m.
Stalking suspect just left 1800blk 11th St 6:21 p.m.
Injured person 2000blk the beach 6:30 p.m.
Petty theft 2800blk Pico Blvd 6:35 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300blk 15th St 6:36 p.m.
Hit and run 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:43 p.m.
Vehicle out of space 800blk Ocean Ave 6:44 p.m.
Overdose 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:45 p.m.
Fight Ocean Ave / Bicknell Ave 6:45 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1200blk Centinela Ave 6:49 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Lincoln Blvd / Michigan Ave 7:02 p.m.
Identity theft 300blk 11th St 7:12 p.m.
Petty theft 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 7:12 p.m.
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Of shots fired 18th St / Delaware Ave 7:58 p.m.
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Traffic/vehicle stop 800blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:10 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 200blk Hill St 8:19 p.m.
Petty theft 600blk Wilshire Blvd 8:20 p.m.
Burglary 500blk San Vicente Blvd 8:35 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold Airport Ave 9:19
ttery 1400blk Berkeley St 9:24 p.m.
Petty theft 500blk San Vicente Blvd 10:56 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 33 CALLS ON APRIL 17

Emergency Medical Service 1200blk 14th St 12:32 a.m.
EMS 3300blk Barnard Way 12:48 a.m.
EMS 700blk Pico Blvd 1:15 a.m.
EMS 100blk Strand St 2:23 a.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 3:14 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 12th St 4:46 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury 3300blk Ocean Park Blvd 6:19 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 8:13 a.m.
EMS 2400blk Arizona Ave 8:33 a.m.
EMS 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 8:45 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 10:54 a.m.
EMS 1200blk Marine St 11:07 a.m.
Assist LAFD 400blk S Lincoln Blvd 11:59 a.m.
EMS 900blk 20th St 12:10 p.m.
EMS 1900blk 20th St 12:16 p.m.
EMS 1000blk Pico Blvd 12:28 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 1:26 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 1:28 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Pico Blvd 2:15 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 4:15 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1700blk Ocean Ave 4:22 p.m.
Wires down 2900blk 11th St 4:48 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Olympic Blvd W 4:51 p.m.
EMS 400blk Expo Line 5:26 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Ocean Way 6:11 p.m.
EMS 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:45 p.m.
Smoke investigation 200blk San Vicente Blvd 6:48 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 7:31 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Michigan Ave 7:56 p.m.

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Power#: 15
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MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/16
11 29 34 48 54
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: $175 M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 4/17
5 23 27 31 46
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: $37 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/17
2 6 7 27 32

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 4/18
Midday: 8 6 6
Draw Date: 4/17
Evening: 0 3 1

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 4/17
1st: 12 - LUCKY CHARMS
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SATURDAY - **POOR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ knee to waist high occ. 4 ft
Modest to fun S swell continues. Most size for exposure to the west. Watching winds.

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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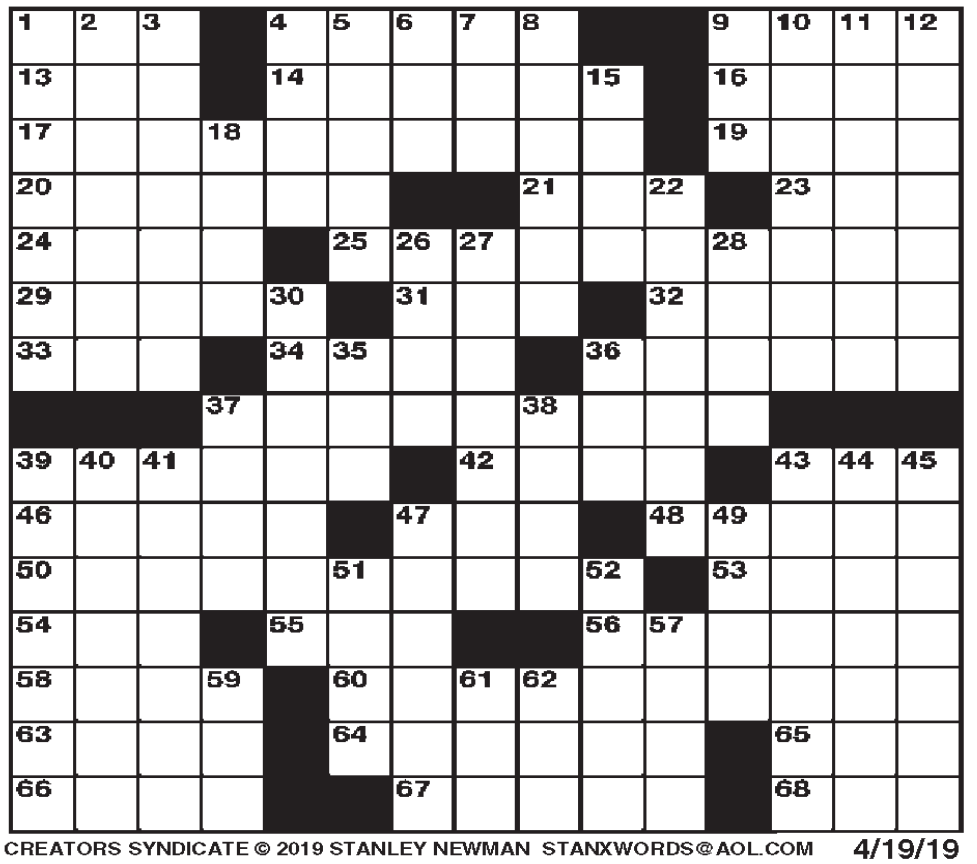
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1 Device in some drones
4 Formal dances
9 Particularly impressive
13 Receive __ (pass easily)
14 Habitat for some ducks
16 Pad jottings
17 Sleazy short-term loaners' clients
19 Disney World transport
20 It's due south of Albuquerque
21 Pentagon grp.
23 Crescent border
24 Small water bird
25 Common Chinese restaurant offering
29 One gawking
31 Contingencies
32 Sheen's *West Wing* successor
33 Product shipped to Mars
34 *Carmina Burana* composer
36 Not to exceed
37 He pours at tiki bars
39 Got by
42 Afrikaner ancestor
43 John Hancock, for short
46 Unoriginal
47 Substitute, briefly
48 Immerse
50 He's AWOL at the altar
53 Life of the party
54 The works
55 Go on and on
56 Needles, knives, etc.
58 Film promo
60 Haitian priestly potation
63 God who sounds subdued
64 Gas in natural gas
65 Operate
66 CIO or CFO
67 Self-controlled
68 Hold 'em haul

DOWN
1 Home style
2 Former SAT question type
3 Spring dance prop
4 Predisposition
5 Choice words
6 2.5 miles at Indy
7 PO delivery
8 Shoe leathers
9 "Aid car" VIP
10 S&P analyst's stat
11 Turkish inns
12 NBC owner
15 Quartet often near RSVP
18 Fix in time
22 Unsettle
26 Falling-out
27 Not defying description
28 Honor for some hosts
30 Highway menace
35 Carnival city
36 Epoch
37 Come together nicely
38 Merest shred
39 Hand holder
40 NASA mission of May '69
41 Don't care for
43 Foot holder
44 Wishful sentiment
45 Jumps in a pool, say
47 Friars Club officials
49 Certain show horse
51 Peak of activity
52 Route through Richmond
57 Ground breaker
59 1 Across product
61 "So there you are!"
62 Pat or tap



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 19)

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 19). You'll prioritize self-care higher, which makes you abler to deliver on the big demands coming up. Someone loving nurtures and supports you, too. Work takes off. You get so busy in 2020 that you'll need to add team members and acquire tools. Giving an anonymous gift will set of a ripple of excellent karma. Cancer and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 4, 40, 22 and 11.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Creativity will not come into the picture like a mysterious generative force. It will instead be a response to the environment, a solution to the problem or a reaction to the limitations in play.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've repeated an action so many times that there's a groove forming. Or maybe it's a rut. There's a fine line between the two. How is it feeling to you? Reminder: There are hundreds of ways to do a thing. Find yours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Everything you see is perspective, which is different from truth, although some angles are much more honest than others. The less you need out of a situation, the more clearly you can see it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're a part of nature, and it will feel better to think and act in accordance with that instead of fighting what seems to be coming up organically for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Though you really find it maudlin to think in terms of "what if it's the last time?" The fact is that this is just the approach that will ensure you squeeze every last bit of potential out of the situation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you feel harmed but weren't, then were you harmed? If you don't feel harmed but were, then were you harmed? Your answer to these questions help you take ownership of your own experience.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It is in your best interest to either consider the situation endurable and then take it on as such without complaint, or say "not for me" and then move along. Both choices are fine. It's vacillating in the middle that's hard. Avoid!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you don't feel like deciding on a direction then just don't. This is a moment for playing around, which is very different from standing still. Experimentation will show you the way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can't lose what you don't have. Maybe there's comfort in this. Does it embolden you? You don't have to worry about trying not to mess up some imaginary future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Over time, you can make yourself into whatever you want to be, but you cannot make yourself into everything all at once. Actions that are guided by reverence and justice will naturally flow to the right future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The problem with memory lane is that no one can live there. Whatever happened before, it already had its chance and now its time is over. This is the hour that matters.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Things end eventually, but not now. Paradoxically, by thinking about the loss of the thing we are enjoying, we can increase our appreciation of it and bring enjoyment to the next level.

Full Moon in the Sign of Relationships

What's hidden will be revealed under the Libra full moon. What's already apparent will swell up as though the moon did a pinch-to-zoom motion to enlarge what's on the smart screen of life. Here comes the love language in large type, and, prepare yourself, because the other emotions swirling around the relationship also get supersized.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES

Just as hunger makes food taste better, it is possible that abstaining from other pleasures – or at least putting them off a little longer – makes them better. TAURUS: The way you say thank you is a gift in and of itself. Your appreciation pleases others. GEMINI: You value freedom and will resist doing anything that will give others power over you. CANCER: Knowing there are people out there who will be crazy about you, can you really settle for less? LEO: Two people who like the same things will end up liking each other. VIRGO: You're not the least bit worried what anyone else thinks about you, which is very attractive. LIBRA: It's taken a long time to know yourself this well. You've earned the satisfaction and confidence that comes with the territory. SCORPIO: This is no time to bail on your standards, ideals or wishes. SAGITTARIUS: In love, compromise is inevitable. You'll strike a balance between personal interests and what's good for the relationship. CAPRICORN: You've the chutzpah to ask for what you want and will be all the more attractive for it, too. AQUARIUS: Don't let the wishes of others steer you away from your original intention. PISCES: Dull dates involve imitative and rule-bound behavior, whereas creativity and weirdness make for a fun date.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND

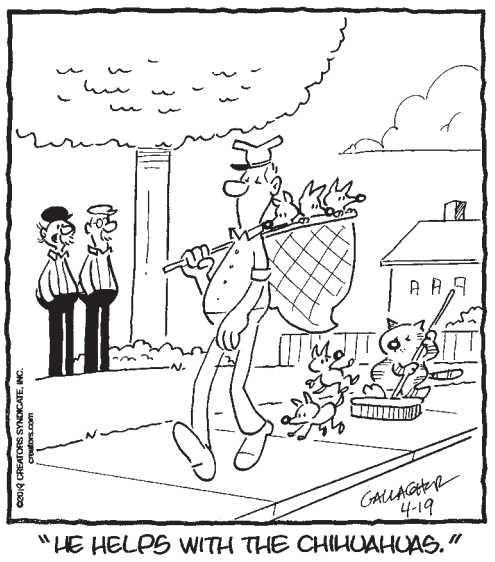
The sun moves into Taurus and the moon explores Scorpio, making this among the most sensual weekends of the year. Luxurious dates will be hits, as Taurus is the sign of money and luxury. That's not to say that simple plans won't go well; the Scorpio lunar energy adds a smoldering quality regardless of the cost. The magnetism between Scorpio and Taurus is palpable and powerful. Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis@gmail.com.

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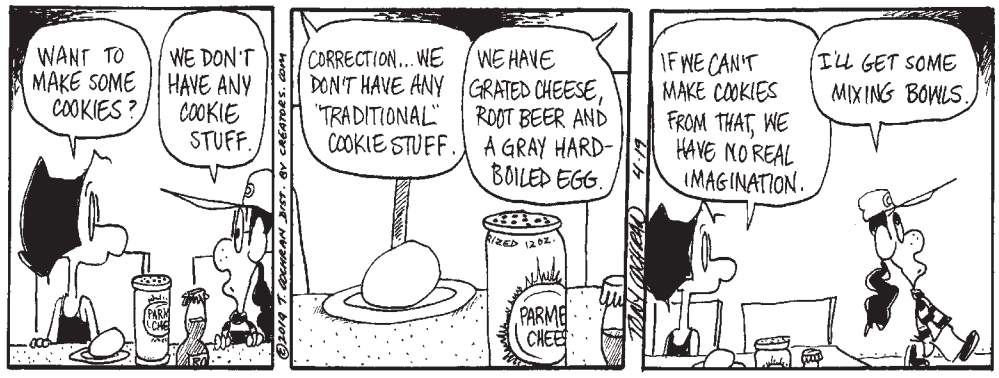
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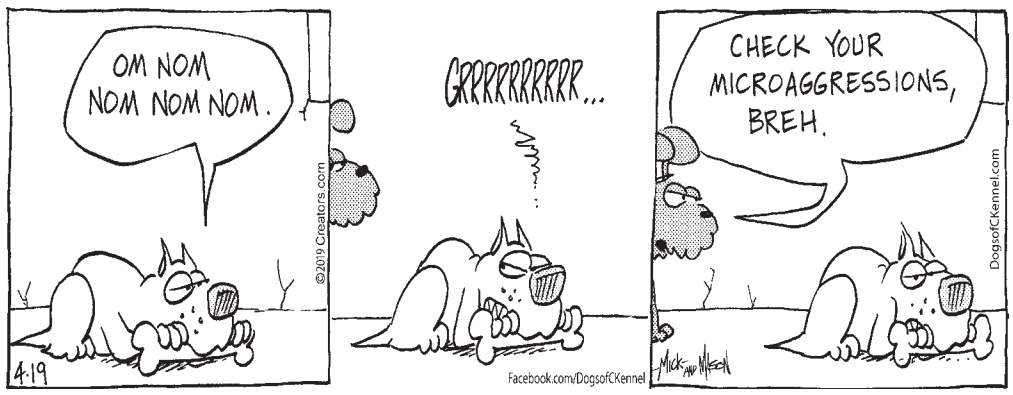
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Aimee Palmitessa (dob 1/9/72) entered her plea to three felony counts of unlawful sexual intercourse. She was immediately sentenced to three years in state prison to be served in local custody.

Deputy District Attorney Adrian Roxas of the Sex Crimes Division prosecuted the case.

Palmitessa worked at the elite private school for about nine years and the victim was once a student in one of her classes. Over the course of the summer in 2017, Palmitessa had sex with the teenage boy, the prosecutor said.

The victim told authorities about the incidents and Palmitessa was arrested shortly thereafter.

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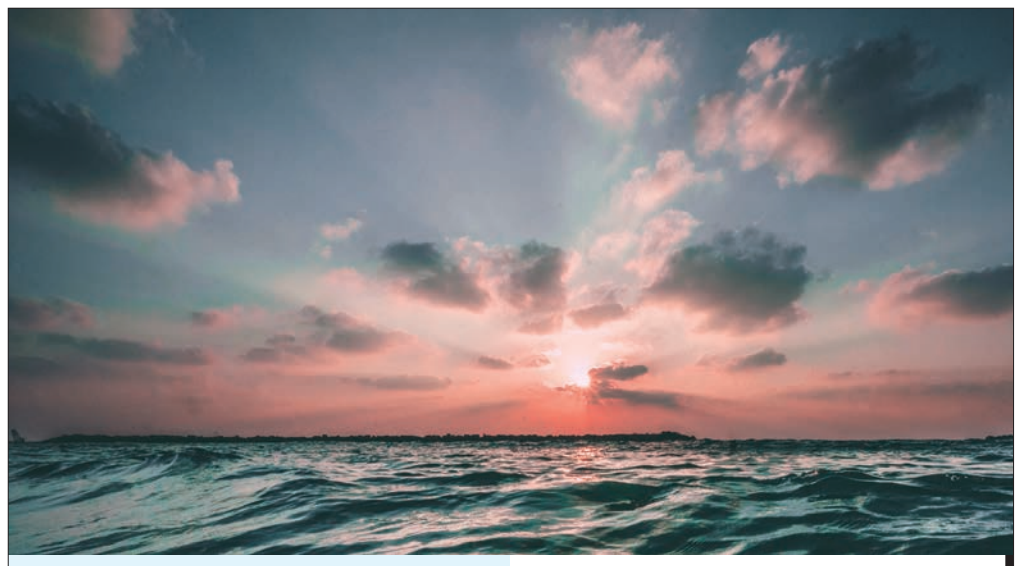
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