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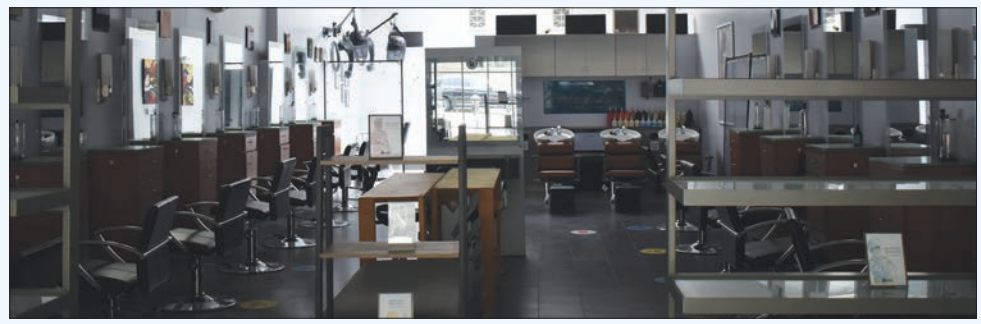
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One Year Later: Santa Monica looks back on riots

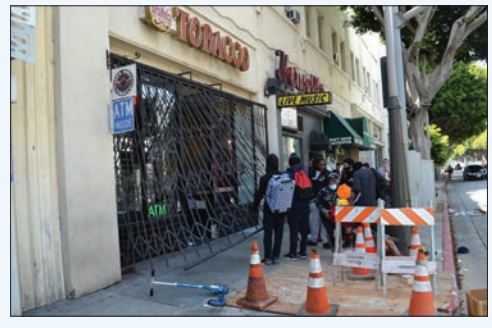












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RIOT: While some businesses closed following the looting of last year, most repaired their doors, restocked their products and have reopened for business. However, many of the business owners and employees still have a strong emotional reaction to the memory.

Santa Monica eyes change since May 31 riots

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

It's been one year since Santa Monica businesses were ransacked by looters and local protesters were doused with tear gas near Ocean Avenue on May 31, 2020. But the memories of the infamous day still remain in the minds of many residents, some who said it changed the trajectory of the city forever.

As hundreds of people protested against police violence on May 31, 2020, looters used professional tools to bore three-inch wide holes in businesses across downtown Santa Monica and Main Street. In total, nine fires were set during the chaos, and the OIR Group, which was tasked with completing an after-action review of the day, confirmed

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Long road to recovery for business community

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

One year after the devastating Downtown looting, local businesses continue to feel the physical and psychological scars.

For some the material damage wrought was too much and they shuttered doors forever. For others, the repair process took weeks, months, or even a full year and came at the cost of personal and business savings.

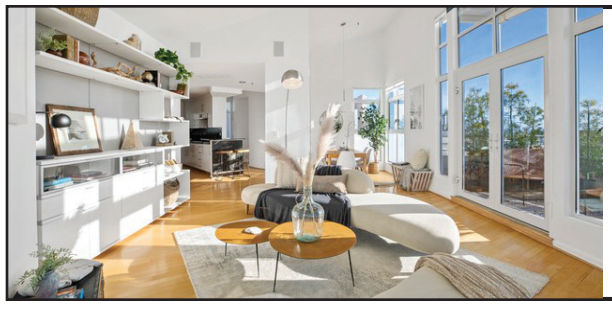
Mentally and emotionally, owners remain haunted by thoughts of 'why us? why here? and why weren't we protected?'. At the same time, several reported feeling a new sense of love and support, saying that the time and money locals gave to help repair Downtown forever changed their view of Santa Monica.

As the last paint jobs are carried out, security cameras installed, and insurance claims tucked away, the impacts of May 31, 2020 linger on.

"The recovery is so much more than what is visible to people's eyes. I wouldn't wish this on anybody," said Alice Sun, the owner of Sunny Optometry, which only reopened in its original storefront two weeks ago.

Not only did Sun lose thousands in destroyed and stolen property, but her office was also heavily damaged by the fire that destroyed the Japanese restaurant Sake House. While she was able to temporarily operate in a different office from December onwards, Sun estimates that the total economic damage from May 31 approaches the $1 million mark.

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The Santa Monica City Council is now accepting applications for annual appointments of members to the following City Boards and Commissions:

Board/Commission	Number of Appointments	Term End Date	Requirements
Airport Commission	1	6/30/2025	Santa Monica Resident
Architectural Review Board	2	6/30/2025	-
Arts Commission	2	6/30/2025	Work or Reside in Santa Monica
Audit Subcommittee	1	6/30/2025	Santa Monica Resident
Building and Fire-Life Safety Commission	1	6/30/2025	State of California Licensed or Registered Architect
	2	6/30/2025	-
Commission for the Senior Community	2	6/30/2024	Santa Monica Resident; Over the Age of 60(2)
	2	6/30/2025	
Commission on the Status of Women	2	6/30/2024	Santa Monica Resident
	3	6/30/2025	
Disabilities Commission	3	6/30/2024	Santa Monica Resident; Self Identify Person with Disabilities(2)
	3	6/30/2025	
Housing Commission	2	6/30/2023	Santa Monica Resident and a Section 8 Member
	2	6/30/2025	Santa Monica Resident
Landmarks Commission	2	6/30/2025	Santa Monica Resident
Personnel Board	1	6/30/2026	Santa Monica Resident
Planning Commission	1	6/30/2025	Santa Monica Resident
Recreation and Parks Commission	1	6/30/2025	Santa Monica Resident
Santa Monica Library Board	1	6/30/2025	Santa Monica Resident
Santa Monica Travel and Tourism, Inc.	2	6/30/2025	-
Social Services Commission	2	6/30/2024	Santa Monica Resident
	2	6/30/2025	
Urban Forest Task Force	9	6/30/2023	Santa Monica Resident or Persons who do Business or are Employed in the City of Santa Monica

Applications due by noon, Tuesday, June 15, 2021.
Appointments to be made by City Council, Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

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Loud Music 1500blk Berkeley St 1:41 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2700blk Neilson Way 2:22 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 1900blk Main St 2:26 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 100blk Wilshire Blvd 2:35 a.m.
Battery Report 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:45 a.m.
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Trespassing 1200blk 4th St 7:15 a.m.
Encampment 200blk Pico Blvd 7:16 a.m.
Trespassing 1000blk 12th St 7:18 a.m.
Fight 4th St / Colorado Ave 7:24 a.m.
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Trespassing 300blk Bay St 7:50 a.m.
Trespassing 2000blk Main St 7:53 a.m.
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Grand Theft Report 300blk Santa Monica Pier 8:03 a.m.
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Trespassing 400blk Broadway 10:15 a.m.
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Encampment 1100blk Palisades Park 11:45 a.m.
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Battery Just Occurred 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:29 p.m.
Fraud Report 3100blk Wilshire Blvd 12:34 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1800blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:04 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 19th St / Wilshire Blvd 1:41 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 19th St / Wilshire Blvd 1:43 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 1800blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:53 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2000blk Ocean Ave 2:02 p.m.
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Auto Burglary Report 2800blk Arizona Ave 4:57 p.m.
Battery Now 2400blk Ocean Front Walk 5:02 p.m.
Trespassing 1000blk 5th St 5:09 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2300blk Pearl St 5:22 p.m.
Battery Report 2700blk 11th St 5:26 p.m.
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Petty Theft Just Occurred 2700blk Ocean Park Blvd 6:52 p.m.
Person Down 1400blk 20th St 7:09 p.m.
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Encampment 1900blk 11th St 7:38 p.m.
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Panic Alarm 900blk 2nd St 8:34 p.m.
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Loud Music 1800blk 19th St 9:09 p.m.
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Burglary Report 1500blk The Beach 10:01 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 500blk Wilshire Blvd 10:32 p.m.
Trespassing 900blk Palisades Beach Rd 10:43 p.m.
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Traffic Collision With Injury 18th St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:57 p.m.
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EMS 800blk Lincoln Blvd 5:50 p.m.
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EMS 400blk California Ave 9:32 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 4th St 9:42 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 700blk Wilshire Blvd 10:28 p.m.

California giving $116 million to people who get virus shots

BRIAN MELLEY AND KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

California is giving away the country's largest pot of vaccine prize money — $116.5 million — in an attempt to get millions more inoculated before the most populous state fully reopens next month.

Gov. Gavin Newsom on Thursday announced the prizes, which include $1.5 million each for 10 Californians, the largest single award offered in any state.

The goal is to motivate roughly 12 million people who are eligible but not yet vaccinated, though the more than 20 million Californians already partially or fully vaccinated also are in the running for the most valuable prizes.

"We're putting aside more resources than any other state in America, and we're making available the largest prizes of any state in America for those that seek to get vaccinated," Newsom announced at an East Los Angeles high school where people were being vaccinated in the gymnasium.

The state will give $50 gift cards either for general use or for specific grocery stores to the next 2 million people who get shots, including those at the school where Newsom spoke.

Newsom, a freshman Democrat facing a likely recall election in the fall, defended the spending as smart policy aimed at ensuring more than 70% of eligible people are inoculated before the state fully reopens businesses and relaxes social distancing and masking rules on June 15.

On that day, a drawing will be held to award 10 vaccinated people the top prize. Another 30 people will win $50,000 each, with those drawings starting June 4.

Anyone 12 and older who has received at least one shot will be eligible. The state will use its immunization database to automatically enter people into the drawings, though it's still exploring how to include those vaccinated at federal facilities, such as veterans hospitals.

Newsom said he hopes to give out all the gift cards by June 15, which would mean 2 million more people are vaccinated.

Money for the prizes will come from the state's disaster response account, which will be reimbursed by federal coronavirus relief money, said Amelia Matier, a Newsom spokeswoman.

When asked if the expense is worth it, the governor replied that the "cost of not getting vaccinated is exponentially, incalculably higher."

About 63% of the 34 million Californians 12 and older have gotten shots, though the pace has slowed as infection rates have plummeted to record lows. The number of people getting their first shots dropped notably in the past week, and the state is trying to not go off a cliff in the next week or two, Newsom said.

California joins a growing list of states offering incentives to boost vaccination rates.

Ohio this week announced the first $1 million winner of its "Vax-a-Million" contest, as well as the first child to win a full college scholarship. The number of people signing up for shots jumped after Republican Gov. Mike DeWine announced the lottery, though it was still lower than earlier in the pandemic. Colorado and Oregon also offered $1 million prizes.

New York is raffling 50 full scholarships to children 12 to 17 to public universities and colleges in the state, selecting 10 winners each of the next five Wednesdays.

That California is turning to cash prizes to encourage vaccinations marks a major turnaround from earlier this year, when residents clamored for shots. Some drove or waited in line for hours, and others found ways to get into line when they weren't eligible.

State Sen. Richard Pan, a doctor and staunch advocate for vaccines, said it makes sense that demand dropped off after early adopters eager to get the vaccine had their chance. While some Californians will never get the shot, many hung back to see the effect, and others simply didn't consider the shot a priority, he said.

With Memorial Day coming and the state's reopening about two weeks later, it's a "good time to incentivize people," Pan said.

Republican John Cox, who is running for governor, again accused Newsom of buying votes. The governor has been doling out slices of a record $76 billion state budget surplus this

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Clean Beaches & Ocean Parcel Tax Citizens Oversight Committee	1	06/30/2022	Santa Monica Resident
Commission for the Senior Community	1 1	6/30/2022 6/30/2023	Santa Monica Resident and Over the Age of 60
Disabilities Commission	1	6/30/2022	Santa Monica Resident
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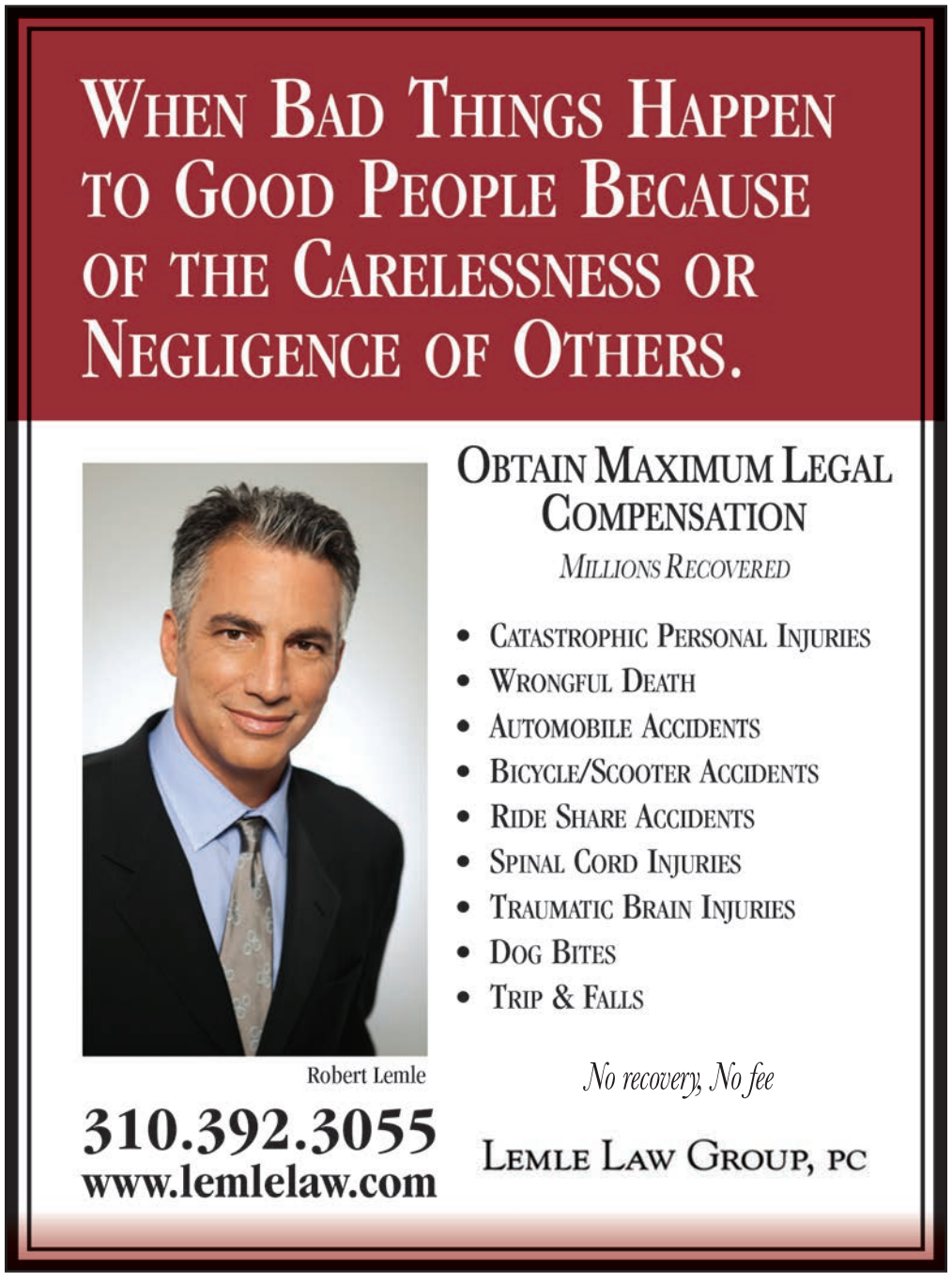
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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON FRIDAY, MAY 14 AT 4:08 P.M.

Officers responded to a call about a theft at Nordstrom on the 200 block of Broadway. The Asset Protection Officer had relayed to Dispatchers that he had observed a woman take a sweater and a pair of socks without paying. As Officers were driving westbound on Colorado, they observed a female matching the description given to Dispatchers by the reporting party. When asked to stop, the female refused and continued walking onto the Metro platform. After several requests to have her stop, the Officers handcuffed and arrested Nicole Rearden for 459.5 PC-Shoplifting.

BUSINESS
FROM PAGE 1

"It's not just about the time and energy that we had to extend on top of trying to keep our business open during the pandemic," said Sun, describing her recovery process. "It's also the PTSD that we have personally suffered," adding that she no longer feels safe Downtown.

Ultimately, Sun is grateful that her business survived as many others found the one-two punch of the pandemic and looting too much to handle.

Just down the street Salon Tru fought valiantly to hang on before ultimately closing in October.

After having their windows smashed in and their expensive styling equipment stolen, the team was able to repair the store in time for a late June reopening. One day later, Newson announced that all salons must shut down in response to the summer Covid-19 surge.

When they could reopen in September, the capacity limit was set to 25 percent and the salon found it impossible to turn a profit.

Massimo Guerrini, the salon's Artistic Director, still laments that the police were not able to do more to protect Downtown.

"The riots started in Downtown LA three or four days before they got here," said Guerrini. "There was the National Guard at their disposal and they could have protected Downtown Santa Monica by establishing a perimeter."

Chef Andrew Kirschner of Tar & Roses also still harbors frustration towards the City's response.

"Literally hundreds of people came into the restaurant. It went on for hours and the disappointing part of the whole thing was the police were out there and they didn't do anything," said Kirschner.

It took almost six months to repair Tar & Roses. Marble table tops were smashed, light fixtures destroyed, and wine bottles hurled so hard they impregnated the drywall.

"There was definitely not just the physical aspect of the riot, but also the psychological effect of the way Santa Monica was hit in this manner and that there was really no protection," said William Bubar of Bubar's Jewelers, a family run business that has operated in Santa Monica since 1945.

Bubar's luckily escaped the brunt of the damage as it had a strong security grate, but the store still feels the financial impact of that day. Bubar kept the store covered in wooden boards and open by appointment only until after the election, due to fear of further unrest.

Foot traffic remains incredibly slow in Bubar's block of 4th St, where many other storefronts lie vacant. Collectively this reduction in business threatens the future of the 75-year-old business.

Just down the street, the Homeopathic Pharmacy also recently celebrated its 75th birthday after being completely torn about by looters.

"There was a feeling that day like 'why, just plain old why did the people do it and why wasn't our little place protected?" said Pharmacist Pam Tarlow. "And then another feeling of who else is suffering and how much more people are going to suffer because of this?"

For months after the looting the pharmacy continued serving customers with curbside pick-up. The floors, ceiling, and shelving was all replaced and now people are welcome to enjoy service in the spiffy new interior.

"I think we really rallied as a community," said Manager Safina Rao. "It just showed me what you can build from tragedy, how you can come back stronger and still be standing."

Kristen Parraz, the Co-owner Hi De Ho Comics, recalls being blown away by the community support following the looting. Locals streamed in to help clean up the store and raised over $40,000 on GoFundMe to assist with the repairs.

"It made me aware of how close knit a community Santa Monica really is and how people were so willing to come together and lend a hand to the small businesses that are part of their home," said Parraz.

While there is no question that the looters of May 31 left a lasting imprint on the City, not enough attention is given to the mark left by the people of June 1.

Ordinary citizens who went business to business sweeping glass, removing trash, and offering a supportive ear to devastated owners played a huge role in the aftermath of the Downtown riots. So did the staff of Downtown Santa Monica, who walked business owners through the process of filing insurance claims and kept them informed of any relief grants they could seek.

"After the storm came the light as our community banded together in the days following to clean up and assist our downtown merchants in their recovery," DTSM Board of Directors Chair Rob Rader. "This spontaneous effort demonstrated Santa Monica's resiliency and strength, and allowed many downtown businesses to rebuild. I've never been prouder of Santa Monica's spirit."

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Genetically modified salmon head to US dinner plates

CASEY SMITH
Associated Press/Report for America

The inaugural harvest of genetically modified salmon began this week after the pandemic delayed the sale of the first such altered animal to be cleared for human consumption in the United States, company officials said.

Several tons of salmon, engineered by biotech company AquaBounty Technologies Inc., will now head to restaurants and away-from-home dining services — where labeling as genetically engineered is not required — in the Midwest and along the East Coast, company CEO Sylvia Wulf said.

Thus far, the only customer to announce it is selling the salmon is Samuels and Son Seafood, a Philadelphia-based seafood distributor.

AquaBounty has raised its faster-growing salmon at an indoor aquaculture farm in Albany, Indiana. The fish are genetically modified to grow twice as fast as wild salmon, reaching market size — 8 to 12 pounds (3.6 to 5.4 kilograms) — in 18 months rather than 36.

The Massachusetts-based company originally planned to harvest the fish in late 2020. Wulf attributed delays to reduced demand and market price for Atlantic salmon spurred by the pandemic.

"The impact of COVID caused us to rethink our initial timeline ... no one was looking for more salmon then," she said. "We're very excited about it now. We've timed the harvest with the recovery of the economy, and we know that demand is going to continue to increase."

Although finally making its way to dinner plates, the genetically modified fish has been met by pushback from environmental advocates for years.

The international food service company Aramark in January announced its commitment to not sell such salmon, citing environmental concerns and potential impacts on Indigenous communities that harvest wild salmon.

The announcement followed similar ones by other major food service companies — Compass Group and Sodexo — and many large U.S. grocery retailers, seafood companies and restaurants. Costco, Kroger, Walmart and Whole Foods maintain that they don't sell genetically modified or cloned salmon and would need to label them as such.

The boycott against AquaBounty salmon has largely come from activists with the Block Corporate Salmon campaign, which aims to protect wild salmon and preserve Indigenous rights to practice sustainable fishing.

"Genetically engineered salmon is a huge threat to any vision of a healthy food system. People need ways to connect with the food they're eating, so they know where it's coming from," said Jon Russell, a member of the campaign and a food justice organizer with Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance. "These fish are so new — and there's such a loud group of people who oppose it. That's a huge red flag to consumers."

Wulf said she's confident there's an appetite for the fish.

"Most of the salmon in this country is imported, and during the pandemic, we couldn't get products into the market," Wulf said. "So, having a domestic source of supply that isn't seasonal like wild salmon and that is produced in a highly-controlled, bio-secure environment is increasingly important to consumers."

AquaBounty markets the salmon as disease- and antibiotic-free, saying its product comes with a reduced carbon footprint and none of the risk of polluting marine ecosystems like traditional sea-cage farming carries.

Despite their rapid growth, the genetically modified salmon require less food than most farmed Atlantic salmon, the company says. Biofiltration units keep water in the Indiana facility's many 70,000-gallon tanks clean, making fish less likely to get sick or require antibiotics.

The FDA approved the AquAdvantage Salmon as "safe and effective" in 2015. It was the only genetically modified animal approved for human consumption until federal regulators approved a genetically modified pig for food and medical products in December.

In 2018, the federal agency greenlit AquaBounty's sprawling Indiana facility, which is currently raising roughly 450 tons of salmon from eggs imported from Canada but is capable of raising more than twice that amount.

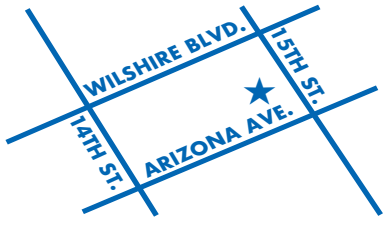
But in a shifting domestic market that increasingly values origin, health and sustainability, and wild over farmed seafood, others have a different view of the salmon, which some critics have nicknamed "Frankenfish."

Part of the domestic pushback revolves around how the engineered fish is to be labeled under FDA guidelines. Salmon fishermen, fish farmers, wholesalers and other stakeholders want clear labeling practices to ensure that customers know they're purchasing an engineered product.

USDA labeling law directs companies to disclose genetically-modified ingredients in food through use of a QR code, an on-package display of text or a designated symbol. Mandatory compliance with that regulation takes full effect in January, but the rules don't apply to restaurants or food services.

Wulf said the company is committed to using "genetically engineered" labeling when its fish are sold in grocery stores in coming

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In Person Learning

How can Santa Monica College defend keeping the majority of its classes online this Fall?

As a full-time student at Santa Monica Community College, my son has been in his room for fourteen months now. We arrived in California not long before the pandemic started so he has been relying on daily conversations with his friends in France to stay sane. As a family we were desperately counting on him being able to go back to some in-person classes in the fall.

It was with huge disappointment and a sinking heart that we learned in April that all his classes until the end of this year will be remote. Why would this be when L.A. County COVID-19 cases have dropped to 2 cases per 100,000 people (May 25, 2021, NY Times tracker) and vaccination roll-out is proving to be successful? How can this be justified? I cannot help but wonder whether other motives are driving this decision.

Hundreds of colleges across the country are making vaccinations mandatory for the fall of 2021, and while there are valid arguments for and against this policy, Santa Monica College, by choosing to keep courses primarily online, is protecting the interests of those selfish individuals who do not want to get vaccinated, at the expense of everyone else.

As a student in the Animation program, my son would greatly benefit from access to sophisticated equipment and software in the classroom and from having hands-on assistance from his tutors, as well as being part of a community of like-minded creative people. How are he and others supposed to remain motivated in the current circumstances?

Throughout this last year, many of his General Education classes have been reduced to old fashioned correspondence courses. The performance of certain professors has been lackluster, with many not even giving lectures by Zoom but contenting to send reading and assignments via SMC's platform Corsair Connect. Dr Jeffrey, SMC's superintendent, announced a "flexible array of course offerings for the Fall semester", but a quick flick through the catalog shows that the big majority of classes remain online. When she says that we "have been through so much together", it rings a little hollow. Are we surprised that community college enrollment statewide has plummeted?

To his credit, my son will have demonstrated true strength of character by doggedly studying alone in his room without social interaction and proper teaching for a total of 21 months come the end of this year.

We are turning the corner with the pandemic. I call on Dr. Jeffrey and Santa Monica College to reverse this decision and reinvigorate its faculty and students by bringing its campuses back to life this fall. It's time to place COMMUNITY rightfully back in the heart of this school.

Helen Fitzgerald, Santa Monica

CALIFORNIA

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month, including cash payments to low- and middle-income Californians.

"This is 100 million more reasons that Gavin Newsom must be recalled," he said, referencing the amount the state will give out in gift cards.

But Rob Stutzman, who served as a spokesman for former Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, called it smart policy.

"I hope Republicans resist being critical of this," he tweeted, noting it was Ohio's GOP governor who first came up with the idea.

Newsom's office said the program would be aimed at reaching people in communities hardest hit by the pandemic — mainly low-income, Black and Latino people — but it wasn't clear if the state is pursuing any new initiatives to vaccinate those populations.

Dr. Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, an epidemiologist at the University of California, San Francisco, noted cash and prize incentives often don't address the most important challenge of reaching poorer communities.

Surveys have shown unvaccinated Latinos are twice as likely as whites to want a vaccine but may be unable to get time off work, live far from a vaccination site, or fear they'll be charged for a shot, she said.

"These types of strategies don't work in sometimes our lower-income, minority populations where we intend them to work if we don't at the same time lower those barriers — whether it's digital or transportation or language," Bibbins-Domingo said. "We're at a point in the pandemic where access should not be the issue."

Newsom pointed to a "Get Out the Vaccine" program the state is running with 70 community-based organizations. It features about 2,000 workers in vulnerable communities, encouraging their peers to make a plan to get vaccinated. Those workers will now share details of the prize money, he said.

California uses a "vaccine equity metric" to track vaccination progress that splits zip codes into four groups from least to most healthy, based on a number of factors. Nearly half of people in the least advantaged neighborhoods still haven't been vaccinated, according to the state.

By contrast, less than a quarter of people in the most advantaged areas haven't been vaccinated.

Among all Latinos, 57% are not yet vaccinated. That's the highest percentage of any racial or ethnic group. State figures show 40% of white Californians are not vaccinated.

Few people trickled into the vaccination site Newsom toured before his announcement, despite the offer of three free tacos and Pepsi or Mountain Dew being served by Oaxaca on Wheels.

Evelyn Saldana, 16, a student at the school who is still learning remotely, had been alerted about the clinic by a teacher and brought her mother. They had no idea they would be eligible for gift cards and big cash prizes. They had only shown up because they had been wanting a vaccine and it was convenient.

Saldana said the prize money might motivate a reluctant friend who has been holding out and isn't sure she wants the shot.

"I could tell her," Saldana said. "She'd probably want to get it."

RIOTS

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the different accounts of excessive use of force that have been reported by residents.

"We saw, for example, a baton strike used against an individual who was seated on the ground. We saw uses of the pepper ball, another less-lethal munitions tool, against non-aggressive subjects who were fleeing the area. We observed a takedown of some passers-by who were not being immediately aggressive and were in fact trying to leave the area," OIR Group's Teresa Magula said during a City Council meeting held earlier this month to discuss the events leading up to, during, and after May 31.

At the time, police officials said more than 400 people were arrested and more than 150 businesses sustained significant damage. In the 365 days since though, downtown Santa Monica has mostly recovered from the destruction, the Public Safety Reform & Oversight Commission has appointed a Chair, and a 121-page report completed by the OIR Group released earlier this month has described the day as "a wholesale failure."

A number of different factors contributed to the day spiraling out of control relatively quickly, according to OIR Group staff, who noted if the department had been differently situated on Saturday or even early Sunday, then they potentially could have blunted some of the destructive acts and highly mitigated the looting.

"But nobody picked up that ball and ran with it in a coordinated and cohesive way ... Meanwhile, the chief was making her way from Northern California down to Southern California and she would arrive at headquarters at about 11:30 in the morning. And by then, everybody was very much behind the curve," OIR Group's Stephen Connolly said as he described the operations plan for the day as extremely limited in scope and detail. "Again, while nobody knew what was going to happen, there were a lot of ways to make reasonable predictions about what could happen."

SMDP contacted all members of the current council and those in office last year. Only former Councilmember Ted Winterer commented on the events of the day.

"It was a horrible mess and the report makes it very clear," Winterer said.

He said he felt a sense of helplessness as the crisis emerged.

"The city charter doesn't allow an individual council member to give any direction whatsoever to the city manager and we're not allowed to give direction to the police chief. So, it's not like I can pick up the phone and say, 'Hey, you need to divert some of your officers,' so that was frustrating because, in the aftermath of it, a lot of people blamed the Council because they sort of assumed that we were driving the decisions that were being made that day... Nothing could be further from the truth."

Winterer added he and his fellow Councilmembers had heard of similar protests and disturbances in adjacent cities but they had been assured by former Chief of Police Cynthia Renaud at the time that preparations were being made and she was confident that the police department would be willing to handle any situation that arose.

"That was wrong, though," Winterer said, moving to speak on what he views as a massive blunder by Renaud.

Officers who had been in the field in Beverly Hills arrived back in Santa Monica early Sunday morning and said they were very concerned with what they had seen and they were surprised that the department had not ramped up, based on the general information and just the way things were going. Winterer believes their accounts were enough to trigger Renaud's return to the city but she wouldn't arrive back in town until early Sunday morning.

"That was a terrible decision on our part, so that's the first thing I would have changed. And then if I had the authority, I would have made sure that when I was told that everything was in order and we were prepared for the worst-case scenario that was really the case because that's not how it turned out."

Michael Gennaco, a former federal prosecutor who headed the team that completed the report, said earlier this month that it's important for residents to remember the May 31 riots and protests were an unprecedented event in Santa Monica, which is a community that has largely thought that protesters were never going to come to its side of the 405.

"I think," Gennaco told Council this month, "that the enormity of the individuals who were out to protest and the enormity of the individuals who came into your city to take advantage of that activity to steal, loot and burglarize was overwhelming and unprecedented; and the department underestimated the likelihood that would occur because it has never occurred before."

"It just seems like there was a breakdown this day," he added.

This point has been repeated many times in the last year.

"I think it's clear from the report, there's a complete breakdown in leadership and in preparation," Winterer said this week.

The current iteration of Council largely agreed when they questioned the OIR Group about the lack of body cam footage available from the day.

No matter one's thoughts about or experiences on that day, May 31, 2020, will always be remembered as a dark day in the city's history, Winterer said, "and I don't think anybody's proud of the way the police response went down. I don't fault the rank and file at all because they were out there doing the best they could, but I do hope that there were lessons learned."

The former Councilmember believe the newly established oversight commission will only help address the deficiencies that have come to light.

"The oversight commission is long overdue and should help to address a lot of the shortcomings of the way May 31 was handled. I also think that SMPD realized their errors and are learning," Winterer said. "I think the department was humbled by the way things went down and morale took a big hit, but I think that they've determined that they will be better the next time around, because they've took a hard look at themselves and tried to find ways to do a better job, particularly in the areas of intelligence."

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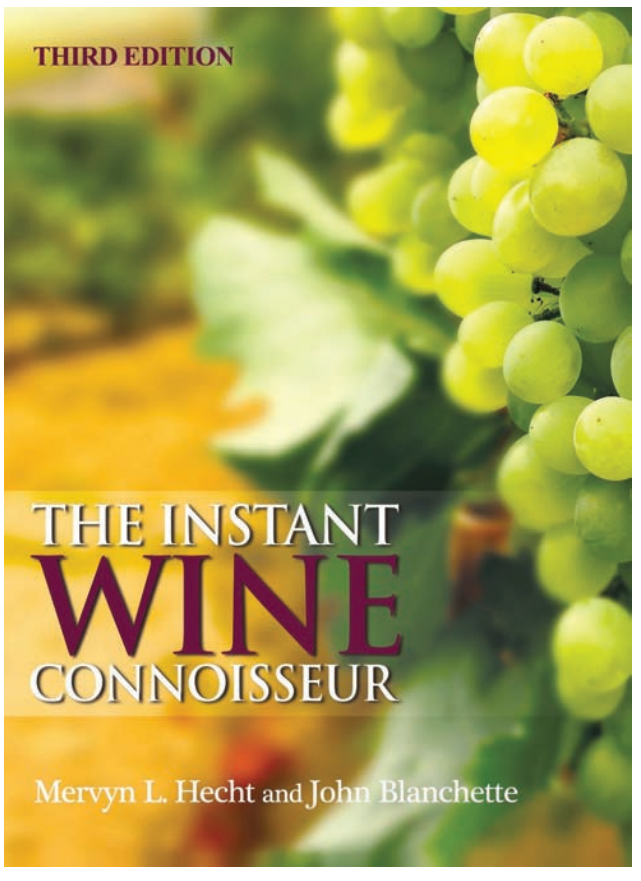
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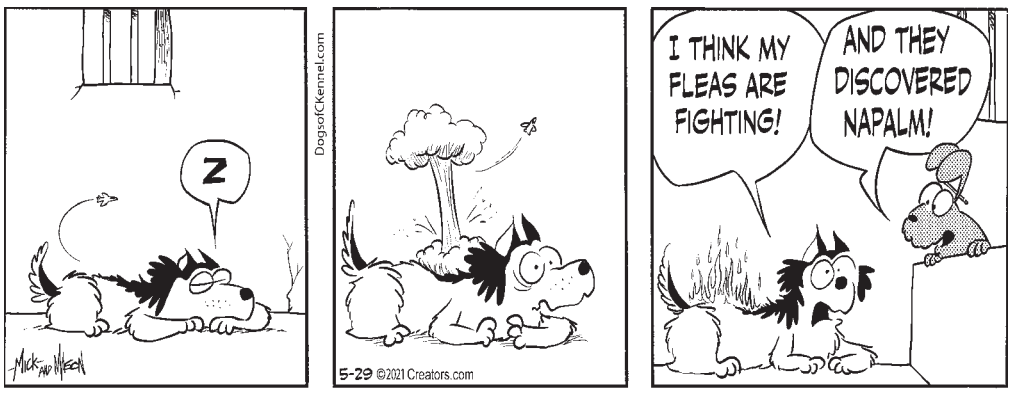
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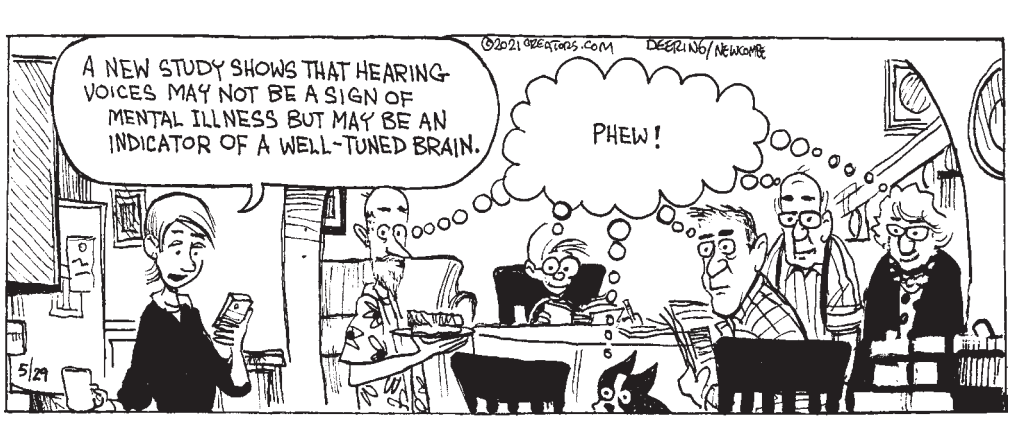
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SATURDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
SW swell fills in further. Drained out first thing, will want to wait for the tide to come up through mid-morning -- wind should stay light through that window. Manageable bump in the afternoon.

SUNDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to stomach high
SW swell continues, less NW swell in the mix. Morning wind trending less favorable.

WEATHER

Saturday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 67.
Saturday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 57.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 67. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph

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2021/06/01	Tue	02:18 AM	4.62	H
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The new way of doing things is just the old way sliced and diced and stacked in a different order. Don't overthink it; just get in there and start moving things around until something pleases your aesthetic.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). As it goes in theater and in life, the environment is not the story, but that backdrop really does set a tone. You feel and act differently when you're inside certain "sets."

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Once upon a time, you tried the social technique of hanging around a place until you felt like you belonged there -- and it actually worked pretty well! Should you employ it again, this time around it won't take nearly as long.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The easiest debt problem to solve is financial. The math involved in emotional and karmic debts takes a wizard to solve. Luckily, you have some wizarding powers to wield today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Maybe you can't get everything on your list right now, but ideas are more valuable than dollars. Wanting will stimulate your creativity and you'll come up with more ways to bring your wishes to hand.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Even though you're focused on the positive, you still see what needs improvement. Record these insights and, for now, keep them to yourself. You can circle back to fixing things after you've played to the strengths.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When someone pops to mind, you wonder if you have also floated into their consciousness and if you are appearing there on a regular basis. To make an impression is to be two places at once.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are times when too much repetition gets tedious, but right now it's a great help. People need to hear things a few times to understand. Tell your story again.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In the same way that a person's ideal weight isn't necessarily their real weight, standards held in theory are not really standards unless they are met.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Doing things together has an impact. It's true that you'll have to compromise, but the progress you make after adding a person or two to your project will be worth it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). To compensate for a thing is to draw attention to it. This doesn't have to be an embarrassment. Face and embrace all that you lack or perceive yourself as lacking. Be proud of the work you do to make up for it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Pace yourself socially. You don't need everyone to know everything about you upfront. It's more exciting to give them just enough so that they crave the next detail.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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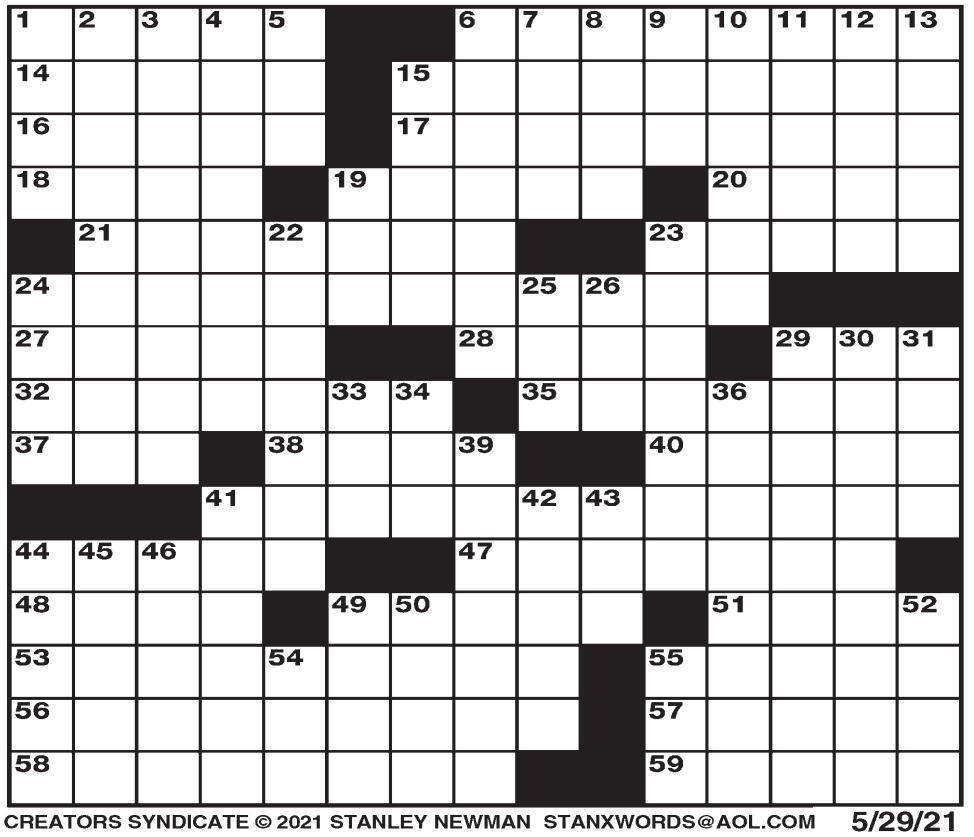
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21 Speech shortening
23 Barely noticeable
24 Field full of seeds in the spring
27 Samuel L. Jackson's middle name
28 Party offshoot
29 Justice for 27+ yrs.
32 Weekly event for some clubs
35 "What's the worst that could happen?"
37 Open-and-shut-case grp.
38 Sinbad, for one
40 "Faster" antonym
41 Vented
44 Always-open businesses
47 "Idea worth spreading" heard on NPR
48 Sticks together to keep youngsters safe
49 Indulge, with "to"
51 "See, señor!"
53 Kerry Washington, in *Confirmation* (2016)
55 First playwright to get a Mark Twain Prize
56 Renegade and Renaissance, for the Obamas
57 One may get in a stew
58 Cooler, or hotter
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9 Frothy refreshment
10 Matthau's *Odd Couple* costar on Broadway
11 Like a hawk
12 Tears up
13 Piece of one's mind
15 His companies were bought by GM and Dell
19 Complaint from Hamlet
22 Former big name in seat-pocket marketing
23 Tops in richness, per some recipes
24 Eyesore
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31 Ultimate inspiration
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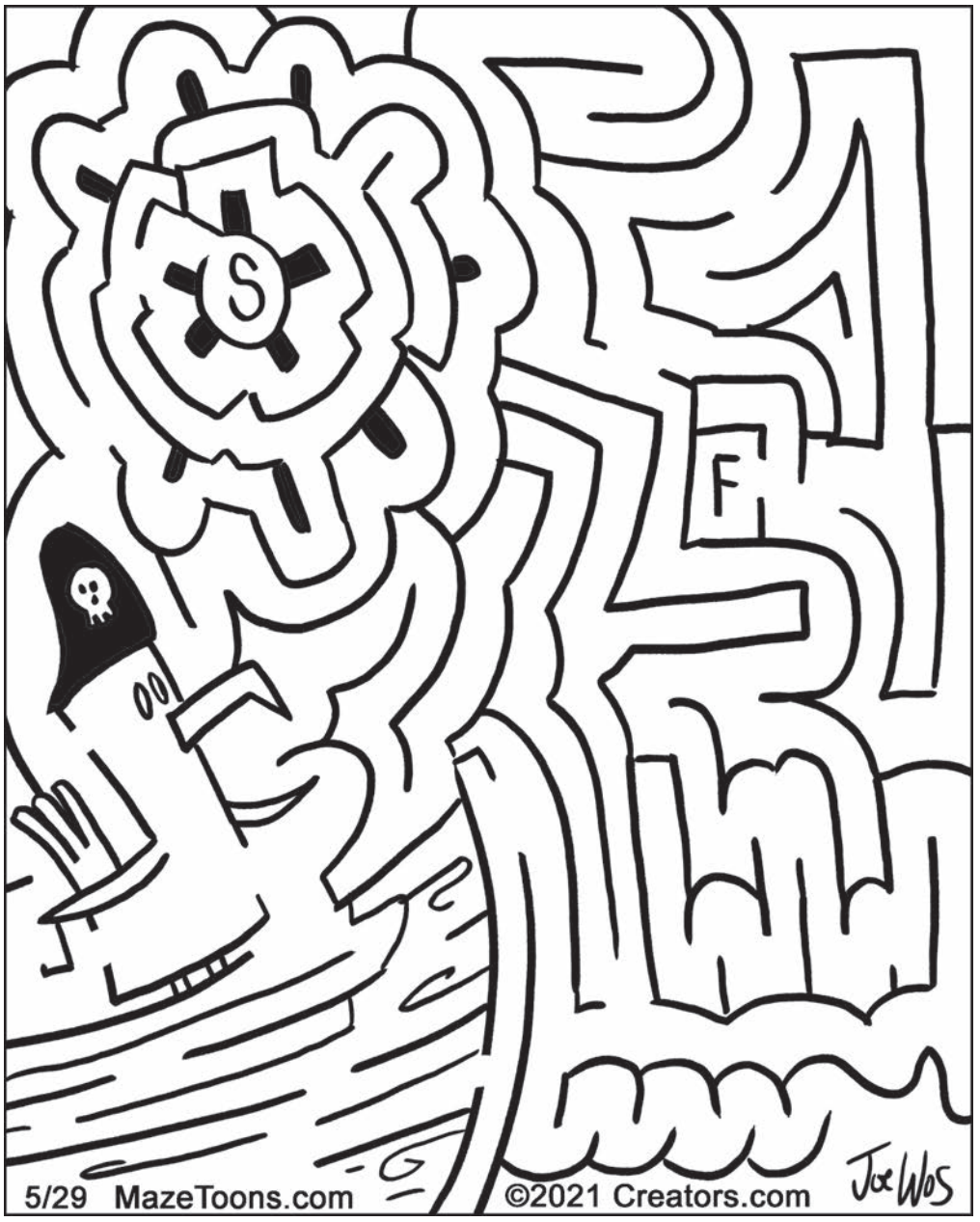
Binary Puzzle

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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Dance lessons

T	S	A	F	L	O	W	G	L	I	D	E	L	E	J
C	O	O	L	A	T	R	E	N	I	I	E	T	D	O
E	V	I	J	D	O	E	N	G	N	P	T	N	T	T
T	V	A	E	R	R	A	B	S	I	H	A	A	E	A
O	Z	A	U	X	T	E	T	K	E	B	R	Y	L	R
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M	H	O	C	B	R	O	O	R	C	R	X	L	V	A
T	R	O	N	K	T	W	I	P	E	I	E	F	O	P
S	A	A	E	T	S	A	I	P	M	D	S	A	R	O
L	L	N	E	S	P	T	A	K	L	O	P	U	P	L
P	U	I	G	W	A	C	E	R	H	Y	T	H	M	A
L	H	T	P	O	Z	H	I	P	H	O	P	S	I	G

Ad lib	Galop	Music	Salsa
Ballet	Gavotte	Pairs	Shoes
Band	Glide	Partner	Skip
Barre	Hiphop	Plan	Slip
Caper	Hula	Polka	Stomp
Cool	Improve	Quickstep	Tango
Dress	Instructor	Rave	Tempo
Easy	Jazz	Reel	Trot
Exhilarate	Jive	Relax	Watch
Fast	Jota	Rhythm	
Flamboyant	Legs	Rondo	
Flow	Minuet	Rumba	

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months.

In November, U.S. District Judge Vince Chhabria in San Francisco affirmed that the FDA had the authority to oversee genetically engineered animals and fish. But he ruled that the agency hadn't adequately assessed the environmental consequences of AquaBounty salmon escaping into the wild.

The company argued that escape is unlikely, saying the fish are monitored 24 hours a day and contained in tanks with screens, grates, netting, pumps and chemical disinfection to prevent escape. The company's salmon are also female and sterile, preventing them from mating.

"Our fish are actually designed to thrive in the land-based environment. That's part of what makes them unique," Wulf said. "And we're proud of the fact that genetically engineered allows us to bring more of a healthy nutritious product to market in a safe, secure and sustainable way."

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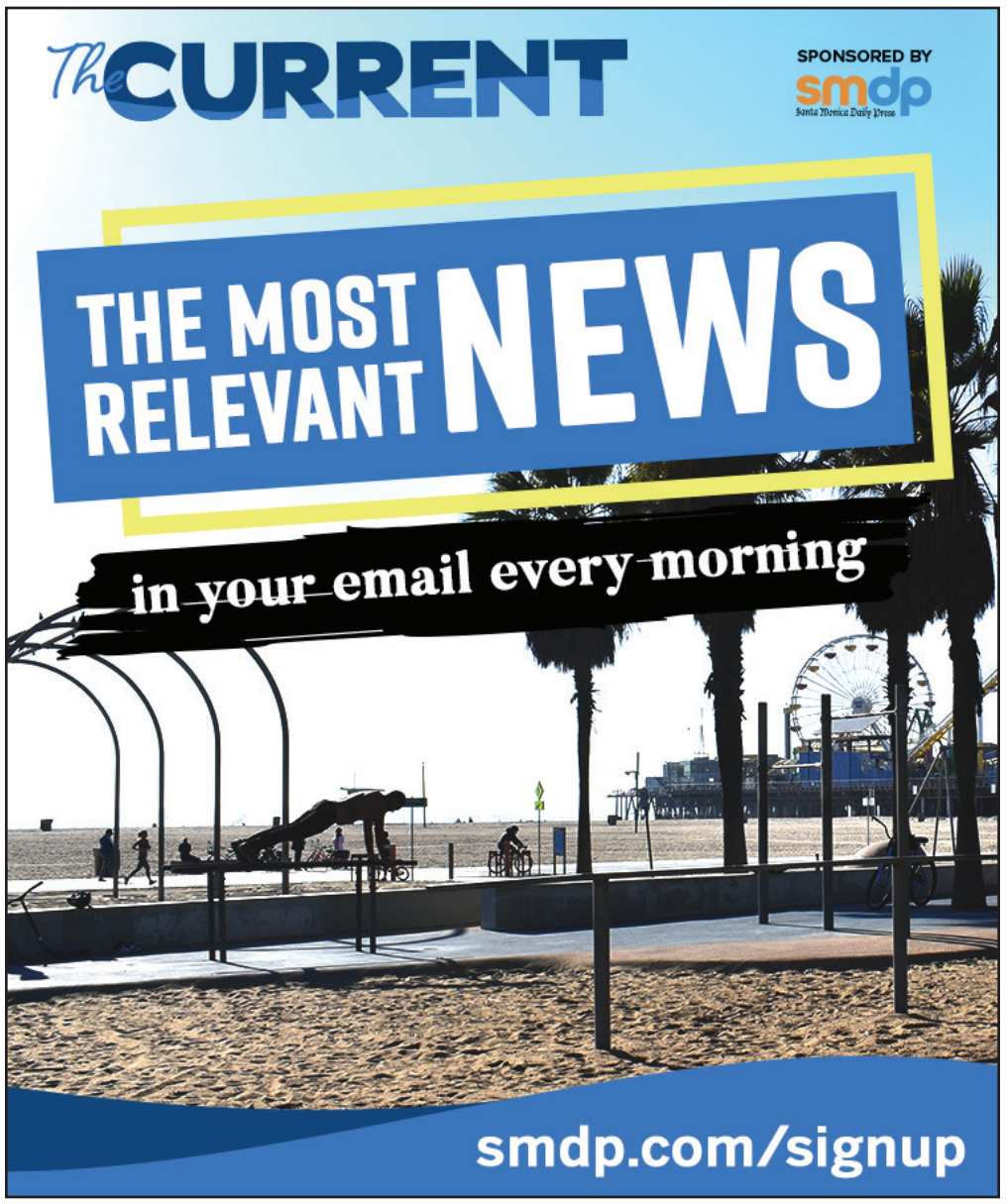
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