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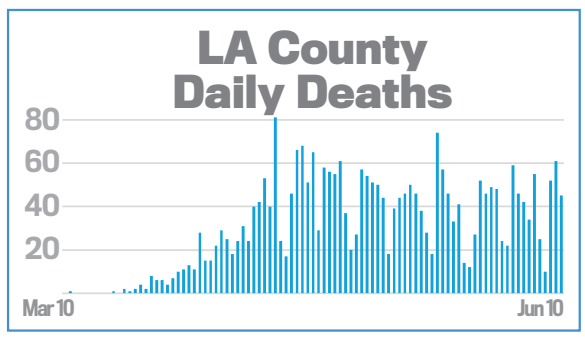
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CORONAVIRUS DEATHS (1WkChg)

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SMDP Graphic - Data from Johns Hopkins, WHO, LA County Public Health



Westside Ballet bids adieu to five graduates

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

For decades, Westside Ballet has bid farewell to graduating seniors during its annual Spring Performance, but with the recent pandemic, the performance was cancelled for the first time in nearly five decades.

The popular Santa Monica ballet studio has five young artists who are graduating from schools throughout the Westside this year, and while they are surely disappointed with the lost time they had with their peers this year, they are ready for the future.



Courtesy photo

DANCE: Westside Ballet had to cancel its annual Spring Performance for the first time in 50 years.

"This year's Spring Performance had dancers that had trained since early childhood for coveted roles in some of classical ballet's most cherished works," according to Artistic Director and Westside Ballet alumna Martine Harley, who noted the group was more readily prepared for the performance than in previous seasons. "Their strength and achievements in the first weeks of the rehearsal process is what makes this situation even more heartbreaking. As we

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California affirmative action vote prompts 'tough' debate

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

The California Assembly on Wednesday decided to let voters choose whether to overturn the state's 24-year-old ban of affirmative action programs — capping an emotional hours-long debate in the Legislature that highlighted tension between the state's Asian and black communities.

The proposed amendment to the state's Constitution, which still must pass the Senate and be approved by voters, would repeal a 1996 amendment that banned "preferential treatment" based on race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin. The push has gotten a boost

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Gyms, museums, hotels, day camps can reopen Friday under County order

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Los Angeles County officials announced Wednesday that gyms, museums, hotels, day camps and campgrounds will be allowed to reopen throughout the county starting Friday.

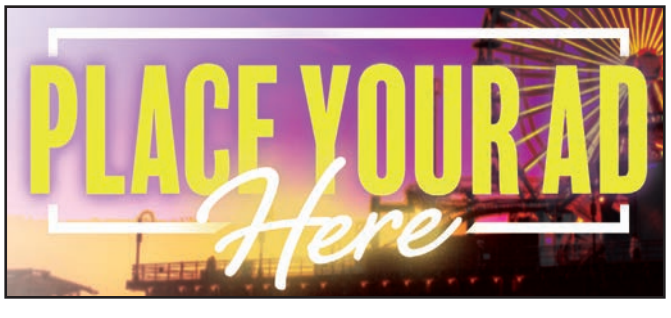
The relaxing of the health officer order also allows for the reopening of sports arenas without audiences, zoos, aquariums, galleries, RV parks and outdoor recreation areas, including swimming pools. Businesses that comply with public health regulations, which will be announced Thursday, may reopen as soon as Friday.

County officials said earlier this week that music, film and TV production could resume with safety protocols.

Restaurants, retailers and hair salons have been able to reopen at diminished capacity since late May. Bars, nail salons and movie theaters remain closed.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom

DATE/TIME: **Monday, June 15, 2020, 7:00 p.m.**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Architectural Review Board and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The public may join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/qrvwvzah or by dialing in at +1 (415) 466-7000 (US) PIN: 3697271 #

PROPERTIES:

- 20ARB-0121: 1323 5th Street: Mixed-Use
- 20ARB-0130: 1338 5th Street: Mixed-Use
- 20ARB-0100: 701 Colorado: Mixed-Use (Continued from May 18, 2020)
- 20ARB-0166: 1949 17th Street: Condo
- 20ARB-0138: 2714 Highland: Duplex
- 20ARB-0129: 1348 10th Street: Mixed-Use

PRELIMINARY REVIEW(S):

- None

More information is available online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/ or at (310) 458-8341 (en espanol tambien). The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give public comment must make that request via email to planningcomment@smgov.net. Written information received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Board prior to the meeting and posted online. Written information received after 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be read aloud at the meeting subject to time constraints. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SAN DIEGO

Wildfires erupt as California sees hot, dry weather

Firefighters were making progress battling several fires Wednesday that had burned through more than 13 square miles of dry brush at Southern California's Camp Pendleton Marine Corps base amid summer-like heat.

The blazes were believed linked to military training exercises, John Crook, deputy chief of the Camp Pendleton Fire Department, said in a video posting on the base's Twitter account.

None of the fires posed threats to personnel or buildings, nor to the surrounding communities, Crook said.

By Wednesday evening, two of the three largest fires were 20% contained. The military's firefighters were being assisted by state and local area crews, officials said.

Firefighters have been chasing small blazes statewide during the spell of hot and very dry weather.

At least three fires were reported in Ventura County west of Los Angeles, including one that prompted evacuations near Lake Piru. The 200 -acre blaze threatened 25 buildings in the remote area. Aircraft dropped retardant on a stubborn blaze that burned 250 acres of dry brush in rugged terrain near Santa Paula. And crews made quick work of an earlier fire that burned near homes in Thousand Oaks.

In Los Angeles, firefighters and water-dropping helicopters stopped a fire that burned about 50 acres of brush and grass in Sepulveda Pass along Interstate 405.

The fire erupted around 2 a.m. below the hilltop homes of Bel Air but there were no evacuations and no evacuations, the Fire Department said.

Conditions were warm and dry but there was minimal wind.

Two firefighters were treated for minor injuries.

The fire's cause was under investigation. It occurred in the same area as a 2017 blaze ignited by a cooking fire in a homeless camp.

The National Weather Service said a heat advisory would remain in effect through Wednesday evening for much of Southern California. Downtown Los Angeles reached a record 98 degrees Fahrenheit on Tuesday.

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Letter to the Editor

By Michael Risman Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Something wrong with this

EDITOR:

As a lifelong Liberal and huge supporter of Unions, I will probably shock my friends by saying: "There has to be something wrong with this".

Election time, one of the most prized endorsements is from the police union leadership. And not too surprisingly, their endorsees generally win. In our small city, for example, those elected council members select the city manager whose responsibilities include negotiating the police contract. And what should be to the surprise of no one, that negotiated contract is pretty attractive for the Chief and his (or her) officers. How can it be otherwise? An angry union negotiator can call their endorsed council members who can put pressure on the City Manager who, after all, is beholden to the Council who appointed and reappointed the Police Chief.

Can one really be surprised upon learning that the total yearly benefit package for the Chief of Police in Santa Monica is close to a half a million dollars a year?

As said: "there's got to be something wrong with this."

Michael Risman, Santa Monica

Manhunt targets suspect who wounded California deputy

CHRISTOPHER WEBER AND STEFANIE DAZIO
Associated Press

Hundreds of California police officers were searching Thursday for a gunman suspected of opening fire at a police station, wounding a deputy with a shot to the face and killing a transient man.

Authorities said they have been a step behind 26-year-old Mason James Lira since he shot at the downtown Paso Robles Police Department before dawn Wednesday. Officials later discovered the body of a man, who had been shot in the head at close range.

"It's a wide-ranging, full-on, full-scale effort," said Tony Cipolla, spokesman for the San Luis Obispo County sheriff. "We're right behind him. You can't run forever."

The search intensified Thursday in and around Paso Robles, a tourist destination in California's central coast wine region. Police closed parts of a freeway and used flash-bangs while searching apartments.

The attack came just five days after law enforcement officers were ambushed farther north in the community of Ben Lomond.

Santa Cruz County sheriff's Sgt. Damon Gutzwiller, 38, was killed and another deputy was injured Saturday in an attack by an Air Force sergeant armed with homemade bombs, an AR-15 rifle and other weapons, authorities said. Sheriff Jim Hart said the suspect, Steven Carrillo, was intent on killing officers.

Carrillo, 32, was arrested and the FBI is investigating whether he has links to the killing of a federal security officer outside the U.S. courthouse in Oakland during a protest against police brutality on May 29. A white van was spotted at both attacks and the FBI is seeking the public's help to find it.

Prosecutors on Thursday filed 19 charges against Carrillo, who faces life in prison if convicted. He is accused of killing Gutzwiller and attempting to kill four other officers, as well as possessing destructive devices and the components to make others. He is scheduled to be arraigned Friday, and it was not immediately clear if he had an attorney who could speak on his behalf.

In Paso Robles, there were no events or imminent arrests that could have triggered the violence, San Luis Obispo County Sheriff Ian Parkinson said. Investigators didn't know if the attack was connected to anger swelling nationwide at police over the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis officers, he said.

Authorities have not determined a motive, but Lira, a transient from the Monterey area, was arrested previously for making terrorist threats.

A gas station clerk reported seeing Lira, the suspect, around 2 a.m. Thursday when he came in to buy an energy drink, the TV station KSBY reported. The clerk said Lira was sweaty, exhausted and mumbling to himself but did not do anything threatening.

The events started unfolding around 4 a.m. Wednesday, when Lira fired at police cars as they entered downtown Paso Robles.

Two sheriff's deputies heard gunshots but didn't see the attacker until they were outside their patrol car and gunfire targeted them. One was hit in the head. His partner fired back and dragged the deputy behind a police car.

"We feel that this was an ambush, that he planned it, that he intended for officers to come out of the Police Department and to assault them," Sheriff Parkinson said.

The wounded deputy, Nicholas Dreyfus, 28, had a good prognosis Thursday after surgery.

While officers searched for Lira, they received a report of a body near a train station and found a 58-year-old man shot to death on the tracks. He appeared to be a transient who was camping out overnight. It wasn't immediately clear when he was shot.

Associated Press writers John Antczak and Robert Jablon in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Could This Be The Moment?



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ART: Hundreds of plywood boards used to prevent looting are now adorned with messages and artwork of peace including at the Hive at 606 Broadway.

I'm not much of an optimist. It's a little hard to be optimistic when, for example, the U.S. Senate can't pass an "anti-lynching law." (As if there are two sides to the "lynching issue.")

I agree with the late iconic George Carlin who said, "Some see the glass half full, others see it half empty, I see the glass as twice as big as it needs to be." But despite the pandemic that we almost seem to forget even though infections are up in 21 states, and the barbarous murder of unarmed and handcuffed George Floyd, I'm optimistically sensing a real change in the air. (And no, I'm not referring to pepper spray.)

Most humor doesn't come from optimism but rather is often an antidote to how dreadful things can be. My favorite comedians of all-time, Lenny Bruce, Richard Pryor and Carlin, were not optimists, they were realists.

If this were a "normal" week, (whatever that has meant for the past 3+ years) I might joke, "Donald Trump's new campaign slogan is 'Trump 2020 - What More Do You Have to Lose?'" Or, "'Bunker Boy' Trump set a new personal Twitter record with 200 tweets in one day, 74 in one hour and 468 in one week."

Some psychiatrists have described Trump's Twitter tantrums as "a compulsive need for excessive admiration." Off the record, White House insiders admit they "Try to keep Trump busy with other things," which might be okay if Trump were five-years-old.

And yet I'm happy to report I have a more hopeful feeling about the future of society and the planet. In response to George Lloyd's brutal murder, people have protested in unprecedented numbers all over the globe, in all fifty states and here in Santa Monica. That, and one reaction to the pandemic that came from New Zealand, seemed to spark my mini-metamorphosis.

My friend and fellow columnist Charles Andrews E-mailed me, "The Realisation" (New Zealand spelling) which is a poem turned into an uplifting 4-minute video. It's a charming bedtime story told to his young son in a time after the coronavirus. Tomas Roberts, a spoken word poet from London, never imagined it would go viral, no pun intended, but with 18,000,000 views it has. (Nor did he imagine Jake Gyllenhaal, would insist he turn the poem into a book this fall.)

Then I heard from another friend, Sheila Laffey, an Adjunct Professor at SMC, to check out a world-wide zoom Webinar on May 30th entitled "SNL For the Global Peace Tribe." (Until then, I thought Webinar was a small country in the South Pacific.) The spiritually enlightened gathering included prominent activists from all over the planet. I was moved by their hopeful passion, especially Deepak Chopra's. He eloquently described what type of new world we could have after the pandemic, and racial justice reform and so many other human created crises, saying, "If you're alive now you are made for this." (Begging the question, could this be the moment?)

Chopra also noted that ecologists and scientists speculate that if all the insects, bees, viruses and bacteria suddenly disappeared, life on the planet might last five years. But if humans were to disappear for five years, the planet would flourish. (What does that tell us?) Actually, we're already seeing signs of the ecosystem repairing itself during the pandemic in that the air and water are visibly cleaner and animals are thriving.

Another uplifting experience was a 100% peaceful protest in Venice weeks ago, attended by seemingly thousands of primarily young people of all ethnicities marching against systemic racism in America. These almost spiritual marches have been going on for so long now it feels like we can't return to old ways. (Not great for comedy writers but a huge improvement for the human race.)

Among the most gratifying signs of hope were how many Santa Monicans responded selflessly after the horrific rioting and looting. Flocks of volunteers donated time and labor to help in the cleanup. And, as seen on Instagram, "Paintthecitypeaceful," has done a terrific job of turning tragedy into inspiring art.

The group has transformed hundreds of sheets of plywood installed all over our city during the riots to protect businesses from broken windows and looting into

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SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS
DISTRICT: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BID#: 061020SF
TITLE: HVAC REPLACEMENT (3 SITES) & DUCT INSULATION REPLACEMENT (SCIENCE)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter "the District" will receive up to, but not later than the below-stated date and time, sealed Bid Proposals for the Contract for the Work of the Project generally described as:

All prevailing wage labor, supplies, equipment, transportation as required by bid document scope, specifications, drawings, for HVAC Replacement (3 Sites) and Duct Insulation Replacement (Science):
HVAC Replacement (3 Sites):

- 2714 Pico Boulevard- Replace (2) 12-ton rooftop packaged units. Replace (2) rooftop exhaust fans. Replace (1) heating hot water boiler and pump.
- 1510 Pico Boulevard- Replace (3) rooftop packaged units (6 tons each)
- 1227 2nd street (Emeritus)- Replace (5) rooftop heat pumps. Replace (13) split systems; condensing units on roof/fan coils within building. Replace (2) rooftop exhaust fans. Extension of existing roof curb.

Duct Insulation Replacement (Science):

- 1900 Pico Blvd Main Campus Science Building- Removal and replacement of all roof mounted duct insulation. Removal shall include all duct insulation that is spalling-off and all insulation that has already fallen onto roof surface.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE BID PROPOSALS: 07/20/2020 at 2:00pm
All Bid Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished by the District. Bid Proposals must conform with, and be responsive to, the Bid and Contract Documents, copies of which may be obtained from the District as set forth above. Only Bid Proposals submitted to the District at or prior to the date and time set forth shall be considered.

MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: 06/30/2020 at 10:00am. Meet at SMC Facilities Trailer 2121 16th St. Santa Monica, CA 90405. Sign in required and late arrivals not permitted. Job walk will proceed to various locations and timely arrival and sign in will be required at each.
All attendees will be required to maintain a minimum of a 6 ft distance from others at all times & small areas will have one person enter at a time. All attendees will be required to wear a face covering fully covering nose and mouth at all times. Do not attend if sick or are exhibiting any cold/flu like symptoms. Limit the surfaces touched. Do not touch equipment and building materials if not necessary.

PROJECT ESTIMATE: HVAC Replacement $840,000 and Duct Insulation Replacement $268,605.

CONTRACT DAYS: Est start 8/17/2020 complete by 10/16/2020

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: $1,000 per day

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the District bidding website at:
https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=13721#.

Contractor is required to have a CSLB B license and DIR registration at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the District's Request for Bids.

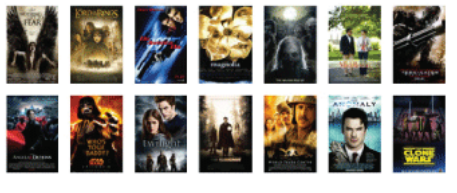
Substitute Security- In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code §22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under this contract.

The District reserves the right to award in whole or in part, reject any or all Bid Proposals, to waive any irregularities or informalities in any Bid Proposal or in the bidding.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 21 CALLS ON JUNE 10

EMS 800blk 12th St 12:58 a.m.
EMS 100blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:31 a.m.
EMS 800blk 2nd St 4:51 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Stanford St 6:06 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1700blk Ocean Ave 8:38 a.m.
EMS 300blk Pico Blvd 9:23 a.m.
EMS 1800blk 4th St 10:40 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 3300blk Barnard Way 10:46 a.m.
EMS 1400blk Ocean Ave 11:56 a.m.
EMS 4th St / Wilshire Blvd 12:46 p.m.
EMS 900blk 4th St 12:58 p.m.
EMS 23rd St / Dewey St 1:07 p.m.
EMS 2300blk Kansas Ave 1:35 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Pico Blvd 1:41 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 500blk Ocean Ave 2:30 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Lincoln Blvd 3:40 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Pico Blvd 3:51 p.m.
EMS 700blk Broadway 7:43 p.m.
EMS 2700blk 4th St 8:03 p.m.
Transformer Fire 1600blk Montana Ave 9:15 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 10:10 p.m.

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Silent Burglar Alarm 700blk Adelaide Pl 12:48 a.m.
Petty Theft Report Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 1:08 a.m.
Public Intoxication 2100blk Ocean Ave 3:01 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1400blk Ocean Ave 3:19 a.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 100blk Santa Monica Pl 4:33 a.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 100blk Santa Monica Pl 5:12 a.m.
Drinking In Public 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 6:32 a.m.
Encampment 700blk Olympic Blvd W 6:36 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:46 a.m.
Encampment 400blk Interstate 10 6:54 a.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 1200blk 16th St 6:59 a.m.
Encampment 1000blk Olympic Blvd W 7:29 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 1400blk Idaho Ave 7:32 a.m.
Encampment 800blk Interstate 10 7:38 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1400blk 4th St 7:42 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report Lincoln Blvd / Broadway 7:57 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 3100blk 5th St 8:20 a.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 700blk Palisades Beach Rd 8:30 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 8:47 a.m.
Burglary Report 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 8:58 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 3300blk 17th St 9:01 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 200blk 26th St 9:23 a.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk 21st St 9:28 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report Main St / Hollister Ave 9:31 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:31 a.m.
Construction Noise 2800blk 3rd St 9:36 a.m.
Encampment 3300blk Wilshire Blvd 9:39 a.m.
Person With A Gun 12th St / Wilshire Blvd 9:41 a.m.
Lost Property 300blk San Vicente Blvd 10:05 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 900blk 11th St 10:33 a.m.
Assault Just Occurred 1300blk 4th St 10:36 a.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 10:44 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report Lincoln Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 10:57 a.m.
Found Property 1600blk Ocean Ave 10:58 a.m.
Encampment 800blk Interstate 10 11:00 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1500blk Berkeley St 11:17 a.m.
Found Property 10th St / Olympic Blvd W 11:23 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 3300blk Barnard Way 11:45 a.m.
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Threats Report/Investigations 3100blk Highland Ave 1:24 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 1:44 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2000blk Ocean Ave 2:01 p.m.
Fraud Report 800blk 2nd St 2:08 p.m.
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Battery Report 3100blk Olympic Blvd 5:38 p.m.
Encampment 1100blk Centinela Ave 6:03 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred Olympic Blvd / 26th St 6:06 p.m.
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Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1600blk Appian Way 6:19 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 6:22 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1600blk Appian Way 6:23 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 4th St / Olympic Blvd W 6:34 p.m.
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Letter to the Editor

By Tim Tunks

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

A Small Victory

EDITOR:

This is a happy story about one guy making a difference. In this instance, it is me raising a fuss with several layers of the Starbucks corporation.

COVID-19 closed lots of Starbucks outlets in malls and elsewhere, so traffic at the open stores' drive-thru windows increased dramatically. Driving etiquette at my nearby intersection evaporated as desperate caffeine seekers competed for the next spot in line for the Marine Street Starbucks drive thru.

I could watch the action at the Pier/Lincoln intersection from my front room desk: Customers' cars lining-up, their cars blocking Pier traffic to Lincoln Boulevard, Northbound coffee seekers intensely made their U-turns into any gap in the line. Cars turning from Lincoln onto Pier were likewise blocked while the U-turn drivers veered into traffic lanes as they maneuvered around the cars waiting to turn up Pier. It was an obstacle course suddenly materializing before tons of moving metal.

Whenever I could catch a manager at the store, I'd deliver my pitch that they should inform their drive-thru customers to avoid discourteous and illegal behaviors that inconvenience and endanger the neighbors. These pleas produced the same results as my requests to the Santa Monica police to park nearby from time-to-time, thinking the threat of traffic tickets might modify customer behavior. You guessed it — nada.

Time to work up the corporate ladder, and with Google's help and Alexander Bell's invention I found my way up and down four levels, collecting a case number and some email addresses in the process. After a few days and a few emails, I found my way back down to the recently hired area manager who was now ready to talk to me. She enumerated all the phone calls she had made to correct this situation, then pleaded, "What more can I do?"

Every now and then you can come up with the right snappy reply at the just right time and I ended up hitting the jackpot.

I said, "Fifty years ago I was taught an important management technique. 'Put on your big boy pants, get out in the field, find out what the heck is wrong and fix it.'"

The next morning there were two new curbside headset-wearing order takers working the well-managed line-up. The area manager I advised was personally working the walk up window while monitoring the situation.

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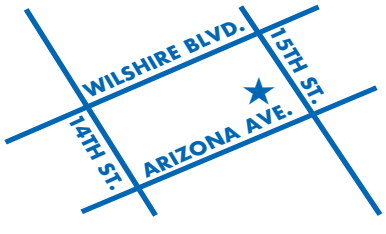


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BALLET

FROM PAGE 1

congratulate our amazing graduating seniors, it is bittersweet to see them go without the triumph of a final Spring Performance which is their familiar rite of passage."

The group of seniors added this week that they are unsure knowing if classes will be online, or in person classrooms, or hybrids between the two – and have come to accept that they leave the legacy ballet school with no final performance or cast party to say goodbye to their peers, teachers, and ballet community of over a decade.

Olivia Polite, who recently graduated from Palisades Charter High School, danced at Westside Ballet for nearly 11 years. She said her future plans include attending the University of California Santa Barbara and double-majoring in dance and psychology.

"Completing my senior year during this global pandemic is a difficult experience," Polite said. "It's really disappointing that this is happening but I've been trying to focus on staying safe and healthy. Despite all of the trouble we're going through right now, I have future plans that I'm excited about and cannot wait to experience. I've also spent some time working on new skills like painting, knitting, and baking sourdough bread."

Fellow Pali High graduate and Venice resident Stefan Goy said things happen that you can't control so he's tried not to get too upset about the situation.

"Graduating now means I'll always have a story to tell about this time. It's almost a point of pride, and I feel that those of us going through it are bonded together in this unique experience," said Goy, who intends to join the UC Santa Barbara dance department and double major in linguistics.

Brentwood School senior Mirabelle Weinbach, who was set to star and dance in Tchaikovsky's renowned Pas de Deux, agreed with Goy's sentiment, before sharing her appreciation for all that she has learned while at Westside Ballet.

"It's taught me how to be a good person. I've been inspired by the amazing teachers who have become mentors and have taught me respect, hard work, diligence and dedication," said Weinbach, a future Princeton student.

Weinbach's classmate Rose Abarbane, who graduated Cum Laude from Brentwood, said she is excited to continue her studies this fall at Washington University in St. Louis.

Rose danced at Westside Ballet since she was eight years old, and said this week, "Graduating from high school during the global coronavirus pandemic has been unique, but my community has found ways to make it special and celebrated. While I am sad I will not be able to see my Westside community in person as I graduate, I know that they will continue to support me throughout my life."

Piper St. Regis is the last of her peers to graduate this year since El Segundo High School will hold their drive-through ceremony on Friday June 12th.

St. Regis was awarded early acceptance last December to Duke University and has recently received several local scholarships thanks to the 4.0+ grade point average she maintained throughout her four years of high school.

"I certainly never expected that most of my senior year would be spent at home, let alone not having a graduation ceremony," St. Regis said. "However these disappointing circumstances have made me all the more grateful for what I still have, like my health, my family, and my friends. I might not get the traditional graduation experience, but I am still excited for what the future holds. I am looking forward to starting college at Duke in the Fall and I will always be grateful for my time at Westside Ballet."

Piper performed in Westside Ballet of Santa Monica's 47th season of 'The Nutcracker' the solo role of Lead Angel, a Mirliton, Side Spanish, and in the Snow corps de ballet. She said this week that she decided to make the long commute to the prestigious ballet school six days a week because there weren't a lot of options for her in the South Bay.

But she has really grown as a dancer, she said, "and truly found a home and community of like-minded, serious ballet students and faculty to support my training."

Owner of the 53-year-old school Allegra Clegg said she isn't surprised to hear statements like St. Regis' because dancers learn discipline, hard work and grace at Westside.

"They learn that nothing comes easy – you have to work hard for things and there are disappointments in life," and Westside teaches these life lessons through the rigor of ballet, according to Clegg. Perhaps ballet has also taught them how to carry on, despite a drastically changing world ahead.

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REOPENING

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Last Friday, Santa Monica started allowing restaurants to temporarily expand outdoor dining to adjacent sidewalks and private spaces in order to provide more space for physical distancing.

Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said Wednesday that customers and employees will need to continue wearing masks and maintaining six feet of distance from others.

"As more spaces reopen, it is so important for all of us – businesses and residents – to follow directives and to do our part to keep everyone as safe as possible," she said in a statement. "This is crucial if we are to reopen without creating huge increases in cases, hospitalizations and deaths from COVID-19."

Ferrer also encouraged anyone who has attended a protest over the last two weeks to get tested and self-quarantine.

To date, there have been 313 coronavirus cases and 21 deaths among Santa Monica residents. Nearly 8,400 people living in the city have been tested.

Twenty new cases have been confirmed in the city since last Thursday, and 32 were confirmed the week before that. One death was reported over the last week.

One hundred and twenty-one people residing in Santa Monica nursing homes have tested positive for the virus since the pandemic started, and 30 have died. Ninety nursing home staff have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco police won't respond to non-criminal calls

San Francisco police will stop responding to neighbor disputes, reports on homeless people, school discipline interventions and other non-criminal activities as part of a police reform plan the mayor announced Thursday.

Mayor London Breed said in a news release that on calls that don't involve a threat to public safety, police would be replaced by trained, unarmed professionals to limit unnecessary confrontation between the police department and the community.

"We know that a lack of equity in our society overall leads to a lot of the problems that police are being asked to solve," she said in the release. "We are going to keep going with these additional reforms and continuing to find ways to reinvest in communities that have historically been underserved and harmed by systemic racism."

Breed's said as part of police reforms, the city will also strengthen accountability policies, ban the use of military-grade weapons and divert funding to the African-American community.

The city will develop its plan over the next year and follow models like the Cahoots program in Eugene, Ore., Breed said. That community-based crisis program employs social workers and mental health workers to respond to disturbances where crimes are not being committed.

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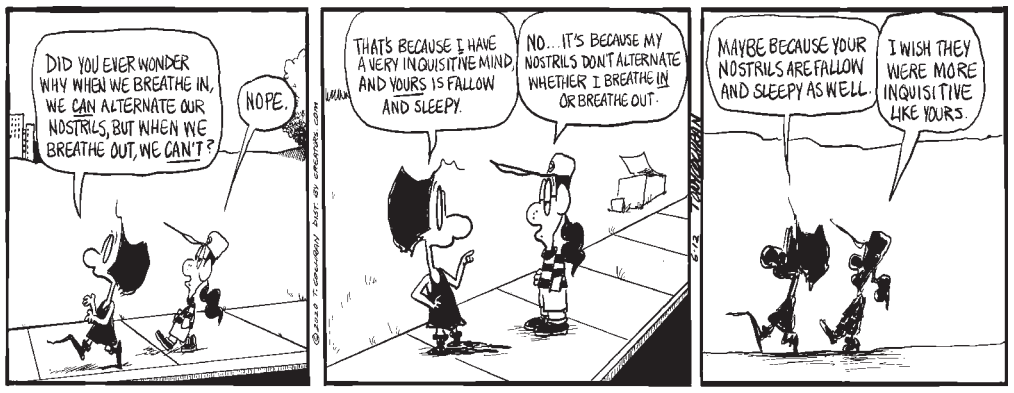
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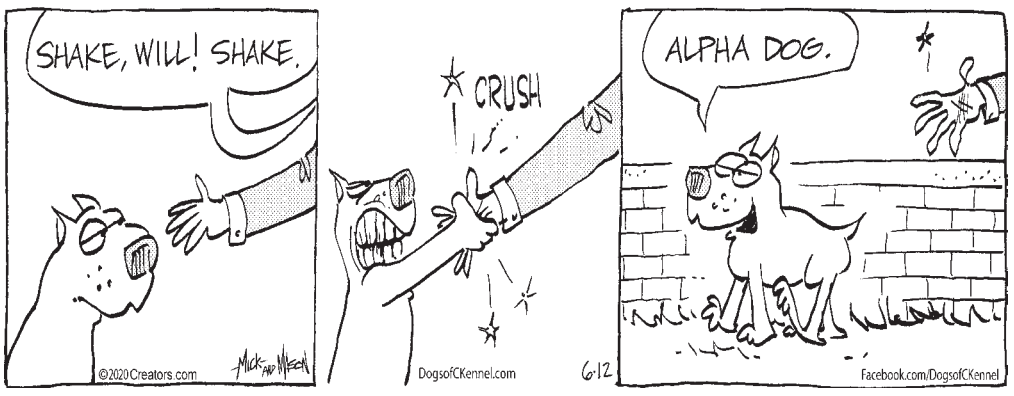
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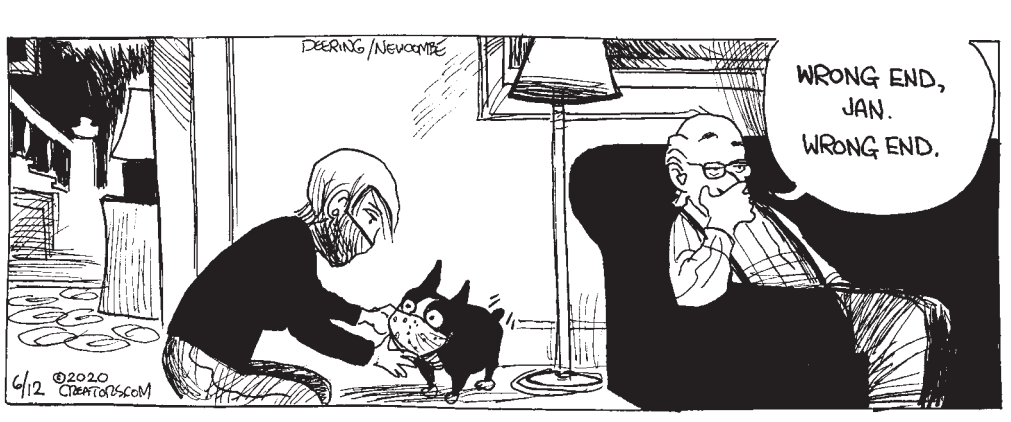
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 62.8°

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high occ. 5 ft
S swell tops out.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-5ft Waist to head high occ. 6 ft
S swell continues. Small NW windswell joins in.

WEATHER

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 58.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 72.
Sunday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.
Monday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 73.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/06/12	Fri	02:25 AM	4.04	H
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2020/06/12	Fri	5:08 PM	4.10	H
2020/06/12	Fri	10:56 PM	2.68	L
2020/06/13	Sat	03:49 AM	3.60	H
2020/06/13	Sat	10:42 AM	0.88	L
2020/06/13	Sat	5:47 PM	4.36	H
2020/06/14	Sun	12:10 AM	2.19	L
2020/06/14	Sun	05:15 AM	3.36	H
2020/06/14	Sun	11:27 AM	1.18	L
2020/06/14	Sun	6:19 PM	4.64	H
2020/06/15	Mon	01:02 AM	1.63	L
2020/06/15	Mon	06:30 AM	3.27	H
2020/06/15	Mon	12:05 PM	1.45	L
2020/06/15	Mon	6:48 PM	4.94	H
2020/06/16	Tue	01:43 AM	1.07	L
2020/06/16	Tue	07:33 AM	3.30	H
2020/06/16	Tue	12:40 PM	1.68	L

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL calottery
Draw Date:06/10
10 33 41 52 54
Power#: 18
Jackpot:20 M

calottery MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 06/09
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Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 20 M

SuperLotto PLUS calottery
Draw Date: 06/10
3 11 20 25 46
Mega#: 21
Jackpot: 14 M

Fantasy5 calottery
Draw Date: 06/10
2 9 12 14 19

Daily 3 calottery
Draw Date: 06/10
Evening: 9 7 4
Draw Date: 06/10
Midday: 8 6 7

Daily Derby calottery
Draw Date: 06/10
1st: 03 - HOT SHOT
2nd: 10 - SOLID GOLD
3rd: 01 - GOLD RUSH
RACE TIME: 1:48.59

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In some ways, you operate as your own universe this year, powerful as the star of your life, commanding the lineup of events, characters and scenery. You'll find support for a creative venture. You'll band together with loved ones for mutual enrichment. There's a professional bonus in August. Aquarius and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 11, 20 and 15.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Whether you climb your way up or start off in a higher position, sooner or later everything under you must be learned. That's your favorite part! You'll gladly take on the challenge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Shame, blame, complaining -- these all get in the way of a good plan and a positive mindset. You will resist the temptation of such things and be guided to solutions to whatever ails you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Thinking is harder than it looks, which is why many get tired or lazy and want others to think for them. There are those who would take advantage of this. Give loved ones the benefit of your intellect and your protection.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Action is education today when the best way to learn, and perhaps the (SET ITAL) only (END ITAL) way, is by doing. Until you apply yourself, you won't know what you know.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Some relationships you seek. Others you earn. And then there are the ones you pick up by accident. Those are dealt to you by the hand of fate and will be your most profound teachers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're not out to impress anyone, but you do have something to say. You wouldn't mind if people were to come away from a conversation with you having more understanding than they started with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're halfway up the mountain with the requisite vistas and views. It still feels like you've a long way to go to get to the top, but you're worlds away from those who never embarked at all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). True, some are not pulling their weight, but you're currently unconcerned with the division of labor. You'll focus on your own contribution to the team and leave pettiness to others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sometimes being a good leader, friend or partner means keeping your thoughts to yourself. Anyway, you don't care if those around you think you're smart or right. You care about spreading compassion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're more influential than you know, and there's reason to be mindful of how others are experiencing you. There is intrinsic power in what you say, how you behave and even in your casual statements.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). States of being are tricky. You know when you're in the zone, but you're not entirely sure how to get there. It's worth figuring out, as your production triples when you're in that frame of mind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Most people don't reach for a flashlight in the noonday sun, but that's precisely the best time to find one and get it ready for the evening hour of necessity.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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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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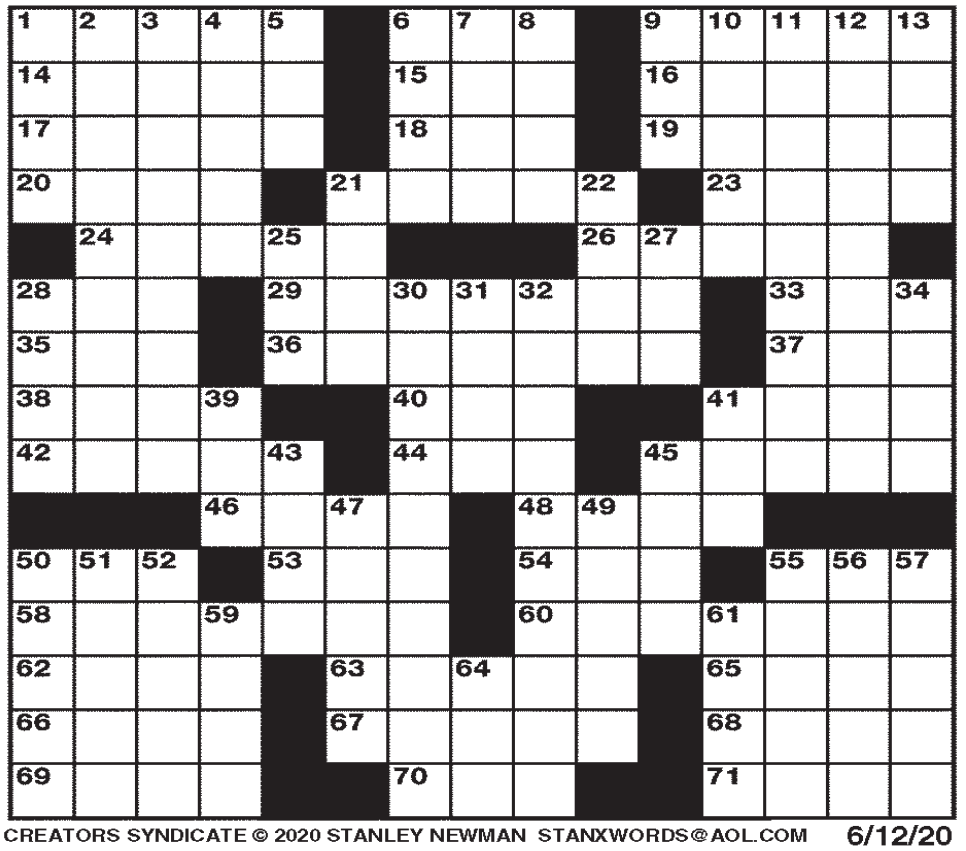
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Mideast leader who's a physician
6 With 50 and 55 Across, the "central" theme
9 Wallop
14 "Lord of the Flies"
15 Big time
16 Molly in *Titanic*
17 First course
18 Long time
19 Actress Woodard
20 Threw out there
21 Central
23 Secured, in a way
24 Clothes
26 Any expenditure
28 Fitness centers?
29 Talky time
33 Longtime name in the news
35 Sports club
36 The yoke's on them
37 Leia's evil son
38 Liquid concoction
40 Moonshine marking
41 Bill's other name
42 Tony winter resort
44 Kitchen gadget company
45 Whatcha gotta do
46 Homie's hangout
48 Irksome ones
50 See 6 Across
53 "Penny Lane" outerwear
54 "It's good!"
55 See 6 Across
58 Outlying region
60 Best in a "long" event
62 Turkish tender
63 Elitists
65 Pivotal point
66 Something roasted
67 Alternative to Ted
68 Overrule
69 Urban concern
70 Mini-bag monogram
71 Society, for short

DOWN
1 Pharaonic symbols
2 Diner amenities
3 Part of a flight
4 *Storage Wars* airer
5 Long chain letters
6 Former tot
7 Tough-as-nails
8 Bamboo, e.g.
9 Calypso kin
10 Euro land since 2008
11 "Typical . . ."
12 Sports coup of a sort
13 Had designs on
21 Caesarean section
22 Beguilement
25 USMC designation
27 Stop short?
28 Sonnet's rhyme scheme, in part
30 Sweet gift
31 Oscar winner as Charles
32 Dow giant
34 Pigmented products
39 Sprinkle, say
41 Van's cousin
43 Without feeling
45 Grp. in charge
47 Set upright
49 Keep happy
50 Recounts
51 Obvious fact
52 Collector's item
55 Celebrity Roast regulars
56 Passes by
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61 Joe's other name
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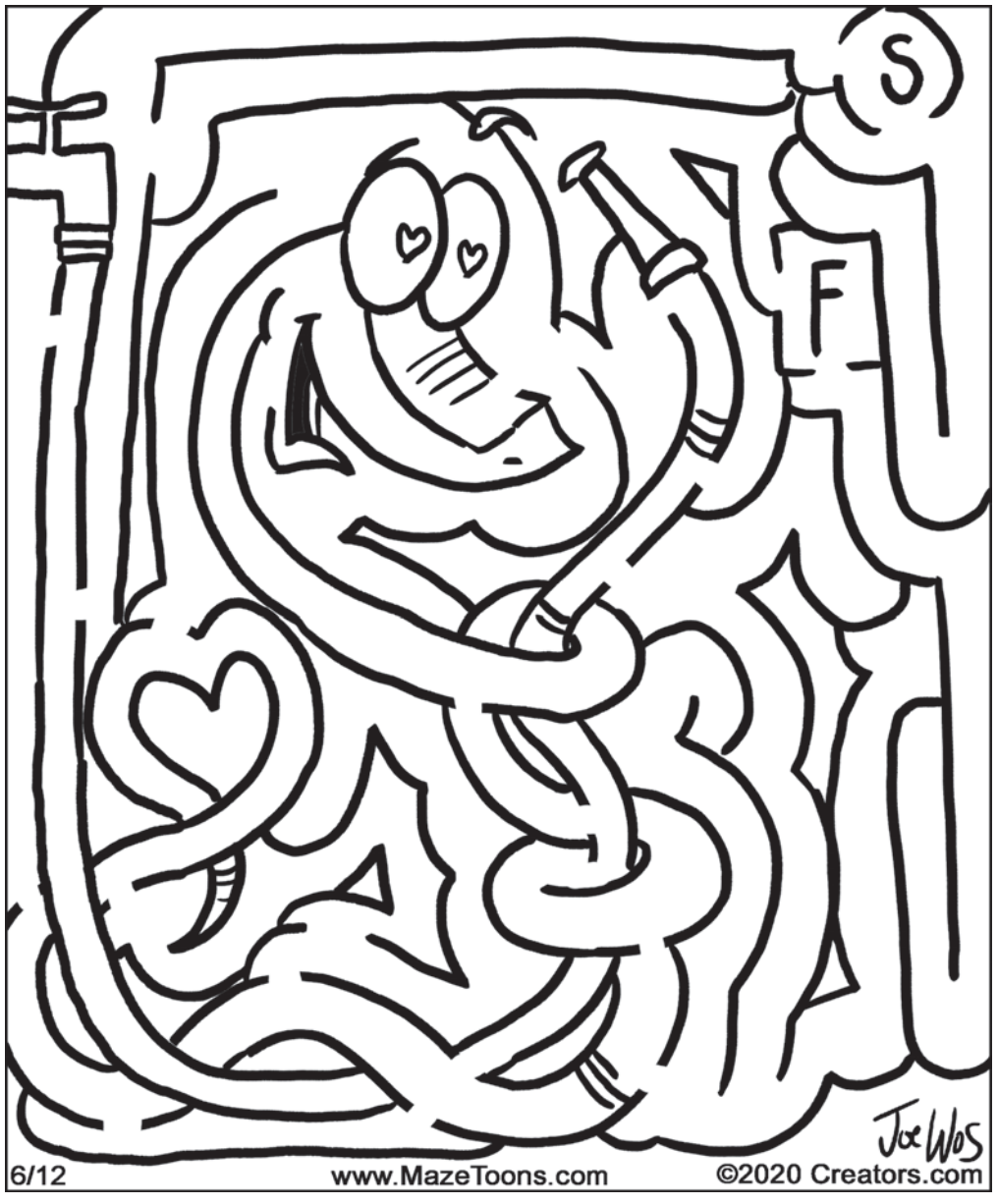
Binary Puzzle

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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DEBATE

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recently from the worldwide protests over racial injustice and police brutality prompted by the death of George Floyd in Minnesota.

But the repeal effort faces strong, organized opposition from many in the state's Asian community, who fear it would make it harder for them to gain admission to the state's prestigious public universities — where students of Asian descent have been overrepresented.

Democratic Assemblyman Evan Low, who is of Chinese descent and shares an apartment with his police officer brother in Silicon Valley, said sitting elected officials in his district have asked him things like: "Why are you voting against your own people?" He said his office received more than 3,000 emails and phone calls opposing the repeal compared to just nine in support.

Low said that tension in the community spread to the Legislature, noting that no one from the Asian and Pacific Islander Caucus signed on as a co-author of the repeal. Wednesday, Low called out the Assembly Black Caucus for not contacting him to ask him for his vote or even to just talk about the issue.

"What am I to do, without even having the decency of a conversation to discuss the difficulties of race?" Low asked his colleagues on Wednesday. "If we can't even have these tough conversations, what do you think is going to happen to the electorate?"

Low eventually did vote for the repeal, telling The Associated Press in an interview he voted "yes" because of his commitment to social justice and his belief that "injustice to one is injustice to us all." But he acknowledged it will likely hurt him politically, saying office has received calls from constituents threatening to recall him from office.

Low added he did not run for office for "self-preservation."

"How do you go to a Black Lives Matter rally and say, 'Yes, I am with you,' but then all of a sudden say, 'Oh, well, not here, not on that part," Low said.

Assemblywoman Shirley Weber, who authored the repeal, apologized on the Assembly floor just before the vote for not contacting lawmakers individually. She said the physical distancing requirements because of the coronavirus and the Legislature's shortened session made it difficult to do that.

"I'm so grateful I didn't have to convince you that racism is real because George Floyd did that," Weber said. "So that was one conversation I didn't have to have on this issue."

Assemblyman David Chiu said not everyone in the Asian community opposed the repeal, saying "over 100 organizations and community leaders representing hundreds of thousands of Asian Americans support this measure."

Not everyone was convinced. Assemblyman Steven Choi, a Republican from Irvine who was born in South Korea, said he opposed the measure because it would "legalize racism and sexism."

"I do not want to live in a state where the color of my skin or my race or my sex or my national origin determines my qualifications for a position, a job or entering to a college," he said. "I came here to this country to get away from ideologies like that."

The Assembly voted 58-9 to let voters decide whether to repeal the amendment. If the state Senate concurs by June 25, the question would be added to the November ballot — further intensifying an election year that already includes a presidential contest.

Since the 1996 amendment, at least seven other states have adopted similar policies: Washington, Florida, Michigan, Nebraska, Arizona, New Hampshire and Oklahoma. A constitutional amendment in Colorado failed to pass in 2008.

"This is not the same California that voted on this 25 years ago," said Assemblyman Miguel Santiago, a Democrat from Los Angeles.

Hispanics surpassed whites in 2015 as the state's largest ethnic group. As of 2019, Asians account for 15.3% of the state's population while African Americans make up 6.5%.

At the University of California system, Asians account for 30% of the undergraduate and graduate student population, followed by whites at 24%, Hispanics at 22% and blacks at 4%. California State University, the nation's largest four-year public university with 23 campuses and nearly 482,000 students, has a student body that is nearly 75% people of color.

LAUGHING MATTERS

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messages and art encouraging peace and unity in ending racism. Borrowing from Bob Dylan, it definitely feels like "The Times They Are Changing." (Consider that NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said, "We were wrong, we should have listened" and NASCAR just banned confederate flags from all its events!)

Props to two Samohi alumni, muralist Lindsay Sochar and her military veteran boyfriend, Z Bo, my neighbor. And thanks to visual artists Cali Rockowitz and Jordan Martinez for their tireless efforts to restore our community. (And also helping bail me out with this column!)

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