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Lana Negrete appointed to City Council

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City Council announced Lana Negrete as their newly appointed Councilmember Tuesday after two-time former Mayor and longtime City Councilmember Kevin McKeown abruptly retired in early June.

McKeown, 72, announced his retirement in the May 25 City Council meeting, stating that he "had the privilege and honor of being able to be a service to this city which I deeply love" but that he "has decided to retire" effective June 11. McKeown then left the Zoom meeting, leaving his fellow council members visibly stunned by his statement, followed by a shocked silence. The meeting was adjourned, but the City Council had to prepare to fill his vacancy.

According to City Charter, section 603, the City Council must appoint someone to fill the vacancy within 30-days of the last appointment leaving. If that appointment were not made, the Council would cause a General Municipal Election to fill that vacancy in November to carry out the remainder of the term through November 2022. The election would cost an estimated $528,000 for the city, which is not currently included in the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget.

While 35-applicants applied for the coveted seat between June 3

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Black Lives Matter LA sues Santa Monica over handling of last year's protests

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Black Lives Matter Los Angeles has filed a complaint against the City of Santa Monica and former Police Chief Cynthia Renaud in response to alleged unconstitutional use of force and arrests during protests last year.

The complaint was filed on June 28 by plaintiffs BLMLA and three protestors, who seek to turn their suit into a class action case that applies to all protestors who were detained by the police or subjected to excessive force.

The defendants are the City of Santa Monica and by extension SMPD, Renaud, and Doe defendants who acted under the City's direction. These include mutual aid responders from local law enforcement agencies and members of the National Guard.

The case alleges that on May 31 and June 1, 2020, the defendants violated plaintiffs' Fourth Amendment rights to be free from unreasonable seizures and Fourteenth Amendment rights to due process.

The complaint alleges that "SMPD ended the protests through the use of force (batons and 'rubber bullets') and imposed unconstitutional conditions of confinement on arrestees by holding them on buses for many hours, tightly handcuffed with zip ties, without access to bathroom facilities, food, or water."

The complaint also alleges that the arrests were unconstitutional

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After appeal and litigation threat, Bird still receives boot from Santa Monica



Clara Harter

BYE BYE BIRDIE: Santa Monica's home-town scooter will leave local streets starting today.

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The City's second mobility pilot program begins on July 1 with five device types from four different operators, none of which are Bird.

The Santa Monica-based company received the final 'no vote' from Council on Tuesday, after Councilmembers Gleam and de la Torre's motion to allow a fifth operator into the program failed.

This motion was intended to squeeze Bird back in as it was the next highest scoring e-scooter company in the selection process. It failed by a 3-2-2 vote, with Councilmembers De la Torre, Gleam and McCowan in favor; Brock and Parra in opposition; and Himmelrich abstaining from voting as competitor company Lyft is a client of her husband. Councilwoman Lana Negrete, who took her seat that night, also abstained citing a lack of time to learn about the issue.

After Bird was not selected for the second mobility pilot program in May it filed an appeal alleging that the City did not follow a fair selection process, denied Bird the opportunity to comment on recommendations, and didn't disclose all selection criteria.

Director of Transportation Ed King reviewed and denied Bird's appeal. The company subsequently threatened litigation, which was discussed in closed session.

Wheels also filed an appeal after it was not selected for the second mobility pilot program, arguing that they would increase accessibility as they are the only operator to offer a seated pedal-less device. King agreed with Wheel's argument and allowed the company to bring 200 of its seated e-scooters into the City.

Following Council's vote to not add Bird, the second shared mobility pilot program will commence on July 1 per King's final recommendations.

Lyft will continue to operate Class 1 e-bikes, Spin will operate 2 and 3-wheeled stand up scooters, Veo will operate 2-wheeled stand up scooters and Class 2 e-bikes, and Wheels will operate 2-wheeled sit-down scooters.

In total, there will be 2,200 permitted devices on the street, however the pilot program administrators are allowed to raise this number to 3,250 if demand increases.

Councilmember Gleam cited the available space for more devices as a reason to consider allowing Bird to continue operating, which in turn could decrease the number of car trips in the city.

"Every e-scooter on the road has the potential to replace an automobile," said Gleam. "I think adding more scooters to the fleet and giving greater opportunity for us to address climate change is prudent at this time."

Councilmember de la Torre argued that continuing to support locally-based company Bird would help the City's economic recovery

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Notice Of Availability
for a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the
6th Cycle 2021-2029 Housing Element

DATE: July 1, 2021

OFFICIAL NOTICE is hereby given of the completion and availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the City of Santa Monica's 2021-2029 Housing Element (or Housing Element Update) located in the City of Santa Monica (City). The Draft EIR has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PROJECT LOCATION: The City of Santa Monica is located in Los Angeles County along the coast of the Pacific Ocean. The City is surrounded on three sides by the City of Los Angeles, including the westside communities of Brentwood, Mar Vista, Pacific Palisades, Venice and West Los Angeles. The City comprises approximately 5,280 acres (approximately 8.25 square miles). See Figure 1

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Since 1969, California has required that all local governments (cities and counties) adequately plan to meet the housing needs of everyone in the community. One of the required elements of a General Plan is the Housing Element. California State law requires that communities prepare and update the Housing Element every eight years. The Housing Element serves as the City's guide for addressing the housing needs of all segments of Santa Monica's population. Housing needs are determined by the California Housing and Community Department (HCD), who decides what the numerical housing targets should be for each regional council of governments. Each council of government across the state then further allocates the regional housing number (known as the Regional Housing Needs Allocation – or RHNA) to every city and county within its jurisdiction. The RHNA is a targeted housing number - Cities and counties must plan for the RHNA and show that under current land use and development standards, there is capacity to accommodate for this number of housing. For the proposed 6th Cycle 2021-2029 Housing Element, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has determined that the City's draft RHNA allocation is 8,895 units, more than 5 times than the last cycle. The significant increase in the City's RHNA housing number is indicative of the severity of the current housing crisis. As part of the proposed 2021-2029 Housing Element, Santa Monica must demonstrate to the State that there is available capacity within its jurisdictional boundaries to meet its targeted RHNA number. Per State requirements, the City's 2021-2029 Housing Element has been drafted and available online at www.santamonica.gov/housing-element-update. The Housing Element Update includes the following components:

- A detailed analysis of the City's demographic, economic and housing characteristics.
- An analysis of the barriers to producing and preserving housing.
- A review of the City's progress in implementing current housing policies and programs.
- An identification of goals, objectives, and policies, in addition to a full list of programs that will implement the vision of the plan.
- A list of sites (aka the Suitable Sites Inventory) that could accommodate new housing, demonstrating the City's ability to meet the quantified housing number established in the RHNA.

The proposed 6th Cycle Housing Element must be certified by the State Department of Housing and Community Development no later than October 15, 2021.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ANALYZED: The Draft EIR analyzed potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed Housing Element Update

The EIR identified potentially significant impacts associated with Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Noise, Public Services, Transportation, and Utilities. The Draft EIR does not focus on any specific projects that may be implemented pursuant to the proposed Housing Element Update.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A minimum 45-day public review period will be provided for all interested persons to submit comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR. **The comment period will start on July 1, 2021 and end at 5:30 p.m. on August 16, 2021.** Written comments should be sent to:

- Air Quality
- Population/Housing
- Cultural Resources
- Public Services
- Energy
- Transportation/Circulation
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Tribal Cultural Services
- Land Use and Planning
- Utilities
- Noise
- Mandatory Findings of Significance

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On August 4, 2021, a Planning Commission meeting will be held to review the Draft EIR. Please check the Planning Commission webpage regularly for the latest information on meeting details: https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Planning-Commission/

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: Please go to the City's webpage https://www.santamonica.gov/housing-element-update for the Draft EIR and associated draft Housing Element (including background on the Housing Element, State requirements, anticipated project schedule, notification lists). A hardcopy of the Draft EIR may be reviewed in person by appointment only at City Hall East at 1685 Main Street in Santa Monica.

ESPAÑOL: Este es un aviso de que la Ciudad está preparando un informe que describe los posibles efectos ambientales de un plan de vivienda, que puede ser de su interés. Para más información, llame a Carmen Gutiérrez al 310 458 8341.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 262 CALLS ON JUNE 29

Threats Report/Investigations 2000blk 20th St 12:20 a.m.
Family Disturbance 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 1:31 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Report Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 1:50 a.m.
Prowler 1700blk Hill St 2:03 a.m.
Lewd Activity Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 2:08 a.m.
Fight Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd E 2:50 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2000blk 20th St 2:57 a.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 2700blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:32 a.m.
Burglary Now 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 4:27 a.m.
Forensics Request - Miscellaneous 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 5:01 a.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 1300blk 2nd St 5:09 a.m.
Illegal Weapon 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 5:20 a.m.
Encampment 1900blk The Beach 6:44 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred Ocean Ave / California Incline 6:51 a.m.
Auto Burglary Now 800blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:10 a.m.
Arson 7th St / San Vicente Blvd 7:23 a.m.
Suspicious Vehicle 1500blk 9th St 7:26 a.m.
Construction Noise 400blk 12th St 7:38 a.m.
Lewd Activity 2400blk Ocean Front Walk 7:46 a.m.
Panic Alarm 1600blk Main St 8:45 a.m.
Found Property 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:52 a.m.
Domestic Violence Report 2200blk 29th St 8:59 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 500blk Colorado Ave 9:12 a.m.
Vandalism Report Main St / Pico Blvd 9:13 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1300blk 23rd St 9:16 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1500blk 6th St 9:31 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2300blk Arizona Ave 9:41 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk Oak St 9:49 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 700blk Navy St 9:52 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1700blk Euclid St 10:06 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 700blk 12th St 10:10 a.m.
Overdose 600blk Idaho Ave 11:01 a.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 1300blk 2nd St 11:05 a.m.
Identity Theft 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 11:06 a.m.
Lewd Activity 1900blk 3rd St 11:11 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 800blk Idaho Ave 11:19 a.m.
Medical Aid Alarm 900blk Euclid St 11:31 a.m.
Vandalism Report 2700blk Arizona Ave 11:43 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 700blk Euclid St 11:43 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1600blk Ocean Ave 11:53 a.m.
Panhandling 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 12:01 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2000blk 4th St 12:06 p.m.
Vandalism Report 1500blk Berkeley St 12:28 p.m.
Fraud Report 700blk Ocean Ave 12:39 p.m.
Administrative Incident 300blk Olympic Dr 12:41 p.m.
Adult Prot Serv Chck 100blk 23 12:57 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 2600blk Centinela Ave 1:07 p.m.
Person Down 100blk Hollister Ave 1:09 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2000blk The Beach 1:20 p.m.
Medical Emergency 300blk Santa Monica Pier 1:21 p.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 2nd St / Colorado Ave 1:34 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:08 p.m.
Vandalism Report 1400blk 15th St 2:13 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1000blk 26th St 2:17 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1900blk Pico Blvd 2:31 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 100blk Pacific St 2:34 p.m.
Assistance Call 1700blk Berkeley St 2:35 p.m.
Vandalism Report 1100blk Pico Blvd 2:38 p.m.
Expired Registration 2400blk 6th St 2:40 p.m.
Lost Property 2700blk 6th St 2:47 p.m.
Identity Theft 1400blk 10th St 3:00 p.m.
Vandalism Just Occurred 1100blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:19 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 3:38 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1600blk Ocean Ave 3:55 p.m.
Medical Emergency 400blk Santa Monica Pier 3:59 p.m.
Battery Report 2000blk Wilshire Blvd 4:13 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2500blk Cloverfield Blvd 4:14 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1500blk 6th St 4:22 p.m.
Expired Registration 100blk Hill St 4:23 p.m.
Encampment 17th St / Broadway 4:23 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1700blk Ocean Ave 4:44 p.m.
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Grand Theft Auto Report 2800blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:52 p.m.
Identity Theft 1400blk 10th St 5:00 p.m.
Found Property 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 5:04 p.m.
Arson 1200blk Euclid St 5:13 p.m.
Adult Prot Serv Chck 1900blk 20th St 5:15 p.m.
Civil Dispute 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 5:28 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1000blk 10th St 5:49 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1200blk 6th St 5:59 p.m.
Overdose 2600blk 32nd St 6:03 p.m.
Battery Report 2000blk Arizona Ave 6:14 p.m.
Vandalism Now 100blk Ocean Park Blvd 6:43 p.m.
Burglary Report 1900blk 19th St 6:55 p.m.
Person Down 9th St / Broadway 7:10 p.m.
Loud Music 900blk 11th St 7:22 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1000blk 14th St 7:24 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 800blk Ocean Ave 7:24 p.m.
Medical Emergency 400blk Santa Monica Pier 7:31 p.m.
Assistance Call 300blk Olympic Dr 7:44 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1800blk Main St 7:53 p.m.
Construction Noise 2800blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:01 p.m.
Loud Music 900blk 11th St 8:02 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 8:27 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 1300blk 2nd St 8:35 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1000blk Maple St 8:44 p.m.
Battery Report 100blk Wilshire Blvd 8:55 p.m.
Loud Music 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 9:29 p.m.
Injured Person 4th St / Olympic Blvd E 9:41 p.m.
Trespassing 500blk Broadway 9:48 p.m.
Public Intoxication 100blk Colorado Ave 9:53 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1000blk Maple St 10:03 p.m.
Family Disturbance 200blk Washington Ave 10:30 p.m.
Loud Music 1400blk 5th St 10:37 p.m.

July 4, Juneteenth and the meaning of national holidays

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On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress formally endorsed the Declaration of Independence. Celebrations began within days: parades and public readings, bonfires and candles and the firing of 13 musket rounds, one for each of the original states.

Nearly a century passed before the country officially named its founding a holiday.

With the recent passage of the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, the country now has 12 federal holidays. Many are fixtures in the American calendar, but their presence isn't only a story of continuity. They reflect how the U.S. has evolved — from an affiliation of states with a relatively small federal government to a more centralized nation.

Statewide and local gatherings for Independence Day and other holidays are as old as the country itself. But the first round of federal holidays, identified as such because federal employees (initially only federal employees in Washington, D.C.) were given the day off, was only signed into law in 1870, by President Ulysses S. Grant, five years after the Civil War ended.

"The Civil War consolidated national power in all sorts of ways, and national holidays are an illustration of that," says the Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Eric Foner. "There were many, many firsts after the Civil War."

Juneteenth and other federal holidays have passed with substantial majorities in Congress, suggesting broad, bipartisan consensus. The first holidays, notes Grant biographer Ron Chernow, were the safest ones at the time — New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and George Washington's birthday (enacted in 1879).

"They followed the Civil War, but, by no accident, they had nothing to do with the Civil War. The war wounds were still deep and irrevocable, and any commemoration of the war itself would have been seen as divisive," Chernow says. He notes that Memorial Day, the honoring of those who died in war, did not become a federal holiday until 1888.

"The first five federal holidays ... attempted to restore common ground between North and South," Chernow says. "Both sides in the Civil War claimed to have fought in the spirit of the American Revolution. It was therefore easy for both sides to honor Washington's birthday and Independence Day."

Whether statements of patriotism or social justice, federal holidays mirror a part of the country's sense of itself and how it changes.

Public support to make the Rev. Martin Luther King's birthday a holiday was so strong that it was signed into law in 1983 by President Ronald Reagan, who had opposed the Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act in the 1960s and privately believed the late civil rights leader's standing was "based on an image, not reality." Even then, Arizona, New Hampshire and South Carolina resisted making it a state holiday, with South Carolina waiting until 2000. Alabama and Mississippi still pair King's birthday with the birthday of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Columbus Day became a national holiday in 1968, endorsed by Congress and President Lyndon Johnson as a tribute to immigrants and as a "declaration of willingness to face with confidence the imponderables of unknown tomorrows," according to a Senate report at the time. But over the past 40 years, as Columbus' image has shifted from the "discoverer of America" to that of a racist and imperialist, cities and states have either changed the holiday's name (Hawaii calls it "Discovery Day") or used the day to honor others; since 1989, South Dakota has called it "Native American Day."

"You can think of federal holidays as being like monuments erected in parks," says Matthew Dennis, author of "Red, White, and Blue Letter Days," a 2002 book on American holidays. "With a monument, you try to set the meaning of the past in stone. But that can change, and people might say, 'Wait, who is this guy?'"

Among national holidays, July 4 stands as the most complex and debated, a reflection of the questions and contradictions about the country's origins and about the Declaration of Independence itself.

Independence Day has been caught up in the country's divisions almost from the start. In the 1780s and 1790s, supporters of a stronger central government (Federalists) and those who worried about a return to British-style monarchy (sometimes called Jeffersonian Republicans), argued over the authorship of the Declaration of Independence, with Republicans giving sole credit to their own Thomas Jefferson and Federalists countering (correctly) that many others had worked on it.

In the decades before the Civil War, Black Americans were often excluded from official July 4 events and instead would celebrate on July 5, both acknowledging July 4 and their distance from it. Frederick Douglass delivered his famed 1852 speech, "What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July," on July 5.

The Civil War itself was a time for competing interpretations. Southerners embraced the Declaration of Independence's message of defiance against tyranny. The North looked to it as a blueprint. In a

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EMS 600blk Idaho Ave 11:01 a.m.
EMS 900blk Euclid St 11:31 a.m.
EMS 16th St / Santa Monica Blvd 11:32 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 3rd St 11:32 p.m.
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EMS 1900blk Cloverfield Blvd 6:13 p.m.
Odor Investigation 900blk 2nd St 6:15 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 6:37 a.m.
Broken Water Main 2400blk Michigan Ave 6:42 p.m.
EMS 9th St / Broadway 7:10 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 7:29 a.m.
EMS 9th St / Broadway 8:06 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 7th St 9:05 a.m.
EMS 2000blk 19th St 9:16 a.m.
EMS 2300blk Main St 9:54 p.m.

COUNCIL

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and 22, only 33 were eligible to compete for the position, one not being a registered voter in Santa Monica and one, Nicole Phillis, withdrawing their application in support of Caroline Torosis, who currently serves on the Rent Control Board.

The Council of six held a vote Tuesday night, taking public comments before the nomination process. Many public commenters gave their support for various candidates by phone, with one comment in favor of moving to a special election, stating that "councilmembers are not authority members and should not be appointing each other to the council."

After public comments, Mayor Himmelrich proposed that the council discuss candidates before moving into nomination. The proposal was swiftly struck down by fellow councilmember Gleam Davis who stated that she wanted to stray away from "hurt feelings" which was seconded by Phil Brock.

It took the council four rounds of deliberation to come to the conclusion that Negrete was their choice. Mayor Himmelrich began the process by stating that she originally decided to abstain from the vote, but ultimately chose to nominate and vote in favor of Torosis.

Torosis was backed by Himmelrich, Davis and McCowan. Brock and de la Torre voted for Mario Fonda-Bonardi. Christine Parra nominated Negrete.

With no candidate receiving the required four votes in the first two rounds, Brock and de la Torre switched to backing Negrete in round three.

Davis then switched her vote creating a four-to-two vote for Lana Negrete until Mayor Pro Tem Kristin McCowan reversed her vote for Torosis making the official tally five-to-one.

As the council announced their vote to the crowd waiting outside, audible cheers of support for Negrete could be heard inside the chamber. Negrete entered the chambers and was immediately sworn in by County Clerk, Denise Anderson-Warren and resigned her seat on the Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission.

Negrete is a Santa Monica native and owner of the Santa Monica Music Center on Santa Monica Boulevard. "It's a special privilege to serve the community I love as a member of the City Council," said Councilmember Lana Negrete. "I am ready and excited to roll up my sleeves and get to work with my Council colleagues and City staff as we lift up community-wide recovery and a strong future for Santa Monica."

Negrete has expressed that she wants to work with the Council to find proactive solutions for homelessness and to "work together as a collective to create sustainable solutions to the city's issues, expand programs that need further expanding and to thoughtfully address the concerns of all residents from all corners of the city. A council that works together to serve the people of the city who depend on them."

Mayor Himmelrich extended her warm welcome to Negrete on behalf of the council, saying "Councilmember Negrete is a lifelong resident who brings a wealth of knowledge about the issues impacting youth and families, renters, and small business owners" and that, "we warmly welcome Councilmember Negrete and look forward to our work together to bring about Santa Monica's bright future."

Councilmember Phil Brock noted that with Negrete's nomination, "this council really reflects Santa Monica now."

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Scouts suffer huge membership declines

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America's most iconic youth organizations – the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of the USA – have been jolted by unprecedented one-year drops in membership, due partly to the pandemic, and partly to social trends that have been shrinking their ranks for decades.

While both organizations insist they'll survive, the dramatic declines raise questions about how effectively they'll be able to carry out their time-honored missions — teaching skills and teamwork, providing outdoor adventure, encouraging community service.

Membership for the BSA's flagship Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA programs dropped from 1.97 million in 2019 to 1.12 million in 2020, a 43% plunge, according to figures provided to The Associated Press. Court records show membership has fallen further since then, to about 762,000.

The Girl Scouts say their youth membership fell by nearly 30%, from about 1.4 million in 2019- 2020 to just over 1 million this year.

Both groups, like several other U.S. youth organizations, have experienced declining membership for many years. The Girl Scouts reported youth membership of about 2.8 million in 2003. The BSA had more than 4 million boys participating in the 1970s.

Reasons for the drop include competition from sports leagues, a perception by some families that they are old-fashioned, and busy family schedules. The pandemic brought a particular challenge.

In Lawrence, New Jersey, 8-year-old Joey Yaros stopped attending meetings while most in-person gatherings were shut down, and might not go back, even though his father and three brothers all earned the elite Eagle Scout rank. Joey was already struggling with virtual school classes, and the family didn't pressure him to also participate in virtual Cub Scout activities.

"If there are den meetings in the fall, we'll see if he gets back in the swing of it," said his father, high school history teacher Jay Yaros. "There are a lot of interesting things for kids to do these days, and scouting doesn't seem to be keeping up."

The Boy Scouts' problems are compounded by their decision to seek bankruptcy protection in February 2020 to cope with thousands of lawsuits filed by men who allege they were molested as youngsters by scout leaders. The case is proceeding slowly in federal bankruptcy court as lawyers negotiate creation of a trust fund for victims that will likely entail hundreds of millions of dollars in contributions from the BSA and its 252 local councils.

To provide those funds, some councils may have to sell cherished camp properties, the BSA's president and CEO, Roger Mosby, told the AP.

"We understand that this is a difficult and often emotional decision, but in some instances may be a necessary step as we work toward our shared imperatives of equitably compensating survivors and continuing Scouting's mission." Mosby said in a written reply to AP's queries.

The pandemic, the membership drop and rising costs of liability insurance have strained BSA finances. A disclosure statement in the bankruptcy case says its gross revenues dropped from $394 million in 2019 to $187 million last year.

In response, the Boy Scouts' annual youth membership fee will rise from $66 to $72 on August 1. The BSA also says some councils may merge to consolidate resources.

The Girl Scouts have bureaucratic complications of their own. There is ongoing litigation pitting the national headquarters against two of the 111 local councils—based in Fairbanks, Alaska, and Nashville, Tennessee — which refuse to implement a nationwide technology platform.

Despite the varied challenges, Mosby and other Boy Scout officials, as well as the Girl Scouts' leadership, say there's reason for optimism. They say their summer camps are full, special events are sold out, and they're expecting many thousands of families – some new to scouting, some who left during the pandemic – to sign up now that activities are occurring in-person rather than virtually.

"We knew some girls would take a pause," said Girl Scouts spokeswoman Kelly Parisi. "But as the pandemic goes in the rear-view mirror, we've seen a substantial rebound... We feel really good going into the fall recruitment."

Membership in the Boy Scouts' Longhorn Council, which serves parts of Central and North Texas, dropped by 44% from 2019 to 2020, said its chief executive, Wendy Shaw. But she is buoyed by surging interest this year from families considering their first foray into scouting; the council has scheduled 12 special events for them.

Manny Ramos, chief executive of the BSA's Seattle-area council, said pandemic-related restrictions on group activities were rigorous in his area — a factor in recruiting only 500 scouts last fall instead of the normal 3,000 or more. To maintain interest, his staff held numerous outdoor activities, including winter camping, and now anticipates a large influx of families who skipped scouting last year.

Bryan Koch of Madison, Wisconsin, has been an adult leader for more than a decade as two sons went through Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. He believes the programs have invaluable benefits: teaching leadership skills, offering adventures such as a 78-mile hike at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico that his eldest son completed as a 14-year-old.

"I'm a firm believer in what scouting can be," Koch said. "It helps us develop more well-rounded and aware young men and women. That's sorely needed in our country right now."

Yet he says membership in his Boy Scout troop dropped by 30% in recent years as boys and parents turned to other activities.

"There's not really a passive way to go through scouting and get the full experience," Koch said. "It takes a lot of time for the scout, for the parents."

Josh Garner has been scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 30 in Jackson, Mississippi, for six years; his oldest son will soon be an Eagle Scout. Troop membership has dropped by 25% during his tenure, and even more sharply in the Cub Scout pack that's also sponsored by St. Richard Catholic Church.

Garner said the BSA's national leadership "has a lot of baggage right now" and needs to devise better recruitment strategies. Yet he'd hate to see the organization fold.

"I've watched boys learn all kinds of skills, from welding to giving speeches," he said. "It's a fantastic program — too important to a lot of people for it to just go away."

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because, "SMPD had no means to identify the basis of individual arrests, the arresting officer and other basic information required to meet constitutional due process in a criminal proceeding."

The plaintiffs establish a distinction between the peaceful protestors and those who participated in looting activities. The plaintiffs claim that law enforcement officers trained their attention on peaceful protestors and, as a result, the majority of those arrested were cited for a violation of curfew and not a serious crime.

Plaintiff BLMLA alleges that the City of Santa Monica tried to prevent the peaceful protests by instituting curfew orders and therefore interfered with BLMLA's right to assembly and speech.

The plaintiffs believe the case applies to a class of 300 arrested individuals and estimates that it also applies to a class of more than 300 individuals who were subjected to direct force.

They are seeking several actions including a permanent injunction preventing defendants from repeating the "unlawful" actions of May 31 and June 1, the expungement of protestors' arrests from all criminal databases, and compensatory financial relief.

The complaint includes the experiences of three specific protestors intending to illustrate the alleged unlawful actions taken against the broader class of plaintiffs.

Plaintiff David Brown is a 40-year resident of Santa Monica who was arrested for violating curfew while peacefully protesting near Third Street Promenade. The complaint alleges that he provided no resistance, but was struck with batons during the arrest process.

The complaint further alleges that after being detained for several hours and released in the City of Los Angeles, "the officers threatened that, if he returned to Santa Monica, he would be arrested. When Brown responded that he lived in Santa Monica, the officers repeated the threat."

Plaintiff David Clennon claims that he was peacefully walking home from a protest when he was picked out of a group of people and detained by the police.

Plaintiff Kerry Hogan claims she was struck by a projectile while peacefully kneeling, which caused her bruising and pain. She alleges that the officers did not warn of their intention to launch projectiles and were outside of the allowable range for the use of the target specific instrument that was fired.

"The City of Santa Monica is reviewing the civil complaint related to regional activities in the spring of 2020," said Public Information Officer Constance Farrell. "The City of Santa Monica has not yet been formally served with the complaint."

A similar complaint was filed by BLMLA against the City of LA regarding their treatment of protestors last summer.

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Noteworthy

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A Fever For Music

REMEMBER THE OLD NOTEWORTHY?

I hope so. The pre-COVID one, where every week I would scour the listings and my contacts to find the best, don't-miss shows of all sorts (mostly music, but also theater, a great art exhibit, jugglers and fire eaters, no limits) for the coming week, so that you do not spend your hours in weeping regret over what you missed.

We're not there yet. Venues and programs are coming back slowly. So I will continue to throw out a few until I can get back to the full format, day-by-day mouthwatering menu. Just this last week, if you had followed the tips from last week, you would have seen our resident SM jazz drum legend Peter Erskine leading an airtight trio, you would have seen the brand new Yamaha C7 piano at LAX club Sam First played by the golden Alan Pasqua (his playing on "Wichita Lineman" might have made you weep), and heard him announce that he and Erskine had now been playing together 50 years. Even Peter shook his head in disbelief.

Sam First is a 20-minute drive away, but the night before I walked to Harvelle's, on 4th Street (since 1931!) and closed the joint down at minutes before 2 a.m., with the Damn Well Please Organ Trio, who seemed ready to go another hour or two, if not for the legal closing time. If you are lucky, you may be able to catch that rousing show next Mardi Gras time. Keyboard maestro, spotlight grabber, musical director, bandleader, cat herder, perfect vocalist for all genres but especially N'Awlins — Darius Holbert, only comes out of retirement once a year, if then, to play for his buddies Damian and Jason at Harvelle's. With beads, masks, king cake, Abita beers, Hurricanes and other regional cajunal drink specials and the musical madness (and excellence) on stage, it truly was Mardi Gras in June, here in our own backyard. What a town.

ALMOST FULL SCHEDULES

For both Harvelle's and Sam First. SF has one you don't want to miss — TONIGHT! two shows — the keyboard creativity and beauty of our homegrown Gerald Clayton. He moved his piano to Oregon but Sam First had become his home here, and I'm sure he was itching to lay hands on the beautiful seven-goot Yamaha they just installed. The following weekend don't miss another piano giant, Eric Reed.

If you missed Darius and just gotta have a shot of the Crescent City on Fourth Street SM, Saturday night they have Alligator Beach and their "NO Brass Funk" party. And don't forget, the unforgettable Toledo Show is back at Harvelle's, every Sunday night. Now THAT is back to business (Toledo could never be considered back to normal, and that's a very good thing), an indication that the planets are still in their proper orbits.

"RANDOMLY NOTEWORTHY":

(because I do not want to be sued by Jann Wenner)

I've been re-listening to a lot of rock n roll lately, '50s through '70s, for a project.



Courtesy photo

MUSIC: The FEVER was televised, 1962 - PEGGY LEE

OK... "project" — I'm putting together a mixtape, sorta, for a kid, awright? A pre-toddler, if you will. The sweet smiling angel rocker Bryce, son of our neighbors Michelle and Chris. He won't always be in a sweet world so he has to be musically prepared. Chris suggested it, I accepted with honor and humility, and then put it off but now they're moving so I've got to attend to the young man's education.

Daddy Chris says Bryce loves classic rock and he vigorously bounces to it in his bouncy seat, little feet pumping and driving the bounce, with great joy and that smile. But daddy doesn't want to leave out any crucial songs, so enlisted me. It's a heavy responsibility, but if it brings a smile and a bounce, I'm good, real good.

FEVER

In the course of it I have come across some interesting things I didn't know. I did know that Peggy Lee's "Fever" (not on my list for Bryce, at least until he starts dating) — famously, cleverly orchestrated by Lee with only spare jazz bass notes by Joe Mondragon. finger snaps probably by her, and minimal drum and cymbal punctuations by the South Bay's own Shelley Mann, some with fingers not sticks or brushes — was first recorded by Little Willie John in 1956. The title song of his first album, he at first hated it and had to be convinced to record it. It was a hit, topping the R&B charts and #24 on Billboard's Best Sellers in Stores list. Lee's cool jazz version two years later, charting at #5 R&B and #8 on the most important pop chart, became the standard and was nominated for three of the very first Grammys awarded. But Little Willie John's version sold twice as many records — a million. And most people have never heard of him.

It was written by Otis Blackwell ("Great Balls of Fire," "Breathless," "Don't Be Cruel", "Handy Man," "All Shook Up," "Return to Sender") who wrote more than 1,000 songs, that sold nearly 200M copies), under the name of John Davenport, with his sometime writing partner Eddie Cooley. Songwriting wasn't then, or now, any sure path to riches so they had an arrangement that Cooley would split his weekly paycheck as a jeweler

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BIRD
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through jobs. He also pointed out that adding Bird would allow for greater continuity of service for residents and visitors traveling from Venice to Santa Monica.

The strongest opposition to Bird came from Councilmember Brock, who shared an anecdote about a restaurant manager's inability to get Bird to respond to an issue with scooters blocking the front door. He also raised concerns about the device's relative safety and the manner in which the company has historically responded to safety concerns.

"I still don't see a responsiveness from Bird that I would like to see considering that they are a company that jump-started in Santa Monica without permits and say to us that they are proud that their headquarters are in the City," said Brock. "I respect the administration's decision. I respect the fact that our transportation manager went back and looked at everything that went on and I will be voting firmly against the motion."

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with Blackwell, who would go to New York to hustle their songs. Blackwel gave "Don't Be Cruel" to Frankie Valli, but took it back because he had a hunch about this up-and-comer Presley. That was a hunch with a lot of zeroes behind it.

Peggy Lee, from North Dakota, sang many years with the Benny Goodman Orchestra before going solo. When "Fever" hit she had been at it 20 years and was a ripe old 38. She and her husband rewrote the lyrics (Romeo and Juliet, Capt. Smith and Pocahontas), anonymously. Four years later she sang it on the Andy Williams television show, with guy dancers at her feet, fire, big kettle drums and a very red dress. One of the best songs ever, say many.

NICOLE RECOMMENDS:

ONCE UPON A TIME IN L.A. FEST — It's in December, but tickets are going to go fast for this one day festival. Snoop Dogg, Live Nation and promoter Bobby Dee have teamed up to create a lineup that knocked me out of my chair the first time I read it: Al Green, The Isley Brothers, Cypress Hill, War, Cameo, George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic, The Dramatics, The Chi Lites, Brenton Wood, Bone Thugs-N-Harmony, YG, Ice Cube, Zapp, Warren G, 50 Cent, Snoop Dogg, of course, very special guests Foos Gone Wild, and so many more. Tickets are now on sale. Get 'em while they're hot! Saturday December 18, Bank of California & Exposition Park, $160 GA .

Link to festival site: www.onceuponatimeinlafest.com

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HOLIDAY
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letter to Congress sent on July 4, 1861, just months after the Civil War began, President Abraham Lincoln spoke of Independence Day as inspiration for a new and more humane society.

"Our adversaries have adopted some declarations of independence in which, unlike the good old one penned by Jefferson, they omit the words `all men are created equal,'" Lincoln wrote, adding that the Union was upholding "government whose leading object is to elevate the condition of men; to lift artificial weights from all shoulders; to clear the paths of laudable pursuit for all; to afford all an unfettered start and a fair chance in the race of life."

The meaning of July 4 has continued to evolve, from president to president. Franklin D. Roosevelt and George W. Bush are among those who dedicated Independence Day speeches to the military, whether during World War II or in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks. John F. Kennedy's 1962 address, in the midst of the Cold War, called independence the "single issue that divides the world today" and invoked "the longing for independence behind the Iron Curtain." In 2014, President Barack Obama cited the promise of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" as a reason "immigrants from around the world dream of coming to our shores."

For Independence Day in 2020, less than two months after the murder of George Floyd, President Donald Trump denounced Black Lives Matters protesters and what he called "a merciless campaign to wipe out our history, defame our heroes, erase our values and indoctrinate our children." His eventual successor, Joe Biden, issued a brief video saying the country had yet to live up to its promise of equality, noting that even Jefferson was a slaveholder.

"But once proposed, it (equality) was an idea that couldn't be constrained," he said. "It survived the rages of the Civil War, the dogs of Bull Connor, the assassination of Martin Luther King and more 200 years of systematic racism."

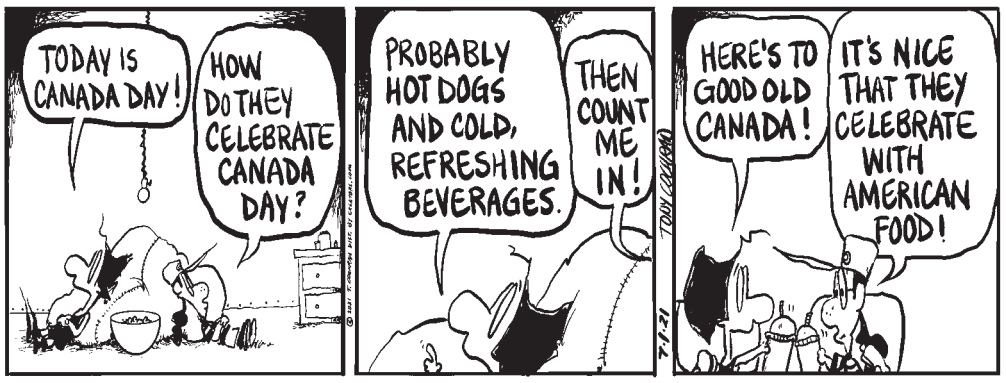
"America is no fairy tale," Biden added. "It's been a constant push and pull between two parts of our character: the idea that all men and women — all people — are created equal and the racism that has torn us apart."

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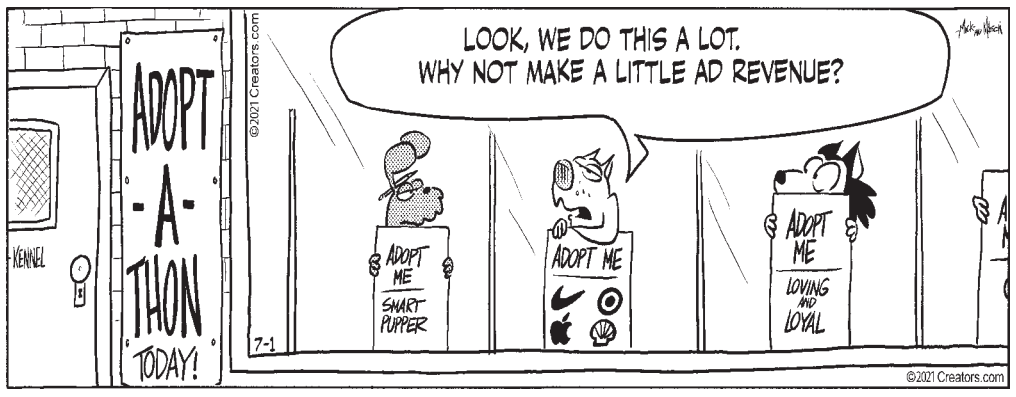
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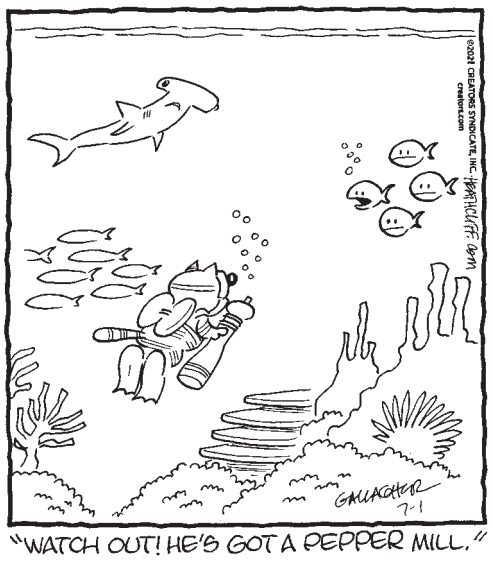
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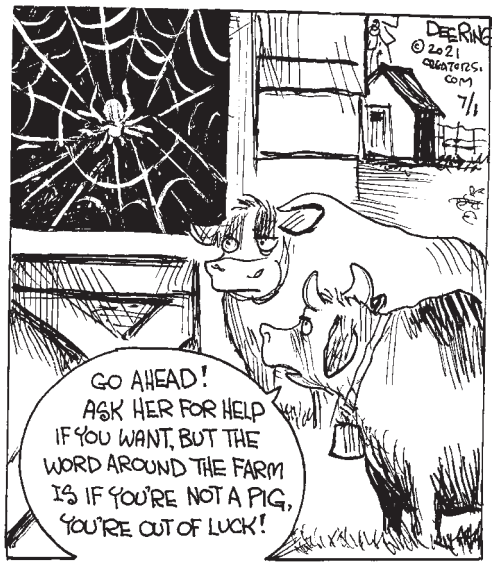
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 67.3°

THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
SSW/S swell lingers as NW swell mix falls off. Still some peaks to be had for combo spots with light wind for the morning, probably going to want to consider the small wave gear though.

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
New SW swell picks up as old SSW/S swell trends down. NW swell drops. Light wind for the morning with the most size for breaks west of Pt Dume that favor SW swell.

WEATHER

Thursday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 67.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 61.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 68.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll get so much more done because you're doing it for the right reasons. Curiosity and wonder are motivators with seemingly endless fuel. They give and give.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20 Your own self-interest is certainly part of what motivates you to act today, but it's only one small consideration of the many concerns vying for your attention. You'll carefully weigh out options to determine your next move.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A smack to the ego can be more devastating than a physical hit, and ego wounds can be as debilitating as bodily injuries. The difference is that destruction to the ego makes a person much stronger.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll say the thing you wanted to hear. You'll give the help you wish someone would have given to you. You'll provide the very thing you most needed. It's good to be you. Capable!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A signal is coming from far off, barely audible, but annoying... like a drippy faucet in a downstairs bathroom. The question on repeat: "Can I? Can I? Can I?" Yes, you can. You can, and you will. Go down and shut off this doubt.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's OK not to understand everything right away. In fact, it's better this way. The information assimilates in its own time, when it has relevance to you and when you're ready to do something about it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't have to know what the conflict is to know that one exists. It's not always worth getting into. One way to erase tension from your life is to use your feet to walk away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Loosen your grip on the controls and give yourself a wide berth, too, because the most interesting things are going to happen quite on their own and in the margins.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You think you're performing well despite your mixed feeling about the venues and institutions, and the few bad habits helping you cope. Then again, maybe you owe your good performance to this mixed back of influences.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Everyone is the star of their own show, though with some, you wouldn't know it. They seem to turn their story into an ensemble piece, and then take a seat in the audience to watch it play out. Not a bad tactic to try out today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Get some distance between you and the problem. When you return, the solution will follow you back. Also, "home" is not a problem, but creating a temporary distance from home will also bring a favorable outcome. It's just time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Today's outcome is a small bird, precariously perched, listening to the wind for answers. It could fall one way or the other. It could start building a nest where it is. It could fly to the heavens. You are the wind. Start whispering.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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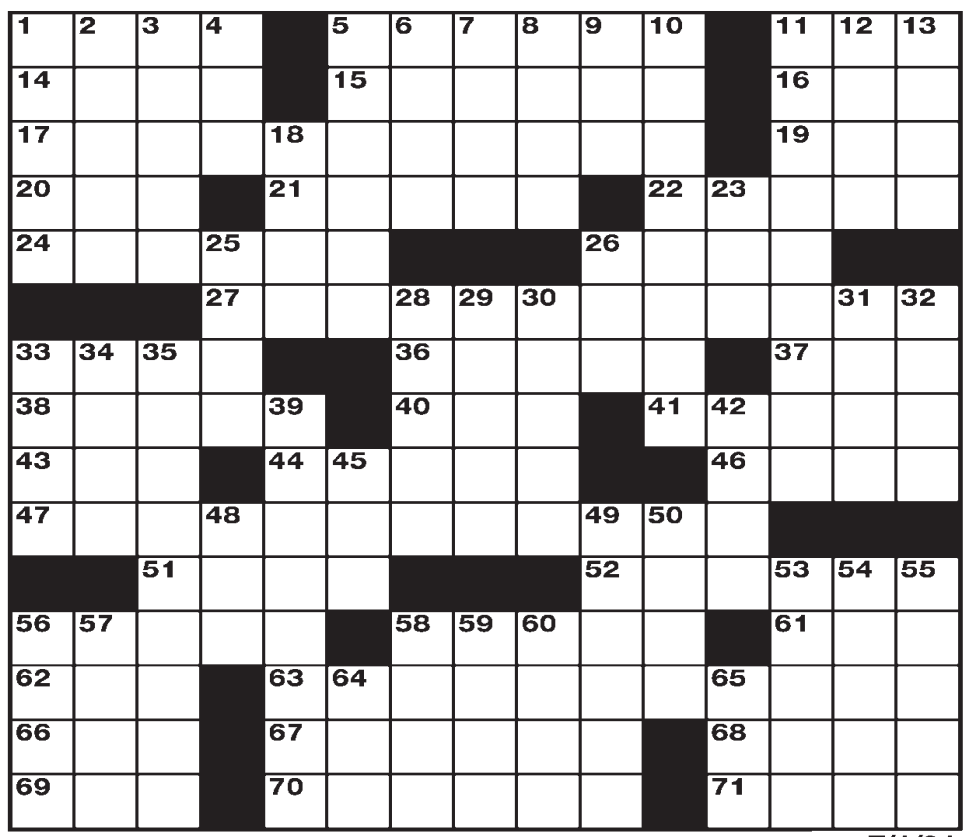
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5 Rain or snow, briefly
11 "I'm angry!"
14 Swedish supergroup
15 Novelist Welty
16 Make it all up
17 Stovetop appliance
19 Certain keeper's concern
20 www.citadel.__
21 Fate
22 Symbol of authority
24 Hunter's helper
26 One-and-only
27 Garden tool
33 One for whom Sam "played it"
36 __ alcohol (gasohol component)
37 Equal
38 More than worried
40 Not just any
41 Subbed for a band
43 Loose-goose connection
44 Blender brand
46 President Arthur nickname
47 Flue protector
51 Tie up
52 Polar topper
56 Phoenix neighbor
58 Inspirational children's author
61 Navajo foe
62 Trying to be
63 Photo trimming tool
66 Kimono belt
67 __ Beanies (90's small-doll fad)
68 Nose, so to speak
69 *On the Road* narrator
70 Odds and ends
71 Weaponry

DOWN
1 Secure locations
2 Domicile
3 Give or take
4 No longer edible
5 Explosive in a maritime metaphor
6 Penitent person
7 Certain cracker topper
8 Deep sleep
9 Vexed feeling
10 Precooks
11 Plane's approach
12 Engagement symbol
13 Name meaning "born again"
18 __-Ball (arcade game)
23 Chalet setting
25 Jasmine rice cuisine
26 Conniving
28 Endower of an L.A. art museum
29 Joe Kennedy III's grandma
30 Gallic boyfriend
31 Water that sounds weird
32 Retailer's expense
33 Apple desktop
34 Fasten securely
35 Postal delivery
39 Tough categories in 20 Questions
42 Square measure
45 Witness
48 World view
49 Flower girls, often
50 Light brown
53 More adorable
54 Starting squad
55 Fringe benefits
56 New Mexico resort
57 Italy's third-largest island
58 Mimic
59 Headey of *Game of Thrones*
60 Hold fast
64 Former nuclear agcy.
65 TV schedule abbr.



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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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Angle	Deleted	Ingenuity	effects
Anti-hero	scene	Inspire	Stagehand
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California hate crime up 31% in 2020, led by anti-Black bias

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Associated Press

Hate crime in California surged 31% in 2020, fueled mainly by a big jump in crimes targeting Black people during a year that saw the worst racial strife in decades, according to an annual report released Wednesday by the state's attorney general.

Overall hate crimes increased from 1,015 to 1,330 last year, while the number of victims increased 23%, from 1,247 to 1,536. Black people account for 6.5% of the state's population of nearly 40 million people but were victims in 30% of all hate crimes — 456 overall, up 87% from the previous year.

"What we see from these reports is what we have seen and felt all year — we are in the midst of a racial justice reckoning in this country. It's multi-faceted, and it cannot be solved overnight." Attorney General Rob Bonta said.

California saw some of the largest protests following the murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer. And it also saw a surge in attacks on people of Asian descent following the emergence of the coronavirus in China.

Last year's hate crime reports were the most since 2008, when there were 1,397. That in turn was topped several times in prior years, including 2001, when there were 2,261 hate crimes reported.

While the overall numbers of hate crimes targeting Asians was low — 89 — that was more than double the number in 2019. The most events during 2020 were reported in March and April, just as the statewide shutdown and other pandemic restrictions took hold.

"For too many, 2020 wasn't just about a deadly virus, it was about an epidemic of hate as well," Bonta said while speaking in Oakland's Chinatown..

While the pandemic is easing, that fear still resides in the Asian American community, said Bonta, the state's first Filipino American attorney general. He related that he feared even for his mother going alone into an urban area.

"There was a surge in anti-Asian violence correlated with the words of leaders who sought to divide us when we were at our most vulnerable," Bonta, a Democrat, said in an apparent reference to former President Donald Trump.

Violent crime incidents driven by anti-Asian hate increased from 32 in 2019 to 72 in 2020, according to a companion report that aims to put that violence into modern and historical context dating to Gold Rush days of the mid-19th century and a history of harmful Asian stereotypes in the United States.

California defines hate crimes as those targeting victims because of their race or ethnicity, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, gender or a disability. The definitions have been expanded at various times in recent years. Each hate crime event can include more than one related offense against more than one victim by more than one offender.

Such crimes targeting Latinos increased from 110 in 2019 to 152 last year, while those against white people rose from 39 to 82.

While hate crimes based on race increased, those prompted by religion dropped 13.5%. Anti-Jewish events fell from 141 in 2019 to 115 in 2020 and anti-Islamic events decreased from 25 to 15.

Those involving sexual orientation fell from 233 to 205. However, those with a gender bias increased, led by a jump in anti-transgender events from 29 in 2019 to 54 last year.

Though Bonta said more than half of hate crimes are believed to go unreported, he said he has confidence in local investigators and prosecutors to address the problem.

He nonetheless distributed a new law enforcement bulletin and guidance for prosecutors intended to help them to help them identify and investigate hate crimes, increase immediate and consistent contact with victims their communities and promote alternative forms of sentencing and restorative justice approaches when dealing with hate crimes.

Carl Chan, president of Oakland's Chinatown Chamber of Commerce, praised Bonta's office for also releasing updated brochures in 25 languages advising victims how to report hate crimes and seek assistance.

Chan, who was attacked from behind and knocked to the ground in April, said the brochures will help spur more reporting of such incidents.

The Chinatown has seen a decrease in traffic amid anti-Asian rhetoric, said Oakland City Councilwoman Sheng Thao. "People are fearful of walking the street."

Gov. Gavin Newsom said he is seeking $300 million to address hate crimes, with one-third going to support victims and the remainder for community-based responses.



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