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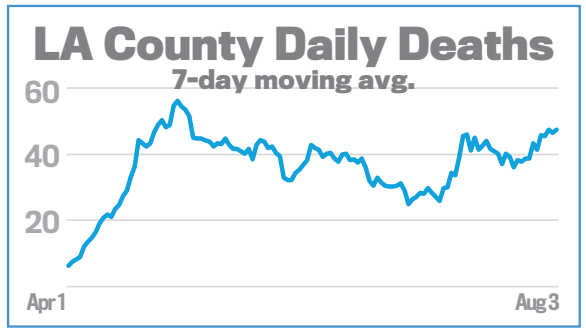
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Council agrees to adapt transportation services

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

In response to recent budget cuts and the Covid-19 pandemic, Santa Monica City Council approved changes to the municipal code that relate to a number of transportation services in the city.

The changes, which were approved unanimously last Tuesday, are necessary because of a citywide restructuring that occurred in May as a result of the

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File Photo

PEDICABS: Council has adjusted the rules for some transportation options due to budget cuts.

Husband of District Attorney charged with pulling gun on protesters in LA

BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

The husband of Los Angeles District Attorney Jackie Lacey has been charged with pointing a gun at Black Lives Matter members who demonstrated outside the couple's home the day before she faced a primary election in March.

The state attorney general filed three misdemeanor charges Monday in Los Angeles Superior Court against David Lacey for assault with a firearm for the March 2 incident.

Lacey, 66, pointed a gun at demonstrators who protested outside the couple's home before dawn on March 2 and said "I will shoot you," according to video of the incident.

Jackie Lacey offered an emotional apology at the time, saying her husband told her he pulled the gun and told protesters to leave.

Lacey's campaign issued a statement Tuesday saying her husband thought they were in danger and was trying to protect

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Santa Monica native chosen for Television Academy's Summer Fellows Program

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Caroline Ho, who grew up in Santa Monica and graduated from Samohi, has been selected to participate in the Television Academy's prestigious Summer Fellows Program. The Academy's summer internship program typically places 50 students in paid internships at top Hollywood studios and production companies, but this year's program has shifted to an online fellowship due to the pandemic.

Ho is participating in the program as an aspiring film and TV composer, leveraging the music skills she developed while growing up in Santa Monica.

"While the internship is not exactly the way it was supposed to be this year due to COVID-19, I am grateful to be a 2020 Fellow," said

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MUSIC: Caroline Ho hopes for a career composing music for flim and TV.


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Vehicle malfunction sparked Southern California wildfire

Associated Press

A wildfire in mountains east of Los Angeles that has forced thousands of people from their homes was sparked by a malfunctioning diesel vehicle, fire officials said Monday.

The vehicle spewed burning carbon from its exhaust system, igniting several fires Friday on Oak Glen Road in Cherry Valley, and authorities were asking anyone who may have seen such a vehicle at the time to contact investigators, according to a statement from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The blaze in Riverside County, among several wildfires across California, had consumed nearly 42 square miles of dry brush and chaparral since it broke out Friday evening, fire officials said.

As of Monday night, it was just 7% contained and the fire along with coronavirus precautions made for added stress at an evacuation center, said John Medina, an American Red Cross spokesman.

Volunteers used to "close contact" with evacuees have had to adjust their approach during a time of social distancing, Medina said.

"I mean, that's part of the recovery of a disaster, is that you have to show warmth and love and caring. And that's hard when you're standing 6 feet away. So that's the biggest challenge," Medina told KESQ-TV.

Bill Boehm helped his mother evacuate her home with her three horses and said the pandemic hasn't stopped people from coming together to assist each other.

"Everyone seemed to be wearing masks and such, so that type of precaution was still going on," Boehm told the news station.

The blaze began as two adjacent fires in a rural area near the city of Beaumont, about 85 miles east of downtown Los Angeles.

Flames raced along brushy ridge tops and came close to houses while firefighters attacked from the ground and air. By nightfall, the flames were burning into the San Gorgonio Wilderness, where the brush was becoming sparse and limited the fire's intensity, according to Zach Behrens, a spokesman for the San Bernardino National Forest.

Five buildings had been destroyed, including at least one home, authorities said. One firefighter was treated for an injury and returned to work.

In Northern California, evacuations were ordered after a wildfire that sparked Sunday afternoon spread quickly and burned near homes near the East Park Reservoir in Colusa County. Complicating firefighters' efforts were temperatures in the area north of Sacramento climbed to 98 degrees by Monday afternoon. The fire was 40% contained.

On California's central coast, a fire in San Luis Obispo County was 60% contained Monday after burning more than 2 square miles of brush east of the community of Santa Margarita. Two structures were destroyed but officials said it was unclear whether they were homes.

In Riverside County, officials allowed flames from the Apple Fire to run up the side of Mount San Gorgonio, an 11,000-foot peak, because it wasn't safe to let crews work in such steep, rugged terrain, said Lisa Cox, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Forest Service.

Evacuation orders and advisories were issued for about 2,500 homes in mountain, canyon and foothill neighborhoods. Campgrounds and hiking trails were closed in the San Gorgonio Wilderness area of the San Bernardino National Forest.

A smoke plume was visible for miles around and contributed to poor air quality.

Firefighters fought the blaze in scorching weather. The temperature hit 111 degrees on Monday in nearby Palm Spring.

Health insurance rates increase slightly for 2021

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

Health insurance premiums for the 1.5 million Californians who purchase coverage through the state marketplace will go up an average of 0.6% next year, state officials announced Tuesday, the smallest increase yet attributed in part to a surge of new signups during the coronavirus pandemic.

Former President Barack Obama's health care law lets people who don't have health insurance through their job to buy coverage from a marketplace. Most states let the federal government run their marketplace for them. But California runs its own marketplace, called Covered California.

Premiums average about $587 a month for an individual. But about 90% of the people who buy coverage through Covered California receive state and federal subsidies of about $450 per month, lowering their premium to about $137 per month.

In general, the cost of health insurance premiums depends on who pays them. If only sick people buy them, they cost more. But the more healthy people who buy them brings down the cost for everyone.

From 2015 through 2019, monthly premiums in California's marketplace increased an average of 8.5 percentage points per year. But since then, California's Democratic-controlled Legislature and governor have passed laws aimed at getting more healthier people to buy coverage — including taxing people who refuse to buy health insurance and offering new subsidies to people who earn as much as six times the federal poverty level.

The result was an average premium increase of 0.8% in 2020. Next year's increase is even lower, in part because of an increase in new people buying insurance during the coronavirus pandemic. More than 230,000 people have signed up for coverage since March 20, one day after Gov. Gavin Newsom issued a statewide stay-at-home order.

Covered California Executive Director Peter Lee says the new people who signed up were healthier, making them on average about 5% cheaper to cover. "That meant a substantial contributor to lower costs," he said.

"We don't want a vicious cycle. We want a virtuous cycle of more people enrolling, broadening the pool and making it cheaper for everybody," said Anthony Wright, executive director of Health Access California, a health care consumer advocacy group.

California also spends more on marketing and outreach than any other state, including the federal government. Last year, Covered California spent $121 million on marketing and outreach, including $47 million in TV ads. This year, Covered California plans to spend $150 million in marketing to during the coronavirus-caused recession, calling it the first economic downturn since the federal Affordable Care Act took effect.

"People that are losing their jobs, that are financially insecure, do not need to be health-care insecure," Lee said. "We're making the largest investment for this year and thinking next year we're going to dial it back."

The overall rate increase is just a statewide average. How much people will actually pay depends on where they live and which insurance company they decide to purchase coverage from.

In Southern California, Lee said rates in general decreased up to 3% in some places. But in Northern California, including the counties surrounding the San Francisco Bay, rates increased an average of 1.4% because there is less competition from insurance companies.

The biggest increase was Anthem Blue Cross, whose rates will jump an average of 6% next year. The biggest drop was the LA Care Health Plan with an average decrease of 4.6%.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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RFP: # 265 CITYWIDE FEE STUDY AND COST ALLOCATION PLAN.

• Submission Deadline is August 31, 2020 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **City's Online Vendor Portal.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is:
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Trespassing 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 1:41 a.m.
Auto Burglary Now 800blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:37 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300blk Olympic Dr 6:38 a.m.
Trespassing 900blk Pico Blvd 8:24 a.m.
Burglary Report 100blk Esparta Way 8:33 a.m.
Burglary Report 900blk 9th St 8:55 a.m.
Trespassing 2800blk Delaware Ave 9:45 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 3000blk Goldsmith St 9:48 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 600blk Wilshire Blvd 10:09 a.m.
Transport Prisoner 300blk Olympic Dr 10:28 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2600blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:50 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Now 2800blk Main St 10:59 a.m.
Trespassing 700blk Montana Ave 11:12 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2900blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:14 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 100blk Colorado Ave 11:25 a.m.
Encampment 1200blk 14th St 11:30 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery Report 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:36 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 11:36 a.m.
Person Down 1200blk Yale St 12:02 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1400blk Colorado Ave 12:05 p.m.
Encampment 3000blk Ocean Front Walk 12:05 p.m.
Encampment 900blk 6th St 12:07 p.m.
Person Down 1800blk 9th St 12:17 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 12:20 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Michigan Ave 12:30 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 2600blk Arizona Ave 12:41 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 12:54 p.m.
Trespassing 1200blk 15th St 1:06 p.m.
Burglary Report 200blk 19th St 1:35 p.m.
Trespassing 1100blk Pico Blvd 1:36 p.m.
Fraud Report 2300blk 2nd St 1:41 p.m.
Encampment 1100blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:54 p.m.
Trespassing 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:01 p.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk 6th St 2:13 p.m.
Injured Person 2000blk Main St 2:15 p.m.
Burglary Report 700blk Ocean Ave 2:44 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 4th St / Broadway 2:53 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Now 300blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:06 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 3:11 p.m.
Fight 1500blk Ocean Front Walk 3:15 p.m.
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EMS 1400Blk Ocean Ave 9:26 a.m.
EMS 2200Blk Virginia Ave 9:39 a.m.
EMS 100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:39 a.m.
EMS 2300Blk Oak St 9:47 a.m.
EMS 2700Blk Montana Ave 10:05 a.m.
EMS 2800Blk 3Rd St 10:11 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk 17Th St 10:14 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300Blk 4Th St 10:39 a.m.
EMS 2700Blk Neilson Way 10:44 a.m.
Elevator Rescue 2200Blk Colorado Ave 11:40 a.m.
EMS 1200Blk Yale St 12:02 p.m.
EMS 1800Blk 9Th St 12:17 p.m.
EMS 800Blk Ashland Ave 12:38 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk Franklin St 1:32 p.m.
EMS 1700Blk Franklin St 2:02 p.m.
EMS Main St / Bicknell Ave 2:14 p.m.
EMS 800Blk 22Nd St 2:18 p.m.
EMS 3Rd Street Prom / Santa Monica Blvd 3:11 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200Blk 15Th St 3:20 p.m.
EMS 700Blk Broadway 3:31 p.m.
EMS 3000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:02 p.m.
EMS 1900Blk 20Th St 4:13 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:37 p.m.
EMS 2500Blk La Mesa Dr 5:19 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:46 p.m.
Structure Fire 16Th St / Pearl St 5:53 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 11Th St 7:45 p.m.
EMS 2800Blk Neilson Way 7:54 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire Harvard St / Montana Ave 8:22 p.m.
EMS 2900Blk Pico Blvd 9:15 p.m.
EMS 3000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:16 p.m.
EMS 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:20 p.m.

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economic fallout occurring throughout the Westside during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to city staff.

"The restructuring process resulted in the loss of 16 positions and necessitated the elimination or suspension of some services in order to effectively deliver others," Chief Mobility Officer Francie Stefan said Tuesday, when she discussed potentially adapting municipal code in the areas of Employer Trip Reduction, Preferential Parking, Pedicabs and Bikeshare programs.

"In the first two cases of the Employer Trip Reduction and preferential parking, the proposal is to suspend code sections for a period of four years, or until restoration and accompanying council actions. In the case of Pedicabs and Bikeshare, the changes are proposed to be permanent but are lesser in scope," Stefan said as she delved into the specifics.

TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT

"So for TDM, the employer trip reduction program, the request is to suspend the requirements for businesses that have 30 to 50 people," which means businesses of this size will no longer have to submit Emissions Reduction and Worksite Transportation plans, Stefan said. Additionally, the city's rideshare program has been suspended and Transportation Management Organization services have been reduced.

"To be clear," the changes do not affect any businesses of 50 employees or more, and they do not change development requirements for TDM, Stefan added before stating city staff and the GoSaMo Transportation Management Organization have refocused their efforts so they can better support large and small employers that still have employees who need to commute to the worksite, "and need commuting assistance, especially in this new time."

PREFERENTIAL PARKING

The approved changes to municipal code Tuesday also suspend the designation of new or amended preferential parking zones until September 2024, according to Stefan.

"Currently, the majority of the city is blanketed in either existing implemented pref parking or pre-approved preferential parking regulations. So with this change, residents on pre-approved blocks would still be able to get their preferential parking implemented, and residents on existing implemented blocks would continue to be able to purchase and renew permits. So I want to be clear — if you're on an existing block now that has residential parking, you would still be able to have that; you'd be able to renew your permit," Stefan said. "The fundamental change is that we wouldn't process new or modified regulations, such as change of hours or days of the week," since this requires staff time to process the applications, complete parking studies, hold community meetings and then bring items to the council.

"We would also pull back some on the assistance to residents in the neighborhood who need to get signatures, so it really would be up to the applicant to obtain all qualified signatures if they needed to implement a pre-approved zone," Stefan said, adding that encapsulates the changes to preferential parking.

PEDICABS

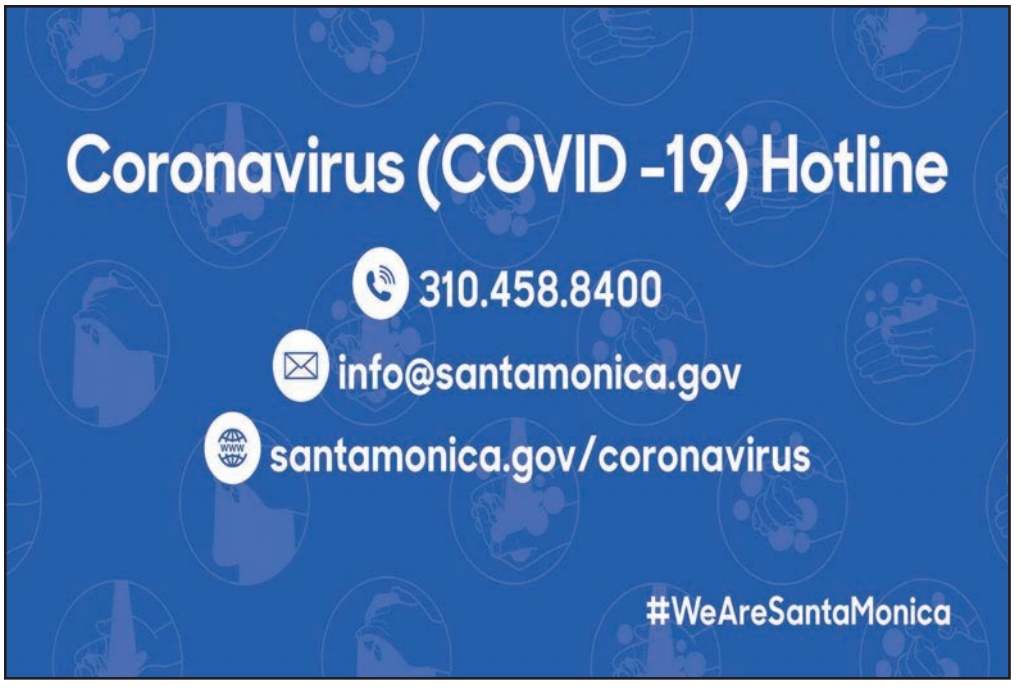
"In the case of pedicabs, these (code changes) are proposed to be permanent but they are actually aligning better with the state," Stefan said. "The city, as it often is, was ahead of the game on Pedicabs. We established regulations in 2013 that required permits for the operator, the driver and each vehicle. Since then, the state has stepped in and actually mirrored many of our local regulations, so we now can lean on the state vehicle code."

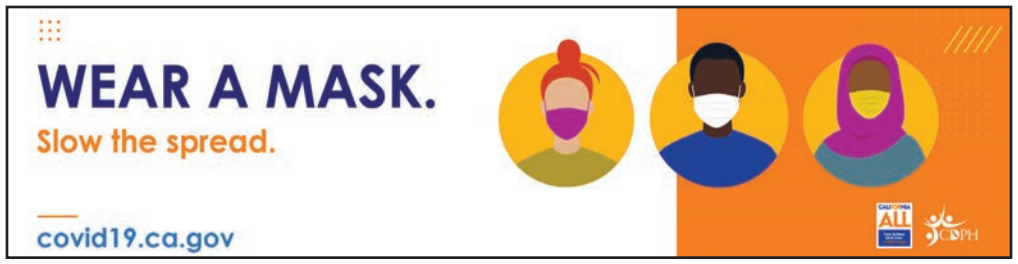
The most significant change in the language is the city would no longer require an operator and each driver to get a permit, Stefan said. "We would just manually inspect each vehicle each year as required by the state."

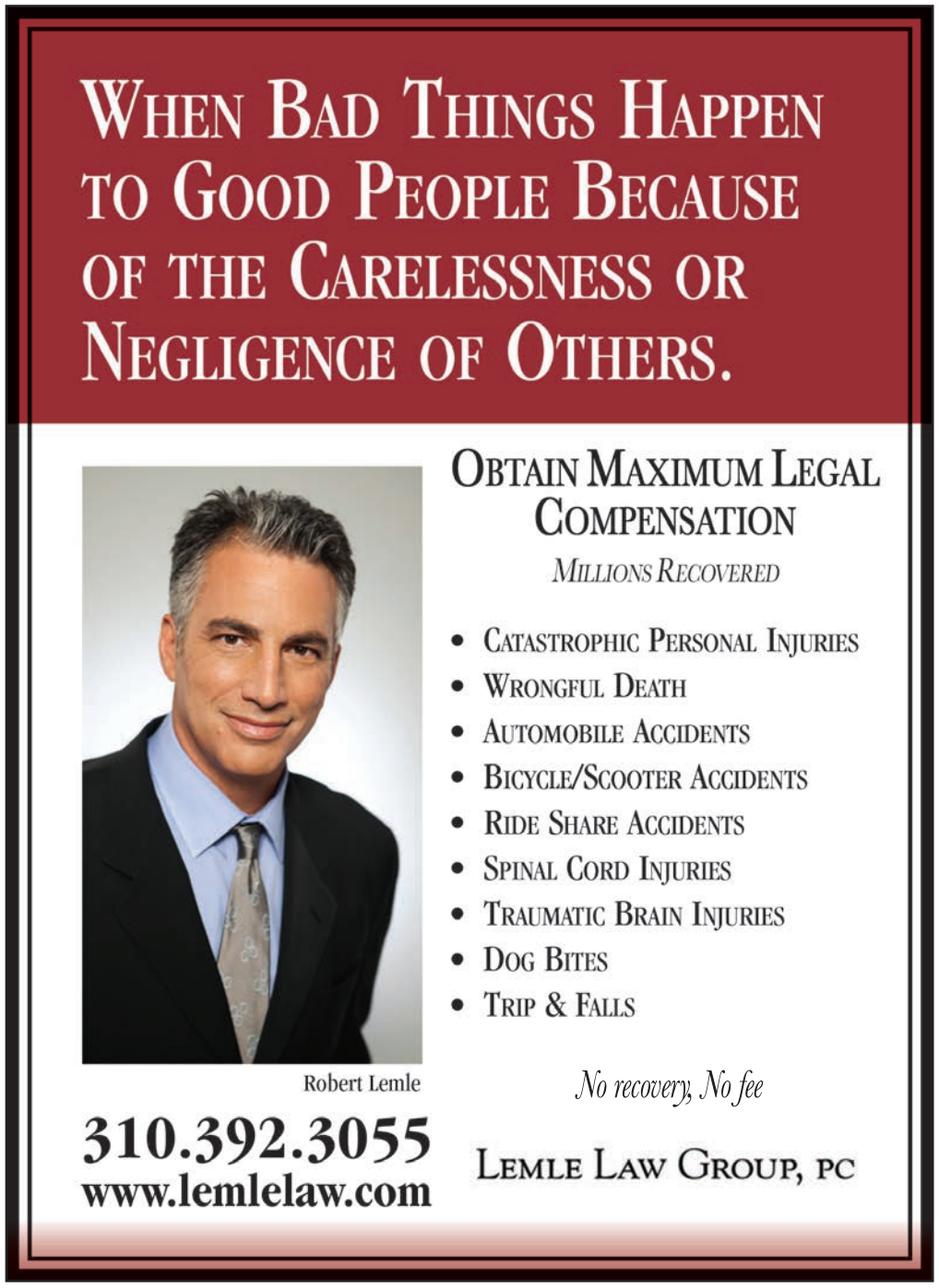
BIKESHARES

"Last on the list of code changes are Bikeshares," Stefan said. "This one's very minor It is really to remove the restriction on what type of entity can operate a public Bikeshare in Santa Monica. So it would enable an entity other than the city designated operator, in this case, CycleHop, to run a public Bikeshare system.... It's not anticipated to have a material change in this time, it just enables the city to have a full range of options."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Countywide

LA County to Support Litigation Efforts to Protect DACA Dreamers

In response to the Department of Homeland Security's recently released memorandum attacking the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) program, the Board of Supervisors has unanimously approved a motion authored by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas to join in litigation, or to file an amicus brief supporting California's lawsuit, challenging the federal government's actions to rescind DACA. As a way to help protect the thousands of undocumented families that are without legal protection, the Attorney General, Xavier Becerra, seeks to urge other attorney generals to send letters encouraging the President to maintain the DACA initiative. This motion will direct LA County to support these efforts.

"Now, more than ever, we must be resolved to keep fighting on behalf of our immigrant communities, especially in the face of an administration that has continually attacked a community that is so vital to every facet of our country," said Supervisor Ridley-Thomas. "Those who have relied on DACA for their livelihood and peace of mind need our help. The contributions DACA recipients are making to our nation and county are immeasurable. The economic and human stakes are too high–they deserve and will have our continued support."

Established by President Obama in 2012, DACA allows more than 700,000 immigrants to live and work in the United States legally even if they are undocumented. The program enables non-U.S. citizens who came to the U.S. as children and who meet several key guidelines, to remain in the country for two years. Recipients of the program are eligible for work authorization and other benefits and are shielded from possible deportation. Youth impacted by DACA are often referred to as "Dreamers."

"As our friends, colleagues, and members of our families, DREAMers play a defining role in the L.A. County's rich civic, cultural, and economic life," said L.A. County Office of Immigrant Affairs Executive Director Rigoberto Reyes. "Our Office exists to help them and their families get access to available wraparound County services so they can continue investing their talent and effort to making our L.A. County the great home it is for us all."

Since the U.S. Supreme Court's decision, the Trump Administration has indicated that it will once again attempt to revoke the initiative. In the memorandum issued on July 28, 2020, calls for a rejection of all initial requests for DACA program recipients and all pending and future applications for advance parole absent exceptional circumstances, and to shorten DACA program renewals to one-year periods.

UCLA Labor Center Director, Kent Wong had this to say about the motion. "I wholeheartedly support the proposal before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to file an amicus brief in support of the continuation of DACA. DACA has benefited 800,000 immigrant youth throughout the country, including tens of thousands of Los Angeles county residents. DACA recipients continue to contribute immensely to our society, to our economy, and many are on the frontlines of the response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Trump administration's attack on DACA is immoral, unprincipled, and motivated by racial animus and political opportunism. Los Angeles celebrates the rich immigrant tradition that has made vast contributions to our communities over the generations, and we embrace the efforts to advance immigrant integration and to remove the structural barriers preventing immigrants from fully participating in our society."

On June 15, 2012, the Obama Administration initiated the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, providing temporary forbearance of removal and work authorization eligibility for undocumented immigrants who entered the United States (U.S.) as children. Since its inception, the DACA program has protected nearly 800,000 individuals, including tens of thousands of immigrants in Los Angeles County, from deportation. Donald Trump first attempted to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program in September 2017, a move that would have stripped its beneficiaries of work permits and subjected them to deportation. Recognizing the countless contributions that DACA program recipients have made to their communities, the U.S. Supreme Court concluded that the Trump Administration's attempted rescission of the DACA program was unlawful.

"The County is committed to advancing the well-being of the thousands of DREAMers who call L.A. County their only home," said Joseph M. Nicchitta, Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs. "We partner in this effort with the County's Board of Supervisors and my colleagues countywide to provide DREAMers with equitable access to support services to better their lives, whether they are business owners, workers, tenants, or consumers."

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Keeping Courthouses Clear of COVID-19

Seeking to keep Los Angeles County courthouses clear of COVID-19, the Board of Supervisors called for stronger health and safety measures to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus.

"Enhancing our existing health and safety measures is critical – not only to slow the spread of COVID-19, but also to protect the constitutional and human rights of everyone entering our courthouses, including jurors, counsel and defendants," said Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, principal author of the motion. "Affording due process should not unnecessarily expose individuals attending mandatory court procedures to serious health risks – especially when those risks can be avoided or mitigated."

"Court personnel, jurors, lawyers and defendants are all entitled to a courthouse workplace that is as safe as we can possibly make it," said Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, the motion's coauthor. "With today's motion, we are insisting that health and safety procedures be put in place so that all can be protected from exposure to COVID-19 in our courthouses."

When the courts reopened on July 6th after weeks of closure prompted by COVID-19, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, began implementing a range of health and safety measures recommended by the LA County Public Defender and endorsed by the LA County Board of Supervisors. Additional measures may be necessary, however, given the recent surge in infections.

"Public Defenders are on the front line of Los Angeles County's Justice System, and it is now in the era of COVID that our calling as Constitutional Warriors is on full display," LA County Public Defender Ricardo Garcia said. "Access to justice is enshrined in the 6th amendment and the presumption of innocence; they are the foundation of our criminal justice system. I wholeheartedly support the Board's motion to strengthen COVID-19 protections in Los Angeles County's justice system for everyone visiting and working in the County's courthouses."

In their motion, Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Kuehl noted that the LA County Sheriff's Department (LASD) notified the Public Defender that many of its attorneys may have been exposed to COVID-19 by clients who tested positive for COVID-19 while in jail. In addition, many clients come to Court from jail without being tested beforehand.

On June 26, the Department of Public Health recommended that LASD stop transporting clients with pending test results. However, given recent changes around testing, opportunities to identify positive asymptomatic in-custody clients prior to transportation to Court has declined. Also complicating matters is inconsistent compliance with the Presiding Judge's July 6th order requiring social distancing and the wearing of masks in courthouses.

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas and Kuehl's motion instructed the County CEO, in collaboration with the Public Defender, Sheriff, and the Directors of DPH, the Correctional Health Services (CHS) within the Department of Health Services (DHS), the Internal Services Department (ISD), and the Alternate Public Defender (APD), to report back to the Board in 14 days with recommendations on:

A pre-screening process, including temperature checks and symptom and exposure questions, for entering courthouses;

Hourly patrols to ensure compliance with masking and social distancing protocols;

Public health inspections of lockup spaces in every courthouse

Whether and when incarcerated individuals should be tested before a court appearance;

The feasibility of rapid testing for incarcerated individuals;

The feasibility of testing jurors;

Expanding video conferencing technology to allow incarcerated individuals access to attorneys, clinicians, and the courts; and

Recommending protocols for responding when there is a known positive COVID-19 test from any individual who has been in a courthouse, including how to issue notifications and whether to impose a quarantine.

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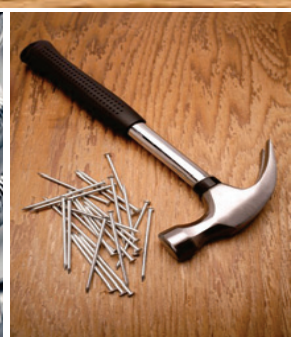
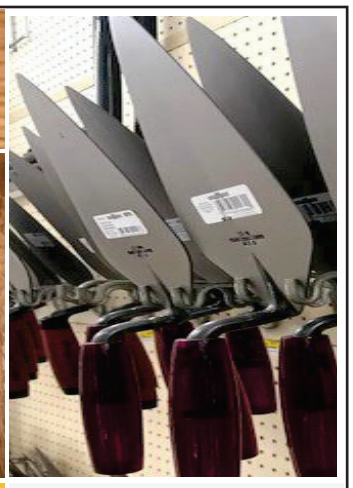
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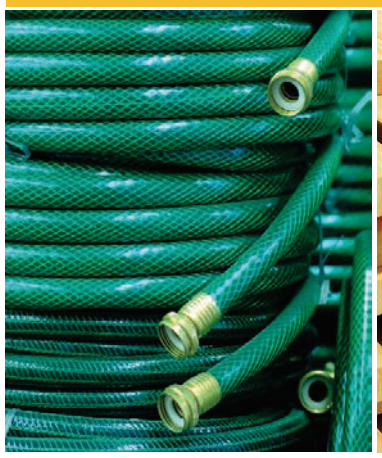


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Just keep us safe, City Council – you didn't



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LOOTING: May 31, Santa Monica's Day of Infamy and Shame.

WHAT'S THE ONE THING

That everyone can probably agree on, no matter where they are on the political spectrum?

This: the number one duty of every elected official is to keep their constituents safe.

That's it. Simple. Top priority. We bestow upon you the authority, the powers that perhaps lie nowhere else; you must use them, when necessary, to keep us safe. Move heaven and earth.

HOW ARE THEY DOING?

Our President and Senate? (The House is not the problem.) Our City Council?

Straight F-s. No make-up test, no summer school, no promotion to the next grade. They must all be sent home. They have been very bad.

While Donald Trump is killing us, in apocalyptic numbers, because of no national response to the coronavirus — and we just found out why, through reporting by Vanity Fair: it was an intentional, political decision — things seem to be moving along kind of normally here in Santa Monica, don't they? We're trying our best to get back to where we were. Which is, of course, exactly

THE WRONG WAY TO GO

In these unprecedented times we need bold leadership, thinking outside all the boxes, with a determination to not crawl back into any boxes that weren't serving us before all this came down. We are not getting that here. We are getting business as usual. So, let's vote to move ahead to build that 11-story behemoth hotel complex smack dab in the middle of our downtown, even though it may in fact be illegal to do so, instead of some open space plaza that we need and deserve.

I'm not going to go over all the longstanding issues. If you're interested right this moment, you can go back and read 8-½ years of CURIOUS CITY columns. But let's talk about that one issue that we all agree on, elected officials' sacred obligation to keep us safe. We've got an election coming up in less than 90 days. Four members of our City Council are up for a vote, who were in office prior to the recent appointment of Kristin McCowan July 14. How have they done? Have they kept us safe?

POLITICIANS ARE HUMAN

They make mistakes. Police officers are human, including the Chief. But — we had the granddaddy of all tests Sunday, May 31 and they all failed miserably, completely, inexcusably, and at great damage to our city. Our businesses, our reputation, and our civic psyche. They did not make any effective effort to keep us safe. For that, they all need to go. This coming election. No second chances, no excuses.

Police Chief Renaud was out of town that weekend, when everyone knew the looters were coming, then concentrated her forces 5/31 on peaceful protesters just a couple of blocks away from all the looting. Many BLM protesters were from Santa Monica, but she used tear gas and rubber bullets on them, and arrested them, while letting the looters have free rein. A petition calling for her resignation got 60,000 signatures in just a few days.

But, she is still on duty. How is this possible? What is City Council thinking? (And don't tell me "wrongful termination" lawsuit — you have to do what's right and let the chips fall. Several police chiefs across the country have lost their jobs recently.)

That's a major misstep by Council. 60,000 signatures, but they still try to cover their own backsides. They haven't even censured her. But more important is that our City Council, and our City Manager, all aware that looters were coming, did nothing to prepare. No zoom meeting to discuss a Plan A or B. They seemed to have left it all up to the out-of-town Chief. They shouldn't have. The final responsibility is theirs. The buck stops at City Hall.

THERE'S MORE, FOR SAFE

We all know the litany. The mentally ill

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them.

"The events that took place earlier this year have caused my family immense pain," Lacey said in the statement. "My husband acted in fear for my safety after we were subjected to months of harassment that included a death threat no less than a week earlier."

Lacey, the first Black person and first woman to run what is the nation's largest local prosecutor's office, has been targeted for nearly three years by Black Lives Matter protesters, who have held weekly demonstrations outside her office calling for her ouster. The protests were once small, but have numbered in the hundreds and thousands after the Minneapolis police killing of George Floyd.

Protesters claim she has failed to hold law enforcement accountable in fatal shootings. She has charged one officer in a fatal on-duty killing, but has declined to file charges in more than 340 other fatal shootings.

Melina Abdullah, who is the victim named in count one of the criminal complaint, declined to comment but said she would hold a news conference Wednesday afternoon before Black Lives Matter's weekly "Jackie Lacey Must Go" protest outside the Hall of Justice.

Lacey faces a runoff in November for her third term. She is being challenged by former San Francisco District Attorney George Gascon, a longtime police officer and former chief who vows to reform the office.

David Lacey, who is also Black, was an investigative auditor with the DA's office until his 2016 retirement. He was seen in video shot by protesters telling them: "I will shoot you. Get off of my porch."

His attorney issued a statement saying they were disappointed that he was charged with a crime, but they wouldn't discuss the facts at this time.

"We disagree entirely with their assessment, but we have the utmost faith in the justice system, and we are confident that the correct result will be reached," attorney Samuel Tyre said. "My client's human instinct is forever and always to protect his wife and his family and to keep them safe from physical harm."

The charges were first reported by Politico.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Countywide

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas Introduces Urgency Motion to Ensure Fair and Accurate Census Count

In response to the unanticipated announcement that the 2020 United States Census (Census) data collection deadline will now be shortened by more than a month, to September 30, 2020, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas introduced an urgency motion at the Board of Supervisors meeting for immediate action to be taken to elevate the concerns of LA County to ensure a fair and accurate Census count.

Specifically, the motion directs the LA County Chief Executive Officer to send a 5-signature letter to the United State Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census (Bureau) and United States Congressional leadership expressing these concerns. It also directs County Counsel to monitor the Bureau's guidance with data collection timelines and to file or join litigation in opposing the Bureau's decision.

"One of the most important rights we have is our hard-won right to vote, a right integral to our democracy and directly related to the results of the Census. So we must make sure that we stand up for all to be counted," said Supervisor Ridley-Thomas. "To be undercounted is to be underrepresented and to be underrepresented is to be under-funded–we cannot lose sight of what this means for LA County."

On Aug. 3, Bureau Director Steven Dillingham announced that the Census would conclude Non-Response Follow-Up (NRFU) and in-person interviews on September 30th, instead of October 31st. This announcement came as a shock to local governments as the October deadline set for data collection was determined in April 2020 by the Bureau. This date was previously extended due to the persistent challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the data collection period is now being shortened for reasons unknown.

A complete and accurate Census count is crucial to allocating over $675 billion in federal government resources for residents in the United States. LA County's vast and diverse constituency has historically been difficult to measure with many hard-to-reach populations, including people experiencing homelessness. Therefore, prudent action must be taken to ensure all residents are equally represented in all levels of government, which also impacts the adjustment of electoral districts.

This shortened Census timeline follows a recent presidential memorandum excluding non-citizens from Census allotment, presenting more barriers for the fair allocation and equitable representation for Angelenos and United States residents.

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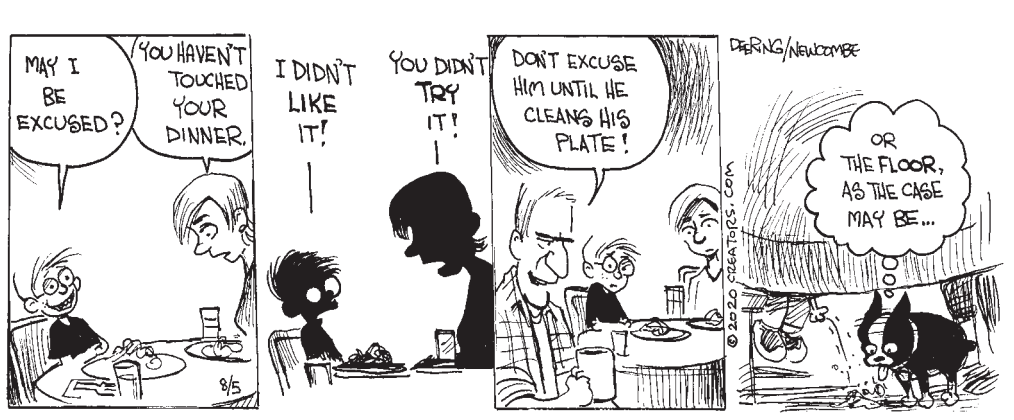
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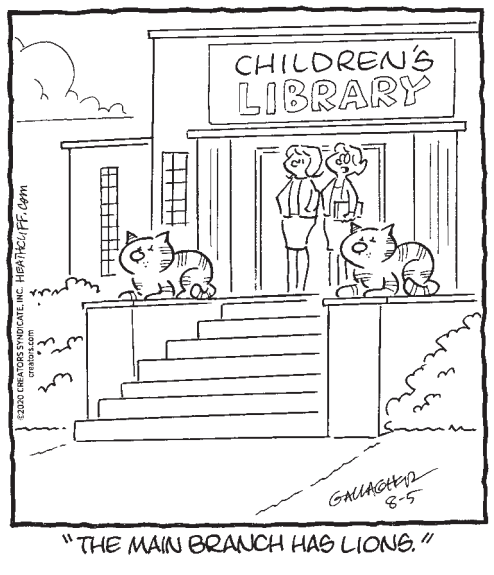
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 64.0°

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Small SSW swell lingers. NW windswell fades.

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 0.5-1ft Shin to knee high
Smaller blend of leftover SSW swell and NW windswell.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 69.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.
Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 70.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 67.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/08/05	Wed	05:28 AM	-0.36	L
2020/08/05	Wed	11:51 AM	4.33	H
2020/08/05	Wed	4:56 PM	2.10	L
2020/08/05	Wed	11:00 PM	5.76	H
2020/08/06	Thu	05:58 AM	0.01	L
2020/08/06	Thu	12:24 PM	4.35	H
2020/08/06	Thu	5:37 PM	2.14	L
2020/08/06	Thu	11:36 PM	5.28	H
2020/08/07	Fri	06:27 AM	0.44	L
2020/08/07	Fri	12:56 PM	4.37	H
2020/08/07	Fri	6:22 PM	2.20	L
2020/08/08	Sat	12:13 AM	4.71	H
2020/08/08	Sat	06:55 AM	0.93	L
2020/08/08	Sat	1:31 PM	4.39	H
2020/08/08	Sat	7:13 PM	2.27	L
2020/08/09	Sun	12:56 AM	4.10	H
2020/08/09	Sun	8:21 PM	2.31	L
2020/08/10	Mon	01:53 AM	3.49	H
2020/08/10	Mon	07:50 AM	1.93	L
2020/08/10	Mon	2:54 PM	4.47	H

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POWERBALL
Draw Date:08/01
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Power#: 24
Jackpot:147 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 07/31
12 35 46 48 69
Mega#: 23
Jackpot: 20 M

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Draw Date: 08/01
5 6 8 12 42
Mega#: 23
Jackpot: 11 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 08/03
3 5 16 26 27

Daily 3
Draw Date: 08/03
Evening: 8 4 8
Draw Date: 08/03
Midday: 9 6 4

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 08/03
1st: 2 - LUCKY STAR
2nd: 5-CALIFORNIA CLASSIC
3rd: 07 - EUREKA
RACE TIME: 1:44.43

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (AUGUST 05)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Maybe it seems counterintuitive, but exposing what you feel insecure about is the confident move. To those with a core belief of worthiness, vulnerability is less of a risk. They know they will not be crushed by the outcome.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). An interest in widening your circle suggests your values are changing, too. And when your values match with those of another, attraction naturally follows.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It is impossible to give without giving to yourself. You will help someone heal and grow and, in the process, be helped, healed and elevated by the experience.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've been thinking about what others get out of being in a relationship with you and what you get out of being in a relationship with others. This generates changes you'll implement throughout the month.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You make efforts not to commit the crime of being too nice, trying too hard, taking responsibility for another person's happiness — all benevolent ways to impose on another person's autonomy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You prefer to know what others want from you, and it is a hard thing to figure out without understanding where they are coming from. You'll make a quest out of it, and this leads to fascinating conversations today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If someone doesn't seem to like it when you go about meeting your needs in your own way, that person might be trying to control you, which you're likely to resist with great might.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). No two people are completely alike, so to understand another person requires bridge building. Respect is the essential raw material this bridge will be built with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Empathy helps you navigate relationships that would be impossible to understand if not for your ability to put yourself in the other person's shoes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are so many things you want more than comfort. You are willing to spend the entire day in an uncomfortable state if it means you can finally get the result you deeply desire.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When boundaries get crossed, you notice right away — a sign of your health. You no longer hold yourself responsible for the actions or emotions of others, nor do you expect others to be responsible for the way you feel.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Though it's nice to be appreciated "as is," the one who pushes you to try harder will earn your respect and affection. The bottom line: You enjoy the version of yourself you come to after working a little harder.

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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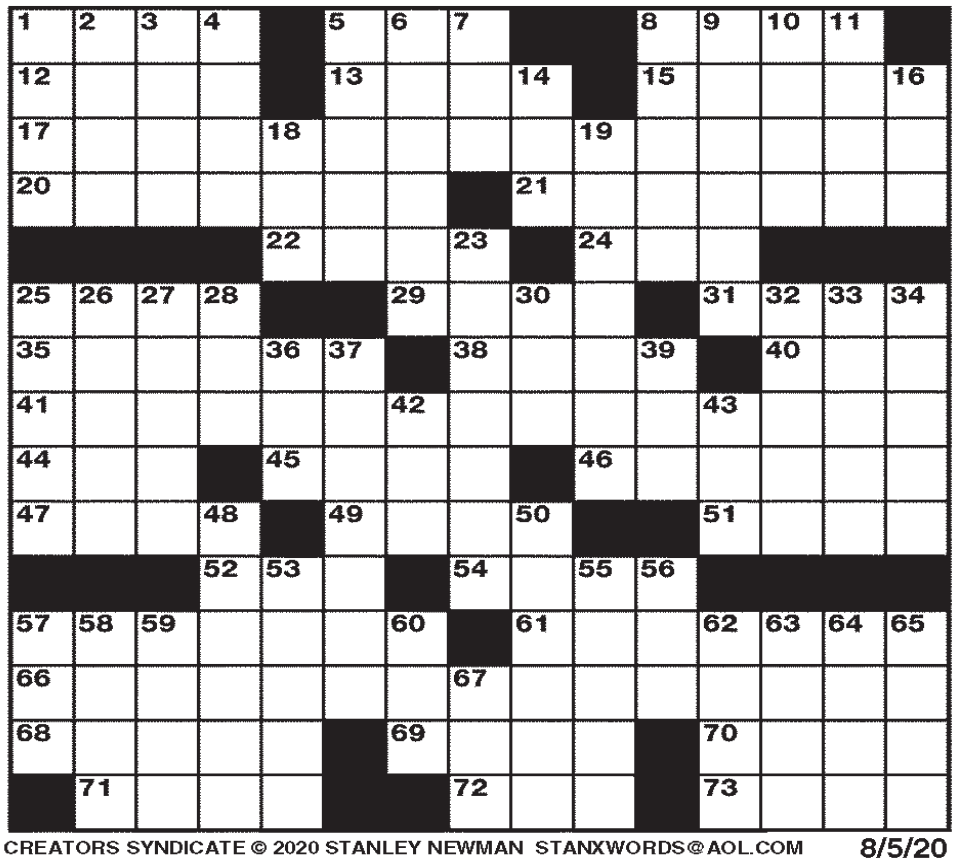
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Newsday Crossword

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1 Fireworks sound
5 Donkey
8 Layer of paint
12 "Choose, yes __?"
13 IRS experts
15 Edgar __ Poe
17 Abandon
20 Without hope
21 Final day of a play, say
22 Opponents
24 Sticky stuff
25 Italian farewell
29 In no danger
31 Empty spaces
35 Philanthropist Carnegie
38 Ride the waves
40 __ Beta Kappa
41 Certain fairway club
44 Suffix for many languages
45 Bart's born-first sister
46 Indicate
47 Fender bump
49 Playthings
51 Be certain of
52 Just out of the oven
54 Japanese wrestling
57 Comes out
61 Account amount
66 Rejoin a group
68 Taste or smell
69 Flag holder
70 Very eager
71 Pics on biceps
72 That lady
73 Went by bus or bike

DOWN
1 Fearless
2 Black-and-white sweet treat
3 __ even keel
4 Take to a new spot
5 Sneeze sound
6 Church tops
7 Droop
8 Achiever's __ attitude
9 New tricks non-learner
10 Star of *M*A*S*H*
11 Small fruit pie
14 That lady
16 TV host in a lab coat
18 Gee preceder
19 Made furious
23 Walks with flair
25 Woven with wicker
26 Already occupied
27 Guys who write jingles
28 Poetic sphere
30 Bear hair
32 Kitchen garment
33 Camera product
34 Muscle power
36 Fish known for its slipperiness
37 Composed on paper
39 Payment for service
42 General on Chinese menus
43 Cartoonist's fluid
48 Rocket's propulsion
50 Nuanced
53 Fairy tale monsters
55 HBO talk show host
56 Spanish cheer
57 Hosp. triage sites
58 Intersect, as roads
59 Sicilian volcano
60 Gas additive brand
62 Where some "worship from"
63 Cancelled, as a NASA launch
64 Oaf
65 Outer limit
67 "That's impressive!"



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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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commandeering our parks. Home invasions and auto thefts in the tony districts. Gangs on bikes, selling drugs. Human poop on your sidewalks in the funky districts. Open drug use. How about scooters dumped with no permission, permit or parameters, and residents being permanently injured? Remember that one? Tents pitched, filthy encampments. Rapes on the beach, mostly unreported. We have gained a sad reputation as the city that doesn't enforce its laws, and guess who that draws as visitors? Ongoing, for years, not safe.

But there's this too. They have for decades spent our money like drunken sailors, like it was play money. $140,000,000 for a vanity City offices building, so green it just might make you sick, that we will now have to spend more money to renovate for pandemic separation. It could have been built, platinum LEED-quality, for probably $40-50,000,000 less.

They spent more than $10,000,000 appealing a lawsuit the City lost, over district voting. This City Council decided they wanted to continue the voting practices the long court trial ruled were discriminatory toward minorities, for no other credible reason than to maintain the system that has kept them in power. (We don't know exactly how much of our money they spent, because they won't tell us.)

This year the City paid out $42,600,000 to victims of sexual abuse by Eric Uller in the Police Activities League, a tragedy, but Uller was preceded by two other PAL sexual abusers — why didn't the City learn from the first two? There were no effective changes made to prevent recurrence. Our precious children were not safe, because they did not act, just threw money at the result.

Just those three extravagant, unnecessary multimillion dollar expenditures (there are lots more) have cost us almost $100,000,000. One hundred million dollars. Down the toilet. Necessitating a wrenching budget tightening in the wake of the COVID economic shutdown, that recommended elimination of libraries, many school crossing guards, letting go longtime lower level City staff (but not the highest paid ones who really would have counted), and curtailing other services. Wouldn't it be nice if we had that $100M in the bank and didn't have to decimate our budget?

Strike three, incumbents, if not strike thirty. You're out.

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Ho. "I have never met an Asian-American female film/tv composer and I'm encouraged by the fact that people are more and more interested in my perspective and voice as a composer."

Ho is an accomplished pianist and cellist who has received scholarships and awards from the Young Musicians Foundation, the National YoungArts Foundation and soloed with many orchestras. She attended Franklin Elementary School, Lincoln Middle School, and Santa Monica High School.

"Growing up, I spent all my time at either local pianist Anders Martinson's studio or the SOL-LA Music Academy, so I had a very Santa Monica music education, which I am very grateful for."

Ho is a rising junior at Yale University where she is pursuing a degree in Computing and the Arts, an interdepartmental major that allows her to develop unique technology skills that will advance her compositional career goals.

"As a composer and as an aspiring film composer, I use a lot of music technology every single day," said Ho. "I'm always thinking about ways I can manipulate sounds or change characteristics of sounds that would create a certain texture or evoke a certain mood. There are ways you can do that if you know how to write your own code, write your own samples, or write your own sound filters."

Through the Summer Fellows Program, Ho is participating in one-on-one meetings with professionals in her field of study, panels with leaders in the TV industry, and seminars on brand building and the job market. She is especially looking forward to meeting with successful film composers and learning about their unique career journeys as there is no standard pathway to becoming a film composer.

Ho first got into film composition through a friend that she met at Samohi. Ho composed the score for a series of her friend's short films and discovered her passion for pairing visuals and music.

"When I'm writing music I like to think about melody and texture and lyricism," said Ho. "I think textural music is essential to film and that's how I fell in love with it."

At Yale she studies piano with Professor Wei-Yi Yang and composition with Konrad Kacmarek, Kathryn Alexander, and Adam Schoenberg. She recently won a grant from Tsai Center for Innovative Thinking at Yale in partnership with the Asian American Cultural Center to write songs and have a concert to promote Asian Americans in the arts. According to Ho, there is a lack of Asian American representation in the music industry and in the arts in general. This is a gap she is excited to step into as she continues her musical and compositional pursuits.

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