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Local organizations step up to keep hunger down



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CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

As COVID-19 limits people's ability to safely visit food stores and pay for their groceries, food service providers have rapidly scaled up their operations and shifted to corona-safe distribution models to meet the growing need

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City debates future of taxicab services

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica could soon end its current taxicab franchise system in favor of a permit system, but City Council wants to protect the benefits that residents enjoy with the local company Taxi Taxi.

Councilmembers voted unanimously last week to adjust the municipal code that relates to a number of transportation services but they were hesitant to direct staff to initiate steps toward enacting a permit system and instead recommended the city find ways, within the limits of the law, that will encourage Taxi Taxi to continue conducting business in Santa Monica.

Under the current model, only franchise holders can access taxi stands or accept hailed rides. A permit model would broaden the number of companies able to do business locally.

The discussion came in light of the city's recent restructuring due to the financial effects of Covid-19, which resulted in the elimination of various staff resources. Staff also considered the changing market dynamics of taxicab services and the fact there is no longer a concern of oversupply when it recommended the city move toward a regional permitting solution, according to Chief Mobility Officer Francie Stefan.

"The city has had a franchise system for taxi cabs since 2009. We established it to deal with an oversupply of taxis and operating issues and we all know that since then, the market has changed pretty dramatically," Stefan said, referring to the rise of companies like Uber and Lyft. "The state has also intervened more recently to limit local regulation of taxi cabs and encouraged regional permitting solutions."

As a result, Stefan added, "We would seek to align with LADOT or other regional agencies and find ways to permit more efficiently than we do currently. It has the potential of increasing flexibility and other customer services but

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Ex-Angels employee charged in overdose death of Tyler Skaggs

Associated Press

A former Los Angeles Angels employee has been charged with conspiracy to distribute fentanyl in connection with last year's overdose death of pitcher Tyler Skaggs, prosecutors in Texas announced Friday.

Eric Prescott Kay was arrested in Fort Worth, Texas, and made his first appearance Friday in federal court, according to Erin Nealy Cox, the U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Texas.

Kay was the Angels' director of communications, and he served as their public relations contact on many road trips. He was placed on leave shortly after Skaggs' death, and he never returned to the team.

In a statement issued Friday after news of Kay's court appearance, the Angels said they opened an independent investigation into Skaggs' death. The team reaffirmed its position that management didn't know Skaggs was an opioids user and didn't know any employees were providing drugs to players.

Skaggs was found dead in his hotel room in the Dallas area on July 1, 2019, before the start of what was supposed to be a four-game series against the Texas Rangers. The first game was postponed, and Skaggs' death provoked an outpouring of grief across baseball.

Skaggs died after choking on his vomit with a toxic mix of alcohol and the powerful painkillers fentanyl and oxycodone in his system, a coroner's report said. Prosecutors accused Kay of providing the fentanyl to Skaggs and others, who were not named.

"Tyler Skaggs's overdose – coming, as it did, in the midst of an ascendant baseball career – should be a wake-up call: No one is immune from this deadly drug, whether sold as a powder or hidden inside an innocuous-looking tablet,"

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California sets in-person voting rules amid coronavirus

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

Worried about the unpredictable coronavirus wreaking havoc on the November election, California Gov. Gavin Newsom on Thursday signed a law to let counties offer fewer in-person polling places in exchange for opening the sites earlier.

The change follows another law Newsom signed in June requiring counties to mail ballots to every active registered voter ahead of the Nov. 3 election. It's part of the state's strategy to keep people from gathering at polling places and risk further spread of the coronavirus that has killed nearly 9,900 Californians.

"This November will have the most unusual election, at least in my lifetime, but there will be an election," said state Sen. Tom Umberg, a Democrat from Santa Ana and the author of the bill.

While every active registered voter in California will get a ballot in the mail, some people must vote in person for various reasons, including lost or damaged mailed ballots, the need for language assistance or help due to a disability, or because they want to register to vote on Election Day, which California law allows at polling places.

Traditional polling places — community centers, retirement homes and in some cases people's garages — have been hard to come by because of the pandemic. Sacramento County had 84 vote centers for the March 3 primary election. But it has only been able to secure locations for 39 vote centers for November, according to county spokeswoman Janna Haynes.

Senate Bill 423, approved Thursday by the state Senate, gives counties a workaround. It lets them merge precincts, as long as they keep the ratio of one precinct per 10,000 registered voters instead of the typical 1,000 voters. These consolidated polling places must be open from Saturday, Oct. 31, through Monday, Nov. 2, for at least eight hours each day and from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Counties will also be required to open one ballot drop-off location for every 15,000 registered voters for 28 days before the election.

As of Thursday, the nation's most populous state had reported nearly 530,000 virus cases and nearly 9,900 deaths since the pandemic began, including 166 virus-related deaths reported Thursday.

But a technical problem with a database used to collect test information from labs means the state is missing data on virus infections throughout California. There was no update Thursday on the missing data, which state officials have acknowledged has caused them to undercount virus cases.

Newsom's administration has not explained what caused the problem or said when it will be fixed.

Health and Human Services Secretary Mark Ghaly said late Thursday that the technology problem is his department's "top priority and a team of dozens has been working around the clock to resolve these data problems."

The issue has created challenges for county public health officials who are trying to track and trace virus cases to prevent the spread of the illness. The problem also led the state to stop removing or adding to a list of counties facing more restrictions on businesses and schools.

San Francisco officials were among those reporting problems because of the state computer system and said in a statement that the reporting delay "may give an impression that COVID-19 cases are slowing down, when this may not be the case."

It's not clear how many virus cases have gone uncounted because of the problem, which involves electronic reports sent from labs to the state. Ghaly acknowledged in a statement that contact tracing and hospital surge planning require accurate data.

"All Californians and local public health officials must have accurate data, and we pledge to share a full accounting of when these problems began and their magnitude as soon as we have a clear understanding – and the solutions to address them," he said.

The virus has disrupted elections across the country, prompting long lines at polling places in states such as Wisconsin and Georgia.

The bill Newsom signed on Thursday would give counties the option of reducing the number of polling places. County officials can still conduct elections the same way they always have if they wish. But lawmakers expect many will use the new rules. Counties that can't meet the requirements will be able to apply for a partial waiver.

Some Republicans opposed the bill, arguing it will create more confusion on Election Day when people show up at their usual polling places only to find them closed.

"We're going to have a lot of voter confusion, and we could very well have problems in the November election," Assemblyman James Gallagher, a Republican from Nicolaus, said during an Assembly debate.

Officials will also conduct voter education and outreach campaigns to make sure people know about the changes. The state budget includes more than $100 million for state and local costs to conduct the election during the pandemic.

Associated Press writer Amy Taxin contributed from Orange County, California.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 280 CALLS ON AUGUST 6

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Battery Now Ocean Ave / Seaside Ter 1:05 a.m.
Burglary Now 2900blk Arizona Ave 1:11 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 3000blk 4th St 2:06 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2200blk Virginia Ave 5:04 a.m.
Construction Noise Lincoln Blvd / Pearl St 6:17 a.m.
Encampment 700blk Interstate 10 6:29 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 200blk Ocean Ave 6:33 a.m.
Construction Noise 1200blk Ocean Ave 6:42 a.m.
Burglary Now 1400blk 18th St 7:00 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1400blk 6th St 7:34 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:04 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 5th St / Broadway 8:10 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1700blk Stanford St 8:16 a.m.
Person With A Gun 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 8:51 a.m.
Domestic Violence Now 500blk Colorado Ave 8:52 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2500blk Beverley Ave 9:07 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1800blk Stewart St 9:32 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 11th St / California Ave 10:00 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 700blk Broadway 10:03 a.m.
Petty Theft 1200blk 15th St 10:08 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400blk 4th St 10:21 a.m.
Identity Theft 900blk Marguerita Ave 10:50 a.m.
Assault Just Occurred 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:51 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 800blk Pico Blvd 10:56 a.m.
Loitering 1400blk Ocean Ave 11:09 a.m.
Loitering 19th St / Idaho Ave 11:21 a.m.
Fraud 300blk San Vicente Blvd 11:25 a.m.
Encampment 800blk Interstate 10 11:41 a.m.
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Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 100blk Georgina Ave 1:31 p.m.
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Critical Missing Person 400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:02 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 3100blk Broadway 2:09 p.m.
Petty Theft 1400blk 14th St 2:16 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1100blk Montana Ave 2:25 p.m.
Found Property 700blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:49 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 900blk 9th St 2:50 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1000blk Harvard St 3:17 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2900blk Main St 3:19 p.m.
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Loud Music 5th St / Washington Ave 10:07 p.m.
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Person With A Gun 400blk Colorado Ave 10:36 p.m.
Elder Abuse 1300blk 15th St 10:54 p.m.
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EMS 2200blk Wilshire Blvd 4:23 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Pico Blvd 5:11 p.m.
EMS 7th St / Broadway 6:10 p.m.
EMS 2200blk 22nd St 6:43 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Marguerita Ave 9:09 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Delaware Ave 11:13 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 2nd St 11:18 p.m.
EMS 5th St / Arizona Ave 11:30 p.m.

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not precluding existing operators. The one downside for existing operators would be the potential for competition in the marketplace."

The city could still require accessibility requirements, fare maximums and other core benefits of the franchise system in a permitting model.

Some cities are transitioning their franchise systems to permit systems including the City of Los Angeles, which may be able to facilitate permitting on Santa Monica's behalf through a Memorandum of Understanding or other agreement once Los Angeles' permitting system is operational, according to a staff report.

Currently, any taxi company can pick up residents as long as they pre-arranged the ride on a phone, app or other way, Stefan said.

"The only thing they can't do is other companies cannot sit in the city's existing taxi stands and they cannot accept a hailed ride on the street," she said.

Taxi Taxi is the last remaining franchise holder in the city after Council approved a streamlined system in 2018 that reduced the franchise holders from five to one. However, the local company has still had to reduce the number of active vehicles.

Several councilmembers said they wanted to protect the Santa Monica based business.

"We have only one company left in town who said its fleet is diminished. But it's important to protect (the fact) we have that asset in town," said Mayor Kevin McKeown. "Is there some way we can protect Taxi Taxi from the competition at taxi stands or hailing under a permit system?"

Stefan said staff could look into it but it's often difficult for a city to prefer a certain commercial provider over another.

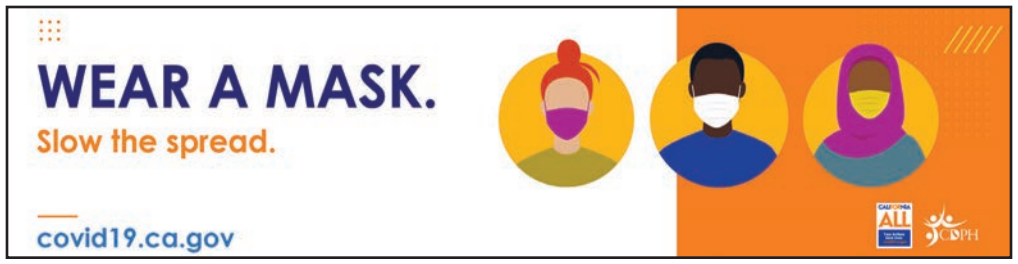
Councilmember Ted Winterer said he concurs with McKeown's standpoint on Taxi Taxi.

"I think Taxi Taxi has been a great partner with us for many, many years, and as we know, they have a fleet of low emission vehicles... They provide excellent service and I think we should, within the limits of the law, be trying to encourage them to continue to be able to do business here in Santa Monica," he said.

"I agree," Mayor Pro Tem Terry O'Day added. "Taxi Taxi has provided a lot of great service for us. That's how we elected to franchise them. And it's those benefits that they provided that allowed them to win the franchise. Though, I might just say, let's not protect the company but rather those additional features that we've earned for Santa Monica residents as a result of the franchise system."

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Job losses, fear of virus complicate Latino voter hopes

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The Associated Press

Every day, 29-year-old Maico Olivares tries to call about 25 people, mostly within the Latino community, to persuade them to register to vote.

Some calls go well, but increasingly, they have become frustrating: Many of the people Olivares reaches are out of work or have lost wages because of coronavirus-related business restrictions and closures. These days, they're more focused on feeding their family than getting ready for the November election.

Olivares shares concerns with Latino advocates around the country who worry that the virus' effect on Latinos, who have seen high rates of infection and unemployment, will keep them from the polls this year.

"Their main concern is money and food. Their main concern isn't voting right now," said Olivares, lead voter registration organizer for Central Arizonans for a Sustainable Economy, a grassroots organization focused on civic engagement and social justice.

His group is registering a fraction of the people it was before the pandemic, when it could set up outside grocery stores and public events. Its goal was to collect 40,000 voter registration forms this year, but so far has collected just 7,000 — most of them before the pandemic. That's compared to over 30,000 in 2018 and 20,000 in 2016.

Olivares said he has to get personal when he pleads with people to register, telling them about his own upbringing as a first-generation American and a father.

"It can be very emotional at times because you're dealing with people who are hit the hardest right now," Olivares said.

Data compiled by the The Center for Election Innovation and Research in early June shows overall voter registration in April was about 70% lower in 11 states and the District of Columbia than it was four years before, during the last presidential election.

While Latinos are a sought-after voting group for both major political parties, they have become increasingly important to the Democratic Party as their population and political influence have grown. Across the country, they represent just over 13% of eligible voters, but that is much higher in states such as Arizona and Florida, both of which are key to this year's presidential race. Latinos account for nearly a quarter of registered voters in Arizona and a fifth in Florida.

Voting and community groups had high hopes for Latino turnout this year, especially after 11.7 million Latinos voted in the 2018 midterms, up from 6.8 million in 2014.

But two years ago, there was no worldwide pandemic and massive loss of jobs weighing on the electorate. While Blacks have the highest COVID-19 mortality rate of any racial group in the U.S., Latinos die from the virus at a rate that is nearly 3 times that of whites when adjusted by age, according to the APM Research Lab, which is tracking mortality from the disease. The unemployment rate for Latinos in June was 14.5%, more than 3 percentage points higher than the national rate, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The coronavirus has forced voter engagement groups to get creative. Some have partnered with food banks to register people at drives or helped people apply for unemployment benefits. Others have established aid programs to help those who have lost work, and some have created hotlines to be a source of reliable information for non-native English speakers.

Andrea Mercado and her team at New Florida Majority have sent $200 gift cards to families who don't have enough food. Before the pandemic, the group had more than 200 organizers on the streets trying to sign up new voters. Now they're working the phones, although progress is slow. So far, they have made contact with 60,000 of the 1 million Floridians they have called, she said.

In place of public events, New Florida Majority has meetings over Zoom that can draw thousands of people and include musical performances. Still, in Florida, a state with a history of close elections, the pandemic's potential effect on voter turnout is concerning.

"When you have family that is sick, that's in the ICU, people who you love have passed away or your family's experiencing financial hardship, I think that is a concern — that people won't take time to vote," Mercado said.

Other activists hope for the opposite — that more people will be driven to vote by the poor government response to the virus outbreak and the political awakening around racial justice following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

In Texas, the Latino civic engagement organization Jolt has been finding success after abandoning its plans to register voters at quinceañeras, a traditional rite of passage for girls when they turn 15. It turned to text messages, Twitter and setting up at food banks. The group also has been present at racial justice demonstrations and at one held on behalf of Vanessa Guillen, a soldier who was killed at Fort Hood.

"Normally when we go to an event, we are going to the people," said Carmen Ayala, cultural and events manager. "But there, even in the midst of a pandemic, the people were coming to us."

Heightened interest in social change among younger people is giving voting rights groups hope that the lackluster registration numbers so far could turn around as the November election draws closer.

Arianna Reyes, a 19-year-old college student who lives in the Phoenix suburbs with her parents and grandparents, voted for the first time earlier this year. She felt empowered to make change and said she is noticing that her friends and family also seem determined to vote.

"Before, I felt like I was the only one on my Instagram page promoting voting," said Reyes, a fellow at Living United for Change in Arizona, a group that advocates for racial, social and economic justice.

Despite the health and financial challenges from the coronavirus, she said, "I think it's really beautiful that people are realizing that they do have power."

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Postal Service loses $2.2B in 3 months as virus woes persist

MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

The U.S. Postal Service says it lost $2.2 billion in the three months that ended in June as the beleaguered agency — hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic — piles up financial losses that officials warn could top $20 billion over two years.

But the new postmaster general, Louis DeJoy, disputed reports that his agency is slowing down election mail or any other mail and said it has "ample capacity to deliver all election mail securely and on time" for the November presidential contest, when a significant increase in mail-in ballots is expected.

Still, DeJoy offered a gloomy picture of the 630,00-employee agency Friday in his first public remarks since taking the top job in June.

"Our financial position is dire, stemming from substantial declines in mail volume, a broken business model and a management strategy that has not adequately addressed these issues," DeJoy told the postal board of governors at a meeting Friday.

"Without dramatic change, there is no end in sight," DeJoy said.

While package deliveries to homebound Americans were up more than 50%, that was offset by continued declines in first-class and business mail, even as costs increased significantly to pay for personal protective equipment and replace workers who got sick or chose to stay home in fear of the virus, DeJoy said.

Without an intervention from Congress, the agency faces an impending cash flow crisis, he said. The Postal Service is seeking an infusion of at least $10 billion to cover operating losses as well as regulatory changes that would undo a congressional requirement that the agency pre-fund billions of dollars in retiree health benefits.

The agency is doing its part, said DeJoy, a Republican fundraiser and former supply chain executive who took command of the agency June 15. DeJoy, 63, of North Carolina, is a major donor to President Donald Trump and the Republican Party. He is the first postmaster general in nearly two decades who is not a career postal employee.

In his first month on the job, DeJoy said, he directed the agency to vigorously "focus on the ingrained inefficiencies in our operations," including by applying strict limits on overtime.

"By running our operations on time and on schedule, and by not incurring unnecessary overtime or other costs, we will enhance our ability to be sustainable and ... continue to provide high-quality, affordable service," DeJoy said.

While not acknowledging widespread complaints by members of Congress about delivery delays nationwide, DeJoy said the agency will "aggressively monitor and quickly address service issues."

DeJoy's remarks came as lawmakers from both parties called on the Postal Service to immediately reverse operational changes that are causing delays in deliveries across the country just as big volume increases are expected for mail-in election voting.

Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer said Thursday that changes imposed by DeJoy "threaten the timely delivery of mail — including medicines for seniors, paychecks for workers and absentee ballots for voters — that is essential to millions of Americans."

In his remarks to the postal board of governors, DeJoy called election mail handling "a robust and proven process."

While there will "likely be an unprecedented increase in election mail volume due to the pandemic, the Postal Service has ample capacity to deliver all election mail securely and on time in accordance with our delivery standards, and we will do so," DeJoy said. "However ... we cannot correct the errors of (state and local) election boards if they fail to deploy processes that take our normal processing and delivery standards into account."

DeJoy met with Schumer and Pelosi on Wednesday in a closed-door session that Schumer called "a heated discussion." Democrats told DeJoy that "elections are sacred" and urged him not to impose cutbacks "at a time when all ballots count," Schumer said.

In separate letters, two Montana Republicans, Sen. Steve Daines and Rep. Greg Gianforte, also urged the Postal Service to reverse the July directive, which eliminates overtime for hundreds of thousands of postal workers and mandates that mail be kept until the next day if distribution centers are running late.

And 84 House members — including four Republicans — signed yet another letter blasting the changes and urging an immediate reversal.

"Delaying mail service is unacceptable," Gianforte wrote Thursday to DeJoy. "Do not continue down this road."

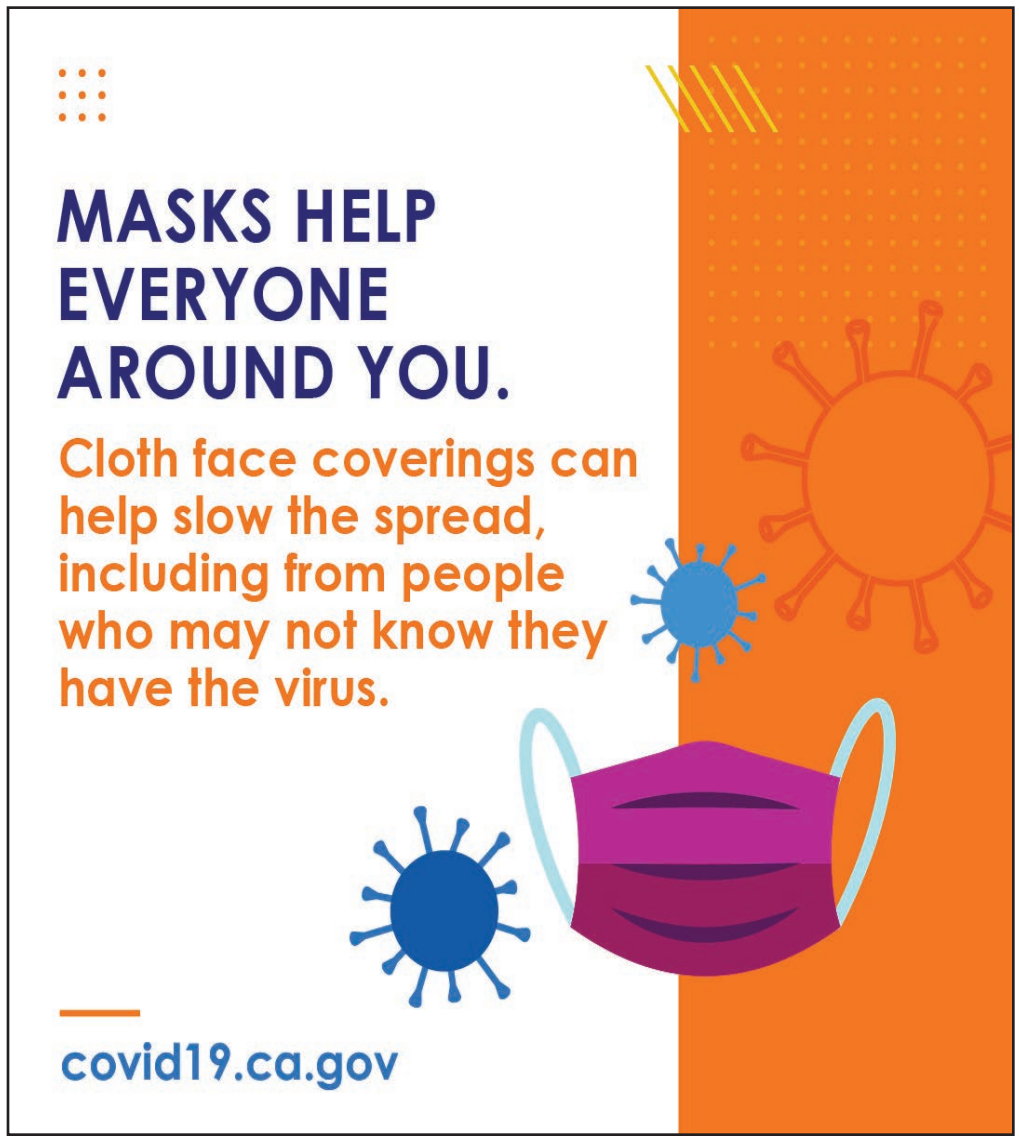
In their letter, the 84 House members said it is "vital that the Postal Service does not reduce mail delivery hours, which could harm rural communities, seniors, small businesses and millions of Americans who rely on the mail for critical letters and packages." The letter was led by Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., chairwoman of the House Oversight Committee, who has called DeJoy to testify at a hearing next month.

The flurry of letters came as the top Democrat on a Senate panel that oversees the Postal Service launched an investigation into the operational changes.

Michigan Sen. Gary Peters, the top Democrat on the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, said DeJoy has failed to provide answers about the service delays, despite repeated requests.

Democrats have pushed for $10 billion for the Postal Service in talks with Republicans on a huge COVID-19 response bill. The figure is down from a $25 billion plan in a House-passed coronavirus measure. Key Republicans whose rural constituents are especially reliant on the post office support the idea.

Trump, a vocal critic of the Postal Service, contended Wednesday that "the Post Office doesn't have enough time" to handle a significant increase in mail-in ballots. "I mean you're talking about millions of votes. .. It's a catastrophe waiting to happen."



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Westside local rallies support for the devastation in Lebanon

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Wafa Hoballah, chair of the LA Beirut Sister Cities Committee and westside local, is calling out to the local community to raise disaster relief funds for the Aug 4 explosion in Beirut, which killed 137 and injured over 5,000.

The blast originated in a port warehouse that stored large amounts of explosive material and destroyed multiple neighborhoods, causing damage to homes up to six miles away. The GoFundMe fundraiser Hoballah helped organize through the LA Beirut Sister Cities Committee seeks to raise $100,000 for the American University of Beirut Medical Center, which is providing essential care for many of the wounded.

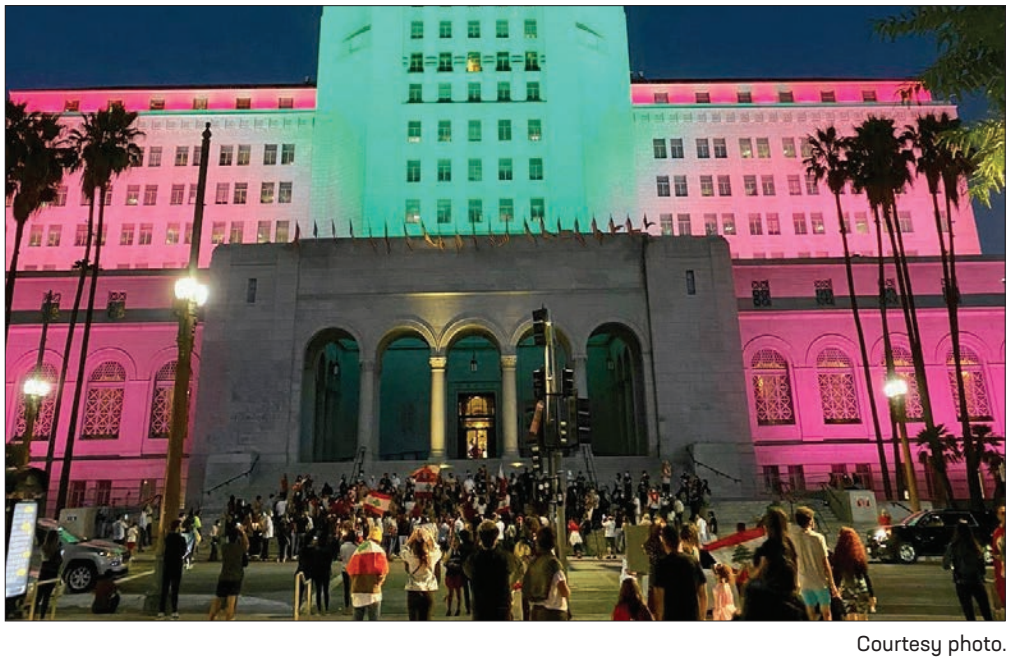
Hoballah has dedicated years of her life to growing cultural understanding and friendship between Beirut and Los Angeles. As a board member of the International Visitors Council of Los Angeles she has hosted international guests in Santa Monica for leadership training programs. Through the LA Beirut Sister Cities Committee she helped bring Lebanese engineering students to LA to study its infrastructure.

"As a Lebanese American part of what is expected when friends come from Lebanon is to tour them around and the first thing on my list is Santa Monica, the pier, and the 3rd Street Promenade," said Hoballah, who in turn has also brought many American friends to her childhood home of Beirut. After years of sharing Lebanese culture and hospitality with the local community here, she is now rallying the same community to send support to Lebanon.

"Every single friend or family member who lives around the area has major damage to their homes. If they were there, they are injured. If it was a minor injury, they are lucky to only be injured that way," said Hoballah. The hospitals in Beirut, which were already grappling with the pandemic, are severely strained by the massive influx of patients. Doctors are traveling from across the country to provide help and are even working with their phone flashlights during sporadic power outs.

"Imagine the trauma that you get from such an explosion. I mean I lived through the war before I came here and I can recall the impact of jets, the impact of explosions, the impact of snipers, and with all of that the city survived," said Hoballah. I've been crying yesterday and all day today. We are bleeding and we are realizing that this country is no longer the same."

This explosion is the latest in a series of devastations the Lebanese people have endured.



Courtesy photo.

LOS ANGELES: LA City Hall lit in colors of Lebanese flag.

The civil war Hoballah refers to was a bloody 15-year long affair with over 100,000 fatalities. Since the war ended in 1990, Lebanon has undergone a series of political assassinations, months of civil conflict, a 2006 war with Israel, and decades of political and economic turmoil.

This summer the Lebanese people were already grappling with the pandemic, a financial crisis, a large Syrian and Palestinian refugee population, food shortages, and protests over the government's corruption. For many, this devastating explosion with its clear signs of negligence and mismanagement, epitomizes the corruption and destructive capabilities of the ruling class .

"Lebanon is a piece of heaven that is sitting there in the Mediterranean and unfortunately because of God knows what corruption and a dysfunctional system of government and representatives, they bled the blood out of this country. The people are tired. Imagine fighting, and fighting, and fighting, and fighting. They have no energy. The devastation is beyond words," said Hoballah.

Hoballah and her fellow members of the LA Beirut Sister Cities Committee are urging

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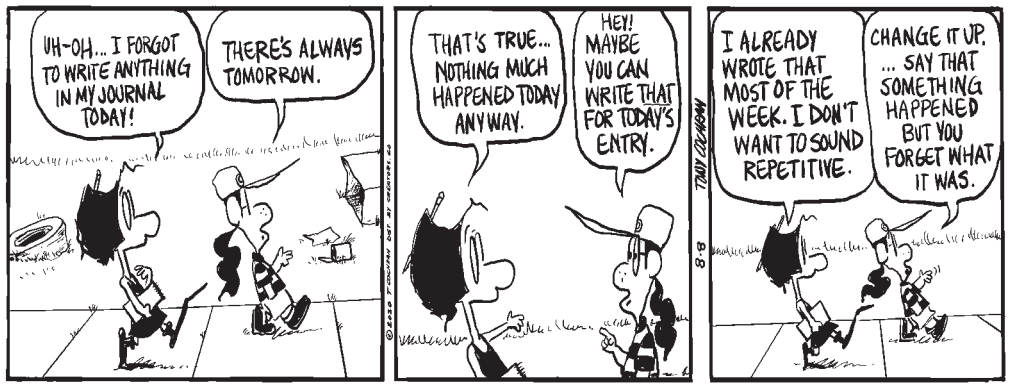
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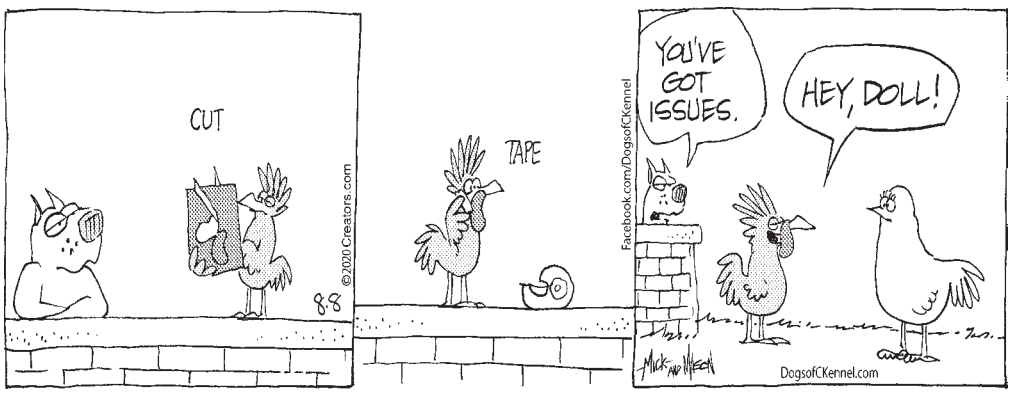
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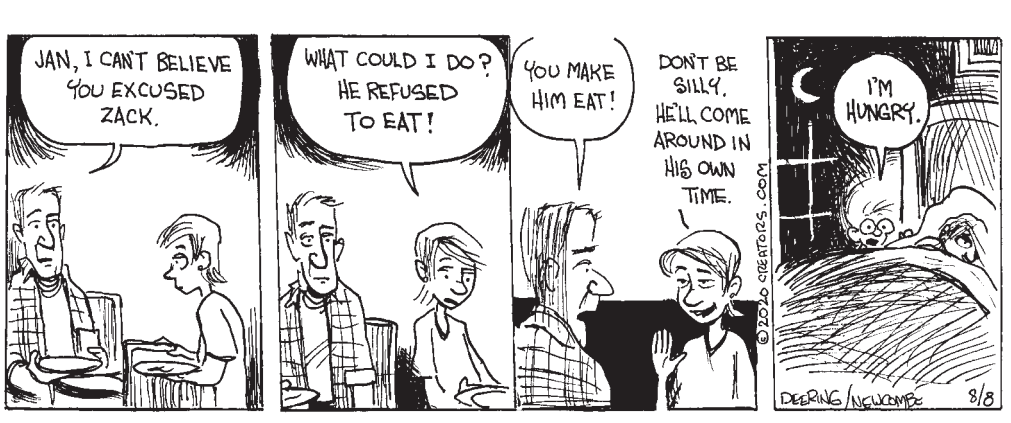
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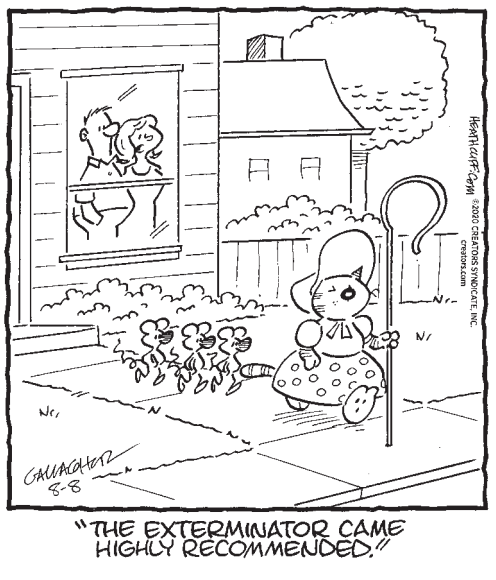
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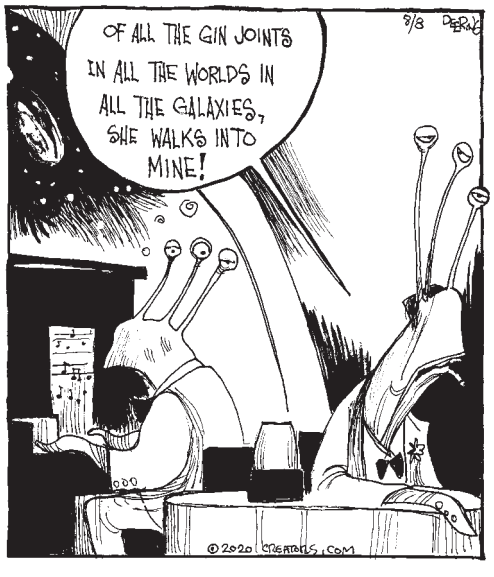
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"THE EXTERMINATOR CAME HIGHLY RECOMMENDED."

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 65.3°

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Small pulse of SW swell up a bit further, blending with lingering NW windswell. A touch more rideable on the small wave gear.

SUNDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
NW windswell lingers as SW swell nudges up further. Forerunners of larger SSW/S swell also likely to start creeping in. Rideable little waves on the small wave gear.

WEATHER

Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 69.
Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68.
Sunday Night: Patchy fog after midnight. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 60.
Monday: Patchy fog before noon. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 68.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/08/08	Sat	12:13 AM	4.71	H
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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
2020/08/10	Mon	10:04 PM	2.17	L
2020/08/11	Tue	03:35 AM	3.01	H
2020/08/11	Tue	08:24 AM	2.38	L
2020/08/11	Tue	3:51 PM	4.58	H
2020/08/11	Tue	11:43 PM	1.75	L
2020/08/12	Wed	06:04 AM	2.94	H
2020/08/12	Wed	09:32 AM	2.74	L
2020/08/12	Wed	4:51 PM	4.80	H
2020/08/13	Thu	12:46 AM	1.22	L
2020/08/13	Thu	07:41 AM	3.19	H
2020/08/13	Thu	11:04 AM	2.91	L

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POWERBALL
Draw Date:08/05
7 14 17 57 65
Power#: 24
Jackpot:158 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 08/04
2 22 30 42 62
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: 22 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 08/05
2 4 5 40 47 16
Mega#: 23
Jackpot: 11 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 08/05
22 26 27 32 39

Daily 3
Draw Date: 08/05
Evening: 3 2 9
Draw Date: 08/05
Midday: 5 5 8

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 08/05
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2nd: 03 - HOT SHOT
3rd: 06 - WHIRL WIN
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Striving to offer acceptance is admirable, but it really doesn't have to be that hard. You're most attracted to those who don't have trouble letting go of some ego in order to try and understand another person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you're still making excuses, then it's time to ask for real: Do you want it, or do you just want to feel like you want it? Happiness will follow your honest answer to this question.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People are often kept on a righteous road by the threat of unhappy consequences associated with straying from the path. It's fine, but not as ideal as choosing a path because it's where you want to be.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You can't lose by talking to people. Talking with friends and loved ones is fortifying. Talking with strangers is exciting or informative. Both have benefits that reach into the future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are like a candle that can light dozens, or even hundreds, more candles, giving them the gift of fire and light without diminishing anything that is yours.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What you do on behalf of others will be much easier for you than executing an entirely selfish plan. However, you should rethink your definition of selfishness. If it makes you happy, why is it automatically considered selfish?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Most of the people around you now are making assessments within a narrow scope of understanding. Do not fear their disapproval and neither should you thrill to their approval.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There is nothing wrong with pleasure or pain but living according to what feels good or bad is a precarious way to go. To live by an ideal is to do what it takes to uphold that ideal regardless of how it feels.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Things will go undiscussed and maybe this is for the best. Words will have a way of reducing an experience. Besides, it is too soon to define and name all that's going on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Being willing to lose leads to all sorts of things. It can make you a gambler, a lover, an adult. Being willing to lose and then not losing at all will be today's most astonishing event.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You question not only your actions but also your interpretation of those actions, and it is in your honest response to this deeper level of inquiry honesty that you will find freedom.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your adaptability is never in question from anyone who knows you well. Those who don't know you will be very curious, and then utterly amazed, at how versatile you can be when the situation calls for it.

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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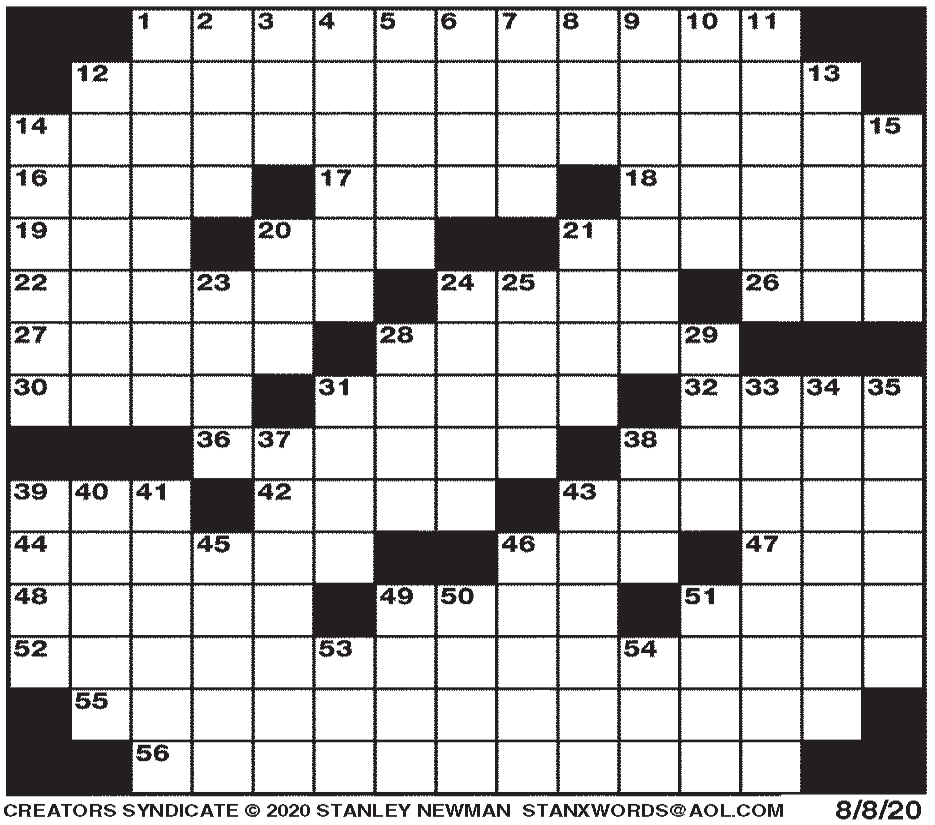
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Greg Johnson
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ACROSS
1 Recipient of a moving tribute
12 Qualifier for a silly statement
14 They flew in Concordes
16 They're easy to take
17 Name on eaux de parfum
18 Disney World side trip destination
19 4 follower, in textspeak
20 Qtr.'s baker's dozen
21 Marvel hero paired with the Wasp
22 "He who stands on __ is not steady": Lao-Tzu
24 Circinate shapes
26 Picture processor
27 Doling out tough love
28 Cultural center?
30 Fictional "Autobiography" subject (1847)
31 Range for Carmen
32 To-go pieces
36 Stop motion
38 Doctor's proscription
39 Digs
42 Level needed by noobs
43 Cry for attention
44 Spread out
46 One subject to metamorphosis
47 Sound associated with pens
48 Whom Brits call "brickie"
49 Its first endorser was Bjorn Borg
51 Meager
52 Spotify no-share activities
55 Cobalt and copper, in seawater
56 Limitation on free transfers

DOWN
1 Roofer's installation
2 Hull's timbers
3 Noisy distraction
4 What noobs won't get
5 Numbers on angels
6 Mechanical drill
7 ER's critical supply
8 Jerry Greenfield's pal and partner
9 Window box favorite
10 Get out of the house
11 Instruction for files
12 Show of smoothness
13 "4 x" event
14 46 Across over Africa
15 Judicious
20 Earned a headline mention, maybe
21 Guy from Charlottesville
23 Not kosher
24 Twitter
25 Don't go very fast
28 Plant kingdom/ animal kingdom connectors
29 Marriage of convenience
31 Something for your honey
33 Important decade in analysis
34 Dotcoms' addresses
35 Vaporizes
37 Dramatize on an open field
38 Arts and crafts designation
39 Magnificence
40 Here and there
41 "The __ of the moth for the star": Shelley
43 ER's critical supply
45 Sagan subject
46 Cars in quantity
49 __ first
50 The Black __ (misnamed Scottish peninsula)
51 Latin's lacking
53 You might have a ball with it
54 Basic personal datum



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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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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HUNGER

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for affordable food. So while Santa Monica's classrooms may be empty, there are resources to make sure children's bellies are not, and to ensure that the same goes for homebound seniors and low income families.

"When March hit and COVID hit, everything changed for us. In order to decrease patient contact we went from farmers market style food distribution to prepackaged food, and we really needed to ramp up volunteers," said Rigoberto Garcia, the Director of Health Education at the Venice Family Clinic. "It was a tight rope that we were walking in the sense that we needed to make sure everyone was keeping social distance, but we still needed people to create all those prepackaged bags."

Prior to the pandemic, the clinic was serving 200 people at their free food market twice a month. Now they are now serving around 1500 people a week at their market at the Simms Mann Center in Santa Monica and are opening a second market in Venice that aims to also serve 1500 people. Their packages consist of fresh fruit and vegetables alongside non-perishables and are free to all community members.

The Meals on Wheels West organization has also launched an impressive expansion of their service in response to the pandemic and has seen an almost 50 percent increase in clients. Meals on Wheels specializes in delivering food to homebound people including seniors, the immunocompromised, veterans, the formerly homeless, and people with disabilities.

"It's a privilege to provide the ease of access to a resource that everybody deserves, because everybody deserves nourishment, and there shouldn't be that many barriers of access to meeting your basic needs on a daily basis," said Ashley McGullam, the Director of Development and Community Relations.

Meals on Wheels West has adapted its distribution model to protect its volunteers, staff members and clients, which has successfully prevented anyone from becoming infected by coronavirus. Meal delivery now happens three times a week instead of daily and frozen meals fill the gaps on off-days. No volunteer works back to back days, so if they ever feel ill there is a fresh team ready to work the next day.

The Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District has also stepped up to the plate to ensure that all children stay well-fed throughout the pandemic. They began a grab-and-go breakfast and lunch food service when schools closed in March and have maintained the program throughout summer. This services are offered for two hours a day on weekdays at Santa Monica High School, McKinley Elementary, Will Rogers Learning Community in Santa Monica and Webster Elementary in Malibu.

"This service has been a lifeline for many families who are struggling with food insecurity during this difficult time," said Gail Pinsker, the Public Relations Officer for SMMUSD. "Breakfast and lunch is served and is extremely important to our families as in some cases, these meals are the only meals they have in a day or the only nutritious meals."

SMMUSD is in the process of finalizing plans for the continuation of the grab and go meal service in the fall and will release this information prior to the start of the school year on Aug 24.

All three organizations, Venice Family Clinic, Meals on Wheels West and SMMUSD, recognize the important connection food and nutrition has to people's wellness.

"At the Venice family clinic we are really trying to treat food as medicine and make sure that we are able to provide whole person care as we are working with patients," said Garcia.

"Nutritious meals are very important to the overall growth and development of children, provide a healthy start to their day and ensure better readiness for learning," said Pinsker.

Since COVID started McGullam introduced a phone reassurance service for Meals on Wheels clients, to check in on their wellbeing.

"One the days we would have delivered that we are not now, we are having volunteers call clients and provide an opportunity for socialization and do a wellness check," said McGullam. "For many of our clients, volunteers are really the only people they see or get to interact with on a daily, weekly, or even monthly basis. Being able to hear about the friendships and relationships people are making is really beautiful."

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LEBANON

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people to give whatever money they can to the GoFundMe campaign, which will help provide essential medical care to many of the injured. In the past year the Lebanese dollar has lost 85 percent of its value, which means that every American dollar is incredibly valuable in Beirut and even a small donation will go a long way.

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SKAGGS

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Nealy Cox said.

If convicted, Kay faces up to 20 years in prison. Federal court records do not list an attorney representing him, and an attorney who previously spoke on his behalf did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

The Angels' statement said the team has "fully cooperated with law enforcement and Major League Baseball. Additionally, in order to comprehensively understand the circumstances that led to his death, we hired a former federal prosecutor to conduct an independent investigation.

"We learned that there was unacceptable behavior inconsistent with our code of conduct, and we took steps to address it. Our investigation also confirmed that no one in management was aware, or informed, of any employee providing opioids to any player, nor that Tyler was using opioids."

Skaggs died 12 days before his 28th birthday. The Santa Monica native was drafted by the Angels in 2009 and later traded to Arizona, where he played his first two major league seasons before returning to the Angels in another trade in late 2013.

Rusty Hardin, the Texas attorney representing Skaggs' family, issued a statement after Kay's arrest and court appearance.

"The family is deeply heartbroken to learn that Tyler would be alive today were it not for a pill containing fentanyl that was provided by the Director of Communications of the Angels," Hardin said. "We note that the Angels say they commissioned an independent investigation that concluded no one in management was aware that a team employee was supplying illegal drugs to Tyler. We encourage the Angels to make that report public.

"We are relieved that no one else who was supplied drugs by this Angels executive met the same fate as Tyler. While nothing will replace the loss of Tyler, we are very grateful to federal prosecutors for their diligent and ongoing work."

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