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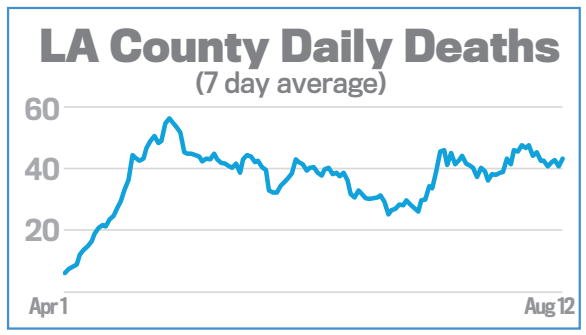
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CORONAVIRUS DEATHS per 100,000 in 5 Largest States

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28.0	33.4	42.6	169.1	58.7

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ZJ Boarding House wipes out

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

ZJ Boarding House, which has been a hallmark of Main Street since 1988, will close its doors on Sunday due to unresolved lease negotiations between Boardriders, the parent company, and the landlord.

ZJ has been an essential part of Santa Monica's surf and skateboard community for three decades and fostered a close knit family of employees and friends who will greatly mourn its closing. It is one of several stores with more than 30 years of service that announced they were closing their doors in Santa Monica this week.

"It really has come clear to me how much this store means to the community in the last 48 hours. I've got customers, staff, and alumni in here crying," said Todd Roberts, Co-Founder of ZJ Boarding House. "Manny who is at the front door hasn't worked for me in a decade. He found out from one of the other employees and came in and was like 'I'm working for free I just want to be here'. The store is bigger than all of us. It's become a hub for a tribe that loves board sports and nature and the ocean."

Since Governor Newsom allowed retail stores to reopen on May 27, business at ZJ Boarding Store has been booming. According to Roberts, people want to skate and surf as much as possible right now, since many activities are shut down and many people are out of a job.



Clara Harter

END OF THE LINE: The popular surf and skate shop will close permanently this weekend.

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Local ballot measure to increase revenue pits City Hall against real estate advocates

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica voters will have the opportunity to decide the fate of a local ballot measures this coming November and arguments for the proposed luxury tax ordinance have been released online.

The measure asks if the City of Santa Monica shall increase the one-time real estate transfer tax paid on each property sale that's worth $5 million or more by $3 for every $1,000 of the sales price. If passed by voters in November, the measure

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Breeze bikeshare to end in November

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica's bikeshare program, Breeze, will cease operations at the end of the year.

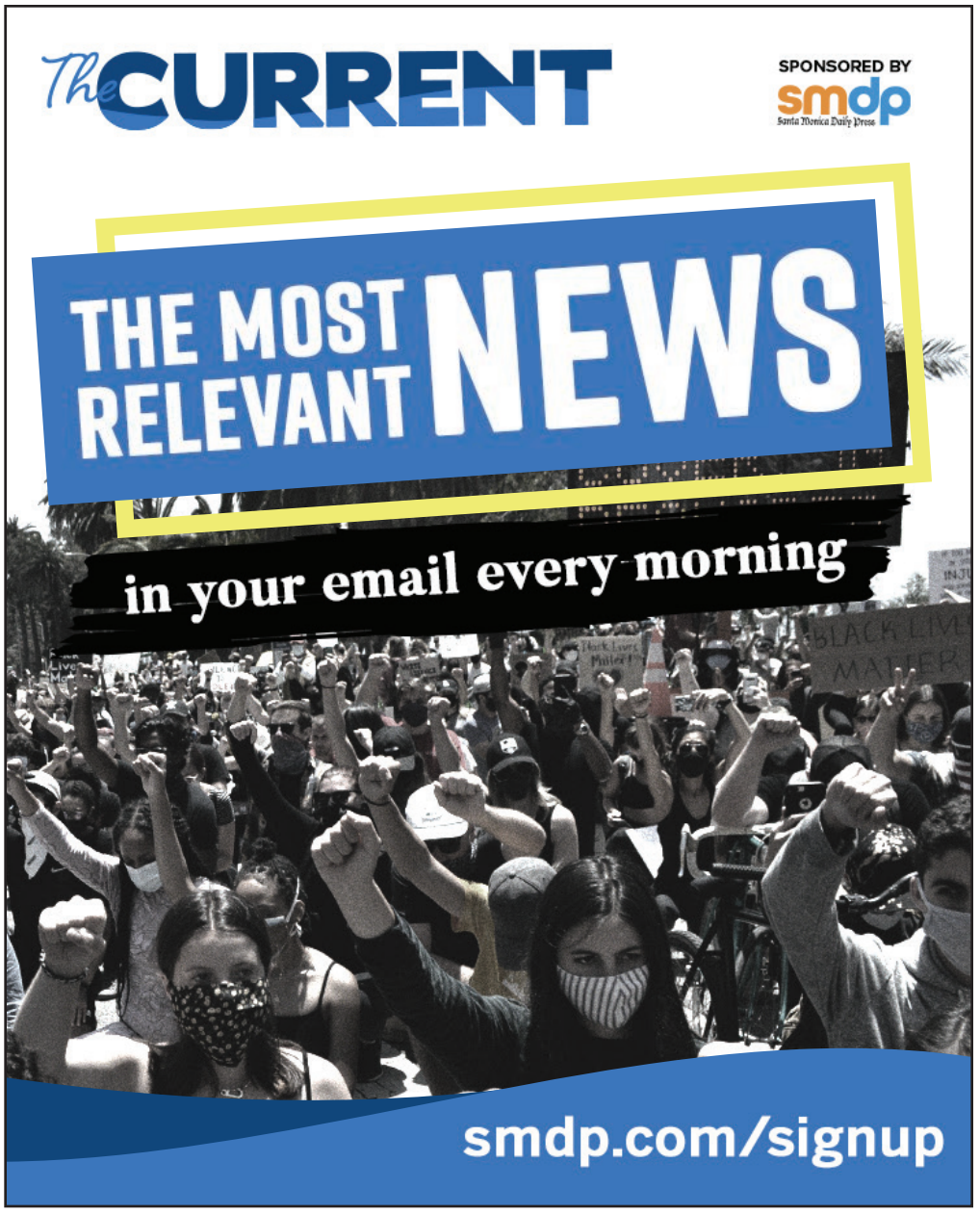
In an email sent to customers, the city announced November 11 would be the last day and that after five years of operation, the bikes would be sold, donated or recycled.

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Post Office warns states across US about mail voting

BRIAN SLODYSKO AND AMY BETH HANSON
Associated Press

The U.S. Postal Service is warning states coast to coast that it cannot guarantee all ballots cast by mail for the November election will arrive in time to be counted, even if mailed by state deadlines, raising the possibility that millions of voters could be disenfranchised.

Voters and lawmakers in several states are also complaining that some curbside mail collection boxes are being removed.

Even as President Donald Trump rails against widescale voting by mail, the post office is bracing for an unprecedented number of mail-in ballots as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

The warning letters sent to states raise the possibility that many Americans eligible for mail-in ballots this fall will not have them counted. But that is not the intent, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy said in his own letter to Democratic congressional leaders.

The post office is merely "asking elected officials and voters to realistically consider how the mail works, and be mindful of our delivery standards, in order to provide voters ample time to cast ballots through the mail," wrote DeJoy, a prominent Trump political donor who was recently appointed.

The back-and-forth comes amid a vigorous campaign by Trump to sow doubts about mail-in voting as he faces a difficult fight for reelection against Democrat Joe Biden.

Though Trump casts his own ballots by mail, he's repeatedly criticized efforts to allow more people to do so, which he argues without evidence will lead to increased voter fraud that could cost him the election. Meanwhile, members of Congress from both parties have voiced concerns that curbside mail boxes, which is how many will cast their ballots, have abruptly been removed in some states.

At the same time that the need for timely delivery of the mail is peaking, service has been curtailed amid cost-cutting and efficiency measures ordered by the DeJoy, the new postmaster general, who is a former supply-chain CEO and a financial supporter of Trump and other Republicans. He has implemented measures to eliminate overtime pay and hold mail over if distribution centers are running late.

Officials in more than a dozen states, including the presidential election battlegrounds of Michigan and Pennsylvania, all confirmed to The Associated Press on Friday that they had received the warning letters.

"This is a deeply troubling development in what is becoming a clear pattern of attempted voter suppression by the Trump administration," Democratic Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam said in a statement. "I am committed to making sure all Virginians have access to the ballot box, and will continue to work with state and federal lawmakers to ensure safe, secure and accessible elections this fall."

Kim Wyman, the Republican secretary of state in Washington state, where all voting is by mail, said sending fall ballot material to millions of voters there is a "routine operation of the U.S. Postal Service."

"Politicizing these administrative processes is dangerous and undermines public confidence in our elections," she said in a statement. "This volume of work is by no means unusual, and is an operation I am confident the U.S. Postal Service is sufficiently prepared to fulfill."

Meanwhile, the removal of Postal Service collection mail boxes triggered concerns and anger in Oregon and Montana. Boxes were also removed in Indiana.

In Montana, postal officials said the removals were part of a program to eliminate underused drop boxes. But after the outcry, which included upset members of Congress, the officials said they were suspending the program in Montana. It was unclear if the program was also suspended in other states.

At least 25 mail boxes were removed in mid-July in Montana with another 30 scheduled to be taken away soon, said Julie Quilliam, president of the Montana Letter Carriers Association. She rejected the claim that the boxes were removed because of low usage.

"Some of the boxes scheduled to be removed from downtown Billings are nearly overflowing daily," Quilliam wrote in a Facebook message.

All three members of Montana's congressional delegation — two of whom are Republican — raised concerns about the removal of mail boxes in letters sent to Postmaster DeJoy.

"These actions set my hair on fire and they have real life implications for folks in rural America and their ability to access critical postal services like paying their bills and voting in upcoming elections," said Sen. Jon Tester, a Democrat.

Republican Sen. Steve Daines and Rep. Greg Gianforte, also a Republican, raised similar concerns in letters to DeJoy about the effect the removal of the mail boxes might have on delivery times. All three asked for information on how the agency decided which boxes to remove and whether any more removals were planned.

"During the current public health crisis it is more important than ever the USPS continue to provide prompt, dependable delivery service," said Gianforte.

Postal Service spokesperson Ernie Swanson said the Oregon removals were due to declining mail volume and that duplicate mail boxes were taken from places that had more than one. The Postal Service said four mail boxes were removed in Portland this week.

"First-class mail volume has declined significantly in the U.S., especially since the pandemic," Swanson said. "That translates to less mail in collection boxes."

Separately, the National Association of Letter Carriers, which represents 300,000 current and retired workers, endorsed Biden.

The union said Trump has been hostile to the post office and has undermined it and its workers while Biden "is – was – and will continue to be – a fierce ally and defender of the United States Postal Service," said union president Fredric Rolando.

Hanson reported from Helena, Montana. Associated Press writers across the U.S. contributed to this report.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 311 CALLS ON AUGUST 13

Trespassing 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 12:49 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery Just Occurred 4th St / Montana Ave 3:45 a.m.
Trespassing 1500blk 4th St 6:43 a.m.
Trespassing 800blk Arizona Ave 7:16 a.m.
Burglary Just Occurred 800blk Lincoln Blvd 7:38 a.m.
Runaway 3100blk Main St 7:53 a.m.
Trespassing 1200blk 7th St 8:12 a.m.
Burglary Report 600blk San Vicente Blvd 8:18 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 2600blk Main St 9:01 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1400blk 2nd St 9:23 a.m.
Burglary Report 1300blk 9th St 9:32 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 9:36 a.m.
Trespassing 2600blk Wilshire Blvd 9:39 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1200blk 2nd St 9:39 a.m.
Elder Abuse 900blk 3rd St 10:04 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 1600blk 16th St 10:04 a.m.
Elder Abuse 1100blk 12th St 10:05 a.m.
Elder Abuse 2600blk 28th St 10:05 a.m.
Elder Abuse 2600blk 28th St 10:06 a.m.
Elder Abuse 1000blk Hill St 10:07 a.m.
Encampment 900blk The Beach 10:12 a.m.
Person With A Gun 1300blk 4th St 10:36 a.m.
Trespassing 700blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:50 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 11:04 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 2000blk Olympic Blvd 11:07 a.m.
Trespassing 2000blk Wilshire Blvd 11:38 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 500blk Olympic Blvd W 11:41 a.m.
Trespassing 200blk Mills St 12:05 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1600blk Ashland Ave 12:15 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Franklin St / Wilshire Blvd 12:28 p.m.
Transport Prisoner 300blk Olympic Dr 12:50 p.m.
Encampment 300blk Civic Center Dr 1:09 p.m.
Encampment 2000blk Ocean Ave 1:39 p.m.
Burglary Report 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 1:51 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1000blk Ocean Ave 1:59 p.m.
Encampment 1600blk 19th St 2:28 p.m.
Encampment 2200blk Olympic Blvd 2:41 p.m.
Identity Theft 800blk Ocean Ave 2:45 p.m.
Trespassing 1200blk Ocean Ave 3:15 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1100blk Marine St 4:00 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1900blk Cloverfield Blvd 4:31 p.m.
Trespassing 800blk Pico Blvd 4:53 p.m.
Encampment 1400blk 15th St 6:41 p.m.
Overdose 1300blk 14th St 7:19 p.m.
Attempt Strongarm Robbery Just Occurred 1200blk Palisades Beach Rd 7:31 p.m.
Trespassing 2600blk Main St 8:06 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:03 p.m.
Person Down Ocean Ave / Wilshire Blvd 9:44 p.m.
Identity Theft 900blk 25th St 10:41 p.m.
Transport Prisoner 300blk Olympic Dr 11:48 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

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E.M.S. 2600Blk 11Th St 5:48 a.m.
Odor Investigation 1200Blk Marine St 9:00 a.m.
E.M.S. 2200Blk 20Th St 10:36 a.m.
E.M.S. 1000Blk 3Rd St 10:37 a.m.
E.M.S. 1300Blk 20Th St 11:11 a.m.
Wires Down 800Blk Bay St 11:21 a.m.
E.M.S. 1400Blk Ocean Ave 11:31 a.m.
E.M.S. 600Blk Ocean Park Blvd 11:56 a.m.
Fire Out Investigation 14Th St / Pico Blvd 12:01 p.m.
Traffic Collision with Injury Franklin St / Wilshire Blvd 12:31 p.m.
E.M.S. 1400Blk 4Th St 12:32 p.m.
E.M.S. 2400Blk Olympic Blvd 12:43 p.m.
E.M.S. 1700Blk Pearl St 1:02 p.m.
E.M.S. 400Blk Expo Line 4:50 p.m.
E.M.S. 5Th St / Colorado Ave 5:01 p.m.
E.M.S. 2200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:25 p.m.
E.M.S. 1400Blk Ocean Ave 5:30 p.m.
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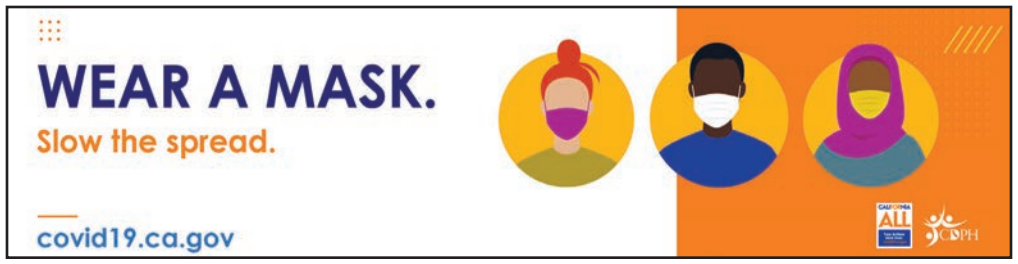
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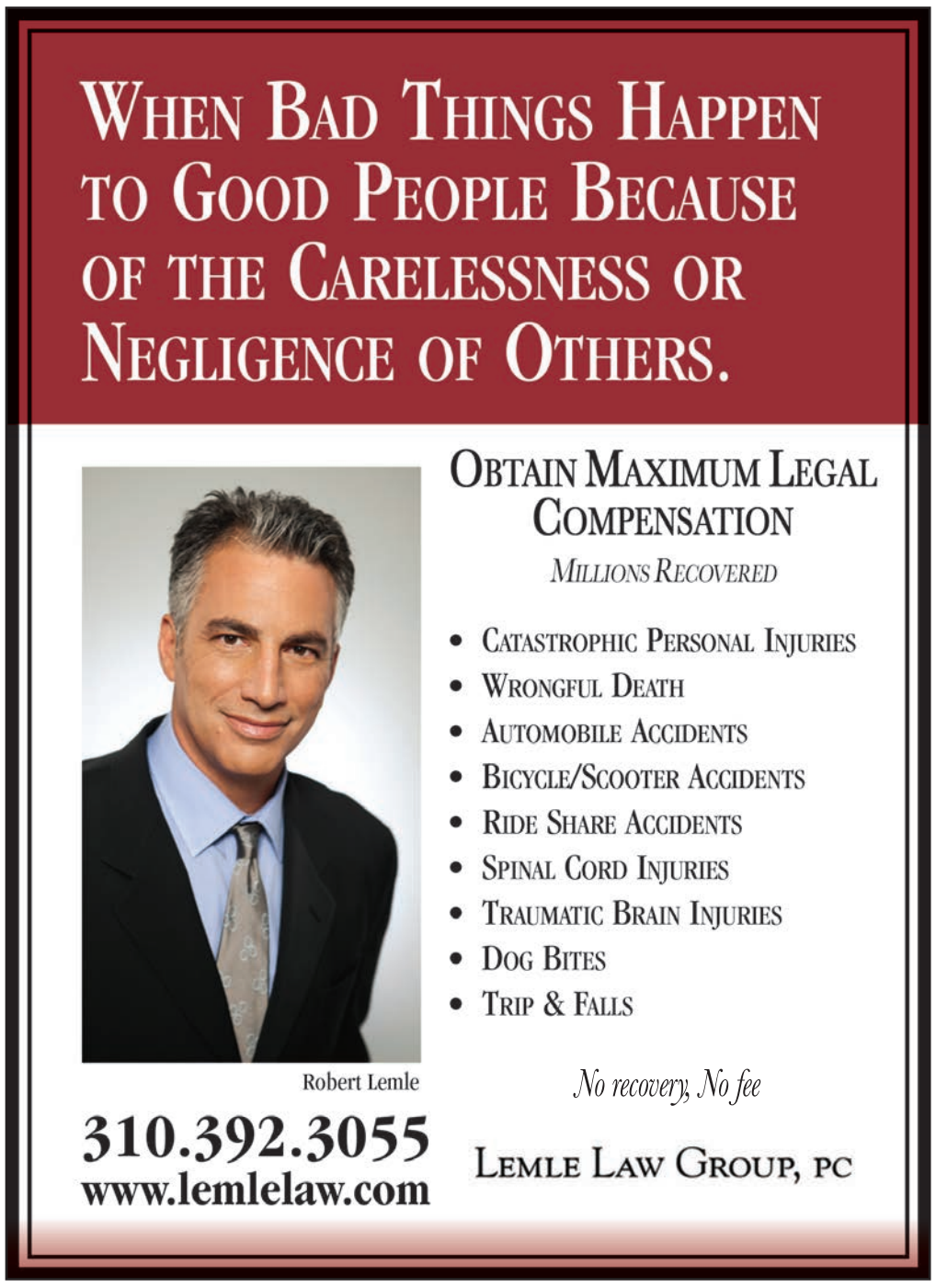






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9th Circuit ends California ban on high-capacity magazines

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Associated Press

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Friday threw out California's ban on high-capacity ammunition magazines, saying the law violates the U.S. Constitution's protection of the right to bear firearms.

"Even well-intentioned laws must pass constitutional muster," appellate Judge Kenneth Lee wrote for the panel's majority. California's ban on magazines holding more than 10 bullets "strikes at the core of the Second Amendment — the right to armed self-defense."

He noted that California passed the law "in the wake of heart-wrenching and highly publicized mass shootings," but said that isn't enough to justify a ban whose scope "is so sweeping that half of all magazines in America are now unlawful to own in California."

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra's office said it is reviewing the decision and he "remains committed to using every tool possible to defend California's gun safety laws and keep our communities safe."

Gun owners cannot immediately rush to buy high-capacity magazines because a stay issued by the lower court judge remains in place.

But Becerra did not say if the state would seek a further delay of Friday's ruling to prevent an immediate buying spree if the lower court judge ends that restriction. Gun groups estimated that more than a million high-capacity ammunition magazines may have legally flooded into California during a one-week window before the judge stayed his ruling three years ago.

Becerra also did not say if he would ask a larger 11-judge appellate panel to reconsider the ruling by the three judges, or if he would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Gov. Gavin Newsom, who championed the magazine ban when he was lieutenant governor, defended the law as a vital gun violence prevention measure.

"I think it was sound, I think it was right, and ... the overwhelming majority of Californians agreed when they supported a ballot initiative that we put forth," he said Friday.

California Rifle & Pistol Association attorney Chuck Michel called Friday's decision "a huge victory" for gun owners "and the right to choose to own a firearm to defend your family," while a group that favors firearms restrictions called it "dangerous" and expects it will be overturned.

The ruling has national implications because other states have similar restrictions, though it immediately applies only to Western states under the appeals court's jurisdiction.

Gun rights groups have been trying to get such cases before the nation's high court now that it has a more conservative majority.

The decision written by an appellate judge appointed by President Donald Trump "should put gun safety advocates across the country on high alert," said Giffords Law Center Litigation Director Hannah Shearer. "These judges are gaining potentially irreversible inroads on our appellate courts."

However, the Supreme Court's majority in June declined to consider several challenges to federal and state gun control laws, including Massachusetts' ban on large-capacity ammunition magazines.

Aside from the magazine ban itself, Michel and the unaffiliated Second Amendment Foundation said the case has legal implications for other gun restrictions should it reach the justices because it could allow the court to clarify an obscure legal debate over what standard of review should be used.

"The Supreme Court seems inclined to do away with the complicated subjective tests that many courts have wrongly applied in Second Amendment cases, in favor of a clearer more objective 'originalist' approach that considers the text, history and tradition of a law to determine what infringements might be tolerated," Michel said in an email.

Friday's ruling was a fractured decision partly because of that issue: Two of the three judges voted to toss out the state's ban, while the third judge dissented.

U.S. District Court Judge Barbara Lynn of Texas, who had been named the third judge on the appellate panel, said the majority's ruling conflicts with decisions in six other federal appellate courts across the nation, and with a 2015 ruling by a different panel of the 9th Circuit itself. She said she would have upheld California's law based on that precedent.

"This ruling is an extreme outlier" given those earlier decisions, said Eric Tirschwell, managing director for Everytown Law, the litigation team affiliated with Everytown for Gun Safety that favors firearms restrictions. "We expect an en banc panel will rehear the case and correct this erroneous, dangerous, and out-of-step decision."

Friday's decision upholds a 2017 ruling by San Diego-based U.S. District Judge Roger Benitez, who blocked a new law that would have barred gun owners from possessing magazines holding more than 10 bullets.

But he and the appeals court went further by declaring unconstitutional a state law that had prohibited buying or selling such magazines since 2000. That law had let those who had the magazines before then keep them, but barred new sales or imports.

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ORDINANCES

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would increase fees to $6 per thousand on the sale price, according to Finance Department Director Gigi Decavalles-Hughes, who said the proposal would only affect property sales worth more than $5 million, which make up about 10 percent of all parcels sold in the city per year.

Supporters say the measure is a vital part of rebuilding the community's strength and raises taxes only on corporations and those who sell properties worth $5 million or more.

"Renters, people living with homelessness, families struggling with uncertain employment, homebound senior citizens, and those struggling with mental health issues will all benefit from (the proposed ordinance)," according to an argument posted online at smvote.org/BallotMeasures/, which is signed by Mayor Kevin McKeown, Natalya Zernitskaya, president of League of Women Voters of Santa Monica, Shari Davis, chair of Community for Excellent Public Schools, Emergency Room Nurse at UCLA-Santa Monica Hospital Tim Van Pelt, and Denny Zane, co-chair and co-founder of Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights.

The group believes voting yes on the unnamed Local Revenue Measure would protect Santa Monica's vital public health services, including emergency response resources, economic recovery efforts, library programs and many, many others.

However, President of Greater L.A. Realtors Ryan Ole Hass, Former Santa Monica Rent Commissioner Robert Kronovet, small business owner Irma Vargas, and local resident Patricia O'Neil, believe now is not the time for a tax increase.

"COVID-19 and civil unrest have impacted our community. Now, the City Council wants to raise taxes on small businesses," the argument against the measure states. "Small and independent rental property owners will be adversely impacted (and) this tax could result in more large multi-national corporations owning the apartment and condo complexes in our city. We don't need more national corporations becoming our landlords."

The argument against the proposed measure also notes Santa Monica already has Los Angeles County's second-highest real estate transfer tax and residents aren't exactly sure how the tax dollars will be spent.

"As a general tax, the City cannot designate how the revenue will be spent," the argument states. "It must go into the general fund with no guarantee on what it will be spent on with zero accountability."

To view the entirety of the arguments and proposed measures that will appear on the November ballot, visit smvote.org.

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ZJ BOARDING

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Even though ZJ's sales have been high, the lease negotiations were unable to be resolved in the current climate. Regardless of COVID, ZJ was planning to temporarily shut down on September 1 as the building needs a new roof and to be retrofitted with iron girders.

"It's closing because of an unachievable lease agreement that makes sense for the Boardriders to sign a long term lease," said Roberts. "Because they couldn't put together an agreement of what was fair rent for March until now and during the closure period, we are parting ways with this space."

The decision to close was not in Roberts' hands as the store was sold to Billabong in 2015, who was acquired by Boardriders in 2018. While ZJ was doing excellent business recently, many of the 80 plus stores Boardriders own in America are closed or struggling, according to Roberts. Therefore, Roberts believes it is difficult for Boardriders to work out a deal if this particular landlord is not willing to budge while other stores are receiving concessions and rent abatements.

"It feels like to me it wasn't necessarily ego, but it was two wills and they are pushing against each other and what's getting lost in translation is a company that is very special," said Roberts. "It's super sad that not only are we going to shutter this door, but also a connection to this community."

When Roberts opened the store in 1988 alongside Mike Pierson, the current Mayor of Malibu, many children immediately began to hang out in and around the board house. Instead of shooing the young surfers and skateboarders away, the two men decided to welcome them with open arms, which created a community of like-minded friends, many of whom have gone on to work in the store for many years.

Among them is Sean McNulty, who first came to the store the day he moved to LA at 18 years old. He was hired at 19 and has been working at ZJ for the past 14 years.

"They treat us as family and not many jobs that you get have a boss that cares to look at you as family," said McNulty. "Kids have been raised here basically, from being little groms to them then working here. It means more than you could think of to the community and it's going to be really felt next week."

While it appears that ZJ Boarding House is ending its tenure on Ocean Ave and Main St, a possible new future location is not out of the question, according to Roberts.

"There is hope for it, but this feeling that we have here is going to be hard to duplicate," said McNulty. "Even though it really is four walls and a roof, it's us that work here that give it this vibe. We can go somewhere and it will still be ZJ, but it will be hard not being on this corner."

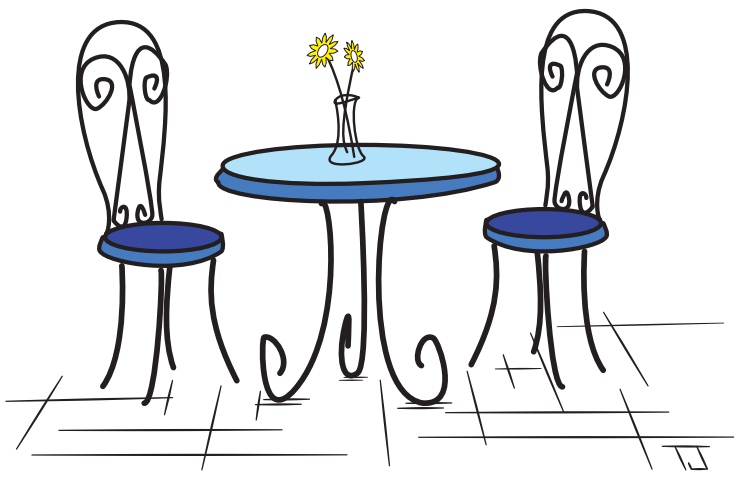
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US West faces reckoning over water but avoids cuts for now

SAM METZ
Associated Press/Report for America

The white rings that wrap around two massive lakes in the U.S. West are a stark reminder of how water levels are dropping and a warning that the 40 million people who rely on the Colorado River face a much drier future.

Amid prolonged drought and climate change in a region that's only getting thirstier, when that reckoning will arrive — and how much time remains to prepare for it — is still a guess.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation released projections Friday that suggest Lake Powell and Lake Mead will dip 16 feet and 5 feet, respectively, in January from levels recorded a year earlier. Despite the dip, Lake Mead would stay above the threshold that triggers severe water cuts to cities and farms, giving officials throughout the Southwest more time to prepare for the future when the flow will slow.

"It's at least a couple of decades until we're saying, 'We don't have one more drop for the next person that comes here,'" said Ted Cooke, general manager of Central Arizona Project, the canal system that delivers river water. "But people certainly ought to be aware that water — the importation of a scarce commodity into a desert environment — is expensive and, with climate change, going to get even more expensive."

The Colorado River supplies Arizona, California, Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming and Mexico. Its water pours out of faucets in growing cities like Denver, Las Vegas and Phoenix and nourishes enough farmland to yield 15% of total U.S. crop output and 13% of livestock production.

Last year, with increasingly less water flowing to Lake Mead and Lake Powell — the two largest man-made reservoirs in the United States — Arizona, California and Nevada agreed to a drought contingency plan that built in voluntary cuts to prevent the reservoirs from dropping to dangerous levels. The other states historically haven't used their full allocation of water and focus on keeping Lake Powell full enough to generate hydropower.

Nevada and Arizona will make those voluntary cuts under the new projections, which they also made last year for the first time. But because neither state is using its full share of water, the impact has been minimal and hasn't trickled down to homes. Mexico also is facing another round of cuts.

Lake Mead's expected level of 1,089 feet (332 meters) is almost identical to last year's projections because conservation efforts and a snowy winter prevented an expected drop, said Michael Bernardo, Bureau of Reclamation river operations manager. The wet weather didn't last, prompting engineers to forecast the lakes will keep receding.

When projections drop below 1,075 feet (328 meters), Nevada and Arizona will face deeper cuts mandated by agreements between the seven states and Mexico.

"The future of the river is going to be drier than the past. All the climate models and the current drought suggest that," said Colby Pellegrino, Southern Nevada Water Authority's deputy general manager of resources. "Every sector is going to have to learn how to do more with less."

Since 1990, the population has more than tripled in the Las Vegas area, which gets nearly 90% of its water from the Colorado River. But by treating and recycling almost all water used indoors — for flushing toilets and running dishwashers, for example — and replacing nearly 305,000 square miles (790,000 square kilometers) of grass with desert-friendly landscaping, the area has consumed far less than it's allocated.

Elsewhere, officials are scrambling to find alternative water supplies to sustain growing cities and farms. Agricultural areas can't replicate Las Vegas' turf removal program. And Nevada's

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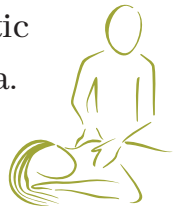
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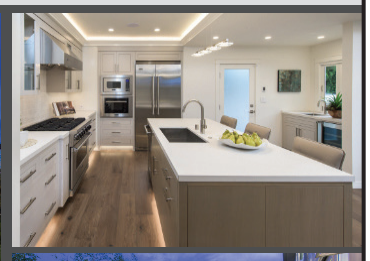
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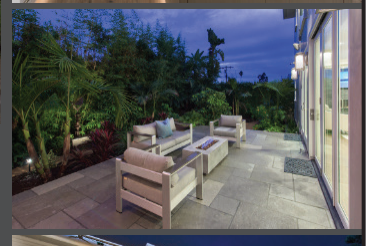
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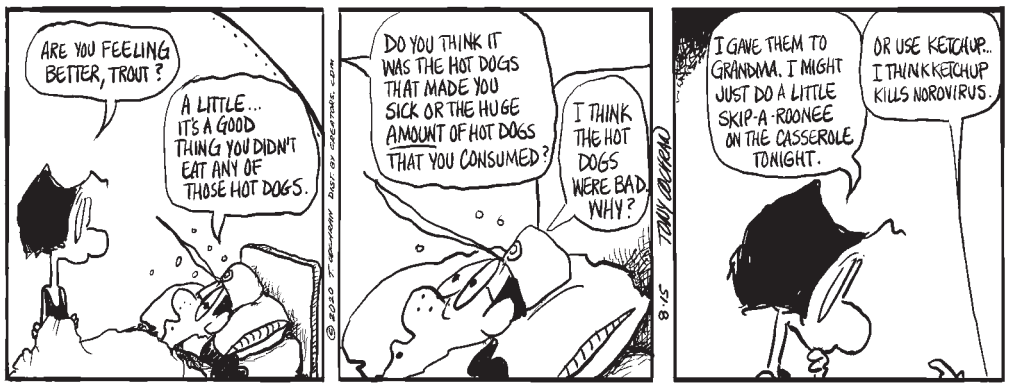
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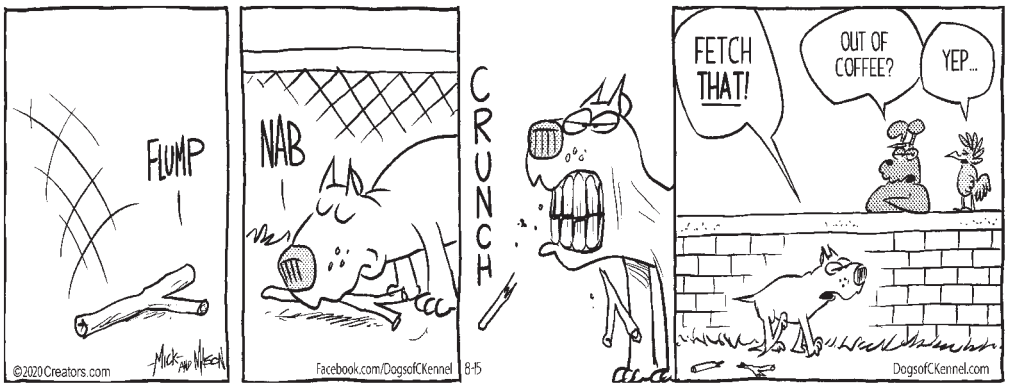
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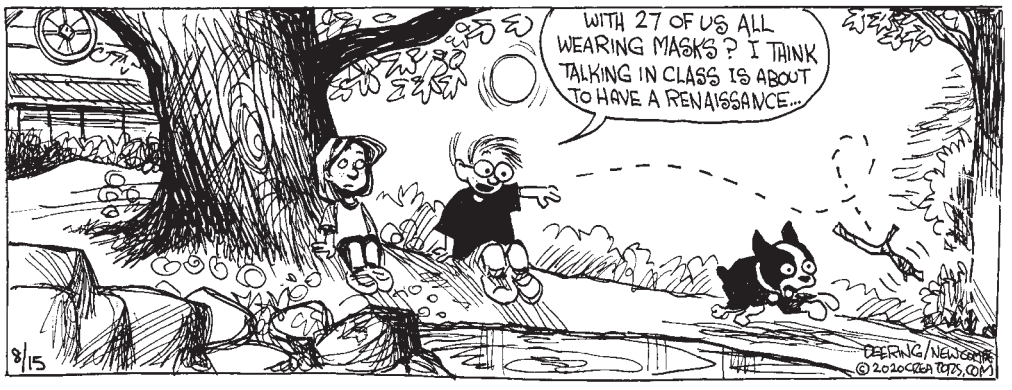
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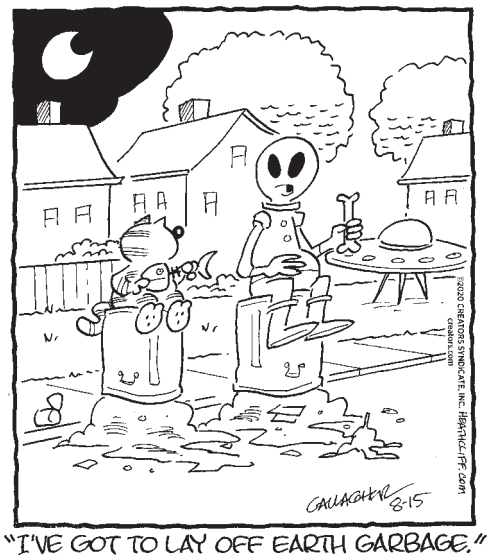
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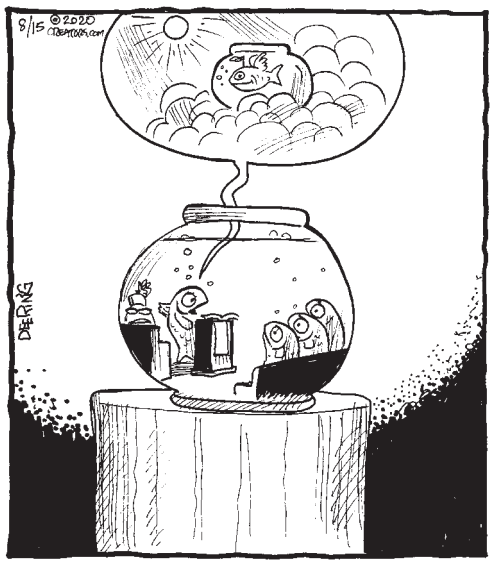
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"I'VE GOT TO LAY OFF EARTH GARBAGE."

Strange Brew

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 63.9°

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist hight
Fresh, steep angled S/SSE swell creeps in. Minor NW windswell. Trace tropical swell. Small but should still be rideable. Light winds early and in the later afternoon/evening.

SUNDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Steep angled S/SSE swell picks up more. Minor NW windswell. Eddy circulation peaks in strength for the SoCal bight – cleanest for spots west of Pt Dume.

WEATHER

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 80. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. **Saturday Night:** Increasing clouds, with a low around 69. West wind 5 to 15 mph.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 78. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest in the afternoon.

Sunday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 69.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/08/15	Sat	02:09 AM	0.17	L
2020/08/15	Sat	7:22 PM	5.95	H
2020/08/16	Sun	02:44 AM	-0.27	L
2020/08/16	Sun	09:15 AM	3.97	H
2020/08/16	Sun	1:49 PM	2.43	L
2020/08/16	Sun	8:04 PM	6.36	H
2020/08/17	Mon	03:17 AM	-0.61	L
2020/08/17	Mon	09:43 AM	4.21	H
2020/08/17	Mon	2:32 PM	2.12	L
2020/08/17	Mon	8:46 PM	6.66	H
2020/08/18	Tue	03:52 AM	-0.82	L
2020/08/18	Tue	10:12 AM	4.45	H
2020/08/18	Tue	3:16 PM	1.82	L
2020/08/18	Tue	9:27 PM	6.78	H
2020/08/19	Wed	04:26 AM	-0.85	L
2020/08/19	Wed	10:09 PM	6.67	H
2020/08/20	Thu	05:02 AM	-0.68	L
2020/08/20	Thu	11:20 AM	4.92	H
2020/08/20	Thu	4:50 PM	1.36	L
2020/08/20	Thu	10:55 PM	6.29	H

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POWERBALL
Draw Date:08/12
2 6 18 36 37
Power#: 21
Jackpot:20 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 08/11
8 22 29 43 56
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 31 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 08/12
3 11 25 44 47
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 14 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 08/13
6 9 16 19 29

Daily 3
Draw Date: 08/13
Evening: 9 1 4
Draw Date: 08/13
Midday: 1 5 2

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 08/13
1st: 8-GORGEOUS GEORGE
2nd: 12-LUCKY CHARMS
3rd: 09-WINNING SPIRIT
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Stay away from the "I did it, and so can you" type of messaging today because it's overly simplistic and does not account for the myriad of ways that people are so different from one another.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The reality of a situation is much better than you're thinking it is. You just have to ask different questions of it. A person coming from a different place in life will help you frame things another way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Any mistakes in the work will actually be mistakes of planning. The more time you spend thinking ahead and setting yourself up for a win, the better your day will go.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your natural responses cannot be correct or incorrect. They just are. The behavior you choose after you feel a certain way can be very much wrong or right. You'll choose carefully tonight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). While it's natural to sometimes feel bad, sad, worried or angry, those who stay in these states indefinitely will have a negative consequence on your well-being. When you're choosing your company, consider tone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It turns out that the period of time when you felt like you were meandering was actually a long and deliberate planning stage for what's going on with you today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you are in an observant, receptive and artistic mood, "always," "never" and other extremes of language fall away. You revel in life's many colors and shades beyond black and white.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've known things to be more work than anticipated, but today's thing is ridiculous. Devote yourself when it's adding up to something that will matter. This isn't. Get out of it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're still figuring out what can and cannot be done and which tasks fall neatly under your jurisdiction. It might be worth it to take on something that's not your responsibility, even though you won't get credit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There was a time when you stretched yourself to fit a role. And then, slowly, steadily, you grew to fit the title. You're about to repeat this process with a new challenge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your attitude is the perfect match to get any job done, but especially the ones that have to do with extending your powers of empathy to figure out how best to help the situation along.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You won't go wrong when you aim for tangible, quantifiable outcomes. A coach can help you along. Unambiguous feedback isn't for everyone — only for the tough, like you.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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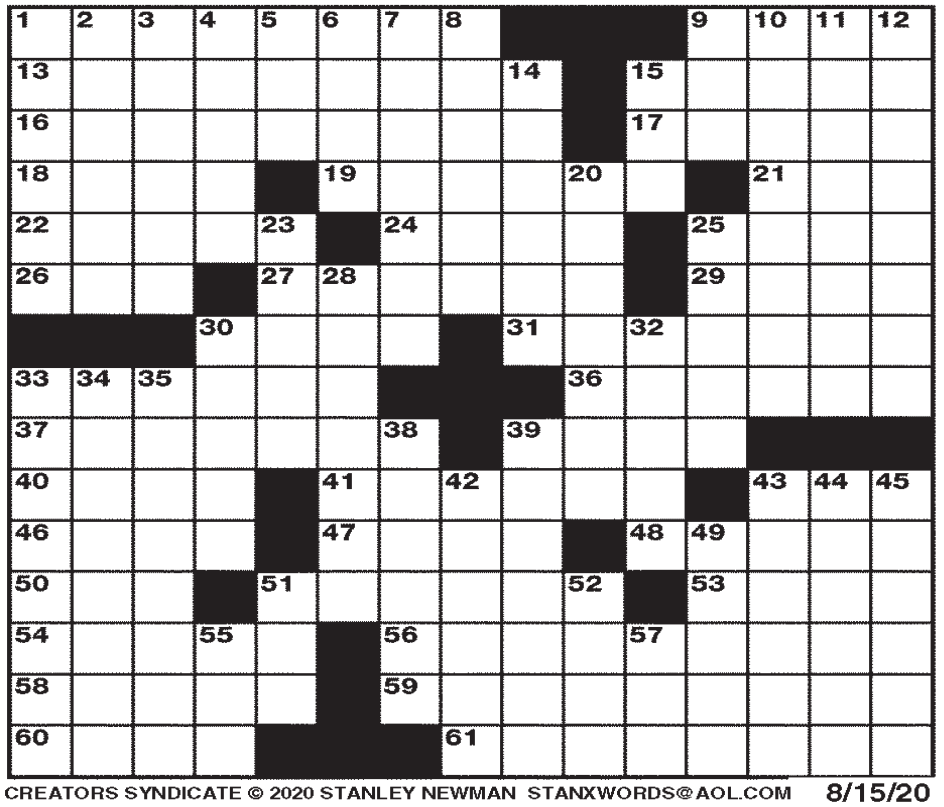
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Twisty underground passageway
9 Chisel
13 Expressions of atonement
15 "Iron Lady" before Indira
16 Former *Vogue* VIP
17 Repudiate, with "off"
18 Make whole, in a way
19 Digital "marvelous"
21 On target
22 Postwar digital marvel
24 Broad hollow
25 Prefix for repellents
26 "Where Discoveries Begin" agcy.
27 Sage's asset
29 Flank topper
30 *Shark Tank* heavy hitter for two seasons
31 Frequent Depardieu costar
33 Early Edison bulb filament
36 Group that signed the Declaration and Constitution
37 Constant
39 It can mean much
40 Focus of a Pinterest Floor Show
41 Sagelike
43 Fostered
46 Weapon on the Bayeux Tapestry
47 Aid offer
48 Bradbury's "Verb that moves us to Space"
50 __ tree
51 *"Un __ spettacolo"* (Pagliacci aria)
53 Cold War fleet
54 Durham collegian, cutely
56 Either version of *Stagecoach*
58 Is not for a lot
59 Yuletide fruitcake
60 Pleiades supercomputer owner
61 Held for training, as boxers

DOWN
1 City visible from Philly
2 Five NFL mascots
3 Swell
4 Name on the first side-by-side fridge
5 Napa nickname
6 Tiramisu treat just for 2020
7 Spheroid sweet
8 Tree that's a different tree if you cut off its trunk
9 Foment
10 Eradicate
11 Plastic
12 Military terror
14 Met no resistance
15 TV home for retro "Wheels"
20 It's common among clones
23 Powder for some brownies
25 Bose Soundbar audio option
28 Rainfall by-product
30 Opposite of "ennoble"
32 Ben-Gurion University's surroundings
33 *Thrones'* Lena Headey, by birth
34 Roman Empire refresher
35 Single-serving desserts
38 Wall of a moat
39 Not at all eye-opening
42 Its leaves were once used in leather making
43 Misspend one's time
44 Momentum source
45 Ready for a smoothie, say
49 Fake it with feeling
51 __ cracking
52 Unsullied environment
55 Musical repertory's "short" conclusion
57 Half a name on soda bottles



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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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Beam	Haumea	Orbit	Time
Big bang	In awe	Outer	Travel
Callisto	Inner	Ozone	USA
Comet	Kelvin	Planet	Venus
Constellation	Lunar	Pluto	Walk
Darkness	Maps	Poles	
	Mars	Pulsar	

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BIKESHARE

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The system cost about a million dollars per year to operate and was funded through a partnership with Hulu that covered 60-70 percent of the total cost. The remaining cash came from customers who paid to rent the bright green bikes on a per minute basis. The combination of revenue and donations had the system operating in the black for the first four years of its life but Breeze was undermined by a trifecta of challenges, one economic, one systemic and one natural.

Ridership, and the corresponding income, began to decline with the growth of private micro-mobility options such as shared scooters and bikes. In 2019, Santa Monica was home to scooter rentals from Bird, Lime, Lyft and Jump. Jump also launched a fleet of electric bikes. Breeze was a manual system with no electric option and while the bikes came with locks that could be secured anywhere, system pricing punished riders who chose to leave the bikes outside a designated parking space. The private systems structured their pricing to allow for vehicles to be picked up and dropped off anywhere.

The presence of those private companies in the marketplace also made it difficult for the city to secure additional investment in the public system.

The individual bikes each have a natural life cycle of several years before repairs can no longer keep them safely operating. Many of the Breeze bikes are approaching that time and the initial infrastructure was purchased with $2 million in grants. Staff said they have worked to identify a new source of money to pay for additional equipment but in the current economy, grants are drying up. Metro will not issue grants for non-Metro bikeshares and in addition, the presence of private companies like Uber and Lyft in the bike/scooter business has made it harder to find money for public systems as state resources will not prioritize services that can be provided by the private sector.

"The reality is we got $2 Million in grant funds to set up the system and buy the bikes," said Francie Stefan. "But the bikes were getting old and we needed another reinvestment into equipment infrastructure. That was going to be a substantial cost and typical grant agencies aren't prioritizing it right now."

A wholesale fleet replacement was also on the horizon due to a forced obsolescence of the bikes operating software caused by a series of corporate sales.

Santa Monica's system runs on technology created by Social Bicycles and the company rebranded to Jump. Uber purchased Jump in 2018 and the company sold Jump to Lime. The deal resulted in the destruction of thousands of Jump bikes and hundreds of Jump employees were fired. Tech support for the Breeze system is now limited with little hope of continued support and any continued public system would require purchase of an entirely new fleet that would not be dependent on the dying technology.

Even with a new system, questions remain about the popularity of shared vehicles post-coronavirus. The pandemic further depressed ridership but Breeze actually began to rebound quickly. Officials made the system free to use to benefit individuals who did need transportation and when private systems abandoned the city during the early months of the crisis, Breeze remained on the streets.

Officials said a new bikeshare could be restarted at any time if the City can secure funding for the new equipment. In the meantime, the private operators have begun repopulating the city with their devices.

"While Breeze operations will come to an end, the City remains committed to ensuring that shared e-scooters, e-bikes, and bikes continue to help us reduce congestion and emissions by providing a reliable and affordable transportation option for short trips around town. Both Bird and Lyft will continue to operate e-scooters, and by October 1, 2020 Lyft will launch a fleet of e-bikes in Santa Monica as part of the Shared Mobility Pilot Program," said the letter to customers.

"The City is considering the best way for ensuring that the community is well served with accessible shared e-scooter, e-bike, and pedal bike services. Staff plans to return to Council in Spring 2021 with a recommended path forward for achieving that goal before the Bird and Lyft permits expire on April 30, 2021."

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WATER

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ability to restore treated wastewater to Lake Mead, which is about 30 miles (48 kilometers) east of Las Vegas, can't be done in places with less storage capacity, like Southern California, where wastewater runs into the Pacific Ocean.

In Arizona, where nearly 40% of water comes from the Colorado River, officials need to aggressively pursue alternative sources, ranging from underground aquifers to ocean water desalination, to keep serving customers long term, said Cooke of the Central Arizona Project.

For now, he said, people can take comfort in progress made to secure the river's future with last year's drought contingency plan. But once Lake Mead dips low enough, Arizona will endure the most painful cuts of any state based on an agreed-upon priority list — first rural farmers, then eventually cities.

Tribes within the Colorado River basin also have at least 785,000 acre-feet of water each year that they have claimed but haven't legally settled, or enough to fill about 3.2 billion average-sized bathtubs, according to a federal study. Arizona pays two tribes for their unused water, relying heavily on it to fulfill the state's obligations in the drought contingency plan. At some point, that arrangement could change as supplies shrink and tribes need more of their share.

John Fleck, director of University of New Mexico's Water Resources Program, said that unlike conservation, costs hinder most proposals to bring in new water.

"What you're seeing is these expensive projects are dying because of this conservation trend," he said. "They're just super expensive, and we're seeing communities successfully conserving without too much trouble. Without them, it doesn't feel particularly painful."

Cooke acknowledged the costs of alternative supply projects but said conservation-minded academics like Fleck have a different perspective because they aren't accountable to customers and constituents.

"We're working on both of those things — both to reduce consumption and to increase supply — and we don't have to make a choice between one or the other," Cooke said.



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