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Congressional Art Competition Winners Announced

US Congressman Brad Schneider held a Congressional Art competition in the last few months for high school students. The winners were announced on June 16th. Their winning artwork will

hang in the U.S. Capitol, my Illinois and DC offices respectively.

Janette Martinez-Tolentino of Waukegan High School earned first place for her piece titled "Stronger Together". Other winners included; Angie Ordonez of Waukegan High School received second place honors for her work titled "Great Ideas for a Great Nation," ; and Lauren Finkof Warren Township High School placed third with her work "Share the Sweet Light."

Much More Inside



RACIAL EQUITY BEGINS WITH 2 STEPS

An African American childhood friend and I got into a little spat over racism and police brutality. He basically said that most police are good, but there are a few bad apples.

This is what I said to him. When you say that there are only a few and the few gets the attention because bad news sells, that is a gross characterization of the problems with the systemic police operations in America. It is not just the bad boys, but there is an inherent value system in

policing. Generally, when black people (especially males) are stopped there is a heightened intensity and scrutiny of the of the black driver and a general

sense of disrespect. Many times it is escalated into unnecessary tickets, rigor, and violence. As young black men, we were taught to say "Yes sir and No Sir" or better "Yass sir, and Nawg sir", and "Tank Ya Sir", IF they let us go without roughing us up.

Many of our youth weren't trained to be demur with the police. In fact, they were conditioned to be belligerent and that's why many more are getting the baton, the shot in the back, and the knee in the neck. The reason that racism and police brutality is being cited synonymously is because this is the tip of the racist ice berg. Dereck Chauvin's knee on George Floyd's neck is a figurative knee on the neck of Black people by the systemic racist infrastructure that we have accepted as a way of life.

But I did agree on one of his points. Let's stop talking about the problem and let us address the issues and solutions. As you and every one of us knows, you can't legislate morality or racist attitudes, but you can legislate justice and legislate counter racist practices. Looking to religious leaders may be a bigger mistake than what it may appear to be on the surface. The far religious right was adamant about electing the current President. And despite his overtly racist tactics, and twitter, many of the religious right still support him. Religious leaders are flawed individuals just like you and I. Setting anyone upon a pedestal and asking them

to lead is a conundrum within itself. But God is the answer, and the Bible lays out what I am going to call GOLD STANDARDS which if we used as our Gold Standard for equity, practice, and law, then we can move towards resolution.

Transitioning, new laws should be based on biblical principles.

And yes, we do need new laws that will act to counter racism and if we do so, I believe that over time racism will abate. We are seeing a resurgence of overt racism in part due to the dog whistling tactics of our current presidential administration. But know this, it was already there, brewing in the shadows and for many, it has been killing us all along.

Legislating counter racist practices such as the civil rights laws of the Johnson / Martin Luther King Era will help to stem the tide and practices of racial discrimination. Quotas helped establish a middle class and enforce social equity. We need to bring them back. If 14% of our population is African American then 14% of all level of the workforce in companies should be Black. That should apply towards the front-line workers, to supervision, to managers, directors, vice-presidents and chief executive officers. This will help to bring back the Black middle class and eradicate the disproportionate poverty level among African Americans.

We need to bring back, strengthen and empower the EEOC and other organizations used for enforcement of these laws. They were stripped of their power and efficacy during the Reagan and Bush years.

Legislation and enforcement are two

places to start.

But as you indicated, the road to racial justice must include a conversation about the heart. My father once said to me, "Elroy, when people get older, people don't change, they get worse." And he was right. Once people develop a value system, they dig in their heels, and they act the way that they are conditioned to act. The President of our country is a fine example of that.

His heart must change for his view of the world to change. This can be done in at least two ways. One way is for him to have a true religious experience and God changes his heart (Example Paul on the Damascus Road). The other way is through conditioning. He can be placed in environments where over time, he sees the error of his ways, and through a better understanding (education) change.

We need both. We need to educate people. This includes sharing, integration, and being a part of it all rather than dividing, sequestering and or running away. And finally, we need to pray. We are all in this thing called life together, and if there is one thing that I do know for sure, is that there is no getting out of it alive.

**The thing about life, not one of us
are going to get out of it alive.
So we might as well get along.**

-Eroy Reed

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News Digest Lake County

COVID-19 Update

The Covid-19 Pandemic is still raging in America. States like California, Texas and Florida are seeing dramatic increases in confirmed cases and deaths. Across the Nation – there are 2.45 million confirmed cases with 124 Thousand deaths. In Illinois, there are 139 Thousand cases with nearly 7 thousand deaths. In Lake County, there are 9.5 thousand confirmed cases with 375 deaths.

County and state officials have stepped up testing, to date, 75,397 people have been tested, about 94.1 % of those have recovered. According to the Mayor of Waukegan, Mayor Sam Cunningham a new walk-up testing site has opened downtown Waukegan on Water and lake Streets. This will provide residents with a resource to drive up or walk up from the neighboring communities and be tested at no charge.

\$6 Million Dollar Grant for North Chicago School District # 187

State Representative Rita Mayfield announced that The North Chicago Community Unit School District #187 will get a \$6 million-dollar grant from the State of Illinois for the upcoming school year. Governor Pritzker's Office has announced that schools will re-open in the fall.

Black Chamber of Commerce Holds Legislative Roundtable

U.S. Congressman Brad Schneider held a digital roundtable meeting with the Black Chamber of Commerce to discuss the impact of the Cov-19 Pandemic on local black businesses. Several of the issues discussed where how hard it was for small businesses to get the payroll protection funding and that 88% of African Americans applications were denied. Most were turned down due to credit checks.

Women United of Lake County Donates 450 Gallons of Hand Sanitizer

United Way of Lake County's Women United recently donated 450 gallons of hand sanitizer to Waukegan Public Schools and several local nonprofits serving those struggling with basic needs during the COVID-19 crisis. After receiving an anonymous donation of nine 50-gallon drums of hand sanitizer, Women United quickly mobilized a team of volunteers to pour, cap, label, box, and deliver nearly two tons of hand sanitizer. United Conveyor Corporation generously provided warehouse space, expertise and equipment to aid in the effort.

"We are pleased to mobilize our membership for this project that gets hard-to-find hand sanitizer in the hands of Lake County nonprofits and residents," said Diana Nielander, manager of Women United.

"As a result, Northern Illinois Food Bank, Catholic Charities, Waukegan

Public Schools, ElderCare and others have hand sanitizer to use while delivering critical programs and can offer it to their clients. We are very proud to be able to serve in this way."

"Our food distribution staff have sorted and delivered more than half a million meals to date," said Carolina Fabian, Family and Community Engagement Coordinator for Waukegan Public Schools.

"These are our front-line workers who must deliver meals twice a week. Because they are so exposed, there is great importance on hand sanitizing. The extra hand sanitizer is an added measure to keep everyone healthy. We are extremely grateful Women United thought of us and shared a limited resource in this great time of need."





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Pritzker Launches 'Get Hired' Website Portal

Governor JB Pritzker, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and the Illinois Department of Employment Services (IDES) launched Get Hired Illinois – a new portal designed to connect workers with an available job and career training opportunities across the state of Illinois.

Governor Pritzker also announced that beginning in June, Illinois residents will have free access to online workforce development courses via a partnership with Coursera. With Illinois facing record unemployment as a result of COVID-19, the Coursera partnership and Get Hired page will serve as important measures in the state's overall efforts to get people back to work. Residents and employers may access Get Hired at www.illinois.gov/gethired.

"The financial stability and success of our residents is key to getting Illinois' economy back on its feet," said Governor Pritzker. "Illinois won't be restored until our workers and families have the opportunities

and resources they need to build and fill their lives. That's why my administration is working with businesses and industries across the state to encourage more employers to utilize the Get Hired website."

The new Get Hired portal blends IDES and DCEO resources to provide a one-stop-shop for both job seekers and employers—providing information on job opportunities as well as unemployment resources. "The Get Hired portal works to solve a goal that's two-fold—helping our job seekers return to work quickly and supporting our businesses in adding talented workers to help drive our economic recovery," said Erin Guthrie, Director of DCEO.

The Get Hired portal currently features nearly 60,000 available job opportunities in a variety of industries. Job seekers are encouraged to visit Get Hired often for updates on available opportunities.

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A Word From Deb Waszak, Chief of Staff City of North Chicago

Dear Esteemed Stakeholders and Friends,

It's been over three months since our City Hall was completely opened to the public. We miss you. Beginning Wednesday, July 1, City Hall will reopen from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – and then Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. until further notice. You may make appointments with staff members on Tuesdays and Thursdays. An evaluation of this will take place on Wednesday, July 15, and that time an additional opening phase may be announced.

The health and well-being of you and our North Chicago team is our priority. Various safety protocols have been established including enhanced cleaning methods and increased fre-

quency of cleaning and disinfecting in all City buildings, including the Metra Train Station. Additional hand sanitizing stations and protective barriers have been installed. Social distancing indicators are on the floors in public areas. Supplies of face coverings, gloves, and COVID-19 information are available throughout City Hall.

I am not certain what the future will hold, but there will be a new normal. We are assessing the fast-tracking of trends that are already underway in some industries to understand if or how those impact local government. We continue to encourage a culture of learning and supporting each other and our community.

Together, as always, we stand committed to creating and maintaining a safe, healthy, just, diverse, and inclusive future.

-Deb Waszak
Chief of Staff, City of North



The LOCKHART-WHITE REPORT

July 2020

A communique of the Community Action Partnership of Lake County

A new COVID-19 Crisis Lockdown and Intimate Terrorism

During this time of Shelter at Home, Social Distancing and new way of doing business, let's stay safe and healthy. Let's be mindful of ourselves, families and community. While looking at how this is affecting all of the world, I wanted to share this with you.

"Violence is not confined to the battlefield. For many women and girls, the threat looms largest where they should be safest – in their own homes." These words, spoken by United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, shine light on another devastating condition that has been flourishing under the reign of COVID-19, domestic abuse. The fact is that lockdowns and quarantines, while effective in reducing the spread of the coronavirus, have the potential to trap those with abusive partners. The National Domestic Violence Hotline (NDVH) reports that a growing number of callers are feeling the impact of COVID-19 more than most. Katie Ray-Jones, CEO of the NDVH, says that "Perpetrators are threatening to throw their victims out on the street so they get sick. We've heard of some withholding financial resources or medical assistance." One out of three women worldwide will experience physical or sexual violence during their lifetime, most often at the hands of an intimate partner. It is an oppressive, dangerous force that is prevalent during the best of times and devastating during the worst.

Survivors of domestic abuse always have a cost-benefit analysis working through their minds, according to police and victim advocates. Often, tolerating abuse is seen as safer when the alternative is moving into a crowded shelter or taking to the streets. This is true now more than ever, taking into account the health risks associated

with leaving home. Additionally, as millions of Americans lose their jobs because of the coronavirus lockdown, many survivors don't have the means to support themselves or access health care if they get sick. Domestic violence draws on power and control. Right now, many Americans feel an unsettling lack of control over their lives. Many survivors feel as though they have been a scapegoat for an abuser's inability to process this newfound lack of control. The National Domestic Violence Hotline reports that those who were already in an abusive situation are likely to find themselves facing more extreme violence.

Not only does the current crisis exacerbate issues for domestic abuse survivors, it also makes help less accessible. As medical facilities work hard to stay ahead of the coronavirus, our health systems are becoming overloaded, making it more difficult for survivors to access medical care or therapists. Many women are nervous about seeking medical care after experiencing physical abuse due to COVID-19 related fears. Often, leaving an abusive partner involves secretly saving money, which is nearly impossible during times of economic crisis. Many social services for victims of domestic violence are at risk for major budget cuts. Nonprofit organizations and shelters are also experiencing negative impacts on their philanthropic efforts.

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New State Grants Due To COVID-19 Pandemic

Gov. Pritzker also announced this week a \$900 Million Package of Community and Business Grant Programs. This package includes more than \$900 million across more than ten programs and four state agencies to help working families and small businesses who have been hit the hardest by COVID-19's economic impacts, which was compounded by civil unrest. The first round of grants is targeting mid-sized businesses including restaurants, bars, barbershop, salons, fitness centers and other business in disproportionately impacted areas with grants ranging from \$10 to \$20 thousand dollars.

This first round of grants called The Business Interruption Grants (BIG) program is a series of grants from the state of Illinois totaling over \$540 million for shops, restaurants, salons, fitness centers and more to help them stay afloat through this time of crisis and ensure they have the resources to open safely in the coming months. The application will open Friday, June 26, And will be open for application for about 14 days.

Over 30 percent of BIG funds must go to businesses located in disproportionately impacted areas including North Chicago, Waukegan, and Zion.

Grants will be allocated in the following areas:

- Unemployed Adults - Stipends of up to \$4 million to help rebuild businesses

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- Illinois Black and Brown Farmers - \$1 million to increase the availability of fresh food and produce
- Mental Health Services - \$2 million to help meet the increased demand for crisis services and better serve diverse communities
- Community-Based Organizations - \$5 million to provide small grants for healing circles, restorative justice circles, and other healing activities
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) - One-time \$500 payment to help ensure food security, totaling \$11.5 million

There is also money for rental or mortgage assistance, help with utility bills, and finally the Department on Aging will expand the Emergency Senior Services Funds by providing up to \$5 million to support senior residents in need of meals, groceries, medicine, and medical care.

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Community Action Ceases Head Start Operations June 30th

A Peoples Voice Special Report

The Community Action Partnership of Lake County announced today that they will not administer their flagship Head Start program for the upcoming school year and will cease Head Start operations as of June 30, 2020.

Head Start was the first program that the Community Action Partnership (CAP) launched in 1964 as a part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's War of Poverty. CAP has consecutively administered the program for about 56 years.

"There are many mitigating factors that led to this decision, including transportation issues, finding and retaining highly qualified and certified teaching staff, the changing landscape of federal and state educational mandates, as well as business complications associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic," said William McNeely, Board Chair and spokesperson for the organization. "In short, the Head Start program has been mired by a tidal wave of marketplace changes and business issues which, at this time, could not be overcome. Therefore, we are ceasing operations of the Head Start division of our business at the close of the fiscal year, which is June 30, 2020."

The Community Action Partnership has a rich history of projects and programs that are conceived to help individuals and families who live at or below the federally identified poverty level. Programs are designed to help families move from dependency to self-sufficiency. These programs include Emergency Assistance and Family Stability programs through Community Service Block Grants; Energy Conservation programs in partnership with local utili-



ties; Energy Bill Assistance through LI-HEAP; and Veterans Services. In recent years, The Community Action Partnership has expanded to provide food pantry services and meals to the homeless, shut-in seniors, veterans, and at-risk families with children.

"While the Head Start Program facilitated by The Community Action Partnership is ending, the organization, through its many programs, will continue to help people and change lives," William McNeely said.

About Community Action Partnership of Lake County

Community Action Partnership of Lake County (CAPOLC) is one of 1,000 agencies across the United States established under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to fight America's War on poverty. CAPOLC is one of the largest social service organizations in Lake County serving 24,000 individuals and families annually. Services are in six program areas: 1) Youth and Family Services that include emergency assistance, self-sufficiency case management, employment and training, scholarships, and food pantry; 2) Affordable Housing for low-income individuals and families plus long-term transitional housing for honorably discharged homeless veterans; 3) Home heating bill payment assistance; 4) Home weatherization; 5) Small Business Development and professional training; and 6) CAP Catering providing meals to the homeless, shut-in seniors, veterans, and at-risk families with children

For more information, visit caplakecounty.org.

Call4Calm

Illinois has launched Call4Calm, a free emotional support text line for Illinois residents experiencing stress and mental health issues related to COVID-19. To speak with a mental health professional, text "TALK" or "HABLAR" (for Spanish) to 552020

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by Sharon D. Epps

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no blackmen as head of house-
holds no lovers
to fore fill dreams.
Where are all the Brothers at?
I hear the Sistahs say.
Mama where my daddy at?
The children ask today.
Blackmen missing in action
they did not train to fight.
They were enslaved
and brought to this land

and then they were
not treated right.
They had no passed on money,
no wealth, or land to sell.
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master rich men
pickin cotton by the bale.
Blackmen missing in action
a few soldiers left to fight.
Trying hard to make
things better,
but nothing done
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Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. -John 3:3



News Around Town

Community Leaders march with Lake County Change Team (LCCT) to advocate for change in systemic racism.

Peaceful Protest

In Lake County protesters marched arm in arm with elected officials like U.S. Congressman Brad Schneider who walked in Zion with Mayor Billy McKinney, and State Representative Melinda Bush. In North Chicago Mayor Leon Rockingham attended a peaceful protest and took a knee in solidarity with the protestors.

The city of North Chicago was rocked with a case of police brutality with the Darrin Hanna, 2011, case that garnered national attention and cause a shake-up of the city's police department. Hanna died after being arrested and allegedly beaten by North Chicago police officers.

"This march that was brought into North Chicago was done to bring awareness. They had almost 300 people who came through and it was all peaceful. We have to make sure that all police officers are doing the right things and that they have the proper training to do their job," Mayor Rockingham said.

Congressman Brad Schneider said that the "country has literally been transformed" since the tragic death of George Floyd.

"Americans have protested, marched and held vigils in cities, towns and villages across the country—demanding justice and calling for important and dramatic change. I have been privileged to join gatherings in communities in all corners of our district. Many of these events were organized by students. All were peaceful, emotional and inspiring," Congressman Brad Schneider said.

In Other News...

The Supreme Court ruled in favor of LGBTQ equality in the workplace. The Court affirmed that no one should be fired or discriminated against for who they love or who they are. LGBTQ advocated consider this a major victory. Workplace protections were a major component of the Equality Act, which passed the House last year and which I will continue to fight for to ensure LGBTQ Americans have full legal protection in public accommodations, housing, and other areas of public life.

The Rashard Brooks Story

Rashard Brooks fell asleep in the driveway of Wendy's Restaurant and staff at Wendy's called the police. The police arrived, was able to get Brooks moved to a parking space where they gave him a DUI test and attempted to subdue and arrest him. While trying to put on the cuffs, Brooks resisted which led to an altercation. Police officers tried to taze him. Brooks took one of the tazers from an officer and then tried to flee.

The pursuing officer, Garrett Rolfe, shot Brooks twice in the back, and then, while he lay dying on the ground, that same officer kicked him. According to reports, Brooks died within about two and a half minutes of being shot. That next morning, Brooks had planned to take his eight year old daughter skating for her birthday. The incident has been ruled a homicide and the white police officer, Garrett Rolfe has since been fired and charged with felony murder in Rayshard Brooks Death. Brooks was 27.

The officer, Garrett Rolfe, faces felony murder charges and has been fired.

New FlexPath scheduling for the Fall at CLC

A Peoples Voice Special Report

College of Lake County (CLC) will be open in the fall with various flexible course formats. In accordance with Restore Illinois and college transition plans, students can take online, in-person and blended classes when the semester starts August 24, 2020.

CLC student working on a computer While many college classes will now be online in either a live class via Zoom format or online anytime, CLC will offer 8- and 16-week in-person classes. These focus on course work with unique needs such as labs or other exercises requiring specialized equipment. Additionally, the college will provide general education classes in a face-to-face format, including the new hybrid FlexPath classes.

To help students who have a hard time finding classes that fit their busy lives, CLC created Flex-Path. This new 8- and 16-week class schedule blends online learning with in-person classes one day per week. Utilizing smart scheduling, each class rotates across different time blocks term by term. For example, if a student is available Monday evenings, they'll get a different course option in that time frame each 8-week period. Instead of rearranging work, family or other obligations every semester to make room for when a class happens to be available, FlexPath ensures

there's always a course ready when students are.

Graphic text of Changing Schedules "I believe Flex-Path is going provide access to the classes our students need for degree completion and advancement in a manner that maximizes their learning while also fit-



ting into the rest of their lives," said communication, humanities and fine arts dean Sheldon Walcher. "The research is pretty clear: students learn best in programs that combine aspects of traditional and online instruction. With that in mind, FlexPath courses have been

carefully designed to provide a rigorous, highly engaging learning experience by blending the best elements of hands-on learning with outstanding online tools and resources."

Students with in-person classes this fall should expect social distancing in the classroom will continue to keep everyone safe in the new COVID-19 reality. CLC has prepared plans to transition students back to campus with safety and social distancing in mind. Fall in-person classes and labs will commence with social distancing of at least six feet apart, face masks, extra hand sanitizer, modified work and student spaces with deep cleaning on a regular basis of classrooms, restrooms and campus spaces.

To help ready campus for students to return, an interdisciplinary college taskforce created a college transition plan. The plan is a gradual phased approach to prepare CLC's campuses for the delivery of fall classes, designed to maximize health and safety of our campus community based on public health guidance and aligns with the Restore Illinois plan. The plan is built for flexibility based on new information from the governor, Illinois Department of Health, Lake County Health Department and Illinois Community College Board.



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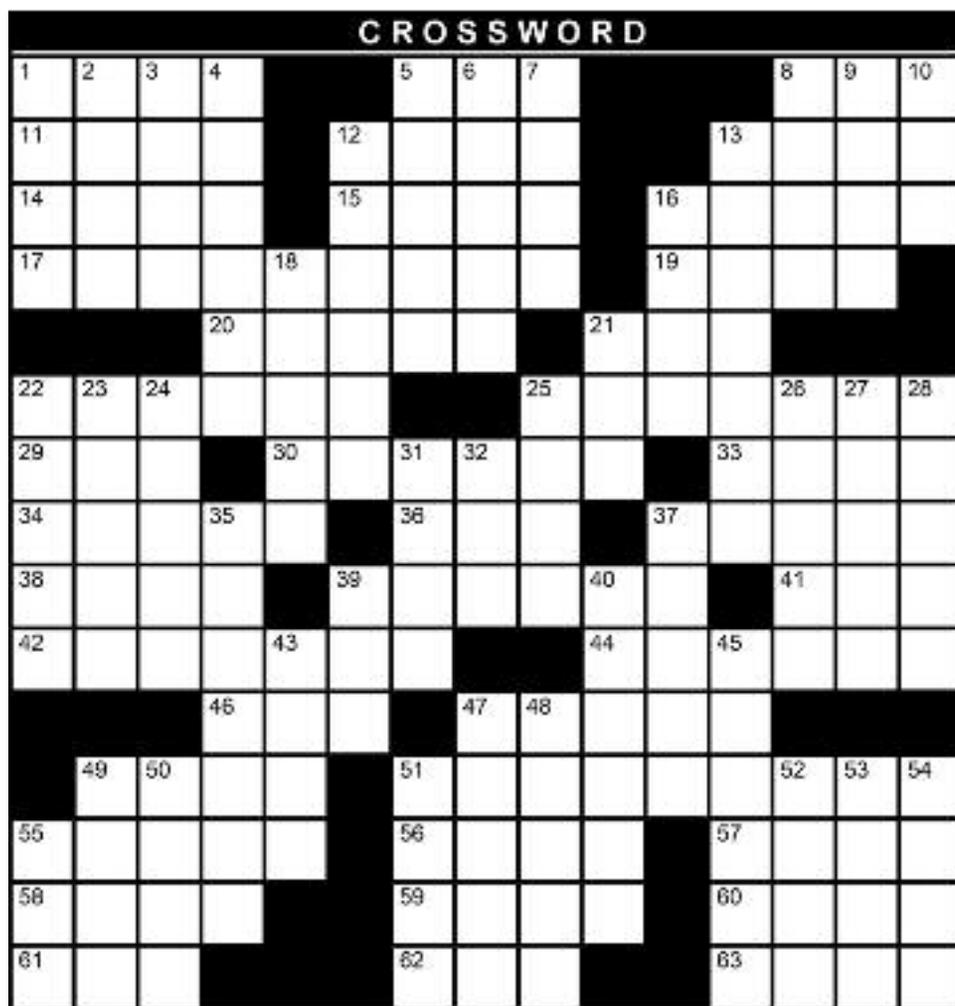
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Crossword Puzzle

Theme: Lawyer Lingo



19. Cher has one

20. Marine enchantress

21. Not tac nor toe

22. *Not underwear!

25. *Battery's companion

29. Literary "even"

30. "_____ it _____," or go full force

33. Quartet minus one

34. Greyish brown

36. Common conjunction

37. Ban from school, e.g.

38. Home-steader's measurement

39. Complete failure

41. "Stand and Deliver" singer

42. Relating to breastbone

44. Spectacle venues

46. Marcia's jealous sister

47. Type of assistant, for short

49. Sudden and brilliant success

51. *Courtroom protest

55. Like blue sky

DOWN

1. Big do

2. Eastern European

3. Toy with a tail

4. Thinly spread

5. Tutu fabric

6. Mork from Ork

7. Walk, as through mud

8. Cripple

9. Major European river

10. Ancient Chinese dynasty

12. Stock exchange, in Paris

13. Mollify

16. Anisette, for short

18. Often precedes through, to search

21. Cough syrup amt.

22. Greek Bs

23. Don't just stand there!

24. Habituate

25. Gives a hand

26. Of a city

27. Tarzan's swing rope

28. *Reasons to sue

31. Peacock's pride

32. Genetic initials

35. *Lie made under oath

37. Pre-Ionic

39. Belieber or Parrothead, e.g.

40. Usually not allowed in court

43. Back of the neck

45. *To lure into a compromising act

47. *To annul or suspend

48. Jinn or genie

49. Old Russian autocrat

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ACROSS

- Requests
- Pub dispenser
- Feline sound
- HGTV's "_____ or Flop"
- Ferdinand, e.g.
- Like a ghost
- *Pro _____, or in proportion
- Miscellany
- *Elsewhere
- *Response to #51 Across?

- Twins, e.g.
- Was a passenger
- Shirking work
- Volcano in Sicily
- All over again
- *_____ se or _____ tem
- Bear's hangout
- Quiet attention grabbed

- Anis-flavored aperitif
- Newspaper piece
- Atom that lost an electron, pl.
- Words from Wordsworth, pl.
- Type of salamander
- European peak

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