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LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Supe aims to fix bridge cell service

Hahn asks state to improve signal on Vincent Thomas for suicide hotline

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If a person contemplated jumping off the Vincent Thomas Bridge but was having second thoughts, they couldn't call 988 and speak to a suicide prevention counselor.

That's because the cell

service doesn't work on the half-mile long bridge that's suspended high above Los Angeles Harbor, pointed out 4th District Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn.

"I worry about someone standing on the bridge and choosing to call the Suicide Crisis Hotline, 9-8-8, or a family

member, only to discover that they don't have the cell signal necessary to make that lifesaving call for help," wrote Hahn in a letter dated Sept. 2 to California Secretary of Transportation Toks Omishakin.

Hahn has asked Omishakin to consider a fix, such as persuading cellular providers to install a cell tower on or near the bridge to extend signal recep-

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L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn says the cellphone service on the Vincent Thomas Bridge is nonexistent or very weak and aims to get it fixed. Someone thinking of jumping off the bridge can't call the 988 hotline for help.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

DOJ sues utility over fire damage



A man walks through Altadena's business district through downed power lines on Jan. 8 during the Eaton fire. The U.S. Department of Justice on Thursday announced the filing of two lawsuits concerning two wildfires. **SARAH REINGEWIRTZ — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

Federal agency seeks \$77M from Edison for alleged negligence in Eaton, Fairview blazes

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The U.S. Department of Justice has filed a pair of lawsuits against Southern California Edison, seeking at least \$77 million in damages and accusing the company of negligence in relation to this year's Eaton fire and the Fairview fire of 2022, authorities said Thursday.

The government is seeking more than \$40 million in damages for the Eaton fire and \$37 million in damages for the Fair-

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Firefighters fight the Eaton fire in Altadena on Jan. 8. The DOJ alleges Southern California Edison did not maintain its power lines. **WILL LESTER — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

ARCADIA

Council censures mayor for conduct

Panel says leader able to retain duties and powers

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CORRESPONDENT

The Arcadia City Council supermajority this week censured Mayor Sharon Kwan, but a last-minute stay by the council allowed Kwan to retain her duties and powers as mayor, pending a further vote from her colleagues, if they deem future conduct unacceptable.

A formal stance of disapproval against Kwan was approved with a 4-0 vote Tuesday night, with Kwan abstaining.

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OBITUARY

Giorgio Armani, Italian fashion designer, dies

By Colleen Barry and Daniela Petroff
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILAN — Giorgio Armani, the iconic Italian designer who turned the concept of understated elegance into a multibillion-dollar fashion empire, died Thursday, his fashion house confirmed. He was 91.

Armani died at home, "peacefully, surrounded by his loved ones," the fashion house said. "Indefatigable to the end, he worked until his final days, dedicating himself to the company, the collections

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NFL

Chargers head to Brazil



Harbaugh

Chargers coach Jim Harbaugh calls it "an honor" to be picked to play in the season opener against the reigning AFC champion Chiefs in Sao Paulo. **B1**

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