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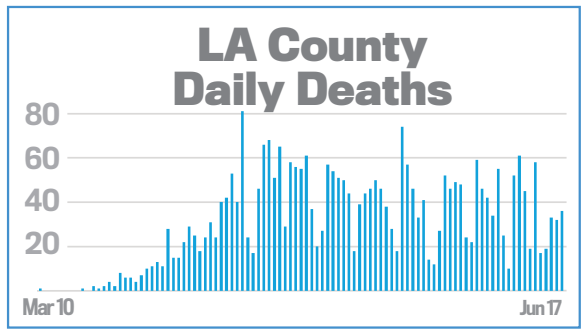
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Main Street project narrows street to widen retail options

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Main street is getting slimmer so that businesses can hopefully fatten their wallets.

City Hall has approved a plan to remove the center and parking lanes from the street and use the available space to expand retail and dining.

Starting next week, workers will grind out the existing lane markings and repaint the street to include one traffic lane in each direction with a corresponding bike lane. Concrete barriers will be installed along the edge of the current bike lane and the area between the barriers and existing sidewalk will be available for business use.



Courtesy image

MAIN STREET: Main Street will have a pedestrian friendly makeover next week to help businesses.

The approximately 13 feet of usable space will encourage outdoor dining and retail options that will allow businesses to make up for the coronavirus imposed restrictions on indoor spaces.

County health rules restrict the number of people that can be inside a store at any given time. The outdoor experiment on Main Street is an attempt to keep local businesses profitable. While the change isn't considered permanent, it's not a short term project either.

"This is focused on the situation

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Judge OK's deal to house 7,000 Los Angeles-area homeless

Associated Press

A U.S. judge has approved an agreement in which the city and county of Los Angeles will provide housing for almost 7,000 homeless people who live near freeways as well as those over 65 or vulnerable to COVID-19, officials said Thursday.

The city will provide 6,000 new beds within 10 months and another 700 beds over 18 months while the county spends $300 million over five years to fund services for the people, according to a joint statement from the offices of county Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and City Council President Nury Martinez.

As a result of the agreement,

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Pilot program looks to create zero emissions delivery zone in Santa Monica

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

In an effort to reduce congestion and pollution on local streets, the city of Santa Monica and the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator have partnered to try to create a zero emissions delivery zone, and officials

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DELIVER: The city is looking for new options to deliver goods.


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Decline in new US virus deaths may be temporary reprieve

CARLA K. JOHNSON AND NICKY FORSTER
Associated Press

The number of deaths per day from the coronavirus in the U.S. has fallen in recent weeks to the lowest level since late March, even as states increasingly reopen for business. But scientists are deeply afraid the trend may be about to reverse itself.

"For now, it's too soon to be reassured that deaths are going down and everything's OK," said Dr. Cyrus Shahpar of Resolve to Save Lives, a nonprofit organization that works to prevent epidemics.

Deaths from COVID-19 across the country are down to about 680 a day, compared with around 960 two weeks ago, according to an Associated Press analysis of data compiled by Johns Hopkins University. The analysis looked at a seven-day rolling average of deaths through Wednesday.

A multitude of reasons are believed to be at play, including the advent of effective treatments and improved efforts at hospitals and nursing homes to prevent infections and save lives.

But already there are warning signs.

For one thing, the number of newly confirmed cases per day has risen from about 21,400 two weeks ago to 23,200, the AP analysis found.

And in Florida, Georgia, Texas and Arizona — states that loosened their stay-at-home restrictions early — daily deaths have been quietly rising since early June, said Ali Mokdad, professor of health metrics sciences at the University of Washington in Seattle.

"These are not numbers. These are human beings," Mokdad said. "We're going to see a rise in deaths in many places in the United States."

The outbreak has killed about 118,000 people in the U.S. and nearly a half-million worldwide, according to Johns Hopkins' count, though the real numbers are believed to be higher. Potential vaccines are in early stages of testing, and it is unlikely any will be ready before early next year.

Experts note that a rise in deaths could take awhile to show up in the U.S. statistics. Stay-at-home orders imposed in March, combined with the use of face masks and other social-distancing measures, have been bringing down the daily death toll since mid-April, and the U.S. as a whole is still seeing the positive effects, even though people are starting to work, shop and eat out again.

Doctors watching for an uptick in deaths will be on the alert for certain signals to emerge in a specific order, Shahpar said.

First, cellphone data will show people moving around more. Next, doctors will report more flu-like illnesses, and the proportion of people testing positive for the virus will rise. Hospitalizations will then go up and, finally, so will deaths.

Several factors are believed to be pushing the curves for deaths and cases in opposite directions.

Rising case numbers can partially be explained by the wider availability of testing. Mild cases, previously undetected because of limits on who could be tested, are now showing up in the numbers.

As for the drop in deaths, "it is probably several things happening at once," said Dr. Shmuel Shoham, a professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Lessons learned from the "awful early days" are now benefiting the severely sick and people in nursing homes, Shoham said.

It looks that way in Washington state's King County, where the first nursing home outbreak in the U.S. killed 45 people at the Life Care Center in suburban Seattle. County data shows deaths in similar facilities declining over the past two months. And no single facility in the county has come close to the death toll at Life Care, which was struck unaware.

While it is unclear how much specific treatments may have contributed to the decline in deaths, doctors are trying antivirals such as remdesivir, plasma donated from people who have recovered from the virus and steroids such as dexamethasone, which grabbed attention this week with reports confirming it can save the lives of many of the sickest patients.

While all viruses mutate, scientists say the coronavirus so far is not changing in a way that has made it less deadly.

The decline in deaths this spring might well be tied in part to warmer weather as people spend more time outdoors where circulating air disperses the virus. But that does not bode well for the U.S. come this fall and winter.

Mokdad noted that deaths are on the rise in the Southern Hemisphere, where it's now winter.

"This virus is going to have a second wave. It's going to follow the pattern of pneumonia," he said. "What we're seeing in the Southern Hemisphere will be happening here."

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California orders people to wear masks in most indoor spaces

KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

California will require people to wear masks in most indoor settings and outdoors when distancing isn't possible under a statewide order issued Thursday.

"Science shows that face coverings and masks work," Gov Gavin Newsom said in a statement announcing the order. "They are critical to keeping those who are around you safe, keeping businesses open and restarting our economy."

A number of other states including Michigan, New York, Maine, Delaware and Maryland already have statewide mask orders in place.

The order comes as California broadly reopens the economy; in most counties, people can now shop, dine in at restaurants, get their hair done and go to church, among other things. Meanwhile, coronavirus cases are increasing, something the state says is expected as more people get tested. More than 3,400 people were in the hospital as of Wednesday, the most patients hospitalized since April.

The order will require people to wear masks when inside or in line for any indoor public spaces, in healthcare settings like hospitals and pharmacies, while waiting for or riding public transportation and in outdoor spaces where its not possible to stay six feet (1.8 meters) apart from other people.

Until now, the Democratic governor had let local governments decide whether to mandate masks, an issue that's become politically fraught as some Americans resist orders to wear them. He said he's issuing the order now because too many people are going out in public without face coverings as businesses, restaurants and other sectors of the economy reopen.

Orange County's public health officer resigned last week after she faced threats over her order that people wear masks, and the county sheriff said he wouldn't enforce it. Los Angeles County requires people to wear masks whenever they are outside their homes, as do San Francisco and Santa Clara counties.

The state's news release didn't say how it would enforce the order or what the penalty would be for people who don't comply.

The order also applies to workplaces where people interact with the public, prepare or package food and share common spaces like hallways and elevators. Office workers would have to wear masks if they can't physically distance.

The order includes several exceptions, including for outdoor recreation and exercise such as walking, hiking, running or bicycling. But if people are doing such activities and cannot stay six feet (1.8 meters) apart from others, the state says they should wear masks.

Other exceptions include: Children under 2, people with medical conditions that prevent them from wearing a mask, people who are hearing impaired or communicate with people who are hearing impaired and people obtaining receiving treatments on their nose and mouth. There's also an exception if wearing a face covering would violate workplace safety guidelines.

People eating out at restaurants wouldn't have to wear masks when they are eating and drinking as long as they are six feet away from others.

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia and death.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 21 CALLS ON JUNE 17

EMS 900blk Lincoln Blvd 12:09 a.m.
EMS 4th St / Colorado Ave 12:14 a.m.
EMS 600blk Pacific St 8:58 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 5th St 9:16 a.m.
EMS 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 10:27 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2200blk Virginia Ave 11:34 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1700blk 21st St 1:19 p.m.
EMS 1000blk Pico Blvd 2:00 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Colorado Ave 2:33 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 4th St / California Ave 3:12 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Wilshire Blvd 3:47 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 4th St / Olympic Blvd W 4:56 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Oak St 5:29 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 800blk Stanford St 5:30 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 7:10 p.m.
EMS 300blk Pico Blvd 8:39 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 9:04 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 10:02 p.m.
EMS 400blk Ocean Ave 11:23 p.m.

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Living In A Vehicle 700blk Kensington Rd 12:13 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk 9th St 12:28 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 2:23 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2800blk Arizona Ave 2:57 a.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 2700blk Pico Blvd 6:51 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300blk Montana Ave 6:54 a.m.
Overdose 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 6:56 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 200blk Mills St 7:43 a.m.
Encampment 1400blk Wilshire Blvd 7:56 a.m.
Armed Robbery/Auto Theft Report 3rd Street Prom / Santa Monica Blvd 8:07 a.m.
Burglary Report 2000blk 4th St 8:20 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 100blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:44 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1200blk 7th St 8:51 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1900blk 19th St 8:52 a.m.
Domestic Violence Now 600blk Pacific St 8:57 a.m.
Burglary Report 1900blk 18th St 9:13 a.m.
Fraud Report 700blk 20th St 9:14 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2600blk Euclid St 9:37 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 9th St / Pico Blvd 9:51 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 10:04 a.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk 21st St 10:14 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500blk California Ave 11:05 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2400blk 16th St 11:19 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 500blk Palisades Ave 11:24 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 26th St / San Vicente Blvd 11:40 a.m.
Armed Robbery/Auto Theft Report 3rd Street Prom / Santa Monica Blvd 11:43 a.m.
Smoking Violation 1000blk 5th St 11:57 a.m.
Burglary Report 2300blk 5th St 12:08 p.m.
Battery Report 500blk Ashland Ave 12:16 p.m.
Battery Report 1600blk 11th St 12:17 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 600blk Broadway 12:29 p.m.
Theft Suspect In Custody 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:52 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 12:57 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2200blk Colorado Ave 2:06 p.m.
Burglary Now 2900blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:06 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1000blk Wilshire Blvd 2:25 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2200blk Ocean Front Walk 2:48 p.m.
Fight 2200blk Virginia Ave 3:07 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 400blk California Ave 3:12 p.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 3:23 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 3:23 p.m.
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Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1700blk Appian Way 4:40 p.m.
Panic Alarm 2400blk Broadway 4:46 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1600blk 14th St 4:49 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries City Prop Involved 4th St / Olympic Blvd W 4:56 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 700blk Broadway 4:57 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1800blk Cloverfield Blvd 5:00 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Ocean Ave / Pico Blvd 5:01 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1800blk Ocean Front Walk 5:05 p.m.
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Audible Burglar Alarm 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 5:23 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1700blk 9th St 5:24 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1100blk Ashland Ave 5:29 p.m.
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Fight 2100blk Cloverfield Blvd 5:49 p.m.
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Audible Burglar Alarm 300blk Santa Monica Pl 7:55 p.m.
Armed Robbery Just Occurred 1400blk Olympic Blvd 8:14 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1000blk 4th St 8:40 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 1400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:43 p.m.
Fight 1400blk Ocean Ave 9:07 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Cloverfield Blvd / 26th St 9:11 p.m.
9-1-1 Hang Up 500blk Ashland Ave 9:33 p.m.
Loud Music 1400blk 14th St 10:31 p.m.
Loud Music 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 10:34 p.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 11th St / Arizona Ave 10:45 p.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 1100blk Broadway 10:45 p.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 1300blk 12th St 10:45 p.m.
Party Complaint 100blk Wadsworth Ave 10:47 p.m.
Family Disturbance 500blk Colorado Ave 11:00 p.m.
Loud Music 1100blk Wilshire Blvd 11:25 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery Just Occurred 1800blk Wilshire Blvd 11:49 p.m.

Juneteenth: A day of joy and pain - and now national action

AARON MORRISON AND KAT STAFFORD
Associated Press

In just about any other year, Juneteenth, the holiday celebrating the day in 1865 that all enslaved black people learned they had been freed from bondage, would be marked by African American families across the nation with a cookout, a parade, a community festival, a soulful rendition of "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing."

But in 2020, as the coronavirus ravishes black America disproportionately, as economic uncertainty wrought by the pandemic strains black pocketbooks, and as police brutality continues to devastate black families, Juneteenth is a day of protest.

Red velvet cake, barbecued ribs and fruit punch are optional.

For many white Americans, recent protests over police brutality have driven their awareness of Juneteenth's significance.

"This is one of the first times since the '60s, where the global demand, the intergenerational demand, the multiracial demand is for systemic change," said Cornell University professor Noliwe Rooks, a segregation expert. "There is some understanding and acknowledgment at this point that there's something in the DNA of the country that has to be undone."

Friday's celebrations will be marked from coast to coast with marches and demonstrations of civil disobedience, along with expressions of black joy in spite of an especially traumatic time for the nation. And like the nationwide protests that followed the police involved deaths of black men and women in Minnesota, Kentucky and Georgia, Juneteenth celebrations are likely to be remarkably more multiracial.

"I think this year is going to be exciting to make white people celebrate with us that we're free," said 35-year-old Army veteran David J. Hamilton III, who has organized a Juneteenth march and protest through a predominantly black, Hispanic and immigrant neighborhood in the Brooklyn borough of New York.

Hamilton, who is black, said this year is his first treating "Juneteenth with the same fanfare as the Fourth of July or Memorial Day."

In Tulsa, a day ahead of a planned presidential campaign rally Saturday for Donald Trump, the Rev. Al Sharpton and Tiffany Crutcher, the twin sister of a black man killed by a city police officer in 2016, plan keynote addresses about the consequences of racial prejudice. Their commemoration will take place in the Greenwood district, at the site known as Black Wall Street, where dozens of blocks of black-owned businesses were destroyed by a white mob in deadly race riots nearly a century ago.

In Washington, D.C., and around the country, activists affiliated with the Black Lives Matter movement will host in-person and virtual events to celebrate the history of the black liberation struggle and amplify their calls for defunding police in the wake of high-profile police killings of African Americans.

As of Thursday, organizers with the Movement for Black Lives said they had registered more than 275 Juneteenth weekend events across 45 states, through its website.

Rashawn Ray, a David Rubenstein Fellow at the nonprofit public policy Brookings Institution, said many now view Juneteenth as an opportunity for education and to push to dismantle structural racism.

"There's going to be a lot of people who are also going to double down on the push for reparations," Ray said. "There's no reason why black people have been the only group in the United States to be systematically discriminated against, legally, by the federal government and not receive reparations."

Juneteenth marks the day on June 19, 1865, that Union soldiers told enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, that the Civil War had ended and they were free. The Emancipation Proclamation freed the slaves in the South in 1863 but it was not enforced in many places until after the end of the Civil War in 1865.

The day is recognized in 47 states and the District of Columbia, according to the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation. Hawaii, North Dakota and South Dakota are the only states without an official recognition. And it is not yet a federal holiday. It took roughly 18 years after the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. before his birthday was observed as a federal holiday.

Still, more workers than perhaps ever in history will have the day off on Friday: Nike, the NFL, Twitter and its mobile payments services company Square, along with a handful of media outlets, have announced plans to observe Juneteenth as a company holiday. On Wednesday, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed an executive order recognizing Juneteenth as a paid holiday for state employees.

The abolition of slavery in the U.S. was followed by the birth of Jim Crow segregation, relegating many black Americans to poor, redlined neighborhoods with under-resourced schools. After the passage of landmark civil rights protections in the 1960s, decades of mass incarceration policy and employment discrimination eroded opportunities and economic stability for black people and families. All along, police brutality has been a fixture of the black American experience. And now, COVID-19 is killing black people at more than three times the rate that it kills white people.

Much of the systemic racism and atrocities visited on black Americans have gone unanswered. This week, the Equal Justice Initiative, which in 2015 cataloged thousands of racial terror lynchings of black people by white mobs, added nearly 2,000 Reconstruction-era lynchings confirmed between 1865 and 1876, bringing the total number of documented lynchings to nearly 6,500.

"Our continued silence about the history of racial injustice has fueled many of the current problems surrounding police violence, mass incarceration, racial inequality and the disparate impact of COVID-19," said Bryan Stevenson, director of the Equal Justice Initiative.

"We need a new era of truth and justice in America," he said in a statement. "We

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Saying Goodbye to Friends

Recently, two close friends of mine, Lee Ray and Ron Kimmel, passed away after spending most of their lives in Hollywood and Santa Monica, respectively. (Lee moved to Hollywood in 1937 and Ron moved to Santa Monica in 1976.) While saddened at their passing, I've been comforted by the affection and humor I shared with each.

I first "met" Lee via her E-mail that had in the subject line, "From a devoted fan." I replied, "You're the one!" She went on to explain she was a voracious reader of the NY Times and... my columns. (To my knowledge, the first time those two references have ever appeared in the same sentence.) Though Lee was raised in a tiny Texas town and, by circumstance, had to drop out of high school, her emails were always worldly and witty.

Lee, who lived in Brookdale Ocean House, would occasionally share intriguing events in her life. A teenage beauty, she fell in love with Monte Ray, a General Motors salesman from L.A. But Lee got pregnant so she and Monte married and he brought her to Hollywood. That might have been daunting to some but Lee was fearless. (Even after a divorce and with a daughter to raise.)

Lee passed her love of music to her daughter, Jean, who was in the early 1960's folk singing duo, "Jim and Jean." Completing the circle, Jean, spurred her 9-year-old half-brother, Brian's interest in rock music which led to his forty-eight year rock career, including being an acclaimed member of Paul McCartney's band. (Close as he was to Lee, Santa Monica's Brian Ray has always felt like her nephew.)

As an occupation, Lee became a secretary for famed TV host Art Linkletter. The job lasted 54 years! Ultimately she was promoted to "show runner," a powerful position in Hollywood, especially for a woman.

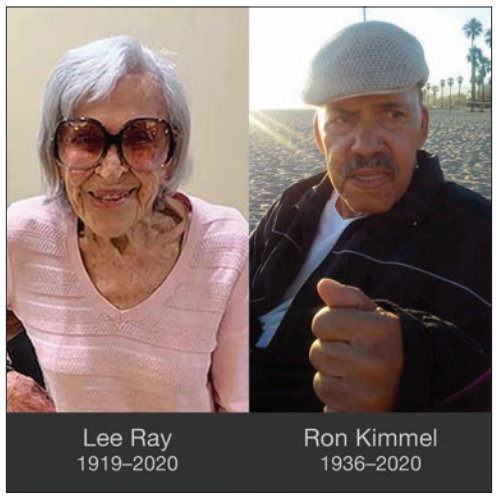
Fascinated with Lee's stories, I kidded we should write a book. I had no idea she was in her mid-90's and she had no idea I was a professional procrastinator. So we jokingly agreed we'd do the book in our next life.

Even approaching 100, Lee always dressed stylishly and exercised at least four times a week, inspired by Brookdale's holistic fitness teacher and Lee's dear friend, Cordula Ohman. For Lee's centenarian birthday I wrote a column about her to which she exclaimed gratefully, "You made me famous!" (Actually, the honor was all mine.)

On June 8, however, with Brian and his niece Meredith by her side, Lee passed away peacefully at home. She did so on her own terms, with no needles or tubes, in a bed overlooking the Pacific Ocean. As she had such style in life, so did she in her passing.

Another close friend, Ron Kimmel, passed away in May at age 84 from Covid-19. He had lived at the Shores for forty-three years and was always highly thought of. His nickname was "Big Ron" stemming from his high school football days in Arlington, Pennsylvania but to his daughter Galinda, in Colorado, he was always the "Gentle Giant."

Ron was so easy going people naturally opened up to him. He loved socializing in the Shores lobby with people who would sit and schmooze with him. He rarely laughed, but when I got the occasional belly laugh from him it was "golden" for me.



Courtesy photos

DEATHS: Lee Ray and Ron Kimmel are gone but not forgotten.

Ron served in the U.S. Air Force from 1956 to 1962 in "Test Wing Development," a Control System Mechanic and a Radio Relay Repairman. After his honorable discharge, he moved to California and a job with Xerox as a copier technician. One of his regular accounts was the Rand Corporation where Daniel Elsberg was employed and would reluctantly become world famous. (And who's currently 91.)

In fact, it was on a Xerox machine Ron regularly serviced that Elsberg photocopied the highly controversial "Pentagon Papers," which some historians claim was the beginning to the end of the Vietnam War. (I joked with Ron that Nixon's "plumbers" were looking for him and not because of a leaky faucet.)

Ron loved the beach, coffee with pals at Starbuck's and taking yearly vacations to Hawaii. He was so laid back that even native Hawaiians thought he was a local, which pleased him to no end.

Unfortunately, in 2014, Ron was diagnosed with dementia. He had a wonderful caregiver at the Shores, LaLa Roncone-White, but he finally moved to Colorado to be with his daughter. Sadly, Ron contracted Covid-19 and passed away in May, leaving behind Galinda, her husband Robin, three grandchildren and a brother.

Though they never met, Lee and Ron had a terrific trait in common. They genuinely enjoyed and accepted people as they were. No wonder they were beloved by so many. And, in case you couldn't tell, that definitely included me.

Lee Ray and Ron Kimmel, R.I.P.

To see Art Linkletter introduce them on TV, go to YouTube and type "Jim and Jean Blackfly." If you type "Brian Ray" on YouTube, there are hours of his amazing rock videos. Jack's definitely not on YouTube but he can be reached at: jackdailypress@aol.com

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‘Adapt or die’ – Restaurants find ways to evolve amid virus

MARK KENNEDY
AP Entertainment Writer

When the coronavirus roared into New York, chef Anna Klinger wouldn’t let it put a fork in her restaurant.

Al di La, the Brooklyn trattoria she runs with her husband, Emiliano Coppa, hadn’t done much takeout until then. Their northern Italian food simply didn’t travel well. Now it had to.

Because tagliatelli has a tendency to glue itself together into a ball, Klinger cooked it less and added more sauce. She offered Negroni cocktails to go and pints of her ice cream. She slimmed down the menu (goodbye, liver.)

Now the kitchen is waiting to pivot again — anticipating the day diners can return, in masks, of course, 6 feet apart. Klinger vows to do what it takes.

“What choice do we have?” she asked. “There are so many lives that are tangled with this restaurant, not just our own. And we still love it and we still do it every day. I can’t imagine not doing it.”

The virus has decimated the restaurant industry, leaving millions unemployed and shuttering countless spots for good. Many dine-in restaurants have turned to delivery or takeout. Some have become food banks or trading posts.

“It’s either you adapt or you die,” said Octavio Olivas, chef and owner of Ceviche Project in Los Angeles. “Just keep hustling.”

According to the Department of Labor, the leisure and hospitality industry suffered its most brutal month ever in April when nearly 5.5 million chefs, waiters, cashiers and other restaurant staff lost employment. But the sector rebounded somewhat in May with an addition of more than 1.2 million jobs.

TV host and cookbook author Padma Lakshmi has no doubt the pandemic will change the restaurant landscape, with many locations unable to weather the storm.

“Most restaurants operate on a very slim margin. And even really big restaurants by very famous chefs often pay their invoices from 45 days ago with the earnings from today,” she said. “You can see how very quickly that would be a house of cards.”

Those restaurants that survived with takeout during the initial days of COVID-19 are now gradually opening their doors to welcome patrons to a very different dining experience than they offered this winter.

In California, the public health department mandates that bar areas be closed, menus be disposable and waiters not pour water tableside. Patrons must wear masks to the bathroom, and salt and pepper shakers may not be left on the tables.

“It’s like opening up a new restaurant in a whole new world,” said Kevin Meehan, co-owner and chef at the Michelin-starred Kali in Los Angeles. “It’s like a ‘Top Chef’ challenge, if anything.”

Kali, a seasonal California restaurant that serves such delicacies as prawn crudo and beet tartar, closed its doors on March 13, and Meehan sheltered with his family for three weeks, preparing meals for his twin daughters and making bread for neighbors.

Then he took baby steps back, dipping into a rainy-day restaurant fund to hire back a small group of workers to make takeout. He decided on family-style comfort food, adding written instructions on reheating and a warm greeting from the kitchen.

“Fine dining is creating memories. And how do you do that via a bag out of a box?” he said. “I wanted to make them comforting and delicious at the same time. So I put on the back burner being the creative, chef artist.”

Kali used to offer five lunch servings and seven dinner seatings a week. The virus cut it down to just four takeout dinners a week, with income dipping to as little as 25% pre-virus levels.

Last week, Kali took its first steps to welcoming patrons in again. On top of everyday health codes, Meehan has had to comply with new anti-virus mandates. He and his business partner have taken notes on how other restaurants in the area are reopening.

“This is coronavirus,” he said. “This isn’t a joke. This isn’t a health code violation. This isn’t like my chicken being at 43 degrees, not 42 degrees.”

There are still so many unknowns. What if a patron forgets to wear a mask? Meehan has devised a clever way to remind them: His masked servers gently point to a sticker on their chest that says, “Please hide your smile.”

His menu currently has four appetizers, four entrees and two desserts — all dishes he calls his “greatest hits.” He laughs that when you go see Billy Joel in concert, you want to hear “Piano Man,” not the new stuff.

“This is peoples’ first time going out to dinner for a long time and I need to kick ass and I need to crush it,” he said.

Not too far away in Los Angeles, chef Olivas has also needed to evolve. Few foods are more difficult in a take-out world than raw fish, but that’s his bread and butter.

A lawyer-turned-chef, Olivas opened the 480-square-foot Ceviche Project last spring as an intimate space where he would interact with patrons and serve the freshest seafood.

“The challenge for me was how can I make them have the same experience as if they were sitting here,” he said from his 28-seat restaurant.

Now, every weekend, you can find him outside it, carefully putting his prepared dishes into car trunks for pickup. Olivas sourced special packaging and rethought the menu: juice in a separate section, an ice bed for some dishes and showcasing the versatile shrimp.

He soon plans to feed people again at his restaurant. He’s ordered tables for the sidewalk, umbrellas and palm trees, all to take advantage of southern California’s summer nights.

“I think this is an opportunity, and hopefully we can keep doing it even after this ends,” he said. “We need to keep going and we need to make it better and we need to grow.”

In the Lehigh Valley, the farm-to-table restaurant Bolete is definitely growing — it’s building six private patios on church-owned land across the street from its spot in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Patrons will pre-order their meal and drinks, and will get a little basket with

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MAIN STREET

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we’re in and it’s driven by the requests from the neighborhood association and the businesses,” said Francie Stefan, Santa Monica’s Chief Mobility Officer. “We’re being responsive to the urgent need to create recovery for businesses. We will monitor it, see how it goes, make some adjustments over time and we will also see how well the street functions and if people think it’s a better way, we’re open to future talks.”

While parking will be removed from the street, some delivery spaces will be available for businesses that need them. The repainted area will run from Hollister to city limits. There will be some changes to the streetscape north of the new zone where appropriate.

“North of Hollister there are a few areas where businesses expressed interest,” said Stephan. “We’re not going to move the bike lanes, but we are putting in (barriers) in some places but it will be more sporadic and instead of providing the 13 feet that is south of Hollister, it’s just taking the parking lane.”

The repainting will begin next week and the entire project is expected to be complete by July 9.

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are looking to enlist the help of nonprofits, businesses and anybody else who may have an idea on how to help.

LACI CEO Matt Petersen said the organization put out a Request for Information this week because it's looking to identify low-impact delivery solutions that will eliminate dangerous emissions, reduce noise, and improve community safety.

With an eye on the Olympics in 2028, municipalities across Southern California have set specific goals that relate to increasing the number of electric cars and zero emission trucks on the road, according to Petersen.

"This is all about how we actually achieve those targets that we've set, because they are ambitious but achievable. We have a working group that's focused on goods movement and primarily looks at those heavy-duty trucks that come in and out of the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach before they head to our freeways to move goods from warehouses and beyond," Petersen said. "But once those vehicles reach their destinations and the goods get on medium-duty trucks, we're trying to find ways to reduce emissions in the neighborhood and throughout that process — that's what we want to learn," so the RFI was put out online.

"Other forms of transportation we're looking at is package delivery to homes and businesses, which would be in those medium duty trucks. And we're also looking at food delivery, which currently is primarily delivered by single passenger vehicles, but I think there are a lot of other forms of modalities that could be used. Perhaps a cargo bike," Petersen added, mentioning companies like IKEA are currently attempting to incorporate more than 100 electric trucks to deliver furniture in the area. "So there's a number of different ways we're looking at how this could happen and we're calling on all partners, whether it's a major corporation, emerging startup or a nonprofit that has a solution to creating a zero emissions delivery zone."

Specifically, those who have experience with: e-cargo bikes and other micromobility devices for the last mile delivery of goods; curb management; measurement and tracking solutions for noise and air pollution, traffic congestion, delivery volumes, telematics and enforcement; and any other innovative solutions that could help make a voluntary last mile delivery zone succeed, the RFI states.

Once proposals are received, Petersen said LACI will begin to test solutions and hopefully create a blueprint to a zero emissions delivery zone that could be adopted by other cities around the world.

"We had to pick one community to start with, and since Santa Monica was in front of the fray in terms of micromobility — that's something that stood out. And it's also a place where you've got that unique mix of residential and commercial density segments," Petersen said. "So even though Santa Monica will be at the center of the work, it's a project that everyone is going to learn from."

Due date and proposal responses are due at 5 p.m. Monday, June 29. Those looking for more information can email pilots@laci.org or visit the website laincubator.org/zedz-rfi/.

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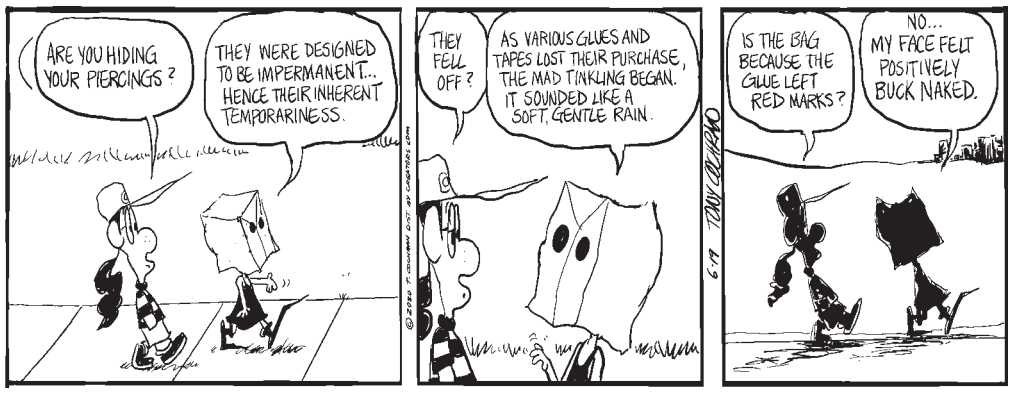
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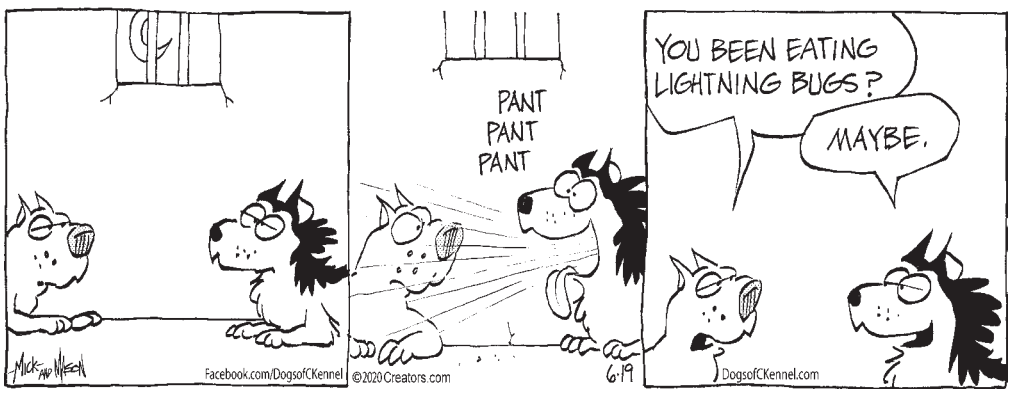
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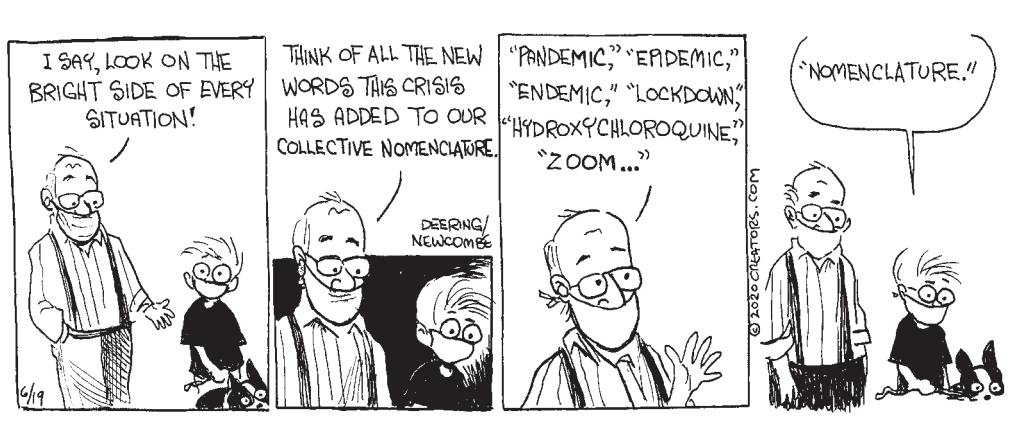
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 66.4°

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high occ. 4 ft
New SSW swell builds in.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
More SSW swell shows – most size for breaks further west in the region.

WEATHER

Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 69. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 70.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after midnight. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 61.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72.
Sunday Night: Patchy fog after midnight. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 62.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/06/19	Fri	03:26 AM	-0.29	L
2020/06/19	Fri	09:48 AM	3.52	H
2020/06/19	Fri	2:18 PM	2.15	L
2020/06/19	Fri	8:41 PM	6.04	H
2020/06/20	Sat	04:00 AM	-0.59	L
2020/06/20	Sat	10:28 AM	3.56	H
2020/06/20	Sat	2:53 PM	2.25	L
2020/06/20	Sat	9:14 PM	6.20	H
2020/06/21	Sun	04:37 AM	-0.79	L
2020/06/21	Sun	11:10 AM	3.59	H
2020/06/21	Sun	3:29 PM	2.34	L
2020/06/21	Sun	9:49 PM	6.27	H
2020/06/22	Mon	05:16 AM	-0.90	L
2020/06/22	Mon	11:55 AM	3.61	H
2020/06/22	Mon	4:08 PM	2.44	L
2020/06/22	Mon	10:26 PM	6.23	H
2020/06/23	Tue	05:57 AM	-0.90	L
2020/06/23	Tue	12:42 PM	3.64	H

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Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 26 M

SuperLotto Plus
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Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 06/17
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Draw Date: 06/15
Evening: 9 6 3
Draw Date: 06/15
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll put quite a lot of thought into a gift. You want it to be appropriate and yet slightly surprising. Take your time. Think it through, and you'll hit just the right note.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You balance your independence and interdependence so well, operating as a one-person operation when you need to and a cog in the wheel of humanity when you don't.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your powerful radar extends from your heart to the hearts of those around you. You don't have to know a person to recognize their pain and be a part of their healing.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your attention is a precious commodity that you nonetheless give quite generously to your loved ones. They are, in fact, spoiled by the many benefits bestowed by your listening ears and the pupils of your eyes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). As dancers know, in a kick line, it's important that the entire chorus of dancers hit the same mark with their leg extension. It just looks better that way. In the name of conformity, you'll save your high kicks for later.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Though you are always communicating, you're not always aware of what. Your message will be imparted without words now. You say it all with action and lifestyle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're tough and resilient. Why? A lot of it is your sense of humor. It's hard to say which came first, the laughs or the hardship, but you've found a way to bring them together.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). All the good jobs will go to the eager volunteers. You'll be one of them. Responsibility doesn't scare you. Your hand goes right up. Do well, and this is only the start.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't know what connects you with someone, though you can be sure there is an important and mysterious reason you converge in this same place and time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Doing what is responsible doesn't always seem like a lot of fun, but there's a way to make the medicine more palatable, Mary Poppins style, with a spoonful of sugar.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Willpower can be hard to come by, which is why today's starry boon is wonderful. An infusion of cosmic willpower will help you ignore the discomfort of self-discipline so you don't have to suffer the pain of regret.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Dented cars show their history of collision while the patched cars move on as if nothing bad ever happened. You're wise to be on the lookout for signs of repair.

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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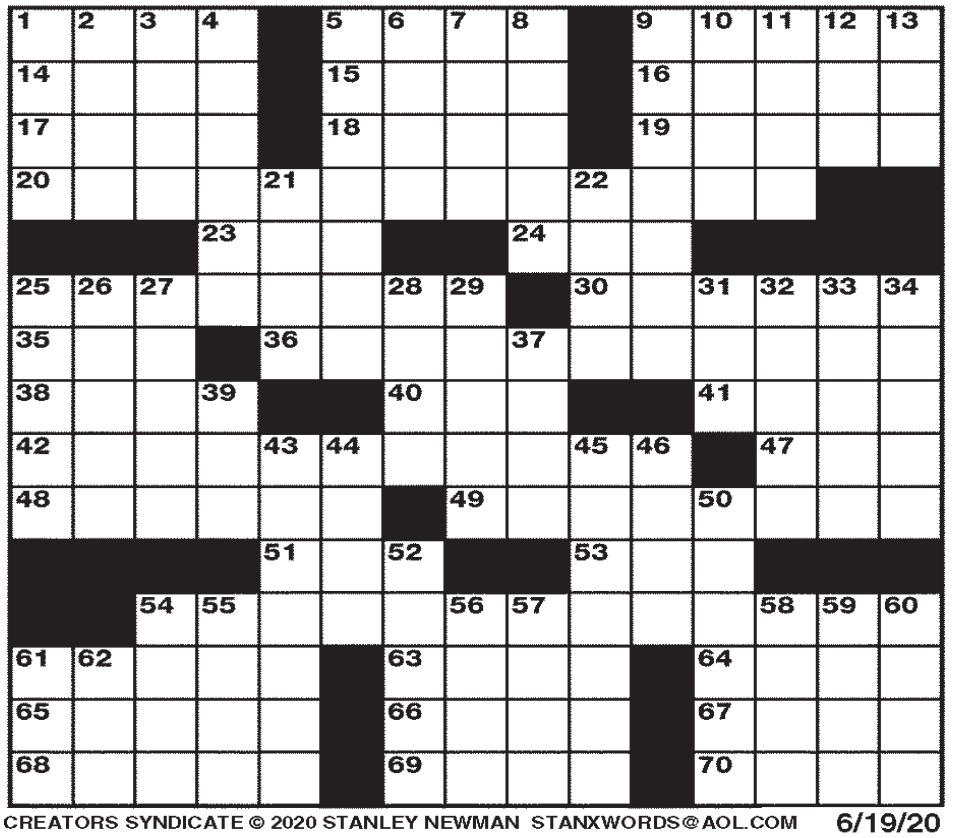
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Sacred celebration
5 Jazzy phrase
9 Guitar decoration
14 Plant-based mouthwash alternative
15 Purple berry
16 Notre Dame neighbor
17 Picnic with pineapple
18 9 Down "Iron Lady"
19 A whole bunch
20 Sprinter's false move (see title)
23 Sole __ Florentine
24 Rare NFL result
25 Veronan surname of fame
30 Trashed on Twitter
35 L.A.'s __ of the Stars
36 The fugue in *Falstaff* (see title)
38 *Monarques*
40 Work for a band
41 Take off, as a topper
42 About 300,000 kilometers (see title)
47 Capital before Brasilia
48 Don't drop
49 Certain forest edge
51 Internists' org.
53 __-mo
54 *Grey's Anatomy* setting (see title)
61 Piece of garlic
63 Part of the iris
64 What Copperfield isn't called
65 Albertan iceman
66 Heliport of a sort
67 Column with a slant
68 Classmates, e.g.
69 Last Stuart monarch
70 Noun-forming ending

DOWN
1 Timbuktu's country
2 Dorm donor, often
3 Flakes in some boxes
4 Neo-impressionist artist
5 Fiery display
6 Frozen beverage brand
7 Barely OK
8 Primary
9 Knesset member
10 Approaching
11 Steal, so to speak
12 Miniature laborer
13 "Check!"
21 Norwegian royal name
22 Bit of a scrap
25 Fred's daughter-in-law, circa 1995
26 Shaped like avocados
27 Stable sound
28 Lobby for
29 Authoritative proclamation
31 Coordinating conjunction
32 Polynesian tongue
33 Mischievous
34 He wrote about Friday
37 Composer Stravinsky
39 *Sie* or *ella*
43 Early American merchants
44 Circular opening
45 Sanka alternative
46 Strike out
50 It's upstream from Greenwich
52 Honda brand
54 Snooping plant
55 For all time
56 Company with a beauty ambassador
57 The First L in L.L. Bean
58 Team trainer's supply
59 Days before
60 Checkers complement
61 Ticket distributor
62 Inveracity



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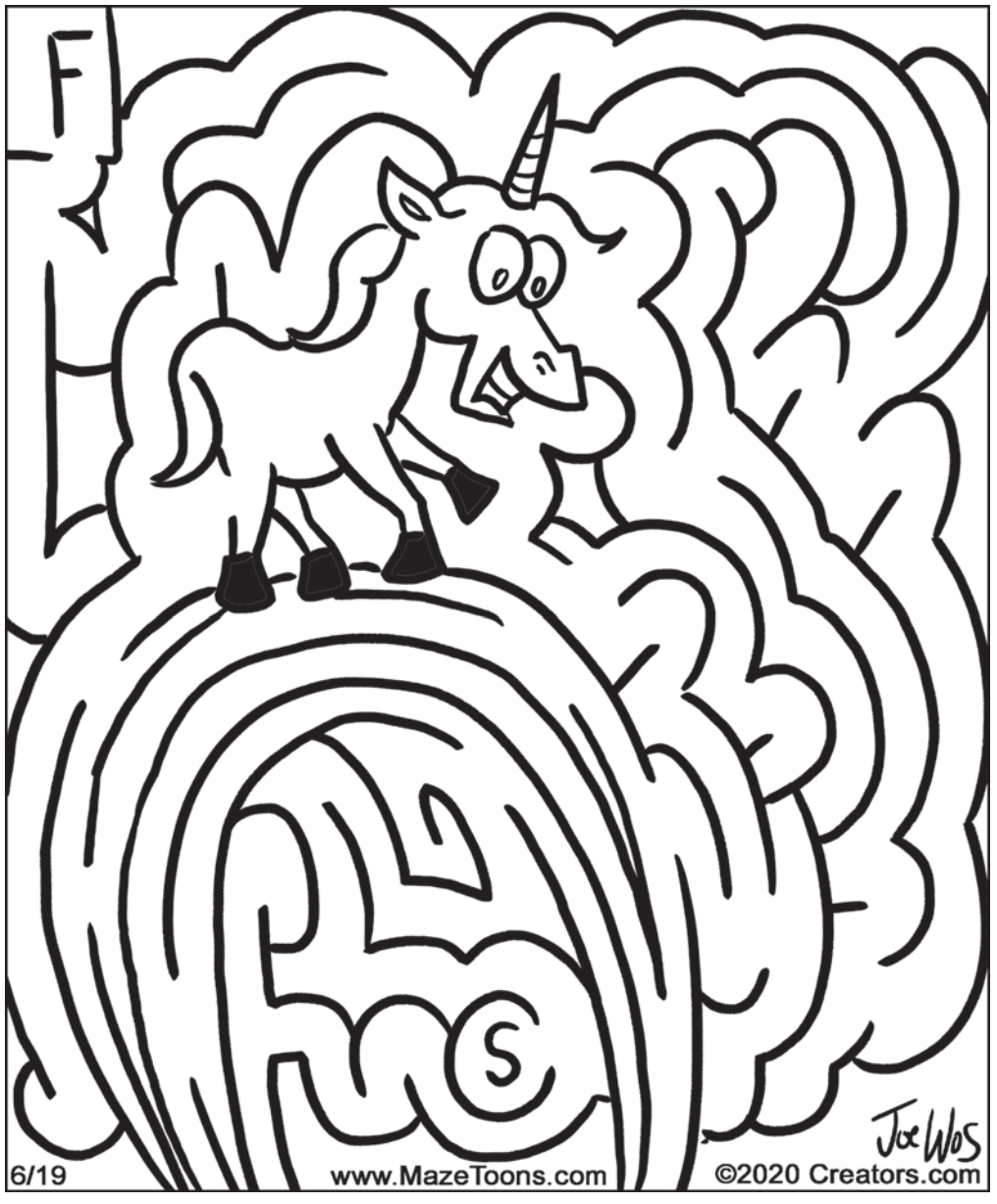
Binary Puzzle

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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HOMELESS

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U.S. District Court Judge David O. Carter dropped a preliminary injunction that required the relocation of homeless people living within 500 feet (152 meters) of freeways by Sept. 1 on grounds they faced a health risk emergency.

"The court has challenged us to do better, to do more and to do it quickly, and we need to meet that challenge. We are now positioned to dive into difficult but honest conversations with our county partners about future financial resources and obligations," Martinez said in a statement.

Carter issued the injunction May 15 after a prior agreement fell through. The action involves a lawsuit filed in March by the LA Alliance for Human Rights, which accused officials in greater Los Angeles of failing to comprehensively address the homelessness crisis.

In addition to the original category of homeless people living near freeways, the new agreement adds those 65 or older or who have underlying health conditions that put them at high risk of being hospitalized or dying from the coronavirus.

The lawsuit asked the judge to set a "legally enforceable mandate" to establish homeless services and enough beds for anyone who needs one on any given night.

A January count by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority reported that there were more than 66,400 homeless people living in LA County — by far the largest single concentration in the state. That included more than 41,000 within the city limits. Both figures were up more than 12% from the previous year.

The region has been struggling to deal with the growing problem. But Carter said those living near freeways are at special risk. They are exposed to pollution, including lead, that can shorten their life expectancy by decades and face a greater danger of being struck by a car or injured during an accident or earthquake, the judge said in May.

Their camps also block sidewalks, he said.

JUNETEENTH

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must acknowledge our long history of racial oppression and then repair the damage this history has created — including the presumption of dangerousness that gets assigned to black people by police and others."

Juneteenth also comes at a time when the nation is at a political crossroads, and Black Voters Matter co-founder Latosha Brown said it is shaping up to be a politically defining moment ahead of the November election.

"The devaluing of black lives is built into this American system to the point that the ideas around democracy don't apply to us the same way that they apply to white folks," Brown said, adding black voters are demanding change.

"So Juneteenth is a celebratory event but we're not celebrating the country. We're celebrating our own freedom and our own ability to be liberated and the resiliency of black people."

RESTAURANTS

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disposable flatware and a cooler. A florist is making the spaces beautiful and there's a luxury portable restroom.

When the virus hit, Bolete abandoned its five-course tasting menu in favor of curbside-pickup, family-style meals and things it would never normally do, like mac and cheese. It also offered high-end provisions, like duck egg salad.

Erin Shea, the owner, general manager and wife of the chef, Lee Chizmar, said the past few months have reminded her of 2007, when Bolete opened.

"You have to get as scrappy as when you started," she said.

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