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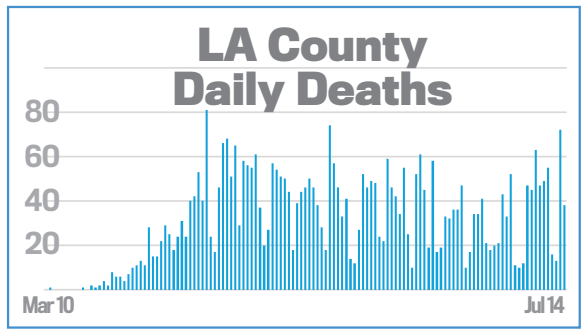
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CORONAVIRUS DEATHS per 100,000 in 5 Largest States

CALIFORNIA	TEXAS	FLORIDA	NEW YORK	PENNSYLVANIA
18.6	12.4	21.0	167.0	54.9

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Kristin McCowan Appointed to City Council

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Kristin McCowan, a native Santa Monican, has been appointed to the City Council for four months to fill the vacancy created when Greg Morena resigned last month.

McCowan is the only Black woman on the council and her appointment gives women a 4 – 3 majority on the council for the first time in the city's history.

Morena resigned in June due to concerns over his family business. Morena's family operates the Albright restaurant on the Santa Monica Pier and he said at the time the business was in jeopardy unless he was able to secure a new lease. As his landlord is a division of the City, negotiations would have been a conflict of interest so he stepped down.

The seat will be up for election in November as part of the general election and the council voted to appoint someone to temporarily fill the seat for the next four months.

Some residents had argued that the seat should be left vacant through the election and of the six individuals who spoke during the council meeting, three advocated for leaving the seat vacant while three advocated to appoint McCowan.

Dalton Smith said he was part of Santa Monicans for Democracy and argued against making an appointment.

"I wanted to call and ask the council not to appoint somebody to the vacancy with less than four months 'till the general election," he said. "I think it would be unfair and anti democratic to hand select somebody and give them incumbent status going into the general election. We need more democracy in the city of Santa Monica not less democracy. I know most of you if not all of you believe that, too."

Morena called to back McCowan as his replacement.

"Half of the city's electorate is under 45 years old and it's essential that our voice is heard and represented on the dais," he said.

In her application, McCowan said she was a second-generation Santa Monican who participated in the St. Monica community during her childhood as well as

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COUNCIL: Kristin McCowan has been appointed as the new councilmember. She will serve through November when the seat goes up for election.

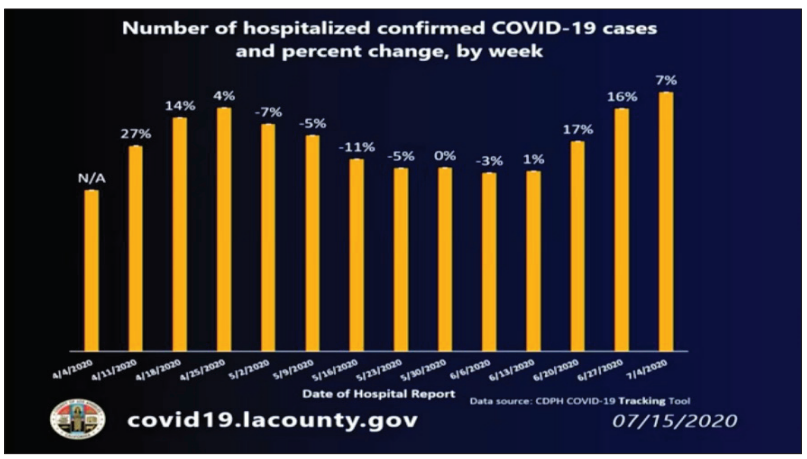
COVID-19 hospitalizations hit record levels

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Coronavirus outbreak in Los Angeles County continues to worsen and health officials are reiterating that further lockdowns could be implemented if current measures do not yield a reduction in infections.

During a Wednesday briefing, County Public Health Director Dr. Barbara Ferrer said the disease

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Biden, Gates, other Twitter accounts hacked

MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer

Unidentified hackers broke into the Twitter accounts of technology moguls, politicians, celebrities and major companies Wednesday in an apparent Bitcoin scam.

The ruse included bogus tweets from former President Barack Obama, Democratic presidential front-runner Joe Biden, Mike Bloomberg and a number of tech billionaires including Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos, Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates and Tesla CEO Elon Musk. Celebrities Kanye West and his wife, Kim Kardashian West, were also hacked. The fake tweets tweets offered to send $2,000 for every

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SANTA MONICA MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive sealed bids from contractors holding a type "B" license, on the following: **Bid #21.01.SMS - Santa Monica High School – Library Project at Santa Monica High School.** This scope of work is estimated to be between **$380,000 - $420,000** and includes: minimal demolition of walls; the reduction in length of existing book shelves and painting them; lighting upgrades; electrical modifications; painting out of the space; the replacement of the carpet and other associated improvements per bidding documents. All bids must be submitted electronically as per the instructions included in the bidding documents on or before 8/11/2020 no later than 2:00 PM. Bidders must attend a Mandatory Job Walk to be held at the site, on 7/21/20 at 10:30 AM. All General Contractors and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (M/E/P) Subcontractors must be pre-qualified for this project per bidding documents. To view the projects bidding documents, please visit ARC Southern California public plan room www.crplanwell.com and reference the project Bid #.

Prequalification Due Date & Instructions for Application Submission: All applications are due no later than 7/28/20 - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has contracted with Colbi Technologies, Inc. to provide a web-based process for prequalification called QualityBidders. To submit an application at no cost please visit www.qualitybidders.com. Once you have been approved, you will receive an email indicating your approval expiration date and approval limit. The Districts approved contractors listing can be obtained via the FIP website at http://fip.smmusd.org/contractors.html.

Mandatory Job Walk: 7/21/20 at 10:30 AM

Job Walk location: Santa Monica High School located in Santa Monica, CA – **All Attending Contractors MUST meet the District representatives at the Michigan/7th Street gate. Bidders will be escorted onto the campus from that location. Due to COVID-19 all attending contractors must bring and wear face masks/coverings at all times while on the site and adhere to social distancing safety requirements during the meeting or they will be asked to leave the property.**

Electronic Bid Submittal Deadline: 8/11/20 at 2:00pm

Any further questions or clarifications to this bidding opportunity, please contact Sheere Bishop-Griego at smbishop@smmusd.org directly. In addition, any pre-qualification support issues relative to Colbi Technologies, Inc., website or for technical support please contact support@qualityBidders.com directly.

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Virus cases rise in U.S. states amid new world restrictions

ERIC TUCKER, COSTAS KANTOURIS AND CODY JACKSON
Associated Press

Arizona, Texas and Florida together reported about 25,000 new coronavirus cases on Wednesday as restrictions aimed at combating the spread of the pandemic took hold in the United States and around the world in an unsettling sign reminiscent of the dark days of April.

The face-covering mandates, lockdowns, health checks and quarantine orders underscored the reality that the number of infections is continuing to tick upward in parts of the world and that a return to normalcy may be farther off than many leaders had envisioned just weeks ago.

Alabama will begin requiring face masks after the state reported a pandemic-high of 40 deaths in a single day. In Texas, which again set a record Wednesday for confirmed new cases with nearly 10,800, Republican Gov. Greg Abbott has increasingly emphasized face coverings as the state's way out of avoiding another lockdown, which he has not ruled out.

Among the sternest measures were in New York, where Gov. Andrew Cuomo added to a list totaling 22 states whose visitors will be required to quarantine for 14 days if they visit the tri-state region. Out-of-state travelers arriving in New York airports from those states face a $2,000 fine and a mandatory quarantine order if they fail to fill out a tracing form.

The broad reach of the virus has brought scrutiny to governors' decisions. Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt, a first-term Republican governor who has backed one of the country's most aggressive reopening plans, became the first U.S. governor to announce that he had tested positive for COVID-19. He plans to quarantine at home.

Stitt, who has resisted any statewide mandate on masks and rarely wears one himself, attended President Donald Trump's rally in Tulsa last month, which health experts have said likely contributed to a surge in coronavirus cases there, though Stitt said he's confident he didn't contract the virus at the gathering.

"As far as where he became infected, it's really unknown," Oklahoma Health Commissioner Dr. Lance Frye said.

Florida broke the 300,000 barrier on confirmed cases Wednesday, reporting 10,181 new ones as its daily average death rate continues to rise. Major cities in Florida have imposed mask rules, but Gov. Ron DeSantis has declined to issue a state-wide order, arguing those are best decided on and enforced locally.

Still, on Tuesday the governor wore a mask while speaking publicly for the first time — at a round-table news conference with Miami-Dade County mayors.

"We have broken single-day records several times this week and there's nothing about it that says we're turning the corner, or seeing light at the end of the tunnel. I don't' see that in the numbers," said Dr. Nicholas Namias, chief of trauma and surgical critical care at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

He said diminishing bed capacity is creating problems at the Miami medical center. "We're getting to the point where it's going to be full. We have gridlock and we won't be able to take patients and they'll just be stacked in the ERs," Namias said.

Businesses imposed their own restrictions, too, with Walmart becoming the largest U.S. retailer to require customers to wear face coverings at all of its Sam's Club and namesake stores.

Recreation and entertainment destinations were confronting how and when to return to business.

Organizers canceled the 2021 Rose Parade in Pasadena, California, because of the pandemic's impact on long-range planning for the New Year's tradition, the Tournament of Roses Association said Wednesday. But Disney World went ahead with the rolling opening of its Florida theme parks that started last weekend, welcoming back visitors to Epcot and Hollywood Studios — despite the surge of cases in the state.

As schools contemplate how to safely hold classes, at least three dozen high school students in northern Illinois tested positive for the coronavirus after some attending summer sports camps showed symptoms of the disease. In South Carolina, meanwhile, elected leaders were joining forces to demand that schools open five days a week for in-person instruction.

Other countries imposed lockdowns and implemented new health checks at their borders.

All travelers arriving in Greece from a land border with Bulgaria were required to carry negative coronavirus test results issued in the previous 72 hours. The new rules, which follow an increase in tourism-related COVID-19 cases, triggered an immediate drop in arrivals compared to recent days.

Traffic at the crossing fell by about half, authorities said, but waiting times were still lengthy and a line of cars and trucks was over 500 meters (yards) long as the number of tests carried out by medical teams at the border were increased.

Gergana Chaprazova, 51, from Plovdiv in southern Bulgaria, planned to visit the Greek seaside town of Kavala with her husband, and complained that she was being tested again.

"I have to wait for a test but I (already) have a test from Bulgaria. I don't understand why I must have a test here," she told The Associated Press.

The developments came as more than 13 million coronavirus cases were confirmed worldwide, with over 578,000 deaths, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University. The actual numbers are thought to be far higher due to a number of reasons including limited testing.

Romania, citing the rising number of infections, announced a 30-day extension

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 261 CALLS ON JULY 14

Construction Noise 10th St / Montana Ave 12:03 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1200blk 6th St 12:53 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1100blk 5th St 2:15 a.m.
Construction Noise 700blk Broadway 5:41 a.m.
Encampment 1400blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:50 a.m.
Construction Noise 500blk Broadway 6:09 a.m.
Petty Theft 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 6:21 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1100blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:49 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 1900blk Marengo St, Los Angeles 7:01 a.m.
Bike Theft 600blk Broadway 7:25 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 800blk Wilshire Blvd 8:01 a.m.
Found Property 1300blk Marine St 8:09 a.m.
Auto Burglary 400blk Strand St 8:20 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1600blk 12th St 8:24 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1400blk Oak St 8:26 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 600blk Broadway 8:44 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk 5th St 8:45 a.m.
Lewd Activity 1200blk 5th St 8:56 a.m.
Burglary 2400blk Lincoln Blvd 8:57 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2600blk 23rd St 9:34 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1000blk 12th St 9:35 a.m.
Auto Burglary 2800blk 2nd St 9:37 a.m.
Elder Abuse 400blk Montana Ave 10:00 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1400blk 6th St 10:48 a.m.
Identity Theft 3200blk Pennsylvania Ave 11:02 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries City Prop Involved 1500blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:06 a.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 2400blk Lincoln Blvd 11:10 a.m.
Petty Theft 1500blk Broadway 11:15 a.m.
General Parking Problem 900blk 7th St 11:48 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 500blk Palisades Ave 11:52 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 700blk Raymond Ave 12:07 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 12:28 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 1400blk Olympic Blvd 12:42 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 400blk 9th St 12:42 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 1400blk Olympic Blvd 1:00 p.m.
Battery 1700blk The Beach 1:11 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 25th St / Hill St 1:27 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1400blk 2nd St 1:32 p.m.
Rape 900blk 4th St 1:32 p.m.
Elder Abuse 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 1:35 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 2300blk Oak St 1:48 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 2:10 p.m.
Petty Theft 2000blk 20th St 2:22 p.m.
Fraud 2900blk Urban Ave 2:26 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 500blk Ocean Park Blvd 2:46 p.m.
Grand Theft 2300blk Oak St 2:52 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2500blk 5th St 2:54 p.m.
Found Property 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 2:55 p.m.
Found Property 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 2:58 p.m.
Drinking In Public 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 2:59 p.m.
Burglary 2700blk Neilson Way 3:02 p.m.
Petty Theft 3000blk Ruskin St 3:11 p.m.
Found Property 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 3:20 p.m.
Found Property 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 3:20 p.m.
Medical Aid Alarm 1100blk 23rd St 3:24 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 400blk 12th St 3:58 p.m.
Sexual Assault 1600blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:06 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2700blk Lincoln Blvd 4:13 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 200blk Wilshire Blvd 5:23 p.m.
Missing Person 1800blk 19th St 5:35 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1200blk Marine St 5:54 p.m.
Battery Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 6:20 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Highland Ave / Pier Ave 6:52 p.m.
Petty Theft 600blk Wilshire Blvd 6:56 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2700blk Lincoln Blvd 6:56 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 100blk Pier Ave 7:28 p.m.
Battery 1300blk 15th St 7:32 p.m.
Petty Theft 1800blk 12th St 7:37 p.m.
Rape 1500blk Ocean Ave 8:25 p.m.
Fight Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 8:25 p.m.
Injured Person 1200blk 6th St 8:35 p.m.
Petty Theft 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 9:13 p.m.
Domestic Violence 1500blk 10th St 9:15 p.m.
General Parking Problem 2000blk Ocean Ave 9:44 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Ocean Ave / Broadway 10:00 p.m.
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EMS 1600blk Ocean Ave 6:28 a.m.
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EMS 400blk Expo Line 7:46 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200blk 15th St 7:50 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 8:42 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:21 a.m.
EMS 400blk 11th St 9:30 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 5th St 10:57 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 1500blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:06 a.m.
Arcing Wires 200blk 26th 11:16 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Lincoln Blvd 11:20 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Pico Blvd 11:31 a.m.
EMS 1000blk 14th St 12:34 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 12th St 1:57 p.m.
Flooded Condition 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 2:42 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Colorado Ave 2:48 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 6th St 3:15 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 23rd St 3:17 p.m.
EMS 700blk 25th St 3:42 p.m.
Flooded Condition 3200blk Airport Ave 3:46 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 26th St 3:50 p.m.
EMS 20th St / Virginia Ave 4:06 p.m.
Hydrant Leak 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 5:12 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Ocean Ave 5:20 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200blk 5th St 6:09 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 6:38 p.m.
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Traffic Collision With Injury Highland Ave / Pier Ave 6:52 p.m.
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EMS 2600blk Lincoln Blvd 9:20 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Ocean Ave / Broadway 10:00 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 300blk Civic Center Dr 10:16 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Ocean Ave 10:45 p.m.
EMS Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 11:03 p.m.

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Trump looks to curb landmark environmental act for projects

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Associated Press

President Donald Trump is ready to roll back a foundational Nixon-era environmental law that he says stifles infrastructure projects, but that is credited with ensuring decades of scrutiny of major projects and giving local communities a say.

Trump was in Atlanta to announce changes Wednesday to the National Environmental Policy Act's regulations for how and when authorities must conduct environmental reviews, making it easier to build highways, pipelines, chemical plants and other projects. The 1970 law changed environmental oversight in the United States by requiring federal agencies to consider whether a project would harm the air, land, water or wildlife, and giving the public the right of review and input. The White House said the final rule will promote the rebuilding of America.

Critics call the Republican president's efforts a cynical attempt to limit the public's ability to examine and influence proposed projects under one of the country's bedrock environmental protection laws.

"This may be the single biggest giveaway to polluters in the past 40 years," said Brett Hartl, government affairs director at the Center for Biological Diversity, an environmental group that works to save endangered species.

Trump has made slashing government regulation a hallmark of his presidency and held it out as a way to boost jobs. Environmental groups say the regulatory rollbacks threaten public health and make it harder to curb global warming. With Congress and the administration divided over how to increase infrastructure investment, the president is relying on his deregulation push to demonstrate progress.

"The United States can't compete and prosper if a bureaucratic system holds us back from building what we need," Trump said when first announcing the rollback of National Environmental Policy Act rules.

Among the major changes: limiting when federal environmental reviews of projects are mandated, and capping how long federal agencies and the public have to evaluate and comment on any environmental impact of a project.

Opponents say the change will have an inordinate impact on predominantly minority communities. More than 1 million African Americans live within a half-mile of natural gas facilities and face a cancer risk above the Environmental Protection Agency's level of concern from toxins emitted by those facilities, according to a 2017 study by the Clean Air Task Force and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"Donald Trump is taking away the last lines of defense for front-line communities, and continues to demonstrate a total disregard for our environment and for those demanding racial and environmental justice," said Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.

Mustafa Santiago Ali, a former associate administrator in the Obama administration's EPA environmental justice office, said Black and other minority communities "will pay with their health and ultimately with their lives" for these latest proposed rule changes.

For his announcement, Trump chose Georgia, a swing state in the general election. Trump won the Republican-leaning state by 5 percentage points in 2016, but some polls show him trailing former Vice President Joe Biden, the presumptive Democratic nominee. This will be Trump's ninth trip to Georgia and his sixth visit to Atlanta during his presidency.

The president's trip also comes as the state has seen coronavirus cases surge and now has tallied more than 12,000 confirmed cases and more than 3,000 deaths.

Jon Ossoff, a Democrat who is running against incumbent Republican Sen. David Perdue, said Trump's decision to come to Georgia to discuss infrastructure as the state's coronavirus crisis worsens demonstrates that the president is "in denial and out of control."

"Coming here for a routine photo-op is, frankly, bizarre, surreal against this unprecedented health and economic crisis," Ossoff said.

Judd Deere, a White House spokesman, said that if Ossoff views a major policy announcement to expedite critical infrastructure projects as anything other than about job growth and economic expansion, then it might explain why he lost a congressional race in 2017.

The White House said the administration's efforts will expedite the expansion of Interstate 75 near Atlanta, an important freight route where traffic can often slow to a crawl. The state will create two interstate lanes designed solely for commercial trucks. The state announced last fall, before the White House unveiled its proposed rule, that it was moving up the deadline for substantially completing the project to 2028.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce cited a North Carolina bridge in its letter as an example of unreasonable delays, saying the bridge that connected Hatteras Island to Bodie Island took 25 years to complete, but only three years to build. "The failure to secure timely approval for projects and land management decisions is also hampering economic growth," the business group wrote in support of the rule change.

Trump's trip to Georgia comes one day after Biden announced an infrastructure plan that places a heavy emphasis on improving energy efficiency in buildings and housing as well as promoting conservation efforts in the agriculture industry. In the plan, Biden pledges to spend $2 trillion over four years to promote his energy proposals.

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Noteworthy

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Vintage Small Treasures



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SMALL WONDER: Millie Small had a stroke at age 73.

NICOLE RECOMMENDS GOOD!

I'm really happy with the perspective my young music correspondent has brought to this column, since the beginning of this year. I probably never would have found the gems she digs up, but every one I've explored has been really worth it.

Last week I got an "alert! alert!" heads-up text about a previous NICOLE RECOMMENDS — "Check this out! On now! All night, repeated tomorrow morning!

"Cathode Cinema strikes again.. 'Tonight… Roots Radical! We are gearing up for a 2 day study of Jamaican ska, reggae, rock-steady, Rude Boys and their influence on punk culture viewed through the cinematic lens.' "

I didn't move from my big comfy chair with my phone in front of me for 2-½ hours and had a skanking good time. The last time she alerted me about Cathode Cinema, I also had a blast, with a mix of shorts, music videos and full length films. Their curation of vintage black media is expert, inspired and compelling.

"LOLLIPOP"

First off I ate up a string of old B&W music videos they proffered, starting with Millie Small's iconic "My Boy Lollipop," then a Johnny Nash and a John Holt, two of my big Jamaican faves, a couple more and then the complete showing of "Babylon," a 1981 Danish film I had never seen.

Much of it is silly shenanigans set in a resort in South London staffed by Jamaican-Brits. We follow Blue, a young man living in Brixton in 1980, as he hangs out with his friends, fronts a dub sound system, loses his job, struggles with family problems and has his friendships tested by racism. And there's the unexpected value I found, how timely: racism is rampant and we see how every turn Blue and his buddies might want to take has its severe limits. Humiliation and violence lurk everywhere, a fact of everyday life if you are black in Britain in 1980. No wonder they are BLM marching in the UK too.

SMALL WONDER

The sad news hit two months ago that we lost Millie Small to a stroke, at 73. What an amazing song and story she had. "My Boy Lollipop" came out of nowhere (we thought) to be a huge hit in both the US and the UK, selling five million copies in 1964. It turned out to be her only hit, but elevated her to Olympian heights in music history. "It opened the door for Jamaican music to the world," said Island Records founder Chris Blackwell.

I remember absolutely loving that silly, galloping tune when I was her same age, 16. Everyone loved it. It seemed so different, but stateside it was just one more British Invasion cool hit, we had no clue it was this thing from Jamaica called ska, which most of us wouldn't hear again until we got into reggae or were seduced anew by 2 Tone, the second ska invasion from Britain in the late '70s, featuring bands like the Specials, the Beat, Selecter, Madness. I was in that skanking crowd but never put 2 and 2 together, that it came from Jamaican ska of the '50s and '60s.

Millicent Dolly May Small, one of 13 children, was already a four-year veteran of the Jamaican music biz with a string of modest hits. British music mogul Blackwell, putting together his roster of Jamaican artists for his fledgling Island Records label, heard a surefire hit in "Lollipop," whose publishing rights were lost by songwriter Robert Spencer (of the doo-wop group the Cadillacs) in a card game. Of all his talent, Blackwell believed Small had the best chance of becoming a huge international hit, and he even became her legal guardian for her trip to the UK.

She rose to her sudden brief superstardom with graceful aplomb, he said. "It was just incredible how she handled it. She was such a sweet person: very funny, great sense of humour. She was really special.

"But we just couldn't find another song of that calibre for her," he lamented. After a bad relationship much of her income disappeared; Blackwell then stepped in and bought her a home in Britain and nurtured her finances. Every year she would earn performers' fees from "My Boy Lollipop," the sales of which eventually topped 7,000,000.

Bolstered considerably by the birth of her child, Jaelee, in 1984, Millie thereafter devoted much of her life to her daughter, who survives her.

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for a nationwide state of alert. And residents of Australia's second-largest city, Melbourne, were warned Wednesday to comply with lockdown regulations or face tougher restrictions. Melbourne's 5 million people and part of the city's semi-rural surroundings are a week into a new, six-week lockdown to contain a new outbreak there.

"The time for warnings, the time for cutting people slack, is over," Victoria state Premier Daniel Andrews said. "Where we are is in a very serious and deadly position."

In Serbia, which has been hit by a spike in infections and anti-government protests, a government crisis team expanded a ban on gatherings of more than 10 people from Belgrade to the entire country. Masks were also made mandatory in public spaces where there is no opportunity for 6 feet (1.5 meters) of distancing, such as in shops and bus stations.

After a surge in daily infections beginning last month, Israel moved last week to reimpose restrictions, closing events spaces, live show venues, bars and clubs. It has imposed lockdowns on areas with high infection rates, which in some cases sparked protests from residents.

Officials warned that if case numbers don't come down in the coming days, Israel will have no choice but to lock the entire country down again, as it did in the spring.

South Africa is already showing signs of being overwhelmed by the pandemic — an ominous outlook for the rest of the continent of 1.3 billion people.

A ban on alcohol sales and a night curfew were reimposed this week to reduce the volume of trauma patients to hospitals that are struggling to cope with an influx of COVID-19 patients.

One result was more economic pain in a country which already has a high unemployment rate of 30%.

"This return to the booze ban is causing havoc to the restaurant business, and it's causing people to lose jobs," said Gerald Elliot, owner of a popular Johannesburg restaurant, Ba Pita, which he said closed as a result of the restrictions, with a loss of 28 jobs.

Tucker reported from Washington. Kantouris reported from Promachonas, Greece. AP reporters around the world contributed to this report.

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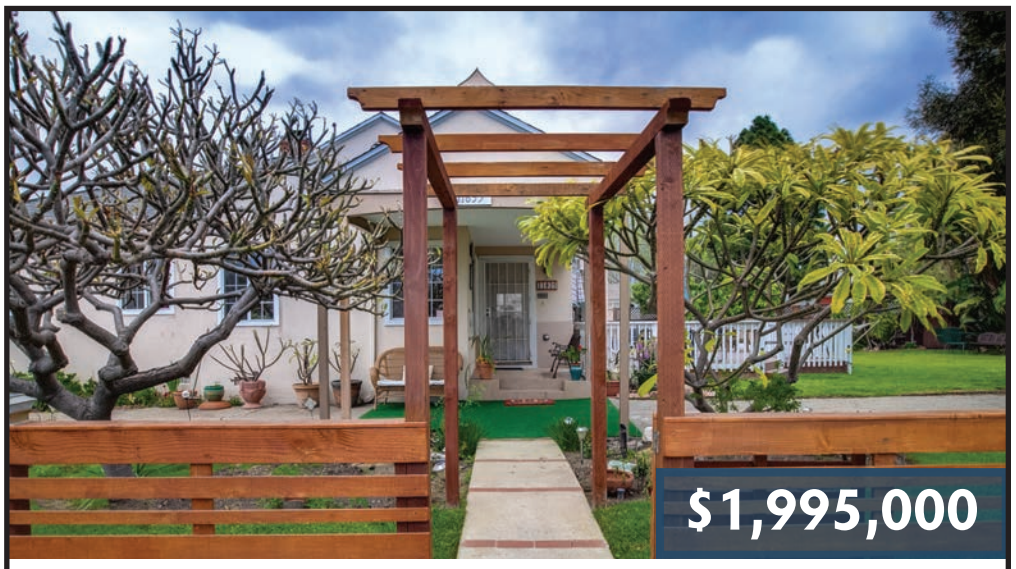
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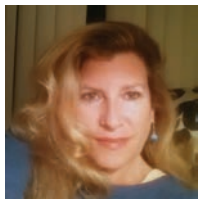
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Culture Watch

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Real Prison, Virtual Cinema



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ARTIST: Dissident Chinese artist, Ai Weiwei, courtesy "Ai Weiwei: Truly Yours," a new documentary screening on Virtual Cinema through Laemmle Theatres.

I was moved by a video, posted on Facebook a few days ago by Greg Laemmle. Here it is—watch it, it's short and important: https://youtu.be/2WY1Zm3FouU. It's both an honest and a cleverly crafted explanation of what's necessary for cinemas, especially beloved specialty houses like Laemmle Theatres, to survive in a COVID-19 world. As the Laemmle Theatres are and continue to be, this video's creation was a family affair; Greg and one of his sons collaborated to make it entertaining, without diminishing the straightforward seriousness of the message, addressing rumors about sale of the theatres.

One way you can help sustain Laemmle Theatres now, while movie houses still can't open, is by watching the films they're showing via Virtual Cinema. In this case, I'll direct you to one, in particular, that resonates with our times:

http://firstrunfeatures.com/aiweiwei_playdates.html

FEEL LIKE YOU'RE IN PRISON?

If quarantine feels imprisoning, or you think a mask is a violation of your liberty, get outside your head for about 80 minutes. Watch one of the most famous artist/dissidents in the world tackle the topic of human rights in his 2014-2015 exhibition @Large: Ai Weiwei on Alcatraz.

The documentary "Ai Weiwei: Yours Truly" documents behind the scenes activity as the idea for the prison exhibition is hatched, fleshed out, brought to life and then seen by more than 90,000 viewers, who in turn wrote thousands of postcards of support to many of the prisoners of conscience whose portraits are a centerpiece. The postcards were pre-printed with artistically-rendered images of their home countries' native birds and plants, representing an aspect of freedom and remembrance.

Ai Weiwei did all this without ever leaving China, because after having been arrested in 2011 for human rights activism, he was held incommunicado for 81 days; following his release, he was not allowed to travel and was subjected to government surveillance for four years.

He created it from afar, never visited Alcatraz, and never saw this exhibition in person.

LEGO PORTRAITS

Both for the exhibition and the documentary, Ai Weiwei collaborated with first-time filmmaker and friend, Cheryl Haines. Haines is the executive director and chief curator of the FOR-SITE Foundation which was able to secure Alcatraz for this landmark exhibition focused on fundamental human rights.

With his own experience to draw upon, Ai Weiwei focused on unjustly imprisoned men and women—prisoners of conscience—across the world. He filled the prison's bleak and crumbling cells with sounds of their voices, their music, news clips, representing their cases.

In another space, a vast concrete hall lined with pillars, he created large portraits, rendered in Legos, of dozens of prisoners who dared to speak political truth to power or were incarcerated in intolerable conditions based on religious or racial discrimination. Laid out across the concrete floor between the pillars, the collective effect is powerful.

Another hall features an enormous traditional Chinese dragon kite, whose body is made up of numerous individual kites suspended from the ceiling, snaking around the enormous space of the New Industries Building, featuring quotations from imprisoned or exiled activists, including Nelson Mandela, Edward Snowden and Ai Weiwei himself.

The quotations are about what freedom, liberty and privacy mean to these prisoners/exiles. While the dragon traditionally represents strength and power, the artist sees it as a symbol of the power that individuals can exercise to bring about change—because the mind cannot be imprisoned.

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continues to damage minority and poor communities at a disproportionate rate and that if record infection rates continue, more drastic steps will be necessary to bring the disease under control.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health reported the highest number of new hospitalizations in a day with 2,193 people currently hospitalized, surpassing Tuesday's number.

Out of the 2,193 confirmed COVID-19 cases currently hospitalized, 26% of these people are confirmed cases in the ICU and 17% are confirmed cases on ventilators.

She said Los Angeles County is in an alarming and dangerous phase of the pandemic and behavior from weeks ago is now showing up in data that is forcing officials to consider a rollback of the county's reopening efforts.

"These alarming trends reflect behaviors from three weeks ago and it will take several weeks to see if our behavior now, including the rollback of previously open sectors, slows the spread of the virus," she said. "What we do today impacts our lives in the weeks, and the months ahead. We're just not able to continue on our recovery journey, without everyone doing their part. Keeping businesses open is only possible if we can get back to slowing the spread. And we do need to remember that all of us play a part in protecting the capacity of our healthcare system so that we're all able to access critical care when we need it."

Of the 44 new deaths, 27 people who died were over the age of 65 years old, 13 people who died were between the ages of 41 and 65 years old, and one person who died was between the ages of 18 and 40 years old. Thirty-four people had underlying health conditions including 25 people over the age of 65 years old, eight people between the ages of 41 to 65 years old, and one person between the ages of 18 to 40 years old. Two deaths were reported by the City of Long Beach and one death was reported by the City of Pasadena. 3,932 people have died in total.

She said officials have all options at their disposal including reimplementing the strict lockdowns experienced earlier this year.

"We can't take anything off the table," she said. "There's, there's absolutely no certainty of what exactly is going to happen next. We do know for a fact though that we have to do everything we can to protect the healthcare system for everybody, not just for people who are sick with COVID-19 but people who have other illnesses that require care in a hospital setting, and in other health care facilities as well."

She said the county has the ability to arrest the new virus growth and said county residents were successful and slowing the spread earlier this year despite knowing less about the disease at that time.

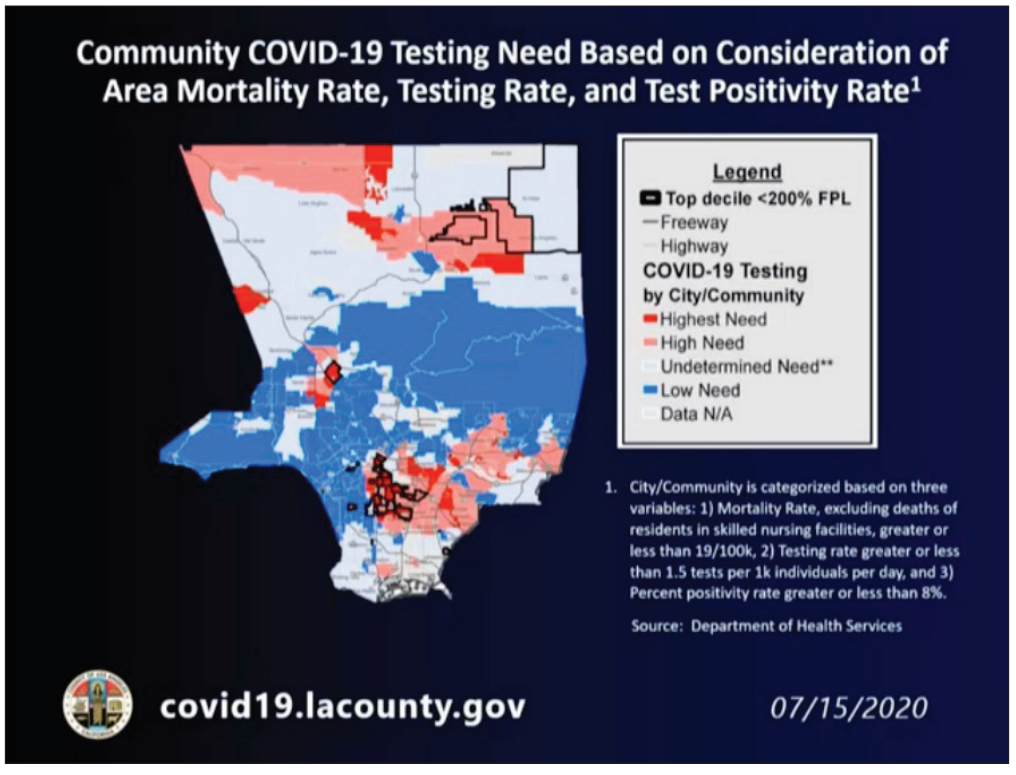
"We know how important it is to wear those face coverings. We know how important it is to keep our distance from other people. We know how important it is to do basic infection control, and we know how important it is for those businesses that are open right now to protect their workers their customers and their visitors," she said. "These are things that are for certain, and it's for certain that if we do a really good job on implementing all the tools that we have at hand, we can get back to slowing the spread and that makes it much less likely that we return to Safer At Home."

Ferrer said if the current efforts do not work in the very short term, the county will have to dig deeper into its toolbox regarding what should be open and what should be closed.

She said she expected to see an increase in deaths in the coming weeks given the record setting number of hospitalizations.

"What this really means for all of us is that we need to start and continue to take the steps to protect our healthcare infrastructure, so that hospitals are able to manage the growing number of people that need inpatient care," she said. "That is why it's so important to follow the public health directives, like staying home, avoiding close contact with people who you don't live with, and wearing your face covering at all times when you're out of your house."

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MAP: Los Angeles County is prioritizing testing and services for COVID-19 in areas that have the highest need.

MCCOWAN

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work with the YMCA.

"Since returning to Santa Monica permanently in October 2019, I immediately began exploring how I could reengage in the community," she wrote in her application. "I was appointed to the Pier Corporation Board and I've reconnected with the Black community and am active in guiding the work of the Black Agenda. This includes creating the outlines for a new nonprofit that seeks to uplift Black lives throughout our community. This work has been incredibly important to me as I'm able to offer a homegrown perspective with 40 years of lived experience as a Black child and then woman in Santa Monica. Due to my strong personal relationships with Santa Monica community activists, elected officials and residents, my direct and indirect engagement in this community has never waned—even when I was away for 13 years."

She has degrees from Samohi, SMC, CSU Northridge and USC. McCowan worked for the US House of Representatives and as a Obama appointee to the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), for Obama's transition team and later for Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti.

In her application McCowan said her goals included representing her generation in civic life, working on the city's economic recovery, restoring community confidence in public safety and increasing opportunities for historically disenfranchised communities.

"Santa Monica is a relatively progressive community that has developed mostly responsibly over the past several decades and mostly with a thoughtful lens toward diversity and inclusion," she wrote. "However, we have significant work to do to make the dream of a safe, affordable community with great businesses and attractions, cultural diversity, jobs and green spaces accessible to more. That is what diversity truly is. We need people to want to come to Santa Monica to live, work and play in order to continue to grow thoughtfully and successfully as a community."

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2021 Rose Parade canceled due to coronavirus pandemic

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The 2021 Rose Parade has been canceled because of the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on planning for the New Year's Day tradition and the risk of spreading infections among its huge audience and participants, organizers said Wednesday.

The Pasadena, California, Tournament of Roses Association said the decision was put off until organizers were certain that safety restrictions would prevent staging of the 132nd parade.

Planning for the Rose Bowl college football game that traditionally follows the parade is continuing, the association said.

The parade is held every Jan. 1 except when New Year's Day falls on a Sunday and the event is pushed to Jan. 2.

Since its inception in 1891, the parade has only not occurred during the wartime years of 1942, 1943 and 1945, the association said.

"The health and well-being of our parade participants and guests, as well as that of our volunteer members, professional staff and partners, is our number one priority," Bob Miller, the 2021 president of the association, said in a statement.

The event is people-intensive, starting with hundreds of members of the association.

Thousands of spectators normally jam the 5-mile (8-kilometer) parade route through Pasadena, some camping out overnight on sidewalks to ensure a good view.

For days ahead of time, volunteers work to decorate the flower-laden floats that are the trademark of the parade.

There are also marching bands from across the nation and around the world and equestrian units that not only take part in the parade but in other events.

The association said a feasibility report by public health experts from the University of Southern California's Keck School of Medicine found that even with intensive efforts to ensure social distancing and use of face coverings the event would be a high-risk environment for spread of the virus.

It noted that many attendees would be in high-risk groups such as older people and that national and international travel could cause two-way transmission of infections.

Preparation for each parade normally begins during the preceding February.

"In addition to the advance planning required by our band and equestrian units, the construction of our floats takes many months and typically requires thousands of volunteers to gather in ways that aren't in compliance with safety recommendations and won't be safe in the coming months," said David Eads, the executive director and CEO.

The association said it was working with broadcast partners and sponsors on an alternative celebration and promised details in the coming weeks.

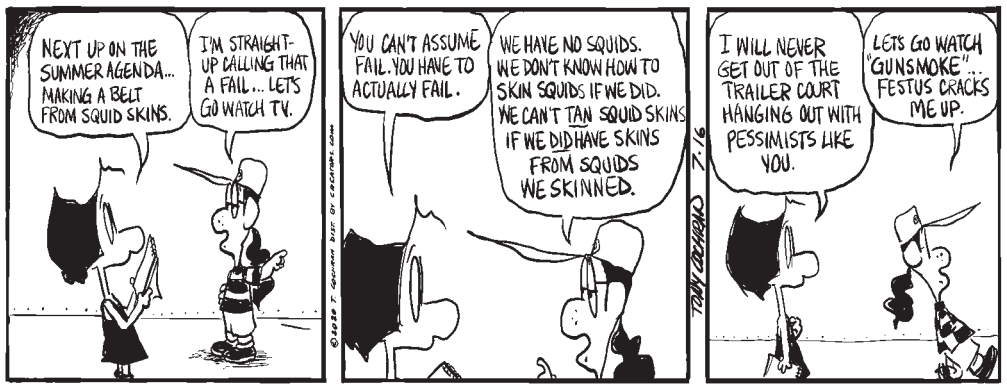
The Jan. 1 Rose Bowl football game would be a college football playoff semifinal.

"While the safety and well-being of the student athletes, university personnel and fans is our top priority, we remain hopeful that the Granddaddy of Them All will take place on New Year's Day," Eads said.

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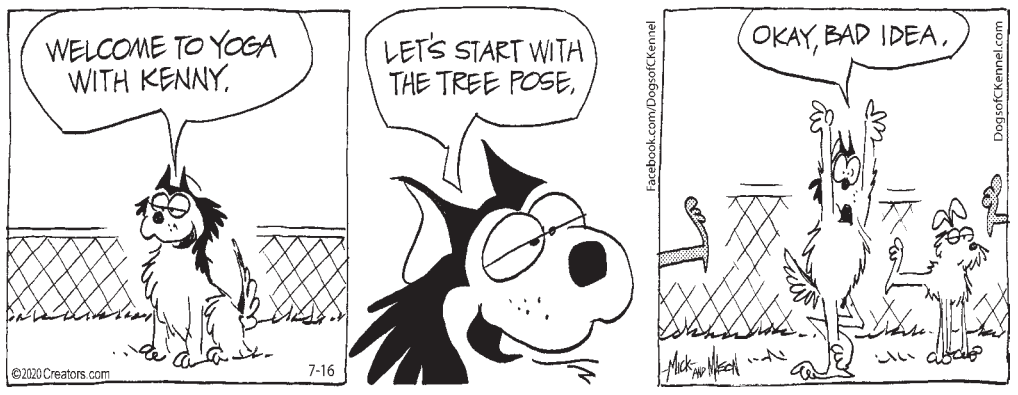
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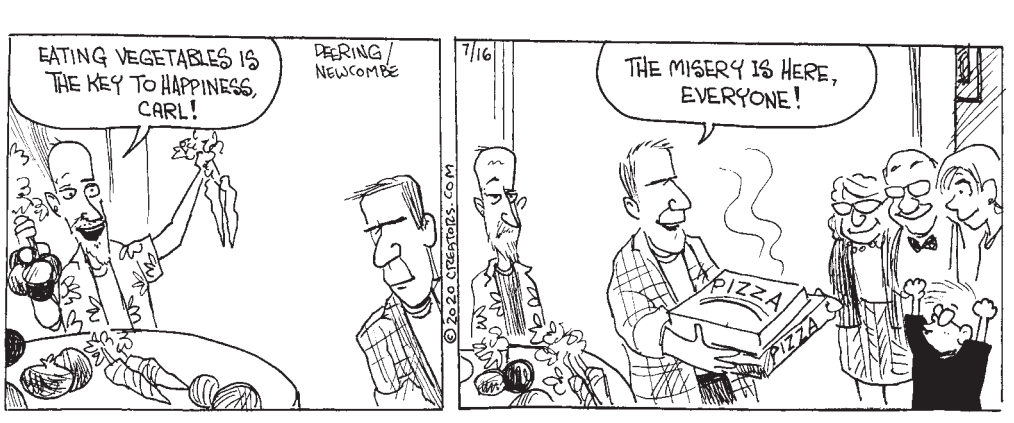
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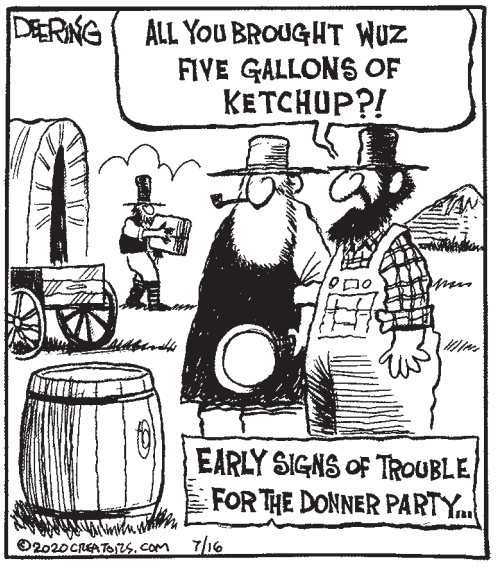
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WATER TEMP: 72.1°

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high
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FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high
Minor swell mix. Lingering NW energy and small new SW/SSW swell trickles in.

WEATHER

Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 70.
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Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 74.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You think that other people are helping you, but what's really helping is your outstanding attitude, which they find irresistible. You're fun to give things to — money, help, attention — and so you'll get your fill.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Inspired by the people around you, you'll learn something new to please or entertain them. Everything beautiful in the day comes from your desire to make other people smile.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). With certain demands, it's best just to give into them without fanfare. Letting the other person win doesn't mean you lose. You'll be at the service of others, and yet, it is you who will be served the most.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). New friends have the potential to powerfully affect your life. A gesture of goodwill is in order. You never quite know how you'll be received, and that risk is what makes the exchange meaningful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Life is not fair by human standards, but you'll get the feeling that there's some other standard in effect today as disparate elements come together in a beautiful balance you would not have predicted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll come to a point in which you really don't know what to do next. Don't fret; any move will do. Once you're in motion, you'll fall into the groove that eventually leads to the next move.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Whether you have a knack for today's task or not matters very little. Action teaches you and allows your natural talents to emerge at the same time, if you have them. And if you don't — well, the deed will get done either way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't have to be involved in a grand effort or lofty project to make a difference. Simple acts of kindness and the warmth that emanates from you has impact beyond what you know.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Rituals assist and power you. Doing the same thing over and over is a kind of magic spell. There's an aim you'd like to accomplish and it's time to develop some repeatable daily actions to help you get there.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You (and everyone you know) are vulnerable to distraction. Each time your attention goes to something other than what you meant to be doing, it costs you. Take preventative measures to stay on track.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Lateral moves are seldom painful but the rewards they offer will be mild to say the least. More often than not, the way forward is through discomfort. Your willingness to endure it allows for your blossoming.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you want to hook into a new habit, figure out what's in it for you and what feels good about it. Otherwise, you'll be pushing and struggling and it will be impossible to keep up the willpower for very long.

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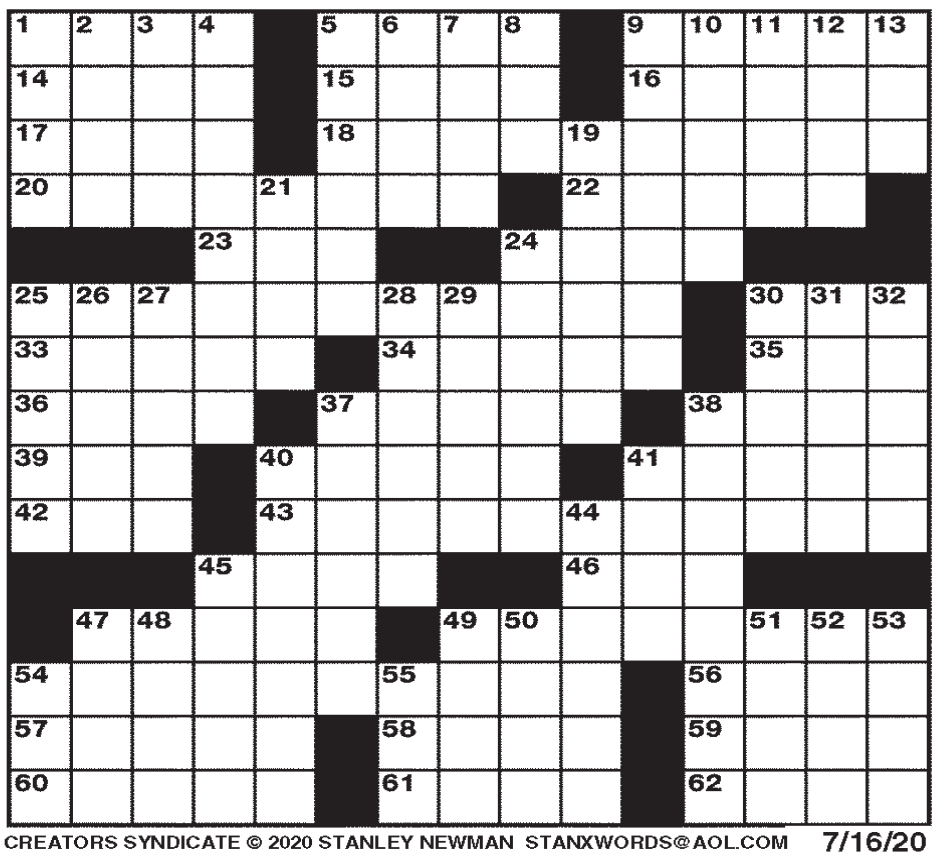
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Newsday Crossword

ELBOW ROOM by Mark McClain
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ACROSS
1 During
5 Amenity at a fancy hotel
9 Not with it
14 Early word for baby
15 Qatari dignitary
16 Snare element
17 Artist who worked with Hitchcock
18 Coast Guard cutter, e.g.
20 Ore processors
22 Muscular
23 Vote for passage
24 Bibliography abbr.
25 Year-end reward
30 Modifying wd.
33 Lorax creator
34 Discombobulate
35 One known for bumbling
36 Cut back on
37 House's "bones"
38 *p*, to a pianist
39 Sci-fi film extras
40 Culpability
41 Turning point
42 Expensive spread
43 Barrio store
45 Place to picnic
46 Lummox
47 Japanese two-seater
49 Stud poker secret
54 What might be filled with flakes
56 Diva's delivery
57 Like most people
58 Fully equipped
59 Doctor's order
60 Never happened
61 Party VIP
62 Well-being

DOWN
1 Throws in
2 Sir's counterpart
3 Insubstantial
4 Application without restriction
5 Remove from the books
6 Five-star General Bradley
7 Pieces' partner
8 Go off course
9 Set free
10 2009 honor for 28/29 Down
11 Reindeer's foot
12 Comment from Dr. Watson
13 Most preferred
19 Not at all alert
21 Infusions that may have jasmine
24 Protective coating
25 According to
26 Peachy-keen
27 Triage pro
28 With 29 Down, president born in the '60s
29 See 28 Down
30 Too principled for
31 Clear, as car windows
32 Alternative to a Civic
37 Like aloha shirt designs
38 Motorcycle appendages
40 Conspicuous and annoying
41 The Bishop of Rome
44 Dance company
45 Song of praise
47 Flat highland
48 Part of the eye
49 "Knight of the road"
50 Nocturnal predators
51 Floor measurement
52 Lay on the line
53 Page One identifier
54 Cornfield sound
55 Dismissive shout



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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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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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The world of birds

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Albatross
Beak
Brolga
Cape Barren goose
Chicken
Chook
Claw
Coot
Crane
Crow
Darter
Dodo
Dove
Duck
Eagle
Eggs
Egret
Emus
Erne
Finch
Flight
Galah
Gull
Hawk
Hens
Ibis
Kite
Koel
Lark
Magpie
Melody
Myna
Owls
Peewit
Pelican
Pigeon
Pipit
Rhea
Robin
Song
Stilt
Stork
Swan
Tawny frogmouth
Teal
Thrush
Tree
Wing

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TWITTER

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$1,000 sent to an anonymous Bitcoin address.

There is no evidence that the owners of these accounts were targeted themselves. Instead, the hacks appeared designed to lure their Twitter followers into sending money to an anonymous Bitcoin account. The Biden campaign, for instance, said that Twitter's integrity team "locked down the account within a few minutes of the breach and removed the related tweet."

Obama's office had no immediate comment. The FBI said it was aware of Twitter's security breach, but declined further comment.

In a tweet, Twitter noted that it was aware of a "security incident impacting accounts on Twitter." The San Francisco company said it is investigating and promised an update shortly. It did not reply immediately to requests for comment.

The apparently fake tweets were all quickly deleted, although The Associated Press was able to capture screenshots of several before they disappeared. The security problem was severe enough for Twitter to warn that many of its more than 166 million daily users might be unable to tweet or reset their passwords while the company tried to lock things down.

Among the political figures targeted, the hack mostly appeared to target Democrats or other figures on the left, drawing comparisons to the 2016 campaign. U.S. intelligence agencies established that Russia engaged in coordinated attempts to interfere in those U.S. elections through social media tampering and various hacks, including targeting the various campaigns and major party organizations.

The hack might also be a simple demonstration of Twitter's weak security controls as the U.S. heads into the 2020 presidential election, a contest in which the service is likely to play an influential role.

The Bitcoin account mentioned in the fake tweets appears to have been created on Wednesday. By the end of the day, it had received almost 12.9 bitcoins, an amount currently valued at slightly more than $114,000. At some point during the day, roughly half that sum in bitcoin was withdrawn from the account.

Bezos, Gates and Musk are among the 10 richest people in the world, with tens of millions of followers on Twitter. The three men are worth a combined $362 billion, according to the latest calculations by Forbes magazine.

The same bogus offer cropped up a second time on Musk's account, which has a history of sometimes befuddling tweets from the eccentric billionaire. Tesla didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Gates, who has become one of the world's leading philanthropists since stepping down as Microsoft CEO, confirmed the tweet wasn't from him. "This appears to be part of a larger issue that Twitter is facing," a spokesperson for the billionaire said in a statement.

This is hardly the first time hackers have created mischief on Twitter. Just last year, the account of Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey was broken into a nd used to tweet racist and vulgar comments.

The latest security breach prompted Sen. Josh Hawley, a Missouri Republican, to send a letter to Dorsey urging him to work with the FBI and the Justice Department on ways to improve Twitter's security.

"A successful attack on your system's servers represents a threat to all of your users' privacy and data security," Hawley wrote.

Investors also appeared to be concerned about potential fallout from the hack affecting Twitter's usage. Twitter's shares fell 3% in extended trading after news of the hack broke.

AP political reporter Bill Barrow contributed to this article from Washington. AP Technology Writers Matt O'Brien in Providence, Rhode Island, and Barbara Ortutay in Oakland, California, also contributed.

NOTEWORTHY

FROM PAGE 5

NICOLE RECOMMENDS:

INDEPENDENT VENUES NEED YOUR HELP — I made a NOTEWORTHY recommendation once before about saving independent music venues, sharing information on how to support an especially historic spot, The Troubadour.

If I had all the time and space to highlight every independent venue that needs support, I would. Luckily, the newly formed National Independent Venue Association (NIVA) is taking up that cause.

According to a member survey, 90% of independent venues report they will close permanently in the next few months if they don't receive federal funding. This would be a cultural tragedy in itself, but also a hit to the local communities that benefit from the revenue generated by these venues.

With a growing member base (Southern California alone has 116 participants and counting), NIVA seeks to raise awareness and implore Congress to provide federal assistance to independent venues and promoters. Independent venues were the first to close and will be the last to fully open, but most of them won't last long enough to see that day unless the government steps up.

Share this information with your friends! Write to your representatives! NIVA's ancillary "#SaveOurStages" website has more information on how to help: https://www.saveourstages.com/

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 2,500 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 34 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com.

CULTURE WATCH

FROM PAGE 6

THE POSTCARDS

Perhaps the most lasting effect of the exhibition was on the prisoners whose portraits are featured. We hear from some who have been released.

Once viewers passed through the multiple halls, they came into a room where thousands of postcards were available to send personal messages to many of the prisoners. Ai Weiwei understood the effect that isolation can have on a prisoner, and these postcards—often delivered, sometimes not—showed up in bundles of dozens, even hundreds to lift their spirits by letting them know the world has not forgotten them.

The unfolding of the exhibition via this documentary is inspiring, demonstrating how powerful art can be as a mechanism of activism and how expansive, evocative and expressive Ai Weiwei's imagination is.

If Ai Weiwei was kept incommunicado for 81 days, surely you can spare 80 minutes to watch "Ai Weiwei: Yours Truly" via Laemmle's Virtual Cinema. Select "Los Angeles" and "Laemmle Theatres" here for tickets: http://firstrunfeatures.com/aiweiwei_playdates.html.

IF YOU MISS BOOKS

Just a reminder, now that I have three in my hot little hands, that Santa Monica Public Library has a new pickup service at the Main Library. Just put your books on hold online, you'll get an email telling you when they're ready, then make a pickup appointment, and call to let them know when you've arrived for contactless delivery.

And, long ago on KCRW, we broadcast a literary salon called Spoken Interludes, created by Delauné Michel. Now she and her husband have created an online platform to connect readers, authors and event organizers in a simple space, called Book YaYa.

Delauné is presenting a series of virtual events online on Wednesdays at 5 pm Pacific time. Humorist, writer and radio personality Sandra Tsing Loh appears on July 22, reading from "The Madwoman and the Roomba: My Year of Domestic Mayhem," her latest.

Upcoming Wednesdays feature Joanna Hershon reading from her new novel St. Ivo, James Beard Award-winning chef, cookbook author and Tony/Grammy winner Alexander Smalls, reading from his "Meals, Muses & Music: Recipes from African American Kitchen" on Aug. 5.

Find the Spoken Interludes lineup and reserve a space here: https://spokeninterludes.com/reservation/. It's only $10 per event with all proceeds going to the author And if you're a writer or event producer, check out https://www.bookyaya.com.

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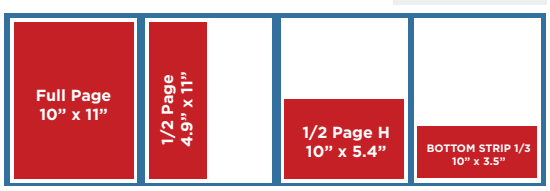
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