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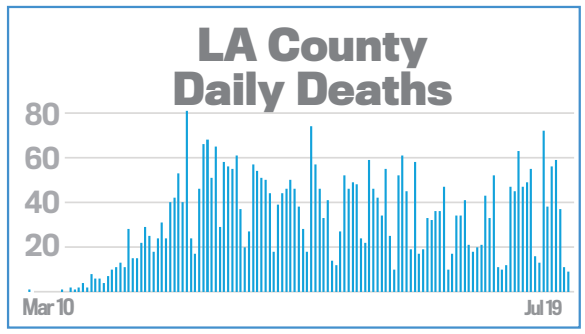
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New nonprofit looks to address teen reading problems

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

The Santa Monica-based nonprofit Teen Readers Society launched this week to help create a new generation of readers, but Executive Director Judit Langh said the various programs and research-based initiatives have been in the works for more than two years.

As a mother of two former Santa Monica High School teenagers, Langh said she noticed during a prior summer vacation that her girls, who had been readers in the past and grew up with books all around them, just didn't read at all. She said she noticed that seemed to be the case for all teenagers, even if they are curious, politically engaged students.

While attending San Francisco State University around the same time, Langh was approached by a professor who eventually would ask his students to write a Case Study titled, "Promoting Reading for Pleasure Among Teens" in April of 2019.

She said there's a brief version of their findings on their website. In short, the finding showed teenagers don't feel as though the prescribed literature in school is interesting.

"The other thing that's happening in high school when you read is students have to analyze and I noticed they're not allowed to just read and get lost in books like they were when they were children," she said. "They have to analyze and underline, and that gets in the way of getting lost in a book and really enjoying reading."

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Courtesy photo

READING: A newly founded nonprofit is encouraging teens to spend their newfound extra time reading, both as enjoyment and as a means of supplementing their newly distanced education.

County officials link Covid surge to holidays and protests

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Los Angeles County remains in the midst of a COVID-19 surge due to gatherings and celebrations held over the July 4 holiday.

County officials linked the current situation to the holiday at a Monday briefing and said the only way to avoid another mass shutdown was with large-scale cooperation from the public on health directives including wearing masks and limiting social activity.

"The increase we've seen lately in cases for COVID-19 are in part, connected with the Fourth of July activities," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "It will take approximately two to three weeks between when someone is first exposed until they test positive for the virus. As people spend time in their communities and socialize with people who aren't in their household we will continue to see a higher positive rate. We anticipated, and prepared for these cases, but the virus is here to stay. It is up to us to learn how to coexist with the COVID-19 and adapt our daily lives to protect ourselves and our loved ones."

Barger defended county efforts to reopen Los Angeles for the July 4 holiday saying at the time, the county met State-issued standards for reopening. She said she stood by the decision to begin reopening businesses and said residents had failed to follow safety measures such as voluntarily limiting their travel and using a mask.

"And when we begin to do a safer-at-home then to safer-at-work and safer-at-the-communities, that doesn't mean people can let their guard down and I believe that is what happened in addition to the fact that

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Trump, Congress square off over virus aid as crisis worsens

LISA MASCARO
AP Congressional Correspondent

President Donald Trump acknowledged Monday a "big flare up" of COVID-19 cases, but divisions between the White House and Senate Republicans and differences with Democrats posed fresh challenges for a new federal aid package with the U.S. crisis worsening and emergency relief about to expire.

Trump convened GOP leaders at the White House as Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell prepared to roll out his $1 trillion package in a matter of days. But the administration criticized the legislation's money for more virus testing and insisted on a payroll tax cut that could complicate quick passage. The timeline appeared to quickly shift.

"We've made a lot of progress," Trump said as the meeting got underway.

But the president added,

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Federal agents, local streets: A 'red flag' in Oregon

GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

Federal law enforcement officers' actions at protests in Oregon's largest city, done without local authorities' consent, are raising the prospect of a constitutional crisis — one that could escalate as weeks of demonstrations find renewed focus in clashes with camouflaged, unidentified agents outside Portland's U.S. courthouse.

State and local authorities, who did not ask for federal help, are awaiting a ruling in a federal lawsuit filed late last week by state Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum. She said in court papers that masked federal officers have arrested people off the street, far from the courthouse, with no probable cause — and whisked them away in unmarked cars.

Constitutional law experts said Monday the federal officers' actions are a "red flag" in what could become a test case of states' rights as the Trump administration expands its federal policing into other cities.

"The idea that there's a threat to a federal courthouse and the federal authorities are going to swoop in and do whatever they want to do without any cooperation and coordination with state and local authorities is extraordinary outside the context of a civil war," said Michael Dorf, a professor of constitutional law at Cornell University.

"It is a standard move of authoritarians to use the pretext of quelling violence to bring in force, thereby prompting a violent response and then bootstrapping the initial use of force in the first place," Dorf said.

President Donald Trump says he plans to send federal agents to other cities as well. The Chicago Tribune, citing anonymous sources, reported Monday that Trump planned to deploy 150 federal agents to Chicago. The ACLU of Oregon has sued in federal court over the agents' presence in Portland, and the organization's Chicago branch said it would similarly oppose a federal presence.

"We're going to have more federal law enforcement, that I can tell you," Trump said Monday. "In Portland, they've done a fantastic job. They've been there three days and they really have done a fantastic job in a very short period of time."

Later Monday, DHS said in a tweet that federal agents were barricaded in the courthouse at one point and had lasers pointed at their eyes in an attempt to blind them.

"Portland is rife with violent anarchists assaulting federal officers and federal buildings," a DHS tweet said. "This isn't a peaceful crowd. These are federal crimes."

Top leaders in the U.S. House said Sunday they were "alarmed" by the Trump administration's tactics in Portland and other cities. They've called on federal inspectors general to investigate.

Trump, who called the protesters "anarchists and agitators" in a Sunday tweet, said the agents, with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Justice Department, are on hand to help Portland and restore order at the Mark O. Hatfield Federal Courthouse.

The actions run counter to the usual philosophies of American conservatives, who typically treat state and local rights with great sanctity and have long been deeply wary of the federal government — particularly its armed agents — interceding in most situations.

But Trump, a Republican, has shown during his time in office that his actions do not always reflect traditional conservatism — particularly when politics, and in this case an impending election, are in play.

One prominent Republican, Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, who is from the libertarian-leaning flank of the party, came out publicly against the federal agents. "We cannot give up liberty for security. Local law enforcement can and should be handling these situations in our cities but there is no place for federal troops or unidentified federal agents rounding people up at will," Paul said in a tweet Monday.

The protests now gaining nationwide attention have roiled Portland for 52 nights, ever since George Floyd died after being pinned by the neck for nearly eight minutes by a white Minneapolis police officer.

Many rallies have attracted thousands and been largely peaceful. But smaller groups of up to several hundred people have focused on federal property and local law enforcement buildings, at times setting fires to police precincts, smashing windows and clashing violently with local police.

The Portland Police Bureau used tear gas on multiple occasions until a federal court order banned its officers from doing so without declaring a riot. Now, concern is growing that the tear gas is being used against demonstrators by federal officers instead.

Anger at the federal presence escalated on July 11, when a protester who was hospitalized with critical injuries after a U.S. Marshals Service officer struck him in the head with a non-lethal round. Video of the incident shows the man, identified as Donavan LaBella, standing across the street from the officers holding a speaker over his head with both hands when he was struck.

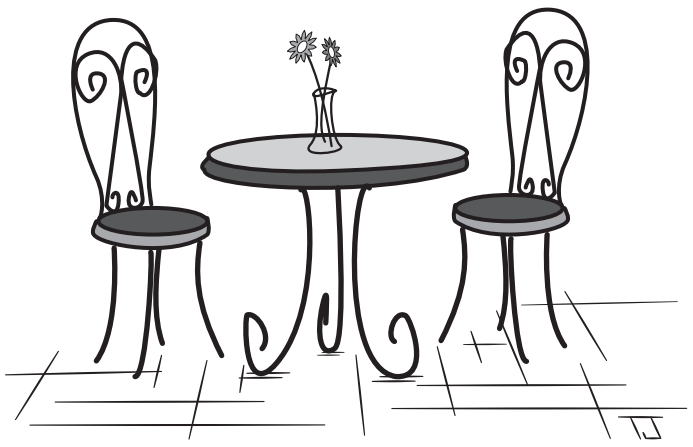
Affidavits filed in federal court in cases against recently arrested protesters also show that federal officers have posted lookouts on the upper stories of the courthouse and have plainclothes officers circulating in the crowd. Court papers in one case — against a man arrested on federal charges for shining a green laser in the eyes of Federal Protective Service agents — show that Portland police turned him over to federal authorities after federal officers identified him, in part with the testimony of their undercover officers.

Mayor Ted Wheeler, who himself has been under fire locally for his handling of the protests, said Sunday on national TV talk shows that the demonstrations that dominated Portland headlines for more than seven weeks were dwindling before federal officers engaged.

"They are sharply escalating the situation. Their presence here is actually leading to more violence and more vandalism. And it's not helping the situation at all," Wheeler said Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union."

"They're not wanted here. We haven't

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Encampment Ocean Ave / Alta Ave 1:09 a.m.
Domestic Violence Now 1700blk The Beach 2:04 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold Lincoln Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 2:18 a.m.
Living In A Vehicle 6th St / Ashland Ave 3:33 a.m.
Burglary 405s At Jefferson 7:27 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 7:32 a.m.
Burglary 800blk 2nd St 9:06 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2700blk Pico Blvd 9:38 a.m.
Construction Noise 700blk 21st Pl 9:46 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2000blk Ocean Ave 10:09 a.m.
Person With A Gun Ocean Ave / California Incline 10:12 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2000blk Ocean Ave 10:15 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2900blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:18 a.m.
Grand Theft 700blk Georgina Ave 10:27 a.m.
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Grand Theft Auto 2600blk Highland Ave 1:33 p.m.
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Violation Of Posted Sign 1400blk Ocean Ave 2:07 p.m.
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Petty Theft 2400blk 10th St 3:03 p.m.
Missing Person 1300blk 26th St 3:26 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2300blk Virginia Ave 3:28 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2nd St / California Ave 3:36 p.m.
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EMS 2600blk 32nd St 12:21 p.m.
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Arrest for assault during riot

The Santa Monica Police Department has arrested Drew Miller for throwing a full 40-ounce glass bottle at the back of the head of a peace officer during the civil unrest and rioting in the City of Santa Monica on May 31.

According to SMPD, the large glass bottle shattered on the peace officer's helmet causing injury. On Friday, July 17, the Santa Monica Police Department obtained an arrest warrant for Miller and placed him under arrest for 245(c) of the California Penal Code - Assault with a deadly weapon upon a peace officer. Miller was transported to the Santa Monica Jail Facility and held on $500,000 bail.

Anyone with information pertaining to any crimes committed in the City of Santa Monica on May 31, is asked to share that information by calling 310-458-8451 or by email to crimetips@smgov.net.

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WASHINGTON

Fauci to throw 1st pitch at Yankees-Nationals opener in DC

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the country's top infectious disease expert, will throw out the ceremonial first pitch at the first game of Major League Baseball's pandemic-delayed regular season.

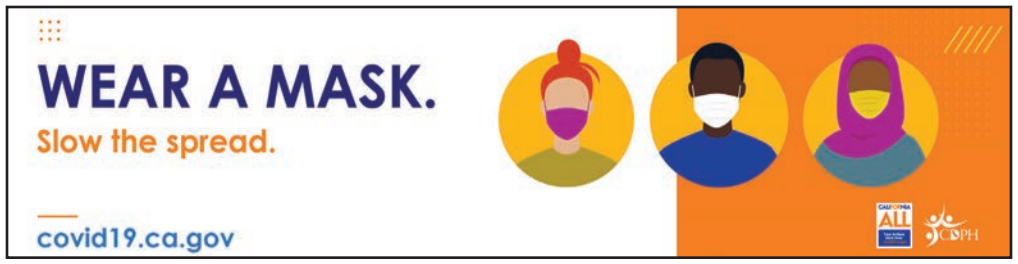
The Washington Nationals announced Monday that Fauci -- a self-described fan of the reigning World Series champions -- accepted the team's invitation to have the pregame honor Thursday night.

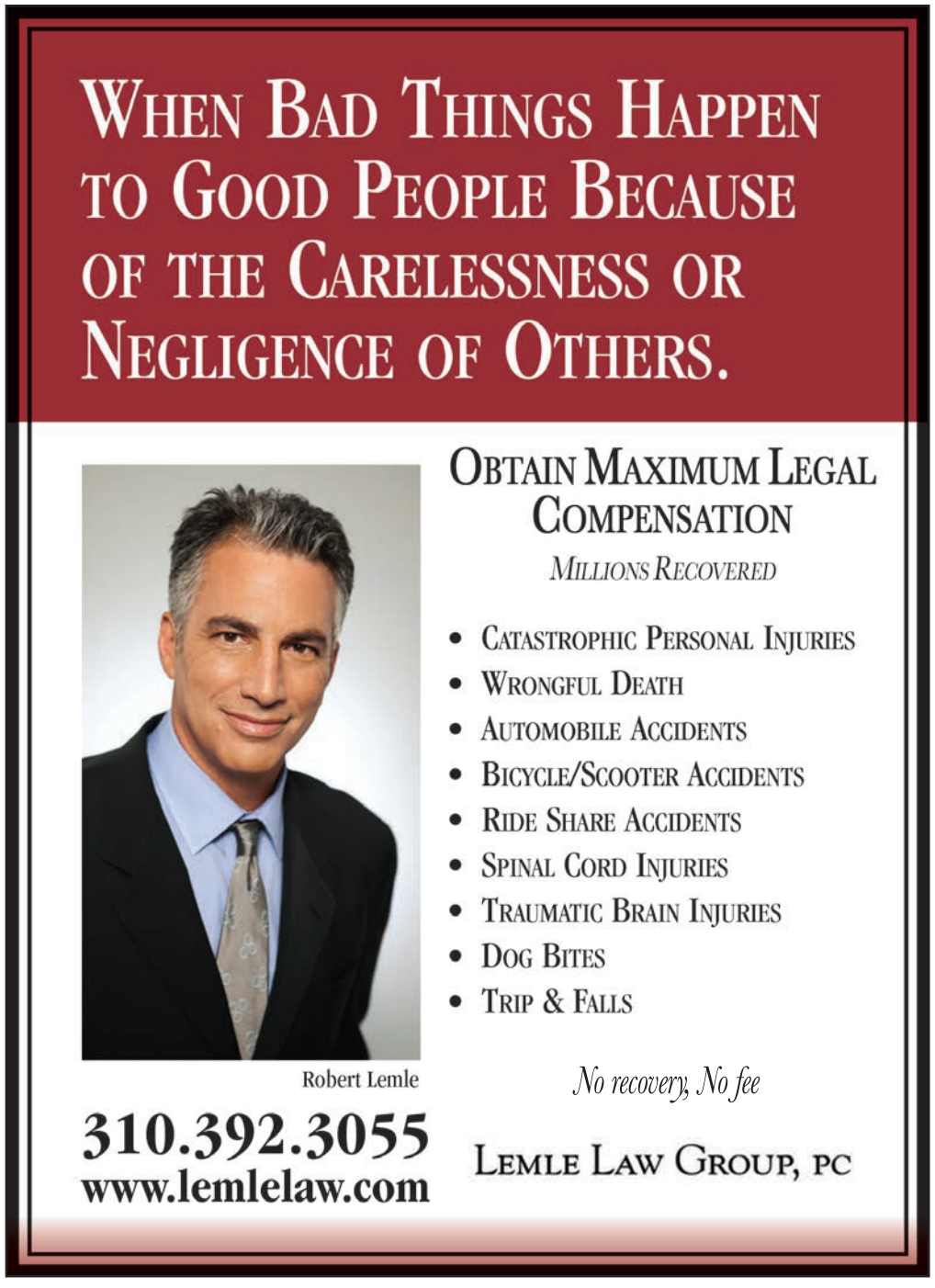
The Nationals host the New York Yankees to open the season nearly four months after it originally was scheduled to begin. Spring training was halted in March because of the COVID-19 outbreak and teams resumed preparing to play this month.

In their new release about Fauci's role at the opener, the Nationals refer to him as "a true champion for our country" during the pandemic "and throughout his distinguished career."

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VIRUS AID

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"Unfortunately, this is something that's very tough."

Lawmakers returned to a Capitol still off-limits to tourists, another sign of the nation's difficulty containing the coronavirus. Rather than easing, the pandemic's devastating cycle is rising again, leaving Congress little choice but to engineer another costly rescue. Businesses are shutting down again, many schools will not fully reopen and jobs are disappearing, all while federal aid will expire in days.

Without a successful federal strategy, lawmakers are trying to draft one.

"We have to end this virus," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said Monday on MSNBC.

She said any attempt by the White House to block money for testing "goes beyond ignorance."

The political stakes are high for both parties before the November election, and even more so for the nation, which now has registered more coronavirus infections and a higher death count of 140,800 than any other country.

McConnell and House GOP leader Kevin McCarthy huddled with Trump, Vice President Mike Pence, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and acting chief of staff Mark Meadows.

Mnuchin vowed passage by month's end, as earlier benefits expire, and said he expected a fresh $1 trillion jolt of business tax breaks and other aid would have a "big impact" on the struggling economy.

Back at the Capitol, McConnell downplayed his proposal as simply a "starting point" for eventual discussions. Not only does he face pressure from the White House, but splits within his ranks have chiseled away at his majority power and left him relying on Democrats for votes.

"The question before the Senate this week is, 'Where are we now?'" the Kentucky Republican said as he opened the chamber.

The package from McConnell, being crafted behind closed doors, is expected to include $75 billion to help schools reopen. It is also expected to provide a new boost in unemployment benefits, a fresh round of direct $1,200 cash payments to Americans below a certain income level, and a sweeping five-year liability shield against coronavirus lawsuits.

But the administration was panning the proposal's $25 billion in new funds for virus testing and tracing, said two Republicans familiar with the discussions. Trump was also reviving his push for a payroll tax break, said another Republican. Both spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the private talks.

Trump insisted again Sunday that the virus would "disappear," but the president's view did not at all match projections from the leading health professionals straining to halt the alarming U.S. caseload and death toll.

On a conference call with the nation's governors Monday, Pence called the rising numbers in Sunbelt states "serious." And a somber McConnell said that "it's not going to magically disappear," during a visit to thank front-line workers at a hospital in his home state of Kentucky last week.

Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer warned Monday his side will block any effort from McConnell that falls short.

"We will stand together again if we must," Schumer said in a letter to colleagues.

The New York Democrat is reviving his strategy from the last virus aid bill that forced Republicans to the negotiating table after McConnell's original bill was opposed by Democrats. This time, the House has approved Pelosi's sweeping $3 trillion effort, giving Democrats momentum heading into negotiations.

Trump raised alarms on Capitol Hill when he suggested last month at a rally in Oklahoma that he wanted to slow virus testing. Some of Trump's GOP allies want new money to help test and track the virus to contain its spread. And one of the Republicans familiar with the process said about half of the $25 billion previously approved remains unspent. Senate Democrats are investigating why the administration has left so much on the table.

The payroll tax break Trump wants also is dividing his party because that tax is used to finance Social Security and Medicare. Cutting it only adds to the nation's rising debt load at a time when conservatives are wary of any new spending. McConnell is straining to keep the bill's total price tag at $1 trillion.

During Monday's White House meeting, Trump put economist Art Laffer on speaker phone to discuss a health care provision backed by Newt Gingrich and key conservatives in Congress, according to a person familiar with the exchange and granted anonymity to discuss it. It would require hospitals and providers to disclose some prices to patients before receiving medical care, putting Trump's executive actions into law.

The proposed virus aid package would be the fifth, following the $2.2 trillion bill passed in March, the largest U.S. intervention of its kind. While many Republicans hoped the virus would ease and economy rebound, it's become clear more aid is needed as the first round of relief runs out.

The federal $600-a-week boost to regular unemployment benefits is to expire at the end of the month. So, too, the federal ban on evictions from millions of rental units.

With 17 straight weeks of unemployment claims topping 1 million — typically about 200,000 — many households are facing a cash difficulties and losing employer-backed health insurance.

Despite flickers of an economic upswing as states eased stay-at-home orders in May and June, the jobless rate remained in double digits, higher than it ever was in the last decade's Great Recession.

Pelosi's bill, approved in May, includes $75 billion for testing and tracing to try to get a handle on the virus spread, funnels $100 billion to schools to safely reopen and calls for $1 trillion to be sent to cash-strapped states to pay essential workers and prevent layoffs. The measure would give cash stipends to Americans, and bolster rental and mortgage and other safety net protections.

In the two months since Pelosi's bill passed, the U.S. has had 50,000 more deaths and 2 million more infections.

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Workers protest racial inequality on day of national strike

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Hundreds of workers rallied Monday outside the Trump International Hotel in Manhattan and in cities across the U.S. to protest systemic racism and economic inequality, joining a nationwide demonstration demanding improvement of Black Americans' experiences in the workplace.

Organizers hoped the effort would grow into a strike inspiring tens of thousands of people to walk off the job. But visible support came largely in the form of smaller protests that drew people whose jobs in health care, transportation and food service do not allow them to work from home during the coronavirus pandemic.

The "Strike for Black Lives" protest was organized by labor unions and social and racial justice organizations, which planned a range of actions in more than two dozen U.S. cities. Where work stoppages were not possible for a full day, participants picketed during a lunch break or observed moments of silence to honor Black lives lost to police violence, organizers said.

About 1,500 janitors in San Francisco walked off their jobs and planned to lead a march to City Hall later in the day, according to Fight for $15, a labor group that supports raising the U.S. minimum wage to $15 an hour. McDonald's cooks and cashiers in Los Angeles and nursing home workers in St. Paul were also striking, the group said.

Participants in local rallies included delivery men and women, fast food employees, ride-share and airport workers.

Glen Brown, a 48-year-old wheelchair agent at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport for nearly five years, said his job does not give him the option of social distancing. Brown and fellow workers called for a $15 minimum age during an event in St. Paul, and he said workers were "seizing our moment" to seek change.

"We are front-line workers, (and) we are risking our lives, but we're doing it at a wage that doesn't even match the risk," Brown said.

In Manhattan, more than 150 union workers rallied outside Trump International Hotel to demand that the Senate and President Donald Trump adopt the HEROES Act, which provides protective equipment, essential pay and extended unemployment benefits to workers who cannot work from home. It has already been passed by the House.

"Today, we're here to demand from those in power, including the man whose name adorns the building, that it's time to dismantle white supremacy and combat police brutality," said Kyle Bragg, president of 32BJ, a union representing more than 170,000 office janitors, security workers and doormen on the East Coast.

"Until we have racial justice, we cannot have economic, climate or immigrant justice," Bragg said.

The passing of John Lewis, the Georgia congressman and Black civil rights icon, loomed large over the Manhattan rally. Lewis, who died of pancreatic cancer Friday at age 80, would have supported the issues that strikers are rallying for, said New York Sen. Chuck Schumer, who led participants in a moment of silence.

"One of the things John would have stood for is fair compensation for essential workers," said Schumer. "Martin Luther King died fighting for sanitation workers in that platform in Tennessee. John was doing the same, and we are carrying on their legacies."

In Massachusetts, about 200 people, including health care workers, janitors and other essential employees, joined Democratic candidates for U.S. Senate in front of the Statehouse in Boston.

"We're just being overworked and underpaid, and it makes you sometimes lose your compassion," said Toyai Anderson, 44, who planned to walk off her job as a nursing aide for two hours at Hartford Nursing and Rehab Center in Detroit. "It makes me second guess if I am sure this is my calling."

After 13 years on the job, Anderson makes $15.75 an hour. Nationally, the typical nursing aide makes $13.38, according to health care worker advocacy group PCI, and 1 in 4 nursing home workers is Black.

Hundreds of other workers planned to walk off their jobs at six Detroit nursing homes, according to the Service Employees International Union. The workers are demanding higher wages and more safety equipment to keep them from catching and spreading the virus, as well as better health care benefits and paid sick leave.

Jamila Allen, 23, who joined other protesters outside a McDonald's in Durham, North Carolina, said she was striking from her job as a supervisor at Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers to draw attention to the need for better pay and benefits. Allen said she makes about $11 per hour.

"I don't actually get paid sick days," Allen said. "We don't get health care" or personal protective equipment.

The strike continues an ongoing global reckoning on race and police brutality set off by the death of George Floyd, a Black man who died at the hands of Minneapolis police in late May.

Participants broadly demanded action by corporations and government to confront racism and inequality that limits mobility and career advancement for many Black and Hispanic workers, who make up a disproportionate number of those earning less than a living wage.

The demands include raising wages and allowing workers to unionize to negotiate better health care, sick leave and child care support.

Justice Favor, 38, an organizer with the Laborers' International Union Local 79, which represents 10,000 predominately Black and Hispanic construction workers in New York City, said he hopes that the strike motivates more white workers to acknowledge the existence of racism and discrimination in the workplace.

"There was a time when the Irish and Italians were a subjugated people, too," said Favor, who is Black. "How would you feel if you weren't able to fully assimilate into society? Once you have an open mind, you have to call out your coworkers who are doing wrong to others."

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Lockdown Do-over

Summer is here all right. The days are warm and the nights are lovely. It's been the antidote to the 'cabin fever' many of us have been experiencing over the past few months, this is why we pay higher rents, put up with too much traffic and work to keep our small city unique and enjoyable.

I've been out riding my bike a lot these past few weeks. I've been cruising through Clover Park and love seeing the families hanging out and socializing. The young boys and girls playing soccer or running around make the park come alive with their laughter. Most people are wearing masks and keeping their social distance even as they try to connect emotionally and spiritually. I am reminded that no matter what, humans will always try to gather and connect. Riding past the groups of 4 – 10 people is a lovely way to be reminded that life goes on. These much needed breaks allow me to get some exercise after sitting in front of a computer all day watching the COVID case count tick up, in spite of the concerted effort by the Prevaricator in Chief and his cabal of sycophantic suck-ups to say it's not.

It's one thing to have an honest disagreement as to what individual numbers may mean, it's understandable that Republicans and Democrats can see two sides of the same coin differently; what I'm concerned about is the way in which the current administration says, with total conviction (a word they are all too familiar with!) that there is NO COIN. I've been a divorce lawyer for 20 years, I am highly experienced in how two people see the same facts and come to radically different determinations. But this denial of the facts is simply incomprehensible to me.

Maybe it's my professional experience that allows me to read the news, listen to the politicians and discern what we have coming down the pipe, after all that's kind of what I do in court with the judge and opposing counsel. Then again, it's not exactly rocket science to listen to the Governor as he explains as the numbers tick up, the restrictions will tick up. I don't have to be a paid professional futurist to listen to Mayor Garcetti to understand that when he says public health demands masks and if we don't wear them, there's a return to a Stay At Home order coming.

This weekend as I was walking dogs with my friend on the bluffs over Santa Monica beaches, it was obvious that there's a high level of non-compliance with the wearing of masks. The sand was pretty packed with people. The science is clear that there is a lessened exposure rate when in the open, and that there is a higher infection rate as we socialize more, go to open restaurants that are open on Main Street and in general try to live our "normal life" as if it wasn't happening in the middle of a pandemic.

The 'not accepting the reality' is what allows the rate to continue to increase, and that will burden the hospitals and medical system to the point where the Mayor, and likely the Governor, issue renewed Stay At Home orders. It's not a mystery, it's coming. I know that the orders are not fun, but hey, we've been through this before. Maybe this time we can cut the infection rate down faster, and not have to stay locked up so long.

There's good news on the vaccine front out of England, it looks like their efforts are proving effective. I imagine we'll have a few more announcements like that over the next few weeks from other studies. I just hope that people don't take it as a blanket reason to stop doing the basics of personal hygiene, masks and some social distancing until we have a lower infection rate and the hospitals have caught up to the need. Good news has a way of causing us to let our guard down, just like when we re-opened the state and boom the infection rate increased.

When the next lockdown comes, and I'm guessing it's gonna be tomorrow or Thursday, let's hope it work better and with less panic buying than the last time.

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RED FLAG

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asked them here," Wheeler said. "In fact, we want them to leave."

Indeed, crowds of demonstrators had begun to dwindle a week ago, and some people in notoriously liberal Portland — including Black community leaders — had begun to call for the nightly demonstrations to end.

But by the weekend, the presence of federal troops and Trump's repeated references to Portland as a hotbed of "anarchists" seemed to give a new life and renewed focus to the nightly demonstrations — and to attract a broader base.

On Sunday night, a crowd estimated at more than 500 people gathered outside the courthouse and included dozens of self-described "moms" who linked arms in a line in front of a chain link fence in front of the courthouse. The demonstration continued into Monday morning.

"It seems clear that there were at least some federal crimes committed here," said Steve Vladeck, a constitutional law professor at the University of Texas. "But the notion that a handful of federal crimes justifies a substantial deployment of federal law enforcement officers … to show force on the streets is, to my mind, unprecedented."

"Federal law enforcement," Vladeck said, "is not a political prop."

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the great California Land Grab

PART 2 of a Series

By Ileana Wachtel — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Housing Bills Will Bring Upheaval to Family Homes, Zoning and Local Plans

Sacramento lawmakers on July 27 will begin voting on controversial land-use and housing bills that rushed through initial approvals, and which critics say promote unaffordability during the worst housing crisis in state history. One thing is clear: the legislature this summer could alter the character of Santa Monica forever.

Single-family zoning would be banned, forcing Santa Monica and all cities to permit four market-rate homes where one stands now. Any street could see 10-unit market-rate buildings erected "by right" by developers who pay a fee instead of including affordable units.

Corner stores could be replaced with tall apartment buildings. Units affordable to low-income people would be dramatically reduced, in a startling weakening of California's longtime "Density Bonus" law.

Nancy Coleman, Chair of the North of Montana Association (NOMA), said, "The need for housing in Los Angeles and Santa Monica is not more market-rate housing but affordable. These bills offer no provisions for affordable housing. They move against what Santa Monica has wanted for years: to be an economically diverse community."

State Sen. President Pro Tem Toni Atkins and Bay Area state Senator Scott Wiener created three core bills: Senate Bill 1120, Senate Bill 995, and Senate Bill 902. A fourth bill, AB 725, is coauthored by state Assemblymember Buffy Wicks (D-Oakland) and Wiener.

Three of these bills were rushed through their Senate Housing Committee approvals in June, chaired by Wiener, while public attention was focused on the protests and pandemic. The Wicks and Wiener bill is a sleeper bill that is left over from last year. Yet the bills would overrun Santa Monica's community planning.

In March of this year, the Santa Monica City Council approved an interim emergency ordinance, relaxing zoning amendments for large housing projects to meet the State-mandated requirements of building nearly 9,000 new housing units, two-thirds of which must be affordable. These bills could disrupt that plan while providing no relief to the affordability crisis.

SB 1120, which ends single-family zoning in California, would let developers buy up lots as small as 2,400 sq. ft. with one home and subdivide it into two 1,200 sq. ft. lots and then build 2 homes on each lot. Garages and yards are not required. In Santa Monica's single family neighborhoods--four McMansions —banned by a 2019 city law— could replace that one house. Lower-income single-family neighborhoods such as the Pico neighborhood could see further gentrification. Speculators, developers, and home rental corporations such as The Irvine Company could buy family-owned homes, demolish them and build four market-rate rental homes or units.

Oscar de la Torre, Chair, Pico Neighborhood Association, said, "We hope that the current housing crisis is not being utilized to incentivize development of market-rate and moderate rate housing that will result in continued gentrification and resident displacement."

A second bill, SB 995, would "fast-track" large apartment projects by prohibiting environmental or other local review while slashing the state's current affordable housing requirements for such projects — a poke in the eye to coastal cities like Santa Monica who value environmental and design standards and have fought for affordable units.

Instead, in SB 995, the legislature would cut the current requirement for the number of affordable units included in "fast track" projects from 49% of the project to 15%, a reduction in legislative support for affordable housing that the bill's critics say is unprecedented.

Until now, a "fast track" building escaped environmental review in California by being near transit. In this legislative watering down of existing law, the buildings need not be near any transit.

The third bill, Wiener's SB 902, allows a simple majority on any city council to overturn voter-approved citizen initiatives that protect open space, canyons, shorelines, urban boundaries, and other land, overriding a 108-year-old California voter right.

At the same time, the bill allows a majority on a city council to rezone "any parcel" on a developed street to build a 10-unit market-rate project. Wiener's central goal in his defeated SB 50 was to allow 10-unit market-rate buildings on almost all California residential streets. In this version, SB 902 would hand that power to whoever is elected to local city councils. This would undermine citizen input and diminish the democratic process.

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COVID-19

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you had Memorial Day as well as protests that were taking place," she said. "People were not practicing social distancing and in fact, in some cases we're not wearing mask."

She said the focus should be on how to handle the current situation, not on questioning how the county responded in the past.

"So you know I think it's unfortunate for us to be debating what we should have done," she said. "I think it's important for us to look forward and recognize what we need to do, and that is to be prepared and continue to recognize that this virus is in our community."

Officials said preparations for the future include recognizing the need to plan for flu season.

County Health director Barbara Ferrer said the County will roll out flu vaccine campaigns in September.

"This would be the year to make sure you are in fact getting your flu vaccine," she said. "We don't have a lot of data on whether people can be sick both with influenza and with COVID-19, but both those illnesses can cause a devastating set of symptoms that can require that people are hospitalized."

Ferrer said the county is increasing contact tracing efforts to try to slow the spread of the disease but said there are limits to the ability of county agencies to trace everyone that should be contacted due to the size of the outbreak.

"Because of the sheer magnitude of community spread, contact tracing alone cannot slow the spread of this virus, contact tracing is an important tool, we know it can help us flatten the curve. But frankly, at this point in the pandemic, everyone, and every single business needs to do their part to knock down the spread of COVID-19."

She said it is hard to pinpoint the individual cause of an infection but overall, but the single largest factor in the local surge is individuals interaction with other people who are not following distance and mask rules.

"We do know that the best, most proactive actions at our disposal to contain the spread of this virus is the proper and consistent use of face coverings paired with physical distancing and hand hygiene," she said. "This is a community effort. We have the power to slow the devastating spread of this virus. We're going to continue to investigate, contact trace and demand that businesses comply with our health officer orders. But we need our businesses and our residents to do their part."

The County confirmed nine new deaths Monday and 3,160 new cases of COVID-19. To date, The Department of Public Health has identified 159,045 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of LA County, and a total of 4,104 deaths. Officials said Monday numbers are often out of sync with the rest of the week due to a reporting lag from over the weekend.

For the second straight day, Public Health confirmed the highest number of new hospitalizations reported in a day with 2,232 people currently hospitalized, surpassing Sunday's count of 2,216 hospitalizations. Of the 2,232 confirmed COVID-19 cases currently hospitalized, 26% of these people are confirmed cases in the ICU and 19% are confirmed cases on ventilators.

Santa Monica has reported 554 cases.

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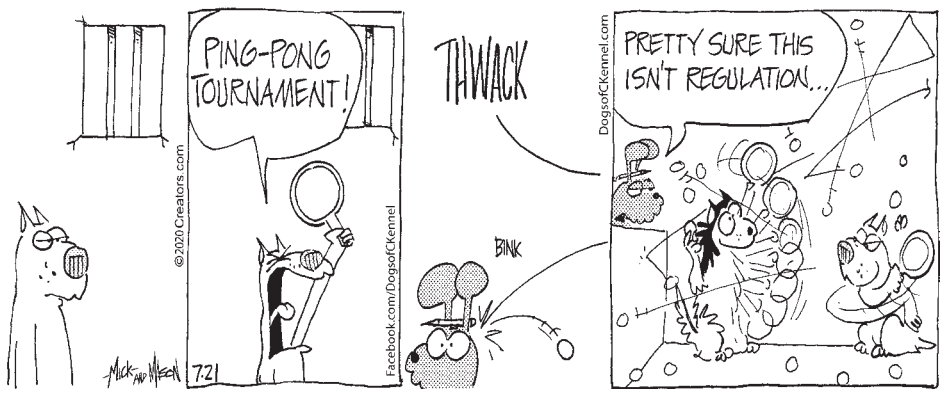
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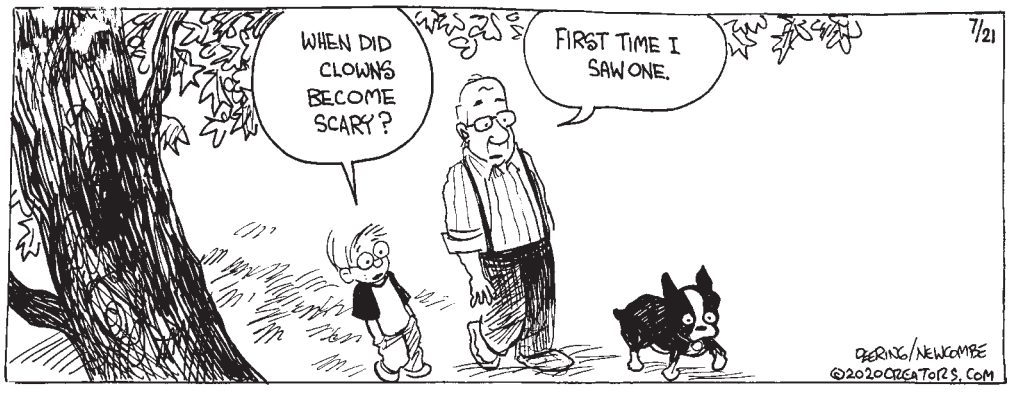
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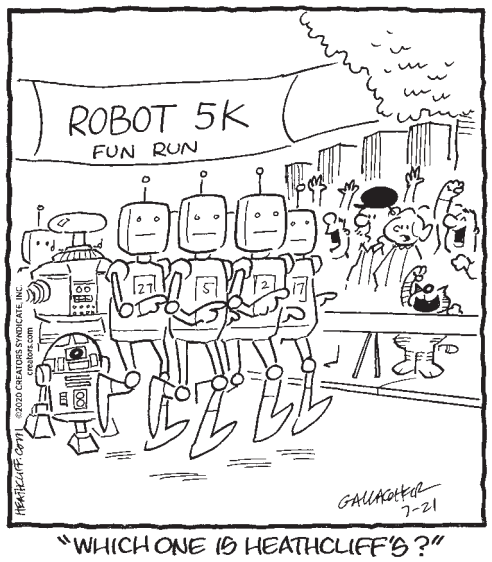
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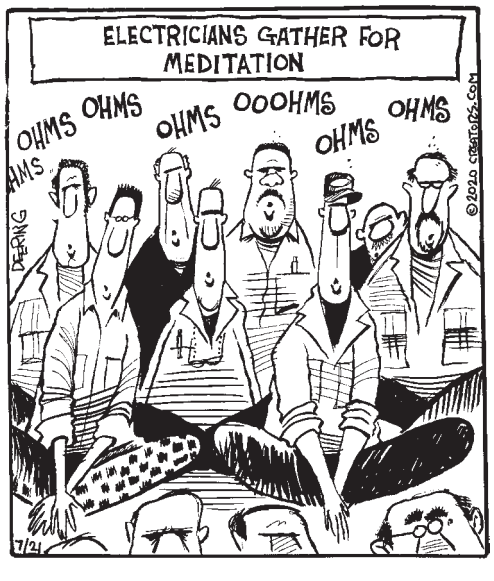
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Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING





SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 63.1°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Modest blend of S/SW swells and small NW swell-mix. Added windswell helps shape for the exposed breaks.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Modest blend of SW swell and lingering NW swell-mix. Drained low tide for the dawn patrol then improving conditions with the AM tide push.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 72.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.
Wednesday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 71.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 60.
Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 68.

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2020/07/21	Tue	4:06 PM	2.20	L
2020/07/21	Tue	10:19 PM	6.62	H
2020/07/22	Wed	05:34 AM	-0.94	L
2020/07/22	Wed	12:05 PM	4.20	H
2020/07/22	Wed	4:55 PM	2.15	L
2020/07/22	Wed	11:02 PM	6.36	H
2020/07/23	Thu	06:13 AM	-0.72	L
2020/07/23	Thu	12:46 PM	4.37	H
2020/07/23	Thu	5:49 PM	2.12	L
2020/07/23	Thu	11:50 PM	5.89	H
2020/07/24	Fri	06:52 AM	-0.34	L
2020/07/24	Fri	1:30 PM	4.57	H
2020/07/24	Fri	6:52 PM	2.10	L
2020/07/25	Sat	12:44 AM	5.23	H
2020/07/25	Sat	07:32 AM	0.17	L
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Don't know where to start? The best place is here and now. The trouble with here and now is, sometimes, it can be hard to accept. Then again, it's really the best and only thing worth accepting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You could save someone from making a mistake, but if they really want to, they'll make it anyway. You feel a strong sense of responsibility for others, and the world is better for it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). As you respond predictably, you'll earn someone's trust. This is good. You want the person to be comfortable but should not let him or her get too comfortable. An impulsive twist will come to mind.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Seek the best in all things but especially in people. No matter who you deal with this week, you'll resonate with their better angels. There will be a teacher for whatever you want to learn. To get help, all you have to do is ask.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't need courage to do brave things. Act as if you are that fearless warrior. Make a habit of it. Follow through time and again. Boom! You're brave.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Belonging isn't about fitting together perfectly; rather, it's about accepting one another and being willing to rub against those rough parts that don't quite fit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You like those who, like you, lack pretension, are adverse to striving and are too chill for social climbing. Your values are right in line with all that it takes to create meaningful, lasting friendships.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Psychologically, you are large and in charge today, while other systems may be trying to catch up with that vibe. Your mind is powerful and will lead all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Be proud of the little steps; they'll add up. Small improvements make a big difference. The person who makes slow progress makes progress indeed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You give all the stuff they need. You tend to the matters that matter to them. You need a return on this investment. It's not a shallow thing to expect.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Pressing emotional needs crop up. It's vital that your presence be not only known but also understood. Stick close to nurturing types. You require tenderness.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your ability to take care of yourself is usually a given, but when things get very busy, everything changes. The parts that you sometimes take for granted need attention.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

Answer to previous puzzle

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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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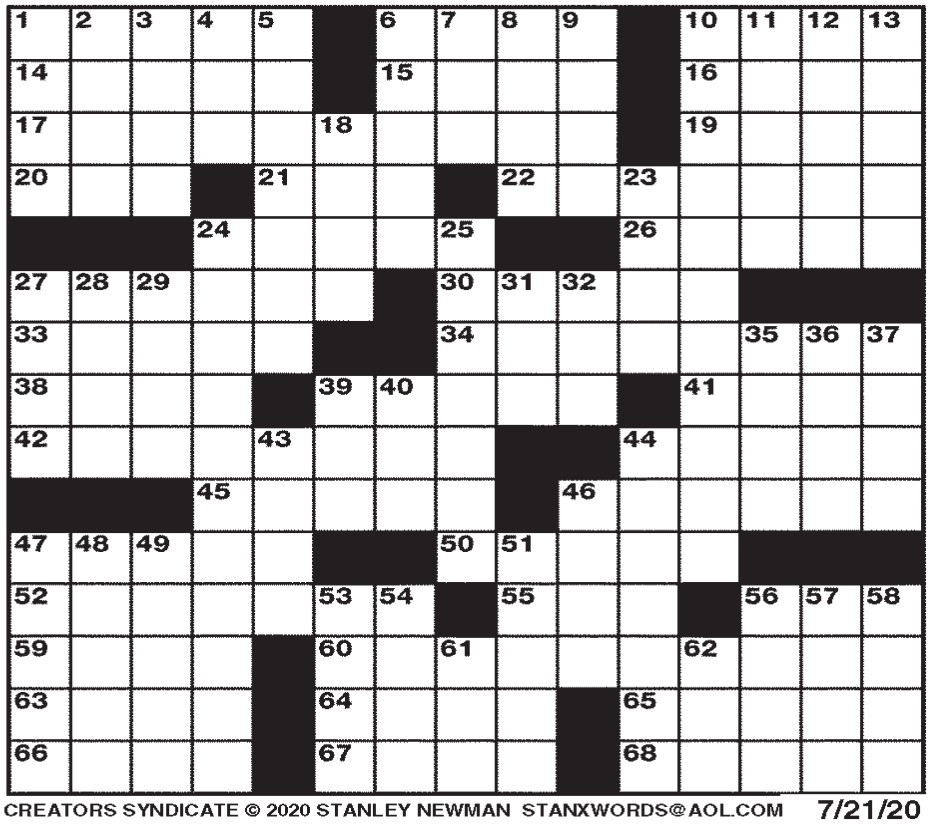
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Shouted angry disapproval
6 Group of actors
10 "Shoo!"
14 Source of cider
15 Rights org.
16 Mountain lion
17 Chinese long-noodle entree
19 Fall like __ of bricks
20 Finish up
21 Gibbon or gorilla
22 Dictionary definition
24 "__ means" ("Sure")
26 Five-in-a-row "card" game
27 Tel Aviv's country
30 Campfire remnants
33 Make purchases
34 Lefty pitcher
38 Breathing organ
39 Cook chicken in an oven
41 "__ obliged" ("Thank you")
42 Funding, as a scholarship
44 Posh, as a restaurant
45 Japanese noodles
46 Lifts with a crane
47 With lots of lather
50 Add decorations to
52 Stalemate in negotiations
55 Employ
56 Peas' natural holder
59 Dress of India
60 Mare's flowing hair
63 Not at all thick
64 "Don't bet __!"
65 Goad into action
66 Reduced-price event
67 Catch sight of
68 Nail file material

DOWN
1 __ in the woods (innocent one)
2 Unseal
3 Newspaper's essay page
4 North Pole assistant
5 Postponed
6 Sahara beast of burden
7 High poker card
8 __ down (lose weight)
9 Adjust, as a guitar
10 What pirates called the Caribbean
11 Interrupt on the dance floor
12 In a group of
13 Dance that "takes two"
18 Milky-colored gem
23 Aid and __ (help in a crime)
24 Northern New England city
25 Layered pasta dish
27 Dot on a Pacific map
28 Twirled
29 Become split
31 Distress signal at sea
32 Castaway's house
35 Plays on words
36 __ no. (bank statement ID)
37 __ and wherefores (reasons)
39 Canyon's edge
40 Lowest sudoku digit
43 Procedures
44 Perceive in advance
46 Hydrant attachment
47 Clenched hands
48 Nebraska city
49 First full month of spring
51 Needing cleaning, as a tabletop
53 Loafer or pump
54 Innumerable years
56 Sheet of a book
57 __ about (roughly)
58 Refuse to approve
61 Fabric tear
62 Film studio with a lion mascot



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Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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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 17 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Darwin calling

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LAND GRAB

FROM PAGE 6

This year, Gov. Gavin Newsom, in his state of the State address, said he wants more housing construction, "especially near transit and downtowns." SB 1120, SB 995 and SB 902 all fail to fulfill Newsom's desire to see housing near transit and downtowns.

Word about these bills is spreading. SB 902, for example, is attracting a broad range of opponents, from South Los Angeles to the Westside, who have sent opposition letters noting that among other serious problems, SB 902 would taint city council races with developer money seeking a majority to enact Wiener's "10-units everywhere" law.

The fourth highly potent bill, AB 725, co-authored by Wicks and Wiener could also shift density to single-family neighborhoods allowing duplexes and multi-family areas in the 600 cities that have not met their housing targets set by Southern California Association of Governments' Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) program. Hitting Santa Monica's 9,000 housing target is a heavy-lift; the city currently approves 200 units per year, about 40 of which are affordable.

"These are the most dangerous bills coming out of Sacramento. They are basically gentrification bills that are a death threat to Santa Monica, which is a low-rise city," Mario Fonda Bonardi, City of Santa Monica Planning Commissioner and architect, said. He added, "These lawmakers are giving away land to developers, which is not theirs. The state should not be telling the city what to do."

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NONPROFIT

FROM PAGE 1

Langh and her fellow San Francisco State graduate students agreed that teenagers are influenced by their peers, so she and Michael Norris, who now serves as the head of marketing for TRS, partnered to create a public awareness project.

"But we realized that it seemed to fit the concept of a nonprofit better, so we went to work trying to create a program around that instead," she said.

After a year of work, Covid-19 hit America in March.

"That made everything even more urgent because now students are not getting a great education," she said. "They do have a lot of time on their hands though, so it really is a great time for teenagers to turn back to books and read."

Langh said an increase in time spent reading would supplement the lack of in-class learning hours.

"There is a gap in education, especially now that schools are operating online, and I think will be the case for the next six months and possibly more," Langh said. "We don't know how long but we do know that there will be a gap between more affluent kids and less affluent kids, which is most likely to widen with what's happening right now."

The founder later admitted digital media is often the first choice of students because there are so many entertainment options available to them online.

"We are not against digital media. Instead, what we're trying to do is use digital media, especially Instagram, to reach out to teenagers," she said.

The campaign has been very successful so far.

"It's basically nothing more than asking students to modify their behavior so they start spending more time with books," Langh said, detailing how the organization uses teen ambassadors to reach out to other teenagers in an attempt to create a conversation about books.

"So instead of adults telling teenagers what they should read, we are bringing in teenagers to tell other teenagers what they might find interesting," she said. "And it's being organized by geographical area and subject matter because we're trying to be very cognizant about bringing in a diverse group of people who can talk to others about subject matters that we know teens are really interested in."

In addition to the promotion of reading books and creating these organic conversations, Langh said the Teen Readers Society also holds campaigns to help teenagers who want to read but may not have access to books.

"We definitely understand that a lot of families are struggling right now — I think, approximately, one-third of all households with a child are struggling to provide enough food," Langh said, "so we'd like to help connect teenagers with programs and donations," like A Blind Date with a Book.

"All people have to do to get involved is get in touch with us through Instagram or through our website, tell us who they are, what kind of books they are interested in reading or if they have a specific book in mind, we will try to partner with an independent bookstore to provide that book," Langh said. "And last week, we launched an art contest because our studies and conversations with teachers show students are really interested in self-expression," so the Teen Readers Society believed students would enjoy the opportunity to submit a piece of art, such as a drawing, painting or photograph, that has been inspired by a book."

A link to the submission form can be found on the website teenreaderssociety.org/ or on their Instagram page, @TeenReadersSociety, according to Langh, who said: "These kinds of concepts will continue, and I believe the next one is going to relate to writing."

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