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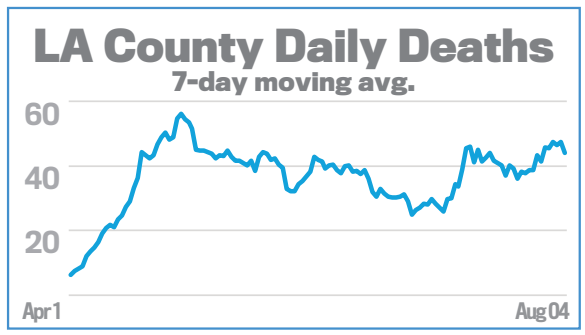
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CORONAVIRUS CASES per 100,000

SANTA MONICA	LA COUNTY	CALIFORNIA	USA	WORLDWIDE
712	1,958	1,334	1,456	247

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Amidst the pandemic, challenges of homelessness continue to rise

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SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica's largest homeless services provider is adapting to challenges created by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, but officials said the region's homeless crisis is likely to get worse as the disease ripples through the local economy.

The People Concern operates Santa Monica's three largest shelters and CEO John Maceri said services have had to adapt as coronavirus has shuttered in person services while endangering housing for some of the area's most vulnerable residents.

He said the homeless crisis is exacerbated by the pandemic, which has led to food shortages, health risks, economic challenges, and loss of access to public facilities that the homeless previously used for electricity, water, showers, and shelter. With LA's eviction moratorium set to expire at the end of September and no sign of imminent economic recovery from the impacts of coronavirus, he said more people are likely to become unhoused.

Los Angeles County was already experiencing an increase in homelessness before the virus hit with officials recording a 13 percent rise in the homeless population last year and there are new costs associated with providing service during a health care emergency.

The People Concern is currently spending $30,000 a month providing personal protective equipment to their staff and the homeless population they support, which is a significant expense they had not budgeted for. They have also had to shut down many of their in-person services and shift to more pertinent COVID-related concerns.

During the pandemic, The People Concern has been able to maintain all of its "mission-essential services" including

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Sammy Neustadt

HOMELESS: Local service providers are changing to adapt to the coronavirus pandemic.

County officials optimistic following decrease in COVID hospitalizations

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SMDP Staff Writer

The number of hospitalizations due to COVID decreased this week, which local health officials said is promising, but County leaders still emphasized a need to stay home and avoid large gatherings for as long as the pandemic lasts.

There were 68 additional deaths Wednesday, which brings the total number of deaths due to COVID-19 to 4,825 across Los Angeles County. There is also now a total of 197,912 total cases of COVID, according to health department officials.

County Supervisor Hilda Solis said the crisis has brought a harsh

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SMMUSD likely to change school start date

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Leaders of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District announced a possible change to the start of the school year in a letter sent to parents Wednesday afternoon.

SMMUSD officials have been readying for Thursday, Aug. 20, the originally planned start day for the Fall 2020 semester, since

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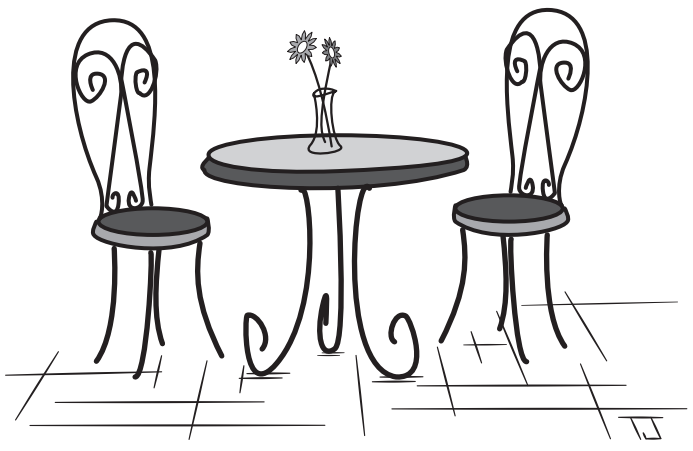
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California ups early inmate release estimate amid objections

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Associated Press

State prison officials say as many as 17,600 California inmates may be released early due to the coronavirus, 70% more than previously estimated and a total that victims and police say includes dangerous criminals who should stay locked up.

The releases also are causing consternation as probation officers and community organizations scramble to provide housing, transportation and other services for inmates who may pose a public health risk because several hundred have been paroled while still contagious.

"It has just been a total madhouse, quite frankly, and we're doing this in the midst of a pandemic," said Karen McDaniel, the statewide transportation and services liaison between community groups and corrections officials.

Among those released was Terebea Williams, 44, who served 19 years of an 84 years-to-life sentence for first-degree murder, carjacking and kidnapping. She was freed last week after being deemed at high medical risk for the virus.

Williams' victim, Kevin "John" Ruska, picked her up to drive her to work in 1998 but the pair argued and Williams forced him into the trunk of his own car at gunpoint. She shot him when he tried to escape, then brought the wounded man more than 700 miles (1,126) kilometers) from Tacoma, Washington, to a motel in Davis, California. There she gagged him and tied him to a chair. He died from the infected wound.

"Why is an inmate's rights more important than a victim's?" said his outraged sister, Dena Love.

Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig, whose office prosecuted Williams, and the advocacy group Crime Victims Alliance complained that victims and prosecutors are given little notice and no opportunity to object to the releases.

The virus is spread by coughs and sneezes and can quickly sweep through a prison setting. So far 51 inmates have died and there have been more than 8,400 cases among prisoners.

Officials have been under intense pressure from advocates, some state lawmakers and two federal judges to release more inmates, particularly after a botched transfer of infected inmates into San Quentin State Prison led to the state's worst prison outbreak. Nearly 170 inmates still are infected there and 23 died, including 11 on death row. More than 2,000 have either recovered or were released while infected.

Demonstrators who chained themselves to the fence outside Gov. Gavin Newsom's home last week said he has "presided over dozens of preventable deaths in state prisons" by not freeing far more inmates.

The first 3,500 inmates were freed in April to create space in crowded prisons and 6,900 more were deemed eligible for release in early July. Officials said other inmates would be eligible under different release programs but couldn't provide an estimate.

In a filing last week with a federal judge who oversees one of the major lawsuits facing the prison system, officials increased the estimated total of releases from 10,400 to 17,600. However, prison officials say Corrections Secretary Ralph Diaz is likely to block the release of about 5,500, in part because many are serving life prison sentences.

Nationwide, more than 100,000 people were released from state and federal prisons between March and June, a decrease of 8%, according to an analysis by The Marshall Project and The Associated Press.

California Police Chiefs Association president Eric Nuñez said he understands the urgency of reducing the prison population but is alarmed by the release of some violent criminals "without a consideration for the larger impact on public safety." He said the chiefs want to work with prison officials on improving the decision-making process.

All told, corrections officials plan to release 11,500 inmates by the end of August, an estimate that brought McDaniel to near tears as she recounted some of the struggles to find them temporary housing. She is the founder and executive director of Place4Grace, which runs literacy and visitation programs in 16 of the state's 35 prisons.

The burden is often on inmate relatives, who often rush to remote prisons with little notice, then line up in their vehicles for hours as they await their loved ones' release.

It's her job to arrange transportation for those who don't have other arrangements, particularly inmates who are supposed to quarantine because they are released while they are still infected with COVID-19. They may be sent to hotel rooms through a program run by the corrections department and two other state agencies called Project Hope.

But that leaves loopholes, McDaniel said.

One infected inmate was told not to leave his Sacramento motel room during a two-week quarantine. "We had to send somebody there to get him clothes, to get him food," she said.

In another example, she said state officials asked her community organizations to launder clothing for multiple inmates sequestered at a hotel.

"It's just been a heartbreaking task from beginning to end," she said. "It didn't have to happen like this."

The good news, McDaniel said, is that through a lot of effort officials have been able to avoid what Newsom said was his greatest fear from mass releases — leaving infected ex-convicts homeless.

"There is no one coming out that does not have a bed to go to," McDaniel said. "No one is being dumped on a street corner anywhere as a transient. That is not happening."

The bad news is there is no way to prevent infected inmates from leaving their rooms. The state has to date released nearly 300

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Burglary 700blk Ocean Ave 6:17 a.m.
Bike Theft 1500blk Idaho Ave 7:06 a.m.
Encampment 800blk Interstate 10 7:07 a.m.
Encampment 400blk Palisades Beach Rd 7:11 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Ocean Ave / Wilshire Blvd 7:42 a.m.
Assault Just Occurred 2000blk Wilshire Blvd 8:00 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 14th St / Santa Monica Blvd 8:05 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 400blk Pier Ave 8:10 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1300blk 9th St 8:20 a.m.
Petty Theft 1000blk 5th St 8:30 a.m.
Identity Theft 2600blk 31st St 8:40 a.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 8:51 a.m.
Smoking Violation 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:00 a.m.
Fraud 2100blk Virginia Ave 9:07 a.m.
Battery 1500blk The Beach 9:12 a.m.
Found Property 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 9:34 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred Ocean Avenue And Arizona Avenue 9:54 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 900blk 2nd St 10:16 a.m.
Encampment 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 10:18 a.m.
Grand Theft 300blk Palisades Park 10:18 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1100blk Wilshire Blvd 10:24 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1300blk Michigan Ave 10:29 a.m.
Burglary 3200blk Wilshire Blvd 10:45 a.m.
Burglary 1300blk 14th St 11:05 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk 12th St 11:20 a.m.
Fight 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 11:21 a.m.
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Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 300blk 4th St 12:51 p.m.
Identity Theft 800blk Ashland Ave 12:52 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1300blk Ocean Ave 12:57 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2200blk Delaware Ave 12:59 p.m.
Burglary 1400blk Ocean Ave 1:03 p.m.
Assault Just Occurred 500blk Olympic Blvd W 1:13 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1400blk 5th St 1:21 p.m.
Sexual Assault 14th St / Pacific St 1:58 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2400blk California Ave 2:06 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1500blk Ocean Ave 2:06 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 800blk 7th St 2:36 p.m.
Petty Theft 1200blk 25th St 2:46 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2200blk Virginia Ave 3:05 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 3:15 p.m.
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Santa Monica

Santa Monica brewery brings back IPA partnership beer

LA's oldest continuously operated skate shop, Rip City Skates, has been the hub of Santa Monica's skate scene for more than 40 years. To celebrate that legacy, Santa Monica Brew Works (SMBW) reintroduces "RIP CITY SKATES IPA", a West Coast-Style India Pale Ale.

"It's the perfect way to celebrate IPA Day." Says Scott Francis, SMBW's Co-Founder, President & CEO.

Each year on the first Thursday of August, breweries and bars across the globe celebrate IPA Day, a collective toast to one of craft beer's most iconic styles.

"Rip City Skates IPA was an instant sensation when we debuted it earlier this year, selling out in less than a month." Says Francis. "We've been asked repeatedly about when the beer was coming back."

It's a fitting collaboration that pairs Santa Monica's first and only brewery with the city's last real skate shop. Both companies pride themselves in local community involvement and dedication to their respective craft.

"We admire Rip City's independent spirit and historical significance," adds Francis. "We value authenticity, and Rip City Skates is as real as it gets."

RIP CITY SKATES IPA (6.5% ABV, 45 IBUs) will be available in 4-packs of 16 oz cans to-go from the brewery's Tasting Room (1920 Colorado Avenue, Santa Monica, CA).

Rip City Skates opened its doors in 1978 as skateboarding was beginning to gain popularity. Santa Monica and Venice (collectively "Dogtown") would become the epicenter of skateboard culture during the '70s and '80s. The

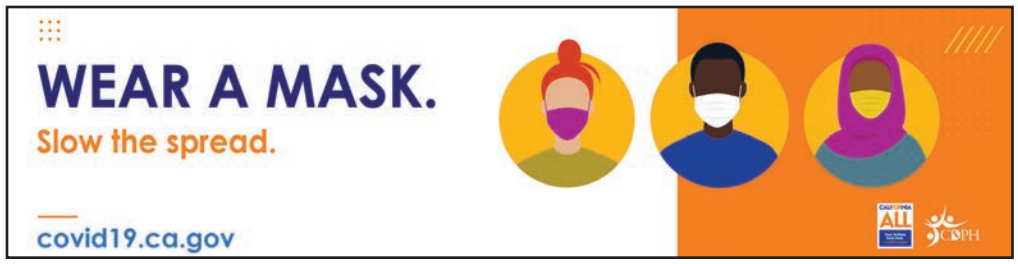
store has survived all the various incarnations of skating since, remaining open even during the coronavirus pandemic.

"I used to get my skate shoes and decks from Rip City, so I'm stoked to brew a special beer for this iconic shop." Says Head Brewer and Santa Monica native, Drew Pomatti. "Of course, it had to be a West Coast-Style IPA. Hop-forward with a citrus kick."

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California considers worker notification for virus exposure

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Associated Press

With the coronavirus spreading faster than public health officials can track it, California could become one of the first states to mandate that businesses notify workers and state officials any time an employee has been exposed to the disease.

A bill moving through the state's Democratic-controlled state Legislature would require companies to notify people no later than 24 hours after they knew or should have known about an employee's exposure to the virus. Violators could be charged with a crime and fined $10,000.

California law already requires companies to report deaths and serious incidents that occur in the workplace, but it's only recommended that they report infections, according to Assemblywoman Eloise Gomez Reyes, a Democrat from Grand Terrace and the author of the bill.

"If we are serous about getting this pandemic under control, we must get serious about creating a comprehensive reporting framework," Reyes said.

Last month, Virginia became the first state to approve temporary workplace safety rules that require notifications when a worker tests positive for the virus. But California's proposal would go further by requiring notification anytime an employee has been exposed to the virus.

Business groups, including the California Chamber of Commerce, are lining up against the bill, arguing it will be impossible to comply with it. But California's powerful labor unions are pushing hard for the bill as more people are returning to work. They include Laurinda Fiddler, who works at Disneyland and is a member of the United Food and Commercial Workers union.

"We are exposed by people from all over the world. And if our company would at least report so that we know that we've been exposed," said Fiddler, who spoke during a news conference on Wednesday to promote the bill. "I don't want to bring this home to my father who has asthma. My mother, who is 86 and will be moving in with me soon, I don't want to expose her."

The bill cleared the Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee on Wednesday by a 4-1 vote.

California has reported more than 524,000 coronavirus cases. But a technical problem has delayed some test results, prompting the state to post a warning on its COVID-19 website that the actual number of cases is larger.

Many California county governments, including San Francisco and Santa Clara counties, already have guidance for companies on when and how they should notify employees. But the guidance varies by county, and in most places employers are "usually under no explicit mandate to tell anyone," said Mitch Steiger, legislative advocate with the California Labor Federation.

"What we're doing now is just not working because what we're doing now is basically nothing," he said.

But business groups say the bill is absurd because it does not define what it means to be exposed to the virus.

"If an infected employee (or customer) briefly visits a workplace, wearing a mask, drops off an item, speaks briefly to a clerk who is 10 feet away behind a desk, then leaves — is that an 'exposure?' " Robert Moutrie, policy advocate for the California Chamber of Commerce, wrote in a letter to the Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee last week. "Because of this vagueness, even employers doing their best to comply will face potential criminal liability."

Reyes, the assemblywoman who authored the bill, said she is working on amendments to better define what "exposure" means and when a company would have to comply with the bill.

"We don't want to put a duty on them that is impossible for them to fulfill," she said. "Clearly, if an employee speaks with their supervisor — it doesn't have to be the top person in the company — but speaks with their supervisor, that conveys knowledge on the employer."

California law does not require workers to disclose a positive COVID-19 test to their employer, according to an analysis of the proposal prepared by legislative staff. The analysis noted most companies would find out about positive COVID-19 cases from a public health official or if an employee files a workers' compensation claim.

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Capitol negotiators still stuck, still trying on virus aid

ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

After more than a week's worth of meetings, at least some clarity is emerging in the bipartisan Washington talks on a huge COVID-19 response bill. Negotiators are still stuck, but still trying.

A combative meeting Wednesday involving top Capitol Hill Democrats and the postmaster general and a souring tone from both sides indicate that a long slog remains, and White House chief of staff Mark Meadows threatened afterward that President Donald Trump is exploring options to use executive authority to extend a partial eviction ban and address unemployment benefits.

After some movement Tuesday in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's direction on aid to states and local governments and unemployment insurance benefits, Wednesday's session offered no breakthroughs or major progress, participants said afterward.

"If we can reach a compromise on these big issues, I think everything else will fall into place. If we can't reach an agreement on these big issues then I don't see us coming to an overall deal," Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said after the two-hour meeting. "And then we'll have to look at the president taking actions under his executive authority."

Multiple issues remain, but some areas of likely agreement are coming into focus.

Here's a look where things stand based on public and private statements by key players and their staff:

JOBLESS BENEFITS

Pelosi is staking out a hard line on extending a $600-per-week supplemental pandemic federal jobless benefit, which lapsed last week. Republicans offered to extend the benefit into December and cut it to $400, according to aides confirming leaks reported in Politico. The aides were unauthorized to discuss the private talks and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. The unemployment insurance issue is perhaps the most important to resolve, but some Senate Republicans up for reelection this fall appear comfortable with yielding on the question.

AID TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Similarly, the White House has offered Democrats $150 billion in new appropriations to help state and local governments alleviate revenue losses from the damage the coronavirus has wrought on the economy. That matches the amount appropriated after a huge behind-the-scenes battle during negotiations on the bipartisan $2 trillion coronavirus bill that passed in March. Much of that original money is left over, and all sides want greater flexibility in using it, but Pelosi is demanding far more — almost $1 trillion — and key Republicans like Susan Collins of Maine, Cory Gardner of Colorado and Mitt Romney of Utah are pressing for more money as well.

CASH/ECONOMIC STIMULUS

Pelosi and President Donald Trump agree on another $1,200 direct payment to most Americans, making the idea all but certain to be included in the final agreement, at a cost in the $300 billion range. Pelosi is also pressing the case for a 15% increase in food stamp benefits that are especially important to key progressive constituencies, and Democrats won't allow $20 billion in aid to farmers without a big trade-off on food aid.

Democrats are also pressing for help for renters and homeowners having difficulty making housing payments and help for front-line essential workers, but both sides support more funding for child care grants, community health centers and energy subsidies for the poor.

EDUCATION

A cornerstone to any agreement, and one of the areas in which both sides are eager to display generosity, involves over $100 billion for help to school systems. The White House and its GOP allies are pressing for more money for schools that return students to the classroom and want to help private schools as well. Very tricky talks remain, and Republicans are carping that Pelosi is being too greedy. Meanwhile, schools are beginning to reopen across the country.

LIABILITY SHIELD

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., continues to insist that the legislation include some sort of liability shield against lawsuits brought against businesses, schools and universities, and charities that operate during the pandemic. Pelosi is opposed for now, but Democrats — who see it's a key to any final agreement — aren't ruling the idea out. But talks have yet to begin on the thorny topic, and there seems to be suspicion among Republicans that the White House negotiating team isn't as solidly behind the idea as McConnell is.

POSTAL SERVICE

The Postal Service is being run by Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, a Trump ally under attack for management changes that have coincided with delays in mail delivery.

Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said DeJoy had some answers but he and Pelosi were still dissatisfied.

"We are demanding that the regulations they put in place, which cut employment and cut overtime, be rescinded, particularly because of COVID, and because of the elections," Schumer said afterward.

A recent Democratic offer called for $10 billion for overtime and other costs, down from a bloated $25 billion plan in the House-passed coronavirus bill. Key Republicans whose rural constituents are especially reliant on the post office support the idea.

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

More than $100 billion in leftover loan funding from the Paycheck Protection Program — relief money for small businesses — is up for grabs. Top advocates like Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., are backing plans to ease some loan forgiveness rules and permit a second round of PPP payments to especially hard-hit businesses.

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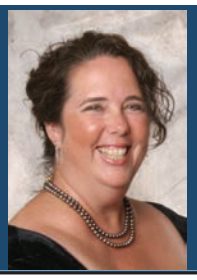


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Noteworthy

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Rockin' The World Ain't Free



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MUSIC: Neil Young is one of the artists that are opposed to President Trump using their music.

NEIL, KEITH ET AL VS DJ TRUMP

If you try sometimes, maybe finally, you get what you need.

I've heard that. A lot of people are saying. Phenomenal numbers. Big league. Bigly. Believe me.

Neil Young just sued The Donald for copyright infringement for using his music at rallies, filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court Southern District of New York, Young's attorney announced.

"Rockin' in the Free World" and "Devil's Sidewalk" were played "numerous times at rallies and political events," the suit complained, namely during the president's June campaign rally in Tulsa, without license or Young's permission.

"This complaint is not intended to disrespect the rights and opinions of American citizens, who are free to support the candidate of their choosing," the document said. "However, [Young] in good conscience cannot allow his music to be used as a 'theme song' for a divisive, un-American campaign of ignorance and hate."

YOUNG IS AMONG

Many musicians who have criticized Trump for playing their work at his events and told him to stop, for years, including the Rolling Stones, Rihanna, Adele, R.E.M., Panic! At The Disco, and the estates of Prince and Tom Petty. Singer-actress Betty Buckley successfully urged Andrew Lloyd Webber to take action to stop Trump's use of her signature song "Memory" from Cats.

Dozens of others have signed an open letter demanding that their songs get clearance before they can be played at political events, including Aerosmith, Pearl Jam, Green Day, Lorde, Sia, Regina Spektor, Elton John, Blondie, Elvis Costello, Sheryl Crow, Rosanne Cash, Alanis Morissette, Courtney Love, Jason Isbell, Linkin Park, Lykke Li, Train, CAKE, B-52s, Cyndi Lauper, T Bone Burnett.

THE ROLLING STONES

Released a statement last month over the campaign's disregard of a provision in the BMI Political Entities License that allows songwriters or publishers of the music to withdraw their work from the license. This after Trump again used the band's hit "You Can't Always Get What You Want" as his walk-off theme at the Tulsa rally.

"This could be the last time President Donald Trump uses Stones songs. Despite cease & desist directives to Donald Trump in the past, the Rolling Stones are taking further steps to exclude him using their songs at any of his future political campaigning. If Donald Trump disregards the exclusion and persists, then he would face a lawsuit for breaking the embargo and playing music that has not been licensed."

I could never figure out why the Stones didn't DO something, for so long. They certainly have the bucks to fight him, and their song is so prominently featured, every rally. It taints them. Turns out the Trump campaign was getting around being forbidden by BMI by using the licenses of the venues. Now that has been blocked too.

I LOVE THE OLD STORY

Recently confirmed in an interview by Keith Richards, that he became so incensed when Trump kept insinuating himself into their concert in Atlantic City in 1989 — even giving his name top billing and larger lettering than theirs — that Richards angrily pulled out a big knife and slammed it into a desk to make his point. I had heard it was in front of The Donald (a better story), but it was the promoter, who had promised to keep Donald completely out of it and at a distance.

Mick Jagger admits to being amused. "It's a funny song for a play-out song – a drowsy ballad about drugs in Chelsea! It's kind of weird. He couldn't be persuaded to use something else."

It also mentions blood, alcohol, murderously deceptive women and the blind anger of crowds. Pretty Presidential.

GOD SAVE QUEEN

Also prohibiting the use of "We Are the Champions" (the 2016 Republican National

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Culture Watch

By Sarah A. Spitz

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"This Little Light" explores religious hypocrisy



Courtesy photo

BOOK: Screenwriter and author Lori Lansens discusses her latest novel, "This Little Light."

I was approached to write about Lori Lansens' newest novel, "This Little Light," based on a geographic misunderstanding. This "Santa Monica-based screenwriter" actually lives in Tarzana (in the Santa Monica Mountains…) so we had a good chuckle over a typical New York misapprehension about LA.

But her novel's no laughing matter; it's an edge-of-your-seat thriller that races speedily and reads easily; it's hard to put down. It's the story of "two teenage girls accused of setting a bomb at their Calabasas Christian school in the year 2024, when abortion has been recriminalized, and faux Christians wield their power recklessly." It was inspired by the candidacy of the current White House occupant and imagines what life could look like in a second term.

CALABASAS AND A PEDOPHILE PRIEST

It was also inspired by Lori's own experience. She knew immediately what themes to explore: conspicuous consumerism, celebrity worship, social media, religious hypocrisy, abortion, demonization of immigrants, race baiting, and the cult of personality.

The setting is Calabasas, "a world ruled over by the Kardashians," Lori says, where she lived for three years and observed from neighboring Agoura Hills for ten. "Did you know that Bloomberg News named Calabasas the richest city in America? Although I didn't live behind the gates or hobnob with celebrities, I was able to observe the excesses, the big slice of time that people there give over to celebrity and social media pursuits and how damaging that can be."

Christian hypocrisy played a big part in Lori's life growing up in Canada. "I was a believer," she explains. "I loved God, I loved religion, I was in the church choir, went to Catholic school, attended mass alone in the mornings before school with the old Italian and Portuguese women dressed in black, and I stood apart from my family, which was more ambivalent about religion.

"But my parish priest was a pedophile who ended up dying in prison after pleading guilty to 47 counts of child molestation. We knew it at the time, we talked about it, we excused it, and said, 'Oh, don't let him get too close,' but maybe you wanted that so you'd feel favored. Dozens of girls kept the secret, who would believe them? But when the parish refused to baptize my bi-racial cousin, I felt completely betrayed by this hypocrisy that was like nothing I'd actually learned about the teachings of Jesus."

A NEAR FUTURE

The novel is set in 2024. "I didn't want to go too far into the future because the point is this is happening now. Sitting down to write this book in 2015 was a direct reaction to Trump's bid for the presidency and the idea that he was being supported by the Christian right. I was afraid of these faux Christians, I understood them and their power, and my fear and outrage birthed this novel."

The protagonist, Rory, is a feisty 17-year-old who questions the Christian party line, whose father has left the family to remarry, and whose mother is considered a radical supporting the underground "pink" and "red" markets, pushing against illegal birth control and abortion. Rory's outspoken blog positions her as the perfect scapegoat for the horrific bombing.

After the bombing, Rory and her friend Fee (Josefina), go on the lam and watch the witch hunt blow up online, on the news and on social media as they're being chased by rabid mobs. I won't give away the twist in this plot but it's a stunner.

VIRTUE OR PURITY BALLS

While trying to keep them both alive, Rory is also trying to solve the mystery of who's really responsible for the bombing, uncovering a shockingly despicable cover up. The irony and hypocrisy come into full bloom in flashbacks, as Rory writes about the buildup to their "American Virtue Ball," a formal event that puts teenage girls in wedding gowns, to receive a ring from their fathers for their promise to remain virgins until marriage.

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HOMELESS

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multidisciplinary street outreach, the Access Center in Santa Monica, Interim Housing, domestic violence shelters, money management, and public toilets, showers and laundromat in the heart Skid Row as well as supportive services for people in permanent housing.

However, Maceri said this is only a band aid solution as affordable housing is a county-wide crisis. According to the Los Angeles Housing Authority, renters in L.A. County need to earn 2.8 times the minimum wage to afford the average monthly asking rent of $2,182 and 59 percent of the newly homeless cite economic hardship as the main reason for their homelessness. L.A needs 509,000 new affordable housing units to meet the current demand, according to the Housing Partnership 2020 Report.

This need will likely grow when evictions resume, stimulus checks expire, and when it is time to move the thousands of Project Roomkey participants into more permanent housing.

"We are very concerned about the thousands of people that are going to need to be rehoused," said Maceri. "In the short term we do have rapid rehousing and prevention dollars that are available largely due to Measure H funding. Individuals who need to get caught up on rent can get short term subsidies to keep their current housing or people who have recently fallen into homelessness can get subsidies to be rehoused quickly. The idea is to keep people from remaining homeless for a long period of time and to also prevent evictions, because when someone has an eviction on their record that is a huge barrier to being rehoused."

The People Concern operates three interim housing facilities in Santa Monica, Cloverfield Services Center, SAMOSHEL, and Turning Point. These shelters provide food, semi-private sleeping cubicles, and intensive case management to help participants stabilize their health and move towards permanent housing. Their Santa Monica Access provides 200+ lunches daily to homeless individuals, and are currently experiencing much higher demand due to the closing of other agencies.

For information visit thepeopleconcern.org/covid-19.

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SERVICES: Officials expect homelessness to increase as COVID-19 impacts the economy.

RELEASE

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inmates with active infections.

Inmates are tested within seven days of their scheduled release, and those who test positive are barred from leaving early, said corrections department spokeswoman Dana Simas. But inmates who reach their regular parole date must be freed, even if they are infected.

"We can't force people to quarantine, we can only offer them voluntary services like Project Hope," Simas said.

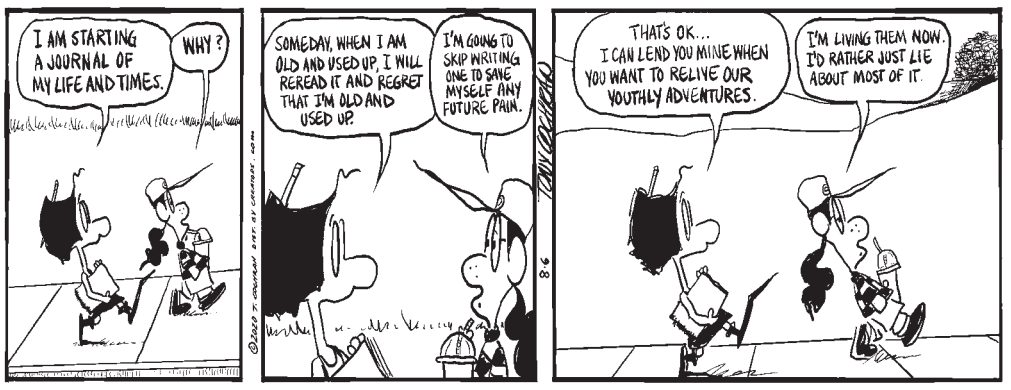
Probation officials now have just days instead of the normal months to prepare re-entry plans to provide a soon-to-be-released inmate with housing, transportation, drug or behavioral treatment, health care and training or a job.

"Our folks are working overtime to make all of the connections," said Chief Probation Officers of California executive director Karen Pank. "But I'm not going to lie, it's a tough, tough challenge."



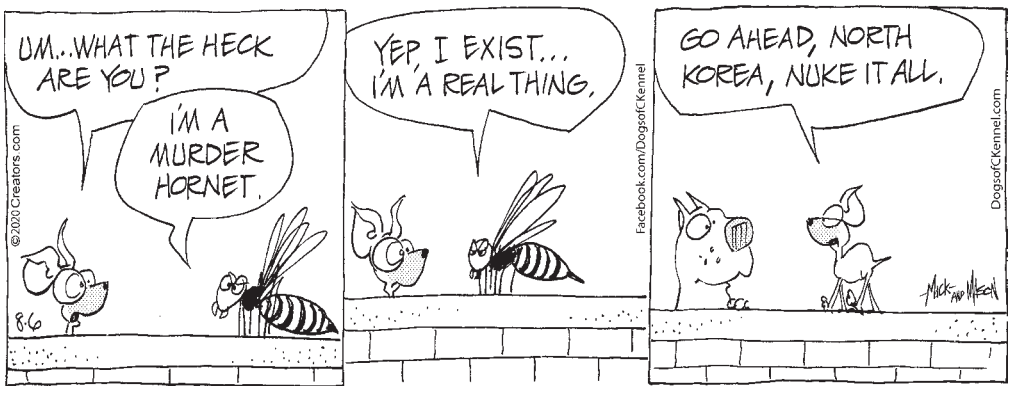
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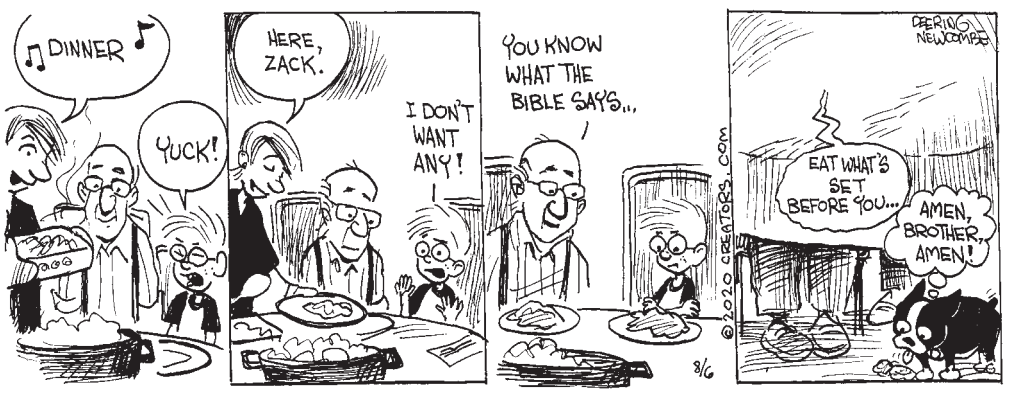
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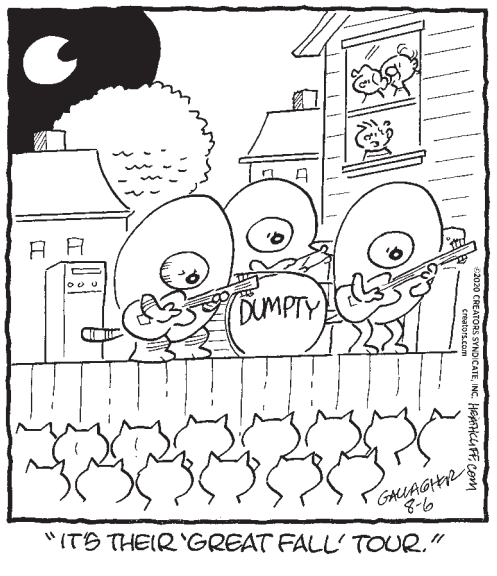
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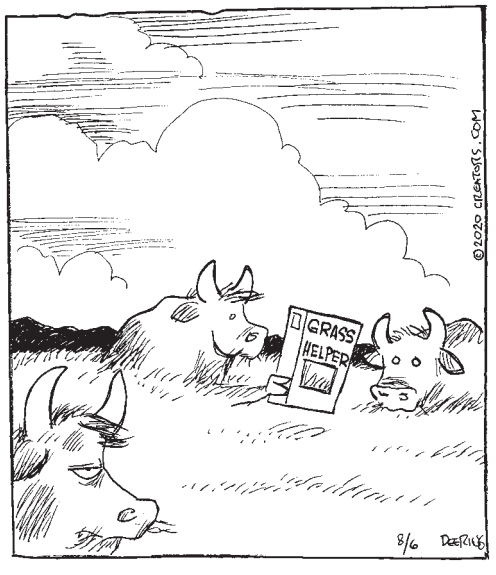
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"IT'S THEIR 'GREAT FALL' TOUR."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING





SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 67.1°

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Last gasp of NW windswell with the early tide push. Smaller SSW swell leftovers.

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 0.5-1ft Shin to knee high
Minor blend of SSW swell and NW windswell. Small new SW swell creeping in late.

WEATHER

Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 70.
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Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 69.

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2020/08/07	Fri	12:56 PM	4.37	H
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2020/08/08	Sat	1:31 PM	4.39	H
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2020/08/09	Sun	12:56 AM	4.10	H
2020/08/09	Sun	8:21 PM	2.31	L
2020/08/10	Mon	01:53 AM	3.49	H
2020/08/10	Mon	07:50 AM	1.93	L
2020/08/10	Mon	2:54 PM	4.47	H
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Taking a thing a little too seriously squeezes all the potential for fun out of it. And taking a thing far too seriously leads to suffering. Err on the side of fun today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Those feelings that are so much a part of who you are seem to be mostly completely out of your control. However, you can steer yourself toward environments, people and situations that are likely to tease out just the mood you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Because only one person can be inside a mind, an inner sense of reality is a hard thing to share. You have to use symbols like language, image and movement to convey a feeling, and you'll do a brilliant job of it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If the risk is minimal and the upside is obvious, you would think it would be an easy yes. But that is not taking into account the complexities of mind, body and spirit. There are other forces at work here. Trust intuition.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Relationships that involve deception and manipulation are, by definition, toxic environments. If necessary for the sake of the bigger picture, with the proper protections in place, toxic environments can be tolerated.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It is better to learn lessons early on in a process while there's still the excuse of being new and you're likely in the proximity of teachers. Get in there and make mistakes as soon as possible. Lessons that come too late get embarrassing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If this day were an ice cream stand, then it would not be the sidewalk vendor with three prepackaged options. This is the one with dozens of flavors and toppings — overwhelming, unless, of course, you have a deep sense of who you are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The number of people in a family, at a gathering or on a social media post won't matter nearly as much as the feelings among those who are present.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Every ending is a new beginning. This hopeful assurance doesn't address the fact that transitions require a great deal of energy. Rest up, take good care of yourself, and give yourself plenty of compassion right now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Lifting weights builds body strength. Processing information brings mental strength. Strength of character comes either through enduring hardship or via the endeavor of helping others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's hard to learn without consistency. When one action consistently nets the same result, learning is reinforced. You'll be teaching the people around you who you are. Keep this principle in mind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are deals to be made and bargains to be struck, and you'll make the most of this, all the while knowing that the best interactions of life are not transactional. You can only get so much from the world through negotiation.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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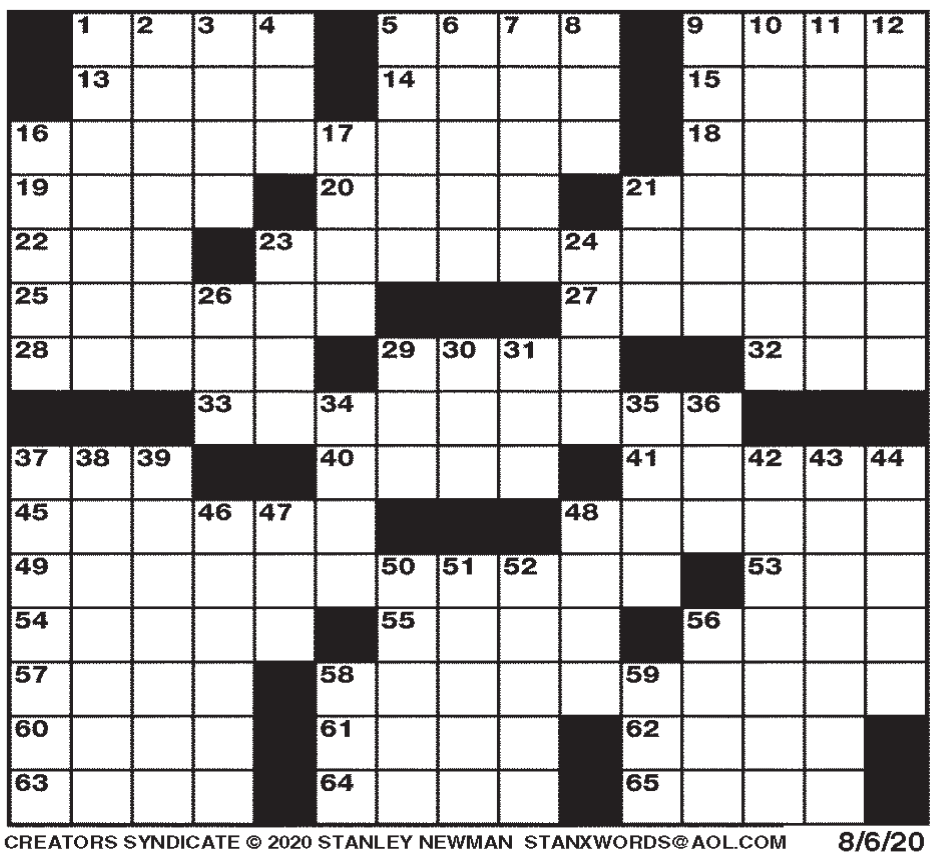
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18 Sudden insight
19 Crime novelist Macdonald
20 Tip a little
21 Wish well to
22 Name on *Pulp Fiction* posters
23 Levelheaded
25 Center of attraction
27 Begin to flower
28 Tool in curling
29 Mint, as money
32 Sci-fi "escape" vehicle
33 Succeed in oppo research, perhaps
37 Salesperson, for short
40 "We should do that"
41 Midwestern hub
45 Horsy
48 Takes the stage
49 Combo entrée
53 Enhance, with "to"
54 Short putt
55 Broccoli __ (leafy veggie)
56 Unrestrained
57 Minute quantity
58 Fall behind
60 Historic bus rider Parks
61 State strongly
62 *NBC Nightly News* anchor
63 Low card
64 Millennials' parents
65 Verses of tribute

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1 Caltech's observatory
2 Way back when
3 Mardi __
4 Corn holder
5 Alter with thread
6 "What a piece of work __": *Hamlet*
7 Daring feat
8 Down for the count
9 Scold harshly
10 Summon for duty
11 Timekeeper with a stick
12 Put to shame
16 Leftover fragment
17 Zillions
21 "Don't __ stranger!"
23 Moore of the movies
24 All, for starters
26 Indicate assent
29 Spoken spur
30 Show a preference (for)
31 "Photo" cards
34 __ plaid (checked fabric)
35 It might be on the tip of your tongue
36 Not just any
37 Take it up again
38 One of the great circles
39 Intended result
42 Typically
43 About 40% of mammal species
44 Wrapped up
46 "Allow me . . ."
47 Flatbread of India
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50 Horde
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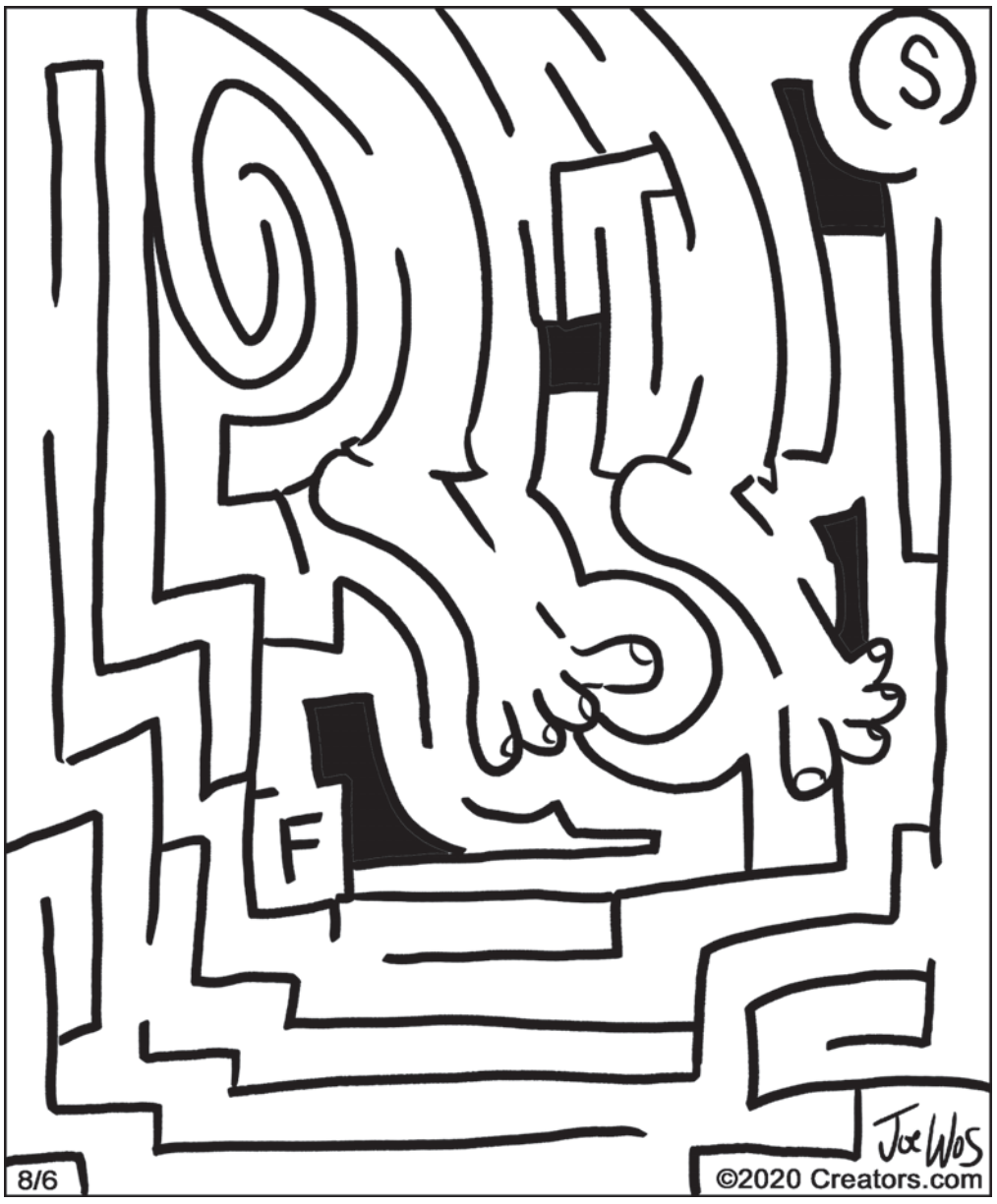
Binary Puzzle

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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FIND THE WORDS

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 28 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 4832

Off to work

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Bike	Homework	Shower
Boss	In bed	Soap
Buses	Interruptions	Suit
Chair	Lunch box	Tears
Crowds	Newspaper	Telephone
Dark	Office	Toast
Desk	Petrol	Type
Detour	Race	Update
Drink	Relax	Vegemite
Eggs	Rise	Wake
Fares	Running	Walk

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NOTEWORTHY

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Convention in Cleveland); Rihanna, use of her "Don't Stop the Music" (a 2018 rally in Tallahassee); Pharrell Williams, whose Oscar-nominated "Happy" was played at a Trump rally hours after 11 people were killed at a Pittsburgh synagogue in October 2018; Panic! at the Disco's Brendon Urie, whose "High Hopes" played at Trump's recent Phoenix event; and the estate of Tom Petty, whose "I Won't Back Down" also was played at Trump's recent poorly-attended rally in Tulsa.

Well, DJ, guess you're just going to have to go to Kid Rock and Ted Nugent. Which could make your rallies even smaller.

NICOLE RECOMMENDS:

CLASSIC BOLLYWOOD DANCE! with DANISH BHANDARA — The Fowler Museum at UCLA is known in my book for having consistently interesting and diverse programming. With the challenge of social distancing, they have had to adapt. I tuned in to a "Lunch & Learn" Zoom lecture of theirs a couple weeks ago that featured Patrick A. Polk, curator of Latin American and Caribbean Popular Arts, discussing Haitian Vodou objects and divinities, specifically a beautiful drapo (ritual banner) of Papa Guede — did you know he's represented in Blondie's "Rapture" music video? I sure didn't until Polk pointed out the similarities and historical context.

There will be more Fowler "Lunch & Learns" and I encourage you to check their calendar, but what I really want to highlight is this Saturday's virtual event, where trained dancer Danish Bhandara will be teaching a joyful piece of Classic Bollywood Dance. This dance style is known for being full of energy and passion, and can be characterized by its lively and dramatic movements, from the hand gestures to the facial expressions. Bhandara is a graduate of UCLA's World Arts and Cultures/Dance program, has trained in Classical Indian, Bollywood, and Middle Eastern dance forms for more than 12 years, and continues to perform with the Blue13 Dance Company and many other well-accredited choreographers and artists.

If you are like me and are looking for an entertaining way to get moving (or maybe just watch!) in the safety of your home, you will want to check this out. No experience necessary! — Saturday 11am-12pm, Free.

Link to RSVP: https://ucla.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUtdOygqDwsHdaJ5ET35M_zj9MKIUarIJ9B

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START DATE

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Superintendent Ben Drati first declared in the Spring that the school year would start as planned in August. At the time, district stakeholders hoped for a possible return to in-person classes, but Drati and the board agreed in late July that it was best for students to return in August using a distance learning format.

On Wednesday, Drati stated SMMUSD is looking to change schools' starting date to Monday, Aug. 24.

"Our team is working hard to create a robust distance learning program for all students this fall," the letter states, adding: "We are in the process of finalizing a memorandum of understanding with the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association that includes expectations regarding various aspects of distance learning… One component of the MOU is professional learning and the appropriate number of days to fully train and empower our teachers with the necessary skills and tools to successfully teach remotely this fall."

As a result, the district is considering adding two days of professional development in addition to the previously planned three days, which would potentially move the school start date to Monday, Aug. 24, Drati added in the letter, mentioning this will also add two days to the end of the school year in June.

"We understand that families are anxious for more information regarding distance learning, expectations, potential child care, schedules and more," Drati said, sharing the district's board of education will discuss and take action on the MOU during its upcoming meeting on Thursday, Aug. 13. "We are finalizing all details and will have more information for you soon."

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NEGOTIATORS

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NON-CORONAVIRUS ITEMS

The competing bills from House Democrats and Senate Republicans include a fair amount of money for non-coronavirus-related items. The Senate proposal contains an almost $2 billion new FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C., and $30 billion for the Pentagon, including direct help for powerful defense contractors. That's likely to get dumped, as will a more generous federal tax deduction for state and local taxes that Democrats included in their bill.

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COVID-19

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toll on everybody but efforts to flatten the curve are paying off.

"We must continue on this trajectory, continue to stay at home, continue to avoid gatherings and continue to wear a mask and physical distance," Solis said.

"On Monday I told you I was cautiously optimistic," and while that remains true today, Los Angeles Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said, "I continue to focus on the word cautious when I speak of the hope I have for where things could be headed."

As residents look to the future, "and we continue to plan our recovery, we must learn from our recent past and we have to continue our vigilance in the face of this still new and dangerous virus," Ferrer said. "You'll recall that just a few months ago, we were in a much better place than we are now. And, unfortunately, many of us thought that meant we could return to life as it was before COVID-19. And we, as a community, returned to a place where COVID-19 was spreading at even higher rates than it had been in the early days of the pandemic. The main difference this time was that the people driving the infection rate were younger than they had initially been."

These are people between the ages of 18 and 49, Ferrer added. "And while this may seem like a huge and disparate swath of the population, they're actually very similar in terms of some of their behaviors. These are folks who are out in the workforce and, in many cases, they may be shopping at retail stores, enjoying the recreational venues that are open and socializing with people outside of their households. This is also the age group that's most likely to be attending the large parties that we keep seeing on our screen," which are such a bad idea at this time.

Gatherings are simply not allowed at this point because they create a lot of risk for transmission, "and these gatherings hurt all of us as we try to reduce our case rates, so we can get our children back to school and get adults back to their jobs," Ferrer said, urging the public to make good decisions.

"I do get a lot of questions about enforcement… (but) I do think an equally important question to ask is why so many people are willing to put our entire community at risk during this unprecedented pandemic," Ferrer said. "One thing for certain is that we will not be able to arrest our way out of the pandemic. We're only going to get through this with everybody doing their part."

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CULTURE WATCH

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To my astonishment Lori Lansens told me, "Virtue balls are a real thing. The idea of keeping women pure is so biblical, it made sense in the novel's context that they would become a common phenomenon under a religious-right regime. It takes this odd, insane, possessive patriarchal ideology and throws it into the stratosphere."

THE ENDING

At this point, I have to caution that novel's ending is explosive, and I won't be sharing it. But to Lori Lansens, it's not an ending, "It's the trigger event that starts a conversation beyond the book. It's one story without the ending, but it's an entirely different story with this ending."

"This Little Light" has been optioned as a cable series for Universal. Lori says her next screenwriting project, in partnership with her husband, producer/director Milan Cheylov (whose work on the classic TV series, 24, brought the couple to California), will be a series about reincarnation, "exploring the case study of a child who believes she's having memories of a past life. It's been optioned by Sony."

I asked her what she does for religious or spiritual guidance these days. "I like the idea of God, unattended by any religion, being a force of compassion and caring, within each of us, for our fellows. Rory talks about The Golden Rule, that if everyone followed it, independent of religion or God or any of the other rules that religion imposes, we'd all be better off. We wouldn't be where we are now. That would be enough for me."

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