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Metro to study feasibility of fareless system

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Metro buses and trains could be free to all riders one day if a new task force can determine the move to be feasible for the Southern California transportation system.

A new Metro task force began working Tuesday after recently receiving approval from the Metro Board of Directors. The effort will be called the Fareless System Initiative, and the task force intends to deliver a plan to Metro CEO Phil Washington and the Board of Directors that will be considered by the end of 2020.

No other large transit system in the world has gone entirely fareless, but Washington said in a recent media briefing that he views the elimination of fares as a way to put money back in the pockets of those who need it the most.

"LA Metro has a moral obligation to pursue a fareless system and help our region recover from both a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic and the devastating effects of the lack of affordability in the region." Washington said as he described how fare-free transit will help essential workers, moms and dads, students, seniors and riders with disabilities.



Brennon Dixson

TRAIN: Metro considers free rides as a way to support working families and essential workers.

Just as firefighting, policing and library services are, Washington said, Metro believes transit should be made available to the populous through the public purse of government because it would improve mobility for all people, reduce traffic congestion and provide better air quality in L.A. County and California. "And we also believe, as I was talking to a group just earlier today, that this can be seen as a tax decrease for low-income families as well. It will have that impact."

Metro officials understand there

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L.A. County eases COVID restrictions

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Labor Day is coming but Los Angeles County leaders said Wednesday, like everything else in life, the celebrations will look quite different this year if residents want to continue on the road to recovery.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis joined Los Angeles County Health Officer Muntu Davis for a press conference Wednesday to announce the curve is flattening but the pair of local leaders reminded residents to remember to wear masks and to only gather with people in their household as they look to enjoy the upcoming Labor Day weekend.

"We are once again back on the path of recovery, which means reopening may be in sight," Solis said. "In fact, we are announcing today hair salons and barbershops in LA County are allowed to enjoy indoor operations at 25 percent (occupancy)... But we could easily be knocked off that path of recovery if we see another surge in cases after the holiday weekend, which is what happened after Memorial Day and the Fourth of July."

Solis also touched on flu season and encouraged residents to get vaccinated.

"Although, the flu and COVID-19 are different viruses and we don't yet know how they interact with one another, there are concerns that people can be infected with both, possibly exacerbating your symptoms," Solis said. "And the potential influx of patients with severe influenza could negatively impact our hospital systems' capacity at a time when we need those precious beds

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Depression, anxiety spike amid outbreak and turbulent times

LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

Mental health therapists' caseloads are bulging. Waiting lists for appointments are growing. And anxiety and depression are rising among Americans amid the coronavirus crisis, research suggests.

In the latest study to suggest an uptick, half of U.S. adults surveyed reported at least some signs of depression, such as hopelessness, feeling like a failure or getting little pleasure from doing things. That's double the rate from a different survey two years ago, Boston University researchers said Wednesday in the medical journal JAMA Network Open.

The study did not ask about any diagnosis they might have received, and for many people, the problem is mostly angst rather than full-blown psychiatric illness. But experts say the feeling is genuine and deserving of professional help.

For some people, it stems from lost loved ones and the financial distress and social isolation the outbreak has caused. Experts say Americans are also feeling anxiety over the racial and political upheaval of the past few months, though the BU study was conducted before the recent tumult.

"There is no question that many people in the U.S. and worldwide are experiencing real and often distressing emotional reactions to the COVID-19 pandemic and, in some cases, to contracting the virus," said psychiatrist Dr. Ronald Pies, a retired professor at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

The global outbreak has caused more than 850,000 deaths and almost 26 million confirmed infections. U.S. cases total 6 million, with about 185,000 deaths. The crisis has also thrown millions out of work, crippled the economy and forced shutdowns of bars, restaurants, theaters and gyms.

Calls from March through July to the U.S. government-funded Disaster Distress Helpline, which offers counseling and emotional support, surged 335% from the same period last year.

"Helpline counselors have reported callers expressing feelings of isolation and interpersonal concerns related to physical distancing such as being cut off from social supports," said Hannah Collins, a spokeswoman for Vibrant Emotional Health, a group that runs the helpline.

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Project No. SP2577

The City of Santa Monica is inviting proposals from firms interested in providing Design Services for the, 7th Street Fencing Upgrade and Activation project.

RFP questions to be submitted to Linda Cogswell via email at: linda.cogswell@smgov.net no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 17, 2020.

Proposers shall provide one (1) electronic version of their proposal to Linda Cogswell via email at linda.cogswell@smgov.net no later than 5:00 pm on October 2, 2020. **Size of the electronic proposal shall not exceed 10 MB.**

RFP Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: http://www.smgov.net/planetbids/.

CITY OF SANTA MONICA

Ordinance Number 2645 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

AN EMERGENCY INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA TO EXTEND EMERGENCY INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE 2633 AMENDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 9.39 AND SECTION 9.40.020 TO INCREASE THRESHOLDS FOR REVIEW OF ONE HUNDRED PERCENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS AND HOUSING PROJECTS SUBJECT TO THE HOUSING ACCOUNTABILITY ACT BY ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL

The following is a summary of Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2645 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

The Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance (the "IZO") extends and revises the existing IZO, which was adopted on March 10, 2020, and which authorizes 100% affordable housing projects and Tier 2 housing projects subject to the Housing Accountability Act, California Government Code Section 65589.5, to be reviewed through an Administrative Approval process. The extension maintains this streamlined process for approval of these projects. The revisions to the IZO are consistent with the ordinance adopted at the August 25, 2020 to put in place a new Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 6.22, Residential Leasing Requirements. As a result of these revisions, the IZO requires Tier 2 housing projects with rental units eligible for the streamlined approval process to record a deed restriction against the property ensuring that:

1. All leases shall be made only to a tenant who is a natural person, or to tenants who are natural persons;
2. All leases shall be made only to a tenant or tenants who, regardless of the term of occupancy, intend to make the rental unit the tenants' primary residence, as defined in the IZO;
3. All leases shall be in writing and provide for a minimum initial term of one year; and
4. All units shall be leased as unfurnished units.

The extension of the IZO took effect immediately upon adoption and shall have no further force and effect as of December 31, 2021, unless it is further extended pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.46.090(C).
The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.



DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 26 CALLS ON SEPTEMBER 1

EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 12:11 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 1700blk 14th St 12:21 a.m.
EMS 2600blk 5th St 12:25 a.m.
EMS 12th St / Olympic Blvd 12:43 a.m.
EMS 1500blk Ocean Ave 5:34 a.m.
EMS 2500blk Pico Blvd 5:45 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1700blk 4th St 8:24 a.m.
Public Assist 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:39 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 26th St 9:20 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 100blk California Ave 9:48 a.m.
EMS 5th St / Colorado Ave 11:26 a.m.
Flooded Condition 1100blk San Vicente Blvd 11:53 a.m.
EMS 900blk 6th St 12:32 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 12:41 p.m.
Force Entry 1100blk 12th St 1:02 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 300blk Marine St 1:50 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 100blk Ocean Park Blvd 2:04 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:06 p.m.
EMS 2nd St / Colorado Ave 2:21 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 9th St 3:04 p.m.
EMS 300blk Pacific St 3:10 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Pico Blvd 3:56 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 5:34 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire Ocean Ave / Pacific St 7:17 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 8:00 p.m.
EMS 1900blk 11th St 9:08 p.m.

Fed survey finds widespread pessimism about economic future

MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

The latest Federal Reserve survey of U.S. economic activity found generally modest gains in August but also pessimism about the future given the threats posed by the coronavirus.

The Fed report made public Wednesday said that a theme echoed across the country is the lingering uncertainty stemming from the pandemic and its negative effect on consumer and business activity.

The Fed's Philadelphia regional bank said that businesses in that area reported that "uncertainty is extremely high" with households awaiting more "layoffs, evictions, foreclosures and bankruptcies while the coronavirus persists and the stimulus ends."

The San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank called conditions in the consumer and business services sectors "precarious," while the Dallas Fed said that increasing coronavirus infections in Texas had "disrupted the budding economic recovery in some sectors."

The Boston Fed said, "Business contacts continued to cite the disruptive effects of the pandemic on all aspects of their activity, even as recovery began or continued in some sectors."

The report, based on responses gathered before Aug. 24, found that economic activity had increased modestly from late July but remained well below levels seen before the pandemic hit in March.

The coronavirus outbreak has pushed the country into a deep recession and resulted in millions of people losing their jobs and thousands of businesses struggling to survive. This despite the Fed and Congress providing massive amounts of economic support.

The report, known as the Beige Book, is compiled from responses from business contacted by Fed's 12 regional banks. The information will help inform Fed policymakers when they next meet to set interest-rate policies on Sept. 15-16.

Gus Faucher, chief economist at PNC Financial Services, said that the Beige Book reflects the economic risks posed by the potential for further increases in coronavirus cases and an inability of Congress to pass additional fiscal stimulus.

"Uncertainty will remain extremely high until the pandemic is contained," he said.

At the Fed's last meeting in July, the central bank kept its key policy rate unchanged at a record low near zero. It also pledged to keep rates low until central bank officials are "confident that the economy has weathered recent events" stemming from the pandemic-induced recession.

Last week, the Fed announced it had completed an 18-month review of its monetary policy and decided to switch from a 2% target for inflation to inflation averaging. Under the new system, the Fed will allow inflation to run above 2% for a time to make up for years in which it has failed to reach the Fed's 2% target.

Economists believe this change makes it unlikely that the Fed will be tightening credit any time over at least the next two years.

The Fed report said that consumer spending, which accounts for 70% of economic activity, had increased, pushed higher by strong auto sales and some improvements in tourism and retail sales.

But in a potentially troubling sign, the report noted a recent slowdown in consumer spending. It did not make a link, but the $600 weekly increase in unemployment benefits expired at the end of July. Congress took an August recess when it was not able to overcome wide differences between Democrats and Republicans over what a new economic relief package should look like.

The report also noted "rising instances of furloughed workers being laid off permanently as demand remained soft."

The report said that firms that were hiring were having trouble finding workers, with day care hard to obtain and uncertainty remaining over the coming school year.

Wages were described as basically flat. Some companies have rolled back increases that had been linked to hazard pay or high-exposure jobs in the early weeks of the pandemic.

The report said that residential construction activity was a bright spot. Home sales and home prices have risen, reflecting increased housing demand. Manufacturing has also increased in most of the Fed's districts.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 320 CALLS ON SEPTEMBER 1

Indecent Exposure Now 800blk Ocean Ave 12:17 a.m.
Vandalism Now 100blk Broadway 12:46 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 2:53 a.m.
Vandalism 1400blk 4th St 3:36 a.m.
Petty Theft 600blk Wilshire Blvd 4:24 a.m.
Vehicle Burglar Alarm 1000blk Ocean Ave 5:50 a.m.
Encampment 300blk Olympic Dr 6:50 a.m.
Encampment 400blk Santa Monica Pier 6:53 a.m.
Grand Theft 1200blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:06 a.m.
Found Senile Person 400blk Palisades Ave 7:23 a.m.
9-1-1 Hang Up 1600blk 17th St 7:26 a.m.
Found Property 400blk Palisades Ave 8:07 a.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper 1500blk Ocean Ave 8:15 a.m.
Grand Theft 800blk 9th St 8:35 a.m.
Fight 1300blk 4th St 8:43 a.m.
Burglary 2400blk Ocean Front Walk 8:49 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 500blk Hill St 8:52 a.m.
Auto Burglary 800blk 9th St 8:53 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 2400blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:02 a.m.
Person With A Gun Lincoln Blvd / Marine St 10:08 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1400blk 4th St 10:10 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1400blk Ocean Ave 10:38 a.m.
Found Property 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 10:39 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1400blk Ocean Ave 10:49 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 20th St / Olympic Blvd 10:52 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 200blk Adelaide Dr 11:02 a.m.
Burglary 1700blk Sunset Ave 11:07 a.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 1500blk Montana Ave 11:21 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1300blk 5th St 11:32 a.m.
Petty Theft 2900blk Main St 11:34 a.m.
Petty Theft 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 11:37 a.m.
Vandalism 1500blk Princeton St 12:01 p.m.
Petty Theft 1300blk Palisades Beach Rd 12:14 p.m.
Burglary 1100blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:28 p.m.
Bike Theft 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 12:43 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1100blk 9th St 12:47 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1700blk Appian Way 12:56 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1300blk Palisades Park 1:04 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 19th St / Wilshire Blvd 1:18 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1100blk Hill St 1:40 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1400blk Olympic Blvd 1:44 p.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 1:45 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2600blk Barnard Way 1:54 p.m.
Identity Theft Unknown 2:07 p.m.
Burglary 1100blk Ocean Park Blvd 2:10 p.m.
Encampment 1600blk 19th St 2:14 p.m.
Person With A Gun Neilson Way / Ocean Park Blvd 2:21 p.m.
Identity Theft 700blk 16th St 2:29 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 5th St / Hollister Ave 2:34 p.m.
Found Property 4th St / Alta Ave 2:34 p.m.
Child Endangerment 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 2:38 p.m.
Death Investigation 2nd St / Colorado Ave 2:46 p.m.
Burglary 1100blk Ocean Park Blvd 2:48 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2600blk 7th St 3:19 p.m.
Petty Theft 2900blk Colorado Ave 3:38 p.m.
Bike Theft 2500blk Ocean Front Walk 4:05 p.m.
Vandalism 1600blk Ocean Ave 4:14 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 4:16 p.m.
Smoking Violation 700blk Palisades Park 4:31 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 2500blk San Vicente Blvd 4:58 p.m.
Battery 2000blk 20th St 5:03 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1900blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:38 p.m.
Burglary 1200blk 9th St 6:27 p.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 1400blk Maple St 6:39 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1300blk 2nd St 7:14 p.m.
Bike Theft 3100blk 5th St 7:24 p.m.
Bike Theft 1200blk 9th St 7:31 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1200blk 14th St 7:33 p.m.
9-1-1 Hang Up 900blk Wilshire Blvd 7:36 p.m.
Loud Music 200blk Palisades Beach Rd 7:44 p.m.
Fight 2600blk The Beach 8:00 p.m.
Party Complaint 1600blk Berkeley St 8:05 p.m.
Assault 400blk Wilshire Blvd 8:08 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1600blk Appian Way 8:09 p.m.
Petty Theft 2000blk 20th St 8:27 p.m.
Loud Music 1500blk Franklin St 9:07 p.m.
Petty Theft 600blk Wilshire Blvd 10:12 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation Franklin St / Colorado Ave 10:27 p.m.
Loud Music 800blk Ocean Ave 10:38 p.m.
Encampment 1600blk Ocean Ave 11:08 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1700blk Appian Way 11:16 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 600blk Marine St 11:24 p.m.
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#264 BBB OPERATOR SCHEDULING

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RFP: #267 CAD/AVL SYSTEM
• Submission Deadline is November 2, 2020 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

RFP: #270 CONTRACTOR TO ASSIST LOS ANGELES AREA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION REGIONAL TRAINING GROUP WITH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

• Submission Deadline is September 28, 2020 at 5:00 PM Pacific Time.

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **City's Online Vendor Portal.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is: Planet Bids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bidsearch4.cfm. There is no charge for the RFP package.

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Sound Advice



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MUSIC: In Sheep's Clothing – for listening.

SOME GOOD THINGS BEAR REPEATING

Especially when they are gone but not forgotten, coronavirus crushed but brought back to virtual life.

My alternative great music correspondent Nicole always surprises and delights me with her weekly recommendations, things I probably wouldn't have come across otherwise. This time she surprised me by writing about something she had mentioned twice before, but it's such a fantastic concept that its virtual world revival is worth your attention.

Just after WWII, the Japanese, rabid music aficionados and especially for American jazz, started opening up jazz-kissas, mostly in Tokyo and Kyoto, small cafes devoted to playing the latest releases, on high quality recordings. People came to listen to the music as their first activity, not as background.

There were no jazz radio stations at first, few big name touring musicians, and at that time instruments were hard to come by, as were local musicians who were up to the level of the best American players. They were starting to manufacture sound equipment that the whole world would covet, but it was still too expensive for most to enjoy at home. As were imported American albums.

VIRGIN VINYL

But they, along with the Germans and British, opted to press LPs on virgin vinyl, and I can tell you, that makes a big difference. American records were made of crap, scrap vinyl. I eventually collected Japanese and German and some English pressings of what I considered the best albums by Hendrix, the Beatles, Stones, Pink Floyd, a few others, and some classical. What a joy to crank the volume up and have the needle drop down and hear absolute silence, no hissing, no crackling, until the crystal clear music came roaring out of the speakers. Between cuts, also not a sound.

THEY STILL EXIST

The kissas, though considerably fewer than the peak number of some 600 in the '50s and '60s. Digital music took its toll, and now most Japanese can enjoy great sound and an almost infinite selection of recordings at home. Jazz stations now abound and all the best tours go through Japan. (Well, they did, and will again.)

But a couple of Angelenos, Brian Ling and Zach Cowie, found they had a mutual love of a culture that valued listening, really listening to music and decided to open up such a place in Little Tokyo. In Sheep's Clothing is elegant in a very minimal style, with warm, polished blond woods, amazing sound equipment (a pair of $6K Klipsch speakers, a pair of $5K vintage Gerrard turntables, for starters) and attention to all details. A placard tented on every table sums it up: "To Hear More, Say Less." A few months later a second similar setup emerged in Highland Park, the Gold Line, with a library of some 7500 LPs.

But it's In Sheep's Clothing that got Nicole's attention, and she wrote about it or recommended their shows twice before. Of course they are shuttered for now, but she writes below about what they've launched online, and it definitely sounds worth looking into. She also tells you about their expanded editorial archives, which I haven't yet perused, but I will.

To give you a better idea, here's what she wrote about it a few months ago:

"CLASSIC ALBUM SUNDAYS Presents: ALICE COLTRANE'S 'PTAH THE EL DAOUD' (For all you audiophiles, this is an ongoing series that is part lecture, part listening, focusing on one album per event, combining listening examples with a contextualizing lecture, culminating in a listening of the album in its entirety on a world-class hi-fi sound system — all vinyl, no BS. I attended December's presentation of Nina Simone's 'Black Gold' and I still think about it often.)"

Then in Feb., based on what she described and my exceptional experiences with LA's Lyris Quartet, I recommended: "— LYRIS QUARTET & Mezzo-Soprano JESSICA RAUCH — (perform New String Quartets by LA-Based Composers, I love the Lyris Quartet from their many performances in SM [through the Jacaranda series], but they play all over in all kinds of settings, such musicianship, and daring, and this one should be memorable) — Tues 6:30 p.m., In Sheep's Clothing, DTLA, $25."

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Business owners tap into savings to withstand pandemic

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AP Business Writer

When the coronavirus outbreak forced cruise lines to cancel trips to Alaska, it wiped out Midgi Moore's tour business, leaving her with thousands of dollars in deposits to refund.

Moore's company, Juneau Food Tours, didn't have enough cash on hand. So, she withdrew $30,000 from her retirement account — a painful decision for a 56 year old starting to look forward to the day when she can stop working.

"It was a gut punch," Moore says.

Many business owners are tapping the money they socked into personal savings and retirement accounts to withstand the pandemic. For some, like Moore, there are big expenses coming due while for others it's a way to offset the losses and stay afloat until the virus eases its grip.

Owners are trying to keep their businesses alive at a critical time for the U.S. economy. Small businesses employ nearly half the nation's work force. In April, payroll provider ADP reported nearly 20 million jobs were lost at U.S. companies and said more than half were at businesses employing under 500 people. Many economists expect a sizable portion of those job losses will be permanent.

A report issued by the National Bureau of Economic Research found that 2% of small businesses surveyed had shut down permanently in March, a number that certainly has increased since, meaning it's likely hundreds of thousands of businesses have failed. The government's Paycheck Protection Program helped by giving out more than 5.2 million loans to small businesses and non-profits. But owners and advocates say struggling companies need more help from Congress, and lawmakers themselves are urging the Federal Reserve to expand its lending to small and medium-sized businesses.

How many owners have raided savings to shore up their companies during the pandemic is also unclear; in surveys, the number has varied widely from 4% to about 20%. Even owners with companies outside the stricken restaurant, retailing and travel industries have needed extra funds as high unemployment and a weakened economy made consumers and companies cautious about spending.

Alissa Kelly is forgoing most of her salary and has taken nearly $15,000 out of savings to keep her Las Vegas-based publicity firm running. Kelly says she lost almost all her clients in the entertainment and restaurant industries within hours back in March.

Kelly, owner of PR Plus, was forced to lay off two of seven staffers and cut other expenses. A loan from the Paycheck Protection Program helped cover payroll for about two months. Kelly was able to get some new clients, but there was still a shortfall and she didn't want to take on a bank loan.

Luckily, Kelly didn't have to touch her retirement account; she and her husband had put money aside for a rainy day.

"Who would have known it would have been for this type of emergency," she says.

Cracking open a nest egg is not a step owners take lightly; it's a gamble that the business will recover and they'll replenish their savings. For many it's a better alternative than borrowing — they don't want the burden of debt, especially during an uncertain economy. And as many owners have discovered during the virus outbreak, even a government relief loan might not fully make up for lost cash flow.

John Holloway saw sales at his life insurance website increase when news about the coronavirus broke during the winter, but business plunged when Americans retreated to their homes in March. A loan from the government "helped a bit but was quickly in and out," says Holloway, co-founder of NoExam.com.

Holloway and his business partner each turned to personal savings to live on. Holloway estimates he's taken between $25,000 and $30,000 out of retirement and emergency fund accounts to pay his family's expenses.

Holloway says withdrawing the money made him feel like he was going backward. But business has been improving and that makes him optimistic.

"I'm banking on the long-term outlook for the business. It might in the future potentially be sold. That in my mind is where we'd be making up some of that money," he says.

Up in Alaska, Moore has started two other businesses and plans to get a job this winter, hoping that will help her not only replace the savings she pumped into Juneau Food Tours but also create reserves for her companies.

Juneau Food Tours gets most of its revenue from cruise ship passengers who take tours of restaurants and bars in Alaska's capital; more than 1.3 million people took Alaskan cruises during the 2019 cruise season, according to the industry group Alaska Travel Industry Association. Moore is aware she can't count on revenue from cruise-goers for some time.

"I'm not planning for a big rebound in 2021. I'm looking at 2022," she says.

Business owners have varying strategies when it comes to savings. Those with retirement plans for their employees usually are savers, and those with children are likely to be putting money away for college tuition. But some owners see their companies as their investment. They plow profits back into their business rather than save; they expect to fund their retirement with the eventual sale of their companies.

Financial advisers recommend owners do some soul-searching before dipping into savings.

"It comes down to trying to be realistic with yourself. It's looking at not only, are you going to be able to replenish what you're going to take out, it's also looking at the missed savings that you would have hopefully captured if we weren't going through a global pandemic," says Jennifer Myers, president of Sagevest Wealth Management in McLean, Virginia.

Tom Tunney's three Ann Sather restaurants are breakfast, brunch and lunch stalwarts in their Chicago neighborhoods. Social distancing requirements have curtailed revenue and the government loan Tunney got was quickly spent paying staff.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

WASHINGTON

Fox, C-SPAN, NBC moderators for upcoming Trump-Biden debates

Representatives from Fox News, C-SPAN and NBC will moderate the upcoming debates between President Donald Trump and Democratic challenger Joe Biden.

According to the nonpartisan Commission on Presidential Debates, the moderators will be:

–Chris Wallace of Fox News for the debate Sept. 29 in Cleveland.

–Steve Scully of C-SPAN for the "town meeting" debate Oct. 15 in Miami.

–NBC's Kristen Welker for the debate Oct. 22 in Nashville, Tennessee.

The commission also announced Wednesday that USA Today's Susan Page will moderate the vice presidential debate on Oct. 7 in Salt Lake City with Vice President Mike Pence and Democrat Kamala Harris. The commission makes its moderator selection independently of the candidates.

Trump and Biden have said they will attend the scheduled debates, which are meant to offer voters to opportunity to see the contrast between the candidates on live television.

"I'm looking forward to debating the president and I'm going to lay out as clearly as I can my vision for the county," Biden said

Trump's team complained that the moderators were not those "we would have recommended if the campaign had been allowed to have any input," said campaign communications director Tim Murtaugh. "Some can be identified as clear opponents of President Trump, meaning Joe Biden will actually have a teammate on stage most of the time to help him excuse the radical, leftist agenda he is carrying."

Murtaugh noted that Biden, who has not sat recently for an interview with Wallace, will not go face to face with the tough interviewer. Wallace was widely praised for a tough interview with Trump earlier this summer.

Trump's team has tried to pressure the commission to move up the debates, citing increased use of early and absentee voting because of the coronavirus.

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Culture Watch

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Inventing a Stand Up Paddle Board Carrier



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BOARD: Co-creator Paul Curnutte with his SUP Hipster paddle board carrier.

Everyone should be as lucky as I am, to have a next-door neighbor like Jeremy Katz. Need a lounge chair assembled? Need heavy cat litter bins carried from car to garage? Need someone to fix the washing machine door's broken hinges? Jeremy's your man. If he doesn't know how, he'll learn on YouTube. That's how he recently built a standing raised bed to grow vegetables in his front yard. We've been co-leaders of our condominium Homeowners Association for more years than I can count.

I've envied his "adrenaline" sports trips: surfing, kite surfing, foil surfing, Stand Up Paddle Boarding, snowboarding, mountain biking, and more. Turns out many of those trips were for R&D, because over the past five years, Jeremy has been busy inventing a completely new product, and launching a one-of-a-kind business that's beginning to show some returns.

THE SUP HIPSTER

Aside from getting a degree in Business Administration from USC, what did Jeremy know about inventing a new product?

"I looked for a book on 'How to start a never-before-discovered product for paddle boarding' but the store didn't have one. So we learned everything we needed about design, sourcing materials, manufacturers, shipping, marketing, trademarking, patenting all while funding everything out of own pocket."

The SUP Hipster is a carrying device for Stand Up Paddle Boards (aka SUP). Sounds simple right? But it's an outside-the-box idea conceived at the beach with his former college roommate and now business partner, Paul Curnutte. They've been paddle boarding together for about 10 years.

Jeremy explains, "Paddle boards by nature are big, they have to float a person, so they're usually about 10-12 feet long, 2.5 feet wide, usually not super heavy but bulky and awkward. Carrying them to and from the beach has always been a hassle. There are handles in them, paired with big straps that wrap around the board, attach to a shoulder strap that you put over your arm. When you start to walk, it slides off your shoulder and the board falls. It's a nightmare.

"Paul and I were at San Onofre beach with my rescue dog Townes, who'd grab his favorite toy, a stuffed hedgehog named Caldwell, and charge down to the water ahead of us. We're struggling with our boards, and Paul looks at me and says, 'Man how come he can find a way to carry his toy and we can't?' And we thought, let's figure this out."

DESIGN ON THE FLY

After years of trial-and-error tinkering, ("Neither one of us is a mechanical engineer," he chuckled), Jeremy and Paul created The SUP Hipster, a belt with a padded hook that supports the board from below, not from the shoulder. You wear it around your waist and hips and leave it on while you're in the water SUP'ing (Jeremy says that's what paddle boarders call it).

"We went to Home Depot, bought a bunch of Velcro, supplies, nylon strap, trying to figure out the best way to carry this, and we started playing around with ways to attach it to a waist belt. One day Paul said, 'Hey, there's a hook that attaches a surfboard to a bicycle,' so we jerry-rigged a J-hook, basically duct taped it to a piece of nylon, set the board in it, then walked around the backyard, and thought we might be onto something!"

Of course, it's not as simple as that. "There were all kinds of angles and bends so when you set the board in it, it's braced and doesn't fall over. It took years but apparently, we did something right because we're patented in the US, Mexico, Canada and pending in Europe. We took the 'utility' patent, based on the function of what it does; no one can design or make a waist belt with some kind of hook or platform to carry a board, because that serves the same utility as ours."

COVID AND THE SPORT

Stand Up Paddle Boarding, according to its trade industry association, is the fastest growing water sport in the world. Jeremy

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Letter to the Editor

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Maskless in Ashland Park

Editor:

For the past several weeks, those of us living near the park have attempted to confront people who arrive without masks. We are doing this not only because they threaten the general welfare, but on behalf of the elderly, of whom quite a few are nearby residents.

After failing every time, we decided to involve the police department. While ordering mask compliance is completely within the remit of the Santa Monica police, we were unable to persuade even one officer to come to the scene. This was after multiple calls to multiple numbers and a promise that all we had to do was phone when we saw a bunch of unmasked faces and someone would come by.

Why did this happen, or not happen? More to the point, since when is it the job of us neighbors to be the police?

Joan Walston, Santa Monica

BUSINESS

FROM PAGE 5

Tunney, who's also an alderman in the Chicago City Council, estimates he's put $250,000 of his own money into running the restaurants. He dipped into proceeds of real estate sales to replace his lost revenue, and says he's prepared to continue tapping savings until business returns to normal.

"My community and my business are everything, pretty much my family," Tunney says.

When the pandemic slammed the tourism industry, attorney Tina Willis had fewer clients at her practice in Orlando, Florida. She specializes in personal injury cases, and many clients are tourists who have accidents while on vacation.

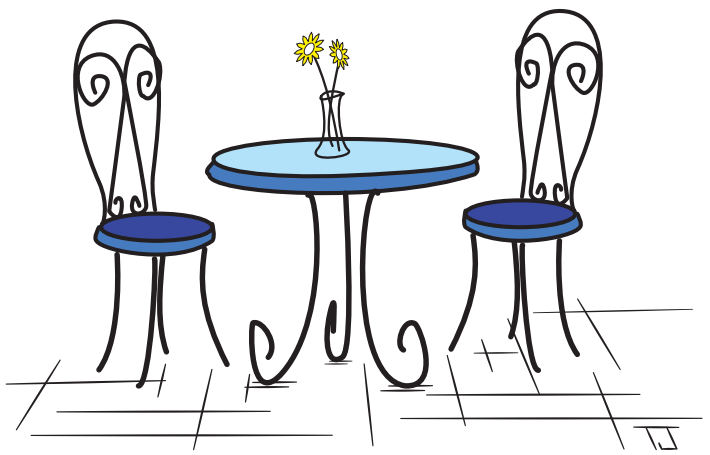
Willis has $5,000 in expenses each month and dipped into her retirement savings to help cover them, something she expects to have to keep doing in the coming months. While Orlando theme parks like Walt Disney World and Universal Studios are open, attendance is still a fraction of normal levels.

"We expect that the downturn will probably last at least until next spring in our business," she says.

Willis is also working at cutting costs; she expects to close her office when her lease is up in November.

"I can't keep spending $60,000 a year," she says.

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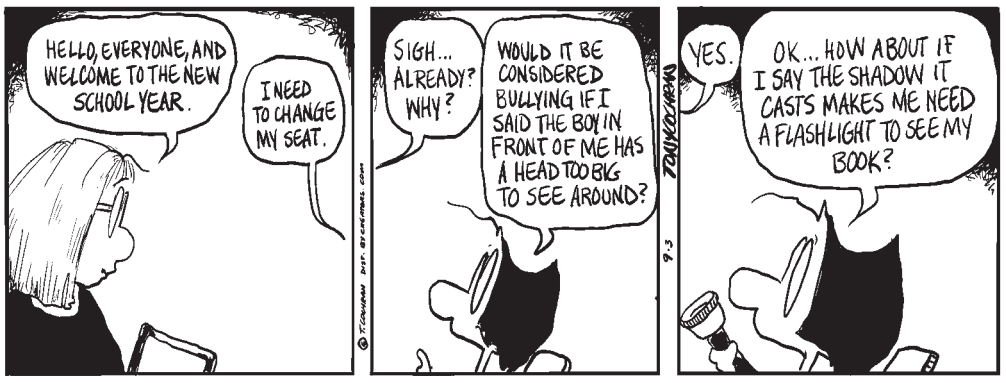
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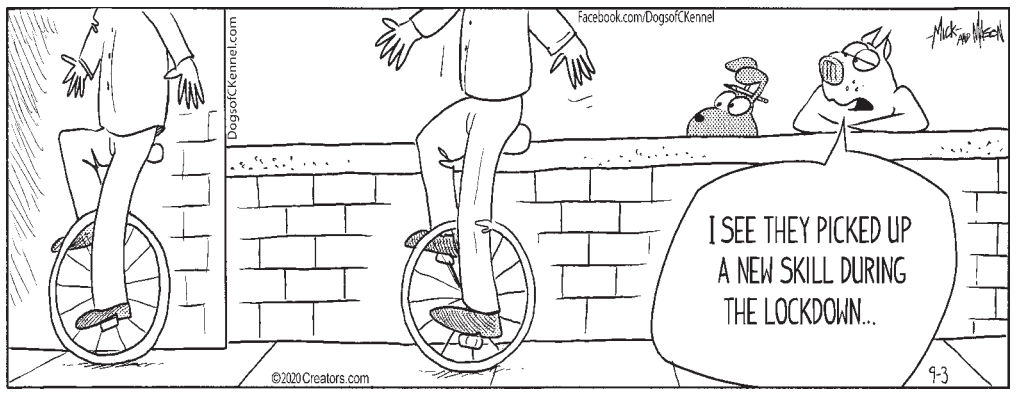
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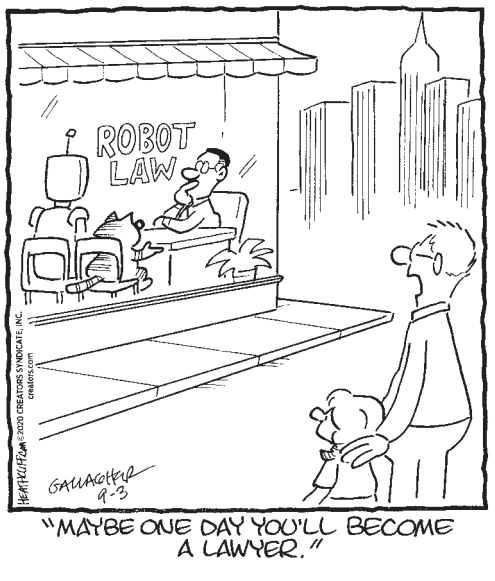
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 63.5°

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high
Small mix of southerly swells, potentially gradually building PM from the SSE. Wind looks decent in the AM but not expecting much size.

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Primary SSE swell with the most size west of Pt Dume. Little NW swell-mix helps open up a few more corners for the combo breaks. Wind looks light in the morning.

WEATHER

Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 72. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 76. Light and variable wind becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.
Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 74.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 90.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (SEPTEMBER 03)

Whatever uncertainty you feared, now you'll embrace it – crave it even – because you recognize that the only way to grow is to enter the realm of unpredictable outcomes. The unknown factors include (but are not limited to) relationships with exciting people, esoteric knowledge and a novel investment. Gemini and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 16, 13, 2, 28 and 5.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There have been times when it was hard for you to imagine being free, self-reliant and in control of your own financial and emotional destiny. Today's developments are a dream come true.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Not all feelings are messages from the depths. Some are just momentary choices based on comfort zones. A feeling can also be a distraction from another, less-appealing, more uncertain feeling.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're in the mood to take yourself less seriously and, as a result, your work improves. Perhaps, it's because there's more room to incorporate other opinions when you're not so intent on proving yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). "What is happiness? It's a moment before you need more happiness," quipped Don Draper, the central figure of the television drama "Mad Men." To avoid the infinite loop here, strive instead to be of service.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The presence of another will be keenly felt, and you will be made aware of the potential for trouble and delight ahead, as it is obvious that in some ways you mesh and in other ways you collide.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're likely to pour over every detail. The perfectionism that has you moving incredibly slowly now will also be the reason that you're so excellent at the task.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are very aware of what you don't know and only get more aware of it as you go. This is proof that you are amassing a great body of learning indeed, as every new idea opens up 10 more questions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Consider making a vision board. The surface verisimilitude of an image makes you feel as though you are within touching distance of your desire. Your brain gets used to this, bridges a gap, shortens the leap to reality.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It seems counterintuitive that a lighter approach to a relationship would intensify the bond, and yet your jovial attitude will produce an impressive depth of connection.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). All of the little things matter. All of the little things don't matter. Both statements will be equally true today, and the best results will come from alternating between the two extremes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Today, there will be no good reason to impress or advise, entertain or manage. You only need to be present. Humility is the key that opens wisdom's gate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you find yourself making great efforts to project and protect a certain idea of who you are, then it's time for a talk with yourself. Why does it matter so much? Losing sight of who you are might be just the remedy.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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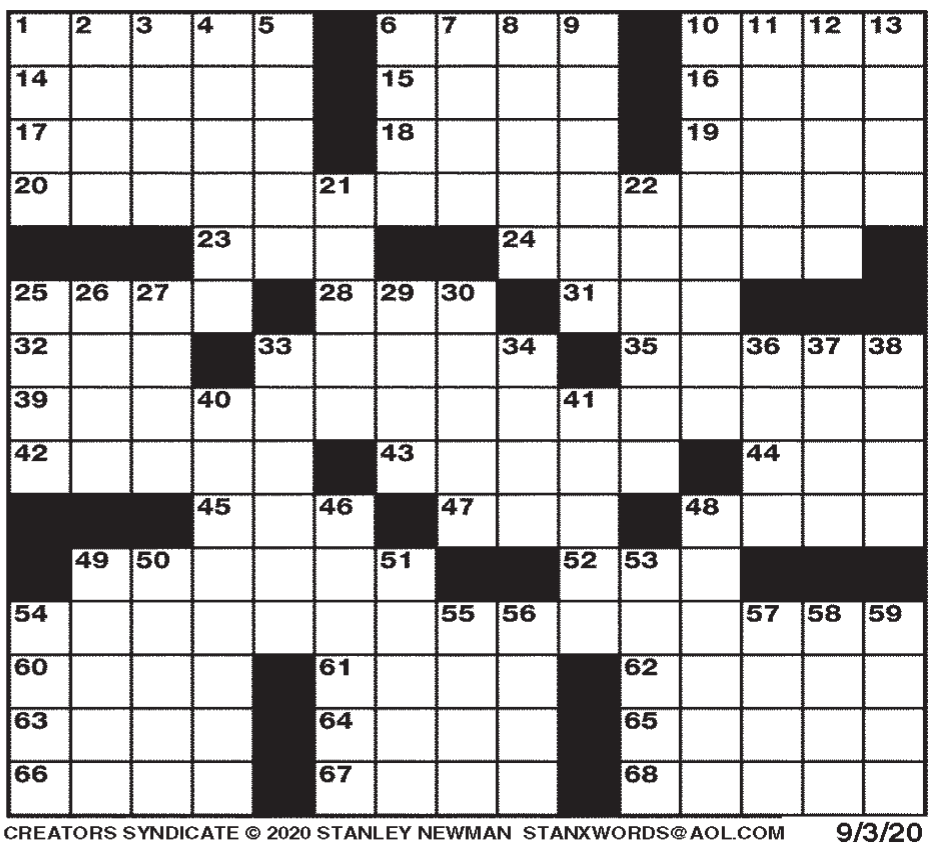
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Newsday Crossword

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1 Adoption org.
6 Things in a janitor closet
10 "__ went well"
14 Catamaran needs
15 Land measure
16 Sound of judgment
17 Addendum of uncertainty
18 Irreparable
19 Clapton of rock
20 Metaphors, for instance
23 Point taken by typographers
24 Hotel offerings
25 Winter recreation gear
28 Ancient Mongolian menace
31 Sorority letter
32 Common middle name
33 Song often sung in the snow
35 Type of govt. security
39 Finally taking it seriously
42 Under oath
43 Web enterprises
44 UK corporate notation
45 Throw in
47 Good cholesterol
48 All those in favor
49 Stones for a walkway
52 NFL successes
54 UN unit
60 Ambient detection
61 Leafy veggie
62 Marshy inlet
63 Young chaps
64 School near the Thames
65 Social media reprobate
66 Run away
67 Birth of a notion
68 Weasel family member

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5 Prefix for physical
6 Big accumulation
7 *Dos* cubed
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10 Communicating with followers
11 New staffer
12 Japanese footwear brand
13 PC support pro
21 One of the Coen brothers
22 Pollen holder
25 Needs to slow down
26 Understood
27 Liking very much
29 Press for
30 It might be due
33 Bit of ash
34 Heavy metal
36 Slick in consistency
37 Handled canvas
38 Discontinues
40 Go across
41 Pleasant ditties
46 Ducklings' dads
48 Capital of Eritrea
49 It's made to be underfoot
50 Battery pole
51 Shade of blue
53 Monies owed
54 Where eagles are prized
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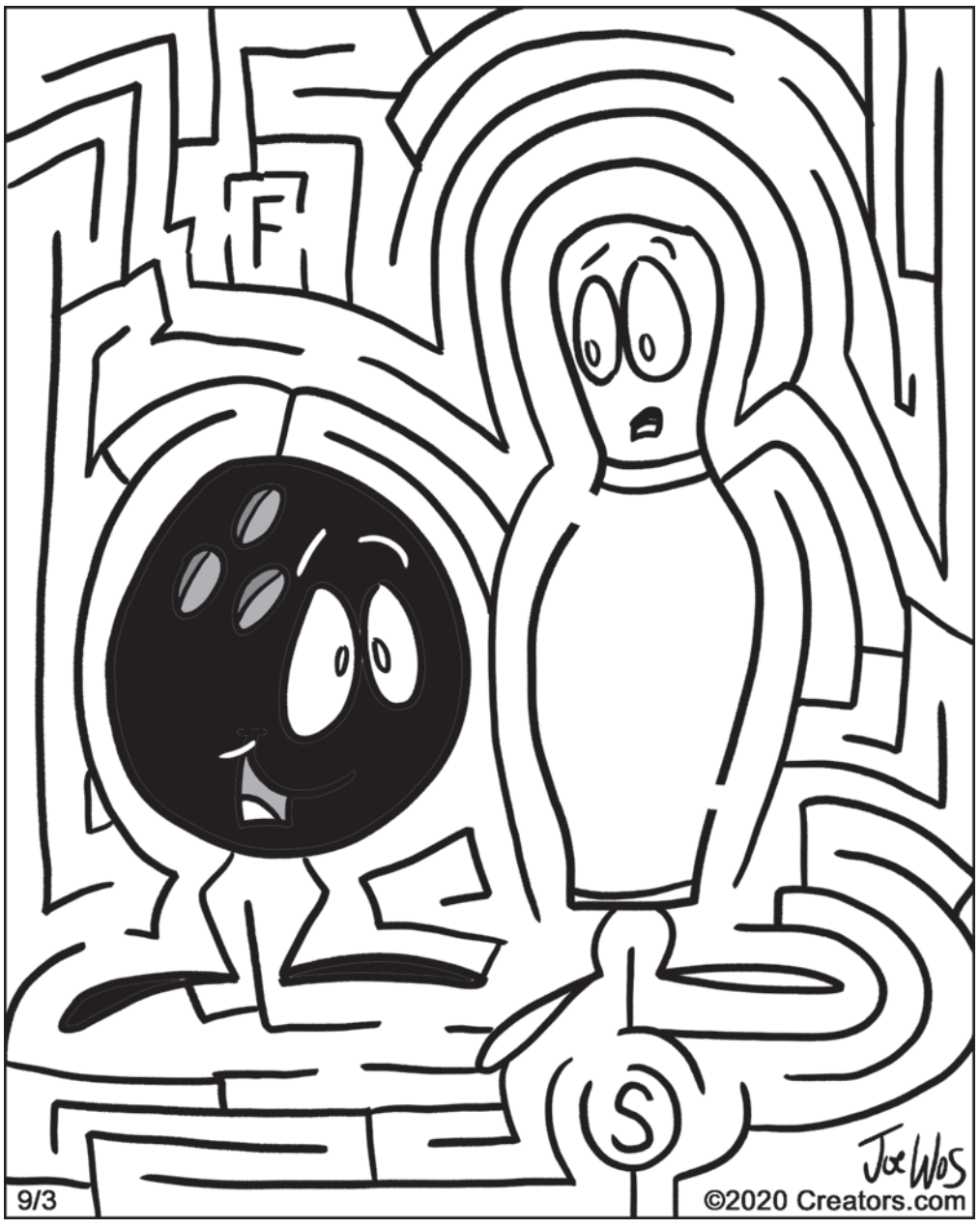
Binary Puzzle

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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CULTURE WATCH

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says, "Over 600,000 boards were sold last year. Averaged over ten years, that's more than 5 million boards just in the US. That's a lot of people who need something to carry their board with!"

The pandemic created an opportunity. "People can't go to the gym, but they can be socially distant paddle boarding on a lake, river or ocean. We had an uptick—July was the first month we completely sold out of inventory (1000 units), and the first time the business is directly funding its next round, for inventory and for the new model we're working on (launching Spring 2021). But as far as investment goes, the patent alone cost $50,000, so we're a long way from replenishing our so-called retirement funds."

FOR THE DOGS

A veteran dog rescuer, Jeremy registered the business name, Townes & Co/, in honor of the dog who inspired it. "We are dog lovers. At the end of the year, we donate a percentage of our sales to dog rescues and shelters throughout Baja and certain areas in L.A. where most help is needed."

As soon as the next batch of inventory arrives, the SUP Hipster will be available for direct sale at www.thesuphipster.com, and on Amazon US and UK. New products, like an attachable gear bag and a personal flotation device, are being developed.

"The journey so far," Jeremy says, "has been pretty fun. We're not officially making a living, but someday we hope to be."

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NOTEWORTHY

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I am distraught that I did not get myself over to In Sheep's Clothing before the pandemic pooped on everything. Their coffee was a work of art, even the way they presented it, and they had an amazing list of Japanese whiskies, some of the best in the world.

For this alone, I will wait out this damnable pandemic. Nothing gets between me and great music, coffee and whisky.

NICOLE RECOMMENDS:

EXPLORE IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING (ISCHiFi) ONLINE — I have written before about the In Sheep's Clothing-hosted Classic Album Sundays series, an in-person experience that was part lecture, part listening on a world-class hi-fi sound system ("all vinyl, no bs"). Unfortunately, that kind of event is not possible right now, but that doesn't mean we can't still make the time for dedicated music listening in our own homes!

In Sheep's Clothing was modeled after the great jazz-kissas and listening bars of Japan: establishments designed to maximize the patron's deep listening experience, often set in an intimate, tucked-away space, equipped with precision audio equipment and respected, knowledgeable DJs at the helm.

While it would be foolish to equate this physical experience to anything attempted virtually, ISCHiFi has come pretty close with their new website, which includes high quality room recordings of full albums captured in their listening space.

Even in its infancy, the site is already fairly comprehensive, with options to browse their carefully curated collection that is searchable by genre, alphabetical order, release date and more. And each album has a high resolution scan of the album jacket and liner notes, a brief summary written by the staff, music credits, and various platforms to stream from.

You can also browse their growing editorial section, as well as listen to weekly mixes put out by the ISCHiFi team. As co-founder Bryan Ling writes in his introductory feature "A Message From the Team Behind ISCHiFi":

"You won't find 'best of' or 'top ever' lists on this site. Music shouldn't be a competition. Instead, this platform will aim to offer pure joy through a variety of ways to discover, share, and enjoy music."

Visit the website and keep checking back for updates: https://insheepsclothinghifi.com/

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

SYSTEM

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may be some challenges presented in the path to a fareless system but they said the thought is especially important to consider as Los Angeles County recovers from the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic.

After all, the median household income of Metro riders is very, very low — $17,975 for bus riders and $27,723 for rail riders — according to Washington, who cited a customer survey conducted by Metro in Fall 2019.

"I often talk about how we have the highest percentage of low-income riders in this country for a transit agency," Washington said. "And we also know that low-income people in this county have been disproportionately impacted both in health and the economy as a result of COVID-19... And so we believe that this is an economic development tool for the low-income riders here in L.A. County."

Since the announcement, Steve Hymon said the transit system has received many comments expressing concern about the fareless system's impact on the homeless situation aboard Metro trains and buses. He added the task force does intend to learn more about how a fareless system would affect the ongoing issue of homelessness in the region and on the Metro system and stated officials believe free fares would encourage higher ridership, which could make riders feel safer.

"We're also receiving comments asking if we're planning to raise sales taxes to fund this," Hymon said in an online announcement, adding, "The answer is: NO. We have no intent or plans to seek an additional sales tax. Rather, we're going to study whether fareless transit could be paid for with grants from the state or federal government."

If the fareless system were to come to fruition, Washington said it's something that can change the social and economic fabric of the county. But until then, Metro is collecting fares and enforcing fare payment.

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COVID-19

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the most. That's why getting vaccinated for the flu is more critical now than ever before. We don't have a vaccine but we do have a flu vaccine."

Shortly after, Solis welcomed Davis to the podium, who would announce there was 51 additional deaths that occurred throughout the county Wednesday and detail the Los Angeles County's latest reopening efforts.

"Beginning on Monday, September 14, K-12 schools may offer in-school services for small cohorts of students with individualized education plans, students requiring instruction for English as a second language or students needing assessments or specialized in-school services," Davis said, mentioning schools must be able to fully implement the health officers reopening protocol. "This will get children who are in the most need of in-person learning back into the classroom."

Davis added, "After they reviewed the updated order and the updated and required county protocols, hair salons and barbershops can reopen for indoor services at 25% occupancy, provided they are in full compliance with the health officer's protocols… All other restrictions remain unchanged at this time."

A cautious and measured reopening with close monitoring of the county's data is necessary if the county is to avoid the spike in COVID-19 cases that officials saw in July after reopenings and holidays, according to Davis.

"It's important for all of us to be diligent in doing our part in protecting ourselves and each other from the spread of COVID-19. The virus is widespread in our community," and the improvements seen do not mean victory, Davis said in conclusion. "This Labor Day, please use all of the tools that we have to prevent and slow the spread."

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MENTAL HEALTH

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While not all calls are COVID-19-related, many people have sought help for anxiety and fear about getting the virus, distress over being diagnosed, or anguish over the illness or death of a loved one, she said.

The BU study involved a survey of 1,440 U.S. adults questioned about depression symptoms in early April. Symptoms were most common in young adults, low-income participants and in those who reported several outbreak-related troubles, including financial problems, lost jobs or COVID-19 deaths of relatives. Almost 1,000 participants had experienced at least of three such struggles.

The study results echo research from China early in the outbreak, and studies done during the Ebola and SARS crises and after major hurricanes and 9/11, said lead author Dr. Sandro Galea, a BU public health expert.

The survey was done before the U.S. spike in civil unrest, including the May 24 death of George Floyd, who authorities say was killed when a Minneapolis police officer pressed a knee on his neck for several minutes. But Galea said that other studies have shown increases in depression symptoms after traumatic events and that it is likely the unrest has contributed to American angst.

At Cityscape Counseling in Chicago, the new client caseload jumped from 95 to 148 over the past two months, said executive director Chelsea Hudson. The group's 17 therapists see about 500 clients a week, and Hudson said she has hired two more therapists to deal with the increased demand.

"We see a lot of single young professionals. I think it's been especially tough on them. The isolation, lack of connection, often enhances depression," she said.

Hudson said many clients are distressed about social justice issues. With more free time, she said, they are paying more attention to the news, and Chicago has been hit by vandalism and protests over killings by police.

She said there is "a general consensus in the mental health field on our need to be ready to brush up on our trauma training. Right now people are still in a state of shock."

Wendy Zirbel of Dodge County, Wisconsin, said she developed anxiety and depression after testing positive for the virus in June. She said that was partly from getting sick — she still has breathing and memory troubles — and partly from her husband's reaction.

"He thought COVID was a joke and that it's all Democrats trying to get Trump out of office," she said. "It still hurts."

Zirbel, 45, said she spent days in tears, and her doctor prescribed an antidepressant.

''It was just overwhelming for a couple of weeks. I just couldn't function," she said. "That's totally not me. I'm usually the one that's making people laugh."

The first therapist she called had a waiting list. She is hoping sessions with the one she found will help.

"I need someone to help me get the tools to cope," she said.

Todd Creager, a Southern California therapist who specializes in relationship troubles, has upped his weekly workload from 22 hours of therapy to 30 to handle increased demand. He is seeing anxiety, depression and stress related to financial woes brought on by the pandemic. And in some cases, virus-related shutdowns have amplified existing strife.

''In the past, people could get distracted by going to concerts and dinners. Now their problems are kind of staring them in the face," he said. ''I've heard people say, 'This pandemic has made me realize how toxic my relationship is.'"

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