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Foster Youth find friends and more through CASA

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Families familiar with foster care will tell you the system is hard on children even in the best of times, but the challenges of COVID-19 have only made life harder for the 30,000 boys and girls in Los Angeles County who are in the system.

CASA of Los Angeles is a volunteer network that seeks to serve children in foster care, and leaders of the organization recently said the difficulties facing foster youth will only increase as the Westside heads further into the holiday season.

"Holidays are particularly challenging when you're away from your family, and I think, this year, everyone can have a sense of what

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Former Santa Monica Art Studios owner accuses City of corruptly seizing his business



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ART: Events were a significant part of the operation at SMO.

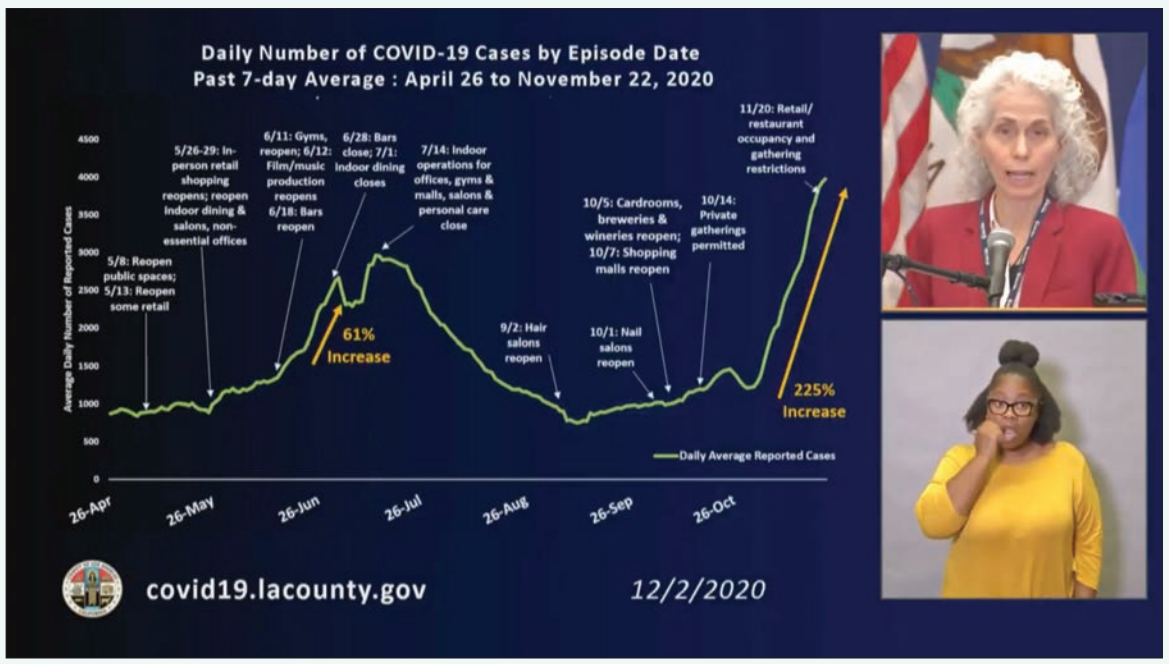
CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Local artist Yossi Govrin filed a lawsuit on Nov. 17 against the City of Santa Monica and Mayor Kevin McKeown alleging that his studios and artist community were seized through a corrupt bidding process.

Govrin leased a hangar in the Santa Monica Airport from 2002 to 2018 to operate Santa Monica Art Studios, which sub-leased studios to artists and hosted gallery events. In

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COVID cases surge and leaders urge caution



Courtesy image

CASES: County and City officials are defending rules restricting activity as a way to combat rising cases.

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Cases of COVID-19 continue to surge throughout the Westside, prompting Santa Monica and Los Angeles County leaders to call on residents to heed the rules of the most recent safer-at-home order.

Less than 24 hours after reporting a record-high of new cases in the county, County Health Director Barbara Ferrer returned to the podium Wednesday to share how recent case counts have surpassed the peak caseloads seen this summer.

"From November 1 through November 22, three weeks, the average daily cases increased by 225% from 1,223 to 3,976. And this past week-and-a-half, we've seen this average jump to over 5,000 cases per day," Ferrer said as she referred to the graphs of her powerpoint, which detailed how the death rate amongst Latinos who are essential workers has doubled in less than two weeks.

"If you still doubt that the science is solid, take a look at what's happening in states where there are no requirements or controls." Ultimately, these states are experiencing surges in case rates that are far beyond what California is experiencing, Ferrer added, stating, "Safety measures work in slowing the spread."

Ferrer's call to quarantine featured similar remarks made during Tuesday night's meeting with Interim City Manager Lane Dilg and city officials, who met online to discuss the health order's new restrictions with residents and other local stakeholders.

"We hope that across the county people will take this seriously so that we will see the numbers get back to a safe space, and that outdoor dining we'll be able to open again

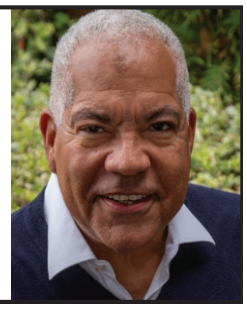
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Nurses wanted: Swamped hospitals scramble for pandemic help

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Associated Press

U.S. hospitals slammed with COVID-19 patients are trying to lure nurses and doctors out of retirement, recruiting students and new graduates who have yet to earn their licenses and offering eye-popping salaries in a desperate bid to ease staffing shortages.

With the virus surging from coast to coast, the number of patients in the hospital with the virus has more than doubled over the past month to a record high of nearly 100,000, pushing medical centers and health care workers to the breaking point.

"Nurses are under immense pressure right now," said Kendra McMillan, a senior policy adviser for the American Nurses Association. "We've heard from nurses on the front lines who say they've never experienced the level of burnout we're seeing right now."

Governors in hard-hit states like Wisconsin and Nebraska are making it easier for retired nurses to come back, including by waiving licensing requirements and fees, though it can be a tough sell for older nurses, who would be in more danger than many of their colleagues if they contracted the virus.

Some are taking jobs that don't involve working directly with patients to free up front-line nurses, McMillan said.

Iowa is allowing temporary, emergency licenses for new nurses who have met the state's educational requirements but haven't yet taken the state licensing exam. Some Minnesota hospitals are offering winter internships to nursing students to boost their staffs. The internships are typically offered in the summer but were canceled this year because of COVID-19.

Methodist Hospital in Minneapolis will place 25 interns for one to two months to work with COVID-19 patients, though certain tasks will remain off-limits, such as inserting IVs or urinary catheters, said Tina Kvalheim, a nurse who runs the program.

"They'll be fully supported in their roles so that our patients receive the best possible, safe care," Kvalheim said..

Landon Brown, 21, of Des Moines, Iowa, a senior nursing student at Minnesota State University, Mankato, recently accepted an internship at the Mayo Clinic Health System in Mankato. He was assigned to the pediatric unit's medical-surgical area but said he might come across patients with the coronavirus.

Brown's resolve to help patients as a nurse was reaffirmed after his 90-year-old grandfather contracted the virus and died over the weekend.

"The staff that he had were great, and they really took a lot of pressure off of my folks and my family," he said. "I think that if I can be that for another family, that would be great."

The University of Iowa's College of Nursing is also trying to get graduates into the workforce quickly. It worked to fast-track students' transcripts to the Iowa Board of Nursing so they could get licensed sooner upon graduating, said Anita Nicholson, associate dean for undergraduate programs.

Nicholson said the college also scheduled senior internships earlier than normal and created a program that allows students to gain hospital experience under a nurse's supervision. Those students aren't caring for coronavirus patients, but their work frees up nurses to do so, Nicholson said.

"The sooner we can get our graduates out and into the workforce, the better," she said.

Wausau, Wisconsin-based Aspirus Health Care is offering signing bonuses of up to $15,000 for nurses with a year of experience.

Hospitals also are turning to nurses who travel from state to state. But that's expensive, because hospitals around the country are competing for them, driving salaries as high as $6,200 per week, according to postings for travel nursing jobs.

April Hansen, executive vice president at San Diego-based Aya Healthcare, said there are now 31,000 openings for travel nurses, more than twice the number being sought when the pandemic surged in the spring.

"It is crazy," Hansen said. "It doesn't matter if you are rural or urban, if you are an Indian health facility or an academic medical center or anything in between. ... All facilities are experiencing increased demand right now."

Nurses who work in intensive care and on medical-surgical floors are the most in demand. Employers also are willing to pay extra for nurses who can show up on short notice and work 48 or 60 hours per week instead of the standard 36.

Laura Cutolo, a 32-year-old emergency room and ICU nurse from Gilbert, Arizona, began travel nursing when the pandemic began, landing in New York during the deadliest stretch of the U.S. outbreak last spring. She is now working in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and soon will return to New York.

She said she hopes her work will be an example to her children, now 2 and 5, when the crisis passes into history and they read about it someday.

"If they ask me, 'Where were you?' I can be proud of where I was and what I did," Cutolo said.

Doctors are in demand, too.

"I don't even practice anymore, and I've gotten lots of emails asking me to travel across the country to work in ERs," said Dr. Georges Benjamin, executive director of the American Public Health Association.

The outbreak in the U.S. is blamed for more than 270,000 deaths and 13.8 million confirmed infections. New cases are running at over 160,000 a day on average, and deaths are up to more than 1,500 a day, a level seen back in May, during the crisis in the New York City area.

States are seeing record-breaking surges in deaths, including Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky in the middle of the country.

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SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 205 CALLS ON DECEMBER 1

Burglary 3300blk Pearl St 5:57 a.m.
Found Property 800blk Franklin St 5:58 a.m.
Encampment 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 6:23 a.m.
Auto Burglary 400blk Montana Ave 6:50 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1100blk 21st St 7:01 a.m.
Found Property 2200blk Virginia Ave 7:32 a.m.
Burglary 1200blk 24th St 7:42 a.m.
Encampment 400blk Wilshire Blvd 7:58 a.m.
Petty Theft 1600blk 7th St 8:02 a.m.
Prowler 300blk 21st St 8:04 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 800blk 9th St 8:11 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 700blk Ozone St 8:23 a.m.
Runaway 2400blk Virginia Ave 8:43 a.m.
Petty Theft 1600blk 7th St 8:55 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 900blk Palisades Park 9:39 a.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 1600blk Appian Way 10:05 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1000blk 9th St 10:26 a.m.
Grand Theft 1600blk Berkeley St 11:03 a.m.
Grand Theft 1100blk Princeton St 11:04 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1100blk 4th St 11:13 a.m.
Battery Now 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 11:21 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1000blk Pico Blvd 11:46 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1700blk Sunset Ave 11:58 a.m.
Encampment 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 12:17 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1000blk Euclid St 12:19 p.m.
Burglary 900blk 6th St 12:21 p.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 12:43 p.m.
Petty Theft 200blk Wilshire Blvd 12:50 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2200blk Euclid St 12:55 p.m.
Fraud 1000blk 19th St 1:04 p.m.
Auto Burglary 2200blk 20th St 1:13 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 1:23 p.m.
Grand Theft 1800blk 19th St 1:32 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 700blk 9th St 1:35 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1400blk 7th St 1:35 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2400blk Oak St 2:07 p.m.
Found Property 2600blk 3rd St 2:20 p.m.
Battery Now 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 2:58 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 200blk California Ave 3:13 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1800blk 9th St 4:19 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1800blk 7th St 4:38 p.m.
Grand Theft 300blk Bay St 4:39 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 5:12 p.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 800blk 3rd St 5:43 p.m.
Loud Music 1500blk Palisades Park 5:45 p.m.
Encampment 1700blk 9th St 6:07 p.m.
Petty Theft 20th St / Broadway 6:20 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 6:26 p.m.
Grand Theft 1200blk Wilshire Blvd 6:37 p.m.
Vehicle Burglar Alarm 3300blk Barnard Way 6:42 p.m.
Burglary 300blk Montana Ave 6:48 p.m.
Prowler 100blk Adelaide Dr 7:18 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Ocean Ave / Adelaide Dr 7:21 p.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 8:04 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Stanford St / Wilshire Blvd 8:04 p.m.
Burglary 900blk 10th St 8:15 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1500blk 2nd St 9:05 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 34th St / Pearl St 9:13 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2500blk Kansas Ave 9:30 p.m.
Encampment 1700blk 9th St 9:41 p.m.
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Automatic Alarm 1500blk 5th St 1:06 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 1:35 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 2900blk Main St 2:18 a.m.
EMS 300blk Georgina Ave 3:25 a.m.
Fire Investigation 800blk 9th St 3:53 a.m.
EMS 700blk Kensington Rd 4:06 a.m.
EMS 2300blk Arizona Ave 4:53 a.m.
EMS 800blk 4th St 6:30 a.m.
EMS 2700blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:10 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 300blk Arizona Ave 7:35 a.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 7:42 a.m.
EMS 2200blk Colorado Ave 9:48 a.m.
EMS 1800blk 7th St 10:13 a.m.
EMS 2800blk Pico Blvd 12:08 p.m.
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EMS 1600blk Arizona Ave 10:49 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk Oak St 11:41 p.m.
EMS 800blk 2nd St 11:49 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Franklin St 11:56 p.m.

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Santa Monica Extends Residential and Commercial Eviction Moratoriums to January 31, 2021

The City of Santa Monica's latest emergency supplement extends the City's eviction moratoriums to January 31, 2021. The twenty-ninth supplement comes as additional restrictions are implemented in response to the rise in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations rise across Los Angeles County.

"As we head into this winter season, we remain committed to supporting our residents and local businesses in every way that we can," said Interim City Manager and Director of Emergency Services Lane Dilg. "This extension of our eviction moratoriums will keep Santa Monicans safe in their homes and provide small businesses needed assurance to make it through the last months of the pandemic, as we look to vaccination and recovery, now clearly visible on the horizon in 2021."

To continue to protect residents from losing their housing due to the effects of a COVID-19 impact and assist small businesses, many of whose operations are subject to increased limitations due to the recent surge in COVID-19, the twenty-nineth supplement does the following:

Extends to January 31, 2021, the moratorium on evictions of residential tenants for reasons other than nonpayment of rent.

Extends to January 31, 2021, the moratorium on evictions of commercial tenants (as defined in the Fifth Revised First Supplement) for nonpayment of rent. For rent due after September 30, 2020, the moratorium on eviction generally will apply only if the commercial tenant pays 50% of the rent. There are, however, two exceptions to this payment requirement:

For periods in which the County's Safer at Home Order requires a commercial tenant's business to remain closed; and

For restaurants and retailers, for periods in which the County's Safer at Home Order restricts them solely to curbside pickup and delivery.

During periods when either of these exceptions applies, commercial tenants are not required to pay any rent to remain subject to the moratorium on eviction.

Extends to January 31, 2021, the authorization for expanded temporary curbside pickup zones.

Additionally, the twenty-ninth supplement suspends late payment penalties through March 31, 2021, for unpaid or delinquent Transient Occupancy Taxes collected by hotels and others for periods beginning on or after November 1, 2020. An earlier suspension of such penalties expired as of June 30, 2020. The supplement also authorizes the Housing Commission to meet to review and make recommendations regarding updates to the City's Housing Element.

For the latest information, please visit santamonica.gov/coronavirus, or call the City's Coronavirus Hotline at (310) 458-8400.

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Malibu

City of Malibu and Malibu Medical Group to Offer More Drive-Through Coronavirus Testing at City Hall December 2 & 3

The City of Malibu is partnering with Malibu Medical Group to offer a new round of drive-through COVID-19 testing at Malibu City Hall Wednesday, December 2 and Thursday, December 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and again on Friday, December 4 if demand is high. Malibu City Hall is located at 23825 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu, CA 90265. Anyone seeking to be tested at City Hall December 2 and 3 must be in line by 2 p.m. to get a test that day.

"I am incredibly proud and grateful to our local medical providers, our CERT and other community volunteers and our City staff for making this crucial testing service possible at City Hall," Mayor Mikke Pierson said. "It is also incredibly exciting and inspiring that we are nearly at the point that a vaccine will be available to the public, and can be administered to our community at our own City Hall."

The test that will be administered is the RT-PCR test, commonly referred to as the nasal swab test. In addition, for symptomatic patients Malibu Medical Group will offer Rapid Antigen tests to help identify positive cases more quickly to help slow the spread of COVID-19 through our community. PCR results will be available 24-48 hours after the testing has been completed. The Rapid Antigen results will be available within one hour of the test time.

Registration is required prior to your test. To register, please click on this link and complete the HIPPA Compliant form: https://hipaa.jotform.com/203346950188157. The cost of specimen collection and laboratory testing will be passed along to your insurance or the CARES Act. Therefore, you will need to supply all demographic information, insurance information and a copy of your insurance card. If you are uninsured, you must provide a driver license number or your Social Security number and sign an attestation verifying your lack of insurance coverage.

All PCR results will be sent directly to patients through the laboratory's patient portal. All Rapid Antigen results will be published through the Malibu Medical Group patient portal.

In addition to the upcoming drive-through testing service, the City Council on November 23 authorized the use of the City Hall parking lot for administering COVID-19 vaccination and Malibu Medical has submitted an application to Los Angeles County and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to be able to administer the vaccinations.

It is anticipated that vaccination will be available in December. Details about who will be eligible are not yet available. The City will announce all vaccination information on the website, www.malibucity.org, social media, Nextdoor, email notifications and local radio Public Service Announcements (PSAs) when it becomes available.

Please email all questions regarding the testing to covid@malibumedicalgroup.com

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Citywide

Letter to the Editor

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Seamless connection

Editor:

The new protected bike lane on Ocean Avenue is wonderful. It makes for a more safe and pleasant bike ride, and provides a seamless connection from the Colorado Esplanade to the California Incline. Bravo to those in the city who had the vision and courage to get it done.

Cars and trucks are more than 60% of all carbon emissions in Santa Monica. If we are to have any hope of reaching carbon neutrality, we have to do everything we can to incentivize other modes of transportation. That means reconfiguring our streets where possible and expanding infrastructure for buses, bikes, and pedestrians. Electric cars alone won't save us - they're energy intensive to build, do nothing to alleviate traffic, and cause a significant amount of microplastic pollution from wear on tires and breaks.

Bikes are key to a more sustainable Santa Monica. I'm happy to see the city making it easier and safer for Santa Monica residents to use them.

Matthew Stevens, Santa Monica

COVID

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soon. But at this stage of the pandemic — in the county, across the state and nationally — based on the health care system of hospital beds and the cases that they are seeing, L.A. County Public Health did make the determination that outdoor dining needed to close in this moment," Dilg said before she shared California is now slated to receive doses of Pfizer's vaccine by mid-December.

"This is very good news," Dilg added, stating she believes residents will soon see access to vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna as well as some other companies. "As those are distributed we are starting to see the news with respect to how the vaccines will be distributed and to what populations. We do anticipate that the CDC's guidance will be purely guidance and that the states will then make determinations as to how to distribute. And we have heard from the governor that we should expect distribution to start with our healthcare workers and emergency responders who have close contact with those who are confirmed with COVID… Thus shoring up our health care system which of course is the most important thing in terms of saving lives and providing care."

However, Dilg said, "the primary message we want to send is that we do need the community to take seriously the moment that we're in, in the pandemic. And that we are very much moving closer to reopening, to the bright future, and to the horizon that we can now see ahead. So, if we can come together around this (health order), we really look forward to seeing those COVID numbers go down; seeing the stabilization of our health care system; reopening outdoor dining as soon as the county will let us; and continuing to facilitate our residents enjoyment of our beautiful outdoor space; and our local businesses operating in our environment."

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Grant School Included in 2020 Top Los Angeles County Public Schools Report

Grant School (Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District) has been recognized in the 2020 Top Los Angeles County Public Schools report published by USC Rossier Center on Education Policy, Equity, and Governance, USC Sol Price Center for Social Innovation, and led by Innovate Public Schools. The introduction to this annual report states, "Our annual Top Public Schools report celebrates the 278 schools closing the opportunity gap for low-income African American and Latino students in Los Angeles County."

In the report, Grant was ranked 9th in English/Language Arts for low-income African-American students and ranked 8th in Mathematics for low-income African-American students for all of Los Angeles County public elementary schools. This study reports there are 510 schools that serve at least 20 low-income African-American students and that schools were considered in this analysis if this sub-group comprises 4% or more of the school's overall enrollment. There are currently 2,075 public schools in Los Angeles County.

In the past few years, Grant staff has taken great strides in closing the opportunity gap for African-American, Hispanic/LatinX, low-income, and special needs populations by conducting a careful analysis of data, performing focused classroom observations, providing meaningful and targeted professional learning for teachers and staff, and implementing research-based teaching strategies utilizing a whole-child approach. Specifically, Grant's school goals and implementation plans have included developing effective speaking and listening skills in both English/Language Arts and Mathematics, formulating meaningful feedback between students, integrating the Social Justice Standards into the curriculum, dedicating time each day to social/emotional learning, strengthening skills in Restorative Practices, prioritizing inclusion, and integrating multiple cultural perspectives and experiences throughout the curriculum to cultivate social awareness and social action . Grant students are provided with targeted intervention services in ELA, Math, and English Language Development as well as enrichment in many areas, all of which help to create a rich tapestry of diversity and a supportive, caring, safe, and engaging learning environment. Grant School was named a California Distinguished School in 2018.

Grant School Principal Christian Fuhrer stated, "Our entire learning community is proud to be included in this year's 2020 Top LA County Public Schools report and our goal is to continue to successfully serve every child at Grant and, in particular, to continue closing the opportunity gap for the most vulnerable students in our care."

THE COMPLETE REPORT CAN BE VIEWED BY VISITING: HTTPS://REPORTS.INNOVATESCHOOLS.ORG/TOPSCHOOLSLA2020/

Malibu

Malibu City Council Adopts Hosted Short-Term Rental Ordinance

The Malibu City Council adopted Ordinance No. 472 commonly referred to as the "Hosted Short-Term Rental Ordinance" during the City Council meeting of November 23, 2020. The Hosted Short-Term Rental Ordinance is intended to regulate the short-term rental of residential property citywide

"After extensive review and public comment, we were able to develop a comprehensive short-term rental ordinance that will prohibit nuisance rentals, preserve local housing and protect our neighborhood character in the long-term," said Mayor Mikke Pierson. "It wasn't an easy process, but this ordinance should improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods."

For the last several years, the Council has conducted legislative, legal and financial review of potential short-term rental regulations. On December 3, 2019 the Council initiated a Local Coastal Program Amendment (LCPA) and Zoning Text Amendment to implement short-term rental regulations including that an onsite "host" must be present on the property during short-term rentals and restrictions on multifamily short-term rentals. A Planning Commission Public Hearing was originally scheduled for March 30, 2020 but was ultimately canceled due to the rapid spread of COVID-19. On September 14, City Council held a virtual public hearing on the Hosted Ordinance and requested staff modify the ordinance to address multifamily rental caps, duplexes and onsite hosting requirements.

The Hosted Ordinance adopted on November 23 will create an annual Short-Term Rental (STR) permit system with two distinct permit types and rental requirements that can be revoked for violations of the STR permit program. Primary-resident owners of single-family homes and condominiums can apply for a Hosted STR Permit which requires that the host live onsite during the rental, be on site during evening hours between 9:00 PM and 6:00 AM and appear immediately if issues arise during this time. Owners of multifamily and duplex properties can apply for a Multifamily STR Permit. Multifamily property owners may rent up to 40% of units, but no more than two units per parcel, provided that the others are rented on a long-term basis. Duplex property owners can apply for a Multifamily STR Permit to rent one unit as long as the owner lives on site in the other unit while it is being rented.

In order for the Hosted Short-Term Rental Ordinance to go into effect, the corresponding Local Coastal Program Amendment (LCPA) must be certified by the California Coastal Commission (CCC). The City will now submit the LCPA package to the CCC for review.

On September 24, 2020, to address short-term rental related nuisance issues while the LCPA is being processed, the Council adopted Ordinance No. 468 referred to as the "Enforcement Ordinance." The Enforcement Ordinance establishes a new short-term rental permit program and is set to go into effect January 15, 2021.

Once the LCPA is certified, the Hosted Short-Term Rental Ordinance will supersede the Enforcement Ordinance. The Hosted Ordinance is designed to mirror the administrative processes of the Enforcement Ordinance to make the transition from one to the other as seamless as possible once the LCPA is certified and the Hosted Ordinance is implemented.

More information is available on the City's Short-Term Rental web page at www.MalibuCity.org/STR.

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Fed reports slowing US economic activity due to virus surge

MARTIN CRUTSINGER
Economics Writer

A Federal Reserve survey of business conditions around the country found that economic activity in several regions slowed in November as coronavirus cases surged.

The Fed report released Wednesday said that overall, the Fed's 12 regional banks characterized the economic expansion as "modest or moderate." But it noted that three Midwest regions and the Philadelphia region reported activity had begun to cool in early November as COVID-19 cases surged.

Four districts reported "little or no growth" during November, while five others reported that activity remained well below pre-pandemic levels in some sectors.

Kathy Bostjancic, chief U.S. financial economist for Oxford Economics, said the latest Fed survey showed the recovery continues to be uneven across many sectors of the economy.

The report said that among the sectors doing better were manufacturing, housing construction and existing home sales. But banks said there had been deterioration in their loans, particularly those to retailers and the leisure and hospitality industries.

The report said that most districts found that local businesses' optimism has "waned," with many citing concerns about the wave of virus cases and renewed lockdown restrictions. The report also said there was concern about the looming expiration dates for government support programs, including extended unemployment benefits and the moratoriums that have been in place on evictions and foreclosures.

The report, known as the beige book, will be used by Fed officials when they hold their last meeting of the year on Dec. 15-16 to discuss possible changes to the central bank's interest-rate policies.

In response to the deep recession brought on when the virus struck with force in March, the Fed slashed its key interest rate to a record low and began buying billions of dollars in Treasury bonds and mortgage-backed securities to put downward pressure on long-term rates.

The Fed is expected to maintain its ultra-low interest rates over the next three years. But it may also decide as soon as this month's meeting to expand the support it is providing through its bond purchases, especially if Congress is unable to pass further economic relief legislation in the lame-duck session.

At a congressional hearing Wednesday, Fed Chairman Jerome Powell said that increased support from Congress is needed as a bridge between the current economic troubles and the time next year when a virus vaccine is expected to be widely available.

The new Fed survey said that while employment increased during November, the pace of job gains was slow at best.

Many of the Fed's business "contacts noted that the sharp rise in Covid-19 cases had precipitated more school and plant closings and renewed fears of infection, which have further aggravated labor supply problems," the report said. "Providing for childcare and virtual schooling needs was widely cited as a significant and growing issue for the workforce, especially for women."

The Fed survey said that the staffing issues had prompted some companies to extend greater accommodations for flexible work schedules.

The Philadelphia district reported that sharply rising COVID-19 cases in November had "heightened concerns over anticipated layoffs, foreclosures, evictions and bankruptcies."

The Fed's St. Louis regional bank, meanwhile, reported that conditions had deteriorated toward the end of November, while the Minneapolis region reported a softening in consumer demand due to rising virus infections.

The Dallas district said that energy activity remained depressed and business prospects were "highly uncertain due to looming concerns surrounding political uncertainty and the unknown course of the pandemic."

NURSES

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Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear said the virus is "spreading like wildfire."

A COVID-19 vaccine is expected to become available in a few weeks, and health care workers are likely to be given priority for the first shots. That could make it easier for hospitals to recruit help.

To make room for the sickest, hard-hit institutions are sending home some COVID-19 patients who otherwise would have been kept in the hospital. They are also canceling elective surgeries or sending adult non-COVID-19 patients to pediatric hospitals.

A hospital system in Idaho is sending some COVID-19 patients home with iPads, supplemental oxygen, blood pressure cuffs and oxygen monitors so they can finish recovering in their own beds. The computer tablets enable nurses to check in with them, and the oxygen monitors automatically send back vital information.

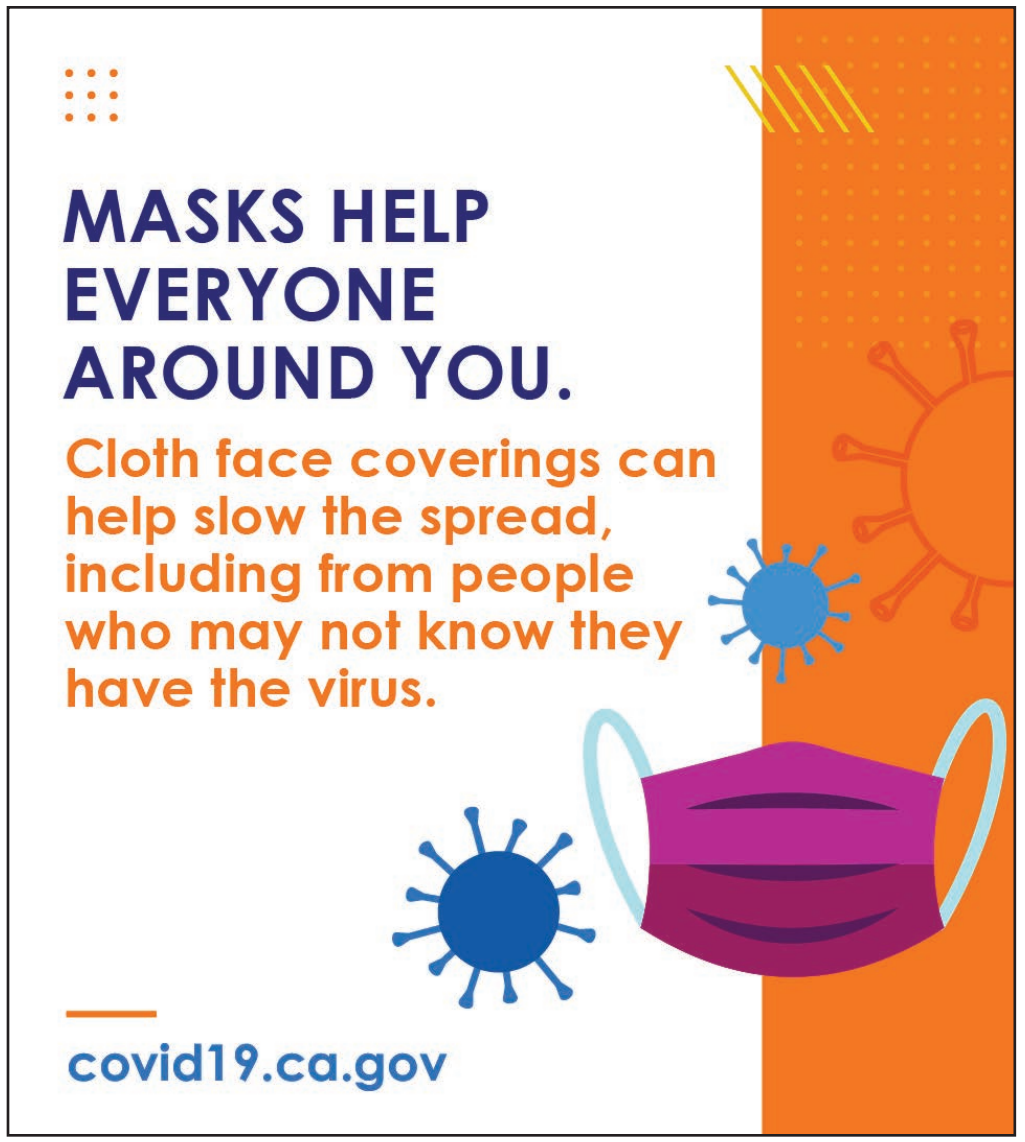
Across the U.S., hospitals are converting cafeterias, waiting rooms, even a parking garage to patient treatment areas. Some states are opening field hospitals.

But that does nothing to ease the staffing shortage, especially in rural areas where officials say many people aren't taking basic precautions against the virus.

Dr. Eli Perencevich, an epidemiology and internal medicine professor at the University of Iowa, said health care workers are paying the price for other people's refusal to wear masks.

"It's sending everyone to war, really," he said. "We've decided as a society that we're going to take all the people in our health care system and pummel them because we have some insane idea about what freedom really is."

Forliti reported from Minneapolis. Associated Press writers Tammy Webber in Fenton, Michigan; Heather Hollingsworth in Mission, Kansas; Brian Witte in Annapolis, Maryland; John O'Connor in Springfield, Illinois; and Ken Kusmer in Indianapolis contributed to this story.



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Noteworthy

By Charles Andrews Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Sometimes Slick Is Very Good

NICOLE RECOMMENDS:

GIVE YOUR LOVED ONE THE GIFT OF MUSIC — or film, or poster. The holidays are fast approaching, and what better way to support a local business that really could use our help right now than to buy some (or all!) of your gifts from a local record store! There are tons in LA, but Record Surplus (12436 Santa Monica Blvd) and Timewarp Records (12204 Venice Blvd) are two westside spots that I know and love. See their websites for store hours and shopping details.



SLICK-KANTNER

MUSIC: "Sunfighter"

In a 2007 interview, she repeated her belief that, "You can do jazz, classical, blues, opera, country until you're 150, but rap and rock and roll are really a way for young people to get that anger out," and "It's silly to perform a song that has no relevance to the present or expresses feelings you no longer have." Nonetheless, she did take a music stage a couple of times after that. For good causes.

CHARLES CHIMES IN, ANOTHER LAST WALTZ NOTE, SORTA, A SOUR ONE:

Last week Nicole recommended another Thanksgiving viewing of "The Last Waltz," the landmark farewell concert by The Band that was filmed by Martin Scorsese. Among the many high profile musicians performing were Van Morrison and Eric Clapton.

Together they not only have oodles of talent (um, Morrison lots more, in my book), but also reputations for being first class wankers. Recently the two have teamed for a series of anti-lockdown anthems, with "Born to be Free" to be released tomorrow.

I understand. You think I'm not totally sympathetic to the pain musicians and the venues they play are going through right now?

But "the cure is (NOT) worse than the disease." 400,000 dead in the US by year's end? Tens of millions infected? The UK just as bad. Please. A little perspective here. Bankrupt is bad, dead is dead.

Van has long railed against anything that cramps his artist's style. But this one may do some real damage. It may cost lives. Not cool.

NOT A SOUR NOTE

Our terrific local words and music salon Library Girl concludes two weeks of creativity jumping off from the title of the heart wrenching first song on the first album by The Band, "Tears of Rage." The few I've caught have been moving, and all are available on the website. New performances are being posted today and tomorrow until 7 p.m.

RANDOM GREAT LYRIC

I found a wonderful 1988 Fillmore concert video by Hot Tuna, the breakoff blues duo from Jefferson Airplane. Nearly three hours of gorgeous guitar and bass playing, acoustic, some slide, mostly blues, and some JA classics (a real treat). JA's Paul Kantner made it a trio, their sometimes fiddler Papa John Creach did a few, as did sometimes JA harp blower Will Scarlett, and lord have mercy even Slick graced the stage, spectacularly.

That was 32 years ago — Kantner and Creach have passed, Slick at 81 is retired from music and the painting career she successfully pursued after music, and Tuna bros Jack Casady and Jorma Kaukenen are 76 and days short of 80, respectively, but I'll bet you anything they can still pick and sing plenty fine.

In a 1998 interview with VH1 Grace Slick, never shy about the notion of getting old, said that the main reason she retired from the music business was, "All rock-and-rollers over the age of 50 look stupid and should retire."

SHE AND KANTNER

Had a daughter, China Wing Kantner, now (gasp!) a month short of 50, retired as an actress. She is the infant hoisted up above a blazing golden ocean sunset on the cover of the Kantner-Slick album, "Sunfighter." Like my daughter, she attended SMC and UCLA. Quite unlike my daughter, she obtained a degree in Christian theology at Loyola Marymount University.

Her middle name Wing is mama Grace's maiden name. My wife quipped that she should make a big donation to the music program at UCLA and they could build the China Wing Wing. Which would amuse a few but need a whole lot of explanation.

THAT LYRIC

Came from Papa John on "Killing Time in the Crystal City," who arced his very lithe septuagenarian body towards the mic and sang,

"Had water for breakfast,
Fresh air for dinner,
You wonder why I'm gettin' thin…"
Now, that's the blues.

BUT SERIOUSLY

This is, I guess, the perfect time to put in a pitch for food banks. A lot of people will be scratching their heads over their socially distant online mail delivered holiday gifts (making Jeff Bezos richer than God). I love Nicole's Recommend, above, completely. The gift of music? You bet. Do it!

But if you've got a little more you can give... The humanist side of me has been deeply saddened by the hunger we see growing exponentially in the U.S. If you've seen the news you have likely seen unbelievable lines of people waiting many hours to pick up one bag of food for their family, because they have

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ART STUDIOS

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2018, the City eliminated sub-leases in favor of leasing to artists directly and opened a bidding process for management of the studio space, which was awarded to 18th Street Art Center.

Govrin claims the request for proposal (RFP) process was a sham designed to hand over management of the airport studio to Jan Williamson, director of 18th Street Art Center, who Govrin alleges is a close friend of Mayor Kevin McKeown.

Following his non-selection, Govrin submitted a letter of complaint regarding conflicts of interest and abuse of power by City officials, which was dismissed by Former City Attorney Lane Dilg as without merit.

Govrin is now suing the defendants for theft of trade secrets and breach of contract implied in fact; defamation; intentional interference with prospective economic advantage; conversion; fraud and deceit; and violation of the Public Records Act.

"The City of Santa Monica pulled out all the stops to keep Mr. Govrin from winning the contract to manage the arts studios," said Govrin's attorney, Eva Plaza. "They staffed the selection panel with friends and colleagues of the mayor and the successful contractor; they took Mr. Govrin's trade secrets without compensation; they gave the successful contractor authority to pick the selection panel; and they violated the Public Records Act to conceal detrimental documents from Mr. Govrin."

The defendants deny all allegations and intend on participating in court proceedings.

"The City of Santa Monica does not believe that Mr. Govrin's allegations have merit, and will be defending against them in the pending litigation," said City Attorney, George Cardona.

Govrin first identified the hangar as a studio space in 1999 and won an RFP in 2002 to build the Santa Monica Fine Art Studios and agreed to support the City's goal to assist low income artists. Govrin alleges that McKeown tried to award the contract to Williamson in 2002.

Govrin's studio management came under question in 2015 when it was revealed that he had been renting out the studios for three times the cost per square foot that he leased them from the City. The City leased the space to Govrin at a subsidized rate to keep the studios affordable.

Govrin ran a self-sufficient business and received no City funding. Artists now lease their studios directly from the airport at market rates and the City pays 18th Street Art approximately $250,000 a year to manage the space.

Govrin claims he spent $750,000 of his own money to renovate the hangar and build the studios. As part of the RFP process Govrin submitted complex details of his business operation which became information available to 18th Street Art.

"The winning bidder, 18th Street, was given the keys to the artist community assembled by Yossi Govrin over many years, and all of Mr. Govrin's contracts, trade secrets, intellectual property, programming, and business without offering any form of compensation," states the complaint. "Further, the city took plaintiff's renovations of the property at the airport hangar without offering any compensation."

Govrin also alleges that a Public Record Request revealed that Williamson participated in selecting the five panelists that reviewed the bid proposals. Govrin claims all panelists had personal and professional relationships with Williamson.

Only two panelists attended the interview meeting with RFP proposers and one joined via video conference. Govrin claims that Art Commissioner Shannon Daut gave panelists misinformation to improve the chance for the 18th Street Art to be selected during this meeting.

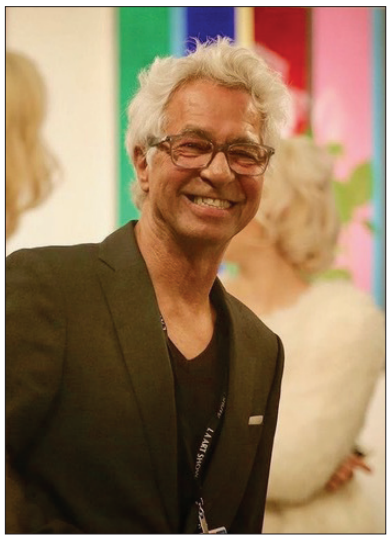
City Council voted 6-1 to award a five-year lease to 18th Street Art Center on Dec. 18, 2018. 18th Street's proposal was the only proposal on the Council's agenda.

Dozens of artists and members of the City's Arts Commission voiced support for Govrin's proposal during the meeting. A petition to keep Govrin as manager of the studio space was signed by 2,233 individuals. Additionally, 31 out 35 artists who had a residence at Santa Monica Art Studios signed a petition in support of Govrin.

"This scenario not only affected and damaged my life and work of 33 years, but also affected in the same way my 35 artist and community of 10,000 art lovers who attended my programs yearly," said Govrin.

Govrin seeks compensatory, special, general, exemplary and punitive damages; restitution of all amounts by which defendants were enriched as a result of wrongdoing; disgorgement of all profits and gains defendants obtained from wrongdoing; attorney costs and equitable relief.

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Courtesy photos

LAWSUIT: Yossi Govrin claims the City and the Mayor stole his business when they voted to change operators of the Santa Monica Art Studios.

Pasadena bucks Los Angeles County to offer alfresco dining

BRIAN MELLEY AND CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

It was a rare sight after Los Angeles County restaurants were restricted to takeout to reduce the spread of the coronavirus: tables and chairs set up outside the Pie 'N Burger shop in Pasadena.

Owner Michael Osborn explained to two men who approached him Monday that the city famous for its Rose Parade had marched to its own beat and kept outdoor dining open.

"God bless Pasadena!" the two exclaimed, placing their order and taking a seat at one of the sidewalk tables, Osborn recounted.

Pasadena has become an island in the nation's most populous county, where a surge of COVID-19 cases last week led to a three-week end to outdoor dining and then a broader stay-home order that took effect Monday.

The decision by Pasadena health authorities to buck Los Angeles County has been a relief to restaurateurs who have struggled to stay afloat amid closures, ever-changing rules and attempts to keep workers on the job and money in the till. Even Pasadena has made changes, mandating that only people in the same household can gather starting Wednesday, which applies to outdoor seating.

"We're not out of the woods yet, but every day that goes by is a blessing that we can keep the outdoor dining open," Osborn said.

Infections and hospitalizations in Los Angeles County have been rising sharply in the past few weeks, hitting an all-time high Tuesday of more than 7,500 new confirmed cases and the rate of positive tests rising to 12% from 7% a week ago.

The county's health order, which only allows restaurants to prepare food to go, applies to about 10 million residents in the region except those in Pasadena or Long Beach — cities that have their own public health departments and can set their own rules.

Long Beach, a city of about 460,000, also closed outdoor dining. It implemented a stay-home order Wednesday that mostly mirrors the county's: urging people to stay inside as much as possible, further restricting capacity in stores and banning all public and private gatherings except for protests and religious services.

Closing dining at 31,000 county restaurants created a backlash among owners and some politicians who say there's no evidence eating outside is a big risk. Health officials counter that not wearing a mask while eating raises the threat of transmission.

Owners argue it will force more people to gather indoors, where the virus is known to spread easier and no one is enforcing rules.

A divided LA County Board of Supervisors rejected a measure Nov. 24 that would have kept outdoor dining open. The Los Angeles City Council passed an urgent resolution last week asking the county to rescind the order, and Beverly Hills took similar action Tuesday. Restaurants went to court to stop the restrictions, but a judge denied their request.

Pasadena, a city of 140,000 at the foot of the San Gabriel Mountains, has mostly followed the county's lead during the pandemic.

But the home of the Rose Bowl and California Institute of Technology decided to chart its own course last week. Because it's smaller and can more closely monitor its 600 restaurants, officials said they chose more aggressive enforcement.

"We literally have seen COVID cases in a large percentage of businesses across the city," Pasadena spokeswoman Lisa Derderian said. "To single out restaurants was unfair."

County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said she couldn't predict whether Pasadena's decision would have an impact on the county's infection rate. Given the city's size, it may be able to ensure safety measures are followed, she said.

But she noted that a lack of compliance was not the reason dining was shut down.

"We are closing restaurants for outdoor dining for three weeks because people who are there are not able to wear their face coverings," Ferrer said. "There's much greater risk of transmission both to workers and to other people at your table and other people that are eating at the other tables."

Over the weekend, seven Pasadena restaurants were closed after inspectors found violations ranging from staff not wearing plastic shields over masks to seating people indoors, Derderian said. All had been approved to reopen after correcting errors.

Inspectors also shut down a car show, broke up birthday parties and soccer matches in parks, and warned people exercising that they had to wear masks, she said.

If the city doesn't stop outdoor dining altogether, it could be forced to do so by Gov. Gavin Newsom, who suggested Monday that a more "drastic" stay-home order could be in the works as the state tries to prevent hospitals from being overwhelmed.

At Lucky Baldwins, a pub in Pasadena's Old Town, business picked up Monday around happy hour. A patio that was expanded into an alley was about half full, and servers wore masks and face shields.

Anthony Angulo, who had driven from nearby Altadena to meet a friend, was glad he had an option to get a bite and some beers.

"A lot of these business owners are struggling, and they don't need to be hamstrung. They're doing the best that they can," he said. "Nobody is going inside standing shoulder to shoulder."

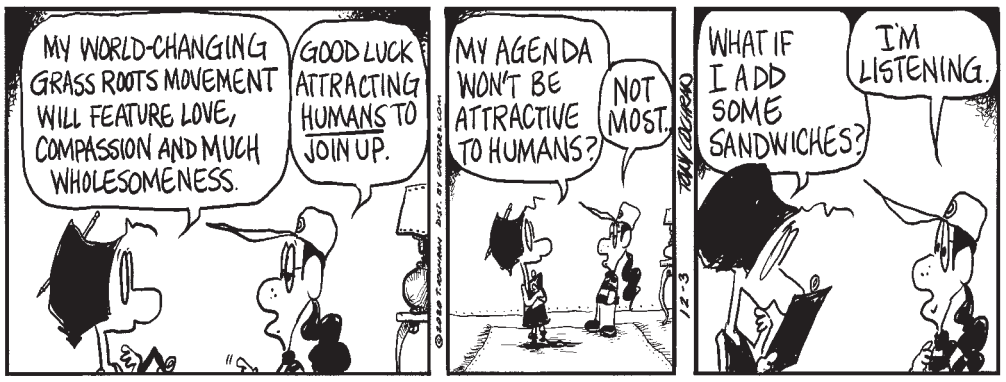
Owner Peggy Simonian said she was relieved Pasadena allowed two locations to stay open. She had to close a sister cafe in nearby Sierra Madre under the county order.

"I feel stuck," Simonian said. "I can't move forward, can't move backwards, can't do anything. I can't make this situation any better."

Melley reported from Los Angeles.

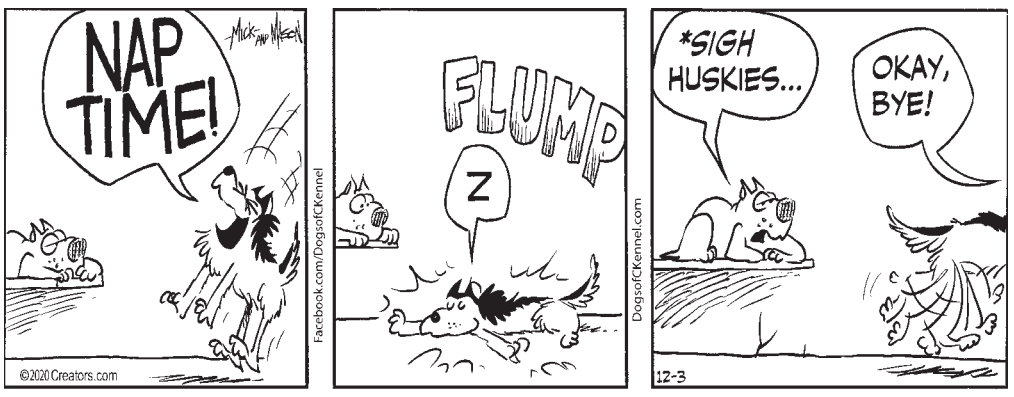
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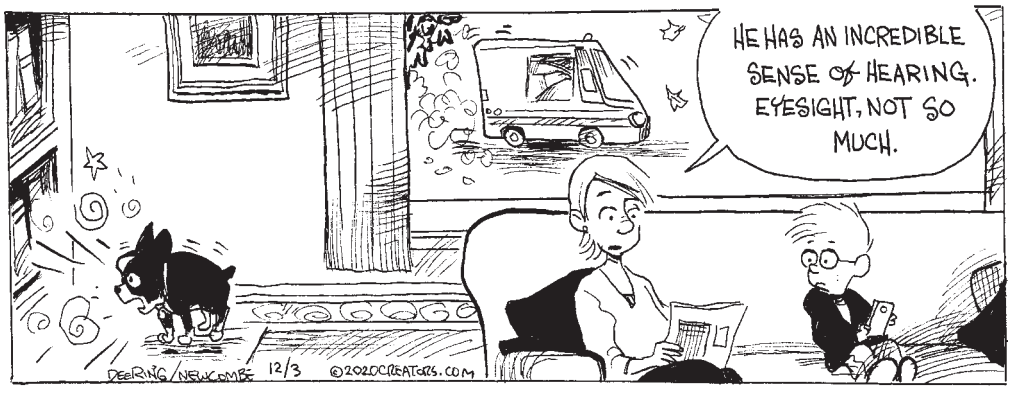
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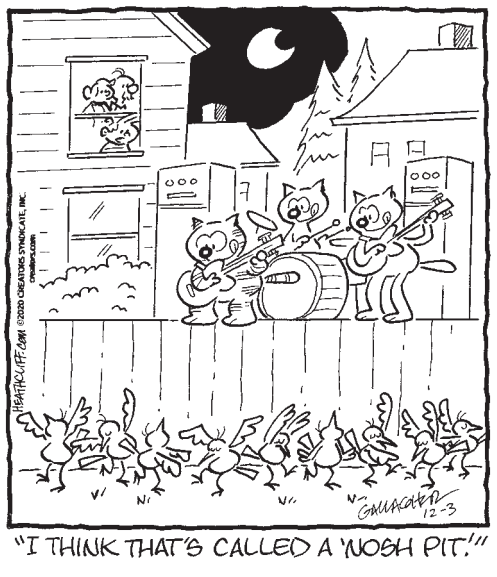
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New round of better aimed WNW swell due to start building. Steep SSE swell eases.

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high
WNW swell tops out in the morning and holds through the day. Santa Ana's are weaker and more northerly than Thursday – that's more favorable for the Malibu-Topanga zone.

WEATHER

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 67.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50. North northeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 68. North wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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You're a natural-born leader who doesn't usually seize the role. Rather, it's handed to you by those who admire your wisdom. Early 2021, you'll be attracted by the aesthetics of a situation and find in the months that follow that there's substance to match. This is a love connection that will develop into a creative endeavor. Aquarius and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 35, 14, 3 and 22.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). People are weird and therefore will behave in strange and often unpredictable ways, many of which aren't worth giving a great deal of thought to. Sometimes, the most brilliant response you can contribute is a shrug.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's what you don't say. Not only that, it's when you don't say it. Restraint is eloquence. It can also be generosity. Throw in some warmth and good intentions and silence is elevated to "saintly."

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Just because you passed the same road sign doesn't mean you're regressing. There are roundabouts on this path. Sometimes, it takes a few circles before you figure out where your correct exit is.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The energy of this day will be a wild ride — points of high excitement and dips of lovely calm. If there's one thing that's a waste of energy, it's resisting the flow. Ride the current.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Work the crowd and shake out the opportunities therein. These days, obviously, it's most optimally accomplished in a digital format. It's also a lucky time to try out new social media.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Among the many wonderful things about animals is that they are seldom staring at their cellphones. Instead, they are present in the moment they happen to inhabit. We can take the lesson.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The steps you've taken to make your home a comfortable and happy place pay off daily. Also, it's an evolution. New things will please you and are worth pursuing. Those who spend time in your home will want to come back.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are those who would rather not be rejected by you, and so they don't put themselves out there, where you're concerned. You're in the driver's seat here if you wish to bridge the gap with warmth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have gone the distance through an entire cycle. The old wounds are healing in the way wounds do, with no conscious help from you. Your job is not to interfere; just step back and allow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It happens that to communicate as fully as you can, you must choose the right words, which can be, in and of itself, a reductive act. "Words cannot express" is more accurate and yet less effective. Just try.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your positive, enthusiastic attitude brings the breath of fresh air that was missing in a certain group of people. Usually, you don't mind competition, but right now you absolutely thrive on it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't always love the tickertape going off in your mind. If thinking the best of people (or, as the case may be, of yourself) doesn't come automatically, make a conscious practice of it. One day, it will.

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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.

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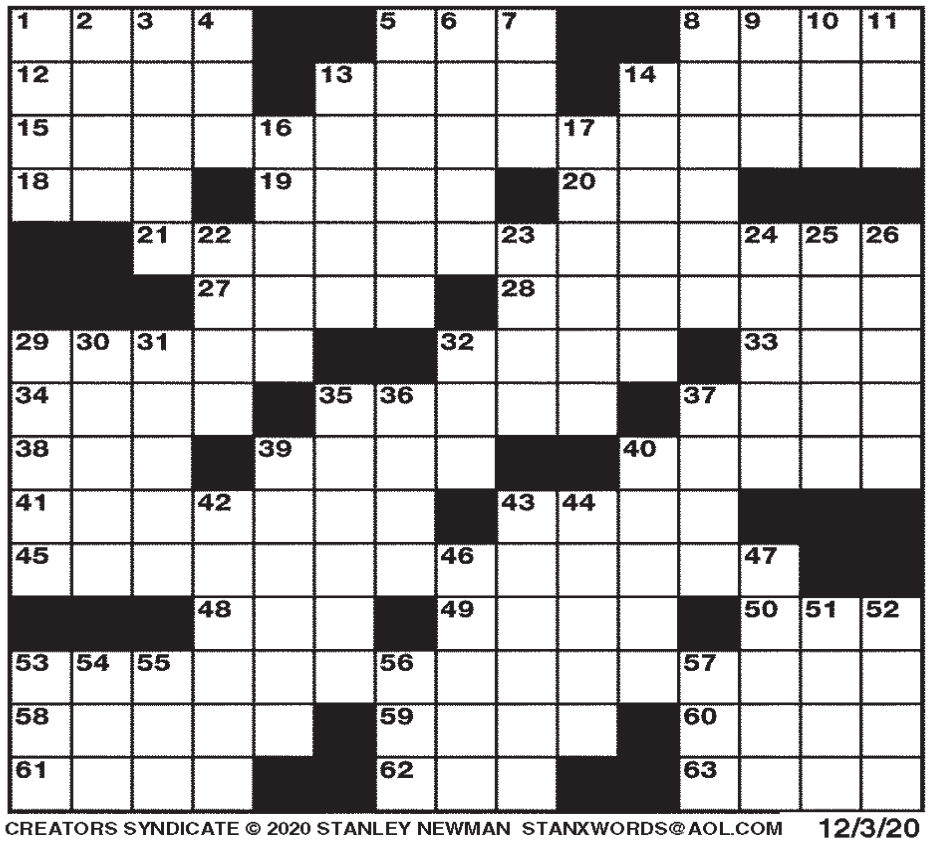
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Be a banterer
5 Chips holder
8 Deere logo depiction
12 Predatory marine mammal
13 Prosecutor's pursuit
14 Swahili boss
15 Daydreamy state
18 Negative link
19 10cc, perhaps
20 Lord's Prayer start
21 Opportunity, initially
27 Scottish valley
28 *Barber of Seville* composer
29 Boxes for practice
32 Break apart
33 Novelist Deighton
34 Boar or bull
35 Nocturnal newborn nestling
37 Care for
38 "Just __ thought!"
39 Tiff
40 Obsessive smarties
41 Kind of clam
43 Baroque stringed instrument
45 Evidence of embezzlement
48 Part of IPA
49 Paths of planets
50 Big lug
53 Minimal preventative
58 Articles of faith
59 Young roo
60 Sung solo
61 Musical with "Memory"
62 Cheerios' corny cousin
63 Small impression

DOWN
1 Gospel writer
2 1.75" sandwich
3 Snowwoman accessory
4 Contained
5 Drives home on a diamond
6 Drained of color
7 Ten Benjamins
8 What some combatants cross
9 Sorority letter
10 Part of many partnership names
11 Air, for instance
13 Benjamin
14 Most skylike
16 Objects of worship
17 Sharer of emceeing
22 Big bad boss
23 Faithful
24 Ship of fuels
25 Upright
26 Bar twists
29 Break apart
30 Elbows and shells
31 Otherworldly
32 Sandwich much larger than a 2 Down
35 First of a series
36 Toad bump
37 Confess
39 Seemed pleased
40 What you'd rather not hear
42 Time-honored sayings
43 Summit
44 Raring to go
46 Southeast Asian capital
47 Longest river in France
51 Analogous
52 Quite an achievement
53 Spectrum license auctioneer
54 S&L offering
55 Take-home
56 Alphabetic trio
57 Parental palindrome



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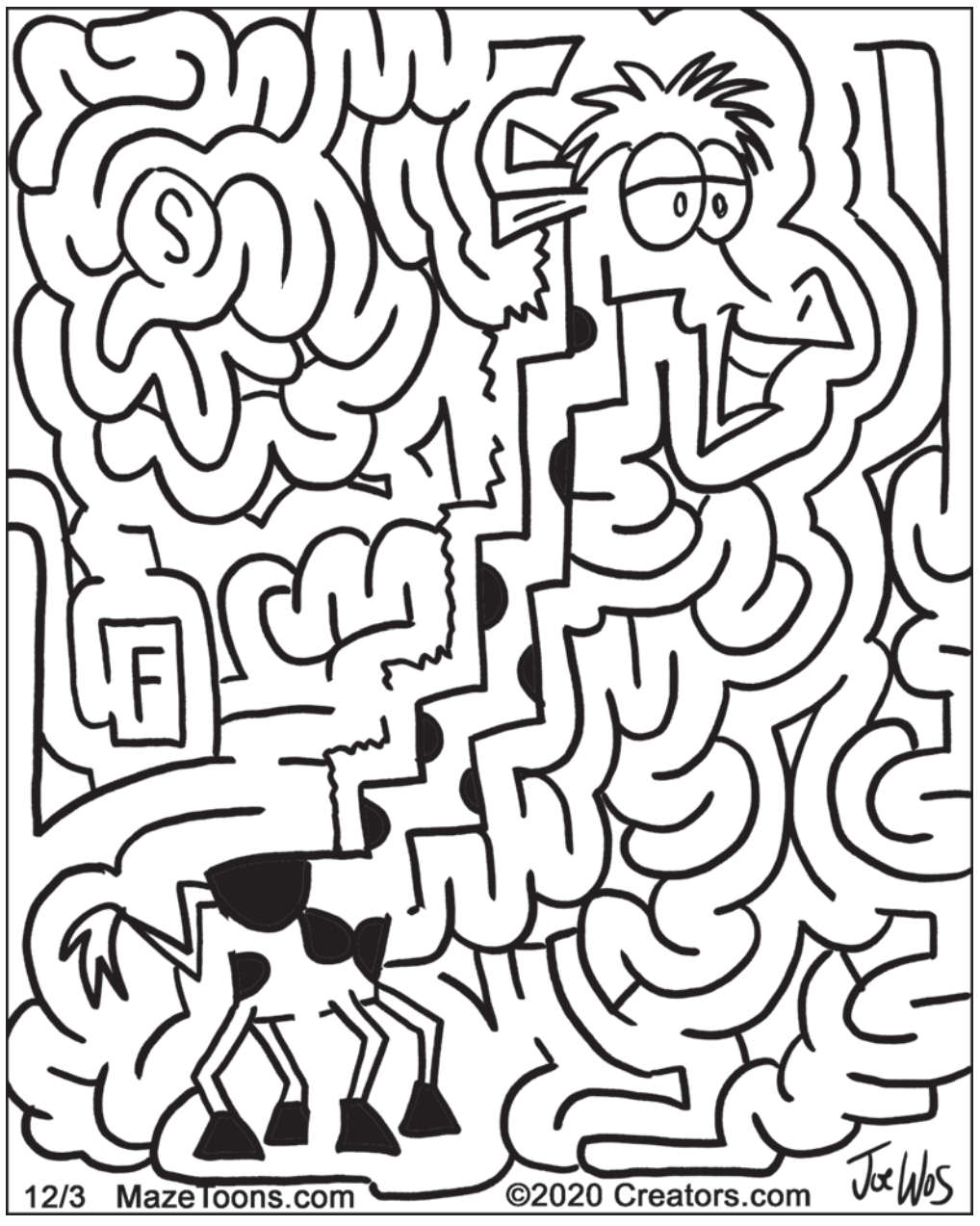
Binary Puzzle

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

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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 21 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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New England Highway

R	A	N	G	E	R	I	V	E	R	S	N	A	L	P
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K	H	D	D	A	I	R	Y	D	P	A	E	E	A	K
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G	L	P	L	S	T	U	N	C	N	F	R	D	L	J
S	T	S	U	D	S	T	I	L	L	S	E	K	I	H

Agriculture	Dust	Lunatic	Rugged
Busy	East	Lush	Rural
Cars	Ferns	Money	Scenic
Cattle	Flora	Museum	Sheep
Coal	Forest	Nuts	Still
Copper	Frost	Owls	Stock
Crisp	Gorges	Peel	Studs
Crops	Guyra	Plan	Trout
Dairy	Hikes	Rain	Wool
Dams	Jeogla	Ranger	
Dense	Kwaimbul	Red cedar	
Dundee	Lake	Rivers	

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FOSTER

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that means," CASA's CEO Wende Julien said. "It's hard for me to imagine not spending Thanksgiving with my family but we're all doing so because of health reasons this year so I think that gives us some sense of empathy as to what our kids are experiencing on a daily basis."

Foster children are typically estranged from many loved ones since it's rare for families to be able to foster or adopt siblings together. Visits and interactions between family members also aren't easy to coordinate and COVID has only made the efforts more difficult because of health and travel restrictions, she said.

"I'll also say a lot of our young people are struggling with mental health issues, and many of those mental health issues are directly related to the trauma, abuse and neglect that they've experienced," Julien said, sharing most of the children and young adults in the system simply need to feel as if somebody cares about them and show them they're not alone. "If you can imagine what it feels like to be 19 (years-old) with a baby and be living in a shelter and not know what the next steps are going to look like; that's the situation for so many of our young people that are aging out of foster care, and really what they need is somebody to step up and be there for them."

Santa Monica resident Kerry Grimes is one of the thousands of CASA volunteers nationwide who have sought to do just that.

"I first got involved because I had volunteered for years and years on many different organizations for events or long term, and I felt I wasn't making a huge impact. So I felt CASA was the perfect solution for that, because it is a commitment and it is something that makes you feel like you are making an intense impact on a child's life," Grimes said.

After volunteering for almost four years, Grimes said she has been inspired to take her efforts a step further and look into becoming a foster mom to help transitional youth.

In her few years of experience, Grimes has come to be familiar with the number of responsibilities a CASA volunteer is tasked with.

"One of the main things we do with CASA is visit our kids and we check in. It's a developing relationship where you're making sure their needs are being met, and seeing if they're too skinny, or if they need medicine, or if they're not taking care of themselves," Grimes said.

A Court Appointed Special Advocate is a very formal role in the sense that you write court reports and go to important meetings with social workers and make recommendations to the judge. They help make sure the kids have the access to education and special education that they need, but then there's also this softer side — the personal connection side — that's just as helpful," Julien said, detailing how CASA has identified nearly 12,000 kids in Los Angeles County who are in immediate need of a CASA volunteer.

"The pandemic has presented some extraordinary problems related to the economy and the housing crisis where… there are no beds available, there are no transitional housing beds available," Julien said. "So, we have had a couple of examples where we've had those teen parents and young adult parents on the street for a matter of days before we're able to find a spot for them. And it is a crisis that absolutely has to be addressed. And one that COVID has just made significantly more difficult."

Grimes said she can only describe the situation as crazy, "because, especially in L.A. and Santa Monica, we're in such a bubble and we're so cut off from what happens and what life looks like, even 10 miles away up the street."

"We stay in this bubble; I ride my bike to the beach and I swim and it's like that, but that's not what their life looks like. And it's not only their environment. I feel like the biggest thing they lack is just someone (caring)," Grimes added. "So for whatever reason, they ended up in this system. And they don't trust anyone in the court system… All of those people are constantly changing, so they don't have any consistency and they also tend to distrust anyone that's associated with the court system because they're the ones that took them away from their parents."

What's great about CASA though is the children and young adults know you are a volunteer. "They know you're doing this, because you actually want to be there and not because you're getting paid," Grimes said. "So, I feel like that's the other thing that CASA offers to these kids — a level of consistency."

And while Grimes noted the pandemic has limited the ability to do any in-person activities, it's also made it easier than ever to get involved and assist the thousands of local youth in need, Julien said.

"We have, as of March 15, pivoted to a completely online recruitment and training process, so you can now do it all from your couch," Julien said, but that doesn't mean it's not an intense process. After all, being a CASA volunteer is a very serious commitment.

All of the pertinent information is available online at the website Casala.org. "It's a total of 40 hours. Some of it is live on zoom and some of it is on your own. And then you get appointed to a child and become an officer of the court and you're able to advocate," Julien said.

"During the training, you're taught worst case scenarios and there's lots of questions that may come up… But I feel like growth begins outside of your comfort zone," Grimes said. "Especially if we're looking at my hometown of Santa Monica, we're incredibly lucky so if we were to give even one-tenth of our energy and resources that we have and put it forward, it'd make a huge amount of difference."

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NOTEWORTHY

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little or none.

Is this America now? The politicians refuse to rein in the virus then spend their time approving a radical Supreme Court judge and spreading conspiracy stories about a stolen election then go on vacation without passing any relief for the American people so ravaged by this pandemic, physically and economically.

20M are out of work, 30-40M are due for eviction from their homes this month, and one out of five American children go to bed hungry. One out of five. That would be about 15,000,000 children. Made worse by virtual schooling. You can't eat a breakfast or lunch your school used to provide, virtually, can you?

You have to be careful of charities, that they are not spending too much money on salaries and administration. From what I've seen, if you give 10 bucks to a food bank, they buy 10 bucks worth of food and volunteers distribute it.

We need a lot of things now, but nothing is more pressing than food. Find a nearby food bank and find out how you can get your donation to them, please. Thank you.

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

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Name Change

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