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Voting open for Most Loved contest

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Restaurant Spotlight: LA Puglia



Clara Harter

ITALIAN: Despite a global pandemic shuttering restaurants world-wide, LA Puglia has opened on Wilshire.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

As outdoor dining reopens and local restaurants begin the road to recovery the Daily Press is highlighting one excellent eatery a week sharing its history, pandemic struggles, and signature dishes.

This week the spotlight is on LA Puglia — a brand new Southern Italian restaurant at 1621 Wilshire Blvd, serving authentic Pugliese fare with a flair.

THE STORY BEHIND LA PUGLIA

The idea for LA Puglia was born in 2018 when Co-Owner, Chef and Interior Designer Valentina Bianco was chatting with a group of friends in Italy who all wanted to open a panzerotti restaurant. Panzerotto, a fried pizza dough pocket stuffed with cheese and fresh tomato sauce, is a famous street food in Puglia, but almost impossible to find in LA.

"From panzerotto I thought that this was a great opportunity to bring more specialties from our region, so we moved from being a one item only restaurant to featuring a wide variety of dishes," said Bianco. "And, we didn't stop there. I have a passion for baking natural and organic products, so we added a bakery with bread, pizza, fresh focaccia and a small retail section with the best products from Puglia."

Puglia is a region in Southern Italy that forms the heel of the country's "boot" along the Mediterranean coast.

While Italian restaurants are a dime a dozen in Los Angeles, Pugliese food is shockingly underrepresented. LA Puglia plans on changing that.

Everything about the restaurant celebrates the region, from the wine, the natural products, the vintage

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Downtown Target ready to open





Clara Harter

TARGET: The small format Target store at 5th and Broadway expects to open on March 14.

Historic Belmar Park to open this month

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

The highly anticipated Historic Belmar Park is set to open to the public this month following a virtual grand opening celebration scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28.

Installing a field at the Civic Center was a topic of discussion throughout the 1990s before it was finally included in a 2005 Civic Center Specific Plan. In the decades since, city leaders have sought to make Santa Monica's newest open space a place where residents can not only come for recreation but for historical reflection as well since the site was home to some of Santa Monica's earliest African-American residents.

Plans for construction of a synthetic turf sports field near 4th and Pico were eventually drafted along with designs for a public art installation and historical panels, which will all be available for use by the public after this month's virtual celebration.

Visitors will still be asked to wear masks and socially distance when the 3.5-acre multi-purpose sports field complex and outdoor exhibitions open, but city leaders and the projects' creators believe there will still be plenty of opportunities for fun at Historic Belmar Park.

The park will feature the public art installation, "A Resurrection in Four Stanzas," created by artist April

SEE **BELMAR** PAGE 11

Local parent speaks on dangers of social media after son's overdose

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Television host and relationship expert Laura Berman is warning parents about the dangers of social media and drug use after the death of her teenage son at their Santa Monica home last Sunday.

"On February 7, 2021 at about 4:24 p.m., Santa Monica Police Officers along with Fire Paramedics responded to a residence in the area of the 1000 block of Yale Street regarding a minor that was unconscious and not breathing. Despite paramedic's efforts, the minor was pronounced a short time after," SMPD Lt. Rudy Flores said in a news release that stated a preliminary investigation leads SMPD to believe prescription drug

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Most Loved Voting begins

The Eighth Annual Most Loved Contest is underway in Santa Monica with a new format and upgraded voting tools to help residents support their favorite local businesses.

This year's voting will have two phases. The first is a nomination period open through March 12. At the end of the first phase, the top five businesses will advance to the finals for a runoff. There are a total of 68 categories split into eight groups: Food & Drink, Automotive, Fitness, Shopping, Neighborhood Favorites, Personal Care, Services and Most Missed during Covid.

All voting for the contest will occur at www.smdp.com/ml21.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

RFP: # 286 Olympic Well Field Groundwater Monitoring

• Submission Deadline is March 5, 2021 at 3:00 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 ProcureNow (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca) There is no charge for the RFP package.

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Job Walk: will NOT be conducted for this project due to COVID-19 Stay Safer At Home Orders

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Audit: California should track homeless spending, set policy

JANIE HAR
Associated Press

California has spent $13 billion in the last three years to tackle a massive homelessness problem likely to worsen with the pandemic, yet its approach is so fragmented and incomplete as to hinder efforts at getting people into stable housing, the state auditor said in a report released Thursday.

The office of State Auditor Elaine Howle said that California continues to have the largest homeless population in the nation "likely in part because its approach to addressing homelessness has been disjointed."

The office recommended that California copy other states in charging a single entity to oversee efforts or be responsible for developing a statewide strategic plan. The state lacks a centralized way to track spending, so it's unable to determine where efforts are duplicative, the auditor said.

Sprawling tent encampments on city streets and along highways and river banks remain a common sight in California despite efforts to move unhoused residents to hotel rooms during the pandemic. About 150,000 people experiencing homelessness live in the state, including about half the country's estimated 211,000 residents living unsheltered on the streets or in vehicles.

Affordable housing is so scarce in the state that even when a person experiencing homelessness finds a place to live, several more become homeless and authorities can't keep up despite raising taxes and approving bonds for more beds, homes and other services.

Howle recommended that the Legislature grant more authority and responsibility to the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council, also known as the homeless council, which was created in 2017 in part to coordinate funding and establish partnerships with stakeholders to develop strategies to end homelessness.

It has yet to do either, she said.

"Given the magnitude of the homelessness crisis in California and the amount of funding the state and federal governments commit to combating it, the state needs to ensure that its system for addressing problems ... is coherent, consistent, and effective," Howle said in a letter to Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Legislature.

Newsom, a Democrat, has made homelessness a priority and launched novel ways to get people into shelters and permanent housing, including the conversion of motels and other properties into rooms. But in critiquing the governor's plans for spending on homelessness last year, the Legislative Analyst's Office said it "falls short of articulating a clear strategy for curbing homelessness in California."

The auditor's office identified at least nine state agencies spending $13 billion through 41 programs to address homelessness in the past three years. The programs included money to acquire and build new housing and relocation assistance to targeted help for certain populations, such as veterans, youth and victims of domestic violence.

But without the ability to track spending, it's difficult to identify duplications or even to find out what works or doesn't work, according to the report.

The social services department, for example, made $95 million available in fiscal year 2019 for financial help and housing services for people who are or about to become homeless. The same year, the housing and community development department also had $30 million available for housing relocation and stabilization services.

The homeless council said it lacks the authority to compel state agencies to make policy or share spending data.

Newsom's office said Thursday that the council has been readying an action plan as well as a homeless data integration system to drive statewide, data-driven decisions. Both should launch next month.

Spokesman Russ Heimerich said the governor's office has been having conversations with lawmakers to strengthen the council's authority and remains willing "to work with the Legislature on anything else that would move California closer to preventing and ending homelessness."

The audit's findings disappointed, but did not surprise, legislators on both sides.

"This is so critically important, and we've been wasting billions of dollars and not helping the poor folks who are suffering," said state Sen. Jim Nielsen of Tehama, ranking Republican on the budget committee.

Assemblymember David Chiu, a Democrat from San Francisco who also chairs the housing and community development committee, agreed with the need for a long-term strategy. There are too many policy silos, without sufficient coordination among health, corrections, judiciary and housing agencies, he said.

"This is hard work," he said. "I think everyone understands it needs to happen."

Howle said the state homeless council should also develop guidance and best practices for "continuums of care," which are regional organizations that receive money from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to battle homelessness.

Her office's review of five continuums of care found varying weaknesses, including insufficient annual analyses to determine "whether it has enough service providers to meet the needs of those experiencing homelessness" and directed corresponding counties work to do so.

The Fresno Madera Continuum of Care disagreed with some of the recommendations, saying it had a good idea of where resources are lacking. It also declined a recommendation to establish a dedicated hotline for people to call.

The counties of Mendocino, Riverside, Santa Barbara, and Santa Clara generally agreed with the audit's recommendations, the report said.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 215 CALLS ON FEBRUARY 10

Auto Burglary Now 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 12:14 a.m.
Identity Theft 300blk Olympic Dr 1:42 a.m.
Living In A Vehicle 10th St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:45 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 26th St / Olympic Blvd 2:05 a.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order In Progress 1800blk 16th St 4:02 a.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 1300blk 2nd St 6:04 a.m.
Burglary Report 2400blk Centinela Ave 6:21 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk 4th St 6:32 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1300blk 2nd St 6:34 a.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk Ocean Ave 6:37 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk 4th St 6:54 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 200blk Strand St 7:19 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 8:16 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1900blk 6th St 8:21 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1300blk Euclid St 8:28 a.m.
Found Property 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:39 a.m.
Found Property 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:39 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1400blk 25th St 8:48 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1000blk 14th St 9:11 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 10th St / Santa Monica Blvd 9:13 a.m.
General Parking Problem 100blk Olympic Dr 9:17 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1400blk Franklin St 9:25 a.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 3100blk 18th St 9:38 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2700blk Arizona Ave 9:50 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 4th St / Interstate 10 10:01 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 900blk 3rd St 10:04 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 100blk Alta Ave 10:16 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1100blk 16th St 10:17 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 700blk Wilshire Blvd 10:23 a.m.
Injured Person 700blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:27 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1900blk 19th St 10:44 a.m.
Burglary Report 2500blk 5th St 10:45 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1200blk Oak St 10:47 a.m.
Found Person 00blk Pico Blvd 11:16 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 11:23 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 5th St / California Ave 11:36 a.m.
Fraud Report 1100blk Centinela Ave 11:41 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 11:47 a.m.
Encampment 900blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:54 a.m.
Sexual Assault 500blk Colorado Ave 12:11 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 700blk Wilshire Blvd 12:12 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 12:16 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 100blk Alta Ave 12:19 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1200blk 12th St 12:20 p.m.
Found Property 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 12:23 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Lincoln Blvd / Wilshire Blvd 12:32 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1400blk 5th St 12:46 p.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 12:50 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1100blk 21st St 12:51 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 2800blk Delaware Ave 12:58 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1900blk 3rd St 1:03 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 500blk Ocean Ave 1:31 p.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk Harvard St 2:29 p.m.
Found Property 17th St / Colorado Ave 2:44 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Main St / Olympic Dr 2:57 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1900blk 19th St 3:07 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1900blk 6th St 3:22 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 3:24 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 5th St / Olympic Blvd W 3:31 p.m.
Lewd Activity 2200blk Lincoln Blvd 3:32 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 300blk Olympic Dr 3:46 p.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 1600blk Main St 4:01 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 300blk Olympic Dr 4:06 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 2000blk Oak St 4:08 p.m.
Burglary Report 2800blk Exposition Blvd 4:16 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500blk Stanford St 4:31 p.m.
Defrauding Inkeeper In Progress 300blk Santa Monica Pier 4:47 p.m.
Burglary Report 200blk Broadway 5:18 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2200blk Virginia Ave 5:21 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 14th St / San Vicente Blvd 5:34 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 600blk Broadway 5:39 p.m.
Identity Theft 800blk 2nd St 5:47 p.m.
Extortion Investigation 1400blk 5th St 5:54 p.m.
Construction Noise 2200blk Oak St 6:19 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1100blk 23rd St 6:24 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 26th St / Carlyle Ave 6:28 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 3rd St / Ocean Park Blvd Ramp 6:49 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 6:55 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 5th St / Santa Monica Blvd 7:16 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:26 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1400blk 10th St 7:36 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 15th St / Santa Monica Blvd 7:37 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 1400blk 2nd St 7:38 p.m.
Elder Abuse 1300blk 20th St 7:56 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2nd St / Arizona Ave 8:00 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400blk 2nd St 8:17 p.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 2600blk 4th St 8:48 p.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 2600blk 4th St 9:31 p.m.
Encampment 2000blk Virginia Ave 9:57 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 11:05 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:07 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 2400blk Broadway 11:09 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1400blk 19th St 11:20 p.m.
Encampment 2000blk Virginia Ave 11:40 p.m.

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EMS 2200blk 29th St 7:28 a.m.
EMS 1200blk Lincoln Blvd 8:11 a.m.
EMS 3100blk Pennsylvania Ave 9:10 a.m.
EMS 100blk California Ave 9:27 a.m.
EMS 800blk 2nd St 9:46 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:58 a.m.
EMS 2600blk Lincoln Blvd 10:21 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk 6th St 10:24 a.m.
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EMS Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 5:02 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 600blk San Vicente Blvd 5:46 p.m.
EMS 3rd St / Ocean Park Blvd Ramp 6:45 p.m.
Public Assist 3rd St / Ocean Park Blvd Ramp 8:09 p.m.
Odor Investigation 2600blk 31st St 8:24 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 2500blk 23rd St 8:35 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 22nd St 9:16 p.m.
EMS 900blk 21st St 9:16 p.m.
EMS 800blk Pico Blvd 10:45 p.m.
EMS 2200blk 31st St 11:06 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Colorado Ave 11:44 p.m.

City of Santa Monica

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received by the City of Santa Monica until 3:00 p.m. on the date indicated at which time they will be opened and posted for:

BID #4409 Painting Services for Water and Wastewater

Submission Deadline is March 2, 2021 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

BID #4410 Portable welding and fabrication services

Submission Deadline is March 2, 2021 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

Bids must be submitted on forms supplied by the City of Santa Monica. Bid packages containing all forms, specifications, terms and conditions may be obtained on the City's Online Vendor Portal. The website for this Notice of Inviting Bids and related documents is: ProcureNow (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for bid package and specifications.

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Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive sealed bids from contractors holding a type **"B"** license, on the following: **Bid #21.03.SMS.R1 – DSA #03-120190 – Grant Elementary School – HVAC Project at Grant Elementary School**. This scope of work is estimated to be between **$4,000,000.00 to $4,400,000.00** and includes school modernization including site work, interior and exterior accessibility (ADA) upgrades, HVAC improvements, electrical improvements, plumbing improvements, replacement of campus wide fire alarm system, replacement of doors, interior accessibility (ADA) upgrades, and other associated improvements per bidding documents. All bids must be submitted electronically as per the instructions included in the bidding documents on or before 3/16/21 no later than 2:30 PM. All General Contractors and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (M/E/P) Subcontractors must be pre-qualified for this project per bidding documents. To view the projects bidding documents, please visit ARC Southern California public plan room www.crplanwell.com and reference the project Bid #.

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Robert Cadena, Santa Monica

LA PUGLIA

FROM PAGE 1

furniture, artwork, handmade ceramic dishes, and of course the food.

The menu itself is a clever cultural crash course on Puglia and contains many hidden stories and references.

The traditional puccia sandwiches are all named in the Leccese dialect, which comes from Bianco's hometown of Lecce. The appetizers are named after fun slang expressions from Bari, the capital city in Puglia.

Each pizza is named after a beautiful town in the region, the bruschettas are song titles, and the pastas are named after the friends and family members who inspired the recipe.

"We always say that if you want to eat the best traditional foods you want to eat at home," said Bianco. "So that's why we're bringing the most delicious recipes that our friends and family would cook up at home in Puglia."

CHALLENGES OF OPENING DURING COVID

LA Puglia operates in the space formerly occupied by Nawab of India and it was a true labor of love to transform the restaurant into its current bright and airy iteration.

The remodeling process took more than a year. In late December 2020, Bianco was thrilled to finally open LA Puglia's doors and connect with her customers, even though the business launched as to-go only.

"Through all the time of construction, I really missed the beauty of relating to customers. I truly love hospitality," said Bianco. "When we opened outdoor dining I was so excited to go serve the tables and finally spend more time with my guests."

According to Bianco, the biggest challenge the restaurant faces is hiring employees. Many hospitality workers don't want to work because of Covid or others prefer to stay on unemployment.

Bianco works around the clock to get everything accomplished — baking fresh goods at 4 a.m., sleeping at midnight, and sometimes taking meetings at 1 a.m. to speak with her Italian suppliers.

She said she is driven by sheer adrenaline and a limitless love for the cuisine and hospitality.

Although the restaurant is new, community members have been extremely supportive by writing excellent Yelp reviews, posting about LA Puglia on Nextdoor, and coming in often to pick up an early morning espresso, a pasticciotto or grab a late night gelato.

WHAT TO ORDER RIGHT NOW

One would be remiss to travel to LA Puglia and not try a panzerotto. These freshly fried treats come with a variety of meat, cheese, and tomato sauce fillings and, like everything else on the menu, are made with natural and organic products.

So far the most popular dinner dish is the Nonno Vito squid ink linguine with seafood, named after Bianco's grandfather.

"He was a total seafood lover. I used to spend all the summer with him when I was a child and there wasn't a day when we did not go fishing together," said Bianco.

The puccia sandwiches are an excellent lunch option. They are made with organic stone-ground flour and baked in a wood-fire oven in the traditional leccese style. Sweet lovers are welcome to try the tiramisu, cannoli, or any flavor of handmade gelato.

"Food from Puglia is extremely simple, but not easy. It's based on a few fresh top quality ingredients and is all about balance," said Bianco. "We don't use as much cream as in Northern Italy, it's more about vegetables, red sauces, fish and of course panzerotti," said Bianco.

LA Puglia is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Sunday for outdoor dining and to-go.

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FOOD: Among the challenges with starting a new restaurant has been finding staff.

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LOS ANGELES

Family of Black man killed by LA deputies seeks $35 million

The family of a Black man who was shot and killed by sheriff's deputies last year after they tried to detain him for allegedly riding a bicycle illegally is seeking $35 million in damages from Los Angeles County.

Dijon Kizzee, 29, was killed Aug. 31 in South Los Angeles after two deputies tried to stop him for riding a bicycle in the wrong direction. He dropped the bike and ran away, carrying a bundle of clothing that authorities say contained a firearm.

The deputies told investigators they didn't know there was a gun in the clothes and they fired at Kizzee after he picked up the handgun when it fell out during a struggle with one of them. A video showed him stooping down, but a wall blocked a full view. No weapon could be seen in the video, although authorities found a gun at the scene.

An autopsy found that Kizzee had been struck 16 times by bullets in the front and back. Attorneys for the family have said witnesses described a volley of shots being fired as he lay on the ground, though the autopsy does not indicate the position of his body when he was shot.

Kizzee's family filed a legal claim, a precursor to a lawsuit, Wednesday against Los Angeles County. The sheriff's department said Thursday that detectives are still investigating the case and declined further comment, citing the pending litigation.

Attorneys for Kizzee's family questioned why he was stopped by the deputies in the first place, and said it was an example of "biking while Black" in a community of color. The deputies' names have not been released.

"Police officers need to show a reverence for human life," lawyer Dale Galipo said Thursday during a news conference announcing the legal claim. "The culture has to change. Officers need to change. The culture at the departments have to change."

Kizzee's aunt, Fletcher Fair, said she no longer trusts law enforcement.

"I don't even like looking at them anymore on the street," she said.

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NEW YORK

Disney 1Q profit falls but beats expectations due to Disney+

The Walt Disney Co.'s net income fell sharply in its most-recent quarter, as the coronavirus pandemic still weighs heavily on many of its businesses, from theme parks to movies.

But the results Thursday surpassed Wall Street's expectations thanks to subscribers flocking to Disney+ and other of the entertainment giant's streaming services.

Disney's parks and resorts have been closed or operating at significantly reduced capacity since shortly after the pandemic forced lockdowns across the U.S. in March of last year. Its cruise ships have also been suspended during that time, live sporting events have been canceled, and film and TV projects have been disrupted.

Disney said it expects coronavirus disruption to cost about $1 billion in its current fiscal year. The biggest hit to the company in the quarter that ended Jan. 2 was the closure and limited reopening of its theme parks, which cost the company about $2.6 billion.

The company based in Burbank, California, has been focusing on its steaming services – Disney+, ESPN+, and Hulu – to drive growth. Disney+ subscribers totaled 94.9 million at the end of the quarter, more than double the subscriber base a year ago, when the service had been operating for only about two months. ESPN+ subscribers jumped 83% to 12.1 million and Hulu subscribers rose 30% to 39.4 million.

For Disney's fiscal first quarter, net income totaled $17 million, or 1 cent per share, compared with $2.1 billion or $1.16 cents per share a year earlier. Excluding one-time items, net income totaled 32 cents per share, compared with $1.53 per share in the prior-year quarter.

Revenue fell 22% to $16.25 billion from $ 20.88 billion.

The results beat Wall Street expectations. The average estimate of 14 analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research was for a loss of 45 cents per share. Eleven analysts surveyed by Zacks expected revenue of $15.84 billion.

Disney's stock rose about 1.7% in after-market trading following the release of the earnings report. The shares are up 5.4% since the start of the year, compared with a 4.3% rise in the S&P 500 index.

MAE ANDERSON, AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

LOS ANGELES

California's COVID-19 death toll edges past New York

California has edged past New York in the grim statistic of the number of deaths due to COVID-19, according Johns Hopkins University data reported Thursday.

California's death toll reached 45,496, surpassing New York's toll of 45,312.

The development comes as coronavirus trends are showing improvement in California.

The most recent seven-day test positivity rate has fallen to 4.8%, according to the state Department of Public Health.

The most recent daily number of newly confirmed positive cases was 8,390, down from well over 53,000 in December.

California, however, is grappling with vaccine shortages that are crippling efforts to inoculate substantial numbers in the state of nearly 40 million residents.

The city of Los Angeles is temporarily closing five mass vaccination sites, including Dodger Stadium, for lack of supply.

Mayor Eric Garcetti said Wednesday that the city will exhaust its supply of Moderna first doses – two are required for full immunization – by Thursday, forcing it to close drive-thru and walk-up vaccination sites on Friday and Saturday.

The sites may not reopen until the city gets more supplies, which could come next Tuesday or Wednesday, although smaller mobile vaccination clinics will continue their work, he said.

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A Valentine's "Card" to Aunt Amelia

With the Super Bowl over, next up in February is Valentine's Day, Presidents Day, Black History Month and the "Impeachment Trial of Donald trump, the Sequel." As for Black History, February was chosen because Lincoln was born on the 12th and Frederick Douglas on the 14th. (Who can forget Black History 2017 when Donald Trump thought Frederick Douglas was still alive.)

Until 1976 it was "Black History Week" before President Gerald Ford expanded it to include the entire month. (See, I can say something nice about Republicans.) Actually I recently received an email accusing me of hating the GOP. This incarnation I do, explaining why I call it the "GQP." (Q is not a typo.) The email was from "KH" who said she and her boyfriend used to think my writing was "amusing" but not now. Ouch!

Perhaps in jest, KH also criticized my devotion to the L.A. Rams (On that score she may have a point.) While this column involves the Rams it's primarily about my favorite and long-departed aunt, Amelia, my late mother's older sister.

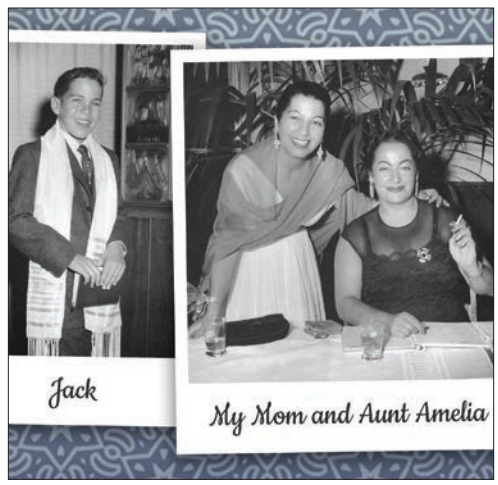
For my Bar Mitzvah more years ago than I care to count, Amelia bought us season tickets to the Rams games played at the historic L.A. Coliseum. Often with crowds of 100,000, the atmosphere could be exhilarating. But, starting with the very first game, we found ourselves in a messy situation. (As I'll explain, we could have used beach towels.)

Before the era of tailgate parties, many fans would frequent neighborhood bars and, forgive the technical term, "get soused." To avoid DUI's the bar provided a bus to whisk them to the game just in time for the kickoff. (And after the game zip them back to the watering hole to either toast victory or drown the sorrows of defeat.)

Our luck, in the row behind us was a bunch of bombastic boozers who wore windbreakers with "Ace in the Hole Bar" lettered on the back. They hated the Rams so vociferously every time something went wrong for L.A. or something went right for the opposition, they'd jump for joy and, in so doing, inadvertently spill beer on Amelia and me. (Forget beach towels, umbrellas might have come in handy.)

We desperately hoped they weren't season ticket holders, but the following week was a repeat performance. The "gentleman" in the group gave us a handkerchief though I would have preferred a wet/dry vacuum. My aunt was furious but I had a plan to get even. When we came home, and without telling my mother or father, I composed an indignant letter to the president of the Rams, which I hunted and pecked on our family typewriter. (For those unfamiliar, Google "How to use a typewriter.")

To my shock, two weeks later I received a return letter from the Rams' President. He was thoroughly apologetic and said at the next home game one of his employees would meet us at our seats and escort us to our new seats on the opposite side of the Coliseum, which not only provided a better view but were in the shade.



Courtesy photos

PHOTOS: My Bar Mitzvah more days ago than I care to count.

And that's what he did, while also ominously informing the "Booze Brothers" he'd be back to deal with them, bringing a big smile to my aunt's face. (At the next game, using binoculars I looked for The Ace in the Hole gang but they were gone which I hopefully speculated they were banned and back at the bar listening to the game on radio.)

My mom, dad and Amelia were impressed with my initiative. (I was impressed with the "power of the pen" or should I say typewriter?) To my mother, who had always wanted me to be a lawyer, this was an omen. Because I read the Times Sports page religiously, I wanted to be a sportswriter so for me this was a different omen.

Years later, at Hamilton High I was sports editor of the school paper aptly-named"The Federalist." My father wasn't exactly thrilled because his view was many sports writers were big drinkers. But one of the customers at his men's store was a respected sports scribe. My dad arranged a meeting for the three of us at the Frascati Inn on La Cienega so the sportswriter might give me some "career advice." Unfortunately, he showed up sloshed! (But at least he didn't spill his drink on us.)

Last week I received another email from KH, who, perhaps facetiously, called me "talented" and said I had the right to express my views about anything I wanted. (She should only know.) In retrospect, you could say that the letter to the Rams' president was the origin of how I ultimately wound up at the Daily Press where, after 800+ columns, I'm still trying to get one right.

Happy Valentine's this Sunday, everyone, including my much missed Aunt Amelia.

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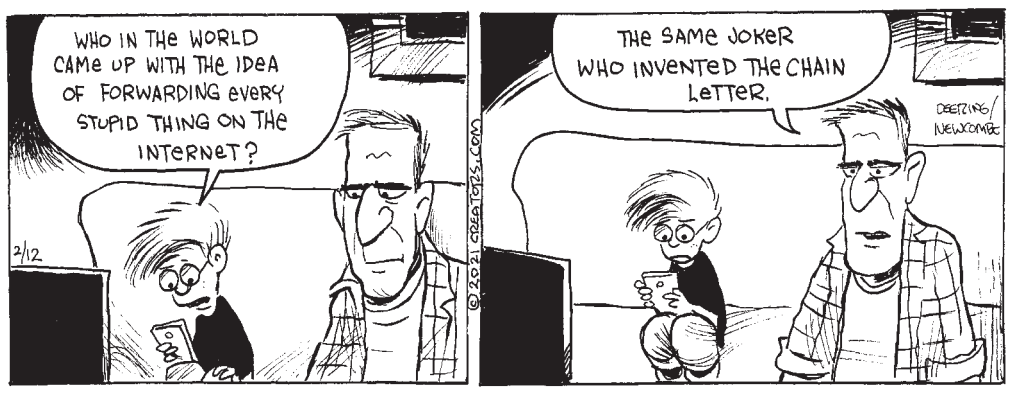
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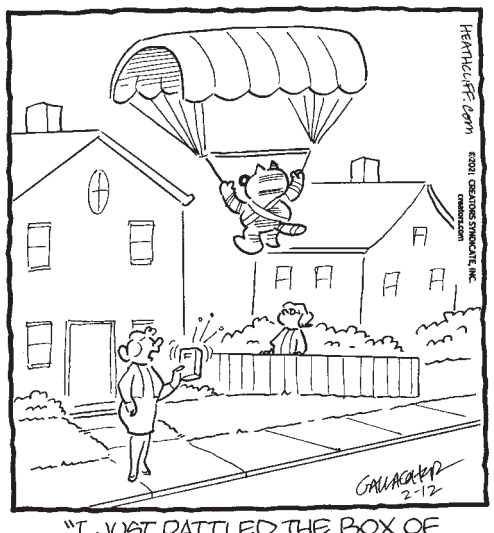
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 58.1°

FRIDAY - **POOR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
NW swell trends up some through the day. Watching for more NW winds which will make quality an issue.

SATURDAY - **POOR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
NW swell hangs on with lighter wind for the morning tide push. Early will be the best window before the mid AM high tide slows the little waves.

WEATHER

Friday: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 61.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 62.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2021/02/12	Fri	03:07 AM	1.43	L
2021/02/12	Fri	09:13 AM	5.97	H
2021/02/12	Fri	4:08 PM	-0.94	L
2021/02/12	Fri	10:27 PM	4.27	H
2021/02/13	Sat	03:46 AM	1.36	L
2021/02/13	Sat	09:49 AM	5.56	H
2021/02/13	Sat	4:38 PM	-0.54	L
2021/02/13	Sat	10:57 PM	4.30	H
2021/02/14	Sun	04:26 AM	1.37	L
2021/02/14	Sun	10:25 AM	5.02	H
2021/02/14	Sun	5:05 PM	-0.04	L
2021/02/14	Sun	11:27 PM	4.30	H
2021/02/15	Mon	05:08 AM	1.42	L
2021/02/15	Mon	11:02 AM	4.39	H
2021/02/15	Mon	5:30 PM	0.50	L
2021/02/15	Mon	11:58 PM	4.27	H
2021/02/16	Tue	05:55 AM	1.52	L
2021/02/16	Tue	11:42 AM	3.71	H
2021/02/16	Tue	5:52 PM	1.06	L
2021/02/17	Wed	12:30 AM	4.22	H
2021/02/17	Wed	06:53 AM	1.62	L

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL calottery
Draw Date: 2/10
15 39 58 63 67
Power#: 7
Jackpot: 56 M

MEGA MILLIONS calottery
Draw Date: 2/9
7 18 21 31 40
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 82 M

SuperLotto PLUS calottery
Draw Date: 2/10
8 10 19 22 41
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 20 M

Fantasy 5 calottery
Draw Date: 2/10
5 15 18 35 36

Daily 3 calottery
Draw Date: 2/10
EVENING: 6 4 1
Draw Date: 2/10
MIDDAY: 5 8 4

Daily Derby calottery
Draw Date: 2/10
1st: 10 - Solid Gold
2nd: 11 - Money Bags
3rd: 08 - Gorgeous George
Race Time: 1:43.85

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Your solar year is characterized by smoothness and grace. You're in touch with your identity and what you want. The world responds by understanding and fulfilling your needs, which are largely unselfish. Since you so often endeavor for the good of others, you hardly need to prove or pitch yourself. Gemini and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 26, 24, 18 and 40.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Like an actor, you fulfill a role and the better you do it, the more the outside world can see a living, breathing character instead of its creator, hard at work. Parts of the real you will shine through; they are irrepressible.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Mutual comfort and confidence can be established just as soon as everyone relaxes. You may have to go first, as you are powerful in the situation and your chill attitude will be contagious.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you're kind to people who are kind to you first, it raises your opinion of yourself not at all, because that's just the baseline of decency. But when you're kind first, it gives you confidence regardless of what happens next.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). "The Dictionary of Obscure Sorrows" defines kenopsia as "the eerie, forlorn atmosphere of a place that's usually bustling with people but is now abandoned and quiet." You'll know it again today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you're around people who constantly make you feel good, you want to be around them more often. You'll make a connection with one such person today while avoiding less interesting prospects.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The idiom "drop your guard" may as well refer to the release of an actual shield. The accompanying psychological clank and clatter will be, on some level, audible today as someone decides they like you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The rule of thumb is to only compliment people on the things they can control, like their manner and style of doing things and their choices. You'll understand the value of such a compliment when you receive one today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It will be tempting to worry over how your work will be received and the value judgments that go along with that. For now, just commit to a practice and do the work. Anything else you need to know, you'll learn in good time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your reaction gives power to things. Sometimes, it's the one and only power source. Therefore, if you want a situation to discontinue, consider choosing the reaction of nonreaction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). How you talk to yourself matters more than you think it does. The kindness of your inside voice is reflected in your outside voice, and the same goes for any other tone you choose with yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The minute you feel the need to impress, prove yourself or compete, pull back. In today's instance, those who understand, value and need what you bring to the table won't ask you to compete for your spot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The world isn't ideal today, and it wasn't totally great yesterday or 700 years ago, or ever. Luckily, the conditions have little to do with the heartfelt thing you must deliver to the world now.

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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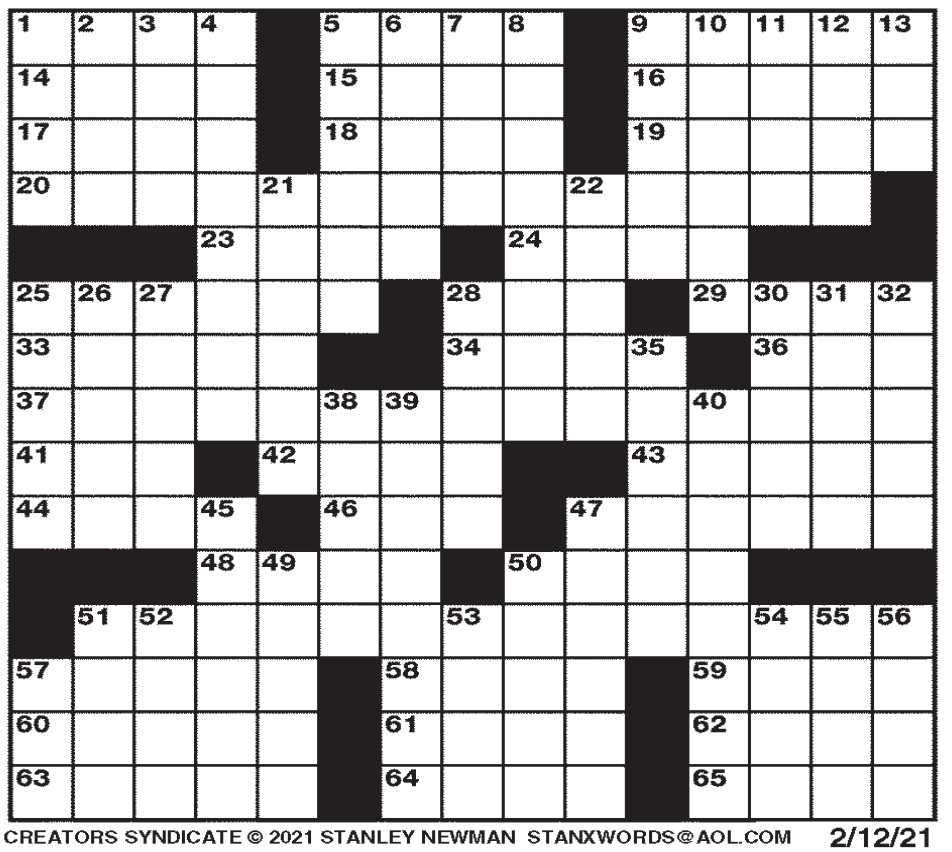
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Pond buildup
5 Frank
9 Show off, as one's wardrobe
14 Alternatively
15 Brussels-based org.
16 Native name of New Guinea
17 Sudden blow
18 Sharp rebuke
19 Over
20 Today's birthday guy
23 Would-be electees
24 Dorm descriptor
25 Message on a dusty car
28 "We'll take that as ___"
29 A distant point
33 Foil giant
34 Danish-born muckraker
36 Encouraging word
37 20 Across opponent (1864)
41 Miss the mark
42 Olympian blade
43 African nation's former name
44 "By remarriage" prefix
46 Quirky
47 Per unspecified others
48 Hubs
50 With frequency
51 20 Across opponent (1860)
57 Be a chiseler
58 Ore source
59 Star quality
60 Boxing prize
61 Yankee retiree nickname
62 Move a bit
63 Intended
64 Leave in the dust
65 Spa treatment

DOWN
1 Video game giant
2 Social association
3 Dissolution of Dec. 1991
4 Figure of speech
5 Less for a while
6 Common Hollywood flora
7 Bibliography abbr.
8 Very trying
9 Constituent of NASA
10 East Asian shrine
11 Gem from Australia
12 Downfall
13 Caramel color
21 Tribute paid
22 Salad request
25 Carries on
26 Danger signal
27 Conductor's reference
28 Bow-shaped
30 Book printer's sheet
31 Danger signal
32 Name meaning "born again"
35 Defiant disagreement
38 Geological period
39 Extremely old-fashioned
40 Final, often desperate attempt
45 Cater to
47 Very pale, as ale
49 Went (for)
50 "Hasta la vista!"
51 Feng ___ (decorative art)
52 Contractual detail
53 Claudius successor
54 Guitar ancestor
55 Prone to dust storms
56 Mumbai wedding wear
57 Frequent filer



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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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S W I M R H Z F L A G S L U U
I R A D S C S L E W O T T S B
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Bake	Drive	Music	Snooze
Bask	Enjoy	Oars	Sport
Beach	Eski	Ocean	Surf
Beer	Film	Outdoors	Swim
Burn	Flags	Park	Thunder
Camera	Flies	Pool	Tide
Cans	Golf	Rest	Towel
Celsius	Gulls	Rope	Valuables
Clouds	Hats	Sailing	Walk
Cream	Heat	Salt	Waves
	Jetsam	Seasons	Zinc

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BELMAR

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Banks, who used the stories and dreams of Santa Monicans and the descendants who were displaced from the field site to craft the themes of the unique project.

The outdoor exhibition also features interpretive text panels researched and written by Alison R. Jefferson, who said she sought to illuminate the history of the Belmar neighborhood as well as the local businesses, places of worship and underrepresented stories of its community members.

"This timely initiative contributes to the national and global dialog to help open and inform contemporary life for understanding of those who came before us in Santa Monica's African American community," Jefferson said Thursday.

While she further discussed the initiative, which is the first Public History project done on this scale in Santa Monica, she added, "I am very happy to have been able to contribute to make the Belmar History + Art project a reality in the new Historic Belmar Park and in the conscience of Santa Monica community members and elsewhere."

Local historian, activist, and Belmar History + Art community advisory committee member, Robbie Jones agreed that it's encouraging to be a part of a project dedicated to sharing the history and memories of the local Black community that was overlooked for many years.

"This park and the dedicated artwork represent the displaced Santa Monica families," Jones said, "and offer a starting point for the healing process of our Black community."

Vice Chair of the Santa Monica Recreation and Parks Commission Maryanne LaGuardia said, "This is a joyous moment for the legions of community members who advocated for this great new facility for youth and adult recreation. This is many years in the making and a much-needed addition to our local network of parks, fields, and open space. When the pandemic is behind us, I look forward to seeing a fully activated Historic Belmar Park."

In addition to the unveiling of Banks' artwork and Jefferson's historical panels, the virtual event will also include a Time Capsule that will be buried in the ground, where it will remain until June 19, 2070.

Residents can now register for the virtual grand opening celebration by visiting santamonica.gov/historicbelmarpark. City officials stated a recording of the virtual event will be available on the City's YouTube channel for those who missed it.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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use may have been involved.

But Berman, who recently spoke about the news in hopes of preventing a similar tragedy in the future, confirmed on social media that drug use was certainly the cause of her son's death.

"My beautiful boy is gone. 16 years old. Sheltering at home. A drug dealer connected with him on Snapchat and gave him fentanyl laced Xanax or Percocet (toxicology will tell) and he overdosed in his room," Berman said on Instagram Sunday. "We watched him so closely. Straight A student. Getting ready for college. Experimentation gone bad. He got the drugs delivered to the house."

Berman, who is a prominent relationship expert and sex therapist, is advising parents to monitor their childrens' social media activity to prevent similar tragedies in their own homes.

"There is a rash of kids like ours who, you know, are home bored during the pandemic," she said in an interview with NBC News. And they're trying to entertain themselves.

"They do this because it hooks people even more and is good for business but it causes overdose and the kids don't know what they are taking. My heart is completely shattered and I am not sure how to keep breathing. I post this now only so that not one more kid dies," Berman added on her Instagram. "Please watch your kids and WATCH SNAPCHAT especially. That's how they get them."

Snapchat officials said the company is working with local authorities. And SMPD's Criminal Investigations Division and the Los Angeles Coroner's Office are working on parallel investigations, according to Flores, who said, there is no additional information available at this time but residents are strongly encouraged to contact Criminal Investigations Detective S. Pollnow at 310-458-8455 or Police Dispatch at 310-458-8491 if they have any tips to share.

Berman has also created a Facebook group for parents who have lost a child to drug addiction or those who wish to discuss the topic with others.

More information is available online at facebook.com/groups/parentsunitedagainstdrugadditctiondeath.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Government Code Section 40804, the City of Santa Monica is required to publish a summary of its Annual Report of Financial Transactions submitted to the State Controller's Office. The following table presents the Summary and Statistics form of that report for the City's fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. The figures below were derived from the City's audited financial statements, in conformity with the format prescribed by the State Controller's Office. For the most detailed, accurate, and audited financial information, please refer to the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The City's current year CAFR, as well as prior year CAFRs and other financial reports, are available online at: https://finance.smgov.net/budgets-reports or a copy of the current year CAFR can be viewed by appointment in the City Clerk's Office, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. For further information, please contact the Finance Department at (310) 458-8281.

Fiscal Year 2020
Summary

	Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds
Revenues	455,758,621	275,841,778
Expenditures/Expenses	558,804,022	284,594,654
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(103,045,401) (a)	-
Income (Loss) Before Capital Contributions, Transfers, and Special and Extraordinary Items	-	(8,752,876) (a)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	46,451,249 (b)	-
Capital Contributions	-	10,047,937
Proprietary Fund Transfers In (Out)	-	(46,451,249) (b)
Special and Extraordinary Items	(34,195,723) (c)	(1,442,430) (c)
Change in Fund Balance/Net Position	(90,789,875)	(46,598,618)
Fund Balance/Net Position (Deficit), Beginning of Fiscal Year	641,558,331	638,176,227
Prior Period and Other Adjustments	-	-
Fund Balance/Net Position (Deficit), End of Fiscal Year	550,768,456	591,577,609

Statistics

Current Transient Occupancy Tax Rate	14%
Effective Date of Current Transient Occupancy Tax Rate	1/1/2005
Current Utility User Tax Rate	10%
Appropriations Limit	2,323,025,579
Total Annual Appropriations Subject to the Limit	273,440,190

(a)The deficiency of revenues under expenditures in the governmental funds and the loss in the proprietary funds is primarily due to increased public safety expenditures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, decreased revenues as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic and related government shutdown, and increased spending of prior year funds and bond funds for several large capital projects.
(b)This includes the return of $24 million of Gillette and Boeing settlement funds that were not slated for pollution remediation from the Water Fund to the General Fund, promissory note payments from the Parking Authority Fund for housing, and other fund subsidies.
(c) Settlement of legal claims and cashout costs related to incentivized layoffs.

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