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Paperwork filed for third Trader Joe's location in Santa Monica

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Trader Joe's has filed preliminary paperwork for a third Santa Monica location.

The grocery store has asked for a tenant improvement permit at 500 Broadway in the under construction development that sits across from the newly constructed Target.

A company spokeswoman said they are interested in expanding their presence in Santa Monica but said no leases have been signed and their efforts are in the very early stages.

"Trader Joe's is very much interested in bringing another store to the Santa Monica area and are taking the steps to make it happen but nothing is confirmed at this point," said Kenya Friend-Daniel, National Director of Public Relations for Trader Joe's.

A construction permit for the 500 Broadway project lists Trader Joe's as possible tenant for the site but does not provide any details of the proposed store, other than it's location in "Suite 10."

The overall development, known as The Park, includes 249 apartments. Developers have previously said the seven-story project at Fred Segal's former Downtown Santa Monica location will also contain 55,000 square feet of retail space and a four-level, 500-car underground parking structure.

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Matthew Hall

DEVELOPMENT: The project at 5th and Broadway has space for a grocery.

Teacher and Student



Photo by R.A. Pickett.

AWARDS: Exalted Ruler Jaynee Roszhart presented Carly Verstegen with the 2020-2021 Santa Monica Elks Teacher of the Year and Elise Knebel with the 2020-2021 Santa Monica Elks Student of the Year. Both received a certificate of congratulations from the Lodge, an Amazon gift card, a Chick-Fil-A gift card.

Classroom instruction to increase after Spring Break

MATTHEW HALL
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Students who return to local schools for in-person education on March 15 will have about two weeks to readjust to live learning before officials plan to increase the number of classroom hours district wide.

According to plans filed with state and regional regulators, SMMUSD plans to move to a hybrid learning model after Spring Break and schools will ramp up in-person instruction hours as best they can on a per site basis.

"For the two weeks prior to Spring Break, the elementary schools will begin by offering 1-2 time blocks on campus for in-person learning. These two weeks will offer schools an opportunity to ease students back onto campus and practice procedures, routines, and protocols with students as they adjust to the return to school," said the districts COVID-19 School Guidance Checklist. "Following this transition back to campus, after Spring Break school sites will ramp up their Distance Learning

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Nonresidential developments in Santa Monica may be temporarily banned

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Nonresidential developments in Santa Monica and single unit dwellings in the city's commercial zones may soon be temporarily banned by City Council.

Like many municipalities in the region, the City of Santa Monica is currently crafting its Housing Element, which is prepared every eight years to analyze the community's housing needs and detail data on housing stock and demographics. One of the most important aspects of the process, city staff previously said, is the document's Suitable Sites Inventory, which identifies barriers to the production of housing — both for market-rate and affordable housing.

Currently, staff is in the process of preparing a draft SSI for the 6th Cycle Housing Element. However, in recent years, the city has seen an uptick in applications submitted for non-residential development on potential housing sites in the city's commercial districts, which have the potential to house some of the 8,895 units that Santa Monica is currently mandated to build between 2021 and 2029.

Since the city's housing allocation nearly doubles previous figures and only 3% of the City's total land area is available as the highest potential for housing, staff said, "the turnover of even a handful of sites to non-residential development instead of housing projects would greatly impact the City's ability to have sufficient sites for the SSI and would very likely hamper future Housing Element updates."

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Powell: Higher inflation temporary, no rate hikes in sight

CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell suggested Thursday that inflation will pick up in the coming months but that it would likely prove temporary and not enough for the Fed to alter its record-low interest rate policies.

His message of wait-and-see patience caused bond yields to jump and stocks to fall further, signaling that investors foresee stronger growth and higher inflation on the horizon. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note had jumped from below 1% at the end of last year to roughly 1.4% Wednesday — and then surged above 1.5% during Powell's remarks.

Stock investors, too, dumped shares in the midst of Powell's remarks, in which he suggested that the Fed would need to see both a near-full recovery in the job market and a sustained rise in inflation above its target level before considering a rate hike.

The S&P 500 index ended Thursday with a loss of 1.3% and was showing just a sliver of a gain for the year. The tech-heavy NASDAQ pulled back 2.1%. Higher yields on government bonds can entice some investors to sell stocks and buy Treasurys instead, thereby forcing stock prices down.

Powell also said the outlook for the economy has improved after three months of weak job growth. But he cautioned that the economy and the job market are still far from fully recovered and that full employment would not be achieved this year.

The chairman also offered no signal that the Fed might respond soon to rising rates on Treasury securities by altering its bond-buying policies. The central bank is purchasing about $80 billion a month in government bonds. Some analysts argue that the Fed could focus more of those purchases on the 10-year Treasury to keep it from rising much further.

"The market was really looking for more of a definitive stand perhaps against what's happened with yields," said Lisa Erickson, head of traditional investments at U.S. Bank Wealth Management. "It was looking for more assurance, for example, that the Fed might take action."

The surge in Treasury bond yields has also forced up mortgage rates. Last week, the average rate on the benchmark 30-year mortgage breached the 3% mark for the first time since July, according to mortgage buyer Freddie Mac.

Powell suggested, though, that the Fed would sit tight for the foreseeable future.

"We think our current policy stance is appropriate," Powell said.

Earlier this week, San Francisco Fed President Mary Daly and Chicago Fed President Charles Evans said they weren't bothered by the move higher in interest rates. They characterized it as a positive signal that markets expected growth to pick up.

Powell said Thursday that the last week's jump in yields "was notable and caught my attention." But he said the Fed wouldn't be concerned unless the Treasury market became "disorderly" or rates rose persistently enough to threaten the economy's growth.

As the economy reopens in the coming months with vaccines more widely distributed, many economists expect a spending boom that will stretch available supplies of goods and services. That additional spending could send prices up in some sectors of the economy.

For example, gas prices have been rising as Americans are venturing out more. Yet oil production hasn't yet caught up, making gas more expensive. And when Americans do return to pre-pandemic habits, such as going to movies or eating out, they will have find many of their former favorite haunts closed.

Once price declines that occurred about a year ago when the pandemic began are removed from the year-over-year calculations, inflation will temporarily rise. But the Fed won't see either of those trends as worrisome increases that would force them to change their policies, Powell said.

"If we do see what we believe is likely a transitory increase in inflation, where longer-term inflation expectations are broadly stable, I expect that we will be patient" about making any changes, he said.

Higher inflation is unlikely to persist, Powell said, because most consumers and businesses expect mild prices gains, and therefore will keep their prices and wage demands in check. Global competition and online shopping also force many companies to keep prices low — factors that didn't exist during the high-inflation 1970s.

When the pandemic intensified nearly a year ago, the Fed pegged its short-term interest rate to near zero and began purchasing $120 billion in Treasury and mortgage bonds a month. The Fed has previously signaled that it intends to keep its rate near zero through at least 2023. And many analysts say they think the bond purchases won't be tapered until next year.

Powell declined to comment on whether the brighter-than-expected economic outlook has altered any of the Fed's timelines. But he did say he shared some of that optimism.

"There's good reason to expect job creation to pick up in the coming months," he said.

Associated Press writer Alex Veiga in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 251 CALLS ON MARCH 3

Loud Music 900blk Ocean Ave 12:22 a.m.
Battery 500blk Colorado Blvd 2:14 a.m.
Loud Music Ocean Ave / Idaho Ave 2:42 a.m.
Loud Music Ocean Ave / Idaho Ave 3:11 a.m.
Loud Music 2400blk Main St 3:14 a.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 1400blk Centinela Ave 4:13 a.m.
Encampment 1800blk Main St 5:46 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 800blk 7th St 6:11 a.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Cloverfield Blvd / Pico Blvd 6:34 a.m.
Construction Noise 1800blk Main St 6:47 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk The Beach 7:21 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1100blk Yale St 7:28 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk The Beach 7:54 a.m.
Drinking In Public 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 8:07 a.m.
Encampment 2700blk Ocean Front Walk 8:22 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 200blk 15th St 8:27 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 3000blk Main St 8:30 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2800blk Arizona Ave 8:50 a.m.
Overdose 1200blk 19th St 9:12 a.m.
Found Property 1200blk Euclid St 9:12 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 300blk Civic Center Dr 9:17 a.m.
Found Property 1400blk Marine St 9:21 a.m.
General Parking Problem 300blk Olympic Dr 9:22 a.m.
Encampment 1100blk Palisades Park 9:33 a.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 2900blk 31st St 9:43 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 700blk Ozone St 9:52 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 700blk Adelaide Pl 10:01 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 300blk 18th St 10:07 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 20th St / Arizona Ave 10:35 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 800blk Stanford St 10:36 a.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 20th St / Arizona Ave 10:39 a.m.
Person With A Gun 1400blk 9th St 10:45 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300blk 2nd St 10:46 a.m.
Person With A Gun Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 11:10 a.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 11:20 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 11th St / Santa Monica Blvd 11:25 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1700blk Berkeley St 11:26 a.m.
Battery 1400blk Olympic Blvd 11:26 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 14th St / Santa Monica Blvd 11:31 a.m.
Found Property 1400blk 16th St 11:33 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 3200blk Pico Blvd 11:36 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 200blk San Vicente Blvd 12:03 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 2300blk Pearl St 12:21 p.m.
Fraud Report 900blk 4th St 12:23 p.m.
Found Property 900blk 10th St 12:24 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 3100blk Wilshire Blvd 12:40 p.m.
Panic Alarm 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:44 p.m.
Petty Theft 500blk Wilshire Blvd 12:47 p.m.
Found Property 1400blk 16th St 12:52 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1100blk Yale St 12:55 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2200blk Oak St 1:01 p.m.
Burglary Report 900blk 18th St 1:01 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1100blk 19th St 1:04 p.m.
Burglary Report 700blk Ocean Ave 1:42 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 1900blk 18th St 2:30 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 600blk Marine St 2:34 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1200blk Euclid St 2:39 p.m.
Burglary Report 1000blk 12th St 2:59 p.m.
Encampment 1400blk 16th St 2:59 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 1400blk 2nd St 3:02 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1200blk 15th St 3:16 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 3000blk Goldsmith St 3:16 p.m.
Fraud Report 2700blk Neilson Way 3:17 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1400blk Yale St 3:21 p.m.
Forensics Request - Miscellaneous 800blk Stanford St 3:27 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 Lincoln Blvd / Marine St 3:28 p.m.
Found Property Lincoln Blvd / Raymond Ave 3:52 p.m.
Grand Theft Just Occurred 3rd Street Prom / Santa Monica Blvd 3:58 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1400blk Ocean Ave 4:05 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 3300blk Barnard Way 4:08 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Just Occurred 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 4:28 p.m.
Fraud Report 400blk San Vicente Blvd 4:38 p.m.
Found Property 2400blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:50 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1300blk 18th St 4:52 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 700blk Pine St 4:53 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1100blk 24th St 5:04 p.m.
Burglary Report 2700blk Main St 5:24 p.m.
Rape Report 1600blk Ocean Ave 5:35 p.m.
Petty Theft 2000blk Lincoln Blvd 5:45 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 5:56 p.m.
Burglary Report 1100blk 26th St 5:57 p.m.
Loud Music 2700blk Barnard Way 5:58 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 2600blk 2nd St 6:00 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 2700blk 2nd St 6:00 p.m.
Burglary Report 2000blk Main St 6:11 p.m.
Fight 1100blk Palisades Park 6:43 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1300blk Berkeley St 6:44 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1100blk 24th St 6:58 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1700blk Montana Ave 7:19 p.m.
Death Investigation 1000blk 26th St 7:43 p.m.
Drinking In Public 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:07 p.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 2400blk 34th St 8:20 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 8:28 p.m.
Encampment 2300blk The Beach 9:03 p.m.
Encampment 1400blk 4th St 9:06 p.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 2000blk Broadway 11:31 p.m.

Settlement OKs return of indoor youth sports in California

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

Indoor youth sports can soon resume in California after Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration agreed on Thursday to settle a lawsuit brought by two high-school athletes.

The settlement means indoor youth sports can resume with testing in counties where there are 14 or fewer new cases of the coronavirus per 100,000 people, according to Marlon Gardinera, head football coach at Scripps Ranch High School in San Diego and the father of one of the students named in the lawsuit.

Most counties already meet that threshold. As a whole, California is averaging 10.2 new virus cases per 100,000 people.

"All high school sports can resume in California," Gardinera said. "Kids can get back to doing what they love."

Details of the settlement were confirmed by Ian Friedman and Stephen Grebing, attorneys with the San Diego-based law firm Wingert Grebing who represented the students. State officials did not confirm the settlement, but California Health and Human Services Agency Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly said the state would issue new guidance soon.

Last month, state officials allowed outdoor sports to resume using the same threshold. It required testing for students ages 13 and above in "close contact" sports like football, rugby and soccer in counties where the virus is widespread, according to state rules. But those rules did not apply to indoor sports.

Thursday's settlement changes that. Indoor sports can resume "as long as they follow same or similar testing guidelines that have been imposed on college and professional athletes," Friedman said. Test results must be received within 48 hours of competition.

Testing requirements vary by sport. For indoor sports like basketball, wrestling, martial arts and water polo, testing is required until a county averages less than 1 new coronavirus case per 100,000 people. For sports like badminton, gymnastics, bowling and swimming and diving, testing is required until a county averages between 1 and 3.9 new cases per 100,000 people.

The state's rules for youth sports are minimum standards. County public health departments can impose rules that are more strict than the state's rules. Friedman said he and other lawyers at his firm will be monitoring how counties respond.

He said counties that choose to ban indoor high school sports while allowing indoor college and professional sports could face legal challenges.

"If there's any counties that choose not to follow the (state) guidelines we'd be happy to take a look at filing new lawsuits in those counties as well," he said.

CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18 5:27 P.M.

Officers responded to a "Fight in Progress" call at Virginia Avenue Park. Dispatchers advised that two males were seen punching each other near the playground. Upon arrival Officers observed Jeremy Demarah and Fatu Fatu screaming at each other and raising their fists. Both individuals were arrested for 415PC- Disturbing the Peace and were later cited out due to COVID-19 regulations.

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Automatic Alarm 1500blk 4th St 12:04 a.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 1:24 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 3:11 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:03 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 100blk Wilshire Blvd 4:35 a.m.
EMS 600blk Pacific St 7:49 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 8:33 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1600blk Montana Ave 8:43 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 20th St / Arizona Ave 10:35 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 20th St / Arizona Ave 10:57 a.m.
EMS 1400blk Olympic Blvd 11:35 a.m.
EMS 1800blk 7th St 11:35 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1600blk Montana Ave 12:21 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Cedar St 12:22 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2200blk Colorado Ave 12:34 p.m.
EMS 1800blk Euclid St 1:35 p.m.
EMS 2200blk 29th St 2:12 p.m.
EMS 200blk Ocean Ave 2:17 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:50 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:50 p.m.
Transformer Fire 600blk Marine St 3:20 p.m.
Wires Down Lincoln Blvd / Marine St 3:21 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Kansas Ave 3:41 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Franklin St 3:48 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Wilshire Blvd 4:03 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Pico Blvd 6:21 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Ashland Ave 6:27 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 800blk Bay St 7:25 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 26th St 7:33 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 4th St 8:07 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 8:44 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 17th St 8:51 p.m.
EMS 2300blk Kansas Ave 10:34 p.m.

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My Dinner with Deep Throat?



Courtesy image

DINNER: Mark Felt, aka "Deep Throat" from Watergate, didn't like Nixon's criminality and hippies which might have included me.

This is the second column about my road trip in 1969 through the western U.S. and Canada with my 6-month old Samoyed puppy, Jude. Last week was about our time in "Big Sky" Wyoming; this week it's about Colorado's magnificent Rocky Mountain National Park. (From which we almost didn't get out alive!) But first, I better explain my title.

"Deep Throat" was a 1972 film which Wikipedia describes as "The forefront of porn's Golden Age of porn." (Porn had a Golden Age?) But Deep Throat was also the nickname given by famed reporter Bob Woodward of the Washington Post for FBI Deputy Director Mark Felt, the Watergate whistle blower whose information ultimately caused Nixon to resign. At Rocky Mountain Park, it's very possible I had dinner with Felt and his wife as I will explain later.

As for the road trip into the country for this city boy, I didn't prepare very well. For example, at the chilly Grand Canyon campground everyone's fire pit was going so I chopped a few tree limbs not realizing wood had to be dead to catch fire. Frustrated, I doused the limbs with lighter fluid but when I lit the match the mini-explosion startled the entire campground. (I flashed a lame smile.)

I also didn't buy tire chains because I discovered snow storms in May were so rare. At Rocky Mountain Park, when Jude and I arrived we found a campsite next to a fancy motor home. At sunset I took Jude into the quaint town outside the park when I noticed the air suddenly got very cold and eerily still. (Spoiler alert: "The calm before the storm" is true!)

After dinner, Jude and I went to bed but when I awoke the next morning the van was nearly buried in snow. Almost all the cars were gone while the rest were fleeing as fast as they could. Seeing snow for the first time, Jude dashed out of the van as though he was "Buck" in Jack London's "Call of the Wild."

Panicked, I wiped the windshield and eventually corralled Buck from frolicking in the snow. However, once we got onto the already icy highway the van skidded so badly I envisioned crashing over the guard rails and falling 8,000 feet below. Suddenly, a car behind me honked and signaled to pull over.

A worried young couple got out asking if I needed help with my chains until I sheepishly admitted I didn't have any. They helped move all the weight in the van toward the rear to hopefully gain some traction. But to get out of the park we actually had to go higher and the snow flurries were so strong I was essentially driving blind. Finally, we reached the peak and began the slow descent as the snowfall lightened little by little until it eventually turned to rain.

In Denver I found a Motel 6 where I sneaked Jude in like he was a fugitive from "America's Most Wanted Dog." Almost magically the next morning's sunrise was glorious as the TV news reported the historic May storm had moved out of the region and fair weather was predicted for the rest of the week.

With Jude hanging his head out the window, we drove back to Rocky Mountain Park which, blanketed in snow, was even more beautiful. It was almost empty but the motor home was still there so I parked in the campsite next to it. The wife was delighted to see Jude and I were safe and invited us to dinner with the caveat that her husband, whom she noted was 3rd in command in the FBI, didn't like hippies. (But he being a dog lover, she insisted he would adore Jude.)

In fact we had a delicious dinner and Jude was the star of the evening. He obediently didn't beg for food until after we ate when he got a ton of scraps. Smitten with Jude, the handsome but stern FBI official seemingly cut me some slack, "You aren't really a hippy, you're more of an outdoorsman." Looking forward to dessert, I nodded in agreement.

Cut to 2005, when Mark Felt, 90 and frail, admitted publicly he was indeed Deep

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By slimmest of margins, Senate takes up $1.9T relief bill

ALAN FRAM
Associated Press

The Senate voted by the slimmest of margins Thursday to begin debating a $1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill, after Democrats made eleventh-hour changes aimed at ensuring they could pull President Joe Biden's top legislative priority through the precariously divided chamber.

Democrats were hoping for Senate approval of the package before next week, in time for the House to sign off and get the measure to Biden quickly. They were encountering opposition from Republicans arguing that the measure's massive price tag ignored promising signs that the pandemic and wounded economy were turning around.

Democratic leaders made over a dozen late additions to their package, reflecting their need to cement unanimous support from all their senators — plus Vice President Kamala Harris' tie-breaking vote — to succeed in the 50-50 chamber. It's widely expected the Senate will approve the bill and the House will whisk it to Biden for his signature by mid-March, handing him a crucial early legislative victory.

The Senate's 51-50 vote to start debating the package, with Harris pushing Democrats over the top, underscored how they were navigating the package through Congress with virtually no margin for error. In the House their majority is a scrawny 10 votes.

The bill, aimed at battling the killer virus and nursing the staggered economy back to health, will provide direct payments of up to $1,400 to most Americans. There's also money for COVID-19 vaccines and testing, aid to state and local governments, help for schools and the airline industry, tax breaks for lower-earners and families with children, and subsidies for health insurance.

"We are not going to be timid in the face of a great challenge," said Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.

The new provisions offered items appealing to all manner of Democrats. Progressives got money boosting feeding programs, federal subsidies for health care for workers who lose jobs, tax-free student loans, and money for public broadcasting and consumer protection investigations.

Moderates won funds for rural health care, language assuring minimum amounts of money for smaller states and a prohibition on states receiving aid using the windfalls to cut taxes. And for everyone, there was money for infrastructure, cultural venues, start-up companies and afterschool programs.

Even with the late revisions, there was a good chance lawmakers will make yet another one and vote to pare back the bill's $400 weekly emergency unemployment benefits to $300.

That potential change could also extend those emergency payments another month, through September. It was described by aides and a lobbyist who spoke on condition of anonymity to describe internal conversations.

Biden and Senate leaders had agreed Wednesday to retain the $400 weekly jobless payments included in the version of the relief bill the House approved Saturday. The reduction to $300 — which seemed likely to occur once the Senate begins a "vote-a-rama" on scores of amendments later this week — seemed to reflect a need to secure support from moderate Democrats.

It also left House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., the task of keeping her chamber's numerous progressives on board. Liberals already suffered a blow when their No. 1 priority — a federal minimum wage increase to $15 hourly that was included in the House package — was booted from the bill in the Senate for violating the chamber's rules and for lack of moderates' support.

In another bargain that satisfied moderates, Biden and Senate Democrats agreed Wednesday to tighten eligibility for the direct checks to individuals. The new provision completely phases out the $1,400 payments for individuals earning at least $80,000 and couples making $160,000, well lower than the original ceilings.

"My hope is they don't screw around with it too much," Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass., said of the Senate in an interview. "If they do there could be some problems."

Congress wants to send the bill to Biden before March 14, when a previous round of emergency benefits for people tossed out of work by the pandemic expires.

As soon as the Senate began considering the bill, Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., forced the chamber's clerks to begin reading the entire 628-page measure aloud. He said earlier that he was doing it to "shine the light on this abusive and obscene amount of money."

Schumer said Johnson would "accomplish little more than a few sore throats for the Senate clerks."

Asked about GOP delays, Biden told reporters he's talked to Republican lawmakers and added, "We're keeping everybody informed." Biden met last month with Republican senators who offered a plan one-third the size of Democrats' proposal, and there have been no signs since of serious talks.

Johnson's move, which would take many hours to complete, pointed to a larger GOP argument: Democrats were ramming an overpriced bill through that disregarded that growing numbers of vaccinations and other signs suggesting the country's pandemic ordeal is beginning to ease.

"Instead of heading into a dark tunnel, we're accelerating out of it," said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

The economic recovery began to stall late last year as the virus surged, causing a shortfall in hiring in recent months. Employers added just 49,000 jobs in January and cut 227,000 jobs in December. Economists estimate that the February employment report being released Friday will show gains of 175,000, not nearly enough to swiftly recover the nearly 10 million jobs lost to the pandemic-induced recession.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimates economic growth will exceed 4% this year without Biden's rescue package. Republicans cite that as evidence the economy is pointed upward, but Democrats say a strong economic stimulus is still needed to prevent a relapse.

"It's a crisis that is still very much with us, and it is deadly, deadly serious," Schumer said.

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California Legislature OKs plan aimed at in-person learning

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California lawmakers on Thursday approved a $6.6 billion plan aimed at pressuring school districts to return students to the classroom before the end of the school year.

The bill does not order school districts to resume in-person instruction and it does not say parents must send their kids back to the classroom if they don't want to.

Instead, the state will dangle $2 billion before cash-strapped school boards, offering them a share of that money only if they offer in-person instruction by the end of the month.

School districts have until May 15 to decide. Districts that resume in-person learning after that date won't get any of that money.

"We need to get the schools reopen. I know it's hard, but today we are providing powerful tools for schools to move into this direction," said state Sen. Scott Wiener, a Democrat from San Francisco who pleaded with his school district to accept the money and offer in-person instruction.

Most of California's 6.1 million students in 1,037 public school districts have been learning from home since last March because of the pandemic.

The bill passed both houses of the state Legislature on Thursday by overwhelming margins. But many lawmakers criticized the bill as too weak.

The bill does not say how much time students should spend in the classroom, prompting fears some districts might have students return for just one day per week and still be eligible to get the money.

Republicans in the state Senate tried to amend the bill to require schools to offer at least three days per week of in-person learning, but Democrats in the majority rejected it.

And while the bill requires most elementary school grades to return to the classroom to get the money, it does not require all middle and high school grades to return this year.

Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat, has said he plans to sign the bill into law on Friday. The bill comes as Newsom faces a potential recall election later this year, fueled by anger over his handling of the fallout from the coronavirus pandemic.

Newsom has trumpeted the back to school proposal as evidence of his commitment to getting students who have studied mostly online since last March into classrooms again.

But Scott Wilk, the Republican leader in the state Senate, said the bill was simply an effort by Democrats to give Newsom political cover so he can "get parents to believe he's doing everything he possibly can for them."

"The truth is this bill doesn't do anything to reopen our schools. I believe with or without this bill, school districts that want to reopen will and school districts that don't want to reopen won't," said Wilk, who voted for the bill along with most other Republicans.

The bill has two sets of rules districts must follow to get the money. The first set applies to school districts in counties where the coronavirus is widespread. The second set of rules applies to districts in counties where the virus is not as widespread.

To get the money, districts governed by the first set of rules must offer in-person learning through at least second grade by the end of March. Districts governed by the second set of rules must offer in-person learning to all elementary grades, plus at least one grade in middle and high school.

However, the Newsom administration late Wednesday changed the standards that dictate which counties must follow which rules. The new standards mean most counties will have to follow the second set of rules requiring districts to offer in-person instruction in all elementary school grades.

"It's a little dishonest what's happening," said Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez, a Democrat from San Diego, who voted in favor of the bill.

The bill also includes $4.6 billion aimed at helping students catch up after a year of learning from home. Districts could use this money to extend the school year into the summer or they could spend it on counseling and tutoring.

All districts would get this money, regardless of whether they offer in-person instruction. But the bill stated that districts must use at least 85% of that money for expenses related to in-person instruction.

DINNER

FROM PAGE 4

Throat. When the newscast described him as having been "3rd in command at the FBI," a light bulb switched on in my brain. Though it had been thirty-six years, that was exactly how the woman had described her husband.

In preparing for this column, three weeks ago I found Felt's daughter on Facebook and messaged, "Did your parents own a motor home?" If she ever responds and it's "yes" it means I had dinner with the most famous whistle blower in U.S. history. To think, I never would have met him if Jude hadn't let me tag along.

Due to a management decision, starting March 12, Laughing Matters has been cut back to every other Friday. Jack is at: facebook.com/jackneworth, twitter.com/jackneworth and jackdailypress@aol.com

TRADER JOE'S

FROM PAGE 1

If Trader Joe's does occupy a space at the location it would be the second major retailer on the block as Target recently completed construction of a small-format store on the other side of the street.

The Downtown location would be the third for the company following their original location on Pico Blvd. and a second location on the 2300 block of Wilshire.

Santa Monica currently has 13 grocery stores within city limits. That figure will increase to 14 when the new small-format target opens Downtown.

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California to give 40% of vaccine doses to vulnerable areas

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California will begin setting aside 40% of all vaccine doses for people who live in the most vulnerable neighborhoods in an effort to inoculate people most at risk from the coronavirus and get the state's economy open more quickly.

The doses will be spread among 400 ZIP codes where there are about 8 million people eligible for shots, said Dr. Mark Ghaly, the state's health and human services secretary. Many of the neighborhoods are concentrated in Los Angeles County and the central valley, which have had among the highest rates of infection. The areas are considered most vulnerable based on metrics such as household income, education level, housing status and access to transportation.

Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat, said at a Thursday news briefing that not only is this the right thing to do, but it's critical to opening up more of the state's economy.

"It is a race against the variants. It's a race against exhaustion. It's a race to safely, thoughtfully open our economy, mindful that it has to be an economy that doesn't leave people behind, that is truly inclusive," he said, adding that he's also encouraging people to wear two masks.

The announcement is the latest change in an ever-evolving system to get California's nearly 40 million residents vaccinated, adding to ongoing confusion among people who just want to know when they can get the shot. The move to ease reopening standards also comes days after several Republican-led states announced they were lifting COVID-19 restrictions as the U.S. now has three vaccines available.

The new policy of tying reopening to vaccination equity metrics was cheered by representatives of the medical and small business communities, and legislative Black and Latino caucuses. Latinos make up roughly half of cases and deaths in California even though they are 39% of the population.

"Vaccines are the ticket to the end of the pandemic," said Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager, a Democrat and vice chair of the Legislative Black Caucus in a news release sent out by Newsom's office. "For too long, those tickets were taken by people with a wealth of time and resources."

Currently, people 65 and over, farmworkers and grocery clerks, educators and emergency service workers are eligible for shots in California; transit workers, flight attendants and hardware store clerks are among those clamoring to be added to the priority access list.

Setting aside 40% of vaccine supply essentially means that hard-hit ZIP codes will be administering double what they are currently, Ghaly said. Data show that of shots given, only about 17% were administered in vulnerable communities that have disproportionately been affected by the pandemic.

Double that amount was going to those in the top quarter of what California deems the healthiest communities when measured for education, wages, health care access and transportation, Ghaly said.

Newsom has called equity the state's "North Star." Yet community health clinics focused on serving low-income and vulnerable Californians say they haven't been getting enough doses.

Ghaly said Thursday that Newsom's administration will work with communities to make sure the vaccine actually ends up in the arms of those patients, not to day-trippers from wealthier ZIP codes who have the time and tech savvy to schedule appointments online. Newsom said addressing the problem is like playing "whack-a-mole."

Andie Martinez Patterson, vice president of government affairs at the California Primary Care Association, said Thursday the centers have been working with Blue Shield on a plan to target only their patients in a bid to close off access to people from wealthier neighborhoods.

"We're trying to ensure those people we are targeting are coming, not the vaccine seekers," she said, adding that recently a South Los Angeles clinic found its appointment slots had been booked by residents of Beverly Hills.

At the same time, the association wants greater latitude to vaccinate people from underserved communities even if they are not patients.

Ghaly assured reporters that people with certain disabilities or underlying health conditions who will be eligible in mid-March will not be left out as many live in some of the disadvantaged areas. He said he expects all communities to get at least as much vaccine as they're getting now, with others getting more because of this new strategy.

Once 2 million vaccine doses are given out in those neighborhoods, the state will make it easier for counties to move through tiers that dictate business and school reopenings. With 1.6 million shots administered, he said he expects to hit that target in the next week or two.

Once the state gives out 4 million doses in those neighborhoods, state officials will revise the metrics for reopening sooner.

Right now, a county can move from the most restrictive purple tier to the lower red tier based on several metrics, including having seven or fewer new COVID cases per 100,000 people per day over a period of several weeks. Now, that will shift to 10 new cases or fewer, allowing businesses such as restaurants and gyms to reopen at limited capacity.

Also in the red tier, schools that want to access new state funding must provide in-person learning for students in transitional kindergarten through grade 6 and at least one

SEE **VACCINE** PAGE 11



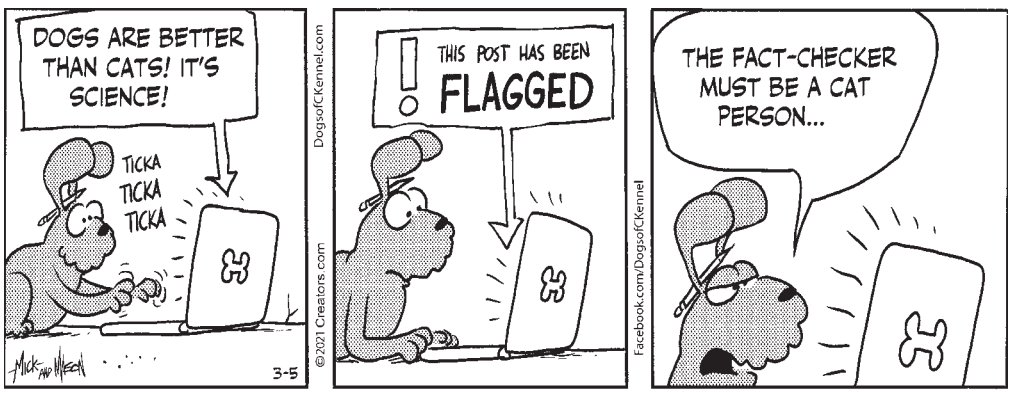
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 57.2°

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Could be worth a look at long-period magnets. New, long-period SSW and NW swells fill in - Biggest late. AM window best with the cleanest surf and dropping tide.

SATURDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
AM session looking ok with semi-clean conditions and dropping tide. Selective NW swell on tap with secondary, long-period S swell blending in. Peaky shape at combo breaks.

WEATHER

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 68.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 10pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 50.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 64.

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2021/03/06	Sat	02:38 AM	4.93	H
2021/03/06	Sat	10:45 AM	-0.02	L
2021/03/06	Sat	6:03 PM	2.98	H
2021/03/06	Sat	9:29 PM	2.69	L
2021/03/07	Sun	04:05 AM	5.00	H
2021/03/07	Sun	11:55 AM	-0.47	L
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POWERball calottery
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21 40 44 50 55
Power#: 16
Jackpot: 138 M

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Draw Date: 3/2
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Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 55 M

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Draw Date: 3/3
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EVENING: 6 6 3
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Draw Date: 3/3
1st: 08 - Gorgeous George
2nd: 11 - Money Bags
3rd: 02 - Lucky Star
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MARCH 5)

An inspiring relationship plays into the changes you make this year. That long list of things you didn't have time for before gets a lot shorter as you check off many adventures. You're not setting out to develop yourself; it just happens. Plans shift and expand. There are more people to care for and also put to work. Cancer and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 36, 46, 10 and 5.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're a treasure. If you want to be pursued, then go where the treasure hunters are. Like a tattoo in invisible ink, it takes a special light to see the art, and it really only happens when a person knows it's there in the first place.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). We can only be trapped by what we want. We are held by our own white knuckles clinging to what we don't want to let go of. Fear of loss is the turn of the key that locks us in chains. If you agree to lose, then you will be free.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have more stories than you think. The things you've done are so familiar to you that you cannot imagine how impressive they would be to another person, but if you share, you'll find out.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The best and brightest version of future-you hinges on the ability of today-you to pay close attention. To stay engaged, figure out what's in it for you, even when the scene seems to revolve completely around the other person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Sometimes, you have faith and you act on it. Today, your faith isn't as strong, but you still benefit from action. Keep shooting for the goal regardless of whether you think you can make it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Messes occur. It's not your job to clean them up, though you'll probably do it anyway, or at least be involved, because leaving things better than you found them is in your creed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some pressures exist only because of a thought. The thought doesn't have to be true to make the pressure very real. A thought is causing you stress unnecessarily. Identify and release it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you ask the others, they'll tell you what they see and you won't be able to help being influenced. To find that truly original take on the situation, wait before you ask. Look at it a long time by yourself first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Trying to accomplish everything on the list will be too stressful and counterproductive. Decide on what you're not going to do today and, suddenly, everything lightens up. Plus, you move quicker.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's a risk inherent in every interaction, only it doesn't feel as risky with those whom you can predict. Fresh blood will energize you and bring about your most daring self.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). With so many unwritten rules governing today's interactions, you may just decide to go rogue and put an end to the easy compliance that has been the dysfunctional norm of the situation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). No one knows how you do it, but somehow you're able to draw vitality from lackluster scenes, badly illuminated in fluorescent light. Your imagination knocks out walls to install its own sun-streamed windows.

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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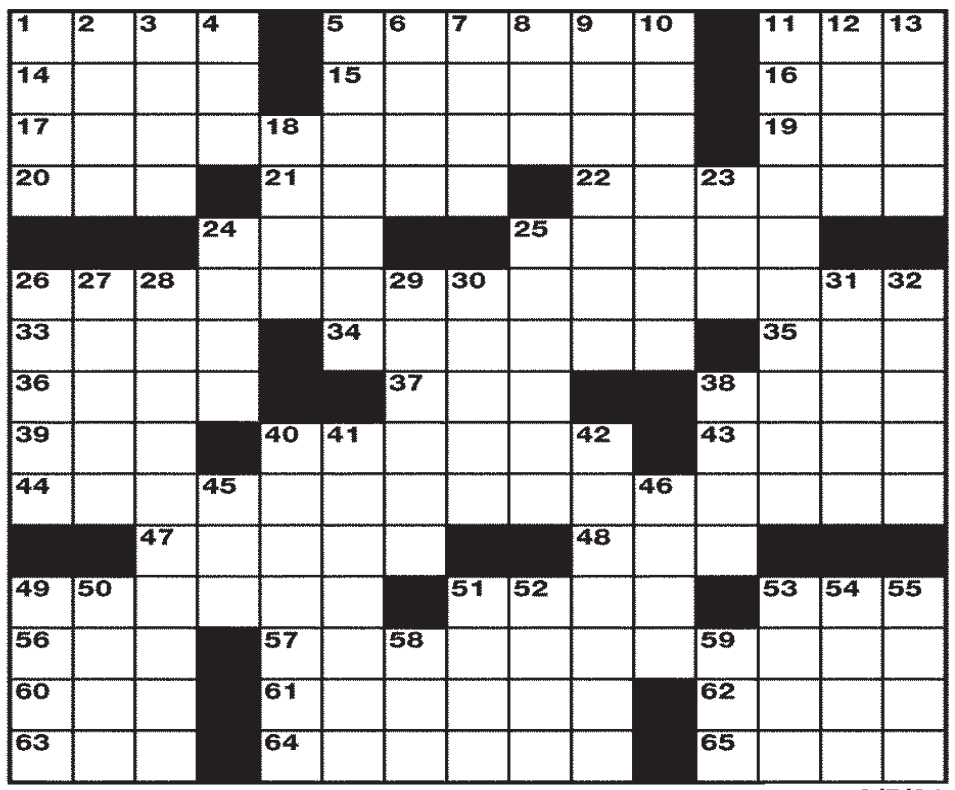
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Over and above
5 May still be taken
11 Not too bright
14 Burdensome thing
15 Opened up for an exam
16 Elevated poetry
17 Where skateboards originated
19 Zodiac beast
20 Medical series sets
21 Paintings at the Prado
22 Track for some poli-sci majors
24 Common MBA prerequisite
25 *I, Claudius* character
26 Land, water, or wind
33 Misses the mark
34 Jockeys' horses
35 Besmirch
36 Cross off your list
37 *Nashville Squares* airer
38 Pre-launch test
39 Capitalize on
40 Dress to impress
43 An individual's
44 Encryption or firewall
47 Of rams and lambs
48 Notable period
49 Burning brightly
51 Kendrick or Quindlen
53 Sorority letter
56 Comment at a roundup
57 Sloppily done activity
60 Coat for a collie
61 Rushed with fists up
62 Language of Lahore
63 *The Marvelous __ Maisel* (streamable series)
64 Goes in
65 Anointed successor

DOWN
1 "More than that . . ."
2 Travel with a troupe
3 They might get you out of dire straits
4 Sharable file format
5 Confident confirmation
6 Venerable preservative
7 Less filling, on labels
8 URL ender for MIT
9 Soccer kicker's target
10 "Mothers" anagram at a picnic
11 Fast food promotion
12 General sense
13 It might mean "Got milk?"
18 *The Alienist* author
23 Feathered six-footer
24 Hair messer, maybe
25 100: Lat.
26 Central point
27 Became a thing
28 Your real self
29 Track down
30 Card-matching game
31 Supply a spread for
32 Obliterate
38 Upmarket audio brand
40 Make a face
41 Guy near the quarterback
42 Fan fare at the ballpark
45 Sch. Jefferson founded
46 Thickener from seaweed
49 Boom-box button
50 Polo team complement
51 Suited to __
52 Close at hand
53 Pulled (down)
54 Car built in Bavaria
55 What the longest answers have in common
58 Number on ATM receipts
59 "What was that?"



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Binary Puzzle

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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Resolutions

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R A E F F E C T S N C L O C K
E E R S A P D T U C G L O W O
P R U A M L B R T L P A R T Y
L B L B I A D H A U I D O L B
A A I W L Y G G M B D E B T A
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CLASSROOM

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Plus model by gradually, and as quickly as possible with safety in mind, expanding their on-campus offerings to up to 4 time blocks on campus during the week for a robust Hybrid Distance Learning Model"

The Checklist is one of several documents that the District has to file with the State and County Departments of Public Health to allow schools to reopen. In addition to the instruction outline, SMMUSD has submitted a 105 page safety plan outlining measures taken to prevent the spread of coronavirus on local school sites.

According to the Checklist, individual school sites will have some flexibility in how they bring students back but all schools will aim for the same number of hours of in-person instruction. Options include splitting classes into a.m. and p.m. groups with one group in person while the other is distance learning, all students coming to class in the afternoon with everyone distance learning in the morning or a split week model with some students coming to class Monday/Tuesday and others coming in on Thursday/Friday.

While schools can choose which model works best for their community, all models would result in about the same hours of in person instruction and in all cases, the plans call for increasing in-person hours to the safest possible maximum. The final amount of in-class instruction is going to vary due to changing case counts and the corresponding restrictions imposed by county or state officials.

Staff said that more hours could be possible if, for example, distancing requirements were reduced but there's no way to predict when or even if that might happen.

District officials and representatives from the Santa Monica Malibu Classroom Teachers Association have been negotiating over the expanded programs for several days. Once a tentative deal is reached, SMMCTA membership will have to vote on the terms before it becomes official.

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DEVELOPMENTS

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"As a result, a temporary prohibition on non-residential development is proposed to ensure that the Housing Element Update has the opportunity to evaluate all available areas of the city for housing potential. This would not implicate housing projects meeting the definition of a housing development project in the Housing Accountability Act," according to staff, but the proposed ordinance is likely to only apply to applications submitted after January 12, 2021, the date that Council first gave direction to staff to prepare emergency zoning regulations.

In order to ensure that potential housing sites are also not underdeveloped, it is also proposed that single-unit dwellings be temporarily prohibited in all commercial zones since there is greater access to transportation systems in these areas and the City's adopted growth strategy already contemplates housing production along the commercial boulevards

Along with an uptick in the number of applications for non-residential development on commercial boulevards in recent years, staff has also received recent inquiries for single-unit dwellings in commercial zones on the boulevards. And while the Zoning Ordinance has permitted single-unit dwellings in commercial zones for decades, this allowance does not maximize the housing potential for the limited number of potential housing sites and therefore, is being re-evaluated in light of the City's requirements for the 6th Cycle housing element.

"There is growing concern that as this trend continues in the context of the Housing Element Update," staff said, "the City will be precluded from the opportunity to plan for the possibility of housing on these parcels."

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Prior to Tuesday's meeting and Housing Element discussion, City Council is expected to meet for a closed session that will feature a consultation with Santa Monica Police Department Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks on the security of public buildings or essential public services.

"Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks will share with the City Council confidential details about the Santa Monica Police Department's preparations to protect public safety and critical public services in the event that pending national developments produce unrest on a local level that poses a threat to public buildings or essential public services," City spokesperson Constance Farrell said Wednesday, adding, "There are no known threats to Santa Monica at this time."

Prior to the conclusion of Tuesday's meeting, Council is also set to discuss the possibility of using an affordable housing overlay such as the one adopted in Cambridge, MA or the one contemplated by Berkeley. The item was put on the agenda by Councilmember Gleam Davis, and staff is expected to return with a recommendation on the matter some time in the future.

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VACCINE

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grade each in middle and high school.

More counties have already been moving into the red tier as caseloads, hospitalizations and deaths drop. The state's average 2.2% test positivity rate over seven days is a record low.

Officials argue that easing reopening restrictions makes sense since the likelihood of widespread transmission that can overwhelm hospitals will decrease as more people are vaccinated. That's particularly true as the most vulnerable populations that are more likely to get seriously ill receive the shots.

While race and ethnicity are not explicit factors in designating vaccinations, the 400 vulnerable ZIP codes overlap heavily with neighborhoods with higher populations of Blacks, Latinos and Asian and Pacific Islanders, officials said.

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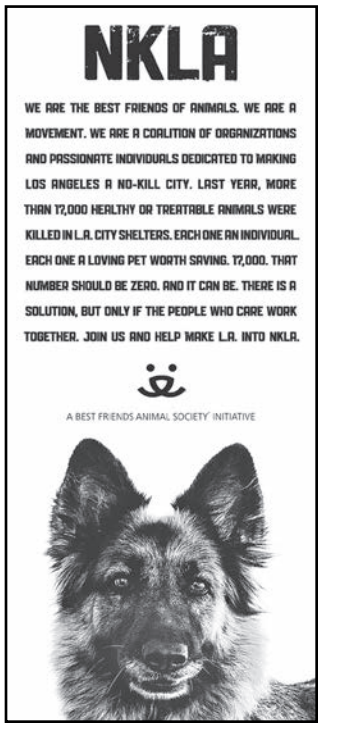
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