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Homeless shelters and outreach teams work to fight coronavirus



Photo by Brennon Dixon

SHELTER: Samoshel, one of The People Concern's shelters, is located in downtown Santa Monica.

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

With the total number of coronavirus cases in Los Angeles County on the climb, Santa Monica homeless shelters and outreach workers are working to serve a population at elevated risk of contracting the virus.

Homeless service providers are trying to meet the sanitary needs of Santa Monica's homeless population — which skews older, struggles with health conditions and lacks access to hygiene facilities and supplies — as they develop plans to respond to potential COVID-19 cases in shelters and on the streets.

John Maceri, executive director of The People Concern, said the nonprofit's three Santa Monica homeless shelters — Samoshel, Cloverfield Services Center and Turning Point — are being cleaned more frequently and staff are asking residents to be extra vigilant about maintaining their personal hygiene and sleeping areas. Volunteers are no longer be

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SMMUSD issues pink slips

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Dozens of educators in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District could have their positions cut by the end of this year after district leaders issued pink slips this week.

In light of its recent discussions pertaining to deficit spending, lower enrollment and a lesser number of teacher retirements, SMMUSD's board of education previously approved a resolution that would allow it to layoff the equivalent of 45 full-time certificated employees at the conclusion of the academic year. According to state law, the district must notify any employee who might be cut by March 15, so Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Mark Kelly and Sarah Braff, president of the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association, were busy meeting with teachers throughout Thursday and Friday to inform them of their future.

"We know this is a difficult time for the district, and while we understand we must reduce our expenditures, we are not convinced that these reductions have been undertaken with an eye for helping students first," Braff said when the topic of pink slips was first broached by the board. In fact, the union feels the district can save money using a multitude of other ways, which is why for the last four years, its members have asked the board to evaluate plausible cuts that can be made away from the classroom.

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Renters need to earn $95,000 to afford rent-controlled studio

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

A household earning the Los Angeles area's median income cannot afford a rent-controlled studio in Santa Monica, according to a new report from the city's Rent Control Board.

By U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development affordability standards, a family would need an income of at least $95,429 to afford a studio, which is about 31% higher than the median household income of the Los Angeles area and 1.7% higher than the median household income of Santa Monica. A family would need a six-figure income to afford any unit larger than a studio.

"This means that even though median wages in Santa Monica are higher than the (Los Angeles area median income) ... many Santa Monica households are already being priced out of their community," the report said.

Santa Monica's rent control regulations allow small annual rent increases for units constructed prior to 1978, but rent can be reset to market rate when a tenant vacates a unit because of the 1995 Costa-

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TITLE : BROAD STAGE AUDIO SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

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MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: Friday 03/27/20 at 2:00pm PST sharp
Meet at Broad Stage 1310 11th St Santa Monica CA 90401 at front exterior box office
Sign in is required and late arrivals not permitted.

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $250,000

CONTRACT DAYS: 37

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: n/a

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Advanced Traffic Management System, Phase 5 Project
For the week of March 16, this project will upgrade the traffic signal equipment at four locations and install fiber optic cables along Montana Ave and 26th St.; The project will provide transit priority along the corridor, allow for real-time remote monitoring and management of the traffic signals, provide public Wi-Fi along the corridor, and connect the San Vicente Reservoir and the Montana Avenue Branch Library to the City's network. We appreciate your patience during the project, to provide this safety improvement and public enhancements. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Andrew Maximous at (310) 458-8291.

Fire Station #1 Construction Project
For the week of March 16, construction will continue throughout the project area located at 1377 7th Street which will affect the sidewalk and parking lane on the east side of 7th Street just north of Santa Monica Boulevard. Sidewalk and parking lane will continue to be closed all day/night through the month. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Senior Construction Manager Sebastian Felbeck at (310) 434-2675.

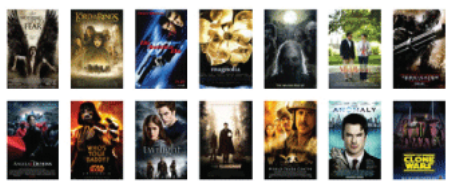
Annual Wastewater Main Project
For the week of March 16, sewer main repair work will be taking place in the Lincoln Ct Alley between Maple Pl North & Maple St and on Maple St between Lincoln Ct and Lincoln Blvd. Sewer main repair work will also be taking place in the along Centinela Ave between Ocean Park Blvd and Pearl St. Please contact Saad Malim at (310) 458-8721 with any questions/concerns regarding this project.

City Yards Modernization Project
For the week of March 16, construction will impact the project area located at 2500 Michigan Ave, which will affect the sidewalk and parking lane on the north side of Delaware Ave just east of 24th St. Please contact Senior Construction Manager Sebastian Felbeck at (310) 434-2675 with any questions/concerns regarding this project.

Storm Drain & Drainage Improvements Project
For the week of March 16th, drainage improvements to install a catch basins will take place at 25th St and Montana Ave. Please contact Saad Malim at (310) 458-8721 with any questions/ concerns regarding this project.

Annual Paving, Snap Parking, & Beach Parking Project
For the week of March 16, work will take on Broadway from 16th St to 21st St, weather permitting. Please contact Jason Hoang at (310) 458-8721 with any questions/concerns regarding this project.

Palisades Park Brick Stairwell Replacement Project
For the week of March 16 thru April 3rd, access will be closed to the pedestrian bridge leading from Palisades Park (near Camera Obscura) to Beach Parking Lot 1 North. This project will address necessary repairs to existing brick walkway leading to bridge entrance. For questions about this project please email Streets.Mailbox@smgov.net or call (310) 458-499.

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"Care First, Jail Last" Report Points A Way Out Of The Cycle Of Incarceration, Mental Disorders And Homelessness

The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously on a motion to establish a new office to advance the County's call for a "care first, jails last" system that would provide care and treatment instead of jail whenever possible. The vote was preceded by a report and recommendations presented by Dr. Robert Ross, President and CEO of The California Endowment, who chaired the Alternatives to Incarceration Work Group which developed the report.

The "Care First, Jails Last" report is the result of an intensive year-long process that involved an unprecedented collaboration among County officials, community leaders, and system-impacted individuals including those who have been incarcerated. Its recommendations build on the success of a number of County public safety strategies that have already directed thousands of people into mental health and social services.

"After decades of a community safety strategy organized around police and punishment, we've reached a remarkable moment of consensus in Los Angeles County that a new approach is needed," Dr. Robert Ross said. "Roughly 17,000 men and women are housed in our County jails each day. They are often struggling with homelessness, poverty, mental illness and addiction, and the justice system is ill-equipped to respond to their needs. By implementing the report's recommendations, LA County could reduce our reliance on incarceration, and more effectively address the needs of people who too often end up in custody rather than receiving the services they need to live healthy, stable lives."

LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, author of the motion that created the ATI Work Group, said, "I am very grateful to all the County and community leaders who sat down together over many meetings to make this breakthrough report possible. The office that was established today will take the report's recommendations, which are grounded in sound, research-based strategies, and move forward to improve community health and safety by minimizing contact with law enforcement and directing people to health services instead of jail."

The "Care First, Jails Last" report recommends that LA County prioritize five efforts:

Expand and scale community-based care

Ensure that people experiencing mental health and/or substance use disorders are provided with appropriate mental health responses

Implement meaningful pre-trial release and diversion services. (Currently, nearly half of all people in the County jail system are held pre-trial.)

Provide effective treatment services in non-custody settings

Continue to involve people with lived experience and establish policies and tools that will help to reduce and ultimately eliminate racial disparities.

Approximately two-thirds of the report's 114 recommendations call for improving, scaling or expanding existing County programs.

The office established will lead these efforts. The motion also calls for a fiscal, legal and operational analysis of the report's 26 foundational recommendations which were identified in the report to jumpstart the implementation process.

Co-author of the motion Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas said, "Implementation of these recommendations will complement the County's focus on reducing homelessness and addressing racial inequities in our justice system. Thousands of individuals in our jails have untreated mental illness and substance use disorders, or both, and too often these men and women cycle between jail and homelessness and back again. While the County has taken steps to tackle this issue – the creation of the Office of Diversion and Reentry and the Sobering Center, for example – it's clear from the ATI report that we must build on these solutions and do much more. We can break this cycle, and today's actions represent a major step forward toward accomplishing that goal."

Superior Court Judge (ret.) Peter Espinoza, who has led the County's Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR) since its establishment five years ago, added, "These 'Care First, Jails Last' recommendations and the office created today represent a significant milestone in County efforts to improve community health and safety. Over the last several years, ODR's programs have demonstrated the potential in diversion. The ODR Housing program has successfully moved more than 4,600 people with untreated behavioral health disorders from the jail mental health population into care in the community, and a recent RAND study made clear that many more men and women could be safely treated through this and similar programs."

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MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: Monday 03/30/2020 at 11:00am PST Sharp
Meet at SMC Facilities Trailer 2121 16th St. Santa Monica CA 90405 (lot next to bleachers)

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $18,000

CONTRACT DAYS: 3

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: n/a

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We're In This Together, But We Are Impacted Differently: Women and Homelessness

BY VA LECIA ADAMS KELLUM, PH.D.

Over forty years ago, two fierce women from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet came together and founded St. Joseph Center. Operating out of a small storefront in Venice, they had one simple desire: to help the 'dear neighbor'. Because of their historic leadership, thousands of lives have been changed and continue to be changed every day. From those humble beginnings, the organization has grown to help over 10,000 people a year across LA County. That is the power of women working together.

On March 4, as part of our celebration of Women's History Month, women leaders at St. Joseph Center, along with the City of Santa Monica's Commission on the Status of Women, hosted a 'lunch and learn' on the intersection of race, gender, and politics. Over a delicious meal prepared by students of our Culinary Training Program, activists, volunteers, students, and service providers came together for an intimate conversation on the challenges – and solutions – to some unique problems women face.

One topic discussed, and an issue we work on every day at St. Joseph Center, is the crisis of women and homelessness. In Los Angeles County alone, more than 18,000 will sleep on the streets tonight. Living is especially dangerous for women who find themselves on the street, where they are disproportionately affected by violence. They also experience high rates of trauma: 40% are victims of sexual assault, 55% are survivors of domestic violence, and nearly 70% suffered abuse as children.

Women are also vulnerable to falling into homelessness. Nearly half of the women who are currently homeless report losing their housing for the first time in the past year. Many are single mothers without family who can help with childcare or expenses. They face rent increases they can't afford. Illegal evictions put elderly women at risk. Simply put, there isn't enough affordable housing for everyone who needs a home in our communities.

But thanks to the investments of the people of Los Angeles County, thousands of these women are getting help. We now have the resources to truly address this crisis. In just the past three years, we have tripled the number of staff at St. Joseph Center, including adding outreach teams with nurses, doctors, social workers, and people with lived experience who fan out across the city to get women experiencing homelessness the support they need to regain stability. In 2018, over 21,000 formerly homeless women and men were placed in housing in Los Angeles, and another 27,000 were helped in finding other paths to housing, such as reuniting with family. This is part of the nationwide success of the "Housing First" model, which puts people who need housing into homes without preconditions. This policy helped decrease the overall number of people experiencing homelessness nationwide by 87,000 from 2008 to 2018.

We can all be proud of this exciting trend. But how can we continue to help women in our community who are still without shelter?

First, and foremost, everyone can contribute to elevating women in our communities with the simple act of being an advocate for women. Support nonprofits who help women. Volunteer your time, care, and commitment at SJC or another agency working with vulnerable women. Support elected officials who make the health and wellbeing of women a priority. Say yes to affordable housing in your community so we can bring homeless women off the streets. Meet your neighbors who are experiencing difficulties with compassion and understanding. Recognize that many factors, often beyond their control, contributed to their present challenges. And finally, remember that many of the factors that created today's crisis were years in the making. Even with all the resources we have committed today, ending homelessness in Los Angeles will not happen overnight. We are working hard, and we are making progress, but it will take time.

Women face unique challenges – but women are resilient. At St. Joseph Center, we see this every day in the determination of women to overcome their present situations. They work hard to get the skills they need to support themselves and their families, to build mental health and wellness, and to shift the power dynamic. Following in the footsteps of the fearless women who founded St. Joseph Center, we are seeing a new generation of powerful women rise up, work together, and organize to transform the lives of women in our community. This Women's History Month, we proudly celebrate the lives of inspiring women, but we can't stop there. Now is the time to work together to make sure all women – and all of us in Los Angeles – have a brighter future.

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Hawkins Act. Last year, the maximum allowable rent increase was $44.

Since the state law went into effect in 1999, the cost of renting a unit for the first time has risen each year, with the exception of a downturn during the recession in 2009 and 2010.

"In 1998, prior to vacancy decontrol, rents for 84% of units were affordable to households in the low-, very low- and extremely low-income categories," the report said. "Today, just 4% of controlled units' rents can be considered affordable to such households. Moreover, many of these units are affordable because they are on properties that are required by agreements with governmental agencies to provide low-income housing."

But Rent Control Board officials said the pace of annual increases may, for now, be leveling off as the market reaches its peak. Average median initial rents increased 5.2% from 2017 to 2018, but only 2.1% from 2018 to 2019.

Officials said these savings benefit even relatively new tenants. Tenants who moved into a studio in 2017 are saving $171 per month in rent compared to the price of renting an equivalent unit in 2019, and those who moved in during 2015 are saving $350 or more per month.

At the end of 2019, 27,381 residential units in Santa Monica were subject to rent control, representing slightly more than one-half of all housing in the city and just over two-thirds of multi-family housing, according to the report.

Nine in 10 rent-controlled units are in small apartment buildings with less than 15 units. More than half of renters in controlled units moved in since 2011, and more than a third of units were re-rented in the past three years. About 25% of renters have lived in their units for more than 20 years.

Of the tenancies started in 2019, 46 percent were enabled by tenants who moved in during the last three years but ended their tenancies.

Forty-six percent of tenants who moved into units in 2019 replaced tenants who had moved in during the last three years and moved out last year.

"This is a higher percentage than had vacated in the three years prior to 2018, suggesting the pace at which recent tenants vacate is increasing," the report said. "With starting rents at rates that would not be considered "affordable" for many tenants, and without deep roots in the community, recent tenants appear more mobile. Tenants who have been renting here for a longer time, likely feel more connected to the community and may realize the financial benefits of remaining in place."

Santa Monica saw a net loss of 64 rent-controlled units last year, according to the report. The highest number of units were lost in the North of Montana and Mid-City neighborhoods.

Additionally, 209 households who had lived in their units for more than 20 years moved out and 139 units were rented at market rate for the first time, according to the report.

Property owners using the Ellis Act, a 1985 state law that allows landlords to evict tenants if they want to get out of the rental business, withdrew 114 rent-controlled units on 26 properties in 2019. Twenty previously withdrawn units were re-rented in 2019, resulting in a net loss of 94 units in the year.

The report notes a law signed last year, the Housing Crisis Act of 2019, that provides that a city may require a housing redevelopment project to include as many residential rental units as were on the demolished property. Units that must be replaced include rent-controlled units and units withdrawn in the past 10 years under the Ellis Act.

Because many multifamily properties that have been withdrawn in Santa Monica were demolished to make way for a single-family home or for housing projects with fewer units than were demolished, some property owners might reconsider plans to withdraw from the rental housing market, according to the report.

"(The law) could curtail some Ellis withdrawals," the report said.

Another significant legislative action impacting local renters that the report does not note was passed by state lawmakers last year. Assembly Bill 1482 limits annual rent increases to 5% plus inflation for buildings that are at least 15 years old, stabilizing rents for thousands of units in Santa Monica.

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Mike Darrow Named President and Chief Executive Officer of TrueCar

TrueCar, Inc. (NASDAQ: TRUE) announced today that Mike Darrow has been appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of TrueCar, Inc., and will assume a seat on TrueCar's Board of Directors.

"Mike is a proven leader at TrueCar and within the automotive industry with over 30 years of experience at OEMs and other third-party automotive providers," said Christopher Claus, Chairman of TrueCar's Board of Directors. "We're excited to start a bright new chapter for TrueCar with Mike's strong and steady leadership at the helm."

Mike Darrow has been with TrueCar for three years, having served as Interim President and Chief Executive Officer since May 31, 2019, following the retirement of TrueCar's former President and Chief Executive Officer, Chip Perry. Prior to that, Darrow served as TrueCar's Executive Vice President of OEM and Affinity Partner Development, as well as President of TrueCar's ALG subsidiary.

"I'm extremely humbled and honored at the opportunity to lead this talented group of TrueCar employees," said Darrow. "I'm so proud of the way the company united to launch our new brand and consumer experience earlier this year, which was no small feat. I look forward to working with the team as we continue to innovate and deliver a modern and world-class car buying experience that appeals to consumers and dealers alike."

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Beverly Hills / Greater Los Angeles Association of Realtors Announces Changes.

Beverly Hills/Greater Los Angeles Association of REALTORS (BH/GLAAR) is proud to announce its new name change to the Greater Los Angeles REALTORS (GLAR) effective immediately. GLAR represents over 11,000 REALTORS and affiliate members in the surrounding cities - Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica, West Hollywood and unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

"Just like our wonderful city of LA, we are truly a diverse organization across all categories. We are determined to authentically represent that to our members, clients, local, state, and national governments/organizations," said Ryan Ole Hass, GLAR President. Hass, a Broker, has been a REALTOR for sixteen years and is a native Angelino. "I could not be prouder of the direction our Association is headed and am truly humbled to serve as your 2020 President." He went on to say, "This coming year will continue to bring challenges to our industry on many fronts, but we will remain united and resolute in providing unparalleled member value, professionalism, leadership, advocacy, and innovation."

Additionally, in January 2020, Marty Nash joined the Association coming on board as the new Chief Executive Officer of the 11,000+ member Greater Los Angeles REALTORS (GLAR). With nearly 15 years of experience in association management, Nash is highly regarded as a strong and successful leader with vast experience in operations, member services, training and event planning. Before joining GLAR, Nash was the Chief Operations Officer at the 52,000 member MIAMI Association of REALTORS in Florida. Nash stated, "With the announcement of the new name change, new president and new Association logo, this is an exciting time in our industry and I am truly proud to be a part of it. The Greater Los Angeles Realtors® will continue to raise these standards in our industry. Our culture is critical to our growth and success. As industry professionals, we lead by example, we are transparent, we listen before we act, we are results driven, and we give back."

SUBMITTED BY MARTY NASH AND RYAN OLE HASS

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Coronavirus and carbon

DEAR EARTHTALK: I FEEL WEIRD ASKING, BUT IS THERE AN ENVIRONMENTAL BRIGHT SIDE TO THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS? AND IS THERE AN ENVIRONMENTAL CAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC? – JANE K., MIAMI, FL

Coronavirus has killed thousands of people and sickened hundreds of thousands (if not millions) more around the world. It has also caused mass hysteria and public health officials are bracing for the worst.

The situation is mostly bad news, but the "silver lining" for the environment might be a downturn in carbon emissions and other pollution due to reduced manufacturing, people staying home, less air travel, far fewer cars on the road — and generally less overall physical movement and economic activity.

A recent analysis by Carbon Brief, a UK-based website covering news in climate sciences and climate and energy policy, found that measures to contain the Coronavirus in China have resulted in reductions in output of 15 percent to 40 percent across key industrial sectors there, with an overall reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by some 25 percent below normal over the course of February 2020.

Only time will tell if the situation here gets as dire as in China. "Some data indicate school closures and work-from-home mandates have already reduced traffic flow around Seattle," reports E&E News. "Similar statistics have suggested that rush-hour traffic is down in New York City, as well." Meanwhile, BART ridership in and around San Francisco is down 25 percent so far in March as a result of people staying home. These examples don't add up to a huge downturn in emissions yet, but we're still in the initial stages of the pandemic's spread.

For those who would like to see this reduced output continue even after we are over the hump with this outbreak, don't count on it. We're all used to the conveniences and creature comforts that a buzzing economic system brings us, and fat chance if the Chinese, Europeans or Americans are going to voluntarily return to a more ascetic lifestyle once the Coronavirus eases its choke-hold. To wit, the Chinese government is already hyping a stimulus package designed to make up for the months of lost economic opportunity for businesses there. And we aren't far behind with President Trump promising a payroll tax cut, an infrastructure push, paid sick leave for hourly employees and the potential delay of estimated tax payments as ways to stimulate the economy in the wake of the pandemic.

As for whether there's an environmental "cause" of the pandemic, we don't think so — except in as much as it probably came to us from wildlife. But according to the World Health Organization, environmental factors that lead to human congregation — such as sunny weather — could theoretically increase the rate of spread. On the other hand, studies suggest that warmer temperatures reduce the spreading of respiratory infections, due to their effects on the dynamics of cough droplet flight. But all in all, the research shows that environmental conditions do little to affect the transmission rates of viruses such as Coronavirus.

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In March, Braff mentioned how the district could save as much as $6 million if it were to scale back professional development and consultant costs. On Thursday, she said, "We believe that a lot of other cuts can be made in other areas and we need to stay away from the classroom because teacher cuts would affect student learning."

When Resolution No. 19-22 was first brought forth in February, Superintendent Ben Drati said, "We need this action in order to align our resources and this action gives the district this flexibility. We have to have a conversation around what we are going to have and not have because... we cannot afford how we are right now. We will be bankrupt in three years."

Drati has also repeatedly stated that the district will not increase class sizes as a result of the cutbacks, and the literacy coaches who are affected by the district's layoffs will be given an opportunity to reapply for a similar job with a new description.

Despite Drati's remarks, dozens of parents, students and teachers have taken the podium at various meetings to speak about the prospective layoffs and fallout.

Some speakers have been brought to tears and expressed anger at the "skipping process", which allows newer teachers to be retained over senior educators if they are more qualified and credentialed, while others have taken issue with the lack of cuts made to SMMUSD's Personalized Project-Based Learning Pathway.

As many as 55 employees could be affected by the layoffs, according to communication recently forwarded to the board, but nothing is set in stone yet.

Until final notices are sent out sometime in mid-march, Braff said, "You're in limbo, and it's such a strain on people."

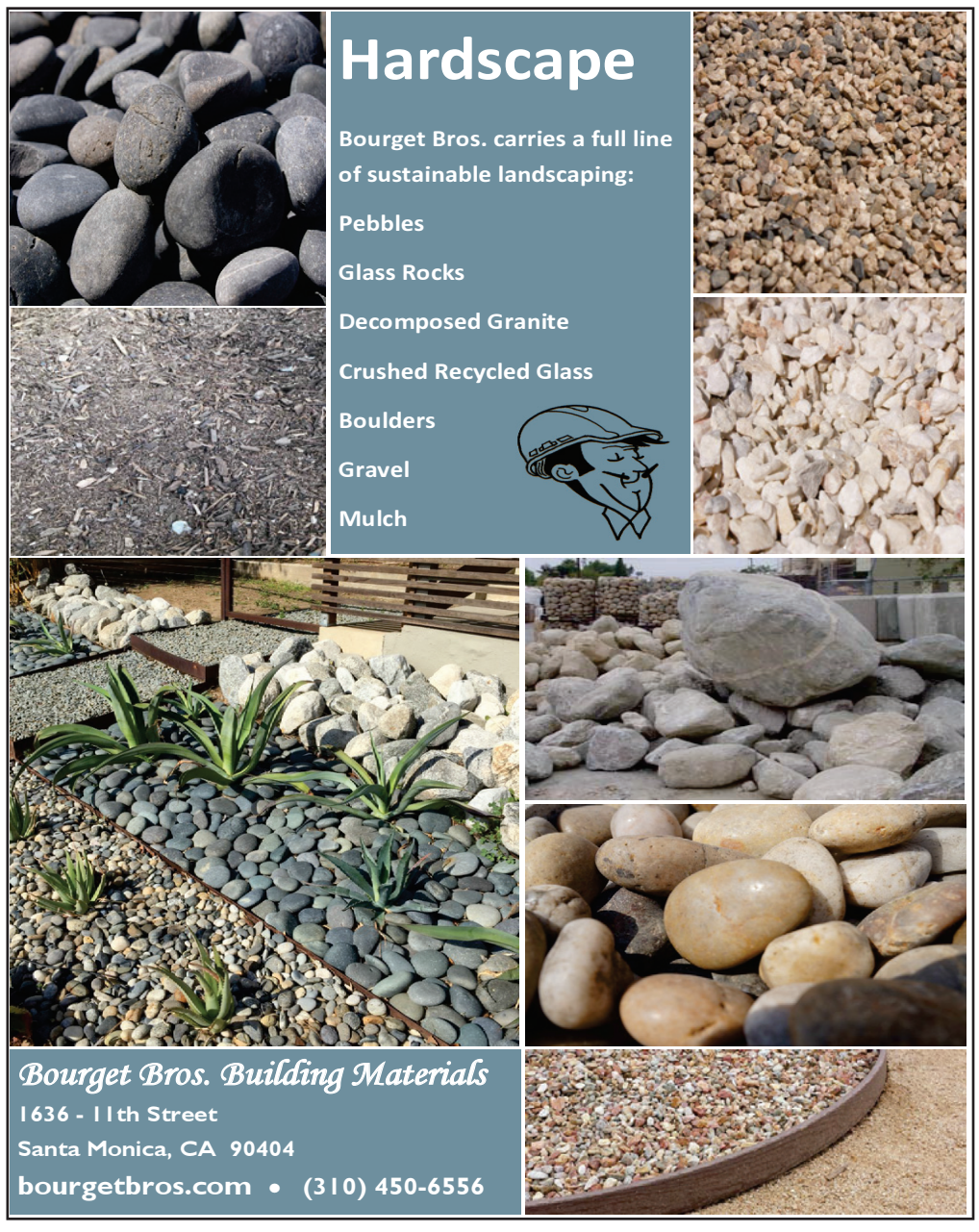
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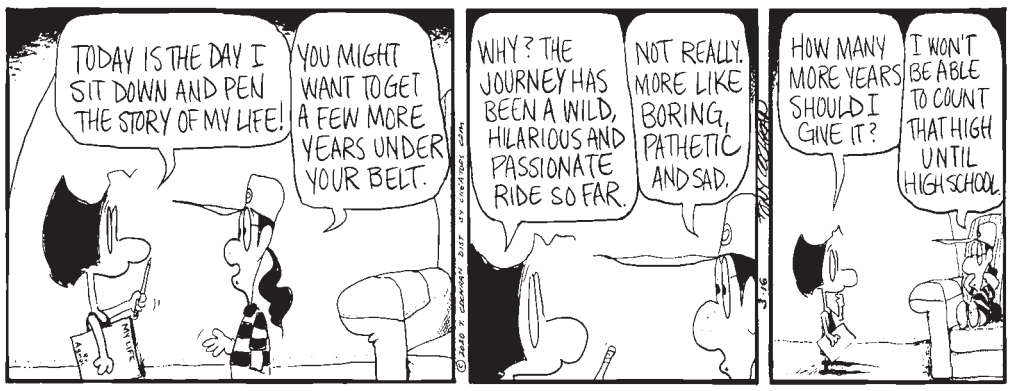






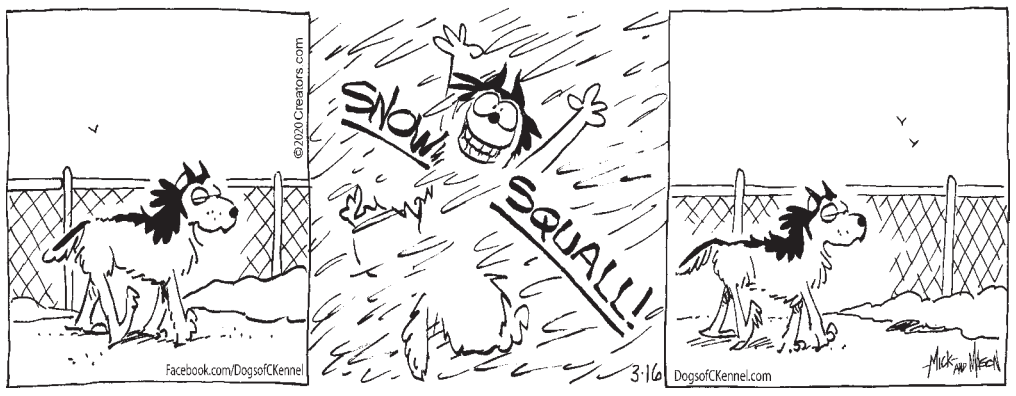
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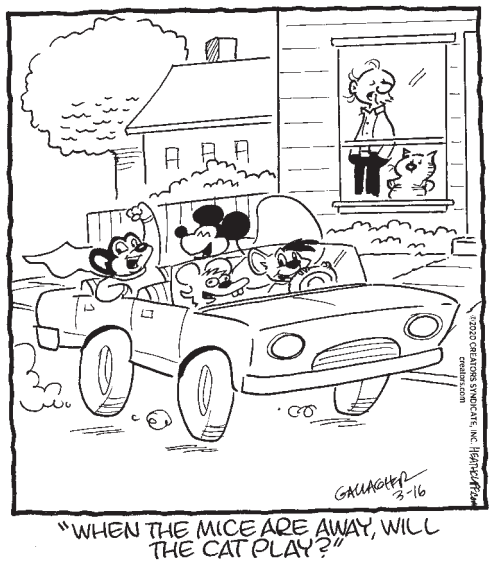
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 61.6°

MONDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Long period S swell gradually picks up. Potential uptick on shorter-period NW swell-mix.

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Long period S swell builds further, peaks late/overnight. Potential shorter-period NW swell-mix. Onshore flow may linger.

WEATHER

Monday: A 40 percent chance of rain, mainly after 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 59.
Monday Night: Rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50.
Tuesday: Rain likely. Partly sunny, with a high near 56.
Tuesday Night: Rain likely, mainly after 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47.
Wednesday: Rain likely. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 54.
Wednesday Night: A chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48.
Thursday: A slight chance of rain. Partly sunny, with a high near 58.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/03/16	Mon	03:21 AM	4.69	H
2020/03/16	Mon	11:24 AM	0.11	L
2020/03/16	Mon	6:45 PM	3.09	H
2020/03/16	Mon	10:35 PM	2.73	L
2020/03/17	Tue	04:50 AM	4.60	H
2020/03/17	Tue	12:37 PM	-0.17	L
2020/03/17	Tue	7:47 PM	3.48	H
2020/03/18	Wed	12:18 AM	2.54	L
2020/03/18	Wed	06:08 AM	4.70	H
2020/03/18	Wed	1:31 PM	-0.41	L
2020/03/18	Wed	8:21 PM	3.78	H
2020/03/19	Thu	01:19 AM	2.18	L
2020/03/19	Thu	07:08 AM	4.89	H
2020/03/19	Thu	2:12 PM	-0.53	L
2020/03/19	Thu	8:47 PM	4.00	H
2020/03/20	Fri	02:02 AM	1.80	L
2020/03/20	Fri	07:54 AM	5.05	H
2020/03/20	Fri	2:45 PM	-0.54	L

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date:03/11
4 29 49 50 67
Power#: 2
Jackpot:120 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 03/10
6 17 48 54 69
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 80 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 03/11
5 10 20 43 44
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: 10 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 03/12
10 22 33 34 35

Daily 3
Draw Date: 03/12
Evening: 8 5 6
Draw Date: 03/12
Midday: 5 6 9

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 03/12
1st: 04 - BIG BEN
2nd: 02 - LUCKY STAR
3rd: 09 - WINNING SPIRIT
RACE TIME: 1:45.94

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MARCH 16)

The next 12 months bring intermittent drips of magic, a heavenly sign that you're needed, loved and on a good path. Truly, decisions matter beyond what you can comprehend. Family bonds strengthen through honest communication. You've the courage to put bright ideas in motion. A December project will help many. Scorpio and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 44, 42 and 19.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). People will mis-estimate their own capabilities in one direction or another today, and you can compensate for this by giving yourself wide margins in case of error or exceptional success.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you make a mistake that wouldn't even be counted as such under different circumstances with other people, is it really a mistake? Just because someone takes offense doesn't mean you're being offensive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Being the different one in the group isn't bad, but it does mean you'll have to acquire more credibility and skills than the others. This will be a piece of cake for you once you accept the injustice of it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Someone who tries to sell everyone will try to sell you. Someone who flirts with everyone will flirt with you. Someone who fools everyone... well, fooling you, not so much.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Maybe there's a time for everything but not necessarily a (SET ITAL) convenient (END ITAL) time, or one that's under your control. If you needed an argument for doing instead of waiting, let this be the one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). While they relax, you decide. While they rest, you push forward. While they sleep, you work. Eventually you'll have to close your eyes, but right now is all about progress.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're not trying to put forward an image other than that which you are, and yet you cannot control what people want to see in you. Your life gets easier once you get savvy about their projections.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are choices to be made about how open or closed you should leave your heart. True, you usually make these decisions unthinkingly, but now is the time to think deeply on the subject.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be like the moon, influencing from afar, not having to force or even touch anything to affect it, moving and changing everything about life on Earth by simply obeying its own nature.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People under a little pressure will likely go faster, flow freely, achieve to a level that surpasses the one they could do on their own. People under a lot of pressure tend to freeze.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're mild-mannered when appropriate, and that's appropriate for most of the day until brief moments of intense emotions help you go at your purpose harder.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Much good will happen once you release the need to be right. Right is never an absolute. This experience is subjective. There might be a consensus to shoot for, though popularity has little to do with correctness.

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

5	7	2	9	1	6	8	3	4
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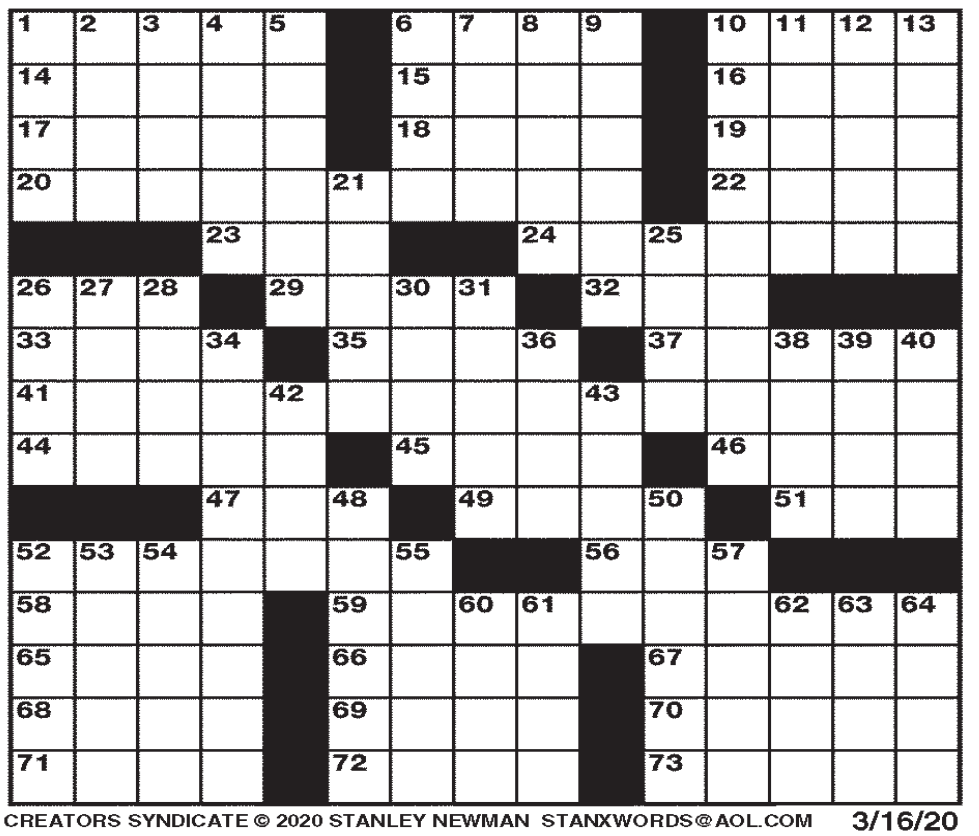
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Newsday Crossword

IN RESIDENCE by Sandy Fein
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ACROSS
1 Of the Arctic or Antarctic
6 Compact __ player
10 Grocery sacks
14 Join forces
15 Fragrance
16 Without delay, on a memo
17 Sharply sloped
18 Took a cab or train
19 "It wasn't me!"
20 Restaurant's special course with lettuce
22 Shoelace snarl
23 Explosive letters
24 "Serves you right!"
26 Portrait or sculpture
29 Ballerina's skirt
32 "He said, __ said"
33 Spectators' angry sounds
35 One of Columbus's ships
37 Become ready to harvest
41 Small at-home business
44 Commit theft
45 "When all is said and __, . . ."
46 Repairs, as a driveway
47 Parcel of land
49 Nickname for Mom's mom
51 Direction opposite NNW
52 Ineffective
56 Sharp anger
58 Person from Bangkok
59 Video souvenirs of vacations
65 Matador's bull
66 Skeptical reply
67 Homer Simpson's wife
68 Get __ (take revenge)
69 Payment to a landlord
70 Old maxim
71 Crimson and scarlet
72 __-false quiz
73 Mexican mister

DOWN
1 Propel a grocery cart
2 Not fooled by
3 In __ of (instead of)
4 Engage in __ of strength
5 Make amends
6 Explorer of kids' TV
7 Revered person
8 Cola and ginger ale
9 Statements like the Golden Rule
10 Robbery at a savings and loan
11 Two hearts that beat __
12 Croc's cousin
13 Maliciousness
21 Attacked by a bee
25 Drive-__ window
26 Kindergarten basics
27 Cheer for your team
28 Lug around
30 Laced, as shoes
31 Workers' organization
34 Male horses
36 Fictional Karenina
38 School-support orgs.
39 Makes a mistake
40 Wall Street's Big Board: Abbr.
42 Soothing ingredient in lotions
43 Jeans fabric
48 Top often worn with jeans
50 Fragrances
52 Out-and-out
53 Give a rude nudge to
54 Dog-__ book pages
55 Serious-minded
57 Elude
60 Eatery's list
61 Suffix for luncheon
62 Teheran's country
63 Frozen waffle brand
64 Fortune-teller



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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 02/25/2020 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Genei. 1412 17th St. Suite 14 , Santa Monica, CA 90404. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Genetic Inception LLC 1412 17th St. Suite 14 Santa Monica, CA 90404. This Business is being conducted by: a General Partnership. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed

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above. /s/:Steven Ellis . Genetic Inception LLC . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 02/25/2020. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 03/16/2020, 03/23/2020, 03/30/2020, 04/06/2020.

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 20SMCP00091
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of Carmen Beatriz Molinari Caraballo Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: Carmen Beatriz Molinari Caraballo for filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Carmen Beatriz Molinari Caraballo to Carmen Beatriz Molinari The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: April 24, 2020, Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K, Room: A-203
The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
Date: February 20, 2020

Public Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ARMED AND UNARMED SECURITY GUARD SER-VICES
The Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors is seeking a qualified and experienced contractor to provide both armed and unarmed security guard services to patrol outdoor public places in Marina del Rey, San Pedro (White Point/Royal Palms Beach) and Playa del Rey as well as provide crowd control services for special events. Selection of a contractor will be based on the qualifications of the firms submitting Proposals as well as their prices for performing the work.
A Mandatory Proposers' Conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on April 1, 2020 at the Boathouse at Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292, 1st Floor Conference Room. The deadline for submitting proposals will be 2:00 p.m., April 16, 2020.
Firms submitting proposals must have a minimum of five years' experience providing armed security services. The County may require additional minimum qualifications. The contract will be subject to the County's Living Wage Ordinance, County Code Chapter 2.201.
Further information regarding the RFP is available at: http://camisvr.co.la.ca.us/lacobids/BidLookUp/BidOpenSt_art.asp .
To view and print a copy of the RFP, please visit: http://beaches.lacounty.gov/request-for-proposals/, and click the ``Request for Proposals`` link.
The County reserves the right to cancel the RFP and to modify any and all terms and conditions of the RFP, including minimum requirements. For further information, email Angelica Vicente at AVicente@bh.lacounty.gov.
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allowed to enter any facility.

"We're following universal precautions — reminding staff and residents about the importance of covering their mouth when they cough, frequent handwashing and general cleanliness," he said. "The faster we can contain this, the faster the epidemic will be over. We see our role as doing our part in a much bigger public health issue."

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health officials approved supplies and protocols at The People Concern's facilities last week, Maceri said.

"We've already increased the amount of disinfectant, hand sanitizers, soap and gloves we have on hand and eliminated self-service for any food or utensils," he said. "We feel like we're in good shape currently."

Maceri said no residents or staff have shown symptoms of coronavirus. But residents are at risk of exposure from the general population because they can come and go freely, he said.

"People experiencing homelessness are already vulnerable because many have underlying health conditions, have a compromised immune system or are older," he said.

A resident who displayed symptoms or was exposed to the virus would be isolated in an area within the shelter, he said.

"If we got to a situation where public health officials declared a mandatory quarantine, we'd follow those protocols and the Department of Public Health would take over and manage that process," Maceri said.

Out on the street, homeless outreach workers are trying to adapt to the rapidly evolving pandemic.

Zachary Coil, who leads The People Concern's C3 Team in Santa Monica, said outreach workers are maintaining a safe distance from their clients as they distribute standard hygiene kits.

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority is also distributing more than 100 sanitation stations in encampments in Los Angeles County and Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin installed more than 35 handwashing stations in his district, which includes Venice.

But Coil said he is running low on hand sanitizer and cannot purchase more supplies because people have bought them out online and in local stores.

"I would love to give them all hand sanitizer, but we're going to run out," he said. "We're awaiting instruction — it sounds like there's going to be some distribution (from officials)."

Teams are also asking people experiencing homelessness if they feel feverish or have a dry cough, but it's difficult to distinguish between coronavirus symptoms and typical illnesses, Coil said. As of Friday, outreach workers have not come across any individual with coronavirus symptoms.

"Our population has a lot of health factors anyway, so a cough is standard … especially with the rain this week," he said.

Coil said the C3 Team is still figuring out how to respond to a potential coronavirus case should they encounter one. He said they would probably call an individual's primary care provider if they have one or transport the individual to a hospital by ambulance to avoid contaminating their own vehicles.

As they give out basic supplies, outreach workers are also educating people experiencing homelessness about the spread of coronavirus. Coil said some individuals are following the pandemic and many don't know about it at all.

"It's been interesting trying to educate clients in what's going on because they're in a different mode than housed people are. This level of anxiety about the threat to our safety is a constant for that population, so it's a different threat assessment … it's just another day where they're trying to get by," he said. "If they have serious mental illness and are prone to paranoia, they think, of course this is what's happening."

Coil said he is worried about how Santa Monica's homeless community will find food if grocery stores are depleted, restaurants are forced to close and volunteers who distribute food are ordered to stay at home.

"Our folks are typically not fed as much as they should be, but they have access to food," he said. "I don't think anyone knows what will happen if there's a broad "stay indoors" kind of call. I hope we'll still be able to take care of the most vulnerable."

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Employment/Help Wanted

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT 2020-24 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND DRAFT FY 2020-21 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN ALLOCATING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) & HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT (HOME) PROGRAM FUNDS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Draft 2020-24 Consolidated Plan and Draft FY 2020-21 Annual Action Plan, which will be made available to the public for a 30-day review period starting March 16, 2020. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides annual CDBG and HOME entitlement funds to the City of Santa Monica. As a recipient of these federal funds, HUD requires the City to develop a five-year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans for housing and community development which identify high priority needs and the associated goals, strategies, and resources anticipated over a five-year period.

The draft document can be viewed from March 16, 2020 through April 15, 2020 at http://www.smgov.net/hsd. Hard copies will also be available upon request through the Human Services Division at 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696.

The City will also hold two public meetings to present the Draft 2020-24 Consolidated Plan and Draft 2020-21 Annual Action Plan. All interested members of the public, housing related or community service agencies, and nonprofit organizations are encouraged to provide input verbally at the public meetings, or to submit written comments to humanservices@smgov.net or to the address above by April 15, 2020.

The Public Meetings are scheduled for:

Housing Commission
Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 6:00pm
at the Ken Edwards Center
1527 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA, 90401

and

Social Services Commission
Monday, March 23, 2020 at 7:00pm
at the Ken Edwards Center
1527 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA, 90401

Parking is available at the Ken Edwards Center and will be validated. The meeting place is wheelchair-accessible. If you require any special disability related accommodations (i.e. sign language interpreting, access to an amplified sound system, etc.), please contact the Human Services Division at (310) 458-8701 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three days prior to the scheduled meeting.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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

RFP: # 260 SANTA MONICA FARMERS MARKETS PREPARED AND PRE-PACKAGED FOOD.

- **Submission Deadline is April 30, 2020 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: Planet Bids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bidsearch4.cfm. There is no charge for the RFP package.

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