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Local coronavirus case confirmed as County total spikes to 144



Matthew Hall

SOCIAL DISTANCING: Santa Monica streets have been quiet with more residents choosing to stay away from public spaces recently. Restaurants are limited to take-out service and some other businesses are closed.

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Public health officials said Tuesday that 50 new cases of coronavirus have been confirmed in Los Angeles County and declared a temporary moratorium on residential and commercial evictions as many types of businesses were ordered to close.

Officials said at a press conference Tuesday that one case had been confirmed in Santa Monica but did not immediately release an updated list of COVID-19 cases in communities across the county. City Manager Rick Cole said the city was aware of one case but declined to disclose additional information.

Three Bergamot area offices — Colorado Center, Water Garden and Universal Music's offices on Colorado Avenue — said over the weekend they each had an employee who had recently tested positive for the virus and closed temporarily for cleaning.

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said people should behave as though they are in close proximity to people with coronavirus because it will be impossible for a long time to test everyone who may be positive. More than 1,100 people in L.A. County have been tested so far, she said.

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SMMUSD board to consider endorsing state funding measure

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

School is canceled, but the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District still intends to hold its upcoming board of education meeting this Thursday, according to district leaders.

Originally scheduled to occur in Malibu, Thursday's meeting is now set to begin at 5:30 p.m. in Santa Monica at 1651 16th Street.

"SMMUSD is doing its part to help in the efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19 by encouraging members of the public to watch the Board of Education meetings live online at: bit.ly/SMMUSDboard," district spokeswoman Gail Pinsker said this week.

In light of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the district will limit in-person attendance at the Board of Education meeting to 15 members of the public at any one time, Pinsker added. "We ask for the school community's understanding that the intent is not to limit public participation, but

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Time running out for homeless mother seeking shelter

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Maria Patton has called every homeless shelter in Los Angeles in the hopes that she can find somewhere safe that won't separate her from her 17-year-old son with Asperger's.

Patton and her son, Aaron Reed, had been living in her car in Santa Monica for about two years when another driver ran a stop sign and collided with her, totaling her car. In the month since the crash, Patton has gathered support from local Nextdoor users, who donated (https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-jude-patton) $2,500 so she could get a cheap hotel room and food while she continues searching for a job and permanent housing.

But with the money running out, Patton and her son face being thrown onto the street by the end of the week. Family shelters will not let them stay together because Reed is older than 12 and traditional

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NOTICE OF BID REQUEST

Seeks subcontractor bids for the following project:

Lincoln Middle School, SMASH/Muir Elementary School & Grant Elementary School
HVAC, Modernization & Accessibility Upgrades
Early Procurement Bid
Owner: Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD)

Early Procurement Bid Documents Issued: March 12, 2020
Early Procurement Bid Date: March 31, 2020 at 5:00 PM

Bernards is requesting bids from qualified bidders on a multi-school project for SMMUSD—Lincoln Middle School, SMASH/Muir Elementary School & Grant Elementary School - HVAC, Modernization & Accessibility Upgrades. All three (3) campuses are located in the City of Santa Monica. Specific trades requested for this Early Procurement Bid are: HVAC, Doors, Windows, Hardware, Casework & Flooring. The project includes the following scope of work:

LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL
The work includes removal and replacement of the existing mechanical and fire alarm systems throughout the campus, including electrical work to support the new equipment. Also included is replacement of fire alarm and related infrastructure for the Child Development Center located across the street from the main middle school campus. All necessary trenching and environmental work (proper removal and disposal of hazardous materials) will be required. Scope also includes renovation of the special education suite in Building K (window, door and flooring replacement, paint and casework throughout the building). A new elevator will be added for access to the second floor, along with new restrooms to meet ADA requirements.
SMASH/MUIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
The work includes removal and replacement of the existing mechanical and fire alarm systems throughout the campus, including electrical work to support the new equipment. Removal and replacement of existing doors, which will include a new wireless security card access system. Scope of work also includes new flooring, casework, acoustical treatments and replacing classroom window systems. Site work to include accessible upgrades for parking and path of travel, as well as modifications to restrooms and water fountains.
GRANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
The work includes removal and replacement of the existing mechanical and fire alarm systems throughout the campus, including electrical work to support the new equipment. Removal and replacement of existing doors, which will include a new wireless security card access system. Scope of work also includes new flooring, casework, acoustical treatments and replacement of classroom window systems. Site work to include new decorative security fencing at the school entry, as well as accessible upgrades for parking, path of travel and modifications to restrooms and water fountains.

Work is targeted to begin June 18, 2020 on each campus and continue through the following nine (9) weeks of the school summer break. Work will continue at specific times during the 2020-2021 school calendar and complete by end of the school's summer session 2021.

Please note that all mechanical, electrical, plumbing ("MEP") and sheet metal subcontractors (contractors that hold a C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43 or C-46 license), must submit prequalification applications (see link below). Applications must be submitted at least ten (10) business days prior to the scheduled bid opening on any advertised project in order for the candidate to qualify for that project. Pre-qualification approval will remain valid for one (1) calendar year from the date of notice of qualification, except as noted in the pre-qualification documents

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has contracted with Colbi Technologies, Inc. to provide a no-cost, web-based process for prequalification called QualityBidders. Please visit www.qualitybidders.com.

Subcontractors must comply with general prevailing wage rates (Labor Code, 1770-1784). Under new California law, all subcontractors and sub-tier subcontractors wishing to conduct business with any public entity must register with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) prior to submitting a bid and during performance of the work. Only registered contractors and subcontractors to be awarded public works projects. Please visit www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html for more information, and to register.

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State and local officials take a harder line on the virus

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Associated Press

Nearly 7 million people in the San Francisco area were all but confined to their homes Tuesday, while Florida put a damper on spring break and St. Patrick's Day by ordering the closing of all bars, as state and local officials took an increasingly hard line against the coronavirus.

Ohio canceled its presidential primary hours before the polls were to open, but three other states pressed ahead with their elections, recommending such precautions as putting tape on the floor to keep voters a safe distance apart.

On Wall Street, stocks bounced around in early trading, one day after the worst market loss since the Black Monday crash of 1987.

With the economy grinding to a halt, the White House proposed a roughly $850 billion rescue package — a sweeping stimulus not seen since the Great Recession of 2008 — and called for its rapid approval.

It would provide relief for small businesses, $50 billion for the airline industry and a big tax cut for wage-earners, said two people familiar with the request who described it on the condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly.

"If we do this right, our country and the world, frankly, but our country can be rolling again pretty quickly," President Donald Trump said.

Officials in six San Francisco Bay Area counties issued a "shelter-in-place" order that went into effect Tuesday, requiring most residents to stay inside and venture out only for food, medicine or exercise for three weeks — the most sweeping lockdown in the U.S. against the outbreak.

"It's really a scary situation for us because if we don't work, we don't eat," lamented Miguel Aguirre, a janitor at San Francisco's Boys and Girls Club.

Coronavirus infections across the country reached approximately 5,200, and the death toll climbed to at least 97, with more than half of the dead from Washington state. Worldwide, more than 7,300 have died.

Over the past day, new and more urgent warnings have come from the White House, which has called on Americans not to gather in groups of more than 10 and advised older people to stay home.

Still, the response across states varied.

While beaches on Florida's Gulf Coast were still open, and at least one was full of spring breakers, Gov. Ron Desantis ordered all the state's bars and nightclubs closed for 30 days and asked Florida's university system to send students home for online instruction for the rest of the spring semester.

Desantis has said he would leave beach restrictions up to local authorities.

In Texas, Gov. Greg Abbott has left many decisions up to local governments. Unlike other governors of heavily populated states, Abbott has not made explicit calls for limiting mass gatherings.

"This is not a time to panic," he said. "It's not as if we have never been through this before. We've been through this many, many times."

Election officials in Florida, Arizona and Illinois, all of them holding primaries, said they were taking precautions to make sure voters could safely cast their ballots. The immediate problem: Hundreds of poll workers dropped out, forcing state officials to scramble.

"Please, please heed our call and volunteer," said Marisel Hernandez, head of the election commission in Chicago. "Help us."

Election officials in Illinois' Cook County, home to Chicago, urged poll workers to use blue painter's tape to mark the floor every 6 feet so voters could keep their distance while waiting in line.

Meanwhile, millions of Americans were holed up at home, many thrown out of work until further notice as offices, stores and other businesses shut down. School was canceled for tens of millions of students, forcing parents to scramble for child care or find ways to entertain their children.

The rapid work stoppage had Americans fretting about their jobs and their savings, threatened to overwhelm unemployment benefit programs, and heightened fears the country could plunge into a recession.

Most people who come down with the disease have relatively mild symptoms, but it can be deadly for some, especially the elderly and those with underlying health problems. Most people infected with the virus recover in a matter of weeks.

Health officials say that "social distancing" — encouraging people to avoid close contact with others — is a key to slow the spread of the virus and keep U.S. hospitals from being overwhelmed with a sudden deluge of patients.

In Detroit, bus riders were stranded Tuesday after most drivers didn't report to work, apparently concerned about the spread of the virus and confused as to whether Michigan's new restrictions on gatherings included vehicles loaded with commuters.

The city canceled bus service shortly after 8 a.m. because of the shortage of drivers. Surprised riders waiting at stops across the city pulled out phones to try to get a lift from friends or family.

"Just now?" a maintenance man, Amadou Sanders, asked. "How am I going to get to work?"

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Governing in crisis: California's Newsom faces another test

KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

As the coronavirus spreads through California, the restrictions placed on its 40 million residents have varied by county and community, the result of Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom's early decision to largely allow local governments to set their own rules.

After initially setting statewide guidance to keep crowds under 250 people, Newsom on Monday night restricted all unnecessary gatherings and ordered restaurants to close to dine-in patrons and gyms and movie theaters to shutter. It came after local government leaders in Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area had already taken such steps, or even more aggressive ones. He never mandated school closures statewide, though almost every district has shut down.

Other governors, such as Democrat Jay Inslee of Washington and Republican Mike DeWine of Ohio, imposed school closures and more restrictive state guidance sooner. Newsom, though, was the first governor to call for self-isolation by people over the age of 65, something President Donald Trump did on Monday.

The severity of the outbreak varies widely. Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area, where six counties have ordered nearly 7 million residents to shelter in place, have the highest number of cases. Other areas of the state, like the more sparsely populated north and the agricultural Central Valley have seen fewer.

Tom Hogen-Esch, a political science professor at the California State University, Northridge said Newsom's approach reflects the state's tradition of "bottom up, home rule authority" and a "reluctance of the state to overstep."

He added: "But it still doesn't quite make sense right from a policy standpoint in a crisis."

Another difference between Newsom and fellow Democratic governors: He's largely avoided criticizing Trump. State lawmakers from both parties have applauded his approach.

Republican Assemblyman Kevin Kiley offered support for Newsom just before the Legislature approved the governor's emergency funding request.

"I call on every legislator and every Californian, regardless of political preference, to trust Gov. Newsom's leadership and listen to his guidance," Kiley said. "The partisan rituals of ordinary politics have no place in these extraordinary times."

Rob Stutzman, head of communications under former Republican California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, applauded Newsom's actions.

"California is a big enough state to let substantial regional leaders, I think, make some alternate decisions," he said.

He added that Newsom's approach of slowly rolling out restrictions and to avoiding outlining enforcement provisions may help the public better adjust to the changes.

"He's really bent over backward to say I'm asking, I'm directing, I expect you to do this — I don't think we need to enforce," Stutzman said.

Newsom, a former San Francisco mayor and lieutenant governor, took office just 14 months ago but has experienced a career's worth of crises.

Soon after he took office the state's largest utility declared bankruptcy under the burden of billions in liabilities from wildfires sparked by its equipment. That was followed by widespread blackouts imposed by California utilities as a defense against more wildfires.

Just a month ago, Newsom devoted nearly his entire State of the State to the lack of affordable housing and expanding homelessness.

Ann O'Leary, his chief of staff, said the number of crises "does feel unprecedented in terms of just the intensity."

She said with a state as large as California, it makes sense that areas with "hot spots and vulnerable populations might want to go a little further."

California has crafted itself as the "resistance" to the Trump administration, but Newsom has been careful not to poke the president during the outbreak. Last week he criticized the federal government's slow roll out of testing, though he was measured in his remarks and didn't mention Trump.

"There's no going it alone in this scenario," said Brian Brokaw, a Democratic consultant who advises Newsom but has no formal role in advising him on the virus response. "(Newsom's) been very smart about not picking fights and working towards a constructive relationship."

Trump on Tuesday called Newsom "very generous" in his words. "I'm being generous to him too because we're all working together very well," he said.

Newsom spends his days primarily at the Office of Emergency Services headquarters just outside Sacramento. In an office on the second floor, Newsom and his top health and emergency leaders have been assessing information and making decisions, spokesman Nathan Click said.

He speaks regularly to Vice President Mike Pence and his office is in close contact with officials in Washington state, Click said. He's constantly on the phone with public health, economic experts and members of the private sector, O'Leary said.

The crisis doesn't mean other state business stops. O'Leary told the governor's staff that all attention must shift to four priorities: Coronavirus, bringing Pacific Gas & Electric out of bankruptcy, amending the state budget because of the virus's effects, and homelessness.

Paulina Vasquez, who works at the California lottery and is a union steward for state workers, told The Sacramento Bee that state workers need more guidance on what to do.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

DMV allows customers to avoid coming to a DMV office for 60 days

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has asked California law enforcement to exercise discretion for 60 days in their enforcement of driver license and vehicle registration expiration dates beginning March 16. The DMV is taking this action so that at-risk populations, including seniors and those with underlying health conditions, can avoid required visits to DMV field offices for driver license or vehicle registration renewals.

This 60-day period for driver license and vehicle registrations is intended to protect the health and safety of DMV customers who would otherwise have to come to a DMV office to take care of business, but are concerned during this coronavirus pandemic.

Those transactions that require a DMV office visit include new driver license, duplicate driver license, some driver license renewals, new license plates, complex vehicle registrations or title transfers and off-highway permits.

Those Californians who will benefit from this action include the elderly, those with compromised immune systems and those who are ill.

Transactions that fall within this action include driver license renewals for those:

70 years of age and older, who are required to take a knowledge test

Individuals who are required to renew in the office (last DMV visit was 15 years prior)

Individuals subject to vision testing

Individuals with complex driving history

The 60-day period also applies to vehicle registration renewals for customers who are not eligible to use an alternative service channel because of the following reasons:

Outdated insurance information

Registration expired for 90 days or more

Smog issues

Recent transfer

Dozens of DMV tasks can easily be taken care of through other channels including online, through the mail, through the 365 kiosks statewide or in our business partner locations.

California law enforcement is encouraged to exercise flexibility and discretion when reviewing driver license or identification and vehicle registration records. If applicable, DMV may waive vehicle registration penalties.

All DMV offices remain open at this time to process those transactions that must be taken care of in an office, including REAL ID. The DMV has implemented many process improvements and incorporated technological solutions to increase access to DMV outside of the office and decrease the amount of time someone has to spend at a DMV office.

For REAL ID, the federal government requires an office visit. REAL ID customers can fill out the online application before going into an office. In 23 offices throughout the state, customers can upload their REAL ID documents before their office visit. This option will be statewide by June.

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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 is available to the public for a 30-day review period starting March 16, 2020 and can be viewed online here: http://www.smgov.net/hsd.

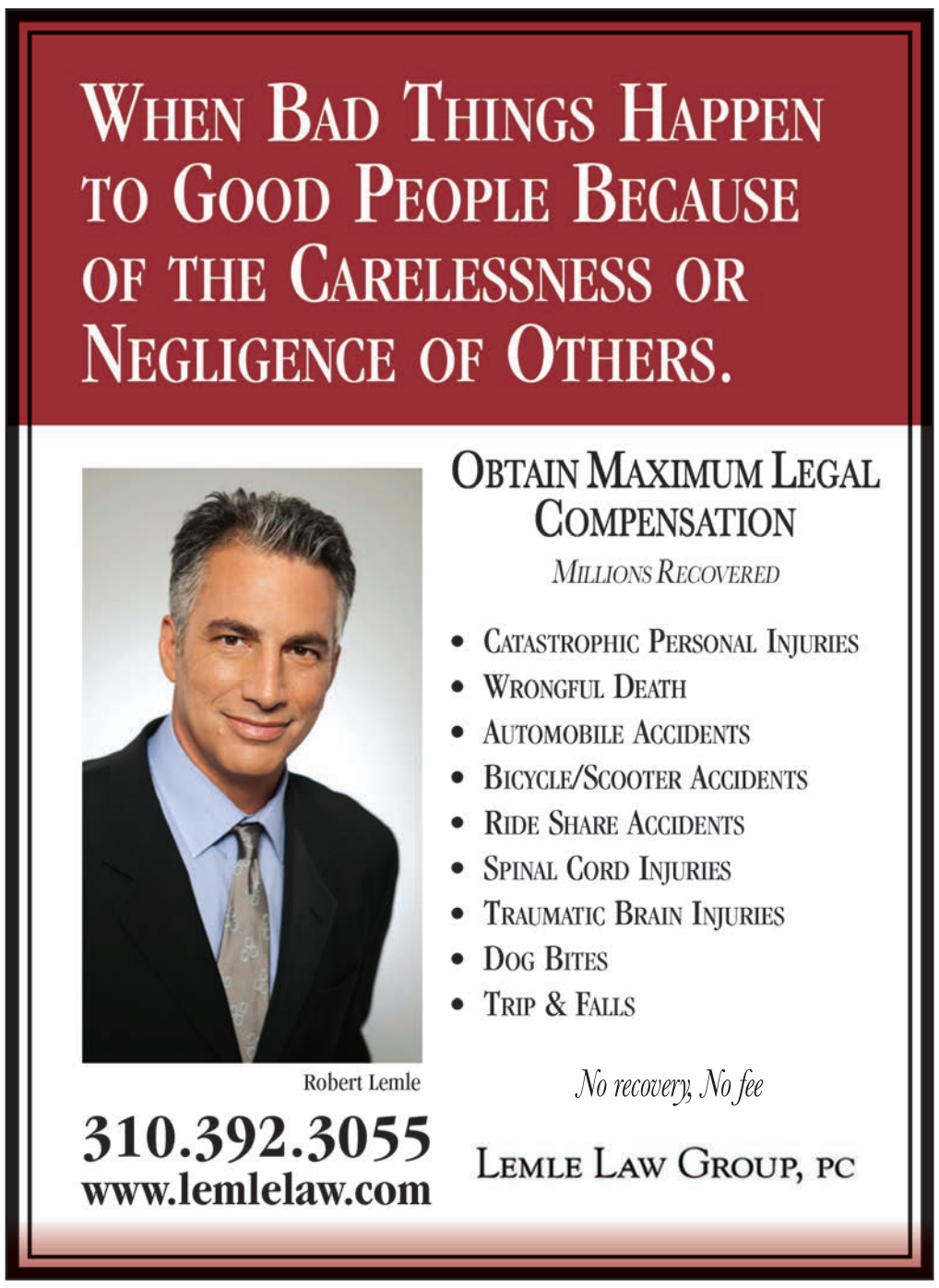
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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides annual CDBG and HOME entitlement funds to the City of Santa Monica. As a recipient of these federal funds, HUD requires the City to develop a five-year Consolidated Plan and Annual 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.

Please note that the two previously-advertised presentations of these draft documents at the March 19th Housing Commission meeting and the March 23rd Social Services Commission meeting have been cancelled due to the suspension of all City Commission meetings through March 31st in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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Trump pushes for massive aid from Congress, checks to public

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In a massive federal effort Tuesday, President Donald Trump asked Congress to speed emergency checks to Americans, enlisted the military for MASH-like hospitals and implored ordinary people — particularly socially active millennials — to do their part by staying home to stop the spread of the coronavirus.

His proposed economic package alone could approach $1 trillion, a rescue initiative not seen since the Great Recession. Trump wants checks sent to the public within two weeks and is urging Congress to pass the eye-popping stimulus package in a matter of days.

As analysts warn the country is surely entering a recession, the government is grappling with an enormous political undertaking with echoes of the 2008 financial crisis.

At the Capitol, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell vowed the Senate would not adjourn until the work was done.

"Obviously, we need to act," McConnell said. "We're not leaving town until we have constructed and passed another bill."

But first, McConnell said, the Senate will vote on the House's $100 billion package of sick pay, emergency food and free testing, putting it back on track for Trump's signature — despite Republican objections. "Gag, and vote for it anyway," he advised colleagues.

It was a signal of what the GOP leader called the "herculean" task ahead.

Senators gathered at an otherwise shut-down Capitol as Americans across the country were implored to heed advice and avoid crowds. Young adults, in particular, are being urged to quit going out because even seemingly healthy people can be spreading the virus that causes the COVID-19 illness.

Even so, presidential primary elections unfolded in Florida, Illinois and Arizona. Ohio's was called off hours before the polls were set to open.

After a savage drop at the start of the week, the stock market rose as Trump and aides sketched out elements of the economic rescue package at a briefing. Economists doubted that would be enough to stop millions of jobs losses, even if in the short term.

Bigger than the $700 billion 2008 bank bailout or the nearly $800 billion 2009 recovery act, the White House proposal aims to provide a massive tax cut for wage-earners, $50 billion for the airline industry and $250 billion for small businesses. Two people familiar with he package described it to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly.

The amount that would be sent out in checks Americans is not yet disclosed. The White House said it liked GOP Sen. Mitt Romney's idea for $1,000 checks, though not necessarily at that sum and not for wealthier people.

"This is a very unique situation," said Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin, exiting a private briefing of Senate Republicans. "We've put a proposal on that table that would attract a trillion dollars into the economy."

One GOP leader, Sen. John Thune of South Dakota, told reporters afterward it "could be" up to $1 trillion.

Senate Democrats produced their own $750 billion proposal, which includes $400 billion to shore up hospitals and other emergency operations in response to the global pandemic and $350 billion to bolster the safety net with unemployment checks and other aid to Americans.

"The aid has to be workers first," said Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, not what happened in 2008, when the big banks took precedence. Schumer also said it's time to call out the National Guard to provide security as communities reel from the crisis.

The slow-moving Congress is being asked to approve the far-reaching economic rescue as it tries to rise to the occasion of these fast times.

A roster of America's big and small industries — airlines, hotels, retailers and even casinos — lined up for hoped-for aid.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia.

The vast majority of people recover from the new virus. According to the World Health Organization, people with mild illness recover in about two weeks, while those with more severe illness may take three to six weeks to recover.

Still, health officials are urging Americans to stay home to prevent an onslaught of cases that could overwhelm hospitals as happened in Italy, among the countries hardest hit.

As Congress considered aid, the Pentagon on Tuesday said it would provide five million respirator masks and 2,000 specialized ventilators to federal health authorities. And Medicare was immediately expanding coverage for telemedicine nationwide to help seniors with health problems stay home to avoid infection.

More than two dozen Senate Democrats urged Trump to invoke the Korean War-era Defense Production Act to increase production of masks, ventilators and respirators, as well as expand hospital capacity to combat the coronavirus. Federal officials said the administration is working with the Army Corps of Engineers to see about erecting temporary hospitals, as is done

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California Legislature suspends until April 13 amid outbreak

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

The California Legislature approved up to $1 billion in new spending on Monday to combat the coronavirus outbreak, then suspended their work for the next month to try and contain the illness.

It is believed to be the first unexpected work stoppage in the California Legislature in 158 years, according to Alex Vassar, an unofficial legislative historian at the California State Library. And it came on the heels of extraordinary bipartisanship, as Republicans and Democrats alike voted overwhelmingly to give Gov. Gavin Newsom broad authority to spend during the crisis without their oversight.

"It is a request to step away from our desks much earlier than we would like. The demands of public health require it," Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon said.

The California Legislature has rarely closed. The Legislature did not miss meetings during either of the world wars or in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. In 2001, when a semi-truck crashed into the Senate side of the Capitol, the Senate convened right on schedule about 12 hours later in the Assembly chambers. And last year, when a woman threw her own blood onto the floor of the state Senate in an act of protest on the session's final day, lawmakers reconvened hours later in a committee room to finish their work.

The only time lawmakers did unexpectedly suspend their meetings was in 1862, when a flood consumed most of Sacramento and, legend has it, forced newly elected Gov. Leland Stanford to use a boat to attend his inauguration. Lawmakers missed a few days before reconvening in San Francisco to continue their work, according Vassar.

In 1919, during a flu pandemic, at least five lawmakers had symptoms and had to be quarantined. Leaders discussed whether lawmakers should stop meeting, but eventually decided to "disinfect the Capitol daily and to keep meeting," Vassar said.

"It is an extremely rare occurrence for the Legislature to stop meeting during the regular session," Vassar said.

Lawmakers agreed Monday to stay away until April 13. But legislative leaders in either chamber can decide to reconvene. And they can extend the recess if necessary.

"We will be prepared on a moment's notice to return ton address any urgent action that we must take," Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins said.

The legislation approved Monday gives Gov. Gavin Newsom $500 million to spend "for any item for any purpose" related to his March 4 declaration of emergency. In the future, Newsom could increase that spending by increments of $50 million — but only if he tells lawmakers about it three days in advance. The spending is capped at $1 billion.

"By taking this action we are placing an extraordinary degree of trust in Gov. Gavin Newsom. However, these are extraordinary times," said Republican Assemblyman Jay Obernolte.

A separate bill would make sure public schools that closed because of the outbreak don't lose funding. It would also allocate $100 million to schools for "personal protective equipment" or to pay for "supplies and labor related to cleaning."

State law bans lawmakers from voting on bills unless they have been available for public review for at least three days. But lawmakers can waive that law if the governor asks them to. Newsom did that on Monday.

"Today I write to you to state the obvious: we must rise to the challenge facing our state with every tool at our disposal and without a second of delay," Newsom wrote in a letter to the Legislature. "We cannot hesitate to meet this moment."

Lawmakers overwhelmingly voted to approve his request.

Lawmakers were in action on Monday while most other entities in California were closed. Sunday, Newsom urged everyone 65 and older to stay home. Presumably, that order included the 25 lawmakers in the state Legislature who are older than 65.

Assemblyman Jose Medina, 66, said he was already on a plane headed to Sacramento on Sunday when Newsom asked people 65 and older to stay home. He attended Monday's Assembly session, saying he thought his constituents would "appreciate that we are still doing the work of the state of California."

"It's nothing that I would take lightly, and I think that most folks my age and older are taking it seriously," said Medina, a Democrat who represents Riverside.

But 73-year-old Assemblyman Bill Quirk stayed home. He lives in a retirement community in the San Francisco Bay Area with his wife. While the two of them are healthy, many of their neighbors are not.

"If I were to bring home the coronavirus, 20 people could die, or maybe even 40," Quirk said. "Some people think they are really important and they should always be working. And I can tell you I'm not so important that we can even risk one life here, period."

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Coronas for all



Courtesy photo

TIME FOR A BEER: While the virus has nothing to do with the beer, drinking seems appropriate.

YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED

At the number of my columns that never make it to print.

Aha! I hear the multitudes exclaim, I knew it! They censor him! Those dirty hate-the-residents, bags full of money from developers, Rick Cole fan club secret SMRR board members owners of the Daily Press squash Charles whenever he gets too far out there.

Well — no. Not at all. There have been only a handful of times in the past eight years when editor Matt Hall called me to discuss some part of a column, but we always wound up coming to an agreement we both could live with. In his editor's chair, Matt catches some things I don't, and I'm grateful for that.

No, when a column doesn't make it to print it's always Operator Error. Either I let my notion go to its conclusion and then look at it and say, that's not what I wanted to write. Or, it's just crap, and I don't see it until the end.

This one is an example of the former. And at 3 a.m., I'm paying for it.

WHAT I WROTE ABOUT

Was the horrible, deadly dangerous, totally predictable lack of leadership and competence Trump has shown from the beginning of this global health crisis unprecedented in our lifetimes. More than that, missteps and misinformation compounding the delays.

He called it a "hoax," another hoax from the Democrats. Yes, he did. He said he didn't want that cruise ship to dock, to let infected passengers be treated and the others to be tested, because he "didn't want the numbers to go up," numbers that might make him look bad and hurt his chances for re-election. I mean, you have to remind yourself, amidst all the chaos he sows, that he is a sociopath who cares not a whit for anyone other than himself.

He waited more than two months after he knew about the virus threat, to act. That's why we are so far behind the rest of the world, lacking test kits, hospital beds, respirators, ventilators, ICUs, masks, doctors and nurses, testing facilities. And so attempts to contain it are doomed to fall way short, with sickness and death to follow as a certain result, that could have been kept more in check.

When asked at a press conference Monday to rate his handling of the pandemic, one to ten, he of course gave himself a 10. Later when a Harvard doctor being interviewed was asked, "the President gave himself a '10' on his handling of this crisis, would you agree?" The doctor answered, "yes — 10 out of 100." So now, how many have been infected, how many have died? The number climbs with every tick of the clock. It is more blood on Donald Trump's hands. I hope he's washing them frequently and thoroughly.

SCARIER

But two things scare me even more than his being in charge of dealing with this terrible disease.

What if he starts a war? Or some other nation starts one, seeing how vulnerable we are, and without rational leadership.

The coronavirus will kill thousands in the United States, probably tens of thousands. But an all-out war could kill millions. If it went nuclear it could destroy the entire planet,

Donald Trump is certainly capable of bumbling into that scenario. Or following his ego there. Or seeing it as his best way to retain power. Unthinkable as it sounds, there is every indication that Donald Trump would do anything, even take us to war, to remain in power.

That's scary number two. I have no doubt at all that the Stephen Miller lunatics in the White House have already been brainstorming for a while as to how they can weaponize this pandemic into another term, by acclamation not ballot box, for their golden boy, who if there is any sanity left in this nation will be crippled by his mishandling of this crisis and the unthinkable economic fallout. If he were facing almost certain defeat in November, what do you think he might do? The correct answer is, anything. With Moscow Mitch and a GOP-controlled Senate who has given him every crazy, un-Constitutional thing he has demanded so far, can't you see where this could easily go?

TOO LATE?

The President went on TV Tuesday morning — happy St. Paddy's Day! now, that's enough celebrating — to announce

SEE **CURIOUS CITY** PAGE 11

Lions Roar

Susan Lee DeRemer
Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Lions Postponing events

In consideration of the current health situation with COVID-19, the Santa Monica Lions will be postponing our vision and diabetes screening event that was to be held on Saturday, March 21 at Virginia Avenue Park. The Lions Eyes Across California event will be rescheduled for fall, a new date to be determined once our Lions meetings resume. We appreciate your past attendance and look forward to helping families in the future.

As I mentioned, we have also suspended our Lions meetings and are monitoring the progression of the virus. As part of our motto, We Serve, we feel we can best serve our community by following CDC guidelines and we encourage others to do the same. Besides being told to wash our hands, cover coughs and sneezes, stop touching our faces, and stay home if you are not feeling well, we are also being instructed to practice "social distancing." While these instructions are to help you remain healthy, I think it is important to realize that social distancing is also a consideration that can directly affect others.

I work people whose immune systems are compromised because of being on dialysis or having a kidney transplant which requires taking immunosuppressant drugs. I watch them make everyday choices to limit their exposure to situations where their health is at risk and could result in a much longer recovery process along with complications the average person doesn't experience. When you consider all transplant patients, cancer patients and survivors along with others whose medical conditions require treatment that compromises the immune system, it adds up to quite a few people of all ages. In fact, you may know someone who falls into this group.

Please remember, while these people look healthy just like you, some are only that way because of extraordinary efforts on their part. We all need to go to the grocery store, the pharmacy, the bank, etc., but by limiting some of our activities and chances for exposure, we are not only protecting ourselves, we are being considerate of others.

While we wait to resume our Lions meetings, hopefully in the not too distant future, we are excited to announce we will be having evening meetings for people that can't make lunch meetings but want to serve the Santa Monica and Westside communities. Our new meeting schedule is:

Lunch meeting at 12:15 p.m. the first Thursday of each month

Dinner meeting at 6 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month

All meetings are held at the Elks Lodge on Pico Blvd. If you are interested in learning more about Lions Clubs, please contact Marilynn Schalit at marilynnschalit@yahoo.com or 310-903-8819 or Yoriko Fisher at yorikofisher@gmail.com or 443-883-1101, to learn more.

Susan DeRemer is a member of the Lions Club.

MASSIVE AID

FROM PAGE 4

in the military, to handle an expected surge of cases.

Schumer compared the government response needed to a wartime mobilization.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who marshaled the earlier package through a bipartisan vote last week, fielded a call from Mnuchin on Tuesday morning and another from Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell in the afternoon, encouraged by the Fed chairman's perspective that Congress could think big with interest rates at nearly zero.

In the call with Mnuchin, she and Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., chairman of the House Transportation committee, "emphasized that protecting workers' paychecks and benefits was their top priority, and that immediate action was needed," said Pelosi spokesman Drew Hammill on Twitter.

The debate is sure to revive the sharp divisions over the costly bank bailout and economic recovery of the Obama and Bush eras.

Much about the proposed checks is not known, such as whether the amount would vary by the income of the recipient or whether everyone would get the same sum. Mnuchin said "it's clear we don't need to send people who make $1 million a year checks, OK?"

Economists from both parties endorsed mailing checks of at least $1,000 to all American households as the quickest way to offset the sharp slowdown in economic activity.

"We need to pay people to stay at home," said Heidi Shierholz, a senior policy analyst at the Economic Policy Institute, a liberal think-tank. The group predicted that without a huge stimulus package, the U.S. economy could lose three million jobs by this summer.

Still, some GOP senators were skeptical about the massive aid on the table. "I'm going to be very leery of doing something like in 2008," said Indiana Republican Sen. Mike Braun.

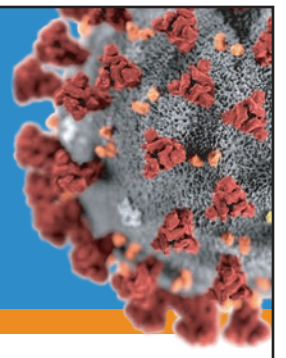
Angry senators from both parties, who were sent home when McConnell adjourned for the weekend, returned to a changed Washington, as Trump declared a state of emergency, the virus spread and the economy recoiled.

House lawmakers passed their bipartisan legislation and won't be recalled until a new bill is ready.

Despite federal guidelines against so many people gathering, senators had no choice but to convene. Legislating cannot be done from home.

Associated Press writers Andrew Taylor, Matthew Daly, Martin Crutsinger, Colleen Long, Chris Rugaber, Mary Clare Jalonick and Kevin Freking in Washington contributed to this report.

World Health Organization



BASIC PROTECTIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE NEW CORONAVIRUS

WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY

Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.

Why? Washing your hands with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand rub kills viruses that may be on your hands.

MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING

Maintain at least 1 metre (3 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.

Why? When someone coughs or sneezes they spray small liquid droplets from their nose or mouth which may contain virus. If you are too close, you can breathe in the droplets, including the COVID-19 virus if the person coughing has the disease.

AVOID TOUCHING EYES, NOSE AND MOUTH

Why? Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and can make you sick.

PRACTICE RESPIRATORY HYGIENE

Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.

Why? Droplets spread virus. By following good respiratory hygiene you protect the people around you from viruses such as cold, flu and COVID-19.

IF YOU HAVE FEVER, COUGH AND DIFFICULTY BREATHING, SEEK MEDICAL CARE EARLY

Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance. Follow the directions of your local health authority.

Why? National and local authorities will have the most up to date information on the situation in your area. Calling in advance will allow your health care provider to quickly direct you to the right health facility. This will also protect you and help prevent spread of viruses and other infections.

STAY INFORMED AND FOLLOW ADVICE GIVEN BY YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER

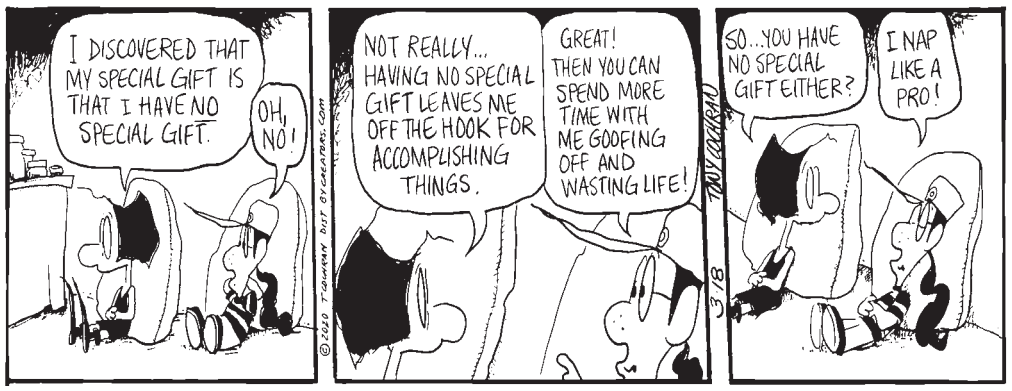
Stay informed on the latest developments about COVID-19. Follow advice given by your healthcare provider, your national and local public health authority or your employer on how to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

Why? National and local authorities will have the most up to date information on whether COVID-19 is spreading in your area. They are best placed to advise on what people in your area should be doing to protect themselves.

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Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN



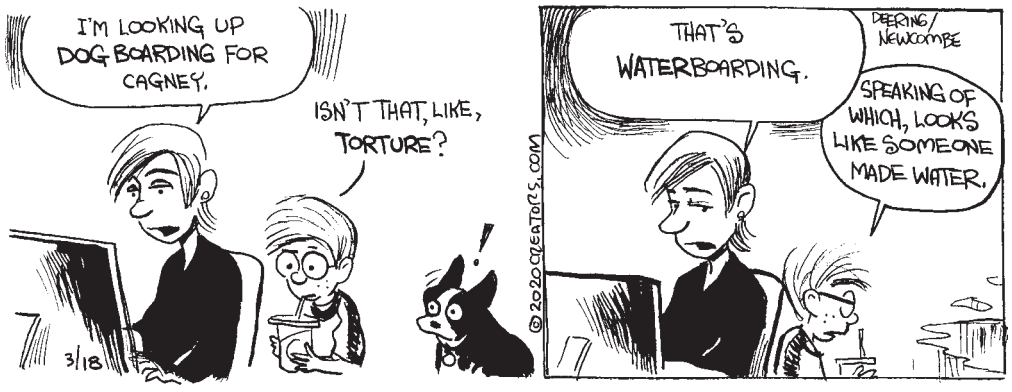
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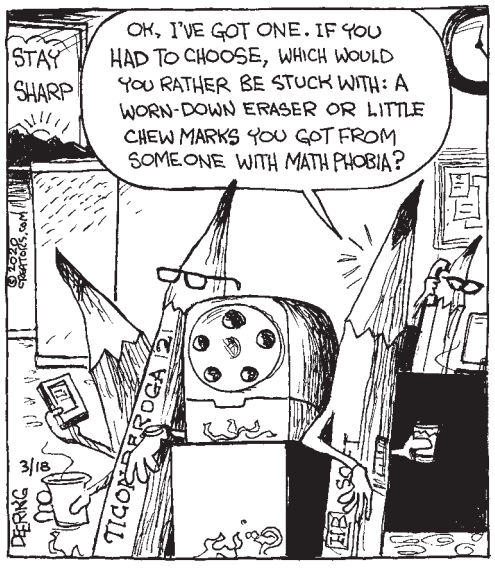
Heathcliff

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Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING





SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 60.4°

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high occ. 5 ft
Long period S swell peaks. Small NW swell-mix. Light/favorable AM wind goes onshore for the PM.

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high
S swell eases. Small NW swell-mix. Winds looking less favorable.

WEATHER

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.
Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers before 11pm. Partly cloudy, with a low around 49.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60.
Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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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
2020/03/20	Fri	9:10 PM	4.17	H
2020/03/21	Sat	02:35 AM	1.45	L
2020/03/21	Sat	08:32 AM	5.13	H
2020/03/21	Sat	3:13 PM	-0.45	L
2020/03/21	Sat	9:30 PM	4.32	H
2020/03/22	Sun	03:05 AM	1.14	L
2020/03/22	Sun	09:05 AM	5.11	H

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
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Power#: 8
Jackpot:130 M

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

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 03/14
4 16 19 25 28
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 11 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 03/16
5 6 9 18 20

Daily 3
Draw Date: 03/17
Midday: 0 8 6
Draw Date: 03/16
Evening: 7 4 8

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 03/16
1st: 07 - EUREKA
2nd: 10 - SOLID GOLD
3rd: 02 - LUCKY STAR
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Nature is the story of this world, and you are nature, too. Your experiences in the biosphere will teach you profound lessons of being and will open pathways of spiritual levity. You'll be responsible for the progress of a group because of the care you give this endeavor. It all develops beautifully. Love and travel fill your summer. Aries and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 2, 14, 41 and 20.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Now you're thinking about that thing you wanted and didn't get. In retrospect, you didn't want it that bad. It's a good thing your efforts led you to this place, with these things that matter to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The human brain loves a routine and is driven to build one with or without our involvement. You want a routine you've consciously constructed, so you'll get intentional with the cause.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Try not to let schooling interfere with learning, which is, of course, totally different. To know only the steps involved and not the theory behind a thing is to be as educated as a robot.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your excitement over a cause will surge and wane, which is nothing to be cynical about. Instead, use the momentum of high emotional tides to buoy your spirits and augment production.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The day brings a denouement before the curtains close on a chapter. Conflicts will be resolved, scores settled, tension released. You are better for having endeavored. On to the new!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you owe someone an apology, you'll give it. In the meantime, apologizing unnecessarily will erode your self-confidence. Better to stand in the situation and face whatever strange energy exists.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Here they come — people who not only appreciate your good qualities but will promote and showcase them as well. It's because you're ready. Also, there's something for everyone to gain.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll allow yourself some of what you want, but not all of it. It won't drain your willpower to save some for later because you're so focused on the joy of playing the long game.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Don't believe everything you say to yourself today. Just because a voice happens to be coming from inside you instead of from the outside world doesn't make that voice true. Nor is it your real opinion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Birdsongs are sweet, but you don't like to keep anything in a cage. In all relationships, you'll try to hold on to the moment without holding anyone from their freedom.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're striving for something. If you happen to arrive at that moment when the other person is looking away, keep practicing until you can do this trick consistently and on command.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Habits of mind are just like other habits, in that they creep into your life and take over. You may as well be adding the ones you'd prefer instead of falling into whatever comes along.

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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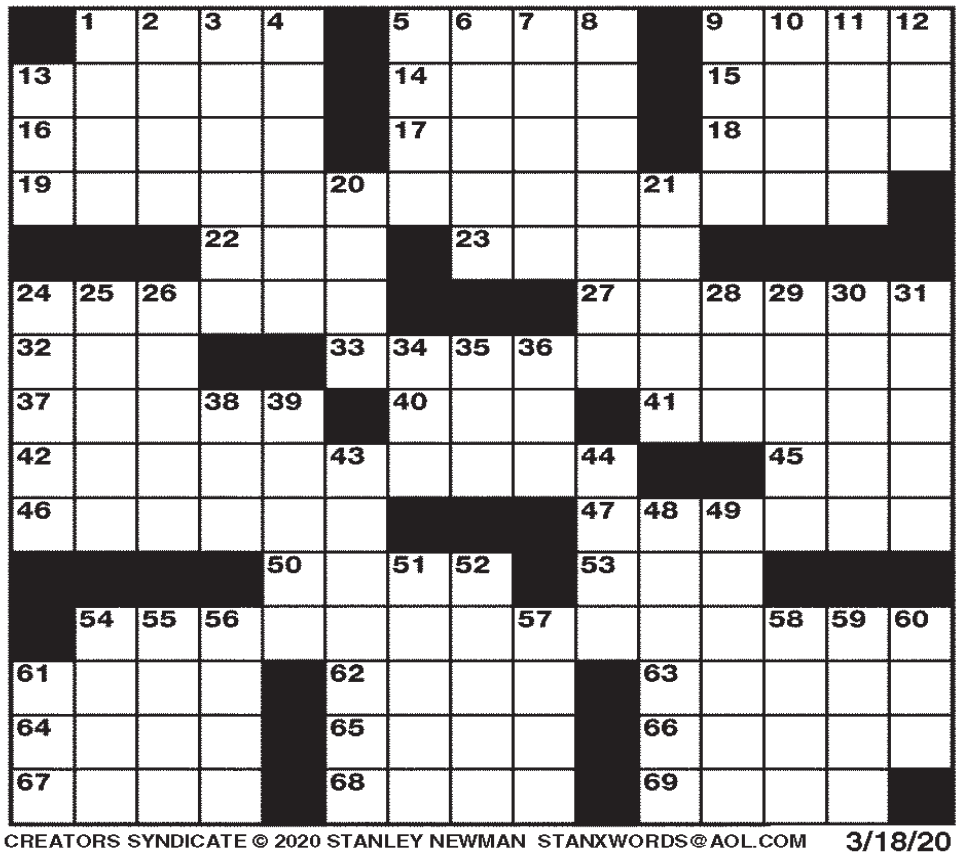
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Newsday Crossword

ON SCHEDULES by Carolyn Stewart
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ACROSS
1 Reaction to a shock
5 Great Salt Lake state
9 Dressed (in)
13 Chocolate/coffee combo
14 Tom turkey, for example
15 Parade spoiler
16 One staring rudely
17 Answer to a legal charge
18 Gumbo vegetable
19 Sunday schools, Masses, etc.
22 Vote like "aye"
23 Rose stalk
24 Moonshiner machines
27 Sneezer's cloth
32 Solo of *Star Wars*
33 Soap operas, sitcoms etc.
37 Santa-like
40 Altar declaration
41 Merits
42 9 to 5, 12 to 8, etc.
45 Word after "miney"
46 Jot comments in margins
47 Cymbals in a drum kit
50 All __ (listening carefully)
53 Small bill
54 Football games, wrestling matches, etc.
61 Milne bear
62 Whom a fan club follows
63 Boise's state
64 Leeway
65 Infamous Roman emperor
66 Lukewarm
67 Nothing more than
68 Got taller
69 Eve's first residence

DOWN
1 Vincent van __
2 Rights org.
3 Singer Crow
4 Package to mail
5 Foul ball callers
6 "Tall" stories
7 Wide awake
8 Expulsion, so to speak
9 Swamp critter
10 Place for canoeing
11 Ventilates
12 Genetic letters
13 Casual shoe, for short
20 Possesses, in the Bible
21 Mental picture
24 Displayed
25 Not allowed
26 Not moving
28 Hunters' org.
29 Destiny, in Hinduism
30 "__ in right now . . ."
31 Snake-shaped letters
34 Seven, to Caesar
35 Common print file format
36 Go bad, as vegetables
38 Reggae relative
39 Fabric follower of "poly"
43 Purpose of a furnace
44 Nursery rhyme home of "so many children"
48 Ask to a party
49 Paid attention to
51 Cab client
52 Sleeper's sound
54 Any day now
55 Place for a swim meet
56 "Goodness!"
57 Be radiant
58 Back of the neck
59 Slender
60 Landscaper's turf
61 Paid player



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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 194 CALLS ON MAR. 16

Living In A Vehicle 700blk Ozone St 12:14 a.m.
Loud Music 2700blk 2nd St 12:24 a.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 2500blk Pico Blvd 1:18 a.m.
Warrant Suspect Pick Up 400blk N Rexford Dr Beverly Hills 1:21 a.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 2200blk Oak St 1:34 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1700blk Appian Way 2:11 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery Just Occurred 400blk Colorado Ave 3:41 a.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals Main St / Hill St 4:13 a.m.
Burglary Just Occurred 1200blk 4th St 4:40 a.m.
Forensics Request - Miscellaneous 1200blk 4th St 4:57 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1900blk 18th St 7:15 a.m.
Drinking In Public 14th St / Cedar St 8:02 a.m.
Family Disturbance 2200blk Colorado Ave 8:14 a.m.
Lost Property Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 8:37 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2400blk Pico Blvd 8:52 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1200blk San Vicente Blvd 8:55 a.m.
Keep The Peace 18th St / Washington Ave 9:06 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 600blk Washington Ave 9:17 a.m.
Lost Property Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 9:19 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 200blk 21st Pl 10:01 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:12 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1100blk Broadway 10:51 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300blk Centinela Ave 11:07 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2600blk Cloverfield Blvd 11:14 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1800blk 17th St 11:17 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 200blk Arizona Ave 11:27 a.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 200blk Palisades Ave 11:32 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Report 1900blk Pico Blvd 11:36 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1400blk 2nd St 11:43 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation Lincoln Blvd / Idaho Ave 11:48 a.m.
Person Down Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 11:54 a.m.
Burglary Report 2800blk Main St 11:54 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 12:01 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1800blk 10th St 12:07 p.m.
General Parking Problem 2500blk Beverley Ave 12:10 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1600blk Franklin St 12:11 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 2000blk 14th St 12:15 p.m.
Red Zone Violation 100blk Hart Ave 12:20 p.m.
Identity Theft 300blk Pico Blvd 12:48 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2400blk Ocean Front Walk 12:54 p.m.
Loud Music 2500blk Pico Blvd 12:58 p.m.
Elder Abuse 1000blk 2nd St 12:59 p.m.
Elder Abuse 1000blk 17th St 12:59 p.m.
Elder Abuse 1500blk Euclid St 1:00 p.m.
Elder Abuse 2900blk Neilson Way 1:01 p.m.
Elder Abuse 1900blk 20th St 1:02 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 16th St / California Ave 1:10 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 100blk Hart Ave 1:13 p.m.
Burglary Report 2200blk Colorado Ave 1:29 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1800blk 10th St 1:35 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1900blk 14th St 1:51 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2600blk 30th St 1:52 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Now 1100blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:56 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1500blk 9th St 1:58 p.m.
Elder Abuse 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 2:33 p.m.
Elder Abuse 3100blk Neilson Way 2:34 p.m.
Elder Abuse 1900blk 17th St 2:34 p.m.
Fraud Report 2900blk 4th St 2:35 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1500blk Ocean Ave 2:39 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:02 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 200blk Ocean Ave 3:03 p.m.
Information Received Report 1500blk Broadway 3:07 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1100blk 2nd St 3:11 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 25th St / Arizona Ave 3:33 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1600blk Appian Way 3:38 p.m.
Found Property 1200blk 6th St 3:57 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Main St / Hill St 4:10 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 600blk Wilshire Blvd 5:08 p.m.
Public Intoxication 2nd St / Wilshire Blvd 5:17 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:24 p.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 100blk Olympic Dr 5:26 p.m.
Identity Theft 800blk 6th St 5:43 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 300blk Santa Monica Pl 6:32 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 700blk Pier Ave 6:54 p.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals Main St / Hill St 6:58 p.m.
Battery Now 1000blk Pico Blvd 7:53 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300blk Olympic Dr 7:59 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 1900blk 22nd St 8:44 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Now 1800blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:54 p.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order Just Occurred 1500blk 10th St 9:43 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 2000blk Ocean Ave 9:45 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2600blk Arizona Ave 9:54 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 9:58 p.m.
Public Intoxication 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:46 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

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EMS 11th St / Wilshire Blvd 12:26 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 2nd St 2:19 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 3:13 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Ocean Ave 4:29 a.m.
EMS 2900blk 31st St 5:06 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 7:51 a.m.
EMS 700blk Ocean Ave 7:56 a.m.
Smoke Investigation 2700blk 6th St 8:22 a.m.
EMS 600blk Palisades Beach Rd 9:28 a.m.
EMS 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 10:10 a.m.
EMS 2400blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:12 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:40 a.m.
EMS 800blk Bay St 10:42 a.m.
Public Assist 1800blk 10th St 10:59 a.m.
EMS 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 11:35 a.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 12:51 p.m.
EMS 2400blk 2nd St 1:55 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 2:20 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 2:33 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:03 p.m.
EMS 5th St / Colorado Ave 4:44 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 16th St 4:54 p.m.
EMS 2nd St / Wilshire Blvd 5:23 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 500blk Colorado Ave 5:35 p.m.
EMS 900blk Wilshire Blvd 6:22 p.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 8:52 p.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 9:20 p.m.
EMS 400blk Expo Line 9:47 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 10th St 10:10 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Neilson Way 11:57 p.m.

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MEETING

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rather to protect public health by following the recommendations given by the Governor and California and Department of Public Health…"

Members of the public who wish to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting can still do so in-person or online by visiting bit.ly/SMMUSDcomment. Those who wish for their written comments to be read aloud should specifically request that district do so in the "comments" section when submitting a request, Pinsker said.

ON THE AGENDA

Compared to its most recent meetings in late February and early March, which featured dozens of public speakers, Thursday's meeting appears like it will be a short one as there are only a few items to be discussed after the approval of the district's consent calendar, according to the posted agenda.

The meeting will kick off with the recognition of the Malibu Boys' and Girls' Club Youth of the Year recipients, which is expected to last 10 minutes and precede a discussion about possible changes to board policies that would allow the sale and consumption of alcohol at approved and permitted special events on school campuses.

The board will then move to student data with staff, who will share information gathered from the 2019-2020 school year. The statistics that are expected to be presented at the meeting will be posted online prior to the board meeting, according to the agenda.

The sole major action item listed on Thursday night's agenda is the proposed adoption of Resolution No. 19-34, which pertains to a prospective measure on the upcoming November 2020 ballot.

If the resolution were to be approved Thursday night, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education would officially endorse the Schools and Communities First Funding Act for a ballot measure in November 2020, according to the posted resolution.

"To learn more about the funding act," visit schoolsandcommunitiesfirst.org, the agenda states, before mentioning the act's proponents of record are: Carol Moon Goldberg of the League of Women Voters of California, Rev. Ben McBride of PICO California and Anthony Thigpenn of California Calls.

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CORONAVIRUS

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"We will continue to see new cases as we increase our capacity to test, and as more people get infected," Ferrer said. "That doesn't mean social distancing is not working. If you look around the world … it takes three to four weeks to see the fruit of our labors … because the incubation period is 14 days. If you can stay home and isolate, please do so."

The county has 23,000 hospital beds and 650 available ventilators, not including surge capacity, said L.A. County Department of Health Services Director Christina Ghaly. She also urged healthy individuals to donate blood because the county is short 5,500 blood donations and blood has a shelf-life of just 42 days.

L.A. County officials said the moratorium on no-fault residential and commercial evictions will start retroactively on March 4 and last until May 31. Tenants will have six months after the end of May to make up any unpaid rent.

The state legislature is also likely to suspend evictions statewide and allocate additional aid to residents, businesses and landlords, officials said. Under legislation moving rapidly through Congress, all Americans could receive a check of upwards of $1,000 to counter the economic effects of coronavirus.

"We know the public health guidance regarding the closures is having an immediate impact on thousands who rely on these jobs for their livelihoods and creating a huge burden on business owners and employers," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

Cole said Santa Monicans should prepare for a long-term disruption to their lives.

"This is going to go on at this level of intensity I think for a couple of months, anyone that thinks life is going to go back to normal April 1 is fooling themselves," he said. "This level of social distancing and even more drastic social isolation may be in the cards for us in Los Angeles County for at least the next couple of months. Normal life is going to be severely disrupted with huge social and economic impacts, not just on us in Santa Monica but on all of Los Angeles and California if not the nation and the world."

He said there will likely be months if not years of additional recovery efforts needed to address the economic impacts of a prolonged disruption.

"While people are fixed on today at this minute and what's going to happen next, I do think it's important to take the long view that we're going to be in this for quite a while," he said.

Barger reminded businesses and workers financially impacted by coronavirus to apply for Small Business Administration Disaster Loans and other resources available from the county and state, including loans and insurance for unemployment, illness and family leave.

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NEWSOM

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"If we're nonessential, there's no reason for us to be out there risking our health and the health of the citizens. I feel like they're always a day late and a dollar short on these things," she said.

Newsom planned Tuesday to issue instructions for state workers, including outlining who can work from home.

Democratic Assemblyman Bill Quirk of Alameda County, which is on lockdown, said there's "no doubt" some regions in the state have more pressing needs than others. He praised Newsom for leaving partisanship behind.

"I have a lot of confidence in the governor and I'm sure he'll be making good decisions," he said.

Associated Press reporter Cuneyt Dil contributed.

CURIOUS CITY

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sweeping programs to deal with everything. Finally. Good. But every bureaucrat up there with him violated the rules they want us to follow of social distancing, and also, very dangerously, all kissed the president's backside as they spoke. Spin control has begun. "We didn't want to test with the inferior test kits that other countries have used." he intoned. Explaining why we're 10 weeks behind even South Korea. But not explaining why this administration secretly tried to buy exclusive — exclusive — rights to a new German vaccine.

Here's the problem. Trump is now doing the things any responsible president would do in this situation. But in waiting 10 weeks, he has allowed the virus to spread to God knows how many Americans, undetected time bombs almost certain to do massive damage, rather than containment.

Gosh, so many things to keep in mind in November. If… he lets us vote.

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MOTHER

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shelters Patton deems safe enough for an unaccompanied woman and minor have long waiting lists, she said.

'"I've been trying to get us out of this but I just don't have any help and don't know what else I can do," she said. "Even if I started working tomorrow, I couldn't get a roof over our head and couldn't work a job while I'm on the street."

In 2012, Patton left behind a lucrative job as a realtor to follow her husband from their hometown of Nashville to Los Angeles, where he had a work opportunity. They lived together in Venice for four years, with Patton working as a freelance social media consultant.

One day in summer 2016, Patton and her husband had a fight that ended in him walking out the door and never coming back. He filed a restraining order against her and served her with divorce papers.

Patton's husband controlled the family's money and Reed was not his biological son, meaning he was not obligated to pay child support. After the divorce, all Patton had was a small amount of alimony and the disability check her son receives because he has Asperger's.

They moved into their car, staying in Airbnbs if they had extra money or at friends' houses while they were out of town. She couldn't rent another apartment because her husband had stopped paying rent on their previous apartment without telling her, tanking her credit score.

Patton drove back to Tennessee to live with her parents for several months, but said she left after several months because they were abusive alcoholics. She took a job in Minneapolis and was laid off in November 2018 after four or five months. Faced with living with her son in her car through a Minnesota winter, they drove to Santa Monica and were living in their car until the crash.

Before and after they lost their car, Patton said she has sent out hundreds of resumes and has had a handful of interviews, with two more lined up for next week. But as coronavirus freezes economic activity worldwide, it will be almost impossible for her to find work.

Patton said she has reached out to every shelter in the area, but they either have long waiting lists, would separate her from her son or feel unsafe and dirty. She has already been sexually assaulted once while living in her car and is terrified of it happening again.

"If we end up on the street, we'll have to leave behind everything we own and I don't think I'll be able to get out of it," she said. "Mentally, it will destroy both of us. My son has already been living the life of an adult, not a kid — he worries constantly."

Reed said he will have to somehow get back to his grandparents or stay with his father in North Carolina when he and his mother run out of money.

"I don't even want to think about things getting to that point," he said.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Beach Water Use Advisory

Because of the recent rainfall, Los Angeles County Health Officer, Muntu Davis, MD, MPH, is cautioning residents who are planning to visit Los Angeles County beaches to avoid swimming, surfing, and playing in ocean waters around discharging storm drains, creeks, and rivers. Bacteria, chemicals, debris, trash, and other public health hazards from city streets and mountain areas are likely to contaminate ocean waters at and around these outlets after a rainfall. Individuals who enter the water in these areas could become ill.

Discharging storm drains, creeks, and rivers only comprise a small portion of the beach; therefore, anybody who wants to go to other areas at the beach can still enjoy their beach outing.

Areas of the beach apart from discharging storm drains, creeks, and rivers are exempted from this advisory. This advisory will be in effect until at least Thursday, March 19 at 10 a.m. This advisory may be extended depending on further rainfall.

Recorded information on beach conditions is available 24 hours a day on the County's beach closure hotline: 1-800-525-5662. Information is also available online at: PublicHealth.LACounty.gov/Beach/

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