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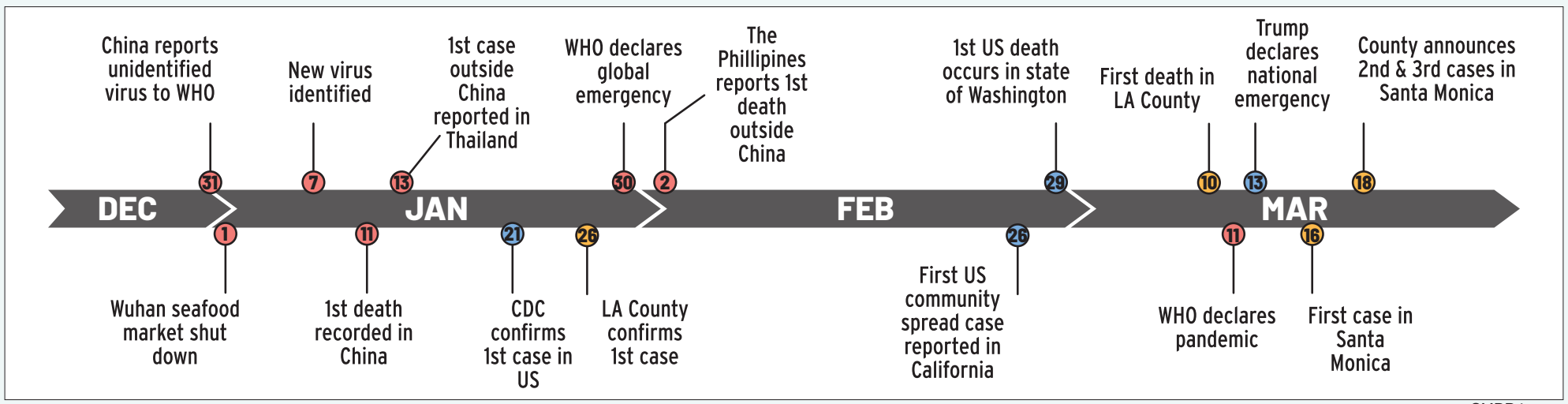
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Three COVID-19 cases confirmed in Santa Monica as L.A. County total reaches 190



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TIMELINE: The coronavirus has grown into a global pandemic with major economic and public health implications since emerging at the end of December last year.

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Public health officials confirmed Wednesday that Santa Monica had two new cases of coronavirus, with a total of three cases citywide.

On Wednesday afternoon, L.A. County Department of Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer announced 46 new cases of COVID-19, bringing the countywide total to 190, although she said the unconfirmed total could be five or ten times higher. She urged county residents to assume that every community has several people who are positive for coronavirus and to remain at home as much as possible, especially seniors and those with chronic health conditions.

"We'll see an increase in cases for four to 12 weeks, but that doesn't mean our actions to dampen the number of new cases are not working," Ferrer said. "We cannot stop the spread of COVID-

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Santa Monica extends evictions moratorium to businesses

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica put a temporary moratorium on commercial evictions Wednesday after local officials ordered many businesses to close Monday to slow the spread of coronavirus, evaporating revenue needed to pay workers, rent and utilities.

City Manager Rick Cole signed

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"I feel like it's safer than a grocery store": locals stock up at the Farmers Market

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Shoppers selected fresh produce, meat and dairy from stands affixed with signs urging them to maintain a distance of six feet from others at the Santa Monica Farmers Market Wednesday.

City and county officials closed restaurants to dine-in customers earlier this week but have allowed grocery stores and farmers markets to remain open so residents can continue to buy food. But with grocery stores running out of items as shoppers buy staples in bulk, some people are opting to stock up at their local open-air markets.

At the downtown Santa Monica market Wednesday morning, dozens of farmers sheathed in latex gloves served customers one by one as a couple hundred people milled around the market, which stretches for several blocks along Arizona Avenue.

Patrons were not allowed to touch

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California parents face possible long-term homeschooling

BY ADAM BEAM AND DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

Gov. Gavin Newsom's assessment that it's likely "few if any" California schools will reopen before summer break surprised parents, who wondered Wednesday how distance learning would work.

Santa Monica schools are closed through April 20 and local officials said they have no immediate plans to cancel the remainder of the year.

"Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati and our school board are taking Gov Newsom's comments seriously," said SMMUSD Community & Public Relations Officer Gail Pinsker. "We are currently closed for five weeks and continue to evaluate the situation with the guidance of local, regional and state health and government officials. We are hoping for the best and preparing for the worst."

Newsom said Tuesday that nearly 99% of the state's K-12 schools are shuttered for periods generally ranging from two to five weeks.

"It is unlikely that many of these schools, few if any, will open before the summer break," he said, urging the more than 6 million schoolchildren and their families to make long-term plans.

David De Leon, whose son is an 8th-grader in Santa Ana, said he was shocked by the announcement.

"I don't know if it's viable," De Leon said. "To throw it out for everyone to use until the end of the school year I think is unreasonable."

Before his son's school shut down, he was told to take all his schoolbooks and school-assigned Chromebook home. For now, teachers are suggesting that kids use certain academic programs until they can develop a distance learning curriculum, he said.

In Los Angeles, Filiberto Gonzalez, 45, said his three children have been in touch daily with their teachers and have an hour to four hours per day of work they can do on an existing online platform that supplemented classes. But the prospect of moving to an entirely online system raises a slew of challenges few were expecting.

"This whole process started with OK, we're going to be away from school for two weeks, take this material with you, here's a Chromebook," he said. "The news that came yesterday was a real shock to a lot of us."

Some parents are making their children get up at the same hour as if they are in school and have a scheduled day of online learning. Others are taking advantage of the online resources provided by school districts, like "Skype with a scientist" offered by the San Diego Unified School District, and virtual tours through museums worldwide.

San Diego high school teacher Elena Lujan-Alba said her 10th grade daughter is missing out on testing for Advanced Placement classes. But Lujan-Alba, whose husband is a math consultant for schools, is not as worried about keeping their two daughters up with academics as much as she is about their social activities.

"We try to manage the kids' expectations. I tell them, 'Guys you know that probably won't happen,' to prepare them mentally. Then it's like OK, that's not happening. It's like stages of grief, of letting go," Lujan-Alba said.

Closures are impacting schools up and down the educational ladder.

In a special meeting held on March 17, the Santa Monica College (SMC) Board of Trustees unanimously approved a resolution that declared a state of local emergency at the college. The passage of the resolution authorized SMC Superintendent/President Dr. Kathryn E. Jeffery to take actions necessary in response to COVID-19, the novel coronavirus.

"This board resolution will help streamline the decision-making process at Santa Monica College, under the leadership of Dr. Kathryn E. Jeffery. I commend the steps she and senior administration have taken, proactively, to limit the possible transmission of COVID-19 at SMC," said Dr. Nancy Greenstein, Board Chair. "There is nothing more important to each member of this board, than the wellbeing of the college's students and employees. This is a creative and resilient community. The steps that are being taken allow the college to continue delivering on its mission, which includes providing 'a safe, inclusive, and dynamic learning environment,' and this goes on in a remotely accessible environment."

Among several other provisions, the SMC board resolution authorizes Superintendent/President Jeffery to take actions necessary to ensure the continuation of educational services, enter into memorandums of understanding with employee organizations for the provision of leaves of absence with pay to employees impacted by COVID-19, and negotiate temporary rent/facility use fee reductions or suspensions with food service vendors on campus.

As of March 18, all SMC classes and support services have moved to a remotely accessible environment. The college's main campus on 1900 Pico Blvd. and all five satellite campuses are closed to the general public.

The California Department of Public Health said Wednesday the state now has 13 deaths related to the coronavirus and 598 confirmed cases. More than 11,900 people are self-monitoring after returning from overseas.

While urging Californians to stay united and promising "we will get back to the life that we have lived," Newsom also acknowledged that much is unknown and so the state is preparing for frightening worst-case scenarios.

Matthew Hall contributed to this report

Millions in San Francisco area cope with virus restrictions

OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ
Associated Press

Millions in the San Francisco Bay Area found empty highways, shuttered stores and vacant streets Tuesday as officials began enforcing an order for residents to stay at home and only leave for essential reasons in a desperate attempt to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

Miguel Aguirre, 38, his wife and two children were the only ones Tuesday along a street near San Francisco's City Hall, an area normally bustling with office workers and commuters. He and his wife are janitors at the Boys & Girls Club. They had heard of the shelter-in-place order but decided to show up anyway because they need the money, only to be told to go home by his supervisor.

"It's really a scary situation for us because if we don't work, we don't eat," said Aguirre, of Oakland, who brought his two daughters with him because schools were shuttered. He already lost his second job at the Hotel St. Francis when tourism conferences began cancelling a month ago.

"There have been days when I want to cry. But I have to keep going. This is a very difficult situation," Aguirre said.

The measures are the strictest in America, mimicking orders in place across Europe. They raised new questions. What exactly is an essential need to leave home? What happens if you go out for a non-essential reason?

"No one has a clear interpretation as to what's going to happen economically or the trickle-down effect that local businesses are experiencing because of this," said John McClinton of Oakland.

Under orders issued Monday affecting about 7 million people, including the cities of Berkeley and Oakland, supermarkets, pharmacies, banks and gas stations remain open, along with other essential government functions and businesses. On Tuesday, the counties of Sonoma and Monterey and the city of Palm Springs, with a combined population of 1 million, also ordered residents to stay at home, while Sacramento County directed its 1.5 million residents to do the same, one step short of a formal order.

Restaurants are open only for takeout. Gyms and bars were closed. Outdoor exercise is fine, as long as people practice social distancing.

"History will not forgive us for waiting an hour more," said San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo, whose city is the epicenter of the area's outbreak. "This is our generation's great test, our moment to stand together as a community."

Across California, and the nation, supermarkets have been chaotic with lines forming before stores open. Then shoppers jam the aisles and clear out the stock of toilet paper and other paper goods, canned beans, pasta and rice.

"I saw the headline and got this pit in my stomach," Caroline Park said as she put on plastic gloves before pushing a shopping cart into the Berkeley Bowl grocery store on Monday.

At Berkeley's Comal restaurant, owner Andrew Hoffman was giving any remaining perishables to his staff.

"We have 125 employees that all just lost their job. It's heartbreaking," he told the San Jose Mercury News.

California's national and state parks remained open, but many shut indoor spaces.

The state has confirmed nearly 500 cases of the virus and at least 12 deaths. The virus usually causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. But it can be deadly for older people and those with underlying health conditions.

Gov. Gavin Newsom had already told all residents ages 65 or older to stay at home and called for all bars, wineries, nightclubs and brewpubs to close. He upgraded the orders on Monday.

Los Angeles and San Diego counties — with a combined 13.4 million people — ordered bars to close and restaurants to stay open only for pickup, drive-thru or delivery.

San Francisco Police Chief William Scott said while violations of the order carry the possibility of fines or jail time, authorities will take a "compassionate, common-sense approach" to enforcement.

At San Francisco's infamous Alcatraz, tours of the shuttered island prison were off until further notice. Tour guide Manuel Gomez, 49, who supports a wife and two children, hadn't yet come up with another plan to make money.

"It's devastating," Gomez said. "We only have enough savings to last us for 10 days."

Beverly Hills ordered the closure of all nonessential retail businesses, including those on the famed fashion destination, Rodeo Drive, except for pickup, delivery and certain transactions by appointment.

In Orange County, Costa Mesa's fashionable South Coast Plaza, the largest mall on the West Coast, began a 14-day closure.

The Los Angeles Unified School District abandoned plans to open 40 centers intended to provide a range of services from meals to childcare while classes are suspended. Instead, it will open 60 "grab and go" locations to pick up boxed meals.

The Los Angeles Police Department assigned 50% of detectives into uniform for high-visibility patrols, including at stores with large crowds. Station front desks were closed.

The American Red Cross Southern California Blood Services Region put out an urgent call for donors.

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles suspended public Masses altogether.

AP writers Jocelyn Gecker, Janie Har, Juliet Williams and Terry Chea in San Francisco, John Antczak and John Rogers in Los Angeles, Daisy Nguyen in Berkeley, Amy Taxin in Orange County and Julie Watson in San Diego contributed to this report.

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Carpaccio di barbabietole red and golden beets carpaccio, organic greens and aged goat cheese **12**

Insalata di carciofi e pecorino Calistoga organic artichokes, sliced Sardinian pecorino and wild rucola **13**

PASTA

Tagliatelle alla bolognese Wisconsin Black Angus meat ragout **24**

Spaghetti alla carbonara organic egg, crispy pancetta and Sardinian pecorino **25**

Cavatelli tartufati alla Norcina Umbrian black truffles, seasonal mushrooms, sausage and red cow parmigiano **40**

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MAIN

Filetto ai funghi Wisconsin Black Angus filet mignon with seasonal mushrooms, Farmers Market organic vegetables **48**

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Citizen Flag 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 12:40 a.m.
Panhandling 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:16 a.m.
Found Property 1500blk 15th St 4:17 a.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 2500blk Kansas Ave 4:58 a.m.
Loitering 2100blk Ocean Ave 5:17 a.m.
Family Disturbance 500blk Colorado Ave 5:53 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2700blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:15 a.m.
Alcohol & Beverage Code Violation 300blk Olympic Dr 6:33 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 20th St / Wilshire Blvd 6:42 a.m.
Illegal Weapon 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 7:02 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1800blk Cloverfield Blvd 7:16 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 2700blk Pico Blvd 8:08 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk The Beach 8:18 a.m.
Encampment 1100blk Ocean Front Walk 8:26 a.m.
Burglary Now 1100blk 4th St 8:30 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1700blk 11th St 8:45 a.m.
Burglary Report 800blk Broadway 8:45 a.m.
Person With A Gun 5th St / Colorado Ave 9:00 a.m.
Found Property 2600blk 11th St 9:08 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1500blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:33 a.m.
Identity Theft 1500blk 7th St 9:42 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2200blk Colorado Ave 9:49 a.m.
Elder Abuse 1400blk 17th St 9:50 a.m.
Elder Abuse 3200blk 18th St 9:50 a.m.
Elder Abuse 1000blk 21st St 9:50 a.m.
Transport 300blk Olympic Dr 9:50 a.m.
Elder Abuse 300blk Olympic Dr 9:56 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1200blk 2nd St 10:20 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1400blk 2nd St 10:28 a.m.
Citizen Flag 1900blk The Beach 10:29 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 800blk Interstate 10 11:11 a.m.
Found Property 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 11:28 a.m.
General Parking Problem 500blk Olympic Blvd W 12:48 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:52 p.m.
Scar Investigation 1900blk Cloverfield Blvd 1:00 p.m.
Scar Investigation 1800blk 11th St 1:00 p.m.
Red Zone Violation 1300blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:11 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 3100blk Wilshire Blvd 1:12 p.m.
Loitering 1200blk Wilshire Blvd 1:15 p.m.
Overdose 1400blk Princeton St 1:31 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:48 p.m.
Loud Music 3000blk Arizona Ave 1:59 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1700blk Ocean Ave 2:04 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:26 p.m.
Encampment 1500blk 14th St 2:29 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1700blk Ocean Ave 2:33 p.m.
General Parking Problem 800blk Ocean Ave 2:40 p.m.
Smoking Violation 900blk Ozone Ave 2:45 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 19th St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:50 p.m.
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Violation Of Posted Sign 200blk San Vicente Blvd 3:30 p.m.
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Fight 4th St / Colorado Ave 6:07 p.m.
Person Down 400blk California Ave 6:18 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1000blk Hill St 6:21 p.m.
Identity Theft 700blk Ocean Ave 6:38 p.m.
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Family Disturbance 100blk Colorado Ave 7:33 p.m.
Lost Property 2600blk 6th St 8:17 p.m.
Citizen Flag 9th St / Broadway 9:04 p.m.
Fraud Report 2200blk Pearl St 9:25 p.m.
Construction Noise 16th St / Santa Monica Blvd 9:44 p.m.
Citizen Flag 3000blk Main St 9:57 p.m.
Auto Burglary Now 1600blk Wilshire Blvd 10:03 p.m.
Loitering 2400blk 7th St 10:11 p.m.
Encampment 1200blk Harvard St 10:27 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Main St / Ashland Ave 10:32 p.m.
Keep The Peace 1100blk 10th St 10:33 p.m.
Loud Music 2600blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:53 p.m.

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Jeff Peak

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Guns are not the answer

EDITOR:

I was very disappointed that you chose to run the AP story today (March 17 2020) on Sales of Guns and Ammunition, on page 2 nonetheless. The majority of the story was focused on Atlanta???

These are very stressful times for everyone and to run a story like this in a community like Santa Monica is irrelevant and frankly irresponsible. The people that are scared and buying guns during times like these are very few and far between and/or they are first time gun buyers and DO NOT understand the risk of having a gun in the home, it's just an impulsive purchase out of fear.

I think it would have been much more helpful, humane and a sign of community leadership, if you provide useful information regarding how to act rational in these times of distress, what folks can do to keep themselves and others safe. If you can't fill up your pages with this type of useful information and you'd like to run stories about guns, then maybe considering running a story that provides useful facts about why you DON'T need to panic and run out and buy a gun.

Here are the facts everyone should know:

If you are going to purchase a gun remember the importance of SAFE STORAGE to reduce unintentional shootings and Family Fire

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Keeping guns LOCKED and UNLOADED reduces Family Fire risk by 73%

Gun violence is estimated to cost the American economy at least $229 BILLION every year

To me, that's a more interesting and compelling story.

As the stats clearly demonstrate, buying a gun is a very serious decision and very serious responsibility that not only impacts the gun owner but all those that live in the household with them.

California has enacted many gun violence prevention laws to keep us safe. I choose to live in California because we have one of the lowest gun death rates per 100,000 people in the US. Even so, over 3,000 Californians are killed by a gun each year of which MORE than 50% are SUICIDES (a lot easier when a gun is in the house) and guns are the 3rd leading cause of death for California children ages 1 - 17. What a waste...and you might even save a life if one less person had that gun in their home and/or it was purchased and not locked, unloaded and safely stored.

Jeff Peak, Santa Monica

California mountains blanketed in snow after March storms

JOHN ANTCZAK
Associated Press

California mountains are blanketed in snow and much of the state has had plenty of rain in a remarkable March turnabout from the extremely dry first two months of the year.

The most recent statewide storm started during the weekend and, despite diminishing, snow snowfall and showers were still occurring here and there.

In the Sierra Nevada, Homewood Mountain Resort on the west shore of Lake Tahoe reported late Tuesday a storm total of 114 inches of snow at its summit and 74 inches at the base.

About 120 miles to the south, Mammoth Mountain reported storm snowfall totals ranging from 37-46 inches.

Like most mountain resorts, both resorts are closed due to the coronavirus threat, but the snow is not going to waste.

The Sierra snowpack is an important part of California's water supply and, after promising December storms, it dwindled rapidly through January and February and by last week the U.S. Drought Monitor said 78.5% of California was in moderate drought or abnormally dry.

The monitor's next report comes out Thursday.

In Southern California, downtown Los Angeles has received 2.8 inches of rain so far this month, more than an inch above normal to date.

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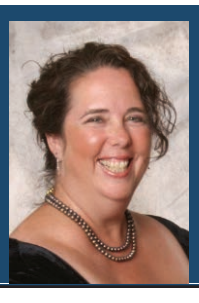


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Noteworthy

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Watching My Column Sink, So Fast



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MUSIC?: It's a tough time to be writing about live music shows in Los Angeles.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO NOTEWORTHY?!

We all have seen what the rules, both governmental and common sense, for dealing with this pandemic have wrought in our individual lives. It started for me as drips of restrictions on live shows, lots of uncertainty, then sped like Usain Bolt toward an unavoidable finish line. Near zero tolerance, very few exceptions.

Of course the first, foremost concern is for people's health. Too many people have already died and we're only at the beginning. But even for those who stay healthy, there's not a person who hasn't been affected, some much more than others. Many have lost their jobs, many have seen their businesses shut down, some are less affected because they work from home, like me. But, you may be working from home for a business or entire industry that has ground to a halt.

Students have seen their schools shut down as tests loom, high school and college hoops players, especially seniors, have seen their tournament hopes of a lifetime vanish. March Madness is, was, my favorite time of all. Better than Christmas. And I waited all these painful years to see a Laker team capable of greatness again and a championship, and ... poof.

For my NOTEWORTHY column, I watched the venues which host the performances I report on fall like dominoes. From the mighty, like the LA Philharmonic, to the modest, like our own Harvelle's in downtown Santa Monica. Some came out early with a total (if temporary) halt, others kept at it a week or more, with increasing safety measures that seemed increasingly futile. A couple held on by their fingernails till the last moment possible -- jazz club Sam First had the great Gerald Clayton playing solo piano on their last night, our precious Jacaranda classical music series almost got their last show in, and Harvelle's got in one last Toledo extravaganza. But it didn't take long for me to see the writing on the wall, and wonder where my writing about music would go. I got nuthin'!

THE BACKGROUND

After writing about music professionally since college, I "retired" from it when I took a year's trip by VW van across Europe and North Africa, 7/11/11 to 6/12/12, with my wife and daughter. I felt I'd said it all about music and wanted to write about the rest of life, so I started sending back missives about that journey to the Daily Press and they appeared as my "Three Innocents Abroad" columns, a near-copy of the title of the European travel journal of my favorite writer, Mark Twain. That evolved into CURIOUS CITY when I returned.

But of course I couldn't help but throw some music commentary into CURIOUS CITY sometimes, and it seemed whenever I did I always got people who wrote me or came up in person to say, I love it when you write about music! More, please!

From my college days at UNM I was motivated to write about it because I was always having discussions, sometimes fervent, always heartfelt, about music, and I figured if I'm in print I can get my ideas across to thousands, not just the person in front of me. I also took on a show on our campus radio station, which reached the whole city. I was always driven by wanting to share with others what I thought was really good, even transcendent, music that they might not have otherwise discovered.

Thus was NOTEWORTHY born. With anecdotes from my life in music, noteworthy song lyrics, album and concert reviews, musicians' birthdays, clever and/or inspirational quotes from artists, and branching out to all the arts, as I did back in my college newspaper days, touching on theater, art, spoken word, film.

All things evolve and in the last year it became solely my list of must-see shows for the coming week, with a few lines of background to convince you. Then I added coming attractions, to mark on the calendar. I kept digging deeper and deeper for sources, I

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COVID-19

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19, so all of our strategies are aimed at slowing the spread ... to maintain the capacity of our essential healthcare system. The only opportunity we have to flatten the curve is if everyone does all the social distancing we're recommending."

Ferrer said Tuesday that more than 1,100 people have been tested in L.A. County. She said during Wednesday's press conference that she will be able to share details about increased testing capacity by the end of the week.

It is unknown if the employees who tested positive in three Santa Monica offices — Colorado Center, Water Garden and Universal Music's offices on Colorado Avenue — are part of the county's official tally in Santa Monica.

The Daily Press previously reported that City Manager Rick Cole had knowledge of individuals who were quarantined in Santa Monica hospitals or at home. Cole later said he misspoke and retracted the statement.

The list of communities with coronavirus cases officials released Wednesday also shows that Venice has four individuals who have tested positive.

The city on Wednesday extended its temporary moratorium on evictions to businesses. Landlords will not be able to evict residents or businesses financially impacted by coronavirus through April 30. The city also suspended water and sewer shutoffs, street sweeping and preferential parking.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education voted Monday to close schools through April 20. Gov. Gavin Newsom said Tuesday night that school districts across the state, 98.8% of which are closed, are not likely to reopen before summer break, but SMMUSD officials maintained that schools would be closed for five weeks, including a two-week spring break, pending official guidance from the state.

Newsom and L.A. County Supervisor Hilda Solis announced plans to expand homeless shelter capacity during the pandemic, including a county directive for 15 winter shelters to remain open through April. Locally, Santa Monica is expanding access to washing and restroom facilities for people experiencing homelessness, especially in high-traffic areas and parks.

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BUSINESSES

FROM PAGE 1

an emergency order Wednesday morning prohibiting landlords from evicting businesses through April 30 if they have been financially impacted by coronavirus. The city also announced a suspension of Ellis Act evictions, Big Blue Bus fares and late fees on the taxes and fees it collects from businesses.

The order follows a suspension on residential evictions Cole signed Saturday that includes a temporary ban on water and sewer shutoffs and a Monday order suspending preferential parking and street sweeping. The orders could be extended if the coronavirus pandemic lasts longer than the next six weeks, he said.

"To avoid termination of tenancy and evictions due to nonpayment of rent, tenants must still show their landlord that they are losing income because of the COVID-19 crisis," said city spokesperson Constance Farrell.

Cole said residential and commercial tenants are still liable for rent and must pay it back after the local outbreak is over. He said renters could be aided by state and federal funds to assist workers and businesses during the economic crisis caused by COVID-19.

"We don't have the power to waive rents," he said.

Even before Santa Monica went into lockdown Monday, businesses were already losing money and those that have not been ordered to close will continue to suffer the impacts of mandated social distancing for weeks or months.

Santa Monica's tourist-serving businesses, including hotels, restaurants and attractions, have been hard-hit by coronavirus' impact on travel demand domestically and internationally even before President Donald Trump banned travel from Europe last week, said Misti Kerns, president and CEO of Santa Monica Travel & Tourism. Hotels nationwide are in the single digits of occupancy, she said.

"It is important to recall that we were headed into an economic slowdown prior to this pandemic," she said. "How quickly businesses recover is the important question and will likely depend in many ways on how much government assistance is offered."

Kerns said she expects that once it is safe to do so, people will again want to travel and book vacations.

"We expect the recovery will parallel previous pandemics in the rapid nature of returning revenue tied to pent-up traveler demand," she said.

In the meantime, she said, Santa Monicans can support local businesses by buying gift cards, ordering takeout, taking advantage of virtual classes being offered by many gyms and booking a future stay-cation.

Cole said the city is trying to help restaurant continue serving takeout and delivery by authorizing restaurants to bag parking meters in front of their businesses to create drop-off zones. The city is also planning an "Eat Local SM" campaign to encourage residents under self-isolation to continue ordering food.

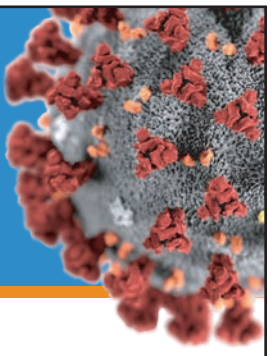
"It takes some pressure off our grocery stores, which have been ground zero for counterproductive panic," Cole said. "It means more job stability for restaurant workers, more economic stability for restaurants and some nutritious and readily available food options for particularly the older population and folks with health conditions."

A list of resources for local businesses, including loans of up to $2 million from the Small Business Administration for businesses hit hard by coronavirus, can be found at www.santamonica.gov/coronavirus-business-resources.

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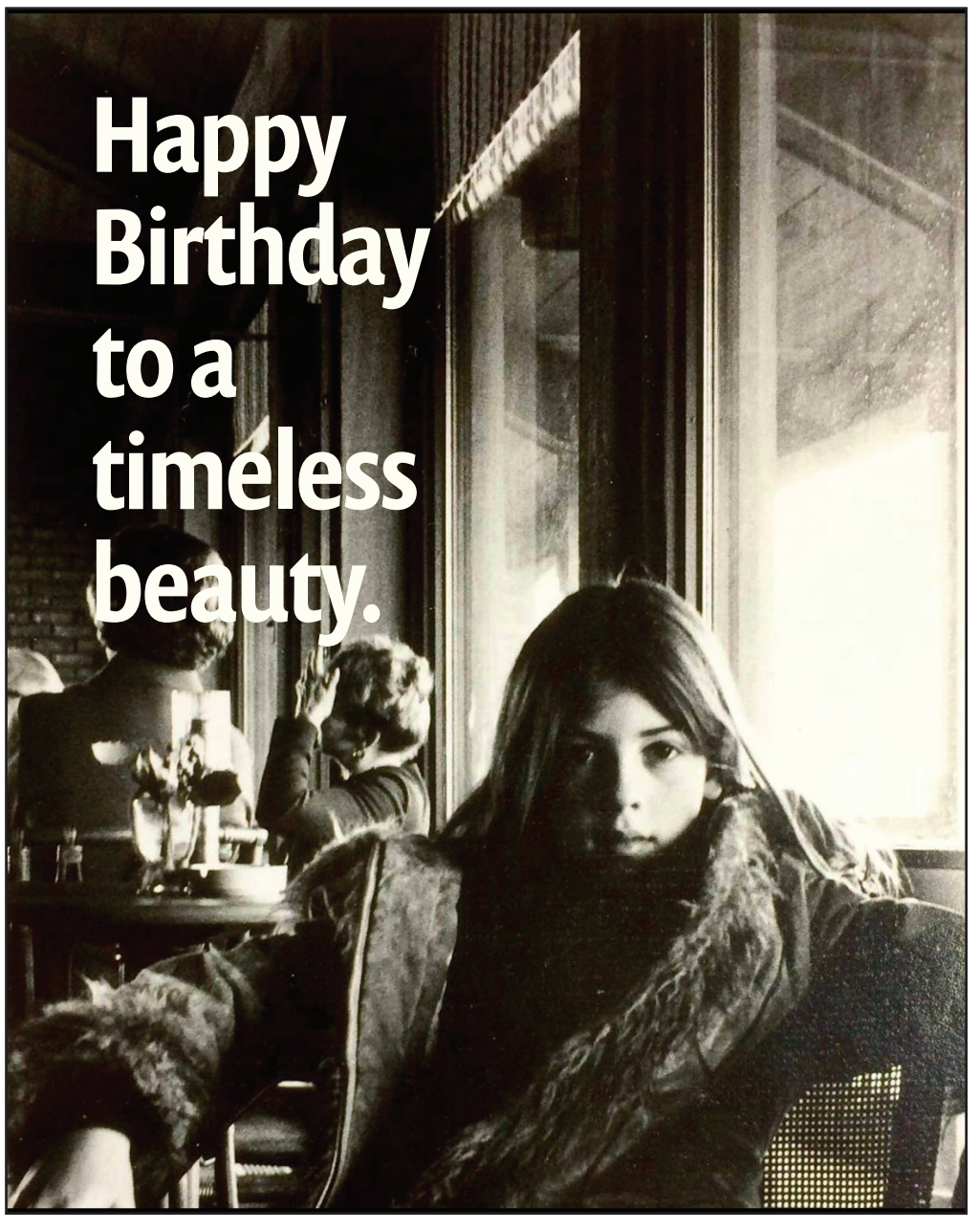
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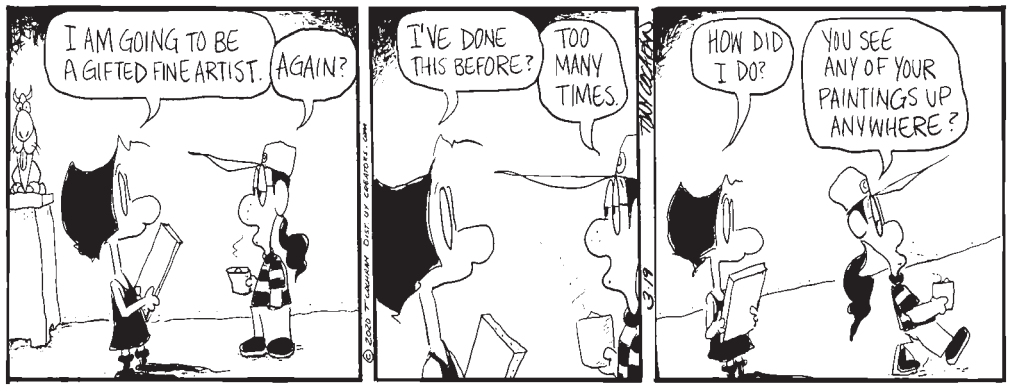
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- Practice respiratory hygiene
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- Stay informed and follow advice given by your healthcare provider

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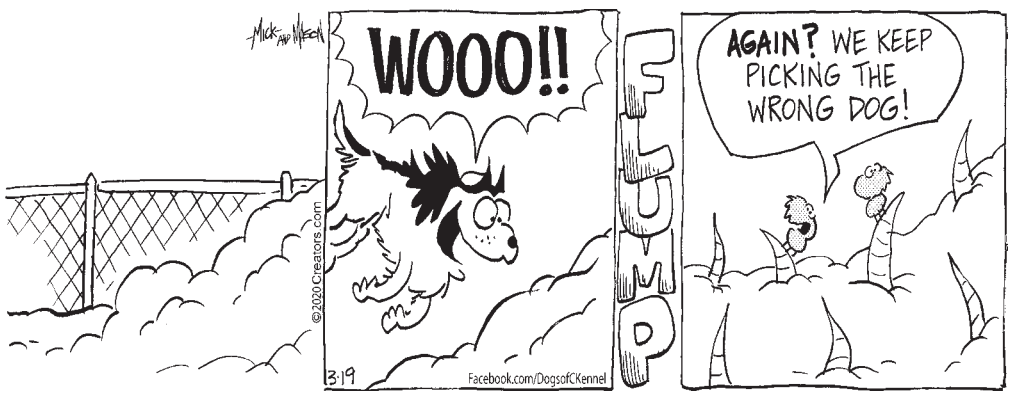
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THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high
S swell eases. NW swell-mix drops after picking up overnight. Wind may trend favorable through the AM.

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
S swell eases.

WEATHER

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.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.
Sunday: A slight chance of rain. Partly sunny, with a high near 65.

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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
2020/03/22	Sun	3:37 PM	-0.29	L
2020/03/22	Sun	9:49 PM	4.46	H
2020/03/23	Mon	03:34 AM	0.88	L
2020/03/23	Mon	09:35 AM	4.99	H

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Draw Date: 03/17
20 27 28 58 59
Mega#: 25
Jackpot: 96 M

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

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 03/17
7 19 23 25 26

Daily 3
Draw Date: 03/17
Midday: 2 5 2
Draw Date: 03/16
Evening: 0 8 6

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's not so much what you do, but who you are while you're doing it that matters. Who you feel like you are is not the same thing, but for today's purposes, it's close enough.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Suffering is caused by arguing with reality. It's optional, but if you're going to struggle, it may as well be a fight for something beautiful, like art or poetry.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The empirical evidence you gather is neutral and devoid of answers; however, your synthesis of it will be the solution to tough problems. It's not what things are but what they mean that matters.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You will be involved in a slow build. This thing is happening moment by moment, day by day, person by person. In time, you'll have the thrill of momentum. Today, you have the steady hum of patience.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You will do your best work once you get out of your own way. It may help you not to think of yourself as the creator of this. Divest yourself of judgment and allow the generative process to fulfill itself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your skillful command of words will serve your dazzling logic, resulting in feats of leadership that more conventionally powerful people will envy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Clean your input. Television, news feeds, email, direct mail -- it's a barrage. Though there's so much to ignore, you're still being subtly influenced in that fraction of a second before you must decide to ignore it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You live to amuse today, and you'll do so masterfully, mostly because you observe the first rule of entertainment, which is to "read the room." When your message fits the appetites of the group, you're golden.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're creative and analytical. You'll envision possible glorious outcomes and then back up and ask "what if?" so that you might also anticipate the possible obstacles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Ralph Waldo Emerson suggested that one sign of success is when you've won "the respect of the intelligent people and the affection of children." You'll nail that today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Any role you take on will require you to communicate your ideas, listen well and organize your life so that you are where you need to be when you need to be there and with everything necessary to do the job.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Put in place systems to help you get around a weakness and maximize a strength. Any practice that allays your worries and keeps you organized.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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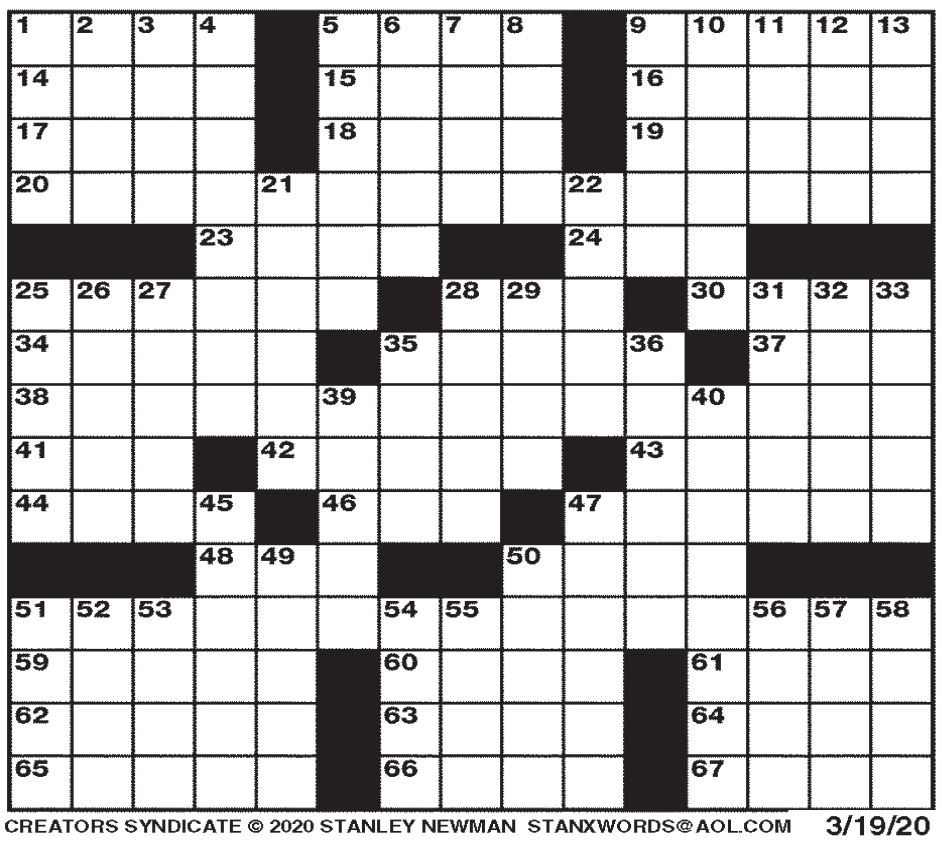
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Newsday Crossword

13 DOWN SELECTIONS by Mark McClain
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ACROSS
1 Exceeding
5 Rather large lawn
9 Hotel's hiding places
14 Electrician's supply
15 Square cereal brand
16 Mythical weeper
17 Oklahoma city
18 Casual eatery
19 Isle near Curaçao
20 Slogan promoting US tourism
23 A lower price
24 Have regrets about
25 Money of India
28 Word before shirt or shot
30 Easy victory
34 Motionless
35 "Poison" shrub
37 Smallest singing group
38 Not a brick-and-mortar enterprise
41 UFO crew
42 Courtroom entries
43 Has as a source
44 Some sandwich surrounders
46 Parts of psyches
47 Make readable, in a way
48 Part of WWW
50 Quick tug
51 Good-for-business situation
59 Give up, as a right
60 Jazz great Fitzgerald
61 *Messiah* solo
62 Rockies resort
63 Salsa category
64 Unassertive
65 Exodus verb
66 Clarinet cousin
67 Very long times

DOWN
1 Runs a tab
2 Ivy, for instance
3 Part of Ohio's border
4 State of high readiness
5 Ability to enter
6 Burns a bit
7 Reduction of interest, informally
8 Corner office holder
9 Big mess
10 Not as cramped
11 Par on most holes
12 Goes out
13 Air traveler's choice
21 Group gathering
22 Academic disciplines
25 Water with a mouth
26 State of solidarity
27 By itself
28 Big horns
29 Big birds
31 Start of several Keats poem titles
32 Reflected (on)
33 Rapper's entourage
35 Wheelless vehicle
36 Marc Antony adversary
39 Interrogation story
40 Term of endearment, e.g.
45 Office chair feature
47 Century fraction
49 Banquet hall booking
50 Venerable dessert brand
51 Yuletide poem starter
52 Big mess
53 Seacrest's morning TV partner
54 Found fish of filmdom
55 Overly smooth
56 Venerable dessert brand
57 Appearance that sounds ornery
58 Babbles



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NOTEWORTHY

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enlisted my daughter Nicole to give her mid-20s perspective, and the column grew from 800 words to 1200 or more, which the Daily Press generously always printed, jumping to a back page. My SMDP handlers and the readers all seemed to agree that it was a useful guide to everything from opera to poetry readings to reggae, and an interesting read even if you didn't hit any of the shows.

SO NOW, A BLANK SLATE

Always an opportunity, of course, but also intimidating and challenging.

There are a lot of possibilities. I could write about the best shows I've seen in the past year. Could conjure up What (or Who) I'll Be Missing during this quiet time. I could do reflections on venues, shows, music, artists who have moved me. (Actually, all those good suggestions came from one friend.) And I have just started to do a podcast through the Daily Press, which could be fun.

Life is great, isn't it? Even when it sucks big time. Always an opportunity. What's behind that door? Stay tuned.

NICOLE IS NOT STANDING STILL

She told me she joined a bunch of friends for a Facetime karaoke session a few nights ago and it was a blast. Couldn't we all benefit from becoming explorers outside our boxes, miners of the silver linings? Music is all around, you know.

NICOLE RECOMMENDS:

QUARANTINE CONCERT -- Strange times call for strange recommendations.. The monthly music + art pop-up known as Treehouse has come up with a way to keep the music going amidst COVID-19 shutdowns. The rules are simple: anyone can make a video of themselves playing a song, upload it with the hashtag #quarantineconcert, and tag two more musicians to keep the chain going, and anyone can watch these by searching the hashtag on Instagram, or by visiting https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/quarantineconcert) -- Anytime, anywhere.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 2,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 34 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

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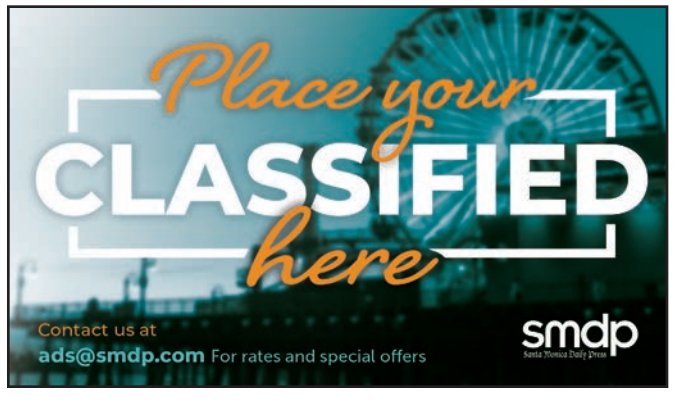
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Automatic Alarm 2800blk 4th St 4:20 a.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 2500blk Beverley Ave 4:55 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 15th St 6:04 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1200blk 15th St 6:45 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500blk 5th St 7:06 a.m.
Wires Down 400blk Pico Blvd 8:10 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Appian Way 8:45 a.m.
EMS 800blk 2nd St 9:17 a.m.
EMS 2400blk Lincoln Blvd 9:46 a.m.
EMS 900blk 6th St 9:55 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 10:35 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 3300blk Barnard Way 10:50 a.m.
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EMS 800blk 7th St 8:35 p.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 9th St / Broadway 9:05 p.m.
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or sample food and handwashing stations had been installed around the market. People were not supposed to come within six feet of each other — a rule people tried to follow but inevitably broke while moving past each other. A market worker wearing a yellow safety vest walked through the market, loudly reminding shoppers to comply with the rule.

Recalling crowds of panicked shoppers at grocery stores over the weekend, customers said they felt shopping at the market would minimize their risk of exposure.

"It's very calm out here. Everyone is very courteous," said Santa Monica resident Deborah Nikkel. "They're abiding by all the laws and rules and regulations, and it's just very peaceful."

Although many grocery stores in the area were out of staple foods like beans and canned tomatoes, Lori Heal of 2 Peas in a Pod Farm had many varieties of dried heirloom beans available.

"Everybody is thanking us so much for being here and wants the market to stay open," Heal said.

Meredith Bell, co-owner of organic meat and eggs purveyor Autonomy Farms, said her sales at farmers markets have at least quadrupled during the COVID-19 pandemic and her wholesale business selling to restaurants has ground to a halt.

"We're getting a lot of people who don't typically shop at farmers markets or haven't been in a long time because they're seeing a shortage of food in grocery stores," she said.

Bell said while she loves having new customers and the opportunity to encourage people to support local farms, she said it has been hard to watch restaurants she has sold to for years suffer the fallout of coronavirus.

She said she plans to keep selling at farmers markets for the foreseeable future, taking all the precautions recommended by public health officials.

"At this point, all we can do is be proactive and do the best we can do," she said. "People have to have food."

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