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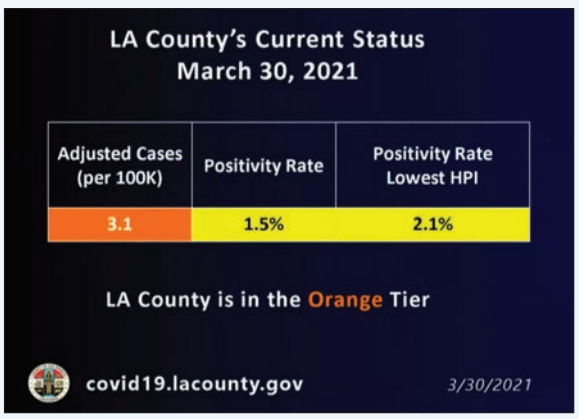
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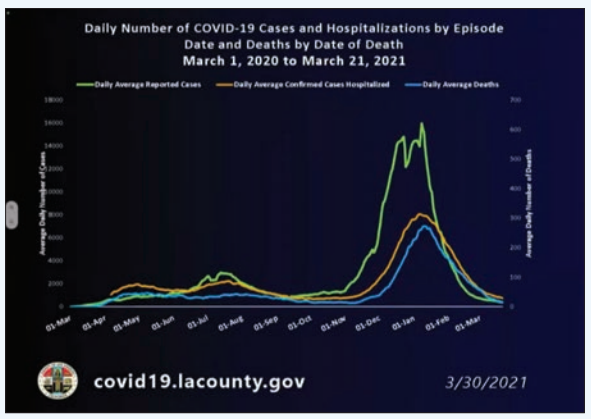
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Outdoor bars and live entertainment to reopen April 5 as L.A. enters Orange Tier





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ORANGE: As cases decline, the county can ease restrictions and pave the way for more economic activity.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

On Wednesday L.A. County hit the state health metrics to enter the orange tier, and officials announced that a new series of sector reopenings will begin next week.

Outdoor bars will reopen for the first time since last June and socially distanced live entertainment will take place again for the first time since the outbreak of the pandemic. In addition, indoor and outdoor capacities will expand for many previously opened sectors.

While L.A. County qualifies to institute these changes immediately, the health department has decided to proceed cautiously and wait until April 5 to put updated health officer orders in place.

"This allows the County to follow the state guidelines and wait until we've completed three weeks in the red tier to be sure that our case numbers do not rise this third week since our earlier reopenings," said Health Director Barbara Ferrer.

Under new regulations, indoor capacities will expand to 25 percent at fitness centers and cardrooms; 50 percent at movie theaters, restaurants, and places of worship; and 75 percent at grocery stores, retail businesses, and personal care services.

Bars will be allowed to reopen outdoor between 11:30 a.m. and 10 p.m., provided that tables are spaced eight feet apart and seat no more than six people from up to three different households. Breweries, wineries, and distilleries are allowed to be open indoor and outdoor at 25 percent capacity.

Live theatre, music and other performances are also set to resume outdoors with restrictions in place. There must be a 12 foot distance between the stage or performance areas and audience. All audience members must reserve a place in advance and be seated in groups at least six feet apart.

"With the orange tier comes even more opportunities to open parts of our economy that have been closed and hurting for months," said Supervisor Hilda Solis. "After a year of fear, anxiety and tragic loss, we're seeing glimmers of hope once more."

Cases in Los Angeles are the lowest they've been since the early days of the pandemic. The County's current adjusted case rate is 3.1 per 100,000 residents and the average testing positivity rate is 1.5 percent.

If these trends continue, the County could qualify for the even less restrictive yellow tier in another few weeks. Although this is exciting news, officials urged strong caution and diligence to ensure cases do not begin rising again.

While cases are currently declining across California, they are rising in 27 other states. This week the country's 7 day average case rate increased by 10 percent compared to last week.

"There is much to be optimistic about. L.A. County has administered nearly 4 million vaccine doses," said Ferrer. "But we can't let our guard down. Another surge in L.A. County would be dangerous and it would stop our recovery progress, cold. We would move swiftly to introduce measures to limit transmission and these measures would have us stepping backwards."

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City commends local microgrant recipients

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City leaders and the Civic Wellbeing Partners gathered this month to commend local residents who have engaged hundreds of their Westside neighbors in recent months to spread goodwill and positivity through different projects.

Since 2018, dozens of local residents have received $500 grants that have allowed them to make Santa Monica a better place for all residents. Thanks to the efforts of residents like Catalina Langen, Julie Rusk and Claire Lemoine and funding from the Human Relations Council, the program has continued to thrive in the pandemic as dozens of Santa Monica residents have still received hundreds of dollars to fund their action-oriented ideas.

Previous microgrant cohorts brought together a diverse group of creative residents who were young and old, and this cohort of 23 leaders was no different.

Willa Wells designed and hand-crocheted prayer shawls in partnership with local agencies to be sent to those who have been deeply impacted or suffered a familial loss as a result of COVID-19, while Tyson Clark, a youth grant recipient in round two, was ecstatic to be able to pick up more than 1,000 pounds of trash at a park alongside others who wanted to make a difference in the community.



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GRANTS: Tyson Clark, a youth grant recipient in round two, was ecstatic to be able to pick up more than 1,000 pounds of trash at a park alongside others who wanted to make a difference in the community.

"And like most of Santa Monica, many of you are people who do all kinds of things and are very active. You engaged over 600 neighbors in

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Moderna CEO predicts need for seasonal Covid vaccines

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

With the initial Covid-19 vaccine rollout well underway, Moderna CEO Stéphane Bancel and his team are already planning for future Covid-19 vaccination campaigns.

In a panel hosted by Pepperdine University on Monday evening, Bancel and former FDA Commissioner Stephen Hahn discussed the road ahead for Covid-19 vaccines. While the current vaccines will be essential to rein in the pandemic and resume normal life, both speakers emphasized that the virus will continue to mutate and updated vaccines will likely be an important tool to control its future spread.

They warned that while the news

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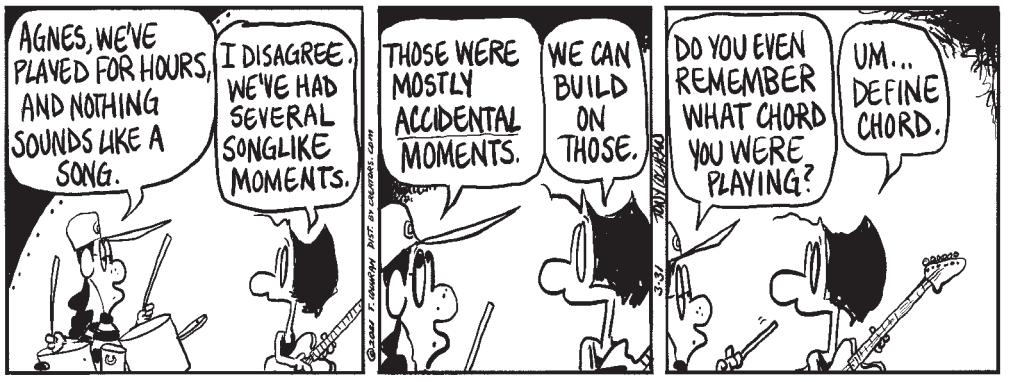

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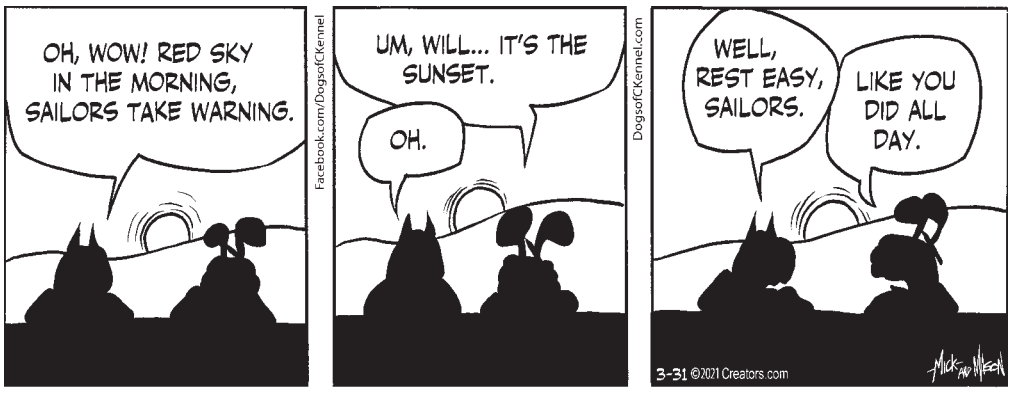
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Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING





SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 56.5°

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
Looking like a clean, fun morning as NW swell mix eases and SSW swell nudges up from the start of the week. Wind looks offshore for the morning.

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
A bit less NW swell mix and a bit more SSW swell. Another round of clean conditions for the tide push through the middle of the morning.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 66.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. North wind 10 to 15 mph.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 67.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2021/03/31	Wed	11:59 PM	5.71	H
2021/04/01	Thu	07:04 AM	-0.51	L
2021/04/01	Thu	1:23 PM	3.36	H
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2021/04/02	Fri	6:55 PM	2.28	L
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2021/04/03	Sat	8:14 PM	2.79	L
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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 3/27
6 14 38 39 65
Power#: 6
Jackpot: 20 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 3/26
4 25 37 46 67
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 152 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 3/27
11 12 20 27 45
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 33 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/29
6 24 28 33 38

Daily 3
Draw Date: 3/29
EVENING: 1 1 2

Draw Date: 3/29
MIDDAY: 7 5 1

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 3/29
1st: 03 - Hot Shot
2nd: 11 - Money Bags
3rd: 02 - Lucky Star
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MARCH 31)

This solar year shows you new places to shine. You'll become an expert. Go ahead and bite off more than you can chew because your ambition is what will grow your skills and deepen your knowledge. Doors swing open to you. You'll love what you can give to people and what they bring you in exchange. Virgo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 47, 3, 32 and 18.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's the moment you're offered what you've wanted all along, that you realize your wants have changed. No need to accept anything out of obligation. This is an event marker representing the distance you've come.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You can roam without moving a muscle and often do; your mind racing, turning and floating to where it needs to be to make sense of what's happening now. Ground that mental journeying with physical exercise and you're golden.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're unsure of the difference you want to make, only that you want to make one. Negative emotions can really steer you right. Turnoffs show you what you don't prefer. They tell you what to do by making it very clear what not to do.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll show up and share your thoughts, represent an underserved group or speak on behalf of someone. Your voice will be welcome and have the desired impact.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What if you counted your successes differently? Put a smile on someone's face -- that counts. Tell the truth about what you're feeling -- count that too. Please yourself, and then count that double.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Where others see a lost cause, you see grand potential. Your belief will make all of the difference. Others rise to meet you in the most interesting places. Later, this will make a fascinating success story.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Do the adventure no matter what. Who else is doing it? How much money will it cost? How long will it take? These are details to work out, not roadblocks to stop you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's wisdom in the long view. You can achieve it by running your mind backward or forward. Think of your ancestors and the different kinds of lives they lived in their time, or think about people after you and the legacy you'll leave.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You honor people by learning about more them, but that's not your purpose. You'd like to know what to anticipate. So you learn what someone is like then set your expectation close to the person's true nature.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll assert a sense of control over something you once felt powerless over. It's a complex issue that requires solutions along many dimensions, but don't doubt that your contribution plays a role.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Less-than-hospitable circumstances? No problem. Apply more personal fortitude. Remember when you did a lot with a little? You'll do it again. Don't underestimate yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're not clear on what you want because emotions tug you from side to side. Treat these feelings like a laundry pile. Take a breath, turn over the hamper and start sorting.

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.

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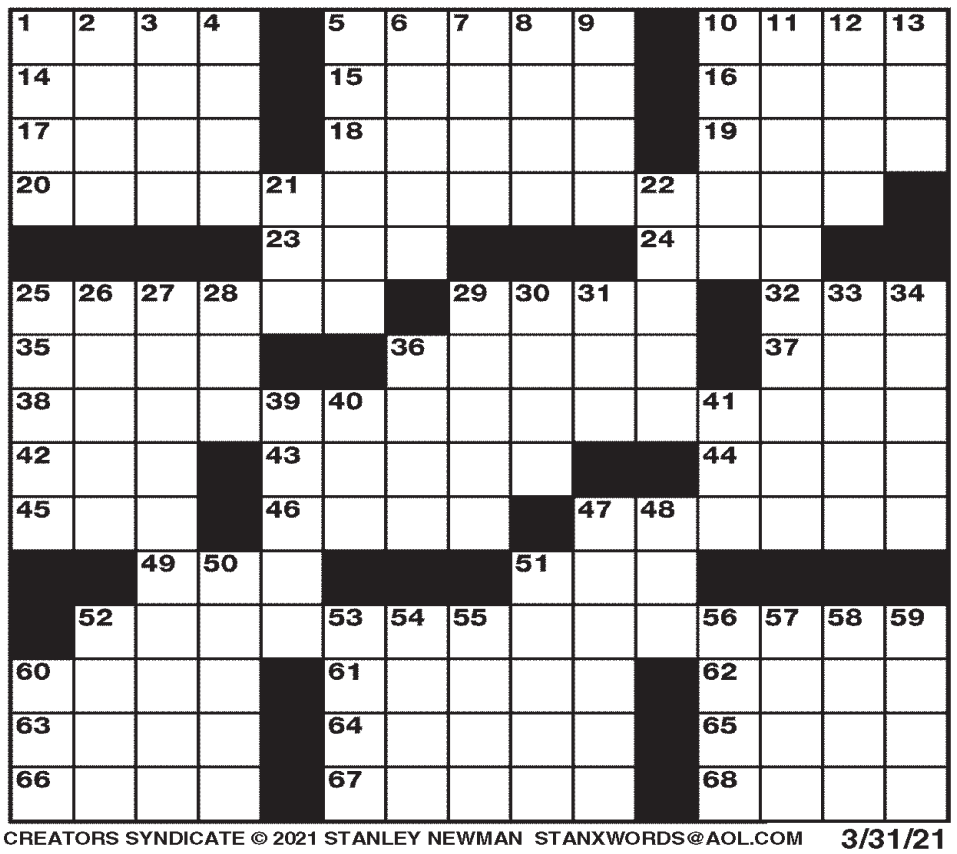
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Newsday Crossword

YOUR DEAL by Fred Piscop
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Not nervous
5 Depicts unfairly
10 Lengthy tale
14 Waikiki feast
15 Madame Curie
16 Where Eve lived
17 Cut and paste, say
18 Stand up
19 Lendl of tennis
20 Hearth implement
23 Elevation: Abbr.
24 Director __ Howard
25 Dropped-pie sounds
29 *Star Wars* series guru
32 Touch on the shoulder
35 Solid precipitation
36 Breakfast pastry
37 Most important "numero"
38 Marinated centers for salads
42 Canary or kitty
43 Reduces to rubble
44 Be introduced to
45 "Slippery" fish
46 Keeps one's __ on (watches)
47 Greetings sent online
49 Wrap things up
51 Devilish kid
52 Venerable Big Apple span
60 Chimney buildup
61 Off the leash
62 Marine mammal
63 Rate of walking
64 Pushed for
65 Camera glass
66 Seeks an answer
67 Butcher shop wares
68 Barely defeat

DOWN
1 Music-staff symbol
2 German auto
3 Wild animal's home
4 Remote's sound-stopping button
5 Mini-collectibles, to collectors
6 Gold purity measure
7 Guitarist Clapton
8 Full of good sense
9 Leak through the cracks
10 Timex competitor
11 Soldier of fortune
12 Transmission setting
13 Raggedy doll
21 Portion of butter
22 Give a speech
25 Mold, as clay
26 French capital, slangily
27 Capital of Arkansas
28 __ Baba
29 Oxen harnesses
30 Bills going into change machines
31 "I should've known that!"
33 Paid for a five-card hand
34 Facebook messages
36 Sleep lightly
39 Belief, in brief
40 Farm bale
41 Physicians' org.
47 Plants deeply
48 EMT's expertise
50 Brief letters
51 Closeup map in an atlas
52 Constricting snakes
53 Supermodel Heidi
54 Handed-down tales
55 Hindu exercise system
56 Bit of land in the sea
57 Heroic act
58 Group of outlaws
59 "If all __ fails . . ."
60 Relaxing retreat



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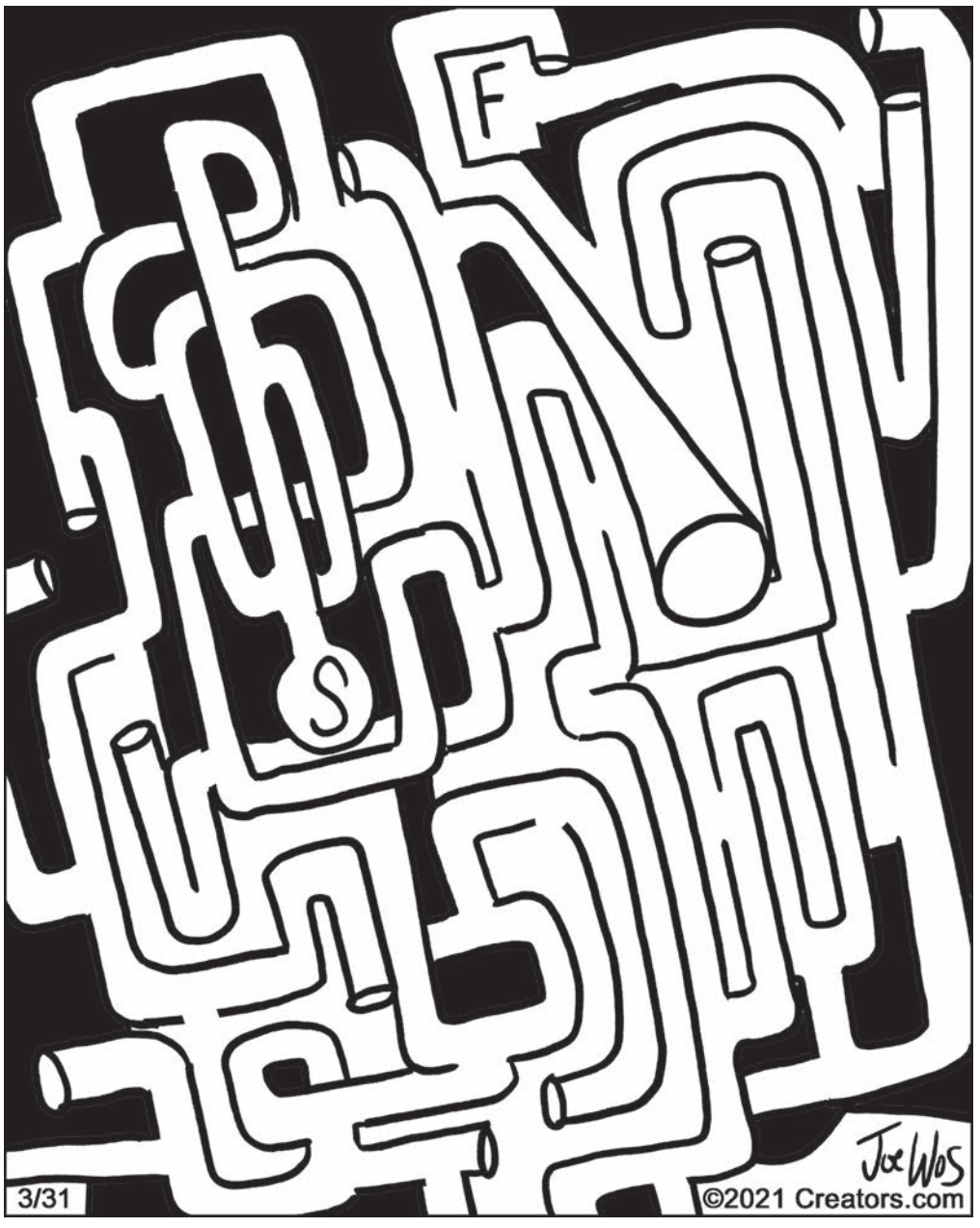
Binary Puzzle

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 24 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5069

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON SATURDAY, MARCH 20 12:58 P.M.

SMPD Officers assigned to the Downtown Services Unit responded to a call about a subject who was trespassing in a building on the 1400 block of 7th St. Upon arrival, Officers recognized the subject from previous calls and noticed he was attempting to get back inside the building. Officers ultimately detained the individual and spoke to witnesses. Witnesses relayed that the custodial staff had found the subject in one of the vacant apartments and he had told her he did not need the apartment cleaned. Further investigation found items belonging the suspect inside the apartment. Andre M Lewis was arrested for 602(m) PC-Trespassing and 148(a)(1)PC- Resisting Arrest.

MAYOR

FROM PAGE 1

your 21 projects, and many of your projects were virtually and done at socially distance gathering," Rusk said during the ceremony.

"One of the things about the microgrants is they're tied to this concept of wellbeing, which... is about community connection and how we care for one another and really making sure we're doing okay," Rusk said. "And why I think this is so important now more than ever is we know that it's really the action of the people who roll up their sleeves and work together that will make Santa Monica stronger and will turn things around in the world that we're in."

Rusk acknowledged the feedback the Civic Wellbeing Partners have received from participants relating to the power of coming together and receiving support and validation.

"People have been feeling, of course, very isolated and alone, and I think for many of us, this is a great way to connect," she said. 'And I think mostly we heard a lot about through small scale, tangible, immediate actions, we can have a lot of impact."

Mayor Sue Himmelrich agreed when she spoke during a brief ceremony that was held via Zoom earlier this month.

"I'm really impressed. I have been a lifelong volunteer myself because no matter what your day job is, there are always meaningful things to engage in as a volunteer to help your community I'm a big believer in that and thank you all for having me and being here," Himmelrich said before she

After a video montage of 2020 Wellbeing Microgrant Projects and a word from grant recipients, Rusk thanked everybody for sharing their stories and working so hard to spread wellbeing in the Santa Monica community before she highlighted a need to continue the energy and support.

"I think this is a group of people here who really roll up their sleeves and help to do the work," Rusk said as she detailed how microgrant recipients have handled deaths in their family, economic woes and other problems in the pandemic like many others throughout the Westside. "I think it speaks so highly that most of the microgrant recipients are people who are renting, raising their families, and, yes, still hanging in there and doing things to contribute to make the community stronger. So, we really are a force to be reckoned with, and I think part of the work ahead is to think about how we stay connected and do more of this kind of thing."

For a complete list of projects or more information on the Wellbeing Microgrants and Civic Wellbeing Partners, visit santamonicawellbeing.org.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL VIA TELECONFERENCE

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom

SUBJECT: Proposed Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance to Extend Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance 2663 (CCS) Establishing Temporary Land-Use Restrictions Prohibiting Non-Residential Development Citywide with Some Exceptions and Prohibiting Single-Unit Dwellings in Commercial Zones in order to Retain Potential Housing Sites Pending the Completion of the Housing Element Update.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce and adopt an Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance extending Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance 2663 (CCS) that established temporary land-use restrictions prohibiting non-residential development citywide with some exceptions and prohibiting single-unit dwellings in commercial zones, in order to retain potential housing sites pending the completion of the Housing Element update. The City Council adopted Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance 2663 (CCS) at the March 9, 2021 City Council meeting.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021, AT 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the City Council and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but participants may also join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/fjkaykar or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 8445054 #)

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MORE INFORMATION

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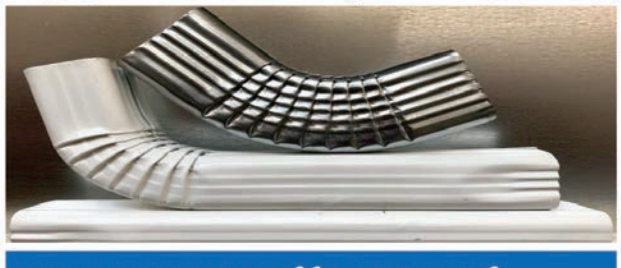


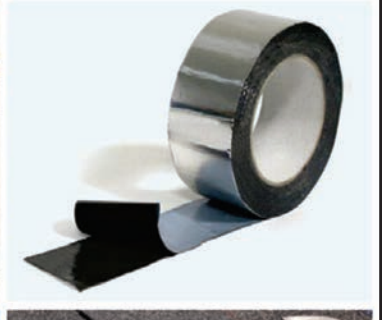


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may sound alarming, it is in fact very normal. Like the flu, Covid-19 is constantly mutating and just as it's necessary to develop a new flu shot every year, so too is it possible that Covid-19 vaccines may become seasonal.

"My fear is that this is going to change from pandemic — a singular episode — to more endemic and we're going to need, and I want to use this terminology really carefully, not a booster that is the same strains next year, but seasonally, as with influenza, a new vaccine that's updated to the strains that are out there," said Hahn.

Experts predict this will be necessary because until herd immunity is reached on a global scale, new variants will continue to emerge. So far data has shown that existing approved vaccines are effective against the UK variant, but pharmaceutical companies and the FDA are closely monitoring all variants and developing new vaccines blends to ensure vaccines continue to be effective.

Another reason future Covid-19 vaccines will likely be necessary is because people's immunity will eventually wear off.

"The big question we will have, and we don't have clinical data, we have to be patient and wait, is what happens in six months or nine months or a year after the vaccination, especially for somebody who's immunocompromised?" said Bancel.

It's currently unclear how dominant and widespread variants will become and how long immunity from current vaccines will last. However, the FDA and vaccine companies are striving to prepare for any scenario to ensure Covid-19 will not have the opportunity to spread widely again.

The mRNA technology used in the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines has been shown capable of combining six different mRNA strains. This means that a potential future Covid-19 vaccine could be targeted against six different Covid-19 variants. Moderna has already begun testing a new booster vaccine based on the variant found in South Africa that may be more resistant to existing vaccines.

"Those variants are of concern until enough people on the planet are immunized, so then the virus has less opportunity to mutate," said Bancel. "As soon as you start vaccinating the planet and boosting the planet, I think after maybe a year or two those variants will potentially evolve pretty quickly. I think then they will slow down in pace and we're going to get to just a regular boost."

Moderna is also currently looking at using mRNA technology to combine a flu vaccine and a seasonal variation Covid-19 vaccine into a single shot. If effective, such a vaccine has the potential to save thousands of lives every year.

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Our columnist Qin Stubis and her family have created an international atmosphere in their home by serving meals from various countries. Above, she is in her "French" garden in her backyard in Bethesda, MD.

Traveling the World by Creating an International Environment With Food

By Qin Stubis

I can't believe that more than a year has passed since the pandemic started and our world shrank to the size of a rabbit hole. I'm happy to report that though the Stubis family is still in hiding, we are by no means hibernating.

We have managed to live, work, and entertain ourselves, maintaining a relatively normal life all together snug in our burrow. If this were a social experiment, we could proudly say that, as a family, we have succeeded in staving off cabin fever, despite living in close quarters for an entire year.

Surprisingly, we now enjoy each other even more! At a time when we cannot go out in the world, we have learned to invite the world into our home, entertaining ourselves with books, movies, music, and foods from around the world.

With the help of online grocery shopping, we've been operating an "on-demand" international restaurant at home, traveling the world every day by serving up fare from Moroccan lamb shanks with lentils to French duck confit, and Chinese tofu with dried scallops to Spanish paella. Food has been our secret weapon in fighting this pandemic, and staying sane and happy. And, we've saved a ton of money on airline tickets.



This was Qin's gear last year to protect her house from the coronavirus.

New Column Inside



Black-chinned Hummingbird

Connect to Nature in April will introduce ways to learn more about our outside neighbors. See page 7.

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Reflections on Dealing with the Pandemic in the Past Year



Jessica Heffernan poses with her dog, Finley, while on a walk in the countryside near her house in the UK.

By Jessica Heffernan

The last few months in the UK Lockdown have been more difficult than the Spring Lockdown, as we didn't have the lovely sunny weather to do our outdoor exercise. I still managed to get out every day as I was working as a Park and Amenities Warden. On my days off, I still took Finley, my talented Jack Russell dog, for long walks in the countryside. Finley has his own Facebook page.

I also embarked on a healthy eating/slimming plan. This was the only advantage of restaurants being closed, as I had to cook every night, and I chose to eat healthy meals. So far, I have lost 16 pounds.

How the French Have Dealt With the Coronavirus

By Isabelle Viguier

I still have a hard time realizing it has been a year since the first lockdown in France. It was March 17, 2020.

We have been on a rollercoaster since in Paris. We've experienced ups and downs that have been very hard on people emotionally.

When we started to be able to get out of our houses last year in April at first, then in May, and finally in June, it was like seeing the light at the end of the tunnel!

People had so much hope, even though the government was warning us that it was not over, and we needed to stay safe and cautious.

Well, it was totally understandable being locked down at home without seeing family, coworkers, and friends with young children. For some it had been very harsh as it was their first experience of its kind.

We couldn't say that we knew how to handle a pandemic, how to react emotionally, or how to be prepared financially.

Homeless people, refugees, and immigrants have also been profoundly affected by this pandemic.

The younger generation suffered so much from separation from their friends, and travelling restrictions as the governments decided to close the frontiers.

Many of them lost their part-time jobs as well, a job that was helping them to pay their rent to parents who were not able to support them financially. A lot had to go back to live at their folks' home, no matter what kind of relationship they might have had. Getting along or not with the parents was not the topic of the day. They had to survive.

So, we embraced summer time 2020 with so much joy and excitement that we became a little bit less cautious, and a little bit more reckless. Needless to say that the French people wanted to break free!

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What to Know as You Consider Travel Plans Today



By Carolyn Hemann, CFP

For so many people who love to travel, it's been a tough 12 months since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. While vaccines give us hope that the crisis will ease, traveling today still requires careful planning.

COVID-19 is a factor in booking flights and making other travel arrangements. Here are some important considerations.

• **Check requirements to travel destinations -** Currently, a number of countries and even selected states within the U.S. require that you can prove a negative COVID-19 test in the past 72 hours in order to enter. Importantly, for those planning to travel overseas, you will be required to get a COVID-19 test coming from most countries in order to return home.

To this point, being vaccinated generally does not alter the requirement to be tested first. If you've contracted COVID-19 within three months of your trip and are no longer symptomatic, you may not be required to get a test to re-enter the U.S. You'll want to take the time to explore all of the rules for your intended destination.

• **Take note of airline cancellation policies -** The current environment increases the chance that you will have to alter your plans at the last minute or sooner. Many airlines today offer greater flexibility to deal with cancellations and changes than was the case prior to COVID-19. Be sure to check with your carrier to understand their rules. While you may not be able to collect a refund, many airlines will allow cancellations and apply the cost you paid toward re-booking a different flight at another time or offer a voucher for future travel. As you make plans, consider your ability or willingness to fly again on the same airline in the future in order to take advantage of this flexibility.

• **Reservations for accommodations -** Major hotel chains and even some services that allow you to reserve private rooms or properties may be more lenient these days when it comes to potential refunds. Again, it's important to check the terms of your reservation before you lock it in to know whether you face any costs if you are forced to cancel or cut your trip short.

• **Travel Insurance -** Given the added flexibility to rebook flights and cancel hotel reservations, that aspect of travel insurance may be less important today than was the case prior to COVID-19. Yet some form of travel insurance may make sense, and medical coverage can be particularly important for overseas travel. Be aware that typical trip insurance won't include coronavirus as a "covered reason" for cancellation. That may require a "cancel for any reason" policy. Be sure to understand the terms of the policy before you go.

• **Staying stateside -** Given the complications associated with airline and overseas travel, you might prefer car travel in the coming months. It can help limit your contact with larger groups of people and most large chain hotels put an emphasis on providing a safe environment. If you plan to vacation in the U.S. and have flexibility with time, going over-the-road may prove to be a simpler option.

Carolyn Hemann, CFP, is a Private Wealth Advisor with Hemann, Preator & Associates. She can be reached at 310-477-2500.

Planning Ahead

The Problems with Emergency Wills



By Lisa C. Alexander, Esq.

How many of us have done a quick handwritten Will the night before leaving on a plane trip (before Covid)? I read that Larry King's estate is now tied up in a contest over a handwritten Will. He made the handwritten Will towards the end of 2019, presumably as an emergency Will, shortly after filing for divorce.

He and his wife had an estate plan, but in California, even if you file for divorce, your soon to be ex-spouse remains a beneficiary of your Will until the divorce is final, or unless you make a new Will to leave out your spouse. Larry King's newest Will left out his spouse.

There are all kinds of problems with handwritten Wills. Such Wills are legally referred to as "Holographic" Wills. California allows Holographic Wills if all the provisions for who gets what are in the decedent's handwriting and it is signed and dated. If there is a prior Will, unless the Holographic Will expressly revokes the prior Will, the Holographic Will supersedes any conflicting provisions, but all the other provisions of the prior Will still apply.

Another problem arises when there is also a Trust with most assets held in the name of the Trust. I would imagine Larry King had a Trust. Unless the Holographic Will expressly amends the Trust, the Holographic Will may not have any effect. A Will only applies to a decedent's assets left outside the Trust. The Holographic Will wouldn't necessarily change who gets what under the Trust unless it refers to the Trust.

Finally, by its nature, a Holographic Will is more likely to be challenged based on mental capacity or undue influence. Without a witness for proof, a Holographic Will could be a forgery or otherwise fraudulent. Larry King had lawyers, why didn't he have his estate plan properly amended? Self-help can be a disaster, especially after a death when nothing can be changed.

In Larry King's case it is all very unfortunate since he appears to have reconciled with his spouse by the time he died and both she and at least two of Larry King's children were surprised when the Holographic Will surfaced.

The moral of the story is: If you feel compelled to make an emergency handwritten Will, for whatever reason, don't delay making a proper amendment to your estate plan as soon as possible after the emergency passes.

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Brain Matters

A New Psychedelic-Assisted Clinical Trial for Alcohol Use Disorder at PNI



By Dr. Daniel Kelly

Since the late 1990s, there has been considerable renewed scientific interest in psychedelic-assisted therapies to treat mental health conditions including addiction, anxiety, depression, and PTSD. At Pacific Neuroscience Institute (PNI), we have launched our first psychedelic-assisted clinical trial for patients with alcohol use disorder.

The Visual Healing® study tests incorporating a nature-themed immersive video experience into psilocybin-assisted therapy. Psilocybin, the active ingredient in magic mushrooms, is provided as capsules by Usona Institute and is considered non-addictive.

Our Treatment & Research In Psychedelics (TRIP) program explores how altered states of consciousness can be harnessed to change behavior and improve brain health. TRIP program director and addiction medicine specialist, Keith Heinzerling, MD, is the principal investigator.

Psilocybin-assisted therapy shows promise for treating alcohol use disorder, but studies suggest that patients with alcohol problems may be less likely to achieve a mystical experience with a standard psilocybin dose.

Feeling more connected with nature is a common element of a psychedelic mystical experience. Our pilot study tests whether adding beautiful nature-themed Visual Healing® videos provided by filmmaker Louie Schwartzberg to the start of the psychedelic session as the medicine begins to take effect may facilitate reaching a mystical experience. Results may help us optimize treatment without increasing the psilocybin dose and understand the potential beneficial role of nature-connectedness.

Participants who achieve a mystical experience are more likely to have a long-term change in behavior, so the patient's mindset and the journey setting are critical. The novel Visual Healing® approach and pre-journey counseling aim to optimize set and setting and ultimately help participants stop drinking.

Preparation sessions are followed by a medically supervised four–five hour psilocybin journey in the peaceful PNI TRIP room setting, with follow-up integration sessions. These sessions are crucial, allowing participants to address and, hopefully, resolve longstanding alcohol use-related issues.

Dr. Daniel Kelly is founder and director of Pacific Neuroscience Institute, and co-investigator of the Visual Healing® study. Go to PacificTRIP.org or call 310-861-4541 for more details.

Teen Scene

Be Safe While You Go Out Again



By Julia Abbott

While Los Angeles is still in the grip of Coronavirus, April may bring a bit of sunshine our way, physically and metaphorically. Many exciting events are planned for April. So, with safety restrictions in place, enjoy all that Los Angeles has to offer. The Street Food Cinema is perfect for a socially distanced, drive-through movie screening. Outside food and beverages are permitted, and masks must be worn when interacting with staff. Additionally, Disney California Adventure is hosting A Touch of Disney. A limited number of guests will be allowed inside the park, for a solely shopping and dining experience. The ticket is a pricey $75, but comes with a $25 dollar dining credit. For a Disney fan who has been missing Disney, this is the perfect opportunity. If Harry Potter is more your style, Universal is holding the Taste of Universal, another shopping and dining experience in the Upper Lot of the Universal park. Tickets cost $44 on Fridays and $49 on weekends. They include a choice of five items out of about 70 different culinary options.

If you'd like to bring your dog, you can head to Palos Verdes' South Coast Botanic Garden during dog walking hours. You need a reservation and a mask, and your pup must remain on leash at all times. For another garden-themed getaway, head to Descanso Gardens' annual Tomatomania! The seedling sale won't have classes or presentations, but remains an in-person event.

Julia Abbott is a local high school student who has been writing for us since she was in elementary school. She has won awards in debating, speaking, writing, piano, and dance.

Is There a Gorilla in Your Midst?

By Dr. Sheila Forman

With COVID-19 still plaguing us, many are feeling stuck in a rut. A difficulty in being in a rut arises when everything around us becomes so familiar we tune it out. Doing that may make our lives feel even smaller and more boring than they already are. To shake you out of the rut you may be mired in, let me tell you a story about gorillas.

If you ever took a Psych 101 or Intro to Sociology class in high school or college, you may be familiar with the famous Gorilla on the Basketball Court study. To refresh your memory, in that study, students were asked to watch a video of a basketball game and count the number of times the team in the white jerseys passed the ball to each other. While the players are passing the ball around, a man dressed as a gorilla walked onto the court. When the video ended, the students were asked to reveal their count and if they noticed the gorilla. The majority of the students did not see the gorilla.

In fact, they were so sure there was no gorilla, they asked to watch the video again. Much to their surprise, the gorilla was there. This study taught us something called Selective Attention. Selective Attention means that when we focus our attention in one place, other details get missed or overlooked. In the case of the students, their attention was on basketball players, so they missed the gorilla. How much do you miss in life because of where your attention is directed?

If you are so focused on what the pandemic has taken from you, do you even notice the good stuff that is still around? If all you can think about is not being able to eat inside your favorite restaurant, you miss out on all the delicious take-out that Santa Monica restaurants are delivering. Or, if your gym is still closed, do you sit on your couch channel-surfing, or do you go onto YouTube and try a new at-home workout?

Shifting your attention, or becoming Mindful, can help add vitality to your pandemic existence. Let me ask you, where is your attention lately? Are you so focused on one thing that you neglect the rest? If you eat while you are working on your computer or watching TV, where is your attention? If you are dwelling on the miseries caused by the stay-at-home orders, what are you missing out on? Are you paying full attention anywhere?

If your attention is in one direction, what affect does that have on

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Reflections From The East

Remembering Earth Day



By Qin Sun Stubis

On Earth, living things come in many forms. Some are feathered or furred, while others can be scaled or even leafy, although when we talk about living beings, we tend to summon thoughts of those more closely related to our own kind. We think of those who feel, breathe, make noise, and move about, whether by walking, crawling, galloping or flying, and forget those who stand still, silent and motionless in our vast forests, lined along our neighborhood streets, or even unobtrusively in our own yard: Trees.

As a life form, trees have existed on our planet for an estimated 370 million years. They covered roughly half of the land surface when our ancestors first came into existence. Trees have played a vital part in helping many species to live and prosper, including us humans.

If you get to know trees, you will learn that they are not just passive, brainless matter that just happen to grow out there in the wild. They are intelligent. While they don't sleep and eat the way we do, studies have found that trees do rest at night and many in effect hibernate during the winter to conserve energy.

Just as we draw our nutrition from food and drink, trees extract nutrients and water through their roots, and harness energy from the sun to live and grow. As much as it may sound fairytale-like, trees are said to use their vast root networks as social channels to communicate their needs and feelings toward each other, even recognizing the difference between their offspring and other unrelated trees and changing their behavior. They can nurture family members by altering their root growth and even signal danger and distress to other trees.

Trees are an integral part of a healthy ecosystem, without which we cannot survive. They have woven themselves into every part of our lives, providing everything from the oxygen we breathe to the wood for the house we occupy, and books we read. We cannot live without them. However, it has never been a mutually beneficial relationship for trees, because to us, they are often just regarded as an endless natural resource to better our existence.

This precious resource we so depend on is dwindling at an alarming pace. Nearly half of our forests have already disappeared. Sadly, the human race has thrived because of trees, while their numbers have been diminished because of us. The future of our trees and forests is dire: Scientists warn that if we don't take action now, we could lose them all in just three hundred years.

Considering how important trees are to us and our future, it's time that we take care of them and their future. Trees are not just useful resources but vital partners in our lives. This coming Earth Day, I urge all my readers to learn something about trees and find ways to help them. We need more tree whisperers to keep our Earth green.

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Is There a Gorilla in Your Midst?

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your other activities? For today, try to do one activity with full awareness. Give whatever task is in front of you – brushing your teeth, doing your work, preparing your lunch, eating your dinner – your full attention. If you do, what happens? How does it feel? Do you notice the gorilla in your midst?

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Autry Museum of the American West Reopens on March 30

The Autry Museum of the American West will reopen its doors to the general public on Tuesday, April 6, following a closure since March 14, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (Advance reservations required; tickets and visitor information at TheAutry.org/Visit.)

More details about Autry exhibitions may also be found at TheAutry.org/Exhibitions.

How the French Have Dealt With the Coronavirus

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Mother nature was calling on us! Hence, a lot of people travelled in Europe. Hotels in seaside towns or holiday homes for rent were all booked. People were gathering in local restaurants, bars, and night clubs.

They forgot a little to keep a certain distance between them. They were so happy to see each other. The young people left the social distancing on the side. They were craving for freedom and for fun so much.

For a short period of time, we believed that the virus was almost gone. However, the Government had kept warning us that COVID-19 positives cases were increasing. So, of course the threat became more and more alive as the government asked people to work from home again if they could.



Isabelle in her Paris apartment overlooking the River Seine.

The nightmare grew when the media started to talk about the UK Variant, the South African Variant, and the Brazilian Variant.

Whatever the new name of the virus is today we are in lockdown during the weekend for some cities like Nice or Dunkerque, and the curfew is at 6 p.m. in Paris.

In contrast, the spread of the COVID-19 (the UK variant) keeps worrying the French health authorities as it is said to be 64% more deadly than classic COVID.

The French government announced on March 11 conditions to enter and exit the country were to be made easier for seven non-EU countries, including the United Kingdom, Israel and Japan. Starting on March 12, epidemic-related restrictions were eased off for travelers coming from and coming to the country.

Meanwhile, the race for the COVID vaccine had begun and scientists around the world were working faster than ever to develop and produce vaccines that can stop the spread of COVID-19.

Thankfully after a shy "début" in France, the vaccination has finally taken off. Therefore, as of this writing, 7.24% received the first dose and 3.29% received the two doses.

A lot of people remain to be vaccinated, but it's a good start. It allows us to breathe again and to get a fleeting glimpse of the end of the tunnel.

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