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Local coronavirus cases top 70 as officials predict "critical" week

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Public health officials warned that this week will be critical for understanding the trajectory of the coronavirus outbreak in Los Angeles County as they announced 422 new cases Monday.

Six of those new cases were in Santa Monica and the total number of cases in the city now stands at 74, a 50% increase over the last seven days. The virus spread more slowly last week than the week prior, when cases nearly tripled from 18 to 49.

The number of cases across the county doubled over the last week to 6,360. More than 32,000 people have been tested as of Sunday, said Barbara Ferrer, director of the L.A. County Department of Public Health.

Warning that the outbreak could intensify this week if people with COVID-19 who are asymptomatic leave their homes and infect others, Ferrer urged county residents Monday not to go to grocery stores or pharmacies this week and have supplies delivered instead, particularly if they are older than 65 or have underlying health conditions.

She also recommended that people wear non-medical face coverings, which she said prevent people from infecting others but do

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Santa Monica Youth Orchestra keeps kids engaged during break

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The planned vacations of hundreds of local families are on hold due to COVID-19-related travel restrictions, but a local program is offering young residents the opportunity to travel to distant lands through music.

Thanks to the Santa Monica Youth Orchestra's Virtual Spring Break camp, students are exploring the music of regions like Mexico, West Africa and the Near East.

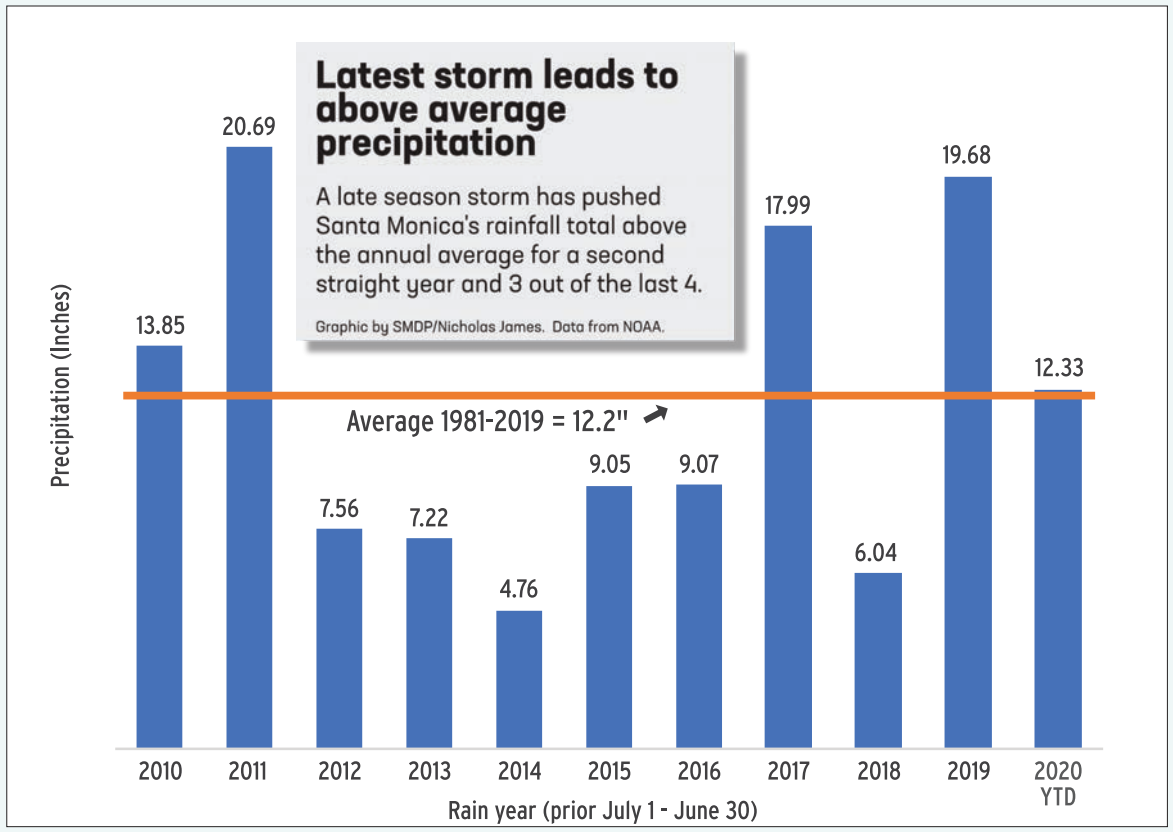
"We've never done a spring break camp. We've always done a World Music Summer Camp in the month of July," SMYO Executive Director Shabnam Fasa said Monday as she detailed how students perform a final concert at a well-known venue in Southern California. "This year, we already had 20 kids who've signed up for the summer camp but since we don't know how long this pandemic is going to go, we thought we could hold a spring break one because the kids still need something to do during the week."

Normally, Fasa and dozens of local youth gather every Sunday at Virginia Avenue Park, where their musical tunes fill the air on a weekly basis. But with the recent closure of Santa Monica parks to prevent the spread of COVID-19, SMYO's three symphonic ensembles have had to adapt by taking their lessons online.

"Literally, the week after Virginia Avenue Park closed down, we did a training with all of our faculty members and got everybody familiar on Zoom. None of us had ever done it before; I certainly had never done it before," Fasa said. "Then, we sent a note out to all of our parents saying: 'Hey, this is something we're thinking about doing. Orchestra will continue as we always have on Sundays…' Now we've done it for three weeks and we've had a wonderful stream of steady enrollment so we thought since it's working for us — our nuclear group — maybe we should invite the community to come join in." As always, participation in the various choir, mariachi and Chinese

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Storm brings rain and snow



BY JOHN ANTCZAK
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Snow and rain fell Monday on California as spring delivered the kind of stormy weather that was missing most of the winter.

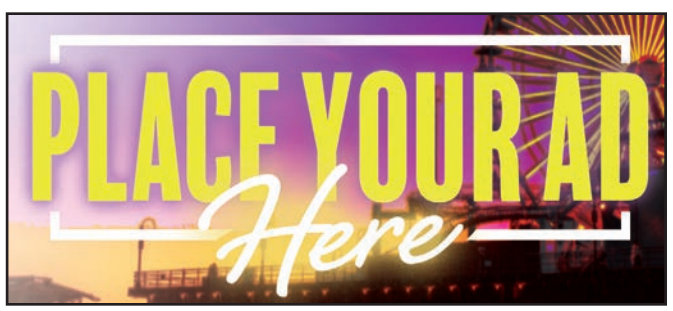
Chain controls were in effect for vehicles in much of the Sierra Nevada, where weekend snow caused traffic disruptions and avalanche threats.

Winter storm warnings were expected to remain in effect until late afternoon for much of the Sierra, which normally stores about a third of California's water supply as snowpack but is well below the April average as resurgent drought and abnormal dryness encompasses two-thirds of the state.

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California to loan 500 ventilators to national stockpile

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Associated Press

California Gov. Gavin Newsom announced Monday the state would loan 500 ventilators to the national stockpile for use by New York and other states experiencing a crush of coronavirus-related hospitalizations.

California chose to loan some of its equipment because it is not yet in as dire a situation as New York, now the nation's epicenter for the crisis, said Jesse Melgar, a spokesman for the governor. Newsom said state modeling shows California will hit its peak of cases sometime in May.

"I know that if the tables were turned and we were experiencing a hospital surge, other states would come to our aid and provide ventilators just as we are today," Newsom said in a statement.

Newsom's decision follows Oregon and Washington committing to transfer ventilators to New York.

California has been hunting for ventilators to boost its own supply for weeks. Officials requested 10,000 ventilators from the national stockpile, though it has received none. Los Angeles got 170 ventilators from the stockpile, though many were broken.

As of Friday, California had access to 4,252 ventilators, Newsom said. Melgar said Monday the state is boosting that number by rehabilitating thousands of broken ventilators and procuring thousands more from other places. But he declined to provide a rough estimate of how many ventilators the state now possesses.

Hydrogen fuel cell manufacturer Bloom Energy has dedicated a portion of its production plants in California and Delaware to repairing old ventilators. As of last week, the San Jose-based company had repaired 515 ventilators, with more on the way. The company says it has the capacity to repair up to 1,000 per week.

Virgin Orbit, billionaire Richard Branson's company that makes rockets, has developed a prototype for a "bridge ventilator" designed to help patients breathe until they can be put on a traditional ventilator. The company is awaiting federal approval before it can begin mass producing the model, which was developed in partnership with researchers at the University of California, Irvine.

Newsom touted both as part of California's efforts to procure ventilators. Asked Saturday if California would share medical supplies with other states, Newsom told reporters the state was "working day and night to find new ventilators." But, he said, if the state was in a position to share medical supplies or to team up with other states to bulk purchase such supplies "absolutely, unequivocally we will do that."

Newsom was expected to hold a daily press briefing Monday afternoon.

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee said Sunday the state will return more than 400 ventilators of the 500 it got from the federal government so they can go to New York and other states. Inslee, a Democrat, said his statewide stay-at-home order and weeks of social distancing led to slower rates of infections and deaths in Washington, which saw the first serious coronavirus outbreak in the country.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown on Saturday said 140 ventilators would be sent from her state to New York, saying at this point Oregon doesn't need them.

While the federal government hasn't given California any ventilators from the national stockpile, it has sent other supplies. As of last week, California had received roughly 837,000 N-95 masks, 1.31 million gloves, nearly 2 million surgical masks, as well as face shields, surgical gowns, coveralls and 2,000 medical station beds, according to the White House.

California has recorded more than 15,000 cases of COVID-19 virus infections and at least 320 deaths, according to the latest data compiled by Johns Hopkins University. New York, meanwhile, has more than 123,000 cases and more than 4,000 deaths. For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough, that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia and death.

Associated Press reporter Adam Beam contributed to this report.



As thousands join, few rules for California Health Corps

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Associated Press

As tens of thousands of retired health care workers and medical and nursing students sign up for the newly established California Health Corps, almost nothing is known about how it will operate, how much it will cost and whether taxpayers will be liable for any malpractice.

Gov. Gavin Newsom established the corps to staff the 66,000 additional hospital rooms he said could be needed when the coronavirus outbreak peaks in California in mid-May. Within three days sign-ups topped 70,000, more than twice the estimated pool of people in the state who retired within the last five years and have active health care profession licenses.

And state officials couldn't even estimate how many more nursing and medical students have volunteered.

Now the state's task is to smoothly integrate that volunteer army into the existing health care system and the stopgap medical facilities springing up in sports arenas, fairgrounds and other locations.

So far, state officials have been unable to answer basic questions about the program's operations and backtracked in their response to how the state will protect itself from legal liability. While participants will be paid and provided with malpractice insurance, the California Emergency Medical Services Authority said the state "has elected to be self-insured for liability exposures" and "malpractice insurance will not need to be procured."

That's another way of saying taxpayers could be on the hook if an inexperienced or retired medical worker does something wrong, although the volunteers will have limited immunity from liability because they are considered disaster service workers under state law.

State officials haven't said how much volunteers will be paid, how quickly they will be assigned or for how long.

Rodger Butler of the California Health and Human Services Agency couldn't say if there is a budget, but said the program will be funded through California's emergency operations account, with the expectation of eventual reimbursement from the federal government.

Representatives for nursing and hospital associations and the union representing 97,000 hospital workers said they had seen no written policies or directives for the corps.

"It's one thing to have a stack of applications, it's another thing to actually operationalize this," California Nurses Association government relations director Stephanie Roberson said.

While Newsom and health officials say there is no time to waste, Roberson said recruiting the volunteer doctors, nurses, pharmacists, respiratory therapists, emergency medical technicians and others may be premature if current workers can be moved into the most vital areas. And she worries about bringing in retired workers without knowing "how fresh their skills may or may not be."

Health policy professor Janet Coffman compared it to military operation with the added but surmountable challenge of using troops who may start out rusty or untrained.

The first wave of reserves is likely to be those active health care workers who have been displaced because less serious medical care has been delayed indefinitely, said Coffman, part of the Healthforce Center at the University of California, San Francisco, considered the state's top university based resource on the healthcare workforce. They can be rapidly moved into helping with more dire needs.

For instance, California has about 110,000 licensed vocational nurses, but about 60,000 are not in acute care facilities, said David Miller, research director for SEIU-United Healthcare Workers West.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo has similarly pleaded for help from medical retirees and professionals across the nation to help in the New York City area that has become the U.S. center of the pandemic.

However, "they're not digging very deep at all into the volunteers, and they have very specific roles for them" triaging incoming patients or swabbing them to test for the coronavirus, said Sean Clarke, executive vice dean and professor at New York University's Rory Meyers College of Nursing.

California envisions a much more hands-on role.

"These initial recruits will be used to staff California's surge capacity beds outside of the existing system," Kate Folmar of the California Health and Human Services Agency said in an email. They'll be treating less serious patients, leaving established hospitals and experienced staff to treat those who need critical care.

The volunteers are expected to work at places like the San Mateo County Event Center south of San Francisco, where 250 narrow beds have been set up 6 feet (1.8 meters) apart — the minimum health officials say is needed to avoid spreading the virus through a sneeze or cough.

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough, that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia and death.

Dr. Cyrus Shahpar led the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Global Rapid Response Team for two years after it was created in 2015, and now directs the Prevent Epidemics Team for the global public health initiative Resolve to Save Lives.

He said keys to the success of the corps are training to make sure thousands of volunteers of varying backgrounds and experience are on the same page, and having enough personal safety equipment and procedures to prevent volunteers from becoming sick or spreading the virus themselves.

"To be able to mobilize a workforce like that is a massive challenge," Shahpar said. "We do this kind of surge response to natural disasters all the time. ... It is a lot of work, it is a lot of training, but it can be done."

Miller said SEIU-United Healthcare

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Virus puts event planning industry on brink of devastation

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Arizona caterer Pat Christofolo has been orchestrating high-end events for over a quarter-century: A lavish spread for a wedding dinner back-dropped by red rocks in Sedona, a holiday party for 1,000 in an airplane hangar, mezcal cocktails under the desert sky.

But all the events she was scheduled to host this spring have been cancelled as fallout from the coronavirus steamrolls the U.S. events planning industry, from a California firm that rents out Ferris wheels to a company that offers big tents in New York. Now, they are being forced to adapt and hope they survive.

"It has been complete devastation across the industry," said Christofolo, who owns Artisan by Santa Barbara Catering, as well as The Farm at South Mountain, a Phoenix wedding venue that boasts a trio of popular farm-to-table restaurants. She's been forced to trim her staff from the spring seasonal high of 150 people to just a few.

Social distancing and stay at home mandates have shut down events across the United States and around the world as people strive to limit contact with others and slow the pandemic. The events industry, which exists to bring people together, has been hit particularly hard.

Some event planning and rental companies are trying to find creative uses for their equipment and services as they undertake the onerous process of applying for federal assistance, begging banks for loan extensions and quarreling with insurance companies. For many it's becoming increasingly difficult to survive with no firm end in sight to the social clampdown.

"Caterers are used to ups and downs, but there will be a fair number of companies that won't make it through this," said Paula Kreuzburg, executive director of the 1,200-member International Caterers Association in Baltimore.

Christofolo has adjusted by keeping two of her three restaurants open for takeout and selling produce boxes. Another company is renting big tents to hospitals.

"The hospital work has been our saving grace," said Sean McCarthy of McCarthy's Tents & Events in Rochester, New York. "It's allowed me to keep a skeleton crew working."

McCarthy is renting tents for use for intake, triage and drive-thru testing. Tents supplied by some other companies are being used as morgues.

Kevin Godycki, vice president of Dolphin Event Services in Pasadena, California, said the pandemic "has taken the rug right out from under us with no parties, no public gatherings," prompting his company to start bidding on government contracts for its tents ranging up to 30,000 square feet.

"We're all going to be hungry for work by the time September and October arrive," Godycki said.

Some companies have few alternatives for generating new business. There's not much that can be done these days with bouncy houses and ponies for kiddie rides, or stacks of rental chairs for graduations and Bar Mitzvahs.

"We had an Easter weekend to die for," Jennifer Roberts of Party Pronto in Arcadia, California, said of the mid-April weekend that had been packed with events until the coronavirus struck. "Are they going to want the Easter Bunny in August? Of course not. And if people cancel their birthday (party), they just say, 'Well, maybe next year.'"

It's hard to pin down how many companies and people are involved in event planning, a sector of the economy that includes caterers, wedding planners and event venues, along with a lot of individual contractors ranging from balloon twisters, magicians and party clowns, to chefs, waitstaff, sound technicians and disc jockeys.

Government relief available to those companies and their employees will depend on how they are paid for their work. People who get W-2 forms may be entitled to unemployment benefits and stimulus checks. Small businesses, sole proprietorships, independent contractors and self-employed individuals can apply for the payroll protection program created by the newly approved relief legislation providing eight weeks of cash-flow assistance through potentially forgivable loans to cover payroll, interest on mortgages, rent and utilities.

At Carnival Services in Pomona, California, the company's five Ferris wheels and other carnival rides are crowded inside a warehouse and on the company's lot. In the past, the rides have been rented for PTA and church fundraisers as well an occasional birthday party and Hollywood shoot, said owner Nathan Brainard, whose income supports his wife and seven children 14 and under.

Brainard shuttered his operation on March 16, the 48th anniversary of the company his father founded. There are a few July 4 events still on the books, but it remains unclear whether restrictions will be lifted in time for them to go ahead.

"My dad used to say, 'Son, we are on the front line of the economy. When it does really well, we do really well because people want to celebrate. But when it does poorly, we will always suffer,'" he said.

For most people, the 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.

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Malibu

City of Malibu Partners with Community Organized Response to Offer Drive -Through Novel Coronavirus Testing

FREE FOR FIRST RESPONDERS AND ESSENTIAL WORKERS IN MALIBU APRIL 6-11

The City of Malibu is partnering with the Los Angeles-based global non-profit organization Community Organized Response Effort (CORE) and local medical providers to provide free novel coronavirus (COVID-19) drive-through testing for first responders and high-risk people in the Malibu community Monday, April 6 through Saturday, April 11.

"This excellent partnership with CORE that will provide crucial coronavirus testing service for our first responders and community members is a perfect example of how government agencies, community-based organizations and volunteers can combine forces to meet this crisis," Mayor Karen Farrer said. "I am very grateful to CORE's founder, Malibu resident Sean Penn, for this effort and I am proud and inspired to see the outpouring of support and resources from community-based organizations, volunteers, professionals and regular people at every level."

THE TESTING WILL BE OFFERED IN TWO PHASES:

Phase 1 – On Monday, April 6 and Tuesday April 7, free testing provided only for first responders (law enforcement, firefighters, medical professionals, paramedics) and essential workers serving the community in Malibu.

Phase 2 – Testing will be provided for the greater Malibu community for residents.

There is no pre-registration.

The tests will be conducted using a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) -approved nasal swab with an expected two-day turnaround for results. First responders, essential workers and residents requesting a test will drive through the upper parking lot at Malibu City Hall (23825 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu CA 90265). Drivers will be instructed on the steps of the highly secure process when they arrive. Those being tested will not leave their cars, they will be given a sterile swab kit through the car window, close the window, take the swab sample on themselves and then seal the swab. They will drop it through the window into a bin.

CORE is a global non-profit organization founded by actor, activist and philanthropist Sean Penn. Locally, CORE has been working with City of Los Angeles officials to run operations at some coronavirus drive-through testing facilities throughout Southern California. Learn more about CORE at https://www.coreresponse.org/programs. The testing service is carried out locally by COVID Clinic, a partner of CORE. For more information, call (310) 853-1454 or visit https://covidclinic.org/core.

City of Malibu coronavirus page: www.MalibuCity.org/coronavirus.

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NBA coaches prepare for possible intriguing playoff matchups

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AP Sports Writer

With NBA games indefinitely on hold there has been a lot of discussion about postseason possibilities — including by coaches around the league.

They're preparing for what a resumption of the season that was shut down March 11 could look like in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

Toronto coach Nick Nurse said he's trying to prepare for every possibility that would allow the Raptors a chance to defend their title.

"We're ready for whatever is thrown at us," Nurse said recently during a conference call with reporters. "I don't think it really matters. What matters is that we attack the title in whatever format it's going to be presented in and we go for it."

No one knows what will be thrown at the NBA or the rest of the sports world. Looking at guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, if NBA games do resume this season the calendar will play a major factor in how the league proceeds.

The ideas are many, from a shortened version of the remaining schedule played without fans to the very real possibility of jumping straight to the playoffs to ensure a season is completed before the end of summer.

Milwaukee coach Mike Budenholzer said he has spent part of this hiatus studying the Orlando Magic and Brooklyn Nets — the Bucks' two most likely first-round playoff foes — as well as other Eastern Conference teams.

Nurse had already begun thinking postseason before the season was suspended.

"When we hit March 1, we've got a kind of playoff prepping plan thing that kicks in," the Raptors coach said. "We spread the teams around our staff members and they prepare a pretty detailed couple of hour video sessions.

"They would normally come into my office and start showing that to me one-on-one. It's a two-hour video that we go through probably in about three hours on certain teams in the East and then a handful of them in the West as well.

"The coaches were started in on that already and they'll continue on that. The only difference is there's no real one-one-one time with me yet. They'll probably just have to send me their edit and then I'll just have to watch them and talk to them on the phone."

There would be several intriguing matchups if the NBA resumes the season with the start of the postseason. Nurse and Toronto would be the No. 2 seed in the East and would host No. 7 Brooklyn. Other matchups would be: No. 1 Milwaukee vs. No. 8 Orlando; No. 3 Boston vs No. 6 Philadelphia; No. 4 Miami vs No. 5 Indiana.

In the West: No. 1 LA Lakers vs No. 8 Memphis; No. 2 LA Clippers vs No. 7 Dallas, No. 3 Denver vs No. 6 Houston; No. 4 Utah vs No. 5 Oklahoma City.

As good as the matchups look on paper there could be some sloppy postseason basketball.

Celtics center Enes Kanter estimates it would take a minimum two to three weeks for players to get their bodies in game shape. Part of the reason, he said, is the shear time players have had away from the court.

Kanter believes a second training camp-like period would probably be needed.

"You can't just say 'OK, we're going to play the games a week later.' Some players are doing some things. Some players are in their apartments not doing anything," Kanter said during a conference call. "We need to make sure everybody is doing their stuff and is in good shape to go out there and compete if we jump straight into playoffs."

Kanter said a training camp setting would also help players refocus. He said while he's staying in shape, he's also taken up other endeavors to avoid going stir crazy such as reading, watching documentaries and teaching himself to cook and play the piano.

It is clear time is not the NBA's friend.

Monday marked the 26th day of the shutdown, a stoppage that has already cost the league more than 100 games. And the CDC is recommending that all in-person events involving 10 or more people be extended through the end of April as the U.S. fights the spread of the pandemic. That extends beyond the 30-day shutdown the NBA put in place March 11.

Kanter said if a decision is made to jump straight to the postseason, he hopes the length of the series won't be affected.

"We're competitors, man. We want to go out there and push through and finish the season," he said. "It's crazy because we have a really good chance to go out there and get a championship. So, it's like for sure you want to go out there and compete."

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A Letter to the City Manager

EDITOR:

Fencing off Palisades Park is unnecessary, and an affront to the citizens of Santa Monica. The only use of the park during the Corona virus crisis is by individual walkers and runners, some walking their dogs or children, or exercising. I have not seen any groups, and all occupants have maintained appropriate separations. You underestimate the intelligence of your constituents by closing the park, and make life even more difficult during the crisis.

How about closing Tongva and Reed Parks where the homeless congregate, and present a greater risk of contracting the virus?

Mr. Cole, Take Down the Fence!

Fredric Reichel, Santa Monica

Fencing the park

EDITOR:

Fencing off Palisades Park has made physical distancing harder in the rest of Santa Monica. Our City only has so many outdoor spaces, and each additional closure puts more pressure on the remaining areas that are still open.

COVID-19 is deadly serious. We need to do all that we can to limit its spread. However, I worry that closing Palisades Park was a shortsighted decision that has only made our problems worse. The sidewalks east of Palisades Park are now overflowing with people and it has become near impossible to maintain six feet of separation while out. Many (myself included) have taken to walking in the middle of the road to avoid close contact with other people. Cars we can at least see. The virus is invisible.

Safer at home does not mean always at home. People have to spend at least some time outside, either to go to the store, or to exercise, or just to get some fresh air for their mental wellbeing. Unfortunately, it feels like Santa Monica is making very little effort to allow people to safely do so. Maybe Palisades Park really was too much of an attraction and needed to be shut down. But if that's the case, why didn't the city create additional outdoor space elsewhere?

Creating more outdoor space would not be hard to do. With schools and non-essential businesses closed, our roads now sit nearly empty. We could very easily close a few down and allow pedestrians, joggers, and cyclists to use them instead. This would allow people to more safely spend time outdoors and take pressure of our overflowing sidewalks. All you would need is a few cones, fences, and simple signs.

COVID-19 doesn't spread by being outside. It spreads by being too close to other people. By closing parks but not opening roads, Santa Monica is forcing people closer together. For the sake of everyone's health and wellbeing, I hope we soon change that approach.

Matthew Stevens, Santa Monica

WEATHER

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After bringing "widespread beneficial rain" to the San Francisco Bay region on Sunday, the storm moved into eastern and southern California early Monday.

The National Weather Service said the cold front generated reports of lightning to the north.

"Scattered rain shower and mountain snow shower activity will increase in areal coverage and intensity Tuesday afternoon as a low pressure center moves eastward across Southern California. Below normal temperatures will return to near normal by the end of the period," said NWS.

Numerous spinouts were reported on Los Angeles-area freeways, and there were scattered reports of roadway flooding and canyon road rockfalls.

To the southeast, an evacuation warning was issued near a 2018 wildfire burn scar in Riverside County due to the potential for heavy rain. A warning is one level below an evacuation order, but people who need time to leave or have pets and livestock are urged to leave right away.

Significant snowfall was expected atop Southern California mountains, as much as 2 feet above 6,000 feet.

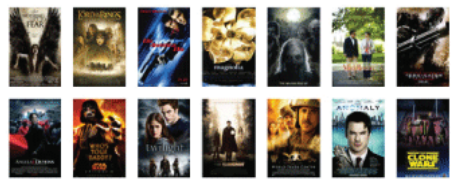
Forecasters said rain and mountain snow is expected in the region through Wednesday with a decrease in moisture starting Thursday.

"A clearing pattern seems to be in the works for the long term. Weak ridging will dry out the area on Friday and persist into Saturday," said the NWS forecast.

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Consumer Corner

By Andrea Cavanaugh

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Watch Out for Coronavirus Hoaxes and Stimulus Scams

Delia is a Santa Monica resident who got laid off from her job when her employer abruptly shut down the company because of COVID-19. She wasn't sure how she would pay her bills this month, so she looked forward to receiving her federal stimulus check. Delia answered her phone eagerly whenever it rang, hoping to receive a call about the many job applications she had filled out online. An unknown caller one day told Delia that he had good news – she could receive her federal stimulus check right away if she provided some person-al information about herself.

Delia hung up quickly, because she thought the call might be a scam. She was smart to do so - the federal government would never call to ask for her Social Security number or bank-account information.

Scammers are already hard at work trying to separate you from your money during these difficult times. In addition to stimulus fraud, scammers are touting treatments, vaccines, and in-home tests for the novel coronavirus. None of these offers are currently proven, approved, or valid.

Keep these tips in mind when navigating information about the COVID-19 pandemic:

• According to the IRS, federal stimulus checks will be distributed automatically by direct deposit or by paper check, depending on what information you gave the IRS when filing your taxes. Stimulus funds are expected to be distributed in mid-April. If you receive a check now, or receive a check at any time with an odd amount (especially ending in cents), it's a scam.

• The government will not contact you by phone, text, or email to ask for personal information, demand that you verify information, or require you to pay a processing fee.

• Anything offered as a cure, vaccine, or test for COVID-19 will at best only cost you money. At worst, it could harm you or your loved ones.

• Scammers use sophisticated tools to trick you, such as spoofing caller-IDs. Don't assume that a call is coming from the number or agency listed on the caller-ID. Hang up on scammers, or better yet, don't answer their calls.

• Don't click on ads or links in emails. If you hear from a familiar company or government agency and want to respond, use contact information that you already have, not information provided in the email or phone message.

• Beware of offers to sell face masks, gloves, cleaning products, or other emergency supplies that are in short supply. Search for reviews of websites or companies making these offers.

• If you're seeking relief from mortgage payments, utility bills, or credit-card payments, contact the bank or utility using the information provided on your bill.

The IRS will post information about stimulus payments here as it becomes available: www.irs.gov/coronavirus.

If you encounter a fraud or scam, report it! Contact the Better Business Bureau at BBB.org/ScamTracker. Visit the Federal Trade Commission for updates on coronavirus scams at FTC.gov.

To make a complaint against a business based in Santa Monica, contact the Public Rights/Consumer Protection Division at (310) 458-8336.

Submitted by Andrea Cavanaugh

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For Want of a Nail...

Safer at home, week three in Santa Monica and the numbers I've been following on Worldometers.info/coronavirus have been proving Governor Gavin Newsom right in taking the swift and insightful action he did. California's cases are increasing but not nearly as rapidly as those states that ignored the problem. Currently we have the third most cases in the country, but Louisiana, Massachusetts and Florida are gaining on us quickly, which is pathetic since combined they have about 2/3rds the population but will have about three times the number of cases. Currently combined they have 1,026 deaths to our 372, as of April 6 at 3:30 p.m. That's not a good thing.

No one wants to be a leader in this game. It's kinda like the end of War Games, when the computer plays itself and runs simulations of all possible scenarios for nuclear Armageddon and it realizes that, "An interesting game, the only way to win is not to play."

I've liked Newsom for years. It was February of 2004, when then Mayor Gavin Newsom ordered the San Francisco City clerk to redesign the marriage license application and he ordered that marriage should be open to gay and lesbian citizens. He was a visionary then, in fact the 2/24/2004 column I wrote about him was titled, "One Man's Courage May Become the Majority." I was right then, as was he.

For all of the sniping that our Governor gets about being too protective and overreacting, he's right and we are reaping the benefits of his foresight and direct action. We have to do nothing more than look at the numbers across the country of those states that lollygagged and delayed the safety measures. They will be experiencing tremendous losses over the coming weeks. We may still suffer greatly in California, but we've done one heck of a job of slowing the progression and our Governor and certainly Mayor Garcetti deserve to be lauded for their actions.

It's painful I know, as a business owner I feel the loss of phone calls, and new business. I work with restaurants that are hurting right now. They are definitely losers in the moment. Their staff who have been laid off or had their hours cut back dramatically have paid a price and their losses will be felt across the community in the coming weeks. This is however a great lesson in the macroeconomics of how our society operates and people will leave this experience with a new and profound understanding, to quote the great author and philosopher, Douglas Adams, of the "fundamental interconnectedness of all things."

I was looking at winners and losers of this shutdown, and was creating a diagram of how just one business YogurtLand, will be impacted, and the impact its closure will have on others. The business is shuttered for the moment, which means the owner has no revenue to pay his employee Rudy, who in turn has no income to pay his rent, his landlord will have no money to pay his mortgage, and the banks then will have less cash available to lend out to future franchise owners like Chris, the owner of Yogurtland.

The children's parable of For Want Of A Nail The War Was Lost, has been taught as a way to express how little things lead to big things. Today, we are living that reality, and will have to learn from it, when we begin to pull ourselves back out of the self-imposed hibernation. The good news is that we can do this. It will start with businesses like my clients who own restaurants. For people will buy their lunches, and tip their waiters who will then be able to pay their rent, and buy their groceries, then pay for gas in their cars and pay for haircuts and manicures and then those people will go shopping for new clothes and the retail staff will be able to buy a new TV for their kids, that they can pick up from daycare.

I think that the key to our recovery will be returning to restaurants and personal services as quickly as possible for those are the dollars that circulate the quickest, and that is what we will need. So save your pennies now, to buy your lunches and haircuts in a month.

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HEALTH CORPS

FROM PAGE 2

Workers West and many others are working quickly to put basic classes online in things like how to work in an acute care setting, how to operate a ventilator, and safely putting on and removing personal protective equipment. His union plans a four-hour training module.

Clarke said California, and other states, may soon have little choice but to throw as many health care workers as possible into the battle, ready or not.

"If the crisis worsens in the way we think it is, it will have to be worked out on the fly," he said. "We may just be in the place where we're trying to save as many lives as possible."

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Daily Delivery:
Big Jo's



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HISTORY: Big Jo's has been feeding locals for more than 60 years.

Editor's Note: The Daily Press will be highlighting the delivery and take-out options of one local restaurant per day during the lock-down.

Big Jo's is an iconic Santa Monica burger spot that has been serving locals since 1959. The breakfast/lunch spot is open for take-out service and they have partnered with several delivery services (including Postmates and DoorDash) to offer their famous hot out of the fryer Crinkle Cut Fries to locals honoring the regional "safer at home" policy.

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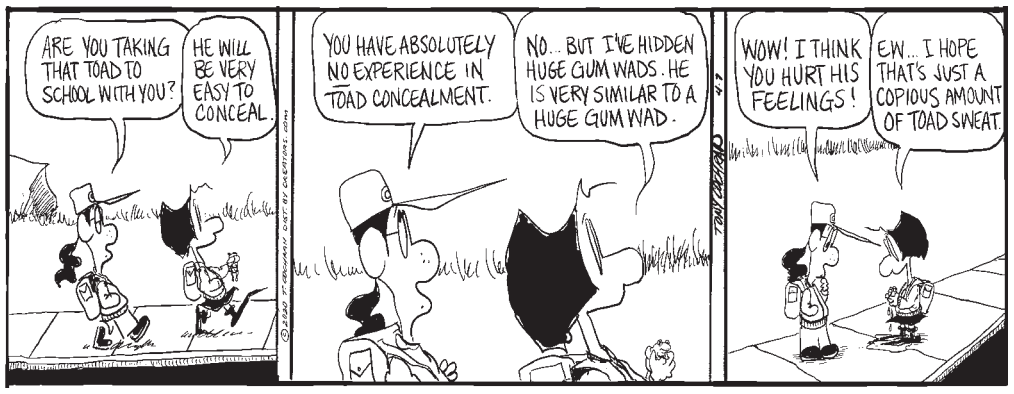
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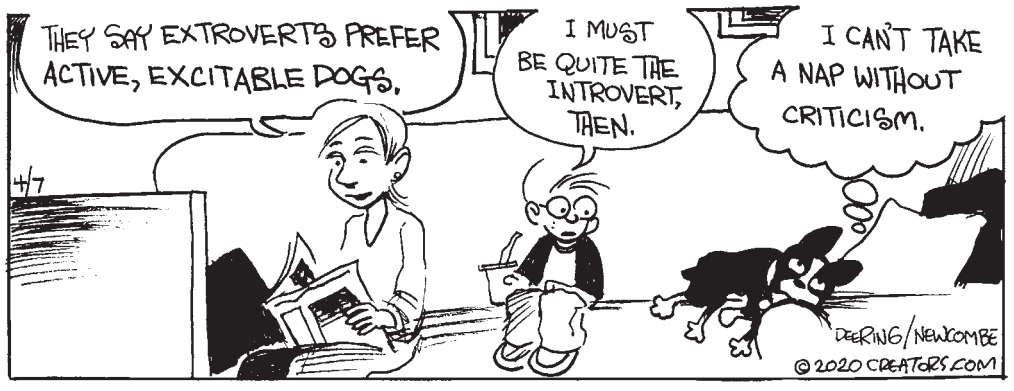
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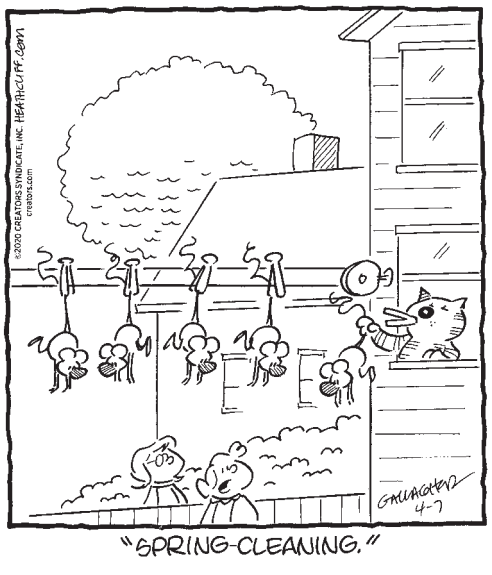
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Strange Brew

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 61.2°

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WEATHER

Tuesday: A chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 60.
Tuesday Night: A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50.
Wednesday: A chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 60.
Wednesday Night: A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51.
Thursday: A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 59.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/04/07	Tue	03:24 AM	-0.19	L
2020/04/07	Tue	09:29 AM	5.52	H
2020/04/07	Tue	3:40 PM	-0.49	L
2020/04/07	Tue	9:53 PM	5.74	H
2020/04/08	Wed	04:11 AM	-0.64	L
2020/04/08	Wed	10:17 AM	5.19	H
2020/04/08	Wed	4:15 PM	-0.05	L
2020/04/08	Wed	10:28 PM	5.96	H
2020/04/09	Thu	05:01 AM	-0.88	L
2020/04/09	Thu	11:09 AM	4.68	H
2020/04/09	Thu	4:50 PM	0.51	L
2020/04/09	Thu	11:05 PM	5.99	H
2020/04/10	Fri	05:53 AM	-0.90	L
2020/04/10	Fri	12:06 PM	4.08	H
2020/04/10	Fri	5:26 PM	1.12	L
2020/04/10	Fri	11:45 PM	5.81	H
2020/04/11	Sat	06:49 AM	-0.72	L
2020/04/11	Sat	1:13 PM	3.52	H

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POWERBALL
Draw Date:04/04
8 31 39 40 43
Power#: 4
Jackpot:190 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 04/03
24 38 44 57 58
Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 127 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 04/04
5 7 37 39 46
Mega#: 26
Jackpot: 17 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 04/05
11 19 21 26 30

Daily 3
Draw Date: 04/06
Midday: 3 0 5
Draw Date: 04/05
Evening: 9 5 8

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 04/05
1st: 8 - GORGEOUS GEORGE
2nd: 7 - EUREKA
3rd: 1 - Gold Rush
RACE TIME: 1:42.71

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (APRIL 07)

You're a team player who will be a part of many different groups, including ones you assemble. You've a talent for bringing together excellent matches for others and yourself. You'll forge the friendships and alliances that bring your desire to hand. In August, your reverence for a subject will be the start of an adventure. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 2, 22 and 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your audience is becoming more important than they need to be. If the only person who needed to be impressed by you was you, where would you take this show? How might you wow yourself?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Durability is not the same as rigidity. The way to withstand the strong gales of life is to be as flexible as the mighty oak whose branches bend and sway, moving with the wind whilst firmly rooted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It would be wonderful if the conditions were just right, but they do not appear to be... until you open up your mind to the idea that "all wrong" is sometimes "just right."

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The conflict you face is the same for any animal. Creatures compete for territory and resources. Today's options are to fight, outsmart, avoid, hide or wander.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People play in the Dead Sea -- bobbing in water too salty to sink into and impossible for fish and plants to live in. This is what saltiness does. Use a little for fun, and then pull back. Too much is toxic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). One thing that makes it easy to be with another person is a shared language -- not just the region and words, but the way you use them, the subtle meanings that you understand together. Without this, much is missing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The poet Molly Brodak suggested that "wind works like beauty works, not attached to what it moves." You'll be inclined to mind your own business so as not to let the favorable reactions of others have undue influence.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Certain people are like volcanos. When they heat up, the world around them goes on high alert. You could do without that drama, so you'll move your picnic somewhere else.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You want to feel free. One way is to aim your work toward nourishing the truly needy and worthy instead of catering to people who should be able to help themselves.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). This is a time to put your efforts into something that makes sense to you, translates easily to your people and leaves little room for doubt, speculation and interpretation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As the director of this epic film called "My Life," you recognize that into every scene a little conflict must fall. Otherwise, it's a boring story indeed! You don't ask for trouble, nor will you back down from it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The big difference between a cage and a room is a locked door. Get the key, and the cage becomes just a room. Even if nothing else about it is altered, having that key changes everything.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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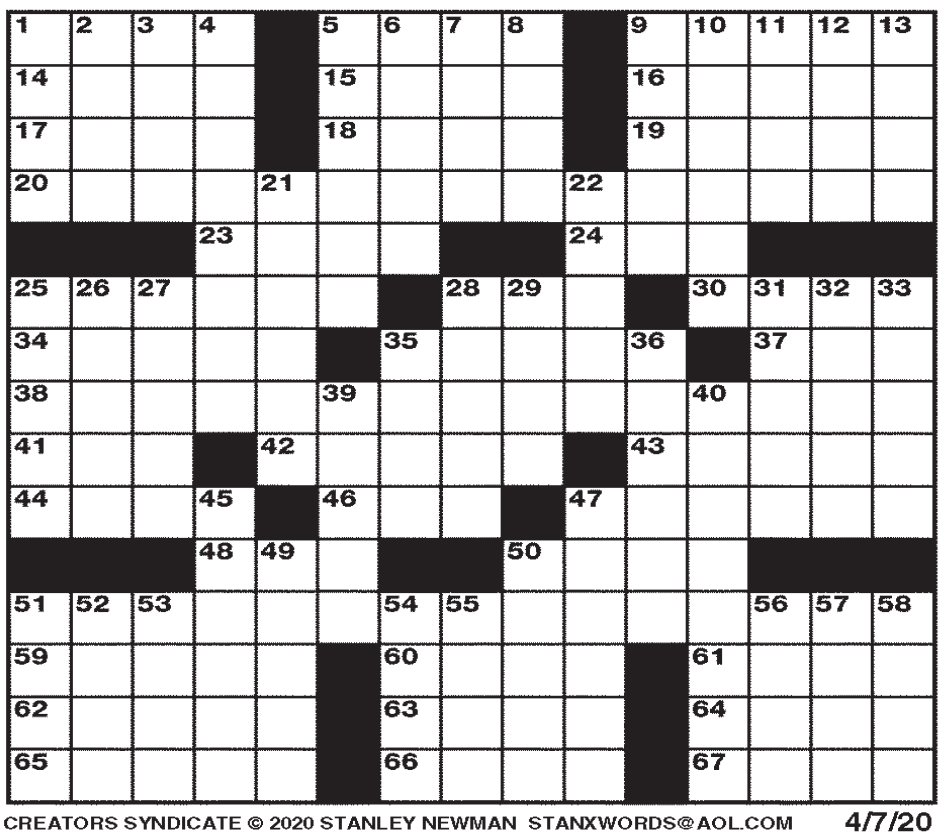
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Voting group
5 Sound-boosting boxes, for short
9 Break into bits
14 Make over, as a kitchen
15 Bear pal of Piglet
16 Green pasta sauce
17 Shakespeare's river
18 Not __ many words
19 Accumulated, as a tab
20 Prepare for trouble
23 High in calories
24 Sandwich bread
25 Peaceful
28 Illinois city, for short
30 Watermelon's covering
34 Dish that holds a dinner
35 "__ you clever!"
37 Day after Mon.
38 Learned once and never forgotten
41 Feasted on
42 Con games
43 High-tech beam
44 Semester
46 Little troublemaker
47 Make up your mind
48 Possess
50 Diver's oxygen holder
51 Getting paid much for little work
59 Of queens and kings
60 "__ proud of you!"
61 Ultimatum-ending word
62 May preceder
63 Sign of the future
64 Song for one
65 Impolite looks
66 Carryall bag
67 Adolescent

DOWN
1 Bric-a-__
2 Jeans maker Strauss
3 Fragrance
4 Sidewalk-paving material
5 Per item
6 Wall calendar page
7 Elegant and expensive
8 Sneaker or sandal
9 Stream from an aerosol
10 Barely sufficient
11 "It should come __ surprise . . ."
12 Leave flabbergasted
13 Moves like a rabbit
21 Cruise ships
22 Twist, as a wet washcloth
25 Water balloon sound
26 High-society group
27 Person gathering leaves in the fall
28 Pinch, as the edge of a piecrust
29 Group in a coop
31 Formal answer to "Who's there?"
32 Microwaved
33 John of farm equipment
35 The first man
36 Special aptitude
39 Cake frosting
40 Chair part to lean on
45 Fine wool
47 The very beginning
49 Rural water sources
50 DVD player attachment
51 Of the mouth
52 Slangy refusal
53 Brit's radial
54 Very funny situation
55 Cannonballs, for short
56 Soothing lotion ingredient
57 Speck of land in a lake
58 Gas in lighted signs



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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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Holiday accommodation

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Albany	Dine	Kiama	Remote	Tent
Alps	Doze	Laze	Rest	Tour
Bays	Dunk	Leura	Sand	Town
Beach	East	Maps	Shop	Tuncurry
Boat	Eden	Moon	Sign	Valla
Cairns	Gawler	Narooma	Spot	Van
Calm	Gove	Noosa	Suntan	View
Cash	Hire	Oceans	Surfers	Visa
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Crabs	Idle	Range	Sydney	

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
Time to explore after coffee

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 159 CALLS ON APR. 5

Party Complaint 900blk California Ave 12:17 a.m.
Party Complaint 900blk 21st St 2:20 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1300blk 11th St 5:09 a.m.
Suspicious Person 1600blk Appian Way 6:07 a.m.
Party Complaint 1200blk 22nd St 7:23 a.m.
Construction Noise 2500blk 6th St 7:27 a.m.
Citizen Flag 11th St / California Ave 7:29 a.m.
Suspicious Person 18th St / Navy St 7:31 a.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals 20th St / Montana Ave 7:54 a.m.
Loud Music Main St / Pier Ave 8:23 a.m.
Forensics Request - Fingerprint 3100blk 4th St 8:31 a.m.
Pedestrian Stop 2800blk The Beach 8:37 a.m.
Construction Noise 2400blk 21st St 8:55 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Report 1900blk Pico Blvd 9:07 a.m.
Keep The Peace 800blk 25th St 9:16 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1800blk Ocean Front Walk 9:22 a.m.
Keep The Peace 900blk Washington Ave 9:22 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 4th St / San Vicente Blvd 9:26 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 3200blk Wilshire Blvd 9:36 a.m.
Family Disturbance 1100blk 5th St 9:54 a.m.
Animal Related Incident Chelsea Ave / Wilshire Blvd 9:56 a.m.
Construction Noise 1700blk Ashland Ave 10:08 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1200blk Idaho Ave 10:21 a.m.
Keep The Peace 1500blk 11th St 10:33 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 800blk 5th St 10:49 a.m.
Animal Related Incident Chelsea Ave / Wilshire Blvd 11:08 a.m.
Suspicious Person 100blk Pacific St 11:28 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1300blk Yale St 11:33 a.m.
Attempt Armed Robbery Just Occurred 3100blk Wilshire Blvd 12:01 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1725blk The Beach 12:01 p.m.
Suspicious Person 1000blk 5th St 12:22 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1100blk 6th St 12:32 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1100blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:38 p.m.
Loud Music 4th St / Colorado Ave 12:49 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 3rd St / Bay St 12:56 p.m.
Loud Music 400blk Strand St 1:32 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1600blk Appian Way 1:56 p.m.
Loitering 1600blk California Ave 2:02 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1200blk 17th St 2:05 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Now 1200blk Wilshire Blvd 2:05 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Report 1900blk Pico Blvd 2:06 p.m.
Suspicious Person 21st St / Idaho Ave 2:32 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Neilson Way / Strand St 2:34 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Moomat Ahiko Way / Ocean Ave 2:35 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Report 1900blk Pico Blvd 3:30 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Ocean Ave / Montana Ave 4:09 p.m.
Person Down 9th St / Idaho Ave 4:10 p.m.
Suspicious Person 1400blk Montana Ave 4:27 p.m.
Animal Related Incident Stewart St / Colorado Ave 4:30 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 800blk Montana Ave 4:44 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 300blk 11th St 4:44 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1400blk 7th St 4:51 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1800blk 9th St 5:01 p.m.
Pedestrian Stop 1300blk 2nd St 5:03 p.m.
Encampment 800blk 4th St 5:08 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 700blk Hill St 5:08 p.m.
Keep The Peace 1500blk 11th St 5:37 p.m.
Suspicious Vehicle 1300blk 17th St 5:43 p.m.
Suspicious Circumstances 900blk 12th St 5:49 p.m.
Loitering 300blk Bay St 6:08 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 22nd St / Wilshire Blvd 6:35 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 26th St / Wilshire Blvd 6:45 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 15th St / Idaho Ave 6:57 p.m.
Loud Music 1500blk 10th St 7:09 p.m.
Fire 500blk Ocean Ave 7:14 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 7:17 p.m.
Suspicious Vehicle 2100blk Ocean Ave 7:49 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 3300blk 17th St 7:52 p.m.
Loud Music 1000blk 12th St 8:01 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 800blk 4th St 8:11 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1500blk Ocean Ave 8:16 p.m.
Suspicious Person 3rd St / Washington Ave 9:33 p.m.
Loitering 200blk Marine St 9:43 p.m.
Loud Music 1800blk 16th St 9:50 p.m.
Pedestrian Stop 200blk Santa Monica Pier 10:34 p.m.
Party Complaint 200blk California Ave 11:37 p.m.
Suspicious Person 800blk 5th St 11:48 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 15 CALLS ON APR. 5

Carbon Monoxide Alarm 1100blk 16th St 1:23 a.m.
EMS 400blk Expo Line 6:03 a.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 2000blk Virginia Ave 6:32 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Arizona Ave 6:47 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1900blk Pico Blvd 7:19 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 8:15 a.m.
EMS 400blk San Vicente Blvd 1:19 p.m.
Smoke Investigation 1700blk Ashland Ave 4:00 p.m.
EMS 9th St / Idaho Ave 4:10 p.m.
Smoke Investigation 1700blk Ashland Ave 4:13 p.m.
Structure Fire 500blk Ocean Ave 7:14 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Franklin St 7:37 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 7:49 p.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 8:38 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 1500blk 15th St 10:20 p.m.

COVID-19

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not lower the wearer's risk of infection.

"If you have enough supplies in your home, this would be the week to skip shopping altogether," she said. "If every one of those 6,000 people can infect two to three other people, you can see why we're worried that if we don't take every possible precaution, numbers could start skyrocketing."

Ferrer announced 15 deaths, 12 of which occurred in people older than 65. Seven of those 12 elderly individuals had underlying conditions. The three other people who died were between 41 and 65 and one of them had underlying conditions.

In total, nearly 150 people have died, 76% of whom were older than 65.

"To everyone who is facing a future without a person they love, we are sorry for your loss," Ferrer said Monday.

Ferrer said the county is investigating 512 cases among staff and residents of 109 institutional settings. Twenty-two employees and nine inmates in county jails and prisons have tested positive. Two homeless shelter employees and 12 people experiencing homelessness have been diagnosed, including one individual who may have lived in a shelter while they were infectious.

In Santa Monica, The Manor, The Rehabilitation Center of Santa Monica and Beachwood Post-Acute and Rehab have at least one confirmed coronavirus case and are under investigation.

More than 900 people are currently hospitalized for coronavirus, Ferrer said. Christina Ghaly, director of the L.A. County Department of Health Services, said there are 1,600 open hospital beds across the county, including 318 ICU beds.

Ghaly said the state and county will on April 13 open a 266-bed hospital for COVID-19 patients with serious symptoms at the former St. Vincent Medical Center near downtown Los Angeles. Dignity Health and Kaiser Permanente will help operate the facility, which will accept transfer patients from other hospitals.

Public drive-through testing sites are open to people who are older than 65 or have underlying conditions, Ghaly said, including one at the West Los Angeles Veteran's Administration.

As a global shortage of masks and other personal protective equipment forces medical workers to abandon some safety protocols while treating COVID-19 patients, some Santa Monica nurses who previously complained that they were being told to reuse PPE said the situation has not improved even though their hospital has since received more masks.

Jacob Childs, a nurse in the COVID-19 unit of Providence St. John's Health Center, said hospital management has continued to tell nurses to wear surgical masks, not N95 masks, while treating patients, despite telling nurses that the hospital has an adequate supply of N95 masks. Guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization says that medical personnel working directly with coronavirus patients should wear N95 masks, Childs said.

He said the hospital is also not allowing workers to use 13,000 K95 masks that Lakers assistant general manager Jesse Buss donated to St John's last week.

"The reason they're not giving us those is because they say they're stockpiling them as a last resort because they're not N95s, but CDC guidelines say because of the global PPE shortage, K95s are okay to use," Childs said.

The Providence St. Joseph Health System, a 51-hospital system that includes St. John's, received 2 million surgical masks but no N95 masks last week, said spokesperson Patricia Aidem. Each medical worker receives a surgical mask when they enter a facility, she said.

"It's no secret our country and the world do not have an infinite supply of equipment and everyone is being asked to conserve so the front-line caregivers can safely and effectively treat their patients," Aidem said. "We are advocating for all our caregivers to conserve their usage and to avoid waste."

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ORCHESTRA

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groups are free, according to Fasa, but now children practice their French horns, violas and other instruments from the comfort of their own homes thanks to Zoom.

With help from Derrick Spiva Jr, Gracie McAleer and Olivia Thompson-Bessett, students read music, play for instructors and interact with their peers, which is something Fasa feels is key right now.

"We check in with the kids and ask them how their week has been and if they've done anything exciting. I know there's not a lot that you can do in your living room, but we want to keep their spirits up and see if we can put a smile on their face and, most importantly, give them something to do," Fasa said.

"It's not perfect," but everybody is making the best of the situation, she added while detailing how she hopes developers are working on a platform that would allow music students to play simultaneously.

"And even though all of our mariachi ensemble's concerts in May got cancelled for every week, we're pretending that this will all be over very soon and we'll be going back to our busy, musical lives," Fasa said. "And we'll need to know the song for our big concert on June 6th, so we're all staying focused on urgently learning it because we'll have to be ready."

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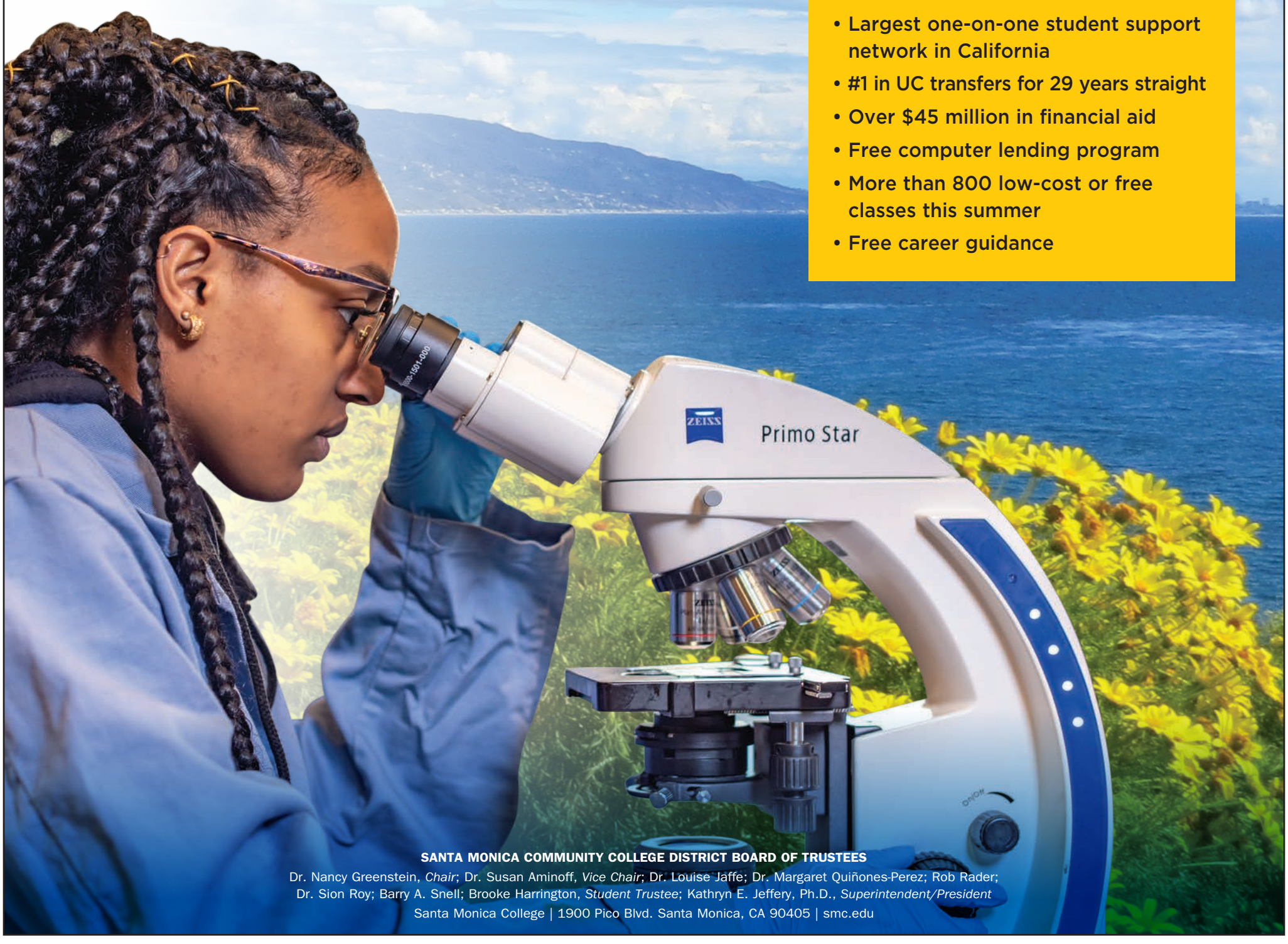
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