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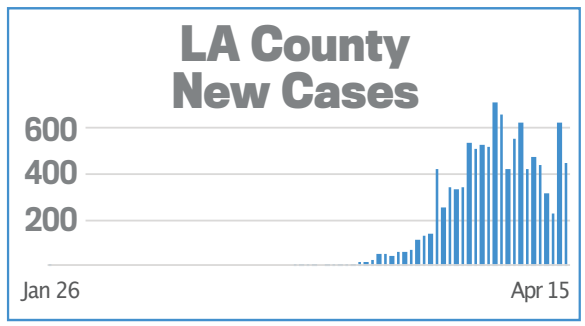
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CORONAVIRUS CASES (1 Week Chg)

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SMDP Graphic - Data from Johns Hopkins, WHO, LA County Public Health



City offers employees lump sums to leave their jobs

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Facing a projected $226 million budget gap as coronavirus slashes municipal revenues, Santa Monica City Council on Tuesday authorized payouts for city staff who volunteer to leave their jobs and discussed a future plan to cut city services.

The city relies on tax revenue from sectors such as retail and tourism that have been devastated by stay at home orders. By June 30, the end of the fiscal year, the city will have a $72 million General Fund shortfall, said Gigi Decavalles-Hughes, the city's finance director. Next fiscal year, projections show a nearly 40% drop in city revenues and a $154 million General Fund gap.

City Council voted Tuesday to offer lump sums of $10,000 or $15,000 to staff who voluntarily leave their jobs, depending on their date of hire, and 18 months of medical benefits. Staff who take the payouts will resign by May 9.

"COVID-19 and the economic repercussions have had devastating impacts across our country," Mayor Kevin McKeown said in a statement. "Our thoughts are with all those stricken, and their families, while we soberly assess our city's finances. Santa Monica, like communities across America, faces the daunting task of rebuilding our economy, adapting how we live and restructuring how our government operates."

The city has moved to delay, reduce or cancel $40.4 million in capital projects and accessed $65.2 million in emergency funds.

McKeown said at the Tuesday Zoom meeting that City Manager Rick Cole and City Attorney Lane Dilg have also volunteered a 20% reduction in pay effective May 1. As of 2018, Cole was paid about $343,000 and Dilg was paid about $297,000, not including benefits.

As of Wednesday morning, more than 2,000 people have signed a petition that claims Cole

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County could ease stay at home order by late May as testing access improves

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Los Angeles County officials said stay at home orders could be eased by late May, once coronavirus testing becomes more accessible and the number of new cases confirmed each day plateaus.

Although Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer reported 42 deaths Wednesday — the highest number in a single day — the number of cases reported daily is not surging because the public is largely complying with stay at home orders. Ferrer said some aspects of L.A. County's order, which was recently extended to May 15, could be relaxed by late May if Gov. Gavin Newsom also eases restrictions across California.

"Taking steps to slow the spread of COVID-19 has asked everyone to do their part," Ferrer said in a

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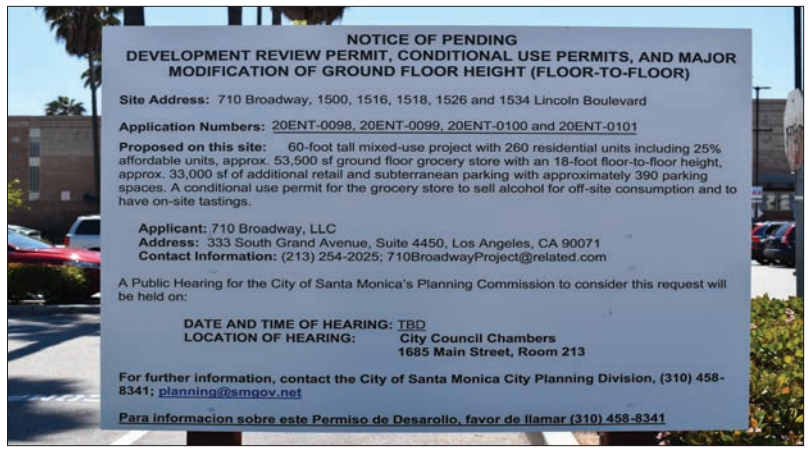
Downtown Santa Monica Vons to be replaced with five-story apartment building

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

A Vons in downtown Santa Monica could be demolished to make way for a five-story building containing 260 apartments, including 65 affordable apartments.

The mixed-use development will include a 53,000 square-foot commercial space on its ground level and another 33,000 square feet of retail elsewhere in the building. Developer Related California will replace the large parking lot on the property at 710 Broadway with an

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NOTICE OF PENDING
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PERMIT, CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS, AND MAJOR MODIFICATION OF GROUND FLOOR HEIGHT (FLOOR-TO-FLOOR)

Site Address: 710 Broadway, 1500, 1516, 1518, 1526 and 1534 Lincoln Boulevard

Application Numbers: 20ENT-0098, 20ENT-0099, 20ENT-0100 and 20ENT-0101

Proposed on this site: 60-foot tall mixed-use project with 260 residential units including 25% affordable units, approx. 53,500 sf ground floor grocery store with an 18-foot floor-to-floor height, approx. 33,000 sf of additional retail and subterranean parking with approximately 390 parking spaces. A conditional use permit for the grocery store to sell alcohol for off-site consumption and to have on-site tastings.

Applicant: 710 Broadway, LLC
Address: 333 South Grand Avenue, Suite 4450, Los Angeles, CA 90071
Contact Information: (213) 254-2025; 710BroadwayProject@related.com

A Public Hearing for the City of Santa Monica's Planning Commission to consider this request will be held on:

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING: TBD
LOCATION OF HEARING: City Council Chambers
1685 Main Street, Room 213

For further information, contact the City of Santa Monica City Planning Division, (310) 458-8341; planning@smgov.net

Para informacion sobre este Permiso de Desarollo, favor de llamar (310) 458-8341

Matthew Hall

DEVELOPMENT: There's no timeline for redeveloping the grocery store property as local government is mostly shut down by the Coronavirus crisis.




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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued By Governor Gavin Newsom

SUBJECT: 19ENT-0083 (Development Review Permit)
19ENT-0085 (Vesting Tentative Tract Map)
20ENT-0044 (Minor Modification)
1448 7th Street
APPLICANT: Carl Smith, Telemachus Studio
PROPERTY OWNER: Lee and Yen Property, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

Development Review Permit, Vesting Tentative Tract Map and Minor Modification to allow a new Tier 2 five-story, 60' high, 26,234 square-foot, mixed-use building. The project will include 8 residential units, approximately 2,172 square feet of ground floor commercial space, 10,954 square feet of second and third floor office space, and a one-level subterranean parking garage designed to accommodate 18 non-required automobile spaces and 40 bicycle spaces.

DATE/TIME: **THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2020 AT 4:00 PM**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Planning Commission 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/vufrsbqt or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 5886623 #)

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Address your comments to: Michael Rocque, Associate Planner
Re: 19ENT-0083, 19ENT-0085 and 20ENT-0044

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Michael Rocque at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at michael.rocque@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL
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SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice of Public Hearing-Measure R Parcel Tax

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will conduct a public hearing on the matter of the 2020-21 Special Parcel Tax (Measure R) regarding applying a Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) adjustment. The public hearing will be held on May 7, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Malibu City Council Chambers at 23825 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu, CA 90265. Subsequent to the public hearing on May 7, 2020 at the regularly scheduled meeting, it is the intention of the Board of Education to adopt a resolution to levy the tax at the rate of $435.06 per parcel, which includes a 3.4% CPI adjustment. The CPI-U for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, base year 1982-84=100, from February, 2019 through February, 2020, was used to calculate the adjustment. Information to apply for the Measure R Senior Exemption may be found at https://www.smmusd.org/Page/3905. The application form and supporting documentation must be completed, signed and returned by June 30, 2020.
Published – March 31, 2020

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 23 CALLS ON APR. 14

EMS 2600blk Main St 12:52 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500blk California Ave 1:57 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 6:34 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 7:35 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 6th St 10:57 a.m.
EMS 1100blk Ocean Park Blvd 11:11 a.m.
EMS 5th St / Colorado Ave 11:56 a.m.
EMS 2200blk Colorado Ave 12:04 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Cloverfield Blvd 1:12 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 200blk Ocean Ave 1:17 p.m.
EMS 500blk Wilshire Blvd 1:20 p.m.
EMS 1200blk Lincoln Blvd 2:37 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 4:00 p.m.
EMS 500blk Olympic Blvd W 4:08 p.m.
Structure Fire 900blk 16th St 4:59 p.m.
EMS 800blk Ashland Ave 6:22 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Cloverfield Blvd 6:25 p.m.
EMS 500blk Olympic Blvd W 7:04 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 7:44 p.m.
EMS 1800blk 9th St 7:54 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 6th St 8:18 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 2000blk Oak St 10:04 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire Centinela Ave / Exposition Blvd 11:33 p.m.

Newsom's mask deal shows tendency for big plans, few details

KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

California Gov. Gavin Newsom's announcement was audacious: On a national news show, he said the state had just inked a deal to buy 200 million masks monthly, a massive haul amid the international scramble for protective gear needed in the fight against the coronavirus.

"As a nation-state, with the capacity to write a check for hundreds of millions, no billions, of dollars, we're in a position to do something bold and big," Newsom told reporters the next day.

The announcement surprised many state lawmakers, and California took the unusual step of paying half the cost up front. One week later, details of the $1 billion deal with Chinese company BYD are limited — the contract has not been made public, though Newsom's emergency services director said it would be soon.

The mask deal, and how Newsom announced it, illustrates the first-term governor's tendency to make big pronouncements without all details in place, or before his administration is ready to share them.

Lawmakers will begin oversight hearings Thursday to learn more about the deal and Newsom's spending during the pandemic after they halted their session last month and gave him broad authority to spend. He's spent nearly $2 billion.

Democratic state Assemblyman Richard Bloom, a budget committee member, said details of the BYD deal "are very murky."

"One thing that I am concerned about is the lack of dialogue between the administrative and legislative branches of government about emergency expenditures," Bloom said in a statement.

Newsom "has moved swiftly and aggressively to protect human life and help Californians meet unprecedented challenges," his spokesman Nathan Click said in a statement. He added, "because of those efforts and the actions of millions of Californians who are staying home, California has begun to flatten the curve and has even been able to assist other states that are in much worse shape."

In another big claim, Newsom last month praised a "heroic effort" by Tesla founder Elon Musk to donate at least 1,000 ventilators to California hospitals and said Musk would work with the state's hospital association and other groups to deliver them.

But on Wednesday, state spokesman Brian Ferguson said the state had not heard of any hospital systems receiving ventilators from Musk or Tesla. California Hospital Association spokeswoman Jan Emerson-Shea said the organization played no role in distributing ventilators. Tesla spokesman Kamran Mumtaz did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

Newsom has also offered conflicting information on plans to house homeless Californians vulnerable to the virus. When he issued an executive order last month that he promoted as a 60-day eviction moratorium, advocacy groups said it didn't adequately protect tenants. They won approval of a more iron-clad moratorium from the state's Judicial Council.

Newsom speaks daily about the state's response to the outbreak, giving hour-long presentations replete with numbers he recites with precision. He is dyslexic and memorizes most of his presentations.

"One of the downsides of speaking extemporaneously is you may get some of the details wrong, especially when you are speaking for an hour straight," said Kim Nalder, a professor of political science at the California State University, Sacramento. But, she said, "he's definitely projecting a sense of comprehending the situation and aggressively addressing the issues."

California, the most populous U.S. state, has fewer infections and deaths than New York and several other states. More than 25,000 Californians have tested positive for the virus and nearly 800 have died. For most people, the virus 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

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 237 CALLS ON APR. 14

Loud Music 1100blk 10th St 12:21 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred Lincoln Blvd / Wilshire Blvd 12:59 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 2200blk California Ave 2:02 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 4th St / Colorado Ave 2:03 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2900blk Pico Blvd 2:14 a.m.
Encampment 800blk Bay St 5:47 a.m.
Encampment 1400blk Harvard St 6:17 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1900blk Euclid St 6:54 a.m.
Construction Noise 400blk Wilshire Blvd 6:55 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 2600blk 6th St 7:15 a.m.
Red Zone Violation 1300blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:32 a.m.
Transport Prisoner 300blk Olympic Dr 7:40 a.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals 2nd St / Wilshire Blvd 8:33 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1800blk 9th St 9:08 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 11th St / Arizona Ave 9:08 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 1200blk 12th St 9:37 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 500blk Olympic Blvd W 9:45 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 600blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:15 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 2600blk Barnard Way 10:27 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 400blk Marine St 10:29 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1300blk 26th St 10:32 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 2100blk 7th St 10:38 a.m.
Person With A Gun 21st St / Navy St 10:38 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 18th St / Santa Monica Blvd 10:45 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2100blk 20th St 10:50 a.m.
Death Investigation 1200blk 6th St 10:59 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 10th St / Ashland Ave 11:03 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 700blk Broadway 11:13 a.m.
Battery Report 400blk Wilshire Blvd 11:27 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1200blk 14th St 11:27 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 3100blk Wilshire Blvd 11:28 a.m.
Loud Music 900blk Berkeley St 11:32 a.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:41 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 700blk Broadway 11:52 a.m.
Death Investigation 1600blk 5th St 12:17 p.m.
Identity Theft 1200blk Sartori Avenue 12:21 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 10th St / Ashland Ave 12:27 p.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order Just Occurred 800blk Broadway 12:28 p.m.
Alcohol & Beverage Code Violation 300blk Olympic Dr 12:34 p.m.
Loitering 800blk Bay St 12:49 p.m.
Burglary Report 800blk 3rd St 12:53 p.m.
Loitering 2100blk 7th St 1:00 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred Moomat Ahiko Way / Ocean Ave 1:05 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1400blk 7th St 1:09 p.m.
Person With A Gun 800blk Broadway 1:11 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 3200blk Pico Blvd 1:17 p.m.
Person Down 500blk Wilshire Blvd 1:20 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 1:29 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2300blk Wilshire Blvd 1:36 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1400blk 7th St 1:49 p.m.
Battery Report Berkeley St / Wilshire Blvd 1:54 p.m.
Battery Now 800blk Broadway 2:19 p.m.
Found Property 1800blk 4th St 2:22 p.m.
Overdose 1200blk Lincoln Blvd 2:37 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 1400blk Franklin St 3:03 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 3:07 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400blk Harvard St 3:08 p.m.
Civil Dispute 1300blk Centinela Ave 3:22 p.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 3:22 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 3:28 p.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 800blk 23rd St 3:38 p.m.
Fraud Report 1500blk 7th St 3:39 p.m.
Identity Theft 1200blk Euclid St 4:08 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 800blk California Ave 4:11 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 4th St / Colorado Ave 4:35 p.m.
Keep The Peace 1300blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:50 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 6th St / Bay St 5:07 p.m.
Loitering 18th St / Santa Monica Blvd 5:09 p.m.
Drinking In Public 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:19 p.m.
Loud Music 200blk Palisades Ave 5:20 p.m.
Loud Music 1500blk 7th St 5:36 p.m.
Fight 2100blk 6th St 5:51 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Cloverfield Blvd / Colorado Ave 6:02 p.m.
Panhandling 600blk Wilshire Blvd 6:07 p.m.
Stakeout 900blk Pico Blvd 6:16 p.m.
Loud Music 200blk Palisades Ave 6:24 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 1300blk 10th St 6:32 p.m.
Burglary Report 2000blk 20th St 6:39 p.m.
Assault Just Occurred 2100blk Main St 6:57 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1400blk 7th St 7:09 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 17th St / Wilshire Blvd 7:16 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 18th St / Dewey St 7:39 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1100blk 12th St 7:40 p.m.
Medical Emergency Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 7:43 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 3300blk Barnard Way 7:51 p.m.
Burglary Report 2000blk 20th St 8:02 p.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 400blk Montana Ave 8:22 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1000blk 7th St 8:24 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 1100blk Pico Blvd 8:31 p.m.
Party Complaint 2400blk 2nd St 9:00 p.m.
Party Complaint 900blk 21st St 9:12 p.m.
Loud Music Lincoln Blvd / Strand St 9:56 p.m.
Living In A Vehicle 1700blk Appian Way 10:41 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Stanford St / Wilshire Blvd 11:35 p.m.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-29 Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom

SUBJECT: 20ENT-0045 (Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 73934)
1949 17th Street
APPLICANT: Gantcho Batchkarov
PROPERTY OWNER: JDHUANG Investment Inc.

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

The applicant is requesting an approval of a Vesting Tentative Tract Map to subdivide one land parcel into five airspace parcels for the purpose of creating five residential condominium units in a two-story building over a subterranean parking garage located in the R2 (Low Density Residential) Zoning District.

The Planning Commission originally approved the requested Vesting Tentative Tract Map (16ENT-0016) on June 15, 2016. This approval has expired since a building permit to construct the project was not obtained prior to the June 28, 2018 expiration date.

DATE/TIME: **THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2020, AT 4:00 P.M.**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Planning Commission 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/vufrsbqt or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 5886623 #)

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Address your comments to: Rathar Duong, Associate Planner
Re: 20ENT-0045

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file and plans, please contact Rathar Duong at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at rathar.duong@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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Noteworthy

By Charles Andrews

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Amazing In Milan

RONALIFE IS PASSING ME BY

Musically. But that's OK, it's all still online.

Am I missing the thrill of the "live" performance? Maybe, but watching Andrea Bocelli's Easter concert from the Milan cathedral later, sounds and looks exactly the same as it did live, and, I'll wager, feels the same if you put yourself completely into it. In this case, absolutely thrilling, moving and inspirational. Everyone should allow themselves half an hour with no interruptions to experience it.

The sound, the song selection, the setting, the solo organ accompaniment, the brief but affecting words at the beginning and ditto the footage of empty city streets at the end, all perfect. When he stepped outside for the final number, an American gospel song sung in English, he looked so tiny when the camera backed up to show the entire magnificent cathedral rising to heaven behind him.



Courtesy photo

CATHEDRAL: Andrea Bocelli performed in front of the Milan Cathedral.

And please allow me a diversion here. I will always protest when someone says such cathedrals or the Vatican were an immoral waste of fortunes that could have been used to feed the poor. Lemme tell ya, the people who built them, or the Taj Mahal or the pyramids, were not thinking, let's see, Sistine Chapel or millions to feed the poor, hmmm? What counts is that we now have them, the soul is transfigured in their presence, and millions have had that unique experience.

ART IS LIFE ITSELF

Something we ignore these days in America, to our peril. We certainly need more of it in Santa Monica, out where everyone can see it. The Duomo di Milano you saw Bocelli inside of and in front of is the second largest cathedral in Europe, after St. Peter's. But it's not the size. It is breathtaking for its setting, scale and design, especially to see in person, and like other religious art it is intended to elevate the human spirit to God (however you might want to define that). And to do so for centuries. Interestingly enough, the construction of the Duomo was begun in 1386 but not finished, final details, until 1965. Good things are worth waiting for. (Nearly half of it was completed in 16 years, then it took the conquering Napoleon to finish the famous facade, 400 years later.)

It is special among cathedrals, and a great source of pride to the Milanese. I mean, just look at it. I've been in more cathedrals than I can count, across Europe, on two continent-spanning year-long adventures. Some have reviled Il Duomo, like Oscar Wilde, others adored it, like Mark Twain. I'm with Mark Twain. Always.

Eight years ago my family had a very special tour of the Duomo, and Milan, from our then-new friend GianPaolo Corda. We met him and his wondrous wife Paula when we parked our campervan next to theirs in a camp in Budapest. Paolo is an architect and city planner and a recognized authority on his beloved home city. And a music fan of the highest order, with a great passion for and knowledge of jazz. He presented us with a treasure of his when we parted company, a thick CD box set of the Glenn Gould Gold Collection, with a 200-page book. I think of them every time I play it, or even see it.

We exchanged numbers and were delighted to get the invitation, if you are ever in Milano... But sometimes, when you are traveling a lot, that is perfunctory. It was not, and we later spent a few magical days with them there, finding out just what a sterling career Paula has had in several realms -- we already knew from shared meals in Budapest what an out-of-this-world chef she is -- and getting a unique tour of the city from Paolo, including the Duomo. Few who step inside get the inside scoop he gave us. So it was especially meaningful to me to see again this magnificent edifice, inside and out.

AMAZING GRACE

Bocelli's final number, the only one not in Italian or Latin, is an amazing composition, for many reasons. It is probably the best-known song in the English-speaking world, estimated to be sung 10 million times a year. It is a gospel song and significant particularly in black American history and culture, yet the words were written in 1779 by the absolutely fascinating English poet and clergyman, and former slave trader, John Newton. It was attached to maybe 20 different melodies until landing in 1847 on the one we know today, which seems like the perfect marriage.

As a simple, short confessional of hope and redemption it is a masterpiece of emotion, sung in this case by a man who has been blind since age 12. It was significant that Bocelli stepped outside to sing this one to the world, out in the world. The entire performance was superb and meaningful but his "Amazing Grace" brought me to tears.

Yes, I know, what I missed was one of the intentions of the performance, to unite the world at that moment, on Easter, with songs of hope, rebirth and love. And of all the recent terrific live performances, that stands out as one to experience in the moment.

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An open letter to City Council

BY MICAH MICHALSKI AND LIZ BAR-EL

These are strange times indeed, and the employees of this City are working harder than ever to serve the community during this crisis both through our customary job duties and as emergency operations employees. While many of us are shut inside our homes, many others of us are out in the field, delivering services and keeping this City safe and running smoothly. We clearly see and feel the economic crisis brought on by measures taken to protect the public from this pandemic. Nothing is business as usual. And in this context, we must not act hastily lest we ensure business as usual can never happen again.

The Council is looking at tough choices as you consider balancing the upcoming FY budget. We know you take on this task with a heavy heart. We also ask that you take on this task with a return to core values. Over the next two weeks, the City management team will finalize and then present to you plans that will have irreversible and draconian impacts. These plans have not been developed with the involvement of employees, the bargaining units or the Coalition leadership. The first information shared with the Bargaining Unit presidents was at a meeting on Monday afternoon and it was almost completely devoid of detail. This move comes on the heels of a rushed and awkward implementation this week of unpaid administrative leave for over 400 employees whose workplaces have been closed. Most of those affected are among the City's lower paid workforce and will suffer the greatest hardship. Nevertheless, that step will pale in comparison with what is yet to come if the City Manager convinces you to use an axe where a scalpel is needed.

Our message to the Council is simple: Slow down, look at more options, and involve the City's employees to come up with alternatives that will help push the City forward with the least damage possible. Your employees are your most valuable asset and they are willing and able to get creative to find better solutions. To sideline them in this process is to deny yourselves the single greatest source of intelligence, creativity, drive, and passion you have; what make this City government the envy of every other City in California. You have approved an emergency ordinance that suspends the usual civil service rules and protections. This concerns us greatly and we hope the temporary removal of protections is not utilized to take advantage of employees with long tenures at the City.

A short-term emergency should not be used as the pretense to upend all that you and the employees have built together and as cover to remake the City into something the community will not support, let alone recognize. Moreover, the employees who remain to run this City will be expected to work even harder, after years of doing more with less and, of course, on the heels of disastrous negotiations that just concluded on the Coalition Medical and Retirement Umbrella Agreements. The steps you take right now will have a major impact on morale and employee motivation, and will forever shape your legacies in this City. It is time for all of us to lead by example, and deliver the creative, progressive, and sustainable solutions that have become our hallmark rather than adopting the slash and burn measures that so enthrall our less progressive brethren

We, your City employees, ask you to consider the following as discuss these matters in Closed Session:

1. Do not greenlight the CMO's plan to impose mass layoffs..

2. Direct the CMO to see what can be gained through offering incentives to employees to retire before proposing positions to eliminate.

3. Direct the CMO to hold open, honest, and collaborative discussions with Coalition and bargaining unit board leaders. Direct this joint effort to explore every option that might reduce the need to lay off workers and to bring those options to the Council in an open session that allows the community to weigh in.

4. Direct the CMO to strictly adhere to the Municipal Code procedures for instituting layoffs, regardless of emergency orders that allow waivers of some aspects of the Civil Service Code.

5. Direct the City's lobbyists to advocate for federal and state financial support for cities that may help balance the City's budget.

6. Let the values of community and sustainability guide you as you make this decision. Remember that it is much harder to restart programs once they have been cut. Remember that it is far more expensive to hire an employee later to replace one you let go today. Remember that you have highly trained and capable people working for you who you will lose forever. The wholesale elimination of this collective human intelligence will have massive, unintended consequences.

We are not blind to the unprecedented challenges we face. Indeed, we are living them every moment. But, a time of crisis is not the time to abandon our shared values, priorities, and common sense. Indeed, those values are in place precisely to protect us all in these moments. You must scrupulously protect them in these moments of greatest challenge or we run the risk of revealing we never believed in them at all. Your employees believe in these values. Indeed, we are the ones who have implemented them Citywide. And, we believe in you. This is a defining moment for our great City, and one that will be remembered for a long time. We ask you, the Council, to choose the path of respect and inclusion for a stronger and more resilient City.

Micah Michalski and Liz Bar-El are members of the Coalition of Santa Monica City Employees

MASK DEAL

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problems, it can cause life-threatening illness and death.

Six counties in the San Francisco Bay Area were the first in the country to impose stay-at-home orders, and Newsom followed with a statewide directive.

Karin Michels, chair of the epidemiology department at the University of California, Los Angeles' Fielding School of Public Health, said California has been aided in its virus fight by cultural factors like its low-density housing, younger population and residents' overall health. But she said the governor deserves "a lot of credit for being quick."

Still, state lawmakers and advocacy groups are agitated by aspects of Newsom's approach.

Lawmakers want to know how the state is ensuring the quality of the masks Newsom ordered and how they'll be distributed.

BYD is an electric vehicle manufacturer that recently started making masks at its facilities in China and its North American headquarters is in Los Angeles. A 2018 Los Angeles Times investigation found BYD buses purchased by the county transit agency had mechanical and performance issues, though the county and other agencies continued contracting with the company. Congress, meanwhile, recently banned BYD and another Chinese company from winning federal transit contracts over national security concerns.

Newsom and Mark Ghilarducci, head of California's Office of Emergency Services, said BYD was thoroughly vetted and that its bus business is separate from the mask deal.

Company spokesman Frank Girardot said BYD will "absolutely, 100%" comply with U.S. rules and certifications. The first masks are expected to arrive in late April or early May.

Newsom's initial claims on plans to house the homeless, meanwhile, haven't matched reality. He said in mid-March the state was "in real time, quite literally" negotiating with 901 hotels to house homeless Californians and later set a goal of finding 51,000 rooms. In reality, the state identified hotels that could be used but mostly let counties negotiate contracts.

Many hotels were wary about housing the homeless. Three weeks later, Newsom announced a revised goal of 15,000 rooms, mostly paid for by the federal government. Click said the initial goal represented a worst-case scenario and that California is doing more than other states to protect the homeless.

Newsom then announced another plan to defray costs for thousands of hotel rooms for health care workers.

Lynn Mohrfeld, president of the California Hotel and Lodging Association, said the industry "is 110% trying to help."

"But the ground keeps shifting under us and the priorities change on a regular basis," he said.

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JOBS

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asked City Council to approve cuts to youth services and sustainability programs, the council did not vote on specific cuts Tuesday and instead authorized city staff to develop a plan to restructure city services that will be presented May 5.

The petition calls for Cole and Chief Operating Officer Katie Lichtig to be fired, alleging they gave city staff three days to propose cuts to their departments and are pushing to eliminate the Office of Sustainability and the Environment, close the Santa Monica Swim Center and eliminate or reduce CREST, Virginia Avenue Park and Police Activities League youth programs.

Hundreds of residents wrote letters to City Council urging them to preserve sustainability and youth programs.

"CREST has been, at different times, a necessary life saver for us as working parents, a social connection for our children and the key to their physical activity and health," wrote Catherine Mahmoudi. "It would be impossible to replace, and the kids who would suffer most from its loss are the ones that don't have other options. Please fight for it."

Cole did not address the petition directly, but said the cuts residents are discussing are "rumors and suppositions." The city has not yet proposed a plan to cut services, he said.

"The rumors and anxiety … are not without foundation," Cole said at the meeting. "We will have to make choices that are unprecedented in their negative impact on everything we believe in in order to get through this and rebuild effectively on the other side."

Cole said local governments have only been promised reimbursement for services they have provided in direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is uncertain whether state and federal governments will provide aid to supplement lost revenues.

"There will be extraordinarily harsh choices that I won't like, (the council) won't like, the community won't like (and) the workforce won't like, absent dramatic state or federal bailout funds," he said. "We hope for those, I pray for those, but we cannot count on those."

The city will focus its limited resources on foundational programs, emergency response and economic recovery from the impacts of the pandemic, council members said.

At the Tuesday meeting, they drafted a list of goals for the plan to restructure city operations, which include making reductions across the entire city workforce, including executives, managers and supervisors, and preserving community resources with the understanding that some programs cannot continue or must be altered to balance the budget.

As the economy improves, services that were put on hold can be reinstated, council members said.

"Ideally, we'd have time for a thoughtful, collaborative process – but as we've seen, events are moving with breathtaking speed," Cole said in a statement. "The longer we wait to make hard decisions, the greater the long-term threat posed to essential services and the staff who provide them."

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Culture Watch

By Sarah A. Spitz

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Stuck at home? Try something new!



Gourmandise School of Sweets and Savories

BREAD: Proprietor Clemence Gossett pours sourdough while teaching Bread Camp online.

You don't just have to sit there. You could learn a skill, a craft, or maybe a little science. Try these options while you're quarantining.

COOKING

Having sliced my finger while making one of my favorite side dishes, Nom Nom Paleo Garlic Cauliflower "Mashed Potatoes" https://nomnompaleo.com/post/1356203768/garlic-cauliflower-mashed-potatoes, I wondered if there were any great cooking lessons, free online.

Well, duh, of course there are. And some originate right in our own backyard, at Clemence Gossett's Gourmandise School of School of Sweets and Savories, located on the third floor of Santa Monica Place.

You've always wanted to learn how to make bread but you haven't had the time to commit to a multi-day workshop. Well, now you have the time and you don't even need to leave home! This free Gourmandise YouTube channel is a real gift, especially Bread Camp. Learn about wheat, yeast, how to make sandwich bread, challah, focaccia, milk bread, and the grand prize, sourdough. This link takes you to all of the Bread Camp sessions. https://bit.ly/2VzH4e7

And Gourmandise will help you acquire other culinary skills, with videos on how to make butter from heavy cream, how to bake the perfect chocolate chip cookie, how to crimp a pie (my personal bugaboo), how to poach an egg, baking with your kids, how to repurpose leftovers and more. And please do me a favor: give yourself 5 minutes to giggle at the Couples Cooking Class video.

Follow the Gourmandise feed on Instagram @GourmandiseLA for live and archived videos; but if you want it all in one place, the YouTube channel is the way to go. https://bit.ly/3enzk7L

There's also an offering from Vox Media, Eater at Home Virtual events, featuring a wide variety of name chefs and cookbook authors doing demos and answering questions from viewers, generally live at 2 p.m. PDT. Today in fact, you could be joining the Eater Book Club with Emma Straub, who discusses her newest book, All Adults here (comes out May 5) with Eater's Sonia Chopra.

And on Saturday at 9 a.m. Pacific time, join renowned French pastry chef Dominique Ansel for a lesson on how to turn the bread laying around in your kitchen (maybe some of which you made thanks to Gourmandise!) into French Toast, with a chocolate ganache. Check in on Mondays to find the next week's schedule. https://bit.ly/3a8QBhL And join their live Instagram feed here: https://voxmediaevents.com/eater

GARDENING

So many people are turning to gardening both for solace and to grow their own food. Rishi Kumar turned his suburban tract home into an edible and sustainable paradise. Join Rishi for Kiss the Ground's 3-week Regenerative Gardening Course. From beginner to master gardener, this 3-week course will teach you what you need to know to strengthen your local regenerative food system. Learn about soil health and regeneration, how to grow food anywhere and take a practical approach to vegetable and ornamental gardening.

Although the first class in the series took place yesterday, these sessions will be both live and recorded with lifetime access to the recordings, practical videos and a 20-page Regenerative Gardening written curriculum.

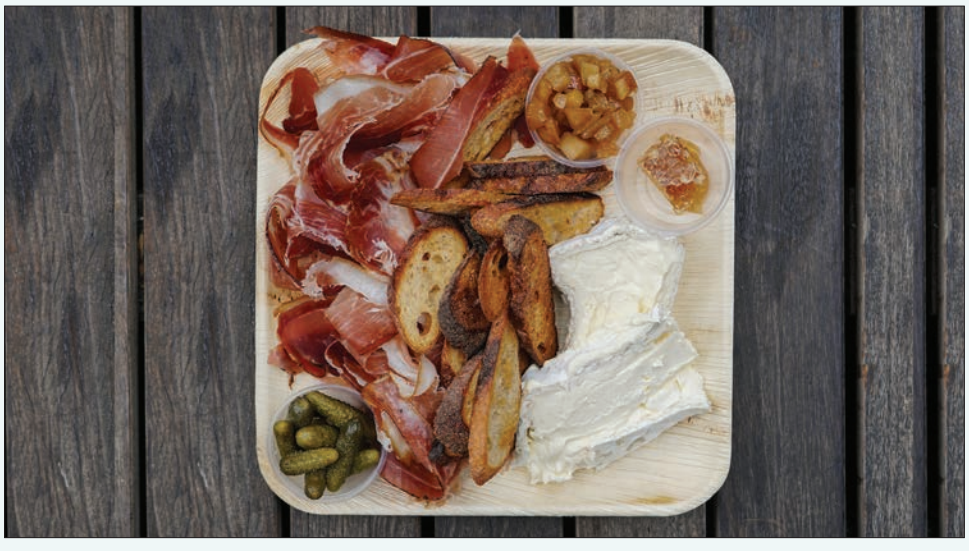
Live sessions will be offered and recorded from 4 to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays, April 22 and April 29 (you'll have to catch up on the first session online). The series costs $150 but sliding scale pricing is available. Email leadership@kisstheground.com to request adjusted pricing. Click here to sign up for the course: https://bit.ly/3clIL5E.

Westside-based Kiss the Ground's website has many other helpful videos and lots of information about composting and links to many other resources. Find it all here: https://kisstheground.com

ARTS, CRAFTS

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Daily Delivery:
Esters



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.

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COVID-19
CALLING ALL CALIFORNIANS!
Every Californian can safely help their community during these difficult times. Here are some ways you can make a difference:

Deliver Meals
Vulnerable seniors are at greatest risk amid COVID-19. Let's help keep them safe and cared for. Contact your local Meals on Wheels organization, visit **www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org**.

Donate to a shelter or food bank
During this time organizations are running low on food items, help them stay well stocked for those in need. Visit **www.serve.ca.gov** to find one near you.

Volunteer at a food bank
Food banks are in great need of volunteers to help pack and sort food. They are taking precautions to prioritize volunteer safety. Visit California Association of Food Banks at **www.CAfoodbanks.org**

Support Nonprofits
Nonprofit organizations serving vulnerable communities – like seniors and low-income families – need your help. Find a fund to donate to nonprofits in your community on the Philanthropy California COVID-19 Response Page: **www.philanthropyca.org/covid-19-response**.

Wellness Checks
Check on Older Neighbors with a Call, Text or Talk through the door

Hygiene Kits
Create hygiene kits and drop off at a shelter for people experiencing homelessness to help them stay healthy.

Donate Blood
Donated blood has decreased dramatically. Healthy, eligible donors are urged to come out and give to ensure there's lifesaving blood on the shelves for those who need it most. Visit the American Red Cross: **www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive**

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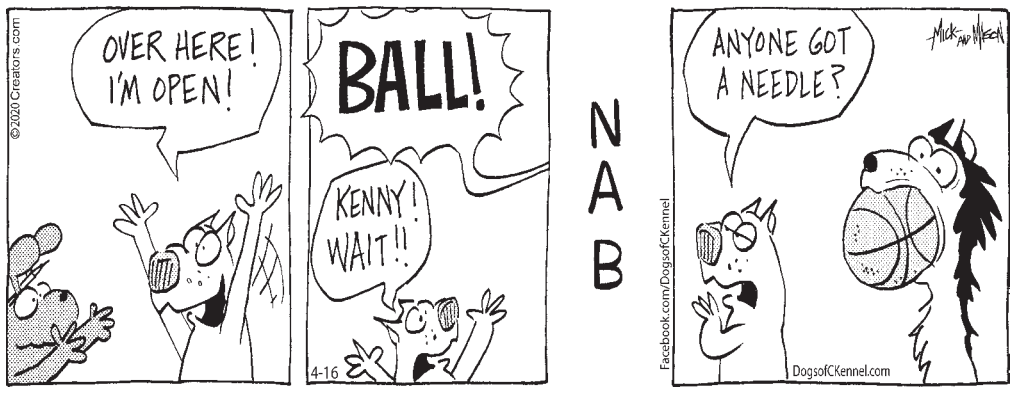
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SURF FORECASTS

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WEATHER

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 68.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.
Friday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Partly sunny, with a high near 62.
Friday Night: A slight chance of showers before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.
Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 65.

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2020/04/17	Fri	8:08 PM	4.25	H
2020/04/18	Sat	01:50 AM	1.58	L
2020/04/18	Sat	07:34 AM	4.40	H
2020/04/18	Sat	2:03 PM	0.03	L
2020/04/18	Sat	8:29 PM	4.47	H
2020/04/19	Sun	02:22 AM	1.15	L
2020/04/19	Sun	08:14 AM	4.45	H
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Jackpot: 19 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 04/14
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Daily 3
Draw Date: 04/14
Evening: 4 0 8
Draw Date: 04/14
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (APRIL 16)

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 16). Your cosmic birthday present is the power to create yourself, which you'll do in affirmations, actions, prayers, exercises, work and reflection. It's your own innermost feelings that will have the greatest bearing on who you become and what happens next. Practice self-love and faith in all you have to offer. Your Leo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 1, 44, 37 and 11.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may not do what you set out to do, but that is hardly the point. The more you try and accomplish, the better your skills get. Soon your ability will be so sharp that all connected work will be done in a fraction of the time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Gravity is invisible, though the proof of gravity is rather obvious to see. Love is the same way. Today, you'll witness the effects of love and feel its force on a visceral level.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are coming back to a part of yourself that has been long abroad. It's not that you outgrew or rejected this aspect of you, but you have not been able to prioritize it. That will change.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Privacy is sacred. Your story is yours to impart or not. Keeping things on a need-to-know basis can be as much about self-respect and love as it is about image control.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Consider what it means to feel trapped. If a person believes there is a lack of options, it doesn't matter if it's true or not; limits are in place. Ask the question and repeat: What is really true here?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Problems just get knottier when left to nature. The thinking -- or more likely the unthinking -- that created a tangle cannot also unravel it. You'll employ your higher mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't think it's anyone's job to be on your side, and that's what makes for the sweet moment when you notice that it's happening quite naturally. Your team is emerging.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are enacting patterns that served another situation and no longer apply to the current one. There's nothing to work on here. As you get used to the way things are now, the unnecessary things will fall away naturally.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The historic cases of subjects falling in love with their biographers are numerous -- a natural progression, as there is nothing more seductive than interest. Use the concept to your advantage.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To be true to yourself creates a power that the world will organize itself around. It will be well worth the courage you have to muster in order to make this happen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Places aren't perfect because people aren't perfect. Wherever they go, they are there inside an imperfect vessel. While it's futile to look for the ideal spot, today you'll find one that's much better than the last.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). On the one hand, you feel you shouldn't have to perform for people. On the other, everyone does. People need their roles, and they also need to trust that others will play theirs, too. It's making the world go around today.

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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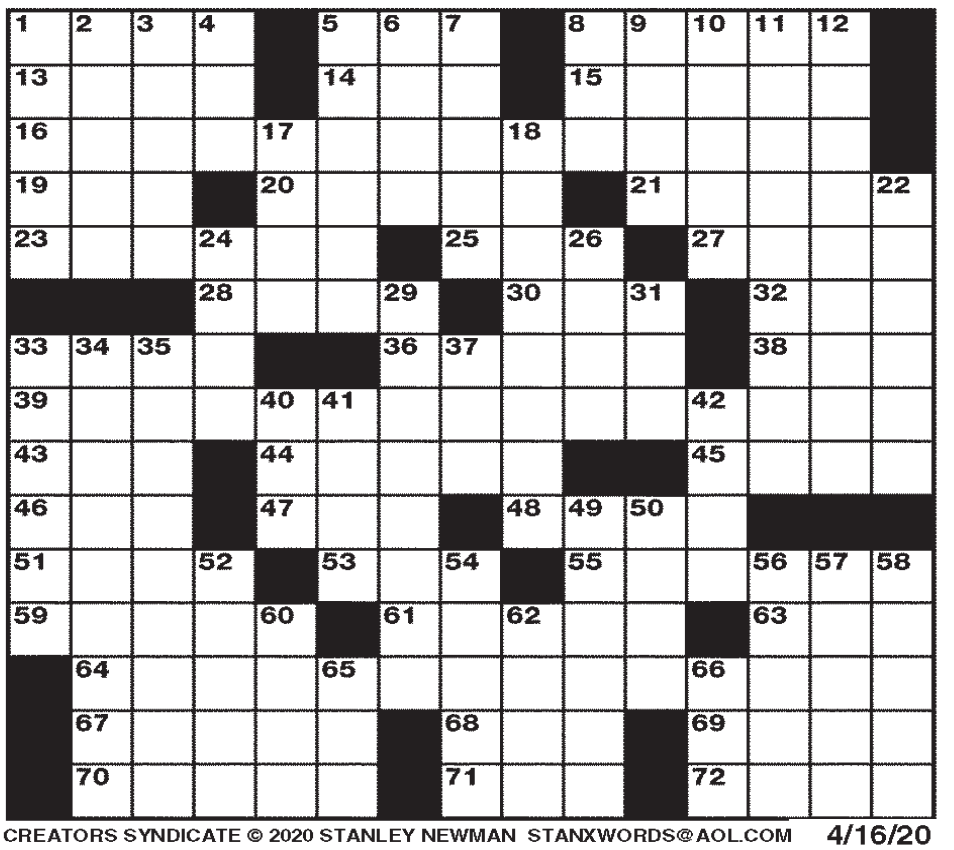
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Veggie in gumbo
5 It's easy, it's said
8 Jai alai basket
13 Part of a day
14 Feathery scarf
15 Place for pinsetters
16 Iconic anchor, debuting April 16, 1962
19 Chihuahua cheer
20 Elemenrary particle
21 Medium for some crossings
23 Prepare to exercise
25 Yang counterpart
27 Match-ending blow
28 Vamooses
30 "Uh-uh"
32 Business card abbr.
33 Weapon in a silo
36 Action film staple
38 Jargon-word ender
39 16 Across' sign-off line
43 Insincere yuk
44 Notation to pause
45 Half of some matched sets
46 *"Mein Gott!"*
47 Wall St. opening
48 Claudius successor
51 Bloke
53 Vegan staple
55 Word that often precedes "hot"
59 Exodus spokesman
61 Weightless state, for short
63 Pigeon sound
64 16 Across' show
67 RSVP receivers
68 Diminutive dog category
69 Florentine farewell
70 "Am not!" comeback
71 Certain cash box: Abbr.
72 Cameo stone

DOWN
1 "That's incredible!"
2 Wombat cousin
3 Measuring stick
4 Collages, for instance
5 Rudely quick
6 City south of West Palm
7 Win in, on Election Day
8 Holder for beer or beans
9 Nevada city
10 Smooth in manners
11 Confidential talk
12 Sailor's assent
17 Starter like iso-
18 Certain Japanese
22 Impressively, surprisingly
24 Grp. in charge
26 Org. concerned with 61 Across
29 Idle talk
31 "Pay attention!"
33 Home of Odysseus
34 Mambo's close kin
35 Maine resort
37 Sewed edge
40 HS department
41 Unsurpassable
42 Flapjack franchise
49 Source for many units of physics
50 Dame Diana of *Game of Thrones*
52 Rapper's retinue
54 Rumor spreader
56 Trap due to frost
57 "Ain't happening!"
58 Fenway Park shout
60 Trawler's equipment
62 Successful jokester
65 Brandy designation
66 Cpl. for instance



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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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FIND THE WORDS

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 18 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 4721

Off to the dance

G	L	I	D	E	Y	S	M	U	L	C	R	O	W	D
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R	S	S	I	R	A	A	T	N	S	E	M	B	O	I
G	A	E	M	L	E	E	R	R	K	O	L	O	C	P

Ad lib	Flow	Lead	Rumba
Allemande	Glide	Legs	Salsa
Balance	Group	Minuet	Skip
Calypso	Hula	Pavan	Slip
Clumsy	Instruction	Perfect	Sophisticated
Conga	Jazz	Piano	Steps
Cool	Jitterbug	Rave	Style
Crowd	Jive	Reel	Tango
Easy	Jota	Relax	Tempo
Enjoy	Kolo	Rhythm	Trot
Flamboyant	Latin	Rondo	Watch

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Amongst the Aussie wildlife

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TESTING

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statement. "The sacrifices made cannot be counted: some have lost loved ones, some have been ill, some have lost jobs, some have had to temporarily close businesses, some are guiding children through remote learning and everyone has had to live our day-to-day life very differently than we are used to. Thank you for continuing to do what you're doing."

Officials said Wednesday that any county resident with symptoms of coronavirus will be able to book same-day or next-day testing through coronavirus.lacity.org/testing at drive-through testing sites. More than 67,00 people have been tested, and 11% have tested positive.

In Santa Monica, two cases were reported Wednesday out of a total of 472 new cases in L.A. County. There are 98 cases confirmed in the city and nearly 10,500 across the county. About 1,500 county residents are currently hospitalized, 31% of whom are in the ICU.

Twenty-eight people experiencing homelessness have tested positive, including six shelter residents, Ferrer said. Three lived in the same shelter.

Although Santa Monica hospitals have the capacity to treat an uptick in coronavirus patients, global shortages of personal protective equipment and have left nurses and other medical workers at Providence St. John's Health Center and UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica without N95 masks and other PPE.

Nurses have protested the response of management at both hospitals to the PPE shortage in recent weeks, claiming management is arbitrarily withholding equipment from nurses working with coronavirus patients.

On Wednesday, Providence St. John's announced it would begin disinfecting N95 masks for reuse using a system recently approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Gov. Gavin Newsom said Tuesday that the state's PPE needs will be met in early May after the state spends $1.4 million to secure 200 million masks.

Stay at home restrictions may be relaxed — but not lifted — in late May, if California has enough hospital beds and ventilators to treat a potential increase in cases, testing is widely available and at-risk populations are protected from infection, Newsom said.

Californians will have to continue to wear face coverings and practice physical distancing for at least another two months, he said.

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BUILDING

FROM PAGE 1

underground garage with 390 parking spots.

The Planning Commission and Architectural Review Board have suspended meetings due to coronavirus, so it is unknown when the project will have a public hearing.

Related California previously completed The Village at Santa Monica, a $350-million mixed-use complex on Ocean Boulevard and Olympic Drive, across the street from Tongva Park.

The Vons project joins several others planned or under construction on Lincoln Boulevard and Colorado Avenue.

At the corner of Lincoln and Colorado, a five-story, 90-unit building from Century West Partners is nearing completion at 1601 Lincoln Blvd., and WS Communities is building a five-story, 100-unit building at the corner of Lincoln and Colorado on a lot at 1550 Lincoln Blvd. formerly occupied by a Denny's.

WS Communities is also planning a five-story, 98-unit building at 1650 Lincoln Blvd. and an eight-story, 69-unit building at 701 Colorado Ave.

Urbanize L.A. was the first to report that the Vons development had progressed.

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CULTURE WATCH

FROM PAGE 6

Nikon is one of the most respected names in the camera business. Till the end of April, they are offering free photography classes online. You can choose Fundamentals of Photography, Environmental Portraiture, The Art of Making Music Videos, Discovering Macro Photography, Photographing Children and Pets and more. Nikon School online is free till the end of April. Sign up here: https://bit.ly/2yYYyZS

Craft Contemporary Museum has launched its new website just in time to offer Craft at Home: https://www.craftcontemporary.org/craft-at-home/. Each week they're bringing new tutorials to inspire personal craft projects. So far, you (or you and the family) could learn about how to make hammered flowers, marbled paper, landscape yarn painting and printmaking with bubbles.

SCIENCE

Please don't let your brain turn to mush. Science is not just fascinating, it's also fun! Join The California Science Center online for their series Stuck at Home Science, to keep your kids' brains (and yours!) active. Short videos introduce a topic, followed by an activity guide using easy-to-find household supplies, for at-home experiments and projects to make the learning hands-on experience (the better to learn with, my dear).

Learn how to build a car, explore germs and microbes, discover bird poop art and get the low-down on every kid's favorite topic, Sticky Snot! Find it all here: https://californiasciencecenter.org/stuck-at-home-science

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NOTEWORTHY

FROM PAGE 4

But I also got the impact watching later. I wasn't disdainful of such high purpose, I just wasn't free at that hour. Hadn't scheduled it on my busy calendar. I'm still working, ya know, plus trying to catch up on a lifetime of accumulation and neglect.

SOME GREAT STUFF

We are seeing some remarkable art come out of this quarantine. The baddest storm clouds do have a silver lining. It's impossible to keep up with it all, and also to know what will be mind blowing and what will be meh, because it's live and anything can happen.

I stumbled upon a "live" performance the other night of "Jesus Christ Superstar," one of my favorite musicals. Great songs by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyricist Tim Rice. I was lucky enough to see the original touring show, with Ben Vereen, when it rolled into Albuquerque.

This one had John Legend as JC, Sara Bareilles as Mary Magdalene, Alice Cooper as Pilate and a powerful Brandon Victor Dixon as Judas. But though it intermittently flashed "LIVE!" on the screen, it was shot in 2018. Haven't watched it yet but am really anticipating it. I don't think the fact that it was broadcast live two Easters ago will make any difference.

The big change now is most of us, except those heroes in the thick of it, from medical to mail carriers to delivery persons, have more time to watch things like this, and that's great. Now, where's that pile of books that have been collecting dust?

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