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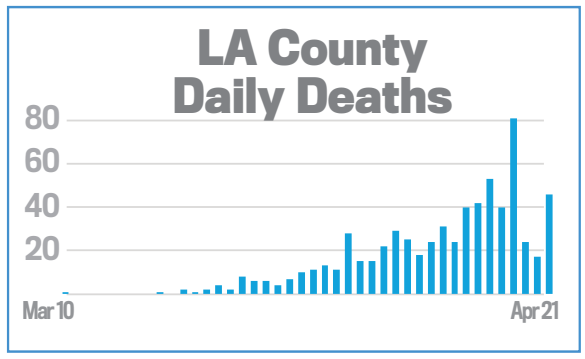
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CORONAVIRUS DEATHS per 100,000

SANTA MONICA	LA COUNTY	CALIFORNIA	USA	WORLDWIDE
2.1	6.6	3.2	13.7	2.3

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









Ross Furukawa

NURSE PROTEST: Nurses at Providence St Johns protested on Tuesday by driving by the hospital ER and honking for over 45 minutes. Michael Gulick, a registered nurse who was put on administrative leave for not wanting to treat COVID-19 patients without an N-95 mask, said that nurses need proper protective equipment and transparency from the hospital administration.



Two local COVID-19 deaths as cases rise 38% over last seven days

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Eleven new coronavirus cases were confirmed in Santa Monica Tuesday as county officials released a backlog of tests from laboratories that had not previously reported results.

The local outbreak escalated rapidly in late March and the virus has continued to spread, but the rate of growth has decreased each week — except for over the last seven days. While the number of confirmed cases rose just 19.5% between April 9 and 15, the period between April 15 and April 21 saw a 38% increase in cases as L.A. County officials released a backlog of nearly 2,000 test results on Monday and Tuesday.

The total number of confirmed cases in Santa Monica is now 135. But given the results of Los Angeles County's antibody study, which found that 4% of adults had already been infected by coronavirus by

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City's affordable housing list opens

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The city of Santa Monica will open its waitlists for affordable housing and rental subsidies Friday, May 1 as an increasing number of people lose work amid the coronavirus shutdown.

Both the affordable housing and Section 8 programs are typically available to low- and moderate-income households who either live in Santa Monica, work in the city at least 25 hours per week, participate in a local job training program or were employed in Santa Monica recently and now receive benefits from the city.

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SMMUSD returns from break ready for Earth Day

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

With a new Sustainability Coordinator on board and children "returning to school" from Spring Break this week, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is ready to kick off distance learning with a number of lessons related to Earth Day.

It's been nearly five weeks since district leaders implemented the full closure of all schools and programs, including its child care, infant toddler center, preschool and adult school due to Covid-19. In the time since, many parents have struggled to keep their kids engaged in learning, but SMMUSD Sustainability Coordinator Austin Toyama said he has a few activities planned this week

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As Earth Day turns 50, green movement faces fresh challenges

MICHAEL CASEY AND TAMMY WEBBER
Associated Press

Gina McCarthy remembers the way things used to be: Tar balls clinging to her legs after swimming in Boston Harbor. The Merrimack River colored bright blue and green by textile mill chemicals. Black smoke everywhere.

Kim Wasserman worries about what it's like today: Hundreds of diesel trucks rolling down residential streets in her mostly low-income, Hispanic neighborhood in Chicago. Houses blanketed in ash from a recent smokestack demolition at a shuttered coal-fired power plant. High rates of asthma and other illnesses.

Fifty years after the first Earth Day helped spur activism over air and water pollution and disappearing plants and animals, significant improvements are undeniable. But monumental challenges remain.

Black, brown and poor communities suffer disproportionately from ongoing contamination. Deforestation, habitat loss and overfishing have wreaked havoc on global biodiversity. And the existential threat of climate change looms larger than anything that came before.

A fundamental, global change in thinking and action is needed that goes well beyond any one day, said former California Gov. Jerry Brown, who called Earth Day an opportunity for "a wake-up call."

"But the darkness, the blindness is so pervasive," said Brown, who several years ago started an organization with ex-New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg to address climate change.

Outrage over the burning Cuyahoga River in Cleveland, an oil spill that killed thousands of seabirds off the California coast and a plunging bald eagle population blamed on pesticides drew millions of people to the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970.

Later that year, Congress established the Environmental Protection Agency to oversee the nation's response and in ensuing years, passed landmark laws to protect air and water quality, marine mammals and endangered species, and to clean up the nation's most toxic sites.

"It was quite an amazing time," said McCarthy, who led the EPA for four years under President Obama and now heads the Natural Resources Defense Council, an advocacy group. "People just (said), 'Hey, enough is enough ... it's just not going to happen anymore.'"

Environmentalist and author Bill McKibben, who has led a campaign for universities to pull investments from fossil fuel industries, said the first Earth Day "changed our understanding of the environment almost overnight."

"We have way cleaner air and way more rivers, streams and lakes you can swim in than people did in 1970," McKibben said.

Yet in the decades since, some problems that sparked the environmental movement have only gotten worse.

Urbanization, farming and industry have led to widespread loss of forests and grasslands, exacerbating the dangers of climate change and contributing to an alarmingly swift decline in animal and plant species. Overfishing threatens the ocean food web. Hotter global average temperatures are leading to both heavier rainfall and drought, and are contributing to sea level rise that threatens coastal communities.

And new issues emerged that weren't foreseen in 1970, including widespread contamination of waterways and drinking water by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl — industrial chemicals known collectively as PFAS — and plastic pollution that kills and injures marine life.

Meanwhile, minority and poor communities affected by ongoing pollution as well as climate change feel left behind as environmental organizations often focus on issues that don't always resonate with struggling neighborhoods.

Studies show that polluting industry, highways and shipping terminals are more likely to be located in poor and non-white neighborhoods with less political clout, often because historic housing discrimination or poverty forced people of color to live there.

In Charlotte, North Carolina, blacks ended up living near a major railroad line and industrial areas. Those living near Houston refineries and chemical plants are overwhelmingly black and Hispanic. Detroit's most polluted ZIP code, near an oil refinery, is predominantly black and low-income.

"Saving the polar bears is important, don't get me wrong, but we're dying in our neighborhoods. What about saving people, too?" said Wasserman, who spent a decade fighting to close two coal-fired power plants in Chicago's two largest Hispanic enclaves and now worries plans for a distribution warehouse on one site will bring more diesel pollution. "We need to be talking more holistically about saving the earth in general."

Environmental groups for decades also have struggled to get lawmakers to act on climate change — and to persuade the public to take it seriously.

Early water and air pollution were problems people could see and smell, while climate change until recently had seemed decades away.

"The initial burst of things around Earth Day were mostly things that directly affected people — freeways cutting through their neighborhoods, oil spills on their beaches, their river in Cleveland catching on fire," said Denis Hayes, who was the 25-year-old national coordinator for that first Earth Day and who is still involved in the movement.

Then, efforts to speak to worldwide climate change began in the 1990s. "That is much more difficult to get people aroused by," Hayes said. "Maybe more important, it's more difficult to address."

As evidenced by last year's climate protests, a new, diverse generation of activists is demanding action, fueled by fears the worst

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"I just can't do this." Harried parents forgo home school

GILLIAN FLACCUS AND JOCELYN GECKER
Associated Press

Frustration is mounting as more families across the U.S. enter their second or even third week of distance learning — and some overwhelmed parents say it will be their last.

Amid the barrage of learning apps, video meet-ups and e-mailed assignments that pass as pandemic home school, some frustrated and exhausted parents are choosing to disconnect entirely for the rest of the academic year. Others are cramming all their children's school work into the weekend or taking days off work to help their kids with a week's worth of assignments in one day.

"We tried to make it work the first week. We put together a schedule, and what we found is that forcing a child who is that young into a fake teaching situation is really, really hard," said Alexandra Nicholson, whose son is in kindergarten in a town outside Boston.

"I'd rather have him watch classic Godzilla movies and play in the yard and pretend to be a Jedi rather than figure out basic math."

That stress is only compounded for families with multiple children in different grades, or when parents work long hours outside the home. In some cases, older siblings must watch younger ones during the day, leaving no time for school work.

"I think the pressure is on and I think it's on even more for some of our low-income families. It's totally overwhelming," said Rachel Pearl, chief program officer for Friends of the Children-Portland. The Portland, Oregon-based national nonprofit pairs paid mentors with at-risk children.

"A lot of our families already feel they're not doing enough when they are working so hard and I fear they will fear they are failing at it."

Parents are concerned their kids are falling behind, especially in lower income families. In households where the parents earn less than $50,000 total annually, 72% are at least somewhat concerned about their child falling behind academically, compared with 56% of parents in high-income households, according to a late-March poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Meghan Perrone, a nurse, can't even begin to help her 8-year-old daughter with her schoolwork until after she gets home from work and has cleaned up from dinner. Her husband is working from home but spends most of the week holed up in the basement because his job is mainly done by phone. That leaves the couple's second-grade daughter to supervise her 2-year-old sister.

As a result, the family has pushed the weekly load of schoolwork to weekends and tries to cram as much into two days as they can. One recent Saturday, Perrone's husband and daughter finished a science project at 10 p.m.

"We don't have the luxury right now to not be working. Some people aren't working at all and they can make time to do this stuff, but that for us is just not an option," said Perrone, who lives in Ebensburg, Pennsylvania.

Those with older children may be faring better, but parents still must keep track of timing for video chats with teachers and make sure all the assignments are completed.

Sarah Karpanty, 44, a mother of two middle schoolers in Roanoke, Virginia, said the reality kicked in last week when spring break ended and home learning began.

"I wanted to get into a fetal position and hide out," said Karpanty, a professor of wildlife biology at Virginia Tech who is also teaching her own students online.

Her boys, aged 12 and 13, are independent but still need guidance navigating the new technology. Their classes involve recorded video from teachers, online quizzes and the occasional interactive Zoom call.

"When this all started we were all like, 'Thank God kids aren't affected,'" she said, referring to the coronavirus itself. "But we have to be honest, the kids are not OK."

Many school districts are emphasizing to parents that the learning curve is steep, and some teachers try to avoid daily deadlines, instead allowing students to go at their own pace.

California high school teacher Susan Binder said the technology can be frustrating and imperfect. Many of the apps elementary schools must now rely on -- with names like Seesaw, Epic and IXL -- were only intended as a tool to enhance classroom learning or share students' work with parents.

"This is a very crude bandage we're putting on a very big wound. We're just doing the best we can," said Binder, who is using Zoom and Google classroom to teach economics, AP history and government at El Cerrito High School, near San Francisco.

"A video can't look at your child's face and see the confusion. A teacher can do that," she said.

She worries this generation of students may end up suffering academically, socially and emotionally.

Around the world, parents and schools are facing similar challenges.

In Italy, the virus' first epicenter in Europe, schools have tried to adapt to online learning with a spotty success rate. In some parts of Italy's hard-hit north, many schools went weeks without assigning lessons, and one parent said her high school aged daughter went two months without a math lesson.

In France, many parents with young children are taking advantage of a national initiative that pays 84% of salaries of parents needing to take time off to care full-time for kids. The country's centralized school system has helped streamline teaching, with standardized online programs but there have been wide disparities and concerns about equality and low-income families who don't have internet access and devices.

Kara Illig, a mother of three in Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, finally broke down one day last week.

Her fourth-grade son had six English assignments all due at the end of the day. Her second-grade daughter had to build a table that would support a dictionary using only printer paper, cardboard and duct tape. She could barely keep track of their assignments, four different school email accounts, 12 Google livestreams, and her own worries as she transitioned to a new job while working from home.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 198 CALLS ON APR. 20

Petty Theft Just Occurred 7th St / Arizona Ave 12:18 a.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 1000blk 5th St 4:09 a.m.
Party Complaint 300blk California Ave 4:16 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 300blk Pico Blvd 4:28 a.m.
Construction Noise 500blk Palisades Beach Rd 6:12 a.m.
Encampment 1100blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:19 a.m.
Encampment 7th St / Taft Way 6:22 a.m.
Encampment 7th St / Navy St 7:13 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500blk Ocean Ave 7:34 a.m.
Loud Music 800blk Ocean Ave 7:59 a.m.
Fraud Report 2100blk La Mesa Dr 8:06 a.m.
Loud Music 800blk Ocean Ave 9:03 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 400blk 25th St 9:08 a.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 2600blk 28th St 9:13 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 900blk Lincoln Blvd 9:28 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 2900blk 4th St 9:29 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1000blk 14th St 9:53 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1800blk Marine St 10:15 a.m.
Battery Now 2300blk Wilshire Blvd 10:22 a.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 19th St / Delaware Ave 10:27 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 900blk Lincoln Blvd 11:08 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Just Occurred 300blk Palisades Ave 11:15 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 2400blk 16th St 11:16 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 700blk Ozone St 11:19 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1100blk 22nd St 11:27 a.m.
Trash Dumping 2800blk Kansas Ave 11:44 a.m.
Burglary Report 1000blk 5th St 12:04 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2200blk Ashland Ave 12:12 p.m.
Prowler 3100blk Pennsylvania Ave 12:24 p.m.
Smoking Violation 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 1:06 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2000blk Ocean Ave 1:11 p.m.
Battery Now 3400blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:17 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1100blk 7th St 1:39 p.m.
Loud Music 1400blk 9th St 1:52 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:53 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 1:57 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 1:57 p.m.
Found Property 1100blk 6th St 2:04 p.m.
Loitering 1100blk 5th St 3:04 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1600blk Appian Way 3:41 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Colorado Ave 3:57 p.m.
Fight 1400blk Montana Ave 3:58 p.m.
Identity Theft 1700blk Bryn Mawr Ave 4:10 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 300blk California Ave 4:22 p.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 800-900 Ocean Ave 4:31 p.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 1100blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:51 p.m.
Fight 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 5:09 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:13 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 700blk Pier Ave 5:18 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 200blk Bay St 5:25 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 200blk Wilshire Blvd 5:38 p.m.
Party Complaint 700blk Idaho Ave 6:06 p.m.
Missing Person 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:11 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1300blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:33 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 6:33 p.m.
Fight Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 6:48 p.m.
Construction Noise 5th St / Broadway 7:00 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 3rd Street Prom / Santa Monica Blvd 7:10 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Just Occurred 600blk Wilshire Blvd 7:11 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Just Occurred 600blk Wilshire Blvd 7:11 p.m.
Loud Music 500blk Pacific St 9:13 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1800blk 10th St 10:04 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 100blk Hollister Ave 10:44 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

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Miscellaneous Outside Fire 500blk Broadway 2:14 a.m.
EMS 2100blk Lincoln Blvd 2:27 a.m.
EMS 2400blk Centinela Ave 5:26 a.m.
EMS 1000blk Marine St 6:49 a.m.
EMS 700blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:09 a.m.
EMS 700blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:30 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 9:24 a.m.
EMS 800blk Bay St 9:55 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk San Vicente Blvd 10:07 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:28 a.m.
EMS 11th St / Colorado Ave 11:16 a.m.
Structure Fire 500blk Colorado Ave 2:13 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 2:44 p.m.
EMS 2700blk Neilson Way 3:22 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Lincoln Blvd / Colorado Ave 3:57 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 15th St 4:51 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1000blk Franklin St 5:05 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 4th St 5:15 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Pico Blvd 5:23 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1700blk Sunset Ave 5:40 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Cloverfield Blvd 5:53 p.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 6:49 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Centinela Ave 7:55 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 900blk 20th St 9:39 p.m.
EMS 2300blk 16th St 9:45 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:05 p.m.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Chipotle Mexican Grill Agrees to Pay $25 Million Fine to Resolve Charges Stemming from Foodborne Illness

Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. has agreed to pay a $25 million criminal fine and institute a comprehensive food-safety program to resolve criminal charges that it adulterated food that sickened more than 1,100 people across the United States from 2015 to 2018.

The Justice Department charged the Newport Beach-based Chipotle with two counts of violating the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act by adulterating food while held for sale after shipment in interstate commerce.

In conjunction with the criminal information filed in United States District Court in Los Angeles, prosecutors also filed a deferred prosecution agreement (DPA) in which Chipotle agreed to pay $25 million – the largest fine ever imposed in a food-safety case.

The criminal charges stem, in part, from incidents related to outbreaks in Chipotle restaurants of norovirus, a highly contagious pathogen that can be easily transmitted by infected food workers handling ready-to-eat foods and their ingredients. Norovirus can cause severe symptoms, including diarrhea, vomiting and abdominal cramping.

"Chipotle failed to ensure that its employees both understood and complied with its food safety protocols, resulting in hundreds of customers across the country getting sick," said United States Attorney Nick Hanna. "Today's steep penalty, coupled with the tens of millions of dollars Chipotle already has spent to upgrade its food safety program since 2015, should result in greater protections for Chipotle customers and remind others in the industry to review and improve their own health and safety practices."

"This case highlights why it is important for restaurants and members of the food services industry to ensure that managers and employees consistently follow food safety policies," said Assistant Attorney General Jody Hunt of the Department of Justice's Civil Division. "The Department of Justice will vigorously enforce food safety laws in order to protect public health."

"The FDA will hold food companies accountable when they endanger the public's health by purveying adulterated food that causes outbreaks of illness," said FDA Commissioner Stephen M. Hahn, M.D. "We will continue to investigate and bring to justice any company whose food products present a health hazard to consumers."

As the company admitted in the DPA: "From approximately 2015 to 2018, Chipotle faced at least five food safety incidents at various restaurants around the country, which stemmed primarily from store-level employees' failure to follow Chipotle's food safety policies and procedures, including the policy requiring the exclusion of restaurant employees who were sick or recently had been sick, as well as a failure by restaurant employees to hold food at appropriate temperatures to prevent and control for the growth of foodborne pathogens."

These incidents primarily stemmed from store-level employees' failure to follow company food safety protocols at company-owned restaurants in Los Angeles; Simi Valley, California; Boston; Sterling, Virginia; and Powell, Ohio.

In August 2015, 234 consumers and employees of a Chipotle restaurant in Simi Valley reported becoming ill. On August 19, 2015, an employee of that restaurant was sent home because he vomited. Although company policies required the restaurant to report such illnesses to Chipotle safety officials and to implement food safety procedures, the restaurant did not do so until two days afterward – and only after multiple consumers reported illnesses.

In December 2015, over the course of nine days, 141 people reported illness related to a norovirus incident at a Chipotle restaurant in Boston, most likely the result of an ill employee who was ordered to continue working after vomiting inside the restaurant – a clear violation of company policy. Two days later, the apprentice manager returned to work and helped package a catering order for a Boston College basketball team, whose members were among the consumers sickened by the outbreak.

In July 2018, over the course of at least eight days, approximately 647 people who dined at a Chipotle restaurant in Powell, Ohio reported illness related to Clostridium perfringens, a bacteria that grows rapidly when food is not held at appropriate temperatures. The local health department determined that the restaurant had critical violations of the local food regulations, including those specific to time and temperature controls for lettuce and beans.

Some Chipotle employees reported stressful working conditions, as well as inadequate staffing and training opportunities, according to the DPA. During the period from 2015 to 2018, store-level Chipotle employees, many of whom were teenagers and young adults, felt that they could not stay at home when they were sick. Due to the pressure of not wanting to let their teammates down, or of finding people to cover their work shifts, these employees reported feeling pressure to work while sick, even though this was against Chipotle's sick-exclusion policies.

In the DPA, Chipotle also agreed to develop and follow a comprehensive food safety compliance program. As part of this program, Chipotle will work with its Food Safety Council to evaluate, among other things, the company's food safety audits, restaurant staffing and employee training to mitigate the issues that led to the outbreaks from 2015 to 2018. If the company complies with the deferred prosecution agreement for three years, the government will move to dismiss the criminal information.

This matter was investigated by the Food and Drug Administration's Office of Criminal Investigations.

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By Mayor Kevin McKeown Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Not the Earth Day we expected

In the year of the very first Earth Day, 1970, your mayor was a rock'n'roll radio disk jockey. I spun tunes like "Spirit in the Sky," "Green-Eyed Lady" (about the ocean), and "Share the Land."

In the five decades since then, our innocent idealism has been betrayed by another half-century of fossil-fuel dependency. We only recently are re-embracing nature with meaningful actions like Santa Monica's conversion to 100% clean, renewable electricity through the Clean Power Alliance.

Santa Monicans appreciate, and value, our City's commitment to sustainability. That was made clear by the recent outpouring of emails urging the Council not to let the unprecedented COVID-19 economic collapse force us to abandon our hard-won and forward-looking environmental policies.

Sparkling skies and uncongested streets, as a result of current stay-at-home policies, have been our unexpected pandemic bonus. Many of us are now wondering what it would be like, when this crisis is over, if we re-invented how we live, creating a new clean green economy that let us keep these otherwise temporary pleasures.

For that to happen, we must change our own behavior. What if all of us who are now enjoying bike rides, on streets uncrowded with cars, chose to continue using bikes, at least for most local errands?

In the end, sustainable living arises from the decisions you and I make every day, which can be informed and encouraged by government, but ultimately must come from our own understanding and commitment. After this pandemic has passed, we can rip off our face coverings and go back to driving like demons, or we can feel the gentle breeze on our unmasked cheeks and opt for those sparkling skies.

When it comes to City finances, the future is not so sparkling. Because of sudden revenue losses from coronavirus impacts, this Earth Day is Dearth Day. City revenue dollars, for months to come, look to be scarcer than toilet paper has been these last few weeks. We can't just wait to see what happens. Cities like ours are obligated to adopt a balanced budget by July 1st.

I will not sugarcoat how wrenching we'll find the decisions required to reduce City expenditures to fit within anticipated reductions in revenue. They've already been epitomized by the decision of our former City Manager, Rick Cole, to step down and reduce payroll at the very top level of City Hall.

Will traditional Santa Monica services be reduced? Yes. Will some of our visionary programs in sustainability and other areas have to be dialed back temporarily? Yes. Since these services and programs are provided by real people, City employees, will there be pain in making these adjustments? Yes.

We will get through this crisis together, Santa Monica, but make no mistake: Our world is changing fundamentally, and for some time to come. If City programs need to be put on pause, we can step up to support each other. I know we will. I know the people of our community.

This Earth Day is a time to plan for recovery. The worst may not yet be over, but we know Santa Monica will rebound, reinvent itself, and again be the leader our overstressed planet needs.

Step one is to guarantee sufficient coronavirus testing to be able to confidently relax restrictions, revive the economy, and prudently put people back to work. I have joined with other mayors up and down the state to form the California Mayors' Coalition, lobbying Governor Newsom and the state legislature to make accurate and accessible testing a top priority.

Once we know our families are safe, that we can once again mingle and collaborate, can we make each other a promise on this Earth Day? Maybe it's not too late to create a green-eyed future where we share the land with the spirit in the sky.

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Call the Council

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I urge you all to please call, text & email City Council today, and make very clear all the City services and programs you want The City of Santa Monica to keep. You very likely will lose these places and services if you do not make your voices heard. This includes services for you and your children and senior citizens.

The Santa Monica Library, for example, has already completely eliminated a large number of its staff which makes up the majority of its employees. Referred to as, "as-needed", or "part time", these are the majority of workers hired by the City because they are paid the least and are not paid benefits and they do not receive pensions. This vital part of the City's work force are no longer employed and are not coming back. The City of Santa Monica is pushing to cut full time employees at the Library and other much needed facilities. The result will be closures of places our community uses and depends on.

Again, the City is making these decisions WITHOUT your input and often before you are aware these changes are permanent. So you immediately calling and emailing both the City Council and City Mayor today is critical. Much of what we cherish and love about Santa Monica may be permanently erased.

City Council has already met twice last week (Saturday to announce the replacement of Rick Cole as City Manager, and earlier in the week, Tuesday, to push through draconian cuts to City employees, programs and services).

City Council is conducting closed door meetings and are discussing eliminating such programs as the City programs to at-risk youth, closing most of the City's library branches, eliminating the Annenberg Community Beach House, parks and recreation programs and staff, and other programs and City services deemed "unnecessary" by members of City Council, but without ANY input or support from the residents of Santa Monica.

To be very clear: Members of City Council and the Mayor have no intention of rehiring "furloughed" City employees and are, in fact, building a budget (and making "cuts") for next year, based on "worst case" scenario closures of City departments. Further the City is making these cuts as if these changes and eliminations have the support and approval of the majority of Santa Monica residents, which they do NOT have. Once gone, these City services will likely never return.

Again, most City residents and the Public in general are completely unaware of these drastic cuts, layoffs, and eliminated programs and services, and are completely unaware that these choices are even taking place. So, again, NOW is the time for you to speak up or lose what you have paid for with tax dollars for the past many decades here in the City of Santa Monica.

The negative economic impact of Covid-19 is very real, and means Santa Monica residents will have to "do more, with less", but many City services and programs are literally a matter of life and death (not merely "quality of life" issues) for a significant number of City residents. Do not lose what you rely on and have already paid for, speak up today because once you lose them, it will be significantly more expensive and wasteful to try to get them back or rebuild from scratch.

Below are who you should contact. Please be polite but firm when clearly stating which programs and services you want to keep. The few City departments "exempt" from budget and staff cuts or elimination are: Fire, police and the City Attorney. Everything else (except City Council itself) are on the chopping block and are being considered "non essential" and up for staff layoffs and hours permanently reduced or completely eliminated.

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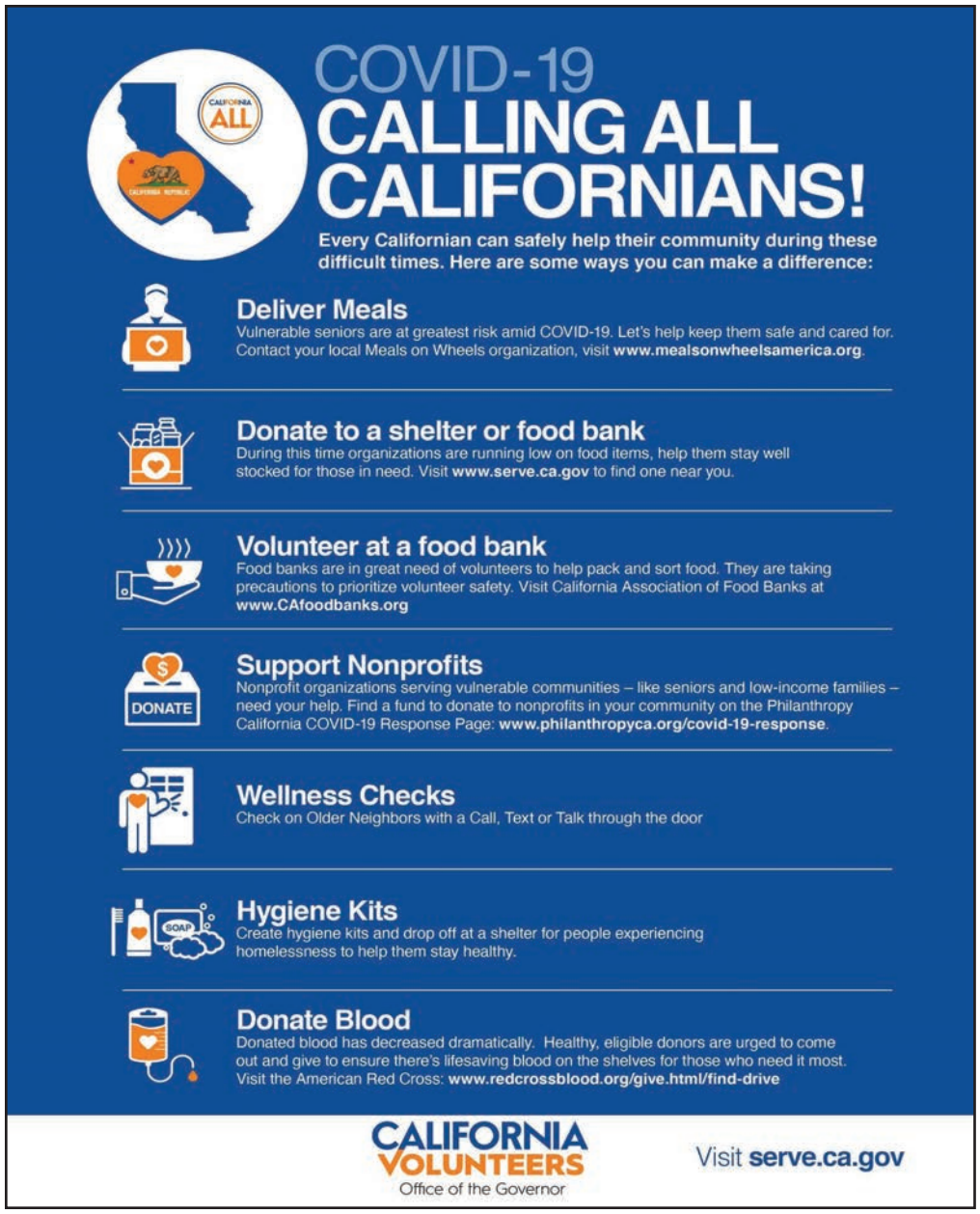
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THESE SQUIRRELLY TIMES

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A SLOW LEARNER

But when I get it, it's got.

Eight and a half years of writing this column, and what have I learned? This is number 368 of CURIOUS CITY, but has it made a difference? I think things have only gotten worse. Sometimes I feel like Santa Monica Sisyphus.

It was something our late great Daily Press political columnist Bill Bauer wrestled with, too. Bill lost his fight with cancer on Oct. 27, 2016, after 14 years of his influential My Write column. (You can still find them all on the SMDP website.)

Bill and I got close the last few years of his life, and we would commiserate about this odd pursuit of ours as newspaper columnists. It's possible I was a factor in talking him out of throwing in the towel a couple of times. I would like to think so. He wrote right up until the end, even though the drugs that were keeping him alive made it really difficult to focus.



Courtesy photo

MEMORIAL: SMDP columnist Bill Bauer memorialized.

BILL WAS SQUIRRELY

Something known only to some was how much he loved squirrels and birds. I had a pet squirrel named Shirley for a time, rescued by my wife as a newborn fallen from the nest, until she was strong enough to go off on her own. (Shirley, not my wife.) Bill dug that, of course. He had a balcony on his third floor apartment that he turned into a sanctuary for those critters. Big bags of birdseed stockpiled, nuts galore.

Bill loved human critters too and spent many hours a week for many years as a volunteer working with those lacking shelter, for the Red Cross, fire and police, and other good causes. (He was also an important person in saving our Pier from destruction in the '70s.) I remember visiting him once towards the end and was taken aback to turn the corner and see his hospital room packed with uniformed police.

"Bill," I blurted out, "this isn't fair. They got you surrounded while you were helpless!"

ANOTHER PERSON WHO LOVED BILL

And his writing was Elaine Golden-Gealer. How can I not call her a local character? She's a former folk singer (the Womenfolk) who has to look skyward to see the 5-foot marker, dresses razor sharp but unlike anyone else you've ever seen, and is an apartment building owner who ran for Rent Control Board. She told me she met Bill after she first read every one of his columns from 2004 - 2015, and that they agreed completely about local politics.

Her front yard is... also unique, filled with large arranged and half-buried tchotchkes that change with the holiday. But now she has a sign, professionally done, on her front fence honoring Bill's love of wildlife (see above): "Bill Bauer Bird & Squirrel Sanctuary." That would make him smile.

BUT BILL -- WHAT TO DO NOW?

When you have to finally concede that your hopes for a just city, nation and world seem doomed because of the power and money of those who stand to become even richer and more powerful from business as usual, abetted by decades of dumbing down of America.

Sacha Baron Cohen (Borat) is not my favorite comedian, but I sure love what he had to say recently about social media. He attacked Facebook in particular for allowing posts and ads without vetting for blatant lies. "They would have let Hitler run ads," he said, and he blamed "'the greatest propaganda machine in history" for increased attacks on minorities, especially Jews.

I COULD BE WRONG

But I'll bet the ranch that there are more good-hearted people out there who understand that climate change is an immediate threat to the planet, and that packing a lot more people into an already-dense Santa Monica is a really bad idea, than those who deny the facts and science. A lot more. A lot.

So I am now doing an about face. I am, from now on, in these columns, going to be positive about the masses of people who, as we've seen in this pandemic, are willing to act responsibly and selflessly, and who share a vision of a much better world. Rather than going after the folks who now hold the power who have proven impervious to pleas for common sense and the obvious greater good. Clearly, as Bill also concluded, those people are not interested in doing things differently.

Wow, I can feel the difference already! Beginning to lose that constant, throbbing headache from beating my head against the wall.

NO MORE WATCHDOG?

Can't back off from that. Someone still has to shine a light into the dark places. Most folks don't have the time and/or interest but they want to know, and do the right thing. Now that we have seen just what is possible -- blue skies, government protections, the homeless housed, health care for all -- I believe we will act as one.

We have seen that not only will people do extraordinary things to protect themselves and their loved ones, they will do it for

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HOUSING

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But because of the economic devastation that has accompanied the coronavirus pandemic, people who were working at least 25 hours per week in Santa Monica prior to March 1 but have since lost work for reasons related to COVID-19 may also qualify. Potential applicants can take a brief online quiz to check if they are eligible for either program.

"We're really hoping to focus this assistance on our community members who need help," said Housing Manager Barbara Collins.

Applicants who have been displaced due to a no-fault eviction will be prioritized on both waitlists, which will accept applicants on an ongoing basis, Collins said. In 2017, the last time the city opened the Section 8 program, 17,000 households applied for vouchers in less than two days, she said.

"What's different about this process is it'll be open indefinitely," Collins said. "If people don't get their applications in right away, they'll still be able to apply."

The city has more than 300 Section 8 housing vouchers to issue to people who live or work in Santa Monica and are rent-burdened, Collins said. Individuals can qualify for vouchers if they earn less than $40,000 annually, and the maximum income for a family of four is $56,000.

Collins said the Section 8 program is a good option for older adults who have lived in their homes for less than 20 years and are therefore ineligible for the Preserving Our Diversity program, Santa Monica's rental assistance program for seniors.

Santa Monica's affordable housing programs draws from a supply of deed-restricted apartments that developers are required to incorporate into market-rate projects, as well as affordable apartment buildings constructed by nonprofit developers.

Apartments are available for a variety of income levels, from households earning 30% to 120% of the Los Angeles area median income. Individuals earning up to $95,000 or larger households earning more than $100,000 annually may qualify for the affordable housing program.

"A lot of people have a sense of pride in not wanting to look for help, but now is the time to look for help and this could help a lot of people who wouldn't have previously considered it," she said. "I think many people who are making a little more than others have not really been aware that this program even exists."

Collins said applicants will be referred to about 100 apartments slated to become available later this year in several new developments. Applicants will also be able to access existing apartments that became available after tenants moved out or passed away.

Millennium Santa Monica, a mixed-use complex near Bergamot Station on the former site of Village Trailer Park, will offer 38 affordable apartments when it opens in late summer, Collins said.

In December, Community Corporation of Santa Monica will open Greenway Meadows, a building adjacent to Woodlawn Cemetery with 39 apartments for low-income seniors.

For the first time, developers and property owners participating in the program will create online listings for their available units that will include information about their square footage, location and amenities. Applicants may even be able to view photos or layouts for each apartment they qualify for, Collins said.

"Households who meet the criteria will be notified a unit is available and either decline it or say they want to be considered," she said. "Previously, people were informed when there was an opportunity but they didn't know anything about the unit. This will give people a much more informed choice."

Applications will be available in English and Spanish at www.santamonica.gov/housing. Applicants will need to provide documentation proving their income and their priority on the waitlists.

The Housing Division is available to help walk applicants through the process after the applications open May 1 at (310) 458-2232.

Because the city's housing division is telecommuting due to coronavirus, all applicants will have to apply online with a valid email address, Collins said. She said applicants without internet access can call a neighbor or friend and give directions on how to complete the application by phone.

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SMMUSD

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that will have students and parents alike excited to learn.

"I started about a month and a half ago so I'm relatively fresh into all of this, but I've come into it wanting to educate students as much as possible on ways they can implement sustainability at home and at school," Toyama said. "Unfortunately, we haven't been able to do as much of the on-campus engagement as I would have hoped but we've been using the downtime to figure out some things that will help us both in the short-term and future."

While detailing the various projects he's already undertaken, which he hopes to soon present to the district's board of education, Toyama said he and district staff launched a contest this week for students that called on them to use pens, paints, crayons, markers, pencils or digital design to create a poster that reflects the theme "My Sustainable World: What does a healthy, sustainable world look like to you?"

A winning poster from grades third through fifth and transitional kindergarten through second will each be selected and announced on Earth Day.

"The winning artwork will be put up on our Twitter, Facebook and district web pages so they'll be able to have some publicity as an incentive, but it's also a good way for them to get back to thinking about some of the sustainability programs they were experiencing in their schools before I came on board," Toyama said. "It's a way to kind of refresh and get the idea of having to work into their heads again before we move into this week's climate presentations."

Prior to the pandemic, Toyama said he and the district had organized live presentations, but distance-learning schedules are different for every school so the scale of the Earth Day celebration has been tailored back a bit. Instead, the district has partnered with local parent and founder of ARC Sustainability Andrea Robinson.

"She's a local speaker and she's agreed to record one of her presentations about some of the basics of climate change and some of the most recent news and statistics about climate change. Then we're going to make it accessible for students, families, and district members on YouTube," Toyama said. "And we're hoping to host a Q&A for kids who want to ask questions and get to know the bigger picture on whatever else they want to know more about."

Toyama added he hoped to have the video posted and accessible to students this week.

"And I think we'll have it up past the end of week," he said. "There's been a lot of parents involved with this and some have expressed how happy they are to have a sustainability coordinator back; I'm really excited to be here and I hope I can help make a difference in my time here."

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UPDATE

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early April, the true number of cases in Santa Monica could be in the thousands. Among L.A. County's population of 10 million, between 221,000 to 442,000 adults may have had the virus, according to the study.

The number of confirmed cases in the county stands at 15,140, the death toll has reached 663 and more than 1,700 people are hospitalized. More than 89,000 people have been tested, with a 14% positive rate.

The county is investigating 269 institutional settings with at least one confirmed case of coronavirus. Nearly four in 10 deaths from the virus have occurred among residents of skilled nursing facilities and other institutions.

Officials released earlier this week a tally of cases at facilities under investigation. In Santa Monica, there are 60 confirmed cases among residents and staff at three facilities.

The Manor, a residential care facility for adults with mental illnesses, has reported four cases among residents. At the Rehabilitation Center of Santa Monica, a skilled nursing facility, 10 staff and 18 patients have tested positive.

Beachwood Post-Acute & Rehab Center, another skilled nursing facility, reported nine cases among staff and 19 among patients. The facility employs 350 staff and currently has 186 patients. Two patients died after testing positive for the virus, said Beachwood administrator Anton Novitsky.

Novitsky said Beachwood started restricting visitors to essential medical staff and screening everyone who entered the facility in early March. Surgical masks were issued to each worker who entered the facility and residents displaying symptoms were tested.

On April 1, Beachwood designated its second floor as a COVID-19 unit and began issuing face shields, isolation gowns and N95 masks to workers in the isolation ward, Novitsky said.

The nine staff members who have tested positive are believed to have contracted coronavirus outside the facility and are now in isolation with mild symptoms, he said.

Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said the continued rise in cases and the results of the antibody study underscore the need for continued compliance with Safer at Home orders and physical distancing, even as some California communities ease restrictions.

Before relaxing public health orders, jurisdictions must ensure hospitals are ready to handle a potential increase in cases, testing is widely available and people most vulnerable to COVID-19 are protected, Ferrer said.

"The weather is getting beautiful and we share your desire to have a plan for recovery," she said at a news conference Tuesday. "We must do it in a way that doesn't cause a surge of hospitalizations and deaths. It's imperative that we continue to slow the spread."

She said data that seems to suggest the number of cases in particular jurisdictions has peaked can be misleading.

"Sometimes you have plateaus that come up and down, and that seems to be the pattern for a lot of places in California," Ferrer said. "Instead of a steep rise like in New York City, we've lived on a plateau with small rises and dips."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

The Pier

Ferris Wheel Goes 'Green' For Earth Day

Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier's Ferris wheel goes "Green" with a variety of green and blue colors, patterns, and icons, along with a spinning globe for Earth Day on Wednesday, April 22.

The Pacific Wheel's 174,000 LED lights are mounted on the Ferris wheel's structure including the 40 spokes and two hubs. The world's only solar-powered Ferris wheel's lighting system features 16.7 million color value combinations while the programming and display software presents imaging up to 24 frames per second to display dynamic, custom, computer-generated lighting entertainment. The eco-friendly, enhanced LED lighting provides 81 percent greater energy savings than most Ferris wheel's traditional incandescent bulbs.

The Ferris wheel soars nine stories high and lifts riders more than 130 feet above the Pacific Ocean to offer extraordinary views of the Southern California coastline from its location on the internationally popular Santa Monica Pier.

Pacific Park is committed to being a leader in its industry for green initiatives and sustainability. This dedication is evident in the air by the world's first solar-powered Ferris wheel and on the ground with the introduction of the world's first wind-powered midway game, among a variety of other business greening initiatives. Pacific Park received the "Excellence in Stewardship of the Natural Environment" award at the annual Sustainable Quality Awards by the City of Santa Monica, the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and the nonprofit Sustainable Works.

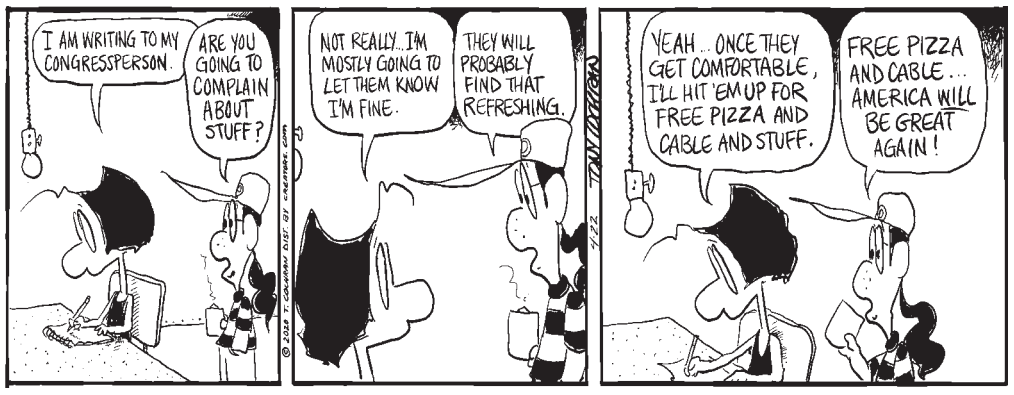
Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier is now closed to the public due to the coronavirus situation and in compliance with the State's and County's "Safer At Home" directive. Go to https://www.pacpark.com/live to See The Wheel.

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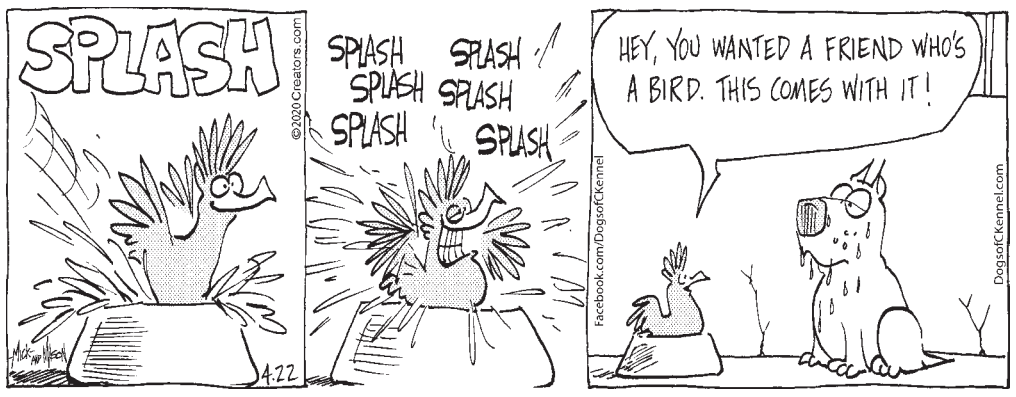
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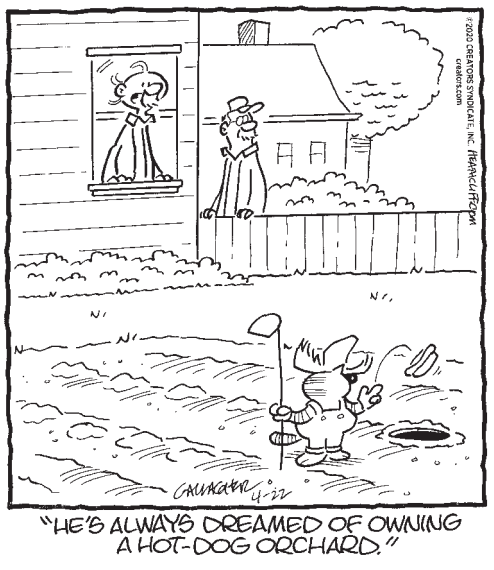
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WEATHER

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 76.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 62.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 78.
Thursday Night: Clear, with a low around 64.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 85.
Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 64.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 82.

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Draw Date: 04/20
Evening: 3 4 4

Draw Date: 04/20
Midday: 2 1 7

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 04/20
1st: 10 - SOLID GOLD
2nd: 12 - LUCKY CHARMS
3rd: 03 - HOT SHOT
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (APRIL 22)

Your cosmic birthday gift includes a bundle of transcendent moments. You define yourself in new and unique ways, claiming a path that's all your own. From matters of spirituality to relationships, you are recognizing your own needs and customizing approaches and systems that bring precisely the experience you crave. Aquarius and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 40, 28, 13 and 9.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Don't be too quick to align with the common opinion. It's often reductive. One person's weed is another person's gourmet salad or the star of their Pinterest-worthy bouquet.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will receive transmissions on an energetic level. You'll think of someone and then cross paths, or you'll have an idea and then be contacted by just the person to help.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you get into a relationship, you hope it will lead to a more expansive life, not a more constrained one. This was once your subtle wish, and now it's a conscious criteria.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Give your reality a good shake. Imagine what your life would be like without the current content. Imagine a different home, work and relationship, and you'll appreciate what you have. Or you'll see where things could change.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You may have a plan, but don't worry if you veer off. It just wasn't Velcro enough to keep your creative spirit fixed to it. You will thrive in the in-between moments of unstructured time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll connect with your tribe, essentially having the same experience as your ancestors did 20,000 years ago when they sat around a fire and shared stories and dances under the stars.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may hear yourself paying lip service to an idea that your heart is not totally backing up. Your awareness of this conflict is most fortuitous. Work it out. Save yourself from fully committing to a bad fit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In his poem "Truth is the Person Who is There" Geoff Bouvier suggests, "The sky meets the mountain with no further obligation." You'll be the sky. You'll be the mountain. Both are grateful positions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be negotiating in some way. It may feel uncomfortable to ask for what you really want, but it's important to do it anyway. Definitely don't cave to the other person's stance. Meet in the middle.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're in a circumstance that's very much like a game and yet there are at least 20 more important things than winning at stake. Top three: the people you get to meet, the honing of skills and team spirit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Like a shaman, you will have your foot in two different worlds today, forming a bridge between those who would otherwise find it very difficult to communicate. You'll carry messages from one side to the other.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Everyone prefers environments where they feel large and in charge. Going where you know you'll be out of your element -- whether it's an actual place, relationship or other realm -- takes guts. You have guts.

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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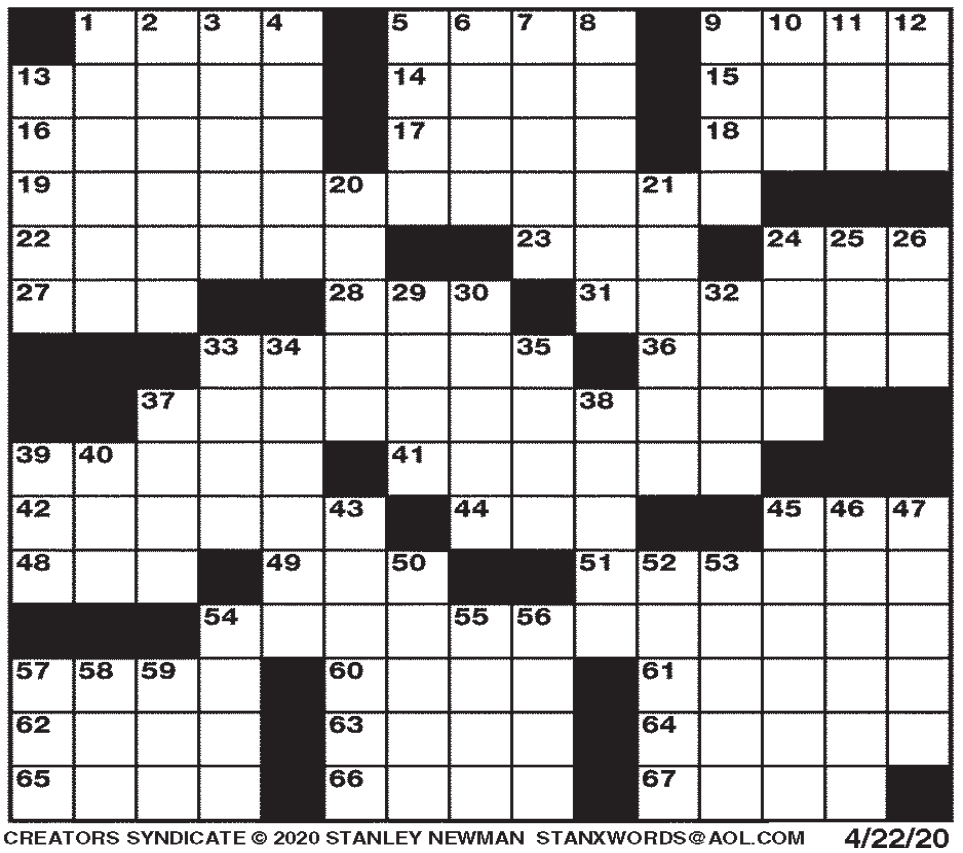
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Newsday Crossword

"A" IN GEOGRAPHY by Mark McClain
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ACROSS
1 Male deer
5 Make a trade
9 Night-flying birds
13 Weighing machine
14 Shoestring
15 Gore, to Clinton
16 Golf great Palmer's nickname
17 Scent
18 Feeling tense
19 Water northwest of Huron
22 First in a series
23 Neither fish ___ fowl
24 Ancient
27 Homer Simpson's neighbor
28 Scrooge's shout
31 Baby garb
33 Solar system circler
36 Courageous
37 Michigan city
39 Let pass
41 Saudi neighbor
42 Make colorful T-shirts
44 Tennis match part
45 Pester constantly
48 Fellows
49 Right-angle shape
51 Make certain of
54 England + Scotland + Wales
57 Green gemstone
60 Medical remedy
61 Jittery
62 Natural balm
63 Pace for jogging
64 Marathons and sprints
65 Show support for
66 Puts into words
67 Fiesta cheers

DOWN
1 Remove, as ice from a windshield
2 ___ up (got gasoline)
3 Sci-fi being
4 Birds in a gaggle
5 Pigsty food
6 Walk in a brook
7 Squirrel's snack
8 Dot after a sentence
9 More than
10 Take a spouse
11 Long part of jeans
12 Catch a glimpse of
13 Place for a permanent
20 Of city life
21 Starting point
24 Selects, with "for"
25 ___ *Misérables*
26 No longer wet
29 Roddick or Murray of tennis
30 Start of a toast
32 German car
33 Urge to act
34 Trial talker
35 No longer wild
37 Small valley
38 Fictional Pan
39 Cash dispenser: Abbr.
40 Be untruthful
43 Votes into office
45 Subtle difference
46 Comes to light
47 Hereditary bits
50 First Lady before Michelle
52 Explosive fluid
53 Big bargain
54 Tech expert
55 Helen of ___ (mythical abductee)
56 Makes wagers
57 Boxer's punch
58 In the style of
59 Physician, informally



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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.

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HOME SCHOOL

FROM PAGE 2

"I was feeling like a failure. I thought, 'I just can't do this,'" she said.

She posted a message on a private Parent Teacher Organization group on Facebook, asking: "Is anyone else having a hard time keeping up with all of this?"

She added: "My entire Facebook feed is nothing but photos of happy, organized families, sitting together at the kitchen table doing classwork and I can NOT relate." The post immediately got more than 70 replies, most of them supportive, and earned her a call from a slightly irritated school principal, she said. Within days, the district told teachers to no longer assign work with a daily deadline.

Illig believes she ruffled some feathers, but she doesn't regret it.

"It's just a terrible situation and we're all trying to adapt to and survive."

Associated Press writers Nicole Winfield in Rome, Colleen Barry in Milan, Angela Charlton in Paris and Jamey Keaten in Geneva contributed to this report.

EARTH

FROM PAGE 2

impacts will happen in their lifetime.

Yet environmental issues have become so politically polarized that it's difficult for Democrats and Republicans to find common ground, said Carol Browner, who was EPA administrator under President Clinton and directed climate change policy under Obama.

"We could have done a better job at maintaining the bipartisan support for environmental protection," she said.

Now, environmentalists fear, regulatory rollbacks under the Trump administration, along with attacks on science long used to make decisions, also threaten years of progress. Trump is pulling the U.S. out of the landmark Paris agreement, which the United Nations rolled out on Earth Day 2016.

Some Democratic lawmakers have responded by introducing the sweeping Green New Deal to transition the economy away from fossil fuels, and many of the Democratic presidential candidates rolled out their own climate plans. But such efforts face stiff opposition from Republicans and some within the party.

For environmental reforms, the support of minority communities will be very important, activists say, because people of color will comprise the majority of the U.S. population within about 20 years.

Yet representation of people of color in large environmental organizations still is far too low, said Dorceta Taylor, a University of Michigan professor who researches the social impacts of environmentalism. Taylor, who is black, published a study in 2014 study that found just 16% of staff jobs in those organizations were held by minorities, though that's a big jump compared to 10 years earlier.

Green 2.0, an advocacy organization that tracks racial and ethnic diversity among the top environmental groups and foundations, found growing diversity among staff and boards, though minorities still were just a fraction of the leadership compared to whites in most organizations.

Minorities care deeply about pollution and climate change "because they see it 24/7," said Robert Bullard, an environmental policy professor at Texas Southern University and a longtime environmental justice activist.

"Earth Day 50 should not look anything demographically like the first one, which was very white and middle class," he said. "It needs to be ... a day to celebrate the fact that our country is changing."

CURIOUS CITY

FROM PAGE 6

strangers. For the common and greater good. And do it till it hurts. We are angels and heroes and there are so many more of us, who want a much better city and world.

So I, slow learner that I am, have finally decided to speak only to you, and not worry about the bad guys, even the very bad guys in the capitals of power, who just aren't interested in change. I finally understand that there is more value in reminding the masses of us who so want that better future, that our numbers and our power are overwhelming, than to try to convince those greedy few that the old ways are dead, for good reason.

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