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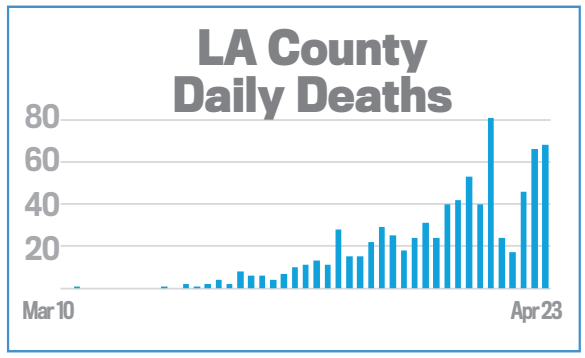
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Pet of the Week
Coco the turtle.
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CORONAVIRUS CASES (1WkChg)

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City projects nearing completion









Ross Furukawa

CITY HALL: The newly built east wing of City Hall was supposed to open on Earth Day.

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Although the city of Santa Monica is delaying, scaling back or canceling $40.4 million in capital projects through next June as municipal revenues dry up during the coronavirus shutdown, several major projects that predate the crisis are finished or nearing completion.

The city will cut its budget for capital improvement projects by 75%, eliminating or suspending projects that were in the bidding process, said city spokesperson Constance Farrell. Projects that will continue are either funded through grants or self-sustaining funds separate from the city's general fund, which is projected to see a shortfall of $72 million this fiscal year and an additional gap of $154 million next fiscal year due to a steep drop in sales, hotel and parking tax revenues.

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Venice Arts begins weekly series for young creatives



Courtesy photo

ART: A Venice based organization is hosting a virtual class for youth.

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Local youth who are interested in pursuing a future in photography, film and other visual media are invited to participate in a weekly series that aims to provide participants with the tools to one day begin a career in the arts.

Venice Arts is a nonprofit organization that seeks to amplify the voices of underrepresented communities around the world by providing low-income youth with photography and film education.

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COVID-19 becomes the leading cause of death in Los Angeles County

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Coronavirus has become the leading cause of death in Los Angeles County, officials said Thursday.

Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said there have been an average of 44 coronavirus deaths per day over the last two weeks. During flu season, an average of five people in Los Angeles County die from the flu each day, Ferrer said. On any given day, eight people die of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and 31 die of heart disease.

"These are (typically) the leading causes of death across the county," she said. "COVID-19 has now become the leading cause of death. These numbers are a stark reminder for all of us of the importance of slowing the spread of COVID-19."

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS
DISTRICT: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter "the District" will receive no later than the below-stated date and time, sealed BIDS from General Contractors. The Project encompasses the following overall scope:

HVAC Upgrade at the Madison Music Building, Cayton Center, Science West, and Gym Building.

Construction Cost Range
- $9M – $11M

Procedure
- **Wednesday, April 22, 2020,** bid package will be available at **ARC West LA Branch** located at 1736 S Sepulveda Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90025. Contact for all inquiries; Luis Martin, Construction Manager, luis.martin@vanir.com ; Gabriel Murillo, SMC Project Director , gabriel.murillo@vanir.com
- **Contractor's License Classification:** California Contractors License **A or B.**
- **Mandatory Pre-Bid Walk:** TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020 at 12:00 Noon.
- **Location:** 1530 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica CA 90405.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS: 1:00 PM, Thursday May 21, 2020. BIDS MUST BE HAND-DELIVERED.
LOCATION FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, DISTRICT FACILITIES PLANNING OFFICE, 1510 PICO BLVD, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405, ATTENTION: CHARLIE YEN

1. Contractors License Classification. In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code §3300, the District requires that contractors possess the following classification(s) of California Contractors License **A or B.** Any General Contractor not so duly and properly licensed will result in denial of pre-qualification.
2. Labor Compliance Program (AB 1506). The District has established a Labor Compliance Program ('LCP") pursuant to Labor Code 1771.5. The Contractor qualifying to bid the work shall comply with the LCP and provisions of the Contract Documents relating to implementation, compliance with, and enforcement of the LCP.
3. No Withdrawal of Bid Proposals. Bid Proposals shall not be withdrawn by any Bidder for a period of **sixty (60)** days after the opening of Bid Proposals. During this time, all Bidders shall guarantee prices quoted in their respective Bid Proposals.
4.Award of Contract. The Contract for the Work, if awarded, will be by action of the District's Board of Trustees of **Tuesday June 02, 2020**, to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest responsible and responsive Bid Proposal.

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Legal battles loom as businesses hit by virus sue insurers

MICHAEL TARM
AP Legal Affairs Writer

A once-bustling bar and grill tucked below a Michigan Avenue overpass famously inspired a "Saturday Night Live" skit starring John Belushi and Bill Murray. But the money the Billy Goat Tavern is losing during the coronavirus outbreak is no joke.

The tavern and millions of other shuttered businesses nationwide have turned to their insurers to help recoup their losses following state-mandate closures, which combined may exceed $300 billion a month. But insurers have widely rejected the claims, so the Billy Goat joined a growing line of businesses, including barbershops and casinos, suing insurers to force them to pay.

"These businesses are in the most trying times in their history and are going to their insurance company to get what they paid for," said Chris Esbrook, a lawyer for the landmark tavern, which opened in 1934 and, as legend goes, cursed the Chicago Cubs.

Insurers say policies for natural or man-made disasters don't cover virus outbreaks that bring economies to a standstill, and high-stakes battles in courtrooms coast to coast are sure to follow. What's at stake could be the survival of thousands of businesses if insurers don't pay and the insolvency of big-name insurance companies if they do.

"Pandemic outbreaks are uninsured because they are uninsurable," David A. Sampson, president of the American Property Casualty Insurance Association, said this month.

No revenue is flowing into the Billy Goat, which previously drew hundreds of tourists a day, including some who remember the best-known line from a series of late 1970s SNL skits in which restaurant staff rebuffs patrons ordering anything but the house specialties: "Cheezborger, cheezborger, cheezborger! No Coke ... Pepsi!"

As many as 30 million small businesses straining to survive with little to no revenue could submit virus-related claims worth up to $430 billion, the insurance association estimated. Those unprecedented numbers would be multiple times higher than claims following the Sept. 11 attacks.

The expectation is that insurers will continue to reject the vast majority of claims, triggering waves of lawsuits from businesses in nearly every town and city. Such a filing frenzy could add to logjams in courts when they reopen fully after the pandemic eases.

Among dozens of lawsuits filed to date is one by the Choctaw Nation casinos in Oklahoma and another by the Los Angeles law firm of celebrity attorney Mark Geragos.

"You pay insurance for decades for precisely the unthinkable, and when it happens these insurance companies do the unconscionable" by rejecting claims, Geragos told The Hollywood Reporter.

Forcing insurers to pay hundreds of billions of dollars a month could quickly deplete the $800 billion set aside to cover future home, auto and other losses, according to the insurance association.

The attorney for the Billy Goat, which expanded from its flagship site to include establishments around Chicago, says he has little sympathy for insurers.

"They are in the business of selling people insurance for exactly this kind of situation," Esbrook said. "They can't now cry they're poor when the very situation they are insuring arises."

President Donald Trump recently expressed sympathy for businesses asking insurers to pay up for business interruption coverage.

"When they finally need it, the insurance company says, 'We're not going to give it,'" he said at a coronavirus task force news conference. "We can't let that happen."

Similar conflicts are playing out in Europe and Asia, though they aren't likely to see the torrent of lawsuits sure to come in the litigious United States.

The question on which many cases will hinge is whether the presence of the virus in or near a business can be categorized as direct physical damage, something that would otherwise be clearly covered. It's a question courts haven't definitively answered.

Proving a microscopic virus was ever even on a business's premises, never mind damaged it, could pose a challenge to plaintiff attorneys.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court last week may have inadvertently helped business owners make their case when it upheld a state order closing nonessential businesses during the pandemic, likening the coronavirus to hurricanes in its ruling.

"COVID-19 pandemic is, by all definitions, a natural disaster and a catastrophe of massive proportions," the majority opinion said.

Insurance companies say most policies that cover unanticipated interruptions to a business's operations specifically exclude pandemics. Such exclusions became more common after a SARS virus outbreak in the early 2000s devastated businesses in parts of Asia.

A message seeking comment from the insurer the Billy Goat is suing, Society Insurance, wasn't returned.

A note to policyholders on the website of Travelers Indemnity, the insurer Geragos is suing, reads like a blanket denial of virus shutdown claims because they're "not a result of direct physical loss or damage." It also cites virus exclusions in its policies.

But such exclusions don't mean businesses don't have valid claims, the business lawyers contend. They point to separate policy provisions requiring that insurers pay losses when civil authorities intervene during emergencies and order businesses to close.

The Billy Goat Tavern's legal team says their case may be that much stronger because their insurer did not write in a virus exclusion and then still denied coverage.

Pressure on insurers isn't only coming in the form of lawsuits.

State lawmakers, including in Illinois, New York and New Jersey, have proposed laws that

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 241 CALLS ON APR. 22

Traffic Collision With Injuries 23rd St / Santa Monica Blvd 12:03 a.m.
Living In A Vehicle 700blk Ocean Ave 12:06 a.m.
Construction Noise 2600blk 6th St 1:11 a.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 4th St / Idaho Ave 1:15 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:12 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Now 15th St / Wilshire Blvd 3:46 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 600blk 9th St 4:49 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 900blk Lincoln Blvd 6:14 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1100blk Stanford St 6:20 a.m.
Domestic Violence Now 300blk Colorado Ave 6:54 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300blk 2nd St 7:18 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 15th St / Wilshire Blvd 7:28 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 2nd St / Wilshire Blvd 8:18 a.m.
Panic Alarm 300blk Olympic Dr 8:25 a.m.
Family Disturbance 2100blk Delaware Ave 8:38 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1100blk 15th St 8:44 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1600blk Franklin St 9:04 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1100blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:32 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 300blk Civic Center Dr 9:44 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 1500blk Yale St 9:47 a.m.
Family Disturbance 900blk 18th St 9:50 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk 10th St 9:51 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 600blk Marine St 9:53 a.m.
Loud Music 100blk Hollister Ave 9:56 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 100blk Wadsworth Ave 10:03 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 1500blk Berkeley St 10:07 a.m.
Family Disturbance 2000blk Hill St 10:16 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2900blk Colorado Ave 10:17 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1100blk 15th St 10:32 a.m.
Burglary Report 1100blk Euclid St 10:37 a.m.
Fraud Report 100blk San Vicente Blvd 10:37 a.m.
Family Disturbance 600blk Wilshire Blvd 11:09 a.m.
Party Complaint 17th St / Montana Ave 11:09 a.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 200blk Santa Monica Pier 11:12 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 500blk Idaho Ave 11:43 a.m.
Encampment 800blk Bay St 11:45 a.m.
Fight 600blk Wilshire Blvd 11:51 a.m.
Traffic Hazard Lincoln Blvd / Idaho Ave 11:53 a.m.
Elder Abuse 1600blk Wilshire Blvd 11:56 a.m.
Loud Music 1400blk 9th St 12:06 p.m.
Stalking Report 900blk 2nd St 12:14 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 200blk 26th St 12:16 p.m.
Found Property Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 12:17 p.m.
Suicide Now 400blk Palisades Ave 12:25 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300blk Olympic Dr 12:46 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 400blk Expo Line 12:46 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 500blk Olympic Blvd W 12:57 p.m.
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Vehicle Parked In Alley 1000blk Euclid St 1:19 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 4th St / California Ave 1:27 p.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 1400blk Wilshire Blvd 1:40 p.m.
Fraud Report Unknown 1:46 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300blk 17th St 1:50 p.m.
Found Property Neilson Way / Ocean Park Blvd 1:58 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1800blk Cloverfield Blvd 2:04 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300blk Olympic Dr 2:24 p.m.
Encampment 900blk Marine St 2:25 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 33rd St / Pearl St 2:30 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 900blk Pier Ave 2:33 p.m.
Rape Report 500blk Olympic Blvd W 2:36 p.m.
Encampment 1500blk 10th St 3:04 p.m.
Found Property 1400blk 2nd St 3:21 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 800blk Bay St 3:29 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 4th St / Palisades Ave 3:31 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2400blk 34th St 4:14 p.m.
Smoking Violation 1200blk 6th St 4:31 p.m.
Prowler There Now 2500blk Virginia Ave 4:40 p.m.
Found Property 1900blk 20th St 5:01 p.m.
Fraud Report 1300blk 4th St 5:08 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 700blk Broadway 5:09 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1100blk 9th St 5:11 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 3rd Street Prom / Wilshire Blvd 5:18 p.m.
Smoking Violation 1800blk 10th St 5:36 p.m.
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Drinking In Public 1000blk Colorado Ave 8:11 p.m.
Panic Alarm 900blk Lincoln Blvd 9:26 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1800blk Wilshire Blvd 9:44 p.m.
Fight 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 9:46 p.m.
Panhandling 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 10:50 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 27 CALLS ON APR. 22

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EMS 5th St / Colorado Ave 2:07 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 4:03 a.m.
EMS 5th St / Colorado Ave 5:31 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 1100blk Stanford St 6:20 a.m.
EMS 900blk 4th St 7:09 a.m.
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EMS 1500blk 5th St 8:55 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 6th St 10:06 a.m.
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EMS 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 11:22 a.m.
EMS 2400blk Centinela Ave 11:56 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2500blk Broadway 11:58 a.m.
EMS 400blk Palisades Ave 12:26 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Ocean Ave 1:41 p.m.
EMS 20th St / Broadway 1:42 p.m.
Electrical Fire - No Fire Visible 600blk Bay St 2:01 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200blk 15th St 2:23 p.m.
EMS 200blk 18th St 3:13 p.m.
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Malibu

With Hot Weather This Weekend, City Urges Neighboring Communities and Residents to Stay Safe at Home

With hot weather coming this weekend, the City of Malibu urges residents of neighboring communities not to travel to Malibu and all local residents to stay safe at home. All beaches, parks, trails and parking areas in the Malibu area remain closed, and temporary no-parking zones are being enforced along Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) during the County and State stay-at-home orders. The County and State stay-at-home orders still prohibit unnecessary travel.

"I want to reassure the residents of Malibu that the City is doing everything possible to urge neighboring communities not to come to Malibu during this warm weather," Mayor Karen Farrer said. "It is difficult for all of us, in Malibu and elsewhere, to stay home and not be able to enjoy the beaches and mountains that we cherish, but this is a sacrifice that we must make to protect our seniors and vulnerable people from this deadly disease. Please stay safe at home, and enjoy the outdoors in your neighborhood or in your backyard."

The City is using every communication tool at its disposal to put out widespread messaging to the public including social media, Nextdoor, the City website, posters, flyers, FM radio public service announcements (PSAs), and the City's emergency alert system (similar to reverse 911), in advance of the weekend.

In addition, on Saturday and Sunday, the City will utilize the Wireless Alert System (WEA), which is similar to Amber Alerts, to send out messages to all cellphones within range of cell towers in Malibu, in order to reach visitors. Changeable message signs will be placed in several locations along PCH warning the public that beaches, lots, trails and parks in Malibu are closed.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, L.A. County Lifeguards, Sheriff's Volunteers on Patrol (VOP) and the Malibu Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers will be out in Malibu this weekend to help enforce the closures. Violations of the closures could results in citations and fines.

The City of Malibu joins the Los Angeles County Public Health Department in asking County residents to stay safe at home and stay local, and not to visit Ventura County, which started easing some of its stay-at-home restrictions this week.

Ventura County Public Health officials carefully considered relaxing restrictions based on the County's own COVID-19 status. Those decisions were made based on what would be safe for Ventura County residents, and newly opened sites could become overwhelmed by out-of-area visitors.

This week, during TV briefings on the coronavirus pandemic, L.A. County Department of Public Health Director Dr. Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd.

Barbara Ferrer asked L.A. County residents not to travel to other counties, and that people who do so run the risk of coming into contact with someone who is asymptomatic, getting infected, and then spreading the virus in their own community.

"We know that with the return of beautiful weather we all want to be outside - and it is fine do so – as long as you are not gathering with others. Enjoy a walk or a jog, or sit outside and enjoy the sunshine at your home. Our beaches and trails remain closed as we continue to work together to slow the spread," Dr. Ferrer said.

L.A. County is regularly reviewing restrictions and will not relax stay-at-home orders until it is safe and sensible for the health of all L.A. County residents.

For more information about the City of Malibu's coronavirus response, visit www.MalibuCity.org/coronavirus.

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Helter Shelter

Here is a very short quiz. What day of the week is it? The only way I know is my column deadline. Fans occasionally will email "How do you do it every week?" whereas critics write, "Why do you do it?"

This week Georgia is going to "re-open," and in May Vermont, West Virginia, Montana and Hawaii could do the same. However, On Good Morning America, Dr. Anthony Fauci emphatically said, "If states reopen their economies too quickly it's going to backfire." (Yikes!)

Also, CDC Director, Robert Redfield (unless Trump fires him) warns a 2nd wave of COVID-19 is likely to be more devastating. But Trump, who once bragged,"I know more than the Generals," apparently knows more than the doctors. He recently tantrum tweeted residents of Michigan, Minnesota and Virginia to "liberate" their states encouraging insurrection against his own administration's stay-at-home guidance.

"Why does he do this?" you ask. Why, instead of preparing for the pandemic, did he squander January and February by golfing and holding rallies calling the virus "a Democratic and media hoax?" Without testing and tracing that reveals how many cases are actually out there, relaxing guidelines and social distancing could be a disaster.

Curiously some businesses are prospering during the pandemic, including Amazon, DoorDash, Netflix and weed as reported in the L.A. Times, "Weeks of indoor isolation have meant boom times for the cannabis industry." What's next, DoorDash home delivering pot? (Also, I have this paranoid fear robbers could enter a bank wearing a mask and just blend in.)

At the Shores apartment complex where I live, we've lost use of the TV rooms, the building libraries, the gym, the pool and chairs in the lobbies. On the other hand, the elevators seem faster. (On the rare occasion I see someone in the elevator, given my COVID-19 phobia, I almost flinch.)

Thankfully, everyone at the Shores are wearing masks in our common areas, but it can be embarrassing not recognizing a neighbor. Unless, of course, tenants wore masks with their apartment number on it. (I'm clearly suffering from cabin fever, albeit in a 17 story high rise.)

Back to masks, I'm considering wearing mine indoors. Not to protect from infecting myself, but to stop me from EATING! My 6-foot social distancing should be from my refrigerator. (Drum roll please, or in my case, egg roll please.)

My daily schedule includes eating, napping, writing, and eating again. My wardrobe consists of t-shirts and 3 pairs of sweat pants. One for daytime, one for sleep and my best pair for getting the mail.

With the gym closed, I take a 6-mile bike ride daily. It's actually an excellent work out because my bike is old and clunky and therefore requires extra effort to go fast. (On some days "old and clunky" could also describe me.)

Back to hand washing, they say to do it for 20 seconds, or the time it takes to sing Happy Birthday twice. Once I actually sang it and I felt like Pee Wee Herman. It's a bit ironic that decades ago, futurists predicted by 2020 we might have cars that could fly and instead we're getting instructions on how to wash our hands.

Thankfully, my ex forgot her cooking timer. So I took it into the bathroom and set it to 20 seconds before washing my hands. (In retrospect, I wish she had forgotten a case of toilet paper.)

Trump supporters, please skip to the next paragraph. Everyone else, Google "YouTube Roy Zimmerman The Liar Tweets Tonight." With already over 1 ½ million views, If I've failed to make you laugh, Roy's brilliant song won't.

Before I go, let me give a sincere shout out to the true heroes of the pandemic, the health care providers and essential workers. They deserve the PPE and equipment they desperately need and also our undying admiration.

And let's appreciate how incredibly lucky we are to live in a city so close to a beautiful beach where, on the sidewalks, we're able to take walks and watch the sunsets. Even quarantined, listening to music, quality time with family, reading a book, sharing hope with others, singing and laughing, none have been canceled.

On February 27, Trump infamously said, "In April the coronavirus will magically disappear." (If only he would.) He also predicted that "Soon there will be zero cases." As of 4/23, in the U.S. there have 842,624 COVID-19 cases tragically resulting in 46,875 deaths. Trump made his absurd predictions relying on his "gut." (Which seems to be getting more ample every day.)

As this is beyond depressing, I'm reminded of George Harrison's profound lyric, "All things must pass." (Given COVID-19, I just hope it's not me.) Lastly, for all of us, please follow the shelter in place and social distance guidelines. And, oh yes, today is Friday. I think.

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26 million have sought US jobless aid since virus hit

CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

More than 4.4 million laid-off workers applied for U.S. unemployment benefits last week as job cuts escalated across an economy that remains all but shut down, the government said Thursday.

Roughly 26 million people have now filed for jobless aid in the five weeks since the coronavirus outbreak began forcing millions of employers to close their doors. About one in six American workers have lost their jobs in the past five weeks, by far the worst string of layoffs on record. That's more than the number of people who live in the 10 largest U.S. cities combined.

Economists have forecast that the unemployment rate for April could go as high as 20%.

The enormous magnitude of job cuts has plunged the U.S. economy into the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression of the 1930s. Some economists say the nation's output could shrink by twice the amount that it did during the Great Recession, which ended in 2009.

An urgent question for the unemployed is how quickly the economy may rebound. Most economists expect some employers to start rehiring within months, though significant job gains aren't considered likely until later in the year.

Few experts foresee a downturn anywhere near as long as the Great Depression. During the Depression, unemployment stayed high for nearly a decade, with the jobless rate remaining above 14% from 1931 all the way to 1940. But unemployment is considered likely to remain elevated well into next year and probably beyond.

The painful economic consequences of the virus-related shutdowns have sparked protests in several state capitals from crowds insisting that businesses be allowed to reopen. Thursday's report, showing that the pace of layoffs remains immense, could heighten demands for re-openings.

Some governors have begun easing restrictions despite warnings from health authorities that it may be too soon to do so without causing new infections. In Georgia, gyms, hair salons and bowling alleys can reopen Friday. Texas has reopened its state parks.

Yet those scattered re-openings won't lead to much rehiring, especially if Americans are too wary to leave their homes. Most people say they favor stay-at-home orders, according to a survey by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs and believe it won't be safe to lift social distancing guidelines anytime soon. And there are likely more layoffs to come from many small businesses that have tried but failed to receive loans from a federal aid program.

The number of people who are receiving unemployment benefits has reached a record 16 million, surpassing a previous high of 12 million set in 2010, just after the 2008-2009 recession ended. This figure reflects people who have managed to navigate the application systems in their states, have been approved for benefits and are actually receiving checks.

Women make up a majority of workers in some industries that have been hit hardest, such as health care, where many jobs outside hospitals have been lost, and hotels and restaurants. Heidi Shierholz, an economist at the progressive Economic Policy Institute, calculates that 56% of the layoffs have involved women.

"As in all recessions, job loss in this recession is not being meted out equally," Shierholz said.

African-Americans and Latinos are typically among the first to be laid off in recessions. Though the government doesn't track the jobless claims data by gender or race, a survey by the University of Southern California found that 21% of African Americans and 18% of Latinos say they have lost jobs in the past month, compared with 15% of whites.

One factor in that disparity is the ability to work from home. A study by the Center for American Progress found that whites are more than twice as likely as blacks to say they can work from home and 50% more likely than Latinos.

Just about every major industry has absorbed sudden and severe layoffs. Economists at the Federal Reserve estimate that hotels and restaurants have shed the most jobs — 4 million since Feb. 15. That is nearly one-third of all the employees in that industry.

Construction has shed more than 9% of its jobs. So has a category that includes retail, shipping and utilities, the Fed estimated.

Europe's economies, too, are headed for severe recessions, with surveys of economic activity released Thursday hitting all-time lows. The downturn is putting at risk up to 59 million jobs — 26% of employment in the European Union — according to McKinsey, the consulting firm. That figure includes people who could be laid off outright as well as those who are still on payrolls but might be put on shorter work hours or furloughs.

Unemployment is also likely to rise in the United Kingdom. Analysts at Capital Economics say the U.K. economy is headed for its biggest quarterly economic contraction in more than a century.

In Florida, applications for unemployment benefits nearly tripled last week to 505,000, the second-highest total behind much-larger California's 534,000. Florida has had trouble processing many of its applications. Its figure suggests that the state is finally clearing a backlog of filings from jobless workers.

In Michigan, 17% of the state's workforce is now receiving unemployment aid, the largest proportion in the country. It is followed by Rhode Island at 15%, Nevada at 13.7% and Georgia at 13.6%.

"This has been a really devastating shock for a lot of families and small businesses," said Aaron Sojourner, a labor economist at the University of Minnesota.

A federal relief package enacted last month made millions of gig workers, contractors and self-employed people newly eligible for unemployment aid. But most states have yet to approve unemployment applications from

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COVID-19 UPDATE

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Nearly 800 county residents have died of COVID-19 since the outbreak started, with 68 deaths reported Thursday.

Ferrer also announced 1,081 confirmed cases of coronavirus Thursday, bringing the total to 17,508. More than 1,800 people are hospitalized, with nearly one-third in the ICU and one-fifth on ventilators.

She said the high number of cases she has reported this week primarily reflect increased testing capacity — between 10,000 and 12,000 individuals can now be tested each day in L.A. County — as well as a backlog of test results that were not previously reported.

Ferrer reiterated that the county could see a surge in cases and deaths if it lifts its Safer at Home order. Once the county is able to relax parts of the order, people will need to continue physically distancing themselves from each other.

"If at any point we relax physical distancing requirements and more people are out and about and in contact with each other, there will be more spread of COVID-19," she said.

In Santa Monica, five new cases were confirmed Thursday and the city now has 144 cases. Nearly 16 out of every 10,000 residents are confirmed to have COVID-19, although an antibody study the county released earlier this week suggests that the true number of residents with coronavirus could be much higher.

The number of cases in Santa Monica has risen about 44% over the last week after increasing only 19% the week before. Some of the new cases confirmed this week can be attributed to the backlog of test results.

There are also 63 confirmed cases among staff and residents of institutional settings, although it is unknown how many staff and residents permanently reside in Santa Monica and therefore count toward its official tally of cases or deaths. City of Santa Monica officials said earlier this week that they had not been notified of any deaths.

Two skilled nursing facilities have had relatively large coronavirus outbreaks. The Rehabilitation Center of Santa Monica has 10 cases among staff and 18 among residents, Beachwood Post-Acute & Rehab Center has 9 cases among staff and 20 among residents. Two Beachwood residents have died of the virus, the center reported earlier this week.

Beachwood administrator Anton Novitsky said the facility 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.

A spokesperson for the Rehabilitation Center of Santa Monica said the facility had implemented federal and state guidelines regarding COVID-19 to protect its employees and patients.

"We are working closely with public health authorities and will continue to work diligently in implementing our COVID-19 infection control policies and procedures, including restricting outside visitors, contracting with an outside service for an in-depth disinfecting of the center, providing personal protective equipment to our employees along with our residents when they leave their individual rooms, and numerous other initiatives," a spokesperson said.

A third skilled nursing facility, Ocean Pointe Healthcare Center, has two confirmed cases among residents and one suspected staff case.

The Manor, a residential care facility for adults with mental illnesses, has four residents with COVID-19.

The Manor did not respond to a request for comment, and Ocean Pointe could not be immediately reached for comment.

Across L.A. County, there are 3,343 cases across 286 institutional settings, and 26 skilled nursing facilities have reported 20 or more cases, Ferrer said. Nearly 4 in 10 coronavirus-related deaths have occurred among residents of skilled nursing facilities and similar institutions.

Ferrer said the county has also seen a dramatic increase in cases among people experiencing homelessness, mostly because of a large outbreak at Union Rescue Mission in downtown Los Angeles. Of the 100 people experiencing homelessness who have tested positive, 55 lived in eight separate shelters and are now in quarantine.

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those workers because they're still trying to reprogram their systems to do so. As a result, many people who have lost jobs or income aren't being counted as laid-off because their applications for unemployment aid haven't been processed.

Among them is Sasha McVeigh, a musician in Nashville. Having grown up in England with a love of country music, she spent years flying to Nashville to play gigs until she managed to secure a green card and move permanently two years ago. McVeigh had been working steadily until the city shut down music clubs in mid-March.

Since then, she's applied for unemployment benefits but so far has received nothing. To make ends meet, she's applied for some grants available to out-of-work musicians, held some live streaming concerts and pushed her merchandise sales.

By cutting expenses to a bare minimum, McVeigh said, "I've managed to just about keep myself afloat." But she worries about what will happen over the next few months.

AP Writers Travis Loller in Nashville and Pan Pylas in London contributed to this report.

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Adoptable Pet of the Week



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PET: The Adoptable Pet of the Week is available from the Santa Monica Animal Shelter.

Coco

Hi, I'm Coco, a female Red Eared Slider! While I usually pass the time seeking out the next great rock to soak up the sun, these days I find myself homeless. Always one to have a pond-half-full attitude, I believe a real home equipped with a large warm pond and lots of rocks are in my near future. Carefree and well adjusted, I settle in quickly and strive to keep it peaceful and chill! So, let's be BFF's already. I won't even make you throw in a bikini! Coco, ID#A059748, is available for adoption at the Santa Monica Animal Shelter located at 1640 9th Street. The shelter is closed to the public and adoptions are by appointment only by calling the shelter at (310) 458-8595, Tuesday through Saturday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For a full list of adoptable animals, visit petharbor.com.

PET TIP OF THE WEEK: TURTLE ADOPTION

Red Eared Sliders make wonderful pets for people that do not mind their independent nature and attending to their special care. These water turtles are low-key, easily acclimate to new environments, and can often greet their owners with anticipation and enthusiasm. A source of entertainment, they are always up to something! Digging, doing tricks in the water, and chasing down prey. To them, goldfish are a delicacy! With proper care, a Slider's lifespan can be up to 50 years, remaining a companion for most their human's life. Plus, they're cute!

Red Eared Sliders prefer not to be handled, spend most of their time in water, and basking in artificial light or sunlight on surfaces such as rocks and logs. They require large ponds or aquariums with a source of heat like UV lamps or natural light. Since Sliders spend the majority of their time in water, their water carries salmonella and requires frequent cleaning. Hands must be washed before and after handling them, and cleaning their living environment. When Sliders are handled, special attention must be taken as being dropped can cause them fatal injuries.

Because of these requirements, Red Eared Sliders are not suitable pets for young children. Especially those that are five years old and younger. They are however, a great addition to a home that has adults and older children looking to bond with a pet that marches to the beat of their drum, and willing to take on the responsibility to meet their needs.

Pet of the Week is provided by Carmen Molinari, a long-time volunteer at the Santa Monica Animal Shelter and founder and CEO of Love At First Sit, a pet care and dog training company in Santa Monica. Learn about her, pet tips, and Love At First Sit services at loveatfirstsit.net.

BUSINESSES

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would dictate insurers accept business claims for coronavirus damage, in some cases even if policies exclude pandemics.

Industry advocates say such mandates could drain insurance funds needed to pay claims during upcoming hurricane season and when other natural disaster inevitably strike. The laws, they argue, also would undermine the contract law upon which free markets rely.

"If elected officials require payment for perils that were excluded, never underwritten for, and for which no premium was ever collected, catastrophic results will occur," said Charles Chamness, president of the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SANTA MONICA

Santa Monica Beach Closures Remain in Effect

As we approach a warm weekend in Southern California, the City of Santa Monica reminds the region that Santa Monica beach, beach bike path, beach parking lots, beach access points, and Palisades Park remain closed through May 15. On March 27, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health ordered the temporary closure of all public beaches, beach bike paths, public trails, and beach access points to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

"For Angelenos, hot weather is normally beach weather. Right now, is not a normal time. We all have to remember that coronavirus means we must change normal behavior. For your safety, the beach is absolutely closed," said Mayor Kevin McKeown. "So are the beach bike path, Santa Monica Pier, the walkways near the beach, and even the cliffs overlooking the beach at Palisades Park. Our Santa Monica Police Department will be there to protect public safety. We don't want to write tickets for people who disobey County health orders, but we are prepared to if anyone forces us. Please get outside in your neighborhood. Enjoy the clear skies and fresh breeze. But don't forget face coverings, don't forget physical distancing, and don't come to the beach. Santa Monica looks forward to welcoming you back again when it's safe."

These closures are part of protecting the public's health and help avoid a steep rise in COVID-19 cases like the country has seen in New York City. Currently, LA County is experiencing a more gradual increase in cases as a result of the stay at home orders and physical distancing. Officials said it is essential that residents remain vigilant with physical distancing and staying home as much as possible.

The Santa Monica Police Department will be actively patrolling the beach area this weekend and will issue citations, if necessary, to protect the public's health.

Residents can go outside for a walk or to a local park, but everyone is encouraged to stay close to home as much as possible. Remember to wear face coverings for all essential trips and stay hydrated with the increased temperatures.

For information on COVID-19 in Santa Monica, visit www.santamonica.gov/coronavirus or call the Santa Monica coronavirus hotline: (310) 458-8400. Get Santa Monica emergency alerts by texting SMCOVID to 888-777. Sign up for daily COVID-19 updates at www.santamonica.gov/newsletter.

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CREATIVES

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"We believe society should be more equitable and inclusive so we have a mentoring program, which covers a range of media arts classes for youth who are ages 10- to 18-years-old," said Carly Short, Venice Arts' Lead Filmmaker and Creative Pathways Coordinator.

"And those are typically after-school classes that are historically held in-person but since we're all at home, currently, we are offering five different online classes that will cover topics like film, photography and comics," Short said. "And this artist series is considered another one of those classes that we're having as part of the program that I oversee, which is called the Creative Pathways Program and that tries to provide students with workshops, mentoring and other forms of college and creative career readiness support."

Launched last week, Venice Arts' weekly Remote Visiting Artist Series runs from 4-5 p.m. every Wednesday, "and it's basically an online version of what we normally would have and cover in our programs," Short said.

"We usually have a Creative Career Day where we invite a panel of artists and creative professionals who come and talk to our students in a big group setting," Short said, sharing Venice Arts' had previously scheduled their big event in March, when safer-at-home orders were first starting. "As things changed with COVID-19, I got an idea to adapt the Career Day program into a weekly arts series with the four artists that I had booked for the Creative Career Day event. We had the first one last week and it was really successful."

"The series is basically what we'd be doing in person," Short added, mentioning the program is marketed to residents who are between the ages of 12- and 24-years-old.

"It's geared towards a youth audience and people who want to find a career in the arts, but we definitely invite families and friends to attend too," Short said, sharing how many students have invited their classmates and cousins to join in on the fun.

"We just booked another artist and photographer so we're extending it all the way into May," Short said. The next chat is set for Wednesday, April 29, and will feature director Anthony Mandler.

Anybody who is interested in participating can RSVP by sending an email to info@venicearts.org with "Artist Series" in the subject line. More information can be found online at the website venicearts.org.

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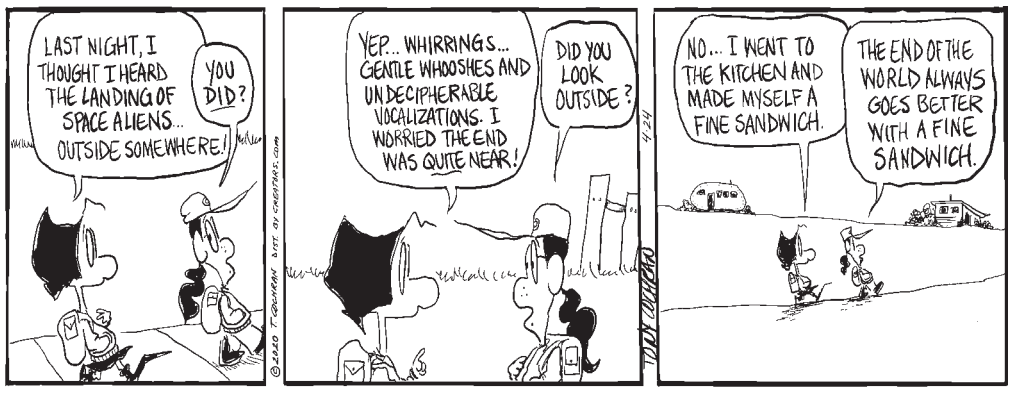
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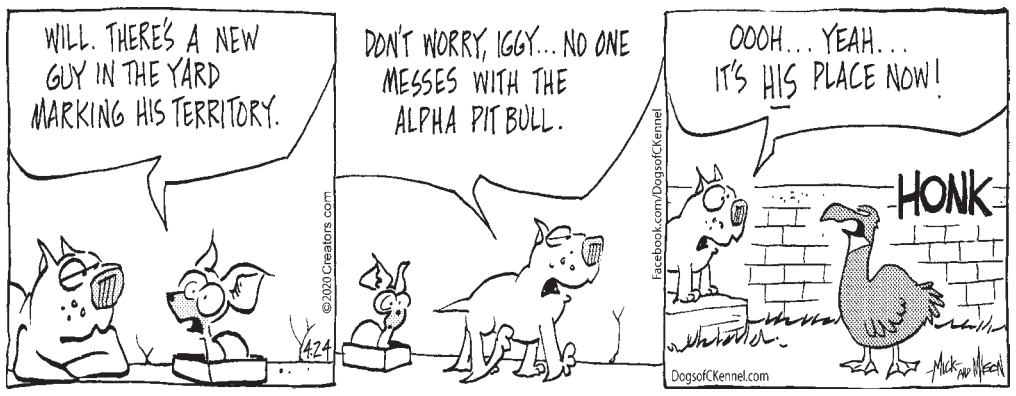
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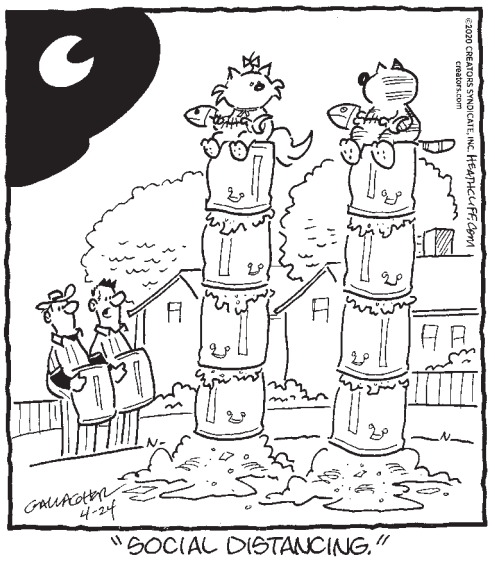
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SURF FORECASTS

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WEATHER

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 85.
Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 64.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 82.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 65.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 79.
Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 62.
Monday: Sunny, with a high near 77.

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2020/04/25	Sat	10:59 PM	5.24	H
2020/04/26	Sun	06:16 AM	-0.14	L
2020/04/26	Sun	12:46 PM	3.07	H
2020/04/26	Sun	5:03 PM	2.15	L
2020/04/26	Sun	11:30 PM	5.11	H
2020/04/27	Mon	07:05 AM	-0.02	L
2020/04/27	Mon	2:00 PM	2.83	H
2020/04/27	Mon	5:27 PM	2.46	L
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Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 174 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 04/22
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Mega#: 27
Jackpot: 22 M

Fantasy 5
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Midday: 4 4 9
Draw Date: 04/22
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (APRIL 24)

Love is the star this year. You want a deep relationship and you'll get it; you're able to be vulnerable and open to enrichment. You'll connect with the emotions of others because you take the time to understand your own emotions better. You'll soar on the confidence of a personal or professional win in late August. Libra and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 22, 31, 45 and 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you feel that a relationship has an imbalance of power, shore up the difference. There are many different ways to account for power and points of leverage that are not immediately obvious.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll fill needs that people didn't even realize they had. It's also possible that you create need by providing something very interesting and getting people used to having it in their lives.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're like a hybrid car today, except you'll toggle between more than two kinds of fuel to keep your wheels spinning. Energy sources may be emotional, inspirational, nutritional and caffeinated.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Among the most primal body language cues for engendering trust and projecting charisma is the often-overlooked show of hands -- open palmed, proving the lack of a rock or spear. Use this and make a friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Trying to change too many habits at once almost always fails, especially if the environment stays the same. Your winning move involves taking on one behavioral change at a time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When things seem harder than they should be, figure out why. Ask, "How can I make this easier?" You might be surprised at how a few decisions can change the whole game.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't ask other people for green lights. Green lights don't work that way. Usually, they are on timers. And often, when you hit one, you'll start to hit them all. Or you can always take the backroads.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's fortifying to spend time with people who appreciate you or to spend time doing the things that really make you appreciate yourself. The opposite is detrimental.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). As much as you'd like to release something into your past, it's not going to happen until you're really ready. Accept your emotions. Feeling them fully is part of becoming ready.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Relationships don't fix the problems of individuals, though they may distract from those problems or cloak them in a different garb. Each individual must ultimately solve for their own soul.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You sense when people aren't telling the whole truth, but you often don't press the issue out of a respect for privacy or a realization that there's little to gain by making people uncomfortable.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your positive attitude is grounded in this: Everyone is capable of improving. So whether a person is innately talented or disadvantaged is really beside the point and certainly not worth dwelling on.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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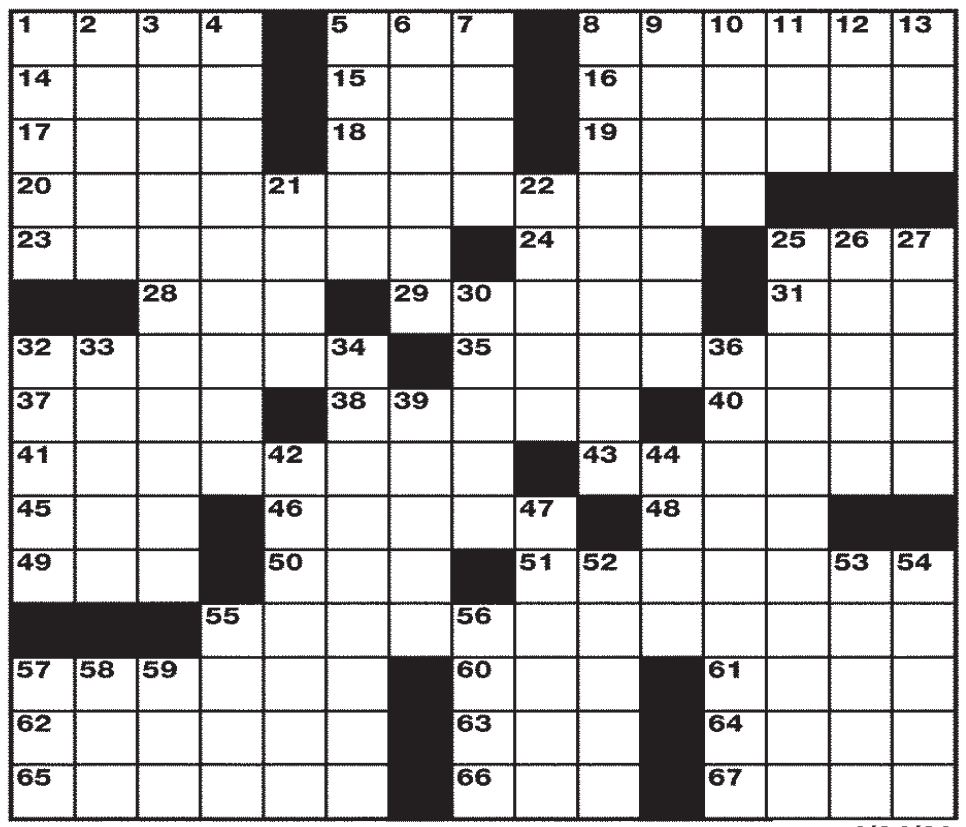
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1 Part of a foot
5 Underground worker
8 Crow cousin
14 Storytelling dance
15 Korean car
16 Rub roughly
17 Letters with 0
18 *Lord of the Rings* stopping place
19 Swedish money
20 Transmutation, part 1
23 Canine care specialist
24 Relaxation exclamation
25 Dandy-dressing dude
28 Pecs, abs, etc.
29 Pet of the Week org.
31 P, as for Plato
32 Slow symphonic sections
35 Transmutation, part 2
37 __ *de génie* (French brainstorm)
38 One shade of gray
40 "Able was __ . . ."
41 Transmutation, part 3
43 Leaps on ice
45 Idaho grazer
46 Some sloganeers
48 German "you"
49 __ Moore (contradictory guy?)
50 Brief filers: Abbr.
51 Piracy venue
55 Transmutation conclusion
57 Bundle of energy
60 Hubbub
61 Augustan Age poet
62 All-Century Team shortstop
63 Squad leader: Abbr.
64 Honor with a party
65 Bailed out, so to speak
66 Declares, in comics
67 TV "Neighborhood" nickname

DOWN
1 Get __ of (contact)
2 Kolkata coin
3 Clear-cut separations
4 Elusive
5 Frequent forecast mention
6 Fiesta hang-up
7 Big tug
8 Use your phone
9 Genesis VIP
10 Understand, in sci-fi
11 Bad review
12 Solemn promise
13 Election ending
21 Cruise ship's __ deck
22 Slim down gradually
25 Is ready for ice fishing
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53 Highest-class
54 Calculated, perhaps
55 Capital of Azerbaijan
56 Certain fish or fellow
57 Many med. school professors
58 Sharp bark
59 DC-based network



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Binary Puzzle

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Backyard	Chops	Glasses	Relax
Banana	Coals	Hat	Rissoles
chair	Cook	Kebabs	Salad
Beer	Deet	Lettuce	Snags
Bench	Eggs	Light	Steak
Bread	Embers	Onion	Stubby
Brush	Fire	Pests	Table
Buns	Fish	Pineapple	Tomatoes
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PROJECTS

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Some projects were slated to open soon, but ribbon-cutting ceremonies have been postponed indefinitely due to stay-at-home orders.

City Hall East, also known as the City Services Building, has been under construction since fall 2017 and was supposed to open on Earth Day. The $76.8 million addition to City Hall is complete, Farrell said.

When the three-story, 50,000-square-foot building opens, it will house 240 city employees in departments such as planning, traffic management and cultural affairs who currently work in leased offices elsewhere in downtown Santa Monica. The city's permit counter will also move from City Hall to the ground floor of the new building.

At $1,529 per square foot, City Hall East is substantially more expensive per square foot than comparable municipal projects.

The city of Long Beach completed its new civic center last year, which cost $553 million in total and $884 per square foot.

Orange County is building a new county headquarters in Santa Ana, which is projected to cost $198 million or $779 per square foot. The budget for the project also includes another $195 million to pay off bonds issued to fund construction.

Santa Monica's City Hall East, which will be financed by 30-year lease revenue bonds, is projected to pay for itself by 2047.

City Hall East will eliminate the need to lease office space for city employees, which was expected to increase from $2.5 million to $30 million annually over the next 30 years, according to a 2017 report.

Lauded as the most sustainable municipal building in the United States, City Hall East will produce its own energy and water, saving hundreds of millions of dollars in utilities costs over its 100-year lifespan.

As part of the City Hall East project, City Council in January authorized $8 million in improvements to City Hall. The 1939 building was set to receive upgraded heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems, a new roof, and new staff workstations and meeting space.

But because of the budget crisis, the city will only upgrade City Hall to meet modern building codes and make minor improvements to facilitate staff moving into City Hall from leased offices, Farrell said.

She said officials are also evaluating how to support physical distancing and other protective measures in the City Hall complex and other public facilities as the city resumes in-person services in the months ahead.

Two other projects are nearly complete.

Construction on the Civic Center Multipurpose Sports Field is coming to an end. The field was slated to open this summer and will open in accordance with public health guidance, Farrell said.

The $8.6 million field replaces 3.8 acres of the Civic Center parking lot and will provide space for residents of all ages to play soccer, rugby and lacrosse. City Council voted to turn the parking lot into a field in June 2018 after more than a decade of lobbying by local families, who argued that Santa Monica High School lacked space for outdoor sports.

Fire Station 1, a $41.2 million facility at 1337 7th St. in downtown Santa Monica, is almost finished. The 28,000-square-foot fire station replaces a seismically unsafe building constructed in the 1950s and will contain dormitories, offices, a community room, and space to house fire engines and equipment.

Construction is underway on City Yards and the Sustainable Water Improvement Project, or SWIP.

Farrell said the city is completing a facilities building under construction at City Yards and suspending all other construction on the $115 million renovation to City Yards in light of the budget gap.

The first phase of City Yards was slated to be completed in 2023, with an additional two phases of construction that would conclude by 2030.

SWIP, a $92.5 million water recycling system that will meet 12% of the city's water demand when it is completed in 2022, will continue as planned, Farrell said. The project is funded through the city's water and wastewater funds, which have not suffered a significant drop in revenues.

The system is projected to save the city money in the long term because it will allow the city to stop importing water by 2023. The water the city buys from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is more expensive per unit than water produced locally.

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SANTA MONICA'S TAKE OUT LIST

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Sunny blue, 2728 Main Street, (310) 399-9030, sunnyblueunc.com
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Sweet Rose Creamery, 2726 Main St, (310) 260-2663 x4, http://www.sweetrosecreamery.com
Tacos Por Favor, 1408 Olympic Blvd, (310) 392-5768, tacosporfavor.us/hours-and-locations/
Takuma, 2627 Wilshire Blvd, (310) 586-7469, http://www.santamonicatakuma.com
Tallula's, 118 Entrada Drive, (310) 526-0027, https://www.tallulasrestaurant.com/
The Habit Burger Grill, 3001 Wilshire Blvd, (424) 537-5745, www.habitburger.com/order-online
Tiato Restaurant, 2700 Colorado Ave 190, (310) 866-5210, http://tiato.com
Thai Dishes, 123 Broadway, (310) 394-7105, thaidishessantamonica.com
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Trimana Fresh Market, 1348 3rd Street Promenade, (310) 393-2486,
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Tsukiji Sushi Sen, 2915 Main Street, (310) 581-3525, http://www.tsukijisushisen.com
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