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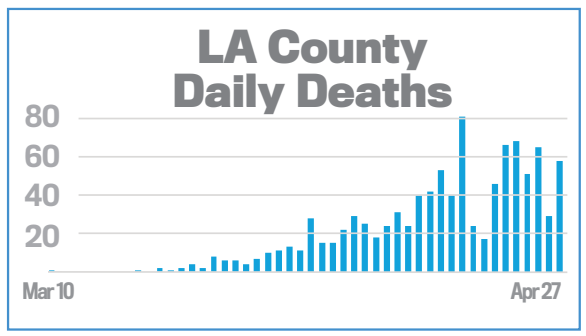
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CORONAVIRUS DEATHS

SANTA MONICA	LA COUNTY	CALIFORNIA	USA	WORLDWIDE
8	1,000	1,776	58,640	211,449

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





Ross Furukawa

PROTEST: Nurses at Providence St. Johns Hospital protested again on Tuesday, with messaging asking for hotel rooms, transparency and n95 masks.



County reports eight Santa Monica residents die from COVID-19

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Eight Santa Monica residents have died from COVID-19, according to a data dashboard that Los Angeles County launched Tuesday.

The city's death rate per 100,000 residents is 8.65 and its adjusted death rate, which accounts for age distribution, is 6.44. Ten patients at two Santa Monica nursing homes have also died, but it is unknown how many were permanent Santa Monica residents and therefore count toward the city's death toll.

In Culver City, the adjusted death rate is 3.54. Beverly Hills has an adjusted death rate of 6.03.

Two new coronavirus cases were confirmed in Santa Monica Tuesday, bringing the city's total to 156. The spread of the virus slowed over the past week, with the number of cases only 15.5% above last Tuesday's total of 135. The week before, cases rose by 41%.

Fifty-five residents and 31 staff at five institutions in Santa Monica had tested positive as of Monday night.

Seven patients at The Rehabilitation Center of Santa Monica and three at Beachwood Post-Acute & Rehab have died from COVID-19, according to the L.A. County Department of Public Health.

Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer announced 59 new deaths throughout the county Tuesday, bringing the death toll in L.A. County to 1,000. More than 400 of those who died resided in nursing homes.

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Some scooters return to Santa Monica

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

As the local coronavirus outbreak reaches its sixth week, Santa Monicans have three types of scooters and two types of bikes to use for essential trips.

People who need to work at or visit essential businesses can still find Lyft, Bird and Jump scooters and Jump and Breeze bikes throughout the city. Lime, the fourth private company that was authorized to operate in Santa Monica, stopped deploying scooters during the pandemic.

In mid-March, Lime pulled scooters from two dozen countries, including the United States, citing public health guidance. The company told the city of Santa Monica that it would permanently halt service effective April 1.

The three private companies that have remained in the city are disinfecting their devices each time they are recharged and offering free rides for critical workers.

Bird temporarily paused service in some cities last month, but continued serving Santa Monica with a reduced fleet of about 100 scooters. Medical workers and emergency personnel have access to free rides.

The company is also maintaining an interactive map of restaurants offering takeout and

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

SUBJECT: 19ENT-0250, 20ENT-0066 (Conditional Use Permit, Minor Modification)
438 San Vicente Boulevard
APPLICANT: Carlthorp School- Tim Kusserow/ Ken Parr
PROPERTY OWNER: Carlthorp School

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

Approval of Conditional Use Permit to allow for a 7,259 sf addition and 9,142 sf new rooftop playcourt to the existing Carlthorp elementary school and Minor Modification for increased parcel coverage of 45.06%. The proposed addition consists of a 5,575 sf basement multi-purpose room, 844 sf lunch seating area, and 840 sf of administrative offices in addition to the new rooftop playcourt adjacent to Georgina Place alley and therefore, requires an amendment to the existing Conditional Use Permit 95-003 allowing a school use in a residential district. A Minor Modification to increase the parcel coverage by 0.06% over the maximum allowed 45% parcel coverage is also requested. The applicant is requesting a five-year term for the entitlements. The subject property is located in the Low Density Multifamily Residential (R2) zoning district. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.08.020, Conditional Use Permits may be granted with respect to requested uses upon the discretion of Planning Commission. Additionally, pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Sections 9.43.090 a Minor Modification may be granted in conjunction with the Conditional Use Permit request upon the discretion of the Planning Commission.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, May 13, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M.**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Planning Commission and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but participants may also join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/shusyhvs or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 1179142 #)

HOW TO COMMENT
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Address your comments to: Regina Szilak, Associate Planner
Re: 19ENT-0250, 20ENT-0066

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

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California governor: Schools may reopen as soon as July

KATHLEEN RONAYNE AND ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

California schoolchildren could return to their classrooms as early as July though there likely will be modifications, Gov. Gavin Newsom said Tuesday.

No official decisions have been made, but Newsom acknowledged there have been "learning losses" as parents have sought to teach their kids from home since most schools and classrooms closed in mid-March to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

School districts and families have struggled to adapt to at-home learning and the deficits have been even greater in homes without technology or where parents are essential workers who are not at home to do home-schooling, Newsom has said.

"That learning loss is very real," Newsom said. "If we can maybe start up the school year a little earlier, maybe we can help close that gap."

But schools may look radically different than before, said Sonia Angell, the state's public health director. Newsom previously said schools may launch with staggered start times to limit the number of students in the school at one time and make changes to recess, lunch and other normal school gatherings that draw large groups of students together.

Newsom's comments came as he outlined plans for a gradual reopening of the state when as hospitalization rates due to coronavirus begin to stabilize. He also noted that some business sectors, such as retail and manufacturing, may be able to open within weeks, while other businesses such as hair salons will take longer. Large gatherings such as concerts still remain out of reach, he said.

Newsom issued a statewide stay-at-home order on March 19, which aimed to slow the spread of COVID-19 by keeping most people at home and closing all but essential businesses. Health officials have said the efforts have helped flatten the curve of the virus outbreak but they also have caused massive unemployment and economic upheaval.

On Monday, Newsom said the state is "a few weeks away, not months away" from making meaningful changes in the order — his most optimistic timeline yet.

Still, it was a dramatic shift from just three weeks ago, when Newsom and top health officials were projecting a need for at least 50,000 additional hospital beds for a mid-May surge in cases. That wave hasn't materialized. Hospitals have ample bed space and for the last week the numbers of hospitalizations and intensive care unit patients has remained relatively steady.

Those are key statistics for Newsom as he gauges when and how to reopen the state.

Newsom said he would consider different needs based on the types of businesses and where they are located. He and other governors are working together on guidelines for restarting their economies. Colorado and Nevada on Monday joined the Western States Pact that also includes Washington and Oregon.

While polls show most people support keeping social distancing restrictions in place for as long as necessary, there have been small but vociferous public protests and also growing calls among businesses and local lawmakers for a cautious path to reopening.

Newsom and others have warned against reopening stores, dine-in restaurants and other businesses unless they have strict social distancing measures in order to prevent a new surge of the virus. Health experts say lifting restrictions should come only when there are enough testing programs, medical supplies and protections to ensure it is done safely.

But Newsom will have to juggle a state with a split personality. Some rural counties are ready to move ahead while large cities and counties are wary.

Last week, six rural counties northeast of San Francisco — Sutter, Yuba, Butte, Colusa, Tehama and Glenn —- and 14 of their small cities sent a letter asking the governor to allow them to implement "a careful and phased reopening of our local economies."

The counties, with a population of about 500,000 people, have seen fewer than 100 confirmed COVID-19 cases and only a handful of deaths.

The letter also was signed by the region's two Republican state lawmakers, Assemblyman James Gallagher and Sen. Jim Nielsen.

The governor's office didn't immediately respond to the letter. But Gallagher, of Yuba City, said he believes Newsom is open to a regional approach to easing restrictions.

Meantime, six San Francisco Bay Area counties on Monday extended their local stay-at-home orders through May. The announcement came from Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties along with the City of Berkeley, which has its own public health department.

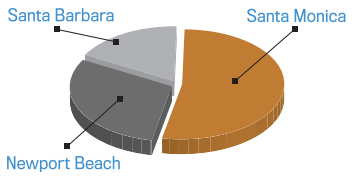
For most people, the virus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness and death.

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Cuts are coming, and we're all going to feel it

General Fund Expenditures per Capita (2019E)

Santa Monica	$4,490
Newport Beach	$2,545
Santa Barbara	$1,438



Cities across California are facing a budget crisis unlike anything in the state's history. The economic tides have gone out and left Santa Monica looking embarrassingly naked with its epically large budget.

All residents, staff and officials should understand this reality: Everyone is going to lose something they love.

Years of infilling our eight square miles produced plentiful buckets of revenue for the city (and more than a few big developers). Rapid growth of tourism to a peak of $2.0 billion further added to the coffers.

Going forward, cuts are mandatory because the city has allowed programs to bloat when times were unusually good, and even prior to COVID-19 City Council was struggling to adapt to a more subdued economic landscape.

Without question, Santa Monica has spent years developing vastly more programs and services (with their corresponding staff) than similar size cities. Whether the motivation was vanity, politics or economics doesn't matter now. Santa Monica spends more per capita on its government than nearly anyone else and that has to be cut back down to size for the money just isn't going to be there.

Numerous retailers were already in a death spiral prompted by a deathly cocktail of greedy landlords, burdensome regulation and changing consumer tastes.

The 3rd Street Promenade and other shopping districts were littered with empty storefronts and this will only worsen until landlords finally adjust rents to the new normal. Even that may not be enough for the most vulnerable businesses who may close permanently post-coronavirus.

It's easy to pin our hopes on a revived hospitality industry but food and hotels are no safe bet. Restaurants will always be relevant, but the double whammy of rising rents and increasing minimum wages have permanently eaten away at margins and so they too will struggle to come back.

We just don't know how many people will want to spend overnight vacations in hotels going forward. Probably a lot fewer from international markets and even domestic visitors will likely spend less on shorter stays, further slowing Santa Monica's long-term economic recovery.

Our city council is going to have to unwind this mess they've created and the process is going to be nothing short of brutal. And they'll be doing it without an experienced city manager, now that Rick Cole is gone.

Now our situation is truly disastrous and we simply don't know when it will get better. No matter how creative we get with revenue and efficiency, cuts are now inevitable and they will hit everyone somewhere.

Whether you value pool hours, library programs, school subsidies, bike lanes, senior art classes, park concerts or short lines to renew your parking permit; everything is going to take a hit and right now everyone is scrambling to secure their piece of the shrinking pie. We will all be hurt by this and everyone needs to come to grips with the new reality sooner rather than later.

Interim City Manager Lane Dilg has an unenviable job ahead of her. She will be bombarded by special interest groups of every kind, but at the end of the day she must look out for the long-term viability of our city and the citizens who pay the bills. However, she isn't actually the decider here.

It's up to the elected council to make the tough call. This is a true crisis and it's time for us to realize we outgrew our britches a long time ago and we are really just a city of 93,000 people.

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

SUBJECT: Proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance related to accessory dwelling units, density bonus, and family daycare home regulations for consistency with State law and update on State law provisions affecting the City's housing policies and project approval procedures

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

A Resolution recommending to the City Council the adoption of an Ordinance recommending changes to the Zoning Ordinance related to accessory dwelling units, density bonus, and family daycare home regulations for consistency with State law and update on State law provisions affecting the City's housing policies and project approval procedures. (This hearing was continued from March 18, 2020.)

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020 at 5:30 PM**

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Address your letters to: Jing Yeo, Planning Manager
Re: Housing Legislation

MORE INFORMATION
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PUBLIC NOTICE
SANTA MONICA RENT CONTROL BOARD

At its meeting on April 23, 2020, the Santa Monica Rent Control Board adopted Regulation 15020, respecting the temporary suspension or alteration of regulations governing administrative decision processes and procedures in the event of a declared emergency.

The regulation will become effective the day after publication of this notice in the newspaper. Copies of the amended regulations will be made available at the Rent Control Agency in Room 202 at City Hall and at www.smgov.net/rentcontrol.



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By Ted Winterer

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Stronger and more resilient

The economic crisis wrought by the Coronavirus pandemic is unlike anything we've seen in our lifetimes and has impacted the fiscal health of the City of Santa Monica in ways previously unimagined.

Our City weathered the Great Recession with minimal cuts to services thanks to prudent planning, "rainy day" reserves and voter approval of the sales tax measures Y and YY in 2010. The challenges we face today are an order of magnitude more dire.

For instance, during the Great Recession the occupancy rate at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel bottomed out at 60%. Today that hotel and about three quarters of our other lodging facilities are closed, with the remainder reporting occupancy rates around 5%. So hotel bed taxes, a significant portion of the City's revenues, have disappeared almost overnight, along with ancillary funds from local spending by visitors, and appear unlikely to rebound any time soon. Likewise, parking fees, sales tax and other revenues have fallen off a cliff due to the shutdown of businesses and the Safer at Home order.

There have been rumors circulating around town that budget cuts have already been implemented, without public input from residents, businesses and the City staff whose lives may be impacted. These rumors are unfounded.

Instead, at a May 5 public meeting the City Council will evaluate a staff proposal to restructure City Hall operations and balance the budget, projected to see shortfalls of up to $72M in the current fiscal year and up to $154M in the next. Those are staggering sums which will require a major reduction of the programs Santa Monicans have enjoyed over the years, especially if we are to preserve the most essential services such as police, fire, waste hauling and water delivery.

The short term deficit can be covered by postponing certain capital improvement projects, cancellation of contracts, reserve funds and other one-time savings. However, producing a budget which balances in the next fiscal year will require substantial cuts to staffing and programs, along with additional one-time savings. These will be painful decisions for both the Council and the community, but we must plan for the worst case scenario of a tepid recovery of the local and national economy. The recent Federal stimulus bill provided direct financial aid only to cities with populations of 500,000 or more and we cannot be optimistic that assistance for smaller cities will be include in subsequent bills approved by Congress. Likewise, our State legislators have advised us not to count on any assistance from Sacramento. Nor are we alone in this predicament: California's 482 cities expect a collective loss of $6.7 billion over the next two years.

HERE'S THE PROCESS, WHICH WILL BE PROTRACTED AND ITERATIVE:

1. City staff have been offered the opportunity to voluntarily separate from their employment. By May 1 we will have an idea of the savings realized from this effort which will inform the decisions on May 5.

2. Then on May 5 the Council will review and possibly modify proposed reductions and cuts to services and to the staff who have delivered them. Due to various labor laws, the Council will have to approve layoffs of City employees, but it's important to note this is only a first step. And of course public input will be part of this process and we anticipate it will be robust. In fact, Council has already heard from advocates for youth programs such as CREST and Homework Club, recreational facilities, sustainability efforts and our libraries. The sad reality is that change is likely coming to all these, but Council is committed to preserve as much as possible of services which will assist those most profoundly impacted by the recession and which will fuel our local economic recovery. It's important to note that in many instance we will be merely pushing the pause button on some of our goals while we see how long recovery takes and what changes to our economy have been either temporary or permanent. Those who are interested will be able to find the staff report for the May 5 meeting by May 1 at smgov.net/council.

3. Once layoffs are announced, our partners in our labor bargaining units will then have to opportunity to propose alternatives for cost savings and to negotiate the impacts of those layoffs. Likewise, the community will be able to offer options such as private-public partnerships and volunteer efforts to fill voids in program reductions.

4. As a result, there will be ongoing negotiations, discussions and more decisions, but by the end of June we must finalize a balanced budget for this fiscal year and adopt a projected budget for the next fiscal year which doesn't run in the red, as the City unlike the Federal government cannot run deficits.

These are turbulent times for all of us. I've been unable to sleep well in anticipation of the difficult decisions we face next week and my Council colleagues have been equally distressed. Please know that during this pandemic the Council and City Hall are focused on protecting the public health, expediting the local economic recovery and assuring the City's long term fiscal health. Together we will emerge from these enormous challenges battle-scarred but stronger and more resilient.

Ted Winterer is a Santa Monica Councilmember

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Party Complaint 1200blk Stanford St 1:23 a.m.
Fight 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:36 a.m.
Person Down 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 4:33 a.m.
General Parking Problem Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 5:08 a.m.
Burglary Just Occurred 2600blk Euclid St 5:26 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 6:01 a.m.
Encampment 1100blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:29 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 6:32 a.m.
Construction Noise 200blk 20th St 7:28 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 1800blk Ocean Ave 7:43 a.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:27 a.m.
Death Investigation 1900blk Euclid St 8:34 a.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals 2nd St / Wilshire Blvd 8:34 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 1000blk 3rd St 9:24 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1800blk 9th St 9:28 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 10:18 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1400blk 16th St 10:38 a.m.
Family Disturbance 1600blk 5th St 10:44 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk 26th St 11:08 a.m.
Loitering 1000blk California Ave 11:17 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 500blk Colorado Ave 11:18 a.m.
Burglary Report 1200blk Franklin St 11:42 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 11:45 a.m.
Prowler 1200blk 22nd St 12:02 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2800blk 2nd St 12:06 p.m.
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Found Property 1600blk Ocean Ave 12:11 p.m.
Identity Theft 1100blk 19th St 12:19 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 11th St / Wilshire Blvd 12:50 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 800blk 9th St 12:53 p.m.
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Construction Noise 2400blk Washington Ave 7:44 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 20th St / Wilshire Blvd 7:45 p.m.
Missing Person 1500blk 10th St 7:45 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 8:00 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1800blk 16th St 8:01 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 100blk Wilshire Blvd 8:01 p.m.
Loud Music 2100blk Stewart St 8:09 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 100blk Colorado Ave 8:09 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 8:26 p.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order Report 1100blk 20th St 9:34 p.m.
Grand Theft Just Occurred 16th St / Arizona Ave 10:15 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 600blk Adelaide Dr 10:16 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 10:17 p.m.
Death Investigation 1000blk 25th St 11:58 p.m.

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COVID-19

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The county needs to accelerate its ability to quickly identify and isolate asymptomatic and symptomatic residents and staff, Ferrer said. County officials only began requiring nursing homes with outbreaks to test asymptomatic residents and staff last week.

"The pandemic has amplified the cracks in our society, including the care and protection of people who are older and medically fragile," Ferrer said in a statement. "While managers and staff at all our skilled nursing facilities are doing their very best under difficult circumstances to care for their residents, we are still seeing many cases and deaths among residents and staff in these facilities."

Of the 942 people who have died from COVID-19 since the outbreak began, 92% had underlying conditions, Ferrer said Tuesday.

In areas with a high proportion of people living in poverty, the death rate is 16.9 per 100,000 people — triple the rate of affluent communities.

Ferrer called the data "deeply disturbing" and said it speaks to a need for immediate actions in communities with disproportionately high death rates, including increased access to testing, healthcare and information about COVID-19.

At an L.A. County Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday, Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Hilda Solis introduced a plan to reopen the county that included doubling the L.A. County Works job program and creating a permanent recovery fund. Businesses would have to continue to rely on telecommuting, according to Barger and Solis' motion.

The motion also calls for the creation of an economic resilience task force and additional efforts to ensure the continuation of youth education.

Santa Monica issued an order pausing deadlines for development applications and extending the city's limit on hotel stays.

The order signed by Interim City Manager Lane Dilg pauses deadlines for reviewing and acting on planning applications, exercising rights under planning entitlements and expiration of building permits. The temporary suspension takes effect retroactively on March 16 and deadlines will resume once the city lifts its local emergency declaration.

The order permits hotels and motels to allow guests to stay for longer than 30 days, which is intended to support people isolating in hotels, according to a city press release.

It also waives a rule that prohibits city employees from accepting gifts for first responders and disaster workers employed by the city, which will allow them to take advantage of city-approved public or private discounts, specials and subsidies programs, including offers from restaurants.

"As we strive to respond to new and emerging needs in the COVID-19 environment, this supplemental order continues to respond to new needs by allowing our first responders and disaster workers to take advantage of city-approved benefits and ensures that projects approved through our planning process do not lose entitlements or permits due to the COVID-19 emergency," Dilg said in a statement. "I want to thank all in our community for keeping each other safe by continuing to heed your Stay at Home and Safer at Home orders, especially over a warm and sunny weekend."

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DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 33 CALLS ON APR. 27

Elevator Rescue 1400blk Ocean Ave 12:10 a.m.
EMS 23rd St / Santa Monica Blvd 12:15 a.m.
EMS 800blk Ashland Ave 1:10 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 600blk 11th St 2:31 a.m.
EMS 1100blk Pico Blvd 3:56 a.m.
EMS 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 4:34 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 500blk Broadway 5:09 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1100blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:32 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 6:35 a.m.
EMS 2200blk 29th St 7:07 a.m.
EMS 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 7:17 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Euclid St 8:25 a.m.
EMS 1000blk Ocean Ave 8:47 a.m.
Request Fire 1800blk 9th St 10:21 a.m.
EMS 1800blk 9th St 10:23 a.m.
EMS 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 11:15 a.m.
EMS 1000blk 2nd St 12:17 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 2:46 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 200blk Ocean Ave 2:49 p.m.
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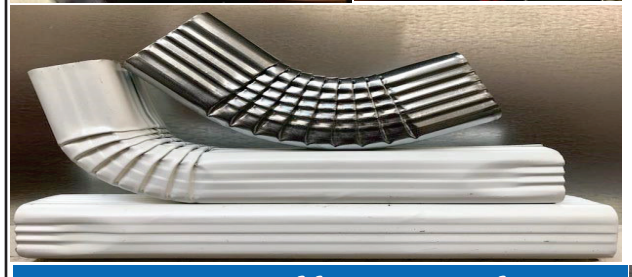
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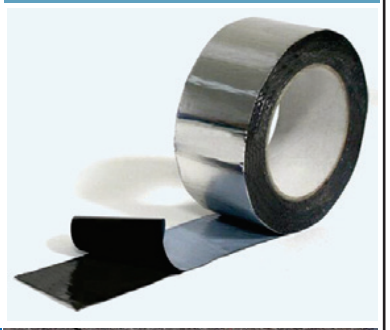




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A World Within Reach



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OCEAN: The lack of human activity is improving environmental conditions.

WOKE UP THIS MORNING

Stepped outside and thought I must still be dreaming.

(-- WE DIDN'T CHOOSE THIS NEW REALITY BUT WE MUST MAKE THE GOOD PARTS LAST, AND THERE ARE MANY --)

People were everywhere, strolling, holding hands or alone or with a four-legged buddy. Walking, biking, running, talking, thinking. Out in the fresh air sunshine. Very few people in cars, fewer still on scooters. Almost everyone was being thoughtful of their neighbors, stepping aside to make a clear path for each other.

I walked down to the beach and it was empty! What a sight, to see the ocean waves rolling in without any humans nearby. Someone told me the bay was as clean as it had been in years, after grades of F the last three years, and even a month ago.

I LOOKED SKYWARD, IN WONDER

It hadn't rained but the blue sky was crystal clear, the slowly drifting clouds bright white. I could see far into the stratosphere. I could clearly see all the way to the far end of Malibu, and south to Palos Verdes Peninsula. And out to Catalina Island! Ocean birds gliding above, and I had noticed so many different bird songs on the way down, on city streets where the sound of cars usually drowned them out. (If the birds were even there at all.)

On the way back home, I looked up and down our empty streets, and where were all the unfortunate folks without a home? I stopped someone on Main Street and they said, I think a lot of them are now being sheltered in empty hotel rooms. I had noticed there were obviously a lot fewer tourists, than the 9,000,000 per year Santa Monica usually gets (with our resident population of one percent of nine million).

I SAW A FEDEX TRUCK

Curbside, and waved at the driver and said, Thanks for the work you do every day, to get us what we need! He smiled (I think) and waved back.

Back home I found my regular mail carrier Chris filling the boxes, and he said that yes, he was concerned about the Republican drum beats getting louder to close the Post Office and turn it over to a private company. But he'd been getting a lot of appreciation lately from people on his route, and that touched him. I thought too of the cable guy who came yesterday, into "unknown territory." I then gratefully received the take out order of a delicious lunch I didn't have to prepare, and tipped and thanked the delivery person for their service.

I GOT IN MY CAR

(-- NOT FANTASY, ALL THIS, BUT UNIMAGINABLE JUST TWO MONTHS AGO --)

To give it a little battery charging time and get some gas (it had been more than a month, nice to be using so little fossil fuel), and drove on the 10 to the 405, to gaze down and see that it was close to empty. The 405!

Driving back, I heard on a radio talk show from people who said they were getting a lot of projects done now, that they had put off for years, and finally diving into creative endeavors that had been only a thought, a dream. Many were calling to say they were finding new and better ways to use the social media they had previously disdained, to connect with family and friends in new and wonderful ways.

(-- PEOPLE WHO DON'T WATCH THE NEWS, THE VISUAL FACTS, HAVE A DIFFERENT OUTLOOK --)

Arriving home I flipped on the TV to see stories about so many people getting the healthcare they needed, from the government. And economic assistance for themselves and their small businesses, in very difficult times. I saw food banks and so many organizations stepping up efforts to make sure no one went hungry. I saw the federal and state governments making great efforts to see that our hospitals and medical staffs have what they need.

ON ANOTHER STATION

(-- TRUE NEWS, NOT "FAKE" --)

I learned that the U.N. Secretary General had called for a worldwide ceasefire -- what a dream! But sadly, the US and Russia blocked it. Can you imagine? But nearly all the nations of the world were now working together anew,

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Your column here

By Cris Gutierrez and Cynthia Rose

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Excessive Cuts to Transportation Department Will Threaten Economic Recovery

The streets we travel on make up over 20% of our city, and are one of our biggest assets. Our streets move people, goods, and services and are essential infrastructure for our economic and social recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. It is crucial how we manage and use this public asset, at the core of economic resilience, social equity, health and environmental sustainability. The critical function of managing our streets is confirmed by Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20 that classified transportation infrastructure and services as essential government functions.

Transportation work assures public safety and economic activity -- operating signals and roads on which we all depend. Mobility staff provide essential fiber optic network infrastructure, signal timing with regular adjustments, and Opticom first-responder systems. Proactive maintenance of these systems ensures faster response to emergencies and saves lives.

These essential life saving functions are under threat with extreme plans to cut over half of the City Transportation and Mobility Division compared to 20-40% across other departments. While we can only imagine the stress and burden of decisions weighing on City Council, this level of cuts would severely impact basic public safety and operational functions, greatly hindering our city's ability to re-bound fiscally from the COVID-19 crisis.

Movement of goods, services, and customers in a safe, fluid way is critical to any economic recovery. In the near-term, accommodating the movement of people and goods will need to be extremely dynamic to adapt to "the realities" of the post COVID-19 emergency. Efforts to rebound and support our local economy (businesses, employers, restaurants, retail shops, schools, etc.) depend on maintaining and adjusting critical transportation infrastructure and services in real time, not on a delay of days or weeks due to insufficient staff.

Santa Monica's Transportation Department pays for itself in revenue generation (grants, programs, plan check and permit fees).

Drastically cutting our city's vital Transportation and Mobility staff would severely impact its capacity to be nimble in identifying new and expanded revenue streams. Not having the needed staff would prevent Santa Monica from taking advantage of emerging opportunities for grant and stimulus funds that will certainly be coming for infrastructure post shelter in place orders. Cities that are prepared and well-positioned to receive these funds will, without doubt, perform better in economic recovery. Being ready means having shovel ready projects with continued investment in multi-modal street projects.

Independent of any forthcoming stimulus funds or grants, why not use our city's transportation infrastructure to help bring in new forms of revenue? For example, what about requiring the biggest e-commerce, delivery services and rideshare companies to pay their fair share? They currently make no fiscal contribution to defray the cost to us of their impact on roadways, curbsides, sidewalks, or other infrastructure that they use to do business as they simultaneously divert revenue from our local brick-and-mortar businesses and increase GHG (Greenhouse Gas) emissions and traffic congestion. These conveniences often result in erratic driving behavior and dangerous maneuvering that adversely impact safety in our community. However, instituting fair fees requires responsible management by sufficient transportation staff.

As we emerge from this COVID-19 crisis, experts project increased traffic congestion due to single car trips and more people walking, biking and scooting. This will likely be exacerbated by reduced public transportation capacity while physical distancing remains necessary. Reduced transit capacity will not only negatively impact our essential workers but also those who can't afford the option of a single car trip.

With sufficient resources, transportation staff can pull from a toolbox of approved mitigations and strategies to accommodate these dynamic changes in road use and temper negative safety impacts as we rebound from shelter in place orders. Without sufficient transportation resources, the impending increase in congestion will choke off our economic recovery and surely result in a spike in traffic-caused serious injuries and fatalities.

How we manage our streets - or ignore them - will move us either toward environmental justice, economic recovery and climate resiliency or away from those vital community and city goals.

While the City suffers catastrophic shortfalls, we should not use a sledgehammer where a scalpel is needed to balance new budgets. We urge the Council to be strategic and lean on staff expertise for thoughtful "restructuring" that reduces costs and bureaucracy while retaining essential capacity that would facilitate a secure path to economic recovery and resilience.

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SCOOTERS

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delivery that accept Bird Pay, a service Bird launched in February.

Lyft has continued scooter service and is offering first responders, transit workers and healthcare providers free, 30-minute rides through the end of May. The company is prioritizing scooter deployment near local hospitals.

Jump, which is owned by Uber, is still operating bikes and scooters in Santa Monica and offering free rides for healthcare workers and first responders, a spokesperson said.

Breeze Bike Share, the city-owned bike share system that has lost ridership and revenue to micromobility companies over the past two years, is also still in service. Riders can unlock bikes in person or through the Breeze app.

The city of Santa Monica previously allowed up to 2,500 scooters and 750 bikes to circulate in the city. Fleet sizes could be altered based on operator performance and demand.

Since demand fell sharply at the end of March, Bird has been permitted to deploy up to 350 scooters, Jump 350 bikes and 100 scooters, and Lyft 350 scooters, said Kyle Kozar, who manages the city's Shared Mobility Pilot Program.

Before the COVID-19 outbreak, the city was planning to launch a second pilot program in July. The program, which was approved by City Council in January, will reduce the number of companies authorized to operate in Santa Monica from four to two or three.

The application is open to all micromobility companies — not just the four currently authorized to operate in the city — and the program is scheduled last from July to December of next year.

Operators who have sustainable charging and deployment practices and tools to keep devices off sidewalks will be prioritized in the selection process. Companies with stable fares and low-income rates will also be given preference.

City Council also decided to give preference to local companies and companies that have not pulled out of other markets.

Bird is the only company headquartered in Santa Monica, but in late March laid off 30% of its global staff as ridership tanked during the pandemic. The company did not confirm how many of the more than 400 workers who were laid off were based in Santa Monica.

Lyft and Jump stopped deploying scooters and bikes in some cities last year, and Bird has paused service in several markets in the last two months.

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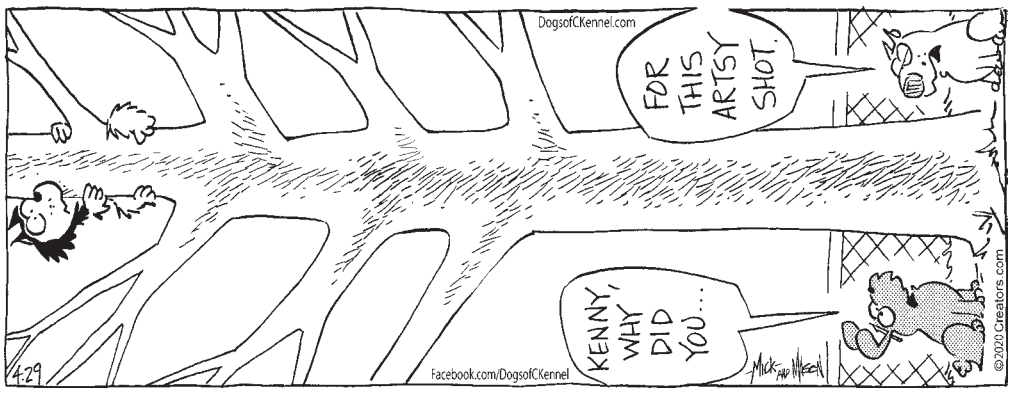
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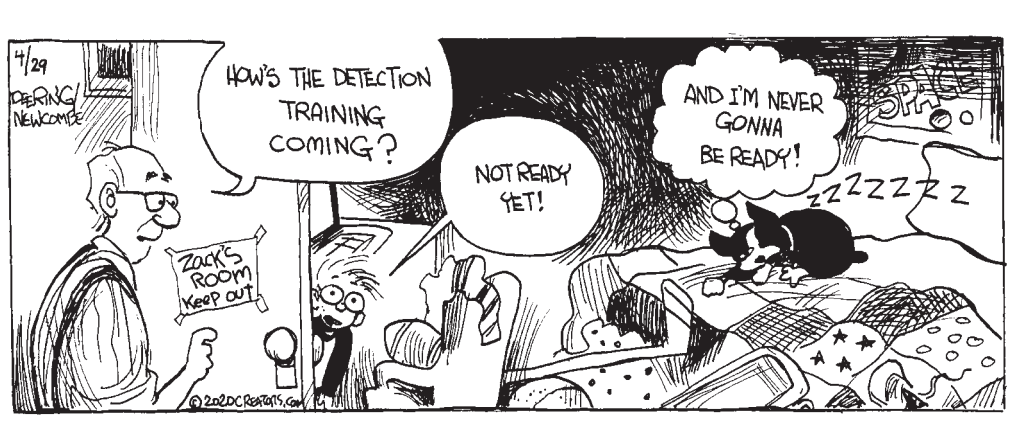
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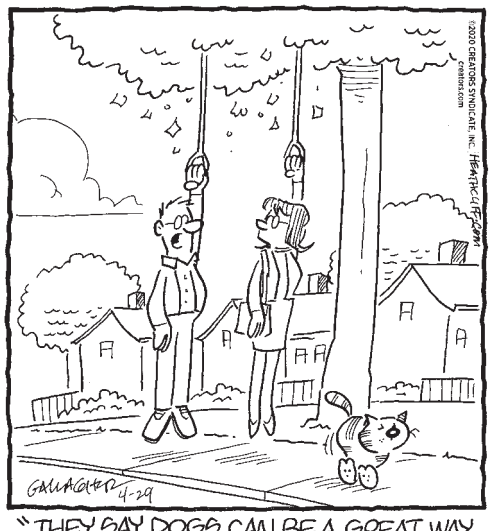
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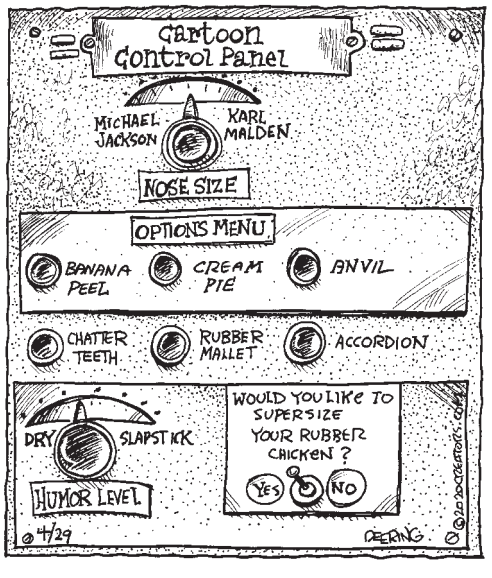
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SURF FORECASTS

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WEATHER

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 75.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 76.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 74.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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POWERBALL
Draw Date:04/25
1 3 21 47 57
Power#: 18
Jackpot:43 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 04/24
1 27 32 60 67
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 186 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 04/25
15 20 27 38 40
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 23 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 04/27
2 6 24 35 38

Daily 3
Draw Date: 04/27
Evening: 4 8 3
Draw Date: 04/26
Midday: 2 8 8

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 04/27
1st: 03 - HOT SHOT
2nd: 06 - WHIRL WIN
3rd: 01 - GOLD RUSH
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You want to learn things for yourself. This year you'll make bigger efforts to get hands on with matters that once seemed beyond your scope, or perhaps below it. You'll gain even more integrity and deep knowledge, which makes for interesting conversations, relationships and work. You'll be paid very well for your expertise. Aries and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 30, 22, 1 and 18.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've a terrific instinct for which change to make. One habit shift can be life-altering. Just imagine how things could be in six months' time if you were to start now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're a busy person juggling to get things done when the circumstances of life have tied your hands. The limitation is what makes you remarkable. Give yourself credit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Physical clutter represents mental clutter. Clear one and the other clears up, too. None of it will be hard for you to figure out once you dive in. If you can't dive, ask someone to give you a little push.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you can find a lot of compassion in your heart and then heap it onto yourself, that's what's needed for this time. It does absolutely no good to be critical. Cheerlead instead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've a curiosity and a desire to investigate new avenues. Don't think about it too much now. The answers aren't in your own head. Research. Explore what's out there for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Get personal. Show your face. Tell stories. Reveal yourself. When you let people connect with you, what follows will be a relationship, which is something far greater than a role.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you see people showing signs of nervousness and apprehension, help them relax. Do or say something to reduce their worry and yours will be significantly and simultaneously dialed down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What stands between you and success? Indecision. Don't agonize. Just choose. Jump in with the confidence that many before you made the same choice and it worked out just fine.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Stop putting so much pressure on yourself. It's not wrong to overachieve, but it's only worthwhile if you're enjoying yourself. Give yourself some grace.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Alter egos are a creative invention but also a discovery -- and not just for pop stars, sports moguls and comic book heroes. If you haven't explored your alter ego, this is a day to get curious.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're on the right path. Let yourself dream a little, not of the big picture but the next milestone. The more vivid your vision, the more momentum you'll gather in the weeks ahead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be testing something out, committing to a small order, just enough to get a feel for the bigger picture. This is the wise route, as there's no reason to rush in.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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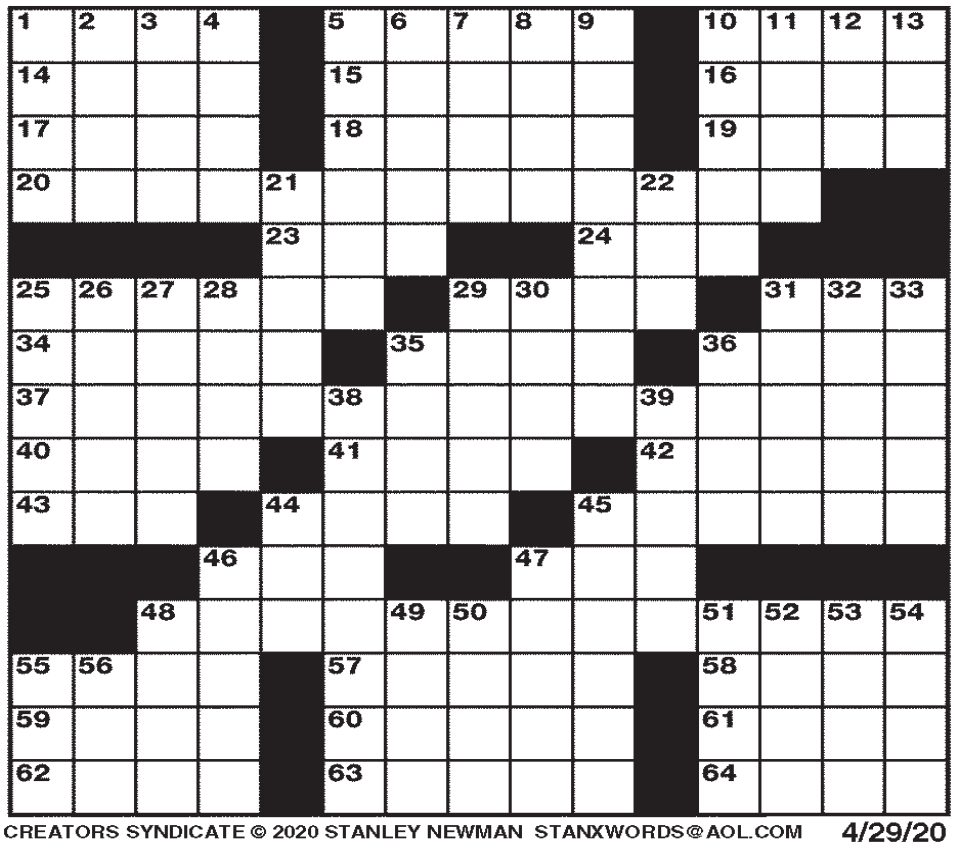
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Newsday Crossword

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10 Pottery supply
14 Zealous
15 Early evening hour
16 Ready to bite into
17 Unhip one
18 Wouk's mutinied ship
19 Ready for business
20 Make a desperate try
23 Form 1040 org.
24 Auto registration fig.
25 Is wild about
29 What one may call a queen
31 Scot's topper
34 Archie Bunker persona
35 Splinter group
36 Uncouth
37 Have a big advantage
40 Laudatory poetry
41 Light and breezy
42 Sign of the ram
43 Hue of Mars
44 Big wheel's auto
45 In style
46 Take a spouse
47 Director Spike or Ang
48 Have lunch on the run, say
55 Apple Watch voice
57 Catalyst
58 Not playing today
59 Work on another's manuscript
60 Arrive at
61 Char on a grill
62 Accept an invitation
63 Susan Sarandon's monogram
64 Round of applause

DOWN
1 Performed a duet
2 [see other side]
3 Former Italian coin
4 Probability stats
5 Tinseltown trophies
6 Preliminary races
7 Hertz competitor
8 Take a lease
9 Sap of strength
10 Royal topper
11 They're needed for pouting
12 Orangutan, for one
13 Strong craving
21 Michelangelo sculpture
22 Lesson objective
25 Loathe
26 Two-element semiconductor
27 Stared at
28 Curtain holders
29 DC subway
30 With sore muscles
31 Italian shroud city
32 Thrown in
33 Needing straightening
35 Slender
36 Very hard to find
38 Revealed, as one's feelings
39 Felt concern
44 Place to graze
45 Dimes, to dollars
46 Compose an email
47 Knight's spear
48 Frightful
49 Improves in a wine cellar
50 Salty waters
51 Genie's offering
52 It's a thought
53 Extended family
54 Sheep in quantity
55 Hr. fraction
56 Possible reply to "You think so?"



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Binary Puzzle

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1
0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
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FIND THE WORDS

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Keep clear!

H	P	R	E	T	N	I	O	P	E	T	I	H	W	H
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E	C	A	R	E	A	A	P	C	R	A	N	I	Y	N
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C	I	T	M	K	H	A	Z	A	R	D	S	L	E	Y
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Bees
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Moth
Pain
Pale
Panic
Python
Rash
Rats
Resuscitate
Rips
Shark
Slugs
Snake
Sting
Swat
Teeth
Tick
Tides
Toad
Wasp
Weakness
White pointer

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CURIOUS CITY

FROM PAGE 6

over healthcare issues, education, economics, gender equality, water and sanitation, peace, justice and freedom and other human rights. Um, except for the US. Gosh, how can we correct that?

I also saw stories of meat processing plants closing down. Maybe a pork and beef shortage!! Well... less cattle grazing, more rain forest, more veggies, better health. Also, saw wildlife coming back, black bears all over Yosemite, lions sunning on the warm highway pavement in Kenya, parks full of hundreds of squirrels, even bioluminescence, absent for years, returning to oceans and rivers.

I opened emails to find that our City Council and staff were working long hours to take care of us, and planning for the future by cutting spending drastically, putting residents first, and eliminating very highly-paid staff positions. Crime is down, the streets are safer, the City is partnering with Westside Food Bank to feed our own and renters are more able to stay in their homes. Hurrah! Thank you!

I KNOW YOU KNOW ALL THIS

You're living it. But it won't last forever, and when the time inevitably comes when loud voices will say, time to go back to normal, we must clearly, resolutely, with our legion of voices, declare unwaveringly -- NO! Not the old normal. The New Normal. These good parts of it, anyway.

Of course this is one side of the coin, and it has become visible only through great suffering and tragic, tremendous death. We must make something precious of it. We have seen for ourselves that all these things we were told were impossible, are indeed possible. We must raise our voices, that represent so many, the vast, overwhelming majority, not the one percent, to drown out their expensive noise.

We're not going back.

Charles Andrews has lived in Santa Monica for 34 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

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

SUBJECT: Adoption of New Transportation Impact Thresholds for Projects Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Senate Bill 743 (SB 743) and Revision to the City's Transportation Impact Fee

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider a Resolution recommending to the City Council the adoption of new transportation impact thresholds for projects subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The new thresholds which will be based on vehicles miles traveled (VMT) are required for consistency with Senate Bill 743 and state CEQA Guidelines. In addition, the Planning Commission will consider a recommendation to the City Council on proposed revisions to the City's Transportation Impact Fee to complement the new VMT metric and goals.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, May 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Planning Commission and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but participants may also join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/shusyhvs or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 1179142 #)

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give public comment must make that request via email to planningcomment@smgov.net. Written information received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. Written information received after 12 p.m. April 30 will be read aloud at the meeting subject to time constraints. Address your comments to:

Rachel Kwok, Environmental Planner
Rachel.Kwok@smgov.net
Re: SB743

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project, please contact Rachel Kwok at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at Rachel.kwok@smgov.net.

For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will made to provide the requested accommodation.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.





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