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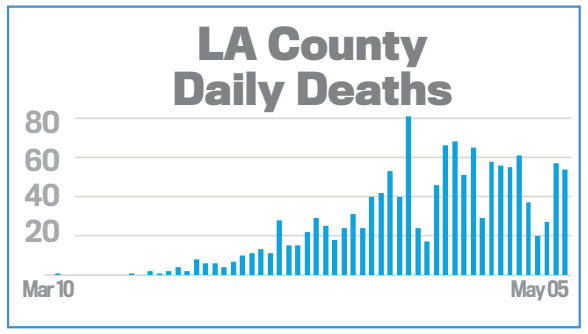
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Southern California heads into peak of spring heat wave

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Southern California faced more summer-like weather Wednesday as a spring heat wave headed toward its peak.

Heat advisories for a swath of the region were expected to be in effect until Thursday night, the National Weather Service said.

Temperatures were expected to range from 85 to 90 degrees near some coastal areas and much higher inland due to the continuing influence of high pressure centered over northern Baja California.

On Tuesday, inland cities such as San Bernardino hit 99 while Palm Springs roasted at 106 degrees

"A hot air mass will remain in place through at least Thursday, but the overall set up of the weather pattern is a bit more complex for Thursday," said the National Weather Service.

Forecasters said their discussions suggest temperatures will cool as we

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Santa Monica plans to cut funding to programs for low-income residents



SMDP file photo

CUTS: City Hall is facing a budget crunch and many local programs are being scaled back or cut entirely.

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

As more Santa Monicans fall into poverty, lose their health insurance and struggle to pay rent, social services for needy individuals and families are taking a hit.

The city of Santa Monica is proposing reducing grants to human services organizations by 12%, or about $1.1 million across 20 organizations. The funding reductions come as part of $86.2 million in annual budget cuts as

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Council approves layoffs to meet budget crisis

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica City Council approved a plan Tuesday that would eliminate nearly 400 full-time positions in the city government.

The city of Santa Monica will issue layoff notices to up to 247 full-time employees this week and start negotiating alternate staffing plans with the city's unions. An additional 126 full-time employees would receive buyouts to leave their jobs and nearly 150 as-needed employees have already been let go.

City Council approved the layoffs 6-1. Councilmember Ana Maria Jara said she voted against the plan because city staff had not provided an analysis of the salaries or demographics of employees who will be laid off.

Mayor Kevin McKeown said labor negotiations could result in fewer workers losing their jobs if unions propose pay cuts or furloughs instead of layoffs. The city's executives have already agreed to reduce their salaries by 10% to 20%.

City employees and their supporters said they would be willing to take reduced pay to keep

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County to allow some businesses to reopen Friday

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

County officials outlined plans to begin the slow process of reopening Los Angeles today including an acknowledgment that beaches could soon reopen to the public.

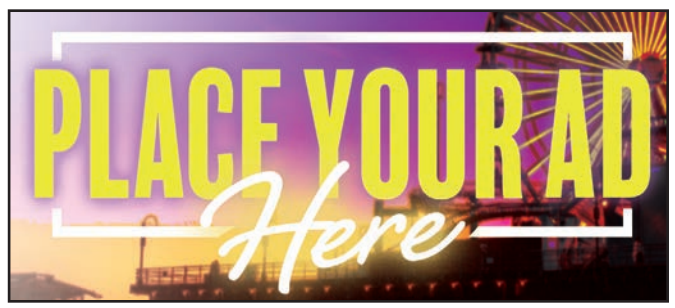
Supervisor Kathryn Barker said some businesses could open as soon as this Friday with a relaxing of the Safer At Home order in partnership with the recent orders from Governor Newsom's office.

She said county trails, golf

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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 amendments to the Downtown Community Plan (DCP) authorizing Tier 3 housing projects greater than 90,000 square feet within the Downtown to be reviewed through a Development Review Permit, text revisions to the definition of a "housing project", and proposed amendments to Section 9.10.070 of the Zoning Ordinance to establish project requirements for Tier 3 Downtown housing projects greater than 90,000 square feet.

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider a Resolution recommending to the City Council the adoption of amendments to the text of the Downtown Community Plan (Sections 9.10.050 and 9.10.050(A)) to authorize Tier 3 housing projects greater than 90,000 square feet within the Downtown to be reviewed through a Development Review Permit instead of a Development Agreement and text revisions to the definition of a "housing project". The Planning Commission will also consider a Resolution recommending to the City Council the adoption of amendments to Section 9.10.070 of the Zoning Ordinance to establish project requirements for Tier 3 Downtown housing projects greater than 90,000 square feet.

Prior to this hearing, the Planning Commission will be considering a Resolution of Intention at its May 13, 2020 hearing declaring its intention to consider these proposed amendments. If the Resolution of Intention is not adopted on May 13, 2020, then the subject item will not be heard by the Planning Commission on May 20, 2020, and it will be rescheduled for a future hearing date.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 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/bfdfcuqd or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 5196939 #)

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. on the day of the meeting will be read aloud at the meeting subject to time constraints.

Address your comments to: Steve Mizokami, Principal Planner
Re: Downtown Community Plan Amendments

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this proposal, please contact Steve Mizokami at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at steve.mizokami@smgov.net. The Downtown Community Plan is available on the City's web site at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Plans/Downtown-Community-Plan/

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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REOPEN
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courses, car dealers, toys shops, book stores, clothing retailers, sporting good stores and music shops will be able to offer curbside pickup on Friday.

"Our guidelines will certainly look different than others," she said. "When we reopen, slowly but surely, we must maintain physical distancing, continue to wear face coverings and rely on pickup and delivery."

She said the first wave of openings are less about the kind of product sold and more about the ability to maintain social distancing.

Los Angeles County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said there are several measurements that need to be in place before reopening is expanded.

"The first is that we need to be sure there's adequate capacity in our healthcare system," she said. "And this means that we need adequate health care staffing ventilators personal protection equipment and testing capacity at our hospitals. It also means maintaining surge capacity at the hospitals in case there's a sharp rise in people who have become seriously ill from COVID-19."

She said the second prerequisite is to ensure that vulnerable populations are protected. Ferrer said there needs to be adequate protective equipment and staffing to manage care in institutional settings.

"The third prerequisite is that we need to make sure that there's capacity to test, trace and isolate," she said. "This means being able to test people when it's appropriate. It also means being able to trace and isolate individuals who are positive for COVID-19, and to have their close contacts quarantine. And we do need to collect data electronically from both providers and labs, including data on race and ethnicity, to allow us again to better understand the spread of COVID-19 across our communities."

She said the final step is establishing protocols to keep workers, customers and residents safe as they reenter the workplace.

Beaches are not specifically mentioned in the first wave of openings but Ferrer said there is a plan to reopen the sand.

"... there is a plan, it will go in effect at some point in the very near future that will allow again for a slow reopening of our beaches in a way that's as safe as possible but I do want to thank everyone who's been working on that plan. And I know that we can all look forward to that happening pretty soon."

The County has a five stage program for reopening with more businesses allowed to open in each stage with an analysis of case spread necessary before the county moves from stage to stage.

Stage One is the current Safer at Home rule. Friday would mark the start of Phase 2 with some non-essential businesses opening. Stage 3 includes higher-risk businesses such as theaters and schools. Stage 4 would include the most at-risk businesses such as sports venues and large conventions. Stage 5 is a return to pre-virus operations.

Eventually, the Stage 2 openings would include cultural venues such as museums and galleries but Ferrer said all reopened businesses would do so with new rules to limit contact between patrons.

"So, as we move through the stages of recovery, we will be issuing protocols for each sector, on what measures, they must take to slow the spread of COVID-19," she said. "And these do include protecting and supporting workers and customers for their health and their safety, limiting in person work and ensuring that vulnerable workers have alternate assignments, providing cloth face coverings and personal protective equipment to all employees and asking that anyone entering the business, also wear a cloth face covering."

She said the number of customers in a business will also be limited and the county will be tracking the spread of the disease following each step to evaluate if new businesses can reopen without endangering the public.

To date, Public Health has identified 28,644 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of LA County, and a total of 1,367 deaths. There are currently 198 cases in Santa Monica.

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EMS 3rd Street Prom / Santa Monica Blvd 2:22 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 6:02 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 6th St 7:16 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 8:05 a.m.
EMS 1100blk Arizona Ave 8:56 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2200blk 21st St 9:34 a.m.
EMS 1100blk Cedar St 10:16 a.m.
EMS 700blk 19th St 10:57 a.m.
EMS 600blk Pico Blvd 11:10 a.m.
Broken Gas Main 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 12:14 p.m.
Wires Down 500blk San Vicente Blvd 12:24 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Harvard St 1:15 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Ocean Ave 1:52 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 11th St 3:37 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 400blk Broadway 4:36 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 25th St 5:25 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Bay St 5:59 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 6:58 p.m.
EMS 800blk 11th St 9:34 p.m.
EMS 600blk Pico Blvd 10:34 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Ocean Ave 11:24 p.m.



DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 250 CALLS ON MAY 5

Encampment 1400blk 5th St 12:07 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 1100blk Euclid St 12:32 a.m.
Party Complaint 600blk Pier Ave 12:45 a.m.
Loud Music 1300blk Berkeley St 3:25 a.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 1200blk 6th St 7:20 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 500blk Lincoln Blvd 7:50 a.m.
Assault Just Occurred 3100blk Main St 7:59 a.m.
Burglary Report 1700blk 12th St 8:22 a.m.
Traffic Hazard Chelsea Ave / Wilshire Blvd 8:32 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300blk Olympic Dr 8:54 a.m.
Bike Theft Report 1500blk Stanford St 9:14 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 800blk 14th St 9:23 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 900blk 12th St 9:28 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 700blk 12th St 9:32 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1300blk 26th St 9:43 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1300blk Broadway 9:49 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1900blk 22nd St 10:05 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1200blk 2nd St 10:06 a.m.
Fraud Report 3000blk 2nd St 10:12 a.m.
Found Property 2100blk California Ave 10:13 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 500blk Broadway 10:16 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 300blk Civic Center Dr 10:18 a.m.
Death Investigation 1100blk Cedar St 10:25 a.m.
Burglary Now 1900blk 6th St 10:42 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1600blk Wilshire Blvd 10:59 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1700blk Sunset Ave 11:15 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 300blk Olympic Dr 11:17 a.m.
Person Down 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 11:51 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2400blk Arizona Ave 11:57 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 24th St / Wilshire Blvd 11:57 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Cloverfield Blvd / Michigan Ave 12:01 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2100blk Marine St 12:05 p.m.
Auto Burglary Just Occurred 2200blk Colorado Ave 12:48 p.m.
Fraud Report 1500blk Ocean Front Walk 12:51 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 500blk Broadway 1:03 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1500blk 12th St 1:04 p.m.
Found Property 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 1:21 p.m.
Fraud Report 900blk Wilshire Blvd 1:59 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 3000blk Delaware Ave 2:13 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 2:45 p.m.
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Petty Theft Just Occurred 1400blk 16th St 3:17 p.m.
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Person With A Gun 800blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:06 p.m.
Loud Music 2000blk Ocean Ave 7:11 p.m.
Person Down Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 7:28 p.m.
Fraud Report 2500blk Pico Blvd 8:01 p.m.
Missing Person 200blk San Vicente Blvd 8:03 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 500blk Colorado Ave 8:21 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1700blk 22nd St 8:25 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1900blk Ocean Ave 8:34 p.m.
Party Complaint 1200blk 12th St 8:39 p.m.
Fight 1600blk Ocean Ave 9:08 p.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 1400blk 17th St 9:16 p.m.
Party Complaint 6th St / Pacific St 9:33 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1800blk 7th St 9:55 p.m.
Party Complaint 500blk Ashland Ave 10:13 p.m.
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CITY OF SANTA MONICA

The City of Santa Monica announces it has prepared a 302(c)(4) Plan outlining its planned expenditures of Permanent Local Housing Allocation funding. The City is allocated $547,516 for Funding Allocation Year 2019 and an estimated $3,285,096 over five years. Members of the public are welcome to review the Plan and may submit comments by email to smhousing@smgov.net with the subject line "PLHA Plan" prior to May 25, 2020. The City will apply for the funding this summer. More information about the Plan is available at: https://www.santamonica.gov/housing-trust-funds.

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Noteworthy

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Listen to Rickie, You Rascals



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MUSIC: They may not be "young" anymore but the band is still worth a listen.

I GOT NOTHIN'

This week. Well, I've never really got "nothin'." But on a lonely unmotivated coronavirus late Monday night, it sure feels like it.

So how do I get this column written? Well, this is a column about music, the greatest healer, greatest drug of all, the higher plane, so, duh, slap on the headphones and call up some great sounds.

It surprises me that a limited jukebox occurs to me to accompany and even inspire writing. Has to feel just right.

A lot of the time it's Bob Marley and the Wailers. CCR when I need some energy. Classical, when that's called for, maybe Sibelius or Mozart, Grieg or Brahms. At this moment — the Rascals! Or as I like to persist in calling them, the Young Rascals, what they were called the first time I saw them on TV, and for the first three albums. I dug out their debut album and it's really interesting and good, cruising through covers (later they wrote many classic originals), some odd ones like the Dylan (still worth listening to). But when you flipped the LP over to side two (!!) you also got "Good Lovin'," "Mustang Sally," "In the Midnight Hour," and the song I had heard on the radio that they performed on Hullabaloo, "I Ain't Gonna Eat Out My Heart Anymore." That's mo' better stuff than most bands can manage in a year.

HULLABALOO

Anybody remember that show? Like its Brit counterparts, we had to endure corny, clearly unhip hosts and silly choreography and sets, apropos of the time, but what performances! (Even if most were lip synced.) Chuck Berry, Simon & Garfunkel, the Four Tops, the Turtles, Marvin Gaye, the Beau Brummels, Cannibal & the Headhunters, The Animals, Zombies, Kinks, Rolling Stones, Moody Blues, Beatles — Beatles manager Brian Epstein hosted B&W segments from London.

I had heard the Young Rascals but not seen them, so I was nonplused when — they emerged on stage peering out of trash cans strewn around an alleyway set (unheard of), wearing little Lord Fauntleroy outfits (including knickers — really, whose idea was that?), and, biggest shock — they were white. Italian boys from NJ. Despite not a blue eye in the group, the term "blue-eyed soul" was created to describe them. They had no bass player, Eddie Brigati banged a tambourine, their songs were in the beginning very simple but so compelling. Three of them sang but the star was keyboard player Felix Cavaliere, a one man musical tornado wailing on the Hammond B3 and singing his soul out, also writing or co-writing a still-impressive string of hits.

Local note: among the performers on Hullabaloo were the Womenfolk, an LA vocal ensemble of some recognition that included original member (and longtime SM resident) Elaine (Golden-) Gealer. But she told me she had departed the group by then, moving up to San Francisco to open a coffeehouse.

And speaking of independent venues —

NICOLE RECOMMENDS:

SAVE THE TROUBADOUR — I like going to shows. I'd like to still have some venues in which to see those shows once this is all over, especially historically significant, independently owned venues like the Troubadour, est. 1957. General manager Christine Karayan was quoted in a recent LA Times article saying, "We're lumped in with the big boys, and we're not the big boys. We don't have shareholders. We don't have corporate money." I have personally seen many memorable shows at the Troubadour, most recently this past February, C.W. Stoneking and Gaby Moreno. The venue has set up a GoFundMe, and I would invite you to consider donating, if possible, or simply spreading the word: https://www.gofundme.com/f/troubadour-relief-fund

CHARLES CHIMES IN — absolutely. And LA is rich with them. Economically fragile treasures even in good times, but especially the Troub, into its seventh decade, so much music history it's a shrine.

I got a notice from the folks at the Teragram Ballroom & Moroccan Lounge, a couple of our better live music spots, describing similar straits, announcing they have banded together with more than 1,200 other music venues across the country to form the National Independent Venue Association (NIVA), to urge Congress to help protect their industry with the financial support necessary to survive the shutdown. Please! Take a billion away from American Airlines and you could save them all. #SaveOurStages

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EDITORIAL

Thumbs Up / Down for Council's budget deliberations

The Tuesday Council meeting was what we in the business call a Doozy but a after watching eight hours worth of debate a few highlights and low-lights are readily apparent.

THUMBS UP:

Interim City Manager Lane Dilg and Staff – On the bright side, Interim City Manager Lane Dilg and her staff did an excellent job. They presented a thoughtful analysis that acknowledges the scope of this crisis and did so in a clear, concise and what should have been very understandable package. This was done in a very short time and it must be noted that in some cases, the work presented was accomplished by individuals who knew they were working on a presentation that advocated for their own firing. Mayor McKeown should also be mentioned here for keeping the meeting focused on the issues at hand despite several attempted detours and the occasional technical glitch.

Contingency funding – Part of the work that was particularly praiseworthy was the attention to a future disaster, specifically the $20 million set aside to handle a potential second wave of COVID-19 closures. The City is borrowing from its reserves to help mitigate the crisis and that's exactly what reserves are for. However, staff have taken an additional step and established a fund equal to the projected revenues losses during a second two-month closure. This is a smart step to buffer against the worst-case scenario.

POD program – We have previously advocated for Senior programs as among the top priorities for the vastly reduced city budget and the Preserving Our Diversity Program is perhaps the single most valuable senior program. It helps low-income individuals pay their rent. It prevents homelessness and keeps Santa Monicans in the community. The program was due for an expansion but that was put on pause with the budget crunch. We strongly support not only the retention of the current program participants but reengineering what little flex money the city has to expand the program.

THUMBS DOWN:

Tape delay – Staff did a commendable job creating a virtual meeting environment but there were clear problems that stymied the meeting. Speakers were put in line via phone, however, many of these callers didn't understand that video broadcasts have a delay and the audio instructions delivered by phone would not sync with the pictures they could see on TV. This caused many speakers to spend valuable time asking if they could be heard instead of delivering their comments. Hopefully better instructions can be delivered to participants in advance of the next session and callers should pay more attention to those instructions to keep the meeting flowing.

Economic comprehension – There was ample evidence that many people, both elected and citizen, didn't fully grasp the severity of the crisis. Despite the ugly glee that some display over the prospect of mass layoffs, these cuts are not prompted by a political calculation. They are not an optional decision to disenfranchise workers. The City is running out of money and cannot pay for everything residents want. Every librarian saved means a crossing guard is lost and every youth program funded is less money to keep a senior in their home. There will be no winners here, just survivors. Threats are inappropriate, tantrums unhelpful and ignorance unacceptable.

This was a difficult meeting for everyone involved and while nothing is perfect, it was a positive step towards righting the ship.

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Gov. Newsom's billion-dollar mask deal hits snag

KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

Millions of protective masks that were to arrive in California this week as part of the state's nearly $1 billion deal with a Chinese company have been delayed, Gov. Gavin Newsom said Wednesday.

The governor said the N95 masks made by BYD, an electric vehicle manufacturer with a California manufacturing plant, were stalled in the federal certification process. He did not explain further, and his office did not respond to a request for more information.

Last month, Newsom announced the deal to great fanfare, calling it a "bold and big" effort in the state's fight against the coronavirus. He said the deal would result in 500 million masks that were a mixture of traditional surgical masks and the more protective N95 models to the state over the next 2.5 months.

The state took the unusual step of paying about half the contract up front to cover about 300 million N95 masks at $3.30 per mask. The payment was made to Global Healthcare Product Solutions, a subsidiary of BYD.

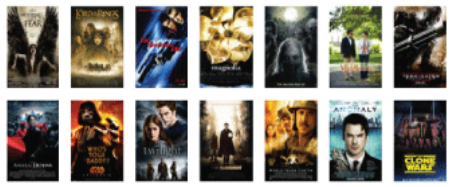
The price per mask was first reported Wednesday by the Los Angeles Times and based on purchasing documents from the state treasurer's office. The total contract also included looser-fitting surgical masks, though details on those were not part of the initial payment, said Brian Ferguson, a spokesman for the Office of Emergency Services.

Tens of millions of surgical masks have already arrived, but the N95 masks were delayed, Newsom said. Last week, the state paid an additional $104.7 million for those first shipments.

Newsom said last month that the state

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NOTEWORTHY

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RICKIE LEE JONES

Always a fascinating, daring, groundbreaking artist, since her jazz-flavored eponymous debut in '79, which included "Chuck E's in Love," "Easy Money," "Last Chance Texaco," "Danny's All Star Joint," "Coolsville," "Weasel and the White Boys Cool" and "Company," those last two co-written by Venice composer-singer-piano player Alfred Johnson (still lives here). She rounded up a pretty good bunch of musicians for that album, especially for a rookie: Dr. John, Michael McDonald, Randy Newman, Victor Feldman, Tom Scott, Red Callender, Nick DeCaro, Chuck Findley, Steve Gadd, Andy Newmark, Jeff Porcaro, Fred Tackett, Ernie Watts, Willie Weeks. Yikes!

That landmark album has just been reissued in vinyl, she has a tour scheduled to start in July (we'll see), a new album titled "Kicks," her first studio album in 10 years, and there is a new feature-length doc called "The Other Side of Desire," about the recording of that album and her reflections on aging, being a woman in the music industry, and "the amazing and complicated life she has led." And next Friday afternoon, 5 p.m. PDT, May 15, you can join her on Facebook for "Live from my Living Room." Busy lady!

THE SERMON ON EXPOSITION BOULEVARD

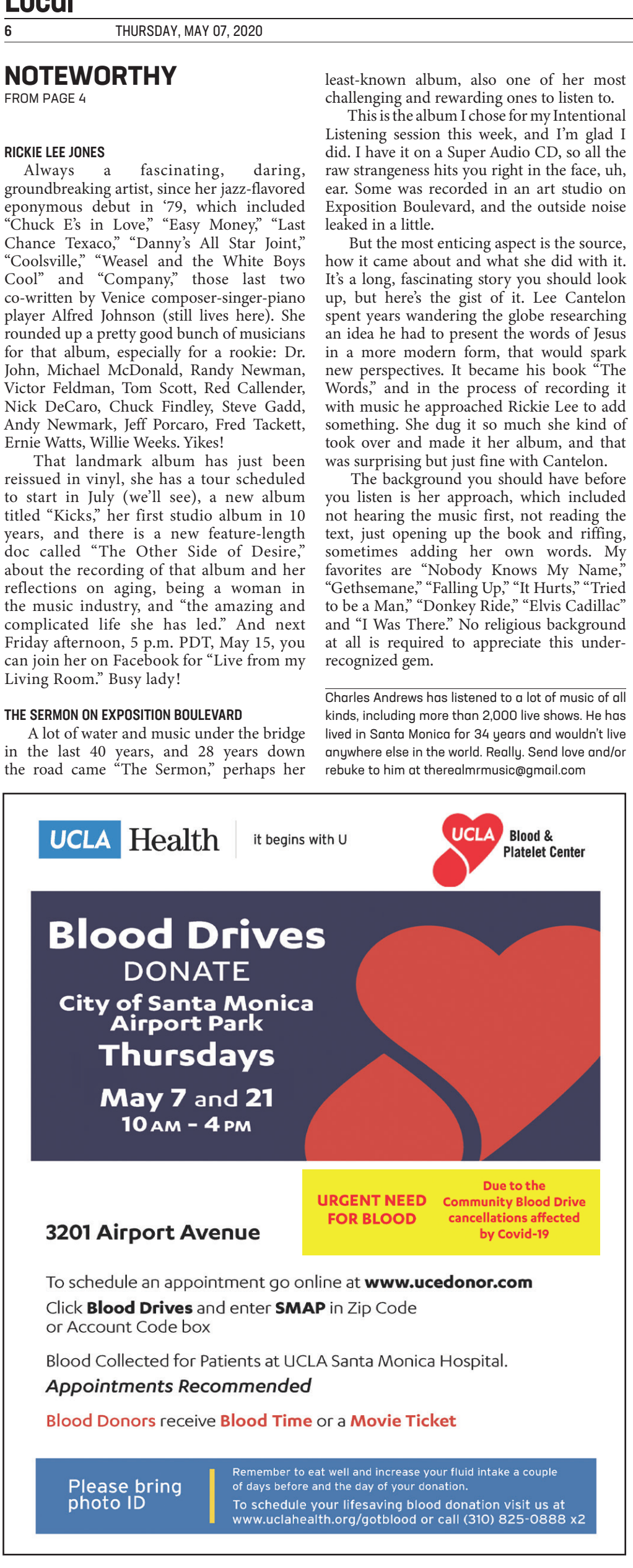
A lot of water and music under the bridge in the last 40 years, and 28 years down the road came "The Sermon," perhaps her least-known album, also one of her most challenging and rewarding ones to listen to.

This is the album I chose for my Intentional Listening session this week, and I'm glad I did. I have it on a Super Audio CD, so all the raw strangeness hits you right in the face, uh, ear. Some was recorded in an art studio on Exposition Boulevard, and the outside noise leaked in a little.

But the most enticing aspect is the source, how it came about and what she did with it. It's a long, fascinating story you should look up, but here's the gist of it. Lee Cantelon spent years wandering the globe researching an idea he had to present the words of Jesus in a more modern form, that would spark new perspectives. It became his book "The Words," and in the process of recording it with music he approached Rickie Lee to add something. She dug it so much she kind of took over and made it her album, and that was surprising but just fine with Cantelon.

The background you should have before you listen is her approach, which included not hearing the music first, not reading the text, just opening up the book and riffing, sometimes adding her own words. My favorites are "Nobody Knows My Name," "Gethsemane," "Falling Up," "It Hurts," "Tried to be a Man," "Donkey Ride," "Elvis Cadillac" and "I Was There." No religious background at all is required to appreciate this under-recognized gem.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 2,000 live shows. He 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



WEATHER

FROM PAGE 1

head into the weekend and there are several factors suggesting winds and temperatures could both drop off sooner than expected but for now, their models still predict a hot Thursday.

What this all adds up to is a bit more uncertainty for Thursday's temperature forecast," said their regional forecast. "Temperatures were trended cooler for most areas south of Point Conception for Thursday. Regardless, daytime temperatures for Thursday will still be 15-20 degrees above normal for this time of year and hot air mass for this time of year will remain in place."

Los Angeles County said eight cooling centers would operate from noon to 6 p.m. through Thursday for people who lack air-conditioning at home. The centers will comply with physical distancing measures required due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Smog regulators warned of likely poor air quality in many areas of the South Coast Air Basin and the Coachella Valley.

"Although Los Angeles saw one of its greatest stretches of clean air in early spring due to rain-fall and reduced economic activity that came as a result of the COVID-19 stay-at-home measures, these changes were only temporary," the South Coast Air Quality Management District said.

Much cooler conditions are expected by the weekend due to a large low-pressure system over the northeast Pacific.

Officials said the warm weather may remind residents of summer but the stay at home orders remain in place.

Restrictions include:

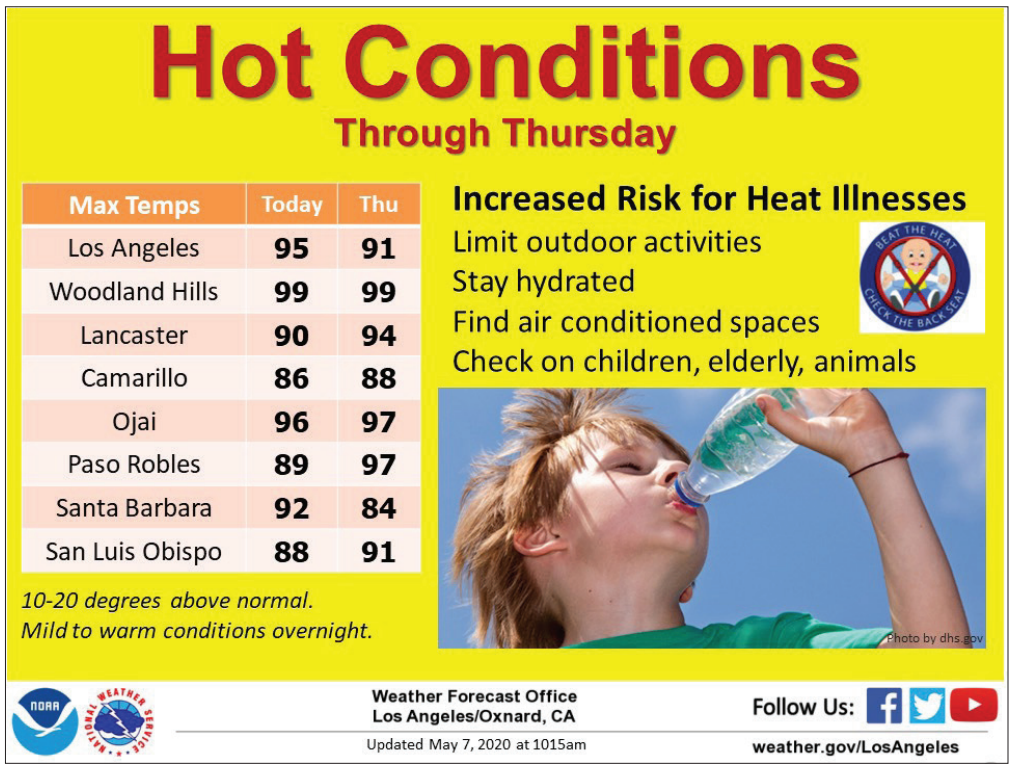
Beaches, beach bike paths, the Pier, Palisades Park, public trails and beach access points, including Ocean Front Walk, are temporarily closed through May 15, 2020. Read the Press Re-lease. Watch the LA County Video.

Public pools at the Annenberg Community Beach House and the Santa Monica Swim Center, as well as splash pads, remain closed through May 15, 2020. View all facility closures.

All parks other than Palisades Park remain open but the public must adhere to COVID-19 safety measures when outside their home.

Physical distancing, keeping 6 ft. of distance between yourself/your household and all other members of the public is required when in our public parks.

All persons in public must also continue to wear a cloth face covering when in public and in contact with others.



Courtesy photo

TEMP: An upper level high pressure area will bring hot conditions to the region. High temperatures between 90 and 100 will be common, with mild to warm overnight temperatures. These temperatures will bring an increased risk of heat related illnesses to sensitive populations.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Santa Monica Employee Recognized as Banner Bank's Best

Dan Kelly, Vice President, Regional Account Manager, Multi-Family Lending, has been selected to receive the Banner's Best award. This award represents the highest level of recognition within the company and the recipient is truly Banner's best.

Kelly, based in Santa Monica, received the Banner's Best award for surpassing his individual professional goals in 2019, demonstrating excellence within his respective profession, and exemplifying outstanding service to clients, community and fellow colleagues.

"During challenging times, and perhaps especially during such times, it's important to honor those who exemplify our value proposition of being connected, knowledgeable, responsive," said Mark Grescovich, Banner Bank President and CEO. "It is my pleasure to recognize our Banner's Best employees for delivering outstanding service to our clients, communities and one-another."

Fewer than four percent of all Banner employees receive this award. Recipients are selected by members of executive leadership.

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MASK

FROM PAGE 5

and federal governments had "teams on the ground" in China auditing and visiting BYD's factories.

"We are looking to make sure we do not procure what is not authorized and ultimately is not validated," he said.

The masks must be certified through the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and were to be tested and validated in Utah, he said.

Newsom has provided few details of the BYD deal, prompting criticism from some lawmakers. The Associated Press and other news agencies have sought the documents through public records requests and have been denied.

On Tuesday, the state's Office of Emergency Services and Department of General Services denied the AP request.

"Given the unprecedented emergency conditions created by COVID-19 and the scarcity of equipment and supplies needed to protect lives, the State has a paramount interest in ensuring the safe procurement, transportation, storage, and distribution of necessary supplies," Ryan Gronsky, senior counsel in the office of legal affairs at the Office of Emergency Services, wrote. "Publishing the agreement now — before performance under the contract is complete — would introduce substantial and unnecessary risk to the State's ability to secure necessary supplies."

Gronsky said the AP could refile a request for the document once the terms of the contract were completed.

On Wednesday, Newsom said the contract would be released "this week." He blamed lawyers for holding up the disclosure and said he's frustrated because "I want to share it with you."

"We want to be as transparent as possible," he said.

Newsom said he wants to share the contract so people can see what a great price the state paid.

The lack of information on the mask deal prompted criticism from state lawmakers, who said they would have had more time to vet the deal under normal circumstances. Documents from the treasurer's office indicated Newsom's administration hadn't finished vetting BYD before Newsom publicly announced the contract or before his administration asked the state treasurer's office to prepare $495 million in an initial wire transfer.

When the treasurer's office asked for confirmation the vendor had been vetted on April 8, the day after Newsom announced the deal on MSNBC, Thomas Todd in the Department of Finance said "they're vetting the vendor as we speak."

The next day, an employee at the Office of Emergency Services told the treasury department that the state had worked with a "reliable" nonprofit organization to vet BYD and that the federal government and "large medical supply companies" also vetted the company.



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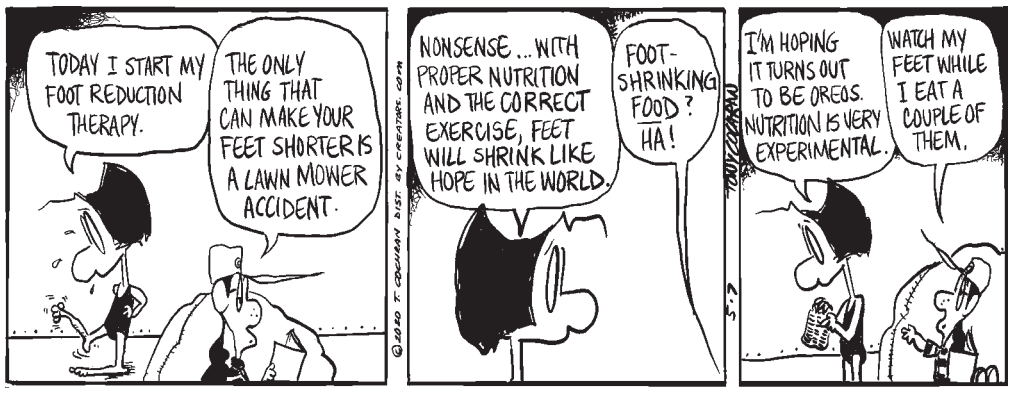
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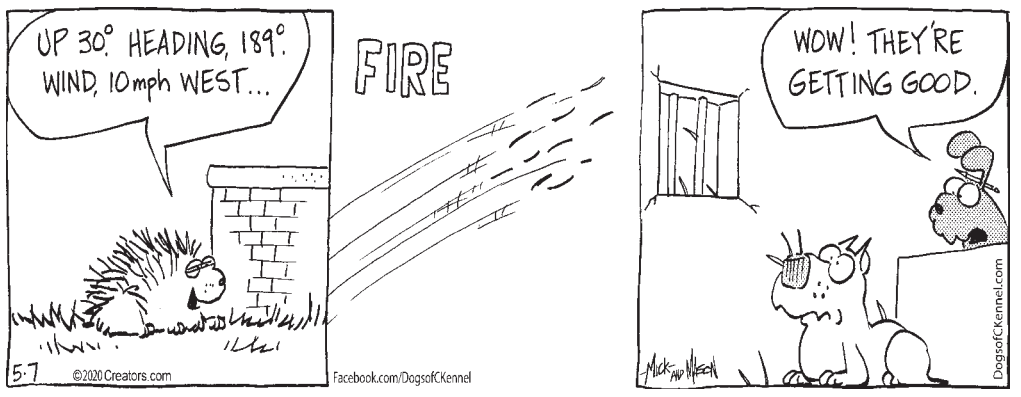
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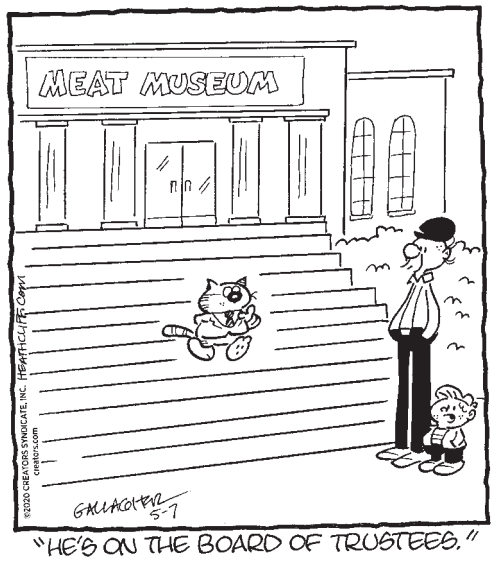
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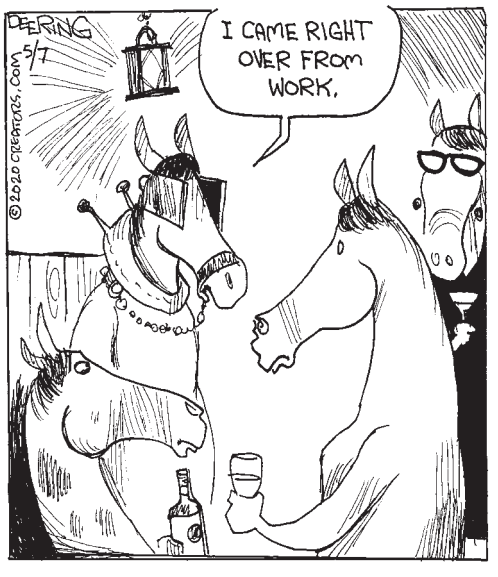
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SURF FORECASTS

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WEATHER

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 83.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after midnight. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.
Saturday: Patchy fog before noon. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 73.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/05/07	Thu	04:06 AM	-1.21	L
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2020/05/07	Thu	3:39 PM	0.88	L
2020/05/07	Thu	9:55 PM	6.49	H
2020/05/08	Fri	04:54 AM	-1.39	L
2020/05/08	Fri	11:12 AM	4.09	H
2020/05/08	Fri	4:17 PM	1.34	L
2020/05/08	Fri	10:33 PM	6.39	H
2020/05/09	Sat	05:45 AM	-1.34	L
2020/05/09	Sat	12:12 PM	3.76	H
2020/05/09	Sat	4:56 PM	1.82	L
2020/05/09	Sat	11:14 PM	6.08	H
2020/05/10	Sun	06:38 AM	-1.09	L
2020/05/10	Sun	1:19 PM	3.49	H
2020/05/10	Sun	5:40 PM	2.27	L
2020/05/10	Sun	11:59 PM	5.60	H
2020/05/11	Mon	07:35 AM	-0.72	L
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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date:05/02
13 16 33 58 68
Power#: 24
Jackpot:59 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 05/05
7 13 17 21 45
Mega#: 14
Jackpot: 231 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 05/02
4 7 21 37 43
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 25 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 05/05
8 24 32 33 35

Daily 3
Draw Date: 05/05
Evening: 4 6 0
Draw Date: 05/05
Midday: 4 0 4

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 05/05
1st: 9 - WINNING SPIRIT
2nd: 8 - GORGEOUS GEORGE
3rd: 10 - SOLID GOLD
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MAY 7)

Inspiration and insight strike. Through effort and care, you'll start moving like you couldn't before, your physical self invigorating other systems in your life. It will be a win for your group in August followed by a lucrative personal victory. What a relief in September, when a complicated arrangement finally gets hammered out. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 50, 3, 20 and 16.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Without a jovial touch, people get bored and touchy. That's where you come in. You possess an unusual talent, which you will use to help, amuse and delight others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). While it is possible to be anything you want to be, it generally takes time. Meanwhile, you can dabble in whatever tone, feeling or mood you want to take on in an instant if you know the mental route to the place.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). More sunsets are caught than sunrises because a greater number of people are awake in the evening than are watching for the break of dawn. Get on an early tract. There's something spectacular in it for you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Relationships will have a feeling that is greater than the sum of their parts. Just as there's a certain dynamic present in togetherness, there's also a dynamic present in apartness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Goal setting doesn't always work for everyone or every situation. Right now it's enough to be on a certain kind of path. Your motivation and momentum are slowly picking up. Trust the journey.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The teacher/student relationship is cyclical. The teacher is always learning from the student and vice versa. And yet it is important to keep the roles intact today. That's what makes the relationship work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In all your dealings, seek first to position yourself well. Where you are coming from matters big time. Get a firm footing and take a posture of readiness and strength right from the beginning.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Prioritizing becomes a challenge when everything coming your way seems to be a high priority. You'll have to ask more questions to learn the truth and decide what to participate in and what to skip.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Being rigid with your rules only leads to frustration. Regardless of what's bothering you, there's more than one solution. Stay agile and open-minded and you'll create advantageous conditions for yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To stay calm and objective through everything that occurs is a sign of maturity and a quality of power players. It's also what robots do. Temper your strategic calm with great empathy and a drop of desire.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). One way to catch fish is to stir up the water and get them moving, jumping and showing themselves out in the open. Stay calm and scoop them up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you're in a position of power, you don't have to observe the protocol that others do, and yet it is a sign of respect and high character to do so anyway.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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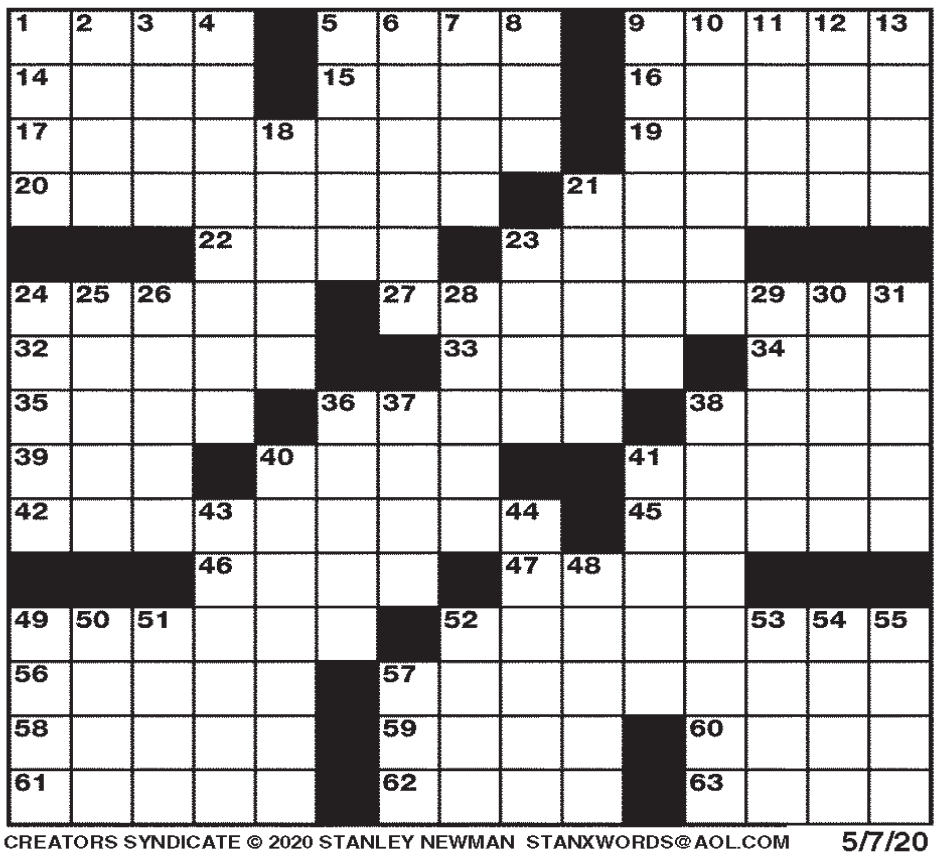
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Moved it
5 Ultimate height
9 Passover potato pancake
14 Ticklish Muppet
15 Potter's purchase
16 Unpleasantly pungent
17 Nicole Kidman ex
19 *Dred* novelist (1856)
20 Legislative successes
21 Stockpiled
22 Prophetic observance
23 Unpaired performances
24 American League West player
27 Superior
32 Very tough to climb
33 Third of a triad
34 Resort where it's summer in February
35 Cattle in quantity
36 Great reverence
38 Tuscan loved one
39 It means "doer"
40 Ole Miss rival
41 Preferences, casually
42 *Gravity* excursion
45 Heretofore
46 Bobcat cousin
47 Pricing qualifier
49 Ham equipment
52 Sniffed out
56 Campus near Hartford
57 Hard-hit baseball
58 In a tizzy
59 Real estate listing stat
60 Change machine input
61 Recital performance
62 Wave at a salon
63 Extra for an exec

DOWN
1 Music between breaks
2 Literary framework
3 Hermione, to Daniel's Harry
4 Tampered with
5 Intense
6 Agency customer
7 Large quantity
8 Observe, informally
9 Great Lakes explorer
10 *Tosca* conclusion
11 Walked across
12 Earthbound bird
13 Prime minister in *The Crown*
18 It ain't necessarily so
21 High-minded
23 "Tough" or "hot" place
24 Bonfire residue
25 Tail waggers of rhyme
26 __ cotta
28 Weighty NBA great
29 Biscuit moistener
30 New staffer
31 Club sandwich surrounder
36 They may become queens
37 Big screen brand
38 Wheat or cotton
40 R&B singer with 24 Grammys
41 Confronted
43 Medical group
44 More intense
48 Elite squad
49 Roast cut
50 Berry in purple smoothies
51 All wrapped up
52 Highly worrisome
53 Silverware sticker
54 Ceaselessly
55 Office station
57 Once around



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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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their jobs and health insurance.

Chris Pico, a data science administrator in the city's human services division, said his labor unit supports progressive salary reductions or furlough days.

"We could save jobs by reducing salaries," he said. "We can come back with a better proposal than the one before you today."

But even if negotiations spare some jobs, the city will still have to trim $86.2 million in ongoing costs — including salaries, programs and services — to plug a projected general fund deficit of $224 million through June 2022, McKeown said. Two-thirds of the city's general fund revenue came from sales, hotel and parking taxes and fees, which have evaporated amid stay-at-home orders, said Finance Director Gigi Decavalles-Hughes.

Interim City Manager Lane Dilg said the city is facing a $48 million deficit this fiscal year alone and needs to make cuts as soon as possible to avoid further losses. The proposed cuts will reduce next year's approved operating budget of more than $750 million by 23%. Santa Monica can't count on receiving state or federal relief funds, Dilg said.

"Deep cuts are necessary to ensure a sustainable future for our city and the public we serve," she said. "Proposing these cuts has been nothing short of excruciating."

City Council did not vote on cuts to services and programs Tuesday, but approved freeing up $117 million in one-time funds by canceling or reducing capital projects and drawing on reserves, including $5.6 million from the city's affordable housing fund.

The council said $2 million in available funding should be dedicated to restoring youth recreation and mental health programs, including a playground partnership with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District that provides public access to school fields after hours.

The council also said funding should be allocated to the Legal Aid Foundation and Preserving Our Diversity (POD) program, a rental assistance program for low-income seniors. The program was planning to provide rental assistance to between 250 and 400 seniors, but the proposed budget limits the program to 40 participants.

Additionally, funding will be restored for Meals on Wheels and the Westside Food Bank, as well as some mobility and sustainability efforts.

Councilmember Sue Himmelrich said residents' basic needs should be prioritized during the forthcoming recession.

"We need to make sure people can eat and have roofs over their heads and that their children have fields to play in," Himmelrich said.

The council also approved a $20 million contingency fund in the event of another coronavirus shutdown and a $1 million economic recovery fund.

The council is set to vote next month on $86.2 million in ongoing budget cuts that would scale back or eliminate many youth, mobility, planning and sustainability programs.

Funding for youth and adult recreation programs would be significantly scaled back under the proposal, and some programs would be cut altogether.

CREST's afterschool program, which offers homework assistance, field trips, classes and outdoor play, would continue and the monthly program fee would increase from $300 to $350. The program's enrichment classes and school break camps would also continue, but its playground access, youth sports and homework programs would be cut.

Virginia Avenue Park would combine its youth programs into a single program for elementary, middle and high school students, eliminating services for those between 19 and 24. The Santa Monica Police Activities League would reduce the hours of its afterschool programs.

The community services department would cut hours and programming at Memorial Park's gym, fitness room and skate park. Santa Monica Swim Center and the Annenberg Community Beach House would continue operating with reduced hours and programming, although the Annenberg pool would close through next June.

Dozens of local parents urged City Council Tuesday to preserve funding for childcare and recreation programs.

"As a working parent, I have relied on CREST so I can participate in the workforce," said Jennifer Cowan, executive director of Connections for Children. "Access to high-quality childcare is critical."

Community members asked the council to preserve grant funding for social service organizations that serve vulnerable populations, including low-income youth. City staff have proposed a 12% reduction in grants to organizations such as The People Concern, Chrysalis, the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, Wise & Healthy Aging and Family Service of Santa Monica.

Clinicians from Family Service of Santa Monica and Providence St. John's Youth Development Project, which provide free mental health services to hundreds of students in Santa Monica schools, said cutting funding to their programs would put students dealing with trauma, depression, anxiety and behavioral disturbances at risk of engaging in self-destructive behaviors, including substance abuse and suicide.

"Mental health services should not be a privilege for those who can afford it, but a basic right for those who need it," said Ashley Silvera, the lead Youth Development Project clinician at Lincoln Middle School.

Potential cuts to the mobility division also drew criticism from city staff and residents.

Under the proposed budget plan, GoSaMo, a city-funded agency that works with local employers to reduce car commuting, would be eliminated and the city would only enforce transportation management requirements for large employers.

GoSaMo executive director Puja Thomas-Patel urged the council to suspend the organization and other mobility programs temporarily rather than cutting them altogether.

"When our stay-at-home orders are lifted we will need a plan … to keep congestion levels under control, because we will likely have additional drivers who used to take transit," she said. "It will be incredibly difficult to restart these programs from scratch, and we will not be prepared for people to return (to the city) if these programs are eliminated now."

Pedestrian and cyclist safety plans would be delayed or canceled, including Vision Zero, the Safe Routes to School program and the Take the Friendly Road campaign. The Shared Mobility Pilot Program, which regulates dockless scooters and bikes, would be preserved.

The police department would lay off 40 crossing guards assigned to nine elementary schools and two middle schools, and has said it is working on an alternative plan for crossing guard services.

Some community members said Tuesday that crossing guards cannot be replaced by volunteers due to liability issues and that eliminating the program would put children in danger.

Zina Josephs, president of the Friends of Sunset Park neighborhood organization, suggested reducing the salaries of some highly compensated SMPD officers to cover the cost of crossing guards. Under the proposed budget plan, the police department would leave one vacant sworn officer position unfilled and lay off several non-sworn employees that patrol parks and handle animal control, in addition to crossing guards.

"Crossing guards save lives every year," Josephs said. "The retirement of one sergeant or captain could save many crossing guards."

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the economic crisis caused by coronavirus slashes city revenues. But service providers say the crisis will leave many more people in need of assistance even as programs are scaled back.

John Maceri, executive director of homelessness service nonprofit The People Concern, said organizations serving disadvantaged individuals and communities will be needed more than ever as the community recovers from COVID-19. Many people who have lost their jobs during the pandemic will have a hard time finding work and repaying deferred rent, he said.

"The wealth gap is going to grow and racial inequalities are going to get worse," he said. "The nonprofit sector is going to have to carry the burden and become even more of a social safety net than in the past, because the government is going to be decimated."

The People Concern would lose a little less than $200,000 in funding from the city if the cuts are approved, of which more than $100,000 is used to fund three Santa Monica homeless shelters, Maceri said.

The organization and other nonprofits that receive grants from the city also stand to lose funding from other government entities running significant deficits during the pandemic, such as Los Angeles County.

"Santa Monica is not the only piece of the puzzle, and the cumulative impact of cuts from multiple sources could be pretty devastating," he said. "We may get to a point where we have to consolidate our facilities and lose beds."

St. Joseph Center, another organization serving people in need, would lose more than $100,000 in funding for programs that keep low-income Santa Monicans housed and assist vulnerable youth.

The Santa Monica Retention Program, which serves about 170 residents across 110 families, would see its funding cut by $65,000. More than $38,000 would be withdrawn from the Youth Resource Team, which serves 54 youth.

St. Joseph Center COO LaCheryl Porter said the organization would be unable to fill recently vacated case manager positions in both programs if City Council moves forward with the cuts.

"Serving the same number of people with fewer staff would be very difficult," she said. "But the stress is even greater right now for the most vulnerable people … and even more people will be in need of services."

Family Service of Santa Monica and Providence St. John's Youth Development Project, which provide free mental health services to hundreds of local students, said cutting more than $95,000 in funding for their programs would limit their ability to serve children and youth dealing with trauma, depression and anxiety.

"Access to mental health services in a time of need is truly life-saving," said YDP program coordinator Noa Saadi. "We work with countless children and youth who are contemplating suicide, and without these crucial resources would be at a much greater risk."

FSSM director Angel Towler said City Council should not cut mental health programs for low- and middle-income residents as their levels of anxiety and stress soar during the pandemic and economic crisis.

"We are concerned that a possible short-term solution to address the current city budget concerns could potentially have long-term negative implications for the (community's) most vulnerable children, youth and families," Towler said.

Santa Monica's only dedicated social services organization for seniors would see a $123,000 reduction in funding under the proposed plan.

Grace Cheng Braun, president and CEO of WISE & Healthy Aging, said the cuts would impact the organization's ability to provide meals and coordinate care services for hundreds of low-income seniors — programs that WISE & Healthy Aging has adapted to reach housebound seniors during the pandemic.

A reduction in funding will also hurt the organization's mental health, adult day care, enrichment and transportation programs, Cheng Braun said. City funding comprises 17% of WISE & Healthy Aging's budget.

"Because we provide direct services, it is going to mean a significant number of seniors aren't going to be receiving services," she said. "Seniors are most at-risk and seriously impacted by this pandemic, and we have to make sure they aren't becoming so isolated that it starts to impact their health and wellbeing."

Cheng Braun said a 12% cut to each human services grant might not be the right approach to budget cuts. Programs that derive a larger proportion of their budgets from city grants will be disproportionately affected by the proposed cuts, she said.

"It's easier to say, "let's do the same percent for everybody," but I don't think that's fair," she said. "It's not that we don't understand that there need to be cuts, but we would welcome the opportunity to sit down and look at this in a more thoughtful way."

A proposed city budget will be posted on May 26 in advance of City Council's budget study session on June 9 before budget adoption on June 23.

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