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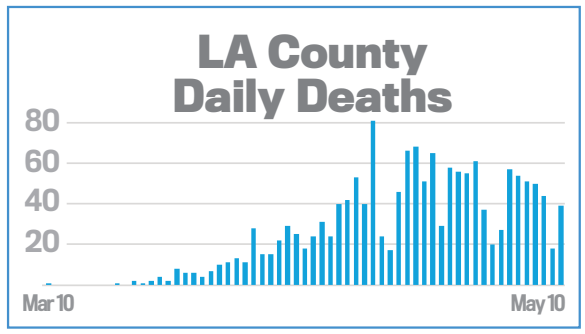
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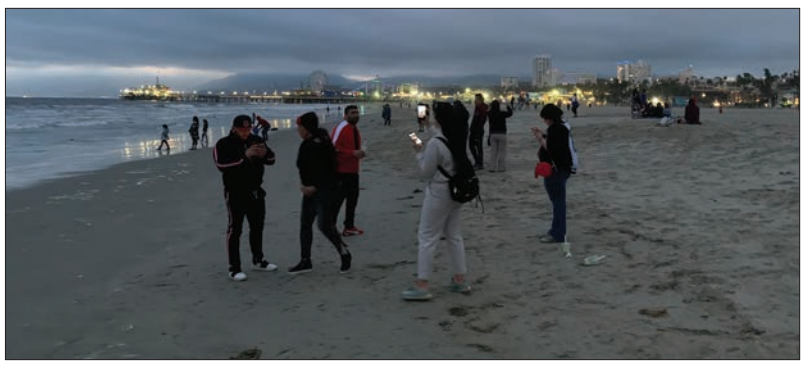
Pretty waves give way to ugly stink

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The unprecedented neon blue hue to local waves may be a feast for the eyes but as the phenomenon comes to a close, it's becoming a challenge to the nose.

Local waters are currently experiencing a "red tide" caused by a massive bloom of algae. The tiny

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Ross Furukawa

BEACH: Locals are gathering on the closed beach to see the blue waves.

County beaches to open Wednesday

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Los Angeles County beaches will reopen this week as officials across California prepare to allow an expansion of social and economic activity.

Currently, L.A. County is in phase two of the five-stage roadmap to recovery which allows florists and some retailers to offer curbside pickup only, car dealership showrooms to reopen with appropriate physical distancing and infection control measures, and trails and golf courses to reopen with pro shops remaining closed to the public.

Officials surveyed businesses this weekend to determine if physical distancing and infection

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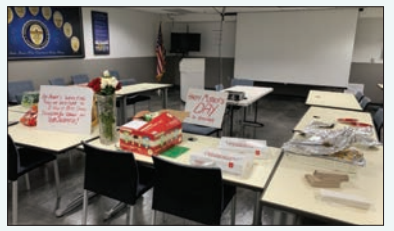
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Santa Monica City Council will vote on budget cuts next month that could undermine sustainability and mobility goals in which the city has long invested significant effort.

The city's mobility division and office of sustainability and

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Courtesy photos

FOOD DONATION: Local residents Tyler & Scott Heineman wanted to do something to help acknowledge first responders and support their favorite restaurants during these difficult times. They purchased lunch from local establishments for all the civilian & sworn personnel working on Easter Sunday at the Santa Monica Police Department, where their father, Steve, worked for 25 years. Word spread and people contacted the family to make donations and the two have been able to provide a weekend brunch every week. In lieu of additional donations, organizers are asking the public to thank a first responder if they see one.

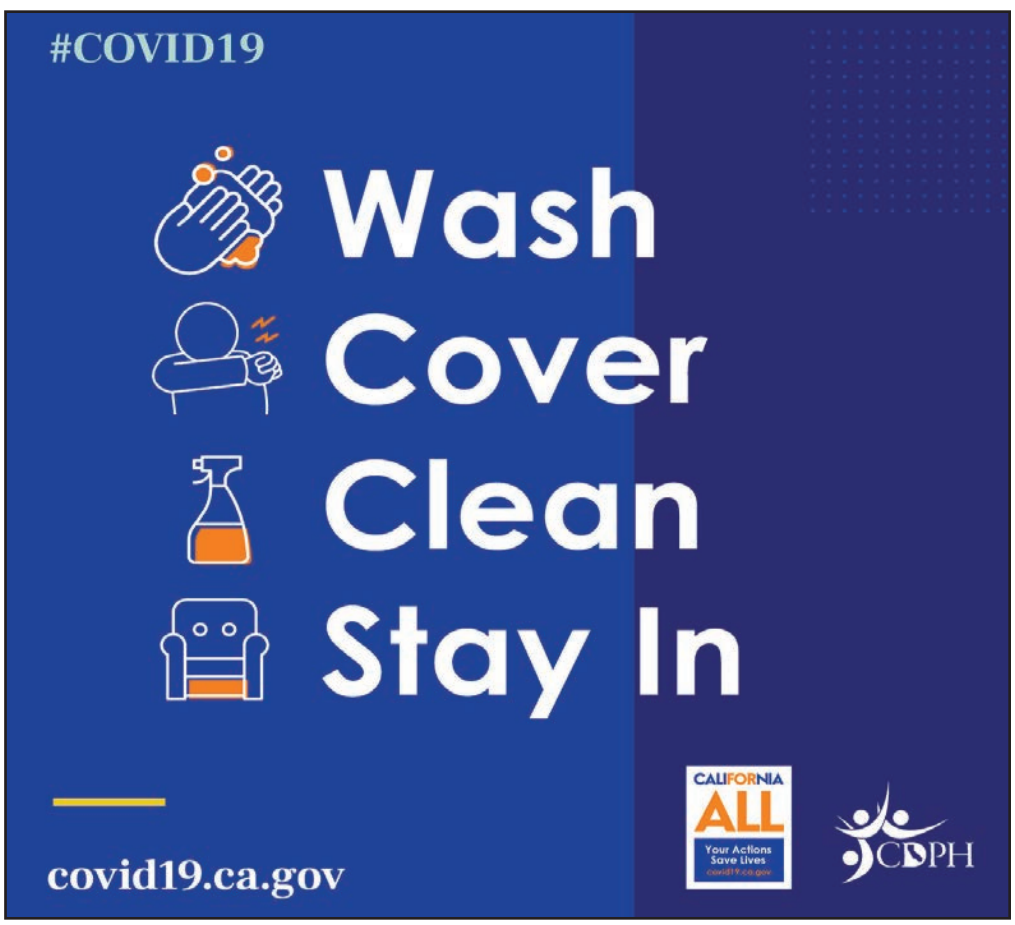
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Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts Receives $20,000 California Arts Council Grant

The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts received a $20,000 grant from the California Arts Council that will help support The Wallis School Partners Program, which provides the opportunity for students from K-12 schools within Los Angeles County to attend student matinee performances featuring some of the world class artists presented on The Wallis' stages. The program, which serves thousands of young people annually, provides opportunities for students to experience the best in the performing arts at the state-of-the-art venue, fostering growth through the arts. The Wallis School Partners Program is part of GRoW @ The Wallis, the umbrella for a robust mix of education and outreach programs at The Wallis.

"The Wallis is extremely grateful for this significant grant from the California Arts Council, which will help us continue to share our exceptional music, dance and theater programs with students from the greater Los Angeles area," states Rachel Fine, The Wallis' Executive Director and CEO. "These engaging performances promote an understanding and sharing of culture, enhance awareness of others, build cognitive skills and foster civic engagement, among other crucial benefits. The Wallis School Partners Program reflects our deep commitment to investing in the young people of our community."

The Wallis' California Arts Council grant was among more than 1,500 awarded to nonprofit organizations and units of government throughout the state for their work in support of the agency's mission to strengthen arts, culture and creative expression as the tools to cultivate a better California for all. The state's investment of nearly $30 million marks a more than $5 million increase over the previous fiscal year, and the largest in California Arts Council history.

Organizations were awarded grants across 15 different program areas addressing access, equity and inclusion; community vibrancy; and arts learning and engagement; and directly benefiting our state's communities, with youth, veterans, returned citizens and California's historically marginalized communities key among them. Successful projects aligned closely with the agency's vision of a California where all people flourish with universal access to and participation in the arts.

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the California Arts Council recognizes that some grantees may need to postpone, modify or cancel their planned activities supported by CAC funds, due to state and local public health guidelines. The state arts agency is prioritizing flexibility in addressing these changes and supporting appropriate solutions for grantees.

"Creativity sits at the very heart of our identity as Californians and as a people," said Nashormeh Lindo, Chair of the California Arts Council. "In this unprecedented moment, the need to understand, endure and transcend our lived experiences through arts and culture is all the more relevant for each of us. The California Arts Council is proud to be able to offer more support through our grant programs than ever before, at a time when our communities' need is perhaps greater than ever before. These grants will support immediate and lasting community impact by investing in arts businesses and cultural workers across the state."

The California Arts Council is a state agency with a mission of strengthening arts, culture, and creative expression as the tools to cultivate a better California for all. It supports local arts infrastructure and programming statewide through grants, initiatives, and services. The California Arts Council envisions a California where all people flourish with universal access to and participation in the arts. Members of the California Arts Council include: Chair Nashormeh Lindo, Vice Chair Jaime Galli, Larry Baza, Lilia Gonzales Chavez, Jodie Evans, Kathleen Gallegos, Stanlee Gatti, Donn K. Harris, Alex Israel, Consuelo Montoya, and Jonathan Moscone. Learn more at www.arts.ca.gov.

The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts is a dynamic cultural hub and community resource where local, national and international artists share their artistry with ever-expanding audiences. The campus, located in the heart of Beverly Hills, CA, is committed to robust and distinctive presentations and education programs curated with both creativity and social impact in mind. Distinguished by its eclectic programming that mirrors the diverse landscape of Los Angeles and its location in the entertainment capital of the world, The Wallis has produced and presented more than 275 dance, theater, opera, classical music, cinema and family programs since its doors opened in October 2013. Hailed as "au courant" (LaLa Magazine), The Wallis was lauded by Culture Vulture, which proclaims, "If you love expecting the unexpected in the performing arts, you have to love The Wallis." Its programming has been nominated for 57 Ovation Awards and seven L.A. Drama Critic's Circle Awards. The campus itself, a breathtaking 70,000-square-foot facility, celebrating the classic and the modern, has garnered six architectural awards. Designed by acclaimed architect Zoltan E. Pali (SPF:architects), the restored building features the original 1933 Beverly Hills Post Office (on the National Register of Historic Places), which serves as the theater's dramatic yet welcoming lobby, and includes the contemporary 500-seat, state-of-the-art Bram Goldsmith Theater; the 150-seat Lovelace Studio Theater; an inviting open-air plaza for family, community and other performances; and GRoW @ The Wallis: A Space for Arts Education, where learning opportunities for all ages and backgrounds abound. Together, these elements embrace the city's history and its future, creating a performing arts destination for L.A.-area visitors and residents alike. The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts is led by Chairman of the Board Michael Nemeroff, Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer Rachel Fine and Artistic Director Paul Crewes.

For more information about The Wallis, please visit: TheWallis.org.

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Tesla CEO Musk restarts California factory amid lockdown

TOM KRISHER AND BEN MARGOT
AP Auto Writer

Tesla CEO Elon Musk confirmed Monday that the company has restarted its California factory, a move that defied local government orders involving measures to contain the coronavirus.

In a tweet, Musk practically dared authorities to arrest him, writing that he would be on the assembly line and if anyone is taken into custody, it should be him.

State law allows a fine of up to $1,000 a day or up to 90 days in jail for operating in violation of health orders.

The plant in Fremont,south of San Francisco, had been closed since March 23.

Early Monday, the parking lot was nearly full at the massive factory, which employs 10,000 workers, and semis were driving off loaded with vehicles that may have been produced before the shutdown.

The restart defied orders from the Alameda County Health Department, which has deemed the factory a nonessential business that can't open under virus restrictions.

However, no agency appeared ready to enforce the order against Tesla. County Sheriff Sgt. Ray Kelly said any enforcement would come from Fremont police. Geneva Bosques, Fremont police spokeswoman, said officers would take action at the direction of the county health officer.

County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, who represents Fremont, said he's been working on the issue for weeks trying to find a way for Tesla to reopen in a way that satisfies the health officer. He said officials were moving toward allowing Tesla to restart May 18, but he suspects Musk wanted to restart stamping operations to make body parts needed to resume assembling electric vehicles.

Tesla planned to maintain worker safety, including the wearing of gloves and masks and social distancing. But Haggerty said the company pushed back on checking employee temperatures before boarding a company bus to get to work. Tesla relented, he said, and agreed to check workers.

The restart came two days after Tesla sued the county health department seeking to overturn its order, and Musk threatened to move Tesla's manufacturing operations and headquarters from the state.

"I don't believe that what happened over the weekend is really something that will move the public health officer," Haggerty said.

Tesla contends in the lawsuit that Alameda County can't be more restrictive than orders from California Gov. Gavin Newsom. The lawsuit says the governor's coronavirus restrictions refer to federal guidelines classifying vehicle manufacturing as essential businesses that are allowed to continue operating.

"Frankly, this is the final straw," Musk wrote in a now-deleted Saturday tweet. "Tesla will now move its HQ and future programs to Texas/Nevada immediately."

He wrote that whether the company keeps any manufacturing in Fremont depends on how Tesla is treated in the future.

Newsom professed not to know if Tesla had reopened. "Not aware (of) the details of that," he said.

"I have great expectations that we can work through at the county levels," the governor said about conflicts involving the Fremont plant. He said county health directors are in charge of restrictions and the timing of any resumption of manufacturing.

Alameda County was among six San Francisco Bay Area counties that were the first in the nation to impose stay-at-home orders in mid-March.

The order in the Bay Area has been extended until the end of the month, but the counties plan to allow some limited business and manufacturing starting May 18, the same day Detroit automakers plan to reopen auto assembly plants.

The governor has repeatedly said that counties can impose restrictions that are more stringent than state orders.

Early in the coronavirus crisis, Newsom praised Musk as the "perfect example" of the private sector assisting the state in the pandemic. His comments came after Musk pledged to provide more than 1,000 ventilators to California hospitals, a fact Newsom repeated often and called a "heroic effort."

But whether Musk made good on the promise remains in dispute. Several weeks after Newsom was touting the ventilators, the state said it hadn't heard of any being delivered. Musk responded, demanding on Twitter that Newsom correct the record and sharing tweets and screenshots from hospitals and Los Angeles County thanking him for sending supplies.

Musk has been ranting about the stay-home order since the company's April 29 first-quarter earnings were released. He called the restrictions fascist and urged governments to stop taking people's freedom.

The coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms for most people. But it has killed nearly 80,000 people in the U.S., with the death toll rising.

Despite Musk's threat, it would be costly and difficult to quickly shift production from Fremont to Texas or Nevada. The Fremont facility is Tesla's only U.S. vehicle assembly plant, and the company would lose critical production if it shut down the plant to move equipment.

Musk plans another U.S. factory to increase output, possibly in Texas, and could move production once that plant is up and running.

Krisher reported from Detroit. AP Reporters Janie Har and Juliet Williams in San Francisco and Kathleen Ronayne in Sacramento, California, contributed to this report.

California sheriff says inmates tried to infect themselves

STEFANIE DAZIO
Associated Press

Two groups of inmates at a Los Angeles County jail tried to infect themselves with the coronavirus by sharing water and a mask, and within two weeks 30 prisoners tested positive, authorities said Monday.

Sheriff Alex Villanueva at a briefing showed surveillance videos from two dormitory units at the North County Correctional Facility in Castaic.

The footage captured inmates in one unit sharing a container of hot water and others in a second unit sniffing a mask.

Two of the 30 inmates, one from each unit, were later released from the jail as part of the department's effort to reduce the prisoner population systemwide, according to Bruce Chase, the department's assistant sheriff of custody operations.

Villanueva said the inmates used hot water to try to raise their temperatures just before a nurse checked them. An elevated temperature is a symptom for coronavirus.

The sheriff said the inmates mistakenly believed that if they were infected they would be freed.

"It's dismaying and it's disheartening," he said.

None of the 30 inmates required critical care when they were sick, though some had moderate symptoms, Chase said. No prisoners within the county's jail system — the largest in the country — have died from the virus.

Jails and prisons nationwide have become flashpoints in the pandemic. More than 25,000 inmates have been infected and about 350 have died nationwide — from Rikers Island in New York City to federal, state, and local lockups coast to coast, according to an unofficial tally kept by the COVID-19 Behind Bars Data Project run by UCLA Law.

In California, five inmates in a state prison in San Bernardino County have died from COVID-19 complications and outbreaks at federal penitentiaries at Terminal Island in San Pedro and Lompoc are considered among the country's worst.

In Los Angeles County, the North County Correctional Facility didn't have a single COVID-19 case in mid-April. Days later, nine inmates were flagged as being potentially sick, Chase said.

Deputies had been reviewing surveillance video trying to see if the inmates were socially distancing and using their masks when "lo and behold, we stumbled across footage that was very troubling to us," Chase said.

The mid-April video showed a group of inmates passing around a mask and sniffing it. As authorities were investigating that incident, they found out about a second case where inmates were sipping from the same container of water in late April.

Within two weeks, 21 inmates in the water container case had COVID-19 and nine prisoners from the mask incident were sick, Chase said.

He said there's no evidence the mask or water container came from an infected inmate, and the prisoners may have just been trying to spread the virus if they had it. No inmates have admitted to a scheme.

Chase said his deputies need to better educate the inmates about the virus and the severity of their actions.

"We're responsible for their care," Chase said. "That includes protecting them from themselves."

The sheriff's department has released more than 5,000 inmates during the pandemic to create more social distancing and reduce the spread of the virus.

The department has freed inmates using several qualifications, including if they are within 60 days of release. Inmates who have tested positive for the virus can be released; six total inmates from the North County Correctional Facility have been freed.

Inmates who are awaiting COVID-19 test results are being held in a downtown jail's hospital ward or being treated at a county hospital if their symptoms are more severe.

For most people, the coronavirus 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, including pneumonia and death. The vast majority of people recover.

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Loud Music 2000blk Ocean Ave 12:50 a.m.
Battery Report 1200blk 16th St 12:53 a.m.
Living In A Vehicle 100blk Wadsworth Ave 12:54 a.m.
Party Complaint 500blk Raymond Ave 12:57 a.m.
Loud Music 1900blk The Beach 1:49 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 20th St / Broadway 1:54 a.m.
Loud Music 4th St / Colorado Ave 2:35 a.m.
Prowler There Now 800blk Bay St 2:40 a.m.
Party Complaint 800blk Ashland Ave 4:06 a.m.
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Burglary Report 1500blk 6th St 7:33 a.m.
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Construction Noise 2000blk Delaware Ave 8:32 a.m.
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Person Down 6th St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:55 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1200blk Bay St 2:15 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 7th St / Olympic Blvd W 2:16 p.m.
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California counties push to reopen ahead of state guidelines

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

More than two dozen California counties have asked for permission to loosen their stay-at-home plans beyond what the state allows, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced Monday, promising a speedy review as more than 4.5 million people have filed for unemployment benefits in a coronavirus-induced economic downturn.

Newsom relaxed restrictions last week to allow for curbside pickup at most retailers and for manufacturers to resume operations with some limits. But he said counties could go further if they meet strict state standards, including no coronavirus-related deaths and no more than one confirmed case per 10,000 residents in the past two weeks.

Newsom said his administration has talked with 19 counties, with nine more planned. Some could have their plans approved by Tuesday. But it's been difficult for some highly populated counties to meet state standards. Officials in Kern County, where one nursing home has accounted for most of its deaths, have asked Newsom to reconsider those rules.

"We're open to argument, interested in evidence," Newsom said during his daily news conference. "There is a lot of really interesting nuance within these large counties and that obviously needs to be taken into account."

San Luis Obispo County, which stretches along the Central Coast north of Los Angeles, meets the infection requirements if it only counts new cases that are "community or travel-related." It doesn't meet the requirements if it includes cases with a "known source or household contact," which includes 10 cases at the California Men's Colony prison.

"All of this is sort of uncharted territory for all of us," said Michelle Shoresman, spokeswoman for the county's health officials.

Yuba and Sutter counties in Northern California easily meet those standards but have defied the governor by allowing dine-in restaurants, hair salons and gyms to reopen. Last week, the Newsom administration warned the counties they could forfeit federal disaster dollars if they keep ignoring the governor's order.

But Monday, the Democratic governor called the two counties "incredibly cooperative" and said "we're having some very good conversations." He predicted that they will "be able to work through a lot of the differences we may have."

Newsom said more than 4.5 million Californians have applied for unemployment benefits since mid-March, when a statewide stay-at-home order went into effect and shut down most businesses.

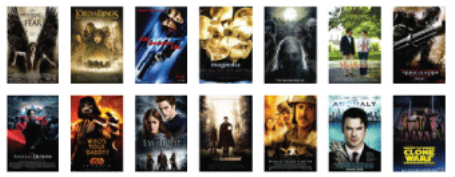
County leaders across the state have been clamoring for Newsom to let them move more quickly in reopening their economies. They were joined by at least one big business Monday when a Tesla plant in Alameda County resumed operations in defiance of that county's public health orders.

Tesla CEO Elon Musk has been in a spat with local officials about when he could reopen his plant, highlighted by a series of tweets over the weekend where Musk threatened to move the company to another state. Newsom said he has "great expectations" that county leaders can work it out with Musk and said "we look forward to many, many decades of that relationship."

California has more than 68,000 confirmed coronavirus cases and more than 2,700 deaths, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University. The number of infections is thought to be far higher because of a shortage of testing.

For most people, the new coronavirus 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, including pneumonia and death.

Associated Press writer Don Thompson contributed.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

New Emergency Orders Limit Construction Noise, Suspend Plastic Bag Ban, Extend Fire Permits, and Prevent Interest on Rent

The City of Santa Monica issued a fourth revised first supplement adding greater specificity to the prohibition on landlords collecting interest on accrued rent for tenants impacted by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Additionally, Interim City Manager and Director of Emergency Services Lane Dilg signed a thirteenth emergency order limiting the hours for certain types of construction to prevent excessive noise in neighborhoods while the Safer at Home orders are in place. It also temporarily suspends Santa Monica's plastic bag ban to align with direction from the state and makes explicit that anyone working in Santa Monica before March 1, 2020 is eligible for the City's housing programs. The expiration for annual Fire permits is now extended through July 1, 2020. Details are as follows:

The Fourth Revised First Supplement

The Fourth Revised First Supplement modifies the eviction moratorium as it applies to commercial tenants. The Supplement defines a subset of commercial tenants, "non-retail commercial tenants," as commercial tenants in office buildings, other than non-profits, who do not collect sales tax on greater than 50% of their revenues, and do not provide medical, dental, veterinary, fitness, educational, or child, marriage, family, mental health, or substance abuse counseling services. With respect to these non-retail commercial tenants, the Supplement specifies that the eviction moratorium will apply only for a period of 30 days after the expiration of the Order. The Supplement also specifies that, with respect to rent unpaid due to financial impacts related to COVID-19, landlords may not charge residential tenants interest on that unpaid rent for a period of 12 months following the expiration of the Order, may not charge commercial tenants (other than non-retail commercial tenants) interest on that unpaid rent for a period of 90 days following the expiration of the Order, and may not charge non-retail commercial tenants interest on that unpaid rent for the duration of the Order.

THE THIRTEENTH SUPPLEMENT

1. Incorporates the provision of the Third Revised First Supplement that, in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order suspending state law provisions, the City will suspend prohibiting retail establishments from (a) providing without charge reusable grocery bags or recycled paper bags to customers at point of sale, or (b) where it is not possible to provide reusable grocery bags or recycled paper bags, providing single-use plastic carryout bags to customers at point of sale.

2. Incorporates the provisions of the Third Revised First Supplement that add language to the City's Housing Trust Fund and Affirmative Housing Production Program Guidelines to extend eligibility to individuals who were working in Santa Monica prior to March 1, 2020, but lost employment due to COVID-19 related reasons.

3. Further extends to July 1, 2020 the expiration of Fire Department annual permits of operation.

4. Limits to between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays the conduct of certain loud construction activities, including cement cutting or grinding, sandblasting, and the use of pile drivers, jackhammers, or pavement breakers, at construction projects other than public works construction.

"These modifications to our local emergency come as we take the first visible steps toward recovery this week with some local businesses reopening," said Interim City Manager Lane Dilg, the City's Director of Emergency Services. "We continue to take every step we can to address the needs of our residents and local businesses in this public health emergency. We appreciate the ongoing efforts of our residents to remain vigilant as Stay at Home / Safer at Home orders begin to safely and carefully lift."

For questions about the City's eviction moratorium, please visit santamonica.gov/coronavirus, or call the City's Coronavirus Hotline at (310) 458-8400. For help in completing the tenant notice form or if you would like to file a complaint regarding eviction activity in violation of the order, please contact the Public Rights Division of the City Attorney's Office at (310) 458-8336, or Consumer.Mailbox@smgov.net.

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Citywide

Sweet Rose celebration

Sweet Rose Creamery turns 10 years old on Tuesday, May 12. The business originally had a bunch of fun stuff planned for fans, but then the world changed. The store owners said they feel incredibly blessed to still be open for takeout and delivery at their Brentwood Country Mart and Santa Monica Main Street shops, so they look forward to many more sweet years. To celebrate this milestone, they're keeping it simple by serving up a Birthday Cake flavor all-month long. It's a sweet cream based infused with vanilla and almond for that classic birthday cake flavor, and swirled with a raspberry/blackberry jam, vanilla cake pieces and rainbow sprinkles. They're also encouraging fans to share their Sweet Rose memories on Instagram by tagging them, with the hashtag #10yearsofsweetrose, so we can share with our followers.

When partners Josh Loeb, Zoe Nathan, Colby Goff and Chef Shiho Yoshikawa opened their first shop in the Brentwood Country Mart a decade ago, they quickly became known for their focus on farmers' market-inspired flavors. It seems so commonplace now, but there weren't many ice cream shops in town really connecting with local farmers in that way. There have been a ton of outside ice cream brands opening in LA over the past few years, but their desire has always been to remain small-batch and local. They still make their own dairy base, waffle cones, toppings and mix-ins from scratch, use high-quality, organic ingredients and Kitchen Manager Jen Bolbat regularly visits the Santa Monica Wednesday Farmers' Market to get inspired and see what's in peak-season. Customers can buy a $1 on Tuesday.

SUBMITTED BY ELISE FREIMUTH



What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

The False Sense of Security

This was a glorious weekend, and judging by what I saw in the parks and heard about the beaches, lots of us were out and about enjoying it. As I rode my bike around the Ocean Park district I saw many people out exercising, walking their dogs, children in prams and couples getting a needed breath of fresh air.

Enjoy it. Because I predict that by the end of the May, we will be admonished to remain in doors in more strident terms. I fully expect that there will be an uptick in the cases, as testing becomes more available (I went for mine on Monday at the Santa Monica College testing facility) which should give the politicians cover to extend the lockdown.

This first foray into a more open business environment will bring a much needed break, but do not expect it to last. Whether it is necessary or not, it's a safe bet that both the Governor and Mayor Garcetti, both of whom I credit as handling this quite well to date, will want to put us back into a lockdown at the request of the medical community.

We are waiting on an updated report from the USC/LA Department of Public Health (LADPH) on their antibody study, which previously supported the Santa Clara study, that posits about 25-55 times as many of us have been exposed to the Coronavirus. Personally I reached out to Dr. Sood from the LADPH for an update, and I haven't received a response – I assume he's a bit busy so that's not a condemnation, just a fact.

The ways in which people are reacting to this pandemic and the lengths that they are going to can be comical. For example, last week I went through a local drive through to get a snack and coffee. I handed the young employee, who was masked and gloved, my money, they in turn handed me the change in a plastic bag, that was delivered by way of a plastic bin.

Now, I applaud the employer for trying to create a safe work environment, hence the masks and gloves. For someone who is dealing with money, one of the most filthy items on the planet, that level of protection seems prudent. The use of a plastic bin to deliver the change is an upgrade, and probably safer to prevent the accidental dropping of coins. Where this transaction crossed into absurdity was the change in a plastic bag. I'm not sure what that was supposed to do.

The issue of cross contamination is an ever present danger when dealing with germs, bacteria and virii. It's just a given when dealing with money. Having someone, who is wearing already exposed/unclean gloves, take my money, then use those same gloved hands to make change, thus contaminating the change, and putting it a plastic bag, where I have to reach in and withdraw it, thus exposing me to what is on the money, is an exercise in wasteful, excessive, and ultimately futile, safety precautions.

It's these overly officious attempts that drive me crazy. I fully back real efforts at prevention. If someone tests positive they should quarantine. The use of hand sanitizer on a regular basis, makes sense. Recommending that people wear masks in public – seems like small concession to reduce a public risk. Do I like them? Not really, my glasses fog, I don't like not seeing people smile. Is it forever? No. Will it make a difference? Probably. So the experts say, and not being a public health expert, I have to defer to them.

There are those who think they know better than the experts, and they were out in an embarrassingly small force on Saturday at the Pier protesting the Safer at Home and demanding their freedom. I did not attend, but I did see the pictures and read many of the comments on Residocracy where it appears there are more than a few crackpots of dubious reality taking misogynistic swipes at women and promoting their anti-vaxxer doctrine. They're not really people so I stayed away. Their efforts appeared as futile and poorly thought out as the change in a plastic bag was.

We all need to do our part to stop the spread of the virus, and we also need to stop the spread of silly, irrational and comical responses to a reality that is verifiably true. It's the only way we'll make real progress against real problems.

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STINK

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organisms have a reddish brown color during daylight hours but when agitated at night, they emit a blue bioluminescence that causes waves to glow. It's a sight that has drawn thousands to nearby beaches despite lockdown orders but scientists said the light show will dim in coming days and the aftermath isn't so pretty.

As the algae die, bacteria break them down causing the smell that is noticeable throughout town. The decomposition process also sucks oxygen out of the water and Emily Parker, a Coastal and Marine Scientist at Heal The Bay said that process can create localized dead zones which pose a danger to any fish trapped in the now unbreathable water.

"We're definitely going to be hearing about the effects of the bloom for a little while," she said. "So even once the bloom dies off, you know, we're going to have these dead zones, we're going to have fish kills, we're going to have that funky smell."

She said it's hard to predict the exact timeline but Santa Monica beaches are about a week ahead of San Diego and that suggests the algae will start to die-off at a more rapid pace here within the next few days. While there may be some fish that die off (and then create their own decomposing stink), she said this species of algae isn't harmful to other kinds of wildlife or humans.

Algae are neither plant nor animal but Parker said they behave more like plants and they typically occupy the bottom of the marine food chain. During normal years, they are an essential foundation of the ecosystem but huge quantities of algae don't improve feeding options for many other species because it's really only bacteria that exist in enough quantities to feed off the super blooms.

She said the current red tide is huge, stretching from Mexico to Monterey due to what scientists think is increased rainfall and warmer temperatures.

"I want folks to know these kinds of phenomena can be directly connected to climate change," she said. "The temperature changes in the water are linked to extreme events, not just red tides, dead zones, fish kills, but all kinds of things that are happening in the ocean that are hard to see. We can see this immediately and when I look at this I hear alarm bells."

She said some algae blooms are a natural part of the ocean ecosystem but its the sheer size of this event that is evidence of something amiss.

"Even in the background of a pandemic and all the craziness we're going through now, climate change is still plugging along," she said.

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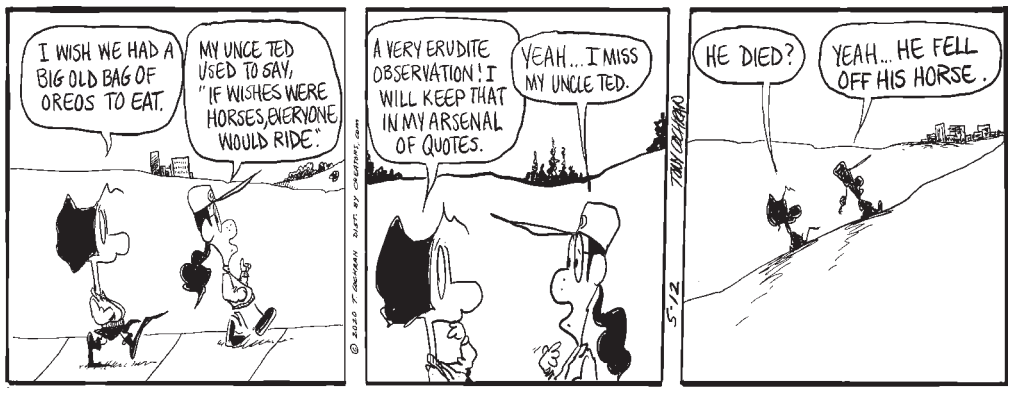
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WEATHER

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65.
Tuesday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 57.
Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 67. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after midnight. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.
Thursday: Patchy fog before noon. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 70.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after midnight. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.
Friday: Patchy fog before noon. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 72.

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2020/05/12	Tue	7:53 PM	2.99	L
2020/05/13	Wed	01:57 AM	4.47	H
2020/05/13	Wed	09:54 AM	-0.00	L
2020/05/13	Wed	5:28 PM	3.66	H
2020/05/13	Wed	10:10 PM	2.98	L
2020/05/14	Thu	03:24 AM	4.02	H
2020/05/14	Thu	11:01 AM	0.20	L
2020/05/14	Thu	6:17 PM	3.94	H
2020/05/14	Thu	11:48 PM	2.57	L
2020/05/15	Fri	04:54 AM	3.81	H
2020/05/15	Fri	11:53 AM	0.36	L
2020/05/15	Fri	6:51 PM	4.22	H
2020/05/16	Sat	12:46 AM	2.05	L
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Draw Date: 05/13
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Jackpot: 27 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 05/10
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Draw Date: 05/10
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Draw Date: 05/10
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Draw Date: 05/10
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2nd: 01 - GOLD RUSH
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MAY 12)

You'll be often motivated by a strong sense of responsibility and be richly rewarded for your loyalty. Though your vigilance will net you a degree of security and the attainment of goals, there will also be stretches of leisure in which you can explore hobbies, talents and relationships that fortify your heart. Gemini and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 20, 18, 40 and 3.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll maintain an air of mystery, surprising the people around you with a new side to your character. This keeps them doing the best kind of wondering about you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will drop ideas like seeds. They are not meant to take root immediately. Rather, they are going to take a while to become embedded in minds, where they will eventually have a life of their own.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You make people feel better about themselves and want to be around you. There are those who will come to depend on you for the ego boost, and the position this puts you in is not so bad at all.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Whatever is keeping you from maximum enjoyment of life can be dissolved with a plan and an excellent attitude. Daily life can feel hurried and improvised unless you think ahead and offer yourself something different.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't have to be looking for problems to see them. You'll rename the issues things like "challenges" or "opportunities," and you'll find and leverage all that's good in the situation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). How do you feel about your own enjoyment? Do you allow yourself life's pleasures without comment from the peanut gallery of the mind? To delight with others is to unite with others. Why should this be wrong?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are those who make unwise decisions that affect you. In the past, you have gone along with them. Now, you're starting to wake up to the fact that you have greater influence than you once believed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've talents unexplored, and you are capable of things you never would have guessed you could do. To dedicate even a half-hour a day to this exploration will enrich you beyond measure.

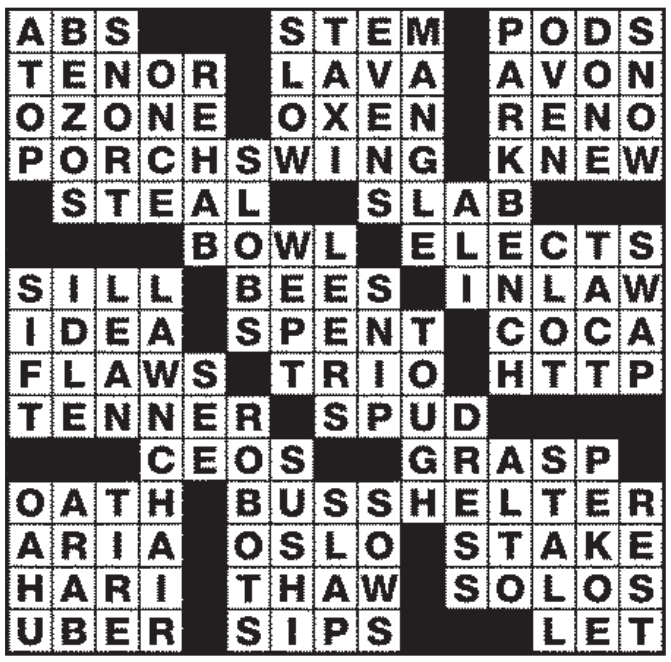
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Things break; you fix them. They break again... When is it right to cut your losses and start fresh? The answer is: much further down the road. For now, keep fixing, as this will last a good while longer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Change is the only constant of life. Write about what's working and what's not and resolve to make a change regarding the parts that are lacking.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). By using words that are honest, balanced and kind, you will make discoveries about what everyone needs and wants. You will put yourself in a position to create fortuitous bonds and arrangements.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Ideally, all of the conversations you take part in will be compassionate and truthful. However, you will be dealing in different interpretations of the truth, and ideas as to the form compassion takes can vary widely.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD



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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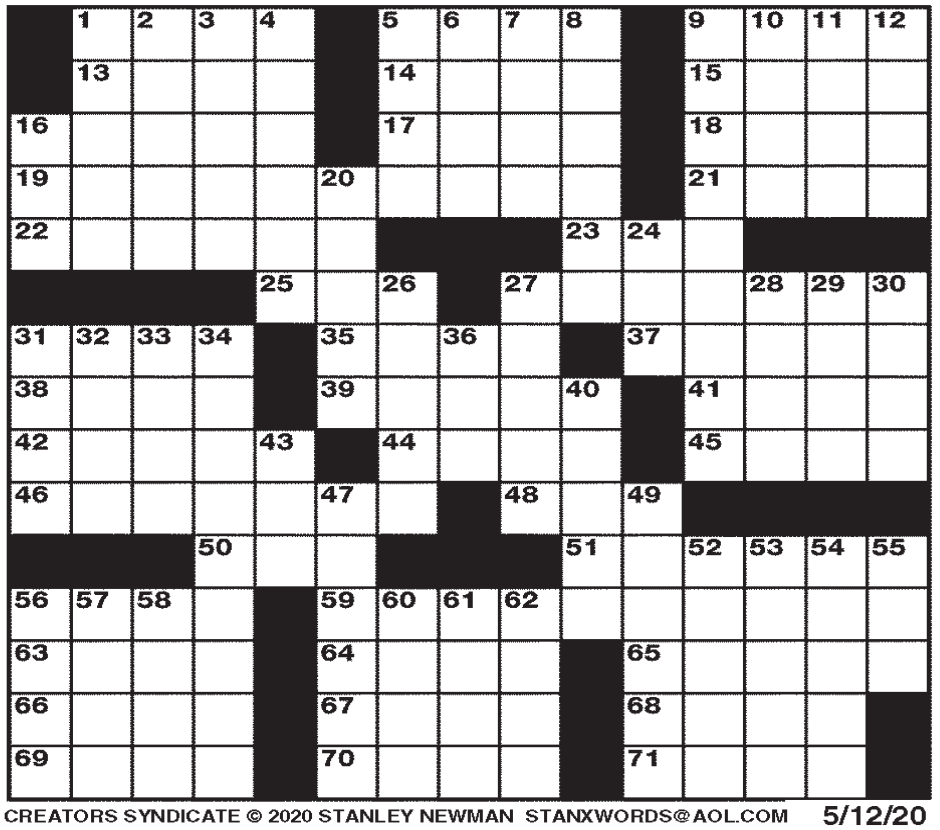
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Attention-getting whisper
5 Birds that hoot
9 Shaft of lightning
13 Suffix for kitchen
14 Conqueror Genghis __
15 Sailor's greeting
16 Souped-up engine sound
17 Casino city in Nevada
18 Take a chance
19 Cue stick user
21 Carryall bag
22 Tampa neighbor, for short
23 Spouse in Eden
25 Relaxing resort
27 One served at a pub
31 Quick scissor cut
35 Fencing sword
37 Old maxim
38 "*¿__ está usted?*"
39 Woman riding a broomstick
41 Musk who heads Tesla
42 Roundish shapes
44 University sports org.
45 Stop work for a while
46 Rolling toward a runway
48 WWII-era president
50 Expert on IRS rules
51 BLT ingredient
56 Not respectful
59 Joystick user
63 Molecule part
64 Much-admired person
65 Clear a blackboard
66 Outer space agcy.
67 Snakelike swimmers
68 Windshield coloration
69 "In that case . . ."
70 Reduced-price event
71 Cousins of oceans

DOWN
1 Industrialist H. Ross __
2 Bend (over)
3 Committed robbery
4 Entices
5 Veggie in gumbo
6 Curds and __ (Muffet's meal)
7 Narrow street
8 Noisy sleeper
9 Swizzle stick server
10 Cincinnati's state
11 Misplaced
12 Young boy
16 Corporate officers: Abbr.
20 Toon skunk Pepe
24 By way of
26 Imitating
27 Low-power coffee
28 Curly-leafed cabbage
29 Swelled heads
30 Payment to a landlord
31 Traditional kilt wearer
32 Halifax, __ Scotia
33 Giant screen theater
34 Guy who carries a nightstick
36 And so on: Abbr.
40 Was compelled
43 Taste of tea
47 Maritime forces
49 __ *Thesaurus* (synonym book)
52 Scientist Curie
53 Longtime microwave brand
54 Tries out
55 Metal-laden rock
56 __ and rave (show anger)
57 State with millions of Mormons
58 Prescribed amount of medicine
60 Brainstorm
61 Barbie or Raggedy Ann
62 Otherwise



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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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P I A E T S E R I B I B E S Y
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T O W E L E R O C S R A G P A

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Baby	Excited	Nappies	Sleep
Bathe	Feeding	Nursery rhymes	Soap
Bibs	Focus		Swim
Blocks	Gifts	Park	Talk
Chair	Girl	Play	Tantrum
Clinic	Help	Pram	Towel
Colic	Home	Quiet	Toys
Congratulate	Leave	Rash	Twins
Crawl	Loud	Rest	Ward
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Cute	Milk	Scream	

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Pop culture influences

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BUDGET

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the environment would see deep cuts under the proposed budget. The departments they operate in — community development and public works — would cut a combined 142 full-time equivalent positions and more than $20 million in spending if City Council approves the budget as proposed.

With two-thirds of Santa Monica's carbon emissions coming from vehicles, sustainability and transportation policy are inherently linked.

Delaying or canceling programs that get people out of their cars and make Santa Monica safer and more accessible for cyclists and pedestrians, such as the Vision Zero program and GoSaMo, would have corresponding impacts on emissions targets set by the office of sustainability and the environment.

The city launched its branch of Vision Zero, a nationwide effort to eliminate traffic fatalities and injuries, in 2016. As part of the initiative, the mobility division has installed infrastructure to regulate traffic at dangerous intersections, installed streetlights that give pedestrians a head start at crosswalks and launched a marketing campaign to get drivers to slow down called "Take the Friendly Road."

Cynthia Rose, director of Santa Monica Spoke, a pedestrian and cyclist advocacy group, said reducing Vision Zero efforts would jeopardize the safety of people walking and biking on Santa Monica's streets, particularly children and the elderly.

"If we take away Vision Zero, we are tying the hands of our leaders and staff to maintain safety, especially for our most vulnerable residents," Rose said.

Rose said employees have put forth measures such as pay cuts and furlough days that could preserve essential services and jobs. The city's unions began a thirty-day negotiating period with city leadership Monday.

"There have been proposals in not only (the mobility division) but in other departments that retain services and jobs and get to the same budget numbers," she said. "We believe the city should explore all those options, but from what we understand, that's not the case — they're proceeding with a singular approach."

The city would do away with GoSaMo, a city-funded organization that helps employers and property managers meet city requirements to reduce traffic generated by their businesses or developments. GoSaMo also works with residents, commuters and visitors to plan sustainable trips to and from Santa Monica and around the city.

Although the city would continue to require businesses to reduce their employees' reliance on car commuting, only large employers would be monitored for compliance. The city would also cut green commuting incentives for its own employees.

GoSaMo executive director Puja Thomas-Patel said she expects a resurgence of traffic above pre-pandemic levels when the economy reopens because many people who used to ride transit will avoid trains or buses given the continued risk of coronavirus.

"We can't sustain that in Santa Monica — we already have some of the worst congestion in the world," she said. "We need a coordinated transportation plan for the whole city, and we have that infrastructure in place where we can reach out to all these employers who can then pass it on to individual employees."

Thomas-Patel said GoSaMo would work with employers to extend telework policies and encourage people to buy personal e-bikes, among other strategies to reduce congestion — as long as City Council doesn't vote to eliminate the organization.

"If GoSaMo were to go away, it would represent a real loss of support for our business community," she said. "We've asked the city to consider pausing the (organization) instead of eliminating it, because these relationships have taken four years to build and it will be so hard to start over at square one."

While it wouldn't be completely eliminated under the proposed plan, the office of sustainability and the environment would have a much smaller staff and focus.

Its goals of water self-sufficiency by 2023, zero waste by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2050 would be significantly delayed. Local water infrastructure projects would continue, but water conservation staff would be cut, and efforts to reduce waste and emissions would be dramatically scaled back.

The office would no longer help business owners comply with the city's single-use plastics ban or assist residents and businesses in pursuing green construction, retrofits or landscaping.

The city also intends to cut funding for community sustainability programs and sustainability education in local schools, including Climate Action Santa Monica and its Youth Climate Corps program, the Sustainable Works Student Program and the Sustainable Quality Awards.

"Educating our kids is critical and we are dead set on finding ways to keep the youth engaged," said CASM co-chair Laurene Von Klan. "Hopefully we can do a lot of that with community support, funding from the private sector and volunteers."

She said although Santa Monica will fall behind on climate goals without staff to develop and implement policy, she believes sustainability is embedded in the city's culture and that residents will continue to reduce their carbon footprints and advocate for pressing climate issues.

"Climate change is a major economic and health destructor that will cause massive human hardship, and we are getting a glimpse of that level of humanitarian crisis right now," Von Klan said. "If we learn anything from COVID-19, it's that working together is important."

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control measures were being followed. Of the 410 businesses surveyed, 162 were in violation of the health officer order because they were allowing customers into stores, not following physical distancing measures and not requiring customers to wear cloth face coverings.

Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said L.A. County is basing decisions regarding reopening on health care figures such as infection rate, mortality and the ability of local hospitals to meet the needs of residents.

The County announced plans to reopen beaches on Wednesday. Activity will be limited to exercise along the sand and water. No lying or sitting will be allowed. Bike paths, parking lots, piers and boardwalks will remain closed.

The Santa Monica police department is already planning on some educational campaigns.

"The Santa Monica Police Department is working in direct contact with our Emergency Operations Center to determine what the best way would be to open up these facilities, to ensure that we have open space for our community members to enjoy while still practicing a safe distance," said Lt. Joseph Cortez. "The police department will not be out in force to give tickets for people not adhering to social requirements but we will be out in force with our civilian counterparts and our code enforcement partners who are part of the compliance unit to educate people working in partnership with our community members to have a safe and healthy environment for everyone to enjoy."

Ferrer said decisions for the future of L.A. County would be based on Los Angeles circumstances and even if the state allows some kinds of activity, Los Angeles would not automatically open businesses and public spaces if doing so is deemed unsafe.

"Literally half the cases and half the deaths are here in L.A. County right now, so we have to pay a lot of attention to what's going on in our own county," she said. "We're the largest county, we have the highest density areas in the county, we have the most people in the county, we have the most businesses in the county and we have some conditions that create more risk in terms of our vulnerable populations."

She said the county's goal remains the same: to preserve hospital capacity and prevent unnecessary deaths.

The first measurement is derived from hospitalization rates, the number of people in intensive care and by tracking available equipment, such as ventilators.

"We don't want to see significant increases in the rates of mortality," she said. "We need that to remain relatively stable and hopefully at some point in the near future, we'd like to see a decline."

Ferrer said the county has not changed its criteria for decision making but acknowledged that the situation is evolving.

"I think what we're trying to do is, along with everybody else in the country, is move into a new phase that we're calling our recovery journey," she said. "(But) very slowly, so that it doesn't result in what we have successfully avoided here in the county, which is that huge peak."

She said that journey will depend on the ability of residents to adapt as necessary.

"So again, we're going to go slowly," she said. "We, like everyone else, are anxious to begin this recovery journey and be on our way. But we only can do this with everyone's cooperation. It will be impossible without that in a county this large."

The L.A. County Department of Public Health confirmed on Monday 39 new deaths and 591 new cases of COVID-19, noting that the results would be out of step with past updates due to number of labs that close over the weekend. To date, Public Health has identified 32,258 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of LA County, and a total of 1,569 deaths.

Santa Monica had 209 confirmed cases of coronavirus as of Monday, an increase of 13% over the last week. Eleven residents had died from COVID-19 as of Thursday, the last day the data was available.

There were 140 confirmed cases and 19 deaths among residents and staff at six Santa Monica nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

The largest outbreaks continue to be at Beachwood Post-Acute & Rehab, the Rehabilitation Center of Santa Monica and Ocean Pointe Healthcare Center.

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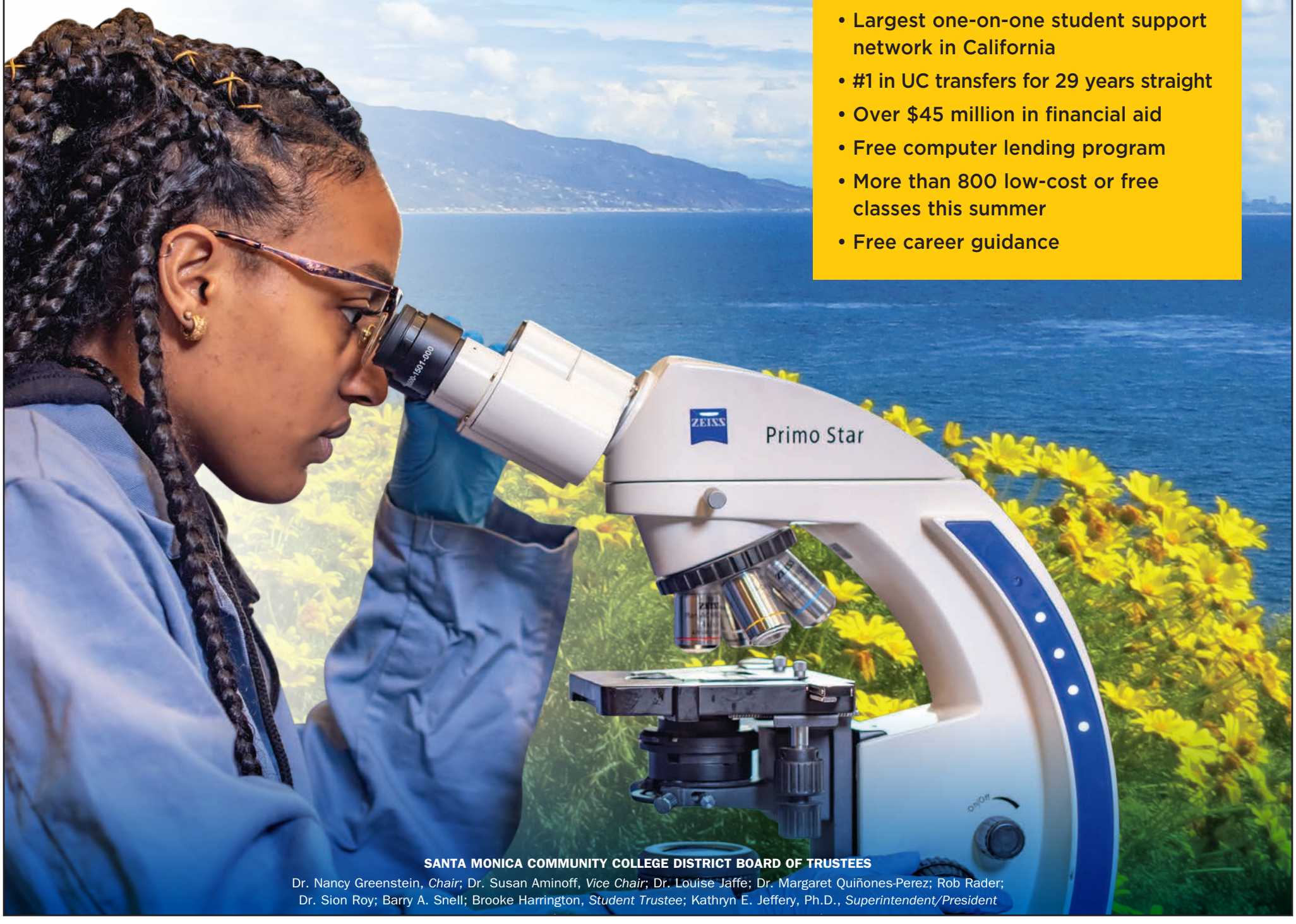
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