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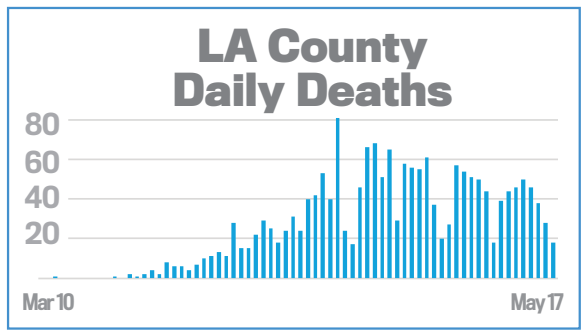
BBB Service
Bus Service will change at the end of the month.
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Herd Immunity
Coronavirus is not like the measles.
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CORONAVIRUS CASES (1WkChg)

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Coronavirus infection rate continues to slow in Santa Monica

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Confirmed coronavirus cases among Santa Monica residents rose 15% over the last week to 241, according to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

That's roughly on par with the week before, which saw a 13% increase in cases. Cases in Santa Monica have nearly doubled over the last month from 124 on April 20, while cases in Los Angeles County as a whole nearly tripled during the same period.

Currently, 26 of every 10,000 Santa Monica residents have tested positive for coronavirus and 14 have died, according to a county data dashboard.

Twenty-three people living in local

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Matthew Hall

WEATHER: Snow fell in the upper elevations of the Sierra Nevada on Monday and rain and wind affected other parts of California.

The source of the late season storm was an unusually deep and cool upper-level low-pressure area centered over the ocean just off the California-Oregon border, the National Weather Service said.

Snow accumulations in the Sierra included Donner Summit on Interstate 80, the National Weather Service said. The Los Angeles region awakened to gray skies and scattered rain.

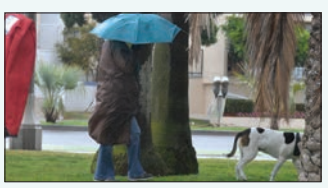
With summer just about a month away, the outlook into Tuesday included a winter storm warning for the northern and central Sierra, a winter weather advisory for the southern Sierra, and flash flood watches for the Sacramento Valley and the northern San Joaquin Valley.

Wind advisories were in effect for the western San Joaquin Valley and planned for the interior mountains of Southern California.

The few locals who went outside got wet during the first half of the day including a protest by hotel workers demanding better health insurance.







1 in 5 Los Angeles County residents are out of work, new report says

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A report released last week from the Southern California Association of Governments anticipates that the region will face "severe and long-lasting" economic impacts from COVID-19.

The SCAG report estimates that Los Angeles County's unemployment rate has risen to nearly 20% and more than 760,000 people will lose their jobs in 2020. In 2021, unemployment is expected to fall to 12% — almost three times the county's 2019 unemployment rate of 4.4%.

According to the report, 17% of Santa Monica residents and 25% of the city's workforce are employed in sectors deeply impacted by the

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SMMUSD readies for summer school

BRENNON DIXSON
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Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District officials have announced the district intends to hold summer school and credit recovery classes in the coming weeks.

Last week, Superintendent Ben Drati said the district has no intention of beginning school any sooner than the previously approved calendar date of Thursday, Aug. 20 because SMMUSD leaders are still discussing what is best for the health and safety of students and staff.

There are "several potential scenarios" in the works, according to Drati, but the district has decided

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During this time organizations are running low on food items, help them stay well stocked for those in need. Visit www.serve.ca.gov to find one near you.

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Nonprofit organizations serving vulnerable communities – like seniors and low-income families – need your help. Find a fund to donate to nonprofits in your community on the Philanthropy California COVID-19 Response Page: www.philanthropyca.org/covid-19-response.

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Check on Older Neighbors with a Call, Text or Talk through the door

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Create hygiene kits and drop off at a shelter for people experiencing homelessness to help them stay healthy.

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SANTA MONICA

Big Blue Bus Implementing Service Changes on May 24, 2020

On May 24, Big Blue Bus (BBB) will adjust schedules on twelve routes and suspend service on four routes in response to the impacts of COVID-19.

"Our goal is to preserve service based on ridership demand and social distancing guidelines while providing a critical service to our community," said Ed King, Director of Transit Services. "We look forward to serving new and returning customers and will continue to maintain rigorous health and safety measures on board our buses."

The goal of this service change is to address the needs of customers who have continued to ride BBB for essential trips since March, while being responsive to returning customers. BBB will retain 70% of a typical summer service schedule while providing sufficient service levels in order to maintain social distancing. Policies such as rear-door boarding, face covering requirements for customers riding BBB, and enhanced cleaning and sanitization efforts, will remain in place until further notice.

CHANGES INCLUDE:

Rapid 3 and Rapid 7 will not be in service, instead customers can utilize Route 3 and Route 7 service which maintains regular weekday frequency.

Routes 42 and 44 will not be in service. Route 42 customers can utilize Route 41 instead.

Weekday service on Route 2, Rapid 12, and Route 14 adjusted to every 18-25 minutes most of the day.

Weekday service on Routes 8, 9, 17, and 18 adjusted to every 27-30 minutes most of the day.

Weekday service on Routes 5, 15, 16, and Rapid 10 adjusted to every 50-60 minutes most of the day.

Minor routes changes on Routes 9, 41, and 43.

May Service Change details are available in both Spanish and English at www.bigbluebus.com/servicechange where customers can also preview and print schedules. Please note there will be no printed Little Blue Book or brochures on board buses.

All third-party applications such as Transit, Google Maps and NextBus will display new schedules beginning Sunday, May 24. Customer Service staff will also be available to answer any questions at 310-451-5444, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Blue: The Transit Store located inside the GoSaMo Center will remain closed to the public until further notice.

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LOS ANGELES

UCLA launches clinical trial to help reduce severity of COVID-19 illness in men

UCLA researchers have launched a new clinical trial that uses a hormone suppresser commonly used to treat men with prostate cancer to help improve clinical outcomes for men infected with COVID-19.

The phase 2 trial will assess if temporarily suppressing male hormones will reduce the severity of COVID-19 illness by helping patients get out of the hospital faster, decrease the need for intubation and improve mortality. The UCLA-led study is being conducted at the Veterans Affairs Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System and other VA sites across the country.

"It's becoming pretty clear that men are more likely than women to die from COVID-19 and we think there is a connection between prostate cancer research and our understanding of COVID-19 research," said principal investigator Matthew Rettig, MD, professor of medicine and urology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and member of the UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Recent data from New York City, the epicenter of infections in the United States, show that men are not only infected in greater numbers, but they are also dying at nearly twice the rate of women.

The convergence between prostate cancer research and COVID-19 research begins with a protein receptor called TMPRSS2, which is abnormal in about half of all prostate cancer patients and plays a role in the development and progression of prostate cancer.

This is the same receptor that researchers believe the virus uses to enter the lungs and attack lung tissue. The receptor is regulated by male hormones in prostate cancer, and researchers believe it may also be regulated in lung tissue by male hormones.

"It's kind of like a lock and key," said Rettig, who is also the chief of hematology/oncology at the Veterans Affairs Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System. "If the virus was the key and its receptor is the lock, then the virus inserts into the lock and can gain entry into the lung while the male hormones makes that lock more accessible to the virus. By suppressing the male hormones, it's kind of like putting a piece of masking tape over the lock so that the key won't fit in."

In the UCLA-led clinical trial, researchers will suppress male hormones using the FDA-approved medication known as degarelix, to temporarily shut down the production of TMPRSS2 and block the virus from entering lung tissue.

"We're hoping this will not only help men with COVID-19 get out of the hospital faster, but ultimately, see less men dying from the virus," said Rettig.

A link to the research study that provides the scientific underpinnings for this clinical trial can be found at: https://www.preprints.org/manuscript/202003.0360/v1

To learn more about this clinical trial, visit its page at clinicaltrials.gov. If you think you might be eligible to enroll, email smtran@mednet.ucla.edu

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California homeless quarantine in hotels, more rooms needed

CHRISTOPHER WEBER AND JANIE HAR
Associated Press

Anxiety mounted every time someone at the homeless shelter sneezed or residents got too close. For Matthew Padilla, a 34-year-old with a pacemaker and asthma, catching the novel coronavirus would likely mean death.

So he jumped at the chance to move into a hotel room for free as part of a new California program. Within days, he and his husband, Nito, were in a room near Los Angeles' Koreatown, where meals are delivered along with health screenings.

"At the shelter I was constantly getting up, checking on him," said Nito Padilla, 36. "And here I know he's safe. I know he's OK."

The Padillas are among roughly 7,000 people in California who have been moved out of shelters, vehicles and rough streets to ride out the pandemic in hotels, an effort Gov. Gavin Newsom announced in March to shield some of the state's 150,000 estimated vulnerable homeless.

Newsom has praised the progress, although counties are still struggling to acquire rooms and squabbles have developed in some cities. Local officials say the process has been complicated as they find appropriate hotels, negotiate leases and get staffing in place. It's something counties have never done at this scale.

New York City has also tried to decompress its shelters, which typically hold more than 57,000 people, by sending homeless people into hotels and other temporary lodging. But only about 3,500 typically live on the streets there, compared to tens of thousands in California's largest cities.

Some homeless advocates in California say officials should be working much more quickly given the fast-moving pandemic. In San Francisco, which has moved more than 1,000 of its estimated 8,000 homeless into hotels, nonprofits raised money to get rooms for some who couldn't get them. Activists have pleaded with Mayor London Breed to do more.

St. Anthony's charity quickly got rooms nearby for 22 people who were staying at its seasonal overnight shelter. Felicia Senigar, the charity's housing clinic manager, said she cried along with residents as they got socks, hygiene kits, a $50 Walgreens gift card and a bag of groceries. The housing will last for 30 days.

"They had nowhere to go, and for us to send them out there while this was going on," Senigar said, choking up.

Newsom announced in late March that federal funding would help pay for at least 15,000 hotel rooms during the pandemic. But Los Angeles County, with the state's largest concentration of homeless people at about 60,000, set its own goal of 15,000 rooms. By Wednesday, the county had housed about 1,800 people at two dozen hotels. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger has said the process was more complicated than officials anticipated, but predicted the numbers would rise.

In his new budget this week, Newsom proposed spending $750 million in federal stimulus funding to buy some of the hotels to permanently house the homeless.

"It is definitely moving too slowly to meet the crisis head on," said Shayla Myers, senior attorney at the Legal Aid Foundation in LA, which serves vulnerable populations.

Clients must be referred for a room. The names of participating hotels are guarded to protect the privacy of residents and to shield hotels from people showing up wanting a place to stay. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has agreed to pay 75% of the cost of "Project Roomkey" for homeless people who are at least 65, or have health issues, including having contracted the virus.

The Padillas say check-in consisted of a security check, health screening, a recitation of the rules and paperwork. They leave the room for errands, medical appointments or just for a bit of fresh air. Curfew is 7 p.m. and temperatures are checked when people return.

Most people with the virus experience fever and cough for up to three weeks. Older adults and people with existing health problems can face severe illness, including pneumonia and death. The vast majority recover.

The shelter was good about promoting hygiene and implementing social distancing rules, the couple say, but some of their fellow residents didn't take the threat seriously.

"People were getting mad that they couldn't sit together at lunch tables," said Nito Padilla.

Bobby Daniel, who is 65 and was living in his car, says he knew the pandemic was a big deal when cafes shuttered and he could no longer linger over an espresso, working on his laptop.

He was surprised and elated when he got into a Los Angeles hotel room after years trying to get indoors. At one of two hotels run by St. Joseph Center, he has water and soap to tend to his ear, where doctors recently excised a growth. Daniel is free to leave the hotel to exercise and uses a microwave to steam kale, chard and broccoli, a luxury he didn't have in the decade he's lived in his car.

"You feel hopeful, you feel peaceful, you feel fortunate, you feel grateful," Daniel says. "It's almost hard to believe."

The isolation can be tough for people used to being on crowded streets, in encampments or shelters, said Jennifer Hark Dietz, the executive director at PATH, a homeless services nonprofit in Los Angeles.

"So our staff are doing a lot of what we're calling 'emotional wellness checks'. Just talking to folks over the phone. Letting them know we're here to support them. Making sure they are connected to others," she said.

Caseworkers provide books and puzzles and the rooms have TVs to help pass the time. Residents get fresh air breaks and at one hotel, a walking path in the parking lot allows for socially-distanced strolls.

As director of outreach for the nonprofit The People Concern, Shari Lachin spearheads efforts to get people off the streets stretching from Hollywood to Skid Row in downtown

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SACRAMENTO

California relaxes some criteria for reopening

California Gov. Gavin Newsom relaxed county reopening criteria on Monday, a move he said will allow most of the state's 58 counties to begin allowing dining in restaurants and other services.

"Bottom line is: People can go at their own pace, and we are empowering our local health directors and county officials that understand their local communities and conditions," Newsom said.

The new criteria he outlined applies to counties that want to reopen faster than the state. While retail may open for curbside pickup statewide, restrictions on dining in at restaurants and other services are still in place statewide. Counties can move faster if they win state approval.

Twenty-four counties in mostly rural Northern California already won approval under the old guidance.

The new criteria eliminates requirements that a county have zero deaths and no more than one case per 10,000 residents over a two-week period. Instead, counties must have no more than 25 cases per 100,000 residents or no higher than an 8% positive rate among people testing for the coronavirus. They also must have no higher than a 5% increase in hospitalizations over a 7-day period or fewer than 20 hospitalizations total over 14 days. The latter will ensure small counties don't get penalized for just one or two extra hospitalizations.

Newsom also said counties will soon be able to allow shopping in stores and hair salons to reopen. He also suggested professional sports could begin in June without spectators. He said the reopening of churches could begin within weeks.

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LOS ANGELES

ATF joins probe of LA blast that injured 12 firefighters

Investigators on Monday began combing the wreckage of a fire and explosion at a downtown Los Angeles hash oil manufacturer as six burned firefighters remained in the hospital and two more went home.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is sending in special agents from around the country to help with the criminal investigation. They are expected to help reconstruct the scene, identify where the fire started and determine what caused it.

Capt. Robert Long, commanding officer of the Los Angeles Police Department's major crimes unit, said his detectives will be working with the ATF and "looking at all aspects of the business to see if all applicable safety rules were followed."

The blaze began late Saturday afternoon at a one-story commercial building in the city's Toy District. Firefighters entered the building amid light to moderate smoke and went on the roof, normal procedures to try to quickly knock down any flames, officials said.

One of the firefighters noticed that the pressure from the smoke and heat coming from the rear of the building were increasing. He ordered everyone to get out but a thunderous explosion rocked the building. Firefighters on the roof scrambled down ladders through a fireball, with their protective coats aflame. The wall of flames shot out the building and burned seats inside a fire truck across the street.

Eleven were rushed to hospitals, and an additional firefighter was treated for a minor injury. Three were released from the hospital Sunday and two left Monday morning.

The six firefighters who remain in the hospital are considered to be stable but their conditions were not immediately available.

Fire Chief Ralph Terrazas told Fox 11 on Monday the eight firefighters still in the hospital are making "steady progress."

"I'm happy to report that they're in good spirits. I visited with many of their families over the weekend and they're on the right track to recovery," he said. They have "various degrees of burns and some are minor nature, some are moderate and one is severe, so the timeline for recovery will be different for each one of them," the chief said.

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Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation
000blk Seaside Ter 1:02 a.m.
Party Complaint 1400blk Ocean Ave 1:13 a.m.
Loud Music 100blk Pacific St 1:26 a.m.
Bike Theft Report 1600blk Olympic Blvd 1:57 a.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order In Progress 1100blk Pico Blvd 2:39 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2000blk Lincoln Blvd 4:18 a.m.
Encampment 1400blk 5th St 6:09 a.m.
Found Property 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 6:22 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 800blk 26th St 8:24 a.m.
Encampment 1300blk 19th St 9:05 a.m.
Encampment 1300blk 18th St 9:12 a.m.
Construction Noise 2000blk Idaho Ave 9:17 a.m.
Burglary Report 1500blk 6th St 9:29 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 800blk Montana Ave 9:41 a.m.
Found Person 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 9:51 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2400blk 10th St 9:51 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 1400blk Yale St 9:59 a.m.
Found Property 100blk Wilshire Blvd 10:11 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1000blk Grant St 10:20 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 1200blk 17th St 10:25 a.m.
Construction Noise 200blk 17th St 10:34 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1400blk 24th St 10:59 a.m.
Assault Just Occurred Cloverfield Blvd / Broadway 10:59 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 200blk Washington Ave 11:22 a.m.
Loud Music 17th St / Montana Ave 11:28 a.m.
Found Property 3000blk Ocean Front Walk 11:32 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 2200blk Ocean Ave 12:04 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 100blk Wilshire Blvd 12:17 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:32 p.m.
Found Property 2000blk Ocean Ave 12:40 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2400blk 2nd St 1:03 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1000blk Grant St 1:10 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1400blk 16th St 1:10 p.m.
Family Disturbance 2200blk Colorado Ave 1:13 p.m.
Construction Noise 2200blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:18 p.m.
Lost Property 2600blk Pico Blvd 1:18 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2800blk Pico Blvd 1:36 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 1:48 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 2:20 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2000blk Cloverfield Blvd 2:23 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 00blk Bay St 2:37 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 2600blk 23rd St 2:42 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1500blk Palisades Park 2:43 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 800blk Ashland Ave 2:47 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Stanford St / Wilshire Blvd 2:54 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Ocean Ave / Seaside Ter 2:57 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:31 p.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 700blk Ocean Ave 3:45 p.m.
Loud Music 500blk Hollister Ave 3:53 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 7th St / Alta Ave 3:55 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved Barnard Way / Ocean Park Blvd 3:59 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1800blk Washington Ave 4:09 p.m.
Family Disturbance 2400blk 5th St 5:06 p.m.
Loud Music 500blk California Ave 5:14 p.m.
Lewd Activity 600blk California Ave 5:22 p.m.
Encampment 1700blk 11th St 5:58 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred Neilson Way / Hollister Ave 5:59 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2100blk Oak St 6:10 p.m.
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Fight 1500blk 7th St 8:10 p.m.
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Uber cuts 3,000 jobs as pandemic slashes demand for rides

CATHY BUSSEWITZ
AP Business Writer

Uber has cut 3,000 jobs from its workforce, its second major wave of layoffs in two weeks as the coronavirus slashed demand for rides.

The San Francisco company has cut a quarter of its workforce since the year began, eliminating 3,700 people from the payroll earlier this month.

Uber will be re-focusing on its core business, moving people and delivering food and groceries, said CEO Dara Khosrowshahi, in a note to employees Monday.

The ride-hailing giant will be closing or consolidating 45 offices globally, and almost all departments will be affected by layoffs. The company is closing its business for developing products and services for its platform and a unit working on artificial intelligence. It will also pursue strategic alternatives for its job recruiting app, Uber Works, Khosrowshahi said.

"This is a decision I struggled with," Khosrowshahi said. "Our balance sheet is strong, Eats is doing great, Rides looks a little better, maybe we can wait this damn virus out .... I wanted there to be a different answer ... but there simply was no good news to hear."

Uber's rides business, the company's main profit generator, fell 80% in April compared to the same month last year.

"Ultimately, I realized that hoping the world would return to normal within any predictable time frame, so we could pick up where we left off on our path to profitability, was not a viable option," he said.

Uber lost $2.9 billion in the first quarter as the coronavirus pandemic decimated its overseas investments. Companies that rely on the sharing economy have been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic, as people stay indoors and shy away from shared services to reduce the virus' spread.

Lyft, Uber's main U.S. rival, laid off 982 people last month, or 17% of its workforce because of plummeting demand. Careem, Uber's subsidiary in the Middle East, cut its workforce by 31%.

Uber estimates it will incur $175 million to $220 million in charges related to the restructuring, including severance, other benefits and office closing costs, according to a federal filing. Combined with the earlier layoffs, the changes are designed to save $1 billion annually.

Uber's drivers are considered freelance or contract workers, not full-fledged employees, so despite the sharp drop in their incomes from obliterated demand, they are not eligible for severance or benefits from the company. California challenged this recently, suing Uber and Lyft and alleging they misclassified their drivers as independent contractors under the state's new labor law. The suit seeks restitution for unpaid wages owed to drivers, among other things.

One silver lining to the pandemic is that Uber's Eats business has become more important to people staying home and restaurants, and delivery is here to stay, Khosrowshahi said.

"We no longer need to look far for the next enormous growth opportunity: we are sitting right on top of one," Khosrowshahi said.

He cautioned, however, that the growth in Eats does not come close to covering expenses.

"I have every belief that the moves we are making will get Eats to profitability, just as we did with Rides, but it's not going to happen overnight," Khosrowshahi said.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 38 CALLS ON MAY 17

EMS 1900blk 11th St 12:53 a.m.
EMS 700blk Broadway 1:00 a.m.
EMS 2200blk Delaware Ave 2:08 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 7th St 3:00 a.m.
EMS 100blk Broadway 3:23 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 16th St 6:02 a.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 7:14 a.m.
EMS 24th St / Wilshire Blvd 8:14 a.m.
EMS 2000blk 20th St 9:12 a.m.
Hydrant Shear 5th St / Arizona Ave 10:03 a.m.
EMS 2000blk 20th St 10:11 a.m.
Elevator Rescue 1500blk 2nd St 10:46 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 15th St 10:54 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Cloverfield Blvd 11:48 a.m.
EMS 700blk Strand St 12:21 p.m.
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EMS 1700blk Ocean Ave 2:57 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 800blk 9th St 3:00 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Ocean Ave 4:52 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Palisades Park 5:08 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Ocean Ave 5:14 p.m.
EMS 1800blk 16th St 5:42 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 300blk Santa Monica Pl 5:45 p.m.
EMS Neilson Way / Hollister Ave 6:05 p.m.
EMS 400blk 20th St 6:17 p.m.
EMS 100blk Colorado Ave 6:48 p.m.
EMS 2600blk Main St 7:00 p.m.
EMS 21st St / Montana Ave 7:37 p.m.
EMS 200blk Ocean Ave 7:52 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 5th St 8:16 p.m.
Structure Fire 1200blk Berkeley St 8:26 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Delaware Ave 10:00 p.m.
EMS 3rd Street Prom / Broadway 10:18 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 11th St 10:51 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Neilson Way 11:09 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Physical Rescue 2900blk Pico Blvd 11:44 p.m.
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Letter to the Editor

By Monika White — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Essential Services

As a long-time resident of Santa Monica and the retired head of a Santa Monica non-profit (Center for Healthy Aging), I want to voice my concerns about the proposed cut to the City of Santa Monica Human Services Grants Program. I am especially concerned about senior services provided by WISE &Healthy Aging but, also, the other non-profit organizations that serve the City's vulnerable residents. An across-the-board budget cut will do harm that may not soon be resolved.

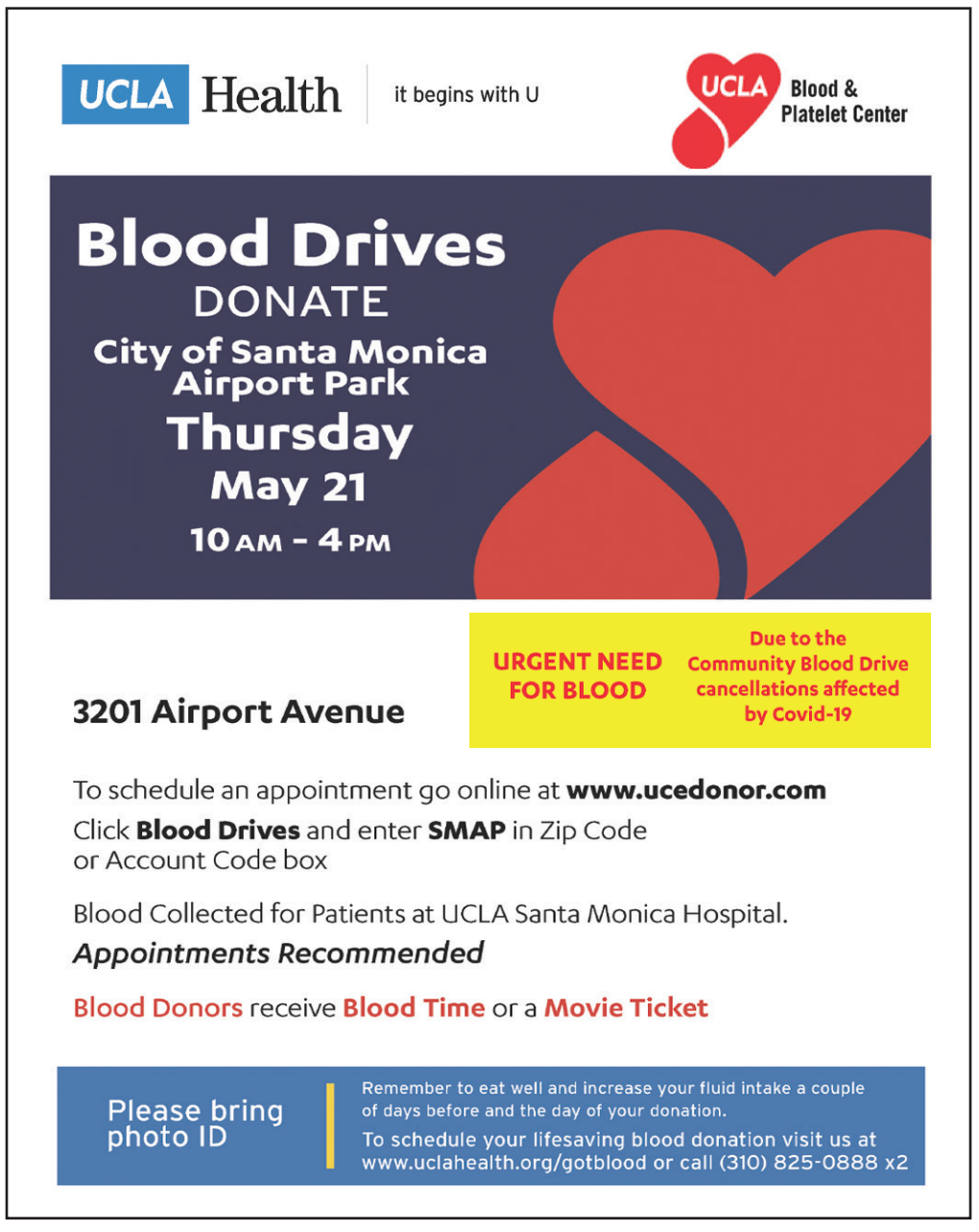
While I understand the need to respond to the current economic and public health crisis, this is hardly the time to decrease services that contribute so significantly to the health and well-being of a highly at-risk population like the elderly. Specifically, for WISE & Healthy Aging alone, the funding cut would impact six programs: Adult Day Care, Care Management, Congregate Meals, Oasis, Transportation and Peer Counseling. These are ESSENTIAL services!

The fact that the current funding cycle is no different from the previous four-year cycle plus the addition of the required 25% match, puts this organization—and the other Santa Monica non-profits—in an extremely difficult position. The negative impact of this budget cut on WISE & Healthy Aging and the other non-profit agencies and their clients, far outweighs the savings to the City. Surely there are other available strategies than reducing the FY2020-21 funding of the Human Service Grants Program for those in need.

I happen to know that seniors attempted to contact the City Council about this cut, but many do not have computers and, with the Public Library closed, did not have access to any. Attempts to call City Hall on the afternoon of the Council meeting resulted in being put on hold so long they eventually hung up. Since Council Members are sheltered at home, it's unlikely that many letters reached them.

At a time when many people are scared, confused, isolated, lonely, in need of health and mental health care, and all the attention possible in this environment of separation, let's not decrease the ability to provide assistance to them. Keep the FY2020-21 Human Services Grants Program as it is and utilize the time to work with the Santa Monica non-profit community to develop a viable plan for the future.

Monika White, PhD, Santa Monica





What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

What If We Were All Exposed?

Herd Immunity. It's the topic that's on a lot of people's minds. It's being sought after in Sweden with their more open response to the COVID19 pandemic. It's something we're stepping into in America in various states and cities. But what the heck does it mean? I'll try to explain my understanding of it, below, remember I'm a divorce and child custody lawyer, not a doctor, nor do I play one on TV.

Let's take 100 people who are exposed to the Coronavirus. None of them are immune to this new virus. The virus comes along and all of them exposed to it. With no immunity they should all get sick. In reality some get very sick, some are mildly sick, and some don't even notice they have the virus in their system.

The theory is that once exposed to the virus, people's immune systems will respond. Those who get very sick – their response is either too much or too little – the doctors who are treating these patients are not really sure which it is right now. Of those who have a mild reaction or no symptoms, the current thinking is that they have developed an immunity to the virus going forward, but we don't know if that is permanent or how strong it is.

What that means to me is that four people will die and we will have 96 survivors who should now be immune to this virus. So when they are exposed to it, they don't get sick, and hopefully, they don't become carriers who can give it to people who are not immune to it.

Now the idea of herd immunity is that we don't actually need all 100 people to be exposed for the pandemic to slow or stop. The thinking is that if only 60 people were exposed and developed an immunity, if they get exposed again, they wont be carrier or get sick. Which means that the virus doesn't spread nearly as quickly or completely.

For example let's take a different set of 100 people, 60 of whom are immune to the virus and 40 have never been exposed before. If they are all exposed, 60 of them will be fine because they are immune, of the 40 left, 1.6 (4% fatality rate) will die, and 38.4 of them will be mildly sick or have no symptoms, and will become immune themselves.

You can see that as more people are exposed and survive the rate of fatality stays the same, but the pool of people who can die gets smaller, which means fewer deaths, and less strain on the medical system, which hopefully can save even more of them.

So why not have a Coronavirus party like when I was a kid and we had a chicken pox party to make sure that we all got it? Well two main reasons, 1) it's that pesky fatality rate – we weren't risking death, just an itchy two weeks, 2) no one was worried about the hospitals being overrun with too many children needing calamine lotion and ice cream.

As a society we value life over money, and keeping our medical system in a serviceable position. That was exemplified this weekend when the USNS Mercy was sent back to San Diego, essentially unused. What is the cost to us for doing so? Immense. We are losing, I'm guessing, about 70% of the restaurants that we all know and love. Probably 50% of small businesses will not survive this economic downturn for a variety of reasons – probably the most significant of which is being able to pivot, advertise and find new clients. Some will survive, and some will thrive.

What I've noticed is that some entrepreneurs are taking a very active stance towards survival. For example, my client Z Garden Mediterranean on Pico within a week of the shutdown was calling me to figure out how to promote themselves, what to do to serve the community and keep their staff working. We launched a daily lunch special, had the windows sign painted so that the few people who were driving by could see they were still open and pivoting to the new reality. We launched an aggressive text and email campaign. The owner Nasir Nasir is making outreach phone calls to his customers to stay in touch and monitor how they're doing and what they need. We focused on new protocols for contactless delivery, sanitation and provided all the staff with masks, sanitizer and gloves.

Other restaurants closed up shop and couldn't find a way to pivot. I feel sad for them, because I imagine if they're not in my office for a divorce, they may be for a bankruptcy strategy session – pretty sure I'll be doing a lot of those in the coming months. Many an entrepreneur will be needing to start over with a clean slate in the next 9 months.

Of course all of this may come to an end rather quickly. If it turns out that there has been a much larger infection rate than we thought, we may be approaching a level of herd immunity that would allow us to open up faster and save some of those businesses and lives. Word is coming out that the early trials of one vaccine is resulting in 'very encouraging' results.

We're not out of the woods on this by any measure, but so far it also hasn't been the mass extinction event that some were painting it as. Too many people died, too many are still at risk, and we need to be vigilant, but also take a more clear eyed view of the situation in order to confront the reality.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

FROM PAGE 1

pandemic. One in 10 residents live below the poverty level, and 44% spend more than half their income on housing.

The report projects Southern California restaurants will take the hardest hit in 2020 and 2021 with a 53% to 65% drop in total taxable sales.

Significant impacts will also be felt by clothing stores (down a projected 43% to 57%), car dealers and parts stores (down 38% to 48%) and home furnishing and appliance stores (down 34% to 43%).

Supply chain interruptions are another cause for concern in Southern California, where one-third of all jobs and economic activity are tied – directly or indirectly – to imports and exports.

The report notes that although there has been a surge in consumption of essential items since the pandemic began, demand for other goods has plummeted and the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach have recorded a decline in imports and exports.

Industries that are expected to suffer less catastrophic impacts include telework-friendly business and professional services and some retailers. Grocery stores are expected to see a 26% to 33% boost in total taxable sales.

Housing sales and construction have slowed, and the supply of housing remains well below demand, according to the report. Buyers and sellers are stalling rather than canceling transactions.

The recession will slash revenues for local governments in Southern California, especially cities such as Santa Monica that are especially reliant on revenue from sales and hotel taxes. Santa Monica officials have already initiated sweeping cuts to city services and laid off or bought out hundreds of workers to bridge a $224 million budget gap through June 2022.

According to the report, there is little to suggest a quick return to normal tax revenues for local governments. In the most likely economic scenario over the next two years, $220 billion — 32% of Southern California's taxable sales — would evaporate.

The city of Santa Monica's projections show a 14% decrease in sales tax revenue next fiscal year and a similar decrease in the current fiscal year. Hotel taxes are down 21% this fiscal year and are projected to drop 42% next fiscal year.

The report predicts that Southern California's economy will reach a low point June 1 and recover slowly over the next year and a half. SCAG officials said the pace of recovery will be dependent on when and how businesses are allowed to reopen and how quickly a vaccine becomes widely available.

In Los Angeles County, officials will track five indicators to determine when and how businesses reopen. The county has allowed restaurants and retailers to offer pickup and delivery. Officials have also permitted manufacturing and logistics companies that supply those businesses to resume operations.

The indicators include the number of ICU beds, ventilators and personal protective equipment in county hospitals, the number of referred coronavirus cases that receive follow-ups within one day of reporting and the ability to test 15,000 people per day.

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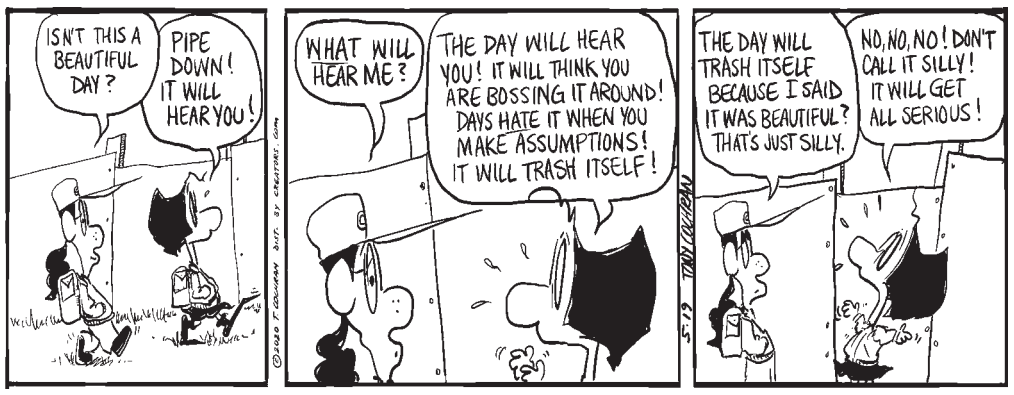
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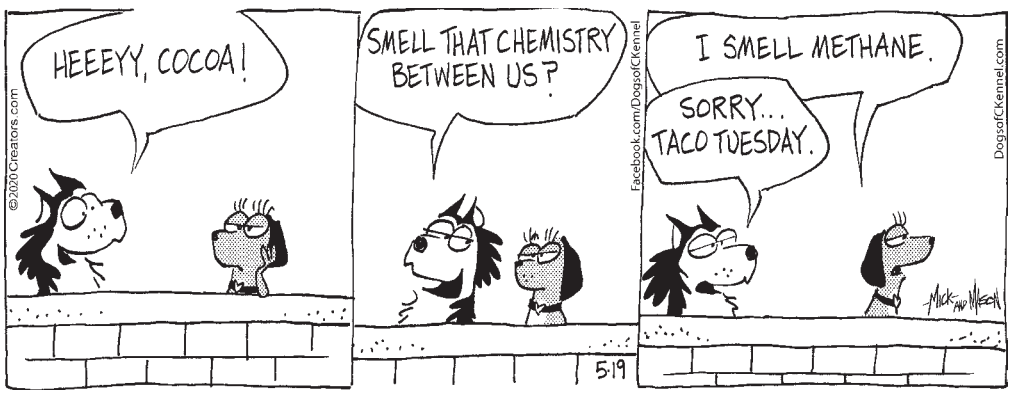
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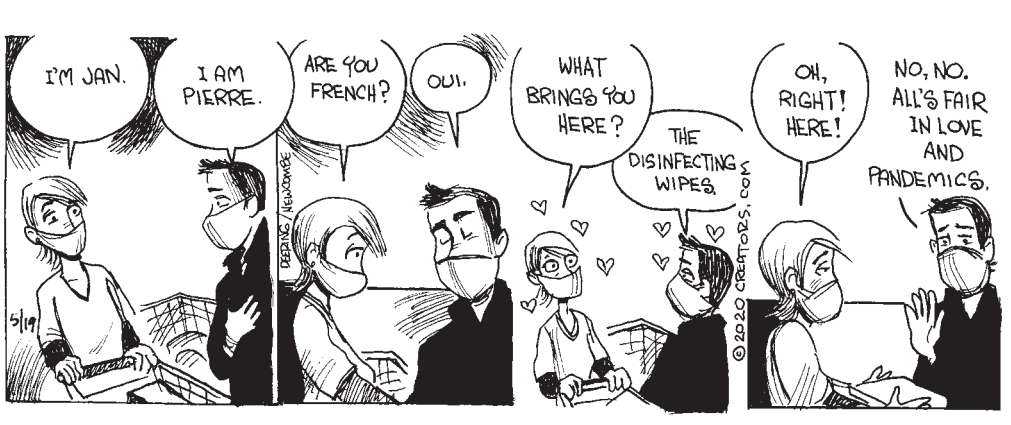
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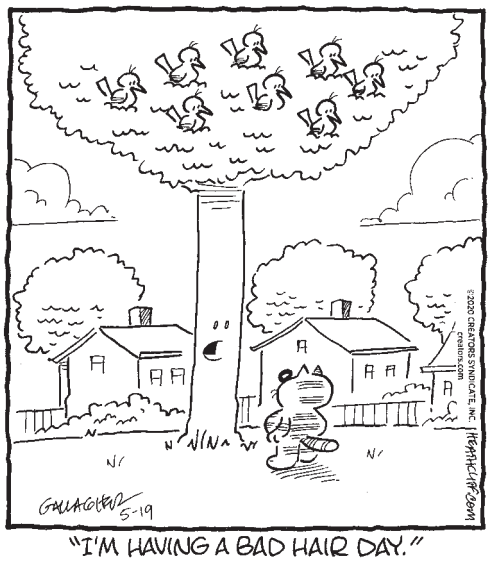
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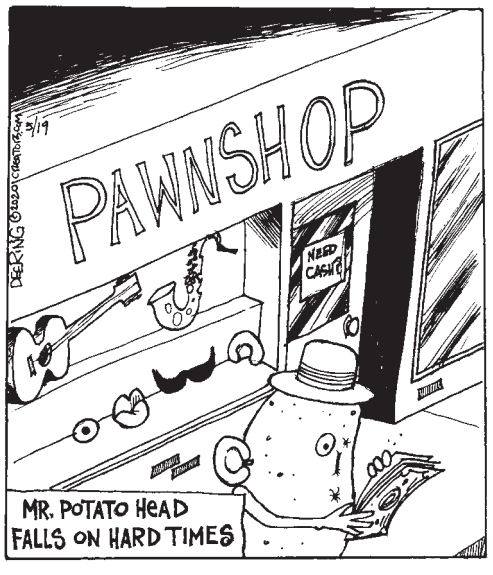
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"I'M HAVING A BAD HAIR DAY."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING





SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 67.3°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder hight
SSW swell should slowly ease, with NW swell also easing. Onshore wind likely most of the day - fairly light early and breezy in the PM. Stay tuned.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
SSW swell eases, NW swell fades.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 67.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 56. Breezy.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 68.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 57.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 69.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2020/05/20	Wed	03:07 AM	0.17	L
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2020/05/21	Thu	9:09 PM	5.68	H
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Jackpot: 274 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 05/16
3 9 23 27 35
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: 7 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 05/17
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Daily 3
Draw Date: 05/17
Evening: 7 2 1
Draw Date: 05/17
Midday: 1 9 41

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 05/17
1st: 09 - WINNING SPIRIT
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MAY 19)

hen your choices were few, it was easier to make them. This year, the cosmic array widens delightfully, making it both harder and more fun to choose! You'll grow in confidence. Your purposefulness will lead to lucrative alliances. For weeks at a time, you'll have control over your mind and will obey your highest wishes. Libra and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 30, 11, 2 and 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Whatever emotion you're experiencing, assume that it is valid. You don't have to know why it's showing up. Sometimes, it's enough to let a feeling run its course.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Reflect on recent visits and settle on a way of seeing things that helps you understand the benefit of the interaction. Solitude gives meaning to your time with others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're not sure exactly what led you to this place. Maybe you didn't come here on purpose, but you're here nonetheless. Assume you belong and take advantage of the opportunities around you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Production swings into high gear. You'll have checked a dozen items off of your list by lunchtime. It's not too early to feel proud and accomplished.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What's worth fighting for? Playfulness itself. You'll enjoy people who bring out your feistiness and have a stellar time sparring with a well-matched opponent.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may not be ready to make changes just yet, but think about your options. This is the fun part. It's like you're shopping for your future. Don't be too quick to invest. Try it on first.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't get roped into thinking about the time periods over which you have no control, e.g., "back then" or "someday." When you concentrate on the here and now, your timing is sublime.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You speculate about experiences you want and don't want but stay open-minded. The reality is that you never know how a thing will feel or how you'll react until you are actually in the situation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Because of your wonderfully ambitious mind and elastic imagination, it's easy to get carried away with your own expectations. Say what you're going to do, and then cut that in half. Small goals are more motivating.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your sense of humor has you examining certain past decisions with an element of self-mockery. Luckily, this won't prevent you from flinging yourself fully into a present extravagance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Feelings are signals. They're like the teapot whistle that tells you the water is boiling. The signal itself isn't bad or good; it's your reaction to it that defines the feeling one way or the other.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It is said that Brazil got its name from the nut and not the other way around. Similarly, you will relate a big event of your life after something small, thus mentally keeping it at level of significance that feels manageable.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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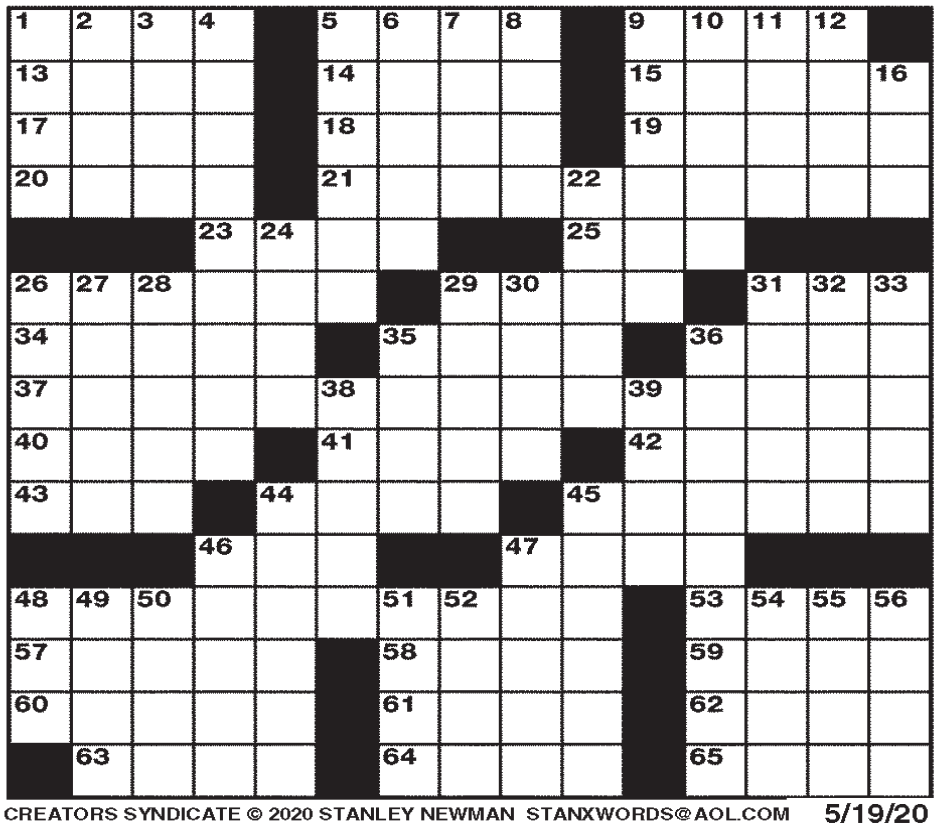
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Newsday Crossword

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5 Zeus and Athena
9 Very hard to find
13 Door out of a theater
14 Operatic solo
15 Makes corrections to
17 __ mater
18 Connery who played Bond
19 Lone Ranger's pal
20 Stag or doe
21 How to quit a habit quickly
23 "__ the night before Christmas . . ."
25 Metal-laden rock
26 Submit, as a test paper
29 Channel for NBA and NFL games
31 Pet that meows
34 Criminal's fake name
35 Prefix meaning "against"
36 "Tall" story
37 Bart Simpson's "Chill out!"
40 "My country, 'tis of __"
41 Leg or arm
42 Places where ships dock
43 Tool for rowing
44 Physique
45 "I hope you'll phone"
46 Ship's distress signal
47 Artist Salvador
48 "One, two, three" way to fall asleep
53 Grass-eating "billy" beast
57 Unexpected sports win
58 Uttered, as opposed to written
59 Rabbit's relative
60 Propel your bike
61 Make angry
62 Skinny
63 "Pineapple upside-down" dessert
64 Twig home in a tree
65 Soapy water

DOWN
1 Sit down with a book
2 Wheel-connecting rod
3 Daylight saving __
4 When a new job begins
5 Container for unleaded
6 Triple-decker cookies
7 Clock face
8 Hourglass contents
9 Make a second visit
10 Like very much
11 Ice skating surface
12 Suffix meaning "small"
16 __ sauce (Japanese condiment)
22 Subject being discussed
24 Gift from a genie
26 Was compelled
27 Hawaiian greeting
28 Forty-__ (gold rush prospector)
29 Adversary
30 Wild guess
31 Desert caravan beast
32 Car security device
33 Feeling jittery
35 Enthusiastic, as a fan
36 Brief periods after sunsets
38 At __ for words
39 White gemstone
44 Holder for hot sauce
45 Oval-shaped pill
46 Creep about
47 Hands out the cards
48 Holder for hot tea
49 Oil cartel
50 Beef inspection agcy.
51 Trumpet or bugle
52 A Great Lake
54 Island near Maui
55 Getting very little rain
56 Change for a $20 bill



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Binary Puzzle

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

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Boys' names

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Aden	Brady	Hunter	Levi	Ronald
Adriel	Calvin	Israel	Liam	Ryan
Aidan	Chase	Ivan	Logan	Simon
Alan	Christopher	Jace	Luca	Stan
Alex	Colt	Jake	Luis	Steven
Amir	Dean	Jayce	Mark	Theo
Amos	Diego	Jeremy	Mason	Trevor
Andrew	Edgar	Josue	Milo	Zane
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COVID-19 UPDATE

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nursing homes have also died from COVID-19, although it is unknown how many permanently resided in Santa Monica and are therefore included in its official death toll. Across the county, 141 nursing homes have tested all their residents and staff and an additional 74 are scheduling tests, Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said Monday.

Santa Monica's death rate adjusted for its population's age distribution is 11 per 100,000 people — the second-highest among Westside cities. Culver City has an adjusted death rate of 22.5, Beverly Hill's rate is 8, West Hollywood's is 7 and Malibu's is 4.5.

Although the rate of infection is slowing in both the city and the county and the number of people hospitalized for COVID-19 has declined to 1,570, L.A. County does not yet meet the criteria Gov. Gavin Newsom set Monday for counties to reopen.

Counties will be able to move into phase two of reopening if they can demonstrate no more than 25 per 100,000 residents have tested positive for coronavirus, or if no more than 8% of residents tested in a single week were positive.

L.A. County is in phase two of its own recovery efforts, in which retailers can reopen for pickup and delivery and people may use beaches, trails and other public spaces for active recreation. Higher-risk businesses remain closed and people may not gather with people who do not live with them.

Ferrer said in a Monday news conference that more than 1 million residents left their homes last week to pick up from retailers and restaurants and visit outdoor spaces.

County inspectors visited 1,600 businesses last week and found 1,000 were not yet in compliance with public health orders, Ferrer said. She said while many beachgoers brought masks and distanced themselves from others, the county did receive reports that visitors to Zuma Beach in Malibu crowded together and did not wear masks.

She said as many as 4% of the 1 million people who left their homes last week could have contracted the virus if people around them did not wear masks or practice physical distancing. If each new case infects one other person, the county could see 80,000 new infections and 4,000 hospitalizations.

"As more people are out and about, it's very easy to have a scenario with a lot more infections (that could) overwhelm our healthcare system," she said. "But if we ... keep our distance and wear face coverings, it will make a difference."

To date, the L.A. County Department of Public Health has identified 38,451 positive cases of COVID-19 and 1,839 deaths across the county. Ninety-two percent of people who died had underlying health conditions.

More than 350,000 people have been tested, with 9% testing positive, Ferrer said Monday.

A total of 4,298 confirmed cases of COVID-19 occurred among healthcare workers and first responders, with 684 of those cases confirmed over the last week. 26 people who have died from COVID-19 worked in a healthcare setting.

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SMMUSD

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it will offer summer classes online to a number of elementary-, middle- and high school-aged students who are in need of extra assistance

"All summer programs are based on educational need," Drati said before detailing the programs that will be available to students after June 10 — the last day of school.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

"Credit Recovery summer school will be delivered in an online approach similar to our distance learning instructional program," Drati said, sharing that students have already been identified for this program and should have been contacted by a teacher or counselor.

"We are partnering with Santa Monica College to provide students with the opportunity to enroll in online courses that meet the learning outcomes outlined by the standards set out by the California Department of Education for the respective content area (and) course," he said.

Students at Samohi and Malibu High School previously received detailed instructions regarding qualifying courses and registration, so families should contact a school counselor for more information.

Parents at last week's board meeting spoke during the public comment period to share how they encountered a number of courses that were already full before local high-schoolers were allowed to sign up for the summer courses.

Drati said the district is aware of the challenges and asked parents to be patient, and work with their school and the instructions they provided to register students.

"SMC has worked diligently to accommodate all SMMUSD students who are interested in a summer course," he said. "They have added sections due to higher demand, but may still not be able to accommodate every student."

Drati added it's important to keep in mind that the classes are college-level, so they will be more rigorous and the grades will appear on a student's transcript.

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

SMMUSD also intends to offer Intensive Intervention Summer School and Summer Language Academy (SLA) for English Learners at the elementary level, and Intensive Intervention Summer School and Summer Accelerated Math Support for students who will benefit from additional support at the middle school level, Drati said, stressing that both programs will be delivered online like the high school summer program.

SMMUSD officials said families can visit smmusd.org/familyresources for more information on summer classes, distance learning and vital resources offered by the district.

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HOMELESS

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LA. It's not always easy to convince people to take a hotel room.

Caseworkers had multiple conversations with a man in his mid-60s named Billy who slept on the streets near LA's Echo Park, Lachin said. He was reluctant to move into a hotel despite struggling with diabetes, asthma and a heart condition. Then he changed his mind and has "done a total 180."

In San Francisco, officials agreed to house 13 of those put up by St. Anthony's, said executive director Jose Ramirez. He's grateful but he looks out in the Tenderloin neighborhood, where about 2,000 people continue crowding into tents or sleeping on cardboard, and wishes the city were doing more.

"There's going to be a time to reflect when this is all said and done: What went wrong, what didn't, were there voids in leadership?" he said. "At least we're seeing some traction."

Har reported from San Francisco.



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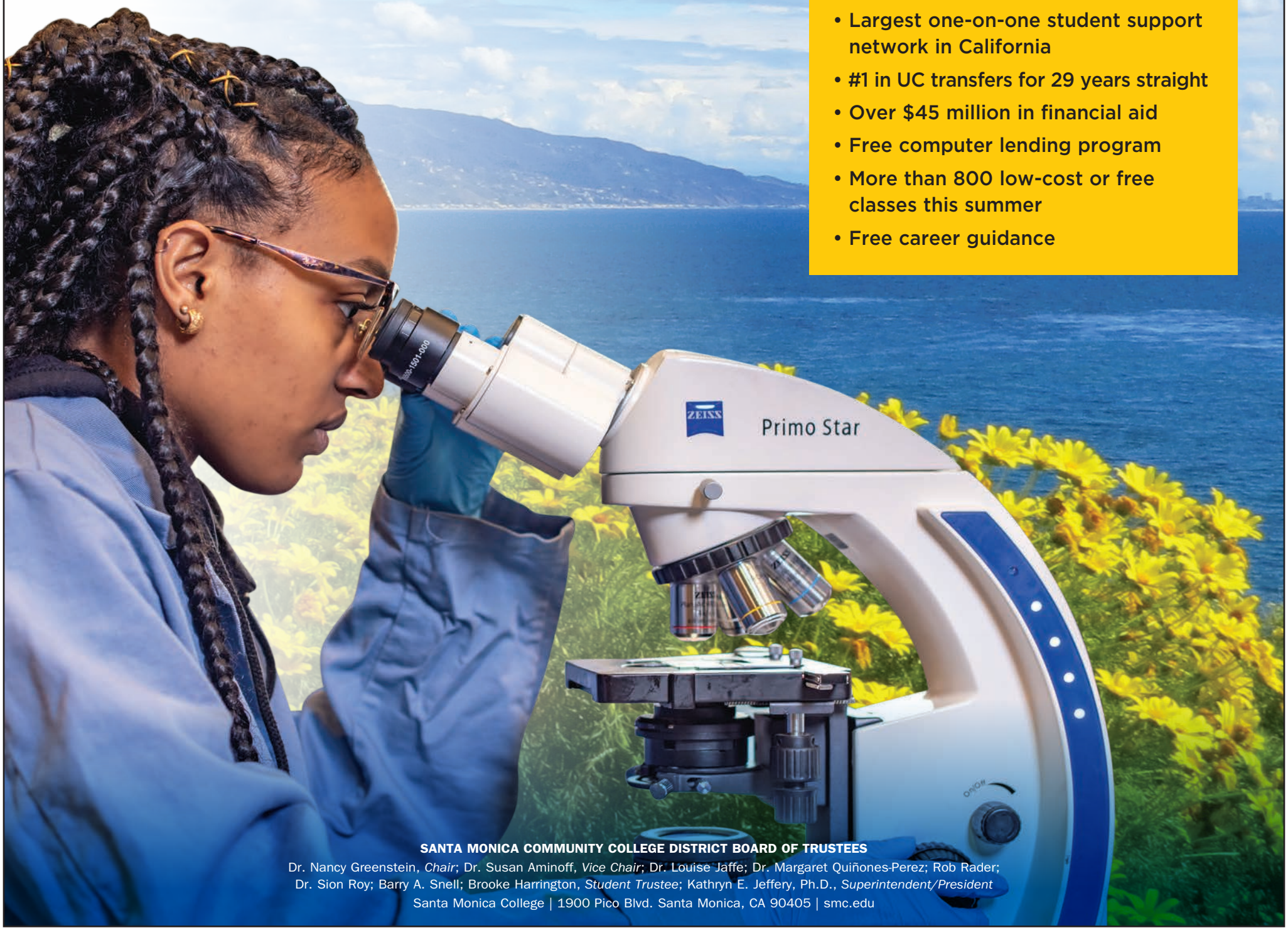
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