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TRAINING: The Santa Monica Fire Department (SMFD) will conduct a training exercise on the Santa Monica Pier through Friday, May 22. The simulation exercise will be conducted from 8 a.m. to noon. This is part of SMFD's quarterly training series and was scheduled before the Pier's closure due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The Santa Monica community near the Pier can expect to see the exercise on the west end, near Mariasol. Fire engines, hoses, ladders, and equipment will be visible with about two dozen personnel participating in each drill. There will not be simulated fire or smoke, but there will be water from the hose lines. The Santa Monica Police Department's Harbor Guards will also participate in the drill. This training exercise builds on SMFD's Pier Fire Operations plan focused on the unique characteristics of the wooden Pier and large-scale fire and marine evacuation response. SMFD firefighters will participate in the exercise along with the Harbor Guards. The Santa Monica Pier remains closed to the public.







1 in 50 L.A. County residents may have coronavirus antibodies, study suggests

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SMDP Staff Writer

About 2% of a sample of more than 1,000 Los Angeles County residents had COVID-19 antibodies in mid-May, according to a new study by the University of Southern California and the L.A. County Department of Public Health.

The results follow those of a serology test conducted in early April in which 4% of the sample population had developed antibodies, indicating there has been little community spread over the last one and a half months as people stayed home, wore masks and practiced physical distancing, officials said. They noted that the difference between the results could be attributed to random variation, different test site locations and efforts to include more Latinos, Asians, and African Americans in the sample population.

The county has confirmed more than 40,000 coronavirus cases and nearly 2,000 deaths since the pandemic began. About 380,000 people have been tested and 9% tested positive.

"We're still far away from heard immunity and need to be conscious of that," said Neeraj Sood, vice dean

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Santa Monica caps food delivery app fees for restaurants

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Santa Monica will join several cities across the country in limiting the fees that food delivery apps can charge restaurants.

Restaurants have been serving takeout and delivery exclusively for the last two months with the help of third-party delivery apps, which charge a sizable commission on each order. Many restaurants that grudgingly accepted a 20% to 40% fee when delivery orders made up only a portion of their overall revenue are now struggling to make a profit.

Next Tuesday, Santa Monica will begin capping the fee apps can charge restaurants for delivery at 15% of the price of the online order and limit all other fees to 5%.

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Santa Monica allows nine boards and commissions to meet online during pandemic

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City Hall has authorized nine boards and commissions — four of which may be eliminated in next year's budget — to continue meeting virtually during the pandemic.

The selected boards and commissions will be allowed to meet as necessary via teleconference, officials said Tuesday including:

Planning Commission, Airport Commission, Library Board, Personnel Board, Recreation & Parks Commission, Architectural Review Board, Arts Commission, Building & Fire-Life Safety Commission and the Landmarks Commission.

Another nine boards and commissions remain suspended including:

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University of California imposes pay freeze as losses mount

The University of California is imposing a system-wide freeze on salaries of its non-unionized employees due to enormous financial losses caused by the coronavirus pandemic, President Janet Napolitano said Monday.

Napolitano is taking a 10% voluntary pay cut, as are the system's 10 chancellors, she said in a statement that was sent to faculty and staff systemwide. She said her office has initiated conversations with union leaders so they understand the seriousness of the financial situation.

"I know some of this news is unsettling, during an already difficult time," Napolitano said. "The present realities and ongoing uncertainties, however, require us to take actions in order to adjust to current circumstances,"

The UC, with more than 290,000 students, is one of the country's largest public higher education systems. It estimates financial losses of nearly $1.2 billion from mid-March through April, and those losses are expected to increase in the months ahead, Napolitano said. Compounding the losses, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced last week a revised state budget for 2020-2021 that includes a 10% funding reduction for UC of $372 million.

To help cope with the shortfalls, Napolitano and the system's 10 chancellors agreed to a system-wide freeze on salaries for "policy covered staff employees," or non-union staff, for the 2020-21 fiscal year and the 10% cut to their own salaries for the same time period, said Napolitano.

Napolitano's office did not immediately say how many employees would be affected by the freeze. But the UC says on its website that there are 14 unions representing more than 79,000 workers, and total employment for UC is 199,000.

The UC's governing board and Napolitano have their bimonthly meeting Tuesday through Thursday, when they are expected to focus on budget concerns and guidelines UC campuses will use when reopening to students. The UC has not yet said if courses will resume in classrooms this fall or online due to concerns about the pandemic.

"We are a strong organization and will work over time to address our losses and recover," said Napolitano.

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AP-NORC poll: Americans harbor strong fear of new infections

THOMAS BEAUMONT AND HANNAH FINGERHUT
Associated Press

Strong concern about a second wave of coronavirus infections is reinforcing widespread opposition among Americans to reopening public places, a new poll finds, even as many state leaders step up efforts to return to life before the pandemic.

Yet support for public health restrictions imposed to control the virus' spread is no longer overwhelming. It has been eroded over the past month by a widening partisan divide, with Democrats more cautious and Republicans less anxious as President Donald Trump urges states to "open up our country," according to the new survey from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

The poll finds that 83% of Americans are at least somewhat concerned that lifting restrictions in their area will lead to additional infections, with 54% saying they are very or extremely concerned that such steps will result in a spike of COVID-19 cases.

"Oh, I'd like to get my hair and nails done. It's one of those little pleasures you take for granted," said Kathy Bishop, a 59-year-old billing specialist who battled pneumonia two years ago. "But I'm just going to suck it up. It's not worth the risk."

Bishop lives in the western suburbs of Columbus, Ohio, a state where Republican Gov. Mike DeWine is among the state chief executives leading a gradual reopening of businesses such as salons, barbershops, restaurants and bars. But even after nine weeks spent cloistered at home, Bishop is among the solid majority of Americans who support rigorous criteria for economic reopening that goes beyond wearing masks in public places and continued social distancing.

About 8 in 10 Americans say that it's essential to reopening for people to return to self-quarantine if they are exposed to the virus. Roughly 6 in 10 also say having widespread testing for the coronavirus in their area is essential to reestablishing public activities, along with requiring people to keep six feet apart in most places and to wear face masks when they're near others outside their homes.

Nearly as telling as the public's appetite for rigorous precaution: close to half say it is essential that a vaccine be available before public life resumes. Another third say that's important, although not essential.

Taken together, the findings suggest that while some Americans are anxious to get back to business as usual, most don't see the country returning anytime soon to what once was considered normal. Instead, Americans largely envision a protracted period of physical distancing, covered faces and intermittent quarantines ahead, perhaps until a vaccine is available.

Joe Yeskewicz, of Middleboro, Massachusetts, said he believes a vaccine is a must for his town of 23,000 south of Boston to fully reopen. He's among the nearly 8 in 10 Americans who don't expect one to be ready before the end of the year.

"It is so novel, so unpredictable and so terribly, terribly contagious," the 76-year-old retired teacher and college professor said of the virus. "The vaccine predictably could take years because it has to undergo a vigorous testing program for it to be effective and safe. Regardless of the optimism, this is going to take a while."

The latest AP-NORC survey was conducted over this past weekend, before Monday's news of positive results in a clinical trial of a potential vaccine. It found that a solid majority of about 6 in 10 Americans are in favor of requiring people to stay in their homes except for essential errands, with about third of the country strongly in behind that approach.

While still resolute, support for such measures to contain the coronavirus has slipped in the past month — 80% were in favor of stay-at-home orders in April. The new survey found that 69% now favor restricting gatherings to 10 people or fewer, down from 82% in April.

Those declines are largely driven by changes in attitudes among Republicans, as Trump and several GOP governors have aggressively pressed for and moved ahead with reopening businesses and public places. Some people in Wisconsin headed straight for the local tavern last week after the conservative-controlled state Supreme Court upheld the GOP-controlled legislature's appeal of Democratic Gov. Tony Evers' stay-at-home order.

Just 45% of Republicans now say they favor stay-at-home orders, while about as many are opposed. A month ago, 70% of Republicans backed them. Among Democrats, 78% favor stay-at-home orders, down from 91% in April.

Only about a third of Republicans say they are very or extremely concerned about the possibility of additional infections if restrictions are lifted, compared to three-quarters of Democrats.

Peggy Dullum, a 65-year-old Republican and retired state health care worker from suburban Sacramento, California, said she once supported strict lockdown measures to contain the virus. But she now thinks they have outlived their purpose.

"If they'd have opened all retail, it would have spread out social activity rather than congesting it in those few retail locations where people crowded without masks," Dullum said. "Make everybody wear a mask, instead of making it voluntary, and we probably could have kept the economy moving at a solid pace during the second month."

But Yeskewicz, the Democratic-leaning independent from Massachusetts, shakes his head — including at the small but vocal pockets of protesters, at times armed and brandishing Confederate flags, who complain leaders who back continued safety measures are doing so out of anything but concern for public health.

"We can't just arbitrarily restore privileges simply because people are so desperate they can't stand it any more," Yeskewicz said. "It's not about peoples' rights being violated. They are trying to keep you alive, you bozos!"

Fingerhut reported from Washington.

Virus-sapped bus lines see road to ruin without federal help

PATRICK WHITTLE
Associated Press

The nation's 3,000 or so private bus lines — and the millions of people who rely on them for cheap, basic travel — fret that they'll go under without the same kind of federal help trains and planes are enjoying as a pandemic-immobilized America tries to get back to work and play.

Buses, integral to the transit network, serve a multitude of purposes as they shuttle around 600 million people annually, nearly twice the U.S. population. They take college students home for the weekend; they take businesspeople and tourists to airports and on fall color tours; they take gamblers and sports fans to casinos and stadiums.

They provide charter trips and are also increasingly vital to the work commute, especially in congested areas like San Francisco and New York City. They employ about 100,000 people — many of whom are furloughed at the moment — and generate more than $200 billion in travel and tourism revenue, according to the American Bus Association.

More than 95% of the nation's private fleet is shut down, said Peter Pantuso, the trade group's leader.

Larry Prelle, of National Park, New Jersey, had hoped to take the Megabus to the National Cherry Blossom Festival in the nation's capital, but pandemic restrictions canceled both the bus and the festival.

"I know some of them aren't surviving the shutdown. A couple down here that were charter buses are just gone," Prelle said. "They'll never be seen from again."

Rail lines, public transit systems and the airline industry received billions in aid as part of the federal coronavirus relief act. The private bus industry, however, has largely been left to fend for itself.

The industry has called on the government to provide $15 billion in grants and loans to help it weather stay-at-home orders that have idled their buses for two months in some regions.

"I think there's going to be several companies, if not dozens or even hundreds, that six months from now are going to run out of money and are not going to have any other options to weather the storm," said Jeff Greteman, chief executive officer of Windstar Lines, which operates in the Midwest and Florida.

Buses play a key role in the economy because of support they provide to other businesses, such as hotels, said Don DeVivo, president of Dattco, which operates in New England.

Restaurants, attractions and tour group destinations rely on them to shuttle large numbers of people around unfamiliar areas while on vacation. They take college sports teams — and game day fans who spend money on everything from tickets to beer — to and from their destinations.

Bus operators have lobbied Congress and rallied this month in Washington, drawing more than 1,000 motor coaches from as far as the West Coast.

Sens. Susan Collins, a Maine Republican, and Jack Reed, a Rhode Island Democrat, have called on Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin to provide assistance.

The industry, the senators said, faces "a long road to recovery" and is missing out at a critical time. School, camp and tour groups in the spring and summer are reliable customers, and those activities are largely canceled this year.

"We must ensure that the motorcoach industry is still there for our communities when this pandemic has passed," Collins and Reed said in a statement.

A spokesperson for the Treasury Department did not respond to a request for comment.

In Maine, Northeast Charter of Lewiston, which operates 27 motor coaches, 25 school buses and another 10 shuttle buses, has not had any business since March 16.

Every booking since then has been canceled, said owner Scott Riccio, who participated in the Washington rally. The same goes for all June trips, he said, and many already for July, August and September.

While other transportation sectors can get federal grants and loans, bus lines have only the Paycheck Protection Program, he said. That program, which helps keep workers on the payroll, will eventually run out.

If help doesn't arrive soon, the industry fears many companies will go under, creating a transportation vacuum that would be hard to fill and depriving the public of a cheap travel option.

"This industry is being devastated," Riccio said. "There's no one working. There's no revenue. Zero."

Associated Press writer David Sharp in Portland, Maine, contributed to this report.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 22 CALLS ON MAY 19

EMS 1400blk 21st St 2:26 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 3:52 a.m.
EMS 2300blk 23rd St 4:10 a.m.
Flooded Condition 00blk Sea Colony Dr 5:03 a.m.
EMS 2800blk Neilson Way 8:03 a.m.
Wires Down 2800blk Exposition Blvd 8:40 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:11 a.m.
Hydrant Leak 1200blk San Vicente Blvd 10:07 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:25 a.m.
Wires Down 200blk 23rd St 12:27 p.m.
EMS 2600blk Neilson Way 12:52 p.m.
EMS 1000blk Pico Blvd 2:14 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Beverley Ave 3:20 p.m.
EMS 800blk 2nd St 3:55 p.m.
EMS 1800blk 16th St 6:52 p.m.
EMS 2100blk 7th St 6:59 p.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 7:46 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 8:12 p.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 9:23 p.m.
EMS 3100blk Lincoln Blvd 11:12 p.m.
EMS 6th St / Santa Monica Blvd 11:21 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 25th St 11:28 p.m.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 277 CALLS ON MAY 19

Loud Music 900blk Ocean Ave 12:06 a.m.
Loud Music 100blk Bay St 12:25 a.m.
Family Disturbance 1500blk Yale St 1:04 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1200blk Wilshire Blvd 1:36 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1100blk Harvard St 2:44 a.m.
Loud Music 4th St / Colorado Ave 3:59 a.m.
Encampment 3100blk 2nd St 5:48 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Winnett Pl / San Vicente Blvd 6:27 a.m.
Encampment 2000blk Broadway 7:15 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 26th St / Santa Monica Blvd 7:16 a.m.
Person With A Gun 1500blk 16th St 7:25 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 900blk 11th St 8:28 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 500blk Olympic Blvd W 9:04 a.m.
Counterfeit Money Report 1200blk Berkeley St 9:25 a.m.
Attempt Burglary Report 1400blk 14th St 9:32 a.m.
Family Disturbance 2600blk 23rd St 9:37 a.m.
Loud Music Main St / Pacific St 9:47 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 900blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:55 a.m.
Red Zone Violation 1100blk 21st St 9:58 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1100blk 12th St 10:13 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1200blk 16th St 10:25 a.m.
Burglary Report 300blk Pacific St 11:34 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Ocean Ave / California Ave 11:44 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1200blk Harvard St 11:49 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1100blk 2nd St 11:51 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1600blk Appian Way 11:57 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:58 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:13 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1000blk Wilshire Blvd 12:22 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1600blk Ocean Ave 12:23 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2300blk Oak St 12:24 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2700blk Wilshire Blvd 12:24 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 100blk Alta Ave 12:24 p.m.
Drinking In Public 2100blk Lincoln Blvd 12:32 p.m.
General Parking Problem 2100blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:35 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1000blk Broadway 12:41 p.m.
General Parking Problem 10th St / Broadway 12:50 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 5th St / Arizona Ave 1:05 p.m.
Identity Theft Unknown 1:07 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 600blk California Ave 1:12 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1500blk 6th St 1:14 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1400blk 5th St 1:31 p.m.
Person Down 800blk Pico Blvd 1:32 p.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk 7th St 1:33 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1700blk Appian Way 1:50 p.m.
Fight 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 1:54 p.m.
Burglary Report 300blk Pacific St 1:57 p.m.
Domestic Violence Now 2500blk Beverley Ave 1:57 p.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 2:15 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1700blk Appian Way 2:17 p.m.
Red Zone Violation 2600blk Centinela Ave 2:27 p.m.
Fraud Report 900blk Montana Ave 2:39 p.m.
Fight 2500blk 20th St 2:39 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1900blk Pico Blvd 2:55 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300blk Centinela Ave 2:59 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 4th St / Olympic Blvd E 3:03 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 100blk Hill St 3:10 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Cloverfield Blvd / Olympic Blvd 3:29 p.m.
Elder Abuse 1400blk 16th St 3:41 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 400blk Raymond Ave 3:53 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1600blk The Beach 4:35 p.m.
Fraud Report 1100blk 12th St 4:38 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 700blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:59 p.m.
Fraud Report 1100blk 12th St 5:23 p.m.
Forgery Report 1000blk Berkeley St 5:47 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1400blk Ocean Ave 5:51 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 400blk Pacific St 6:00 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1200blk 26th St 6:52 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1400blk 4th St 8:07 p.m.
Encampment 1000blk Lincoln Blvd 8:10 p.m.
Family Disturbance 2400blk 4th St 8:37 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2100blk Oak St 8:39 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 3rd Street Prom / Wilshire Blvd 8:50 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 2000blk Euclid St 9:12 p.m.
Family Disturbance 900blk Arizona Ave 9:36 p.m.
Public Intoxication 2500blk Main St 9:43 p.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 1700blk 15th St 9:45 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2400blk Main St 9:47 p.m.
Fight 1300blk 15th St 9:59 p.m.
Party Complaint 1000blk 9th St 10:09 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 600blk Wilshire Blvd 10:16 p.m.
Loud Music 2400blk 34th St 10:26 p.m.
Loud Music 1900blk Pico Blvd 11:23 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1300blk Ocean Ave 11:43 p.m.

CORRECTION

Mel's has brought back the old-fashioned car-hop as part of their lockdown service. Meals can be delivered car-side every day. The restaurant is open from 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Kids eat free (as long as they are out of school) and adults can get half priced milkshakes.



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New Jersey, other states, work to fight virus misinformation

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New Jersey's top homeland security official received nearly nonstop calls in early March from grocery chains, trucking companies and other logistics firms wanting to know if rumors of an impending national lockdown were true.

They weren't, and Jared Maples soon learned the companies were reacting to misinformation stemming from text messages shared widely across the country.

Federal officials debunked the messages, but Maples said the whole episode was a "whoa" moment for him and other state officials. Weeks later, New Jersey launched a website aimed at debunking misinformation and rumors about COVID-19.

"Misinformation is out there. You can't take everything at face value," Maples, director of the state's homeland security and preparedness office, told The Associated Press in an interview. "If you hear a rumor, we want people to realize that there's a place to go (to check it out.)"

New Jersey's effort mirrors a rumor-control site set up by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and is part of efforts underway in other states to combat conspiracy theories, hoaxes and bogus treatment claims that have erupted during the pandemic.

Washington state, for example, created an online guide to identifying and avoiding coronavirus misinformation. Other states and municipalities have set up hotlines that offer information about symptoms and testing, while also dispelling rumors and false claims.

"The next time your friend texts you, or you see something up on Facebook, you can point them to the truth," Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti said last month when his city announced two new websites designed to offer accurate information about the outbreak.

The many still unanswered questions about the coronavirus and its origins have fueled a number of misleading and false claims about the outbreak and the government's response to it, state leaders and misinformation experts say.

"We have a unique moment in time when everyone is thinking about the same thing," said Gordon Pennycook, an assistant professor of behavioral science at the University of Regina in Canada. "It's the sort of thing that breeds falsehoods....People's lives are being disrupted. You can create things that people want to believe. ... so there's a lot working towards a market for (misinformation)."

The text messages that led to confusion in New Jersey and other states warned of a national lockdown or military takeover. They claimed to be from a "friend of a friend," and said that within 48 to 72 hours the president would order a two-week mandatory quarantine overseen by the National Guard. "Stock up on whatever you guys need to make sure you have a two week supply of everything. Please forward to your network," said one.

There's no indication of who created the texts, though State Department officials have said individuals linked to the Chinese government helped spread them.

At times, President Donald Trump himself has helped circulate false claims about the virus. He's suggested untested treatments, musing aloud about the idea of injecting disinfectants, overstated the availability of tests and contradicted his administration's own experts.

The lack of consistent, accurate information from the White House has put further pressure on state leaders to confront what misinformation experts have termed "an infodemic" surrounding the outbreak.

"We need transparency and fact-based communications from our elected officials and from officials across government," Nina Jankowicz, a misinformation expert at the Wilson Center, a Washington D.C.-based think tank, said at a recent Congressional panel on virus misinformation. "I fear that it's all being undermined when we have this inconsistent messaging and disregard for the facts coming from certain parts of government."

Misinformation about a public health emergency can be especially dangerous if it causes people to try sham cures or ignore guidance from health experts. Following Trump's comments at a White House briefing about the possible curative effects of disinfectants, Maryland's emergency hotline received hundreds of calls from people asking if it was safe to drink bleach.

The state was forced to issue a warning against the idea, and Republican Gov. Larry Hogan urged Trump to "make sure these press conferences are fact-based."

"They listen when the governor holds a press conference, and they certainly pay attention when the president of the United States is standing there giving a press conference about something as serious as this worldwide pandemic," Hogan said on ABC News. "And I think when misinformation comes out or you just say something that pops in your head, it does send a wrong message."

Companies like Facebook, Google and Twitter have implemented new algorithms, rules and warnings in an effort to knock down harmful claims. New Jersey's new anti-misinformation website has a similar goal: debunking misinformation that could have an impact on the actions people take.

"We'll continue to publish only accurate and timely information," Maples says in a video clip on the state's website. "Because that's how we're all going to get through this together."

Klepper reported from Providence, R.I.

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Zooming In On Magic



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MAGIC: Helder Guimarães in the Geffen Stayhouse production of The Present, directed by Frank Marshall.

I probably shouldn't be writing this review, for two reasons. First, there's almost no chance that you can buy a ticket for this experience. Its first two runs through July were sold out, and latest extension sold out within half an hour—and that's doing 6 performances a week!

But secondly, without giving too much away, I made a big mistake—I dropped the deck of cards on the floor that we were to use for much of the show's biggest surprises.

During this COVID-19 time, a number of theatres have created content that you can watch online, live or pre-recorded, both performances and behind-the-scenes or panel discussions and conversations. The Geffen Playhouse has taken things a step further. Now calling their offerings Geffen Stayhouse, it's presenting a live magic show via Zoom that can participate in, hands-on.

THE PRESENT, THE PAST, OUR TIMES

The show is "The Present," aptly titled as it really IS a gift and is about many kinds of gifts that life can dish out, but also about the present moment, as in this quarantine we're living through. Call him what you will, magician, illusionist or card master, Helder Guimarães tells the tale of his own quarantine, which happened when he was a child recovering from a devastating accident, and the relationship it created, if retrospectively, with his grandfather. Too much more and I'd be giving things away that only he should reveal. But he's relating our time in quarantine to his own and how, in quarantine, he learned to do card tricks and resolved to become a master magician.

And how, pray tell, does a magician do tricks, with audience participation, via Zoom? THAT was the biggest astonishment. Kudos to director Frank Marshall and the tech team behind this production. And does it ever feel intimate! When Helder occupies the full screen and looks into your eyes, it feels like it's JUST you he's talking to—which, despite the other 24 faces in little boxes off to the side of your screen—it really is, very much one-on-one. The card tricks will blow your mind—especially as you are doing them yourself.

Only 25 participants can join by Zoom, and each of them has been sent a special box in the mail, with instructions NOT to open it until instructed to do so by Helder. Inside, and I don't think this is giving too much away, there are a few objects...a label with a number, a postcard, a deck of cards, a word puzzle and a surprise envelope to be opened after the show is over.

Helder tells you it's time to open the deck of cards...at which point, my very slippery deck spilled onto the floor, so I was unable to play along but thank heaven, I was still able to observe. He talks you through each step. Select a card, that's yours; remember it. Then you'll be cutting the deck and following a few more of his instructions in pulling cards out of the deck and setting some aside.

The big reveal, however, is mind-bending; you've just watched it, you've done it yourself and you still have no idea how it was accomplished. A little later, some of the cards you've set aside will also come into play again (but not for me!).

WORDS AND CARDS

He shares more storytelling about his time with his grandfather and about the collection his grandfather keeps after steaming stamps off of postcards sent by friends from all over the world, and we learn about his fascination with word puzzles. This leads to Helder pulling a number out of a glass, unwrapping it and calling on the person who holds that number.

He asks them to choose a word from a list on the back side of the puzzle, then with very little information, guesses at a vowel and a consonant, then tells the person what word he/she has chosen. Again to astonished noise from the Zoom crowd. Yes, the mics are hot and audience reaction is encouraged.

I did get to play one little trick with Helier solo. I'm guessing the house manager—whom I'd alerted via the "chat" function that I'd spilled my deck—somehow got him to connect with me; although it was my number

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COVID-19 STUDY

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of the USC Price School of Public Policy.

Medical Services Director Christina Ghaly said the infection rate in L.A. County has fallen below 1, meaning every person with coronavirus is infecting less than one other person.

Ghaly said as the county approaches reopening on July 4, people must continue to protect themselves and others from infection. If the infection rate rises 50% above current levels, 44% of county residents would be infected by December, she said.

"We need to work together to avoid having transmission again increase," she said. "By the time we notice an increased number of cases, there will have been increased spread for a number of weeks ... which could overwhelm our healthcare system."

As in the previous study, men were more likely than women to have been infected, with 2.8% of men testing positive compared to 1.4% of women, Sood said.

Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said positivity rates differed by income levels rather than race and ethnicity. She said 2.8% of people with a lower income level and 1% of people with a higher income level who were tested were positive.

Although the round of testing conducted May 8, 9, 11 and 12 did not include high-risk groups, Ferrer said Public Health is planning on surveying those living in congregate settings, including skilled nursing facilities, homeless shelters and jails, and people experiencing homelessness. The department is also planning a subsequent survey that will include children.

To date, more than 1,800 people incarcerated in jails, prisons and juvenile detention centers in L.A. County have tested positive for coronavirus. More than 300 people experiencing homelessness have been diagnosed and about half were sheltered.

As of Wednesday, there have been 244 confirmed cases and 14 deaths among Santa Monica residents, with 22 cases reported over the last week. Twenty-four cases were confirmed the week before.

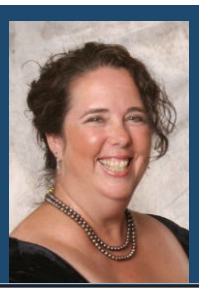
Nearly 170 cases and 24 deaths have been reported at Santa Monica nursing homes.

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Noteworthy

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Where Do The Children Play (Music)



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MUSIC: Bob has a home, coffee house & temple in Santa Monica.

NICOLE RECOMMENDS:

NTS — is an online radio station based out of London. It boasts a constant two-channel live stream, hours upon hours of archived shows, big name guests and underground DJs, and a veritable cornucopia of genre-based shows ranging from Afrobeat to Turkish disco to techno to Americana to post-punk to opera, just to name a few. One of my favorite NTS shows I've ever tuned into was "Getting Warmer w/ Jen Monroe," a serene, celestial mix of minimal Renaissance and Baroque choral music (aired January 24, 2018, if you want to look it up). Join the other reported 1.5 million monthly listeners and check out something familiar, or get turned on to your new favorite genre you never knew existed! Download the app or listen from the website: https://www.nts.live/

HELP! (I'M A ROCK)

Independent live music venues are exactly the kind of small business most threatened with extinction in this crisis. Closed very long, they might be closed forever.

I wrote last week about donating to The Troubadour in West Hollywood and the Ruskin Group Theater right here, at the airport. Looks like The Troub is doing alright because after hitting $73,588, they closed off new donations. That might not be enough to carry them through this and pay everyone, but maybe they have some big name ("I got my start there!") angels.

THE RUSKIN, MCCABE'S

I'm pretty sure, even though they have been able to continue some acting classes online, the Ruskin would not turn down donations. The last I checked the City of SM had not given them a break on their high rent. If you've been privileged to attend any of their outstanding performances, including Library Girl every month for 10+ years, you might want to give back a little. Here's their link: https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?contribution=rgt

McCabe's opened a year after the Troub in 1958, and their alumni list is every bit as storied. Maybe more. I don't see a gofundme on their pages but like the Ruskin, I'm pretty sure they would not turn down a donation. You have the instrument sales and music lessons, which I imagine have continued on a limited basis, but the concert stage is silent, and that is a huge loss. Koko Peterson has been doing a great job there with the booking, and we would not want to lose her.

https://www.mccabes.com/archive/

HARVELLE'S, JAZZ BAKERY

Harvelle's on Fourth Street has a storied history, perhaps not as glittery as McCabe's or The Troubadour, but they've been around decades longer, since 1931 (yes, they started as a speakeasy), and that is an amazing feat, a testament to conscious stewardship. The current hard-working, creative music fan bosses, Damian and Jason, get an A+. We absolutely must keep Harvelle's alive. Because they do not serve food, they will be among the last to be able to re-open. So leave them some generous tips now.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-harvelles-employees?utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_lico+share-sheet

I adore the Jazz Bakery, operating out of the visually and acoustically exceptional Moss Theatre at the New Roads School here, and so admire the work that dynamo Ruth Price has put in for almost 30 years to make it a world-renowned jazz space. She has an advantage over the other venues mentioned: she doesn't have a building she pays full time rent on. But she is a miracle worker and even miracles take a little dough-re-mi.

She books the most magical players. Musicians I've never heard of wind up knocking me out. I don't think I've seen a show out of dozens that I would consider less than excellent. She also teaches at UCLA and the Dick Grove School of Music, and her preparation for her non-singing Act II included performing or recording with Mel Torme, Shelly Manne, Red Garland, Coltrane, Mingus, Philly Joe Jones, Dizzy Gillespie, Stan Getz, Sonny Stitt, Sonny Rollins, Art

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Letter to the Editor

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Protect Human Services

Since COVID-19 coronavirus was declared a pandemic in the U.S. on Friday the 13th of March, people with disabilities, seniors and those with certain underlying health conditions have navigated an unrelenting nightmare of a life threatening public health and economic crisis that has seemed laser focused on them.

The Disability Community Resource Center (DCRC) is a nonprofit source of local and state advocacy serving people with disabilities and seniors on the Westside since 1976. DCRC has a contract with the City of Santa Monica to provide resources to residents with disabilities and seniors involving a range of essential services including, advocacy, case management, housing assistance, transportation assistance, home modification, assistive technology, and peer based support services.

At the City Council meeting on May 5, Council considered a proposal to cut funding to the City of Santa Monica Human Services Grants Program by 12.5%. This would present the Center and other non-profit organizations with a significant funding deficit and hinder the their ability to continue to provide sustaining essential resources to residents with disabilities and seniors, putting their lives at greater risk and undermining their potential for recovery from this crisis.

The proposed cuts seriously undermine Santa Monica's reputation as a leader in creating an innovative, sustainable city of wellbeing and belonging. It would also put residents with disabilities and seniors using City supports to survive at even more risk of homelessness and death should those supports be abruptly revoked.

That is why, to save and preserve lives, Council should not implement the proposed harmful reductions to the Human Services Grants Program and consider other alternatives to net what would be only modest savings. Indeed, if "we are in this together," Council should not amplify the already tremendous cost of this pandemic on the very residents who are most impacted.

We believe that all people living and working in Santa Monica should have full and equal access to health, safety and resiliency, which promotes belonging and equity in our community. This is the time to prove that we don't abandon that commitment by sacrificing our most vulnerable residents when they need us most.

Marielle Kriesel, Systems Change Advocate, TJ Hill, Executive Director, Disability Community Resource Center (DCRC)

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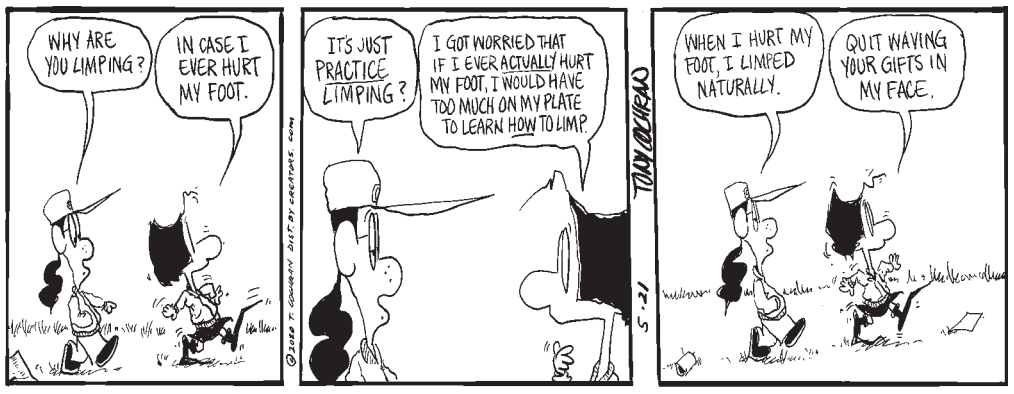
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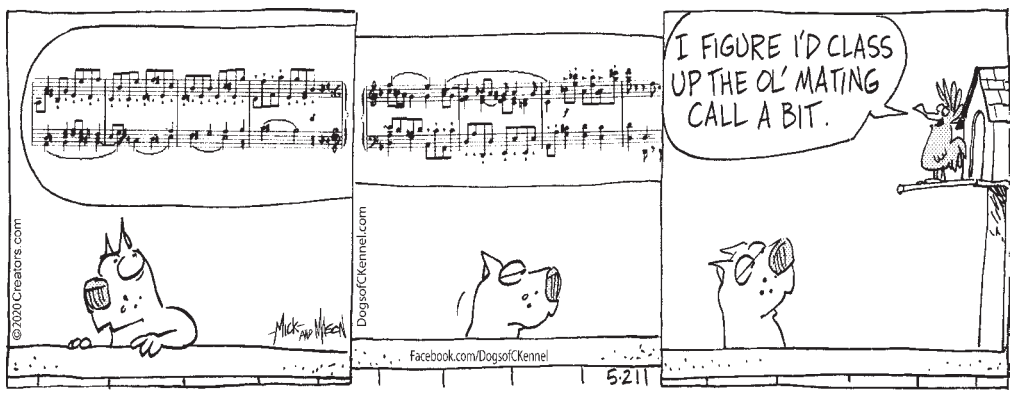
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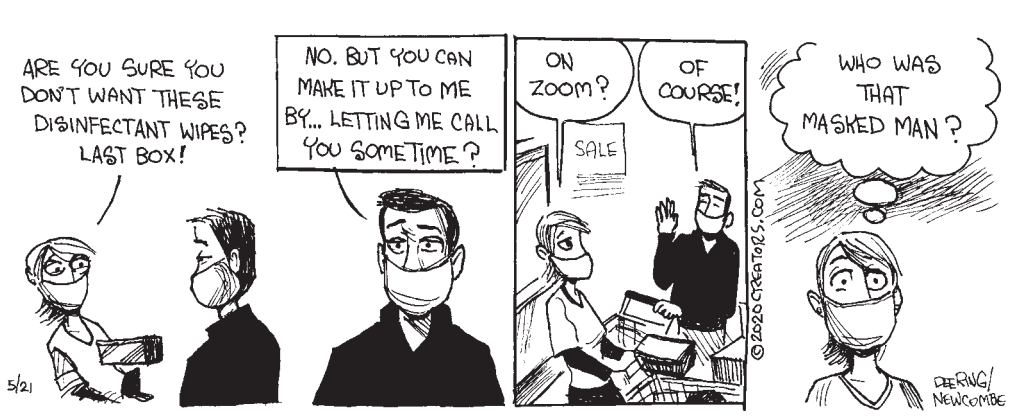
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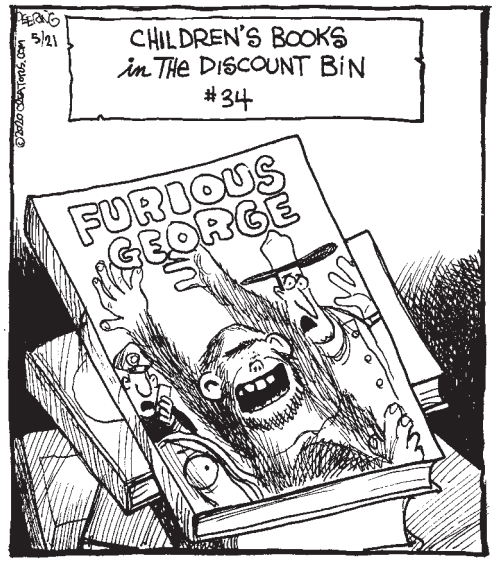
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"YOU DON'T HAVE RAY GUNS?"

Strange Brew

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 63.9°

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
New SSW swell expected to fill in. Light AM wind.

FRIDAY- **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
SSW swell should continue. Watching AM winds for south facing spots.

WEATHER

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 69.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 70.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.
Sunday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 73.

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2020/05/22	Fri	04:12 AM	-0.42	L
2020/05/22	Fri	10:29 AM	3.58	H
2020/05/22	Fri	3:19 PM	1.81	L
2020/05/22	Fri	9:35 PM	5.78	H
2020/05/23	Sat	04:47 AM	-0.57	L
2020/05/23	Sat	11:12 AM	3.47	H
2020/05/23	Sat	3:46 PM	2.03	L
2020/05/23	Sat	10:04 PM	5.80	H
2020/05/24	Sun	05:26 AM	-0.64	L
2020/05/24	Sun	12:01 PM	3.34	H
2020/05/24	Sun	4:16 PM	2.26	L
2020/05/24	Sun	10:37 PM	5.74	H
2020/05/25	Mon	06:09 AM	-0.61	L
2020/05/25	Mon	12:57 PM	3.24	H

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Draw Date: 05/20
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Evening: 0 0 5

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). What you do to keep your core self strong — be it exercise, meditation, spiritual work or other practices — is important to keep up with no matter what else is going on in the world.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you wait until you are stirred to do a thing, it will be too late. To take advantage of a brief window of opportunity, you'll have to move before you are ready and act before you are sure.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Accept your fixed traits, and learn to highlight them, or work around them as needed. Every personality trait has within it the potential to be a worst or best quality and will be both, depending on when you look.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sometimes you doubt the malleability of identity. But when you think about how different you were 10 years ago, it's clear that change is inevitable and never stops. Believe in your aspirations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll object, though ultimately, you may have to accept another person's idea in order to move on to more important things. Your ability to prioritize and categorize will help you get a bigger prize.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People sometimes ask questions as a means of control. You'll love the conversation partner who asks out of sheer curiosity. You'll have splendid exchanges today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Easter is over, but it's never too late to hide treats for people to discover and pick up for a moment of delight. A Post-it note on the mirror, a rock painted with a smile, a website link that leads to a joke... sweet treasures!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The friends you've chosen and the people you admire have qualities you warm to and enjoy being around, so you gravitate to whatever they are involved in, which today will involve a cost of entry.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are capable of successfully making commitments you have never made before. So don't be scared off by a prospect because it's new. Say yes, and get the experience.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You can't become who you want to be by doing the same activities you were doing. You'll change it up and be pleasantly surprised by what you learn about yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Intimacy is a function of being able to reciprocally share vulnerabilities with people who accept those weaknesses. If only the powerful parts are shared, it is impossible to be truly connected.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's all falling into place for you. The elements are settling before you, all within your reach. Later you'll be able to jostle things around and make them fit a little better. For now, let it happen.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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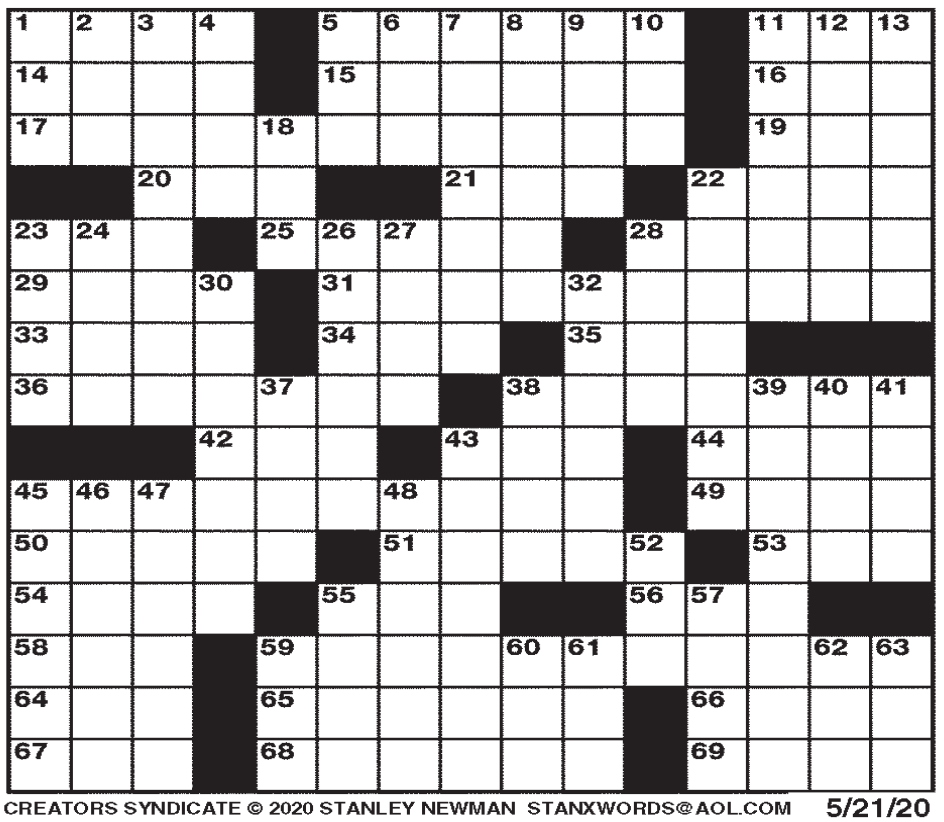
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Newsday Crossword

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1 Charleston-era style
5 Triangular home style
11 Fueled, as a fire
14 Aloha Tower locale
15 Legal release document
16 Suffix for stock
17 Yellowstone beast (NBA, NFL)
19 Triangular sail
20 14 Across side dish
21 Atlanta-based network
22 In __ (where found)
23 "See other side": Abbr.
25 Western Pacific nation
28 Follow, as a hunch
29 Part of some free app names
31 Striped sea hunter (MLB, NHL)
33 It's w. of Arkansas
34 Poetic praise
35 "What's this now?"
36 After-dessert discards
38 Imports from Honshu
42 Common company name conclusion
43 Terse affirmation
44 Word-of-mouth knowledge
45 Young predatory feline (NFL/NHL, MLB)
49 Smack real good
50 For all to hear
51 "In our opinion . . ."
53 Sister channel of 21 Across
54 Husky voice
55 Barnyard sound
56 Antonym of 'neath
58 Approximate-time suffix
59 Falkland Islands nonflier (NHL/NBA, NHL)
64 End of many fights
65 Sum people
66 Two-thirds of dodeca-
67 Veer as you steer
68 Tantalizes
69 Deviate from straight

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1 With 2 Down, bookmark of a sort
2 See 1 Down
3 Hot sauce pepper
4 Greek liquor
5 Tool for piercing
6 Novelist Weldon
7 Chest protector
8 Urban way
9 Intended to be hurtful
10 Do wrong
11 Tex-Mex wrap
12 Postproduction VIP
13 Expose as a fraud
18 Nothing at all
22 Instructs
23 Small splash
24 __ torch (luau light)
26 Immediately
27 Canning supplies
28 Like doused campfires
30 Totally love something
32 Robot vacuum brand
37 How some MLB games are aired
38 Cross-shaped letters
39 Roadside assistant
40 Many a North African
41 Jazz club segments
43 Glacial periods
45 Value equivalence
46 It has thousands of glaciers
47 Absent acceptee
48 Tanzania neighbor
52 Bard's "over there"
55 Linger
57 They love to be flattered
59 Kit __ ("four-fingered" candy)
60 What K often follows
61 Road zigzag
62 Ending in geology
63 Pronto



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Binary Puzzle

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NOTEWORTHY

FROM PAGE 6

Pepper and so many more. The Bakery must keep the fires going!

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RICKIE LEE JONES

I've watched both of her first two home concerts and both were a treat, every minute. You not only see that you are in her living room in New Orleans, she makes you feel welcome, like someone her friend brought along unannounced when coming to call but, it's OK, it's fine, c'mon in, make yourself at home. She's comfortably casual, just, you know, Rickie. Just like you, only, very talented, and having lived a really interesting life.

These have been really great Rickie Lee Jones concerts, an hour long, and isn't that a treat? Sound and video is superb (from a phone). She's spinning long yarns that are captivating, and when she finally gets to the next number, you loved the journey. I suppose you have to be a fan. What I love from Rickie lee would drive me nuts from Celine Dion.

I'd love to tell you when the next one is but I'm pretty sure she hasn't made up her mind. First she told us every Friday evening and Sunday afternoon, then she said, see you in two weeks. So just check in on her FB page, under "Live from my Living Room," You got a scheduling conflict?

LAST MINUTE NEWS FLASH! — this Sunday, 4 p.m., "Unveiled," a 10-minute film, free online, purported to be the true story of William DeVogue, orphaned at 10 months in the '60s and left on church steps, no direction home, finally discovering his father is… Bob Dylan. Worth 10 minutes. https://www.facebook.com/goliveinc/posts/162510551900462

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CULTURE WATCH

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he pulled out of the glass, he is an illusionist, after all! And my mind was sufficiently blown that it almost made up for not getting to participate in the main trick. But leave it at this: it involves choosing one card, and who knows how, multiplying it.

We're getting to a part of the show that will leave you aghast – as it involves ripping some cards in half. Just follow along, pulling cards, separating them into piles, ripping some in half, reorganizing them, removing half of two cards and putting them in your pocket, and at the end, you simply will not believe that he's gotten you to replicate the image that's on the postcard in your box.

It's a touching show, especially as Helder didn't understand his grandfather until past his death, and he learned much more about him after his father handed him the stack of postcards sent over decades that his grandfather kept. And it's a plea for understanding that this time will pass and there is much we can make of it if we choose to do so.

On the slightest off-chance that another extension will be offered, the only thing you can do is click to be notified if additional performances are added: https://www.geffenplayhouse.org/shows/the-present/

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BOARDS

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Audit Subcommittee, Clean Beaches & Ocean Parcel Tax Citizens Oversight Committee, Commission for the Senior Community, Commission on the Status of Women, Disabilities Commission, Housing Commission, Social Services Commission, Task Force on the Environment and the Urban Forest Task Force.

Of the nine bodies that will continue meeting during the pandemic, only the Architectural Review Board, Landmarks Commission, Arts Commission and Building & Fire-Life Safety Commission are not required under the city charter.

As the city plans to cut $86.2 million in annual spending amid a steep drop in tax revenues from industries devastated by the coronavirus shutdown, officials have proposed suspending boards and commissions not included in the city charter.

The order will allow those bodies to continue meeting throughout the pandemic, but City Council could still vote to eliminate them next fiscal year. The council will vote on the 2020-2021 budget next month.

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APP

FROM PAGE 1

The emergency order issued by Interim City Manager Lane Dilg follows similar restrictions set by New York, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington, D.C.

New York is also capping delivery fees at 15% and other fees at 5%.

Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell proposed a 15% delivery fee cap last month and the council is set to discuss the proposed ordinance Wednesday.

About two dozen Los Angeles restaurants signed a petition against the proposed ordinance, including Santa Monica-based poke bowl purveyor Sweetfin, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Restaurant owners said capping fees could force delivery platforms — which are already being kept afloat by investors — to dock driver pay or charge customers a higher delivery rate, which would deter them from ordering in.

In the Los Angeles market, Postmates is the most popular delivery app with 36% market share, according to a report last month from research firm Second Measure. DoorDash follows close behind at 31% market share.

GrubHub and Uber Eats meet the remaining demand for third-party delivery apps, with 19% and 14% market share, respectively.

Andrea Inio, who owns Orto in downtown Santa Monica, said he supports a cap on delivery fees. He said delivery apps have seen a huge increase in business during the coronavirus shutdown and doubts that delivery platforms will pull out of markets that impose limits on fees.

Inio uses DoorDash and Postmates to fulfill orders, and recently started using Caviar, which was acquired by DoorDash. Postmates charges a 30% fee on each delivery and DoorDash typically charges 25%, but last month halved its fee to 12.5% through the end of May.

"If there's not a lot of volume, you can understand charging 25% t0 30%, but if the volume doubles or triples you can afford to lower the cap," he said. "Otherwise, a lot of small businesses will go belly up."

But Inio won't have to rely on third-party apps much longer.

After he realized he could hire two delivery drivers for the same amount of money he pays in delivery fees each month, he decided to launch his own delivery service. His drivers will start making deliveries Monday.

Inio said he is looking forward to having more control over how his food is delivered. Some drivers employed by third-party apps have failed to wear masks or were less than cordial to his customers, he said.

"I'll have control over the food from the time it leaves the restaurant," he said.

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