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Iconic seamstress dies at 61-years-old

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SMDP Staff Writer

Marcia Bloom, longtime owner of a popular boutique formerly located on Montana Avenue, died last week after a lengthy battle with cancer.

After 61 beautiful years of life, Bloom died Wednesday, May 13, and is survived by her husband Sam Henry Kass, her children, Mallory and Peter Kass, as well as a multitude of friends, who all recently took the time to remember Bloom's character, which was as colorful as the attires she donned and sold for nearly 20 years.

From 2002 to 2018, Marcia Bloom Designs sold signature clothing items and a host of other accessories like blankets, hats and dolls that were all designed and sewn with love, according to her family, who wrote last week that Marcia was a beloved fixture in the community.





Courtesy photos

MARCIA BLOOM: The long-time Montana businesswoman died of cancer this month.

Her penchant for eccentric, beautiful clothing set her apart in the sea of athleisure wear, and she encouraged friends and customers to flaunt their favorite outfits instead of saving them for special occasions. "Life is a special occasion," Blooom used to say.

Known as a fixture in local garment and fabric circles as being somebody who could design and sew the most whimsical styles into truly fashionable pieces, Bloom and her shop often attracted international tourists and locals, because people of all ages and body types felt like their best selves in her creations.

The boutique was a callback to an earlier age, but 1527 Montana Avenue was more than a shop to many local residents, according to Bloom's loved ones, who described the shop as a community gathering place where people would spend hours browsing the racks, chatting with like-minded artists or receiving guidance from Marcia while they worked on their own crafting projects.

"People would walk into the store for the first time as a customer, and it was pretty rare that you walked

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Santa Monica plans to open some streets to pedestrians, expand outdoor dining

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica is planning to open streets to pedestrians and expand outdoor dining, Interim City Manager Lane Dilg said during a virtual town hall Thursday.

As residents flock to sidewalks and parks for exercise and recreation during the stay-at-home order, Dilg said the city is planning to restrict car traffic on some residential and commercial streets to provide more space for pedestrians and cyclists to practice physical distancing. The city may also allow restaurants to set up outdoor dining areas in the street.

Many residents have for the

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City Council to restore $6.4 million in funding for some programs

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica City Council will vote Tuesday whether to allocate $6.4 million in funding to programs that would otherwise be on the chopping block as the city seeks to bridge a $224 million budget deficit.

With its tax revenues cratering because of the coronavirus shutdown and recession, the city is in the process of laying off or buying out nearly 400 employees and cutting $86.2 million in ongoing spending. City Council voted earlier this month to begin the layoff process and distribute $2 million in unallocated funding to save programs that city staff had proposed scaling back or eliminating.

The budget plan city leadership released earlier this month was met with criticism from city staff and residents who felt the city could have taken measures such as pay cuts or furloughs to preserve jobs and programs.

Interim City Manager Lane Dilg has maintained that the city must restructure its operations because the pandemic's lasting impacts on sales and hotel tax revenues will result in a $224 million deficit over the next two fiscal years.

Dilg said the funding plan the council will vote on Tuesday at a virtual meeting leverages an additional $4.4 million in federal

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

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

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the adoption of new transportation impact thresholds for projects subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The new thresholds, which will be based on vehicles miles traveled (VMT) rather than level of service (LOS), are required for consistency with Senate Bill 743 and state CEQA Guidelines. In addition, the City Council will consider proposed revisions to the City's Transportation Impact Fee to complement the new VMT metric and goals. Information on the proposed increase and backup materials will be available no later than May 30, 2020 at:
https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Transportation/Developers/Transportation-Impact-Fee/

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, June 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting can be viewed at: CITY TV: Cable Channel 16 or Streaming at
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LOCATION:
In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the City Council and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and stream on the City's website as normal, but members of the public may also listen to the teleconference and provide remote public comment via the methods listed above.

HOW TO COMMENT
In lieu of attending the meeting, the public is strongly encouraged to participate by submitting their written correspondence and written public comment on agenda items via email to councilmtgitems@smgov.net, or by calling in at the number listed above. Please note the agenda item number in your comments. Written public comment submitted before 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing.

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

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

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

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



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Santa Monica College to Distribute $6.1 Million in Direct Aid to Students

Santa Monica College is distributing $6.1 million in direct financial assistance to students facing severe financial problems due to the COVID-19 crisis. The funds are provided by the federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act and the HEERF (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund) to ease the hardship of students who have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

Approximately 5,000 students at SMC are expected to qualify for the special one-time funding. Many have already received checks – ranging from $350 to $1,000 – and more students will see funds arrive in the coming weeks.

Santa Monica College students are hardworking and highly motivated individuals," said Dr. Kathryn E. Jeffery, SMC Superintendent/President. "Many of them, even under 'normal' circumstances, persist in seeking to make better lives for themselves and their families–through higher education–under great odds. This pandemic has disrupted the lives and livelihoods of thousands of them, and the financial assistance through the CARES Act will truly make a difference."

SMC – which was extremely proactive and among the first institutions to apply for the funding – was also awarded an equal amount of $6.1 million to cover costs related to the disruption of classes and services and the transition to an online environment.

"We are grateful to have received these federal funds and to be able to provide direct aid to our students who have been impacted by COVID-19 in devastating ways," said Brenda Benson, SMC Senior Administrative Dean of Counseling, Retention & Student Wellness. "We also have case managers reaching out to provide emotional support, as well as assistance with critical resources such as housing, food, and other basic needs. We want to make sure our students have the support they need to continue pursuing their educational hopes and dreams."

Benson is part of a committee established by SMC to determine which students were eligible for the emergency relief aid and ensure the funds will be provided to those who need it the most. The committee – led by Teresita Rodriguez, VP of Enrollment Development, and including, in addition to Benson, Dr. Hannah Lawler, Dean of Institutional Research; Tracie Hunter, Associate Dean of Financial Aid & Scholarships; and Susan Fila, Director of Health & Wellbeing – developed a system to specify award amounts for students. SMC faculty and staff helped the committee by identifying students impacted by COVID-19 and in need of direct aid.

"I have always been impressed by the level of commitment and resilience demonstrated by our students, faculty, and staff, but during this very challenging time, I am amazed at the power of our community in coming together at a time of crisis," said Rodriguez. "This emergency aid is very much needed by our students experiencing the financial impact imposed by the COVID-19 crisis, and I am eternally grateful that we are able to help students in this way as they persist in their studies. I am also very proud of all of the other supports and acts of kindness for our students demonstrated by every member of the SMC family at this time."

The selection process included reviewing students who had completed a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and met certain other criteria, including qualifying for the CCPG (Community College Promise Grant) for low-income students and affiliation with one or more of SMC's extensive student support programs. Eligible students were sent a short survey so they could verify that they wanted to receive funds and indicate how they had been impacted by COVID-19. Questions on the survey included asking students if they were experiencing housing insecurity, food insecurity, or loss of income, as well as whether they were parents with dependents, or someone taking care of others.

SMC student Joselyn Acosta, a single mother returning to SMC as a sophomore after two years away to care for her daughter, plans to use the money to have her gas turned back on and pay her electric bill. She is an active member of SMC Cheer, and said the group is a critically important source of emotional support for her. An Early Childhood Education major, Joselyn is preparing to qualify for an Assistant Teacher permit and plans on a career as a counselor for elementary school students. She has been using a Chromebook borrowed through SMC's free laptop-lending program, but hopes to use some of the funds she receives to buy a computer of her own for her studies, and "free up the Chromebook for someone else who needs it."

For Victor Gil, who participates in SMC's Adelante Program, the money is a lifeline that will help defray his family's mounting household expenses. He and both of his parents lost their jobs and income due to the pandemic. A lifelong athlete with a special love of soccer, Victor is a Kinesiology – Exercise Science major at SMC, and plans to transfer to a university and major in Sports Marketing.

CARES funds are available only to Title IV-eligible students who are U.S. citizens or nationals, but the college is committed to ensuring that Dreamers, AB 540, noncredit, and international students are not left behind during this challenging time. SMC has designed a survey and qualification rubric for these students, and will use a different funding source to provide financial assistance. The same financial and other criteria will be used to assist the non-CARES fund recipients.

SMC will be delivering classes and support services online for the fall 2020 services, with a limited number of classes to be delivered in a hybrid format. The college also offers extensive support services including mental/physical health counseling and 24/7 emotional support through The SMC Center for Wellness and Wellbeing; a free, ongoing Chromebook laptop lending program (over 300 students have received laptops); a weekly, drive-thru pop-up food pantry and a home-delivery Meal Project through the SMC Foundation for vulnerable students who otherwise have limited or no access to freshly prepared, healthy meals.

Santa Monica College's Nursing and Respiratory Therapy programs have donated ventilators and respirators to hospitals fighting the coronavirus, through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). In coordination with the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, the State of California, and OptumServe, the SMC Airport Arts Campus serves as a walk-up, by appointment only COVID-19 testing location as part of Governor Newsom's expanded testing capacity to reopen California as well as L.A. County's commitment to providing expanded access to testing for county residents. For information on SMC's response to COVID-19, visit smc.edu/coronavirus.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

HHS Announces $356,210,000 Distribution to Nursing Facilities Impacted by COVID-19 in California

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced it has begun distributing 1,109 payments totaling $356,210,000 to skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) in California to help them combat the devastating effects of this pandemic. Nursing homes play a pivotal role in providing skilled care to our nation's vulnerable seniors. During this pandemic, nursing homes have faced unique challenges as their population of high-risk seniors are more vulnerable to respiratory pathogens like COVID-19. This funding, which supplements previously announced provider relief funds, will be used to support nursing homes suffering from significant expenses or lost revenue attributable to COVID-19.

"This funding secured by President Trump will help nursing homes keep the seniors they care for safe during the COVID-19 pandemic," said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. "The Trump Administration is providing every resource we can, from funding and direct PPE shipments to regulatory flexibility and infection control consultations, to protect seniors in nursing homes and those who care for them."

President Trump is providing support to healthcare providers fighting the COVID-19 pandemic through the bipartisan CARES Act and the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act that provide $175 billion in relief funds to hospitals and other healthcare providers on the front lines of the coronavirus response. In allocating these funds, the Administration is working, among other things, to address the economic impact of COVID-19 on providers and doing so as quickly and transparently as possible.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the viability of SNFs in a variety of ways. Since the beginning of 2020, SNFs have experienced up to a 6 percent decline in their patient population as current and potential residents choose other care settings, or as current residents pass away. In addition to nursing home residents, many SNF employees have also been diagnosed with COVID-19. These additional funds may help nursing homes address critical needs such as labor, scaling up their testing capacity, acquiring personal protective equipment and a range of other expenses directly linked to this pandemic.

DISTRIBUTION METHODOLOGY

HHS will make relief fund distributions to SNFs based on both a fixed basis and variable basis. Each SNF will receive a fixed distribution of $50,000, plus a distribution of $2,500 per bed. All certified SNFs with six or more certified beds are eligible for this targeted distribution.

Nursing home recipients must attest that they will only use Provider Relief Fund payments for permissible purposes, as set forth in the Terms and Conditions, and agree to comply with future government audit and reporting requirements.

Visit hhs.gov/providerrelief for additional information.

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Los Angeles

FBI Warns of Child Sexual Abuse Material Being Displayed During Zoom Meetings

The COVID-19 crisis has caused many organizations and schools to conduct virtual meetings/events, some of which are open to the public. Additionally, links to many virtual events are being shared online, resulting in a lack of vetting of approved participants.

During the last few months, the FBI has received more than 195 reports of incidents throughout the United States and in other countries in which a Zoom participant was able to broadcast a video depicting child sexual abuse material (CSAM). The FBI considers this activity to be a violent crime, as every time child sexual abuse material is viewed, the depicted child is re-victimized. Furthermore, anyone who inadvertently sees child sexual abuse material depicted during a virtual event is potentially a victim as well.

The FBI is committed to apprehending any individual who produces or distributes child sexual abuse material and is seeking the public's assistance to identify the person or persons responsible for these egregious crimes.

If you are the administrator or host of a Zoom meeting in which CSAM was broadcast, please contact the FBI; do not delete or destroy any of your computer logs without further direction.

If you recorded a Zoom meeting in which child sexual abuse material was broadcast, please contact the FBI for assistance in removing the CSAM from your device.

If you believe you are a victim of a child sexual abuse material broadcast during a Zoom event, as defined above, please contact the FBI to learn about your victim rights and possible victim assistance.

If you know who is committing these most recent egregious crimes, please contact the FBI.

The following steps may mitigate future child sexual abuse material issues during Zoom events:

Do not make meetings or classrooms public. In Zoom, there are two options to make a meeting private:

Require a meeting password.

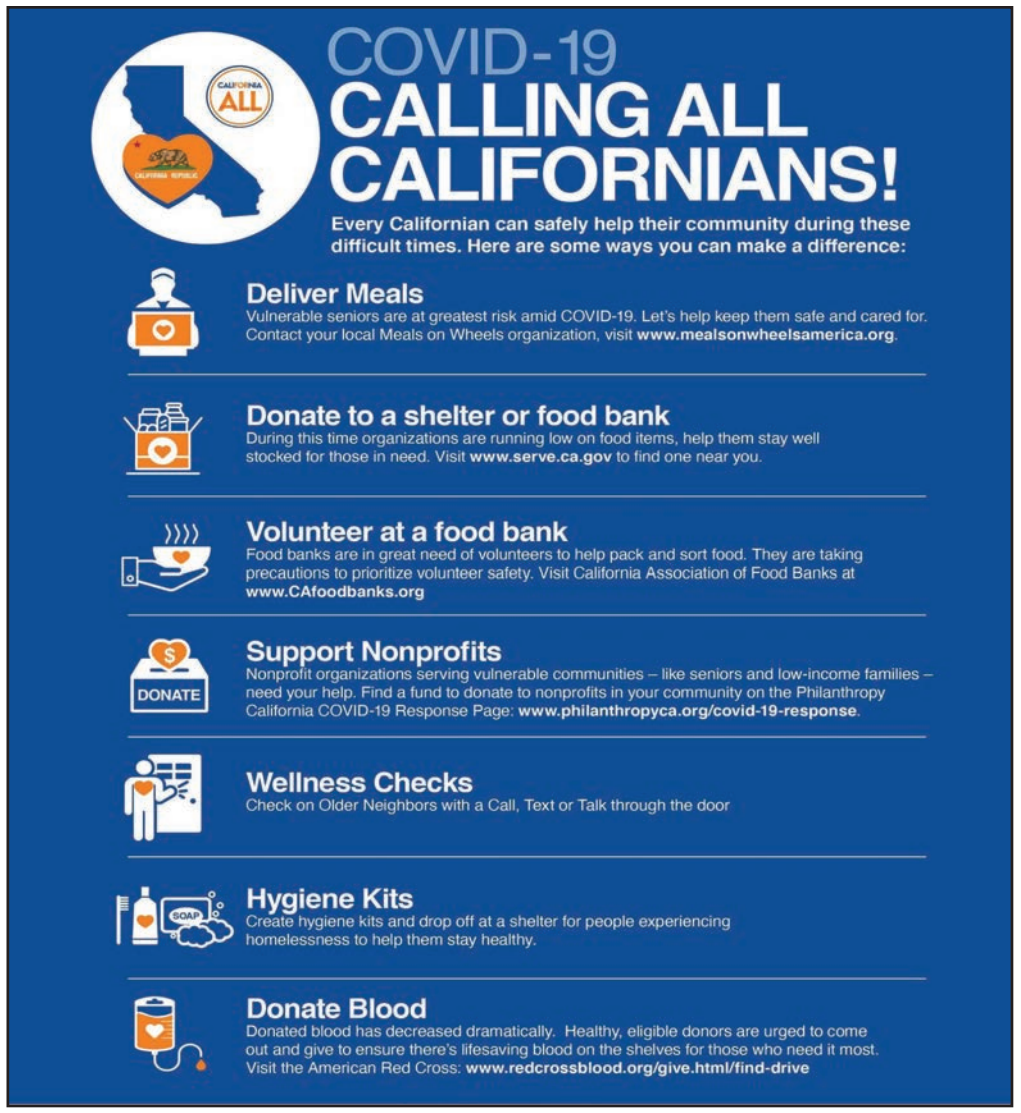
Use the waiting room feature and control the admittance of guests.

Do not share a link to a teleconference or classroom on an unrestricted, publicly available social media post. Provide the link directly to specific attendees.

Manage screensharing options. In Zoom, change screensharing to "Host Only."

If you are a victim of child sexual abuse material being broadcast during a Zoom event or if you have information regarding the identity of any individual distributing or producing CSAM, please report it to the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI (225-5324) or anonymously online at tips.fbi.gov.

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Sharona Boonman
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Data scientists should focus on societal issues

More frequently we hear that algorithms are used in organizations to optimize profits. This can be seen in many banks, where the best econometricians and data scientists are hired to make optimal processes just a fraction more profitable.

In today's society, however, we see that there is an increase in appreciation for people working in the service sector. It is therefore questionable whether it is wise to use the best data scientists in our society to make the rich even richer. This while there are still many unsolved problems which impact the entire society.

DEPLOYING ALGORITHMS IN THE SOCIAL SECTOR

Algorithms have a great potential, and they are already able to offer help in the service sector. For example, they can support the police in detecting criminals, relieve the burden on healthcare workers by automatically detecting tumors and help teachers to support their students.

USE ALGORITHMS AT CHILD WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS

Child helplines are one of the children's welfare organizations where algorithms can provide help. Today we see that it is difficult for child helplines to find enough suitable volunteers who have adequate knowledge and enough time to answer messages from children in need. Furthermore, we see that many questions from children return regularly and that the work of child helplines is therefore not as challenging as it could have been.

CLASSIFY INCOMING MESSAGES

Incoming messages from the child helplines can be classified, for example based on neglect. This can be done by using natural language processing (NLP). This is a technique that can extract relevant information from texts and thereby understand human language. This allows children with standard questions to be helped with the answers to previous messages from the database. This leaves time to help children who need immediate help.

PROBLEMS OF TEXT CLASSIFICATION

Natural language processing is a technique that has been around for years and has proven to be valuable in classifying certain texts. Still, it is important to be aware that the texts that child helplines receive are often of a different nature. These are texts of children (in distress) that may contain typos, incorrect sentence structures, abbreviations and chat language. It is also important that the algorithm works ethically. For example, it is important that girls are treated just like boys and that factors such as writing style, religion and origin should not play a role in the classification of the letter. In short, there are plenty of problems that smart econometricians and data scientists can address. But then we first need to know how to value, challenge and excite these people to work in the social sector.

Sharona Boonman (23 years old) is a graduate researcher at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). She works with anonymized data from a child helpline with the aim of providing neglected children with the help they deserve. This research is part of her Erasmus Mundus joint master's degree, a prestigious, integrated, international study program, in digital communication technology in Europe.

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Letter to the Editor

By Arlene Hopkins
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Residents First

Residents tend to be well attuned to our community vibe. We see and hear things, we intuitively know what feels right and what needs to be amplified for our re-envisioned community and our revised budget. The way to true community wealth prioritizes the interests of residents first.

RESIDENTS FIRST – WE WANT OUR PRIORITIES TO:

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Malibu

City Urges Woolsey Fire Victims to Be Aware of Fee Waiver Deadlines

The City of Malibu urges residents who lost homes during the 2018 Woolsey Fire to be aware of the June 30, 2020 deadline to apply for rebuild permit fee waivers before the opportunity expires.

"I am very proud that the City's finances were in such a strong position that even after the devastating Woolsey Fire, the City Council was able to waive permit fees to help residents rebuild as quickly as possible," Mayor Karen Farrer said. "I am equally proud that the City is able to continue processing rebuilding projects among other essential services, even amidst the worst health and economic crises in generations. I urge all homeowners who are rebuilding to be aware of the fee waiver deadlines, and to contact the City Rebuild Team if they need any help."

On June 24, 2019, the City Council authorized the waiving of permit fees from November 8, 2018 (the day the Woolsey Fire started) through June 30, 2020 for "like-for-like" and "like-for-like" plus 10% rebuilds. The fee waivers were retroactive, and applicable to homes that were the property owner's primary residence at the time of the fire.

On February 24, 2020, the Malibu City Council extended and revised the City's fee waiver program. The updated fee waiver requirements state that an application for fee waivers must be received by June 30, 2020; all required Planning Department applications for the project must be deemed complete by June 30, 2020; and all required building permits must be pulled by December 30, 2020.

The City will not issue a building permit after December 30, 2020 unless all fees have been paid. No new fee waivers will be granted after December 30, 2020.

The Council also clarified that fee waivers are not transferable. To obtain a fee waiver, property owners must file an affidavit with the City establishing primary residence at the time of the Woolsey Fire and submit the required proof of primary residency. If a waiver is obtained, a Certificate of Occupancy will only be issued to the property owner who filed the affidavit. In order for a Certificate of Occupancy to be issued to an owner other than the one listed on the fee waiver, all fees that were waived must be paid to the City.

SUBMITTED BY MATT MYERHOFF, MALIBU MEDIA INFORMATION OFFICER





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resources and other funds to restore a total of $5.9 million in funding to housing, youth, recreational, mobility and sustainability programs.

"City staff have worked creatively and collaboratively to develop a restoration plan that serves to preserve highly valued city services in the midst of the historic crisis caused by COVID-19," Dilg said in a statement. "Based on council direction and extensive community input, this plan ... (keeps) our public spaces vibrant and our most vulnerable residents safe in their homes as we work together to build our recovery."

HOUSING AND FOOD ASSISTANCE

The city would expand its Preserving Our Diversity (POD) rent subsidy program for low-income seniors to anywhere from 250 to 450 households. Two as-needed staff would support the program.

An additional 307 eligible households — not just elderly residents — would receive rental assistance for three months through a $1.6 million fund made available in the CARES Act and $250,000 in city funding.

More than $51,000 in funding would be restored the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, which provides 900 Santa Monicans with free legal aid, often representing them in housing matters.

The Westside Food Bank and Meals on Wheels West would receive a total of $20,000.

Under the proposed budget, the city would cut 12% in funding to 20 human services organizations that provide services to people experiencing homelessness, vulnerable youth, people with disabilities and seniors.

YOUTH AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

The CREST afterschool program would be maintained at its current capacity of 420 participants with about $129,000 to support 3.23 as-needed positions.

Santa Monica Police Activities League Youth Center hours would be increased with access to the center's dance and art rooms as well as the gymnasium. The center would serve 657 youth at a cost of about $134,000, including one permanent and 0.75 as-needed positions.

Virginia Avenue Park's parent groups, The Parent Connection Group and Familias Latinas Unidas, would receive $20,000 in continued funding. The programs have a combined 67 participants.

Youth and athletic organizations would be able to keep using fields at local public schools. The city would continue to support the program with about $140,000 to fund one permanent and 2.9 as-needed positions.

The Santa Monica Swim Center will reopen under reduced hours based on guidelines from public health officials. The center will receive about $14,000, 0.8 permanent and 1.95 as-needed positions.

Memorial Park's gym and skate park drop-in programs, which serve about 1,000 visitors per day, would continue. The cost of the additional 0.25 as-needed hours will be offset by added revenue, so continuing service will cost a little more than $10,000.

Basketball courts, tennis courts and turf fields will be maintained at current funding levels. The community gardens program will continue with one permanent staffer and about $77,000 in funding.

The Santa Monica Public Library would lose 40% of its budget and 26.5 full-time and 80 as-needed positions if the council approves the budget as proposed.

MOBILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

The Vision Zero program, which seeks to eliminate traffic fatalities, would be supported with 1.5 permanent staffers who would continue evaluating crash data, engineering roadway improvements and conducting educational outreach to residents.

The transportation demand management program, which helps employers reduce car commuting, would continue with two permanent positions. The city would maintain some funding for GoSaMo, the city-funded organization that supports employers in meeting the city's transportation requirements.

The city would dedicate more than $183,000 and one permanent staffer to advance the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and about $145,000 and one permanent staffer to continue the city's water conservation efforts.

OTHER PROPOSALS

City staff recommend that City Council allocate $500,000 in available arts funds to artists and nonprofits to create recovery projects in the spirit of the Works Progress Administration. Projects could include art in or on vacant storefronts, social distancing markers and arts activities that could be included with pick-up orders at local businesses.

Staff is also proposing that the council authorize a fee study next fiscal year for CREST and field and aquatic permits. Staff said the costs of the programs will increase but continue to be accessible to lower-income households.

The council will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. to allocate the $5.9 million in funding and hold a study session on the 2020-2021 budget June 9.

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MARCIA BLOOM

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out not being a friend and someone who was going to go back, even if you weren't going to buy anything else. It was simply because you were just interested in going to talk with Marcia some more; and Marcia — being infinitely curious — was going to want to hear all about whatever happened to you in the last week," longtime friend Randi Parent said, detailing how consumers would often come back to buy that one-of-a-kind outfit for a special occasion or simply return to sit on the bench adjacent to Marcia's perch behind the counter and catch up on life.

Though her shop closed at the end of 2018, Bloom's impact on Santa Monica cannot be understated. After all, she was one of the founding business owners in the city's Buy Local program, which now has more than 1,000 participants.

"Marcia and her business were Buy Local in every essence. She designed and made her own clothes, which were really fun, quirky and unique fashions that were all her own and were very unique to Santa Monica. She reused materials," and her impact on the city has been tremendous to say the least, said Jennifer Taylor, Chair of Buy Local Santa Monica Committee and economic development manager for the city of Santa Monica.

"What motivates me at Buy Local are people like Marcia and what she represented as a small business owner and an entrepreneur," Taylor added. "She was a real inspiration to businesses and women entrepreneurs in our community, and her legacy will definitely live on. She will be sorely missed but we will continue to carry on the tradition of business like Marcia's through Buy Local."

In life, Bloom always had an incredibly positive attitude. Friends and family recall her sharing stories about the hardship of others before stating she had no reason to complain.

"Her style was different, and like her personality, it was very eclectic, very creative, very colorful. A lot of times she combined patterns that you wouldn't think would necessarily match, but somehow she made it work," said Albin Gielicz, who knew Bloom from the Montana Merchants' Association. "And I think that type of originality and individualism appealed to a lot of people, because it was something you couldn't find anywhere else."

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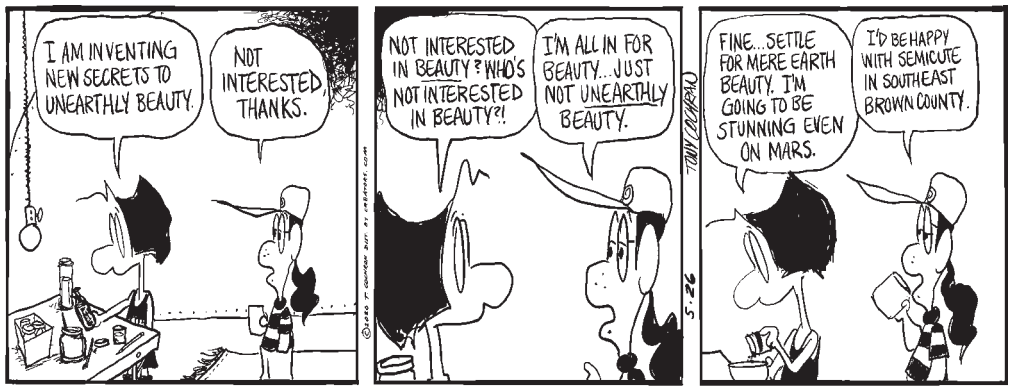
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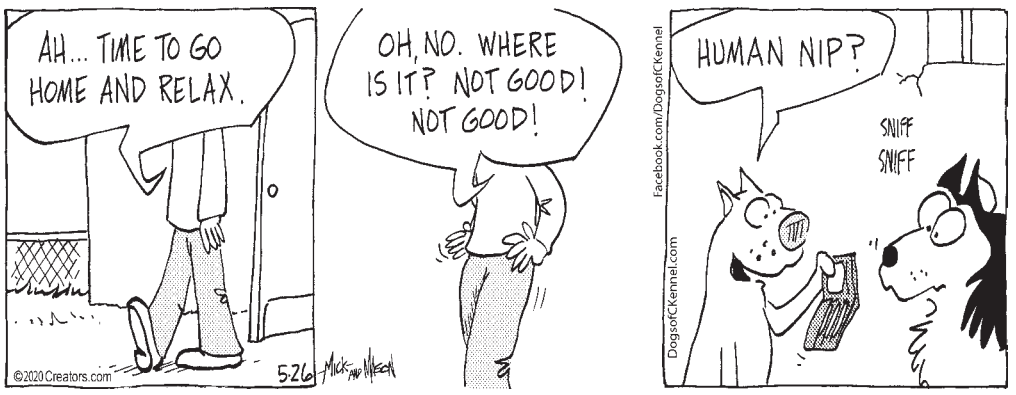
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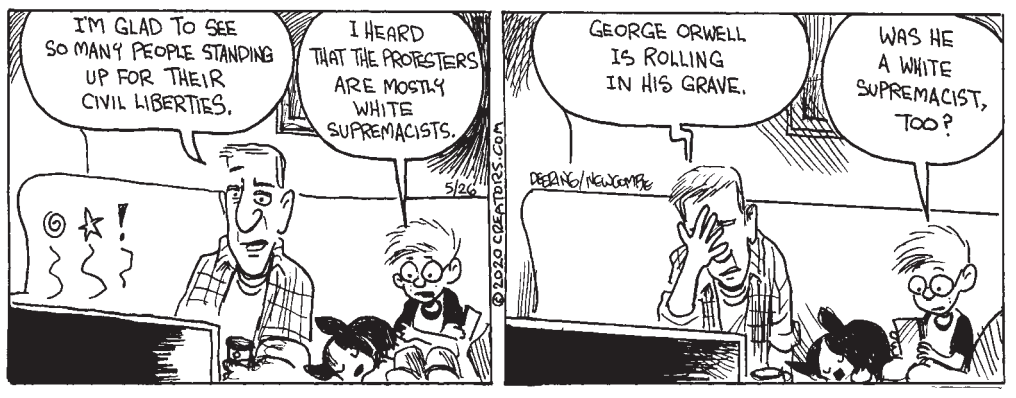
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 66.5°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Small blend of old/new SSW swell energy. Steep NW swell in the mix.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Long period, partially shadowed SW/SSW swell slowly builds. Minor NW swell.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 74.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.
Wednesday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 73.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/05/26	Tue	06:56 AM	-0.51	L
2020/05/26	Tue	2:02 PM	3.20	H
2020/05/26	Tue	5:34 PM	2.73	L
2020/05/26	Tue	11:59 PM	5.32	H
2020/05/27	Wed	07:49 AM	-0.36	L
2020/05/27	Wed	3:16 PM	3.31	H
2020/05/27	Wed	6:39 PM	2.94	L
2020/05/28	Thu	12:55 AM	4.97	H
2020/05/28	Thu	08:48 AM	-0.19	L
2020/05/28	Thu	4:23 PM	3.57	H
2020/05/28	Thu	8:18 PM	3.01	L
2020/05/29	Fri	02:08 AM	4.58	H
2020/05/29	Fri	09:51 AM	-0.04	L
2020/05/29	Fri	5:10 PM	3.97	H
2020/05/29	Fri	10:18 PM	2.69	L
2020/05/30	Sat	03:38 AM	4.24	H
2020/05/30	Sat	10:49 AM	0.10	L
2020/05/30	Sat	5:49 PM	4.46	H
2020/05/30	Sat	11:42 PM	2.00	L
2020/05/31	Sun	05:06 AM	4.07	H
2020/05/31	Sun	11:39 AM	0.28	L
2020/05/31	Sun	6:26 PM	5.02	H

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL calottery
Draw Date:05/20
18 34 40 42 50
Power#: 9
Jackpot:104 M

MEGA MILLIONS calottery
Draw Date: 05/19
8 19 25 36 66
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 298 M

SuperLotto PLUS calottery
Draw Date: 05/20
2 24 29 30 37
Mega#: 8
Jackpot: 8 M

Fantasy 5 calottery
Draw Date: 05/21
10 12 25 31 36

Daily 3 calottery
Draw Date: 05/22
Midday: 4 1 1
Draw Date: 05/21
Evening: 3 3 3

Daily Derby calottery
Draw Date: 05/20
1st: 11 - MONEY BAGS
2nd: 10 - SOLID GOLD
3rd: 02 - LUCKY STAR
RACE TIME: 1:41.05

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MAY 26)

The next three weeks bring a reassessment and realignment of your values, which helps you to build yourself in the direction of your dreams. Your relationships go deeper as you share bonding experiences with loved ones. New people come into your life in September, further opening your horizons. Aquarius and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 12, 22 and 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A ring, the flame on a candle wick, a folded stash of cash... small things mean so much today that it's almost like objects expand in importance in inverse proportion to their actual size.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Not everything has to be about something. It's enough to just be. There is peace in the moments you forget about what things mean and just accept what they are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Finishing what you start will be a matter of personal pride. You'll derive a great deal of self-esteem from just knowing that you did what you said you would do.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Trying to get someone interested usually has the opposite effect. Don't try. Do you, and see who comes knocking. Ultimately, you'll be delighted by your options.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your navigation system has updated many times. You've used your parents, friends and employers as guides. You've used your phone, the media and more. Through it all, intuition is your most enduring compass.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In math, there is only one right answer. In love, there are dozens or even hundreds of right answers, and the more deeply in love you are, the more you'll be willing to try.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have a healthy respect for the natural order of things and appreciate stages from birth to blossom, thriving and even decay. Your appreciation of beauty will lead to an encounter.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A smile, a call from out of the blue, a home-cooked meal... these are the gestures that mean so much. You'll pay forward the warmth that has been given to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You need something new to do today. Novelty is a necessity, and without it you're apt to feel lethargic. New people are the best for this. Second best are new activities. In a pinch, media fills the void.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). This endeavor you're participating in is actually much more intricate and elaborate than you would have guessed. Take yourself out of the game a minute and you'll see it for the first time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're active, multifaceted and eager to connect with people who can keep up with you. When this happens, you know it immediately and get swept up in the fascinating conversation that ensues.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Friendships get into ruts just like every other kind of relationship — that is unless you make the effort to keep things interesting. You'll sprinkle some excitement into the mix.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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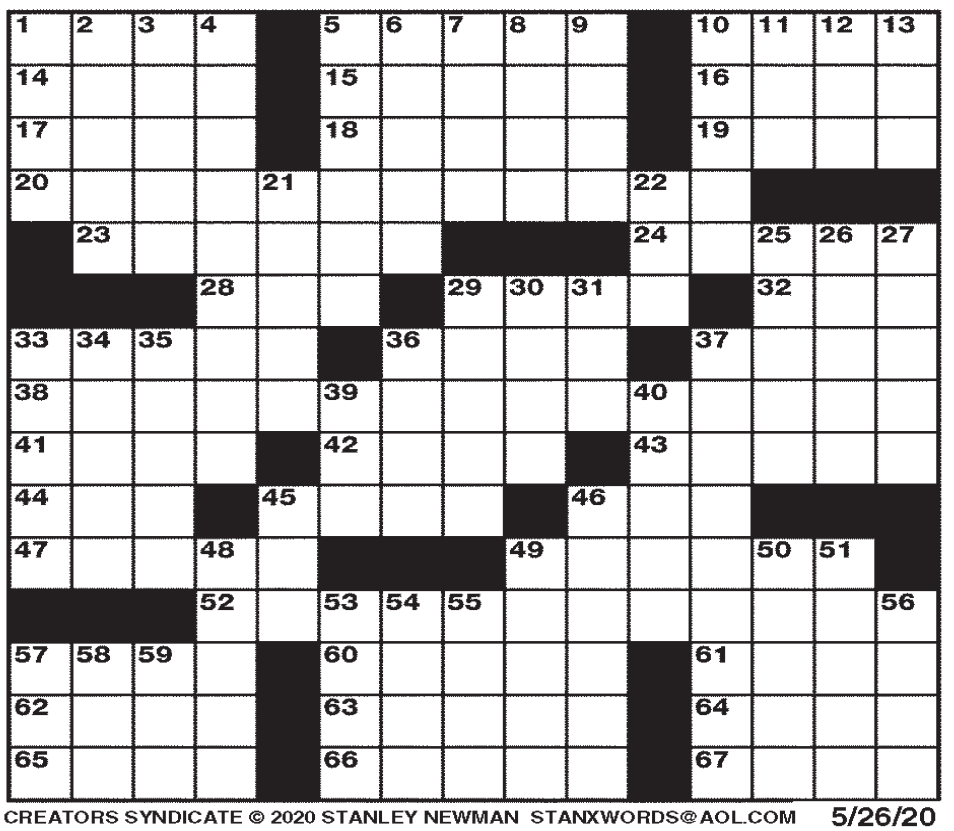
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ACROSS

1 Londoner's farewell
5 Land adjoining the ocean
10 The ___ of Avon (Shakespeare)
14 Throw forcefully
15 In a fitting way
16 Person telling fibs
17 Slanted typeface: Abbr.
18 Bend (over)
19 General's fighting force
20 With 52 Across, start of a bridalwear rhyme
23 Ankle mishap
24 *Beauty and the* ___
28 Liquor in a martini
29 Drains of energy
32 Naval noncom: Abbr.
33 Dined at home
36 Feeling annoyed
37 "Scat!"
38 Inventory accounting method
41 Small fruit pie
42 Turnpike or highway
43 Jogs along
44 Before, in poems
45 Keep ___ on (watch closely)
46 Prefix meaning "recent"
47 AM/FM device
49 Requiring dimes or quarters, as a pinball machine, for short
52 See 20 Across
57 Visibility-reducing mists
60 Operatic solos
61 Land measure
62 Honolulu feast
63 Remove suds from
64 Totally wreck
65 Egg on
66 Joints above ankles
67 Thaw

DOWN

1 The thing here
2 Toyotas and Chevys
3 Vagabond or hobo
4 Expert on hay fever
5 Redeem, as poker chips
6 Decide to take part
7 Like ___ of bricks
8 Laborious walk
9 Keyboarding mistake
10 Razor insert
11 Televise
12 Lamb's father
13 No longer damp
21 Make impure
22 Many ozs.
25 Sneezing sound
26 Teapot opening
27 Horn honks
29 Living room couches
30 Getting little rain
31 Part of mph
33 Subsequent to
34 Pageant crown
35 Goofed up
36 Snooty person
37 Coerce
39 Nest egg acronym
40 Beer mug
45 Overly
46 Bangs and clangs
48 Topic being debated
49 Run after
50 At just the right moment
51 Danger
53 C+ or A-
54 Nickname for Ireland
55 Fork prong
56 "What ___ wrong?"
57 Winter bug
58 Belonging to us
59 Comedian's joke



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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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STREETS

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last two months called on the city to join other cities, including Pasadena, San Diego, Oakland and San Francisco, in setting up a "slow streets" network during the pandemic.

Dilg said Santa Monica could set up a slow streets network in the immediate future.

"We're looking to see where we can take fast action to open a few streets in that model sometime soon," she said.

Residents have also said they want to see commercial streets converted for pedestrians in a way similar to the Third Street Promenade, she said.

Dilg said she is open to the idea but the city would have to figure out how to reroute emergency vehicles that travel on commercial corridors.

"That would happen on a slightly longer time frame because we want to make sure we get it right," she said.

Officials are working on a plan to allow businesses to open outdoor seating areas in the near future, perhaps by expanding the city's existing parklets program. The city installed three parklets on Main Street four years ago and restaurants across the city were pushing the city to build more before the pandemic.

The Main Street Business Improvement Association has sent letters to city staff and council outlining their ideas for experimenting with street closures. The association said a complete closure of Main Street could revitalize the area with fewer impacts than many people realize.

"Time is not a luxury we have," said Hunter Hall, Executive Director of the Association, in the letter. "We must take any and all measures to ensure our commercial districts thrive as we re-enter an unknown economic climate. Furthermore, a paradigm shift in how local government approaches this monumental task must prioritize business activity over the concerns of an overly vocal minority who will surely try and derail this process with outspoken, but unfounded, concerns about trivial inconveniences."

Hall said the street has experience with a complete closure during its Summer Soulstice event and that internal polling showed 70 percent of businesses and neighbors endorsed the idea. However, his organization has also proposed several kinds of partial closure.

"The key to this initiative is fast implementation, with the ability to pivot in the face of new data or unforeseen issues that may arise," said the letter. "Obviously, we will have to address public education and communication with things like wayfinding and signage in redirecting traffic."

The city also loosened alcohol regulations for restaurants last week, in part to help restaurants pad their margins with alcohol sales as they reopen.

"We hear your need for more space for your restaurants," Dilg told restaurateurs who attended the Zoom town hall. "We understand that social distancing requirements make it hard to hit the margins you need to continue operating. We know people want to eat in restaurants and do it safely."

Dilg said although Los Angeles County is aiming to reopen restaurants, stores and malls by July 4, the county will not reopen until it meets public health metrics that demonstrate the epidemic is under control.

Santa Monica will move into stage three of reopening alongside the rest of the county, she said. The city is working on a phased reopening plan for the Santa Monica Pier and is determining when beach parking lots can be safely reopened — the police department would need to be able to enforce rules against large gatherings on the beach, Dilg added.

"Reopening could come as early as July 4 if everything goes beautifully, but it could be much longer than that," she said.

Dilg said the region will have a better chance of meeting that target date if people continue to wear masks and practice physical distancing in public.

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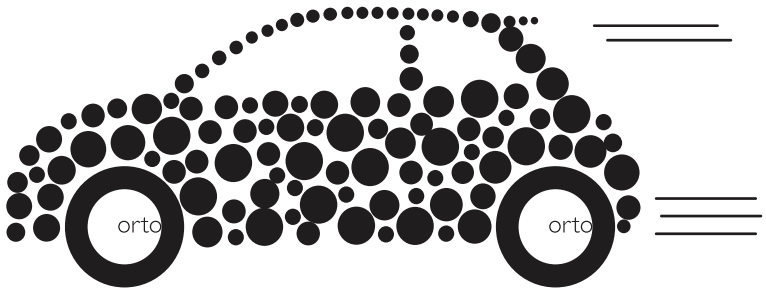
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Tortino di funghi con fonduta seasonal mushrooms cake on a bed of Piedmontese fontina cheese fondue **19**

Fritto misto terra e mare fried calamari, shrimp and Farmers Market organic vegetables **18**

Polpette con guscio golden brown Dungeness crab cakes **24**

Capesante scottate Georges Bank seared sea scallops with Dijon mustard and tarragon **24**

Ribollita purée of Farmers Market organic vegetables **10**

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SALAD

Insalata dell'orto Farmers Market warm asparagus, wild rucola, cherry tomatoes and truffle oil **13**

Mista della casa organic mixed greens, cherry tomatoes, Sicilian olive oil and Modena balsamic **12**

Insalata di arance e finocchi organic fennel, Farmers Market oranges, wild rucola and Castelvetrano olives **13**

Carpaccio di barbabietole red and golden beets carpaccio, organic greens and aged goat cheese **12**

Insalata di carciofi e pecorino Calistoga organic artichokes, sliced Sardinian pecorino and wild rucola **13**

PASTA

Tagliatelle alla bolognese Wisconsin Black Angus meat ragout **24**

Spaghetti alla carbonara organic egg, crispy pancetta and Sardinian pecorino **25**

Cavatelli tartufati alla Norcina Umbrian black truffles, seasonal mushrooms, sausage and red cow parmigiano **40**

Trofie al pesto, fagiolini e patate traditional organic basil pesto, string beans and Farmers Market organic potatoes **22**

Penne alla vodka San Marzano tomato purée, shallots, cream and vodka **22**

Fusilli alla Norma San Marzano tomato purée, eggplant dry ricotta cheese **25**

Orecchiette dell'orto San Marzano tomato purée, Farmers Market organic vegetables **24**

Ravioli ai quattro formaggi nel bosco four cheeses ravioli, seasonal mushrooms sauce **28**

Ravioli di gamberi allo zafferano Shrimp ravioli, cream of Italian saffron **28**

Linguine di mare con mandorle Mediterranean mussels, Manila clams, calamari, shrimp, almonds, organic tomatoes **29**

Spaghetti alla Bottarga bottarga from Cabras, garlic, Sicilian olive oil, parsley **28**

Linguini alle vongole con zafferano e zucchini Manila clams, organic tomatoes Italian saffron and zucchini julienne **28**

MAIN

Filetto ai funghi Wisconsin Black Angus filet mignon with seasonal mushrooms, Farmers Market organic vegetables **48**

Filetto al pepe verde Wisconsin Black Angus filet mignon with green peppercorn sauce, Farmers Market organic vegetables **46**

Entrecôte alle erbe Wisconsin Black Angus New York steak, with herbs, Farmers Market organic vegetables **49**

Costolette d'agnello al balsamico Australian lamb chops, balsamic vinegar reduction, Farmers Market organic vegetables **48**

Scaloppine di pollo al limone Mary's organic chicken scaloppine in lemon and capers sauce **28**

Salmone con mostarda e dragoncello wild-caught salmon with Dijon mustard and tarragon **38**

Pesce fresco del giorno fresh daily selection of fish Market price

Cioppino di lusso fresh seafood, Maine lobster in a organic tomatoes broth **45**

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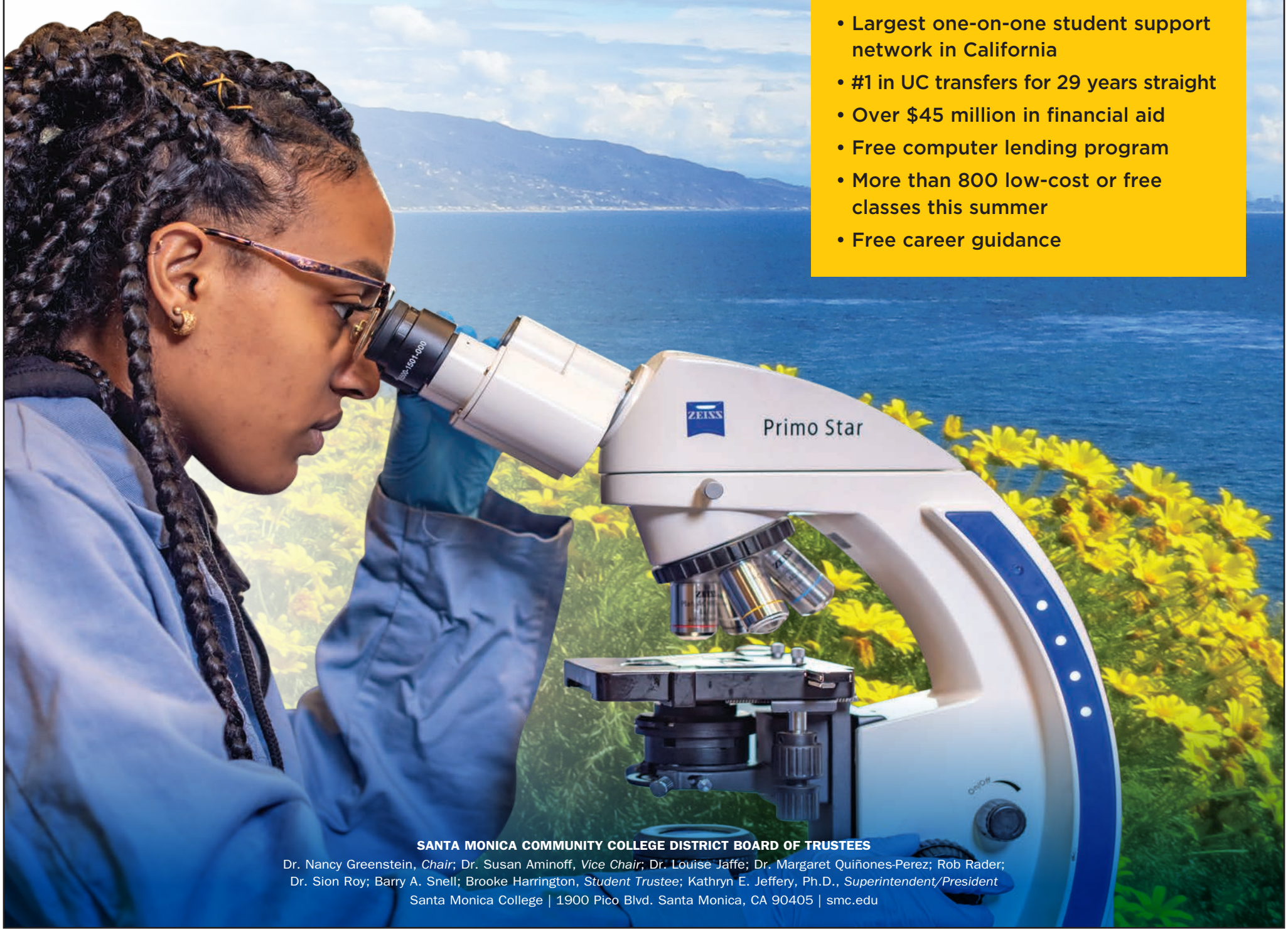
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