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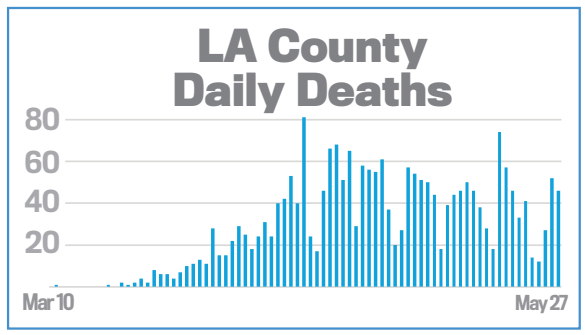
48 County Covid deaths
The County released new numbers Thursday.
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Pet of the Week
Sol the Turtle.
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CORONAVIRUS CASES (1WkChg)

SANTA MONICA	LA COUNTY	CALIFORNIA	USA	WORLDWIDE
261 +7%	49,774 +18%	101,874 +18%	1,707,719 +10%	5,784,603 +14%

SMDP Graphic - Data from Johns Hopkins, WHO, LA County Public Health



Residents protest cuts to services for Santa Monica seniors





Matthew Hall

PROTEST: A group of residents gathered on 4th Street Thursday to protest budget cuts impacting seniors.

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

About 50 people held a demonstration in downtown Santa Monica Thursday against proposed funding cuts to the city's only senior services organization.

WISE & Healthy Aging would lose $123,000 in grant funding under the city of Santa Monica's proposed budget, which eliminates $86.2 million in ongoing spending amid a budget crisis caused by the pandemic's impact on city tax revenues. The nonprofit typically receives more than $1 million from the city each year, comprising 17% of its overall budget.

The proposed budget eliminates about $1 million in funding to 19 other nonprofits that assist low-income Santa Monicans, or 12% of each program's grant funding

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City restores $6.4 million in budget update

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica City Council approved a plan Tuesday to restore $6.4 million in funding to programs that city staff had proposed eliminating to fill a $224 million budget deficit over the next two years.

The city also released a draft budget for next fiscal year, which starts July 1, showing that about 469 city employees have been bought out or laid off— 20% of its former workforce of 2,298 full-time equivalent positions. The $607.4 million budget proposed for next fiscal year is nearly 25% smaller than last year's budget, and projected revenues will be 20% smaller at $537.6 million.

City Council allocated $6.4 million in funding to continue supporting programs that city staff had proposed eliminating,

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Bird riders and gig workers allege injuries from faulty scooters in lawsuit

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

A local personal injury lawyer filed a lawsuit earlier this month against Santa Monica-based scooter company Bird alleging the company deploys poorly manufactured and maintained devices.

The lawsuit from McGee, Lerer & Associates alleges more than two dozen Bird riders and chargers suffered severe injuries resulting from defective Bird brakes, wheels, throttles and handlebars. The complaint also alleges that Xiaomi and Segway manufactured defective scooters.

"Bird has been cutting corners for years with its scooters, plain and

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Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom

DATE/TIME: Monday, June 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Architectural Review Board and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The public may join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/xsrpbbhe or by dialing in at +1 (415) 466-7000 (US) PIN: 6450558 #

PROPERTIES:

- 20ARB-0122: 1437 6th Street: Mixed-Use
- 20ARB-0040: 3030 Nebraska Avenue: Mixed-Use
- 20ARB-0091: 1349 26th Street: Mural
- 20ARB-0005: 1432 17th Street: Multi-Unit Residential
- 20ARB-0099: 3020 Santa Monica Boulevard: Signs

PRELIMINARY REVIEW(S):

- None

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Los Angeles County Announces 48 New Deaths Related to 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has confirmed 48 new deaths and 1,094 new cases of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Thirty-one people who died were over the age of 65 years old; 10 people who died were between the ages of 41 and 65 years old, and one person who died was between the ages of 18 and 40 years old. Thirty-three people had underlying health conditions including 24 people over the age of 65 years old, eight people between the ages of 41 to 65 years old, and one person between the ages of 18 and 40 years old. Six deaths were reported by the City of Long Beach.

To date, Public Health has identified 49,774 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of LA County, and a total of 2,241 deaths. Ninety-three percent of people who died had underlying health conditions. Of those who died, information about race and ethnicity is available for 2,062 people (99 percent of the cases reported by Public Health) 40% of deaths occurred among Latino/Latinx residents, 29% among White residents, 17% among Asian residents, 12% among African American residents, 1% among Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander residents and 1% among residents identifying with other races. Upon further investigation, 20 cases and one death reported earlier were not LA County residents. As of today, 6,350 people who tested positive for COVID-19 (13% of positive cases) have been hospitalized at some point during their illness. There are 1,477 people who are currently hospitalized, 27% of these people are in the ICU and 19% are on ventilators. Testing capacity continues to increase in LA County, with testing results available for nearly 531,000 individuals and 8% of people testing positive.

"As a community, we have lost far too many of our loved ones, friends and neighbors to COVID-19. For all of the people who are experiencing the profound sorrow of losing someone they love, our hearts are with you," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "There is a lot at stake as we continue our recovery journey. More people being around one another can result in more transmission of COVID-19, more cases, and likely more hospitalizations and deaths. Individuals and institutions need to continue to do their part to slow the spread of the virus. For individuals, this means physical distancing and wearing cloth face coverings whenever you are outside of your home and around other people. For institutions, this means closely following all directives that protect employees, customers, and people who are most vulnerable."

The new Health Officer Order issued earlier this week, called Safer at Work and in the Community, allows for the reopening of houses of worship, office worksites, in-store shopping at retail establishments, including indoor malls and shopping centers, flea markets, swap meets and drive-in movie theaters. Political protests with limited numbers of participants are also allowed. Houses of worship can operate at 25% capacity or with a maximum of 100 people, whichever is lower, and retail establishments can operate at 50% capacity. Businesses must adhere to distancing and infection control protocols that provide safety for employees, customers and the County's most vulnerable residents before reopening. These protocols were developed to guide reopening and are available online.

The Health Officer Order continues to require specific higher-risk businesses to remain closed and prohibit dining in at restaurants. Restaurants are still allowed to serve food to customer via delivery, take-out or drive-thru. Public and private gatherings of any number of people outside of a single household unit are still not permitted except for public protests and faith-bases services as described in the Order. Everyone must continue to follow distancing and infection control protocols and wear a clean cloth face covering that securely covers both your nose and mouth when in contact with other people not in your household.

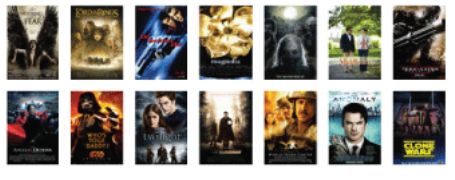
LA County is in stage two of the five-stage Roadmap to Recovery and until the final stage five is reached, Health Officer Orders and directives will continue to ensure that we slow spread of COVID-19 to prevent an overwhelming surge of COVID-19 cases at healthcare facilities. The Health Officer Order, COVID-19 Surveillance Interactive Dashboard, Roadmap to Recovery, Recovery Dashboard, and additional things you can do to protect yourself, your family and your community are on the Public Health website, www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

The best protection against COVID-19 continues to be to wash your hands frequently, avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, self-isolate if you are sick, practice physical distancing, and wear a clean face covering when in contact with others from outside your household. People who have underlying health conditions remain at much greater risk for serious illness from COVID-19, so it will continue to be very important for the County's vulnerable residents to stay at home as much as possible, to have groceries and medicine delivered, and to call their providers immediately if they have even mild symptoms.

Santa Monica has 261 confirmed cases.

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Laughing Matters

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Trying to Find Kind Words For Trump

Whether pro or con, I enjoy hearing from readers. I joke, without reader feedback, writing feels like I'm just talking to myself, which I do enough of as it is. Fortunately, I have readers who email.

To name but two, there's Jackie in Philadelphia and Emily in Tampa. Jackie agrees with my lampooning Donald Trump but she's often funnier than I am. Emily, an avid Trump supporter, rates my columns with 1 to 5 stars and when I write about Trump I always get 1 star along with, "Can't you ever say anything nice?" It's near impossible.

We now have 100,000 Americans dead and 40 million unemployed due to Covid-19. Instead of consoling the nation's grief as every president in my lifetime, Republican and Democratic, would do, Trump tweets insane and baseless conspiracy theories. (Were he a CEO, he'd be fired for or institutionalized.)

On Memorial Day, once again, Trump enriched his coffers by playing golf at his own course, bringing the total taxpayer expense for his golf to $138 million. "I needed the exercise," Trump said of his outing. Exercise, driving a golf cart?

Trump has actually driven a cart onto the green, perhaps to protect against inflaming his bogus "bone spurs." Meanwhile, candidate Trump relentlessly chastised Obama's golfing but as POTUS Trump has played a whopping 270% more than Obama.

Emily might be pleased as I just thought of kind words for Trump. He's possibly the best golfer to occupy the White House, but, of course, he ruins it because he's such a pathological cheater he's the subject of the best-selling book, "Commander in Cheat," by Rick Reilly.

"Trump thinks playing by the rules is for losers," Reilly writes. "He cheats at everything, and sees other people only as marks." Just like the rest of his life, Trump's cheating at golf is so brazen caddies nicknamed him "Pele," because he constantly kicks his ball from the rough back onto the fairway.

Memorial Day is a sacred holiday honoring those who gave their lives for an idea bigger than themselves. Sadly, Trump demonstrates he considers nothing to be bigger than himself. Disturbingly, after he laid the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Trump, who will be 74 in June, swayed, as if having difficulty keeping his balance.

Later, however, he sent off a series of vile rage tweets against women. He suggested Nancy Pelosi "drinks on the job," called Hillary Clinton a "skank," and said of Stacey Abrams, "She's visited every buffet restaurant in Georgia." This from the most obese POTUS in 100 years!

Undeniably, Trump lacks basic human empathy. He's vengefully mocked the disabled, minorities, two Gold Star families, a teenage climate activist and disparages John McCain even after he's dead. (During the pandemic, not only does Trump not wear a mask, he belittles those who do.)

Trump's callousness reminds many of Senator Joe McCarthy who, in a hearing in 1954, was famously asked, "Have you no sense of decency?" Coincidentally, his diabolical hatchet man, Roy Cohn, would become Trump's "mentor." A Republican, McCarthy was censured by the majority GOP Senate and drank himself to death within three years.

Speaking of censure, there are absolutely no kind words for Trump's abysmal mishandling of Covid-19. Ever the victim, he denies any responsibility whining, "Nobody knew there would be a pandemic of this proportion." Nobody?

In December, 2014, President Obama predicted perhaps in five years, "We will have an airborne disease that will be deadly. We have to put into place an infrastructure that allows us to see it quickly, isolate it quickly and respond to it quickly."

In March, Trump predicted Covid-19 would "disappear like a miracle." (If he would disappear it would be a miracle.) Clearly, when Trump lies, people can die as evidenced on March 6 when he insisted, "Anybody who wants a test can get one." That's not even true today. (Trump's puppet master, Putin, must just love all the tragedy and chaos in America.)

Pulitzer-Prize columnist Thomas Friedman called Trump "President Breaking Bad." He cites Trump's "Touting ultraviolet light colonoscopies, Lysol enemas and Hydroxychloroquine, rejected by his own FDA."

To the horror of his medical experts, Trump infamously suggested injecting disinfectants to fight the virus. Lysol and Clorox had to warn Americans not to do it. (In 1978, Kool-Aid didn't get a chance to warn Jim Jones' 900 devotees not to poison themselves with the cyanide-laced drink.)

As Howard Stern noted, ironically, Trump despises his followers, as is true of almost every cult leader throughout history. The question is what can we do about him? (#Remember November 3.)

As for Jackie and Emily, tomorrow Jackie celebrates her 50th wedding anniversary. And Emily recently moved into a new apartment she loves. After today's column, however, obviously I'm only getting 1 star.

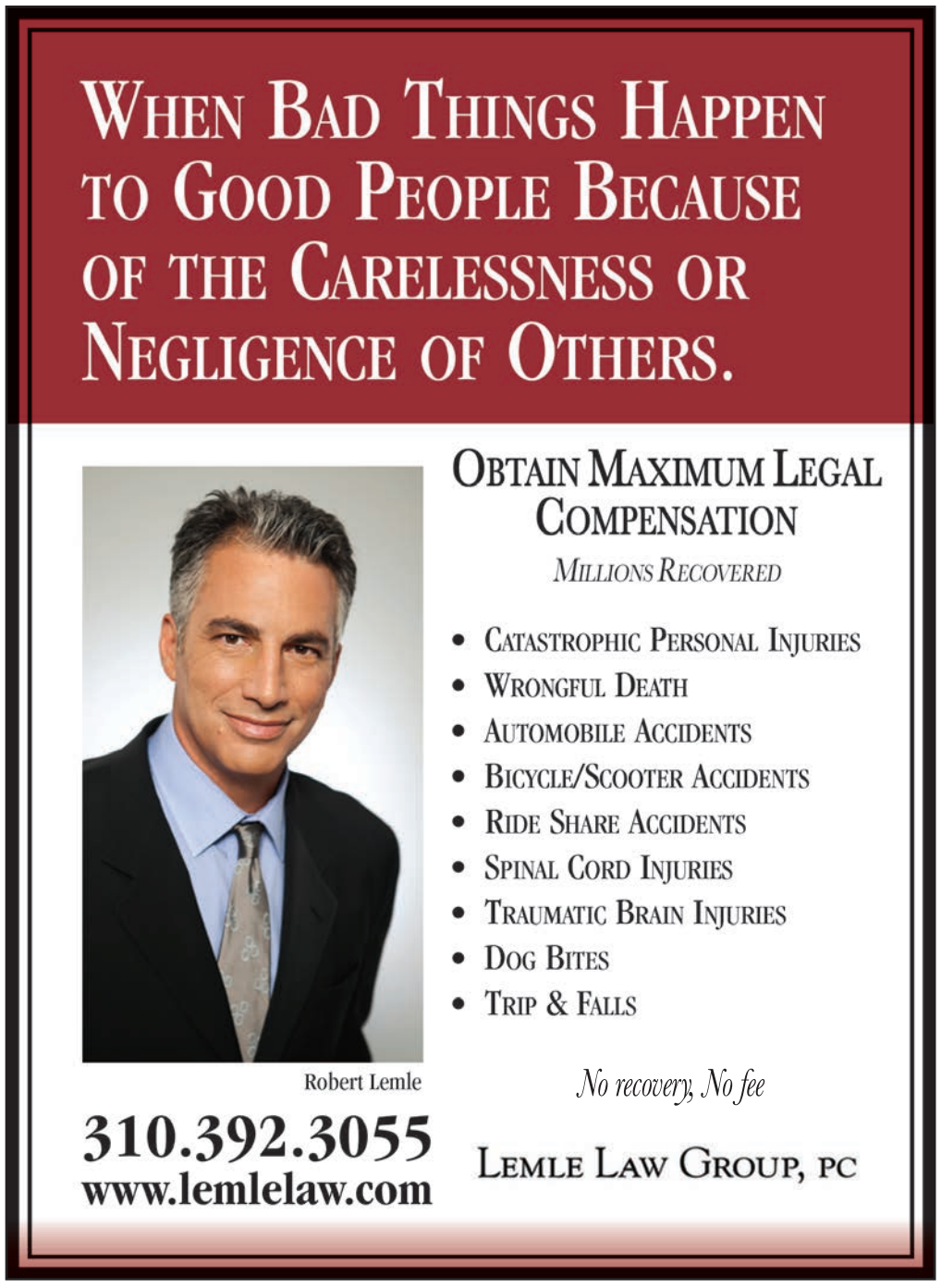
For proof, Google "Hear what Obama said in 2014 about Pandemic" For laughs, Google "Sarah Cooper Trump videos." Jack is at: jackdailypress@aol.com











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Report Of Shots Fired 2000blk Delaware Ave 12:48 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 200blk Broadway 5:44 a.m.
Identity Theft 300blk 25th St 6:59 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1700blk Pico Blvd 7:02 a.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:53 a.m.
Burglary Report 1300blk Harvard St 8:01 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 2700blk Pico Blvd 8:09 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1400blk Ocean Ave 8:11 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 300blk Strand St 8:12 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 400blk Hill St 8:41 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 400blk Raymond Ave 8:44 a.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk 4th St 9:18 a.m.
Fight 1700blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:30 a.m.
Prowler Report 2100blk Dewey St 9:31 a.m.
Bike Theft Report 1000blk Ozone Ave 9:37 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 3000blk Delaware Ave 9:45 a.m.
Fraud Report 2400blk Oak St 9:49 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 18th St / Broadway 10:30 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 18th St / Broadway 10:30 a.m.
Fraud Report 2700blk Lincoln Blvd 10:33 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1300blk 2nd St 10:54 a.m.
Encampment 19th St / Santa Monica Blvd 10:58 a.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 1000blk Wilshire Blvd 11:07 a.m.
General Parking Problem 2900blk 3rd St 11:35 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 12:03 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 12:11 p.m.
Stakeout 25th St / Ocean Park Blvd 12:22 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2400blk Beverley Ave 12:33 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 12:35 p.m.
Found Property 1000blk 5th St 12:36 p.m.
Encampment Ocean Ave / Alta Ave 1:11 p.m.
Burglary Report 2500blk Michigan Ave 1:13 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1200blk 23rd St 1:19 p.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 1:29 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Just Occurred 14th St / Wilshire Blvd 1:29 p.m.
Civil Dispute 1600blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:56 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 200blk San Vicente Blvd 2:10 p.m.
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Check Temporary No Parking Signs 300blk 24th St 2:34 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 1400blk 6th St 3:15 p.m.
Identity Theft 100blk Idaho Ave 3:16 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2200blk Wilshire Blvd 3:16 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1200blk 9th St 3:17 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1200blk Euclid St 3:19 p.m.
Lost Property 1900blk 20th St 3:21 p.m.
Death Investigation 1300blk Harvard St 3:23 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1300blk Marine St 3:26 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2200blk 20th St 3:32 p.m.
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Auto Burglary Just Occurred 600blk Broadway 4:16 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1000blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:21 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report Barnard Way / Sea Colony Dr 4:31 p.m.
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Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2300blk Pearl St 4:38 p.m.
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Automatic Alarm 2500blk Pico Blvd 9:41 a.m.
EMS 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:04 a.m.
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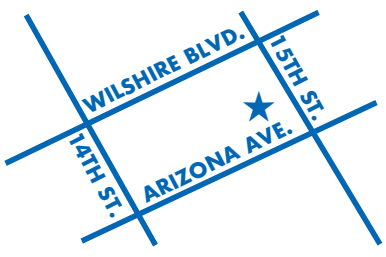
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Letter to the Editor

By Marcia Gecht

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Saving Olympic

TO THE SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

I know it looks like a solution to cut the counselor position at Olympic High School. However, such action will have extremely detrimental impact on the demographic that needs it the most.

What I have absolutely found to be a truth from my thirty-nine years at Olympic is: before one can learn, one must be emotionally literate.

Olympic silently heals and prepares the at-risk youth for that next step. It is a sad commentary that the district has been increasingly myopic to the value of the Olympic community and the positive outcome of its students.

The Olympic counselor needs to be on campus to offer advice and advocate for the students. The counselor helps support the many students who are going through one of the most difficult and critical stages in their life.

Marcia Gecht, Olympic High School Teacher

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Hi, I'm Sol. I'm female Red Eared Slider. Being given the name Sol is no mystery. I am an expert sunbather and I'm perfectly content to spend the entire day cozy on a rock or log. I'd like to think I'm confident and independent as I'm not one of those girls that needs to be coddled and constantly reassured that I'm loved. You can hang out with while surfing your social media, texting, or working, and you'll get no complaints for me. I'm too low-key and well-adjusted too engage in any drama. Plus, I know that if you're willing to meet my needs in keeping my pond clean, warm, with plenty of access to sunshine for me to enjoy, obviously you love me. So, if you're looking for a lady friend that will keep it cool, pull out your lawn chair and beach towel and adopt me. Sol, ID#A059749, is available for adoption at the Santa Monica Animal Shelter located at 1640 9th Street, Santa Monica CA, 90404. The shelter is closed to the public and adoptions are by appointment only by calling the shelter at (310) 458-8595.

PET TIP OF THE WEEK: REGULAR VET VISITS

Did you know that taking pets to their annual vet exam can help them live longer and prevent them from ending up in animal shelters?

Pet owners that skip annual vet visits are often overwhelmed when it is discovered that their pets are not only suffering, but that they have a full-blown illness that is too costly for them to treat. These pets have a high likelihood of ending up at local animal shelters. The relinquishment of sick animals in the shelter system not only adds to overcrowded shelters that already have limited medical resources to attend to illnesses, but these types of animals are more likely to be euthanized.

Some medical problems like skin and dental conditions occur gradually. But many animals compensate so these conditions are often missed by pet owners, even though it may cause them chronic pain and discomfort. Many illnesses like kidney and weight problems, when caught early, can be easily managed. Left untreated, pets may endure a tremendous amount of pain, the inability to thrive, and may cause families stress and heart ache at seeing their beloved pet suffer. This often leads to difficult decisions like whether the pet should rehomed due to lack of resources to treat the illness, or even euthanasia.

Taking pets to the vet regularly helps to prevents many serious illnesses, improves a pet's quality of life, may increase their lifespan, and greatly reduces overcrowded shelters!Pet of the Week is provided by Carmen Molinari, a long-time volunteer at the Santa Monica Animal Shelter and founder and CEO of Love At First Sit, a pet care and dog training company in Santa Monica. Learn about her, pet tips, and Love At First Sit services at loveatfirstsit.net

SCOOTERS

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simple," attorney Mike Arias said in a press release. "Nationwide, people have suffered serious injuries, required emergency room care, expensive surgeries and ongoing therapy because this 'gig economy' company has been ignoring its customers' safety while it rakes in profits."

The plaintiffs named in the mass tort complaint filed May 15 say they experienced brake or throttle failures while they were near moving vehicles. Several of the plaintiffs had injuries that required surgery, such as broken wrists, arms and ankles.

According to the lawsuit, Los Angeles resident Lisa Beardslee suffered a broken wrist, road rash and injuries to her neck and shoulder when a Bird scooter's brakes failed at an intersection in the Mid-City neighborhood of Los Angeles.

The complaint also alleges that Bird fails to properly maintain its scooters and incentivizes chargers to not report broken or dysfunctional scooters because chargers are not paid if they inform Bird that scooters need to be removed from circulation.

Santa Monica resident Fahin Kamrany, who worked for Bird as a charger, was forced to jump off a Bird scooter when the brakes failed as she approached an intersection. She fractured her collarbone, cut her scalp and sprained her neck, according to the lawsuit.

Kamrany said she was riding the scooter to determine how it had been damaged because Bird had not told her the nature of the issue.

Bird, which could not immediately be reached for comment, has been the target of safety complaints in the past. It launched the most recent iteration of its scooter, the Bird Two, last August, which included safety features such as a tip-proof kickstand and damage sensors.

A little less than a year earlier, McGee, Lerer & Associates filed a class-action lawsuit against Bird accusing the company of negligently deploying scooters on city sidewalks and failing to ensure that the scooters were safe to ride.

Last February, a former Bird mechanic filed a lawsuit alleging that Bird fired him because he spoke up about safety issues.

The company is now one of two scooter companies authorized to operate in Santa Monica. In September 2018, the city kicked off a Shared Mobility Pilot Program that allowed Bird, Lyft, Lime and Jump to deploy devices in Santa Monica, but Lime and Jump have permanently ceased operations in the city amid the pandemic.

Bird also laid off 30% of its staff, or about 400 workers, in late March. Workers have since described the company's culture and leadership as reckless and erratic in various news outlets covering the tech industry.

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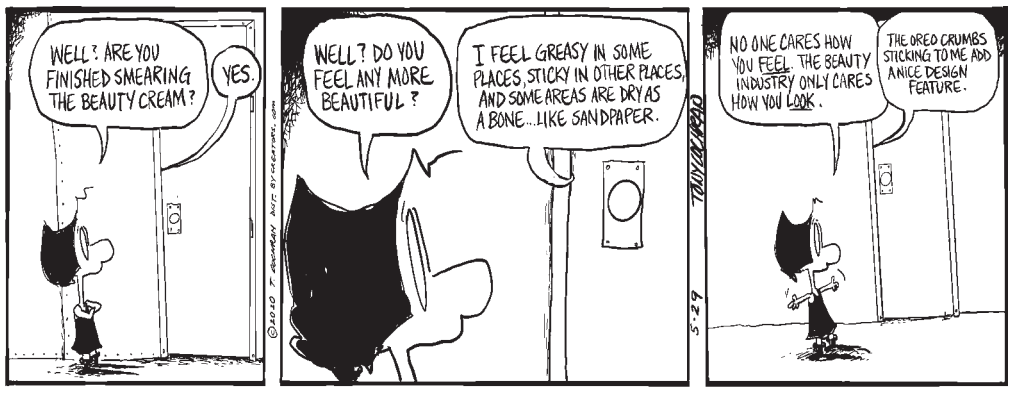
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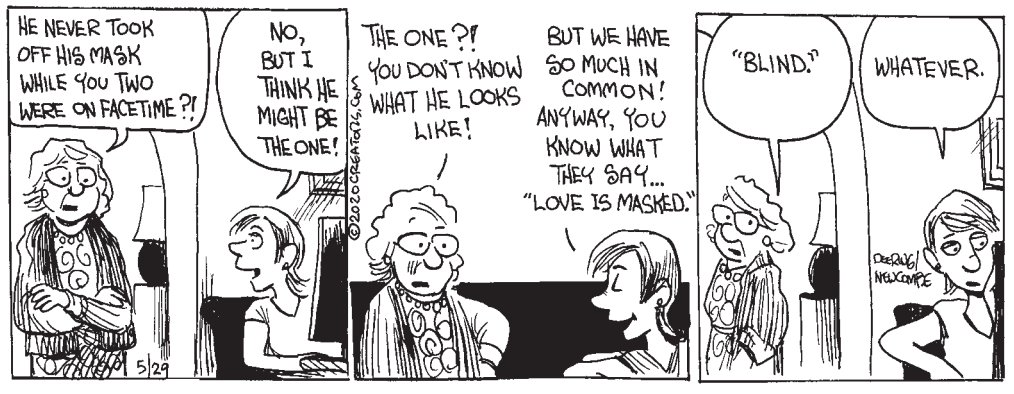
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Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"I USUALLY FIND MARCHING BAND MUSIC UPLIFTING."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING





SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 62.6°

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Long period SW/SSW swell holds. Small NW swell.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Stronger new SSW swell building over top of old SW/SSW swell. Small NW swell. Wind looks manageable for the morning.

WEATHER

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 69.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 69.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.
Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 70.
Sunday Night: Patchy fog after midnight. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.
Monday: Patchy fog before noon. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 70.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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
2020/06/01	Mon	12:45 AM	1.16	L
2020/06/01	Mon	06:23 AM	4.02	H
2020/06/01	Mon	12:25 PM	0.51	L
2020/06/01	Mon	7:02 PM	5.59	H
2020/06/02	Tue	01:39 AM	0.30	L
2020/06/02	Tue	07:32 AM	4.03	H
2020/06/02	Tue	1:08 PM	0.78	L

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERball
Draw Date:05/27
38 58 59 64 68
Power#: 21
Jackpot:125 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 05/26
34 52 58 59 62
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 336 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 05/27
2 5 11 14 44
Mega#: 21
Jackpot: 10 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 05/27
1 10 20 26 38

Daily 3
Draw Date: 05/28
Midday: 6 3 2
Draw Date: 05/27
Evening: 1 8 5

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 05/27
1st: 11 - MONEY BAGS
2nd: 5 - CALIFORNIA CLASSIC
3rd: 3 - HOT SHOT
RACE TIME: 1:47.02

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MAY 29)

Relationships you can rely on will allow you to develop yourself. Emotional muscle tone enables you to achieve what you couldn't before. You'll accept a new post and revel in the responsibility. You'll make a big sale and be part of a remarkable team that turns out work of which all can be proud. Leo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 12, 28, 44 and 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What you have now is not an alliance of two parts working together but rather a blending with two parts becoming one as it happens with the joining of flames or water.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You do not go places just to be able to say you went, nor do you do things so you can tick them off your list. You bring every ounce of your attention to the current experience, inviting it to change you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be extremely content as you untangle a messy situation. This was caused by someone who is not as practical and detail-oriented as you. You could place blame, but you'll give thanks instead.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). While others boast about their problem-solving abilities or humblebrag to bring attention to their luxury of options, you will stay quiet and let the work speak for itself. Not everyone will get it, only those who matter!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Just as asking for money means you're in need of it, when you try to conjure up a state of mind, it affirms the opposite state of mind from whence the request comes. Instead of asking, act as though it's already granted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Everyone has faults. Confidence is not ignorance of those faults; rather, it's the acceptance of them and the assurance that no matter what happens, you have your own back.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Remember when you let go of things beyond your grasp? It wasn't easy or hard; it was just time. Now, it's once again time to let go. Open up your hands.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you're not sure whether to comply with what's being asked of you, stall. It will give you time to understand the dynamics at play. Better to have the benefit of a strategy than be at the whim of your reactions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The value of money is what people say it is. It's not exactly arbitrary. Instead, it's a social agreement made by an entire society, or, in today's case, between two people.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You know how to be sensitive to what others need, but when was the last time you aimed those super-sensors back to yourself? Self-care is the worthiest cause today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's a stress cycle in which you're taking part with periods of tension followed by release. Monitor and observe yourself. Is this necessary? Is it fun? Is it good for you?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You can close yourself off to energy or open yourself up to it at any time. Right now, you're not sure which way you should go. Observe those already immersed in the game for clues.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

G	R	A	S	■	A	B	B	Y	■	J	A	D	E	D
R	U	S	H	■	N	O	R	A	■	E	X	I	L	E
U	P	T	O	■	N	A	R	C	■	T	I	P	I	N
M	E	O	W	P	U	R	R	H	I	S	S	■	■	■
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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

9	5	4	7	6	2	8	3	1
2	7	3	1	4	8	9	6	5
1	6	8	3	5	9	4	7	2
4	1	9	8	2	7	3	5	6
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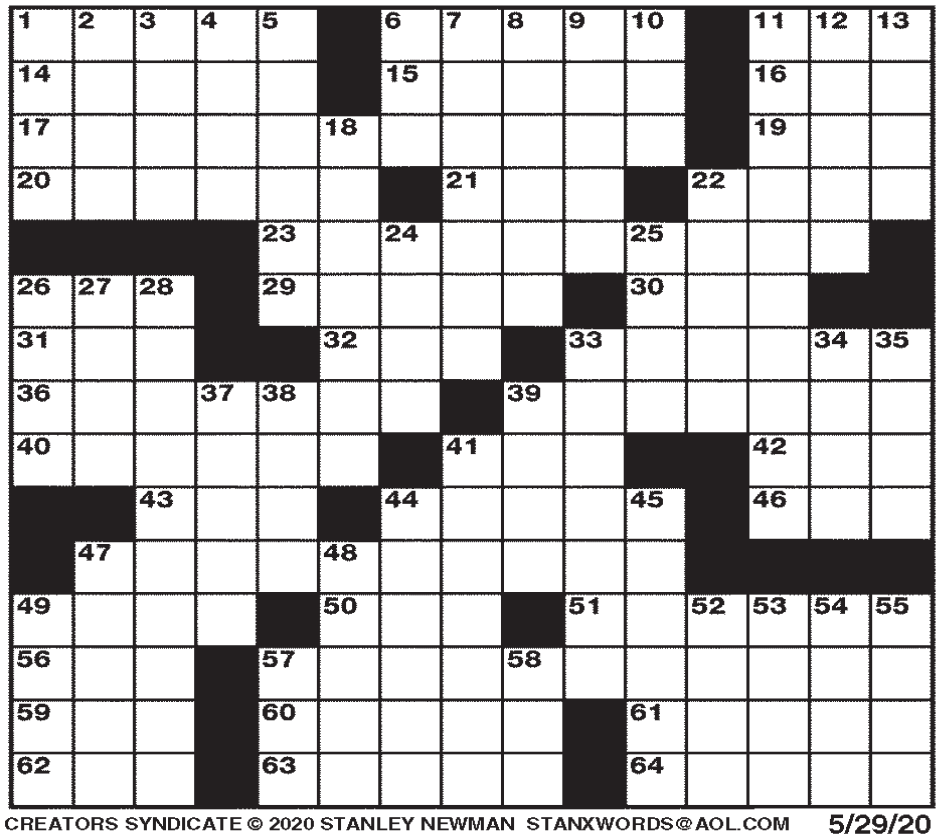
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Styles of some wigs
6 Was an omen of
11 Not very bright
14 Slithered
15 The other side
16 Point-of-view prelude
17 Martha Graham's field (1500)
19 Cargo holder
20 Pucci of fashion
21 Fictitious account
22 Byte beginning
23 Carnival, e.g. (150)
26 It's often seen in attics
29 All wound up
30 What might be named for a king
31 Street sign letters
32 Too glib
33 Horsey headgear
36 Enumerates
39 Patriot or Trident
40 Real thing
41 __ Accidency (John Tyler nickname)
42 Venerable
43 Setting for an MIT spring Commencement
44 Irate episodes
46 Starter for revivals
47 Superman skill (15)
49 Sacred music
50 __ Khan (Shia Imam's title)
51 Was awesome
56 Word sung at a *fútbol* game
57 Fish science (1)
59 Wells' *The First __ in the Moon*
60 Datum of relative magnitude
61 Attach, in a way
62 Frequent BP checker
63 Former Japanese capital
64 Outpouring

DOWN
1 High-water mark
2 Brought to you by
3 Quick, in brand names
4 German auto
5 Unbending
6 River's foundation
7 Where bread, milk, etc., might go
8 Name related to Dionysus
9 Introducer of acts
10 Make blue, say
11 Predictive practice
12 Likeness
13 Big name at the Louvre
18 "I'm declining to answer that"
22 *Barbie* magazine readers
24 Some: Sp.
25 Green spaces
26 Proceed slowly (through)
27 No longer in debt
28 Upgrading
33 College major
34 Parisian pronoun
35 Duplicate
37 Actor Quinn
38 Really small
39 Really small
41 Tackles something
44 Brit's assent
45 Pokes around
47 Tissue in plants
48 Time away, so to speak
49 PC keyboard key
52 Cinematic excerpt
53 Hawaiian coffee center
54 Show-biz honor acronym
55 Measure of force
57 Peeve
58 It follows yoo



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Binary Puzzle

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 28 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 4763

Herbs and spices

N	A	W	J	A	L	F	R	E	Z	I	C	O	O	K
K	A	S	N	A	H	D	A	N	I	S	E	M	A	D
A	Z	A	H	T	A	R	D	N	O	S	A	E	S	Y
F	C	T	M	O	N	I	O	N	H	R	E	T	C	L
F	H	A	G	C	M	I	C	T	O	O	L	I	C	E
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S	D	R	I	E	D	L	A	C	U	R	R	Y	E	M
V	C	I	T	A	M	O	R	A	S	H	A	R	P	E
N	U	T	M	E	G	O	U	M	R	C	L	O	V	E

Ajwan	Dill	Onion
Aloe	Dried	Pepper
Amchoor	Fennel	Rose baie
Anise	Galangal	Sage
Aromatic	Garlic	Salt
Basil	Jalfrezi	Season
Chamomile	Kaffir leaves	Sesame
Chervil	Korma	Sharp
Clove	Mace	Sorrel
Cook	Marjoram	Spearmint
Curry	Nigella	Spicy
Dhansak	Nutmeg	Zahtar

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BUDGET

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but several members of the public asked councilmembers to go further, asking them to save crossing guards and CREST's afterschool playground, sports and homework programs.

Community members also asked the city to maintain funding for the Santa Monica Public Library and mental health counseling for youth.

Interim City Manager Lane Dilg asked the community come together to preserve certain programs that the city budget can no longer support. The Santa Monica Police Department is working to redesign the crossing guards program, she added.

"We know you love these programs," she said. "If we're not able to provide these programs in our foundational budget, we need you to work as a community to find other ways to provide those services."

Dilg said she would like to see residents donate directly to social services organizations that will see a 12% reduction in grant funding from the city under the proposed budget.

"There is no secret pool of money from which we can pull," Dilg said. "It's a zero sum game."

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. An additional 307 eligible households — not just elderly residents — would receive rental assistance for three months.

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 defending them against attempted evictions.

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

YOUTH AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

The CREST afterschool program would be maintained at its current capacity of 420 participants. Santa Monica Police Activities League Youth Center hours would be increased, with access to the center's dance and art rooms and gymnasium. Youth and athletic organizations would be able to keep using fields at local public schools.

The Santa Monica Swim Center will reopen under reduced hours based on guidelines from public health officials, and Memorial Park's gym and skate park drop-in programs, which serve about 1,000 visitors per day, would continue.

Basketball courts, tennis courts, turf fields and the Virginia Avenue Park splash pad will be reopened when it is safe to do so. The community gardens program will also be maintained.

MOBILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

The Vision Zero program, which seeks to eliminate traffic fatalities, and the transportation demand management program, which helps employers reduce car commuting, would both continue. GoSaMo, the city-funded organization that supports employers in meeting the city's transportation requirements, would receive 40% of its usual funding.

The city would retain one employee to advance the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and another to continue water conservation efforts.

ARTS

Half a million in available arts funds will be allocated 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.

City Council will hold a study session on the 2020-2021 budget June 9.

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PROTEST

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from the city.

On Tuesday, City Council voted to restore $6.4 million in funding to housing, youth, recreational, mobility and sustainability programs that were up for elimination earlier this month — including three social services nonprofits, the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, Westside Food Bank and Meals on Wheels West.

WISE & Healthy Aging's members are worried that the organization won't be able to serve as many seniors with $123,000 less in funding.

Under the city's proposed budget, WHA would lose more than $46,000 to support its senior center, paratransit and mental health counseling programs, said president Grace Cheng Braun.

Cheng Braun said the city's funding to WHA's Adult Day Service Center — which it is planning to reduce by $17,000 — allows the center to provide "scholarships" for low-income residents, mostly Spanish-speaking seniors who live in the Pico neighborhood.

With the stay-at-home order in effect, the center, which serves 48 seniors, has also lost $250,000 in income from other participants, Cheng Braun said.

Carla Alvarado said the Adult Day Service Center's Spanish-speaking Alzheimer's day care program that her 82-year-old father has participated in for the last five years has prevented his condition from deteriorating.

"Given the amount of time my dad has had Alzheimer's, he should be in more of a regression stage, but he's actually improved or stayed the same," Alvarado said. "It's given him purpose … he feels like he matters."

In the center's "Somos Amigos" program, Alvarado's father, Isidro, shares stories and sings songs with other longtime Pico residents. Alvarado said the daily activities keep his brain stimulated and his mood cheerful, and allows her to continue working at Santa Monica College instead of caring for her father full-time.

"My dad's quality of life has improved immeasurably," she said. "He brings so much light to our lives."

Alvarado said if reduction in funding for the program leads to a reduction in services, it would put financial strain on residents who would have to work less in order to care for their parents and grandparents.

"A lot of the things the city is cutting funding for impact low-income families who have been living here for years on end," she said.

67-year-old Sandra Tolbert, who moved from Alabama to Santa Monica at age 18, said a social worker in WISE & Health Aging's care management program helped her stay housed by resolving a miscommunication that put her Section 8 voucher in jeopardy, helped her enroll in Medi-Cal and ensured that the Salvation Army delivers her a food box each week during the pandemic.

"She saved me," Tolbert said. "I would have been on the street. I don't know what I would do without her."

Under the proposed budget, the city would cut nearly $30,000 in funding to the care management program. WHA's lunch program, which serves seniors a free or $5 lunch every day, would also see a roughly $30,000 reduction in funding.

Each program supports about 280 low-income seniors in Santa Monica, Cheng Braun said. During the pandemic, WHA has been providing to-go food boxes for seniors and calling seniors at home rather than delivering the programs in person.

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

Dr. Scott Kaiser, director of geriatric cognitive health at the Pacific Neuroscience Institute, said loneliness has adverse impacts on health and cognitive function in seniors, and the pandemic has cut many elderly people off from their social outlets.

He said WHA has not only brought food, care management and wellness programs to seniors' homes during the pandemic, but in many cases served as their only social support for the last 10 weeks.

"I think cutting funding right now is really unjust and unwise," Kaiser said. "We have to think about where support is needed most right now — it's with frail, vulnerable older adults who are vulnerable both to the virus and the social isolation that's been part of our very necessary public health response."

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