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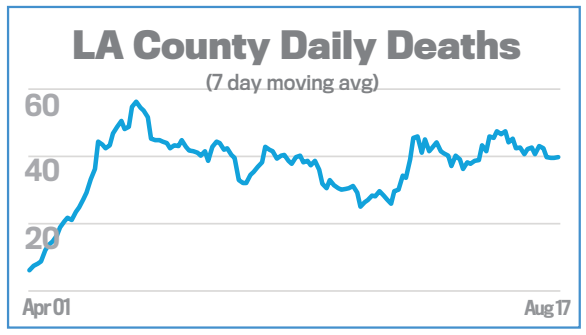
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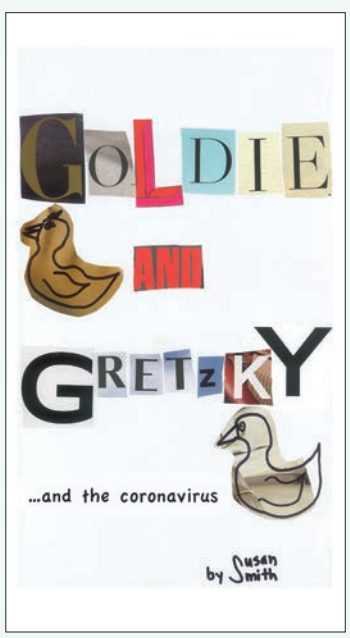
## CORONAVIRUS CASES (1WkChg)

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# Local authors help children cope with coronavirus





Sometimes, when it gets quiet at the park, they fly to the beach to visit and play with their friends the seagulls. At the beach, they waddle around the grownups and children who are so excited to see them. Swimming out over the ocean and sitting on the waves is so much fun. It's so peaceful to watch and hear the children laughing on the sand.
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**BOOK:** A new children's book is aimed at explaining the current health scare to kids.

**CLARA HARTER**
SMDP Staff Writer

Coronavirus and social distancing are scary and confusing concepts for children. Local authors Susan Smith and Tara Fass want to change that. Drawing on their backgrounds as an educator and therapist respectively, these women have both published books to help children process these turbulent times and find avenues for joy and creativity.

"The impact of COVID and quarantine on families and children today is something we will be discussing for decades to come, attempting to make sense

SEE **BOOK** PAGE 7

# SMMUSD budgets for COVID-19 expenses

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 64 | Fiscal Stabilization Plan (Budget Reductions) | - | - | - |
| 65 | Malibu Fundraising Entity General Fund Off-Set | (250,000) | (250,000) | - |
| 66 | Additional Covid-19 Expenditures (not CARES related) | - | 500,000 | 500,000 |
| 67 | Extension of Certificated School Year | - | 657,528 | 657,528 |
| 68 | Extension of Classified School Year | | 154,124 | 154,124 |
| 69 | GSH Technology Plan/Replacement | - | - | - |
| 70 | Interfund Transfer Out to Fund 12 Child Development | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | - |
| 71 | LCAP Transfer Out to Fund 12 Child Development | 200,000 | 200,000 | - |
| 72 | Interfund Transfer Out to Fund 13 Food Services | 900,000 | 900,000 | - |
| 73 | Interfund Transfer Out to Fund 14 Deferred Maint. | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | - |
| 74 | **TOTAL EXPENDITURE** | **122,570,675** | **123,882,327** | **1,311,652** |
| 75 | Increase (Decrease) Fund Balance | (7,184,802) | (7,902,963) | (718,160) |

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**BUDGET:** SMMUSD will be down slightly due to the cost of the pandemic.

**CLARA HARTER**
SMDP Staff Writer

COVID-related expenses will decrease SMMUSD coffers by $718,160 despite an increase in revenue from the State.

The SMMUSD Board approved a 45 day budget revision for the 2020 to 2021 school year last week

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# Enterprise Fish Co. in danger of closing permanently

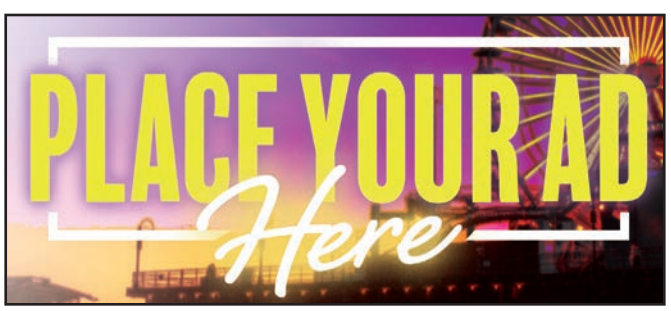
**BRENNON DIXSON**
SMDP Staff Writer

Enterprise Fish Co. is likely to close after 41 years of serving up seafood to Santa Monicans and Southern California travelers.

Having first opened its doors in Santa Monica in August 1979, Enterprise Fish Co. recently

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# California health officials fret about mix of COVID, flu

**AMY TAXIN**
Associated Press

Health officials in California are concerned about the confluence of the coronavirus and flu in the upcoming months, noting a substantial decline in child vaccination rates since the pandemic.

Dr. Mark Ghaly, California's health and human services secretary, said the number of children vaccinated for measles, mumps and rubella as they prepare to enter elementary school plummeted when schools and businesses closed in the spring, and childhood vaccinations have generally fallen from a year ago. The flu usually stresses hospitals, which are also now grappling with coronavirus cases, especially in children, he said.

"This year together flu and COVID make us particularly worried and have caused us to jump start some of that flu planning," Ghaly told reporters during a briefing.

Dr. Nael Mhaissen, medical director of pediatric infectious diseases at Valley Children's in Madera, in the Central Valley, said he has similar concerns about how hospitals will handle the confluence of these illnesses in children. The Central Valley has seen some of the largest spikes in coronavirus infection rates in recent weeks.

"That could potentially be disastrous as to how things would be for children in general, and for pediatric health care centers, because that will exhaust our resources significantly," he said.

California is dealing with a surge in coronavirus cases but has recently seen signs the spread could be slowing. The state reported 4,636 new cases and 100 deaths on Tuesday and saw an uptick in hospitalizations following two weeks of declines, Ghaly said. More than 11,300 people have died in California.

On Tuesday, San Diego County — with the state's second largest population — was removed from a state monitoring list after its virus cases fell below a state-mandated threshold. If the county continues to report a rate of fewer than 100 cases per 100,000 residents for 14 straight days it would be allowed to reopen schools for in-person learning.

But it remains unclear when counties that are removed from the monitoring list will be allowed to reopen businesses ordered closed in July, such as bars and indoor dining and fitness centers. Ghaly said state officials are evaluating the issue.

California has reported about 62,000 confirmed cases of the coronavirus in children, about 10 percent of the state's overall cases, and nearly 600 children have been hospitalized, Ghaly said. He said he hoped more children would receive their regularly scheduled vaccines as pediatricians reopened for services but was concerned because rates remain lower in August than a year ago, and noted children are especially vulnerable to the flu.

So far this year, California has seen childhood vaccinations fall by about a third from a year ago, he said.

That comes as schools in some areas of the state seek to reopen in-person instruction.

Dr. Nicholas Holmes, chief operations officer of Rady Children's Hospital in San Diego, said the hospital saw an increase in coronavirus cases this summer and is concerned about the upcoming flu season, especially because symptoms of the illnesses can appear similar.

Santa Clara County announced plans Tuesday for a large coronavirus testing center at the county fairgrounds, and said flu shots will also be offered there during the fall.

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. But for some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia and death.




City of Santa Monica

## CITY OF SANTA MONICA
### NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION AND NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT VIA TELECONFERENCE
### Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued By Governor Gavin Newsom

**SUBJECT: Planning Commission recommendations to the City Council for the following:**

11DEV-003 (Development Agreement)
13EIR-001 (Environmental Impact Report)
20ENT-0153 (Vesting Tentative Tract Map)
1992 Local Coastal Plan, Land Use Plan Amendment

**1133 Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90401**
APPLICANT: Ocean Avenue, LLC
PROPERTY OWNER: Ocean Avenue, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider recommendations to the City Council for the following:

The Applicant, Ocean Avenue LLC, has submitted applications for a Development Agreement, 1992 Local Coastal Plan Land Use Plan Amendment, and Vesting Tentative Tract Map to comprehensively redevelop the existing Fairmont Miramar Hotel as a new mixed-use hotel project with the following key components:

- 312 hotel guest rooms.
- New food/beverage space, meeting/banquet space, and spa/fitness facilities.
- New retail space along Wilshire Boulevard.
- Up to 60 for-sale residential condominium units.
- 14,000 SF publicly-accessible open space at the corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Ocean Avenue.
- Approximately 428 parking spaces in an on-site subterranean garage.
- Preservation of the Landmark Moreton Bay Fig Tree.
- Preservation and rehabilitation of the Landmark Palisades Building.
- Funding and land for a minimum of 42 deed-restricted affordable apartments located in a 100% affordable housing building to be developed by a nonprofit housing provider on property currently owned by the Applicant and used as a surface parking lot at 1127-1129 Second Street.
- In addition to the historic preservation and 100% affordable housing components above, other negotiated community benefits include public art, historic preservation interpretive feature, local hiring program, internship program, community meeting space availability, sustainable design features, open space programming, enhanced development impact fee contributions, sustainable water infrastructure contribution, affordable lodging contribution, and an economic equity/opportunity fund contribution.

The proposed project on the hotel parcel would result in approximately in 502,157 SF of above-grade floor area (239,873 net new SF compared to the existing hotel) and a 2.6 floor area ratio (FAR). Building heights at the hotel parcel would vary and would range from the existing Palisades Building height of 78 feet to a maximum of 130 feet for the new Ocean Building. The 100% affordable housing building at 1127-1129 Second Street would be approved through a separate Administrative Approval and is approximately 41,250 SF of floor area, maximum 2.75 FAR, split four- and five-story design up to 60 feet in height, and provide on-site parking.

A Local Coastal Land Use Plan Amendment is proposed to amend the 1992 Land Use Plan (LUP) with development parameters for 1133 Ocean Avenue (Miramar project site) and 1127-1129 Second Street (100% affordable housing site) to be consistent with the City's Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan that was adopted by the City Council on October 9, 2018. The City's adopted 2018 LUP is pending review and certification by the California Coastal Commission. The Amendment to the 1992 LUP may become unnecessary depending on timing of the California Coastal Commission's certification of the 2018 Draft LUP and their review of the Miramar project and the 100% affordable housing building.

The proposed project was analyzed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and this analysis is contained in the project's Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH #2013041091) (FEIR). The Planning Commission will consider the analysis and make a recommendation to the City Council on the FEIR.

**DATE/TIME: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 AT 5:30 PM**

**LOCATION:** In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Planning Commission and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but members of the public wishing to observe the meeting may also join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/cxhyvrcb or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 2779636 #)

**HOW TO COMMENT**
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to submit written public comment may email comments to planningcomment@smgov.net. Written comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online for viewing. Additional public comment can be made by telephone during the meeting by calling (310) 458-8423. Remarks from the public made by telephone will be limited to no more than three (3) minutes.

Address your comments to: Roxanne Tanemori, Principal Planner
Re: Miramar Hotel Project Development Agreement

**MORE INFORMATION**
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Roxanne Tanemori by phone at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at roxanne.tanemori@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net.
The Downtown Community Plan is available on the City's web site at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Plans/Downtown-Community-Plan/.

For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request.

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.

## DAILY POLICE LOG

### SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 262 CALLS ON AUGUST 17

72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 900blk 4th St 12:42 a.m.
Fight 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:46 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Ocean Ave / Olympic Dr 12:49 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1600blk Ocean Ave 12:57 a.m.
Burglary 2800blk Neilson Way 1:12 a.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 1:37 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 4:58 a.m.
Fight 2200blk Colorado Ave 5:37 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 5:39 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 6:30 a.m.
Battery 1400blk 7th St 6:53 a.m.
Sexual Assault 300blk Olympic Dr 7:07 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 1200blk 16th St 8:22 a.m.
Encampment 3000blk Ocean Front Walk 8:31 a.m.
Found Property 3rd Street Prom / Arizona Ave 8:35 a.m.
Burglary 800blk Harvard St 8:54 a.m.
Found Senile Person 19th St / Delaware Ave 8:59 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 900blk Berkeley St 9:07 a.m.
Burglary 400blk 22nd St 9:30 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Neilson Way / Bicknell Ave 9:43 a.m.
Encampment 1800blk The Beach 9:52 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 3100blk Colorado Ave 9:54 a.m.
Warrant Suspect Pick Up 7600blk S Broadway 10:03 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 10:06 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1100blk 11th St 10:06 a.m.
Petty Theft 2900blk Main St 10:21 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1200blk 9th St 10:42 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 1300blk 14th St 10:58 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 3000blk Airport Ave 11:04 a.m.
Encampment 1000blk Pearl St 11:22 a.m.
Encampment 1400blk The Beach 11:26 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2800blk Highland Ave 11:42 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 3200blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:11 p.m.
Lost Property 2300blk Main St 12:23 p.m.
Person With A Gun 3100blk Lincoln Blvd 12:53 p.m.
Found Property 2300blk 4th St 1:07 p.m.
Found Property 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 1:08 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1300blk 14th St 1:14 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1200blk Princeton St 1:20 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now Lincoln Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 1:23 p.m.
Fraud 3200blk Wilshire Blvd 1:25 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1200blk 23rd St 1:41 p.m.
Found Property 2300blk 4th St 2:08 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:23 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1800blk 7th St 2:24 p.m.
Petty Theft 1800blk La Mesa Dr 2:25 p.m.
Battery 200blk Ocean Ave 2:26 p.m.
Hit And Run Felony Investigation 1900blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:42 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2700blk 6th St 2:45 p.m.
Fraud 1600blk The Beach 3:34 p.m.
Fraud 900blk 25th St 3:52 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1400blk 17th St 4:04 p.m.
Burglary 1400blk 25th St 4:26 p.m.
Identity Theft 1500blk Broadway 4:36 p.m.
Burglary 1100blk Chelsea Ave 4:56 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1300blk 17th St 5:00 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Neilson Way / Hollister Ave 5:19 p.m.
Found Property Neilson Way / Hollister Ave 5:28 p.m.
Found Property 200blk Santa Monica Pier 5:28 p.m.
Burglary 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:37 p.m.
Assault 1500blk 6th St 6:02 p.m.
Battery 1600-blk 7th St 6:31 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Ocean Ave / Idaho Ave 6:34 p.m.
Party Complaint 2000blk Ocean Ave 7:54 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300blk Olympic Dr 8:52 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2000blk Ocean Ave 8:57 p.m.
Living In A Vehicle 700blk Ozone St 9:08 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1300blk Lincoln Blvd 9:30 p.m.
Encampment 2900blk Barnard Way 9:57 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 10th St / California Ave 11:29 p.m.
Battery 300blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:31 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 2000blk Ocean Ave 11:53 p.m.
Death Investigation 2300blk Virginia Ave 11:55 p.m.

## DAILY FIRE LOG

### SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 25 CALLS ON AUGUST 17

EMS 500blk 9th St 12:13 a.m.
EMS 2800blk Kansas Ave 2:29 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 2:35 a.m.
EMS 2900blk Pico Blvd 5:44 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Broadway 5:47 a.m.
EMS 1000blk 12th St 7:10 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 14th St 8:18 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200blk 2nd St 9:11 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 9:21 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500blk 5th St 10:18 a.m.
EMS 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 10:57 a.m.
Hydrant Shear 2900blk Airport Ave 11:06 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2900blk Neilson Way 11:11 a.m.
EMS 3000blk Lincoln Blvd 2:44 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Cloverfield Blvd 4:48 p.m.
EMS 1200blk Yale St 4:48 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 14th St 5:06 p.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd E 5:14 p.m.
EMS Neilson Way / Hollister Ave 5:18 p.m.
EMS 3100blk 5th St 5:19 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Ashland Ave 5:47 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 6:33 p.m.
EMS 300blk 15th St 8:13 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 5th St 10:19 p.m.
EMS Centinela Ave / Pico Blvd 11:29 p.m.

# Californians saving energy, power operators eye thermostat

**JANIE HAR**
Associated Press

California's power grid operator praised residents and businesses for astonishing conservation efforts that kept the power on Monday night but warned the state will need a repeat to overcome another large energy gap Tuesday.

Steve Berberich, president and CEO of the California Independent System Operator, said operators were stunned by the "dramatic flattening" of consumption at 3 p.m. Monday after his office warned that as many as 3.3 million homes and businesses would be affected by rotating, two-hour outages. The order never was issued and the warning was canceled.

"It was stunning the conservation response that we got," he said Tuesday. "I know it's hot and I know it's hard, but those same actions today can make all the difference in the world."

The state is in a days-long heatwave that has stressed the electrical system and resulted in rolling blackouts over two nights last weekend. The strong ridge of high pressure responsible for the heat wave was expected to gradually weaken, but excessive hot weather was expected into the weekend as families stay at home because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Firefighters toiled in the oppressive heat as numerous wildfires burned throughout the state, threatening homes, forcing people to flee and fouling the air with smoke far beyond the largely rural or wilderness areas where flames fed on very dry vegetation.

Evacuations were in effect or growing in the Napa County wine country north of San Francisco Bay, near Salinas in Monterey County, around Oroville Dam north of Sacramento and near the Nevada state line north of Lake Tahoe.

A fire in Napa County was burning close to remote grape-growing properties owned by Villa Del Lago Winery.

"Our vineyard workers had to evacuate very quickly. And we heard this morning that there was zero containment, so that's scary. It's very steep, so I know it's hard for firefighters to get up there," said Dawn Phillips, who works in customer service for the winery.

In Southern California, evacuations continued for a week-old fire in the mountains of northern Los Angeles County. Dynamic weather churned up thunderstorms bringing the double threat of more lightning-sparked fires and flash floods.

California ISO issued the first rolling blackouts in nearly 20 years on Friday, resulting in the state's three biggest utilities — Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric — turning off power to more than 410,000 homes and businesses for about an hour at a time until the emergency declaration ended 3 1/2 hours later.

A second but shorter outage hit Saturday evening, affecting more than 200,000 customers.

Former Gov. Jerry Brown called the rolling blackouts "a kerfuffle, not a crisis," adding that California's bigger challenge will be boosting its renewable energy sources to handle the increased demand for electricity that will come due to climate change.

"This is not a big problem, this is a few hours," he said. "This is a good little warning that we've got to intensify our climate effort."

He rejected the idea that the blackouts were due in part to an over-reliance on solar energy that couldn't be sustained during peak temperatures in the evening. Berberich also said renewables were not to blame.

Berberich credited large power users, businesses and residential customers for their good work. He said the state may be short 2,700 megawatts around 7 p.m. Tuesday, which is smaller than the 4,400-megawatt shortage projected for Monday. The shortage of 4,400 megawatts equates to about 3.3 million homes and businesses.

Gov. Gavin Newsom signed an emergency proclamation Sunday allowing some energy users and utilities to tap backup energy sources, which helped with Tuesday's energy needs. He also demanded an investigation into Friday and Saturday blackouts, calling them "unacceptable and unbefitting of the nation's largest and most innovative state."

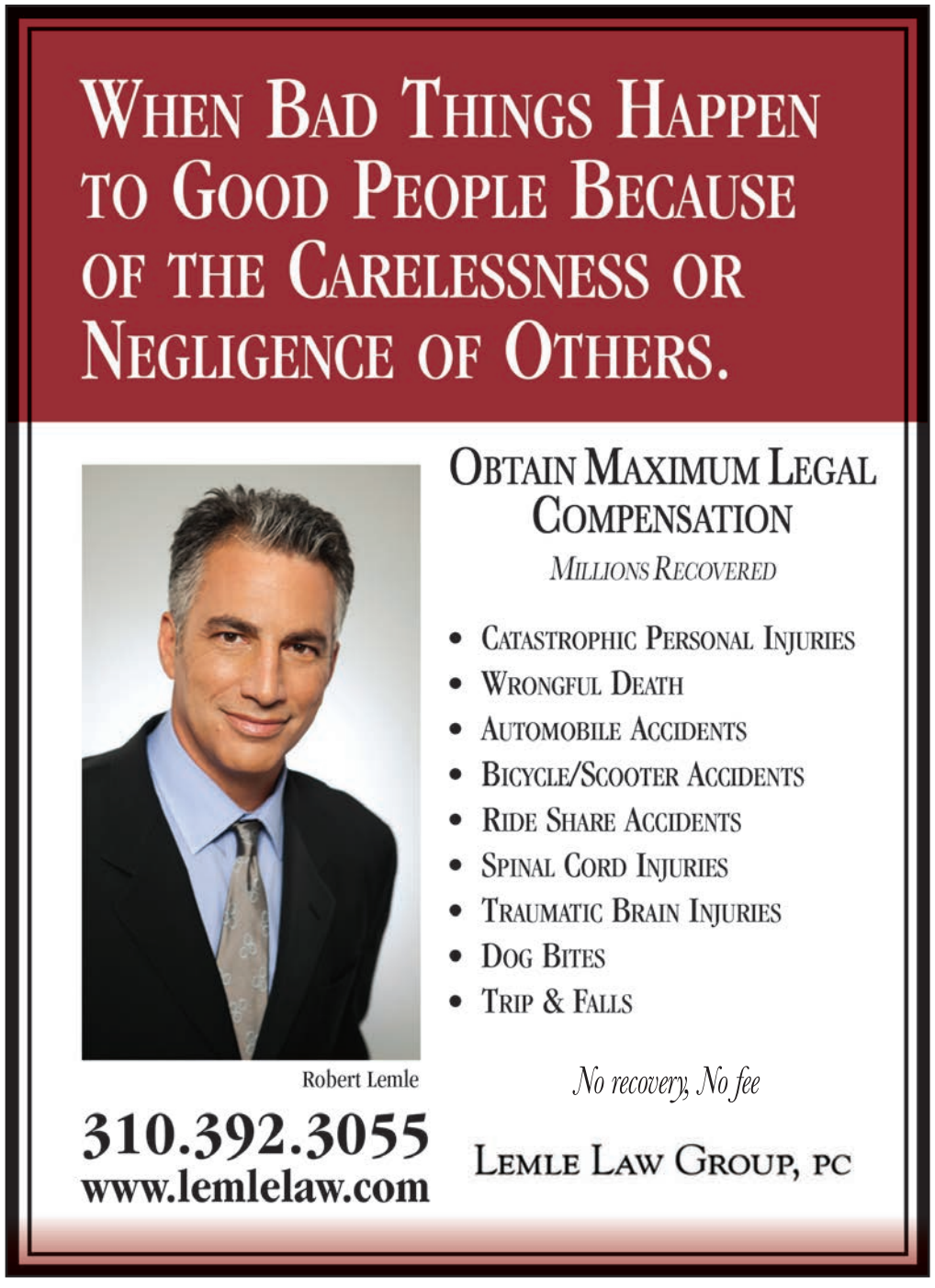
Scorching weather has hit other Western states, making it harder for California to import extra power.

Associated Press writers John Antczak and Christopher Weber in Los Angeles and Kathleen Ronayne in Sacramento also contributed to this report.

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## CLOSING

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announced the permanent shuttering of its Santa Barbara location, and now the property at 174 Kinney Street is for sale.

The restaurant would like to continue operations if a buyer can be found but they acknowledge reopening is a longshot.

"Right now, if I had to lean on one side more than the other, I'd probably say we're closer to the permanent side (of closing)," Chief Operating Officer Fred Serra said in an interview Monday when he discussed the restaurant's past, present and future. "But what makes this location a little different than Santa Barbara is we knew it was going to be permanent out there when COVID happened but in Santa Monica, we never thought it would be permanent until the landlord listed the building."

Last year, owners Mike Bank and Randy joined Serra and staff to celebrate four decades of success by offering Enterprise Fish Co.'s loyal customer base an opportunity to purchase meals at the same price they could in 1979. Everything was going well, Serra remembers, until March when COVID-19 came to the sunny shores that lie only a short distance away from the restaurant's front door.

"Back in March, we never saw us being shut down or closed for dine-in operations this long," Serra said. "We thought it was going to be a two or three-week thing because the thinking back in March at the time was COVID was like a strong flu that everybody thought would pass and then we would open up business as normal."

As time went on, Serra and restaurant staff learned they would likely not be returning to work anytime soon though. "We were allowed to try to open for to-go and delivery but that's just not our wheelhouse," Serra said. "Literally 99.5% of our sales are dine-in. We do fresh fish so if it's on a hot plate longer than 15 minutes (then) it's overcooked and it's no good anymore. So travel times of over an hour for a piece of fish didn't make sense."

And with so much misinformation out in the world, Serra said the company also didn't want to put any employees at risk. After all, some have been with the restaurant for decades.

"We normally have about 200 employees working and I would say a good 25 percent of our employees are have been with us for at least 15 years — some even 40 years — so we're not dealing with only college kids and we couldn't put them at risk of something we didn't know much about," Serra said, mentioning, that's not even considering the customers who could also be at risk, But when outdoor dining started to open back up, "We were planning to put up a small menu like a lot of restaurants and, literally, the day before Newsom did the rollback and closed everything back down."

Even though the restaurant was closed, the owners and Serra felt a responsibility to make sure everybody was safe and taken care of since nearly all of the employees had lost their main source of income.

"A good handful to a dozen employees have families have two or three kids and work two jobs so we did a GoFundMe for those who were hardest hit and I think we raised close to $3,000 and we distributed 100% of it. They were very appreciative," Serra said, describing how he has also been on the phone daily offering recommendations in an effort to help staff find jobs at other establishments. "That's probably the hardest part... losing (the staff) because you want them to succeed and have a new job but then you know once they go somewhere, then you're probably not going to get them back."

There's been a lot of good stories to come out of here and it was a great place for relationships and friendships, not just food, Serra added, but everything is out of his hands.

"In a perfect world, an owner-operator would purchase the building and they continue the Fish Co. restaurant because that's such a great legacy. We were lucky to have such a great following, such a great fan base, and customer base that kept us alive for all these years so I hope we get the chance to continue doing so." But after 15 years in the food industry, Serra said, "whenever you think something's going to happen, it could change in the last 30 seconds and then you have to adjust. So that's why I can't give a timeline or deadline to everything because, really, anything could happen."

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# How can Wall Street be so healthy when Main Street isn't?

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The stock market is not the economy.

Rarely has that adage been as clear as it is now. An amazing, monthslong rally has put the S&P 500 back to where it was before the coronavirus slammed the U.S, even though millions of workers are still getting unemployment benefits and businesses continue to shutter across the country.

The S&P 500, which is the benchmark index for stock funds at the heart of many 401(k) accounts, ended Tuesday at 3,389.78, eclipsing the previous high set on Feb. 19 and erasing all of the 34% plunge from February into March in less time than it takes a baby to learn how to crawl.

The U.S. and global economies have shown some improvements since the spring, when business lockdowns were widespread, but they are nowhere close to fully healed. The number of virus cases continues to rise across much of the United States, and federal and local politicians for the most part lack a strategy to contain it. Many industries, such as airlines, hotels and dining, could take years to recover from the damage.

The Federal Reserve and the U.S. government get a lot of the credit for the rally after pouring trillions of dollars into the economy. Profits also remained incredibly resilient for the stock market's most influential companies, such as Apple and Amazon. Rising hopes for a potential vaccine to halt the pandemic, meanwhile, have encouraged investors to look past the current dreary statistics.

Here's a look at how Wall Street has flourished while Main Street struggles:

### THE MARKET'S BIG GUNS

The corner bars, the family restaurants, the hair salons and other small businesses across the U.S. that are teetering or closing for good aren't listed on the stock market. Apple, Microsoft, Amazon, Facebook and Google's parent company are, and movements in their stocks alone are dictating the action in the S&P 500 more than ever before.

The pandemic has accelerated work-at-home and other trends that have boosted Big Tech, and their profits are piling up. The five big tech-oriented giants are now worth a combined $7.6 trillion, and by themselves account for about 23% of the S&P 500's total value.

Because stocks with the biggest market values carry the most weight in the S&P 500, the movements of Big Tech matter much more than what airlines, cruise-ship operators or other still-struggling companies are doing. American Airlines is down more than 50% for 2020 so far, but its much smaller market value means it doesn't move the needle like Big Tech. It would take 280 American Airlines to have the heft of one Apple.

The stock market has seen some broadening out of gains recently, with stocks of smaller companies doing better. But Big Tech has done the heaviest lifting in the S&P 500's rally.

### HELP FROM WASHINGTON

A famous saying on Wall Street is: Don't fight the Fed. The central bank is doing everything it can to support the economy, from cutting interest rates to nearly zero to the unprecedented promise to buy even riskier corporate debt. It's all aimed at ensuring lending markets have enough cash to run smoothly and to prevent prices from going haywire. Economists say the moves have helped avoid a 2008-09 style meltdown of the financial system.

The Fed has signaled that it will keep its benchmark short-term interest rate at nearly zero through at least 2022, and low rates are often like steroids for stocks. With Treasurys and other bonds paying relatively little in interest, some investors are turning instead to stocks, gold and other investments, boosting their prices.

Congress also approved an unprecedented amount of aid for the economy. Some portions of that aid have already expired, and another economic relief package is tied up in partisan rancor on Capitol Hill. But many investors seem to expect Washington to eventually come to a compromise and throw another lifeline to the economy.

Meanwhile, the economy is recovering but at a much slower pace than its rapid collapse in the spring. After shrinking at an annual pace of 32.9% in the April-June quarter, economists forecast it will rebound at a 20% annual pace in the July-September period. The unemployment rate is 10.2% and is expected to remain in the high single-digits through at least the end of this year.

### THE NATURE OF THE MARKET

Investors are setting stock prices now based on where they see corporate profits heading in the future. And for many on Wall Street, the future looks brighter than the bleak present, in large part because of hopes that a vaccine for the new coronavirus could help things get back to normal.

"Main Street is the now, Wall Street is the future," said Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist at CFRA Research.

Companies have begun final-stage testing of potential vaccines for COVID-19, and many investors are hopeful that something could be available either late in 2020 or within a year. A return to normal could help the economy get back on track and perhaps boost profits back to record levels. Stock prices tend to track with corporate earnings over the long term.

The same look-ahead mentality sent the stock market tumbling severely earlier this year, before the worst of the recession arrived. Stocks began falling in late February, a month before the number of layoffs began exploding, for example. The S&P 500 hit what turned out to be its low point on March 23, the same week that the government reported

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**MAIL:** The Post Office is vital to the country, even more so during an election year.

**NOT CONDEMNING CITY COUNCIL THIS WEEK!**

What's changed? Unfortunately, not a goldurned thing. But now we have a slew of candidates telling you why they and three good Girl Scouts could do a better job than the SMRR wrecking crew and Forward facilitators who have been sinking our good ship SM for more than a decade.

Don't get me wrong, I love the Girl Scouts and their good deeds and their crack cocaine-addictive cookies, but they're too young. But I do know there are four candidates out there who would turn things around through common sense, transparency and, most importantly, putting residents first. So, hear what they have to say. Inform yourself, inform your neighbors, vote, make sure your neighbors vote. No incumbents back on Council this election. Time is running out for Santa Monica.

**POST OFFICE REPORT**

I've seen opinions that the slowdown we're experiencing in Santa Monica is not because of Trump's vile efforts to kneecap our vital Postal Service, it's because of needed economic measures, and the virus.

Not so. The Post Office was never intended to turn a profit, and the reason it is in such dire straits now is because in 2006 Congress required them to fund their post-retirement health care costs... 75 years into the future! This insanity applies to no other federal agency or private corporation. If not for this, the PO would have reported profits in each of the last six years.

So no, suddenly removing mailboxes, trucks, sorting machines, forbidding overtime, changing proven delivery practices radically, is only because Donald Trump is desperate to not lose, and feels mail-in voting will kill him.

My local source confirms that. Illness absences are not particularly high here, but removing the sorting machines (30,000 pieces/hour) from the main LA office that feeds SM has left our local office with an avalanche of mail and parcels, and no overtime allowed

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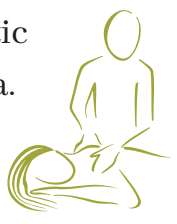
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## BOOK

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of it all. It's essential that we talk about the 'tough stuff,' about real feelings," said Tara Fass who is a marriage and family therapist and co-author of "When We Stayed Home".

Fass wrote this book alongside Judith A. Proffer to help children navigate the challenges of our new way of living. The book chronicles the journey of a young boy living in lockdown who deals with frustration, loneliness, and boredom but also finds creative ways to have fun and bond with his parents.

Susan Smith's new book "Goldie and Gretzky... and the Coronavirus", teaches children similar lessons through the adventures of two adorable ducks from the Douglas Park pond. The ducks, surprised by the absence of people, travel around Santa Monica bringing joy to their neighbors who are sheltering in place.

"The book is a great way to explain to children about the virus. And it's not scary. It's very embracing with the ducks," said Smith. "In the book I have suggested activities for parents to do with children and I have some coloring pages. It's a very hands on nice book, and people are looking for activities with their kids especially ones that relate to what's going on now."

Smith, who is a retired special needs educator, has been wanting to write a children's book for a long time. She was inspired to write the story of Goldie and Gretzky when she awoke one morning during lockdown to find two adorable ducks swimming in her neighbor's pool. All proceeds from the book will go to Inner City Arts, an organization she has volunteered with for four years.

"They provide art education to schools and children in inner city LA and it's a beautiful facility with fantastic programs," said Smith, who is an artist herself and created all the collage artwork for the book. "I feel that art opens up your eyes to the world and is a wonderful form of self-expression."

While Smith's book explores an engaging world beyond the duck pond, Fass's book creates an imaginative world inside of the house. "When We Stayed Home," is a book many children will relate to as they learn to deal with the restrictions of COVID-19.

According to Smith, the world of coronavirus offers unique challenges for young children who have yet to grasp a concrete sense of time or the endurance skills to understand that this way of living will eventually pass. It can also be very frustrating for them to see things they perceive as unfair, such as an older sibling getting to see a friend while their best friend's parents insist on online only playdates.

The book gives space for children to share their emotions while also focusing on all of the fun and positivity that can be created inside the house. Fass, who has years of experience working with children going through the trauma of divorce, has plenty of advice to help children process the traumas of coronavirus.

"Adults may lounge around in their pajamas or half-dressed, but I do not think that's good for children," said Fass. Instead she recommends, "regular meal time, regular bedtime, regular nap time, and not too much free time."

While she recommends upholding structure in children's life, Fass also reminds parents that children need alone time. "Children even around four or five like some private time where they can shut out the world and go to their little safe space," said Fass.

The biggest lesson shared imparted by the book is that kids can become empowered to become "super helpers" during this time. "Get children involved, have them help with the groceries, make a game out of it," said Fass. "Children love to help and have a natural desire to please. If you can somehow harness that for good, they are very happy."

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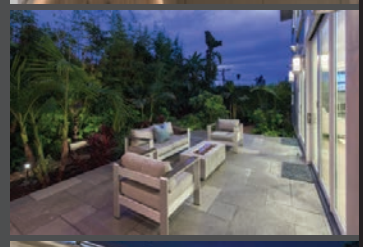

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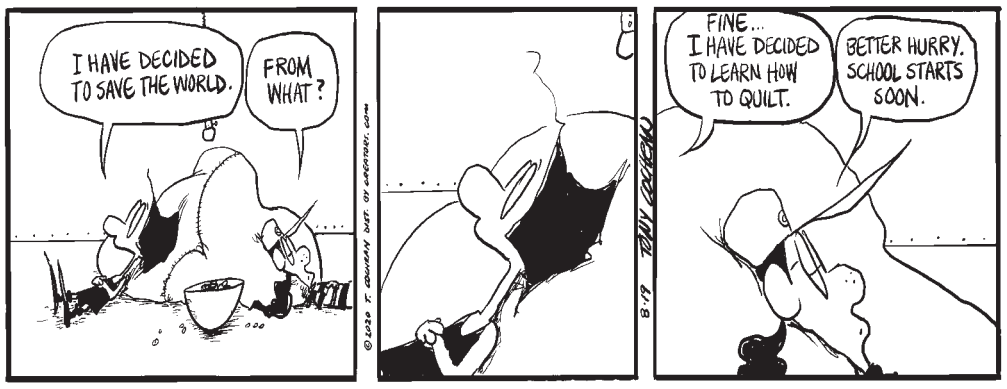
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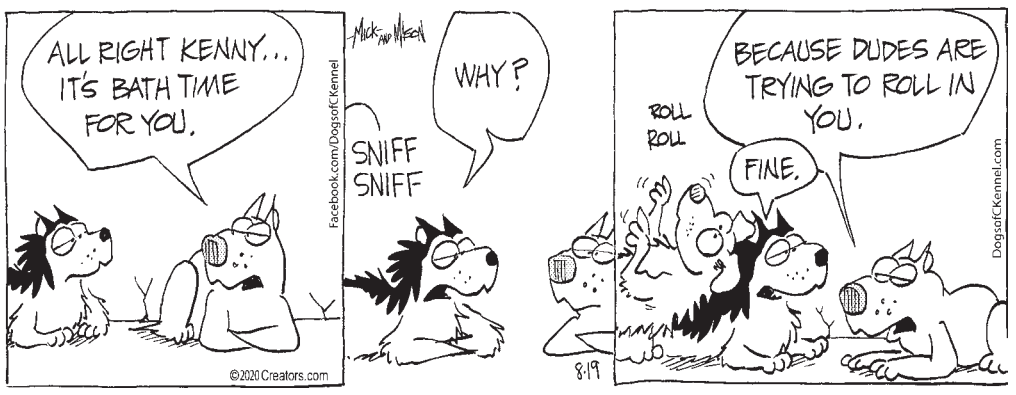
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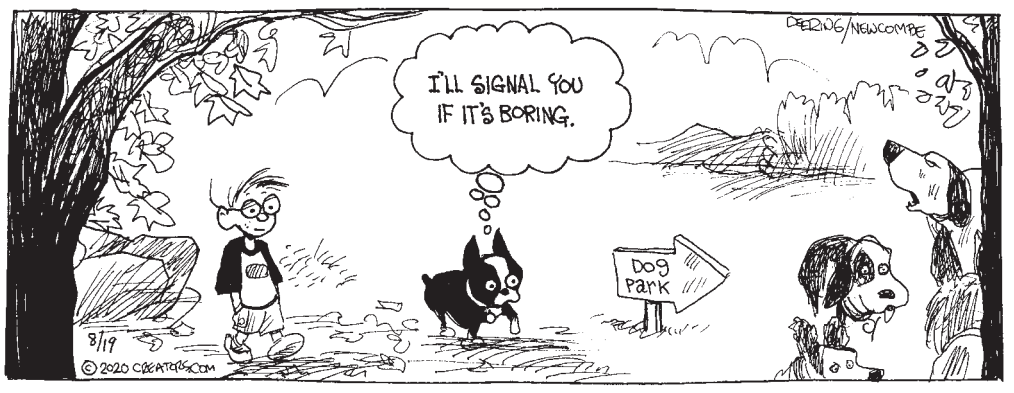

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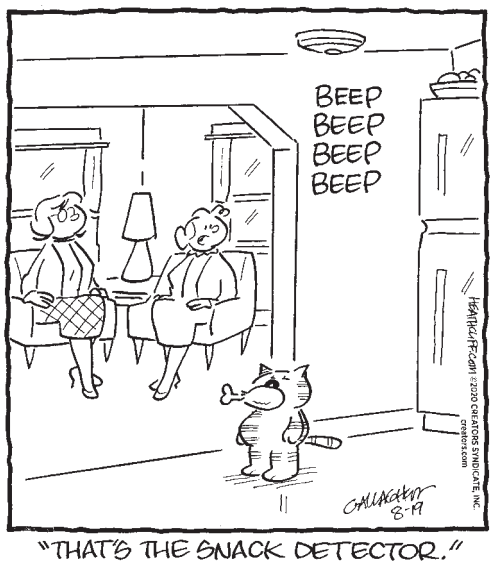

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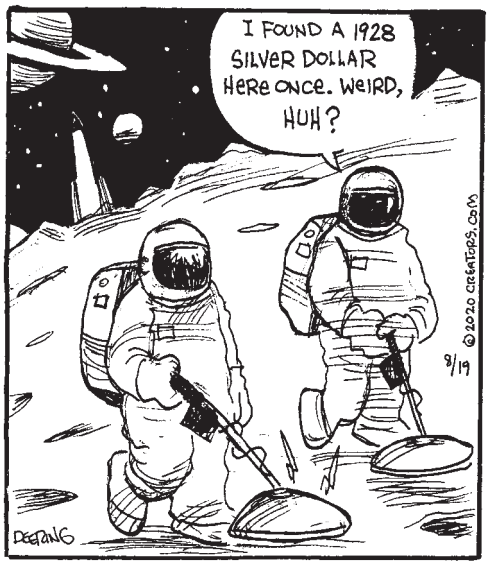
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"THAT'S THE SNACK DETECTOR."

## Strange Brew

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## SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 72.0°

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high 2-3ft
Minor SW swell for exposures west of Pt Dume. Easing SSE swell. Wind looks manageable for the morning, likely best to wait for the tide to push in a bit.

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Modest SW swell trends up for exposures west of Pt Dume. Dropping SSE swell. Morning winds looking better, likely best to wait for the tide to push in a bit further.

## WEATHER

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 77.
**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 71.
**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 82.
**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 68.
**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 79.

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## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (AUGUST 19)

Focus is might. You're on to bigger things this year, and you'll notice that what used to distract you now seems like a quaint decoration with no power over your attention. Family learns from you. The new year shows a shift in your presentation style. You'll attract different professional and personal situations. Cancer and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 30, 31, 2 and 15.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). An industrious mood takes hold. Avoid applying it to long-term commitments. You'll have the sort of flair that is best put to use on a task you're likely to finish in a day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). To love a person wholly is to love many versions of that person, past, present and future. Those versions are always alive somewhere in the totality of a person. Loving a person means loving change.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you can detect the difference between what you know and what you merely feel like you know, then you are quite a rare human indeed. To be safe, check your facts.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You won't have to say what you want in order to get what you want. Your subconscious messaging system is going strong, and you will telegraph your needs, even when you're not aware of it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Intellect and intelligence are two different things. You'll gravitate to the latter, doing what's smart, graceful, logical and practical without bothering with the facts, history or mechanics of a thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). With your focused mindset, you can accomplish exactly what you need to without getting wrapped up in the side effects, pitfalls and traps that typically come with the endeavor.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What's now appropriate was, once upon a time, not at all. Your ability to read the room and adjust to suit your audience will put you ahead of the competition.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Life is usually a trade-off, but sometimes you hit those lucky times when you can have your cake and eat it, too. Today brings such good fortune. You won't have to let go of what you have to add something new.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's security in blending in, but that's the only upside. The prize will go to the standout. To beat the competition, do more. To make a memory, do it differently.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's harmful to the car's transmission to stay in the same gear for too long. The same goes for relationships. Stay in the same mode too long and things wear badly. Change gears.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The vision could become an invention or a reality if you're willing and able to put the work in. But a lot of visions have this potential. It's a matter of deciding on the one you'll love to spend hundreds of hours on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Compassion is the best growth agent around. Apply it and watch people heal, sprout, improve, create and more. The power of compassion is almost limitless.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

### Answer to previous puzzle

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## Sudoku

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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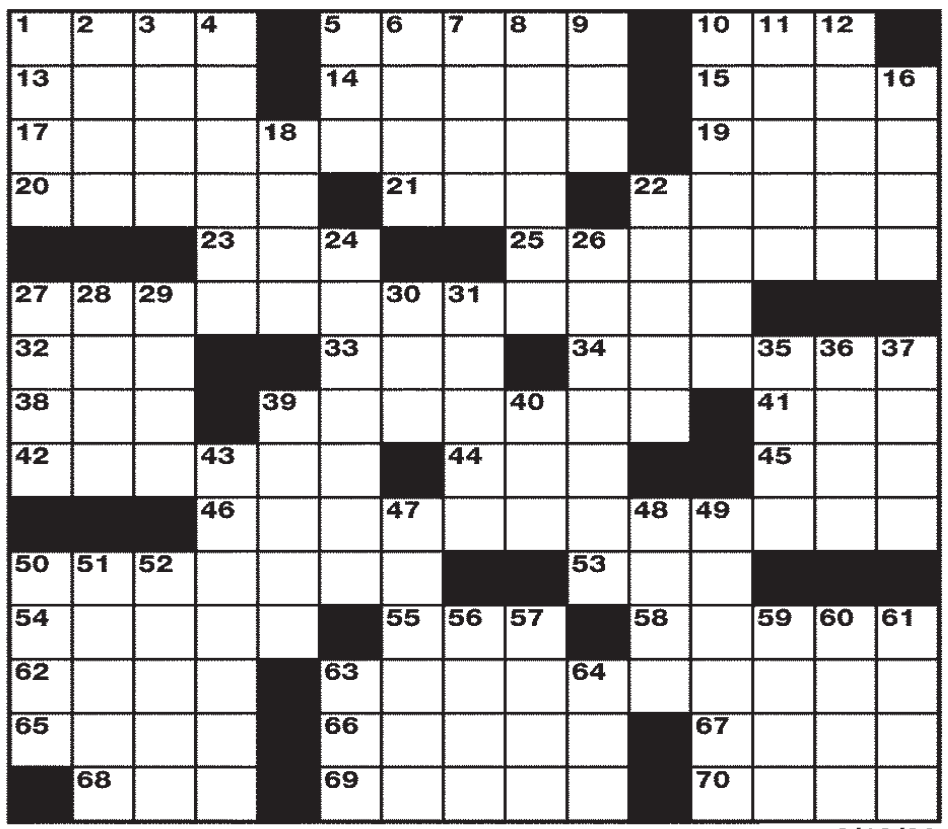
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## Newsday Crossword

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5 Showery month
10 Actress Thurman
13 Rim
14 Keyboard instrument
15 Make angry
17 Very lively, as music
19 "Lady" of pop music
20 Great enthusiasm
21 Manning of football
22 Prepare to photograph
23 Oil field apparatus
25 Live-in babysitters
27 Procrastination
32 __ Dhabi
33 Flightless bird
34 List of team members
38 List in a phone bk.
39 Affluent
41 Retirement plan, familiarly
42 Arrives
44 Harper who wrote . . . *Mockingbird*
45 Relatives
46 Extremely funny
50 French resort region
53 Stag's mate
54 Adulated ones
55 Airline to Oslo
58 Cowpoke's rope
62 Playwright __ Simon
63 In the midst of a practical joke
65 Leafy cabbage
66 Currency in France
67 Airline to Tel Aviv
68 Little boy
69 Minor quarrels
70 "Inside" information

**DOWN**
1 Letter after alpha
2 Skunk's defense
3 Like prime steaks
4 Snappy comeback
5 Smartphone download
6 Cylinder for water
7 Banister
8 Baseball game segment
9 Pioneer's cabin material
10 Strong encouragements
11 Dolphin Expressway city
12 Type of seaweed
16 Has breakfast
18 Very dry
22 Irritate
24 Better fertilized, perhaps
26 Scatterbrain
27 Werewolf's tooth
28 Woodwind instrument
29 Boot out
30 Org. for doctors
31 Seashore birds
35 __ bar (Hawaii-themed eatery)
36 Ireland alias
37 Sounded a bell
39 Bottles in cellars
40 Business card abbr.
43 Adept
47 Make simpler
48 Election projection
49 Sounded a bell
50 Skating venue
51 Utopian
52 Shout like "Presto!"
56 Taj Mahal city
57 Catch sight of
59 Rural grain holder
60 Kid's coat fastener
61 Eye up
63 French "the"
64 Letters for a battleship



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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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## CURIOUS CITY

FROM PAGE 6

to get it out. I was told one local route went five days with no delivery. The outside boxes at the Ocean Park PO on Neilson Way were removed, so you can only mail something inside now, during regular hours.

### I'VE BEEN SAD AND A LITTLE DEPRESSED

About the prospect of four more years of GOP demagoguery, which our democracy cannot survive. About a nation turned upside down from pandemic, with no chance for relief with an unmasked autocrat clutching the reins of power.

I was going to go down that path — I think many of us do, these days — but then I heard Bernie and Michelle speak and was buoyed to remember that while no politician is anyone's notion of perfect, and many of them are wretched, there are decent, principled people from City Hall to Sacramento to Capitol Hill, who speak to and act for the vast majority of good-hearted Americans. We are indeed way better than this.

Every election we hear it: this is The Most Important Election of our lifetimes. Well, this one really, truly is. It is absolutely crucial that people get out and vote, no matter how difficult that is made. We have suffered through the last four years, seen our nation and our centuries-old traditions of government and decency torn apart, because of people who chose not to vote in 2016, or voted their conscience for a candidate with no chance of winning. We don't have those luxuries this time. As Michelle Obama said, vote as if your life depends on it, for Joe Biden.

### STOP GIVING OUR SIDEWALKS AWAY!

A month ago, people on the weekly Ocean Park Association (OPA) neighborhood group Zoom were complaining a lot about Jameson's pub, on Main Street. (They had before and since, but it was a primary topic that time.) Besides the parklet in front (situated in the street) that many of their customers were using, they were also setting up tables on the sidewalk. Lula, just south, adds to the problem. Some evenings, Pasjoli too. Is that legal?

That meant if you wanted to walk down the public sidewalk in that block, you had to pass sandwiched in between two groups of mostly unmasked diners and drinkers, talking and laughing and launching their possibly COVID droplets from about 18" away.

There are usually two or three Council members on that Zoom, and our Mayor Kevin McKeown responded that he had heard there had been quite a few complaints, "but the problem," he explained to us, in his usual condescending, officious manner, "is that to cite someone for a code violation, you have to catch them in the act."

If you sent someone out any day of the week around 6-7 p.m., you would catch them in the act. Since then, part of my daily evening walk has gone down or right by that sidewalk, 8-10 times including two days ago, and every single time they were in violation. (I have photos.) But gosh, despite all those complaints, you just can't figure out how to solve the problem, right, Mr. Mayor? Or the other Council members (I believe Ted and Gleam), made aware of the situation at least a month ago?

### WHO DO THOSE SIDEWALKS BELONG TO?

I always thought they belonged to the city, for use by pedestrians. You wouldn't want folks prohibited from walking down the public sidewalk in front of certain businesses, would you? But that's exactly what has happened, if you care about not being exposed to the coronavirus.

Right now the tables on the sidewalk are up against the front of the building. Bad enough. But what if demand increases? Will they start covering the sidewalk completely? No problem, I'm used to doing the dangerous Typhoid Mary Two-Step out into the street or bike lane, to avoid all the good folks still not wearing masks.

Remember (— come November — I like to add), this is the City Council that let a Bird-brained company come in and dump their product all over our sidewalks with impunity, thousands of scooters, and we the residents were inconvenienced and even seriously injured, so a business could make money, tons of it, at our expense. Who benefits from this? Not us. It's a pattern, and it stinks.

I guess I just couldn't help myself about "not condemning." These are perilous times.

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## STOCK MARKET

FROM PAGE 5

a record number of U.S. workers filed for unemployment benefits, nearly 6.9 million.

"Wall Street continues to look six to nine months down the road," Stovall said.

Of course, many risks still remain for the market despite all its ebullience.

For all of Wall Street's optimism, talks in Washington on more stimulus could break apart and deprive the economy of the aid investors say it crucially needs.

Rising tensions between the United States and China are also hanging over the market. The world's two largest economies have longstanding trade issues, and the United States has recently been cranking up the pressure on Chinese technology companies.

And the virus remains the ultimate wild card. If a vaccine doesn't hit the market within the next year, all the hope that has helped build up Wall Street's rally could quickly vanish.

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## BUDGETS

FROM PAGE 1

which includes an additional $1,311,652 for COVID-related expenses.

The budget also includes a $593,491 revenue increase resulting from the reversal of the Governor's proposed 10% reduction in the Cost of Living Adjustment to the state's Local Control Funding Formula for public schools. However, the increased COVID spending will offset the revenue increase leaving the District's fund balance lower than the previous budget.

In order to prepare teachers for the upcoming semester of distance learning, two professional development days were added to the school year on Aug. 20 and 21, which will cost the district $811,652. An additional $500,000 has been added to the budget to account for other COVID-related expenses.

In order to continue purchasing the necessary supplies and services to protect students and staff from the spread of COVID-19, the board renewed resolution No.20-02, which declares an emergency and allows the district to enter contracts without a competitive solicitation for bids.

"At this point we have used this authorization to make purchases of $365,000," said Carey Upton, the Chief Operations Officer of SMMUSD. "Of that $104,000 was for personal protective equipment; $241,000 was for facilities that mostly were portable sinks, but also includes signage and plexiglass screens; and $20,000 to support our consultants who are helping with all of our documentation."

While students may not be on campus at the moment, personal protective equipment is essential for maintenance, custodial, food services, and health office staff members. So far the District has used the emergency authorization to buy surgical masks, face masks, gloves, face shields, goggles, isolation gowns, shoe covers, and infrared thermometers for these essential workers.

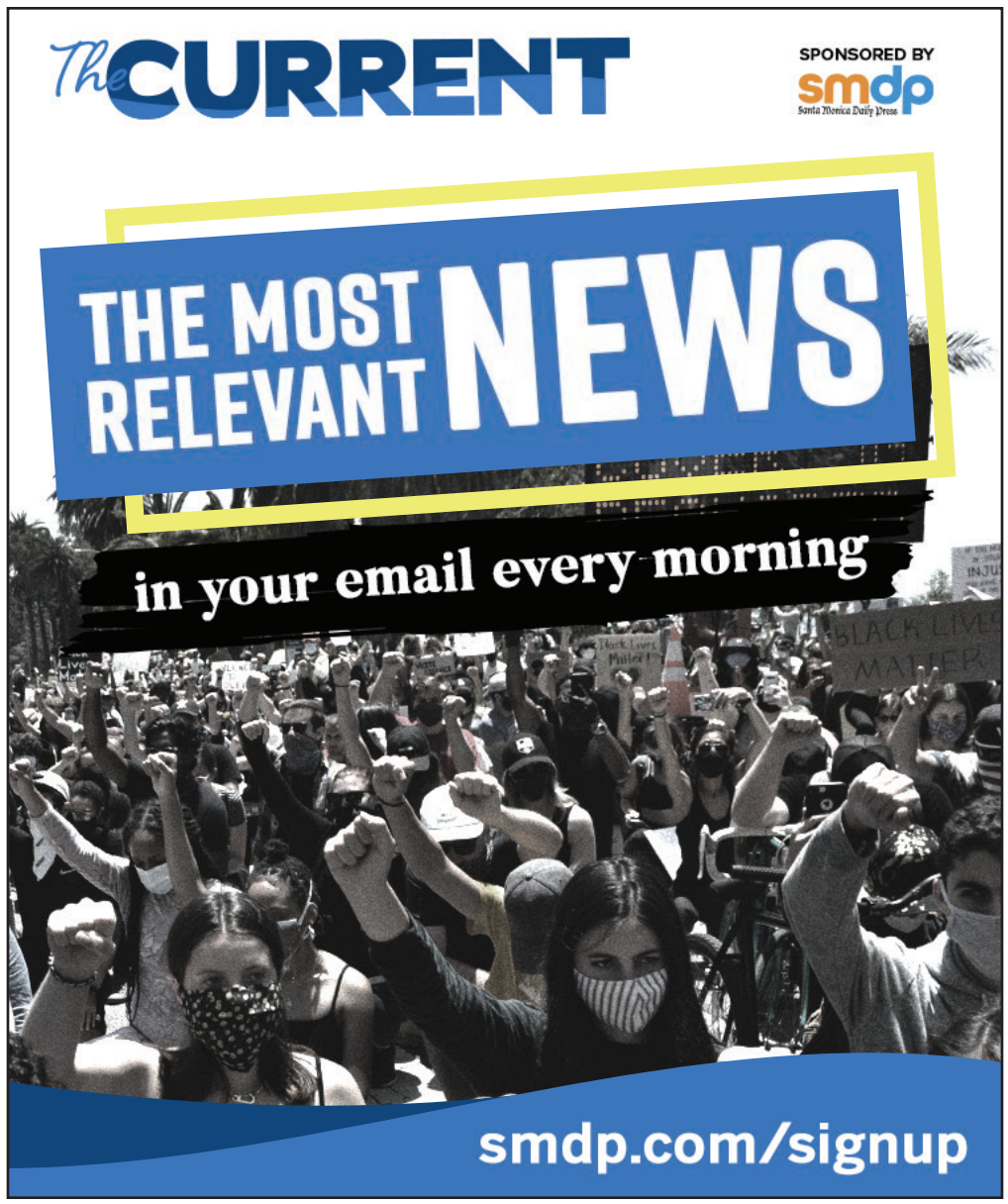
Other expenses such as plexiglass dividers, portable sinks, and safety program consultants are intended to prepare schools for future reopenings in line with the LA Department of Public Health protocols.

Superintendent Ben Drati mentioned that as part of COVID-related expenses, the District was looking into ways to provide childcare for teachers during school hours, but that this funding will need to wait for government authorization. "We think the state is now considering teachers and staff's children as essential workers, and may be giving the ability to expand childcare practices to support the staff, but we are still in the process of putting those pieces in place," said Dr. Drati.

Although many in person services are no longer available at schools, the updated budget does not reflect any reduced expenses for school programs. There are several smaller decreases to the District's revenue from non-COVID-related expenses.

The updated budget requires the District to transfer an additional $249,000 of property taxes to the New West Charter school, which is in the Pico neighborhood. It also predicts a $129,895 reduction in revenue from the Measure R Parcel Tax and a $93,173 reduction in revenue from the Joint Use Agreement for the City of Malibu.

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