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Markets return this weekend

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SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica's famed farmer's markets have returned to local streets after a hiatus.

The downtown market, which is traditionally held every Wednesday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., has remained operational throughout the pandemic but the Pico and Main street markets were temporarily closed as a result COVID-related orders. However, all three markets are expected to be open this weekend, according to Market Manager Jackie Rivera-Krouse, who confirmed the Main Street market will reopen to the public this Sunday to serve prepackaged food items.

"We've heard from so many community members who really missed the neighborhood markets so we're really, really happy that we can come back to provide such a great service," Rivera-Krouse said, immediately adding, "Of course, we'll be reopening with a lot of safety measures in place."

All three local markets will be sure to strictly enforce distancing and intend to have specific entrance and exit areas, "so instead of coming in from all angles, we are making sure we're keeping a safe flow of customers in and out of the area. There will be also signs and, of course, masks will be required both in line to go into the farmers market and inside the market. But, once you're inside you'll be reunited with

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SMMUSD diverts 1,973 lbs of electronic waste from landfills



Courtesy photo

RECYCLE: SMMUSD prevented e-waste from entering the refuse system by organizing donations through a nonprofit partner, Human I-T.

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SMDP Staff Writer

This summer the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District partnered with nonprofit Human I-T to donate old electronics to low-income families, thereby preventing almost 2,000 lbs of e-waste from entering landfills. This program helps meet families' elevated need for personal electronics during distance learning and advances the District's sustainability goals.

"We donated 147 items and that was all diverted from the landfill, which is pretty important for sustainability reasons as there are a lot of harmful and toxic chemicals and heavy metals in electronic waste items," said Austin Toyama, Sustainability Coordinator at SMMUSD.

This program was scheduled to occur early in the spring, but was put on hold due to the pandemic. However, in June Toyama helped restart it and traveled to six different schools collecting old laptops, computers and printers with the help of staff from Human I-T. Human-I-T then took these unwanted devices, fixed them, and distributed them to low income community members free of charge.

This e-waste collection program is part of SMMUSD's sustainability goals, which include recycling 100% of the District's end-of-life electronics. While many people are

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Newsom endorses Gascon for L.A. District Attorney

BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

Gov. Gavin Newsom on Tuesday endorsed the man he once appointed as police chief and district attorney in San Francisco in the race for the top prosecutor's job in Los Angeles.

Newsom endorsed George Gascon in his campaign to unseat District Attorney Jackie Lacey, who is seeking a third term to lead the largest local prosecutor's office in the nation.

Gascon, a former assistant Los Angeles police chief, is running as a progressive seeking to reform the criminal justice system. Gascon reduced crime and incarceration during his time in San Francisco, Newsom said.

"He burnished a national reputation as a leader in the fight to reform our dated system of justice," Newsom said of Gascon in a statement. "This November Angelenos will choose who to turn to as calls to reimagine our dated system of justice grow louder, and I urge them to join me once again in turning to George Gascón."

Lacey, who said she's also committed to reform measures, issued a statement saying she's focused on winning the race and keeping Los Angeles County residents safe.

Lacey, who is the first woman

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California faces huge fires before usual peak of season

DON THOMPSON AND HAVEN DALEY
Associated Press

California's firefighting agency is in talks with the National Guard and California Conservation Corps about providing reinforcements as an already devastating wildfire season threatens to get even worse.

Lightning-sparked fires that have grown to some of the largest in state history have pushed firefighters to the breaking point as they also deal with complications from the coronavirus pandemic and depleted inmate crews.

"Historically it's September and October when we experience our largest and our most damaging wildfires. So to be in the middle of August and already have the second- and the third-largest wildfires in our state's history is very concerning to us," Daniel Berlant, chief of wildfire planning and engineering at the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, said Tuesday.

For now, cooler temperatures are helping firefighters begin to corral three huge clusters of fires ignited Aug. 15. The blazes have killed at least seven people, burned nearly 1,300 homes and other buildings, and prompted evacuation orders that still affect an estimated 170,000 people.

Firefighters in wine country north of San Francisco have cleared containment lines — used to prevent fires from spreading — around a quarter of the fires there that have scorched more than 550 square miles (1,424 square kilometers) and destroyed more than 930 buildings. It is now the second-largest blaze in California history.

To the east of San Francisco, firefighters created containment lines around 15% of a group of fires that have charred more than 568 square miles (1,471 square kilometers), making it the third-largest in state history.

And to the south, officials said progress was made against fires in San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties that have grown to 123 square miles (318.5-square-kilometer), destroyed 330 structures and threatens another 25,000.

People were trickling back to the outskirts of Vacaville to see what remained of their homes. Art Thomas, 76, said he found only ashes and melted metal at the site of the home he built with his own hands in a rural area where he had lived for 32 years.

"Possessions dating back to when I was a kid were all in the house, everything is gone," Thomas said. "Between sad, crying, laughing every emotion is there."

He said he had left with his wife, two dogs and a pair of shorts and tennis shoes.

Bob Zupo's house survived, unlike the homes of three of his neighbors. But all the land around his property burned along with a barn he owned.

Zupo, 68, attributed his good fortune to "the grace of God;" hung a sign on his mailbox that said, "Thank You All;" and put up an American flag as he assessed the damage.

With limited crews to tackle fires on the ground, the state has been relying more on bulldozers, aircraft and firefighters from other states and the federal government, Berlant said.

"We are having ongoing discussions with the National Guard as well as with the (California Conservation Corps) on how we can expand, if needed, the number of crews," he said.

The hand crews do what Gov. Gavin Newsom calls "the really hard grunt work" — using chainsaws and hand tools to scrape and cut road-like clearings through grass, brush and trees in remote areas in hopes of stopping the spread of a wildfire.

The severe challenges have occurred even before the traditional peak of fire season, when hot, dry autumn winds can send flames roaring faster than any attempts to contain them.

"We have to continue to plan for seeing if there are additional resources" not only within California, but what would be quickly available from nearby states, Berlant said.

Despite the size of the current fires, California has benefited because the three huge fire clusters are all in the northern part of the state and began just as firefighters could be redeployed after wrapping up several blazes in Southern California, Berlant said.

Tim Edwards, president of the union representing state firefighters, said 96% of Cal Fire's resources are committed to fighting the fires. He was with a three-man fire engine crew that had traveled more than 400 miles from Riverside County to help fight the wine country wildfires.

"Between the fires in Southern California and these, they've been going nonstop," he said. "Fatigue is really starting to set in, but they're doing it."

By Tuesday, more than 280 hand crews, each with 12 to 20 firefighters, were deployed to the lines by Cal Fire, the conservation corps, state corrections department and U.S. Forest Service.

About 300 Guard troops were finishing firefighter training and were expected to be on the lines Wednesday as another 300 begin four days of training, said spokesman Lt. Col. Jonathan Shiroma.

California has scrambled over recent years to field enough prison fire crews as their numbers dwindled while the state released lower-level inmates. Thousands more were released early as the state responded to the coronavirus pandemic.

The number of inmate firefighters is down about 12% from last year, from 1,895 to about 1,660, said corrections department spokesman Aaron Francis.

However, a dozen inmate firefighting camps that had been forced to shut down in June for two-week quarantines because of the coronavirus are back in operation, meaning all 43 camps are operating, Francis said.

Newsom has dedicated $72.4 million to hire 858 additional seasonal firefighters and field six more California Conservation Corps crews through October.

"During this extreme fire activity it's all hands on deck," Berlant said.

Thompson reported from Sacramento. Associated Press writers John Antczak in Los Angeles and Jocelyn Gecker and Olga R. Rodriguez in San Francisco also contributed to this report.

New US virus cases fall as masks gain favor but testing lags

CARLA K. JOHNSON AND ADAM GELLER
Associated Press

The number of Americans newly diagnosed with the coronavirus is falling — a development experts say most likely reflects more mask-wearing but also insufficient testing — even as the disease continues to claim nearly 1,000 lives in the U.S. each day.

About 43,000 new cases are being reported daily across the country, down 21% from early August, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University. While the U.S., India and Brazil still have the highest numbers of new cases in the world, the downward trend is encouraging.

"It's profoundly hopeful news," said Dr. Monica Gandhi, an infectious-diseases expert at the University of California, San Francisco, who credits the American public's growing understanding of how the virus spreads, more mask-wearing and, possibly, an increasing level of immunity.

"Hopefully all those factors are coming into play to get this virus under control in this country that's really been battered by the pandemic," she said.

But insufficient testing is probably concealing the full extent of the crisis, said Dr. Jonathan Quick, who leads the pandemic response for the Rockefeller Foundation, which has recommended the U.S. test 4 million people a day by fall.

"We're grossly under-testing in some of the places that are still having high caseloads," Quick said, singling out Mississippi, Texas, Georgia and North Dakota as hot spots with high rates of positive test results.

Even at 43,000 new cases per day, the U.S. remains far above the numbers seen during the spring, when new daily cases peaked at about 34,000, he said.

"It's a good trend, but nowhere near what we need to be," Quick said of the recent decline.

The virus is blamed for more than 5.7 million confirmed infections and about 178,000 deaths in the U.S. Worldwide, the death toll is put at more than 810,000, with about 23.7 million cases.

Jeffrey Shaman, a public health expert at Columbia University, said he is skeptical enough people are immune to significantly slow the spread. But he agreed that changes in Americans' behavior could well be making a difference, recalling the impact that people's actions had in containing Ebola in West Africa several years ago.

"Ebola stopped for reasons we didn't anticipate at the time. It was so horrifying that people stopped touching each other," Shaman said. Something similar may be happening with the coronavirus, he said.

"I know I don't have nearly the number of contacts that I used to," Shaman said. "But if we relax that, if we get complacent, will we just see another outbreak?"

The decline in newly reported cases in the U.S. comes even as deaths from the virus remain alarmingly high. Officials have reported an average of 965 deaths per day from COVID-19 recently, down from 1,051 deaths a day in early August.

Deaths from the coronavirus are a lagging indicator — they trail new infections because of the time it takes for people to get sick and succumb to the disease.

The percentage of tests coming back positive for the disease has also declined over the past two weeks, from 7.3% to 6.1%. But that comes as the total number of tests administered has fallen from its August peak of more than 820,000 a day, leveling off in recent weeks at about 690,000 a day.

The situation has improved dramatically in several states that struggled with high caseloads earlier this summer.

In Arizona, for example, officials reported 859 new cases Tuesday, down from a peak of 5,500 in late June. More than 2,000 people arrived at the state's hospitals showing symptoms of the virus on a single day in early July. This week, that number has been less than 1,000.

In Florida, where more than 10,000 people have died, the state reported 2,600 new virus cases Tuesday. Earlier in the summer, it was regularly reporting more than 10,000 new cases.

Malinda Coler, 37, of San Francisco, said she has been diligent about mask wearing and other preventive measures, less to protect herself than a best friend who has a compromised immune system, with severe arthritis psoriasis.

"So I wear a damned mask and get infuriated when others don't," she said.

Most states now have some type of mask requirement, either through statewide orders issued by governors or from city and county rules that cover most of their population.

Even some conservative governors have gone along with masks. Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves mandated masks in all public places earlier this month, and Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp dropped a lawsuit against Atlanta in a dispute over a requirement by the state's largest city.

In Leeds, Alabama, Will Heath said he has seen greater adherence to mask rules around town, whether in stores or at his 5-year-old daughter's cheerleading practice.

He and his wife, a nurse, have worn masks all along but said the attitude among others has shifted from "Even if I get it, I'll be OK," to "Let's make sure we don't give it to somebody else."

"We have all been sort of operating under the assumption that we all have it or we're going to get it eventually. So we want to make sure we don't spread it," Heath said.

Many places around the U.S. are seeing pockets of contagion, especially in college towns where students are holding parties and crowding into bars.

Over the past week, 531 students, faculty and staff at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa have tested positive for the virus, according to the school. Alabama said it tested nearly 30,000 students before classes began. The mayor of Tuscaloosa shut down bars for two weeks because of the spike, which could derail plans to continue the semester on campus.

The university is still moving ahead with fall sports in the football-crazed state, with plans to allow only about 20,000 fans at its 101,000-capacity stadium and a ban on

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 295 CALLS ON AUGUST 24

Defrauding Innkeeper In Progress 1500blk Ocean Ave 12:11 a.m.
Battery 5th St / Arizona Ave 1:32 a.m.
Public Intoxication 2000blk Main St 1:35 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 900blk 6th St 2:29 a.m.
Party Complaint 1000blk 4th St 2:40 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 17th St / Wilshire Blvd 2:54 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Lincoln Blvd / Wilshire Blvd 3:24 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 3:24 a.m.
Prowler 900blk 17th St 5:12 a.m.
Prowler Just Left 900blk 18th St 5:51 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 6:33 a.m.
Overdose 3rd St / California Ave 7:13 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1900blk 18th St 7:27 a.m.
Petty Theft 01blk Bay St 7:30 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 2300blk Arizona Ave 8:03 a.m.
Burglary 1500blk California Ave 8:06 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 900blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:16 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1200blk 23rd St 8:24 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1500blk Berkeley St 8:26 a.m.
Bike Theft 1200blk 14th St 8:34 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2000blk 20th St 8:53 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 1300blk Palisades Park 9:00 a.m.
Burglary 2300blk Pearl St 9:31 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1900blk 12th St 9:31 a.m.
Drunk Driving Cloverfield Blvd / Colorado Ave 9:40 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 10th St / Ashland Ave 9:43 a.m.
Petty Theft 300blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:24 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 3300blk Barnard Way 10:35 a.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2600blk Barnard Way 11:13 a.m.
Panhandling 1000blk Broadway 11:22 a.m.
General Parking Problem 2100blk 20th St 11:28 a.m.
Battery 2700blk Wilshire Blvd 11:34 a.m.
Fraud 300blk Olympic Dr 12:23 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 2000blk Marguerita Ave 12:38 p.m.
Burglary 1400blk 7th St 12:38 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 2000blk Marguerita Ave 1:01 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 1300blk Palisades Park 1:09 p.m.
Petty Theft 1500blk The Beach 1:19 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1400blk 12th St 1:20 p.m.
Found Property 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 1:24 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2000blk Marguerita Ave 1:36 p.m.
Petty Theft 900blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:41 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor 2000blk Colorado Ave 1:49 p.m.
Petty Theft 2700blk Main St 1:58 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 1700blk Ocean Ave 2:11 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 100blk Strand St 2:22 p.m.
Encampment 2200blk Virginia Ave 2:39 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 2:42 p.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 2:44 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 400blk Pico Blvd 2:46 p.m.
Found Property 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 2:49 p.m.
Panic Alarm 2300blk 22nd St 2:54 p.m.
Identity Theft 800blk 21st St 3:09 p.m.
Bike Theft 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 3:28 p.m.
Petty Theft 200blk Ocean Ave 3:30 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 31st St / Pico Blvd 3:31 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 2200blk Neilson Way 3:47 p.m.
Auto Burglary 2500blk Beverley Ave 3:48 p.m.
Bike Theft 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 4:07 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor 24th St / Ocean Park Blvd 4:12 p.m.
Found Property 2200blk Virginia Ave 4:12 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 11th St / Broadway 4:20 p.m.
General Parking Problem 300blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:41 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 300blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:00 p.m.
Vehicle Burglar Alarm 1200blk Idaho Ave 5:04 p.m.
Drinking In Public 1100blk Palisades Park 5:12 p.m.
Vehicle Burglar Alarm 12th St / Idaho Ave 5:13 p.m.
Prowler 300blk Olympic Dr 5:27 p.m.
Petty Theft 1400blk 7th St 5:28 p.m.
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Person With A Gun 2700blk Barnard Way 6:30 p.m.
Person With A Gun 2800blk Ocean Front Walk 6:32 p.m.
Of Shots Fired Main St / Bay St 7:05 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 7:16 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1400blk 5th St 7:45 p.m.
Person With A Gun 700blk Broadway 8:30 p.m.
Of Shots Fired 2300blk Kansas Ave 9:19 p.m.
Valet Zone Violation 1300blk Ocean Ave 9:21 p.m.
Petty Theft 2000blk 20th St 9:30 p.m.
Found Property 200blk Broadway 9:31 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 4th St / Interstate 10 9:54 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 4th St / Olympic Blvd E 9:54 p.m.
Battery 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 9:56 p.m.
Public Intoxication 2300blk Wilshire Blvd 10:17 p.m.
Petty Theft 1400blk 2nd St 11:54 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 33 CALLS ON AUGUST 24

Automatic Alarm 300blk Olympic Dr 12:56 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 7th St 1:08 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 2nd St 5:42 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Franklin St 5:47 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Expo Line 6:57 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire Lincoln Blvd / Interstate 10 7:12 a.m.
EMS 3rd St / California Ave 7:13 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 7:48 a.m.
EMS 5th St / Wilshire Blvd 7:57 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 15th St 9:19 a.m.
EMS 2500blk 28th St 9:26 a.m.
EMS 3100blk Neilson Way 9:35 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 200blk Arizona Ave 9:57 a.m.
EMS 600blk Colorado Ave 10:44 a.m.
Structure Fire 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 10:58 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 100blk Colorado Ave 11:02 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 12:39 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Chelsea Pl 1:12 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2100blk Colorado Ave 1:51 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 1200blk 17th St 2:24 p.m.
EMS 900blk 17th St 3:11 p.m.
EMS 900blk Wilshire Blvd 3:17 p.m.
EMS 800blk Pico Blvd 3:27 p.m.
EMS 300blk Olympic Dr 3:32 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 15th St 3:36 p.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:42 p.m.
EMS 1000blk Wilshire Blvd 5:18 p.m.
Wires Down 3rd St / Ashland Ave 5:34 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 400blk Broadway 6:25 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 6:57 p.m.
EMS 800blk 7th St 10:25 p.m.
EMS 3100blk Lincoln Blvd 11:18 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Stanford St 11:39 p.m.

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Citywide

Affordable Housing Opportunity for Seniors

Community Corporation of Santa Monica will soon complete construction of a new building at 1820 14th Street that will provide 38 one-bedroom apartments for seniors in Santa Monica. The development received a $10 million investment from the City of Santa Monica in 2017, and will provide apartments across a mix of income levels, with rents ranging from $538 to $1,214 per month, depending on household income.

"The City of Santa Monica knows the strain the cost of housing puts on many in our community, including seniors who have lived here much of their lives," said Community Services Director Andy Agle. "Greenway Meadows will allow 38 senior households to remain in Santa Monica and builds on the City's commitment to supporting our long-term residents."

This new building will feature air conditioning, energy efficient appliances, a community room, an elevator, a laundry room, and an on-site manager as well as a Resident Services Coordinator. Apartments will be available for persons with mobility, vision, or hearing accessibility needs. The new building is in close proximity to many community amenities, including Memorial Park, the Santa Monica Swim Center, and businesses on Pico Boulevard.

To be eligible, applicants must be 62 years of age or older with a minimum annual income between $16,885 and $54,060 annually for a household size of two. Applicants who live or work in Santa Monica will receive priority on the waitlist. There is no minimum income for households with a Section 8 housing voucher.

Applications are online only and will remain open and ongoing. For more information and to apply online, visit santamonica.gov/housing-greenwaymeadows. If you require assistance applying due to a disability, please call 310-458-8740 and leave a message and a City of Santa Monica staff member will get back to you.

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Citywide

Santa Monica Explicitly Prohibits Large Gatherings and Extends Local Emergency to September 30

Interim City Manager and Director of Emergency Services Lane Dilg issued a twenty-fourth supplement that allows enforcement against prohibited large gatherings and extends Santa Monica's local emergency declaration and all associated orders to September 30, 2020. Later expiration dates stated in specific supplements remain unchanged.

The twenty-fourth supplement holds persons responsible for holding or allowing large gatherings–defined in the supplement as gatherings of 20 or more–at a residence or other private property strictly liable regardless of whether the person was present at the gathering. Violations are punishable as a misdemeanor or by administrative citation. The supplement also allows the City to shut off utilities (water service) at locations where large gatherings are held. This is intended to make explicit that these "super spreader" events are strictly prohibited in Santa Monica and will be enforced as private parties have increased regionally. While the twenty-fourth supplement focuses on large gatherings of 20 or more persons, gatherings with non-household members in smaller numbers remains generally prohibited by LA County's Safer at Home Order.

The supplement outlines the following:

Prohibited gatherings are any gatherings of 20 or more natural persons who are not part of a single household or living unit, unless the gathering is expressly permitted by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Safer at Home Order.

Responsible persons include owners, tenants, landlords, and managers of properties, and the persons who organize the prohibited gatherings, regardless of whether they are present at the gathering.

Administrative penalties are set at $500 for a first violation, $750 for a second violation, and $1,000 for a third violation committed within one year.

After issuance of a citation to an owner, tenant, landlord, or manager, the City may also shut off utilities (water service) to the residence or other private property.

The supplement also extends the eviction moratorium for commercial tenant 1s (as defined in the Fifth Revised First Supplement) through September 30, 2020.

Santa Monica extends its local emergency orders as key metrics continue to show community spread of COVID-19. Yesterday, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health announced 1,198 new cases of COVID-19, and Santa Monica has recorded 744 total COVID-19 cases since the start of the pandemic.

"We are making progress toward recovery following the mid-July surge in COVID-19 cases. Recovery depends on all of us remaining vigilant, especially as we approach a holiday weekend when it can be tempting to gather," said Interim City Manager Lane Dilg. "Return to school and to our civic life requires each of us to make smart choices every day. Private events that violate public health rules designed to put us back on track will be subject to fines and other enforcement action in Santa Monica."

Physical distancing remains a requirement along with wearing a face covering to prevent the spread of COVID-19 whenever you are outside your home. Please comply with physical distancing and face covering requirements posted by businesses and recreational facilities. You can be fined $100 for not wearing a face covering. For a list of local businesses selling face coverings, visit santamonica.gov. Frequent hand washing, not gathering in groups or crowds, and staying home if you are sick are vital measures to continue to flatten the COVID-19 curve, lower our regional COVID-19 case rate, and continue to make progress in reopening regional businesses.

For the latest information, please visit santamonica.gov/coronavirus, or call the City's Coronavirus Hotline at (310) 458-8400.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

FBI reassigns top LA agent after 2018 baseball game buffet

The top FBI official in Los Angeles violated federal ethics regulations by holding a sensitive meeting of agency brass at a 2018 Los Angeles Dodgers playoff game, according to a federal inspector general's report.

Paul Delacourt, then the FBI Los Angeles field office's assistant director in charge, was reassigned to the agency's headquarters in Washington, D.C., after the report was first issued in June. The inspector general criticized Delacourt's decisions and "poor judgement."

Delacourt and other high-ranking special agents dined from a free, expansive buffet in the exclusive Stadium Club overlooking the field and surrounded by fans at the Dodgers' game against the Milwaukee Brewers during the National League championship series. One executive drank alcohol at the stadium.

Delacourt's transfer and the inspector general's report were first reported Tuesday by POLITICO.

The special agents later donated $20 each to a Dodgers charity for the buffet. Investigators discovered that the Dodgers valued the meal at $62.95 per person and recorded the FBI attendees as a "full comp," even though the team had told the agency that the cost was $87 total.

Despite being among other people at the game, the executives discussed topics sensitive enough for FBI officials to ask for some of them to be deleted from the inspector general's public report. The meeting was initially framed as part of the FBI's security presence at the game.

Delacourt has been transferred to the agency's headquarters in Washington, D.C., FBI LA spokeswoman Laura Eimiller confirmed to the AP on Tuesday. She declined to discuss the circumstances surrounding Delacourt's reassignment, citing personnel issues.

The inspector general's report, in a footnote, says that the FBI decided to reassign Delacourt "following its receipt and review of the report."

The inspector general's report also noted that Delacourt failed to understand the alleged transgressions.

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ELECTIONS

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and first Black person to run the office, has been targeted by Black Lives Matter for a record of rarely prosecuting police for fatal shootings.

Lacey has filed manslaughter charges in one killing by a police officer, but she has not brought charges in 340 other fatal shootings by officers. Lacey said Gascon failed to hold officers accountable when he was a prosecutor, though he had far fewer such cases.

Lacey narrowly lost being re-elected in a three-way primary in March, falling just short of the majority of votes needed against Gascon and a former public defender who were both running to her left. Gascon advanced with the second-highest number of votes.

Lacey is endorsed by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, LA Mayor Eric Garcetti and San Francisco Mayor London Breed, among others.

Gascon's supporters include Sens. Kamala Harris, Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren.

Gascon was picked by Newsom to replace Harris as San Francisco DA when she was elected California attorney general in 2011. Newsom had appointed Gascon police chief in 2009.

MARKETS

FROM PAGE 1

your favorite local farmers," Rivera-Krouse said, admitting the scene inside the market may look a bit different than it traditionally has in the past.

"Life in general has changed so much over the past few months," and so have the rules regarding live music and entertainment options, Rivera-Krouse said, detailing how the markets will be without the sights and sounds that locals have become accustomed to in years past. "But we're hoping that we can still just be a great access point for the community for your other essential shopping and we hope you'll stick with us as things change and shift in the coming months because we're looking to reintegrate that programming as soon as we can."

While it may be missing some bits of entertainment, the Pico Market does have a Market Match program, which is really important these days since so many people are facing economic uncertainty, Rivera-Krouse said. "I've heard from so many people that have lost jobs and are using CalFresh for the first time as a way to help stretch the food dollars and their budget. So I always tell them about the Market Match program because it really helps stretch that food budget even more."

Through the program, local residents check in with staff, who will then get them tokens that can be used to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables.

"We have our Market Match representative from our partner organization — Hunger Action LA — who's kind of like a celebrity at the farmers market. He's been doing it for years and he's super friendly with answering any questions about the program. It's quick and easy to get situated; you don't really have to enroll or anything if you're in the CalFresh EBT program," Rivera-Krouse said, mentioning it feels great to see the markets return to meet the needs of the community.

"I know a lot of people have been asking about them, and it seems everybody has their own preference. Some people prefer smaller markets right now, during this time and I think they're a really great extra option for people who may not feel like downtown is a good fit for them," Rivera-Krouse said. "So, we're really happy to provide that option, and I have to give a shout out to our amazing volunteers who helped get us to this moment because we could not be here without our amazing crew of people. It's been a true community effort to get us to this point and we're really happy that we've really gotten the community involved and onboard to help make this happen."

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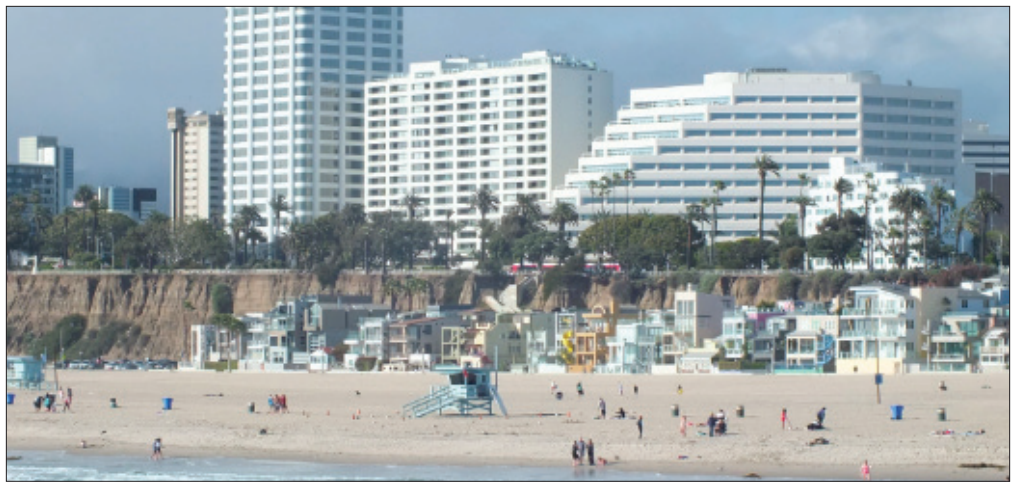


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Santa Monica As You Wish



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I'M SUCH A POSITIVE GUY THESE DAYS

That after four years of noxious obnoxious orange oligarchy oozing out of FL and DC, and a relentless decades-long campaign to turn our lovely, unique, precious Santa Monica into Miami Beach by our own local power cabal, driven by development dollars that finance political campaigns and feed all sorts of other craven cravings — I'm POSITIVE that pointing out these travesties and failings and corruption, in an attempt to make people informed and angry enough to take action, doesn't seem to work very well. Y'all keep voting against your own interests, too many of you. Let's face it, many people are lazy, prejudiced and willfully ignorant. And big dollars can sway a lot of weak minds.

But you never know.

I'm going to take another stab at being kind, loving and POSITIVE, nevermind the negativity, and see how that works. How'm I doing so far?

BUT SERIOUSLY

We have seen, sadly, over and over that negative campaigning works. The catch is, as John once asked Paul, how do you sleep at night? Just fine, says Karl Rove, Alex Jones, Tucker Carlson, Laura Ingraham, Rush, Hannity and others, because all those truckloads of hundred dollar bills and million dollar checks make for a mighty soft mattress. But then, they are entertainers, specializing in hate, with no concern for the huge damage they do.

For our upcoming local elections, let's accentuate the POSITIVE (sing along with me, now!), become informed, and find the candidates that fit your vision of Santa Monica. No politician is perfect for you, but some are sure better than others.

So, instead of pointing fingers and assigning blame, why don't we play a POSITIVE, fun game I'll call,

"SANTA MONICA, AS YOU WISH."

(Thank you, Dread Pirate Roberts.)

Instead of focusing on all that's wrong here, let's frame it as all that could be right. Let's be inspired to work toward a much better world to leave to our children, rather than the dismal task of slaying too many dragons. The Santa Monica we want, and deserve!

Pandemic health crises, the resultant economic and jobs disasters, accelerating climate change catastrophe and the urgency to end systemic racism now, can seem overwhelming, coming at us all at once. So few resources. Except the miraculous human spirit! Sounds like a hyuuuuge opportunity to me! We've been doing it wrong, a lot of it, and wouldn't this be a perfect time to change all that?

We can't now argue that universal health care isn't absolutely vital for the good of the entire body politic, unless you think it's OK for hundreds of thousands of Americans to die a terrible death when 90 percent of that was preventable. Maybe it also demonstrates that government, properly managed, does have an important place and can be a lifeline in many circumstances, not an adversary. (Reagan was wrong. On purpose. Less government, less lifesaving regulation, more profits.) That we all really are in this tossing ship on roiling seas, together, and we'd better hold on to each other. Every: each other. That every one of us deserves equal justice, opportunity, freedoms, food and shelter, work and a vote.

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We need to make some quick, obvious changes in our police procedures and practices, then carefully examine the other details to come up with a reallocation of funds that serves everyone better and results in

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FDA chief apologizes for over-stating plasma effect on virus

MATTHEW PERRONE AND DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press

Responding to an outcry from medical experts, Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Stephen Hahn on Tuesday apologized for overstating the life-saving benefits of treating COVID-19 patients with convalescent plasma.

Scientists and medical experts have been pushing back against the claims about the treatment since President Donald Trump's announcement on Sunday that the FDA had decided to issue emergency authorization for convalescent plasma, taken from patients who have recovered from the coronavirus and rich in disease-fighting antibodies.

Trump hailed the decision as a historic breakthrough even though the treatment's value has not been established. The announcement on the eve of Trump's Republican National Convention raised suspicions that it was politically motivated to offset critics of the president's handling of the pandemic.

Hahn had echoed Trump in saying that 35 more people out of 100 would survive the coronavirus if they were treated with the plasma. That claim vastly overstated preliminary findings of Mayo Clinic observations.

Hahn's mea culpa comes at a critical moment for the FDA which, under intense pressure from the White House, is responsible for deciding whether upcoming vaccines are safe and effective in preventing COVID-19.

The 35% figure drew condemnation from other scientists and some former FDA officials, who called on Hahn to correct the record.

"I have been criticized for remarks I made Sunday night about the benefits of convalescent plasma. The criticism is entirely justified. What I should have said better is that the data show a relative risk reduction not an absolute risk reduction," Hahn tweeted.

The FDA made the decision based on data the Mayo Clinic collected from hospitals around the country that were using plasma on patients in wildly varying ways — and there was no comparison group of untreated patients, meaning no conclusions can be drawn about overall survival. People who received plasma with the highest levels of antibodies fared better than those given plasma with fewer antibodies, and those treated sooner after diagnosis fared better than those treated later.

Hahn and other Trump administration officials presented the difference as an absolute survival benefit, rather than a relative difference between two treatment groups. Former FDA officials said the misstatement was inexcusable, particularly for a cancer specialist like Hahn.

"It's extraordinary to me that a person involved in clinical trials could make that mistake," said Dr. Peter Lurie, a former FDA official under the Obama administration who now leads the nonprofit Center for Science in the Public Interest. "It's mind-boggling."

The 35% benefit was repeated by Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar at Sunday's briefing and promoted on Twitter by the FDA's communication staff. The number did not appear in FDA's official letter justifying the emergency authorization.

Hahn has been working to bolster confidence in the agency's scientific process, stating in interviews and articles that the FDA will only approve a vaccine that meets preset standards for safety and efficacy.

Lawrence Gostin of Georgetown University said Hahn's performance Sunday undermined those efforts.

"I think the integrity of the FDA took a hit, if I were Stephen Hahn I would not have appeared at such a political show," said Gostin, a public health attorney.

Hahn pushed back Tuesday morning against suggestions that the plasma announcement was timed to boost Trump ahead of the Republican convention.

"The professionals and the scientists at FDA independently made this decision, and I completely support them," Hahn said, appearing on "CBS This Morning."

Trump has recently accused some FDA staff, without evidence, of deliberately holding up new treatments "for political reasons." And Trump's chief of staff, Mark Meadows, said over the weekend that FDA scientists "need to feel the heat."

The administration has sunk vast resources into the race for a vaccine, and Trump aides have been hoping that swift progress could help the president ahead of November's election.

At Sunday's briefing Hahn did not correct Trump's description of the regulatory move as a "breakthrough." He also did not contradict Trump's unsupported claim of a "deep state" effort at the agency working to slow down approvals.

Former FDA officials said the political pressure and attacks against the FDA carry enormous risk of undermining trust in the agency just when it's needed most. A vaccine will only be effective against the virus if it is widely taken by the U.S. population.

"I think the constant pressure, the name-calling, the perception that decisions are made under pressure is damaging," said Dr. Jesse Goodman of Georgetown University, who previously served as FDA's chief scientist. "We need the American people to have full confidence that medicines and vaccines are safe."

Convalescent plasma is a century-old approach to treating the flu, measles and other viruses. But the evidence so far has not been conclusive about whether it works, when to administer it and what dose is needed.

The FDA emergency authorization is expected to increase its availability to additional hospitals. But more than 70,000 Americans have already received the therapy under FDA's "expanded access" program. That program tracks patients' response, but cannot prove whether the plasma played a role in their recovery.

Some scientists worry the broadened FDA access to the treatment will make it harder to complete studies of whether the treatment actually works. Those studies require randomizing patients to either receive plasma or a dummy infusion.

Associated Press writer Lauran Neergaard contributed to this report.

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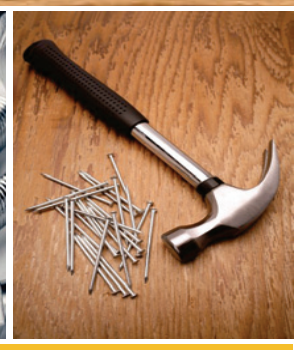
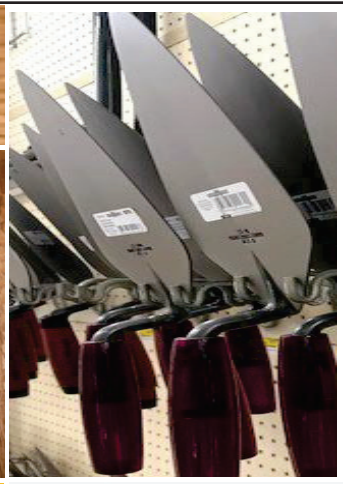
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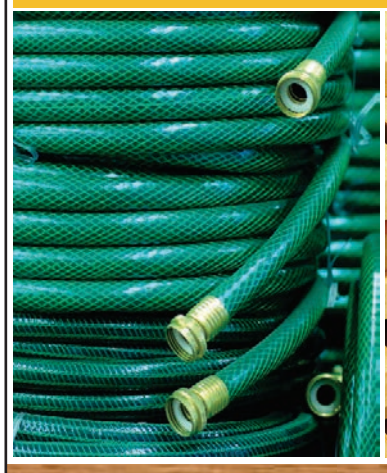
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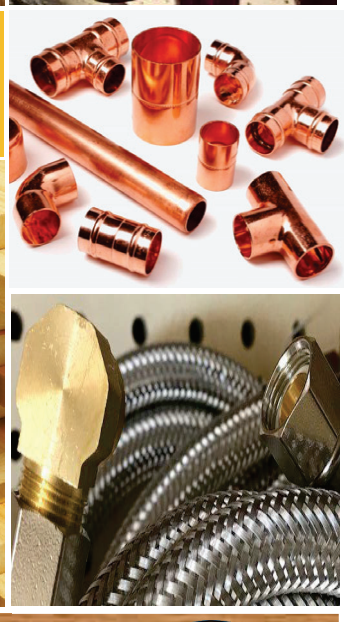
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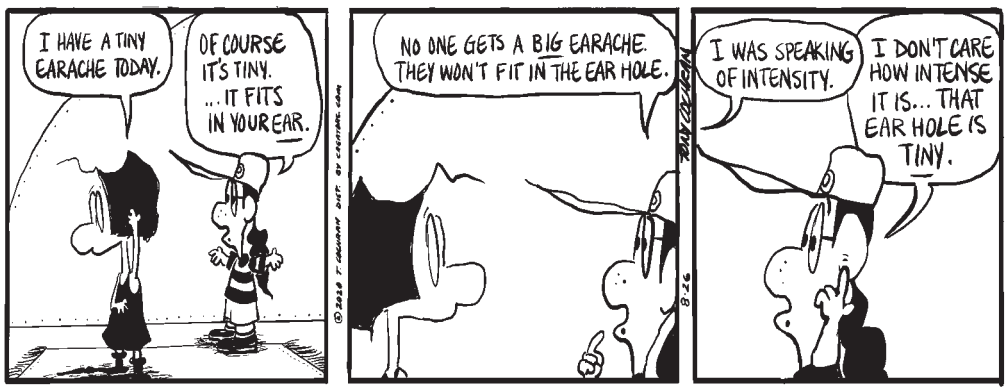




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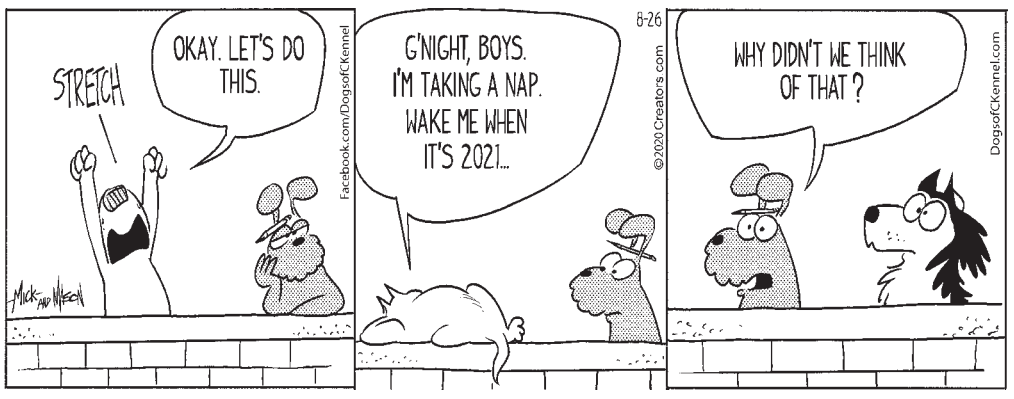
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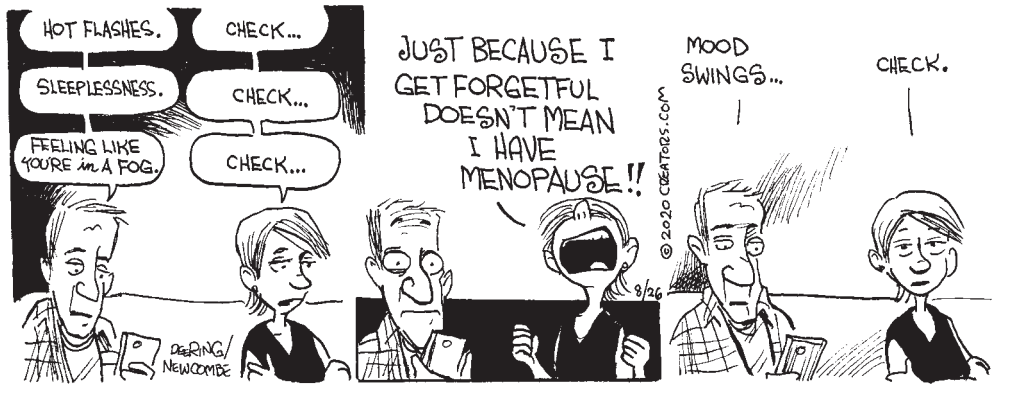
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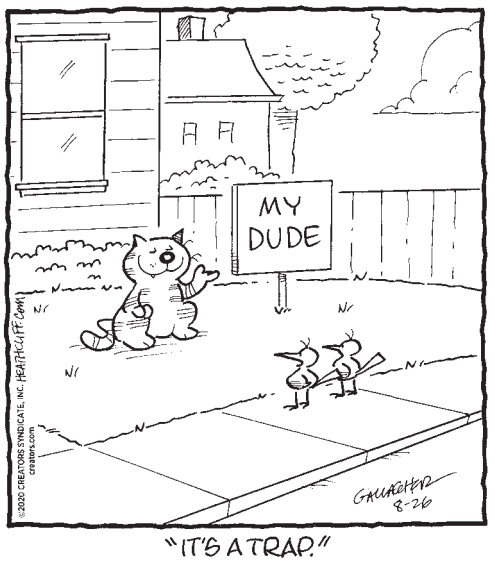
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WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Modest new SSW swell. NW windswell up slightly. Cleanest early before W/WNW winds build for the afternoon. Tides are pretty full all day. Water temps likely to cool.

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Fun little SSW swell. NW windswell up slightly. Cleanest early before W/WNW winds build for the afternoon. Tides are pretty full all day.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 78.

Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 68. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 79.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you challenge yourself, you discover yourself. If you wait, the world will do it for you, but it won't be the same kind of challenge — not as specific, not as interesting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Maybe it wasn't your quest to be extremely attractive inside and out, but it happened anyway — a benefit of tending to the important things, serving the people around you consistently, making pleasantness your job.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It really doesn't matter whether you do a thing alone or with lots of help. What matters is getting this thing done and in the bag, so to speak. You may as well accept whatever help you are offered.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Attempt to debunk your own theories. Most mistakes, be they personal, professional, financial or other, are mistakes of ego. Leaving oneself unchecked is arrogance. Instead, ask, "Could I be wrong?"

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Of all the things you could rail against, one of the most futile is that of human nature, which is indomitable, illogical and wildly successful. Since human nature often wins out, it makes sense to work with it, not against it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You feel successful when you are lifting others, creating ease in the world, building beauty, contributing to health, breaking down barriers to emotional sunshine.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If the person who's the best is also the worst, maybe it's love. Love is a 3D experience. If you're getting the good, bad and ugly, then you've brought a person all the way into your heart — no angle left behind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Plow ahead while your energy is high. You'll feel like taking detours, following distractions and generally going your own way, but don't. Where deep focus meets high energy, there's exciting progress to be had.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Not every debt has to be paid back. Sometimes people give to you out of a deep need to contribute. The usefulness they feel in that moment fulfills the transaction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The complex problems beckon you today, and you're uniquely qualified to take them on. Note that you'll likely need to look at the situation from a dozen or more different angles before it starts to make sense.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're more open to new experiences than most people, and because of this, you'll find yourself in a colorful place today, if not physically then at least intellectually or virtually.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Without the evil queen, there is no fairytale. Every superhero needs a nemesis. In other words, someone has to be the bad guy, and if it's you, don't sweat it. There's an advantage in disagreement.

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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

7	5	2	1	8	3	9	6	4
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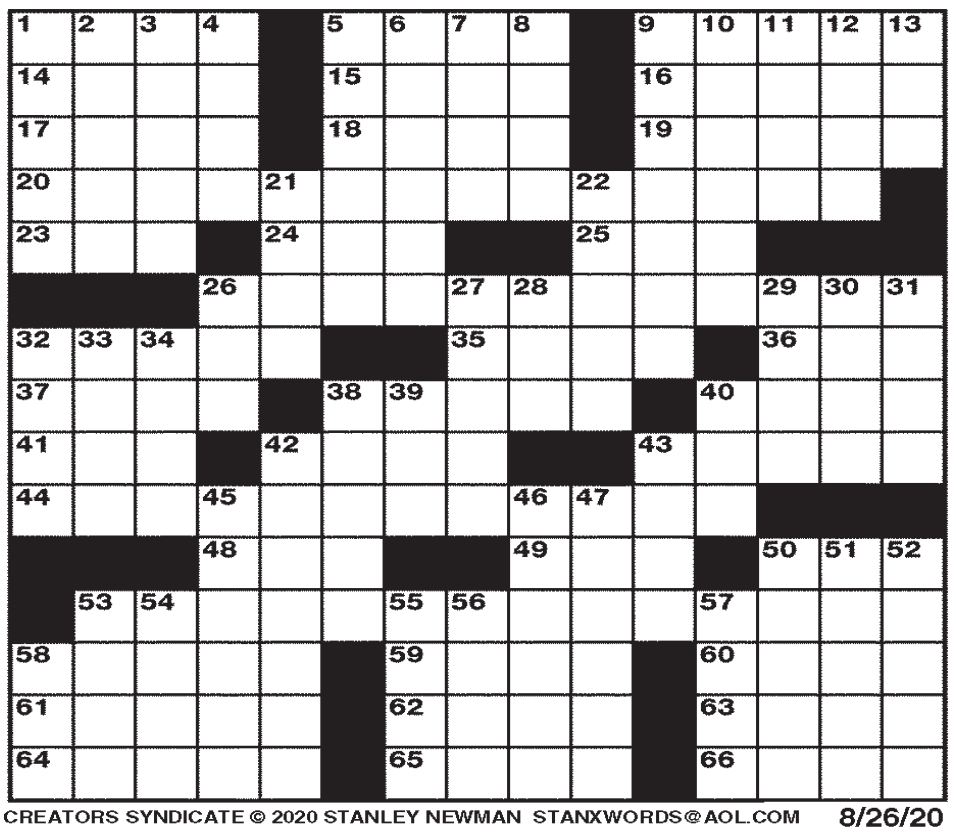
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Prod with a finger
5 Degs. in finance
9 __ and kicking
14 Online auctioneer
15 Singer Clapton
16 Walking speeds
17 Very hard to find
18 Cry of triumph
19 Star's dealmaker
20 Establish a new standard
23 Have a meal
24 Common urban tree
25 Even if, in verse
26 Tell what just happened
32 Daughter, for one
35 Vietnam neighbor
36 Cow complaint
37 Plant's underground part
38 Hotel room cleaners
40 Congregation's affirmation
41 Away from the office
42 Actor Penn or Connery
43 "No wager"
44 Succeed in decryption
48 Basketball's contents
49 CIO's union partner
50 Observed
53 Be a debunker
58 December song
59 Author Austen
60 Three-layer cookie
61 Furious
62 Of bad character
63 Actor Neeson
64 To date
65 Johnny who played Willy Wonka
66 Gentle, as zoo animals

DOWN
1 In itself
2 President in 2015
3 Gold purity measure
4 Keep your __ on (watch)
5 Courage
6 Rodeo bull
7 Any assistant
8 Lasting mark
9 Southwestern Native Americans
10 Tropical island inlet
11 Cake decorator
12 Sell from a soda machine, say
13 Winter hours in DC
21 Bunch of sheep
22 Moral climate
26 Three-ingredient sandwich, for short
27 Oscar actor Kevin
28 Tiny bit
29 Actress Stone or Thompson
30 Adversities
31 Princes, for instance
32 Gator's cousin
33 Typical TV drama length
34 Tiny bit
38 Urban area, briefly
39 Sound of satisfaction
40 Gorilla or chimp
42 Pan on a stove
43 Doing nothing
45 Author Truman
46 Feline treat
47 Useful
50 Iraq neighbor
51 Squad of best players
52 Mock-denial question
53 All __ (fully attentive)
54 Dental exam image
55 Played CDs at a party
56 Roof overhang
57 Drop feathers
58 Espionage org.



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Binary Puzzle

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

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0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
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N S O F R U I T T E U T B S O
E E V I O L E T D B S U A O D
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R C H R Y S A N T H E M U M T
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N C A E T A S N G A R D E N K
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V G E S M R O W C I I I E A R
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Aster	Fruit	Pansy	Soil
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Beetle	Genus	Peat	Stock
Birds	Groundcover	Pond	Table
Bulb	Herbs	Rake	Trees
Canna	Insect	Rose	Turnip
Chairs	Ixia	Scent	Vine
Chrysanthemum	Leek	Seeds	Violet
Clean	Lilac	Shed	Worms
Cress	Native	Shrubs	

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CURIOUS CITY

FROM PAGE 6

much greater safety for all.

We need to make our children and their schools a top priority.

High speed Internet access for all in SM would benefit all tremendously, from school children to entrepreneurs to shut-in seniors and others to our many resident artists creating at home. We have a lot already in place and it wouldn't be that hard nor cost that much to fiber optic everyone in Santa Monica.

Want the tourists to come back for the right reasons? Estimates are that 40 percent of Santa Monicans work in the creative arts. Shouldn't that be our identity? Shouldn't we be preserving art instead of tossing it aside, shouldn't we be allowing our artists to recreate Santa Monica with a world-wide reputation for the arts, art everywhere, music on the street corners, great murals on our buildings?

WHERE WILL WE GET $$$ IN THIS BRAVE NEW WORLD?

Maybe, just maybe, we don't want, or need, 9,000,000 tourists a year. And when you're hell bent on paving paradise, maybe our future with a dirty, crime-ridden, overcrowded beach surrounded by near-skyscrapers is not enough to make them want to come, or come back. Maybe 4M would be more manageable, and cost effective.

First of all, we need to spend much more wisely and frugally. We need to support Mom and Pop businesses because that's what makes for the character of a city, not the high ends and the chain stores you can find anywhere. We need to preserve and restore our valued old buildings, and repurpose them instead of tearing down to build the new ugly.

We need to vote for City Council candidates who will think way outside the boxes. No more business as usual.

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VIRUS

FROM PAGE 2

tailgating. Coach Nick Saban weighed in on the virus Monday, urging people to wear masks.

"It's not just about football. So, for people to make the right choices and decisions to wear their masks, do the things when they're out publicly, respect the rules, respect the virus, that's important," he said.

It's not clear what will happen to case numbers as more school districts bring students back to classrooms and colleges reopen their campuses. In recent weeks, schools including the University of North Carolina, Michigan State and Notre Dame have moved instruction online after outbreaks on their campuses.

Officials at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville said four students are facing disciplinary proceedings after three hosted off-campus parties with no mask or other distancing and another left isolation to meet with others despite testing positive for the virus.

"If the facts reported to the university are accurate, these students will face at least suspension from the university, and potentially greater penalties," Chancellor Donde Plowman wrote.

Associated Press writers Mae Anderson, Nicky Forster and John Zenor contributed to this story.

ELECTRONIC WASTE

FROM PAGE 1

aware of the importance of recycling paper, glass and plastic, fewer understand the dangerous effects e-waste can have on the environment.

"Over time as e-waste compresses in landfills, toxic chemicals and heavy metals can leak into the ground and make their way into the environment. When that happens animals can ingest some of the heavy metals and toxins and that can eventually make its way to us," said Toyama. "So we try to keep it contained by keeping it out of landfills and reusing these items as much as possible. If Human-I-T is not able to use the items, they have their own way of properly disposing of those materials, otherwise it can contaminate soil, groundwater, and the air."

While sustainability initiatives are becoming more prevalent in school districts across the state, SMMUSD is dedicated to a robust and comprehensive environmental plan that stands out among the others, according to Toyama. Part of this program includes a strong environmental education for SMMUSD's students.

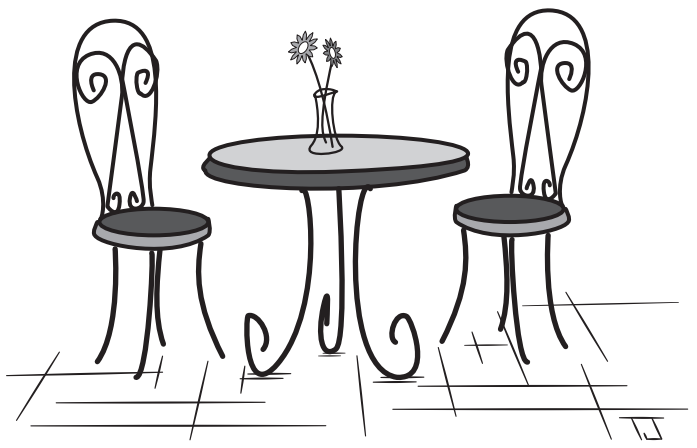
Across the District's elementary school, students are taught how to properly sort waste by separating their food from recyclable materials. Santa Monica High School has a student-run tree and plant nursery called Branching Out, where students receive an education in gardening, environmental science and nutrition. Although many of these participatory environmental programs are on pause while students are studying remotely, the District remains committed to its sustainability goals.

The e-waste recycling project is an example of a sustainability initiative that not only can continue during distance learning, but is more important than ever before as families have an urgent need for personal electronic devices. This program falls under the "solid waste" category of the District's sustainability goals, which also include climate, education, energy efficiency and renewables, water, transportation, food and nutrition, and green buildings.

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