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It's not over: COVID-19 cases are on the rise again in US

LAURA UNGAR
AP Science Writer

Yet again, the U.S. is trudging into what could be another COVID-19 surge, with cases rising nationally and in most states after a two-month decline.

One big unknown? "We don't know how high that mountain's gonna grow," said Dr. Stuart Campbell Ray, an infectious disease expert at Johns Hopkins University.

No one expects a peak nearly as high as the last one, when the contagious omicron version of the coronavirus ripped through the population.

But experts warn that the coming wave – caused by a mutant called BA.2 that's thought to be about 30% more contagious – will wash across the nation. They worry that hospitalizations, which are already ticking up in some parts of the Northeast, will rise in a growing number of states in the coming weeks. And the case wave will be bigger than it looks, they say, because reported numbers are vast undercounts as more people test at home without reporting their infections or skip testing altogether.

At the height of the previous omicron surge, reported daily cases reached into the hundreds of thousands. As of Thursday, the seven-day rolling average for daily new cases rose to 39,521, up from 30,724 two weeks earlier, according to data from Johns Hopkins collected by The Associated Press.

Dr. Eric Topol, head of Scripps Research Translational Institute, said the numbers will likely keep growing until the surge reaches about a quarter the height of the last "monstrous" one. BA.2 may well have the same effect in the U.S. as it did in Israel, where it created a "bump" in the chart measuring cases, he said.

Keeping the surge somewhat in check, experts said, is a higher level of immunity in the U.S. from vaccination or past infection compared with early winter.

But Ray said the U.S. could wind up looking like Europe, where the BA.2 surge was "substantial" in some places that had comparable levels of immunity. "We could have a substantial surge here," he said.

Both experts said BA.2 will move through the country gradually. The Northeast has been hit hardest so far — with more than 90% of new infections caused by BA.2 last week compared with 86% nationally. As of Thursday, the highest rates of new COVID cases per capita over the past 14 days were in Vermont, Rhode Island, Alaska, New York and Massachusetts. In Washington, D.C., which also ranks in the top 10 for rates of new cases, Howard University announced it was moving most undergraduate classes online for the rest of the semester because of "a significant increase in COVID-19 positivity" in the district and on campus.

Some states, such as Rhode Island and New Hampshire, saw the average of daily new cases rise by more than 100% in two weeks, according to Johns Hopkins data.

Joseph Wendelken, spokesperson for the Rhode Island Department of Health, said despite rising cases, hospitalizations remain relatively low, and that's the metric they are most focused on right now. About 55 COVID-19 patients are hospitalized, compared with more than 600 at one point in the pandemic.

Officials credit high vaccination rates. State statistics show 99% of Rhode Island adults are at least partially vaccinated and 48% have gotten the booster dose that scientists say is key in protecting against severe illness with omicron.

Vermont also has relatively high levels of vaccination and fewer patients in the hospital than during the height of the first omicron wave. But Dr. Mark Levine, the health commissioner there, said hospitalizations and the numbers of patients in intensive care units are both up slightly, although deaths have not risen.

> "I never really stopped wearing my mask ... I've stayed ultra-vigilant, — Lynne Richmond.

Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that new hospital admissions of patients with confirmed COVID-19 were up slightly in New England and the New York region.

On the West Coast, modelers from Oregon Health & Science University are projecting a slight increase in hospitalizations over the next two months in that state, where cases have also risen steeply.

As the wave moves across the country, experts said states with low rates of vaccination may face substantially more infections and severe cases that wind up in the hospital.

Ray said government leaders must be careful to strike the right tone when talking to people about protecting themselves and others after COVID restrictions have largely been lifted. Philadelphia recently became the first major U.S. city to reinstate its indoor mask mandate after a sharp increase in infections. But Vermont's Levine said there are no plans to bring back any of the restrictions that were imposed earlier during the pandemic.

"It's going to be hard to institute restrictive, draconian measures," Ray said. "Fortunately, we have some tools that we can use to mitigate risk. And so I hope that leaders will emphasize the importance for people to watch the numbers," be aware of risks and consider taking precautions such as wearing masks and getting vaccinated and boosted if they're not already.

Lynne Richmond, a 59-year-old breast cancer survivor who lives in Silver Spring, Md., said she plans to get her second booster and keep wearing her mask in public as cases rise in her state and nearby Washington, D.C.

"I never really stopped wearing my mask...I've stayed ultra-vigilant," she said. "I feel like I've come this far; I don't want to get COVID."

Vigilance is a good strategy, experts said, because the coronavirus is constantly throwing curveballs. One of the latest: even more contagious subvariants of BA.2 found in New York state, known as BA.2.12 and BA.2.12.1. And scientists warn that new and potentially dangerous variants could arise at any time.

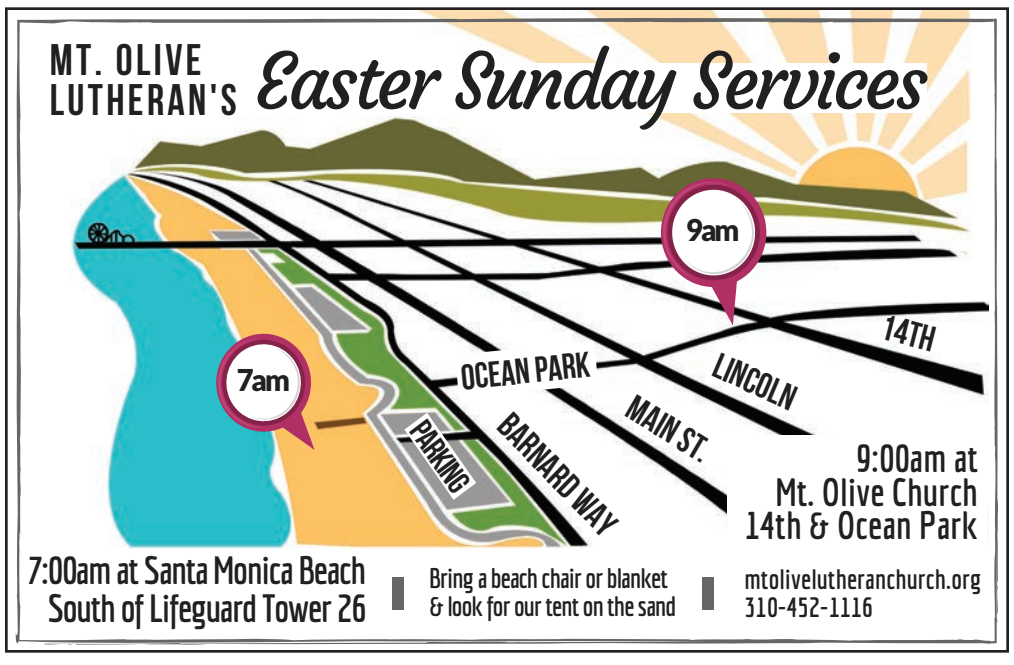
"We shouldn't be thinking the pandemic is over," Topol said. "We should still keep our guard up."

Associated Press reporter Wilson Ring contributed from Stowe, Vermont.



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COVID: New variants are expected to move across the country in waves.





DAILY POLICE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 277 CALLS ON 14

Speeding 2600Blk Barnard Way 12:15 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1500Blk 2nd St 1:21 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 2100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:55 a.m.
Speeding 14th St / Montana Ave 1:56 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1600Blk 9th St 2:00 a.m.
Loud Music 2700Blk Pearl St 2:19 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 300Blk Olympic Dr 3:48 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 200Blk Broadway 4:43 a.m.
Petty Theft Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 6:27 a.m.
General Parking Problem 2100Blk Montana Ave 6:33 a.m.
Encampment 2900Blk Barnard Way 7:07 a.m.
Encampment 1100Blk Palisades Park 7:24 a.m.
Petty Theft Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 7:30 a.m.
Red Zone Violation 4th St / Marine St 7:59 a.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 800Blk Ocean Ave 8:48 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 200Blk Pier Ave 9:17 a.m.
Illegal Weapon 800Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:37 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 800Blk 16th St 9:46 a.m.
Found Property 00Blk World Way 9:52 a.m.
Burglary 600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:55 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 100Blk Broadway 9:58 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1500Blk 2nd St 10:19 a.m.
Encampment 500Blk Colorado Ave 10:21 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 400Blk Santa Monica Pier 10:22 a.m.
Petty Theft 700Blk Pine St 10:32 a.m.
Speeding 10th St / Wilshire Blvd 11:00 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2400Blk 6th St 11:02 a.m.
Burglary 1500Blk 19th St 11:19 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1200Blk 5th St 11:20 a.m.
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Battery 700Blk Strand St 11:44 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public Centinela Ave / Delaware Ave 11:50 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400Blk 7th St 12:03 p.m.
Petty Theft 1200Blk Yale St 12:06 p.m.
Person Down 300Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:31 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2nd St / Marine St 12:42 p.m.
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Petty Theft 1400Blk Montana Ave 1:35 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:47 p.m.
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Grand Theft Auto 1300Blk 2nd St 2:14 p.m.
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Burglary 2900Blk 28th St 2:21 p.m.
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Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle Lincoln Blvd / San Vicente Blvd 2:32 p.m.
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Animal Related Incident 2400Blk 21st St 2:52 p.m.
General Parking Problem 800Blk San Vicente Blvd 2:55 p.m.
Fraud 200Blk Pico Blvd 2:57 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 600Blk Kensington rd 3:00 p.m.
Encampment 1500Blk The Beach 3:02 p.m.
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Audible Burglar Alarm 600Blk 23rd St 3:58 p.m.
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Speeding 7th St / San Vicente Blvd 4:42 p.m.
Found Property 5800Blk W. Adams Blvd, Culver City 4:45 p.m.
Petty Theft 1200Blk Ocean Front Walk 5:31 p.m.
Vandalism11th St / Colorado Ave 6:13 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 20th St / Olympic Blvd 6:14 p.m.
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Burglary 1100Blk Pico Blvd 6:20 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 300Blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:23 p.m.
Speeding 14th St / Idaho Ave 6:43 p.m.
Theft Suspect In Custody 1200Blk 4th St 6:44 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1700Blk Ocean Ave 6:44 p.m.
Battery 2600Blk Ocean Park Blvd 6:45 p.m.
Speeding 2000Blk Ocean Ave 6:55 p.m.
Speeding 2600Blk Barnard Way 6:55 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1900Blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:12 p.m.
Encampment 3000Blk Ocean Front Walk 7:24 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1400Blk 4th St 7:28 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1200Blk 4th St 7:40 p.m.
Expired Registration 1200Blk 4th St 7:41 p.m.
Battery 200Blk Ocean Ave 7:57 p.m.
Encampment 1100Blk The Beach 8:06 p.m.

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EMS 1400Blk Berkeley St 2:03 a.m.
EMS 2200Blk Arizona Ave 2:07 a.m.
EMS 300Blk Olympic Dr 2:49 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 2nd St 3:09 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400Blk 2nd St 3:42 a.m.
EMS 2800Blk Delaware Ave 6:11 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 600Blk Arizona Ave 6:12 a.m.
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EMS 1000Blk Ocean Ave 9:10 a.m.
EMS 26th St / Santa Monica Blvd 9:13 a.m.
EMS 400Blk Expo Line 9:14 a.m.
EMS 2000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:18 a.m.
EMS 800Blk Ashland Ave 9:21 a.m.
EMS Main St / Pacific St 10:27 a.m.
EMS 1500Blk 5th St 12:22 p.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas 1800Blk California Ave 12:28 p.m.
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Wires Down 1900Blk Delaware Ave 12:40 p.m.
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Miscellaneous Outside Fire 2200Blk 3rd St 5:24 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 3300Blk Exposition Blvd 6:28 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 100Blk Hart Ave 7:30 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 400Blk 19th St 7:55 p.m.
EMS 200Blk Ocean Ave 7:59 p.m.
EMS 16th St / Santa Monica Blvd 8:18 p.m.
EMS 1600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:43 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 17th St 9:51 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 100Blk Colorado Ave 10:19 p.m.
EMS 1800Blk 9th St 10:24 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Pacific St 10:42 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 17th St 11:01 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2400Blk Colorado Ave 11:47 p.m.

WEEKLY ARRESTS

SMPD MADE 43 ARRESTS FROM APRIL 4 TO APRIL 10.

Date	Sex	Age	Primary Charge
Mon, Apr 4	M	23	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Mon, Apr 4	F	41	Vandalism
Mon, Apr 4	M	26	Resisting an Executive Officer
Mon, Apr 4	M	26	Drunk in Public
Mon, Apr 4	M	43	Robbery
Mon, Apr 4	F	36	Carrying A Concealed Dirk Or Dagger
Tue, Apr 5	M	33	Battery Causing Serious Bodily Injury
Tue, Apr 5	M	55	Assault with a Deadly Weapon
Tue, Apr 5	M	26	Drunk in Public
Tue, Apr 5	M	57	Warrant
Tue, Apr 5	M	44	Brandishing a Deadly Weapon
Tue, Apr 5	M	38	Vandalism
Wed, Apr 6	M	44	Warrant
Wed, Apr 6	M	38	Robbery
Wed, Apr 6	M	31	Corporal Injury To Spouse
Wed, Apr 6	M	33	Aggravated Assault
Wed, Apr 6	M	32	Drunk in Public
Thu, Apr 7	M	33	Fugitive
Thu, Apr 7	M	38	Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance
Thu, Apr 7	M	51	Parole Violation
Thu, Apr 7	F	29	Larceny
Thu, Apr 7	F	33	Shoplifting
Thu, Apr 7	M	58	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
Fri, Apr 8	M	43	Shooting in Inhabited Dwelling or Occupied Vehicle
Fri, Apr 8	M	40	Warrant
Fri, Apr 8	M	31	Criminal Threat
Fri, Apr 8	M	38	Warrant
Fri, Apr 8	M	36	Drunk in Public
Fri, Apr 8	F	52	Battery on a Peace Officer
Fri, Apr 8	F	33	Public Nudity
Fri, Apr 8	M	35	Trespassing
Fri, Apr 8	M	45	Corporal Injury To Spouse
Sat, Apr 9	M	52	Public Nudity
Sat, Apr 9	M	22	Robbery
Sat, Apr 9	M	35	Vandalism
Sat, Apr 9	M	55	Resisting Arrest
Sat, Apr 9	F	47	Child Endangerment
Sun, Apr 10	M	44	Trespassing
Sun, Apr 10	M	46	Burglary
Sun, Apr 10	M	50	Battery on a Peace Officer
Sun, Apr 10	M	29	Peeking While Loitering
Sun, Apr 10	M	30	Possession of Brass Knuckles
Sun, Apr 10	M	26	Trespassing

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AP sources: Trump aide Stephen Miller speaks to 1/6 panel

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Associated Press

Stephen Miller, who served as a top aide to President Donald Trump, was questioned for hours Thursday by the congressional committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021 insurrection.

Miller was a senior adviser for policy during the Trump administration and a central figure in many of the Republican's decisions. He had resisted previous efforts by the committee, filing a lawsuit last month seeking to quash a subpoena for his phone records.

Miller was interviewed virtually for about eight hours, according to a person familiar with the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss private testimony. A second person also confirmed that Miller appeared before the committee. A spokesperson for the committee said the panel had no comment, and Miller did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

Miller is the latest in a series of sit-downs the committee has scored with those in Trump's inner circle as lawmakers move closer to the former president by questioning people who were with him on the day of the attack or were his confidants in the weeks leading up to it.

His appearance comes weeks after Ivanka Trump and her husband, Jared Kushner, also agreed to sit down with congressional investigators, months after the committee had first reached out.

Members of the panel said Kushner's testimony in late March, which lasted more than six hours, was helpful. Ivanka Trump, who was with her father in the White House on Jan. 6, was questioned for eight hours last week as congressional investigators tried to piece together her father's failed effort to delay the certification of the 2020 election results.

The nine-member panel subpoenaed the former Trump adviser in November along with Steve Bannon and former press secretary Kayleigh McEnany. Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., the panel's chairman, said at the time that Miller was aware of and had participated in "efforts to spread false information about alleged voter fraud" and had encouraged state legislatures to alter the outcome of the 2020 election by appointing alternate electors.

Thompson has also said that Miller helped prepare Trump's remarks for a rally on the Ellipse that preceded the insurrection and was with Trump when he spoke.

The House voted last week to hold former Trump advisers Peter Navarro and Dan Scavino in contempt for their monthlong refusal to comply with subpoenas. The move was the third time the panel has referred people in the former president's orbit to the Justice Department for potential prosecution for contempt. The first two referrals, sent late last year, were for former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows and Bannon.

The contempt referral against Bannon resulted in an indictment, with a trial set to start in July. The Justice Department has been slower to decide whether to prosecute Meadows, much to the committee's frustration.

By agreeing to cooperate, Miller appears to be looking to avoid the fate of those former advisers and administration officials.

For the committee, comprised of seven Democrats and two Republicans, the central facts of the insurrection are known, but what members are hoping to do with the more than 850 interviews and over 100,000 documents is fill in the remaining gaps about the attack on the Capitol. Lawmakers say they are committed to presenting a full accounting to ensure it never happens again.

The panel is examining every aspect of the riot, including what Trump was doing while it unfolded and any connections between the White House and the Trump supporters who broke into the Capitol building.

Members plan to release information in the coming months as the committee begins to hold public hearings and eventually release a series of reports on the insurrection. While there have been discussions about the possibility of eventually pursuing a criminal referral against Trump, lawmakers have not made a final decision.

Associated Press writer Nomaan Merchant in Washington contributed to this report.

The NBA playoffs are here, with many eyes on favored Phoenix

TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

Devin Booker does not take having another chance at an NBA championship lightly.

Over his first four years in Phoenix, among players who appeared in at least 200 games spanning the 2015-16 through the 2018-19 seasons, nobody in the NBA experienced more losing than Booker did. He appeared in 272 games in those years, and the Suns lost 197 of them.

"A lot has shifted since then," Booker said. "We've watched it grow. We've watched it develop. I obviously don't forget those days. All those times make now even better, make now even more important."

They were the NBA's worst team in those days. They were the NBA's best team in this just-concluded regular season. And now comes the big test — the playoffs, and the Suns enter as the overwhelming favorites to become the team that takes the Larry O'Brien Trophy from Commissioner Adam Silver's hands sometime in June.

The first four games on the official playoff slate — the play-in games don't count, officially — are Saturday, the other four Game 1's are on Sunday. LeBron James and the Los Angeles Lakers aren't in the postseason, after their season became a stunning failure and cost coach Frank Vogel his job less than two years after winning an NBA title. Chicago, Golden State, Minnesota and Toronto are back in the postseason after not getting there a year ago.

And the longest active run of postseason appearances belongs to the Boston Celtics, in the playoffs now for an eighth consecutive year. The Celtics get a Round 1 showdown; former Boston guard Kyrie Irving and two-time champion Kevin Durant will lead the Brooklyn Nets into an Eastern Conference first-round series against the Celtics.

"Excited for the opportunity," Celtics forward Jayson Tatum said.

Everybody at this time of year should feel the same way.

Phoenix went 64-18 this season, eight games better than anybody else in the NBA; Western Conference No. 2 seed Memphis was 56-26. Only four other teams in the last 49 seasons finished the regular season with at least eight more wins than the second-best club, and all four of those teams — most recently the 2000 Lakers — went on to win the NBA title.

"People don't understand what it really takes to win a championship," said Suns center JaVale McGee, a three-time NBA champion and part of the team that won Olympic gold for USA Basketball at the Tokyo Games last summer. "They think, like, you compile all the best players together and there it is. It's not. There's definitely a percentage of luck, and by luck I mean staying healthy."

There are a few people in the league who understand what it takes to win a championship. Many of them reside in Milwaukee. Oddsmakers at FanDuel Sportsbook predict an NBA Finals rematch, with Phoenix favored to win this year's title and Milwaukee the second choice, ahead of Miami, Golden State, Boston and Brooklyn.

The Bucks are the defending NBA champions, rallying from a 2-0 series deficit to beat Phoenix in six games a year ago, and most of the principal parts of that team — Finals MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo, Khris Middleton and Jrue Holiday among them — are back, and ready for more.

Winning a title last year doesn't affect the desire to win one this year in any way, Antetokounmpo said.

"I want to be the best that I can be," Antetokounmpo said. "I want to enjoy the game as much as possible. I want to play good basketball. I want to help my team win games. That's pretty much it. The pressure is always the same. I'm not thinking about winning a championship or we won a championship. That's in the past. That's over with."

The Bucks are the No. 3 seed in the East this year, behind No. 1 Miami and No. 2 Boston. Miami is bidding for a second trip to the NBA Finals in the last three seasons, after the then-fifth-seeded Heat made the title series in the restart bubble at Walt Disney World in 2020.

The regular season is one thing, Heat All-Star Jimmy Butler said. But the playoffs are what matter.

"That's been on all of our minds all year long," Butler said. "That's the reason that we play the game. I think we've been a great team all year long. But now is the time we talk about."

The Heat and Suns find out their Round 1 opponents after Friday night's conclusion of the play-in tournament. It'll be a tight turnaround for the top seeds, both of whom will play Game 1's on Sunday.

The Dallas-Utah, Minnesota-Memphis, Toronto-Philadelphia and Golden State-Denver series all begin Saturday. Miami and Phoenix start their respective series Sunday, along with Brooklyn-Boston and Chicago-Milwaukee.

The last team to finish the regular season with the best record and go on to win the NBA title was Golden State in 2017. Houston in 2018, Milwaukee in 2019 and 2020, and Utah last season couldn't get it done. The Suns believe they'll be the ones who buck that trend.

"We're the best team in the world and we're having fun doing it," McGee said. "I know from the outside looking in, they hate it. But we've got to keep going. We're keeping our head down. We're not worried about nobody else but ourselves."

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Thousands of California grocery workers ratify new contract

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Tens of thousands of California grocery store workers have approved a new contract with major supermarket chains, avoiding a potential strike, it was announced Thursday.

Union members in the central and southern areas of the state ratified a tentative deal that was reached last week. It grants some 47,000 employees higher wages, stronger health benefits, increased guaranteed hours for part-time workers, improved store safety and a secured pension, the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union said in a statement.

Most workers will receive pay hikes of $4.25 per hour over three years, the union said, with higher raises for some employees.

The contract also includes provisions to establish health and safety committees at every Ralphs, Albertsons, Vons and Pavilions store so that employees will have a say on safety issues, the union said in a statement.

Front-line workers, including at grocery stores, were hit hard during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"After more than two years of risking their lives to serve California's communities as essential workers, reaching a fair contract with better wage increases, health care improvements, and protected pensions for these hard-working members could not have come at a more important time," said a statement by seven union locals.

"We made history!" Erika Bentzen, a food clerk at a Ralphs in Thousand Oaks who was on the bargaining team, said in a union statement. "This was the first time members were part of the negotiations and I believe it made a difference having us there. This is the best contract in the country."

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SMDP Photo

GROCERY: A strike has been averted and workers will receive pay increases.

The contract takes immediate effect and covers about 540 stores.

The previous three-year contract expired March 6 and workers had voted to authorize a strike if an agreement wasn't reached.

In 2019, employees of Ralphs, Vons, Pavilions and Albertsons voted to authorize a strike but contracts ultimately were reached without a walkout.

A 2003-04 strike and lockout put nearly 70,000 Southern California grocery workers on picket lines for more than four months.

Easter Egg Roll returns after 2-year, COVID-induced hiatus

DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press

The White House is hoping to stir up some "egg-citement" when the Easter Egg Roll returns on Monday after a two-year, coronavirus-induced hiatus.

President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden expect to welcome some 30,000 kids and their adult chaperones for the egg roll, an egg hunt and other activities.

The first lady, who is a teacher, is calling it the "Egg-ucation Roll," aides said, and is turning the South Lawn into a school community with a variety of educational stations.

It's the first Easter Egg Roll to be hosted by the Bidens, who are expected to address the crowd and join in some of the activities, although rain was in Monday's weather forecast.

The COVID-19 pandemic led the White House to cancel the event in 2020 and 2021.

Besides the egg roll and hunt, the all-day event will include a schoolhouse activity area, a reading nook, a talent show, a place to teach children how farmers supply food, a photo-taking station, a physical "egg-ucation" zone with an obstacle course and other exercise stations, and a "cafetorium" where children and their families will learn to make and eat treats.

The "egg-stravaganza" will get a celebrity splash through the participation of "Tonight Show" host Jimmy Fallon, singer Ciara and actor-singer Kristin Chenoweth.

More than two dozen costumed characters will roam the grounds, including Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat, the Racing Presidents mascots for the Washington Nationals of Major League Baseball, Rosita and Cookie Monster from "Sesame Street" and Snoopy and Charlie Brown, among others.

Military families will be among the 30,000 participants, including crew members of the USS Delaware and their families. The first lady serves as sponsor of the nuclear attack submarine, which the president commissioned during a ceremony this month in Wilmington, Delaware.

Members of the general public received their tickets through an online lottery.

The egg roll will be the largest event to date at the Biden White House and will unfold in five waves beginning at 7:30 a.m. and ending at 6:30 p.m.

Resumption of this Easter tradition is a sign that the White House is opening up again, despite a recent spurt of COVID-19 cases among members of the Cabinet, the White House staff, Vice President Kamala Harris' husband and members of Congress, including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Some of those cases stemmed from the return this month of the Gridiron Club's spring dinner.

Self-guided, public tours of the executive mansion are set to resume on Friday in a limited fashion, after they also were halted in 2020 because of the pandemic.

The White House Easter Egg Roll dates to 1878.

City of Santa Monica

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED 2022-23 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN ALLOCATING FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) & HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT PROGRAM (HOME) FUNDS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides annual CDBG and HOME entitlement funds to the City of Santa Monica. As a recipient of these federal funds, HUD requires the City to develop a five-year Consolidated Plan along with Annual Action Plans for housing and community development which identify high priority needs and the associated goals, strategies, and resources anticipated over a five-year period.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Proposed 2022-23 Annual Action Plan, which identifies the City's specific projects and activities for one-year use of CDBG and HOME funds to address the high-priority needs specified in the 2020-24 Consolidated Plan.

The Proposed 2022-23 Annual Action Plan is now available to the public for a 30-day review period beginning April 6, 2022. Both the Proposed 2022-23 Annual Action Plan and the HUD-approved 2020-24 Consolidated Plan can be viewed at www.santamonica.gov/community-development-block-grant-and-home-investment-partnership-programs. Hard copies are available upon request through the Housing and Human Services Division by telephone at (310) 458-8701 or by email at humanservices@santamonica.gov. Written comments may be submitted by May 7, 2022 to humanservices@santamonica.gov or by mail to: Housing and Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, MS22, Santa Monica, CA 90401. All comments received will be incorporated into the final draft of the 2022-23 Annual Action Plan, currently due to HUD by May 15, 2022. The City Council is scheduled to consider approval of the proposed plan on April 26, 2022.

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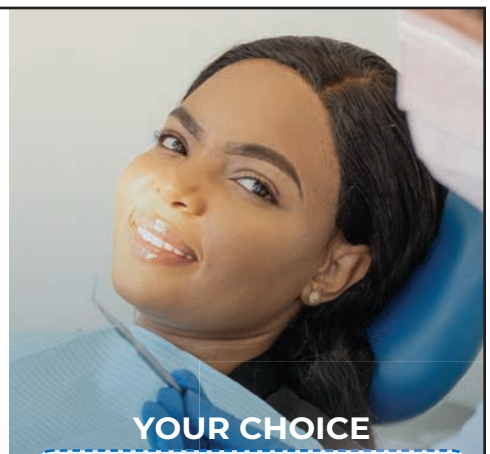
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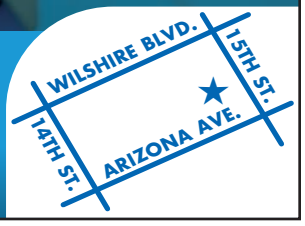
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INTERFAITH UPDATE

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You hang around, you learn

My parents, Doris & Henry Shafer, were both high school teachers. My mother taught typing, shorthand and note hand at Reading High School and my father American history at Wyomissing High School, both in Pennsylvania. My Dad later became the high school principal and then superintendent of schools.

Until later in their careers, school teaching salaries were not great and even did not extend over the summer. However, my parents managed quite well and even were able to save up each year for their favorite type of vacation – a trip to New York City to see Broadway shows.

Now, that may sound extravagant, but for most of my parents' lives it really was not. They saved all year and stayed in the cheapest hotel they could find at a time when there still were inexpensive hotels in New York City. However, their real secret for saving money was purchasing their Broadway show tickets way in advance and always purchasing the last row in the balcony, seats that, in my younger years, cost about $2.50 per ticket.

When my brother, Byron, and I got a little older, they even took us along on these trips.

The first Broadway show I saw was called "Do, Re, Mi." Based on a little research I did recently, I must have been 11 years old when I saw it with my brother and parents. "Do, Re, Mi" starred Phil Silvers, who I knew from the "Sergeant Bilko" television series. Silvers was also featured in television commercials at the time for "Black Label" beer and we saw him before the show entering the cast door when he whistled the "Black Label" theme, "label, black label" and was quickly let in the door.

I thought the show was wonderful and still remember the key song, "Make Someone Happy" (Make someone happy, make just one someone happy).

Anyway, the purpose of this long introduction is that in the musical Playbill, the program, there was a photo of Silvers with one of his key lines from the musical printed below it – "You hang around, you learn."

That phrase became one of my mom's teaching mantras and from the time of that New York visit until her retirement in the 1980's, the photo of Silvers with his quote, "You hang around, you learn" was on the bulletin board in her Reading High homeroom.

"You hang around, you learn." I think it is also a good mantra for my life and ministry, too. As I have "hung around" the ordained Lutheran ministry for nearly 46 years I have learned a few things about God, ministry and myself.

My first congregation call was to Holy Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church in Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, and old silk and iron town north of Allentown, Pennsylvania. Catasauqua was a town whose good years were in the past, but the congregation was very kind to my wife, Kris, and me.

A small congregation, Holy Trinity stood just blocks away from the big Lutheran Church in town, St. Paul's. The senior pastor at St. Paul's when I arrived in 1976 was Pastor Phil Miller. Before I arrived, Pastor Miller told the Holy Trinity Congregation Council that they needed to be accepting of me because, since this was my first call, their actions would affect my entire life and ministry. The Council and congregation took these words to heart and my seven plus years as pastor there were wonderful.

Pastor Miller once told me that we pastors are privileged to get to the "second floor" of people's lives. By that he meant both literally, we visit people in their homes and sometimes visit shut ins and sick people in their second-floor bedrooms, and figuratively, we are privileged to be part of some very personal, private activities and even secrets in our members' lives. I have found that to be quite true – we pastors get to walk with our members in both very good and too often very bad times in their lives. I have always felt thankful for the times I have been invited in people's "second floor" lives.

Of course, even the best of us clergy, certainly including myself, have things in our lives and ministries of which we are not proud. Martin Luther wrote that we are both "saint and sinner." I know that I am.

I love the Lutheran church. I have been nurtured and loved back by my church for most of my life and career. The Lutheran church is far, very far, from perfect, to be sure. But it is what we have, our "treasure in earthen vessels," so to speak. Our Lutheran history has much of which to be proud, and, sadly, so much to mourn. You can go back to Luther's writings about the Jews or up to today's racism and homophobia, just to name three. So much to lament and mourn and work for change.

And I am fairly sure that the Lutheran Church is not alone in its faults and challenges.

We have work to do in the faith communities that we love. We have work to do in this community we love.

I have been privileged to serve on the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA's) church wide (national) staff with three Presiding Bishops, two of whom became close personal friends. I have served congregations large and small, as a bishop's assistant, as communication director for the ELCA and for a large interfaith communication agency. I have taught in Madagascar and South Africa and traveled extensively for the church in the USA and the Caribbean, Jerusalem and the West Bank, Africa, Europe, and Central and South America, and met with Popes, Patriarchs and Archbishops.

However, where I have felt the closest to God was probably high in the mountains of central Honduras where a group of us were working with villagers in an isolated community to build new homes on higher ground, following Hurricane Mitch. Each

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The program seeks to place residents of the approximately 60 tent encampment in housing



Clara Harter

PARK: Some park campers have exited temporary housing.

An Encampment to Home program, akin to the interventions used to clear the Boardwalk and Westchester Park encampments, is being planned for Centennial Park to place everyone living in the park on a pathway to permanent housing.

A representative from homeless service provider St. Joseph Center said their organization is working on the City of LA's plan to address the encampment.

During the past two Encampment to Home programs, St. Joseph's workers spent weeks gaining trust with people living in the encampments before placing them in housing. After everyone left the encampment areas, LA City Sanitation workers came in and cleaned up the remnants.

Initial housing placements included permanent housing where available, but were often temporary, such as Project Roomkey beds or the Venice Bridge Home shelter. While individuals are in interim housing, case workers try to connect them to permanent housing. The Boardwalk program included 213 participants, while the Westchester Park program involved around 100.

The timeline of when an Encampment to Home intervention will begin in Centennial Park is unknown. CD-11 is currently working to identify the resources necessary to conduct such a program.

"Permanent housing resources are scarce — Councilmember Bonin's focus on them is what made Venice Beach Encampments to Homes the most effective housing operation in LA's recent history — but they're achievable, and we're working hard to secure them," said Alex McElvain, Communications Deputy for CD-11 Councilman Mike Bonin. "Without housing, all any displacement at Centennial will do is scatter the residents deeper into residential neighborhoods, and that's not something that makes sense for anybody."

How the Centennial Park became a trouble spot so quickly is a reflection of Los Angeles' continuously growing homeless population alongside weak spots in the City's current intervention model.

> "I can't do the nine to five, I can't. I've lost too much time ..." — Justin Curtis, camper

FROM A PUBLIC PARK TO POINT OF CRISIS

A sea of brightly colored tents, trash and homemade art randomly strewn, music pumping from speakers, the smell of marijuana drifting through the air and the odd body splayed napping in the sun — a morning walk through Venice's Centennial Park feels like picking through the aftermath of a festival weekend.

The cognitive dissonance of what it actually is takes a moment to register. A public park just one block from the designer shops of Abbot Kinney Boulevard feels like an odd location for a sprawling homeless encampment. Nevertheless, Centennial Park is not a gathering of partied out music lovers, but a growing campground of unhoused individuals.

The encampment began in November with a handful of tents pitched on the grassy median of Venice Boulevard in front of the Abbot Kinney Memorial Library. Initially, LA City Sanitation clean-ups took place regularly in the park and the number of tents remained stable. In the new year they began to grow. In January, there were around 20 tents; by the end of February that jumped up to 40 and now there are around 60.

LA City Sanitation clean-ups have stopped taking place in the park, but continue in the surrounding sidewalk areas. A scheduled March 23 clean-up was canceled, and as tents and trash continue to pile up, there is no word on if they will resume. A representative from Mike Bonin's office said organizing clean-ups inside the park was the responsibility of Parks and Recreation. The park ranger in charge of Centennial Park did not respond to a request for comment.

The park is now plagued by many of the same issues that drew national media attention to the Venice Boardwalk last summer, which is creating an unsafe environment for housed and unhoused people alike.

Encampment fires break out frequently and drug use is rampant. A shooting took place in the park at 3:15 a.m. on Feb. 14 and left one homeless individual with a severe leg injury. Residents report being woken by screams in the middle of the night and their discontent is growing.

"I have seen increased theft, vandalism and drug use in the immediate vicinity of the encampment and also on the streets around my home since the encampment grew," said local resident Andrew Walter. "I no longer see my neighbors playing soccer or catch in the park nor do I get to ride my bike through that area or throw a frisbee there with my children. That park is not a freeway overpass, it was a community gathering spot... and it has been taken over."

Following a recent motion passed by the Venice Neighborhood Council's Homeless Committee, the City is coordinating the installation of port-a-potties and handwashing stations in the park. Committee member Brian Ulf said he hopes this installation will lessen encampment dwellers use of the nearby library bathroom and improve residents' ability to access that resource. Several residents submitted comments in opposition to the motion for fear it would further entrench the encampment.

Currently, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, St. Joseph Center, and nonprofit Urban Alchemy work to provide outreach in the park on a daily basis. This includes giving out free food and water and advising individuals on the temporary housing options available. So far the rate of new dwellers coming to the park significantly outpaces the rate of people moving into temporary housing.

Several of the people living in Centennial Park have come from previous temporary housing placements.

One current encampment dweller, Justin Curtis, said he has been living in the park on and off for four months after giving up his bed at the Midnight Mission shelter in Downtown. Curtis is originally from Florida where he served 18 years in prison. After getting out he headed to Venice. He said he was very interested in permanent housing, but not interested in getting a job.

"I can't do the nine to five, I can't. I've lost too much time," said Curtis. "That's your whole f**king day, that becomes your life and I can't do that. That's my nightmare."

Another Centennial Park dweller, Mark Perona, said he was interested in regaining employment. He said he fell into homelessness after losing his restaurant job at the outset of the pandemic, but said he is not interested in moving into a shelter and would prefer to remain camping outdoors.

"I'm not going to go into a group situation. I can't at this age, I have a couple of early incarcerations under my belt, I've raised two children, I just can't. I would not do good in a group shelter," said Perona.

Traci Park, a longtime Venice resident who is running for LA City Council District 11, spent several days studying the encampment and speaking with its residents.

"In my conversations with folks, the vast majority of them had come from Ocean Front Walk [the Boardwalk] and Westchester Park and another significant portion of them had come because they were coming out of different shelters and things like Project Roomkey and didn't have other housing arrangements lined up," said Park.

The last two Encampment to Home programs successfully cleared the Boardwalk and Westchester Park without making any arrests or taking any steps to criminalize homelessness. As of April 1, the Boardwalk Encampment to Home Program has permanently housed 88 individuals, while 68 remain in interim housing.

One of the weaknesses of the Encampment to Home model is some unhoused individuals are unwilling to remain in temporary housing long enough to get off the waiting list for permanent housing.

Roughly a quarter of the 213 individuals St. Joseph moved off of the Boardwalk in summer 2021 have since exited their housing placement.

There are a wide variety of reasons that some, but certainly not all, people may prefer camping outdoors to the City's temporary housing options. Temporary housing can come with curfews, prohibit drug use, prohibit pets, confiscate weapons, cut people off from the social bonds they formed in encampments and place them in spaces with people they don't get along with.

Brian Ulf, a Venice resident and the President of housing non-profit organization SHARE!, said that he's also found that many people in Centennial Park have been in and out of temporary housing.

With funding from Mike Bonin's office, his organization placed 36 people from the Boardwalk in a less traditional housing model known as shared housing. Ulf's organization houses small groups of people in a single family home where they have to abide by communally created house rules and participate in regular group counseling sessions. This is a different model than Project Roomkey where participants are each given their own hotel or motel room and live alone or from congregate shelters where large groups share a single building.

"When you put these people into hotel rooms by themselves with no rules or no ability or desire to have to change... people don't do it. Yeah, a percentage do, but what you're seeing in Centennial Park are people that have been in and have left or refused to go. They are not just all new people," said Ulf.

One of the factors contributing to the greater concentration of encampments in Venice as compared to other areas of Los Angeles is Councilman Mike Bonin's opposition to enforcing anti-camping ordinances.

He was one of two LA City Councilmembers to vote against the reinstatement and expansion of LA Municipal Code 41.18, which makes it illegal to "sit, lie or sleep in or upon any street, sidewalk or other public way."

Per his district website, Bonin believes enforcing 41.18 makes the problem worse because it pushes people from neighborhood to neighborhood and severs connections they may have formed with homeless services and housing resources.

The future acceptance of unhoused individuals camping in the public way in Venice will depend on the next CD-11 representative, as Bonin is not running for re-election this year.

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INTERFAITH UPDATE

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evening we would gather as a community and sing and pray, all in front of most of the villagers who were enjoying what they called “gringo television.” That time, singing and praying with dear friends in front of new friends, it has not ever been better for me in my faith life than those wonderful evenings.

Here are some more thoughts that have come to me as I have “hung around” and tried to learn:

• We are all much more alike than we are different, especially as people of faith. I learned early in ministry that I had much more in common with my Jewish doctor friend who was active in his faith life, than I had with many of in my own faith tradition who were not active in their faith lives. More recently my interfaith work has allowed me to get to know and love people of many different faiths and I now cannot imagine a heaven with 2/3 of the world not in it. If my Krishna friend, Anuttama, or my Jewish rabbi friends, Josh and Neil, are not in heaven with me, I do not want to be there either.

• God is calling us to be brave, to be brave leaders, not to be afraid. I must admit that this is easier for me to say at 72 years of age than it was at 32, but that is our calling. Luther advised us to “sin boldly.” Sinful or not, we are called to be bold in our leadership.

• Over my years as I pastor, I have learned that whenever I respond to something/anything with righteous indignation, I have been wrong. Every time.

• A faith leader’s role is important in our congregations and communities. We are the front lines of care for so many. We sometimes save people’s lives. Our front-line work for our members and others in need in our communities is an important and not small task, and one we are called to do often, probably more often today than in the past. And we do it pretty well. And, when we do not do it well, God still loves us to try another day.

• I believe there is no future for the Christian church or any faith group that is not open to all races and sexual orientations or to any group that does not offer women equality in leadership. Those congregations and faith groups simply have no future.

• And, fortunately, God loves all of us and God’s love for us never ends.

And, oh, I can tell you from my experience that if you hang around long enough, you will learn.

The Rev. Eric C. Shafer, Senior Pastor at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Santa Monica, will retire on April 30 after more than eight years at Mt. Olive and more than 45 years as an ordained Lutheran pastor.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 16)

You'll experience many environments and get the best of every world. Chaotic challenges shape you; calm, supportive places allow for intensive, focused work. You are brilliant without trying to be or do anything other than what comes naturally. Someone will travel far to see you — the ultimate compliment. Scorpio and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 28, 9, 45 and 15.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Life is bustling and you'll do what you can. As for the rest, instead of saying "I don't have time," try more empowering language like, "this is not my priority right now" and feel like an absolute boss.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Communicate about money. If you're making wise decisions but your loved ones aren't on the same page, they could counter your actions and thwart your progress. Alignment creates momentum.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Humans often equate attractiveness with goodness, but the correlation doesn't exist. Though appearances may afford you many clues as to a person's character traits, you'll have to look deeper to know how good someone is.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've a talent for understanding just how much you can and should take on. It's natural to want to distance yourself from a harsh reality or distract yourself from pain.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). To believe in your ability to sense what the right thing to do is and trust yourself to act accordingly promotes confidence in who you are now. For even more confidence, extend the same courtesy backward to Past You. No regrets.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). As you make more of a distinction between what you have to do and what you choose to do, you understand that the list of "have-to's" is actually quite small. You'll examine your reasons for continuing with certain responsibilities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Conscious living has a price. The highs and lows will be extreme and acute. But feeling everything life has to offer is better than the alternative — walking around as though programmed, like a numb zombie-robot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). We want what seems somewhat, but not entirely inaccessible. Complete inaccessibility inspires derision. Desire will be ignited where beauty meets the unfinished or unpolished. Rawness makes a thing accessible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're highly influential today. With power comes responsibility. Before you make your pitch, lead your team or get involved in any situation, stop and ask yourself what's best for all.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Even though a job is nearly complete, the refinements take almost as much time as the job itself did. Tending to details is hard work, but also very worth the effort.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're still navigating the complex matrix of another person. You'll never know it completely, but your willingness to try will keep the relationship fresh.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Because you feel less pressure to conform to norms today your approach to problems will be very different. You'll skip the usual solutions and come up with inventive and amusing fixes.

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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

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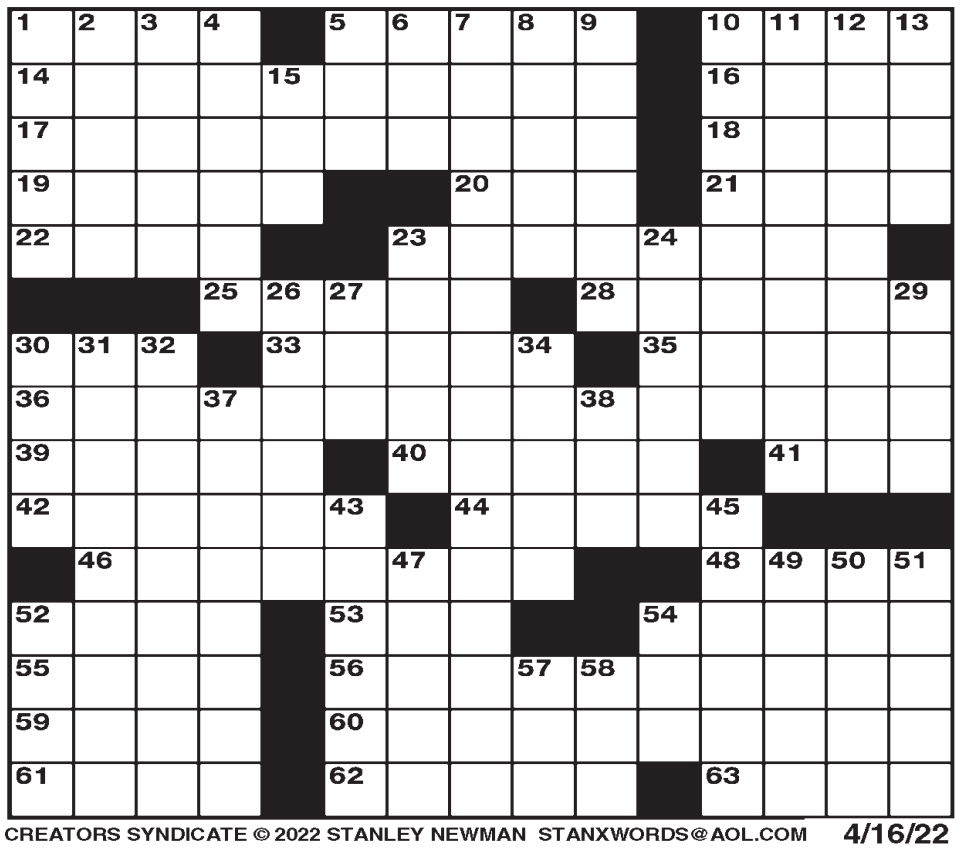
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Steve Mossberg
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS
1 Hangouts where TVs hang
5 Roaring Twenties fashion accessory
10 "Cheap" or "small" stuff
14 Thumbs-down pair
16 Big name in the foundation business
17 Name of Louis XVII's mom
18 Pirate hideout, perhaps
19 Part of a Valentine's Day delivery
20 Seemingly forever
21 Drink served with a spoon straw
22 Place for a padlock
23 Bogus brown
25 Something dotted with a dash
28 Browns for a bit
30 Old hand
33 Counted in
35 Bracing
36 Brief musical excerpt
39 Where kids' composer Raffi was born
40 Kilt feature
41 State with 200+ national parks: Abbr.
42 Certain boutiques
44 Orally economical
46 Starts training
48 Q preceders
52 Sudden move
53 Measure that sounds like a mantra
54 More peaked
55 Monster first observed in 1980
56 Insincere antic accolade
59 Where the Po rises
60 Sit-downs
61 Incentive for a return
62 What a toaster may hold
63 Gets fixed

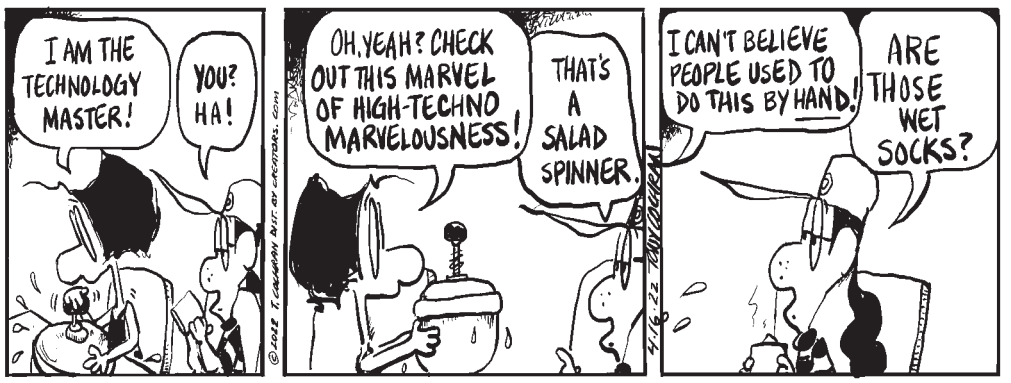
DOWN
1 Rub together
2 Dirt spreader
3 Little irritants
4 Comes down hard
5 Top __
6 What impatience might turn into
7 Nearing the end
8 Bike crank, essentially
9 Spheres of interest
10 Usually reserved
11 Something on the side
12 Newlyweds' habitats
13 Start to bend
15 ". . . Judges dependent on __ will alone . . ." (Declaration accusation)
23 Parlor implement
24 Fancy crafts
26 Racket on the radio
27 UN economic offshoot
29 Send flying
30 Novelist who wrote in Yiddish
31 "Hello, gorgeous!" in some parts of the 59 Across
32 Where to get off
34 Lacking seasoning
37 Stance for starting yoga students
38 Pitch in pits
43 Gear for golfers and bowlers
45 Tickles a lot
47 Newspaper piece
49 Thigh-rotating aid
50 Top with a flop
51 Not a little lock
52 Where kids eat
54 Over-rehearsed
57 Piece of a Party City package
58 Seneca's "social animal"



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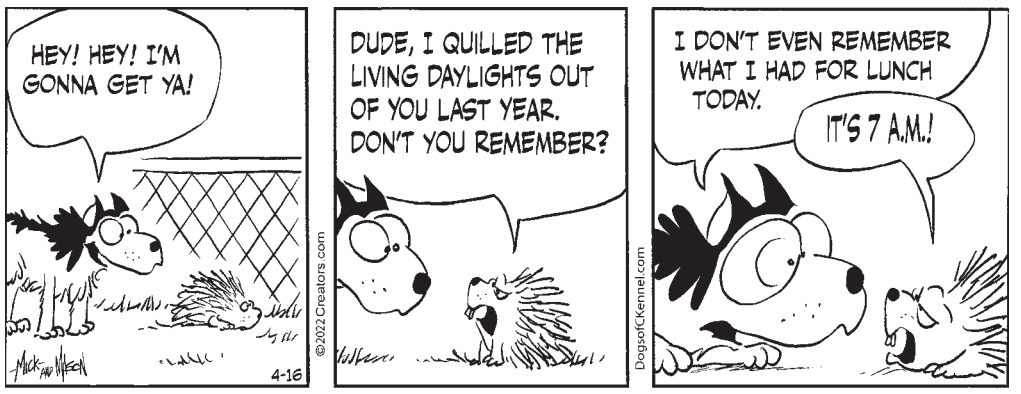
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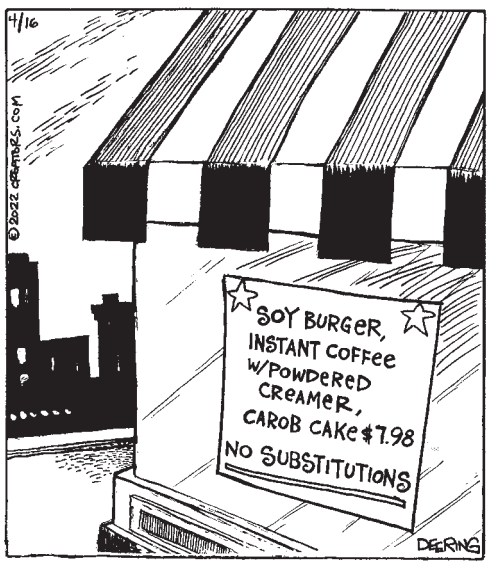
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"THERE IT IS AGAIN."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 18 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5451

Get moving

W	I	N	N	E	R	N	T	I	R	E	D	E	C	K
T	F	S	A	B	A	I	P	E	D	E	M	A	P	Y
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Abseil	Focus	Plank	Strain
Agile	Goals	Racket	Support
Athlete	Gym rat	Ramp	Swim
Ball	Helmet	Rods	Tai chi
Bikes	Iron	Sabre	Tennis
Bowls	Join	Salad	Time
Boxing	Juice	Shapely	Tired
Burpee	Kart	Shower	Tone up
Cardiovascular	Lean	Size	Treadmill
Core	Legs	Skis	Weights
Diet	Limits	Sled	Winner
Fast	Nets	Step	
Floor	Oars	Stick	

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What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

SATURDAY | APRIL 16

NOTABLE FICTION DISCUSSION GROUP
The Heart of the Matter by Graham Greene
11 a.m. to 12 p.m. A classic tragic novel of love and duty in a colonial setting. To register: library@santamonica.gov.

WELLNESS & WAVES
Whether you're looking to reset after a long and busy week, or are just wanting to get your sweat on, Wellness & Waves is here for you. Join us for a free yoga workout that includes good vibes, ocean breezes and epic views. Come elevate your practice by connecting with nature, and meditating with the sunshine. 9:30 a.m. Register at https://www.santamonicapier.org/wellnessandwaves.

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
Arizona Ave. (between 2nd & 4th)
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

PICO FARMERS MARKET
Pico Blvd. & Cloverfield Blvd.
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SUNDAY | APRIL 17

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET
2640 Main Street.
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY | APRIL 18

MAIN LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Join a community-led discussion of books selected by the group. This month's selection is A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II by Sonia Pernell. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the Zoom link. 7 - 8:30 p.m.

SNOOZER'S STORYTIME ADVENTURES
Checkers Library TV presents Snoozer's Storytime Adventures, a virtual series that brings children's books to life with an uplifting story, craft, and song. Access the program here: youtube.com/user/SantaMonicaPL/playlists. 12 - 12:30 p.m.

TAKE & MAKE KIT: POETRY AND BUTTERFLIES
This kit includes supplies and instructions for two crafts: a butterfly suncatcher for Spring, and a construction paper windsock featuring a poem for National Poetry Month. Pick up at the Main Library Youth Services desk, Pico, or Montana Branches. While supplies last. For ages 3 & up.

TUESDAY | APRIL 19

STORYTIME: IN THE GARDEN
10:30 to 11:00 a.m. / Montana Ave Branch Library, Patio. Listen to stories about gardening and start your own little seedling. Space is limited. For Ages 2 & up. Register: bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 20

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH BOOK GROUP
Join a community-led monthly book club, centered in the Montana neighborhood. This group currently meets via Zoom. Email library@santamonica.gov for the link. 7 - 8:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA PLANNING COMMISSION
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THURSDAY | APRIL 21

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT FOR TEENS
Celebrate Financial Literacy Month with a workshop from Youthful Savings on entrepreneurship and financial responsibility for teens. Participants will learn how to earn, save, and invest money, meet local youth entrepreneur Gabriela 'Bibi" Paniagua, CEO of Bibi's Tye Die Creations, and gain free access to Youthful Savings Learning Marketplace all month in honor of financial literacy month. 6 - 7:15 p.m. Pico Branch Library

FRIDAY | APRIL 22

SANTA MONICA HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT: MASTERWORKS
7 p.m. in historic Barnum Hall, the Santa Monica High School Performing Arts Department will present Masterworks 2022. Samohi's advanced choral ensembles, under the direction of Bravo award-winning choral educator Jeffe Huls, take on an ambitious "masterwork" by a noted composer and join the school's skilled orchestral and band students to produce a remarkable, collaborative musical event. $10. https://www.tickettailor.com/events/samohichoir/674264

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **55.6**

SATURDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Smaller mix of SSW and NW swells to work with. Models coming into agreement on westerly wind picking up pretty quick, likely going to need to get over to the points if you miss the dawn patrol.
SUNDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	Another round of small SSW and NW swells — some waist-high waves at times. Clean morning conditions expected, should be fun for the tide push on the bigger boards.

WEATHER

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 64. West southwest wind 5 to 15 mph.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 54.
Sunday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 65.
Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 55.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/04/16	Sat	03:47 AM	-0.29	L
2022/04/16	Sat	09:51 AM	4.64	H
2022/04/16	Sat	3:38 PM	0.43	L
2022/04/16	Sat	9:52 PM	5.74	H
2022/04/17	Sun	04:30 AM	-0.68	L
2022/04/17	Sun	10:37 AM	4.32	H
2022/04/17	Sun	4:07 PM	0.83	L
2022/04/17	Sun	10:22 PM	5.96	H
2022/04/18	Mon	05:16 AM	-0.90	L
2022/04/18	Mon	11:29 AM	3.89	H
2022/04/18	Mon	4:38 PM	1.28	L
2022/04/18	Mon	10:57 PM	6.00	H
2022/04/19	Tue	06:08 AM	-0.93	L
2022/04/19	Tue	12:31 PM	3.44	H
2022/04/19	Tue	5:10 PM	1.76	L
2022/04/19	Tue	11:37 PM	5.87	H
2022/04/20	Wed	07:08 AM	-0.80	L
2022/04/20	Wed	1:48 PM	3.06	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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Powerball
Draw Date: 4/13
14 16 41 63 68
Power#: 26
Jackpot: 325 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 4/12
2 8 14 20 31
Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 20 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 4/13
8 10 14 17 40
Mega#: 19
Jackpot: 34 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/14
18 24 28 31 39

Daily 3
Draw Date: 4/14
EVENING: 0 6 2
Draw Date: 4/14
MIDDAY: 4 4 1

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 4/14
1st: 02 - Lucky Star
2nd: 05 - California Classic
3rd: 07 - Eureka
Race Time: 1:48.49

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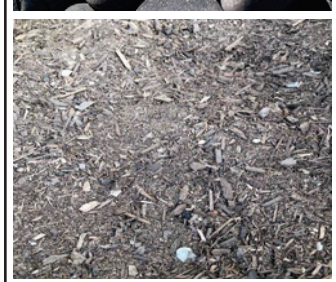
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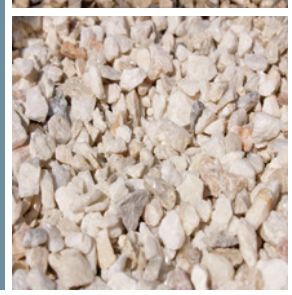
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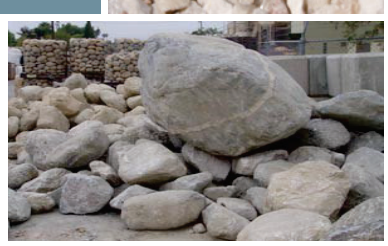
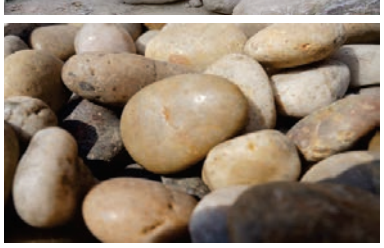
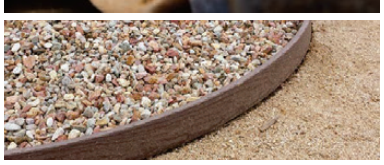
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