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Ukrainian family travels by foot, train and plane to reach safety in Santa Monica

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Yana Molot had a very stable life. Good work as an accountant, a house she loved, two wonderful young sons, and a strong community in her peaceful village in the Poltava region of Central Ukraine.

She never imagined she would be making Molotov cocktails with her children, sheltering from shelling in her basement, nor sleeping on the floor of a Tijuana church. But seemingly overnight the life she thought was certain evaporated and soon she was crossing border after border to bring her family to safety.

"I did not believe it was possible, even right before the invasion started our grandma was saying there will be a war and we were just laughing it off," said Yana, through a translator.

Safety for them ended up being over 10,000 kilometers away in Ocean Park, Santa Monica, where Andy and Melissa Lauer and their son Kai volunteered to house Yana and her family.

Yana, who is 33, fled Ukraine with her 16-year-old son Mark and 11-year-old son Lev. They traveled to the US via Poland and Mexico with Yana's 28-year-old brother Vladyslav Nalisnyi and his 23-year-old girlfriend Anzhela

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EXPLAINER: Can climate change be solved by pricing carbon?

MATTHEW BROWN
Associated Press

As climate change bakes the planet, dozens of nations and many local governments are putting a price tag on greenhouse gas emissions that are increasing flooding, droughts and other costly catastrophes.

Pennsylvania on Saturday becomes the first major fossil fuel-producing state in the U.S. to adopt a carbon pricing policy to address climate change. It joins 11 states where coal, oil and natural gas power plants must buy credits for every ton of carbon dioxide they emit.

President Joe Biden is attempting a less direct approach — known as the social cost of carbon — that calculates future climate damages to justify tougher restrictions on polluting industries. Republicans say that could crush many businesses. They want the U.S. Supreme Court to stop the administration after lower courts in Louisiana and Missouri split on the issue.

Governments elsewhere have moved more aggressively. Canada, for example, imposes fuel charges on individuals and also makes big polluters pay for emissions. It's one of 27 nations with some kind of carbon tax, according to The World Bank.

The varied strategies come as scientists warn climate change is accelerating — and all can help reduce emissions. But experts say U.S. efforts have been hobbled by its fractured approach.

"Part of the reason you need all of these things to work in tandem is we do not have a federal climate policy," said Seth Blumsack, director of the Center for Energy Law and Policy at Penn State University. "We have social cost of carbon used in regulatory decisions but not (a carbon price) that is faced by the market."

SO WHAT'S THE PRICE TAG?

It varies. A lot.

The Biden administration's social cost estimate is about $51, meaning every ton of carbon dioxide spewed from a power plant or tail pipe today is projected to contribute to $51 in economic damages in coming years. The state of New York has its own social cost of carbon, updated in 2020 to $125 a ton to account for economic trends.

> "You're trying to get the price to reflect the true cost to society — Matthew Kotchen

By contrast, emissions were most recently valued at $13.50 per ton at auction under the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative in the Northeast, which Pennsylvania is joining. A similar "cap and trade" emissions program is in place in California, and one is due to go into effect in Washington state in 2023.

Canada's carbon taxes include a minimum fuel charge for individuals equivalent to about $40 per ton.

WHY THE BIG DIFFERENCES?

The social cost of carbon attempts to capture the value of all climate damage, centuries into the future. Carbon pricing reflects how much companies are willing to pay today for a limited amount of emission credits offered at auction.

In other words, the social cost of carbon guides policy, while carbon pricing represents policy in practice.

"You're trying to get the price to reflect the true cost to society," said economist Matthew Kotchen, a former U.S. Treasury Department official now at Yale University. "A more stringent policy would have a higher carbon price. A more lax policy would give you a lower carbon price."

In the most efficient world, economists say the two figures would line up, meaning there would be agreement about what climate change damages will cost and the policies used to address them.

IS ANY OF THIS WORKING?

Emissions from northeastern states would have been about 24% higher if the carbon pricing consortium hadn't been in place, according to researchers from Duke University and the Colorado School of Mines.

The carbon auctions also have brought in almost $5 billion that can be used to reduce household energy cost increases and promote renewable energy.

The consortium began in 2009 — the year of a failed push in Congress to establish a nationwide cap and trade program. The bipartisan proposal died amid arguments over cost and whether climate change was even occurring.

Following lawsuits from environmentalists, President Barack Obama's administration crafted the social cost of carbon and began including future damage estimates in cost-benefit analyses for new regulations. It was used under Obama more than 80 times, including for tightened vehicle emissions standards and regulations aimed at shuttering coal plants.

President Donald Trump moved to roll back many of the Obama-era rules — and to help justify the changes, the Republican administration cut the social cost of carbon from about $50 per ton to $7 or less. The lower number included only domestic climate impacts and not global damages.

"On its face that might sound okay, but when you think about it, global harms from climate change have implications in the U.S. in terms of the global financial system," said Romany Webb, a climate change law expert at

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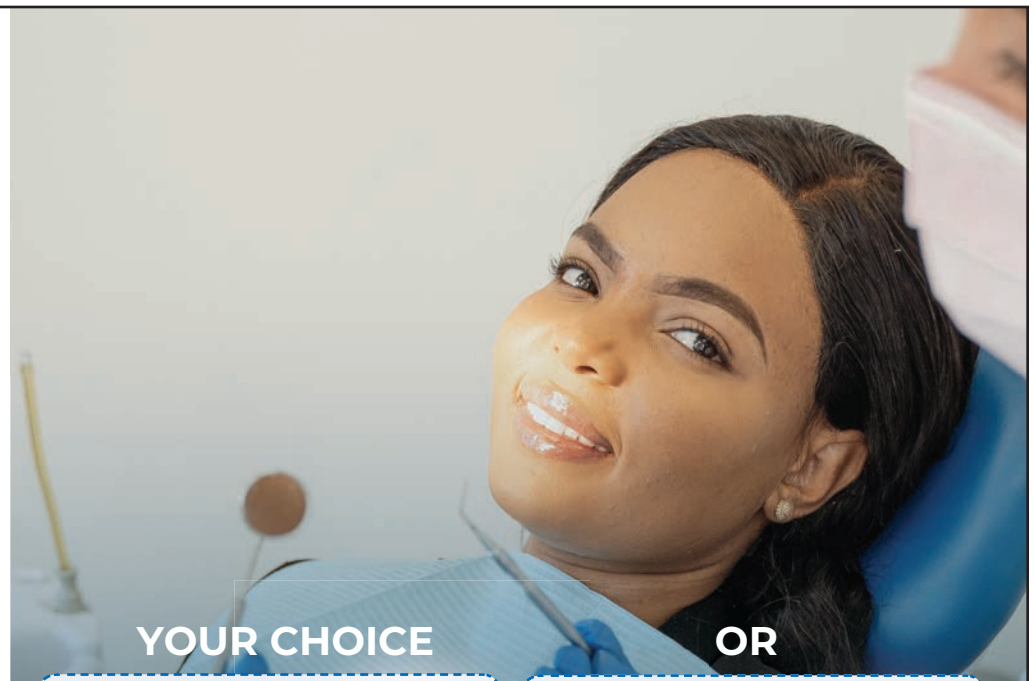
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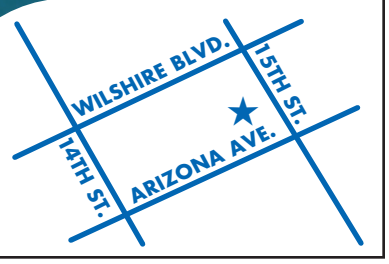
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Armed Robbery 500Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:23 a.m.
Encampment 500Blk Colorado Ave 6:02 a.m.
Encampment 2900Blk The Beach 6:46 a.m.
Encampment 1700Blk The Beach 7:07 a.m.
Encampment 1400Blk Olympic Blvd 7:38 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 2400Blk Oak St 8:03 a.m.
Loud Music 200Blk 15th St 8:09 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2000Blk 20th St 8:34 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1300Blk Chelsea Ave 8:48 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1200Blk Euclid St 8:50 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 800Blk Cedar St 9:02 a.m.
Person Down 2500Blk Main St 9:09 a.m.
Petty Theft Unknown 9:20 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1800Blk The Beach 9:24 a.m.
General Parking Problem 100Blk Washington Ave 9:32 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1000Blk 2nd St 9:49 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1200Blk 2nd St 10:03 a.m.
Burglary 500Blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:11 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1200Blk 2nd St 10:13 a.m.
Encampment 1600Blk The Beach 10:15 a.m.
Harassing Phone Calls 400Blk 21st St 10:38 a.m.
Stalking 900Blk 15th St 10:40 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1100Blk 6th St 10:46 a.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 700Blk 18th St 10:48 a.m.
Loud Music 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 11:07 a.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 1600Blk San Vicente Blvd 11:28 a.m.
Petty Theft 1600Blk Cloverfield Blvd 11:54 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 5th St / Broadway 12:22 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1400Blk 2nd St 12:58 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 700Blk Washington Ave 1:24 p.m.
Lost Property 2100Blk Ocean Ave 1:25 p.m.
Fraud 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:28 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Arizona Ave 1:29 p.m.
Loitering 2500Blk Main St 1:33 p.m.
Public Intoxication 5th St / Arizona Ave 1:36 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Ocean Ave / Wilshire Blvd 1:47 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 800Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:48 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500Blk 2nd St 1:51 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 2700Blk Broadway 2:02 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Neilson Way / Pacific St 2:12 p.m.
Burglary 1300Blk Yale St 2:16 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 800Blk 26th St 2:19 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 4th St / Olympic Blvd E 2:21 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 4th St / Olympic Blvd E 2:21 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2800Blk Pearl St 2:48 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2000Blk Ocean Ave 3:16 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1200Blk Euclid St 3:29 p.m.
Lewd Activity 1400Blk Oak St 3:39 p.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 2200Blk Main St 3:42 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2700Blk 4th St 3:49 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2200Blk Arizona Ave 3:51 p.m.
Domestic Violence 400Blk Lincoln Blvd 3:58 p.m.
Grand Theft 2600Blk Main St 4:19 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 200Blk 26th St 4:20 p.m.
Auto Burglary Now 400Blk California Ave 5:07 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 800Blk 12th St 5:44 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 3200Blk Pico Blvd 6:02 p.m.
Loitering 200Blk Santa Monica Pier 6:06 p.m.
Overdose 200Blk Ocean Ave 6:30 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 300Blk Olympic Dr 6:43 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2600Blk 4th St 6:46 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 11th St / Pearl St 6:53 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Cloverfield Blvd / Schader Dr 6:57 p.m.
Fire Request Police 900Blk 9th St 7:06 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 7th St / Colorado Ave 7:12 p.m.
Fight 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 7:17 p.m.
Battery 1400Blk Ocean Ave 7:33 p.m.
Battery 1500Blk 4th St 7:33 p.m.
Found Property 900Blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:38 p.m.
Petty Theft 1100Blk Broadway 7:39 p.m.
Person Down 2500Blk 30th St 7:54 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper 100Blk Broadway 8:26 p.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order 600Blk Hill St 8:27 p.m.
Attempt Armed Robbery 1100Blk 12th St 8:57 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1600Blk Appian Way 9:01 p.m.
Battery 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 9:15 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 7th St / Arizona Ave 9:35 p.m.
Child Endangerment 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:41 p.m.
Party Complaint 1000Blk 5th St 9:47 p.m.
Loud Music 1400Blk Ocean Ave 9:49 p.m.
Loud Music 1300Blk 2nd St 10:56 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 19th St / San Vicente Blvd 11:17 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1500Blk 4th St 11:19 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOGS

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Automatic Alarm 2900Blk Pennsylvania Ave 3:48 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1600Blk 7th St 1:44 a.m.
EMS 400Blk Expo Line 1:58 a.m.
EMS 700Blk Pico Blvd 2:10 a.m.
EMS 200Blk Bicknell Ave 2:35 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2900Blk Pennsylvania Ave 5:04 a.m.
EMS 2400Blk Oak St 7:25 a.m.
EMS 1800Blk 14th St 7:28 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk 7th St 8:35 a.m.
EMS 2500Blk Main St 9:09 a.m.
EMS 2800Blk 4th St 9:41 a.m.
EMS 2400Blk 22nd St 9:41 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk 17th St 10:36 a.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 1300Blk Idaho Ave 11:59 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 12:02 p.m.
EMS 700Blk Broadway 12:20 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 1300Blk Lincoln Blvd 1:29 p.m.
EMS 5th St / Arizona Ave 1:31 p.m.
EMS Neilson Way / Pacific St 2:03 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 7th St 2:51 p.m.
EMS 800Blk California Ave 2:56 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400Blk Princeton St 3:01 p.m.
EMS 1000Blk 6th St 3:33 p.m.
EMS 400Blk Lincoln Blvd 4:03 p.m.
EMS 21st St / Santa Monica Blvd 4:21 p.m.
EMS 2900Blk Main St 5:35 p.m.
EMS 900Blk 2nd St 5:44 p.m.
EMS 2400Blk Lincoln Blvd 6:09 p.m.
EMS Main St / Pier Ave 6:26 p.m.
EMS 200Blk Ocean Ave 6:30 p.m.
EMS 20th St / Arizona Ave 6:58 p.m.
EMS 900Blk 9th St 7:05 p.m.
EMS Barnard Way / Sea Colony Dr 7:23 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 100Blk Broadway 11:27 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500Blk Ocean Ave 11:37 p.m.

WEEKLY ARRESTS

SMPD MADE 47 ARRESTS FROM APRIL 11 TO APRIL 17

Date	Sex	Age	Primary Charge
Mon, Apr 11	M	31	Burglary
Mon, Apr 11	F	61	Assault & Battery
Mon, Apr 11	M	61	Warrant
Mon, Apr 11	M	54	Assault with a Deadly Weapon
Mon, Apr 11	M	31	Criminal Threat
Mon, Apr 11	M	48	Accessory After the Fact
Mon, Apr 11	M	33	Battery Causing Serious Bodily Injury
Mon, Apr 11	F	28	Resisting Arrest
Tue, Apr 12	M	29	Intentional violation of a Restraining Order
Tue, Apr 12	M	49	Taking a Firearm from Police Officer
Tue, Apr 12	M	51	Warrant
Wed, Apr 13	M	58	Drunk in Public
Wed, Apr 13	F	28	Resisting Arrest
Wed, Apr 13	M	36	Assault & Battery
Thu, Apr 14	M	36	Shoplifting
Thu, Apr 14	F	30	Shoplifting
Thu, Apr 14	F	34	Assault & Battery
Fri, Apr 15	F	26	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
Fri, Apr 15	M	35	Drunk in Public
Fri, Apr 15	F	44	Drunk in Public
Fri, Apr 15	M	28	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
Fri, Apr 15	M	36	Warrant
Fri, Apr 15	F	29	Grand Theft
Fri, Apr 15	F	29	Grand Theft
Fri, Apr 15	M	36	Grand Theft
Fri, Apr 15	M	33	Grand Theft
Fri, Apr 15	F	27	False Impersonation
Fri, Apr 15	M	33	Drunk in Public
Fri, Apr 15	M	31	Contempt of Court
Fri, Apr 15	M	26	Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance
Fri, Apr 15	M	30	Assault with a Firearm
Sat, Apr 16	M	23	Drunk in Public
Sat, Apr 16	M	57	Assault with a Deadly Weapon
Sat, Apr 16	M	32	Assault & Battery
Sat, Apr 16	M	50	Assault & Battery
Sat, Apr 16	M	40	Vandalism
Sat, Apr 16	M	43	Resisting Arrest
Sat, Apr 16	M	34	Joyriding
Sat, Apr 16	M	38	Loitering to Commit a Crime
Sun, Apr 17	F	25	Child Endangerment
Sun, Apr 17	M	25	Child Endangerment
Sun, Apr 17	M	19	Attempted Murder
Sun, Apr 17	F	41	Assault with a Deadly Weapon
Sun, Apr 17	M	66	Peeping Tom
Sun, Apr 17	F	36	Resisting an Executive Officer
Sun, Apr 17	M	30	Intentional violation of a Restraining Order
Sun, Apr 17	M	44	Trespassing

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CARBON

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Columbia Law School.

WHAT'S NEXT?

On the day Biden took office, he set up an interagency group that revived the Obama estimate and promised a revised figure incorporating previously overlooked consequences of climate change. Economists expect the revised figure to be higher, perhaps more than double the current $51.

Without a nationwide cap and trade program, environmentalists and some economists want the government to be more aggressive in using the social cost of carbon to overhaul government energy policy.

Under Biden, the U.S. Interior Department for the first time is applying climate damage considerations to oil and gas sales on public lands and waters. An upcoming lease sale in Wyoming, for example, could result in future emissions of 34 million tons of carbon dioxide. That's equivalent to more than $1.5 billion in future damages.

But the agency still plans to sell the leases because officials said there were no "established thresholds" to evaluate whether the increased emissions were acceptable, or not.

The expansion of carbon pricing into Pennsylvania remains tenuous. A legal challenge is pending and the state's term-limited governor could soon be replaced by a successor who opposes the state's participation.

"While pricing carbon would be the gold standard, it seems politically difficult to actually get there," said Brian Prest with Resources for the Future, a Washington, D.C.-based research organization.

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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CRIME WATCH

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ON APRIL 8

Officers were dispatched to Ralphs on 1600 block of Cloverfield regarding a subject throwing potted plants outside of the location. Officers recognized the individual from an earlier call where homeless services had been offered to the subject. Upon making contact with the subject, officers noticed she displayed signs of intoxication and refused to leave the location while challenging officers to arrest her. When officers began to arrest her for trespassing, she angrily spat on the officers. Ultimately, Julie Pai was arrested for trespassing, public intoxication, and trespassing.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Don't Sign the Petition

Solicitors are being posted outside the Gelson's Grocery Store, Bob's Market and possibly other neighborhood store locations to solicit signatures for a petition to place a new Santa Monica property "transfer tax" (i.e., sales tax) onto this November ballot.

The proposal would add a whopping 5% tax onto the existing 0.6% tax that is currently applied to real estate properties that sell for over $8 million. This tax would apply to the sale of most rental and commercial properties in Santa Monica, many of which are owned by individuals ("mom and pop" owners). The tax is applied to the sales value, regardless of whether or not the seller is making a profit on the sale or having to sell at a loss.

These solicitors have been paid by Santa Monica Mayor Sue Himmelrich and her lawyer husband who are out buying signatures the easy way, by just signing a check in order to get their tax proposal on the ballot. Just another sad example of the power of the wealthy to influence our lives.

As proposed, the new tax is poorly structured and terribly unfair. Consider a property that sells for one dollar less than $8 million versus one that sells for one dollar over $8 million. In the first case, the seller would pay a sales tax of $48,000. In the second, the unfortunate seller would pay $448,000, just for selling at a marginally higher price. Are Himmelrich and husband aware of the blatant unfairness of the proposed structure or are they just bad at math?

The solicitors I spoke to tried to pass off this big tax increase as a tax that would affect only high-priced properties. But we all should be aware that new taxes in fact, affect us all. Sellers of these "high-priced" properties will need to increase their sales prices in order to cover the additional tax cost (thereby adding to even higher property prices in our city). The buyers, in turn, will need to increase rents and/or prices of services (e.g., restaurants, retail shops), in order to cover the higher cost of the property purchased. Who then will really pay for these tax cost hikes in the end? We poor renters and consumers will pay (that's who), making this city even more unaffordable to live in.

And once we open this gate to higher "transfer" taxes on the sales of our properties, will we ever be able to shut it again? If this one is approved, you can bet that there will be future proposals to increase transfer taxes on the sales of our homes and condos

The solicitors are pitching the petition to us on the basis of raising new funding to build more "affordable" housing and more housing for the homeless in Santa Monica, as well as for the Santa Monica school fund (without specifying the uses of the new funds). All seemingly noble causes that are sure to elicit the sympathies of our resident voters and thus guarantee a lock on approval. We residents seem to fall for these "do-good" reasons for increasing our taxes in every election cycle.

Yet, we should know by now that the billions in tax revenues that have been raised for the homeless and "affordable" housing have not solved these problems. If anything, they have only gotten worse. Throwing more money at these problems will not solve them. They have deeper roots that require different approaches. On the contrary, the case can be made that subsidies to the homeless and others that cannot afford basic necessities in fact only serve to make these classes of people more dependent on government while diminishing their drive to improve their situations on their own, such as through discipline, education and employment.

And as far as more funding for our Santa Monica schools ... please, when will this recurring plea ever end? We have diminishing school enrollments and now are relying on students from nearby cities to fill our classrooms. It's not clear that we Santa Monica taxpayers were told that we would be paying taxes for the education of students from other cities. And the school district has been on a mad building spree these past couple of years, trying to use up past tax funding that we approved. The monumental structures being built at our Santa Monica schools should be the envy of every school district in the country, even if we don't have the students any more to fill them.

This initiative by Mayor Himmelrich and husband to increase property "transfer" taxes may sound noble but it is a bad idea in so many ways. It will do no good to us residents of Santa Monica. Please do not sign it. And if it should make it to the November ballot, please vote against it.

Faustino Garza, Santa Monica

Biden's election year challenge: Blame GOP for nation's woes

WILL WEISSERT AND ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

President Joe Biden has an election-year message for frustrated voters: At least he's trying.

For those who think he isn't doing enough to help Ukraine fend off the Russian invasion, Biden announced $800 million in new military support on Thursday. To ease the pain of high gas prices, he's tapped the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and reopened onshore sales of oil and natural gas leases on public land. And to address historic inflation, Biden has tried to smooth out supply chain-crimping bottlenecks at the nation's ports.

The president hopes the moves, which are being announced in near-daily rollouts and in a stepped up travel schedule, will present a contrast with Republicans — who, he argues, spend more time complaining about problems than proposing solutions.

"I mean this sincerely — name me something the national Republican Party is for," Biden said at a recent Democratic National Committee meeting.

But it's not clear he's attracting much support. A new poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds just 45% of Americans approve and 54% disapprove of how Biden is handling the presidency. The approval rate in the poll taken from April 14-18 is about the same as last month, but down from the president's 63% approval rating a year ago.

There are bright spots for Biden. Applications for unemployment benefits have fallen to the lowest levels in decades and wages are rising. The economy is growing after the pandemic-induced doldrums.

Still, with crime rates rising in some parts of the country and inflation at its highest levels since 1981, these don't feel like boom times to many. Seventy percent of Americans call the nation's economy poor. Further, just 33% say they approve and 66% say they disapprove of Biden's handling of the economy, with about a third of Democrats, along with almost all Republicans, disapproving.

Primary elections that begin next month will help show whether Democrats are embracing Biden's vision of a moderate party that counters the increasingly far-right GOP.

In Ohio, Rep. Tim Ryan is well positioned to win the Democratic nomination for an open Senate seat with a message appealing to centrist, blue collar workers that is in line with Biden's overall approach. But in the president's native state of Pennsylvania, moderate Conor Lamb could be in a tight Senate primary against the more progressive John Fetterman.

Biden has suggested that one way to address his political challenges is to get on the road and make the case directly to voters about the impact of his administration's policies. He has increased his domestic travel lately to promote a $1 trillion, bipartisan infrastructure package that cleared Congress last fall. Biden has visited Iowa, North Carolina, New Hampshire and Oregon since last week, and is in Seattle on Friday.

But some top Democrats running for office aren't clamoring for the president's help. Former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke says he has no interest in national Democratic figures visiting his state as he now runs for governor. Florida Rep. Val Demings, as she campaigns for Senate, was non-comital about Biden's help, as was Ryan.

> "My philosophy is like: I'm running. I'm the candidate. I don't need any validators - Tim Ryan"

"My philosophy is like: I'm running. I'm the candidate. I don't need any validators," Ryan said at the Knox County Democratic Party office in Mount Vernon, Ohio. Nearby stood cardboard cutouts of Obama and Hillary Clinton. There wasn't one of Biden, though there was a campaign sign bearing his name outside.

Asked if appearing with Biden could be damaging, Ryan was unusually blunt.

"I don't know," he said. "I really don't."

Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris nevertheless plan on boosting U.S. trips in coming weeks, as well as stepping up their fundraising on behalf of the Democratic Party, according to administration officials and allies. But most of their activity is likely to take place in the late summer and early fall — after primaries are concluded and as voters will have their choice at the ballot box laid out for them.

Some in the administration have pressed for Biden and Democrats to draw a stronger contrast with Republicans, for instance arguing that the president should be more forcefully highlight a new study that Texas Republican Gov. Greg Abbott's decision to introduce redundant inspections on truck travel cost the U.S. economy $9 billion in 10 days.

At a Thursday Democratic fundraiser at a yacht club in Portland, Oregon, Biden predicted that Democrats would add two seats in November to secure a 52-48 Senate majority.

"The far right's taken over that party," he said of Republicans. "And it's not even

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **Proposed Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance to extend Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance 2678 (CCS) authorizing the temporary use of private outdoor space for commercial activity, temporary permitted uses for emergency shelters, public safety facilities, and drive-through facilities for COVID-19 testing and vaccination purposes, and flexibility in issuance of temporary use permits and alcoholic beverage sales.**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce and adopt an Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance extending Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance 2678 (CCS) adopted on July 27, 2021 that authorized the temporary use of private outdoor space for commercial activity, temporary permitted uses for emergency shelters, public safety facilities, and drive-through facilities for COVID-19 testing and vaccination purposes, and flexibility in issuance of temporary use permits and alcoholic beverage sales, necessary for continued emergency response and economic recovery.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022 AT 6:30 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT:
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or via mail to City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California 90401. Written public comment submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

You may also comment in person at the City Council hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment in person.

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: Extension of Santa Monica Outdoors Pilot Program, Fee Waivers, and Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance 2678

VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov
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MORE INFORMATION:
If you want more information about this project, please contact Steve Mizokami at (310) 458-2200 ext. 2225 or by e-mail at steve.mizokami@santamonica.gov . For disability-related accommodations, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 458-8211 or (310) 917-6626 TDD at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

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

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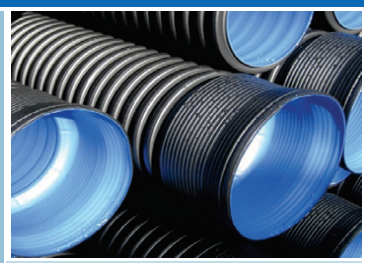
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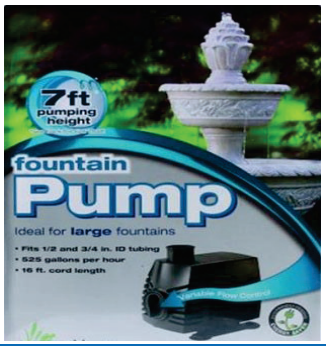
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Biden order aims to protect old-growth forests from wildfire

MATTHEW DALY AND JOSH BOAK
Associated Press

President Joe Biden is taking steps to restore national forests that have been devastated by wildfires, drought and blight, using an Earth Day visit to Seattle to sign an executive order protecting some of the nation's largest and oldest trees.

Old-growth trees are key buffers against climate change and provide crucial carbon sinks that absorb significant amounts of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming.

Biden's order directs federal land managers to define and inventory mature and old-growth forests nationwide within a year. The order requires the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service to identify threats to older trees, such as wildfire and climate change, and develop policies to safeguard them.

The order does not ban logging of mature or old-growth trees, the White House said.

By signing the order on Friday, Biden can publicly reassert his environmentalist credentials at a time when his administration has been preoccupied by high oil and gasoline prices following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Gas costs have been a drag on Biden's popularity and created short-term political pressures going into this year's midterm elections, yet the Democratic president has been focused on wildfires that are intensifying because of climate change.

The measure is intended to safeguard national forests that been severely damaged by wildfires, drought and blight, including recent fires that killed thousands of giant sequoias in California. Redwood forests are among the world's most efficient at removing and storing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and provide critical habitat for native wildlife and watersheds that supply farms and communities in the West.

Blazes so intense to kill trees once considered virtually fire-proof have alarmed land managers, environmentalists and tree lovers the world over — and demonstrated the grave impacts of climate change. A warming planet that has created longer and hotter droughts, combined with a century of fire suppression that choked forests with thick undergrowth, has fueled flames that extinguished trees dating to ancient civilizations.

A senior administration official noted that forests absorb more than 10% of U.S. annual greenhouse gases, while also providing flood control, clean water, clear air and a home to wildlife. The official insisted on anonymity to discuss details of Biden's order before it was made public.

Biden's ambitious climate agenda has been marred by setbacks, a year after he took office amid a flurry of climate-related promises. The president hosted a virtual summit on global warming at the White House last Earth Day. He used the moment to nearly double the United States' goal for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, vaulting the country to the front lines in the fight against climate change.

A year later, his most sweeping proposals remain stalled on Capitol Hill despite renewed warnings from scientists that the world is hurtling toward a dangerous future marked by extreme heat, drought and weather.

In addition, Russia's war in Ukraine has reshuffled the politics of climate change, leading Biden to release oil from the nation's strategic reserve and encourage more domestic drilling in hopes of lowering sky-high gas prices that are emptying American wallets.

While Biden is raising fuel economy standards for vehicles and included green policies in last year's bipartisan infrastructure law, the lack of greater progress casts a shadow over his second Earth Day as president.

Timber industry representative Nick Smith said before the order was made public that loggers are worried it will add more bureaucracy to a forest management framework already unable to keep up with growing wildfires due to climate change.

That would undercut the Biden administration's goal of doubling the amount of logging and controlled burns over the next decade to thin forests in the tinder-dry West, said Smith, a spokesman for the American Forest Resource Council, an Oregon-based industry group.

"The federal government has an urgent need to reduce massive greenhouse gas emissions from severe wildfires, which can only be accomplished by actively managing our unhealthy and overstocked federal forests," he said.

But former U.S. Forest Service Deputy Chief Jim Furnish said wildfire risks and climate change would be better addressed by removing smaller trees that can fuel uncontrolled blazes, while leaving mature trees in place.

For many years the Forest Service allowed older trees that are worth more to be logged, to bring in money for removal of smaller trees, Furnish said. But that's no longer necessary after Congress approved more than $5 billion to reduce wildfire risks in last year's infrastructure bill, he said. The law includes money to hire 1,500 firefighters and ensure they earn at least $15 an hour.

Timber sales from federal forests nationwide more than doubled over the past 20 years, as Republicans and Democrats have pushed more aggressive thinning of stands to reduce small trees and vegetation that fuel wildfires.

Critics, including many forest scientists, say officials are allowing removal of too many older trees that can withstand fire.

A letter signed by 135 scientists called on Biden to protect mature and old-growth forests as a critical climate solution.

"Older forests provide the most above-ground carbon storage potential on Earth, with mature forests and larger trees driving most accumulation of forest carbon in the critical next few decades. Left vulnerable to logging, though, they cannot fulfill these vital functions," the scientists wrote Thursday. Former Forest Service Chief Mike Dombeck and Norman Christensen, founding dean and professor emeritus at Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment, were among those signing the letter.

Protecting mature forests also "would set an important, highly visible example for other major forest-holding nations to follow as they address climate change threats," the scientists wrote.

Associated Press writer Matthew Brown in Billings, Montana, contributed to this story.

UKRAINE

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Marchenko.

The five of them are temporarily living with the Lauers as they figure out their next steps. This is challenging as they don't speak English, aside from the little Mark learned in school, and are still waiting for work permits, so the Lauers are trying to help them raise money through a GoFundMe.

"This is something unimaginable, yet it's very possible to become a reality," said Yana, through a translator. "We are very grateful to the family who provided this housing to us. They didn't just open their house, but also opened their hearts."

Even with the harsh reality of war, the decision to leave Ukraine was not easy. The Molots left so much left behind — their home, their two dogs, and many friends and family members whose future is uncertain.

Anzhela, who is dating Yana's brother Vlad, left every member of her family in Ukraine and worries constantly about her three brothers, two of whom are of military age and therefore banned from leaving the country. Yana and Vlad's cousin is in the army fighting on the frontlines in Mariupol, which according to Yana he describes as "hell on earth." Mark's godfather is serving in the volunteer army and due to supply chain disruptions is unable to access appropriate protective armor.

Despite the pain of leaving, Yana made the call to take her children out of their village in early March after it was shelled four times and she feared that the devastation seen in Bucha would come to her doorstep. She traveled with Mark and Lev to the nearby city of Kremenchuk, where they boarded an evacuation train to Lviv by the Polish border.

The train was overcrowded, with eleven people crammed into a section that was only designed to transport four. While the trip normally takes around 12 hours, their journey took about 35 as they continuously changed direction based on reports of shelling.

"It was very scary because we could be attacked. At any moment shelling could start, so because of that the train had to go in complete darkness at night. The road took much longer than was expected, so we ran out of water," said Yana, adding that she was very grateful for the local people who came to bring water to the train as it stopped at different stations along the way.

Once they arrived in Lviv there was a several day wait for buses to cross the border, so they decided to take a taxi to the farthest point possible and walk to Poland from there. The border crossing took twelve hours by foot, not because of the distance, but because the route was so crowded with other families. It was a cold and tiring journey, but a great relief when they arrived in Poland and met up with Vlad and Anzhela, who are all from the same hometown in Ukraine.

Vlad and Anzhela had been working short-term contracts at a LG factory in Poland, due to the lack of work in their Ukrainian village. The family stayed together for a month in Poland, but soon realized it would be very difficult to sustain a life there as the country's resources were already greatly strained by the influx of 2.5 million refugees and there was no work available.

Yana said this was the hardest point of their journey. Mark and Lev told her they felt homeless and kept asking to go back to Ukraine, yet she knew in her heart that this was not a viable option.

Yana decided to look further afield for shelter and try to get to California as her mother lives in Reseda. The earliest visa appointment she could get was in June, so she figured their best bet was to attempt an entry through the Mexican border.

It took them three days to get from Poland to Mexico by plane as they purchased the cheapest tickets and had transfer times of up to 23 hours. Once in Tijuana they joined the many Ukrainian and Russian families requesting humanitarian parole to enter the US. Yana's group was given the number 2022, which she took as an auspicious sign, and after three days waiting at the border they were allowed to enter.

"I am still small so of course I was worried and I was a little scared when we flew, but it also seemed time flew away so quickly and I only wanted this whole trip to be over and I wanted to see my grandma who I missed a lot," said Yana's 11-year-old son Lev, through a translator.

Yana found the Lauers through a website called Ukraine Take Shelter, where people who are willing to host families can list their house and match with refugee families. This is Lev, Yana, Mark, Anzhela and Vlad's first time in the US and they said they have been blown away by the beauty of Santa Monica and the kindness of local people.

Mark is very excited by the skating culture in the area. He is a scooter enthusiast and loved doing tricks with his best friends back home. He and his friends recently won a grant to build a skatepark in their village, which was meant to break ground this spring. He said he wants to go visit the iconic Venice beach skatepark, but doesn't feel like he's a part of the community yet.

Lev loves music and plays the piano and the drums. Through an Easter party he attended he met his first American friend and they now play the same online game.

Yana is very busy trying to figure out next steps for her family. She still has some remote work as an accountant, but it is not enough and she hopes her work permit will get approved soon, although she has heard it can take up to six months. She is considering trying to work as a truck driver.

Yana sorely wants to enroll her sons in LA schools, so they can continue their studies and get the best education possible. She hopes that one day they can take this education back to Ukraine and use it to help rebuild the country. While they are grateful to be in Santa Monica, they all want to return home as their hearts are heavy with homesickness.

The family said being in Los Angeles feels like being in a movie as they have seen the city in many films. At the same time, knowing what's going on in Ukraine and fearing for the safety of their friends and family prevents them from fully enjoying the experience.

"It feels like a dream," said Yana. "Physical bodies are here, but the emotions are not fully here."

Growing up Yana's grandparents always repeated a common saying to her 'Тільки б не було війни', which roughly translates to 'if only there would be no war' and carries the sentiment that the most important thing in life is to have peace. Yana never took the saying seriously or thought it would apply to her in the 21st century.

Now she knows that it is untrue. And so she keeps repeating it to herself... if only there would be no war, if only there would be no war.

To donate to the family's GoFundMe visit https://gofund.me/c191bbe8.

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BIDEN

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conservative in a traditional sense of conservatism. It's mean. It's ugly."

But trying to blame the other side amid mounting problems can have its limitations. Democrat Terry McAuliffe attempted to make last year's Virginia governor's race a referendum on the dangers of modern day GOP — even branding Republican opponent Glenn Youngkin "Trump in a sweater vest." McAuliffe lost in a state Biden had carried by 10 points barely a year earlier.

Some who would otherwise be the White House's fiercest allies say it'll be up to Biden to energize voters ahead of November — regardless of what Republicans do.

"He's not an effective communicator," said Wes Bellamy, founder of Our Black Party, which advocates for issues to strengthen African American communities.

The president "speaks in a tone that doesn't really resonate with much of his base and I don't think they do a good enough job of being active on the ground," Bellamy said.

Adding to the challenge is the fact that, when the president addresses one problem, he may prompt another. Some of what the administration has done to tame prices at the pump, for instance, run counter to Biden's promises about combating climate change — especially after his signature social spending bill, "Build Back Better," collapsed in Congress.

"His midterm strategy with respect to the environment is pretty underwhelming and not likely to work," said Brett Hartl, chief political strategist at the Center for Biological Diversity Action Fund.

Hartl said Americans, particularly young ones who backed Biden in 2020 thinking he'd help make the country dramatically greener, are now disillusioned with "a really steady trail of defeats on the climate crisis."

White House press secretary Jen Psaki suggested Biden may help Democrats avoid a Republican midterm romp by evoking the phrase "Don't compare me to the Almighty, compare me to the alternative." That's something Biden said frequently as vice president and while campaigning for the White House in 2020.

"Really, if you look at the other side, they have nothing in the cupboard. They have no plan," Psaki said during a recent event for "Pod Save America." "We could be saying that more."

Associated Press writers Jill Colvin in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and Josh Boak in Portland, Oregon, contributed to this report.





City of Santa Monica

City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2699 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

AN EMERGENCY INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA TO EXTEND INTERIM ZONING REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED BY EMERGENCY INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE 2633 (CCS) AND AMENDED AND EXTENDED BY EMERGENCY INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCES 2645 AND 2692 (CCS) AMENDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 9.39 AND SECTION 9.40.020 TO INCREASE THRESHOLDS FOR REVIEW OF ONE HUNDRED PERCENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS AND HOUSING PROJECTS SUBJECT TO THE HOUSING ACCOUNTABILITY ACT BY ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2699 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2699 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") is an Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance to extend interim zoning regulations established by prior Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance 2633 (CCS) and amended and extended by Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinances 2645 and 2692 (CCS). The interim zoning regulations amend Chapter 9.39 and Section 9.40.020 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to increase the thresholds for ministerial review of certain housing projects through the City's Administrative Approval review process. Housing projects eligible for review by Administrative Approval include: 1) one hundred percent affordable housing projects; and 2) housing projects subject to the Housing Accountability Act, Government Code Section 65589.5, that do not exceed Tier 2 maximums.

Under the Ordinance, Housing projects eligible for review by Administrative Approval include: 1) one hundred percent affordable housing projects; and 2) housing projects subject to the Housing Accountability Act, Government Code Section 65589.5, that do not exceed Tier 2 maximums and are located on a parcel that does not exceed 43,560 square feet, or one acre.

Applicants must conduct a community meeting to receive community input prior to submitting an application.

The Ordinance extends the interim zoning regulations to March 31, 2023 to allow the City adequate time to review and revise the City's 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element as necessary to comply with State Housing Element Law and to subsequently implement programs set forth in the Housing Element.

The Ordinance was adopted on April 12, 2022 and became effective immediately upon its adoption. The Ordinance will expire on March 31, 2023 unless otherwise extended by the City Council in accordance with Section 9.46.090(C) of the Santa Monica Municipal Code.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It is said that the one who is lucky is feeling; the one who is unlucky is thinking. This principle will apply as you feel your way through the day, collecting delights.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). With some people you get the feeling that everything is a test. And even if it's not, the tone of the relationship hinges on how you're performing in each interaction. If you don't feel you can relax, the relationship is less than ideal.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're not trying to be mysterious, but oversharing isn't your style. The way you protect your privacy and keep a world unto yourself is mighty attractive. They'll want to know more, but resist.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are wise and people who need your wisdom are attracted to you. Your policy to help only when asked or when clearly needed will hold you in good stead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sometimes you feel like an ordinary person doing extraordinary things. Today you feel like an extraordinary person doing ordinary things. Those who recognize your talents will earn a special place in your heart.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your enjoyment of things goes far beyond their functionality. You'll delight in the aesthetic aspect and probably be willing to pay more for the coolest-looking version.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It might help to think of the people you deal with today as creatures with features very different from your own. Smooth interactions happen when you cater to their specific abilities and temperaments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've seen glimpses of an entire dimension hidden inside things and now you can't go on as if it doesn't exist. There's no use talking about it to people who can't relate. Find the people who can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Whether or not it's fair, to whom much is given, more will be given. Accept all of what comes your way. And if it's too much, later you can pay it forward to those who need it more than you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Interactions may get awkward or go all wrong, but it's nothing to stress about. Relationships that matter are about the long game. Also note that the same thing that falls flat with one person could be a major hit with another.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Most people cannot successfully fake interest for very long. That's why you cherish moments of genuine interest, like the ones you'll give and receive today.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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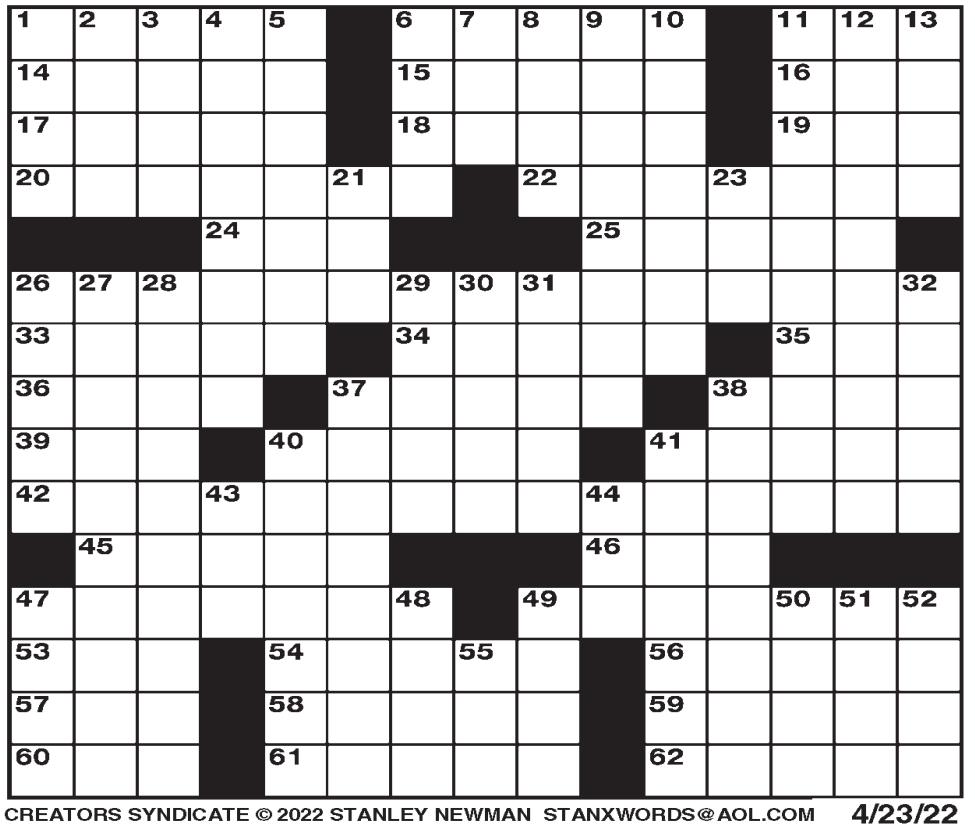
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Lester Ruff
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS
1 __ sauce (raspberry topping for frozen desserts)
6 Certain spiritual leaders
11 One's luck
14 It fell from a horse long ago
15 How sodium is stored by chemists
16 "Special" projects
17 Pocket Fisherman purveyor
18 Certain spiritual leader
19 Four PEI senators
20 Not still
22 Salt sprinkled for safety
24 Five-figure nickname
25 Hurriedly
26 What's made for *Jeopardy!* contestants
33 Circles around a dance floor
34 Thoughtful one
35 One may do your bidding
36 Mystery author byline
37 Stop-work order
38 Rather large water cooler
39 Casualwear, for short
40 First booker of a moon flight (1964)
41 "Beloved" name
42 What's made for *Wheel* contestants
45 Walking tall
46 Use your sight
47 What Groucho called himself, re his timidity
49 About 75 beats per minute
53 Network of intrigue
54 Letting pass
56 Fourth-from-final Epistle
57 A SIMPLE plan
58 Hard to account for
59 Known far and wide
60 Storage unit
61 Water falls
62 Signs of satisfaction

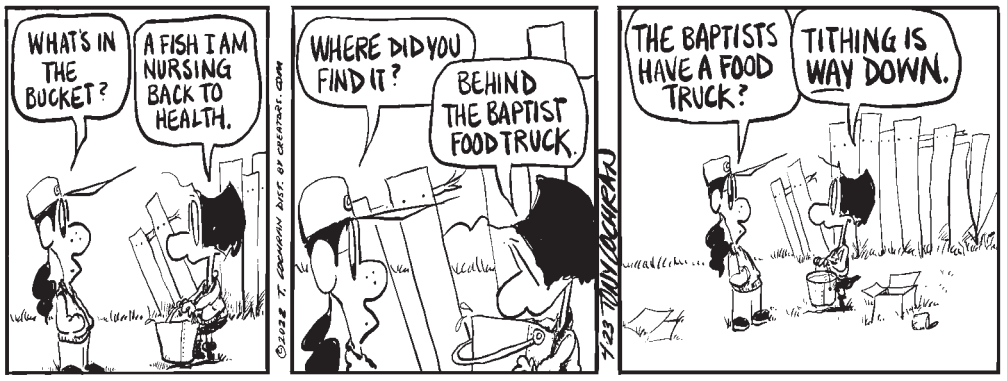
DOWN
1 Picasso pal
2 Pretorian prename in the paper
3 On-screen collection
4 He said, "I am the last president of the United States"
5 Slide show subjects
6 Belt-tightening aid
7 Org. publishing patient care books
8 Nehru's incumbent successor
9 British teen into flying
10 Berth place
11 Destination for a Samsung Premiere
12 It's used for pie preparation piercing
13 Conversation starter
21 Semi-solid
23 Horsy hoopster
26 Former star of the "One Ocean" show
27 Where Shatner went, October 2021
28 Food storage device
29 "No"
30 Bedevil
31 Soot, in quantity
32 Sarcastic
37 Travel guide eponym
38 Rachel Carson, in college
40 Devalued, these days
41 Long-term
43 Waves and weaves
44 Cleared out quickly
47 Do laps, perhaps
48 Billionaire Barbadian, to her fans
49 Dark __
50 Quick declination
51 Consequently
52 Cuts off
55 Cut off



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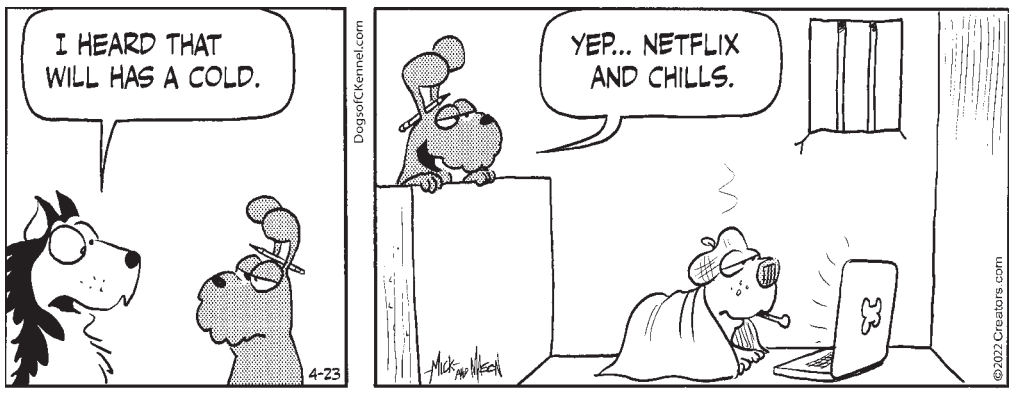
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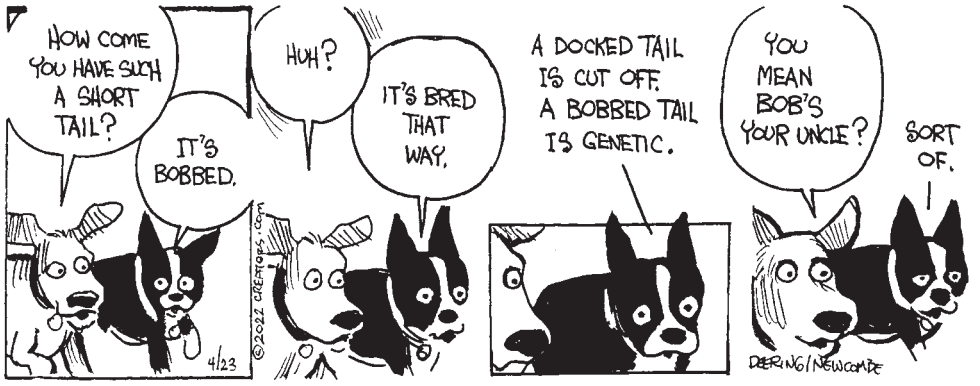
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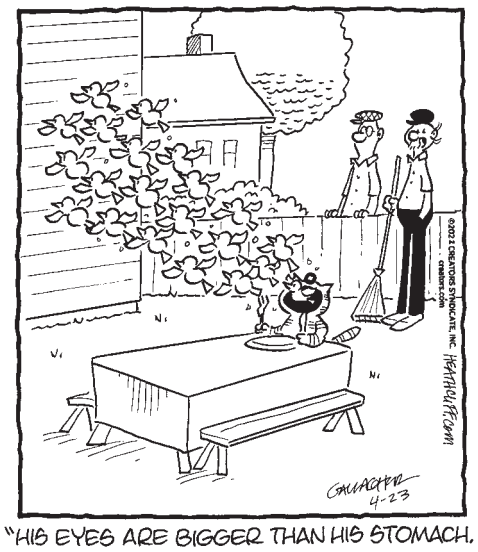
Zack Hill

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By PETER GALLAGHER



"HIS EYES ARE BIGGER THAN HIS STOMACH."

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 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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What's Up Westside
out and about in Santa Monica

SATURDAY | APRIL 23

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. RSVP at https://www.santamonica.com/event/wellness-waves/2022-04-23.

PILE 2 PATIO, MULCH/COMPOST SCULPTURE
Pile 2 patio is a piece by artist Maru García that explores the materiality and community-building qualities of a mulch/compost pile. For one day only, 18th Street Arts Center's Airport Campus will have a giant mulch and compost sculpture in the parking lot on Saturday, April 23 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. as part of the exhibition Radical Propagations, on view at 18th Street's Propeller Gallery. This interactive and evolving piece will invite the public to modify the sculpture by taking mulch/compost to their homes. 18th Street Arts Center, Propeller Gallery, 3026 Airport Ave.

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 24

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

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT ANTIQUE MARKET
Noted as One of the Top Ten "Flea Markets' in America, visit the Santa Monica Airport Antique Market, a fun outdoor (and dog-friendly!) market full of many great dealers with furniture, antiques, collectibles, art, vintage clothes, jewelry, rugs and much more. 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. $5. Santa Monica Airport, 2800-3200 Airport Ave.

626 NIGHT MARKET MINI
This event aims to bring food lovers together over some of the most unique eats Southern California has to offer. 1 - 10 p.m. 452 Arizona Ave.

MONDAY | APRIL 25

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, HIGH
Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Visit smmusd.asapconnected.com or contact Olga Saucedo at osaucedo@smmusd.org or (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 to enroll. Classes will begin in a virtual format. If live classes become possible, they will take place at Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING
The Airport Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council in all matters pertaining to the Municipal Airport and to aviation matters generally to the extent that they affect the City. https://www.smgov.net/departments/airport/commission/ 7 - 10 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION
Pursuant to Assembly Bill AB 361 signed by, Governor Gavin Newsom, the public can only attend this meeting via live stream at
https://bluejeans.com/814408290/0860
OR VIA PHONE: 408.419.1715 or 408.915.6290
Meeting ID: 814 408 290 Participant Passcode: 0860

TUESDAY | APRIL 26

EAT AT WATER GARDEN
Water Garden will have a rotation of Los Angeles' most iconic food trucks every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. April 26: Belly Bombz. 1620 26th St.

GALLERY OPEN
Open daily on a walk-up basis, no reservations or admission fee required. Schedule subject to change with short notice, check calendar or call (310) 458-4904 to confirm. Annenberg Community Beach House. 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 27

SAVVY MONEY MOVES IN 20 MINUTES
Reach your financial goals with tips to tackle debt and raise your credit score. Register at bit.ly/3QS44MY. 6:30 p.m.

SUSTAINABLE QUALITY AWARDS VIRTUAL CELEBRATION
The Sustainable Quality Awards have been celebrating sustainable business practices for over 25 years. Businesses that are members of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce or located in Santa Monica, are eligible for nomination, followed by completing a rigorous application which is reviewed by a team of Chamber, City and community representatives to determine annual award winners. 1:30 p.m. $25 - $35. Register at https://sqa.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/main/home.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com



SURF REPORT
WATER TEMP: **58.1**

SATURDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	WNW swell due to ease as fresh S swell shows. Winter breaks hold the most size with a clean morning looking likely.
SUNDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	Still a few peaks for the combo exposures. Smaller WNW and S swell mix. Light AM winds.

WEATHER

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 71. North northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 55.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 77.
Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 58.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/04/23	Sat	03:02 AM	4.74	H
2022/04/23	Sat	11:05 AM	-0.46	L
2022/04/23	Sat	6:27 PM	3.64	H
2022/04/23	Sat	11:03 PM	2.75	L
2022/04/24	Sun	04:41 AM	4.59	H
2022/04/24	Sun	12:07 PM	-0.49	L
2022/04/24	Sun	7:04 PM	4.08	H
2022/04/25	Mon	12:23 AM	2.13	L
2022/04/25	Mon	06:00 AM	4.61	H
2022/04/25	Mon	12:55 PM	-0.45	L
2022/04/25	Mon	7:36 PM	4.50	H
2022/04/26	Tue	01:20 AM	1.45	L
2022/04/26	Tue	07:04 AM	4.65	H
2022/04/26	Tue	1:35 PM	-0.30	L
2022/04/26	Tue	8:04 PM	4.89	H
2022/04/27	Wed	02:06 AM	0.82	L
2022/04/27	Wed	07:58 AM	4.61	H
2022/04/27	Wed	2:09 PM	-0.03	L

DAILY LOTTERY

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the winning number information, mistakes can occur. In the event of any discrepancies, California State laws and California Lottery regulations will prevail. Complete game information and prize claiming instructions are available at California Lottery retailers. Visit the California State Lottery web site at http://www.calottery.com

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 4/20
20 30 45 55 56
Power#: 14
Jackpot: 400 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/19
2 9 33 47 53
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 22 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 4/20
2 29 36 40 47
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 36 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/21
5 10 13 16 18

Daily 3
Draw Date: 4/21
EVENING: 8 7 8

Draw Date: 4/21
MIDDAY: 7 0 4

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 4/21
1st: 09 - Winning Spirit
2nd: 08 - Gorgeous George
3rd: 07 - Eureka
Race Time: 1:40.36

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