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Stamp Out Hunger resumes Saturday

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On Saturday morning, postal carriers throughout Santa Monica will be going a step further than collecting their normal letters and parcels, picking up donated food for the annual Stamp Out Hunger drive.

Stamp Out Hunger will be back on Saturday, May 14, after an unplanned two-year hiatus due to the coronavirus pandemic. The annual food drive collects donations for Santa Monica-based Westside Food Bank, and residents are asked to leave out nonperishable food items to be picked up by letter carriers.

The most wanted foods include canned meats (such as tuna, chicken and salmon), canned and boxed meals, canned or dried beans, pasta, canned fruits, 100 percent fruit juice, canned vegetables, cooking oil, and boxed cooking mixes.

On the other hand, be selective with what you offer. Organizers say not to give rusty or unlabeled cans, glass containers, perishable, homemade or expired items, open or used items, and alcoholic beverages or soda.

The drive is sponsored by the United States Postal Service (USPS), together with one of the service's major labor unions, the NALC (National Association of Letter Carriers). Other partners include the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association, UFCW, United Way, AFL-CIO and various corporations.

With the pandemic disrupting the food drive the past two years, Santa Monica letter carrier and NALC Area Steward Justin Landrum said this year's Stamp Out Hunger

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Tent / scooter combo clogs PCH



Emily Sawicki

TRAFFIC: Traffic was snarled on the PCH Tuesday due to a strange set of circumstances. The backup began when a tent blew onto the busy road forcing traffic to avoid one lane. While the tent created it's own backup, a second incident began that increased congestion as an elderly man drove his motorized scooter onto the road with an SMPD officer in very slow pursuit. When the pair encountered the rogue tent, the officer stopped to remove it from the road and while the officer battled the wind, the scooter made a turn onto the Incline. After securing the tent in his car, the officer caught up to the scooter who had subsequently turned into Palisades Park. The man was given a verbal warning to stay off roads and sent on his way.

Assemblymember Bloom stands by Newsom's CARE Court despite pushback

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Governor Newsom has a bold plan to rethink the state's approach to homelessness and mental illness, and while the proposal has drawn polarized reactions, one of its strongest supporters is State Assemblymember and former Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom.

Newsom seeks to establish a statewide network of "CARE Courts," which would provide court-mandated treatment plans for severely mentally ill individuals, and in particular individuals experiencing homelessness and psychotic illnesses.

Under the proposal, family members, first responders, and mental health care providers could petition the court to implement a plan. Once passed by the judge, the relevant County would be legally obligated to provide the prescribed care, including housing resources when applicable.

Bloom, who represents Assembly District 50, introduced the assembly version of the CARE Court bill, AB 2830, and stands by its principles despite vocal pushback from disability and civil rights groups.

"As a former Mayor who helped create and sustain a Homeless Court in Santa Monica, I am optimistic that a carefully crafted

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Parents hunting for baby formula as shortage spans US

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Associated Press

Parents across the U.S. are scrambling to find baby formula because supply disruptions and a massive safety recall have swept many leading brands off store shelves.

Months of spot shortages at pharmacies and supermarkets have been exacerbated by the recall at Abbott, which was forced to shutter its largest U.S. formula manufacturing plant in February due to contamination concerns.

On Monday, White House press secretary Jenn Psaki said the Food and Drug Administration was "working around the clock to address any possible shortages."

On Tuesday, the FDA said it was working with U.S. manufacturers to increase their output and streamlining paperwork to allow more imports.

For now, pediatricians and health workers are urging parents who can't find formula to contact food banks or doctor's offices. They warn against watering down formula to stretch supplies or using online DIY recipes.

"For babies who are not being breastfed, this is the only thing they eat," said Dr. Steven Abrams, of the University of Texas, Austin. "So it has to have all of their nutrition and, furthermore, it needs to be properly prepared so that it's safe for the smallest infants."

Laura Stewart, a 52-year-old mother of three who lives just north of Springfield, Missouri, has been struggling for several weeks to find formula for her 10-month-old daughter, Riley.

Riley normally gets a brand of Abbott's Similac designed for children with sensitive stomachs. Last month, she instead used four different brands.

"She spits up more. She's just more cranky. She is typically a very happy girl," Stewart said. "When she has the right formula, she doesn't spit up. She's perfectly fine."

A small can costs $17 to $18 and lasts three to five days, Stewart said.

Like many Americans, Stewart relies on WIC — a federal program similar to food stamps that serves mothers and children — to afford formula for her daughter. Abbott's recall wiped out many WIC-covered brands, though the program is now allowing substitutions.

Trying to keep formula in stock, retailers including CVS and Walgreens have begun limiting purchases to three containers per customer.

> "She spits up more. She's just more cranky. She is typically a very happy girl - Laura Stewart"

Nationwide about 40% of large retail stores are out of stock, up from 31% in mid-April, according to Datasembly, a data analytics firm. More than half of U.S. states are seeing out-of-stock rates between 40% and 50%, according to the firm, which collects data from 11,000 locations.

Baby formula is particularly vulnerable to disruptions because just a handful of companies account for almost the entire U.S. supply.

Industry executives say the constraints began last year as the COVID-19 pandemic led to disruptions in ingredients, labor and transportation. Supplies were further squeezed by parents stockpiling during lockdowns.

Then in February, Abbott recalled several major brands and shut down its Sturgis, Michigan, factory when federal officials concluded four babies suffered bacterial infections after consuming formula from the facility. Two of the infants died.

When FDA inspectors visited the plant in March they found lax safety protocols and traces of the bacteria on several surfaces. None of the bacterial strains matched those collected from the infants, however, and the FDA hasn't offered an explanation for how the contamination occurred.

For its part, Abbott says its formula "is not likely the source of infection," though the FDA says its investigation continues.

Chicago-based Abbott said it is increasing production at its other facilities to fill the gap, including air-shipping formula from a plant in Ireland.

The shortages are especially dangerous for infants who require specialty formulas due to food allergies, digestive problems and other conditions.

"Unfortunately, many of those very specialized formulas are only made in the United States at the factory that had the recall, and that's caused a huge problem for a relatively small number of infants," Abrams said.

After hearing concerns from parents, the FDA said last month that Abbott could begin releasing some specialty formulas not affected by the recalls "on a case-by-case basis." The company is providing them free of charge, in coordination with physicians and hospitals.

Food safety advocates say the FDA made the right call in releasing the formula, but that parents should talk to their pediatricians before using it.

"There's still some risk from the formula because we know there are problems at the plant and FDA hasn't identified a root cause," said Sarah Sorscher of the Center for

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DAILY POLICE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 257 CALLS ON MAY 9

Domestic Violence Now 1600Blk Appian Way 12:26 a.m.
Battery Now 1900Blk Ocean Front Walk 12:58 a.m.
Arson 1500Blk Ocean Ave 1:30 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 17th St / Pearl St 1:31 a.m.
Battery Report 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 1:53 a.m.
Burglary Report 2800Blk Pico Blvd 5:40 a.m.
Encampment 1200Blk Palisades Park 6:24 a.m.
Encampment 500Blk Olympic Blvd W 6:26 a.m.
Encampment 2300Blk 4th St 6:27 a.m.
Trespassing 2800Blk Lincoln Blvd 6:55 a.m.
Burglary Report 2600Blk Main St 7:07 a.m.
Stalking Report 800Blk Broadway 9:02 a.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 2200Blk Yorkshire Ave 9:09 a.m.
Auto Burglary Now 700Blk California Ave 9:14 a.m.
Trespassing 1200Blk 5th St 9:25 a.m.
Burglary Report 500Blk California Ave 9:38 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 4th St / Interstate 10 10:02 a.m.
Burglary Report 800Blk 10th St 10:03 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2000Blk Olympic Blvd 10:04 a.m.
Fraud Report 300Blk Olympic Dr 10:24 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1300Blk Marine St 10:30 a.m.
Fight 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:36 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2400Blk 20th St 10:42 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2600Blk 23rd St 10:43 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 4th St / Interstate 10 10:45 a.m.
Trash Dumping 100Blk San Vicente Blvd 10:52 a.m.
Information Received Report 300Blk Olympic Dr 10:56 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 10:57 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 2100Blk Ocean Ave 11:17 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2500Blk Michigan Ave 11:21 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 2400Blk Barnard Way 11:26 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 800Blk Princeton St 11:27 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1600Blk California Ave 11:37 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2400Blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:41 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1400Blk 2nd St 11:59 a.m.
Burglary Report 500Blk California Ave 12:16 p.m.
General Parking Problem 200Blk Hill St 12:16 p.m.
Stalking Report 1400Blk 2nd St 12:27 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1400Blk 23rd St 12:29 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2400Blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:45 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1400Blk 2nd St 12:46 p.m.
Trespassing 2600Blk Main St 12:52 p.m.
Loud Music 2700Blk Neilson Way 12:58 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery 3200Blk Olympic Blvd 1:03 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery 3200Blk Olympic Blvd 1:03 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1400Blk 4th St 1:10 p.m.
Injured Person 5th St / Olympic Blvd W 1:26 p.m.
Lost Property 1400Blk 2nd St 1:30 p.m.
Battery 500Blk Olympic Blvd W 1:35 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2800Blk Montana Ave 1:40 p.m.
Grand Theft 1100Blk Stanford St 1:46 p.m.
Loud Music 2000Blk Ocean Ave 1:50 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300Blk Barnard Way 2:06 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 400Blk Broadway 2:18 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1100Blk Euclid St 2:28 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2400Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:37 p.m.
Fraud Report 300Blk Olympic Dr 2:38 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1200Blk California Ave 2:44 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Ocean Ave / Hollister Ave 2:51 p.m.
Burglary Report 1100Blk 24th St 2:53 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1500Blk Yale St 2:59 p.m.
Loud Music 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 3:02 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Ocean Ave / Washington Ave 3:02 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 20th St / Olympic Blvd 3:15 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 500Blk Ocean Ave 3:25 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 600Blk Ocean Park Blvd 3:26 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 3200Blk Nebraska Ave 3:35 p.m.
Loud Music Ocean Ave / Bicknell Ave 3:41 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 500Blk California Ave 3:47 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1700Blk Cloverfield Blvd 4:06 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2600Blk Colorado Ave 4:11 p.m.
Trespassing 2300Blk Main St 4:13 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2600Blk Barnard Way 4:15 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1200Blk 22nd St 4:21 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 2400Blk Main St 4:24 p.m.
Found Property 1400Blk 4th St 4:30 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1200Blk Harvard St 4:40 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 800Blk Pico Blvd 4:56 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1100Blk Harvard St 4:56 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 5:07 p.m.
Valet Zone Violation 1300Blk 2nd St 5:19 p.m.
Trespassing 1200Blk 3rd Street Prom 5:23 p.m.
Assault 1300Blk 9th St 5:27 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 300Blk Wilshire Blvd 5:55 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 16th St / Montana Ave 6:06 p.m.
Armed Robbery/Auto Theft Report 1500Blk 2nd St 6:16 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1700Blk The Beach 6:17 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 2600Blk Neilson Way 6:21 p.m.
Trespassing 1400Blk 9th St 6:25 p.m.
Trespassing 1200Blk Montana Ave 6:30 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1500Blk Ocean Ave 6:32 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 6:34 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Appian Way / Arcadia Ter 6:44 p.m.
Petty Theft 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 6:50 p.m.
Encampment 1200Blk 19th St 6:54 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Cloverfield Blvd / Colorado Ave 7:06 p.m.
Traffic Miscellaneous Report 1500Blk 2nd St 7:13 p.m.
Trespassing 1400Blk 7th St 7:27 p.m.
Transport Prisoner 300Blk Olympic Dr 7:28 p.m.
Armed Robbery 1600Blk The Beach 7:51 p.m.
Fight 2200Blk Virginia Ave 7:51 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1500Blk 19th St 7:55 p.m.
General Parking Problem 20th St / Virginia Ave 8:23 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 16th St / Pico Blvd 8:26 p.m.
Found Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 8:33 p.m.
Valet Zone Violation 1400Blk Ocean Ave 8:43 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Centinela Ave / Ocean Park Blvd 8:45 p.m.
Trespassing 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:50 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Ocean Ave / Pacific St 8:53 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 2300Blk Ocean Ave 9:03 p.m.
Keep The Peace 1900Blk Arizona Ave 9:17 p.m.
Trespassing 800Blk 18th St 9:18 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report Neilson Way / Hill St 9:49 p.m.
Trespassing 900Blk 2nd St 9:56 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 500Blk Olympic Blvd W 10:09 p.m.

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EMS 1300Blk 14th St 12:30 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire Ocean Ave / Broadway 1:30 a.m.
EMS 500Blk Olympic Blvd W 1:44 a.m.
EMS 2300Blk Pico Blvd 1:55 a.m.
EMS 400Blk Expo Line 5:01 a.m.
EMS 200Blk Ocean Ave 6:27 a.m.
EMS 2000Blk Cloverfield Blvd 6:27 a.m.
EMS 800Blk 4th St 7:42 a.m.
EMS 2900Blk Urban Ave 10:34 a.m.
EMS 1900Blk Pico Blvd 11:26 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:29 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 11:46 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 7th St / Olympic Blvd W 11:51 a.m.
EMS 1700Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:06 p.m.
EMS 500Blk Olympic Blvd W 12:12 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 12:26 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Olympic Blvd 12:35 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk 2nd St 12:43 p.m.
EMS 5th St / Olympic Blvd W 1:25 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 7th St 1:27 p.m.
EMS 2600Blk Main St 2:20 p.m.
Wires Down 200Blk 10th St 2:35 p.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas 2400Blk 14th St 3:01 p.m.
EMS 2100Blk Dewey St 3:16 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk 5th St 3:20 p.m.
EMS 1000Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:24 p.m.
EMS 1000Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:29 p.m.
EMS 2700Blk Olympic Blvd 3:37 p.m.
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EMS 1300Blk 15th St 4:57 p.m.
EMS 1900Blk Pico Blvd 4:59 p.m.
EMS 200Blk Bicknell Ave 5:41 p.m.
Public Assist 1900Blk Montana Ave 6:47 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 20th St 7:49 p.m.
EMS 2200Blk Virginia Ave 7:55 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk 5th St 7:57 p.m.
EMS 1700Blk Montana Ave 7:58 p.m.
EMS 18th St / Broadway 8:06 p.m.
EMS 2200Blk Virginia Ave 8:37 p.m.
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EMS 2400Blk Washington Ave 8:52 p.m.
EMS 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:09 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 17th St 9:37 p.m.
EMS 100Blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:48 p.m.
EMS 700Blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:29 p.m.
Smoke Investigation Cloverfield Blvd / Interstate 10 11:29 p.m.
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Editor:

Just to say, I'm disgusted at this violence in Santa Monica. A few years ago, putting gas in my car at Robertson Bl. / Airdrome St WLA at 10 a.m. on a quiet Saturday morning, I had noticed a homeless(?) man sitting on a decorative wall just east of Robertson Bl. Moments later 3 male teens(?) descended on the man. One from behind dumped a bag of flour over his head, a second one poured water all over him, and the third one videoed the incident.

They roughed up the guy laughing and took off in a car.

Shaking from seeing an attack, I drove home and called the police, then went back to the scene. Two young policemen arrived and were looking at the victim.

One policeman took me aside to inform me that the man was most likely homeless and living on the street, and shook off the incident inferring it was not important.

Immediately told him that being homeless, didn't mean he can be attacked.

I wrote a letter to the WLA police station describing the attackers, and the car license number. I didn't hear anything else. I got the overall impression that a homeless, possibly hungover person, is not worth anyone's attention, and that being attacked is his own fault for being in that predicament.

Maybe that is a male point of view in life.

I feel the same about this SM story's victim and the teens.

I feel any attack on a human should be a felony, not a misdemeanor.

These young vicious people, or any attacker should be heavily fined, and spend a sixth full months in prison and be on record for life.

On a similar note: the attacker of a comedian, on stage at the Hollywood Bowl last week, should be given a similar sentence.

Physical attacks on humans should not be misdemeanors. They should be felonies with a weapon at the scene, or with no weapon found. Not merely dismissed as a simple misdemeanor like shop lifting a small item.

Patricia Mace, Los Angeles

COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Christopher Dishlip Selected as Santa Monica's New Assistant Director of Public Works

Public Works Director Rick Valte announced the selection of Christopher Dishlip as Santa Monica's new Assistant Director of Public Works. Dishlip is tasked with overseeing more than 200 staff members in Architecture Services, Engineering and Street Services, Resource Recovery and Recycling, and Water Resources.

"Chris brings with him an abundance of capital improvement and operations experience," said Santa Monica Public Works Director, Rick Valte. "Over the years, many of the City's most complex and challenging projects have been entrusted to Chris, and he has consistently delivered them on time and within budget. Chris' commitment to public service is unparalleled and I'm excited to work with him as he takes on his new responsibilities."

Dishlip most recently served as the City's Capital Program Manager where his duties included overseeing the planning, design, and construction activities for citywide Capital Improvement projects, as well as tenant improvements related to all City-owned facilities and open spaces. In addition to his crucial leadership in delivering City Hall East, the world's greenest municipal building, Dishlip has successfully led the completion of large-scale projects including the Pico Branch Library, Parking Structure 6, Ishihara Park, Historic Belmar Park, Fire Station 1, and the City Yards Modernization.

"I am incredibly honored by this opportunity and excited to continue supporting the important role Public Works has in the community," said Dishlip. "My entire career has been dedicated to public service and I take the responsibility very seriously. With the amazing team of committed employees we have here in Public Works, I know we can continue to do remarkable things now and into the future."

Dishlip has 19 years of experience in public works design, construction and operations/maintenance, 13 of which he has spent in Santa Monica's Public Works Department. Before joining the City of Santa Monica, he worked as a civil engineering associate for the City of Los Angeles on projects like the Northeast Interceptor Sewer and the Police Administration Building. Having previously led both Santa Monica's Facility Maintenance and Architecture Services divisions, Dishlip brings invaluable experience delivering critical infrastructure and ensuring its continued proper operations and maintenance.

Dishlip earned a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering from the University of Arizona, a Master of Science in civil engineering from the University of Southern California and obtained a Certificate in Executive Management from the University of California, Los Angeles. He is a California licensed professional civil engineer, holds an accreditation in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED AP) and is a Design-Build Professional (DBIA Associate).

When not at work, Dishlip enjoys biking and spending time at the beach with his family. He began his role on May 9, 2022 and has an annual salary of $206,424.

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Drivers bemoan high gasoline prices with no relief in sight

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Associated Press

Just as Americans gear up for summer road trips, the price of oil remains stubbornly high, pushing prices at the gas pump to painful heights.

Drivers were paying $4.37 for a gallon of regular Tuesday, on average, according to AAA. That's 25 cents higher than a month ago, and $1.40 more than a year ago.

"The price of gas is ridiculous," said Joel Baxter, a nurse, who was filling up his car at a BP station in Brooklyn, New York, so that he could commute 26 miles (42 kilometers) to work. "The money, your salary, is practically the same, and everything is going up, so they should do something about it."

> "I believe that inflation is our top economic challenge right now — President Joe Biden"

The high price of oil is the main cause of the biting gasoline prices. A barrel of U.S. benchmark crude was selling for around $100 a barrel Tuesday, a price tag that has been climbing throughout the year. The high price of oil is largely because many buyers are refusing to purchase Russian oil because of its invasion of Ukraine. The European Union is considering an embargo on oil from Russia, which is a major supplier. Those pressures leave less oil to go around.

Drivers such as Baxter say they wish the government could step in to help, although few can say what solution that would bring lasting relief.

"There are very few things that a president can do to help lower the cost of oil, and this administration tried to do pretty much everything that it can," said Andrew Gross, spokesman for AAA.

President Joe Biden released oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in November and March, hoping to reduce prices. That helped temporarily, but prices shot back up and stayed stubbornly high.

Biden in remarks Tuesday stressed that fighting inflation is his top priority, a sign of both the economic challenges caused by prices rising at the fastest pace in four decades and the political drag for Democrats that has resulted.

"I believe that inflation is our top economic challenge right now," Biden said.

He said that switching away from fossil fuels and greater energy efficiency will ultimately protect Americans from higher gasoline and heating and cooling costs.

The president noted that Americans are finding ways to limit how many fill-ups they need because of higher prices. "They're doing everything in their power to figure out how to not show up at the gas pump," he said.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said a suspension of the federal gas tax is "an option on the table." The suspension could in theory reduce gas prices by as much as 18 cents a gallon.

Republican lawmakers say the key is to lease more federal land for oil and gas drilling and send a positive message to energy producers by greenlighting the Keystone XL pipeline that Biden nixed last year.

As the war Russia is waging on Ukraine continues and demand for gasoline continues to grow, experts are not expecting relief at the pump any time soon.

"We will see this trend continue probably throughout summer, mainly because of demand," Gross said. "The weather's getting warmer. The days are getting nicer. People are hitting the road."

That's particularly hard on people who drive for a living, or those who must drive to get to work.

"It's expensive," said Peter Lector, 28, who spent $60 Tuesday to fill up his tank in Brooklyn. "I'm doing Uber, so it's costing me a lot of money every morning."

If the price of gasoline keeps going up, he feels like he might have to find another job, he said.

Still others have accepted that high gasoline prices may be here to stay.

"It is what it is," said David Stephen, who was also buying gasoline in Brooklyn. "Everything goes up, never comes down .... You can't do anything about it."

FORMULA

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Science in the Public Interest. "But it's worth releasing because these infants might die without it."

It's unclear when the Abbott plant might reopen.

The FDA said the company is still working "to rectify findings related to the processes, procedures and conditions." Other infant formula makers are "meeting or exceeding capacity levels to meet current demand," the agency said.

Among other steps, the FDA said it was waiving enforcement of minor product labeling issues to increase availability of both U.S. and imported products.

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California Democratic supremacy tested by crime, inflation

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Democrats in many parts of the country are facing a potentially grim political year, but in California no one is talking about the liberal stronghold changing direction.

California's largely irrelevant Republican Party could field only little-known candidates for governor and U.S. Senate, and the GOP appears to have only isolated chances for upsets even under what should be favorable conditions for the party.

Mail ballots are already going out for the June 7 primary election that will set the stage for November runoffs. The election is taking place within a cauldron of dicey political issues: the possible repeal of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion, widespread frustration with a homelessness crisis and with residents suffering pocketbook stress from galloping inflation and soaring home costs — the state's median price hit a record $849,080 in March.

President Joe Biden's popularity has sagged — even among some of his fellow Democrats — and the party in the White House typically loses congressional seats in midterm elections. California Democrats showed up in historic numbers in 2020 to defeat then-President Donald Trump in landslide, but turnout next month is expected to tumble with little drama at the top of the ticket: Gov. Gavin Newsom and U.S. Sen. Alex Padilla, both Democrats, face only token opposition.

But none of that adds up to a threat to the state's Democratic supremacy. Republicans haven't won a statewide election in California since 2006, and Democratic voters outnumber Republicans by nearly 2-to-1 statewide. Democrats are expected to maintain their supermajorities in the Legislature.

The GOP picked up four U.S. House seats in 2020 but Democrats still dominate the congressional delegation, holding all but 10 of the 53 House seats, with one vacancy.

At a state Republican Party convention last month, House GOP leader Kevin McCarthy of Bakersfield said he'd be holding the chamber's gavel in January, not Speaker Nancy Pelosi of San Francisco. He predicted more House upsets in California would tip the balance of power in the chamber, but the GOP faces tough races to hold its ground.

Recent history isn't encouraging for the GOP. Last year, Newsom appeared vulnerable but then easily defeated a recall effort driven by critics of his handling of the pandemic.

"We don't have a real race for governor. We don't have a real race for senator," said Claremont McKenna College political scientist Jack Pitney, who cited the lopsided recall election as evidence of faded GOP prospects, even as Democrats are on the defensive nationally.

"The problem here is the Republican bench is very thin," Pitney added. "There really aren't any Republicans in California who have a statewide profile."

The most closely watched races in the state this year don't involve Republican challengers. In San Francisco and Los Angeles, local district attorneys are being blamed for reforms that some say fueled rising crime. The recall of

> "We don't have a real race for governor. We don't have a real race for senator — Claremont McKenna"

San Francisco's Chesa Boudin is on the ballot next month. Petition signatures needed to qualify a recall are still being gathered in Los Angeles County, where George Gascón could be forced to defend his seat later this year.

Los Angeles also will elect a new mayor from candidates including Democratic Rep. Karen Bass, who was on Biden's short list of vice presidential picks, and billionaire developer Rick Caruso a longtime Republican who became an independent and then, shortly before entering the race for mayor, registered as a Democrat.

Arguably the most endangered Democrat on the statewide ticket is Attorney General Rob Bonta, a reform-minded Newsom appointee who is facing challenges from two Republicans and an independent candidate — Sacramento County District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert — who fault him for spikes in crime. Schubert recently left the GOP and is gambling that a different identification on the ballot will draw more votes.

A promising new face for Republicans is state controller candidate Lanhee Chen, the son of immigrants from Taiwan, who holds multiple Harvard University degrees, served in President George W. Bush's administration and won the support of the left-leaning Los Angeles Times editorial board.

Among the top congressional races, Republican Rep. Mike Garcia is defending his seat north of Los Angeles in a Democratic-leaning district. Democratic Rep. Katie Porter, a star of the party's progressive wing, is looking for another term in a closely divided coastal district in Orange County. And nearby, Republican Rep. Michelle Steel, a Korean immigrant, is looking to win a second term in a district with a slight Democratic edge that includes the nation's largest Vietnamese American community.

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CARE COURT

FROM PAGE 1

CARE Court model will provide real benefits for the most vulnerable members of our communities," stated Boom on April 8. "I am fully committed to doing everything I can to work with all stakeholders in order to ensure their successful implementation and long-term operation."

On April 12, more than three dozen such organizations—including the American Civil Liberties Union, Disability Rights California and the Western Center on Law and Poverty—signed a letter in opposition to AB 2830.

Nevertheless, CARE Court cleared its first legislative hurdle at the end of April, when the Senate Judiciary Committee passed the senate version of the bill, SB 1338. It will face its next hearing by the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 16.

The assembly version of the bill, however, is on pause after being introduced by Bloom in February. While Bloom maintains his support for the legislation's vision, he recognizes that many concerns have been raised by groups that advocate on behalf of the disabled, mentally ill and homeless individuals and is working with the governor's office to engage these parties in discussion.

"Asm Bloom parked the bill voluntarily at the request of the Newsom administration in order to allow more time to discuss issues of concern and find common ground that is of maximum benefit to those we are wanting to help," stated Melissa Kaufler, communications director. "We are at the very beginning of a process that will likely accelerate quickly. Asm Bloom felt it was best to create a little more breathing room for discussions and intends to stay fully engaged."

According to estimates from the Governor's Office, CARE Court would apply to 7,000 to 12,000 people experiencing severe mental illness across California.

The need for a statewide system of mental health care dates back to the 1967 Lanterman-Petris-Short Act, which ended the notoriously abusive system of involuntarily committing mentally ill individuals in psychiatric facilities.

The LPS Act replaced the asylum system with the conservatorship system, whereby family members can petition a court to have control over a loved one's medical treatment. The bar to establish a conservatorship is very high and following the LPS Act, the state did not develop a robust mental health care system to treat those who do not meet the standard of "gravely disabled."

"This lack of community care led to an increase in homelessness and incarceration for people experiencing mental illness," said Aditi Shakkarwar, field representative for Asm. Bloom, during a May 5 presentation to the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce. "So the goal of CARE Court is to act as an upstream diversion before individuals end up in the criminal justice system or become so impaired that they end up in a Lanterman-Petris-Short Act mental health conservatorship.

Individuals who fail to comply with their CARE Court Plan could be redirected to conservatorship hearings or a criminal court, if they had previously chosen CARE Court as an alternative to a traditional justice filing. It is this element of compulsion that disability and civil liberties organizations find particularly alarming about CARE Court.

"The state should invest in evidence-based practices for voluntary engagement in community-based, trauma-informed, culturally-responsive mental health services," stated Kim Pederson, senior attorney at Disability Rights California, in an April 26 opposition letter to SB 1338. "Instead, CARE Court creates a punitive system under which a person must comply with court orders or risk being conserved and institutionalized. True recovery and empowerment can only come from providing people with meaningful opportunities to make their own choices about the services that will work best for them."

> "This lack of community care led to an increase in homelessness and incarceration for people experiencing mental illness — Aditi Shakkarwar"

This letter, which was also signed by leaders of over 40 advocacy groups, raised additional concerns over how CARE Court will be able to provide enough housing for its clients and whether it will disproportionately place people of color under court supervision. Collectively these organizations have notable influence in Sacramento.

On the other hand there is a broad coalition of liberal politicians who believe that CARE Court is a viable solution to the state's twin mental health and homelessness crises. In addition to Bloom, vocal supporters include San Francisco Mayor London Breed, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, State Senator Anthony Portantino of the San Gabriel Valley and State Senator Tom Umberg of Orange County.

Given this divided response, it is unclear whether Newsom will be able to push AB 2830 and SB 1138 through the state legislature in line with his initial July 1 goal.

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FOOD DRIVE

FROM PAGE 1

drive came with relatively short notice, but all residents of Santa Monica should feel welcome to leave out nonperishable food on Saturday, whether they received a bag from their letter carrier or not.

Landrum said residents who have not received official food drive bags "can use any bag they want, or they can just set the items next to their mailbox."

Stamp Out Hunger is scheduled to take place in the spring each year, organizers explained, as a way to bulk up food bank supplies that have dwindled after the holiday season, when many people donate food and most annual drives are scheduled.

The Westside Food Bank, based in the Pico neighborhood, is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that serves about 200,000 people each year, including Santa Monica residents.

"There's so many families who are working families who are one step away from actually needing it themselves," Landrum, who is helping organize this year's drive locally, said. "You never know when you're going to be in that position, where you need to go to a food bank."

Landrum said that oftentimes when people think about food banks, they envision homeless people, but the drive serves people many types of needs.

"It's not just homeless people; these are working families. A lot of seniors, a lot of veterans — they depend on it," Landrum said. "And there's a lot of people for whom it's just a one-time thing. They just can't make it one week, and they need to go there and get a box of food."

> "There's so many families who are working families who are one step away from actually needing it themselves — Justin Landrum

Landrum said it was no coincidence that NALC — which represents all letter carriers in Santa Monica — established the food drive almost 30 years ago.

"Our letter carriers are people who deliver mail to every single address in the nation," Landrum said, "and letter carriers have always played a role in checking in on elderly, seeing kids growing up and just being part of the community … Letter carriers have also been voted the most trusted government employees in the nation."

Landrum said that one aspect of being part of a community is taking care of kids, seniors and veterans, which is why Stamp Out Hunger was first established in 1993.

To learn more about the food drive, visit nalc.org/community-service/food-drive

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FOOD: Residents can leave food by their mailboxes as part of the national effort.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Malibu

Sign Up Now for the City of Malibu's Lifeguard Certification Course

The City of Malibu Community Services Department is offering a Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Course on Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22 to train Lifeguards, Pool Managers, and Learn to Swim Instructors to work at the Malibu Community Swimming Pool at Malibu High School.

Working as a lifeguard or swim instructor is a fun, active, outdoor job, and can open a great career path. It is also an important service to the community, ensuring that people can learn to swim, and safely enjoy the fun and healthy sport of swimming.

According to the Red Cross, an average of 10 people die each day from drowning in the United States. Getting certified and working as a lifeguard can help save lives.

Register online at www.MalibuCity.org/Aquatics by May 15. A link will be provided to complete the hybrid portion on the Red Cross website before the start of the in-person class on Saturday, May 21.

All participants must meet the following requirements to successfully complete the training:

Ages 16 and older

300-yard swim using front crawl or breaststroke

2-minute tread using legs only

Retrieve a 10-pound dive weight from 13 feet deep, swim 20 yards with the weight using legs only, and exit the pool without using a ladder within 100 seconds

Complete all online coursework before the in-person class

Complete the in-person class

The City of Malibu encourages participants who successfully complete the training to apply for an aquatics position with the City. The full job description, qualifications and application are on the Jobs webpage at www.MalibuCity.org/Jobs. For more information, visit www.MalibuCity.org/Aquatics.

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SACRAMENTO

In drought-ravaged California, water use is up dramatically

Water use in California jumped nearly 19% in March compared to 2020 as residents defied pleas for conservation from Gov. Gavin Newsom and other authorities amid a severe drought, state officials announced Tuesday.

Newsom last summer asked residents to voluntarily cut water use by 15% compared to 2020. He encouraged people to water their yards less often, run dishwashers less and install more efficient appliances.

The state's conservation rate gradually increased, aided by some intense fall and early winter storms that reduced water demand. But the first three months of 2022 have been some of the driest ever recorded. Water use increased slightly in January and February before exploding in March as more people started watering their lawns.

It was the most water Californians have used in March since the middle of the previous drought in 2015. Since July, the state has cut its overall water use by just 3.7%.

Newsom responded to the news by pledging to spend an extra $26 million on water conservation programs, in addition to the $190 million he proposed in January. In Los Angeles, Mayor Eric Garcetti announced residents and businesses would have to reduce outdoor landscape watering from three days per week to two. Irrigation makes up 35% of the city's water use.

A series of April storms have improved things slightly since March. Still, most of the state's reservoirs are well below their historic averages. Those reservoirs rely on melting snow to fill up for the dry summer months but the statewide snowpack was at just 27% of its historic average as of April 1.

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DEMOCRATS

FROM PAGE 5

Predictions for a disastrous year for Democrats nationally are undergoing reevaluation after the leak of a draft U.S. Supreme Court opinion that would overturn the landmark abortion decision.

Newsom has called it the "defining issue" in the election and is backing a proposal for the November ballot to enshrine abortion rights in the state constitution, a move Democrats hope would lure more voters at the polls. It remains to be seen if abortion could trump economic issues and public safety among voters.

A final ruling in the case is not expected until the end of the court's term in June. If Roe is overturned, the fallout is likely to be concentrated in conservative-leaning or swing states that could see abortion heavily restricted or banned. California is seeking to expand those rights — Newsom wants the state to be a "refuge" for those seeking abortion and among the bills in the Legislature is one that would pay the costs for pregnant women to come from out of state.

The influence of Trump has framed contests in Ohio and Georgia but his presence is mostly peripheral in California. However, support for him will be an issue in some close races, particularly congressional fights.

At issue for California Republicans is whether enough voters frustrated with rising crime, homelessness and the economy, will take out their grievances on Democrats.

"If there was going to be a time for a Republican to take a legitimate shot at a statewide candidacy, this is the year to do it," said Matt Rexroad, a GOP consultant who is advising Republican Nathan Hochman, a former federal prosecutor and one of five candidates running for attorney general.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 11)

A shift in work will have you filling a different role. What follows is an exciting transformation. Making people happy is your talent, but you don't do it selflessly; you genuinely enjoy figuring out how solve the problems of the moment — and you'll be paid to do it. You will also visit beautiful places and make friends there. Scorpio and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 40, 1, 11 and 28.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You don't have to disconnect with the world to connect with yourself, but it does help to have fewer distractions. You will win the day by simply focusing well for two straight hours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There was a time when you pursued beauty through the lens of envy. You saw someone else with the loveliness you wanted. But your style of chase has evolved into something playful, creative and effective.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Instead of making excuses, you'll make decisions. You'll be too busy commanding the scene to concern yourself with the insecurity and self-doubt you once knew so well. Someone will be attracted to your powerful vibes.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The people you want to impress and win over are rather easy to pay attention to, but you will not be sorry if you tend to your familiar faithful crew first. There is much to be gained from spoiling those close to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Teaching is the fastest way to learn. So, whatever you want to know about, make a goal to relay the information to someone else very soon. You are a sponge and will soon come to understand this entity so well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Incuriousness is the usual in some environments, and this is why any time you draw attention to your active, questioning mind, it will stand out and cause a reaction.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In the case of children and exceptionally honest people, you can't ride on reputation or coast on past good work. It's all about what's happening in the present. You get what you put in. You'll find this utterly refreshing!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Someone has colored the sky of your mind in unexpected ways. Your focus on this person will be intentional. The telepathic connection between you is tangible and real.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's easy to get seduced by or even addicted to the approval of others, as the brain has a most favorable response to receiving signals of acceptance. Just be sure to keep an eye on the cost of said approval.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In racecar design, sleek lines aren't just aesthetic but they're a practical necessity to eliminate drag. Anything sticking out creates friction that gets in the way of moving fast. Today, you'll cut something in the name of momentum.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Whatever you most want from the day can really happen if you're willing to make everything else wait while you put all your focus into priority No. 1.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There is a boulder in the path, which is certainly big enough to deter any large vehicle from taking this route. You, however, needn't worry as you take the form of a river and rush right on through.

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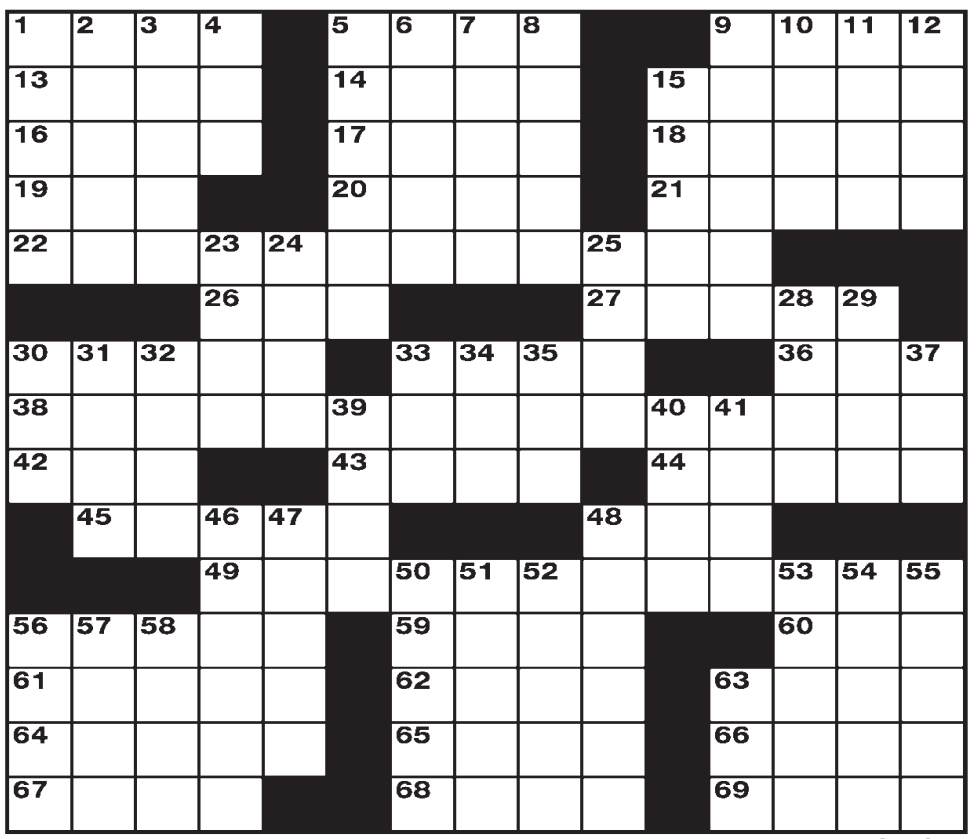
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5 Police radio alerts: Abbr.
9 What's typical
13 One from Copenhagen
14 Quaint complaint
15 Italian salami city
16 Low-cal, on food labels
17 Medicine portion
18 Black-and-white dolphins
19 Eisenhower nickname
20 From here ___ (henceforth)
21 Pizzerias' appliances
22 Breaking free of inhibitions
26 Elevations: Abbr.
27 Source of ancient fables
30 Jelly served with meat
33 Brother of Cain and Abel
36 Arrest, informally
38 Hit film or play
42 Office seeker, for short
43 Gymnastics great Korbut
44 __ apso (dog breed)
45 Be a bad winner
48 Winner at tic-tac-toe
49 Making sarcastic jokes
56 Construct, as a building
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60 Divider in tennis
61 Common yoga position
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63 Author Quindlen
64 Tie the knot
65 More than just a snack
66 Emphatic agreement in Ecuador
67 Laudatory poems
68 Identical
69 Back part of a sock

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12 Harvard U.'s state
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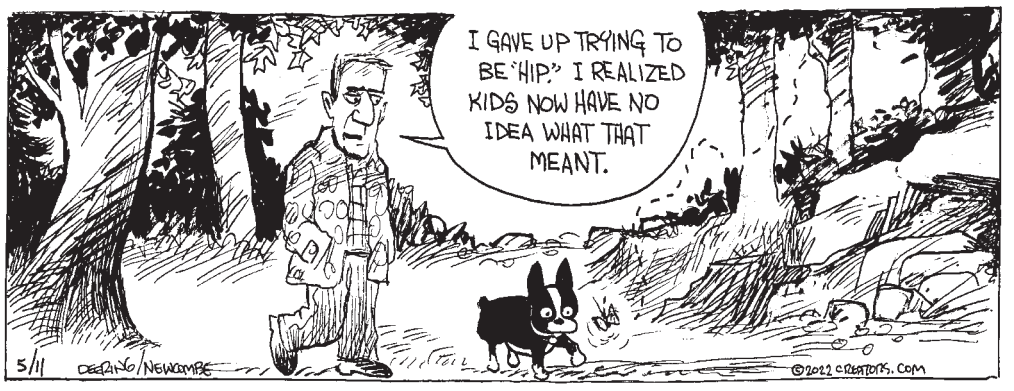
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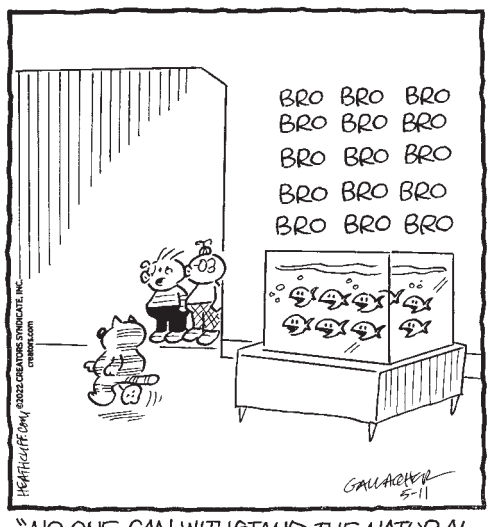
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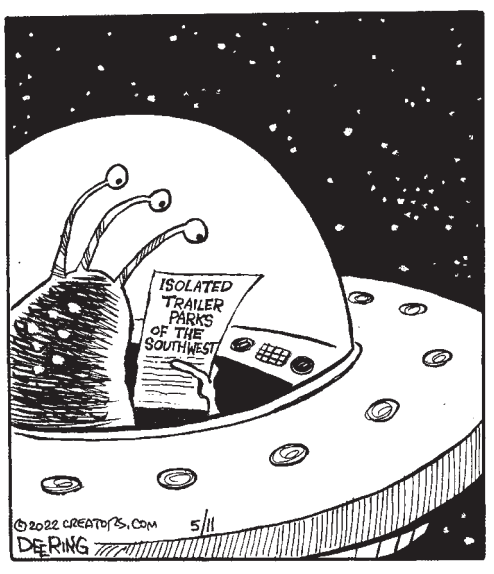
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By JOHN DEERING



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

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Gold coasting

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

Barbecue	Dawn	Lotion	Sea World
Bays	Disco	Lunch	Sunny
Beach	Entertainment	Marina	Surf
Bike	Films	Mirage	Tanning
Booth	Hats	Noosa	Trip
Buses	Heatwave	Ocean	Tube
Cabs	Idle	Open	Umbrella
Carrara	Iluka	Pass	Unit
Catch	Island	Picnic	Wind
Cool	Keno	Radio	Zumer
Cruise	Laze	Raft	
Dance	Loop	Real	

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WEDNESDAY | MAY 11

PLANNING COMMISSION

Pursuant to AB 361 signed by Governor Gavin Newsom, the public can only attend this meeting via live stream at: CITY TV: Cable Channel 16. LIVE STREAM*: https://www.youtube.com/user/Citytv16santamonica or https://www.smgov.net/video. TELECONFERENCE*: https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/cjugbpus. DIAL-IN NUMBER: 1 (415) 466-7000 (US), PIN 4287862#

NAMI MENTAL HEALTH TOWNHALL

This community-based event will focus on advocacy and awareness of the community's mental health needs. The National Alliance on Mental Illness Westside LA and local providers will share principles of wellness, recovery, and resiliency activities, discuss available services and supports and provide strategies for reducing stigma and discrimination for families and individuals living with and supporting those living with mental health conditions. This session will feature mental health advocates, service providers and behavioral specialists, including LADMH Clinical Medical Officer Dr. Curley Bonds and Cedar Sinai Dr. Waguih Ishak. 7 p.m. Register online at https://www.santamonica.com/event/nami-mental-health-townhall/

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Special meeting of the Council to discuss homelessness. 6 p.m. https://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/agendas.aspx

THURSDAY | MAY 12

RENT CONTROL BOARD

CITY TV: Cable Channel 16 or Streaming at https://www.smgov.net/content.aspx?id=4292
LIVE STREAM (Chrome Browser Recommended): https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/aqapjyze
DIAL-IN NUMBER: (415) 466-7000; PIN: 7280862

STORYTIME AT CAYTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. / Cayton Children's Museum / Register using link below. Join organizers for fun stories, songs, and fingerplays and, after storytime, enjoy the museum for FREE! Registration is required. Register here: https://bit.ly/SMPLCayton

ROCK N COMEDY

Carefully Curated Comedy Show at Rock N Pies in Santa Monica on the second Thursday of the every month. 8:30 p.m. doors open and the show starts at 9 p.m. $10 online $15 at door. Rock'n Pies Pizza Co. 1120 Wilshire Blvd.

FRIDAY | MAY 13

CREATE TO DESTRESS WORKSHOP

Artist Carmela Morales will provide a workshop on Fridays during the month of May focused on personalizing a canvas bag using simplified embroidery. Each class will have a lesson for the first hour and an open workshop with casual conversation for the second hour. Mental health professionals will join some of the sessions and speak on mental well-being. Register online at https://18thstreet.org/event/create-to-destress/2022-05-06/. 5 - 7 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park. 2200 Virginia Avenue.

BIKE SHARE 101

The BEST Bike Share 101: Bike Safety Basics class, presented by Metro, Metro Bike Share, and LA County Bicycle Coalition, is a 1.5-hour virtual session (via Zoom) designed to introduce the Bike Share system and important safety guidance. All attendees who complete this course will receive a code for a FREE 30-Day Metro Bike Share Pass redeemable at any time. You can redeem this code online at metro.net/bikeshare or in the Metro Bike Share app. Registration required at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bike-share-101-bike-safety-basics-online-video-class-tickets-322731407327?aff=ebdsoporgprofile. 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY | MAY 14

KIDICAL MASS FAMILY BIKE RIDE

Kidical Mass is back at Ishihara Park! Enjoy a fun-filled morning with community partners offering activities and local mental health resources, helmet decorating, tours of the Ishihara Park Learning Garden, community pancake breakfast and family-friendly group bike ride through Santa Monica Volunteers are needed! Email volunteer@SMSpoke.org to help that day. Registration required at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kidical-mass-family-bike-ride-kids-through-seniors-tickets-311306485077.

DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA WALKING TOUR

Discover downtown Santa Monica's architecture, history and culture with one of our highly engaging docents. See where Jim Morrison played his first show and visit the lavish Art Deco hotel that housed a speakeasy during Prohibition. The walking tour covers about 6 blocks in 2 hours and begins at the city's first landmark, the 1875 Rapp Saloon. Reservations recommended. Open to all ages. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. $10. Reservations required at https://smc.givecloud.co/dwt.

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **57.4**

WEDNESDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	Looking like a clean morning with still easing SSW swell in the water, blending with lingering NW swell mix. Breezy westerly onshores due in the afternoon that may even put the points out of play.
THURSDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 0.5-1ft Shin to knee	Still a few waves to track down at select breaks and conditions look clean for the morning. NW swell mix drops off through the day and old SSW swell is down to traces as some small new SSW swell shows.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 65. Breezy, with a north wind 15 to 20 mph.
Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low around 54. Breezy, with a west northwest wind 15 to 20 mph.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 68. North wind 5 to 15 mph.
Thursday Night: Clear, with a low around 58.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/05/11	Wed	12:54 AM	1.84	L
2022/05/11	Wed	06:24 AM	3.98	H
2022/05/11	Wed	12:50 PM	0.39	L
2022/05/11	Wed	7:27 PM	4.65	H
2022/05/12	Thu	01:34 AM	1.11	L
2022/05/12	Thu	07:19 AM	4.09	H
2022/05/12	Thu	1:21 PM	0.50	L
2022/05/12	Thu	7:49 PM	5.16	H
2022/05/13	Fri	02:14 AM	0.36	L
2022/05/13	Fri	08:10 AM	4.16	H
2022/05/13	Fri	1:52 PM	0.68	L
2022/05/13	Fri	8:15 PM	5.67	H
2022/05/14	Sat	02:55 AM	-0.34	L
2022/05/14	Sat	08:59 AM	4.15	H
2022/05/14	Sat	2:24 PM	0.93	L
2022/05/14	Sat	8:44 PM	6.12	H
2022/05/15	Sun	03:37 AM	-0.94	L
2022/05/15	Sun	09:49 AM	4.05	H

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: 5/9
18 30 35 52 56
Power#: 5
Jackpot: 68 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 5/6
16 21 33 52 70
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: 86 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 5/7
13 20 21 29 46
Mega#: 8
Jackpot: 9 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/9
5 8 24 25 35

Daily 3
Draw Date: 5/9
EVENING: 1 7 8
Draw Date: 5/9
MIDDAY: 9 5 0

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 5/9
1st: 09 - Winning Spirit
2nd: 04 - Big Ben
3rd: 07 - Eureka
Race Time: 1:47.16

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