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Council hires Douglas Sloan as City Attorney

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After two years of interim city attorneys, City Council has hired Fresno City Attorney Douglas Sloan to fill the permanent position in Santa Monica.

Sloan has over 30 years of legal experience, including 16 years in the Fresno City Attorney's Office and nine years as Fresno City Attorney. He will begin work in Santa Monica on June 6 with a base annual salary of $320,000.

"I appreciate the support and confidence of the Council and other City officials," said Sloan. "We have spent a lot of time talking in addition to the formal process, and it is clear to me that the Council is dedicated to serving this extraordinary community, and I look forward to being an integral part of that by helping with Santa Monica's complex legal issues."

With the hiring of Sloan, the City of Santa Monica once again has a fully staffed executive team after a turbulent two years of turnover that saw replacements of the city manager, police chief, fire chief and several other leadership positions.

"I wanted very much to put together with this council, a leadership team that everybody feels comfortable with and feels as if it's their leadership team, and I like to think that now we're there," said Mayor Sue Himmelrich, later adding, "I am just relieved that we finally have this final piece of the

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Scooter, ebike usage continues to lag in new mobility data



Emily Sawicki

MOBILITY: While there is an ample supply of devices, users have not bounced back post-pandemic.

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

What does the future of mobility look like in Santa Monica?

Ever-increasing bicycle infrastructure, improving technology and tightening regulations are creating a new landscape for getting from point A to point B, and the City of Santa Monica has just released a new trove of data showing how the current program works and what changes may be coming.

In the nearly five years since Bird dropped its first scooters on Santa Monica's street corners in September 2017, the concept of "shared mobility devices" has evolved in town; today, private mobility companies Lyft, Spin, Veo

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US inflation dips from 4-decade high but still causing pain

ANNE D'INNOCENZIO AND STEVE LEBLANC
Associated Press

Inflation eased slightly in April after months of relentless increases but remained near a four-decade high, making it hard for millions of American households to keep up with surging prices.

Consumer prices jumped 8.3% last month from a year ago, the government said Wednesday. That was below the 8.5% year-over-year surge in March, which was the highest since 1981. On a monthly basis, prices rose 0.3% from March to April, the smallest rise in eight months.

Still, Wednesday's report contained some cautionary signs that inflation may be becoming more entrenched. Excluding the volatile food and energy categories, so-called core prices jumped twice as much from March to April as they did the previous month. The increases were fueled by spiking prices for airline tickets, hotel rooms and new cars. Apartment rental costs also kept rising.

Those price jumps "make clear that there is still a long way to go before inflation returns to more acceptable levels," said Eric Winograd, U.S. economist at asset manager AB.

Even if it moderates, inflation will likely remain high well into 2023, economists say, leaving many Americans burdened by price increases that have outpaced pay raises. Especially hurt are lower-income and Black and Hispanic families, who on average spend a

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High inflation leaves food banks struggling to meet needs

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Kendall Nunamaker and her family of five in Kennewick, Washington, faced impossible math this month: How to pay for gas, groceries and the mortgage with inflation driving up prices?

Like many other working families, the Nunamakers are grappling with the 8.3% inflation in the consumer price index in April announced Wednesday — slowing slightly from the March figure which was the largest year-over-year increase since 1981, according to the Labor Department. The national average gas price reached a record high Wednesday of $4.40 a gallon. And global food prices are climbing after shortages caused by Russia's war against Ukraine and other supply chain problems.

Food banks across America say those economic conditions are intensifying demand for their support at a time when their labor and distribution costs are climbing and donations are slowing. The problem has grown to the point where last week President Joe Biden called for a Conference on Hunger, Nutrition and Health in September, the first since 1969.

For many families like the Nunamakers, food insecurity became a painful surprise.

"There's no reason us as a couple and a family should be struggling so hard," Nunamaker said. "We make decent money."

She works three days a week at a home décor store for $15.25 an hour; her husband, Nick, works a full-time union job as a paratransit driver at $27 an hour. Though they receive some money from a state nutrition program for young children that their two youngest qualify for, they still spent $360 on groceries last week.

> "In the last few months, with this increase in inflationary pressures, we're seeing 95% of our 200 member food banks saying that they have seen either leveling or an increase in need — Claire Babineaux-Fontenot

Because of inflated prices, those groceries didn't go far enough to feed everyone. And the family still lacked money to pay other household bills, leaving Nunamaker wondering how she would stretch their next paychecks to cover those bills and their mortgage this month.

In the past, to bridge the gap, the family sold off possessions like VR headsets and firearms.

"At some point," Nunamaker said, "we're not going to have anything because we would have sold everything."

So Nunamaker and her husband visited two local food banks for the first time last week.

The pandemic forced roughly 60 million Americans to seek help for food insecurity, according to Feeding America. At the end of 2021, as hiring boomed, demand for food banks returned to regular levels. But the relief was short-lived.

"In the last few months, with this increase in inflationary pressures, we're seeing 95% of our 200 member food banks saying that they have seen either leveling or an increase in need," said Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, CEO of Feeding America.

In the area along the Columbia River where Nunamaker lives, the number of clients seeking food aid at a church pantry jumped 40% between December and March, according to Eric Williams, director of community partnerships at Second Harvest, an organization that works to supply local pantries with food.

He said his organization must make more happen with less because its suppliers are subject to the same cost increases. The price that Second Harvest pays for obtaining donated produce has risen from about 6 cents a pound a year ago to about 10 or 11 cents a pound now, Williams said.

Some of Feeding America's food pantry partners have closed because of dwindling donations and higher costs for receiving and delivering food. Others have less food on their shelves even though they have higher demand.

"Our network emphasizes access and equity," Babineaux-Fontenot said. "So we are working extra hard to reach people who have the deepest food insecurity rates. Well, how far out can we go when gas prices are high? We have data that shows that race and place are significant indicators of whether or not you will be food insecure and how deeply you will be food insecure."

Because of inflation and a reduction in aid, a food bank that serves three counties in Ohio — also called Second Harvest — is facing a drop in the amount of food it's able to provide.

"Compared to last year at this time, we're about 50% down in what we have received in the past in federal food donations and then about 20% down from food drives in our collection of food at the grocery stores," Executive Director Tyra Jackson said. "All of that combined is truly having an impact on our budget because we're needing to purchase

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Petty Theft Just Occurred 500Blk Palisades Park 10:46 a.m.
Burglary Report 2400Blk Olympic Blvd 10:58 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1600Blk Appian Way 11:18 a.m.
Harassing Phone Calls Report 1400Blk Ocean Ave 11:24 a.m.
Panic Alarm 2800Blk 3rd St 11:36 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1500Blk Harvard St 11:37 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 4th St / California Ave 11:39 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2600Blk Highland Ave 11:50 a.m.
Fraud Report 2200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:55 a.m.
Encampment 26th St / Olympic Blvd 12:24 p.m.
Expired Registration 1200Blk 2nd St 12:32 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1200Blk 2nd St 12:34 p.m.
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Loud Music 1200Blk Arizona Ave 12:46 p.m.
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Traffic/Vehicle Stop Ocean Ave / Bay St 12:53 p.m.
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72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1000Blk Euclid St 2:47 p.m.
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Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1900Blk Ocean Front Walk 3:06 p.m.
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Traffic Control Request - Level 1 17th St / Montana Ave 3:12 p.m.
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Battery Just Occurred 1500Blk 4th St 3:36 p.m.
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Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1000Blk 4th St 6:24 p.m.
Person Down 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 6:34 p.m.
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General Parking Problem 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 8:21 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Report 2500Blk Washington Ave 8:42 p.m.
Rape Report 1200Blk 16th St 8:53 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1600Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:07 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 2800Blk Pico Blvd 9:15 p.m.
Construction Noise 2500Blk 6th St 9:19 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 11th St / Pico Blvd 9:37 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Berkeley St / Colorado Ave 9:53 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 1300Blk 2nd St 10:53 p.m.
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Auto Burglary Report Harvard St / Wilshire Blvd 10:58 p.m.
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Sunday road closures for the Herbalife24 Triathlon Los Angeles.

Several roads will be closed on May 15 for the race. Closures include:
Venice Blvd. will be closed from Ocean Front Walk to Lincoln Blvd. from 4:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Venice Blvd. will be closed from Lincoln Blvd. to the 405 Freeway from 4:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Venice Blvd. will be closed from the 405 Freeway to La Brea Ave. from 4:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
La Brea Ave. will be closed from Venice Blvd. to Olympic Blvd. from 4:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Olympic Blvd. will be closed from La Brea Ave. to Hoover St. from 4:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Hoover St. will be closed from Olympic Blvd. to Venice Blvd. from 4:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Venice Blvd. will be closed from Hoover St. to Figueroa St. from 4:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Figueroa St. will be closed from Venice Blvd. to Wilshire Blvd. from 4:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Figueroa St. will be closed from Wilshire Blvd. to Cesar Chavez from 4:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Wilshire Blvd. will be closed from Figueroa St. to Alvarado Ave. from 4:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Wilshire Blvd. will be closed from Westlake Ave. to Western Ave. from 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Chick Hearn Ct. will be closed from Georgia Ave. to Figueroa St. from 8 a.m. Friday to 3 p.m. Sunday.
2nd St. will be closed from Figueroa St. to Glendale Ave. from 4:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Glendale Ave. will be closed from 2nd St. to Scott Ave from 4:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Dear Editor,

When the pandemic began in March 2020, WISE & Healthy Aging closed for in-person services and the city closed the parking structure below the Ken Edwards Center (KEC) to prevent homeless people from squatting on the grounds. That was understandable.

But today, more than two years since the closure and almost a year since WISE reopened its onsite services, the KEC parking lot remains closed to WISE members and visitors. Only WISE staff members who use key cards can access the parking. Members, volunteers and other visitors are directed to park in structure 5, which, by the way, has chronic elevator issues.

Apparently, the KEC pay station is inoperable. But how long should it take to fix? A month or two might be reasonable, but a year is ridiculous!

Although some seniors can park and walk from structure 5, many rely on walkers, wheelchairs or scooters for mobility and therefore cannot use the structure as an alternative.

Sadly, no one at the city or on the City Council seems to care. I've made calls and sent correspondence to both but, to date, have only received an automated reply, acknowledging receipt. No follow-up communication indicating when the problem will be resolved.

C'mon, city officials. You can and must do better for our community's seniors. It's time to start doing the job you're well paid to do.

Show us a small token of your appreciation for seniors by fixing the pay station now!

Jennie Braun, Sunset Park

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California governor backs plan to pay for some abortions

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Associated Press

California taxpayers would help pay for abortions for women who can't afford them under a new spending proposal Gov. Gavin Newsom announced Wednesday to prepare for a potential surge of people from other states seeking reproductive care if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade.

California already pays for some abortions through its Medicaid program, the taxpayer-funded health insurance plan for the poor and the disabled.

But some women don't qualify for Medicaid and don't have private health insurance. When that happens, clinics will sometimes perform abortions for free, known as "uncompensated care." Wednesday, Newsom said he wants the state to give $40 million worth of grants to clinics to help offset those costs.

"California will not stand idly by as extremists roll back our basic constitutional rights; we're going to fight like hell, making sure that all women – not just those in California – know that this state continues to recognize and protect their fundamental rights," Newsom said in a news release.

While the grants could potentially pay for abortions for women from other states, the money would not pay for those women to travel or stay in California.

A bill in the Democratic-controlled state Legislature would set up a fund to help pay for the logistics of getting an abortion in California, including things such as travel, lodging and child care. The California Legislative Women's Caucus has asked Newsom for $20 million to put into that fund. But Newsom's announcement on Wednesday did not include that money.

Newsom spokesman Alex Stack said the governor omitting that money from Wednesdays announcement "doesn't mean that any of these things are off the table." Stack said the governor is "working with the Legislature on a wide range of proposals."

Abortion advocates did not appear upset at the omission on Wednesday. Jodi Hicks, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California, praised Newsom's announcement, saying it will "will go a long way" to protect abortion access "for those who live here and those who may be forced to seek care here."

Democrats in the state Legislature have proposed 13 bills to make abortions easier to get in California. Newsom has already signed one of them into law — a bill that makes abortions cheaper by banning private insurance plans from charging co-pays or deductibles for the procedure.

The other proposals are moving through the Legislature. The Assembly is likely to vote on one proposal on Thursday that would seek to block out-of-state civil judgments imposed on Californians who aid or provide abortions to women from other states.

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Anti-abortion advocates have opposed these proposals in California, but blocking them will be difficult. Polling shows a majority of California voters support abortion rights, including a majority of Republicans.

The $40 million Newsom announced Wednesday is part of an extra $57 million in proposed new spending on abortion. He announced plans to spend $15 million on a public education campaign, $1 million to create a website listing available abortion services in California and $1 million for research into "unmet needs for access to reproductive health care services."

Any new spending must first be approved by the state Legislature. Lawmakers must pass a budget by June 15.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

11th Street

Santa Monica College's Synapse Contemporary Dance Theater to Showcase New Works May 27-28

Santa Monica College's innovative and widely praised Synapse Contemporary Dance Theater, co-directed by Jae Lee and Mark Tomasic, will present a program of new repertory by award-winning faculty artists, professional guest artists, and up-and-coming student choreographers on May 27-28.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 27, and Saturday, May 28, in The Broad Stage at the SMC Performing Arts Center, located at 1310 11th Street (at Santa Monica Boulevard), Santa Monica. Guests should visit smc.edu/coronavirus before heading to the performance for up-to-date details on vaccine and mask requirements, as the requirements are subject to change.

The concert features Contemporary Modern, Jazz Fusion, Hip Hop, and more. The program will present works by Synapse Co-Artistic Director Mark Tomasic, guest artists Caron Eule, Andrea Vasquez, and Alli Grey, and faculty choreographers Seda Aybay, Angela Jordan, Karen McDonald, and Vanessa Van Wormer. Also creating new dance work for the performance is student choreographer Natasha Woolridge.

• Guest artist Andrea Vasquez — a cross-disciplinary dance artist who has performed professionally with companies such as Bill Evans Dance Company, Latina Dance Theater Project, Geomantics Dance Theater, and Dramadanza — will present a Contemporary piece titled Lesson of the Flying Squirrel, which explores a question of "What's the point in questioning the loyalty of the air on which you dance?"

• Guest artist Allison "Alli" Gray-Odeniyide is a dancer, choreographer, and teaching artist based in Los Angeles, and has been a principal member of Versa-Style Dance. She will present a Hip-Hop/Street Dance piece, Warrior's Prayer, illustrating the duality of human resilience.

• SMC dance professor and Synapse Co-Artistic Director Mark Tomasic will present Three 4 Ann, a tribute to his late mother through the music and dancing that she loved.

• SMC dance professor Vanessa Van Wormer has created Concurrence, a collaborative work with Westside School of Ballet and the SMC Music Department exploring the collective whole and the emergence of the individual within patterns and perspectives of the group.

• SMC Dance major Natasha Woolridge has choreographed and will perform in the Contemporary work A Way of Escape, which illustrates faith in God.

Synapse Contemporary Dance Theater has a longstanding reputation for artistic excellence and innovation. Since it was founded more than 40 years ago, the student troupe has performed throughout the nation, including the Electric Lodge in Venice; the Cast Theater in Hollywood; the Getty Center in Los Angeles; and the American College Dance Association Conference in Arizona, California, Georgia, New Jersey, New Mexico, and Utah.

Advance sale tickets are $20 for general admission. A modest service charge applies. Advance tickets may be purchased online at smc.edu/tickets or by calling 310-434-3005 (Monday-Friday; limited hours). Tickets may also be purchased at the SMC Events Box Office on the main SMC Campus (1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica) up to 1 hour before the performance start time. Free parking on premises. Seating is strictly on a first-arrival basis.

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DANCE: Kozue Kasahara performs with Santa Monica College's Synapse Contemporary Dance Theater at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 27, and Saturday, May 28, in The Broad Stage at the SMC Performing Arts Center, located at 1310 11th Street (at Santa Monica Boulevard).

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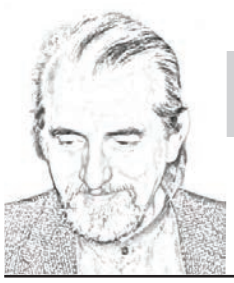
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TAJ MAHAL: Topanga Contest Winner

TWO QUICK NOTES:

Local blues legend RAY BAILEY sat in with SOUTHSIDE SLIM at his gig at Harvelle's Friday night. Proprietor Damian said "he blew the doors off the place!"Sure wish I had been there. But that's another reason I moved here for the music 40 years ago. These things don't happen in Albuquerque or Duluth. And the only way you get in on it, is to get your behind out to all these glorious live music shows we are [privileged to be surrounded with. Real down home blues ain't on your screen.

That one was unannounced but pretty well announced was the appearance of "The King of Downey" at McCabe's the next night. It is always worthwhile to catch DAVE ALVIN, the songwriting Blaster, in any format from solo to band, but this was his very first performance in 2-½ years, he told us. COVID lockdowns, plus a small matter of beating stage four cancer (now cancer free!) When public figures go public with something like this it is an inspiration to so many. Long Live the King!

He played with the Rick Holmstrom Band, which is three guys who are the better part of Mavis Staples' band. Now that's a credit. And who else on drums? Our own homie, STEVE MUGALIAN.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

TOPANGA BANJO FIDDLE CONTEST & FOLK FESTIVAL – It hasn't been in Topanga for years and it's a whole lot more than banjos and fiddles (though there are a passel of those) but through the greatest travails that usually befall this kind of homemade but huge festival that draws players and listeners from around the world, bouncing around to many locations, COVID, a terrible forest fire on the premises, the passing of vital organizers and the usual immense money problems, they are back, not called "Annual" because of that but it's the 61st Annual as far as I'm concerned, and it remains one of the greatest music treasures in this state of so much music. Take the whole family, stay the day, eat picnic or from food trucks, wander from stage to barn to under the big shady trees for pro performers and near-pro jams. Bring your own instrument! Sun 9 a.m., featured performances 12N, jamming all day. Paramount Ranch, Agoura Hills, $30-65, kids under 10 free.

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RECOMMENDED:

TONIGHT! - LA PHIL with DUDAMEL performs STRAVINSKY'S "PETRUSHKA," REVUELTAS – Yet more Stravinsky! Another ballet... for puppets? And Dudamel favorite Revueltas' amazing soundscape of Latin American percussion. This probably won't happen again, not in your lifetime. So – why would you miss it, especially for 20 bucks? Thurs, Fri 8 p.m., Walt Disney Concert Hall, $20-242.

RICK SHEA, Petty/Chavez, Jeff Turmes in Songwriters Showcase – I'm afraid I don't know much about Jeff Turmes, except he plays a lot of instruments, writes a lot of songs, and probably most importantly was Mavis Staples' bass player for quite a while. So, that's four members of Mavis' band on the McCabe's stage in one week – can't we get those four to convince Mavis to do an historic show at McCabe's, maybe the kind of political fundraisers she has always done for good causes? I saw Petty/Chavez once, one of the few things good that came out of the ridiculous and costly Main Street Closure failed vanity project. As I approached their spot on the street I was immediately taken with their sound and had to stay for their whole set. Celia Chavez has the more arresting voice and personality but they

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MOBILITY

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and Wheels supply about 2,200 devices in Santa Monica neighborhoods, all under the auspices of the Santa Monica Department of Transportation.

"By promoting alternatives to car trips, the shared mobility industry has shifted from an era of disruption to one of integration within Santa Monica's transportation network," according to a new document published by Edward F. King, the city's director of transit services.

King wrote the remarks as part of a 15-page information item detailing the current state of Santa Monica's shared mobility program, which includes class 1 and class 2 e-bikes, two-wheeled scooters, three-wheeled scooters and sit-down scooters. The study also compared usage to more traditional forms of transportation: driving (measured by way of parking transactions) and Big Blue Bus ridership.

The information item is the first information to come out of the current Shared Mobility Pilot Program, which began in July 2021. This is the second such Pilot Program undertaken by the City; the first began in 2018 and informed the current regulations.

All modes of transportation have been slow to recover from pre-pandemic levels, with average monthly shared mobility device usage over the past year less than half of what it was in the summer of 2019. Big Blue Bus ridership is also down from highs above 1.2 million riders per month in fall 2019 to between 400,000 and 600,000 riders per month on average in 2021. Parking transactions plummeted in March 2020 but have rebounded in waves that increased in summer months and slowed in the winter. Every month since February 2021, monthly average parking transactions have overtaken monthly Big Blue Bus ridership, which used to dwarf parking.

In the first nine months of the current Shared Mobility Pilot Program, participating companies Lyft, Spin, Veo and Wheels facilitated 602,304 trips in Santa Monica, according to the Department of Transportation data.

"Between July 1, 2021, and March 31, 2022, 1,563 devices of the permitted fleet were available on average," King wrote. "Operators did not deploy the fully permitted amount because demand has been suppressed by the pandemic."

Current regulations allow up to 3,250 devices on Santa Monica roadways, should demand reach that level, meaning residents could see a doubling of current levels of scooters and bikes on area sidewalks.

The most popular form of shared mobility device is a two-wheeled e-scooter: According to a January 2022 survey conducted by the City, 73 percent of respondents had taken a two-wheeled e-scooter since the Pilot Program began in July 2021. A total of 700 such scooters are permitted to operate in city limits. The next most popular form of shared mobility device is a class 1 ebike, which is pedal operated with a maximum assisted speed of 20 miles per hour. Sixty-eight percent of survey respondents said they had taken one of the 600 permitted class 1 ebikes since July. About half of survey respondents said they had taken a two-wheeled e-scooter with a seat, 31 percent had taken a class 2 ebike (which does not require pedaling to operate) and just nine percent said they had taken a three-wheeled scooter.

King wrote that 299 people responded to the survey; full results were not yet available by Daily Press deadline and were expected in coming weeks.

One key adjustment between the initial Shared Mobility Pilot Program and the current Pilot Program is the placement of devices, which currently are required to be split up by companies into various zones.

"During the first Pilot Program, operators sought to deploy devices in areas that could generate the most trips and revenue, which often lead (sic) to limited access in some neighborhoods and an oversaturation in sensitive and congested areas like Downtown," King wrote. "To remedy this challenge in the second Pilot Program, the City requires operators to deploy and maintain a daily device availability by dividing the operator's fleet among eight deployment zones to ensure equitable access and limit occurrences of oversaturation."

This means that, although the majority of shared mobility devices (about 30 percent) can still be found downtown, other zones are also regularly equipped with scooters and ebikes: 10 percent in the eastern end of NOMA, two percent in the western end of NOMA, 12 percent around Wilmont and western Mid-City, eight percent in the eastern end of Mid-City/Northeast Neighbors, 14 percent in Pico, 10 percent in Sunset Park and 14 percent in Ocean Park.

"As ridership levels increase, staff will continue to direct providers to meet the deployment thresholds established in each zone, building up to the maximum device count permitted," according to the information item.

As for safety, there have been some key improvements over the past five years.

"The Pilot Program has facilitated several innovations including technology to limit sidewalk riding and improved safety and stability of shared mobility devices," King wrote.

Some factors include improved devices, "innovative technologies" (that slow scooters and cause them to emit noise as they ride on sidewalks), and improved infrastructure through the 2020 Bike Action Plan Amendment. Since 2020, the City has installed or improved approximately 1.5 miles of protected lanes, according to the information item.

Since the time this second Pilot Program began, 16 injury collisions have been reported involving shared mobility devices, King wrote, citing Santa Monica Police Department data.

"Seven of the collision records do not indicate cause, while the other cited factors include improper turning, wrong side of road, impeding traffic, unsafe starting, and violating automobile right-of-way," King wrote. "The data does not confirm which party was responsible."

In the 273 days between July 1, 2021, and March 31, 2022, City staff impounded 584 devices for ADA blockages and other violations, with 40 citations issued. That's a rate of about 2.1 scooter/e-bike impounds per day of the study so far.

The current Pilot Program, which is set to run for a total of 21 months, is designed to result in a "contracted model" for shared mobility, meaning one or more vendors will supply all of the shared mobility services within city limits, allowing the City to have increased control over rates, maintenance and other regulations. Although the current Pilot Program is not set to be completed until April 2023, city council is scheduled to move forward into a next phase by late summer 2022

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FOOD

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more food outright."

The struggles of families are heightened by the fact that government benefits that were increased during the pandemic like food stamps or unemployment insurance have stopped or will end shortly.

"Our work is always important," Babineaux-Fontenot said. "It's increasingly important when we have all of these headwinds."

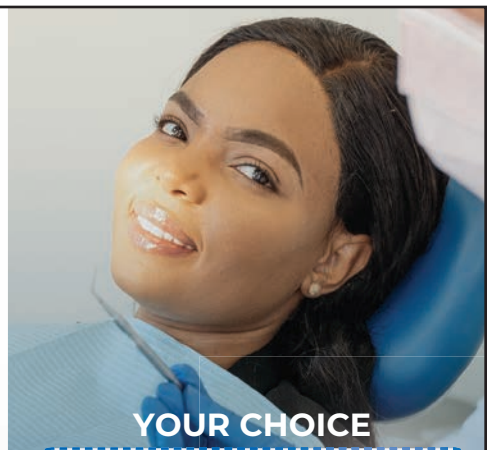
Williams, of Spokane, extended gratitude to the donors and volunteers that keep his organization running, some of whom worked more than 100 shifts last year. He said it can be difficult to witness first hand the scale of the food insecurity in his community when helping with distributions at a mobile food bank.

"You see the need and you just go, 'Oh God, oh my God,' " Williams said. "But then as you hand somebody a box of food and they drive off: 'Yeah, we were able to help,' which is heart-wrenching on one hand and heartwarming on the other."

Because it upsets her so much, Nunamaker said, she hasn't discussed her family's struggles with her three children, age 2, 4 and 7, or her network of friends and relatives. She said the food banks helped her family last week.

"People should know that just because you have to go to a food bank or you have to seek assistance, that doesn't make you any less of a parent or a person," she said. "Because everybody needs help sometimes."

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ATTORNEY

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puzzle."

The city attorney hiring process was initially delayed as the city manager search took priority. That process was itself delayed when a top candidate's name was made public and they rejected the position. Council then hired current City Manager David White in July 2021.

The city attorney search took several months as councilmembers struggled to agree on a candidate, meeting over a dozen times in closed session to discuss applicants. This process was also tainted by accusations of councilmember information leaks out of closed session.

However, councilmembers were ultimately able to put aside their differences and agree on Sloan as the best candidate for the job.

As City Attorney, Sloan will oversee a total budget of $11.8 million and a workforce of over 40 positions. In Fresno, which has a population of 540,000, Sloan oversaw a budget of $20 million and managed a team of 28 in-house lawyers and an office of more than 148 employees.

Prior to joining the City of Fresno, Sloan worked in the private sector with the Fresno firm Dowling & Aaron, where he handled complex litigation and real estate issues. He also was with the firm of Forrest, Henderson, Sloan & Davis, where he handled complex litigation, including lead trial and appellate counsel in the case of AHDC v. City of Fresno.

During the meeting Mayor Himmelrich also took time to thank the most recent Interim City Attorney, Susan Cola, who stepped into the position on April 6 from her former role of Senior Special Projects Deputy City Attorney.

"I too want to thank Susan Cola who stepped forward for us when, I'm sorry Susan, nobody else would, and you were there and I so appreciated it," said Himmelrich.

Prior to Cola, former city lawyer Joseph Lawrence came out of retirement to fill in the interim position from Oct. 1 2021 to April 5, 2022. Prior to Lawrence, another longtime City lawyer George Cardona filled the interim position from April 2020 to September 2021. The permanent position first became vacant in April 2020 when former City Attorney Lane Dilg became interim city manager following former City Manager Rick Cole's abrupt pandemic induced resignation.

Sloan announced his intention to leave the City of Fresno on April 28, as reported by the Fresno Bee. Per his new employment contract, Sloan is eligible for up to $20,000 in moving assistance and $3,000 a month for up to seven months of temporary housing rental assistance.

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NOTEWORTHY

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blend well and, of course... the words. You've got to listen for the poetry this night, the insight and wisdom, that's what it's all about (NOT the hokey pokey).

I've been a fan of Rick Shea's for decades, ever since I got quiet (and smart) enough to understand he is not the powerhouse singer or flashy player in the room (though I have seen him rock out) – simply, a master of both – a poet, with a deep, resonant, quietly expressive, seductive voice that puts you in mind of the qualities of the best, like Merle Haggard. Here's the way McCabe's called it: "An artist of subtlety and nuance, his songs reflect the folk, country, rock and Mexican influences he grew up with." I'll go see Rick Shea any time he lands within an hour of me, but here he is, in Santa Monica, lucky us. Sun 7 p.m., McCabe's, Santa Monica, $20.

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Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 36 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

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INFLATION

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greater proportion of their incomes on gas, food and rent.

Wednesday's report also underscored the challenges for the Federal Reserve and White House in their struggles to tame inflation.

In April, a fallback in gas prices helped slow overall inflation. Nationally, average prices for a gallon of gas fell to as low as $4.10 in April, according to AAA, after having spiked to $4.32 in March. But since then, gas prices have surged to a record $4.40 a gallon.

Grocery prices, too, are still soaring, in part because Russia's invasion of Ukraine has heightened the cost of wheat and other grains. Food prices rose 1% from March to April and nearly 11% from a year ago. That year-over-year increase is the biggest since 1980.

Such rapid inflation has led many Americans to cut back on spending. Among them is Patty Blackmon, who said she's been driving to fewer of her grandchildren's sports events since gas spiked to $5.89 in Las Vegas, where she lives.

To save money, Blackmon, 68, also hasn't visited her hairdresser in 18 months. And she's reconsidering her plan to drive this summer to visit relatives in Arkansas. She was shocked recently, she said, to see a half-gallon of organic milk reach $6.

"Holy cow!" she thought. "How do parents give their kids milk?"

Blackmon has cut back on meat, and "a steak is almost out of the question," she said. Instead, she is eating more salads and canned soups.

Likewise, David Irby of Halifax, Virginia, said he's been cutting back on food and other higher-cost expenses. A veteran who retired on disability in 2015, Irby, 57, said he has switched to chicken from beef and quit buying bacon or junk food, like his favorite treat, Cheetos.

Irby's biggest worry? Replacing his 22-year-old Ford truck, which is no longer reliable on long trips. A new one costs $50,000. Even a 5-year old used version is about $40,000.

"I don't know how people on a fixed income can buy a vehicle now," he said. "It takes me almost two years to make $40,000."

Turmoil overseas could potentially accelerate inflation in the coming months. If the European Union, for example, decides to bar imports of Russian oil, world oil prices could rise. So could U.S. gas prices. And China's COVID lockdowns could worsen supply chain snarls.

In April, airfares soared a record 18.6%, the largest monthly increase since record-keeping began in 1963. And hotel prices jumped 1.7% from March to April.

Southwest Airlines said last month that it foresees much higher revenue and profits this year as Americans flood airports after having postponed travel for two years. Southwest said its average fare soared 32% in the first three months of the year from the same period last year.

There are, though, signs that supply chains are improving for some goods. Wednesday's report showed that prices for appliances and clothing both fell 0.8%, while the cost of used cars dropped 0.4%, the third straight decline. Used cars and other goods drove much of the initial inflation spike last year as Americans stepped up spending after vaccines became widespread.

Inflation is also posing a serious political problem for President Joe Biden and congressional Democrats in the midterm election season, with Republicans arguing that Biden's $1.9 trillion financial support package last March overheated the economy by flooding it with stimulus checks, enhanced unemployment aid and child tax credit payments.

On Tuesday, Biden sought to take the initiative and declared inflation "the No. 1 problem facing families today" and "my top domestic priority."

Previous signs that U.S. inflation might be peaking didn't last. Price increases decelerated last August and September, suggesting at the time that higher inflation might be temporary, as many economists — and officials at the Fed — had suggested. But prices shot up again in October, prompting Fed Chair Jerome Powell to start shifting policy toward higher rates.

Wednesday's figures will keep the Fed on track to implement what may become its fastest series of interest rate increases in 33 years, economists said. Last week, the central bank raised its benchmark short-term rate by a half-point, its steepest increase in two decades. And Powell signaled that more such sharp rate hikes are coming.

The Powell Fed is seeking to pull off the notoriously difficult — and risky — task of cooling the economy enough to slow inflation without causing a recession. Economists say such an outcome is possible but unlikely with inflation this high.

One of the Fed's concerns is that Americans might start to expect chronically high inflation, which can make rising prices harder to bring under control because such expectations can be self-fulfilling. If Americans expect costs to rise, they will likely demand higher pay. Those higher labor costs, in turn, can force companies to charge more, thereby heightening inflation.

So far, measures of longer-term inflation expectations have stayed largely in check even as prices have soared. Still, some people are starting to push for higher wages as prices rise.

"We haven't had raises yet based on inflation, and we think we should because now inflation is so high," Rochelle Guillou, 26, said, referring to her and her friend Hannah Lerman, who work at a startup in Boston.

Lerman, 25, said she thinks the cost of everything from food to online delivery services to clothes is on the way up.

"Rent is a huge issue," she said. "They're actually trying to sell my building right now, so we know our rent is going to go up. We don't even know how much but yeah, rent is going crazy."

AP Writers Anne D'Innocenzio in New York and Steve LeBlanc in Boston contributed to this report.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Do you know what happens when you wake up a sleepwalker? You'll be tempted to find out, as you'll see the opportunity to nudge an oblivious person into a more alert and aware state.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Everyone is not on the same page. Some around you are not even in the same book. For this story to go right you must establish common ground and build from there.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you knew that the best was yet to come, would you stop worrying, settling or putting up with things you don't enjoy? Get ready for your good fortune, it's just around the bend.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The people with more power may be taking too much without even realizing their greed. You can do something to make the distribution of resources more equitable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It is easy to take things for granted, which is precisely why those who don't will stand out. To be rich in gratitude is to be rich indeed! And though the rewards of a thankful heart are inherent, there will be lucrative extra bonus rewards too.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may decide to do things differently from how your predecessors did because new tools are available. Experimentation takes time and the risk doesn't always pay off, but you'd be remiss not to try. The future is for the brave!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As for the one who doesn't understand what you're doing... it could be a perceptual limitation of theirs, but it could also be that you've yet to effectively impart the vision. How can you explain it differently?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Some were planned, some happened purely by chance, but your various interactions of the day will all seem to point to the same conclusion. It's a sign. Take action.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Choosing from options that are hard to compare will result in decision paralysis. Because the analysis of your options produces no clear winner, you may opt to do nothing at all -- which is a favored pick of the fates!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A car can provide the perfect atmosphere to sing, yell, cry, talk and generally express yourself instead of keeping feelings bottled inside where they can cause harm to the body.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The situation involves you, but it's not about you, which comes as a relief. As you let go and watch what happens, your detachment will help you understand where the opportunities lie for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Here's an argument for keeping it simple: If the issue at hand grows more complex, and the stakes are raised too, the analysis of choices will consume more energy, which may lead to decision fatigue and delays.

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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

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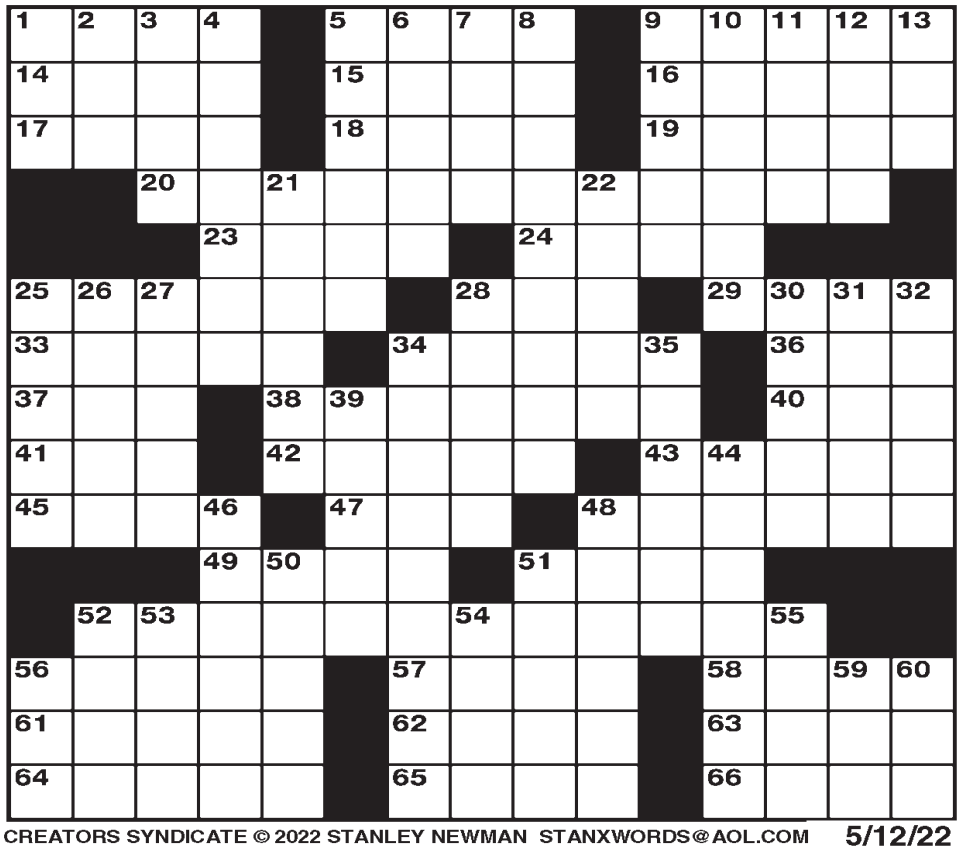
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	1			6		9		7
			9	1			5	

Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Baltic capital
5 It may be taken orally
9 Porterhouse feature
14 Big name at SpaceX
15 Reign over
16 Author of personal finance bestsellers
17 Unstable state
18 Historical studies
19 "Beauty is truth" poet
20 Saloon entertainers
23 Ends' partners
24 All-encompassing
25 Omen
28 Seasoned pro
29 Buffalo cousins
33 Temporary state
34 Teapot part
36 Southern Hemisphere resort
37 Electrical measure
38 Pastoral instrument
40 Melted chocolate, e.g.
41 Repent of
42 Sense of scents
43 Rodeo snarer
45 NO __ TRAFFIC
47 Cell dweller
48 Filled with thick tidbits
49 Electrical measure
51 Padlocked
52 Skill for some sopranos
56 Pacific island nation
57 Georgetown athlete
58 Spiller's comment
61 Farm carts
62 School for Captain Hook
63 Gospel threesome
64 Insincere
65 Number at a nightclub
66 It may be taken orally

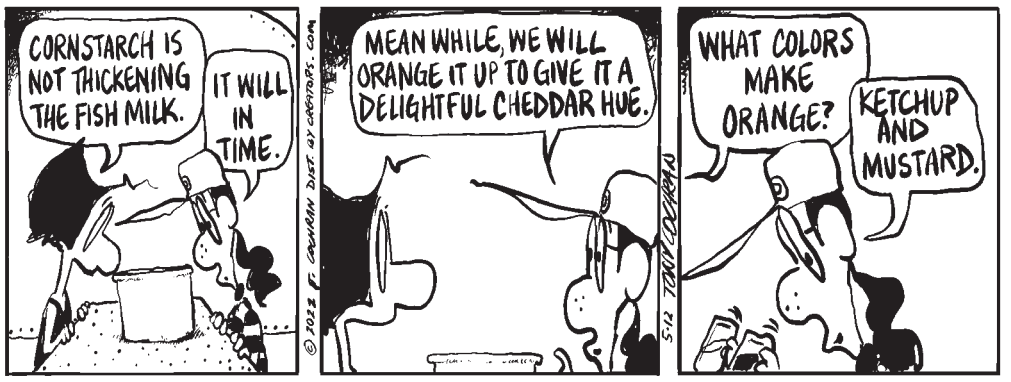
DOWN
1 Penalty caller
2 Feeling off
3 Ascend
4 Feeling fretful
5 Hot right now
6 Capital of Italy
7 Response to a slight
8 Flashy electrical device
9 2021 Olympics venue
10 Lighthearted
11 Actor Epps or Sharif
12 DC team
13 Recent USCGA grad
21 Sellers of mag space
22 Really relished
25 Nautical direction
26 "Yup"
27 Words With Friends fan
28 Dow Jones Industrial since 2015
30 #3 gas in the atmosphere
31 Stall in a mall hall
32 Cry at county fairs
34 Seuss' star-bellied creatures
35 Shout from a sarge
39 Leisurely walk
44 Consequence
46 What SPFs measure the blocking of
48 Mao foe
50 Handy to have
51 Surveil
52 Legal aide, for short
53 Operator of King David Clubs
54 Debunker of the Wizard
55 Elaborate deception
56 DocuSign file format
59 Its eShop sells ball markers
60 Theoretical trial, for short



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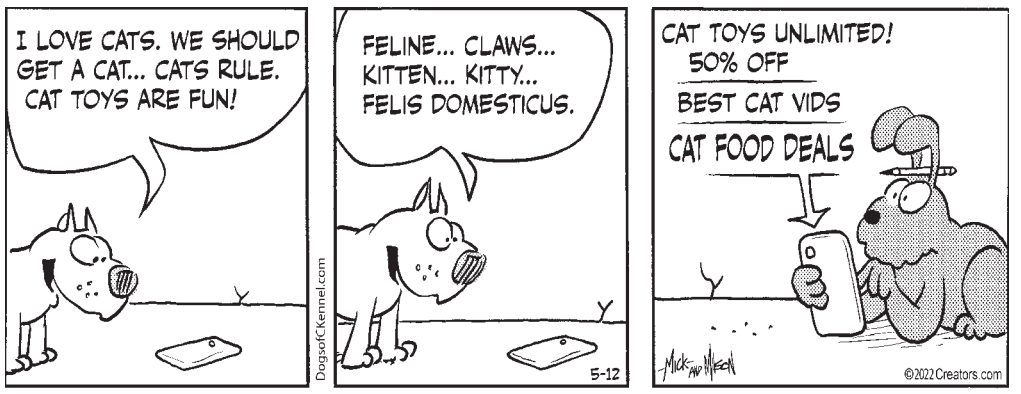
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By TONY COCHRAN



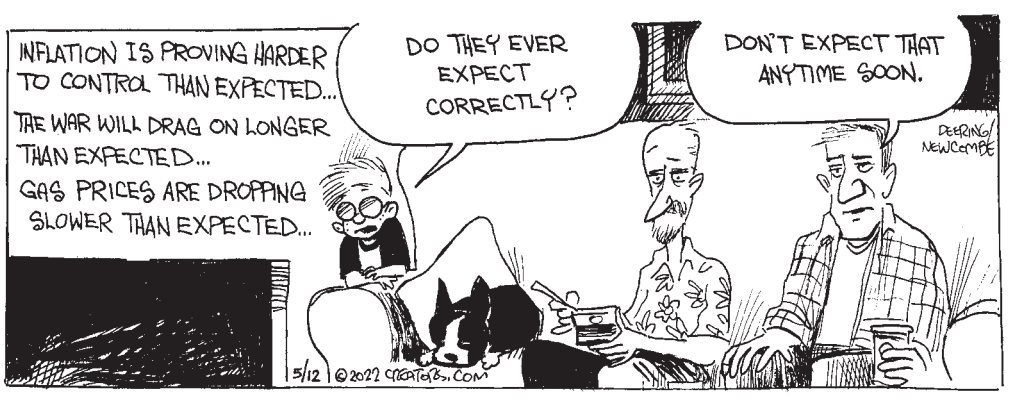
Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"IT'S A PUG CALL."

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. © australianwordgames.com.au 5477

So you think you can dance?

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

Achieve	Exhaust	Kolo	Plan	Style
Balboa	Fancy	Latin	Polka	Tapping
Calypso	Fast	Lead	Rave	Trot
Chasse	Flashy	Legs	Reel	Tunes
Conga	Flow	Limbo	Relax	Turn
Cool	Hiphop	Merry	Simple	Valse
Dress	Hula	Minuet	Skip	Veleta
Drinks	Jazz	Moonwalk	Slip	Whirl
Easy	Jive	Music	Social	
Enjoy	Jota	Pairs	Steps	
Entertain	Juba	Pavan	Stomp	

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What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

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
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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.

BIKE SHARE TO THE BEACH
Join LA County Bicycle Coalition and Metro Bike Share for this beginner & family-friendly ride to celebrate Bike Month, sponsored by Metro's Bicycle Education Safety Training (BEST) Program. The ride will begin at the Downtown Santa Monica Metro Bike Share Station located at the E (Expo) Line station on Colorado Ave between 4th and 5th Street and ride to the new Bike Share Station at Oceanfront Walk and Navy Street. 10 a.m.

LIVE-TO-HEADPHONES "SILENT" PIANO EXPERIENCE
Get ready for a magical journey as Murray Hidary's real-time compositions are beamed directly into your mind while you kick back and take in your surroundings. Join us for a transformational evening where music and mindfulness meet. Don't forget to bring your favorite beach chair or blanket and warm layers as it can get chilly when the sun sets. $15, 6:30 p.m. Santa Monica Beach (in front of Casa del Mar Hotel) 1910 Ocean Way. Tickets online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mindtravel-live-to-headphones-silent-piano-experience-santa-monica-beach-tickets-321542942597.

SUNDAY | MAY 15

BEACH WALK & SKETCH
For a peaceful morning on the beach, bring your sense of wonder and take to the sands to sketch on the beautiful coastline. Binoculars, drawing boards, pencils, and newsprint provided, or bring your own easy-to-carry sketching tools. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway. 10 a.m. RSVP online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beach-walk-sketch-for-mental-health-awareness-month-registration-310149233707.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **57.4**

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.
FRIDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	Small blend of NW and SSW swell. Could be enough for the small wave gear as the AM high tide drops a touch -- most spots and especially the points will be slow through the higher tide.

WEATHER

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 70. North northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.
Thursday Night: Clear, with a low around 58. West wind 10 to 15 mph.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 78. North wind 10 to 15 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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
2022/05/15	Sun	2:58 PM	1.23	L
2022/05/15	Sun	9:17 PM	6.46	H
2022/05/16	Mon	04:23 AM	-1.35	L
2022/05/16	Mon	10:42 AM	3.88	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 5/10
15 19 20 61 70
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 99 M

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

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/10
1 9 22 23 35

Daily 3
Draw Date: 5/10
EVENING: 1 3 8

Draw Date: 5/10
MIDDAY: 6 1 2

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 5/10
1st: 07 - Eureka
2nd: 12 - Lucky Charms
3rd: 08 - Gorgeous George
Race Time: 1:47.68

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