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SMPD ramps up police presence in Downtown Santa Monica



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POLICE: In response to complaints about security, more officers will be visible on downtown streets.

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Despite ongoing understaffing issues inside the police department, residents can expect to see more SMPD officers patrolling the Downtown area.

City Manager David White announced in a May 10 Council meeting that there would be a collaborative increase in policing and outreach efforts to address concerns around public safety and homelessness Downtown.

"A week ago our police chief,

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Voting begins for June 2022 primary

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SMDP Staff Writer

Vote by mail ballots have hit mailboxes and it's once again time for Santa Monicans to practice their civic duty for this year's June primaries ahead of the November 2022 midterm elections.

The primary ballot will feature a whole slate of candidates for various races, with the top two vote getters in each race qualifying for the November election.

This year, as in 2020, vote by mail ballots were sent to every registered voter in Los Angeles County. If you are registered to vote in Santa Monica but have not yet received your ballot, www.california.ballottrax.net/voter will show you the status of your ballot.

The deadline to register for vote in the 2022 primary is Monday, May 23. Register at www.covr.sos.ca.gov.

Election Day for the primary is June 7. All vote centers open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. on June 7, but many vote centers open up to 10 days before Election Day.

There are three ways to submit vote by mail ballots: Drop them at any post box (no postage necessary), bring them to vote centers or use LA County ballot drop boxes.

Ballots returned by mail should be postmarked by Election Day, but

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Korean dance performance









Emily Sawicki

DANCE: The Santa Monica Main Library hosted the Korean Classical Music and Dance Company on Thursday. Under the artistic direction of Don Kim, the company performed the ceremonial and social dances that are an integral part of Korean culture. Dances included a "flower crown dance" and country drum dances traditionally performed during the harvest season.



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How many California lawmakers will pick their own successors?

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In a year of unprecedented turnover in the California Legislature, several lawmakers are trying to bequeath their seats to relatives and staff members. Critics say they're trying to game the system.

Bulmaro "Boomer" Vicente knew his campaign was a long shot.

A 26-year-old Democrat with no elected experience and little name recognition, he had made an against-the-odds decision to take on Democratic Assemblymember Tom Daly, who has represented Anaheim in the Legislature since 2012. Ballots across California are full of slim-chance candidates like Vicente. The state Legislature is not.

But for Vicente, the utter unlikeliness of his victory was part of the point. His campaign, he said, was about "changing the narrative" of what it meant to be a legitimate political player in his hometown of Santa Ana. The message he hoped to convey: "You don't really have to follow this pipeline."

Then on March 10 — a day before the candidate filing deadline — came the one-two punch. First, Daly announced that he would not be seeking reelection. Vicente's phone blew up. All of a sudden, politicos across the district were "taking a second look" at his candidacy, he said.

But hours later, the second punch landed: Daly's district director Avelino Valencia, an Anaheim City Council member, entered the race with the backing of his boss. A new presumptive frontrunner had entered the race, fresh from the "pipeline."

There is nothing unusual about outgoing incumbents endorsing their would-be successors. Nor is it unusual for them to support candidates with whom they share personal and professional ties. The last-minute timing of Daly's withdrawal from the race and subsequent endorsement is also a common maneuver — and a perfectly legal one.

But this year's bumper crop of vacancies in both the Assembly and Senate means there are an unusual number of departing legislators doing their best to bequeath their seats to chosen successors. It's a trend that highlights just how small and insular the Legislature can be.

Where such behavior can cross an ethical line is when a lawmaker effectively "denies other candidates a fair shot…by essentially gaming the system," said John Pelissero, a senior scholar with Santa Clara University's Markkula Center for Applied Ethics.

> My hope to take my time to really get to know the district and get out there and meet everybody — that's just been pushed into high-speed gear - Gail Pellerin



Miguel Gutierrez Jr. CalMatters

SACRAMENTO: Lawmakers on the Assembly floor on Jan. 31, 2022.

Just to name a few more examples from this year:

Democratic state Sen. Bob Hertzberg is termed out of his seat in the San Fernando Valley. As he runs to be a Los Angeles County supervisor, he's throwing his considerable political weight behind Daniel Hertzberg. Connection: That last name is no coincidence. The two are father and son.

In late January, Democrat Autumn Burke departed the Assembly early to take a job with a lobbying firm. The next day, she endorsed Robert Pullen-Miles for her Inglewood seat. Connection: Pullen-Miles is Burke's former district director.

Democratic U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier announced her retirement last November. A few weeks later she backed San Mateo Assemblymember Kevin Mullin to take her spot. Connection: He served as her district director, and Mullin's father was a close political ally of Speier's.

UNFAIR MANEUVERS OR ELEVATING THE MOST QUALIFIED?

Vicente called the last-minute switcheroo in the Anaheim seat a "political move" designed to "deter other people" from jumping in.

Valencia, Daly's pick in the race, disagrees. He said his boss informed him that he would not be running for reelection only one day before making the news public and encouraged him to run. State law grants a five-day filing extension when an incumbent doesn't run, which also gave other interested candidates plenty of time, he said.

"If you don't know 40 people in your Assembly district to gather signatures in a day or two, then you probably shouldn't be running for Assembly," he said.

And though he entered the race with the incumbent's backing, he said his resume is hardly that of a typical candidate: The son of Mexican immigrants and the first person in his family to go to college, he said he was

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Battery Just Occurred 1300Blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:57 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1200Blk 2nd St 6:03 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 200Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:03 a.m.
Construction Noise 400Blk Wilshire Blvd 6:25 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 200Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:46 a.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 3200Blk Pearl St 7:01 a.m.
Assault Just Occurred 1000Blk California Ave 7:14 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 2200Blk 4th St 7:34 a.m.
Encampment 1200Blk 2nd St 7:41 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 7th St / Pico Blvd 7:41 a.m.
Red Zone Violation 1900Blk 18th St 8:12 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 11th St / Pico Blvd 8:12 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 2400Blk Cloverfield Blvd 8:18 a.m.
Encampment 1200Blk 2nd St 8:45 a.m.
Encampment 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 8:52 a.m.
Encampment 200Blk San Vicente Blvd 9:02 a.m.
Sexual Assault Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 9:06 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 700Blk Montana Ave 9:10 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1400Blk Harvard St 9:37 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report Harvard St / Wilshire Blvd 9:42 a.m.
Fraud Report 400Blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:57 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:00 a.m.
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Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300Blk 15th St 10:15 a.m.
Encampment 700Blk 15th St 10:20 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1200Blk 14th St 10:20 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 14th St / Wilshire Blvd 10:30 a.m.
Found Property Cloverfield Blvd / Kansas Ave 10:32 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 800Blk 4th St 10:34 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 100Blk Hollister Ave 10:45 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 00Blk Vicente Ter 10:51 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 1900Blk Frank St 11:06 a.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 Interstate 10 / 4th St 11:07 a.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 400Blk Olympic Blvd E 11:07 a.m.
Burglary Report 1000Blk Pacific St 11:20 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 700Blk Cedar St 11:34 a.m.
Loud Music 2700Blk Barnard Way 11:36 a.m.
Expired Registration 1200Blk 2nd St 11:49 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 200Blk Broadway 11:55 a.m.
Identity Theft 1200Blk 14th St 12:23 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Report 2600Blk Main St 12:23 p.m.
Encampment 2300Blk 4th St 12:45 p.m.
General Parking Problem 700Blk Pine St 12:49 p.m.
Domestic Violence Now 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:16 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2300Blk Pearl St 1:20 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2600Blk Barnard Way 1:52 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 2600Blk Lincoln Blvd 2:29 p.m.
Person With A Gun 28th St / Ocean Park Blvd 2:38 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 500Blk Broadway 2:42 p.m.
Theft Suspect In Custody 200Blk Broadway 2:55 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 3:12 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2000Blk Ocean Ave 3:30 p.m.
Rape Report 3000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:43 p.m.
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Battery Report 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 3:55 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 26th St / San Vicente Blvd 4:07 p.m.
Burglary Report 1400Blk 7th St 4:32 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 1200Blk Pico Blvd 4:37 p.m.
Assault Now 18th St / Wilshire Blvd 4:54 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 25th St / Alta Ave 4:56 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1100Blk Ocean Front Walk 4:58 p.m.
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Bike Theft Report 1500Blk 4th St 5:26 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:39 p.m.
Loud Music 2000Blk The Beach 5:56 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 500Blk Broadway 5:59 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1900Blk Lincoln Blvd 6:02 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 200Blk Washington Ave 6:08 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1100Blk 20th St 6:49 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1100Blk Montana Ave 6:58 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1300Blk Franklin St 7:11 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Barnard Way / Ocean Park Blvd 7:14 p.m.
Loud Music 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 7:17 p.m.
Found Property 1400Blk 4th St 7:29 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1800Blk Ocean Ave 7:42 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Cloverfield Blvd / Colorado Ave 7:46 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1400Blk Olympic Blvd 8:05 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1100Blk 16th St 8:08 p.m.
Found Property 1300Blk 26th St 8:11 p.m.
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Traffic/Vehicle Stop 300Blk Olympic Dr 8:24 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Ocean Ave / Bicknell Ave 8:39 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1300Blk 14th St 8:48 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 800Blk 7th St 8:55 p.m.
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Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2300Blk 25th St 9:34 p.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 11th St / Wilshire Blvd 9:52 p.m.
Public Intoxication 2000Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:53 p.m.
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Battery Now 2000Blk Olympic Blvd 10:58 p.m.
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EMS 400Blk Colorado Ave 12:27 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:14 p.m.
EMS 300Blk Palisades Ave 2:31 p.m.
EMS 300Blk Arizona Ave 2:52 p.m.
EMS 500Blk Colorado Ave 3:29 p.m.
Odor Investigation 1300Blk 2nd St 3:50 p.m.
EMS 25th St / Alta Ave 4:52 p.m.
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SACRAMENTO

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first encouraged to apply for a job in the Legislature by a political science professor at San Jose State. The nine years he spent working as a staffer, seven of them with Daly, have prepared him "to really make a difference and hit the ground running."

Staffers often form the bench of potential fresh-faced candidates, though sometimes the relationship between incumbent and their designated replacement is less direct.

Consider state Sen. Sydney Kamlager, who is now running for the congressional seat soon to be vacated by fellow Democrat Karen Bass, a candidate for Los Angeles mayor.

The connection? In 2010, Holly Mitchell took Bass' place in the state Assembly with Bass' endorsement. When Mitchell made the jump from Assembly to state Senate three years later, she endorsed Kamlager, her former district director, to take her spot. Last year, when Mitchell left the Senate to win her seat on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Kamlager once again took her boss' place with her endorsement.

And who took Kamlager's seat in the Assembly with her blessing? Her former policy advisor, Isaac Bryan.

Like Daly, Assemblymember Mark Stone, a Democrat from Santa Cruz, also waited until the last minute to tell the world that he would be stepping aside at the end of this term. He promptly threw his support behind former Santa Cruz County Clerk Gail Pellerin.

Stone's office did not respond to a request for an interview. Pellerin, who had been planning to run in 2024 when Stone would be termed out, said she was as surprised as anyone when he called her on the candidate filing deadline to break the news.

"My hope to take my time to really get to know the district and get out there and meet everybody — that's just been pushed into high-speed gear," she said.

Pellerin disagreed with the notion that Stone's last-minute announcement gave her a leg up by giving other possible challengers so little time to launch their campaigns. "There's no legal requirement that somebody has to announce sooner than that," she said. "I just got that call on that last day. So I'm not sure that gave me much of an advantage."

CALIFORNIA POLITICS: A FAMILY AFFAIR

Of many instances of incumbent intervention this election season, few have raised as many eyebrows as Daniel Hertzberg's bid to fill the San Fernando Valley-based seat being vacated by his father. Having served as both Assembly speaker and majority leader in the Senate, few are as well established within the Legislature and the state Democratic Party as the elder Hertzberg.

Since launching his own campaign, Daniel Hertzberg, a business development manager for a DoubleTree Inn in the South Bay, has raised four times more campaign cash than his three opponents combined, with maximum contributions from unions, health care industry groups, tribal governments and the campaign coffers of other Democratic lawmakers. The campaign has also racked up some of the state's most coveted endorsements, including members of Congress, 24 current senators, the California Labor Federation and the California Democratic Party.

State Sen. Bob Hertzberg and his son Daniel on the Senate floor during swearing-in ceremonies in 2014. Photo by Lorie Shelley, California Senate

That's led some critics to cry nepotism.

There's a perception "that he's riding on the coattails of dad," said Sean Rivas, chairperson of the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley. An umbrella organization for Democratic clubs throughout the valley, the organization endorsed Hertzberg's main opponent in the race, Caroline Menjivar.

The sense that the race was meant to be a "coronation of father to son just turned people off," Rivas said.

Daniel Hertzberg says while his resume may not be that of a typical candidate, it gives him a valuable perspective. A model U.S. Senate Team Club president in college, he said he put his identity as a politics nerd on hold after graduating when he got a job at a hotel, waiting on tables, washing dishes and cleaning toilets. He eventually worked his way up to developing business leads for Hilton, but he points to those humble beginnings as a strength.

"The experience I bring as a minimum wage worker, as a millennial renter, I mean, those things are important," Hertzberg told CalMatters in an interview Wednesday. "I do think we need to start redefining what we mean as 'qualified.' I think some of the brightest minds in United States politics come out of minimum wage work.… I don't think every politician should have a paint-by-numbers resume."

The hospitality world has also prepared him well for the campaign trail, he said: "When you're taught in Marriott world to make 100 cold calls and expect a ton of rejections, the world of political fundraising and politics isn't that daunting."

On a podcast last October produced by the law and lobbying firm Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe, Sen. Hertzberg also anticipated some of the criticism aimed at his son's campaign.

"There's an argument against legacy — it's like, 'Oh, who do you think you are?'" he said. "But as long as you're humble, gracious, a good listener, thoughtful and engaged with folks… those are the factors that are important."

He added: When you're running for office, with critics "beating the bejeebies out of you — it takes a lot of guts. It takes a lot of courage to make the jump."

Family trees often take root in the California Legislature. Among the 120 current members in the Assembly and Senate, 13 — a little more than 10% — are related to current or former members by blood or by marriage.

That includes Oakland Assemblymember Mia Bonta, who won a 2021 special election to take her husband Rob's seat after he was appointed to be attorney general and is unopposed for reelection this year. The list also includes another Democrat, San Diego Assemblymember Akilah Weber, who took her mother Shirley's seat after she was named Secretary of State, and Sen. Susan Rubio and Assemblymember Blanca Rubio, Democratic sisters from the San Gabriel Valley.

Missing from the list is Burke, the Inglewood Democrat who endorsed Pullen-Miles, because she recently left the Legislature. Burke's mother, Yvonne, was the first Black woman to serve in the California Assembly. Prior to her election in 2014, Autumn was running a business consulting firm and had no electoral experience.

But Menjivar said the family ties in the San Fernando race are different. "We have examples where individuals who are related run for office, where staffers run for office, but they have the experience, they have the qualifications," she said.

Hertzberg touts his experience volunteering for the presidential campaigns of Barack Obama and interning for a member of Congress and then-Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley. He has worked in hotels since 2016 and for the last four years, at the DoubleTree in Carson, a roughly 40-minute drive south from the district.

"In no way, shape or form am I devaluing my opponent's experience in hospitality or anything like that," said Menjivar. "But it's not even in the community."

A Marine veteran, Menjivar spent the height of the pandemic representing the administration of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti in the east valley before taking a job with the Pacoima-based poverty relief nonprofit MEND. But like Hertzberg, she has no elected experience.

That, in itself, is remarkable in a race to represent roughly one million people.

"If someone with more elected experience and better name recognition…had entered the race earlier it probably would have made a difference," said Shanna Inglesbee, who sits on the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley board with Rivas.

But after Hertzberg threw his hat into the race last August, no one did.

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POLICE

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working again with his command staff, put together a new special operational unit that will be working in the Downtown and Promenade area, and so I just wanted to run through some of the highlights of that for you this evening, because I know it's been an area of community discussion and concern," said White.

According to White, there will now be two sworn officers and two public safety officers assigned to the Downtown area from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. They will be on foot and on bike providing high SMPD visibility and patrolling the Promenade and parking structures. Public safety officers will continue to perform overnight checks of the parking structures, where homeless people often shelter for the night. These checks began in November in response to resident complaints.

In addition, the police department will be assigning a neighborhood resource officer to a satellite office on Promenade to provide more direct interaction and coordination with business owners. While an uptick in property crime has been seen citywide, Downtown and Promenade business owners have been acutely impacted by burglary and petty theft.

"We've been robbed three times," said Peter Trinh, owner of Promenade business Cult and member of the Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. Board of Directors. "The increased police presence is a totally welcome thing…I think the next piece of the puzzle is making sure we get services for the homeless."

The Downtown neighborhood resource officer will also work with the department's Homeless Liaison Program to connect unhoused individuals in the Downtown area to services and ideally move them off the streets and into shelter.

Lastly, officers in the Downtown Services Unit will work with members of the HLP team to do overnight checks of all the bus stops in Santa Monica, which will be paid for using Big Blue Bus funds.

According to Public Information Officer Rudy Flores, the bulk of this work will be completed on an overtime basis as the department is currently understaffed.

In order to address issues around public safety and homelessness citywide, Police Chief Ramon Batista has temporarily reassigned detectives from the Criminal Investigation Division and officers from Motors and Community Affairs to patrol duty. This effort is to put more SMPD boots on the streets to respond to 911 calls and deter crime.

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The need for a specific focus on issues of homelessness Downtown was underscored by the recently released results of the 2022 Santa Monica Homeless Count. While the total of 806 individuals counted citywide marked an 11 percent decrease from the 2020 count total, there was a 14 percent increase observed in the Downtown and beach areas.

Councilmember Phil Brock is particularly alarmed about the state of Downtown and in a recent email called for replacing the Downtown Safety Ambassadors with armed private security and for dissolving the Board of Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. In the May 10 Council meeting, Councilmember Brock submitted a request for the City Manager's office to prepare a thorough report for a study session on safety and security on the Promenade, downtown parking garages and the Downtown area.

"I believe that we need to make it a priority to look at public safety and restore the trust of residents so that they feel safe and comfortable enjoying our downtown," said Brock.

Councilmember Gleam Davis said she supported the initiative, but wanted to be aware of heavy demand on the City Manager's office to produce reports and wanted to ensure this potential study session does not derail existing priorities such as getting a compliant housing element. Brock responded amiably and amended his request to be either a formal study session or a series of shorter reports. The motion passed unanimously.

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VOTING

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will be accepted up to seven days following the election.

Vote by mail ballots may be dropped at ballot drop boxes, which open 29 days prior to each Election Day (meaning they opened on May 9 for this upcoming primary). Santa Monica's ballot drop boxes are located at Montana Avenue Library (1704 Montana), Santa Monica Library Main Branch (601 Santa Monica Boulevard), Virginia Avenue Park (2200 Virginia Avenue) and Marine Park (1406 Marine Street), plus locations in Venice, Mar Vista, Sawtelle, Brentwood and Pacific Palisades. Drop boxes close at 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Drop box locations can be found by visiting www.locator.lavote.gov/locations/vbm?culture=en.

Vote by mail ballots may also be dropped at vote centers. Long gone are the days of precincts; they have been replaced by vote centers that allow LA County voters to cast ballots anywhere within the county.

For early birds, St. Anne Church and Shrine at 20th and Colorado will be open for in-person voting beginning April 28, together with dozens of early vote centers around LA County. Several additional vote centers in and around Santa Monica are set to open on June 4. Vote center locations can be found at www.locator.lavote.gov/locations.

VOTE CENTER LOCATIONS

Open daily April 28-June 6, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and June 7, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.:

St. Anne Church and Shrine, 2011 Colorado.

Mar Vista Recreation Center, 11430 Woodbine St, Los Angeles.

Oakwood Recreation Center, 767 California Ave, Venice.

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Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd.

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Grant Elementary School, 2368 Pearl St.

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Felicia Mahood Multipurpose Center, 11338 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles.

Daniel Webster Middle School, 11330 Graham Pl, Los Angeles.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

11th Street

SMC Guitar Showcase Presents Free Concert May 26

The Santa Monica College Music Department will present the SMC Guitar Showcase on Thursday, May 26, at 11:15 a.m. in The Edye at the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th Street (at Santa Monica Boulevard), Santa Monica.

Under the direction of Jimmy Cheesman, the epic concert will feature SMC guitar students performing Classical, Rock, Pop, Blues, and Reggae.

The concert is free, but requires a ticket, which is available at the SMC Music Office (PAC 211) and at the door. 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. Free parking on premises. Seating is strictly on a first-arrival basis.

More information is available by calling (310) 434-4323.

SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH



Randy Bellous

MUSIC: The Santa Monica College Music Department will present the SMC Guitar Showcase, a free concert on Thursday, May 26, at 11:15 a.m. in The Edye at the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th Street (at Santa Monica Boulevard).

Inflation forces increase in California minimum wage

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

Soaring inflation will trigger an automatic increase in California's minimum wage next year, Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration announced Thursday.

The minimum wage will jump to $15.50 per hour on Jan. 1, the highest of any state. That's an increase from $15 per hour for companies with more than 25 employees and $14 per hour for companies with 25 workers or less.

California lawmakers voted to increase the minimum wage to $15 per hour in 2016, but the increase was phased in over several years. The law says the minimum wage must increase to $15.50 per hour for everyone if increased by more than 7%. Thursday, the California Department of Finance said they project inflation for the 2022 fiscal year — which ends June 30 — will be 7.6% higher than the year before, triggering the increase.

Official inflation figures won't be final until this summer. But the Newsom administration believes the growth will be more than enough to trigger the automatic increase.

Inflation has been a problem everywhere, as consumer prices jumped 8.3% last month from a year ago and diluted the purchasing power of the U.S. consumer. A labor shortage throughout the pandemic has prompted many companies to increase pay sometimes beyond the minimum wage just to attract and retain workers.

California has about 3 million minimum wage workers, according to a conservative estimate from the state Department of Finance. The increase in the minimum wage will be about $3 billion, or less than 0.1% of the $3.3 trillion in personal income Californians are projected to earn.

Bosler said the increase could cause prices to jump for restaurants, which have low profit margins. But overall, she said the minimum wage increase is "expected to have a very minimal impact on overall inflation in the state's economy."

The minimum wage increase is only a portion of the extra money that could land in taxpayers' pockets this year. Thursday, the governor doubled down on a proposal to send $800 checks to Californians who own cars to help offset high gas prices. The proposal would cost $11.5 billion and would also include spending $750 million to give everyone free rides on public transit for up to three months.

Newsom proposed that in March, but Democrats in the Legislature have rejected it. Instead, they want to send $200 checks to low-to-moderate income California taxpayers and their dependents, regardless of whether they own a car.

Bosler said the Newsom administration believes their proposal is better because they

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Amid drought, California desalination project at crossroads

AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

For more than two decades, California's Orange County has debated whether to build a seaside plant to convert the Pacific Ocean's salt water into drinking water in hopes of buffering against droughts like the one now gripping the nation's most populous state.

On Thursday, the $1.4 billion proposal by Poseidon Water was given a critical review by the California Coastal Commission, which is tasked with protecting California's scenic shores. A vote was expected later in the day.

Poseidon and its supporters, including Gov. Gavin Newsom, contend the Huntington Beach plant will produce 50 million gallons of water a day that are crucial to help weather cutbacks on state and federal water supplies following years of drought. Newsom, a Democrat, recently told the Bay Area News Group editorial board that a denial would be a "big setback" and "we need more tools in the damn tool kit" to address drought.

"The need for this project is critical and without question," DJ Moore, an attorney for Poseidon, told the Coastal Commission. "California is at an inflection point on water."

But environmental groups and the commission's staff, which reviewed the plan, oppose it. They argue it will damage marine life by killing tiny organisms that form the base of the ocean's food web. They also say it's vulnerable to flooding and other hazards. And some in the water industry say the cost of desalinated water is too high and isn't needed in an area with access to cheaper sources of water.

"The project would kill marine life in about 275 million gallons of seawater per day," Tom Luster, the commission's desalination expert, told the panel.

The long-awaited meeting before the 12-member commission is seen as the last big hurdle to the plant's construction. The panel heard hours of comments from scores of people packed into a hotel meeting room in the Orange County city of Costa Mesa on Thursday in addition to those tuning in online.

At the meeting, supporters wore orange and yellow construction vests and toted signs saying "support desal!" Opponents carried signs reading "No Poseidon" and "Do not $ell our coast" and included a woman who wore a plankton costume and held a sign reading "I am a plankton — please do not kill me!"

California has spent most of the last 15 years in drought conditions. Its normal wet season that runs from late fall to the end of winter was especially dry this year and as a result 95% of the state is classified as in severe drought.

Newsom last summer urged residents to cut consumption by 15%, but since then water usage has dropped by only about 3%. Some areas have begun instituting generally mild restrictions such as limiting how many days lawns can be watered. More stringent restrictions are likely later in the year.

Much of California's water comes from melting snow and with a far below normal snowpack, state officials have told water agencies they will receive only 5% of what they've requested from state water supplies beyond what's needed for critical activities like drinking and bathing.

Desalination takes ocean water and removes salt and other elements to make it drinkable. Those elements are discharged back into the sea, while the water can be channeled directly to consumers or used to replenish a groundwater basin. The country's largest seawater desalination plant is already operating in nearby San Diego County, and there are also coastal plants in Florida.

The idea of desalination has been debated for decades in Huntington Beach, a coastal community southeast of Los Angeles known as "Surf City USA" that relies on its sands and waves for tourism. Discussion of the project has also recently focused on the impact of climate change on regional water supplies and on sea level rise in the low-lying coastal area where the plant would be built.

More than two decades ago, Poseidon proposed building two desalination plants — the one in San Diego County, and one in Huntington Beach. The San Diego County plant was approved and built, and desalinated water now accounts for 10% of San Diego County Water District 's water supplies.

But the Huntington Beach project has faced numerous delays. In 2013, the Coastal Commission voiced concerns that the proposed use of intake structures to quickly draw in large volumes of water from the ocean would damage marine life. Poseidon, which is owned by Brookfield Infrastructure Partners, conducted additional studies and resubmitted the plan with a proposal to mitigate marine damage through restoration of nearby wetlands.

Last month, staff members for the panel issued a 200-page report opposing the project, arguing it fails to adhere to marine life protection policies and policies aimed at minimizing hazards from tsunamis and rising sea levels. Environmental groups have raised numerous objections and oppose the use of intake structures that pull water for desalination from above the ocean floor instead of beneath it.

"This proposal is so fundamentally flawed that no amount of mitigation credit is going to fix it," Sean Bothwell, executive director of California Coastkeeper Alliance, told the panel. "It's a disaster."

Some on Thursday also debated the extent of the local demand for the desalinated water. Orange County has an ample groundwater basin and recycles wastewater, making the region less dependent on imported water than San Diego. The Orange County Water District, which has said it intends to buy Poseidon's water, manages the basin that helps meet about 75% of the water demand in the northern and central parts of the county.

Poseidon contends the region would still benefit by locking in a drought-proof source of water and so would inland communities and states that could gain increased access to

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imported water supplies once the county can tap into desalinated water. Steve Sheldon, the Orange County Water District's president, said desalinated water is more expensive now, but he expects the cost of imported water to also rise over time.

Critics argue the area would be better served economically and environmentally by focusing more on recycling, noting an expansion of the county's renowned wastewater recycling program is already under way. Paul Cook, general manager of the Irvine Ranch Water District — a local water retailer — said he doesn't want to buy pricey and unnecessary desalinated water for his customers, driving up household water bills.

But Kenny Williams, president of the Orange County Labor Federation, said while the plant's impact on marine life and other hazards can be addressed, the drought is a threat to Southern Californians' way of life.

"We can afford a few more dollars on our water bill. We can't afford the taps going dry," he told the commission.

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would hire an outside company to distribute the checks faster than the government could.

"I think they have their points, I think we have our reasons for wanting to stick with our proposal," Bosler said. "We'll keep working with them."

Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins said they are working on a plan that is "not just passing a one-size-fits-all windfall that benefits millionaires."

"Senate Democrats do not believe a rebate tied to car ownership does the job," Atkins said. "That plan leaves out non-car owners, including low income and elderly Californians, who are also impacted by the current high costs of consumer goods and are also deserving of relief."

While that proposal has stalled, Newsom revealed a new plan on Thursday that would send $1,000 checks to workers in hospitals and nursing homes in recognition of their dangerous work during the pandemic. About 600,000 workers would be eligible for the money, which would go to anyone who works inside a hospital or a nursing home — including doctors, nurses and other support staff.

Workers would be guaranteed a $1,000 check. But if companies agree to add in another $500, the state will match it for a total of $2,000.

"These workers have been on the front lines throughout the COVID pandemic," Bosler said. "They also are suffering very critical retention issues and shortages and we hope that additional payment will help to address those issues."

Dave Regan, president of SEIU-United Healthcare Workers West, said staffing problems at hospitals and nursing homes have only worsened as workers left the industry in droves during the pandemic "because of increased health risks, emotional and mental stress, and overwork."

"With this investment in keeping skilled health care workers on the job, the governor's proposal moves us one step closer to a future where every Californian has access to care provided by valued and respected caregivers," Regan said.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received by the City of Santa Monica until 3:00 p.m. on the date indicated at which time they will be opened and posted for:

BID #4427 Furnish and Deliver Pickup Trucks and SUVs

Submission Deadline is June 6, 2022 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

BID #4428 Hydrogeologic Exploratory Boring (Santa Monica City Yard)

Submission Deadline is June 20, 2022 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time

Bids must be submitted on forms supplied by the City of Santa Monica. Bid packages containing all forms, specifications, terms and conditions may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Notice of Inviting Bids and related documents is: OpenGov (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for bid package and specifications.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
SANTA MONICA
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to AB361

DATE/TIME: Monday, May 16, 2022, 7:00 PM

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Architectural Review Board and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The public may join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/zryvvjjt dialing in at +1 (415) 466-7000 (US) PIN: 7373169 #.

PROPERTIES:

- 22ARB-0091: 1634 20th Street: 100% Affordable Housing

DISCUSSION:

- Selection of 3 members to form a subcommittee to discuss principles of objective design standards to facilitate housing production

More information is available online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/ or at (310) 458-8341 (en espanol tambien).

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give written public comment shall email comments to planningcomment@smgov.net. Comments received **prior to 12 p.m.** on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Architectural Review Board prior to the meeting and posted online. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

Public comment can also be made by phone during the meeting by calling 1-408-740-7256 (Meeting ID: 268657254 and Passcode: 9787 followed by #) when the caller queue opens for the item on which you wish to comment. Remarks from the public will be limited to 2 minutes per item. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Notice is given that proposals for Design and Related Services for Various Seismic Retrofit Projects (BRC0000319) will be received by the County of Los Angeles County Public Works, Cashier Office, 900 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra, CA 91803 until 4 pm, on May 31, 2022. An RFP may be obtained by accessing the link at http://dpw.lacounty.gov/general/contracts/opportunities/ or will be emailed to you upon request by calling (626) 300-2325 or TDD at (626) 282-7829.5/13/22CNS-3582826#SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

RFP: # 320 ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) SYSTEM

- **Submission Deadline is June 10, 2022 at 5:00 PM Pacific Time.**

RFP: # 323 GEOTECHNICAL AND SPECIALIZED ENGINEERING SERVICES

- **Submission Deadline is May 23, 2022 at 5:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is OpenGov (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca) There is no charge for the RFP package.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 13)

You'll see how an area of fate is up to you. You'll bootstrap the mission and get it done. Summer shows you dressing a part and later you'll become it, with the paycheck to match. Relationships get revitalized. You'll bury an old hatchet and invent new ways of interacting. You'll also go to an event and take home the trophy. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 28, 3, 19 and 40.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). No one is born knowing it all. Those who act like they've achieved total knowledge will annoy the rest. You'll be open to learning and you'll enjoy what others contribute to your body of knowledge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When you're around people you trust, it's easier to have fun. You'll find yourself in circumstances that engage your senses and invite you to be fully present to the moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People make decisions based on what's easy to evaluate, not what's most important. Knowing this, you'll make it easy for someone to choose the thing that would be good for you too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You may find yourself tidying a room instead of tackling a task. When you don't know where to begin, even cleaning seems like a good idea. But once you actually do get started, everything will come together quickly for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll notice you're of a different mind entirely from where you were last year. You've dispelled a few myths and course-corrected accordingly. You'll get a chance to go back and pick up something you lost along the way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People can be bad at relationships and good at their jobs or socially irresponsible and personally devoted... you'll grapple with contrasts and note the benefits and shadow aspects of an interaction.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There will be something to settle and a face-to-face exchange is the best option. Your verbal game is on point. With a little forethought you'll negotiate your way into a sweet deal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Some say everything happens for a reason. Others say life is random. You'll have a little evidence for both arguments today and whatever you get you'll leverage into a tidy chunk of good fortune.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There will be pressure to take life at a hurried speed. Push back — change lanes or remove yourself from the race entirely. You'll be happier going at your own pace.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). No matter how brilliant your work may be, it won't play in the wrong crowd. Do your research, find out what appetites you're dealing with, and aim your efforts to serve those desires.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's weird, but it does happen... people can be good, enjoyable company and yet be, nonetheless, bad for you. For whatever reason certain people bring out a side of you that you'd rather keep in. Noted!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have something that the others need. Position yourself to be available to those who have best earned your offering or those who most desperately need it.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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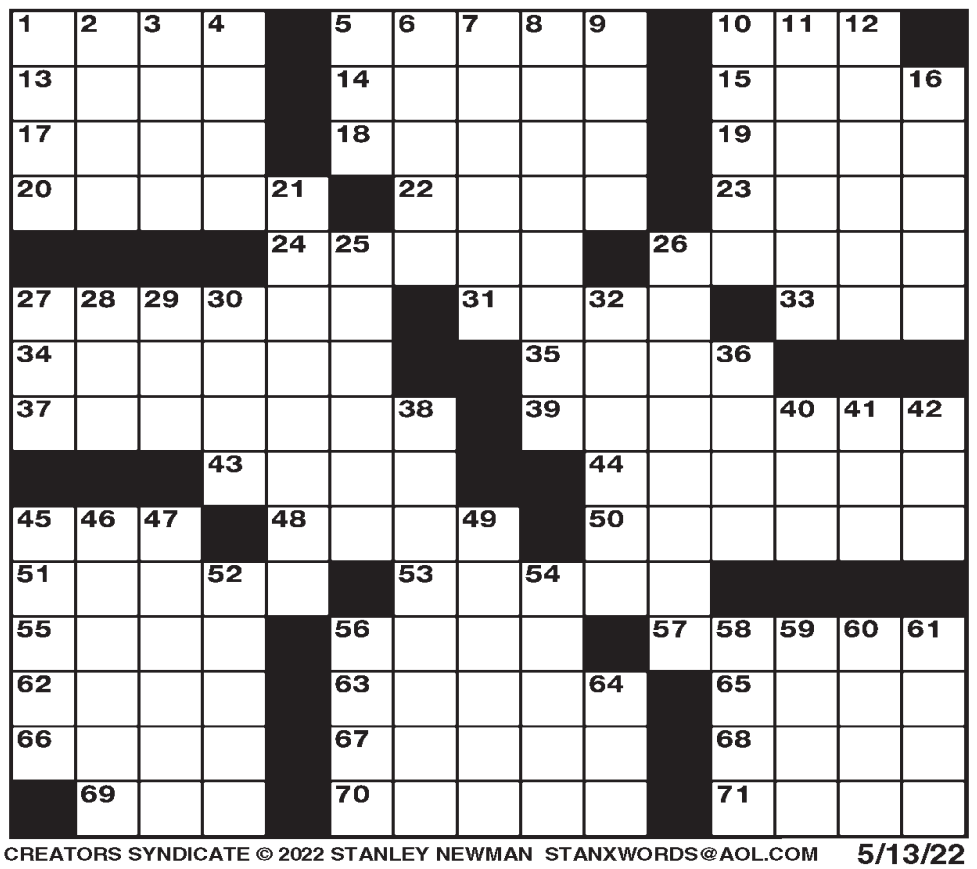
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Newsday Crossword

CUTTING EDGE by Winston Emmons
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ACROSS
1 Cut
5 Cut
10 Cut
13 Go underground
14 Personal integrity
15 Winged child of myth
17 More than
18 Little ones
19 "Dude!"
20 Alfredo alternative
22 What fills some albums
23 Broad lowland
24 Kindergarten class supply
26 *On Golden Pond* Oscar winner
27 Lay in wait
31 Pop singer from Nigeria
33 Stuff on roofs and roads
34 Singing family surname
35 Economical
37 Luxurious to the max
39 Layer of rock
43 Plasterer's strip
44 It's due south of Albuquerque
45 NBA scoring avg.
48 Certain eggs
50 Keep changing one's mind
51 Castles on squares
53 Additions to feeds
55 Netwomen's org.
56 LEGO inventor's nationality
57 Tackle's successes
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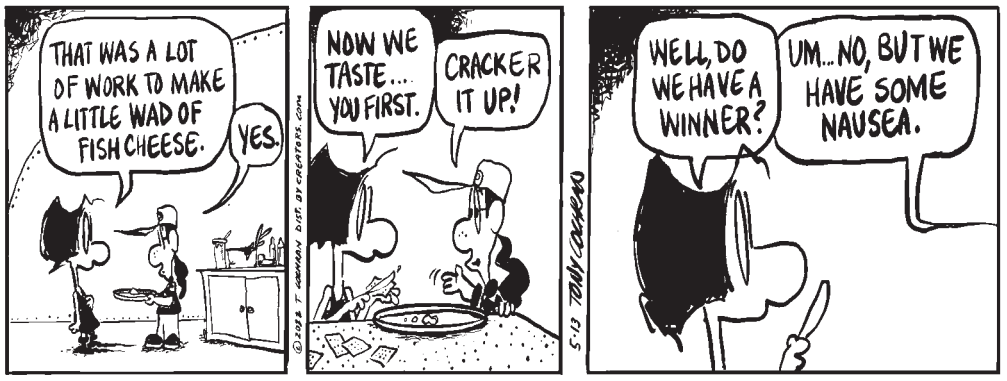
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2 In person
3 Midmonth day
4 Brash
5 Owing the pot
6 Knitting stitches
7 Most Greenlanders
8 Doesn't show
9 Measures of energy
10 *Charlie* __ (French satire mag)
11 Off course
12 Informality uttered in hindsight
16 Cut
21 Willingness to listen
25 Makes larger
26 Indomitable
27 Cut
28 "Force Behind the Forces"
29 B&B offerings.
30 '90s German chancellor
32 Find loathsome
36 What a collar covers
38 Celebrities at a game-show desk
40 MIT aides
41 Major OPEC customer
42 Cut
45 Cut
46 Tough nuts to crack
47 Sailed through the test
49 Wine center near Napa
52 Punch line in the comics
54 Navratilova rival
56 Party in headlines
58 Converter designation
59 "The Goddess of Pop"
60 About 35 ounces
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64 Color close to silver



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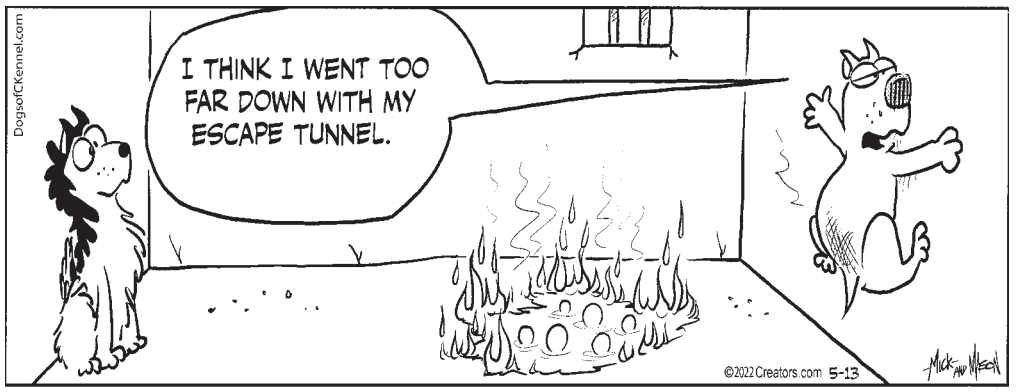
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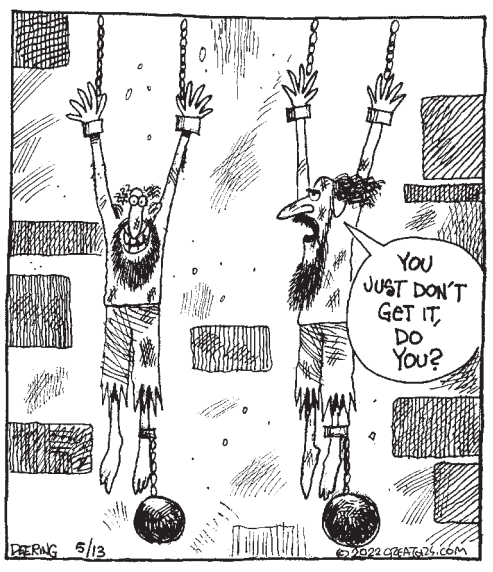
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"HE'S A FINICKY EATER."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Harvesting fruit

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Akee	Eleot	Mammee	Prune
Apple	Fig	Mast	Rasp
Apricot	Gage	Muscadel	Rennet
Blackcurrant	Gean	Nuts	Russet
Burgamot	Grape	Papaw	Skeg
Capulin	Grout	Passionfruit	Sloe
Catherine pear	Guava	Pecan	Stone
	Hats	Peel	Tamarillo
Crab	Hindberry	Pests	Tangy
Date	Hog-plum	Pip	Tree
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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.

MONDAY | MAY 16

MAIN LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Join a community-led discussion of books selected by the group. This month's selection is As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the Zoom link. 7 - 8:30 p.m.

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

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **56.7**

FRIDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 0.5-1ft Shin to knee	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.
SATURDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	Small blend of NW and SSW swell bottoms out. Could be enough for the small wave gear as the AM high tide drops a touch — most spots are especially slow through the higher tide.

WEATHER

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 73. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.
Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 62. West southwest wind 5 to 15 mph.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 72. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 60.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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
2022/05/16	Mon	3:33 PM	1.56	L
2022/05/16	Mon	9:54 PM	6.62	H
2022/05/17	Tue	05:12 AM	-1.54	L
2022/05/17	Tue	11:40 AM	3.66	H

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 5/11
5 7 61 63 69
Power#: 18
Jackpot: 83 M

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

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 5/11
8 34 37 44 45
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 10 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/11
13 15 19 21 23

Daily 3
Draw Date: 5/11
EVENING: 1 4 5
Draw Date: 5/11
MIDDAY: 8 9 3

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Draw Date: 5/11
1st: 11 - Money Bags
2nd: 09 - Winning Spirit
3rd: 12 - Lucky Charms
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