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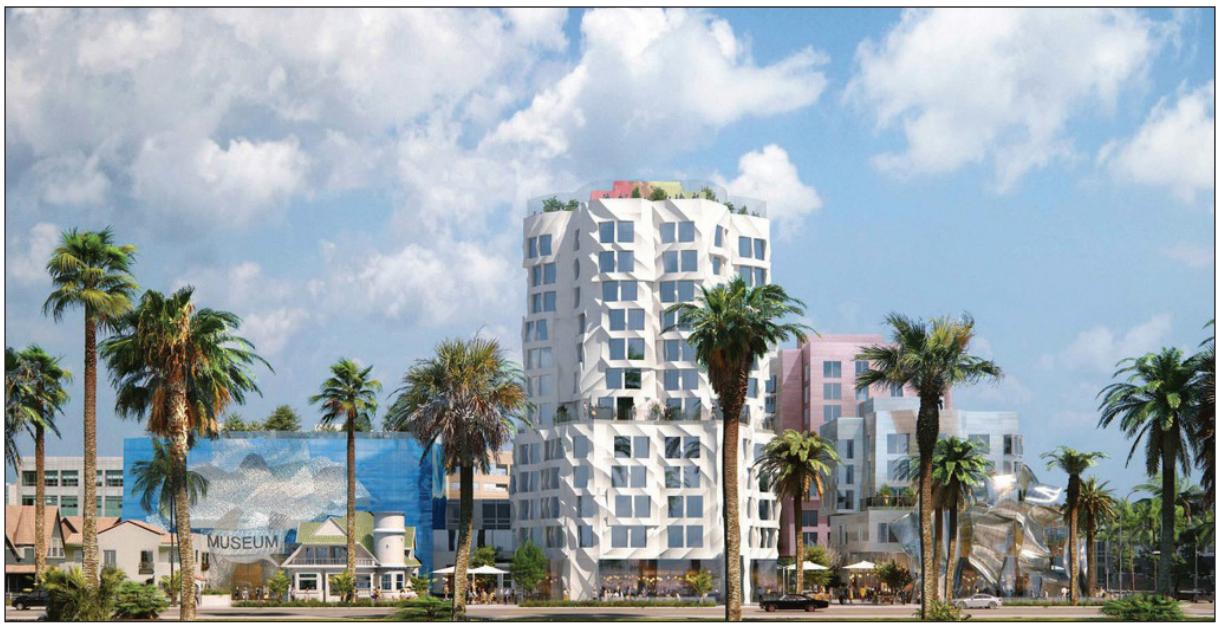
Planning commissioners delighted over Frank Gehry mixed-use development

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

The Santa Monica Planning Commission voiced its approval on Wednesday night for a luxury hotel, apartment, retail and public space project on Ocean Avenue at Santa Monica Boulevard, designed by renowned architect and longtime Santa Monica resident Frank Gehry. At the hearing, many of the seven commissioners were effusive in their praise of the project, which has been nearly 10 years in the making.

"I've been on the commission for six years and I don't think I've seen a more perfect project," Commissioner Leslie Lambert said at one point in the hearing.

The current plans are the latest iteration of the long-dreamed-of project, which was first announced in 2013 and went through a major overhaul in 2018. Gehry Partners was hired to come aboard the project 15 years ago in 2007.



HOTEL: The project proposed for Ocean Ave. includes a hotel, museum, retail and apartments.

Courtesy image

The proposal, which developers predicted could break ground as early as "mid-2024," should all approvals be met, features several structures including a 122,400-square-foot hotel, 36,110 square feet of commercial space, 117,700 square feet of residential space and a 35,500-square-foot "cultural uses campus" — a museum, with two satellite buildings.

Currently, the site is home to Blue Plate Oysterette, BOA Steakhouse, Sur Mer Boutique, Brambila Salon, TUMBI and other

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Covid cases increasing countywide

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Los Angeles County has moved from a low to medium severity covid environment and while officials are sounding alarms over rising cases, no new restrictions or mandates are on the horizon.

On Thursday, Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health said most metrics were heading up including case counts, transmission rates and hospitalizations. However, deaths remained low.

Ferrer said case counts, average daily new cases and average daily case rate are all increasing. "This means that LA County has moved from low to medium per CDCs community level ratings," she said. "While the test positivity remains relatively low, this rate also increased to 3.5%. That's about two times higher than the rate that we reported one month ago on April 18."

She said the County's seven-day average for hospitalizations is up to 330 from 230 a month ago but deaths over the same time are holding steady at about seven per day.

None of the increases constitute a spike but they are all steadily trending up.

"As we've discussed throughout the pandemic, one of our key objectives has been to prevent strain on the healthcare system so that we can provide necessary COVID care

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Dolphins head to Club Nationals



Courtesy photo

RUGBY: Santa Monica Dolphins Rugby Club is plowing its way through the postseason en route to Club Nationals in Atlanta, Ga., this coming weekend, May 21-22.

The Dolphins emerged atop the Pacific Super Regionals earlier this month, trouncing the Portland Eastside Tsunami, 50-17, on May 7, before besting Olympic Club of San Francisco, 48-31, the following day.

"We've got two big games ahead of us before we reach our goal," according to club president Steven Johnson. "Our national semi-final opponent will be Southeast champion Charlotte, NC, en route to a finals match-up with the winner of Denver/Buffalo."



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businesses, plus a large surface parking lot. There are also currently 19 rent controlled studio or one-bedroom units on the site; all current residents will be given the opportunity to return to new units once the build is complete. The new build will include 11 replacement units specifically constructed for current tenants, but developers assured the Commission all current tenants displaced by the construction will be guaranteed a unit at similar rent when the project is completed.

The new project will have subterranean parking to the tune of 285 vehicle spaces and 231 bicycle parking spaces, plus EV infrastructure for electric plug-in vehicles.

It will also include a 5,000-square-foot publicly-accessible rooftop observation deck overlooking Ocean Avenue and the Pier.

Community benefits include art and cultural programming, ongoing financial donations to the local school district, a $6 million financial contribution to the city, 1.3 million hours of union construction jobs, 25 percent affordable housing among the 100 housing units being constructed and plans for both water neutrality and 100 percent green power.

Although commissioners spent more than an hour of the hearing ironing out details — particularly when it comes to those anticipated community benefits — overall, there was a unanimous, 7-0, vote in support of the project as described, moving it forward toward City Council consideration.

"Everything I've seen so far is — I have no complaints — I'm in heaven," Commissioner Nina Fresco said at one point during the nearly five-hour hearing on May 19. "I mean, basically, I see this project as a 100-year landmark that makes other landmarks that are 100 years old today 200-year landmarks. So it's all good, to me."

The "200-year landmarks" to which Fresco was referring are two structures that will remain on the parcel when the other buildings currently on site are razed in preparation for the new build: a 1906 Queen Ann style Victorian home at 1333 Ocean Avenue and a 1926 Spanish Colonial Revival mixed-use building at 1337 Ocean Avenue. These two buildings, each of which previously earned city landmark status, will be relocated to frame the new museum building, remaining clearly visible on the street.

In the plans, gone will be the narrow alleys that currently bisect the block, to be replaced with "pedestrian paseos" meandering between the various structures.

The 93-year-old architect attended the virtual meeting, describing his vision for the project that he first designed in 2013.

"I'm really interested in creating buildings that relate to an image of the city, I guess," Gehry said.

"I have an image of the city that it's this scale, that you're looking at here," the architect continued, referencing a rendering of the project — "this smaller scale, with more intimacy, more pedestrian access. Architecture that sort of fits, I think, with the history of the place. I wouldn't be building buildings like this hotel, exactly like that, anywhere else, I don't think."

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DEVELOPMENT: The project imagines a plaza-like space along Ocean Ave.



DAILY POLICE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 275 CALLS ON MAY 18

Traffic Hazard 26th St / Wilshire Blvd 12:09 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 1600Blk Cloverfield Blvd 2:01 a.m.
Speeding 2000Blk Ocean Ave 4:01 a.m.
Auto Burglary 2900Blk Montana Ave 4:45 a.m.
Encampment 2900Blk The Beach 5:53 a.m.
Encampment 2500Blk Main St 5:58 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 200Blk Montana Ave 6:36 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1900Blk 6th St 6:41 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 500Blk Alta Ave 7:26 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 800Blk 7th St 7:36 a.m.
Missing Person 300Blk Olympic Dr 8:14 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 4th St / Broadway 8:32 a.m.
Encampment 1600Blk 19th St 8:55 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1000Blk 10th St 8:56 a.m.
Grand Theft 1200Blk Hill St 9:12 a.m.
Fight 400Blk Broadway 9:16 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 700Blk 19th St 9:26 a.m.
Grand Theft 2000Blk 3rd St 9:26 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 2500Blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:37 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 17th St / Ocean Park Blvd 9:45 a.m.
Panic Alarm 300Blk 22nd St 9:58 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 800Blk Cedar St 10:06 a.m.
Lewd Activity 1600Blk Ocean Ave 10:23 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500Blk 10th St 10:39 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 1000Blk 26th St 10:43 a.m.
Kidnap 1600Blk Stanford St 10:49 a.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1400Blk 14th St 11:02 a.m.
Critical Missing Person 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 11:11 a.m.
Petty Theft 1600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:20 a.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1000Blk Ocean Ave 11:21 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 1500Blk 4th St 11:34 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 1300Blk 4th St 12:10 p.m.
Expired Registration 2300Blk 7th St 12:14 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1300Blk 2nd St 12:20 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:20 p.m.
Expired Registration 2300Blk 7th St 12:38 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery 1400Blk 4th St 12:38 p.m.
Loitering 1300Blk 9th St 12:47 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 700Blk Pine St 1:13 p.m.
Battery 1800Blk Ocean Ave 1:18 p.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 2600Blk 7th St 1:28 p.m.
Petty Theft 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:42 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 2000Blk Ocean Ave 1:46 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 18th St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:00 p.m.
Red Zone Violation 1100Blk Yale St 2:08 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 21st St / Georgina Ave 2:14 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2800Blk Virginia Ave 2:15 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1000Blk Lincoln Blvd 2:22 p.m.
Fire Request Police 1400Blk 17th St 2:25 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:25 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1200Blk 2nd St 2:29 p.m.
Vandalism 2100Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:36 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2000Blk The Beach 2:40 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 11th St / Maple St 2:47 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 11th St / Maple St 2:50 p.m.
Fraud 400Blk Broadway 3:00 p.m.
Vandalism 1400Blk 4th St 3:06 p.m.
Domestic Violence 900Blk 18th St 3:07 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2000Blk Georgina Ave 3:12 p.m.
Petty Theft 1900Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:25 p.m.
Petty Theft 2500Blk Ocean Front Walk 3:26 p.m.
General Parking Problem 300Blk Civic Center Dr 3:34 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1500Blk 15th St 3:42 p.m.
Petty Theft 2400Blk Main St 3:50 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1800Blk Arizona Ave 3:51 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Moomat Ahiko Way / Ocean Ave 3:57 p.m.
Expired Registration 500Blk 16th St 3:57 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Moomat Ahiko Way / Ocean Ave 4:00 p.m.
Petty Theft 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 4:08 p.m.
Speeding 5th St / Colorado Ave 4:18 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1400Blk Alta Ave 4:23 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1100Blk 10th St 4:30 p.m.
Battery 100Blk Colorado Ave 4:43 p.m.
Battery 1800Blk 9th St 4:54 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 1100Blk 23rd St 4:59 p.m.
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Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300Blk Barnard Way 5:33 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1300Blk The Beach 5:40 p.m.
Red Zone Violation 1800Blk Appian Way 5:40 p.m.
Battery 400Blk Broadway 5:42 p.m.
Expired Registration 1200Blk 5th St 5:43 p.m.
Burglary 500Blk California Ave 5:59 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500Blk 11th St 6:00 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Lincoln Blvd / Colorado Ave 6:06 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 600Blk 22nd St 6:24 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2100Blk Stewart St 6:32 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1000Blk San Vicente Blvd 6:47 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2300Blk Virginia Ave 6:55 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Ocean Ave / Bay St 7:16 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1500Blk 2nd St 7:23 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 7:26 p.m.
Petty Theft 2700Blk Main St 7:40 p.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 400Blk Idaho Ave 7:52 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Pacific / Rose 7:59 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 2100Blk Arizona Ave 8:09 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Ocean Ave / Bicknell Ave 8:12 p.m.
Prowler 900Blk 7th St 8:32 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 5th St / Arizona Ave 8:34 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 00Blk Pacific Ter 8:45 p.m.
Missing Person 2700Blk Main St 8:48 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1200Blk 2nd St 8:49 p.m.
Vandalism 800Blk Broadway 9:08 p.m.
Fraud 1300Blk Idaho Ave 9:10 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2100Blk Stewart St 9:17 p.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 1000Blk Princeton St 9:24 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1000Blk Harvard St 9:28 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 4th St / Hollister Ave 10:02 p.m.
Speeding Ocean Ave / Washington Ave 10:07 p.m.
Grand Theft 1900Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:15 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 20th St / Santa Monica Blvd 10:21 p.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 2900Blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:21 p.m.
Construction Noise 7th St / Montana Ave 11:05 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery 700Blk Broadway 11:12 p.m.
Encampment 500Blk Palisades Beach rd 11:39 p.m.
Petty Theft 900Blk 4th St 11:51 p.m.

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EMS 1300Blk Franklin St 6:46 a.m.
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EMS 200Blk Bicknell Ave 8:04 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 600Blk Pico Blvd 9:48 a.m.
EMS 2800Blk Delaware Ave 10:50 a.m.
EMS 1500Blk 4th St 11:59 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk 17th St 12:01 p.m.
EMS 2200Blk 29th St 12:47 p.m.
EMS 15th St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:07 p.m.
Wires Down 900Blk Georgina Ave 1:19 p.m.
EMS 500Blk Broadway 1:27 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk Euclid St 1:59 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 17th St 2:16 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 17th St 2:20 p.m.
EMS 2700Blk Neilson Way 2:41 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 11th St / Maple St 2:47 p.m.
EMS 9th St / Montana Ave 3:07 p.m.
EMS 3rd St / Ocean Park Blvd Ramp 3:16 p.m.
EMS 2700Blk Neilson Way 3:31 p.m.
EMS 800Blk Pine St 3:57 p.m.
EMS 800Blk 18th St 4:10 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 3000Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:24 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 4:37 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2900Blk 4th St 5:50 p.m.
EMS 1800Blk 14th St 8:37 p.m.
EMS 1600Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:03 p.m.
EMS 100Blk Adelaide Dr 9:47 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk 2nd St 11:09 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk 21st St 11:21 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 7th St 11:49 p.m.

CRIME WATCH

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ON SUNDAY, MAY 8 AT 8:09 P.M.

Officers working in the downtown area were dispatched to a battery in progress at the Fairmont Hotel near the 100 block of Wilshire Blvd. A team of security guards were holding down an individual, later identified as Byron Parr, for becoming violent after refusing to leave the hotel bathroom. Upon arrival officers learned that security contacted two individuals loitering in the bathroom. When confronted, one party agreed to leave without incident, the other, Mr. Parr, became argumentative and slapped one of the security officers with an open hand. The security team was able to restrain the suspect until officers arrived. Parr was transported to the Santa Monica Jail. Parr was released with a citation and a June 2nd court date.



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FDA head: Baby formula factory could reopen by next week

MATTHEW PERRONE
AP Health Writer

The head of the Food and Drug Administration told lawmakers Thursday that a shuttered baby formula factory could be up and running as soon as next week, though he sidestepped questions about whether his agency should have intervened earlier to address problems at the plant that triggered the national shortage.

FDA Commissioner Dr. Robert Califf faced a bipartisan grilling from House lawmakers over the baby formula issue that has angered American parents and become a political liability for President Joe Biden.

The problems are largely tied to Abbott Nutrition's Michigan formula plant, the largest in the U.S., which has been closed since February due to contamination problems. The FDA announced a preliminary agreement with Abbott earlier this week to restart production, pending safety upgrades and certifications.

"We had to wrestle this to ground with Abbott," Califf told members of a House subcommittee "I think we are on track to get it open within the next week to two weeks."

After production resumes, Abbott has said, it could take about two months before new formula begins arriving in stores. Califf said it will be "a few weeks" before supplies returns to normal levels, especially in rural areas.

When lawmakers asked why it took the FDA months to investigate a whistleblower complaint about safety violations at Abbott's plant, Califf said he couldn't share details due to the agency's ongoing investigation. Several lawmakers rejected that response.

"It's not acceptable to say you just can't comment on it," said Rep. Mark Pocan, D-Wisconsin. "This is a problem I've seen over and over with the FDA: You guys aren't good at communicating."

Califf is the first administration official to testify before Congress on the shortage, which has left some parents hunting for formula and become a political talking point for Republicans. On Wednesday evening Biden announced sweeping new steps to improve U.S. supplies, including invoking the Defense Production Act and flying in imported formula from overseas.

Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., repeatedly asked Califf to explain what the FDA did after receiving a whistleblower complaint in October alleging numerous safety violations at Abbott's plant, including employees falsifying records and failing to properly test formula before releasing it. The former Abbott employee wasn't interviewed by the FDA until late December and the plant wasn't closed until mid-February, she noted.

"It all begs the question, why did the FDA not spring into action?" DeLauro asked. "Who in the leadership had access to that — who didn't have access to the — and why was there no reaction?"

Califf said he had reviewed the complaint but didn't specify when or what immediate steps were taken.

"I am committed to getting back to you on specifics of what happened, I'm just not prepared to today," Califf said.

> "I am committed to getting back to you on specifics of what happened, I'm just not prepared to today - Dr. Robert Califf"

One point on which lawmakers and Califf agreed is that concentrated nature of the U.S. formula market makes it highly vulnerable to disruption. Just four companies produce an estimated 90% of U.S. formula, including Abbott, Gerber, Perrigo and Reckitt. Those companies also dominate federal contracts that provide about half of all U.S. formula through a program called WIC, for low-income mothers, children and babies.

Abbott shut its Michigan plant in February after FDA inspectors began investigating four bacterial infections in infants who had consumed formula from the plant. The first of those cases was reported to the FDA in September, but agency staff didn't begin inspecting the facility until late January.

Califf said earlier this week the agency's investigation is ongoing and it hasn't yet reached a conclusion on whether bacteria from the plant caused the infant infections. Abbott has said there is no direct evidence linking its products to the illnesses.

The baby formula shortage is the first major crisis for Califf since returning to the FDA in February. He briefly led the agency under President Barack Obama and was tapped for the job again based on his past experience leading the sprawling agency, which regulates food, drugs, medical technology and tobacco.

Thursday's hearing was scheduled to review the FDA's budget request for next year, and Califf asked lawmakers for $76 million in new funding for food safety and nutrition.

"I was very well aware coming in that we need to do major improvements on the food side of the FDA — not because the people are bad — but there is a need for consistent leadership and the right resources," Califf told lawmakers.

The funding request comes amid longstanding concerns that the FDA's food program — which oversees most U.S. foods except meat, poultry and eggs — has been underfunded and undermanaged compared to its medical divisions.

On Wednesday evening, House Democrats passed a $28 million spending bill that would boost FDA funding to inspect domestic and international formula producers. Its fate in the Senate is uncertain.

The subcommittee's top Republican, Rep. Andy Harris of Maryland, said many of the problems facing the FDA could be "solved by strong leadership, rather than money."

While supporting increased funding, DeLauro also said the problems in the agency's food center run deeper.

"You have serious structural, leadership issues," she told Califf. "Someone at this agency needs to have serious, relevant food credentials. Otherwise, food will be a second class citizen at the FDA."

COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Erica Cuyugan Selected as Santa Monica's Next Director of Library Services

After performing a nationwide search, City Manager David White has selected Erica Cuyugan as the new Director of Library Services of the Santa Monica Public Library. A 15-year veteran of the department, Cuyugan has served as the Interim Director of Library Services since August 2021 and as Assistant City Librarian since 2017, a role in which she manages system-wide library operations for Main Library and four branches.

"Words cannot fully describe how excited I am to select Erica as our next Director of Library Services. Her historical knowledge of our system, her enthusiasm, and leadership in serving Santa Monica when our City needed her most makes her an obvious choice," said City Manager White. "With Erica taking the helm next week, she will lead the Department through a critical period of recovery, and I am confident in her abilities as a trusted leader."

Cuyugan started with the City as a Teen Services Librarian in 2006. She rose through the ranks and became the Fairview Branch Manager before joining the leadership team in 2015. As Assistant City Librarian, Cuyugan oversaw the library's budget, staffing, and capital projects. Cuyugan has been integral in the City's efforts to safely staff and reopen our library branches and stepped into the leadership role as Interim Director of Library Services last summer. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, she helped lead a collaborative pilot in our libraries to address homeless issues, including executing pop-up clinics with service providers.

"Overseeing Santa Monica's library system is a great honor. Our Library continues to be both a portal and a passage to greater connections, experiences, and knowledge for our community," said Cuyugan. "These past two years have tested our resilience and required us to be innovative while navigating through a pandemic and Citywide budget reductions. I look forward to rolling up my sleeves to work alongside staff and the community to set a clear direction and vision for library services."

As the daughter of two immigrant parents and an avid library user as a child, Cuyugan knows firsthand how access to books and stories can expand a person's world and lead to more enriching experiences. She currently enjoys reading the Harry Potter series with her two daughters, playing the ukulele, and running the occasional marathon.

As Director of Library Services, Cuyugan will manage a workforce of 58 with an annual operating budget of $9.3 million. She will begin in her new role on Monday, May 23 and earn a salary of $197,124.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Re: Olympic principal resigns.

My Daughter sent this to me and I am moved to comment.

Rachel Is the second generation of our family to attend the SMMUSD my grandchildren are the third now.

I dropped out in 1967. I enlisted in the Marines in February 1968 as the Tet offensive raged. I was in and out of Vietnam by 1970 and I was a 19-year-old sergeant, I came home at 20.

The concept of Olympic Continuation was new then. I cannot remember being afforded the opportunity to attend. What I do remember was the stigma placed on students who did attend Olympic.

There were days and nights in Vietnam when I would have much rather have been counseled by professional individuals dedicated to students education than the education I got the hard way during the most divisive era that included the Long Hot Summer of 1968 when 123 US cities burned simultaneously during the civil unrest of the time that it was.

Upon my separation from the Marines I came home to start over and I did. Along my way I have met, worked for and with some of the most recognizable individuals in the world including Governor Jerry Brown, and a guy named Joe Biden.

I once wrote a white paper on veterans issues based on my experiences and observations from the WLAVA and Venice Beach to those I experienced as the Co Event Manager of The Vietnam Women's Memorial Tour of 29 cities in 27 days dedicated on the Mall in the nations Capitol where I traced the names of several young men I once knew who were killed in action or listed as missing. And I have had an influence on veterans' issues albeit a small but important influence that changed the way things were.

What I can attest to in response to the Principal's resignation letter is that no one, no one, should ever doubt the potential of our youth especially the ones who don't quite fit in. The ones who march to a different drum to the ones who take up the front line positions beyond the edges of freedoms shining. They have the same potential to eclipse your expectations as any other young person's unlimited future if given the chance. To shortchange them or write them off during critical moments of their formative years is done at society's peril, they just might surprise you someday with what they have been a part of?

I'm sorry this principal has hit the wall and I desperately hope that the District and the city is reading, listening, paying attention and is ready willing and able to make a difference.

Stewart Resmer, Santa Monica

CDC advisers urge Pfizer booster for children ages 5 to 11

LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

Kids ages 5 to 11 should get a booster dose of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine, advisers to the U.S. government said Thursday.

If the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention agrees, as expected, it would open a third COVID-19 shot to healthy elementary-age kids — just like what is already recommended for everybody 12 and older.

The hope is that an extra shot will shore up protection for kids ages 5 to 11 as infections once again are on the rise.

Earlier this week, the Food and Drug Administration authorized Pfizer's kid-sized booster, to be offered at least five months after the youngsters' last shot.

The CDC takes the next step of recommending who actually needs vaccinations. Its advisers debated if all otherwise healthy 5- to 11-year-olds need an extra dose, especially since so many children were infected during the huge winter surge of the omicron variant.

But the U.S. is averaging 100,000 new cases a day for the first time since February. And ultimately, the CDC's advisers pointed to growing evidence from older kids and adults that two primary vaccinations plus a booster are providing the best protection against the newest coronavirus variants.

"This always perhaps should have been a three-dose vaccine," said Dr. Grace Lee of Stanford University, who chairs the CDC's advisory panel.

The booster question isn't the hottest vaccine topic: Parents still are anxiously awaiting a chance to vaccinate kids under 5 — the only group not yet eligible in the U.S.

Dr. Doran Fink of the Food and Drug Administration said the agency is working "as rapidly as we can" to evaluate an application from vaccine maker Moderna, and is awaiting final data on the littlest kids from rival Pfizer. The FDA's own advisers are expected to publicly debate data from one or both companies next month.

For the 5- to 11-year-olds, it's not clear how much booster demand there will be. Only about 30% of that age group have had the initial two Pfizer doses since vaccinations opened to them in November.

CDC adviser Dr. Helen Keipp Talbot of Vanderbilt University said health authorities must put more effort into getting youngsters their initial shots.

"That needs to be a priority," she said.

Thursday's decision also means that 5- to 11-year-olds with severely weakened immune systems, who are supposed to get three initial shots, would be eligible for a fourth dose.

Pfizer and its partner BioNTech currently make the only COVID-19 vaccine available for children of any age in the U.S. Those ages 5 to 11 receive a dose that's one-third the amount given to everyone 12 and older.

In a small study, Pfizer found a booster revved up those kids' levels of virus-fighting antibodies — including those able to fight the super-contagious omicron variant — the same kind of jump adults get from an extra shot.

> "This always perhaps should have been a three-dose vaccine - Dr. Grace Lee

Vaccines may not always prevent milder infections, and the omicron variant proved especially able to slip past their defenses. But CDC cited data during the omicron surge that showed unvaccinated 5- to 11-year-olds had twice the rate of hospitalization as youngsters who got their first two doses.

Health authorities say for all ages, the vaccines are still offering strong protection against COVID-19's worst outcomes, especially after a third dose.

Some especially high-risk people, including those 50 and older, have been offered the choice of a second booster, or fourth shot. And still to be decided is whether everyone will need additional shots in the fall, possibly reformulated to offer better protection against newer coronavirus variants.

COMMUNITY NEWS

11th Street

SMC Piano Ensemble to Present Free Concert May 31

The Santa Monica College Music Department will present a lively recital showcasing the SMC Piano Ensemble. The performance will be held Tuesday, May 31, at 11:15 a.m. in the Music Hall at the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th Street (at Santa Monica Boulevard), Santa Monica.

Under the direction of SMC music instructor Dr. Yulia Kozlova, SMC piano students will demonstrate the uniqueness and diversity of piano duets and duos, guaranteed to be more than twice as fun as solo piano performances.

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





OPINION **LAUGHING MATTERS**

Jack Neworth

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*MORE THAN JUST WORDS (EAT*PLAY*GIVE)*



Jeannine Frank

SCRABBLE : Monday, May 23rd at the Coral Tree Cafe on San Vicente, there will be a Scrabble Night open to the public.

Given all the news these days I assumed I had a wide range of subjects to write about this week but each was problematic. First might be the tragic mass shooting in Buffalo, New York, that killed 10 people and injured 3 others, with 11 of the victims being Black. A hate crime committed by a domestic terrorist doesn't exactly enhance a humor newspaper column.

I considered writing about inflation which is sending the price of everything skyrocketing but nobody's laughing. Sometimes it feels like the prices are going up while you're shopping! There's also not a lot of chuckles with gas hovering at $6 a gallon. (Unless, of course, you drive an EV.)

I debated writing about the recently leaked brief of the Supreme Court regarding overturning Roe V. Wade. But the reversal of Roe, the "law of the land" for almost fifty years, is not exactly chock full of levity. This is also true of Vladimir Putin's criminal war in Ukraine to "denazify" a country whose leader happens to be Jewish. And I'm also ignoring the absurdity of the Johnny Depp/Amber Heard defamation trial and Donald Trump swearing to New York Attorney General Letitia James of the four cell phones she subpoenaed he's lost them all.

For local sports fans there's the NBA playoffs but this year the Lakers didn't even make the postseason. During the discouraging decline, fellow columnist, Charles Andrews and his lovely wife Dian, are rooting for the Golden State Warriors, whereas my two favorite teams remain the Lakers and anybody but the Boston Celtics.

There's no question the above topics are "gloomy," a word that contains six letters. I mention the number of letters because of a SCRABBLE playing event open to the public that has been organized by Jeannine Frank, a lifelong SCRABBLE lover and a friend for almost 20 years. It takes place Monday, May 23rd, at a wonderful restaurant and for a wonderful charity. (Meanwhile, I apologize the above intro has to be the lengthiest in the sixteen years I've been writing these columns and, OMG, have I really been writing these that long?)

I first crossed paths with Jeannine in 2004, when the late comedian Mort Sahl, an intellectual comedy God and Woody Allen's idol, came to Santa Monica to perform at McCabe's Guitar Shop. (Jeannine is a "Jackie of all trades," one being a talent booker with Mort having been one of her most famous clients.)

To publicize Mort's appearance, Jeannine put me in touch with him. Unfortunately, he was so busy it was agreed we'd do the interview at McCabe's right before the show. But when I arrived Mort was swamped with fans.

Luckily I spotted Mort's wife, Kenslea, who suggested I chat with him in the bathroom where he rehearses before going on. It seemed bizarre but I desperately needed the interview. Sure enough, as I entered the men's room, Mort was pacing as he rehearsed but he gladly answered my questions. However, I was stunned that he seemed so much older than I had remembered.

Amazingly, when Sahl took the stage he looked 25 years younger! To the packed audience's and my delight, Mort crushed it. (For the record, the title of my column was "Meeting the King on His Throne.")

Finally, back to SCRABBLE NIGHT. It takes place at the popular Coral Tree Cafe at 1645 San Vicente Blvd. (1 block east of Barrington.) A delicious dinner, which costs $20, starts at 5 pm. so bring your appetite. SCRABBLE playing starts at 6:15 so bring your SCRABBLE set if you have one, along with proof of vaccination. The festivities will end at 8 p.m. the "good deed" stuff, donating $25 (or more) to the renowned charity, The People Concern, one of L.A. County's largest housing and social services providers. Briefly put, TPC believes no one should have to live on the street or in a violent household. Their staff, volunteers and those they serve work together to address the effects of homelessness, poverty, mental and physical illness, abuse and addiction.

So go to their website: https://www.thepeopleconcern.org/ and when donating please type "More than just words" in the comments section. Once you donate you will receive an e-mail confirmation with more details about SCRABBLE NIGHT. (Or, if this a tad complicated, e-mail Jeannine at: Jeanninefrank@gmail.com.)

As I write this the Celtics lost game 1 against the Miami Heat and I'm hoping the same happened yesterday; Amber and Johnny are embarrassing themselves in court; and Donald Trump still can't find his "missing" four cell phones. (The DOJ should check Mar-a-Lago's toilets!) In the meantime, dear readers, a bit of advice in preparing for Monday's SCRABBLE NIGHT. Make a list of as many seven-letter words as you can or just show up and have fun!

The Coral Tree Cafe website is: www.coraltreecafe.com. The People Concern website is: www.thepeopleconcern.org. And for more Scrabble Night info, please contact jeanninefrank@gmail.com. Jack is at: jackdailypress@aol.com.

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while also maintaining access to routine and urgent non-COVID medical services for our residents," she said.

Ferrer said moving to the medium tier could signal a pending strain on local hospitals but the County wasn't alone as many areas around the nation are seeing an increase in overall Covid activity.

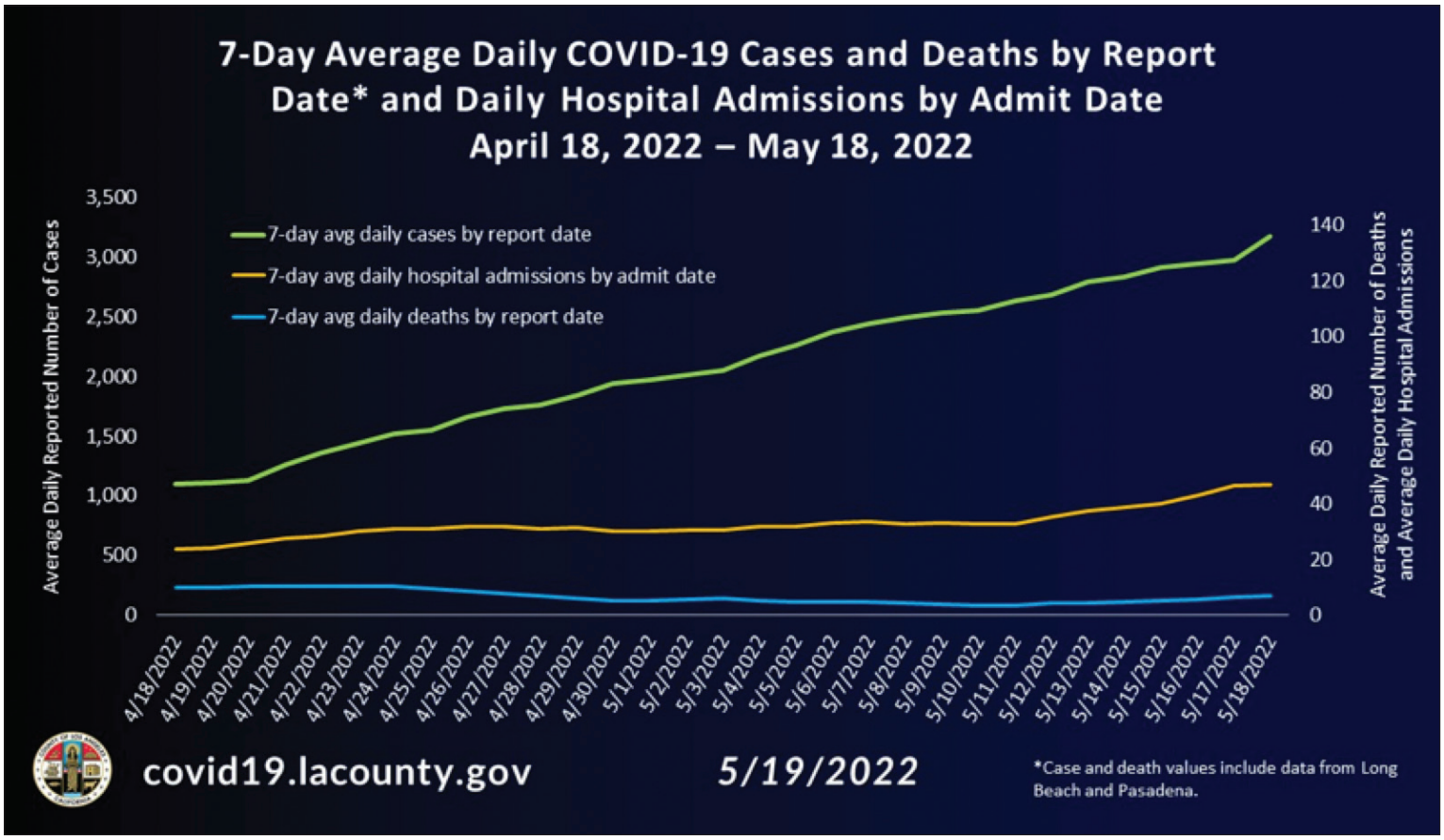
> "This means that LA County has moved from low to medium per CDCs community level ratings - Dr. Barbara Ferrer"

Ferrer said the County has no plans to issue new countywide restrictions or mandates and is already offering access to vaccines, testing and therapeutics as is required of areas in the medium level. However, she said nursing care facilities will have to implement stricter masking requirements to protect their patients.

In addition, she said anyone planning any kind of gathering should be extremely cautious about potential exposure before a trip and make use of the available testing systems both before and after travel.

She said her office is tracking some increased outbreaks at schools but she said the county has the tools available to manage the problem if residents use them.

"As we move into the CDC Medium Community Level and we see elevated levels of concern among our Early Alert signals, the task in front of us is similar to the work we've had to do at other points over the past two and a half years, slow transmission," she said. "We know what works, masking, testing and vaccination along with some systems and policies that support the use of these and other effective safety measures. If each of us takes advantage of the good access we have to these effective resources. I'm hopeful that we can slow transmission again, prevent strain on our healthcare system and protect each other."



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DEATHS: Cases and hospitalizations have been trending up but deaths have remained relatively steady.

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GET IT DAILY...

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 20)

Trust in the benevolence of the universe. A political change will favor you and make it much easier for you to see your ideas to fruition. A group of like-minded people will support you beautifully. You'll reach a high level with your summer project, but you'll still want to take it further. You'll flex your skills and improve. Sagittarius and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 11, 14 and 8.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It is said that what belongs to you will find you. But what of the magnetization of strange things? If they find you, does it mean they belong to you? It's a question that only you can answer today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). After you resolve a problem, you'll get the idea that maybe this is an opportunity. The real gift here is your creative approach to the new rules to prevent future mishaps.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What happened back there wasn't right. In many ways you've moved on, but there's still a reckoning you long for. Does it ease your mind slightly to know that eventually you will have it?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Don't let a lack of preparation stop you from jumping in and doing your best with whatever you have. It's plenty — much more than is necessary to get this job done.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Some say "superficial" and others say "aesthetically driven." Caring how things look and altering them according to taste is an age-old practice that's been leveraged as influence even before the beginning of civilization.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may not realize how you're training the world to treat you. Your system is so familiar to you that you can't see it. A friend will provide contrast and new insight to help you understand your situation better.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The far-out ideas are worth entertaining today, as things have gotten too stuck for the small nudges of innovation to make a difference. A forceful kick to the imagination will shift the paradigm.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The people around you will have lively opinions, many worth hearing, but not all and not all now. Find some space of your own so you can tune into your own wisdom.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Love makes the world seem more exciting, dramatic, colorful and entertaining. You may not be in love with one particular person but the playful mood that prevails makes you feel in love with life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Money, responsibility and children are the things couples argue about the most. With just a little bit of love and luck you will leap over cosmic communication barriers and come to a comprehensive understanding.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're not ready to take on the problem yet, except in the realm of thought. These are the crucial stages! Your strategic brainstorms will be nothing short of brilliant. These are inspired days.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). How should you approach the task? If you overthink, you'll be paralyzed with options, and if you underthink you will take action that has little chance of working. Success comes somewhere in the middle.

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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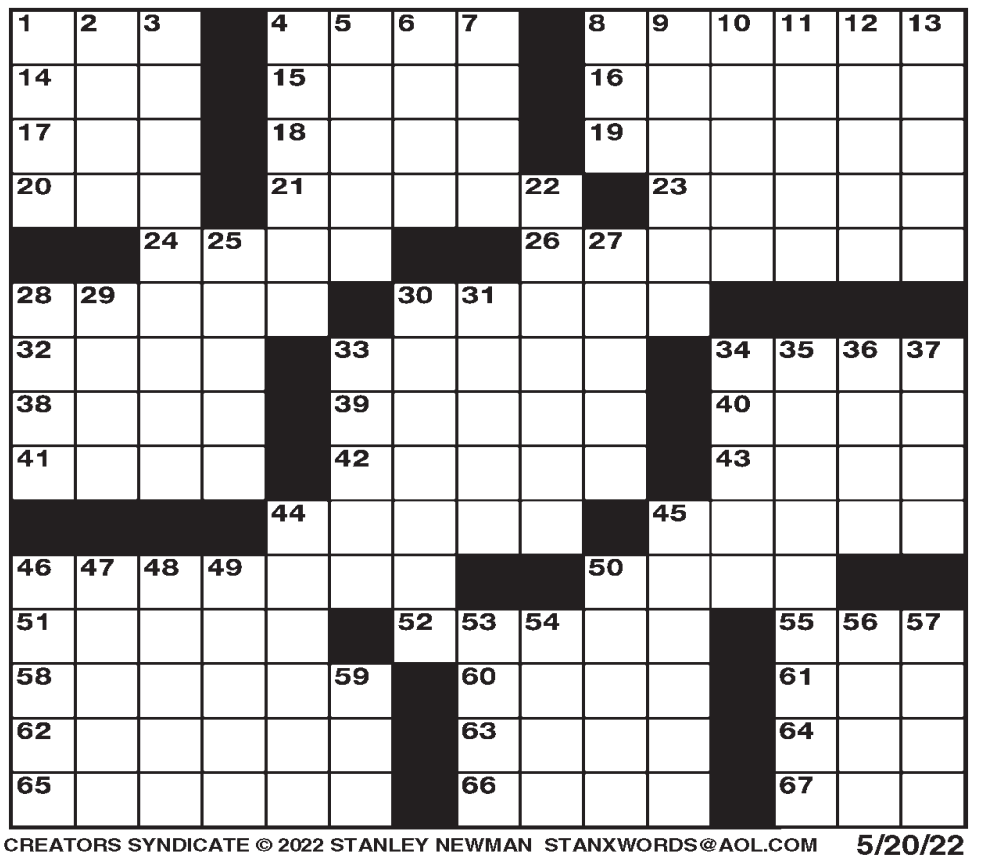
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Caller of strikes
4 Half of a dog's name
8 Nation once part of Yugoslavia
14 US government broadcaster
15 Twofold
16 Some native Alaskans
17 Poetic time of day
18 Aptly named Philly radio station*
19 Tourney slots*
20 Horse's cousin
21 G neighbor
23 Boca ___, FL
24 Wearable Disneyland souvenirs
26 Baby raptors
28 Oval or square*
30 Movie munchies*
32 Top-circulation US magazine
33 Big name in Israeli history
34 Pies, in the silent era
38 Author Silverstein
39 Measure of chili hotness
40 Oration location
41 "Smooth Operator" singer
42 Small stuff
43 Soup herb
44 Auto adornment*
45 Huge, so to speak*
46 Pointy pillar
50 Ready to eat
51 The "f" in f-stop
52 GHWB alma mater
55 TiVo ancestor
58 Free-for-all*
60 Chopped down*
61 One attending 52 Across
62 Wetlands waders
63 Barrel-___ beer
64 What's "cracked" in each of the four star-paired answers
65 Asia/Africa separator
66 Clothing store department
67 Wooden or plastic elevator

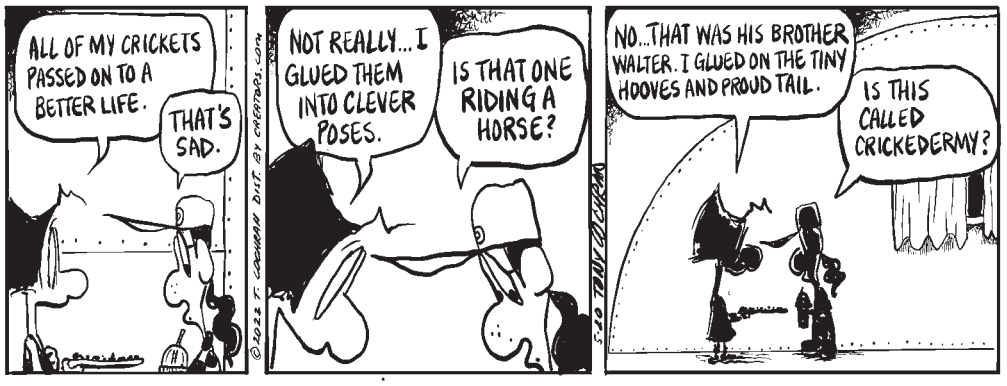
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1 Eye part with the iris
2 Hangout for Homer
3 How some prefer their steak
4 Pop-up generator
5 Powder holders
6 Shove off
7 Spanish stew
8 Roommate, often
9 Cabinet department
10 Countrified
11 Word like *prego*
12 *Some Like* ___
13 Lobbying grps.
22 Grapevine's gripper
25 Possible cobbler contents
27 Yosemite photographer
28 Brash talk
29 Some laughs
30 Needing attention, as a tot
31 ___-Dale (pal of Robin)
33 Tourney makeup
34 Augment with
35 Card draw
36 Salsa selection
37 *Norsk Folkemuseum* site
44 Open wider
45 Small hills
46 Put forward
47 *Comedy in Music* pianist
48 Digital greeting
49 What loafers don't have
50 One of a comics toon trio
53 Quaker captain of literature
54 What Brickipedia is all about
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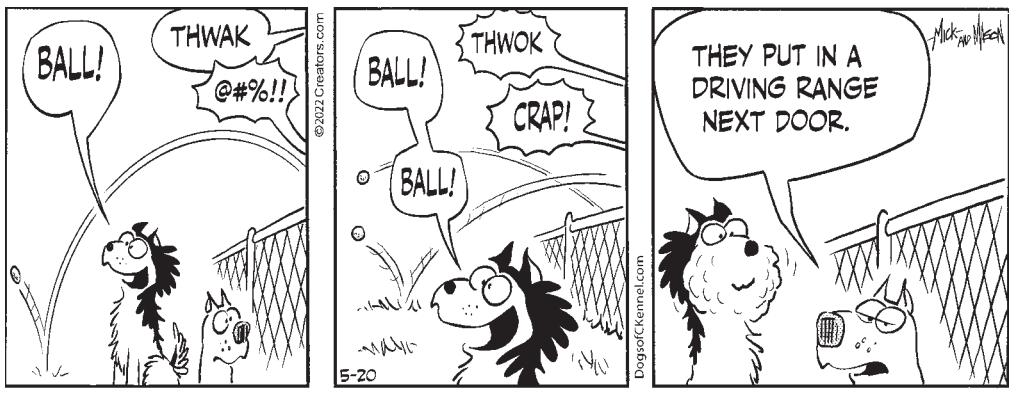
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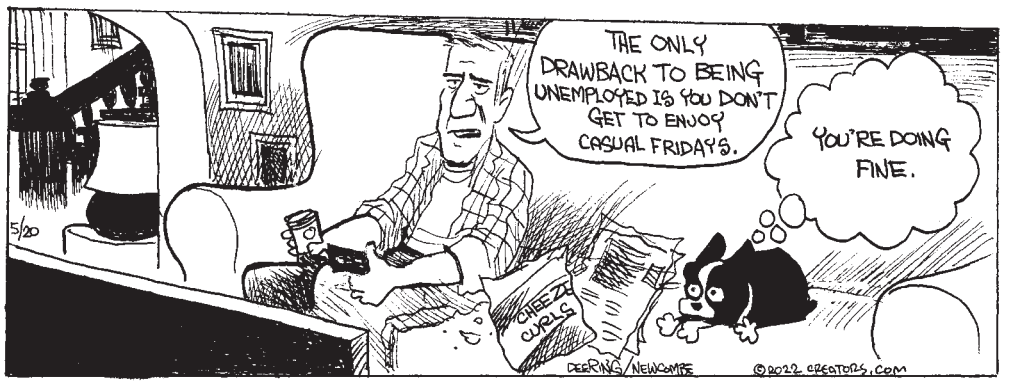
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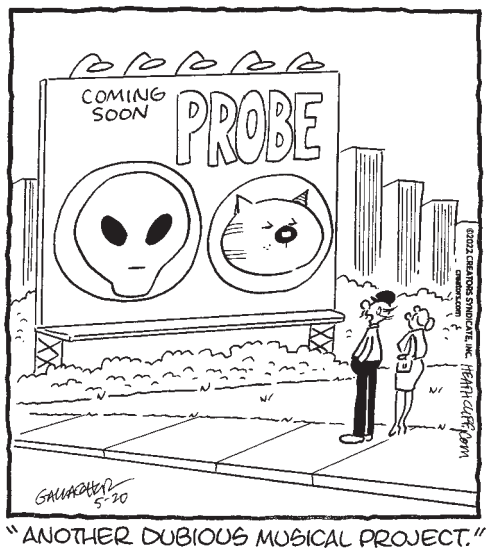
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FIND THE WORDS

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 22 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5485

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Cars
Courteous
Crest
Drowsy
Dubbo
Eden
Fast
Food
Fuel
Geelong
Guyra
Highett
Indicate
Inns
Kynuna
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UNFILTERED: CYBERYOUTH MANIFESTO
Hosted by The Revolution School and Feminist Center for Creative Work. Login to co-craft tools that liberate our relationships with digital landscapes, algorithms and surveillance, meet an influencer and co-write a manifesto of your dream social media platform! This virtual workshop is for youth ages 14-18 years old to share, explore, co-process, alchemize, and transform past and ongoing experiences with digital social media landscapes and the social and algorithmic powers that define, censor, and/or limit representation. 2 - 4 p.m. Register online at https://18thstreet.org/event/unfiltered-cyberyouth-manifesto/.

SATURDAY | MAY 21

NOTABLE BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP
A community-led book club, focusing on books which have won major prizes or are otherwise notable. This month's selection is Zorrie by Laird Hunt. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the Zoom link. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

ARTISTS AND HEALERS AS ESSENTIAL TO RECOVERY FROM CRISIS
What is the role of artists, healers, and artists as healers during a crisis such as COVID-19? A People's WPA is a cultural organizing and storytelling project by the US Department of Arts and Culture that seeks to uplift essential forms of labor in an effort to build an inspiring vision of our shared future. 3 - 4 p.m. Register online at https://18thstreet.org/event/a-peoples-wpa-healing/.

NAMI MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS EVENT
The National Alliance on Mental Illness Westside LA (NAMI) is hosting a series of events to celebrate Mental Health Awareness month in Santa Monica. Join NAMI as they host musical performances by local students, a workshop to uplift youth voices, a celebration of service awards, and resource booths with giveaways on Third Street Promenade between 12 - 3 p.m. Visit https://mham.namila.org/full-schedule/ for more information.

LOOK UP! - MONTANA AVE. ILLUMINATED OPENING NIGHT
Join organizers at LOOK UP! Discover the illuminated tree art on Montana Ave. by attending our opening night party with fun for the whole family. Dessert specials, glow sticks and more! Visit https://www.santamonica.gov/press/2022/04/05/montana-avenue-illuminated-by-art-and-light-installation for more information.

SPRING OPEN HOUSE & STUDIOS
18th Street Arts Center (Airport Campus)
3026 Airport Ave, Santa Monica CA 90405
Join artists in residence at our Airport Campus for an in-person Open House. Get a peek inside the studios of mixed media artist Rebecca Youssef, painter Crystal Michaelson, jewelry designer Paula Rosen, painter Claudia Concha, painter Alexandra Dillon, and many more. Plus, there will be a reception for the exhibition Collective Acts of Peace, on view in the Slipstream Galleries. Parking is limited, rideshare is encouraged. This is an in-person event and masks are required inside the galleries. https://18thstreet.org/event/spring-open-studios-2022

FLOATING FITNESS WORKOUT
$20/class, 8 - 9 a.m.. Floating Fitness Workouts with BOGAFiT builds strength, deepens flexibility, and improves balance and coordination. Wear a bathing suit or workout clothes. Be ready to get wet — you may fall into the pool. Annenberg Community Beach House. Register online at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation

SUNDAY | MAY 22

TOURS OF THE MARION DAVIES GUEST HOUSE
Santa Monica Conservancy docents share the rich history of the Beach House site from the 1920s onward. Free 20-minute visits docent tours are available on a walk-up basis, for groups of up to six people on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 12pm – 2pm. Just head to the Marion Davies Guest House where you will be greeted by a docent. Please note masks are required while indoors. Schedule subject to change, check the website calendar or call 310-458-4904 to confirm dates and hours. Annenberg Community Beach House. 12 - 2 p.m.

MONDAY | MAY 23

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING
The Airport Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council in all matters pertaining to the Municipal Airport and to aviation matters generally to the extent that they affect the City. 7 p.m.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SANTA MONICA
The League of Women Voters of Santa Monica visits the library to provide voter registration events in advance of the June Primary Election. Have you moved recently? Reregister to vote or check the status of your registration. Have your questions answered regarding Voting Solutions for All People, Los Angeles County's innovative voter-centered approach to voting. Main Library, 2 - 3:30 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.

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



SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **60.8**

FRIDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Most spots should be fairly clean in the early morning and fun SSW swell continues. Potential NW swell mix rebounds. Stay tuned.
SATURDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Morning looking clean and rideable/locally fun as SSW swell continues. Small NW swell mix expected to taper off. Stay tuned.

WEATHER

Friday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 69. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph.
Saturday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65. East southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/05/20	Fri	12:19 AM	5.84	H
2022/05/20	Fri	08:06 AM	-0.98	L
2022/05/20	Fri	3:21 PM	3.46	H
2022/05/20	Fri	7:07 PM	2.82	L
2022/05/21	Sat	01:25 AM	5.27	H
2022/05/21	Sat	09:15 AM	-0.65	L
2022/05/21	Sat	4:35 PM	3.74	H
2022/05/21	Sat	8:58 PM	2.88	L
2022/05/22	Sun	02:47 AM	4.71	H
2022/05/22	Sun	10:23 AM	-0.35	L
2022/05/22	Sun	5:31 PM	4.13	H
2022/05/22	Sun	10:54 PM	2.49	L
2022/05/23	Mon	04:18 AM	4.29	H
2022/05/23	Mon	11:21 AM	-0.07	L
2022/05/23	Mon	6:14 PM	4.55	H
2022/05/24	Tue	12:13 AM	1.84	L
2022/05/24	Tue	05:40 AM	4.04	H
2022/05/24	Tue	12:09 PM	0.25	L

DAILY LOTTERY

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

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 5/18
40 41 58 64 65
Power#: 17
Jackpot: 117 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 5/17
7 21 24 41 65
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 131 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 5/18
2 10 26 38 45
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 12 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/18
2 18 20 25 32

Daily 3
Draw Date: 5/18
EVENING: 1 9 2
Draw Date: 5/18
MIDDAY: 8 5 0

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 5/18
1st: 07 - Eureka
2nd: 05 - California Classic
3rd: 12 - Lucky Charms
Race Time: 1:43.17

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