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# Sheriff turns up pressure with pledge to increase Metro security

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Sheriff Alex Villanueva announced "Operation Safe Travel" this week: his plan to remove an estimated 5,700 homeless people he said are currently living on trains and buses across Los Angeles.

In a press conference just weeks before Election Day for the June 7, primary, incumbent LA County Sheriff Alex Villanueva announced a bold new plan for Metro security, evidently going beyond the bounds of the current LA County Sheriff's Department (LASD) contract across transit around LA County.

The announcement came just over a month after Villanueva issued an ultimatum to cut all LASD personnel from LA Metro security assignments beginning July 1, should his department not obtain the full LA Metro security contract.

Since 2017, LASD has worked with other agencies to patrol LA Metro's vast network, including Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) and Metro Transit Security Guards. But Villanueva said that contract has been a failure, and he believes his department can do better to serve Los Angeles' 620,000 daily riders.

Currently, approximately 300 LASD employees, including 270 sworn officers, are assigned to work on LA Metro, but Villanueva said he would push that number up beginning June 1, for what he named "Operation Safe Travel."

Though Villanueva referred to the plan as a "surge," he did not share an estimate for how many personnel he expected would be dedicated toward Operation Safe Travel. Instead, he said the team would be "cobbled together," pledging to draw from LASD resources including the HOST (Homeless Outreach Services Team), NARCO (Narcotics Bureau), SIU (Sheriffs Intelligence Unit) and COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) —

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# Firefighter Donation



Courtesy photo

**DAR:** Each year, the Santa Monica Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), chooses a cause and organizes a phantom fundraiser to support that need. This year, the focus was on local first responders—specifically, the Santa Monica Fire Department. Santa Monica Chapter, DAR Fundraising Chairman Margo Pepe states, "We are honored to support our local Santa Monica Firefighters Relief Fund. I can speak from first-hand experience; they are there for us when we need them most." The Santa Monica Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, was organized on May 17, 1906, and seeks to follow the guidelines of the National DAR as a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children. Members are all lineal descendants of those who supported the cause of independence in the Revolutionary War. For more information, contact regentsantamonica@gmail.com.

# Venice parking lot on list of properties Galperin calls for homeless housing

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Special to the Daily Press

A parking lot located off Venice Boulevard in Venice is among 26 city owned properties that Los Angeles Controller Ron Galperin is urging city officials to take advantage of to house people experiencing homelessness.

During a press conference last week, Galperin stated: "It is clear that more must be done right away to address the unparalleled tragedy on our streets. People across Los Angeles are suffering and dying because they lack shelter night after night, with people of color

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# Covid metrics move up in advance of Memorial Day

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Daily Press Editor

Signs of a growing Covid wave continued this week and officials are asking residents to take precautions to prevent a holiday-fueled spike in the coming weeks.

Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director of the LA County Department of Public Health said this week that the county is tracking a substantial uptick in cases, increasing test positivity rates, modest increases in hospitalizations, and relatively stable deaths. She said the County's count of new cases, reported Thursday as 6,245 for the week, is certainly an undercount as it doesn't track at-home tests and that the test positivity rate of 4.1 percent is two and a half times higher than it was a month ago. She said the death rate remains stable at about seven per day.

According to County numbers, the growing case count isn't evenly distributed among ages.

"While everyone's at risk for getting infected with and then becoming severely ill from COVID-19, we know that certain groups have a higher risk," she said. "For instance, when looking at the

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# US Census Bureau: Big city losses early in COVID pandemic

**MIKE SCHNEIDER**
Associated Press

Ko Im always thought she would live in New York forever. She knew every corner of Manhattan and had worked hard to build a community of friends. Living in a small apartment, she found her attitude shifting early in the coronavirus pandemic. After her brother accepted a job in Seattle in the summer of 2020, she decided to move there too.

"It was fine until it wasn't," Im, 36, said of her time in New York. "The pandemic really changed my mindset about how I wanted to live or how I needed to live."

Eight of the 10 largest cities in the U.S. lost population during the first year of the pandemic, with New York, Los Angeles and Chicago leading the way. Between July 2020 and July 2021, New York lost more than 305,000 people, while Chicago and Los Angeles contracted by 45,000 residents and 40,000 people, respectively.

San Francisco suffered the largest rate of decline, losing almost 55,000 residents, or 6.3% of its 2020 population, the highest percentage of any U.S. city.

The population estimates released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau capture a time early in the pandemic and don't reflect changes since last summer. Whether the virus has permanently altered the urban landscape of America remains an open question.

Brookings Institution demographer William Frey said he believes the population declines in most of the largest U.S. cities from 2020 to 2021 have been "short-lived and pandemic-related."

Among the 10 largest U.S. cities, only San Antonio and Phoenix gained new residents, but they added only about 13,000 people each, or less than 1% of their populations, according to the bureau's 2021 vintage population estimates.

Justin Jordan's move to Phoenix a year ago was motivated by a job offer paying him more money than the one in Moundsville, West Virginia, where he had been living. He has had to adjust to temperatures of 110 degrees Fahrenheit (43.3 degrees Celsius) and unwieldly traffic.

"I love the weather, the atmosphere, and all the stuff to do," said Jordan, 33, a senior operations manager for a business services firm.

Among the largest U.S. cities, Austin and Fort Worth in Texas; Jacksonville, Florida; Charlotte, North Carolina; and Columbus, Ohio also registered modest population gains.

In March, the Census Bureau released estimates for metro areas and counties showing changes from mid-2020 to mid-2021. The estimates released Thursday offer a more granular perspective. For instance, the March data showed metro Dallas had the largest population gain of any metro area in the U.S., adding more than 97,000 residents, but Thursday's estimates show the city of Dallas lost almost 15,000 residents. The growth occurred in Dallas suburbs like Frisco, McKinney and Plano.

Reasons for population changes vary from city to city, driven by housing costs, jobs, births and deaths. The pandemic and the lockdown that followed in spring 2020 made living in a crowded city less appealing for a time, and those who could leave -- workers who could do their jobs remotely, for example -- sometimes did.

Daniel Akerman, a New York real estate agent, said the Census Bureau data, which don't go past July 2021, fail to capture how people have returned to the city in the past year. He said real estate transactions have skyrocketed and available rental apartments have dropped.

"People have definitely returned to the city. There are a lot more people on the streets," Akerman said. "In July 2021, people were still guarded about COVID and a lot of that has gone away. People are a lot more free. They are out and about, going to restaurants."

New York Mayor Eric Adams has made it a priority to get New Yorkers back to the city and recently launched a campaign to try to lure Floridians to New York following passage of legislation in the Sunshine State forbidding instruction on sexual orientation in kindergarten through third grade, said Fabien Levy, the mayor's press secretary. New Yorkers historically have been the largest domestic source of new Floridians.

"With job growth faster than the rest of the nation, an economy on the rise, a reduction in crime, and more accepting practices than Florida and other states, New York City is a welcoming and accepting place for all," Levy said in an email.

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When it came to growth rates, as opposed to raw numbers, the fastest-growing cities with populations of at least 50,000 residents were in the suburbs of booming Sunbelt metro areas. They included Georgetown and Leander outside Austin; the town of Queen Creek and the cities of Buckeye, Casa Grande and Maricopa, outside Phoenix; the city of New Braunfels, outside San Antonio; and Fort Myers, Florida. They had growth rates of between 6.1% and 10.5%.

As metro Austin has grown by leaps and bounds, so has Georgetown, located more than 25 miles (40 kilometers) north of the Texas capital, said Keith Hutchinson, the city's communications manager. The city grew by 10.5%, the most in the nation last year, and now has 75,000 residents.

"It's not really a surprise," Hutchinson said. "People are moving here for jobs."

The estimates also showed population declines of 3% to 3.5% in New Jersey cities outside New York, such as Union City, Hoboken and Bayonne. Similar declines occurred outside San Francisco in Daly City, Redwood City and San Mateo, as well as Cupertino in Silicon Valley.

Lake Charles, Louisiana, which was devastated by Hurricane Laura in 2020, lost almost 5% of its residents, the second-highest rate in the U.S. behind San Francisco.

Though the Category 4 storm was the driver there, elsewhere, the pandemic created opportunities to move. Andrew Mazur, 31, had been wanting for some time to leave Philadelphia for South Florida where he grew up, and the chance to work remotely in his job at a large professional services firm arrived in November 2020. He joined almost 25,000 residents who left Philadelphia between 2020 and 2021.

Although he now needs a car to get around, Mazur loves golfing every weekend and going to the beach. He recently moved out of his parents' home, getting his own apartment in Fort Lauderdale. He made the move official three weeks ago by obtaining a Florida driver's license.

"I'm not going back. It has been great," Mazur said. "Philly, New York, Chicago — tons of people from there are moving down here."

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Petty Theft 300Blk Olympic Dr 12:27 a.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 300Blk Marguerita Ave 12:45 a.m.
Loud Music Ocean Ave / Bay St 1:29 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400Blk 5th St 1:53 a.m.
Petty Theft 1100Blk 11th St 2:28 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300Blk Montana Ave 4:26 a.m.
Arson 1800Blk 7th St 4:52 a.m.
Arson 1000Blk Pico Blvd 5:00 a.m.
Arson 2400Blk Lincoln Blvd 5:29 a.m.
Encampment 1600Blk Ocean Ave 5:55 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 500Blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:56 a.m.
Encampment 500Blk Olympic Blvd W 7:30 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 400Blk Broadway 7:40 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1700Blk Berkeley St 7:45 a.m.
General Parking Problem 2500Blk 5th St 8:19 a.m.
Found Property 2800Blk Ocean Front Walk 8:30 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2900Blk Kansas Ave 8:30 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 100Blk Georgina Ave 8:31 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle 1300Blk Grant St 8:32 a.m.
Encampment 2000Blk The Beach 8:36 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1500Blk 4th St 8:58 a.m.
Vandalism 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 9:02 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2400Blk 6th St 9:17 a.m.
General Parking Problem 700Blk Ozone St 9:21 a.m.
Grand Theft 2800Blk Delaware Ave 9:25 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1600Blk 9th St 9:26 a.m.
Attempt Auto Theft 1400Blk Harvard St 9:30 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2100Blk Colorado Ave 9:30 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1000Blk 12th St 9:39 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 600Blk Kensington rd 9:40 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2900Blk Colorado Ave 10:00 a.m.
Sexual Assault 1300Blk 15th St 10:03 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 20th St / Pico Blvd 10:26 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1600Blk Main St 10:26 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2400Blk 7th St 10:28 a.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 1300Blk Franklin St 10:31 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1300Blk 2nd St 10:34 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2000Blk 21st St 10:37 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 300Blk Civic Center Dr 10:37 a.m.
Petty Theft 1600Blk Cloverfield Blvd 10:40 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1500Blk 4th St 10:45 a.m.
Vandalism 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:45 a.m.
Loitering 1900Blk 10th St 11:07 a.m.
Loitering 400Blk Marine St 11:28 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1400Blk 9th St 11:31 a.m.
Red Zone Violation 800Blk Bay St 11:50 a.m.
Burglary 400Blk Broadway 11:52 a.m.
Vandalism 1700Blk Ocean Ave 11:55 a.m.
Burglary 1300Blk 2nd St 12:06 p.m.
Loitering 1400Blk 16th St 12:10 p.m.
Encampment 700Blk Idaho Ave 12:12 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1200Blk 4th St 12:12 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1400Blk 4th St 12:15 p.m.
Grand Theft 800Blk Princeton St 12:19 p.m.
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Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1000Blk 3rd St 12:23 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 700Blk Pier Ave 12:26 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1000Blk 12th St 12:36 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2400Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:56 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 18th St / Arizona Ave 1:04 p.m.
Red Zone Violation 1700Blk Euclid St 1:18 p.m.
Fraud 1400Blk Euclid St 1:21 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 10th St / California Ave 1:21 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 400Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:33 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2600Blk Barnard Way 1:34 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 17th St / Olympic Blvd 1:48 p.m.
General Parking Problem Main St / Ashland Ave 1:54 p.m.
Found Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 2:02 p.m.
Fire Request Police 1300Blk 2nd St 2:23 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2000Blk Ocean Ave 2:28 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1800Blk 9th St 2:29 p.m.
Petty Theft 1200Blk 3rd Street Prom 2:30 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 300Blk Montana Ave 2:31 p.m.
Vandalism 1200Blk Olympic Blvd 2:32 p.m.
Battery 4th St / Colorado Ave 2:40 p.m.
Speeding 18th St / California Ave 2:42 p.m.
Vandalism 1700Blk Olympic Blvd 2:44 p.m.
Fire Request Police 800Blk Palisades Park 2:46 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 700Blk Pier Ave 3:00 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1600Blk Appian Way 3:02 p.m.
Found Property 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 3:12 p.m.
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Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1000Blk 10th St 3:19 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1100Blk Idaho Ave 3:37 p.m.
Fire Request Police 1900Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:10 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1800Blk 14th St 4:30 p.m.
Bike Theft 2800Blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:38 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 2300Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:42 p.m.
Petty Theft 800Blk Princeton St 5:12 p.m.
Battery 1000Blk Wilshire Blvd 5:20 p.m.
Encampment 1900Blk Broadway 5:48 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2nd St / Broadway 5:49 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 900Blk 20th St 6:08 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 900Blk Harvard St 6:12 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1300Blk Lincoln Blvd 6:21 p.m.
Missing Person 2400Blk 16th St 6:44 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1200Blk 2nd St 6:56 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2400Blk Oak St 6:57 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1400Blk 4th St 6:58 p.m.
Bike Theft 2800Blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:00 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1400Blk 9th St 7:26 p.m.
Expired Registration 1200Blk 4th St 7:30 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1400Blk 26th St 7:39 p.m.
Vandalism 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 7:44 p.m.
Red Zone Violation 1600Blk Appian Way 7:54 p.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals 20th St / Wilshire Blvd 7:55 p.m.
Petty Theft 1400Blk Olympic Blvd 8:11 p.m.
Loitering 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 8:20 p.m.
Petty Theft 400Blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:28 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1900Blk 22nd St 8:48 p.m.
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Vandalism 1300Blk 2nd St 9:32 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 2500Blk 7th St 9:36 p.m.
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Public Intoxication 10th St / Wilshire Blvd 11:02 p.m.
Living In A Vehicle 300Blk Marguerita Ave 11:37 p.m.
Missing Person 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 11:54 p.m.

## DAILY FIRE LOGS

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EMS 2200Blk 29th St 12:08 a.m.
EMS 5th St / Colorado Ave 12:42 a.m.
Structure Fire 1800Blk 7th St 4:54 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 800Blk Pico Blvd 4:58 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1000Blk Pico Blvd 4:59 a.m.
EMS 2300Blk Arizona Ave 6:59 a.m.
EMS 2600Blk 6th St 8:16 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 20th St 8:22 a.m.
EMS 500Blk Olympic Blvd W 8:24 a.m.
Elevator Rescue 2400Blk Olympic Blvd 9:13 a.m.
EMS 1800Blk 34th St 10:14 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk 12th St 10:58 a.m.
EMS 1500Blk 5th St 11:02 a.m.
EMS 2700Blk Pico Blvd 11:21 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Marguerita Ave 11:22 a.m.
EMS 19th St / Wilshire Blvd 12:10 p.m.
EMS 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 12:14 p.m.
EMS 200Blk Ocean Ave 12:20 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 1:02 p.m.
EMS 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:13 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 7th St 1:36 p.m.
EMS 2600Blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:49 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 1:52 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 2900Blk 10th St 2:09 p.m.
EMS 3rd Street Prom / Arizona Ave 2:16 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 2nd St 2:23 p.m.
Brush Fire 800Blk Palisades Park 2:46 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk Lincoln Blvd 3:19 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk Georgina Ave 3:55 p.m.
EMS 1900Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:04 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk 4th St 4:21 p.m.
EMS 1800Blk Pier Ave 4:27 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 400Blk 23rd St 4:35 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 20th St 4:41 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1700Blk Ocean Ave 5:35 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1200Blk 17th St 9:55 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1200Blk 17th St 9:57 p.m.
EMS 9th St / Wilshire Blvd 11:14 p.m.

## CRIME WATCH

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

### ON SATURDAY, MAY 21 AT 12:36 A.M.

Officers responded to a residence on the 100 block of Hollister after the reporting party contacted Dispatch relaying that she received a Ring camera notification about movement in her yard. The reporting party noticed the subject walking around her property and tampering with packages. Upon arrival, officers conducted a sweep of the residence and located the subject inside, wearing items from the packages he had taken. The subject had broken a window to gain entry. The subject, Samuel Peter Kaye-Rau was arrested for Burglary.




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# More Memorial Day travel expected, despite high gas prices

**STEFANIE DAZIO, CHRISTOPHER WEBER AND TERRY TANG**
Associated Press

To drive, or not to drive? This Memorial Day weekend, with surging gas prices that are redefining pain at the pump, that is the question for many Americans as a new COVID-19 surge also spreads across the country.

For Marvin Harper, of Phoenix, his family's weekend travel plans are a double punch to the wallet. His college-age son and daughter each have a soccer tournament in Southern California and Colorado, respectively. He and his daughter will fly to Denver, rather than drive, because of the cost of fuel, while his wife and son will go to California in her SUV.

"My mother-in-law's going with my wife and son to split that cost because it's just too much on our household," said Harper, as he filled up the tank of his truck at a Phoenix QuikTrip. "We can't afford both of us to drive. That's the bottom line ... Gas prices are killing our household."

For some, that's exactly what's caused them to rethink their holiday plans, making them opt for a staycation in their backyard to limit the damage to their wallets.

Laura Dena and her sons would typically go to Southern California around Memorial Day weekend to escape Arizona's scorching heat. This year, because it takes at least $100 to fill up her truck, they're staying home.

"It's really frustrating," said Dena while waiting in line in 90-degree heat for a pump at a Costco in Phoenix. "It's upsetting, but there's not much we can do. We have to pay the price."

The average gas price in the U.S. on Thursday was $4.60 per gallon, according to AAA figures. In California, it topped $6. The high price of oil — largely because many buyers are refusing to purchase Russian oil because of its invasion of Ukraine — is the main cause of the steep gasoline prices.

Rising prices coincide with a COVID-19 surge that has led to case counts that are as high as they've been since mid-February, and those figures are likely a major undercount because of unreported positive home test results and asymptomatic infections.

Still, 2 1/2 years of pandemic life has many people hitting the road or taking to the skies, despite the surge. AAA estimates that 39.2 million people in the U.S. will travel 50 miles (80 kilometers) or more from home during the holiday weekend.

Those projections —- which include travel by car, plane and other modes of transportation like trains or cruise ships — are up 8.3% from 2021 and would bring Memorial Day travel volumes close to 2017 levels. The estimates are still below pre-pandemic 2019 levels, a peak year for travel.

About 88% of those 39.2 million travelers — a record number — are expected to go by car over the long weekend even as gas prices remain high, according to AAA spokesperson Andrew Gross.

In California — despite being home to the nation's highest gas prices — the state's nonprofit tourism agency also predicts a busy summer for the Golden State, beginning this weekend.

Ryan Becker, Visit California's spokesperson, said his agency is seeing a lot of "pent-up demand" because of the pandemic: "I want to get out, I want to travel. I've had to put my anniversary trip on hold, I've had to put my 40th birthday trip on hold."

> "My mother-in-law's going with my wife and son to split that cost because it's just too much on our household — Marvin Harper"

Outdoorsy, an online rental marketplace for RVs and camper vans, is noticing that its renters have changed their plans over the course of the pandemic. Early on, people would rent an RV to travel cross-country safely to visit family. Now, they're back to using the RVs as a cost-effective way for a vacation tethered to nature.

"I think everyone needs a vacation, I really do," Outdoorsy co-founder Jen Young said. "Have we ever lived through a more stressful, challenging — mentally and physically and spiritually — time in our lives?"

Others shrug off the stress of the added travel costs because it's out of their control. At a Chevron station in the Glassell Park neighborhood of Los Angeles, Ricardo Estrada tried to guess how much the $6.49 a gallon price would run him in total for his Nissan work van.

"I'll go with between 60 and 70 bucks," the heating and air-conditioning technician speculated, eyeing the display as the price went up and up.

Estrada — just missing his guess when the pump registered $71.61 for 11 gallons of regular grade — has been forced to raise his business fees for customers to overcome the gas prices. He'll be working over the holiday weekend but has a vacation planned in Arizona next month.

He's flying, but only because of convenience, not cost.

But with airline tickets prices up, too — AAA found that the average lowest airfare for this weekend is 6% higher than last year — that's not a sure bet, either.



## METRO

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as well as mounted enforcement, the aero bureau and reserve forces.

In total, Villanueva said 16 LASD units, details, bureaus and teams would be involved in the push, which was focused on clearing homelessness from trains.

"Well, our surge right now that we're going to focus all the resources on is getting the 5,700 [unhoused] people off the system," Villanueva said. "I think once we have them off the system, obviously we can tone it down to meet the needs of the people that are riding that are legitimate riders of the system, but right now, the presence of that many homeless on the system — on the platforms on the trains — is our primary focus. So, we can anticipate once we have them off the system, that there'll be a lower need for that many [officers]."

> "Anyone who has taken Metro knows there is a mental health crisis on our transit system — Supervisor Janice Hahn"

According to Villanueva, unhoused transit users — many of whom, he said, live on trains — are responsible for violence perpetrated on rail and buses. The Sheriff highlighted several recent assaults and other violent crimes, all of which he said were perpetrated by homeless people.

Prior to the current five-year contract that began in 2017, LASD was solely responsible for security on LA Metro; Villanueva would like to see that system return.

In response to the plan, LA Metro spokespeople provided the following statement: "We will continue to work cooperatively with the LA Sheriff's office as outlined in our contract extension for the next year. Safety is Metro's No. 1 priority, and we continue to add additional programs and services to our system to address crime, cleanliness, and safety issues. As the year proceeds, Metro will evaluate all of our options to identify the most effective path forward to create the safest and most comfortable environment possible for our customers and employees."

Villanueva's announcement came just days before Metro announced a new agreement with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) to make trained mental health professionals available to respond to mental health crises on the public transit system.

"Anyone who has taken Metro knows there is a mental health crisis on our transit system," said Supervisor Janice Hahn, who authored the October 2021 motion to initiate talks between the Department of Mental Health and Metro. "With this new agreement, our Department of Mental Health will place teams of trained mental health professionals on our buses and trains so that they can respond to people in crisis, de-escalate potentially dangerous situations, and connect people with the long-term treatment and support they need."

Under the agreement, DMH will pilot up to 10 mobile crisis outreach teams that will operate during Metro hours, seven days a week, to de-escalate situations and provide linkages to appropriate follow-up services including possible 5150 or 5585 involuntary psychiatric evaluation and/or provision of transport to appropriate facility-based care, when needed. DMH will also provide Community Ambassador Network teams to provide outreach and linkages to services to individuals experiencing mental illness within designated areas of the metro system. Finally, DMH will provide 30 Metro Transit Security and contract security personnel with intervention training to include basic awareness of mental health conditions and de-escalation skills and behaviors for managing a mental health incident.

During his announcement, Villanueva said he was not sure whether Operation Safe Travel would have an impact on the July contract — but one statement seemed to imply he would be open to retaining the current contract size, contrary to his April statements.

"It doesn't matter if we get the same chunk [of territory] that we have now or we get the entire system," Villanueva said. "What matters is that law enforcement has to resume control over safety on this system, not being a second choice after private security does their business because they're not — it is not working."

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# Jury selection begins in Bill Cosby civil assault case

**ANDREW DALTON**
AP Entertainment Writer

With jury selection beginning Thursday at the Santa Monica courthouse, attorneys have been scrambling to deal with shifting evidence in Bill Cosby's civil trial over allegations that he sexually assaulted a teenage girl at the Playboy mansion nearly 50 years ago.

Plaintiff Judy Huth said in a recent court filing that she now believes the assault happened in 1975 when she was 16, not in 1974 when she was 15 as she had long alleged, spurring cries of foul and a request to dismiss the case from Cosby's attorneys, who said the change has upended their defense on the eve of trial.

"It's not fair," Cosby's lawyer Jennifer Bonjean said outside court last week. "It's called trial by ambush."

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Craig Karlan gave no indication he planned to throw out the 8-year-old case just before a trial that he is determined to have start as scheduled, and forged ahead in preparations.

Cosby, 85, will not attend any of it, his attorneys said. The case has taken on renewed significance as one of the few remaining legal actions against him after Pennsylvania's highest court threw out his criminal sexual assault conviction in June and released him from prison, and many other lawsuits were settled against his will by his insurer.

Huth's attorneys said the change in her story came after research of archival evidence led them to determine the dates when Cosby was shooting the movie "Let's Do It Again" at a Los Angeles-area park, where Huth says the two met before he took her to the mansion.

The evidence included a dated photo of Cosby with a beard and a tuxedo looking exactly as Huth had remembered him.

The change was revealed in a declaration that was attached as an exhibit to a May 5 motion. But Bonjean said she should have gotten direct notification, and told the judge the move was "subversive."

One of Huth's attorneys, Nathan Goldberg, took offense.

"We filed it with the court, that was subversive?" Goldberg said.

He suggested the defense had long been concealing the timing of the mansion visit.

"They've known all along it was 1975," Goldberg said.

Cosby's attorneys said they had built much of their trial defense around the timing of the trip to the Playboy Mansion, including going to great lengths to establish Cosby's whereabouts at the time, and basing their planned questions for Huth on the witness stand around her account of the chronology.

Huth's lawsuit alleges Cosby forced her to perform a sex act on him in a bedroom of Playboy founder Hugh Hefner's famed Los Angeles mansion.

Bonjean acknowledges that Cosby met Huth and took her to the mansion — a photograph shows the two there together — but that the visit happened later when Huth was not a minor, and that no sexual assault took place regardless.

Bonjean also said the changed story also

> "Mr. Cosby is a guy who has never settled for anything in life, and he's not going to settle in this case — Andrew Wyatt

means changes to the relevance of the case's law, which treats 15-year-olds and 16-year-olds differently.

Without dismissing the case or delaying the trial, the judge did agree with Huth's lawyers that they should have clearly notified the defense of the timing change, and he ordered Huth and a friend who is corroborating her story to sit for new depositions.

"It is extraordinarily difficult to defend against an allegation from 50 years ago. Nobody could do it, innocent, guilty or something in between," Bonjean, who also represented Cosby in his criminal case and is representing R. Kelly in his Chicago child pornography trial, said outside court. "You work, you work, you work to create a defense, and then all of a sudden at the last minute, it's a bait-and-switch."

Huth attorney Gloria Allred declined comment.

Cosby gave a videotaped deposition early in the case, but will not be required to testify the trial.

He will not make the trip to California from his Pennsylvania home because of glaucoma that has left him blind, his representatives said.

But his absence is no indication of how vigorously he intends to fight.

"Mr. Cosby is a guy who has never settled for anything in life, and he's not going to settle in this case," Cosby spokesman Andrew Wyatt said after the hearing.

The Associated Press does not normally name people who say they have been sexually abused, unless they come forward publicly, as Huth repeatedly has.

Cosby, the groundbreaking Black actor and comedian, had been the first celebrity convicted of sexual assault in the #MeToo era. The jury at his 2018 retrial found him guilty of drugging and molesting a college sports administrator. However, the conviction was later reversed.

A barrage of such sexual assault allegations destroyed his image as "America's Dad" and led to multimillion-dollar court settlements with at least eight women.



## COVID

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14-day cumulative hospitalization rates by age group, it's very clear that older adults are substantially more likely to require hospitals than younger individuals. The group that is that the highest risk are adults who are 80 years of age and older."

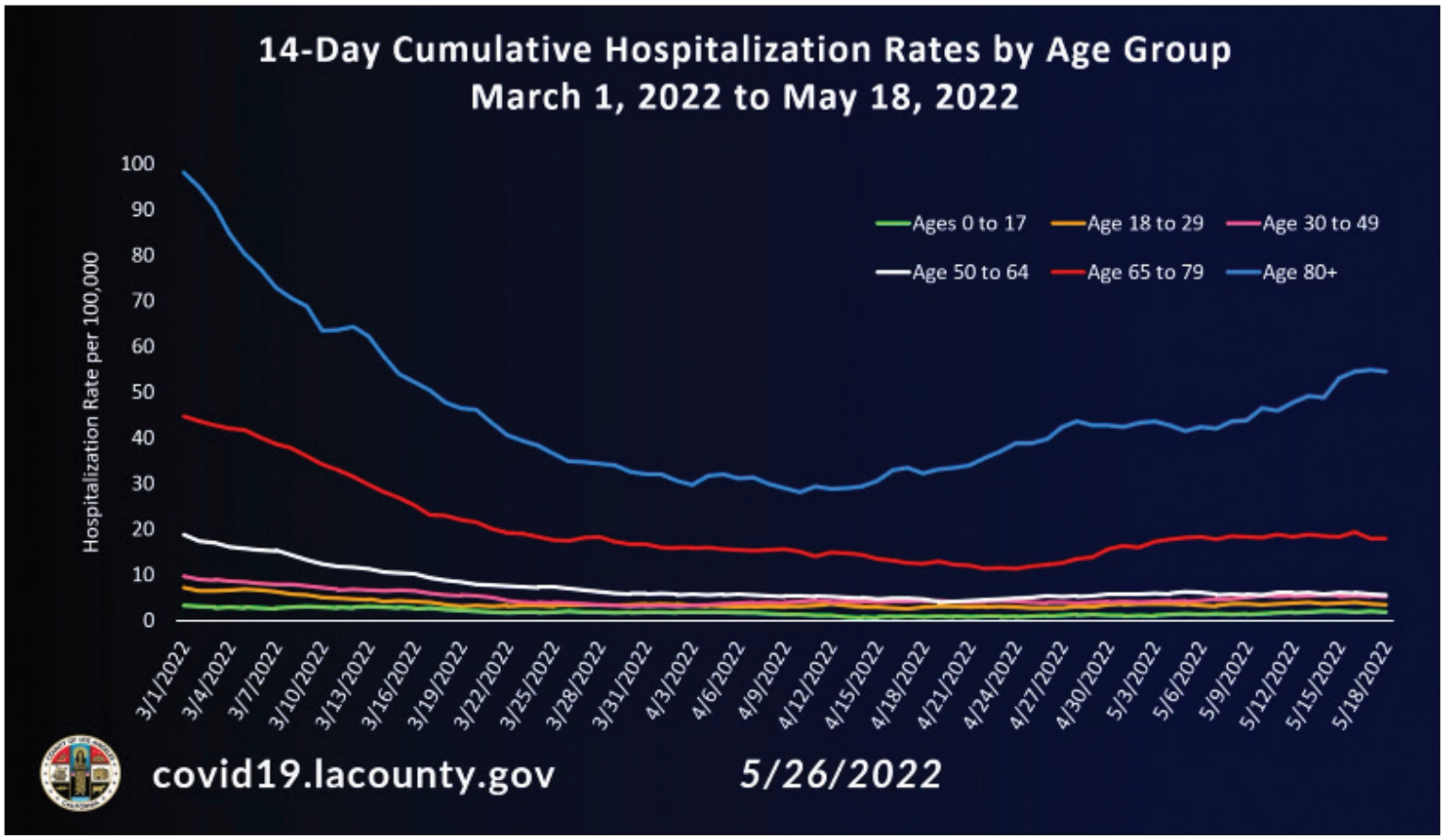
She said almost all of those recently hospitalized have been older adults but she cautioned younger residents to be aware that anyone can contract a serious case.

Last week, Los Angeles County moved into the CDC's medium community level and while a couple of metrics actually moved into the "high" bracket this week, the county's overall level remained at "medium."

"All eight of our early alerts are now considered to be a cause for medium or high concern," she said. "Two metrics met the threshold for high concern. The first is the percentage of recently sequenced specimens that are identified as a new variant of concern, which has been high for weeks due to the predominance of the BA.2 variant and its sublineages. This week, the number of new outbreaks in skilled nursing facilities also pass the threshold for high concern with 21 new outbreaks opened in just the past days."

Ferrer said her office is tracking hospitalizations and while the levels are not dangerous yet, she said the trend lines are worrying.

"As our community transmission and the rate of increase in hospital admissions are of concern," she said. "If we continue on the current trajectory, we could find that cases and hospitalizations end up exerting stress on our healthcare system within just a few weeks."




Courtesy image

**HOSPITAL:** Hospitalizations have been increasing among elderly residents but case counts are increasing among all groups.

She said with the approaching holiday weekend, residents were encouraged to utilize existing protections like masks, vaccines, tests and treatments if necessary.

"Regardless of how you plan to spend the holiday. We ask that you reduce the chance of getting or spreading COVID-19 By taking advantage of the protections we just discussed vaccinations, masking testing and therapeutics."

She said hosts can move gatherings outside to limit the spread and when that's not possible, improve indoor airflow.

She said post-gathering safety will also be key to stopping the spread.

"Of course, if you have any symptoms after this after you gather, please do stay home and away from others get tested."

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

**Malibu**

## City of Malibu Adds Two New Fire Safety Liaison

The City of Malibu has hired two additional Fire Safety Liaisons as part of the City's efforts to enhance Malibu's wildfire preparedness and response. Retired Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACOFD) Assistant Fire Chief Greg Hisel and retired LACOFD Fire Fighter Paramedic Brad Yocum will be joining the City's Public Safety Team the week of May 23, joining the City's current Fire Safety Liaison Gabe Etcheverry.

"The City is committed to addressing Malibu's number one public safety threat, wildfire, so it's great news that we are welcoming our excellent new Fire Safety Liaisons," Mayor Paul Grisanti said. "Our Fire Safety Liaisons are crucial for coordinating with the Fire Department and other agencies on fire planning and response, conducting community preparedness outreach, monitoring fire conditions, updating the Council and staff on fire conditions, and much more."

Hisel retired from the LACOFD in 2018 after 34 years with the Department and brings extensive leadership experience. He served as the Division 3 Assistant Fire Chief for five years and served as a Battalion Chief for nine years, including an assignment with Battalion 5, whose territory includes Malibu. His familiarity with Malibu includes serving as the LACOFD Incident commander for the Malibu Triathlon. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks.

Yocum retired from LACOFD in 2019 after working for 15 years as a Firefighter Paramedic and 15 years in LACOFD's Forestry Division. The Forestry Division is responsible for overseeing numerous activities including brush clearance, fuel modification, home inspections and public education. Yocum earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resource Management from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Yocum's experience and education in natural resources and defensible space will greatly assist the City's efforts to encourage and advise property owners on how to harden their homes against wildfires.

Hisel and Yocum, who will both serve part-time positions, are replacing full-time Fire Safety Liaison Chris Brossard, who left the City in February 2022 for a position as a Fire Captain for Cal Fire. The City's current part-time Fire Safety Liaison, Gabe Etcheverry, was hired in July 2021 after working for 34 years with LACOFD, including 20 years as a Fire Captain. Etcheverry has extensive experience as an instructor in Urban Search and Rescue and Hazardous Materials.

The Fire Safety Liaison position is responsible for designing and implementing wildfire preparedness and mitigation programs such as the City's free Home Wildfire Hardening Assessment Program for residents, and the recent free Hazard Tree Removal Program, as well as general fire safety public education. They also respond to incidents to serve as a liaison between the incident command post and the City's Emergency Operation Center. Having three part-time Fire Safety Liaisons, each with their own specialized knowledge, will provide greater coverage during Red Flag fire conditions, and a broader knowledge base to serve the community year-round. As fire seasons become longer and more intense, the Fire Safety Liaisons have become more and more critical to helping the City prepare for and respond to wildfires.

For more information about the City's Fire Safety efforts and to schedule a free Home Wildfire Hardening Assessment, visit www.MalibuCity.org/FireSafety.

MATT MYERHOFF, MEDIA INFORMATION OFFICER

**Malibu**

## Give the Gift of Life, Donate Blood at Malibu City Hall on June 15

Community members are invited to give the gift of life by donating blood at the City of Malibu and American Red Cross Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, June 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at City Hall in the Multipurpose Room. City Hall is located at 23825 Stuart Ranch Road.

Please register for your life-saving appointment in advance at www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter "CityofMalibu" or call 800-733-2767. Bring a photo ID, and drink plenty of water and eat well before and after giving blood.

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# VENICE

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impacted disproportionately. We need more housing solutions now. Using vacant, publicly owned properties would bring thousands of people off the streets, and help them get access to health, mental health and other critical services they so badly need."

Galperin released the list of locations in January. The 26 locations were selected with criteria that included examining their size and current use.

Included on the list is a parking lot, controlled by the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, in Venice. The lot on the 700 block of N. Venice Blvd. is just a few blocks from the Centennial Park encampment as well as adjacent to homes and down the road from a daycare center.

Galperin said he found that the city uses only a small portion of its land to address the homelessness crisis, and the 26 properties he identified would provide an additional 1.7 million square feet of space for interim housing. The locations could support tiny home villages, safe parking and safe camping areas as well as support facilities such as restrooms, showers and laundry centers, Galperin said.

Galperin is in the midst of a competitive election to retain his position and his challengers have all endorsed some variation on using city property for emergency housing.

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## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 27)

A sale allows you to make a dream project your reality. You'll get more productive even as you work less because you have a tremendous talent for setting the right goals and picking people who will help you achieve them. Gemini and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 4, 13, 16 and 9.

## HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Ambition and drive are cosmic gifts that sometimes can feel like a curse. You'll do what it takes to make your plans happen as close to your imaginings as possible.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're well aware of the risks involved in a venture, which is why you prefer to be around the optimistic people who don't mention danger at every turn.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If the needle of time were to go back to the beginning of the record it would still play the same song. There's no point to longing, regret or wishing things were any other way than they are right now.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't always have the luxury of choosing what style you'll receive your life in. Some things only come one way. The rarer a thing is, the fewer your options. All the more reason to appreciate this unique package.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You may not get the reaction you were going for because this isn't a movie, and no one is following your script. Even so, roll with the improvisational moment and brilliance ensues.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). While accidentally ignoring things is a recipe for disaster, ignoring a thing on purpose will be an effective tactic for the win. Neglect is an especially useful state when applied to unwanted things.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A deadline looms. A decision must be made. Here are your choices: Do it well, do it on time or do it within your budget. Pick two. Only two are possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Friends point to your strengths, critics point to your faults and loved ones accept you for both. Unconditional love is real. You know this because you give and receive it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can't stick to the recipe when you don't have all the ingredients. Lack leads to invention. You'll change it up and create something better for the challenge.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You take on the issues of society like they were your own. It's almost as though your connection to humanity carries a great weight of responsibility... yep. Now, why don't the others seem to know this?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't have to have the necessary experience before you start. You'll pick it up as you go, just as you always have. Each relationship teaches you something different.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Liking a person is one thing; the day-to-day of a committed relationship is quite another. No need to think too far into things, though. Relationship success is creating fun in one moment at a time.

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.

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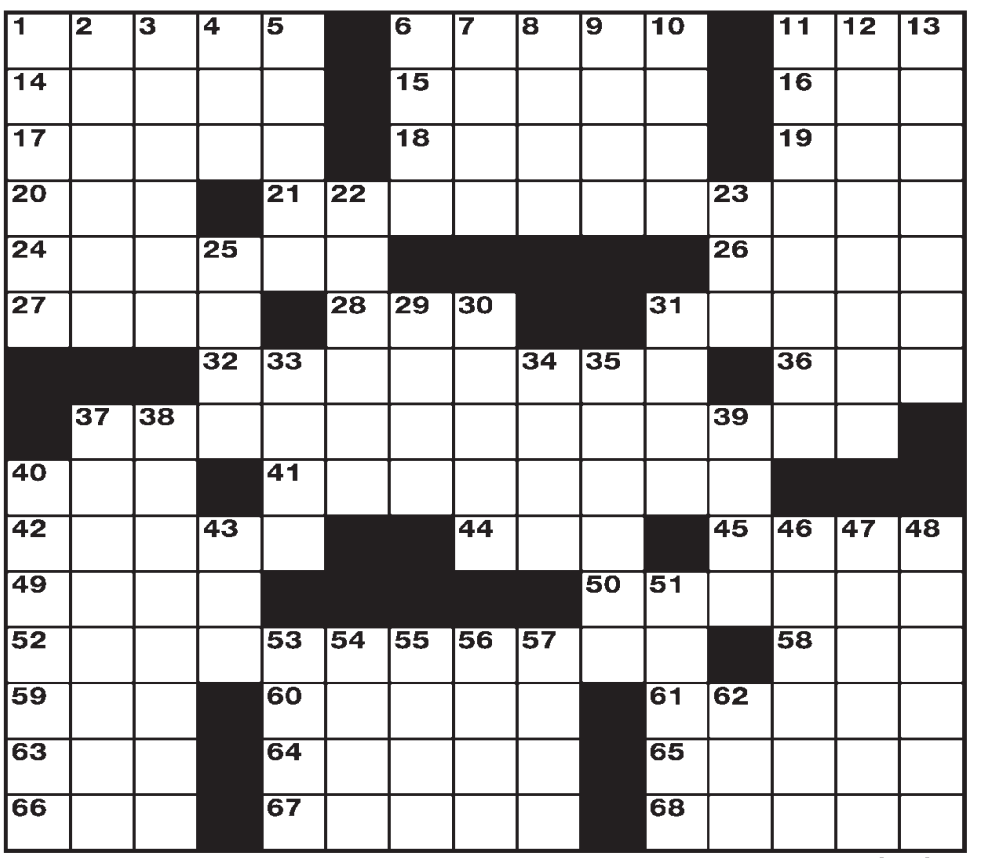
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**ACROSS**

1 Counts, for example
6 Occupy, as a desk
11 Brunch servings
14 Come to
15 Text adornment
16 Furry friend
17 Epéeist's move
18 Disney movie set in China
19 Flight datum
20 Sundial numeral
21 Laundry instruction
24 To be safe
26 Ivy Leaguers
27 Viewed
28 IPO principals
31 Offerer of clog-busting tips
32 Exhaust-system part
36 Men's lacrosse team
37 Storage area for Ts
40 Earth agitator
41 Southern Native American
42 Longfellow poem Pilgrim
44 "Metric" measure
45 Full-range
49 Minuscule margin
50 It's northwest of Roma
52 Computer mouse action
58 Wall St. takeover
59 No nickname for Vuitton
60 Presley's middle name
61 Tea region of India
63 PC key above the tilde
64 Angry blog post
65 Hike up
66 Tuna roll topper
67 Beat on a board
68 Lugged around

**DOWN**

1 Hip place
2 Zebra, for instance
3 JFK sister
4 Tattered towel, perhaps
5 Snow-day rides
6 Sweet starter
7 "My turn!"
8 Related
9 Open some
10 Barely there
11 Sign in a tavern window
12 Frequent flier
13 Extends one's visit
22 Tweak some
23 Poet's preposition
25 Down payment of a sort
29 Nickname for a "merciful" guy
30 Sailboat pole
31 "Let's shake on it!"
33 Focused grp.
34 "__ idea!"
35 Without delay
37 Plaintively, in music
38 What may cover your elbows
39 Fray, say
40 Spy's boss
43 ER readout
46 Cheese with holes
47 Aboard at a ballpark
48 Had a video meeting
51 Illusionary works
53 Clock radio switch
54 *Lion King* queen
55 Grinchesque exclamation
56 Comic book cost, long ago
57 Bagpipe part
62 __ Paulo



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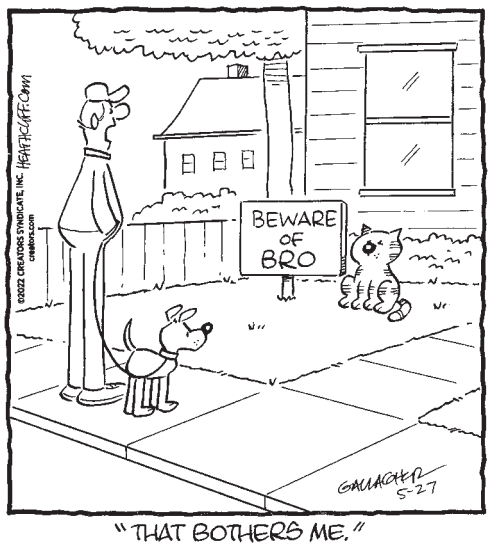

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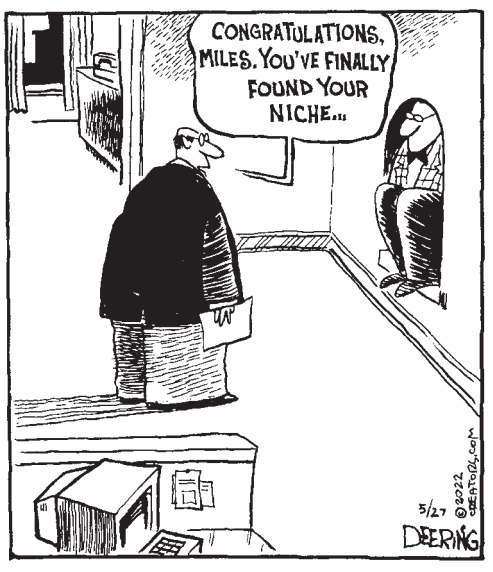
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"THAT BOTHERS ME."

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

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**Bush beauty**

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| Bush | Fauna | Idle | Orchids | Summit |
| Calm | Fish | Indigo | Owls | Tent |
| Camp | Flies | Isolated | Path | Trail |
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90s Night, EVERY FRIDAY. Featuring music from DJ @mycomusica, starting at 7 p.m. Nostalgia Bar & Lounge is the first brick and mortar concept from Chris Sayegh, that evokes fond memories of childhood Americana through a familiar, yet whimsically mature menu and ambiance. 1326 Pico Blvd.

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**MEMORIAL WEEKEND FERRIS WHEEL LIGHTS AT SANTA MONICA PIER**
The Pacific Wheel will be lit red, white, and blue on Friday, May 27 to Monday, May 30 in recognition of Memorial Day. 7:30 - 11:30 p.m.

## SUNDAY | MAY 29

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Celebrate Memorial Day weekend and experience Main Street's finest restaurants, bars, coffee shops and ice cream shops with this interactive tasting tour and twist on the classic board game. Over a dozen locations will offer tastings in exchange for 'MAINopoly Money,' and count as official stops on the game board map. Check-in to collect your game board, PASS GO to collect your MAINopoly money and get your game board marked off at each stop to be entered for a chance to win a Taste of Main Street prize package. $20 – $450. Tickets available online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/7th-annual-mainopoly-taste-of-main-street-tickets-290658416147.

**SANTA MONICA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT**
The Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend marks the finale of the Santa Monica Symphony's 77th concert season. Sibelius' beloved Finlandia opens the program followed by Tchaikovsky's spectacular Violin Concerto featuring violinist YuEun Gemma Kim and Dvořák's euphoric Symphony No. 8. Doors open at 6 pm. Tickets available online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/santa-monica-symphony-memorial-day-weekend-concert-tickets-311485480457

## MONDAY | MAY 30

**POOL OPEN MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**
The Annenberg Community Beach House pool is open for Memorial Day Weekend 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Pool passes go on sale one hour before pool opening at the Guest Services window. Passes are sold on a first-come, first-served basis, no reservations. For more on the pool, visit annenbergbeachhouse.com/activities/pool.aspx

## TUESDAY | MAY 31

**MAIN STREET FOOD TRUCKS**
Located one block from the beach, in the parking lot of the California Heritage Museum at 2612 Main Street (on the corner of Main Street and Ocean Park Boulevard). Available are a variety of 5 or more Food Trucks, each hosting a different type of cuisine. A preview of each truck's menu can be seen by visiting the museum's website at www.californiaheritagemuseum.org. 5 - 9 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY | JUNE 1

**MILES OF PRIDE LIGHT INSTALLATION**
In celebration of SaMo PRIDE month, the Third Street Promenade will be illuminated in all the colors of the rainbow thanks to tens of thousands of colorful LED lights strung over the popular pedestrian mall, allowing visitors to bask in the love light. Third Street Promenade.

**KID'S CLUB**
A fun, family-friendly musical morning hosted by Twinkle Time, a bilingual, Billboard pop-artist for kids, and featuring special guests each month. This is an all ages event and free to attend for parents and children. Snacks will be provided by GOGO SQUEEZ (while supplies last). Visit https://www.santamonicaplace.com/Events/Details/570632 for more information. Santa Monica Place. 12 p.m.

**EATING OUR WAY TO EXTINCTION ONLINE SCREENING AND PANEL**
The City of Santa Monica and Sustainable Works are proud to present: Eating Our Way to Extinction Online Screening and Panel. Eating Our Way To Extinction takes audiences on a cinematic journey around the world, telling the story of our planet through shocking testimonials. A panel discussion will follow the screening. Sarah Spitz, UC Master Gardener, Los Angeles County, will moderate the panel. Online event. Register at http://www.sustainableworks.org/events/

**BRING BACK THE BEACH GALA**
Heal the Bay's Annual Gala is back after two years of hiatus due to the pandemic. They're excited to be back on the sand celebrating clean water and the people who protect it. Jonathan Beach Club, 850 Palisades Beach Road. Tickets required. Ticket and sponsorship information available online at https://donate.healthebay.org/event/heal-the-bay-bring-back-the-beach-gala-2022/e389762.

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



## SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **64.0**

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| FRIDAY *FAIR TO GOOD* | **SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist | SSW swell tops out. Light/variable wind early builds onshore in the afternoon. Account for the higher tide mid morning. |
| SATURDAY *FAIR* | **SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist | SSW swell eases slowly. Cleanest early before onshores build yet again. Dawn Patrols should be fun with a nice tide push. |

## WEATHER

**Friday:** Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a high near 65.
**Friday Night:** Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 57. West southwest wind 5 to 15 mph.
**Saturday:** Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 65.
**Saturday Night:** Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.

| Date | Day | Time (LST/LDT) | Predicted (ft) | High/Low |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2022/05/27 | Fri | 02:42 AM | 0.06 | L |
| 2022/05/27 | Fri | 08:45 AM | 3.70 | H |
| 2022/05/27 | Fri | 1:56 PM | 1.35 | L |
| 2022/05/27 | Fri | 8:18 PM | 5.77 | H |
| 2022/05/28 | Sat | 03:19 AM | -0.30 | L |
| 2022/05/28 | Sat | 09:31 AM | 3.61 | H |
| 2022/05/28 | Sat | 2:24 PM | 1.69 | L |
| 2022/05/28 | Sat | 8:44 PM | 5.87 | H |
| 2022/05/29 | Sun | 03:53 AM | -0.52 | L |
| 2022/05/29 | Sun | 10:14 AM | 3.51 | H |
| 2022/05/29 | Sun | 2:51 PM | 1.98 | L |
| 2022/05/29 | Sun | 9:10 PM | 5.89 | H |
| 2022/05/30 | Mon | 04:27 AM | -0.62 | L |
| 2022/05/30 | Mon | 10:57 AM | 3.42 | H |
| 2022/05/30 | Mon | 3:17 PM | 2.22 | L |
| 2022/05/30 | Mon | 9:37 PM | 5.83 | H |
| 2022/05/31 | Tue | 05:02 AM | -0.62 | L |
| 2022/05/31 | Tue | 11:42 AM | 3.32 | H |

## DAILY LOTTERY

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

**POWERBALL**
Draw Date: 5/25
19 28 39 42 57
Power#: 17
Jackpot: 150 M

**MEGA MILLIONS**
Draw Date: 5/24
3 5 6 63 68
Mega#: 25
Jackpot: 157 M

**SuperLotto Plus**
Draw Date: 5/25
9 38 42 43 47
Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 14 M

**Fantasy 5**
Draw Date: 5/25
15 25 27 30 36

**Daily 3**
Draw Date: 5/25
EVENING: 3 5 3
Draw Date: 5/25
MIDDAY: 2 1 5

**Daily Derby**
Draw Date: 5/25
1st: 12 - Lucky Charms
2nd: 04 - Big Ben
3rd: 03 - Hot Shot
Race Time: 1:45.34

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