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Bring out your rainbows: Samo Pride is back







Courtesy photos

LIGHTS: Pride events in Santa Monica include several lighting displays in Downtown.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

After a muted 2020, Santa Monica Pride is back with a colorful bang offering a range of in-person and virtual experiences to celebrate and advocate for the LGBTQ+ community.

Residents can expect the month-long lighting of City hall in rainbow colors and 'Miles of Pride' art and light installation along the Promenade. Community members are also invited to attend a series of panel discussions focused on building understanding of the range of experiences and gender identities within the queer community.

This year the City is placing a strong emphasis on intersectionality and centering events around black, indigenous, and people of color as well as trans individuals.

"We really want to raise their voices up this year in recognition of the unique experiences those communities have within the LGBTQ umbrella and the need to better tell their stories," said Christopher Smith, City Chief of Staff and LBGTQ+ Liaison.

The celebrations will kick off with City Council's annual proclamation of Pride Month on June 8, including a recitation of an original work by local poet Terry Wolverton.

On June 10, there will be a virtual discussion of the joys, struggles, and barriers that are unique to the BIPOC Queer community. Then on June 15 there will be a live streamed and in-person event at the Annenberg Beach House featuring the work of five LGBTQ+ authors.

Later in the month on June 24, the City will host an online discussion on the political and personal attacks facing the trans community and ongoing efforts to advance trans rights.

"Trans people in particular are now a target of hateful fearful legislation in 33 states and are

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Covid protocols could persist in some business settings

MATTHEW HALL
SMDP Editor

As Californians eagerly await the official reopening of the state on June 15, county officials are warning locals that some Covid safety measures, including masks and distancing, may persist.

Specifically, workplaces will have to follow rules set by Cal/OSHA that still call for the now normal practice of masks and distance, especially when co-workers are not vaccinated. In addition, businesses may implement voluntary restrictions on behavior if they deem it necessary for their safety.

According to state guidelines, general distancing requirements at retail establishments will be lifted this month. Mask rules are expected to align with CDC protocols for shoppers and capacity limits in most situations will be lifted.

However, even after most sectors fully open on June 15 there will continue to be sector specific protocols for schools, day camps, daycare, hospitals, health care facilities and high risk congregate settings.

Los Angeles County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said these protocols will continue masking, distancing and infection control safety measures as appropriate.

"And while businesses may not be required to maintain distancing, masks and infection control, particularly for their customers after

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Free beer, other new incentives for Biden's 'vaccine sprint'

ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

Dangling everything from sports tickets to a free beer, President Joe Biden is looking for that extra something — anything — that will get people to roll up their sleeves for COVID-19 shots when the promise of a life-saving vaccine by itself hasn't been enough.

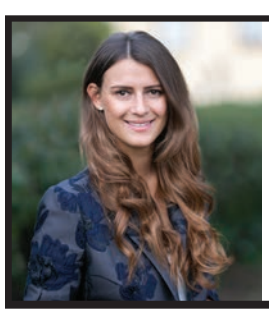
Biden on Wednesday announced a "month of action" to urge more Americans to get vaccinated before the July 4 holiday, including an early summer sprint of incentives and a slew of new steps to ease barriers and make getting shots more appealing to those who haven't received them. He is closing in on his goal of getting 70% of adults at least partially vaccinated by Independence Day — essential to his aim of returning the nation to something approaching a pre-pandemic sense of normalcy this summer.

"The more people we get vaccinated, the more success we're going to have in the fight against this virus," Biden said from the White House. He predicted that with more vaccinations, America will soon experience "a summer of freedom, a summer of joy, a summer of get togethers and celebrations. An All-American summer."

The Biden administration views June as "a critical month in our path to normal," Courtney Rowe, the director of strategic communications and engagement for the White House COVID-19 response team, told the AP.

Biden's plan will continue to use public and private-sector partnerships, mirroring the "whole of government" effort he deployed to make vaccines more widely

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Medina Spirit drug test confirmed; Baffert suspended 2 years

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AP Sports Writers

Bob Baffert is on track to have his record seventh Kentucky Derby victory taken away and won't be able to run any horses in the prestigious race for the next two years.

Churchill Downs on Wednesday suspended the Hall of Fame trainer for two years after an additional drug test of Medina Spirit confirmed the presence of the steroid betamethasone in the Kentucky Derby winner's system. The next step could be the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission disqualifying Medina Spirit, and now Baffert won't be able to enter any horses in the Derby or other races at the storied track through the spring of 2023.

"Reckless practices and substance violations that jeopardize the safety of our equine and human athletes or compromise the integrity of our sport are not acceptable and as a company we must take measures to demonstrate that they will not be tolerated," Churchill Downs Inc. CEO Bill Carstanjen said. "Mr. Baffert's record of testing failures threatens public confidence in thoroughbred racing and the reputation of the Kentucky Derby. Given these repeated failures over the last year, including the increasingly extraordinary explanations, we firmly believe that asserting our rights to impose these measures is our duty and responsibility."

Churchill Downs initially suspended Baffert indefinitely pending the investigation and now said it reserves the right to extend Baffert's suspension if he has any other violations in other states. Baffert has had five in the past 13 months.

Maryland racing officials allowed Medina Spirit and Baffert-trained Concert Tour to run in the Preakness on May 15 only after undergoing three rounds of prerace testing. New York banned Baffert indefinitely and prevented him from entering any horses in the Belmont Stakes.

The stunning ban by Churchill Downs could have a domino effect that takes the only trainer to win the Triple Crown since 1978 off the trail completely. It was not immediately clear if Preakness and Belmont officials will follow suit or wait until the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission's investigation is complete.

Earlier Wednesday, lawyers for Baffert and Medina Spirit owner Amr Zedan confirmed the split-sample test came back positive for betamethasone.

Baffert's attorney, Craig Robertson, said the second test showed 25 picograms of the steroid, after 21 picograms were found in the first sample. Even a trace amount of betamethasone — a picogram is a trillionth of one gram — is prohibited on race day in Kentucky, Maryland and New York, which

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California urges EPA to let state set car-emissions standard

MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

Officials from California, New York and other states urged the Environmental Protection Agency on Wednesday to allow California to set its own automobile tailpipe pollution standards, which would reverse a Trump administration policy and could help usher in stricter emissions standards for new passenger vehicles nationwide.

The Biden administration has said it will withdrew Trump-era restrictions on state tailpipe emission rules and has moved to grant California permission to set more stringent pollution standards for cars and SUVs. That would give California greater leverage in discussions with automakers as states and federal officials seek a climate-friendly agreement on emissions standards.

At least 13 states and the District of Columbia have signed on to California's vehicle standards, which were established decades ago under a special waiver that the Trump administration revoked in 2019. Collectively they represent 36 percent of the U.S. auto market.

Liane Randolph, chair of the California Air Resources Board, said at a public hearing Wednesday that the Trump administration's withdrawal of California's long-standing waiver was "ill-advised and illegal."

Addressing EPA officials at an online hearing, Randolph said, "Time has continued to prove the importance and good sense of our program" to restrict vehicle emissions. "We know the air quality in California is cleaner today than in decades. Californians can see mountains in the Los Angeles area, no longer shrouded by smog. And the air quality continues to improve because of our program."

California Attorney General Rob Bonta called the state's vehicle-emissions standards "critical to the fight against climate change" and crucial to improve air quality, protect public health and drive technological innovation.

"Despite decades of effort and significant improvements, the unfortunate reality is that too many Californians still breathe dirty air and suffer from the resulting health consequences," Bonta said. According to the American Lung Association, seven of the 10 cities with worst ozone pollution are in California, along with six of the 10 most polluted cities measured by year-round particle pollution.

"Bad air quality means more premature deaths or respiratory ailments and more asthma cases," Bonta said. "And as the dire realities of the climate crisis grow increasingly apparent, we're seeing the number of bad-air days in California go up, not down. From record heat waves to wildfire seasons that are increasingly long and severe, the existential threat of our time is less and less difficult to imagine."

President Joe Biden has made slowing climate change a top priority, and his nearly $2 trillion infrastructure proposal includes 500,000 new charging stations for electric cars and trucks. Fully electric vehicles represent just 2% of new vehicle sales in the U.S., but analysts expect that to rise rapidly in coming years. Major automakers, including General Motors and Ford, are pledging billions to develop electric cars and trucks, and GM has gone so far as to announce a goal of ending gasoline-fueled passenger vehicles entirely by 2035.

The EPA and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration have proposed withdrawing Trump-era rules meant to stop states from setting their own requirements for greenhouse gases, zero emissions vehicles and fuel economy.

The changes, if approved after the agencies take public comments, would allow California and other states to set their own rules for vehicle emissions. Biden has said he will seek one national standard, as was the case under President Barack Obama.

Carmakers, autoworkers and environmental groups are eager for the federal government and California to reach a deal that creates a single nationwide standard for tailpipe emissions. EPA Administrator Michael Regan has said he expects to propose a tailpipe emissions rule in July.

"I am a firm believer in California's long-standing statutory authority to lead," Regan said in April. "The federal government can indeed learn from states, and that's what we plan to continue to do."

Gavin McCabe, a special assistant New York attorney general, said the 2019 rollback of California's emissions standards was "among the worst and most cynical actions by the Trump EPA."

"Arbitrarily weakening federal standards ... was bad enough," he said, "but it was truly unconscionable for EPA to attempt to block states from doing what the law plainly allows them to do to protect their residents." New York has followed California standards for more than 30 years.

Other states that follow California include Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington. Several other states are moving to adopt the California standard.

Trump's move to revoke the state waivers split the industry, with most automakers behind him while Ford, Honda, BMW, Volkswagen and Volvo decided to go with California standards. After Biden was inaugurated, automakers began withdrawing support for Trump's decision.

Trump also rolled back Obama-era fuel efficiency and emissions standards, and it's likely the Biden administration will reverse those as well, replacing them with more stringent requirements.

AP Auto Writer Tom Krisher in Detroit contributed to this report.

SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE LOCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN (LCAP) AND THE BUDGET OF SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY The governing board of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will hold a public hearing on the LCAP and the BUDGET OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022, PRIOR TO Final Adoption as required by Education Code Section 42103 and 52062. The public hearing will be held at Via Zoom (passcode: 607083; meeting ID: 892 4018 3017; dial-in: 669.900.6833 on June 17, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting.The proposed LCAP and Budget will be on file and available for public inspection should members of the public wish to review the LCAP and Budget prior to the public hearing, at the following location(s): Office of the Superintendent, 1651 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404 from June 8, 2021 to: June 11, 2021 during the hours of 8:00 AM to: 5:00 PM. Debra Duardo, M.S.W ., Ed.D. Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools 6/3/21 **CNS-3476075# SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS**

SANTA MONICA MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BID NOTICE

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County will receive sealed proposals on the following: BID# 21.21 – Districtwide Exterior Paint. Fitness and quality being equal, supplies grown, manufactured, or produced in the State of California will be given preference. All bids must be electronically filed via Secure Bids at https://colbisecurebids.com/o/smmusd/district-wide/exterior-paint on or before: **June 11, 2021; 2:00 p.m.** Bids will not be read at the time of opening; however, bid results will be made available within a reasonable time after the bid opening. **JOB WALK:** Friday, June 4, 2021 at 7:00 a.m. All contractors are to RSVP with knguyen@smmusd.org by Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. to receive bid forms and specifications.

Due to COVID-19 On site visits and SITE WALKs must adhere to SMMUSD, LA County and State of California Covid-19 safety regulations within the following link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/18TMXoK8E-JwV3bmXO4FZLVSd7k1bIVBr/view

The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 252 CALLS ON JUNE 1

Missing Person 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 12:02 a.m.
Party Complaint 900blk 10th St 12:58 a.m.
Fight Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 1:21 a.m.
Loud Music 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 3:02 a.m.
Loud Music 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 3:04 a.m.
Trash Dumping 1600blk Ocean Ave 5:34 a.m.
Arson 1600blk Ocean Ave 5:35 a.m.
Encampment 2400blk Barnard Way 6:24 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 800blk Palisades Park 6:35 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 7th St / Montana Ave 8:06 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Franklin St / Colorado Ave 8:15 a.m.
Stakeout 2200blk San Vicente Blvd 8:17 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 3000blk Barnard Way 8:18 a.m.
Encampment 900blk 22nd St 8:21 a.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 1100blk Cedar St 8:24 a.m.
Bomb Threat 2700blk Barnard Way 8:28 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:56 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Just Occurred 1100blk 18th St 9:00 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 9:03 a.m.
Fight 4th St / Wilshire Blvd 9:08 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 3100blk Donald Douglas Loop S 9:09 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2000blk Idaho Ave 9:11 a.m.
Lewd Activity 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 9:12 a.m.
Fraud Report 2800blk Wilshire Blvd 9:19 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 900blk Michigan Ave 9:22 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 3300blk Barnard Way 9:25 a.m.
Burglary Report 900blk Grant St 9:26 a.m.
Burglary Report 500blk Wilshire Blvd 9:26 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 1400blk Harvard St 9:37 a.m.
Encampment 3rd St / Pico Blvd 9:45 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2400blk 20th St 9:46 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2400blk 30th St 9:54 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1900blk 22nd St 9:56 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 10th St / Wilshire Blvd 10:21 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 3000blk 11th St 10:22 a.m.
Burglary Now 1400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:28 a.m.
Red Zone Violation 2500blk California Ave 10:32 a.m.
Red Zone Violation 2600blk 2nd St 10:33 a.m.
Identity Theft 800blk 2nd St 10:42 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 10:45 a.m.
Auto Burglary Now 2500blk Centinela Ave 10:57 a.m.
Burglary Report 1000blk Olympic Blvd W 11:06 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:18 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1400blk Olympic Blvd 11:29 a.m.
Illegal Weapon 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 11:35 a.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 800blk Pico Blvd 11:45 a.m.
Fraud Report 1600blk Berkeley St 12:03 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2100blk Oak St 12:05 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 300blk Olympic Dr 12:40 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 12:44 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:45 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:06 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 3200blk 17th St 1:07 p.m.
Burglary Report 300blk Bay St 1:13 p.m.
Person With A Gun Ocean Ave / Broadway 1:16 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1300blk 2nd St 1:25 p.m.
Loud Music Ocean Ave / Broadway 1:40 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1300blk 2nd St 1:49 p.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals 26th St / Wilshire Blvd 2:30 p.m.
Missing Person 1500blk Ocean Ave 2:42 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1100blk Hill St 2:45 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1100blk Pico Blvd 3:01 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 800blk Arizona Ave 3:07 p.m.
Missing Person 200blk Ocean Ave 3:10 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1200blk 16th St 3:47 p.m.
Red Zone Violation 1200blk 16th St 3:48 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2200blk 20th St 4:12 p.m.
Death Investigation 1400blk 21st St 4:17 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 600blk Marguerita Ave 4:32 p.m.
Identity Theft 1200blk 23rd St 4:45 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2200blk Virginia Ave 5:21 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1000blk 5th St 5:21 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 3000blk 3rd St 5:24 p.m.
Arson 200blk Palisades Park 5:43 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 20th St / Olympic Blvd 5:46 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1400blk Broadway 6:10 p.m.
Battery Now 3100blk Lincoln Blvd 6:18 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 20th St / Colorado Ave 6:35 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper In Progress 300blk Santa Monica Pier 6:46 p.m.
Construction Noise 1200blk 17th St 6:56 p.m.
Public Intoxication 800blk Pico Blvd 7:37 p.m.
Juvenile Annoying Investigation 2400blk Pico Blvd 8:08 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Berkeley St / Wilshire Blvd 8:16 p.m.
Found Property 4th St / Broadway 8:33 p.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 800blk 5th St 8:40 p.m.
Encampment 1600blk The Beach 8:44 p.m.
Found Property 400blk Broadway 8:50 p.m.
Living In A Vehicle 6th St / Hollister Ave 8:53 p.m.
Fight 300blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:59 p.m.
Public Intoxication 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:25 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 9:50 p.m.
Encampment 2500blk Barnard Way 9:59 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 10:12 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 800blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:21 p.m.
Overdose 1200blk Washington Ave 10:28 p.m.
Encampment 200blk Santa Monica Pier 10:38 p.m.
Injured Person 2500blk Main St 11:17 p.m.
Party Complaint 2500blk Kansas Ave 11:21 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 38 CALLS ON JUNE 1

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EMS 400blk Ocean Ave 5:31 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1600blk Ocean Ave 5:35 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 6:30 a.m.
EMS 800blk California Ave 6:51 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Broadway 6:55 a.m.
Hoover Assignment 2700blk Barnard Way 8:28 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 2nd St 8:34 a.m.
EMS 2800blk Wilshire Blvd 8:53 a.m.
EMS 1100blk Cedar St 9:16 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 900blk 19th St 9:54 a.m.
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EMS 1500blk 6th St 12:00 p.m.
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EMS 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 6:04 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Broadway 6:20 p.m.
EMS 20th St / Colorado Ave 6:35 p.m.
Structure Fire 100blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:00 p.m.
Public Assist 2700blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:49 p.m.
EMS 1200blk Washington Ave 10:28 p.m.
Broken Gas Main 1400blk Hill St 10:28 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 10:36 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 2500blk Main St 11:17 p.m.
Structure Fire 1400blk 6th St 11:28 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 2nd St 11:50 p.m.

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THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FOR THE PROPOSED FY 2021-23 BIENNIAL BUDGET AND ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S GANN APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

The City Council, Housing Authority, and Parking Authority of the City of Santa Monica will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget on June 22, 2021. Pursuant to Executive Order N2920 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom, members of the City Council and City Staff will participate via teleconference at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be broadcast live on CityTV cable channel 16 and online at smgov.net. Community members are invited to provide the Council with written and oral comments concerning the City's entire proposed budget. In lieu of attending the meeting, the public is strongly encouraged to submit their written correspondence and written public comments via email to councilmtgitems@smgov.net. Remote public comments can be made by phone at (310) 458-8423.

At the meeting on June 22, the City Council will also adopt a resolution for the determination of the Gann Appropriations Limit for FY 2021-22. A copy of the documentation used in calculating the limit can be viewed online at finance.smgov.net/budgets-reports/Gann. The FY 2021-23 Proposed Biennial Budget can be viewed online at finance.smgov.net. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, the City of Santa Monica has closed City facilities to the public until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.



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Letter to the Editor

By Robert Maschio

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Will a misinformation campaign lead to a Main Street closure on weekends?

Dear Editor:

Main Street Merchants have been lobbying City Council for over a year to Close Main Street to all traffic on weekends. They wrote a letter to city council last December 21st, claiming: "This pilot program has widespread approval from businesses and Ocean Park residents" (attached for reference).

Since when do Lobbyists for Main Street Businesses speak on behalf of Ocean Park Residents? Their next strategy was to partner with Ocean Park Association to create polls to support their claim. Talk about putting the cart before the horse.

OPA polled its 400 members -100 responded to the poll, 49 were in favor of a main street closure on weekends, 20 were against the closure, for a net total of 29 people in favor – (in a community of approximately 10,000 -13,000 residents). I am a member of OPA and sat in on the Zoom meeting wherein this information was disclosed. Nevertheless, OPA wrote a letter to city council stating "vast majorities" of residents are in favor of closing Main Street.

OPA used to be a neighborhood association, advocating for residents. Take a quick look at the MSBIA website homepage, it clearly demonstrates how they have been taken over by the Merchant's Association. https://www.mainstreetsm.com

There are no super majorities in favor of Closing Main Street. Most retailers are against it, their businesses rely on drive-by traffic and street parking to succeed – I can speak to this issue, I have an office on Main Street.

The worst of the pandemic is over, indoor dining will be back to 100% capacity by June 15th, bars and restaurants already have expanded outdoor seating capacity with the Al Fresco Dining program.

Residents have been fighting to REDUCE traffic for years, We don't want more cars, buses, emergency vehicles diverted through the neighborhood, we don't want less parking, less safe living conditions & Main Street to devolve into a weekend bar crawl that families have to avoid.

The proposed pilot program being considered at the June 8th City Council meeting puts the PROFITS of a few businesses over the many PEOPLE who live in Ocean Park, and it's all premised on a deliberate misinformation campaign - that residents are in favor of it, we are not.

Robert Maschio, Santa Monica

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June 15, we recognize that many businesses may want to continue some public health measures for the safety of their workers and their customers," she said. "So we will be posting Best Practices next week to help businesses make plans, and I will provide you with more updates as these become available. I do want to be clear we are fully aligning with the state we are fully aligning with Cal/OSHA, but we will provide some guidance to many of the business sectors as they begin to figure out what makes sense in their particular location or at their particular site."

Under proposed Cal/OSHA guidelines masks will still be required for indoor work environments where some employees are not vaccinated. Vaccinated employees in outdoor environments will be able to unmask but those who are not fully vaccinated may still be required to cover their nose and mouth.

Ferrer said it's important for businesses to know the OSHA standards and follow them.

"Now workers are still going to be protected at the workplace and unless everybody in a room is fully vaccinated, masks are going to still be required," she said. "So I think at least for now Cal/OSHA doesn't want to take any chances with them for safety."

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Yes. Tokyo Olympics are 'a go' despite opposition, pandemic

STEPHEN WADE
AP Sports Writer

Will the postponed Tokyo Olympics open despite rising opposition and the pandemic?

The answer is almost certainly "yes."

Senior International Olympic Committee member Richard Pound was emphatic in an interview with a British newspaper.

"Barring Armageddon that we can't see or anticipate, these things are a go," Pound told the Evening Standard.

Tokyo is under a COVID-19 state of emergency, but IOC Vice President John Coates has said the games will open on July 23 — state of emergency, or no state of emergency.

As an exclamation point, Australia's softball team — the first major group of athletes from abroad to set up an Olympic base in Japan — arrived in Tokyo on Tuesday.

So the Olympics are barreling ahead. But why?

Start with billions of dollars at stake, a contract that overwhelmingly favors the IOC, and a decision by the Japanese government to stay the course, which might help Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga keep his job.

These factors have overridden scathing criticism from medical bodies that fear the Olympics may spread COVID-19 variants, and a call for cancellation from Asahi Shimbun, a games' sponsor and the country's second-largest selling newspaper. The United States Department of State has issued a Level-4 "Do not travel" warning for Japan with Tokyo and other areas under a state of emergency that expires on June 20.

And there's saving face. Japan has officially spent $15.4 billion on the Olympics, but several government audits suggest it's much more. All but $6.7 billion is public money. Geopolitical rival China is to hold the 2022 Winter Olympics just six months after Tokyo ends, and could claim centerstage should Tokyo fail.

A not-for-profit based in Switzerland, the IOC has ironclad control under terms of the so-called Host City Contract, and it's unlikely to cancel on its own since it would lose billions in broadcast rights and sponsorship income.

Though it portrays itself as a sporting league of nations, the IOC is a multi-billion dollar sports business that derives almost 75% of its income from selling broadcast rights. Another 18% comes from 15 top sponsors.

Andrew Zimbalist, an economist at Smith College in Massachusetts who has written extensively about the Olympics, estimates the IOC could lose about $3.5 billion-$4 billion in broadcast revenue if the Tokyo Games were canceled. He suggested a small portion of this, between $400 million and $800 million, might be made up by cancellation insurance.

U.S. broadcaster NBCUniversal is the IOC's largest single source of income.

"The IOC also feels a commitment by the momentum of history to do this," Zimbalist said in an interview with The Associated Press. "Their whole DNA is saying: 'do it, do it, do it.' The Japanese government really does not have the right to cancel the games. They can go to the IOC and plead with them, and maybe they are doing that."

Of course, the Japanese government could stop the Olympics. It would be a public-relations disaster for the IOC to get into a legal battle with Tokyo, so any such deal would be worked out in private.

The IOC's lofty image belies myriad corruption scandals in the last several decades. The president of the Japanese Olympic Committee was forced to resign two years ago — he was also an IOC member — in a scandal linked to bribing IOC members. A similar scandal surrounded Rio de Janeiro's bid to land the 2016 Olympics.

"The Olympics are a very, very strong brand. They're a unique brand. They're a monopoly," Zimbalist said. "They are not regulated by any government. All of those things have created a sense of invulnerability, perhaps."

The medical community has offered persistent but ineffective opposition. The 6,000-member Tokyo Medical Practitioners' Association asked Prime Minister Suga to cancel. So did the Japan Doctors Union, whose chairman warned the Olympics could spread variants of the coronavirus. Nurses and other medical groups have also pushed back.

Last week in a commentary, the New England Journal of Medicine said the IOC's decision to hold the Olympics was "not informed by the best scientific evidence." And the The British Medical Journal in an editorial in April asked organizers to "reconsider" holding the games.

An online petition demanding cancellation gathered about 400,000 signatures in a few weeks, but several street protests have mostly fizzled. Depending on how the question is phrased, 50-80% oppose the games opening.

Suga is moving ahead despite the dissension.

"The fundamental situation is that the machine has been set in motion to make this happen and politically for everyone we have passed the point of no return," Dr. Aki Tonami, who teaches international relations at the University of Tsukuba, wrote in an email to AP.

"The Japanese system is simply not geared to make a radical U-turn at such a late point."

She said negative public opinion was partly the fault of Suga, who has failed to bolster the Olympics as effectively as former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

"Politicians may well be aware of the risk they are taking but hope that once the Games begin the Japanese public will persevere 'for the good of Japan' and forget how we got here," Tonami said.

The IOC always references the World Health Organization as the shield for its coronavirus guidance. The IOC has published two editions of so-called Playbooks — the final edition is out this month — spelling out protocols for athletes and everyone else during the Olympics.

Recent test events held under the protocols have faced few problems, but athletes will have to accept strict rules.

"I felt beyond safe," American sprinter

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Noteworthy

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Music Is Worth It



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MUSIC: Laissez Les BON TEMPS ROULER

VAX, LAX, ERSKINE

A magician's wand might look like drumsticks, if in the hands of Santa Monica's shaman of the skins, Peter Erskine. I'll go way out of my way any time to see him stroke finely-drawn rhythms out of every small surface of his drum kit, not to show off -- he is always understated on his instrument, and seems to move his hands and arms in the smallest space possible -- but because that is exactly what is called for. To make the song breathe, and swim, and move like a dancer. He spends more time on cymbals than any drummer I've seen, rarely crashing, sometimes tapping a rhythm but more often somehow creating an overlay of continuous sound as the canvas for everything else.

So if you are lucky enough to catch Erskine in concert, your experience will be enhanced if you can see what he's doing. Though as with a magician, seeing the hands doesn't reveal how he does it or even convince your ears that it was done before your very eyes..

LAX-adjacent (maybe a 10-minute walk from the terminals) jazz club Sam First is probably the perfect place for all that. When they fill every seat it holds about 75, so you are very close to the players. If you really want to see everything you probably need to get there early, but there are, intentionally, quite a few seats with great visual access as well. There is no stage. The musicians are sitting or standing on the same floor you are.

THE LOUNGE ART ENSEMBLE

Erskine's trio. with Bob Sheppard on saxes and Darek Oles on bass, played an exquisite, straight-ahead set for the first show, then Erskine announced they were going to "get a little looser for the second show," and they did. The second set killed, with more great standards and two guest stars who added a lot to the proceedings, New York trombonist Mike Fahn and local alto sax mistress Nicole McCabe. Nice touch when Sheppard and Fahn touched the ends of their horns together sometimes as they played.

There were only a couple dozen lucky people at those shows (repeated Saturday night), because Sam First requires proof of completed vaccination in order to attend. No masks needed inside, how nice. The door person assured those showing up, and presenting their proof of vax, that everyone inside was vaccinated -- including band, bartender, wait staff, sound guy, everyone. Makes it probably a money loser for now, but I appreciate that safeguard.

FIRST LIVE MUSIC SHOWS!

These were, officially, my first live music shows since this whole thing started, and what a treat it was, especially this group, with my good New Orleans music buddy Jeff there, and celebrating our birthdays. There were dire times in the past 15 months when we all wondered if we would see our next birthday. Or hear it.

I did enjoy that mariachi band my neighbor had perform in our parking area, and my Texicali family band who is so talented (emphasis on vocals). Up in Ojai. And the electric violinist on the beach. But you know what I mean.

I was chatting with another patron at the club, Mike, definitely a jazz fan, and one relieved to be able to experience the music live again. He told me he bought a ticket to every show Sam First has coming up. Mike is going to have a great time.

THE TRAVAILS OF GOING PUBLIC

I always loved music. Loved turning people on to really good music, by writing about it, or my radio or TV shows, or my upcoming podcast with my daughter. But I encountered a down side almost right away.

A music critic or music journalist of course has to have knowledge and experience of music from having listened to a lot of it, critically. But after that, if you want to be effective, to be taken seriously, it is all important to have credibility. If you are going to have people pay attention when you write about something being worthwhile, you can't be the guy who thinks everything is worthwhile. You have to call bad or mediocre music just that. Not to be mean, to be honest, and credible.

It becomes a problem when you are operating in the town you grew up in. People you know who are musicians want you to cover them. Great, if they're great. But what if they aren't? You can do your best to say the best that rings true for you, but there's only so far you can go without betraying your instincts and your standards, and your readers. So early on I developed a strategy to try to give good reasons for avoiding writing about people I knew.

Sometimes the people you don't know can be a problem. There was one time when I was trying to get a few notes on an opening band, that I figured hadn't seen, pre-Internet, what I wrote a few days before. But one had. Just as I thought I was getting in with the boys, one of them stepped forward and said, "hey guys, this is the jerk that said our songs were boring." The friendly circle began to tighten. "I think we should show him how boring we can be..." Somehow, I talked my way out of that backstage in one piece.

KILL THE MESSENGER -- I have another story about how a tree fell on me 40 years later, over something I wrote, but

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MEDINA SPIRIT

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are home to the sport's Triple Crown races, and considered a violation.

Robertson said additional testing is being conducted to try to trace the source of the drug to an ointment to treat a skin infection and not an injection. He and Zedan attorney Clark Brewster said they expect tests to show the ointment is responsible and not injections into one of the horse's joints.

"I think that will shed the light most prominently on the issue here for us," Brewster told The Associated Press by phone. "The whole basis for listing betamethasone is because it's injected into a joint and they want you not to inject the joints too close to the race, so the whole substantive basis is out the window if it's a salve, and it can be proven scientifically and empirically to be the salve."

Rules in Kentucky do not differentiate punishment based on the source of the substance, which can be given to horses to help their joints and Baffert believes came from the dermatitis ointment. Churchill Downs said Medina Spirit would be disqualified if the split sample came back positive for betamethasone.

A spokeswoman for the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission declined to comment, citing the ongoing investigation. Sherelle Roberts-Pierre said the commission "values fairness and transparency and will provide information to the media and public at the close of an investigation."

Brewster said he hoped the additional tests would come back in a week to 10 days.

"At the end of the day, we anticipate this case to be about the treatment of Medina Spirit's skin rash with Otomax," Robertson said. "We will have nothing further to say until the additional testing is complete."

If Medina Spirit is disqualified, Mandaloun would be elevated as the winner of the May 1 Kentucky Derby.

"I can't control the outcome of that, so it's something I give very, very little thought to," said Brad Cox, who trains Mandaloun and would be the first trainer from Louisville to win the race.

Baffert initially denied wrongdoing in a May 9 news conference announcing the positive result, which he called "the biggest gut-punch in racing for something that I didn't do." He later cited the antifungal ointment as a potential cause.

Asked if he thought tests showing evidence of the steroid coming from an ointment would change the outcome, Brewster said: "You're asking me to predict the behavior and the decision-making of others, but if you ask me 'should' — absolutely."

This would be the second Derby disqualification in three years after 2019 winner Maximum Security was DQ'd for interference following the race and Country House declared the winner. The only previous time that a Derby winner was disqualified after the fact for failing a postrace drug test was 1968 with Dancer's Image.

Whyno reported from New York.

OLYMPICS

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Justin Gatlin said at a test event last month in Tokyo. "I know a lot of athletes are not going to be happy with this but the measures are in place to keep everyone safe."

Japan has had many fewer COVID-19 cases than the United States or Brazil or India. Cases have grown in the last several months but have begun to come down in the last few weeks, although worries persist about variants.

Athletes and others must pass two COVID-19 tests before leaving home, another upon arrival in Japan, and then undergo repeated testing. About 15,000 Olympic and Paralympic athletes, plus added staff, will live in a bubble at the Olympic Village, training sites, and venues.

Tens of thousands of others will have to enter Japan, which has largely been sealed off during the pandemic: judges officials, media, broadcasters and the so-called Olympic Family. Local organizers say that number is now 50% of the original 180,000. Fans from abroad have already been banned, and a decision on local fans is expected this month.

The IOC says more that 80% of the residents of the Olympic Village will be vaccinated. This compares with 2-3% of the Japanese population that is fully vaccinated, and most Japanese will not be when the games open.

Japan gave shots to 200 of its Olympic athletes on Tuesday, an event held behind closed doors without much fanfare.

Despite assurances that the Olympics will be "safe and secure," athletes are required to sign a waiver and assume risks specific to COVID-19.

Waivers were used in previous Olympics, but this one is updated with COVID language.

AP obtained a copy of the waiver, which reads in part:

"I agree that I participate in the Games at my own risk and own responsibility, including any impact on my participation to and/or performance in the Games, serious bodily injury or even death raised by the potential exposure to health hazards such the transmission of COVID-19 and other infectious disease or extreme heat conditions while attending the Games..."

Bob Costas, who covered the Olympics for NBC, suggested in a recent U.S. television interview that the games should be postponed until next year.

This has been ruled out.

The IOC says the Olympics must happen this year or not at all. The delay has already cost $2.8 billion, and the main obstacle to another postponement is the Olympics Village, where thousands of apartments have already been sold with owners waiting to move in. Dozens of venues would also have to be rebooked, and a jammed 2022 global sports schedule would have to rejiggered again.

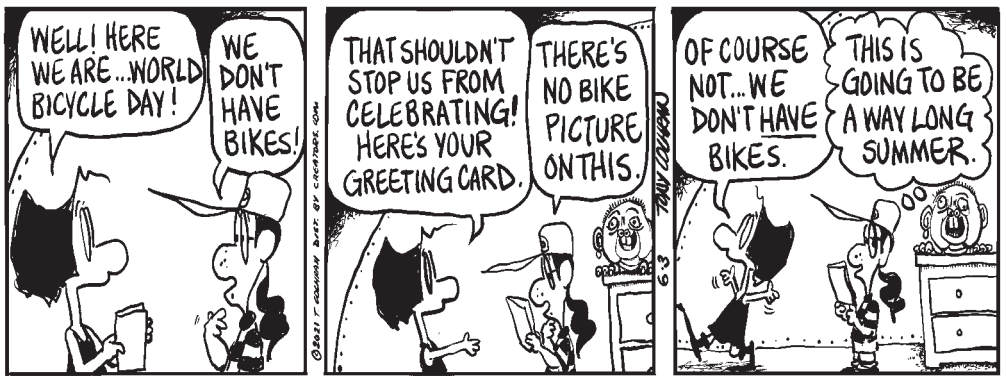
David Wallechinsky, one of the world's best-known Olympic historians and author of the "Complete Book of the Olympics," summed up the situation in an email to Associated Press.

"What a mess," he wrote.



Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN



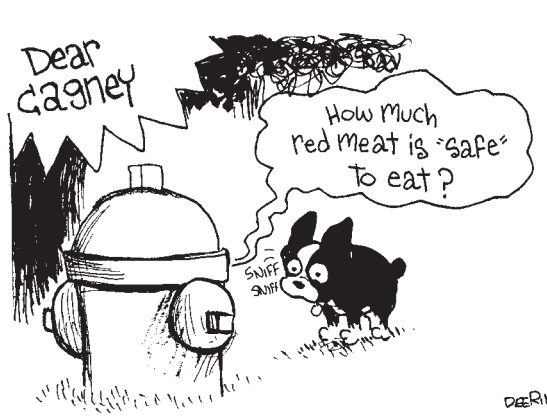
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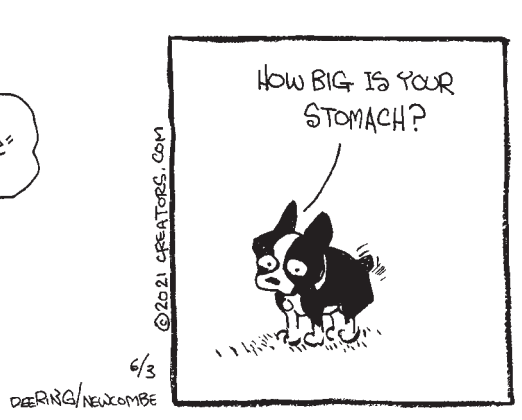
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 63.0°

THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high occ. 5 ft
Clean morning with nice size SSW swell. Should be just enough NW swell mix for some open corners at the beachbreaks out west. E trending SE/S morning wind favors spots west of Dume.

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-5ft Waist to head high
Reinforcing SSW pulse keeps size elevated. Lingering NW swell mix should be enough to cross up the primary Southern Hemi energy in the morning. E trending SE/S morning wind favors spots west of Dume.

WEATHER

Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 66.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 58.
Friday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 66.

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2021/06/04	Fri	06:23 AM	3.58	H
2021/06/04	Fri	12:20 PM	0.95	L
2021/06/04	Fri	7:00 PM	5.00	H
2021/06/05	Sat	01:43 AM	1.02	L
2021/06/05	Sat	07:27 AM	3.51	H
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2021/06/06	Sun	02:21 AM	0.54	L
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You thought you would get to the goal by employing great discipline, though it turns out that very little discipline is needed when you lead with your design sense. You apply creativity to alter your surroundings, change your agenda and tweak your behaviors into new ones that reflect the next version of you. Aries and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 14, 5, 7, 44 and 28.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There is so much going beautifully right around you and yet you'll still hear complaints -- a force of habit for some. They could suffer in paradise. Either ignore them or invoke a reality check to interrupt their pattern.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's not what is said but how it's said that matters today. The tone will ring out, recognizable to all, discernible to even those who speak a different language. Emotion is universal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It is a trope of long-running sitcoms to keep it fresh by taking the action to a different country, city or world for an episode or two. Plan some equivalent scenery change for the long-running relationship in your life.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are plenty of reasons not to judge others, the most obvious being that none is without fault. Beyond that, judgment is a distraction and an energy drain. Focus exclusively on the desire you are working toward.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The French proverb says: Honey is sweet, but the bees sting. It might be added that bees typically sting defensively. Since you're not planning to pose a disruptive or overt threat, today's honey will be worth the risk.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your creative mind will spin on things that others overlook. You don't expect them to understand you, though it would be nice if they could give you your alone time to focus on what fascinates you. Request it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are certain burdens you feel you must carry alone, but talking them over is a way to lighten your load without making anyone else do the heavy lifting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Reason and logic have a place in your decision-making. Though, today, it won't be the helm. How do you know when thinking is overthinking? Does it bring the situation into clarity or make it far more complicated?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Everyone gets their due. Maybe it will come as a relief to know that you do not have to worry about the rewards, punishments, debts and remuneration. Karma is an automatic reconciliation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You know how to put on a professional front and can be the poster of appropriateness. Though there are things you do and ways that you show up that are too special to put a price tag on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can't gather wisdom any more than you can gather the ability to run like an Olympian or solve genius-level mathematical equations. You can only use what you have, which will be more than enough today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). At first, you wanted a thing out of vanity. It sounded cool. It seemed like anyone who had it was cool. Now, you want the thing for more profoundly personal reasons, which will make all the difference.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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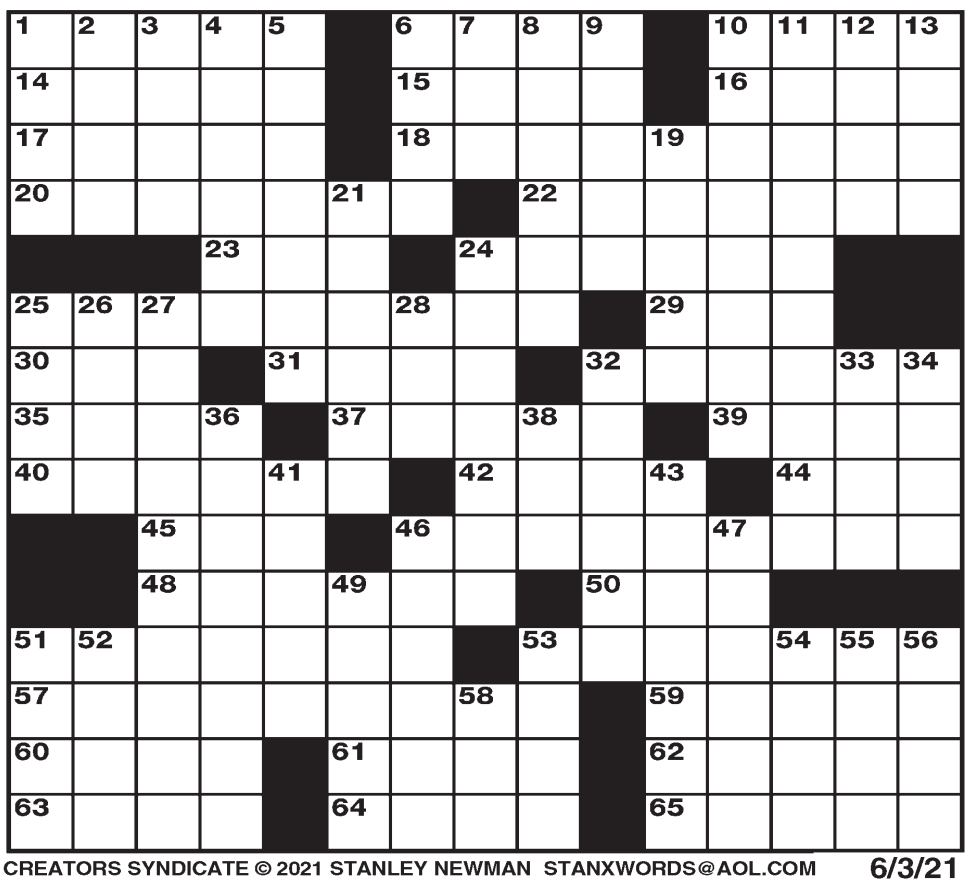
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 As __ (as possible)
6 "Way out" shout
10 Periodic table no.
14 Skin soothers
15 Boss at Valhalla
16 Branch of Islam
17 How many like their muffins
18 Period with a lunch break
20 Levi's originator
22 Names for Canadian arenas
23 Website help
24 LBJ aide who hosted PBS shows
25 Begin, as a new era
29 Take in
30 "Way out" shout
31 See 21 Down
32 Part of dish duty
35 Road shoulder
37 Find a new purpose for
39 Treat with heat
40 Took major steps
42 Coco __ (rum cocktail)
44 Sauna facility
45 Suffix for doctor
46 Samsung portable PC
48 Western wildcat
50 Piece of many board games
51 Test pilots' concerns
53 Took silver, say
57 Often-edgy mag
59 Mineral in geodes
60 Hummus holder
61 Sewn line
62 Uncool collective
63 Don't dash
64 Handicrafts site
65 *East of Eden* surname

DOWN
1 Surveillance equipment
2 With regularity
3 "Dark" film category
4 "Take care"
5 Part of a mouth
6 Dairy dwellers
7 Rite answer
8 Cooler, for short
9 Not sharp or flat
10 What most new cars lack
11 Most likely to want a drink refill
12 Not a single person
13 Art you take everywhere
19 Impolite acknowledgment
21 With 31 Across, acre fraction
24 How cubicles are made
25 Rolls back
26 Dmitri's denial
27 Tile style
28 K preceder
32 Half a score
33 Western wine center
34 Excite, so to speak
36 Brit's major artery
38 Our star
41 Low card
43 Rust producer
46 Plumber's sealer
47 *The Right Stuff* character
49 Christmas carol sextet
51 Disparities
52 Move like a butterfly
53 "Mercy!"
54 *Doctor Zhivago* woman
55 SFO info
56 Place to sit at
58 Vegas, on luggage tags



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Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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

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Biology lesson

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Aquatic	Enzyme	Life	Solar
Biome	Erosion	Mammal	Stimulus
Blood	Feedback	Mildew	Test
Branch	Fish	Molt	Tissue
Cilia	Fossil	Neuron	Toxin
Cyclic	Genus	Order	Vacuole
Develop	Germ	Organs	Vital
Dichotomous	Host	Regulate	Waste
Ecology	Hybrid	Root	Zone
Edema	Immune	Scope	
Embryo	Leaf	Skin	

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PRIDE

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increasingly a target of hate crimes across the nation," said Smith. "We're living in a time where this idea that gender and sexual orientation is non binary is not broadly understood or accepted even though it's something that we really stand behind here in Santa Monica."

Presenting panelists will outline steps people can take in their personal lives and in their communities to create a safer and more inclusive world for trans individuals. The Santa Monica Public Library has also prepared Pride reading lists for kids, teens, and adults to help residents learn more about the trans and queer community.

In a celebration of being out in Santa Monica, Samohi will be hosting its annual Queer Prom event at the Annenberg Beach House in collaboration with the City and the Ocean Park Church on June 25. This event meets another goal of the City's Pride month celebrations, which is to build a stronger local LGBTQ+ community.

Santa Monica has a long history of being an inclusive city, with Ocean Park in particular being a center of a thriving queer artist community in the 60s and 70s. When Judy Abdo was elected as Mayor in 1990, Santa Monica became one of the first cities with an openly gay mayor. City Council was also an early adopter of domestic partnerships before gay marriage was legalized.

This year's Pride program serves to celebrate this history, bring the community together and continue pushing for the inclusion and rights of all LGBTQ+ individuals. Smith said anyone interested in learning more about the events and how to register should visit smpride.com.

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VACCINE SPRINT

FROM PAGE 1

available after he took office. The president said he was "pulling out all the stops" to drive up the vaccination rate.

Among those efforts is a promotional giveaway announced Wednesday by Anheuser-Busch, saying it will "buy Americans 21+ a round of beer" once Biden's 70% goal is met.

"Get a shot and have a beer," Biden said, advertising the promotion even though he himself refrains from drinking alcohol.

Additionally, the White House is partnering with early childhood centers such as KinderCare, Learning Care Group, Bright Horizons and more than 500 YMCAs to provide free childcare coverage for Americans looking for shots or needing assistance while recovering from side effects.

The administration is also launching a new partnership to bring vaccine education and even doses to more than a thousand Black-owned barbershops and beauty salons, building on a successful pilot program in Maryland.

They're the latest vaccine sweeteners, building on other incentives like cash giveaways, sports tickets and paid leave, to keep up the pace of vaccinations.

"The fact remains that despite all the progress, those who are unvaccinated still remain at risk of getting seriously ill or dying or spreading the disease to others," said Rowe.

Aiming to make injections even more convenient, Biden is announcing that many pharmacies are extending their hours this month — and thousands will remain open overnight on Fridays. The White House is also stepping up its efforts to help employers run on-site vaccination clinics.

Biden will also announce that he is assigning Vice President Kamala Harris to lead a "We Can Do This" vaccination tour to encourage shots. It will include first lady Jill Biden, second gentleman Doug Emhoff and Cabinet officials. Harris' travel will be focused on the South, where vaccination rates are among the lowest in the country, while other officials will travel to areas of the Midwest with below average rates.

To date 62.9% of the adult U.S. population have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 133.9 million are fully vaccinated. The rate of new vaccinations has slowed to an average below 555,000 per day, down from more than 800,000 when incentives like lotteries were announced, and down from a peak of nearly 2 million per day in early April when demand for shots was much higher.

The lengths to which the U.S. is resorting to convince Americans to take a shot stands in contrast to much of the world, where vaccines are far less plentiful. Facing a mounting U.S. surplus, the Biden administration is planning to begin sharing 80 million doses with the world this month.

"All over the world people are desperate to get a shot that every American can get at their neighborhood drugstore," Biden said.

Thanks to the vaccinations, the rate of cases and deaths in the U.S. are at their lowest since the beginning of the pandemic last March, averaging under 16,000 new cases and under 400 deaths per day.

As part of the effort to drive Americans to get shots, the White House is borrowing some tools from political campaigns, including phone banks, door-knocking and texting. The administration says more than 1,000 such events will be held this weekend alone. Additionally, it is organizing competitions between cities and colleges to drive up vaccination rates.

Other new incentives include a $2 million commitment from DoorDash to provide gift cards to community health centers to be used to drive people to get vaccinated. CVS launched a sweepstakes with prizes including free cruises and Super Bowl tickets. Major League Baseball will host on-site vaccine clinics and ticket giveaways at games. And Kroger will give $1 million to a vaccinated person each week this month and dozens of people free groceries for the year.

The fine print on the Anheuser-Busch promotion reveals the benefits to the sponsoring company, which will collect consumer data and photos through its website to register for the $5 giveaway. The company says it will hand out credits to however many people qualify.

NOTEWORTHY

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that will have to wait for next Thursday's NOTEWORTHY.

"NICOLE RECOMMENDS":

In absentia, on the road, the many musical (and other) joys of New Orleans, one of the best live music towns on the planet. Where else would you see the inimitable "Frogman" Henry doing his croakin' thing out on the sidewalk as you are strolling the boulevards headed for beignets and chicory coffee? I saw him there, years ago, but he's still with us at 84 so Nicole just might have an open air amphibian artiste encounter her own self. (He recorded his big hit, "I Ain't' Got No Home," as a teenager.)

She spontaneously joined some friends road tripping to NOLA and to Vernon, FL, but has only a day and two evenings in Crescent City. I'm betting she makes the most of it. She already reported being whisked from the airport to a great little cafe for a po'boy sandwich, with a side of red beans and rice from the owner's grandma's recipe. It's a big, beautiful world out there, folks, with its own soundtrack.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 34 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

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