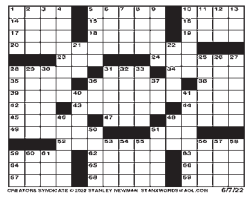


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Tesla expands in Santa Monica



Emily Sawicki

CARS: Tesla has a new facility in Santa Monica at 11th and Colorado in the former Caliber Collision location. Caliber has moved to 2728 Pico Blvd and there's no official announcement regarding Tesla's operations at the Colorado location. Tesla already has a showroom in Santa Monica at the Santa Monica Place Mall and the company is working on a charging station at 14th and Santa Monica Blvd.

Malibu High School building plans move forward

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

The City of Malibu Planning Commission approved the proposed Malibu High School reconstruction plan during its last meeting on Tuesday, May 31.

The Commission made a few changes, but recommended that the city council OK both the multi-year overall plan and the exact plans for the high school complex scheduled to go up in the next year.

The height of future buildings — an auditorium and gym — were a major problem to one longtime commissioner: John Mazza.

Mazza's objections went down on a 2-1 vote, with fellow Commissioner Kraig Hill absent and Commissioner Jeff Jennings sitting in the audience because his house is within 500 feet of the property.

At the meeting, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) School Board Member Craig Foster said the high school complex is a light at the end of the tunnel for Malibu's school families.

Foster told the Planning Commission that Malibu's school families have been battered for seven years, with school enrollment declining as a result.

"The overall plan for the new Malibu High School is Malibu's vision, created by Malibu stakeholders, to support Malibu students as they ready themselves for college and career with spaces that are safe and expressly designed to prepare them for their lives in the middle of the 21st century," Foster said. "Seventy percent of the Malibu voters supported this measure and Malibu residents and district staff have moved consistently and diligently to move us to this point."

Foster is the lone Malibu resident on the Santa Monica-dominated School Board.

Foster stressed the resurrection of the high school is not a SMMUSD plan — it is a plan that came out of

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'Donkey Kong defense' arises at Bill Cosby sex abuse trial

ANDREW DALTON
AP Entertainment Writer

The "Donkey Kong defense" came into play Monday at a civil trial over sexual assault allegations against Bill Cosby, as his attorney pressed a key witness over previous statements that she had played the arcade game during a visit with Cosby to the Playboy Mansion in 1975, six years before its release.

The testimony came in the trial over the lawsuit of Judy Huth, who alleges Cosby sexually assaulted her at the Playboy Mansion when she was 16. Cosby denies her allegations.

Donna Samuelson, a high school friend of Huth's who accompanied her and Cosby on a visit to the mansion, returned to the stand Monday, testifying about the game room with an adjacent bedroom where Huth says Cosby forced her to perform a sex act.

"You testified multiple times that you were playing Donkey Kong," Cosby attorney Jennifer Bonjean told Samuelson, referring to a 2014 police interview and a 2016 deposition in Huth's case.

"If I did I did," Samuelson said. "I understand it wasn't around yet."

Bonjean played a clip from the deposition, in which Samuelson referred to the game several times.

"I was playing pinball and Donkey Kong," she says at one point in the video.

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Rent control tenants facing third highest annual rent increase in history

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Due to spiraling inflation, rent control tenants are about to face a maximum allowable annual rent increase of 6 percent — one of the largest hikes in the agency's 42 year history.

Per the Rent Control Charter, the annual rent adjustment is calculated as 75 percent of the regional rate of inflation in a given year.

This year, the 12 month change in Consumer Price Index published by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics for the Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange County region was an unusually high 8.5 percent. This reflects the high inflation rates seen nationwide.

As a result, this year's maximum allowable annual rent increase was calculated at 6.4 percent. However, the actual rate used will be 6 percent, as an amendment to the Rent Control Charter limits the maximum allowable adjustment to 6 percent in any given year.

The last time the annual rent control adjustment reached 6 percent was in 1990. Prior to passage of the six percent cap amendment, the highest annual adjustments were 7 percent in 1979 and 6.5 percent in 1980. This makes this year's adjustment tied for the third highest adjustment in the agency's history.

In comparison, the 2021 adjustment was 1.7 percent and the 2020 adjustment was 1.4 percent.

In light of this unusually high annual adjustment and the burden it may place on rent controlled households whose income has not kept pace with inflation, the Board is considering placing a $140 ceiling on the adjustment.

Setting a ceiling is within the power of the Rent Control Board and is based on a formula

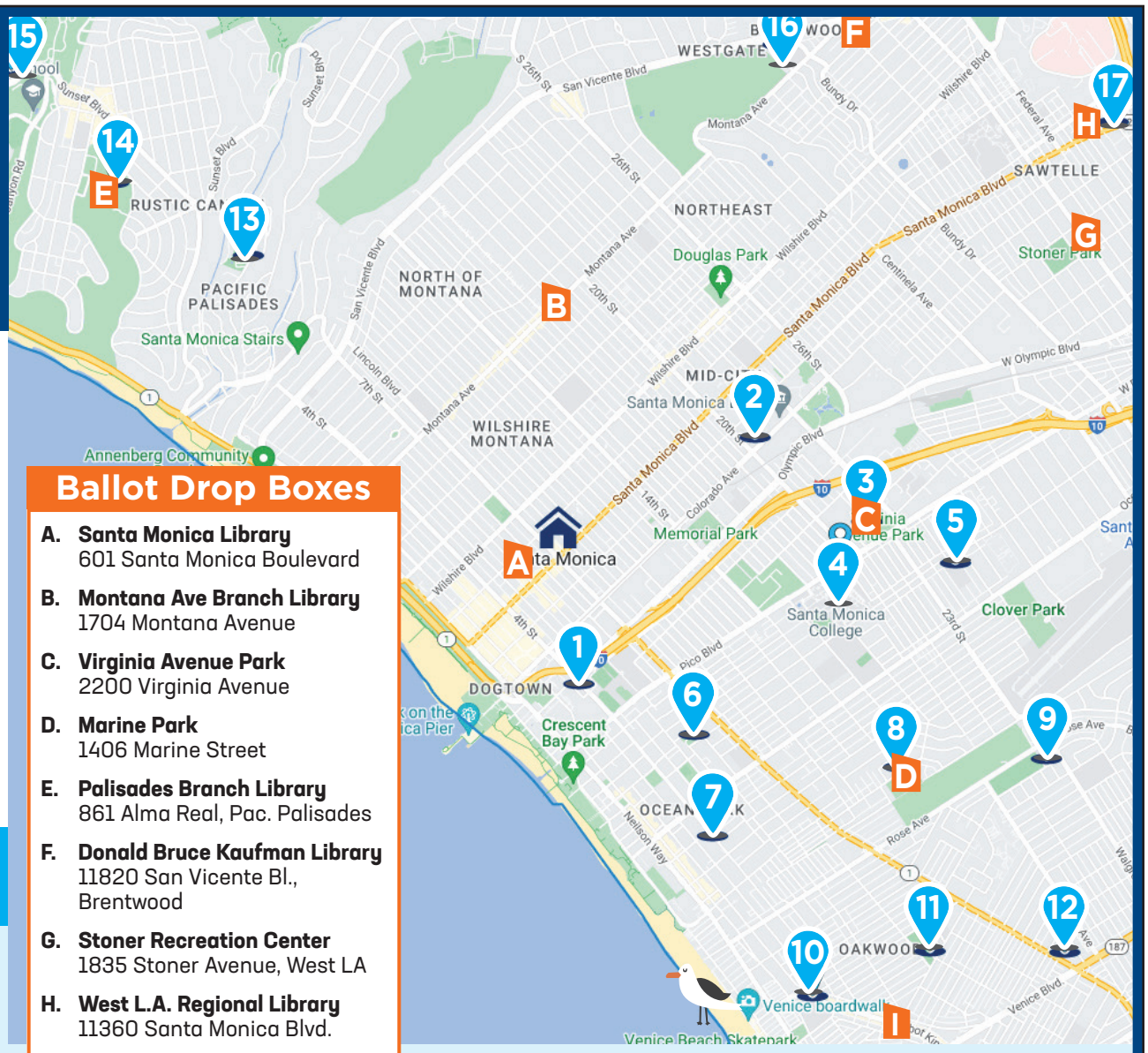
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Voting Centers & Ballot Drop Boxes

Today is the Primary Election

Voters must postmark their mail-in ballots or place them in a Ballot Drop Box by today, June 7, for their votes to be counted. Alternatively, you may vote at an in-person center.

Vote centers will open at 7 a.m. and close by 8 p.m. Vote-by-mail drop boxes will also close at 8 p.m.



Ballot Drop Boxes

- **A. Santa Monica Library**
  601 Santa Monica Boulevard
- **B. Montana Ave Branch Library**
  1704 Montana Avenue
- **C. Virginia Avenue Park**
  2200 Virginia Avenue
- **D. Marine Park**
  1406 Marine Street
- **E. Palisades Branch Library**
  861 Alma Real, Pac. Palisades
- **F. Donald Bruce Kaufman Library**
  11820 San Vicente Bl., Brentwood
- **G. Stoner Recreation Center**
  1835 Stoner Avenue, West LA
- **H. West L.A. Regional Library**
  11360 Santa Monica Blvd.
- **I. Abbot Kinney Memorial Library**
  501 Venice Boulevard, Venice

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1. **Civic Center Parking Structure**
   330 Olympic Dr Santa Monica CA
   Additional Info: 2nd Floor
2. **St Anne Church and Shrine**
   2011 Colorado Ave, Santa Monica 90404
   Fellowship Hall
3. **Virginia Avenue Park**
   2200 Virginia Ave, Santa Monica 90404
   Thelma Terry Bldg Rm 3-Workshop 3
4. **Santa Monica Community College**
   1900 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica 90405
   Pico Classroom Complex Room 103 and 150
5. **Grant Elementary School**
   2368 Pearl St, Santa Monica 90405
   Additional Info: Auditorium
6. **Joslyn Park**
   633 Kensington Rd, Santa Monica 90405
   Additional Info: Auditorium
7. **Professional Development Learning Center**
   2802 4th St, Santa Monica 90405
8. **Marine Park**
   1406 Marine St, Santa Monica 90405
   Additional Info: Auditorium
9. **Penmar Recreation Center**
   1341 Lake St, Venice 90291
   Additional Info: Child Care Building
10. **Westminster Avenue Elementary School**
    1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice 90291
    Additional Info: Auditorium
11. **Oakwood Recreation Center**
    767 California Ave, Venice 90291
    Additional Info: Senior Club Room and Lobby
12. **Boys and Girls Club of Venice**
    2232 Lincoln Blvd, Venice 90291
    Additional Info: Community Room
13. **Rustic Canyon Recreation Center**
    601 Latimer Rd, Santa Monica 90402
    Additional Info: Gallery
14. **Palisades Recreation Center**
    851 Alma Real Dr, Pacific Palisades 90272
    Additional Info: Small Gymnasium
15. **Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church**
    15821 Sunset Blvd, Pacific Palisades 90272
    Additional Info: Janes Hall
16. **Brentwood Science Magnet School**
    740 S Gretna Green Way, Los Angeles 90049
    Additional Info: Auditorium
17. **Felicia Mahood Multipurpose Center**
    11338 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles 90025
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Drunk Driving Investigation Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 12:02 a.m.
Party Complaint 1300Blk Oak St 12:12 a.m.
Loud Music 1500Blk Berkeley St 12:38 a.m.
Auto Burglary Now 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:43 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:26 a.m.
Party Complaint 1600Blk Appian Way 1:43 a.m.
Party Complaint 1000Blk 11th St 1:56 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1200Blk Pacific St 3:41 a.m.
Of Shots Fired Neilson Way / Pacific St 3:50 a.m.
Loud Music 1500Blk Berkeley St 4:12 a.m.
Party Complaint 1300Blk 2nd St 4:38 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2900Blk Main St 5:00 a.m.
Stalking 1400Blk 2nd St 5:21 a.m.
Red Zone Violation 1200Blk 2nd St 5:42 a.m.
Domestic Violence 1400Blk Ocean Ave 5:53 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 2400Blk Hill St 6:53 a.m.
Missing Person 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:13 a.m.
Red Zone Violation 1000Blk 2nd St 7:38 a.m.
Petty Theft 2500Blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:56 a.m.
Auto Burglary 800Blk Broadway 7:59 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 700Blk 9th St 8:14 a.m.
Battery 100Blk Broadway 8:14 a.m.
Overdose 1100Blk 2nd St 8:48 a.m.
Battery 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:54 a.m.
Speeding 1400Blk Montana Ave 8:55 a.m.
Person With A Gun 2700Blk Montana Ave 9:49 a.m.
Burglary 2200Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:58 a.m.
Construction Noise 200Blk 21st St 10:00 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1100Blk Idaho Ave 10:05 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1400Blk 18th St 10:13 a.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2600Blk Barnard Way 10:13 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 900Blk Ocean Ave 10:16 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:21 a.m.
Battery 2600Blk Ocean Front Walk 10:37 a.m.
Battery 1500Blk 5th St 10:48 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400Blk 2nd St 10:59 a.m.
Lewd Activity 3rd St / Marine St 11:23 a.m.
Auto Burglary 7th St / Montana Ave 11:52 a.m.
Lewd Activity 1200Blk Idaho Ave 12:04 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1600Blk 9th St 12:06 p.m.
General Parking Problem 2400Blk Main St 12:15 p.m.
Burglary 1200Blk 20th St 12:23 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1400Blk 17th St 12:32 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2600Blk Barnard Way 12:33 p.m.
Bike Theft 2000Blk Ocean Ave 12:36 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 4th St / Olympic Blvd E 12:37 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 12:42 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1600Blk California Ave 12:53 p.m.
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Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 1500Blk Centinela Ave 1:03 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2600Blk Barnard Way 1:29 p.m.
Bike Theft 1200Blk 4th St 2:00 p.m.
Petty Theft 1400Blk 4th St 2:01 p.m.
Burglary 2200Blk Colorado Ave 2:25 p.m.
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Traffic Collision With Injuries 27th St / Pico Blvd 2:41 p.m.
Petty Theft 2600Blk 2nd St 2:42 p.m.
Encampment 1400Blk 15th St 2:45 p.m.
Speeding Neilson Way / Ocean Park Blvd 2:46 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 700Blk 20th St 2:46 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 900Blk The Beach 2:57 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1200Blk 2nd St 3:03 p.m.
Loud Music 2700Blk Barnard Way 3:07 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery Barnard Way / Fraser Ave 3:14 p.m.
Speeding Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd E 3:15 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 400Blk Washington Ave 3:16 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1100Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:30 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1100Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:33 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 3:46 p.m.
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Speeding 26th St / Carlyle Ave 3:52 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 12th St / Carlyle Ave 3:56 p.m.
Encampment 2100Blk Main St 4:08 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2700Blk Barnard Way 4:10 p.m.
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Drinking In Public 1500Blk 4th St 4:14 p.m.
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Battery 1400Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:47 p.m.
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Oversize Vehicle Violation 2700Blk 3rd St 9:05 p.m.
Loud Music 2500Blk The Beach 9:08 p.m.
Identity Theft 500Blk Ashland Ave 9:10 p.m.
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Assault W/Deadly Weapon 800Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:29 p.m.
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EMS 3300Blk Pearl St 9:00 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk Princeton St 9:36 p.m.
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COSBY

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Asked Monday to explain the discrepancy, Samuelson answered, "I got the name wrong. I just kept saying that because it was a game. It could have been Atari."

She also said she was playing the game when Cosby came up behind her and put his hands on her shoulders before she shook them off.

Bonjean showed Samuelson and the jury a photo of the game room taken in 2016, where a Donkey Kong game could be seen, and asked whether similar photos taken years after 1975 could have affected her memory and testimony.

Samuelson replied that she hadn't seen such an image until the 2016 photo was shown to her in court during her testimony last week.

During his opening statement on Wednesday, Huth's attorney Nathan Goldberg sought to head off the issue, telling jurors they were going to be hearing "the Donkey Kong defense" from Cosby's lawyers.

"So she got the name wrong," Goldberg said, "so what?"

Bonjean embraced the term in her opening, saying Huth's similar prior statements about Samuelson playing the game, and photos showing it in the room later, were evidence that the two women were coordinating a false story.

Samuelson testified last week that she hadn't noticed that Cosby and Huth had gone into a bedroom, but that Huth told her after Cosby left the two friends alone that he had molested her.

The trial represents one of the last remaining legal claims against Cosby after his Pennsylvania criminal conviction was thrown out and other lawsuits were settled by his insurer against his will.

Cosby's attorneys acknowledge that he took the girls to the mansion, but deny any sex assault occurred. Photos taken by Samuelson show the comedian and Huth together. They say visitors logs show it was on April 5, 1975.

Bonjean also challenged Samuelson over the timing of the visit changing in her and Huth's accounts by about a year.

The initial lawsuit filed in 2014 alleged that the incident took place in late 1973 or 1974, when Huth was 15 and Samuelson 16. A few weeks before the trial began, Huth and her attorneys said that further investigation of the evidence allowed them to determine that it actually happened in the spring of 1975, when Huth was 16 and Samuelson 17.

"You always knew you were a senior in high school when you met Mr. Cosby, right?" Bonjean asked. Samuelson answered yes.

"So you knew you weren't 16?" Bonjean asked.

"I didn't realize that I said the wrong year," Samuelson said. She added that when she spoke to Huth about the incident for the first time in decades in 2005, "she said she was 15 and I was 16 and I went along with it."

COMMUNITY NEWS

LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles mayor proclaims Juneteenth official city holiday

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti on Monday signed a proclamation making Juneteenth an official city holiday to celebrate the end of slavery in the United States.

Garcetti said during a signing ceremony at City Hall that the commemoration was overdue and a small step toward undoing systemic racism in the nation.

"We need every Angeleno to learn the full story of our past, no matter the ugliness of some of its chapters, and that means recognizing the lasting legacy of slavery in our country," Garcetti said.

The holiday marks the anniversary of June 19, 1865, when Union soldiers brought the news of freedom to enslaved Black people in Galveston, Texas, two months after the Confederacy surrendered. It was about 2 1/2 years after the Emancipation Proclamation freed slaves in Southern states.

President Joe Biden signed a bill last year making Juneteenth a federal holiday. The Los Angeles proclamation makes it a paid holiday for all city employees.

The LA City Council voted unanimously in 2020 to start the process of making Juneteenth a Los Angeles holiday.

Councilmember Curren Price said at the time that he was moved to introduce the measure following nationwide demonstrations demanding racial equity and protesting the killings of Black Americans by police.

Price said Monday that the city's proclamation "offers a sense of vindication" for Black Angelenos.

"Juneteenth for the Black community serves as a brighter chapter. Our freedom day. Our true day of emancipation. This will now be a day of remembrance for our City," Price said in a statement.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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This is personal.

It also affects all of us looking for real solutions to homelessness.

Someone in my family was homeless. He was mentally ill with a history of drug use. The turnaround came five years ago in part because of the care he's received at the group homes he's lived in since then. The most recent one provided 40 men with beds, meds, meals and medical care. Most had some sort of government assistance or SSI to cover the modest cost. Without this group home, he and 39 others might be homeless.

Group homes are just one of many efficient ways to reduce homelessness at relatively low cost.

The sad part is this: He and those 39 other men just lost their group home. It was one of the most affordable housing options available to anyone anywhere in Southern California and now it's gone. Someone bought it and will probably tear it down and build pricey, market-rate housing in its place. In fact, developers and real estate interests are buying up these group homes and residential lots more than ever, thanks to SB 9 and SB 10. These two new laws essentially make it legal (and profitable) to split one lot in two and build more housing units on each lot. Wonder why home prices are soaring? Why you can't find your dream home? Why you keep getting outbid? One big reason is bigger fish are now outbidding you and everyone else, thanks to state lawmakers such as Scott Weiner and Toni Atkins, who introduce and support such bills while raking in campaign donations from real estate interests.

But they're not the only problem. A recent audit showed that the "affordable units" L.A. is building for the homeless cost up to $837,000 each. That's absurd. You could buy four houses in some states with that much money. Building costly units in pricey zip codes such as Santa Monica will never move the homelessness needle. Group homes, tiny homes, trailer homes and Conestoga Huts (Google them) are so much more cost-effective and can house a lot more people a lot faster. Another fast and cost-effective solution would be efficient arrays of quality tents, soft structures and basic facilities on surplus land in the valley, on the Westside and elsewhere. It was this strategy that was recently used to quickly move dozens of homeless vets off the sidewalk along San Vincente and Wilshire Boulevards and onto the West LA Veterans complex.

We need to start finding hundreds of places for hundreds of people at a time instead of just a few dozen. If Poland can take in 2.5 million homeless Ukrainian refugees over several weeks and provide every one of them a place to sleep, food to eat and care if they need it, Los Angeles County can and should be able to handle it's 70,000 or more homeless people.

Truth is, homelessness won't go away or get better until we manage it better. People with no place to go cannot simply be wished away. They are everywhere because they don't have anywhere or somewhere to go. We have to create more places for people and we have to do it for a lot less than $837,000/unit. A recent RAND study shows L.A. County could create more than 100,000 new residential units through the conversion of underused hotels, offices and other commercial buildings. A recent audit by the California State Auditor also shows the Regional Housing Needs Assessments foisted on cities like Santa Monica contained seriously-flawed methodology when used to dictate how much housing our cities should be mandated to build. Such questionable methodology should be challenged instead of blindly followed.

If we want to solve homelessness, it's time to start protecting group homes and create more of them. It's time to buy every motel we can and turn it into basic housing. It's time to buy underused warehouses and convert them into hundreds or even thousands of mini apartments with shared, basic facilities. It's time to build larger tracts of tiny homes and trailer homes. It's time to create a few tent towns on vacant city, county, state or federal land and create incentives for people to live there. It's time to address the unintended consequences of laws such as SB 9 and 10 and Props 47 and 57. And it's time we stopped politicians from passing new laws that produce mostly expensive market-rate housing while lining their pockets.

Bottom line: It's time to start realistically managing this crisis instead of pretending we can "solve it" by building our way out of it, $837,000 a person at a time.

As for our family member, we got lucky and managed to find him a new group home to live in. It's not fancy, but it's clean, safe, provides all the basics and most of all, it's a "home."

Time now for politicians to stop bragging about what they've done or plan to do and actually create some.

John Cyrus Smith, Santa Monica

GET IT DAILY...

In blow to Biden, Mexico president to skip Americas Summit

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Associated Press

Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador confirmed Monday that he will skip the Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles, dealing a blow to the U.S.' efforts to rally governments to work together to address surging migration in the hemisphere.

López Obrador had been leading a chorus of mostly leftist leaders pushing the U.S. to invite Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela to the gathering taking place on U.S. soil for the first time since 1994. Other leaders, including from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador — three big drivers of migration to the U.S. — have indicated they'll stay away too.

"There cannot be an Americas Summit if not all of the continent's countries participate," López Obrador said Monday, indicating that Mexico would instead be represented by his foreign affairs secretary, Marcelo Ebrard, "Or there can be one, but that is to continue with the old politics of interventionism."

The White House defended its decision to exclude certain countries, while also confirming López Obrador will visit Washington in July to meet with Biden. Press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said there was "candid engagement" with the Mexican leader about the summit.

"We do not believe that dictators should be invited," Jean-Pierre said.

With so many no-shows, critics say the event risks turning into an embarrassment for President Joe Biden, who has struggled to reassert U.S. leadership in a region where mistrust of the U.S. runs deep and China has been made major inroads the past two decades as the U.S. foreign policy has been dominated by wars in the Middle East and now Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Even some leaders who are attending drew differences with the U.S.

"In respect to Cuba we have always been there to support and defend human rights," Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said in Ottawa at a news conference with visiting Chilean President Gabriel Boric. "We've also pushed for greater democracy. Canada has always had a different position on Cuba than the United States."

Boric, a 36-year-old leftist millennial, said attendees will have an opportunity to make statements if the United States intends to exclude countries.

Robert Menendez, a New Jersey Democrat who chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and is a strong critic of the Cuban government, applauded the exclusion of Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela and took a swipe at López Obrador, saying his decision to skip Los Angeles would set back bilateral relations.

Menendez said the Mexican leader was siding with "dictators and despots over representing the interests of the Mexican people in a summit with his partners from across the hemisphere."

The Biden administration said it would not include autocratic governments that jail opponents and rig elections, pointing to a declaration from the 2001 summit in Quebec City, when the region's governments committed to barring any government that breaks with democratic order from future gatherings.

However, many critics, including some progressive Democrats, have criticized the administration for bowing to pressure from exiles in the swing state of Florida to bar communist Cuba, which attended the last two summits.

> "The real question is why the Biden administration didn't do its homework"
> - Jorge Castañeda

Adding to the sense of last minute improvisation, Biden since taking office has reversed many of the Trump-era policies tightening a decades-old U.S. embargo on Cuba. He also sent a senior level delegation to meet with Venezuela President Nicolás Maduro to offer possible relief from crippling oil sanctions in exchange for a commitment to resume negotiations with the U.S.-backed opposition.

"The real question is why the Biden administration didn't do its homework," said Jorge Castañeda, a former Mexican foreign minister who now teaches at New York University.

While the Biden administration insists the president in Los Angeles will outline his vision for a "sustainable, resilient, and equitable future" for the hemisphere, Castañeda said it's clear from the last-minute wrangling over the guest list that Latin America is not a priority for the U.S. president.

The Summit of the Americas was launched by President Bill Clinton as part of an effort to galvanize support for a free trade agreement stretching from Alaska to Argentina.

But that goal was abandoned more than 15 years ago amid a rise in leftist politics in the region. With China's influence expanding, most nations have come to expect — and need — less from Washington.

As a result, the premier forum for regional cooperation has languished, at times turning into a stage for airing historical grievances, like when the late Venezuelan leader Hugo Chávez at the 2009 summit in Trinidad & Tobago gave President Barack Obama a copy of Eduardo Galeano's classic tract, "The Open

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Malibu.

"This is a vital project for all of us — all of us in Malibu," Foster said. "This is us. This is a Malibu project supported by Malibu voters, for Malibu families and kids. There is no 'they' here; there is only 'us.'"

There were no speakers against the school buildings. The only opposition was to the parking lot proposed at the north end of the school, which several residents spoke in opposition to. Plans for that lot have already been up in the air.

No speakers from the public objected to a 45-foot-high performing arts center in the middle of the campus, replacing the 41-foot-high auditorium currently jammed up against Morning View Drive. And only Mazza objected to the new high school building where Juan Cabrillo Elementary now sits.

Mazza said the high school should get a 24-foot height limit, not 45 feet. He reasoned that since the new Santa Monica College satellite building going up across town in central Malibu is almost 36 feet high, the new high school should be limited to 24 feet.

"A school was built at the Civic Center at 35 feet 8 inches that is in a commercial zone, that had great objection from the public," Mazza said, referencing the college. "And therefore the Planning Commission should consider those when it comes before the CDP [conditional development permit]."

Two other commissioners, Dennis Smith and Mark Wetton, both said they did not agree.

"Those buildings need to be that height for the facilities that they are going to house," Wetton said. "You have got to have regulation height for volleyball in the gym and you have a certain heights for performing arts ... And this is not just for the school. This is for the whole community."

In the end, the heights passed.

The biggest controversy of the night was the proposed new swimming pool, a 50-meter pool that would replace the cramped and crumbling shark tank, and which will also be used by the public when feasible.

Swimming pools are reflective and bounce light up. School District official Steve Massetti said pool light brightness standards are set by state and county officials, and they may be brighter than what is allowed by the Malibu Dark Skies Ordinance. Many residents spoke about the importance of the pool to Malibu High and the youth of Malibu, including the importance of having the pool open until 8 p.m.

Colin Drummond, a volunteer with the Malibu Seawolves swim team, said the team needs to work early in the morning or late at night to fit around school uses.

"Because we have to swim after the high school kids every night during the week, if, for example, [the] Dark Sky [Ordinance] was to reduce us to sunrise to sunset, it would basically eliminate our club," Drummond said, "and that would be putting 80 Malibu kids out on the street."

Massetti said the State and County require the pool to be light enough for lifeguards to see people at the bottom and that eliminating the lights would mean essentially eliminating public use of the pool on school days.

"We could probably get all of our [school] uses in within the daylight hours, and that would leave zero hours of the community. That is not what we want. We realize that this is an important facility for the community," Massetti said. "And so our plan is to create a workable solution, that may not be Dark Skies compliant but will be as close as we can get it."

No one member of the public objected to the lights — only Mazza.

He said that Pepperdine University is operating its big pools within the Dark Skies rules and within County rules; City staff were not able to verify that.

Pepperdine University — a private school — is not legally in the boundaries of the City of Malibu and does not operate under State education codes or the Office of the State Architect ... both of which regulate public schools.

City officials at the May 31 meeting said any applicable state laws on swimming pool safety would preempt Malibu's local Dark Skies Ordinance, so if the pool needs to be brighter than allowed under Malibu's ordinance, state rules will prevail.

The Planning Commission recommended all driveways and pedestrian access would have to be off Morning View Drive. That might prevent the school bus barn from being relocated to a site near a current equestrian center off Merritt Drive adjacent to the school property.

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> - John Mazza

The Commission also proposed electronic display signs would have to be pointed toward the school and not the street.

The approval came about four months after the plans hit a snag that school district staff feared could derail the entire $160 million project. In January, Malibu representatives requested a pause in proceedings — which at the time were set to go before the SMMUSD Board of Education — citing what they said was a lack of communication between Malibu and the SMMUSD, as well as a lack of acknowledgment that Malibu could, sooner or later, have its own independent school district. However, after SMMUSD staff reached out to counterparts with the City of Malibu, the project began moving forward again.

The recommendations now go to the Malibu City Council for a final decision on June 15.

This leaves the District timetable intact. Demolition of the old Juan Cabrillo campus is now on track for this summer and fall.

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Musk threatens to walk away from Twitter deal

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Elon Musk is threatening to walk away from his $44 billion bid to buy Twitter, accusing the company of refusing to give him information about its spam bot and fake accounts.

Lawyers for the Tesla and SpaceX CEO made the threat in a letter to Twitter dated Monday that the company disclosed in a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

The lawyers wrote that Musk has repeatedly asked for the information since May 9, about a month after his offer to buy the company, so he could evaluate how many of the company's 229 million accounts are fake.

Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal has said that Twitter has consistently estimated that fewer than 5% of its accounts are spam. But Musk has disputed that, contending in a May tweet, without providing evidence, that 20% or more are bogus.

Shares of Twitter Inc. slid 1.5% Monday, likely incensing Twitter shareholders who filed a suit against Musk late last month for deflating the price of the stock. Shares of Twitter are down more than 20% in the last month.

Twitter said in a statement Monday that it has been cooperatively sharing information with Musk "in accordance with the terms of the merger agreement" and noted that the deal is in "the best interest of all shareholders."

"We intend to close the transaction and enforce the merger agreement at the agreed price and terms," it added.

Musk agreed to buy Twitter for $54.20 a share back in April. A number of Musk's actions since, including a public spat with Twitter's CEO about the fake accounts — on Twitter — has led some experts to question whether the billionaire wants to use his loud complaints to negotiate a lower deal price or even walk away entirely.

Musk's lawyers wrote in the letter that Twitter has offered only to provide details about the company's testing methods. But they contend that's "tantamount to refusing Mr. Musk's data requests," and constitutes a "material breach" of the merger agreement that gives Musk the right to scrap the deal if he chooses.

"This is a clear material breach of Twitter's obligations under the merger agreement and Mr. Musk reserves all rights resulting therefrom, including his right not to consummate the transaction and his right to terminate the merger agreement," the letter says.

Musk wants underlying data to do his own verification of what he says are Twitter's lax methodologies.

The Twitter sale agreement allows Musk to get out of the deal if there is a "material adverse effect" caused by the company. It defines that as a change that negatively affects Twitter's business or financial conditions. Twitter has said all along that it's proceeding with the deal, although it hasn't scheduled a shareholder vote on it.

Last month Musk said that he unilaterally placed the deal on hold, which experts said he can't do. If he walks away, he could be on the hook for a $1 billion breakup fee.

Musk's latest maneuver shows how he is "looking for a way out of the deal or something that will get leverage for a renegotiation of the price," said Brian Quinn, a law professor at Boston College. But Quinn said it's unlikely to hold up in court since he already waived his ability to ask for more due diligence.

"I doubt he would be allowed to walk away," Quinn said. "At some point, the board of Twitter will tire of this and file a suit" asking a judge to force Musk to stick to the deal.

Twitter has disclosed its bot estimates to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for years, while also cautioning that its estimate might be too low.

"If Twitter is confident in its publicized spam estimates, Mr. Musk does not understand the company's reluctance to allow Mr. Musk to independently evaluate those estimates," the Musk letter says, adding that he agrees not to disclose or keep the data.

The bot problem is a longtime fixation for Musk, who has more than 96 million Twitter followers and whose name and likeness are often mimicked by fake accounts promoting cryptocurrency scams. Musk appears to think such bots are also a problem for most other Twitter users, as well as advertisers who take out ads on the platform based on how many real people they expect to reach.

> "We intend to close the transaction and enforce the merger agreement at the agreed price and terms -

Musk's lawyers are arguing that he is entitled to data about the core of Twitter's business model so he can prepare the transition to his ownership. Citing a June 1 letter from Twitter in which the company said it only has to give information related to closing the sale, Musk's team says the company is obligated to provide data for any reasonable business purpose needed to complete the deal.

Musk's bot count skepticism was also taken up Monday by the chief legal officer of Texas, where Tesla is headquartered. Attorney General Ken Paxton, a Republican, said he's launching an investigation because he has a "duty to protect Texans if Twitter is misrepresenting how many accounts are fake to drive up their revenue."

Matt O'Brien reported from Providence, Rhode Island.





LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

As we are all aware, California is in a severe twenty-year drought and our water sustainability is under stress. One solution is xeriscape, the concept of planting native, water-tolerant plants. Meanwhile, our love affair with shallow-rooted, water-guzzling grass is not sustainable since much of the water for grass evaporates due to sprinkler irrigation.

Santa Monica is exempt from the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) one-day per week outdoor watering limit since the City has spent $200 million for water supply projects. The City, however, is being mandated to add 9,000 new living units, all of which will require more water. Hence, the target of becoming water self-sufficient by 2030 may not be attainable. It gets worse if the areas served by MWD do not conserve enough and all outdoor watering is banned.

Outdoor watering is just one of the ways to control water use, but since the City owns a significant amount of grass landscaping, including parkways, it should consider more visible ways of reducing outdoor watering. Stringent water restriction will result in dead grass throughout the City, including parkways, definitely not an image the City should want to project.

We need a new mindset of what our publicly visible spaces need to look like. While the City has multiple programs to help conserve water, from mandatory building code regulations, to voluntary Cash for Grass and other programs, including grants for installation of water-efficient drip irrigation.

What else can the City do? Follow Nevada, which recently established a milestone in water conservation by passing a law requiring the removal of grass and sod from all residential and commercial sites in and around Las Vegas in favor of more water-friendly landscaping better suited for the desert. Incidentally, the Las Vegas's Southern Nevada Water Authority recently added another, lower water intake from Lake Mead as the lake drops during the drought; the previous intake pipe was installed only 20 years ago. These intakes cost in excess of a $1 billion each!

Critical to understanding the rationale behind the new legislation is the distinction between "functional turfs" versus "nonfunctional turfs". Functional turfs include areas such as athletic fields, cemeteries, and certain allowable parcels of housing and commercial developments. "Nonfunctional turfs" are those that serve only aesthetic purposes, such as grass planted on median strips, parkways, and in many residential developments.

As California residents struggle to adapt to a life that's becoming increasingly impacted by climate change, population growth, and its associated increase in water usage, we can learn valuable lessons about proper water conservation from our desert-dwelling neighbors in Nevada.

I urge the City Council to direct City Staff to investigate the Nevada law and its potential implementation here.

Roger Swanson, Santa Monica

City of Santa Monica

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RFP Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca.

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RENT

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that averages the eighty-fifth percentile of maximum allowable rents for units occupied before and after 1999 and then multiplies that by the 6 percent adjustment.

Based on the percentile averages, this year's proposed $140 cap would apply to all units with a maximum allowable rent of $2,325 and above. Units with a lower maximum allowable rent would have their maximum allowable rent increase determined by the 6 percent adjustment.

For example, a tenant paying $1,500 would be subject to the 6 percent maximum increase, which would be $90. However, a tenant paying $3,000 would be subject to the $140 cap, which in their case would reflect a 5 percent increase.

Rent Control Commissioners first discussed implementing a potential dollar cap in a May 12 meeting and will be holding a public hearing on the cap during a June 9 meeting. Following the public hearing, they will vote on whether or not to approve the cap.

During this meeting there will also be a public hearing on whether a proposed charter amendment should be placed on the November ballot that would give the Rent Control Board the authority to suspend rent increases during declared emergencies.

"The proposed amendment would give the Board the discretion to respond to future public health emergencies by suspending otherwise-allowed annual general adjustments if such a suspension is necessary to protect the public's health and safety," states General Counsel Alison Regan in a memorandum on the proposal. "The proposed amendment is not a blank check; this authority could only be utilized during a declared state of emergency."

Following the public hearing, commissioners will decide whether to recommend this amendment to City Council, which will have the ultimate authority over whether it gets placed on the ballot.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and can be streamed live at https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/gqqbxfvq.

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AMERICAS

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Veins of Latin America: Five Centuries of the Pillage of a Continent."

The U.S. opening to former Cold War adversary Cuba, which was sealed with Obama's handshake with Raul Castro at the 2015 summit in Panama, lowered some of the ideological tensions.

To bolster turnout, Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris worked the phones in recent days, speaking with the leaders of Argentina and Honduras, both of whom initially expressed support for Mexico's boycott.

The office of Argentine President Alberto Fernández indicated Monday he will attend.

Former Sen. Christopher Dodd crisscrossed the region as a special adviser for the summit, persuading far-right Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, who was a staunch ally of President Donald Trump and hasn't once spoken to Biden, to belatedly confirm his attendance.

Trump didn't even bother to attend the last summit in Peru in 2018 and many predicted there was no future for the regional gathering.

In response to Trump's pullout, only 17 of the region's 35 heads of state attended. Few saw value in bringing together for a photo op leaders from such dissimilar places as aid-dependent Haiti, industrial powerhouses Mexico and Brazil and violence-plagued Central America — each with their own unique challenges and bilateral agenda with Washington.

To the surprise of many, the U.S. in early 2019 offered to host the summit. At the time, the Trump administration was enjoying something of a leadership renaissance in Latin America, albeit among mostly similar-minded conservative governments around the narrow issue of restoring democracy in Venezuela.

But that goodwill unraveled as Trump floated the idea of invading Venezuela to remove Nicolás Maduro — a threat recalling the worst excesses of the Cold War. Then the pandemic hit, taking a devastating human and economic toll on a region that accounted for more than a quarter of the world's COVID-19 deaths despite making up only 8% of the population. The region's politics were upended.

The election of Biden, who was Obama's point man for Latin America and had decades of hands-on experience in the region from his time on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, set expectations for a relaunch.

But as popular angst spread during the pandemic, the Biden administration was slow to match the vaccine diplomacy of Russia and China, although it did eventually provide 70 million doses to the hemisphere. Biden also maintained the Trump-era restrictions on migration, reinforcing the view that it was neglecting its own neighbors.

Since then, Biden's hallmark policy in the region — a $4 billion aid package to attack the root causes of migration in Central America — has stalled in Congress with no apparent effort to revive it. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has also diverted attention from the region, something experts say could come back to bite Biden if rising interest rates in the U.S. trigger a stampede of capital outflows and debt defaults in emerging markets.

AP writers Matthew Lee in Washington; Daniel Politi in Buenos Aires, Argentina; Rob Gillies in Ottawa; David Biller in Rio de Janeiro and Gonzalo Solano in Quito, Ecuador, contributed to this report.



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 7)

A year for doing -- action doesn't always make you happy, but there's no happiness without it. Summer's end: enter a fascinating character, then personal horizons open. Also featured: an ever-widening network, working in a new location and a gift that makes it possible for you to pay forward and/or give back more than ever. Pisces and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 26, 5, 12, 35 and 2.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've valuable and unique things to contribute, which could warrant a bit of nervous excitement. Don't let the butterflies stop you. The more you share, the better you'll get at it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're strong, calm and capable. People sense that you can handle the good and the bad, so they will give you the truth of the situation, which puts you at an advantage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You sense who is jealous of you. For now, it's better to keep your distance. With careful timing you can avoid trouble, or at least give everyone a chance to get used to the way things are.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You prefer to be proactive instead of reactive, but a situation will call for your response. Handle things and then detach and reestablish your control of your time and attention.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's not necessary to ask anyone if you're on the right path. Consult the multitudes within you. Get them to sing in harmony. It just might be that it's the soundtrack that makes a path right.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Being no stranger to the lingering shadow of loneliness, you recognize when it settles over others. Reach out in compassion and make a connection.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What seems precious and limited is not—it turns out—so rare or scarce after all. If, in the frenzy of production, you lose a bit of it here and there, don't worry. There will be plenty more very soon.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If it won't matter in the end, should it really matter today? Your success depends on knowing what's worth focusing on and working on the right things.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your inner drive to help will be the magnet that attracts those who need your guidance. Even so, giving advice will be the least effective method of teaching. People will do as you do, not as you say.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The day's problem is a bit like math homework. For starters, it doesn't work itself. Once you get into it, logic will prevail. One step at a time and you'll find it's all quite doable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Oddly enough, asking questions might actually lead to learning less. Silence itself is a profound question that invites people to talk about what they want to talk about. Their choice of topic is revealing in and of itself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The day affirms it: You have enough — enough resources, enough kinship and love, and most importantly, enough know-how to get more of what you and your loved ones need.

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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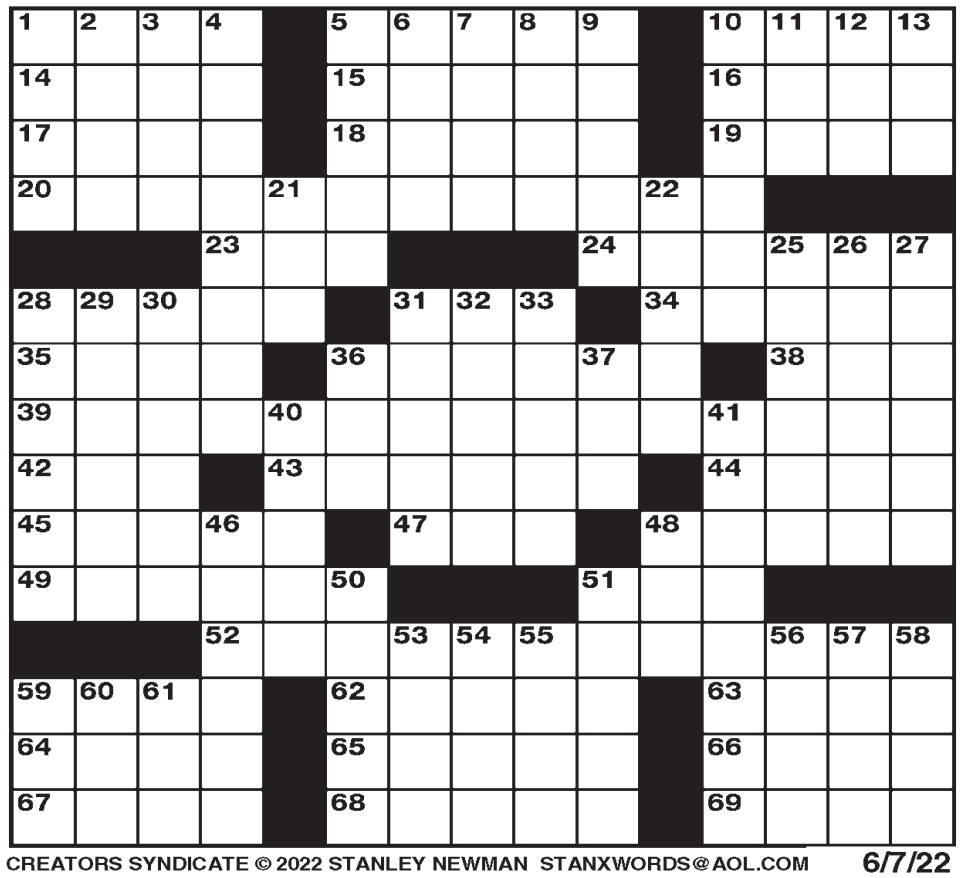
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Newsday Crossword

GET IN SHAPE by Billie Truitt
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ACROSS
1 Gift-package decorations
5 Winter windshield coating
10 Kitchen or den
14 Square footage
15 Prying tool
16 Money in France
17 Count (on)
18 __ consequence (significant)
19 Got bigger
20 Type of fitness training
23 Musical ability
24 Caterer's hot-water dispenser
28 Top of a wave
31 Lab maze runner
34 Event locale
35 Search (for)
36 Scold harshly
38 U-turn from ENE
39 Type of fitness training
42 Corporate money mgr.
43 Explainer's intro
44 With no warranty
45 Seed shells
47 Fishing pole
48 Golf-shoe feature
49 Wartime partners
51 Go after in court
52 Type of fitness training
59 Prepare, as potatoes
62 Be a pest to
63 Give (out) sparingly
64 Toll road
65 Glide on ice
66 "Take __ from me"
67 Wide smile
68 Prefix for active
69 Totally attentive

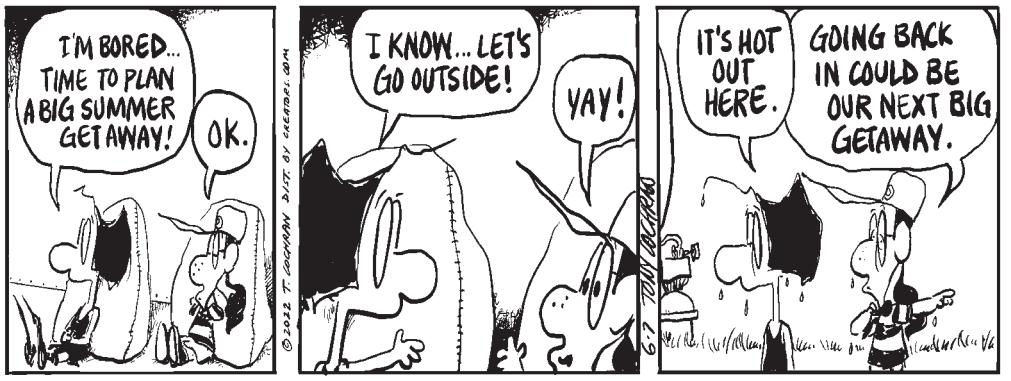
DOWN
1 Pointed remark
2 Black-and-white cookie
3 Fuse, as metal
4 Accept an offer from
5 Bread baker's need
6 Altered mortgage, for short
7 0-shaped
8 Place in the mail
9 "Have a taste"
10 Jamaican music
11 Your and my
12 Unrefined metal
13 Cut the grass
21 Flying mammal
22 At no time
25 Foolish
26 Moscow's country
27 Most up-to-date
28 Fast ballroom dance
29 Feeling regret
30 Sign up
31 Happen again
32 "Am not!" rejoinder
33 Imposed a levy on
36 Life story, briefly
37 Golf peg
40 ". . . land, two if __"
41 Appointment list
46 Growth on rock walls
48 Pool player's stick
50 Reduce drastically
51 More timid
53 Pitch-black
54 Break sharply
55 Beach bag
56 Smidgen
57 Film excerpt
58 Mo. when summer ends
59 Car-sticker info: Abbr.
60 Football filler
61 Glide on snow



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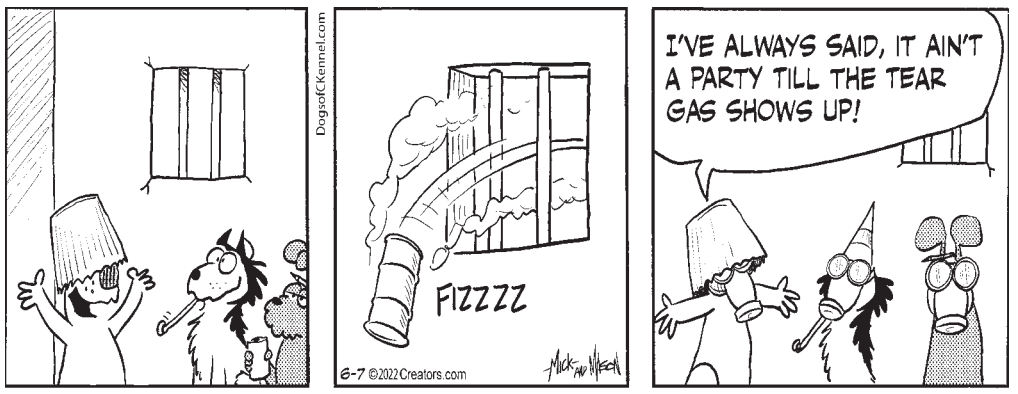
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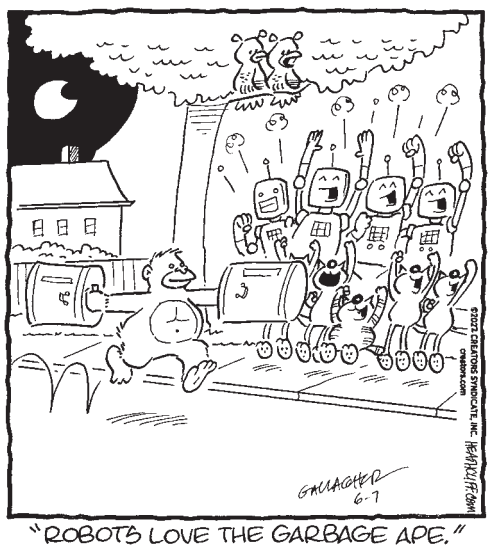
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 18 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Abide	Comfort	Kiata	Rosebud
Argument	Crest	Lara	Sale
Arrival	Darwin	Late	Scania
Avoca	Denning	Lost	Scone
Bega	Devonshire tea	Maps	Sleep
Bena		Omeo	Slow
Bowral	Dimboola	Outback	Station
Broken Hill	Drowsy	Passenger	Stop
Cafe	Fuel	Pira	Suburbs
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out and about in Santa Monica

TUESDAY | JUNE 7

RAINBOW FAMILY STORYTIME

Celebrate Pride Month with an inclusive storytime for LGBTQIA+ and ally families. Space is limited. For Ages 3 & up. Register: bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps. Main Library, 10:30 - 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY | JUNE 8

KID'S CLUB

Come play on the first Wednesday of every month for 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. Santa Monica Place, 395 Santa Monica Place. Visit https://www.santamonicaplace.com/Events/Details/570632 for more information.

THURSDAY | JUNE 9

ART PROJECT: SELF-PORTRAIT PUPPETS

Your fashion, hairstyles, and even all the hobbies you have are all different ways you express yourself! One way we can express ourselves is by creating a puppet that represents us. Explore Cayton Children's Museum and walk away with your very own puppet! Cayton Children's Museum. 395 Santa Monica Place, Suite 374. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

SANTA MONICA RENT CONTROL REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. https://www.santamonica.gov/departments/rent-control

FRIDAY | JUNE 10

DRAG QUEEN STORY HOUR

Drag Queen Story Hour comes to the Cayton Children's Museum this June. Join them at 12 p.m. for a fun, interactive, and imaginative storytime to give kids glamorous, positive, and unabashedly queer role models. RSVP not required. Cayton Children's Museum, 395 Santa Monica Place, Suite 374.

THE FRIDAY SHOW

Start your weekend right with The Friday Show, featuring national headliners, comics from TV and Film, and some of The Westside's favorite locals. This show is 21 and over only, please bring a valid ID. Ticket must be purchased in advanced. M. I.'s Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd Street Promenade (in the alley between 3rd & 4th). Tickets available online at https://web.ovationtix.com/trs/dept/1799/1656648000000.

AQUARIUM COMEDY CLUB

Celebrate a gorgeous June weekend at Heal the Bay Aquarium in Santa Monica and watch major headliners from Netflix & Comedy Central, HBO Max and more compete for laughs in this intimate, 90-minute stand-up comedy show. Enjoy comedy while the fish are swimming around you and make a friend or two with sharks and rays in the Touch Tanks before the show. Make sure to BYOB and feel free to bring food, drinks, coolers, picnic baskets, blankets, etc.—it's a party! Seating will be provided. Please plan accordingly. $24. Tickets available online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aquarium-comedy-club-santa-monica-tickets-339220616997.

SATURDAY | JUNE 11

MONTANA AVENUE SIDEWALK SALE

Mark your calendars! The Montana Avenue Annual Sidewalk Sale is back on June 11th. Shop along Montana Ave from 6th to 17th Street and shop new arrivals, sales and more. 10 am. - 6 p.m.

LIVE DJ UNDER "LANTERNS OF LOVE"

Santa Monica Place will host a live DJ spinning every weekend throughout the month where guests can enjoy music under "Lanterns of Love;" an overhead colored lantern installation that spans across Center Plaza. 2 - 5 p.m. Santa Monica Place, 395 Santa Monica Place.

BEETHOVEN AND BROADWAY

Orchestra Santa Monica presents its final concert of the 2021-2022 season at the new Adams Performing Arts Center in Santa Monica. Under the baton of Music Director Roger Kalia, the orchestra will be performing Beethoven's lyrical and high-spirited Symphony No.2. Special Guests Chelsea Chaves (soprano) and Nicholas Preston (tenor) join the orchestra to perform broadway favorites including songs from West Side Story, Phantom of the Opera and more. $20 - $40. 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beethoven-and-broadway-tickets-331315482527.

FLOATING FITNESS WORKOUT

$20/class, pre-register online through Reserve Santa Monica. Floating Fitness Workouts with BOGAFiT builds strength, deepens flexibility, and improves balance and coordination. Wear a bathing suit or workout clothes. Be ready to get wet — you may fall into the pool. Annenberg Community Beach House. https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **68.5**

TUESDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	Small blend of old and new SW/SSW swell. NW windswell mixes in west of Dume.
WEDNESDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	Small blend of SW/SSW swell and lingering NW windswell. Morning wind doesn't look great.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 71.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 61. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday: Mostly clear, with a low around 61. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/06/07	Tue	02:53 AM	3.85	H
2022/06/07	Tue	10:18 AM	0.64	L
2022/06/07	Tue	5:34 PM	4.13	H
2022/06/07	Tue	11:24 PM	2.45	L
2022/06/08	Wed	04:23 AM	3.59	H
2022/06/08	Wed	11:02 AM	0.83	L
2022/06/08	Wed	6:00 PM	4.59	H
2022/06/09	Thu	12:23 AM	1.71	L
2022/06/09	Thu	05:45 AM	3.49	H
2022/06/09	Thu	11:42 AM	1.05	L
2022/06/09	Thu	6:28 PM	5.11	H
2022/06/10	Fri	01:13 AM	0.88	L
2022/06/10	Fri	06:58 AM	3.51	H
2022/06/10	Fri	12:22 PM	1.27	L
2022/06/10	Fri	7:00 PM	5.67	H
2022/06/11	Sat	01:59 AM	0.05	L
2022/06/11	Sat	08:02 AM	3.60	H
2022/06/11	Sat	1:02 PM	1.50	L

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 6/4
14 16 36 52 60
Power#: 16
Jackpot: 198 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 6/3
11 16 22 48 59
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 207 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 6/4
9 13 21 27 45
Mega#: 5
Jackpot: 17 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 6/5
5 10 12 26 34

Daily 3
Draw Date: 6/5
EVENING: 8 9 6
Draw Date: 6/5
MIDDAY: 1 8 6

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 6/5
1st: 05 - California Classic
2nd: 06 - Whirl Win
3rd: 04 - Big Ben
Race Time: 1:49.39

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