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Officials wary of COVID hospitalizations as a trigger for potential mask rules

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The Los Angeles area continues to teeter on the brink of a new mask mandate with some COVID measurements stabilizing while others continue to rise.

A mask mandate for indoor activity would occur if Los Angeles County moves into a high transmission bracket based on guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and unless trends change, that line could be crossed in a couple of weeks.

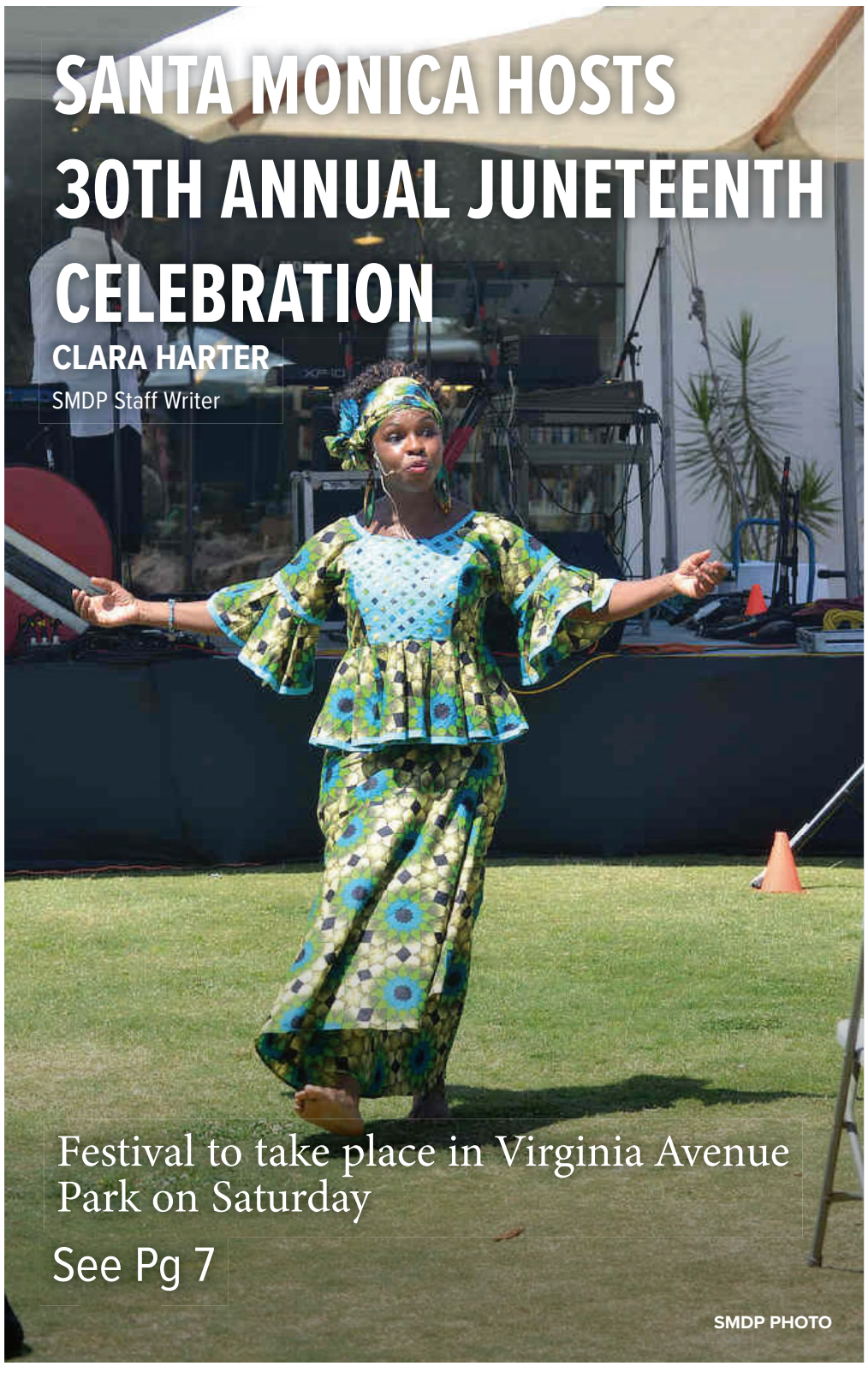
Under CDC guidelines for measuring community risk, Los Angeles County remains in the "medium" category as of now. Hospital admissions are at 7.3 per 100,000 people and while that rate is twice what it was a month ago, it is still below the threshold. If admissions were to reach 10 per 100,000 people, the county would move into the "high" tier, potentially triggering new mask rules if the rate were to be sustained for two weeks. Based on current projections, the county could reach that level by the end of June.

"I want to note that should we cross the CDC threshold for high community level the county's position is to align with the CDC framework that calls for universal masking indoors," said Director of Public Health Barbara Ferrer. "We would implement required universal indoor masking after two consecutive weeks of being at the CDC designation."

The county also reported a doubling of the test positivity rate although that measurement might not reflect an immediate spike in cases.

Ferrer said the increase in positivity is likely a result of school ending. During the

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SANTA MONICA HOSTS 30TH ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

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Festival to take place in Virginia Avenue Park on Saturday

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Biden says a recession is 'not inevitable'

JOSH BOAK
Associated Press

President Joe Biden said Thursday the American people are "really, really down" after a tumultuous two years with the coronavirus pandemic, volatility in the economy and now surging gasoline prices that are slamming family budgets. But he stressed that a recession was "not inevitable" and held out hope of giving the country a greater sense of confidence.

Speaking to The Associated Press in a 30-minute Oval Office interview, the president emphasized the battered economy that he inherited and the lingering psychological scars caused by a pandemic that disrupted people's sense of identity. He bristled at claims by Republican lawmakers that last year's COVID-19 aid plan was fully to blame for inflation reaching a 40-year high, calling that argument "bizarre."

As for the overall American mindset, Biden said, "People are really, really down."

"The need for mental health in America, it has skyrocketed, because people have seen everything upset," Biden said. "Everything they've counted on upset. But most of it's the consequence of what's happened, what happened as a consequence of the COVID crisis."

That pessimism has carried over into the economy as record prices at the pump and persistent inflation have jeopardized Democrats' ability to hold on to the House and Senate in the midterm elections. Biden addressed the warnings by economists that fighting inflation could tip United States into recession.

"First of all, it's not inevitable," he said. "Secondly, we're in a stronger position than any nation in the world to overcome this inflation."

As for the causes of inflation, Biden flashed some defensiveness on that count. "If it's my fault, why is it the case in every other major industrial country in the world

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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My thoughts upon returning to Santa Monica from 5 days in Mexico City

My wife and I just returned from 5 days in Mexico City, where we traveled for a family wedding. I wanted to briefly share my thoughts because I certainly learned a lot (and it wasn't good... for us!).

We landed in the international airport and realized that, unlike LAX, where only the rich can now get an UberBlack or UberSUV to pick them up at the curb for 3-6x the cost of a normal UberX, we were able to order an UberX and immediately get one to take us to our hotel (30 min away) for only $6. Not a typo. Needless to say, I tipped well.

On the drive to the hotel, I saw 0 tents, 0 homeless, 0 litter. Yes, passing through an industrial area, we saw a very poor neighborhood with small cinderblock homes with very basic roofs, but those individuals and families weren't homeless. They had homes and their streets were clean.

Arriving into the center of the city, our jaws dropped. The streets (not just a couple, but most of them) were lined with beautiful trees, VERY well landscaped medians, and many had gorgeous parks flanking both sides of the street (think Palisades Park but with more lush vegetation). Not one tent. Not one homeless person. Not one visible piece of litter. How could that be? So we waited until the next morning to venture out and explore further.

Before leaving the hotel, we asked the front desk staff if it's safe to go out and whether we'd need to hire a car or a guide or better yet, stay inside. They all laughed at us until one staff member said "señor, you are from the United States. It's probably safer here than where you live." Well, he was right.

Walking down one of the main boulevards, where all the shops and restaurants are (from basic to high end), we felt MUCH safer than we ever would in Santa Monica. Whereas in Santa Monica, we would have undoubtedly been accosted by at least a handful of drugged out, crazy, and/or criminal homeless individuals, instead, we walked in peace. Who did greet us? An army (not kidding - see pics) of professional street/sidewalk cleaning crews that were all over the city. Police, real police, clearly visible, heavily armed (many with automatic weapons or assault shotguns), with bulletproof vests and in uniform, every block and in many places every several feet. Were they scary? Absolutely not. On the contrary, they made everyone feel safe. No criminal would DARE commit a crime in their midst, which meant basically anywhere in the city center. They weren't "ambassadors" or unarmed welcome staff. Yes they were "militarized" but they weren't shooting people or appearing threatening or racially profiling individuals. The police smiled, offered to chat upon realizing I'm a tourist who spoke their language, and politely called me "caballero."

Then we entered Chapultepec Park, the city's equivalent of Tongva Park or Central Park. It was surrounded by beautiful tall metal gates (that could be closed and locked at night). It was full of cleaning crews and police. It had beautifully arranged trash cans of every sort available at every turn. What did we NOT see? A single homeless person. A single tent. A single panhandler or beggar. A single piece of trash out of place. Any scary individuals. So what DID we see? Beautiful artwork, as far as the eye can see, neatfully arranged along pedestrian paths, not defaced. Children running, playing, or having a picnic with their families. Couples kissing or walking hand in hand. Families taking photos, playing music, dancing, enjoying life. Elderly people sitting on chairs or in the grass reading. Tourists enjoying the public art, the photos and sculptures all over.

Was this for real? We returned the next day to discover the answer was yes. In fact, it was now a Saturday and the place was packed. Far more people, a few more police and cleaning crew members, but not a single homeless, crazy or criminal person to be seen. Lots of legal street vendors neatly arranged along the perimeters of certain pedestrian paths selling food and toys out of their booths.

Walking around at night, nothing changed. City remained clean and safe with shops and restaurants bustling til the late hours with the streets packed with pedestrians and cyclists, families and couples, young and very old.

We returned today to LAX, where we had to make a decision between waiting for a shuttle bus and dragging our luggage onto it and making our way to a distant lot to get a cheaper UberX or ordering a much pricier UberBlack and having to wait for it to make it to us through dense airport traffic (because they can't pick up after dropping off anymore - waste of time and gas and convenience). And once we got home after a long drive through rush hour 405 traffic, we smelled and saw smoke and discovered that a homeless man living in the bluffs between Palisades Park and PCH had set a blaze that shut down two busy streets, destroyed a palm tree on Ocean Ave, and could have destroyed a lot of property and taken people's lives. Welcome home to Santa Monica!

I am admittedly ashamed that I ever considered subscribing to the arrogant notion that Mexico is a "developing nation." If we want to see what that looks like, we need to look in the mirror. The government of Mexico City and its residents have PRIDE in their community. They love themselves, their neighbors, their guests and visitors, and have a deep affection for their city. They don't view it as a get rich quick scheme or some means to solving all the world's social justice problems. They value TRUE equity and inclusion (not the fake virtue signaling that has gotten us until this mess). They value cleanliness, public safely, BEAUTY (something we have all but forgotten here), jobs, shops and restaurants, nightlife, parks and museums, public art, and children, families, and elderly. All things we (and by that I mean our leaders and the citizens who voted them in) have destroyed systematically, deliberately, and continue to dismantle. And this means they take the steps to achieve that. They allow the existence

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DAILY POLICE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 330 CALLS ON JUNE 15

Fight 1500Blk Yale St 1:28 a.m.
Loud Music 26th St / Wilshire Blvd 1:29 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 100Blk Colorado Ave 2:17 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 800Blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:46 a.m.
Battery 1600Blk Ocean Ave 2:59 a.m.
Arson 1200Blk Palisades Park 3:01 a.m.
Assault 1500Blk 2nd St 3:22 a.m.
Encampment Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 6:09 a.m.
Fire Request Police 2000Blk 14th St 6:26 a.m.
Drinking In Public 600Blk Strand St 7:10 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2800Blk Ocean Front Walk 7:22 a.m.
Construction Noise 2400Blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:36 a.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals 14th St / Olympic Blvd 8:09 a.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals Lincoln Blvd / Ashland Ave 8:14 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 17th St / Pearl St 8:16 a.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals Ocean Ave / Olympic Dr 8:16 a.m.
Paparazzi Complaint 3400Blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:22 a.m.
Vandalism 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 8:24 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1200Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:24 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 1600Blk Ocean Ave 8:28 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 1800Blk 19th St 8:36 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 1000Blk 2nd St 8:43 a.m.
Construction Noise 2600Blk Euclid St 8:53 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1400Blk Stanford St 9:02 a.m.
Vandalism 600Blk Arizona Ave 9:08 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 4th St / Broadway 9:25 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 500Blk 7th St 9:27 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 17th St / Broadway 9:28 a.m.
Burglary 2200Blk Ocean Ave 9:32 a.m.
Encampment 1000Blk Ocean Ave 9:40 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1000Blk Ocean Ave 9:51 a.m.
Battery 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 10:02 a.m.
Burglary 3000Blk Delaware Ave 10:02 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1600Blk Cloverfield Blvd 10:03 a.m.
Found Property 1300Blk 4th St 10:11 a.m.
Fraud 300Blk Olympic Dr 10:24 a.m.
Encampment 1100Blk Palisades Park 10:43 a.m.
Fire Request Police 2000Blk 14th St 10:50 a.m.
Loud Music 2700Blk Barnard Way 11:17 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1300Blk Michigan Ave 11:35 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2300Blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:41 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 7th St / Wilshire Blvd 11:43 a.m.
Lost Property 2200Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:09 p.m.
Battery 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:12 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 14th St / Colorado Ave 1:23 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 14th St / Colorado Ave 1:30 p.m.
Theft Suspect In Custody 200Blk Broadway 1:45 p.m.
Missing Person 300Blk Olympic Dr 1:53 p.m.
Burglary 1900Blk 6th St 2:10 p.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order In Progress 2300Blk 6th St 2:22 p.m.
Burglary 300Blk Olympic Dr 2:34 p.m.
Fire Request Police 2000Blk Centinela Ave 2:41 p.m.
Burglary 200Blk Washington Ave 2:45 p.m.
Found Property 900Blk Lincoln Blvd 2:47 p.m.
Grand Theft 1800Blk Ocean Ave 3:11 p.m.
Petty Theft 700Blk Ashland Ave 3:11 p.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 1500Blk 10th St 3:18 p.m.
Theft Suspect In Custody 200Blk Broadway 3:21 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 2600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:28 p.m.
Elder Abuse 1300Blk 17th St 3:30 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 900Blk 4th St 3:44 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 2800Blk Neilson Way 3:44 p.m.
Identity Theft 1200Blk 17th St 3:50 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 600Blk Ocean Ave 4:22 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2100Blk Yorkshire Ave 4:31 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1100Blk Princeton St 4:34 p.m.
Encampment 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 4:36 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Chelsea Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 4:39 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 700Blk Strand St 4:40 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Michigan Ave 4:42 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 800Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:46 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Moomat Ahiko Way / Ocean Ave 4:53 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1300Blk 26th St 5:08 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1600Blk Appian Way 5:13 p.m.
Red Zone Violation 2600Blk 2nd St 5:14 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 5:31 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1300Blk 5th St 5:51 p.m.
Assault 1600Blk Appian Way 5:57 p.m.
Fraud 2000Blk Cloverfield Blvd 6:47 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 1300Blk Grant St 6:48 p.m.
Loud Music 2000Blk Ocean Front Walk 6:51 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 2nd St / Broadway 7:10 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 800Blk 6th St 7:10 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 300Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:14 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1000Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:21 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1100Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:28 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1400Blk 4th St 7:28 p.m.
Grand Theft 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 7:28 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1100Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:30 p.m.
Loud Music 2000Blk Ocean Front Walk 7:35 p.m.
Assault 2200Blk Lincoln Blvd 7:40 p.m.
Loud Music 3000Blk Ocean Front Walk 7:52 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1100Blk 4th St 7:54 p.m.
Vandalism 1200Blk 3rd Street Prom 8:21 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1800Blk 7th St 8:24 p.m.
Fraud 300Blk Olympic Dr 8:29 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 2100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:48 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 14th St / Pico Blvd 8:54 p.m.
Person Down Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 8:59 p.m.
Battery 1200Blk 3rd Street Prom 9:06 p.m.
Loud Music 400Blk 20th St 9:49 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Ocean Ave / California Incline 9:54 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1200Blk 4th St 9:56 p.m.
Encampment 1400Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:56 p.m.
Hit And Run Felony Investigation 1600Blk Ocean Ave 10:09 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 800Blk Ashland Ave 10:45 p.m.
Found Property 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 11:01 p.m.
Encampment 1700Blk Appian Way 11:08 p.m.
Loud Music 1300Blk 2nd St 11:11 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 44 CALLS ON JUNE 15

EMS 2nd St / Broadway 12:22 a.m.
EMS 900Blk Pico Blvd 12:31 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1200Blk Palisades Park 3:03 a.m.
EMS 2500Blk Washington Ave 4:24 a.m.
EMS 2000Blk 14th St 6:19 a.m.
EMS 1500Blk Yale St 6:54 a.m.
Transformer Fire 1000Blk Grant St 7:02 a.m.
EMS 500Blk 20th St 7:43 a.m.
EMS 400Blk Expo Line 7:58 a.m.
EMS 500Blk Raymond Ave 8:37 a.m.
EMS 2700Blk 11th St 9:12 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 500Blk 7th St 9:27 a.m.
EMS 17th St / Broadway 9:28 a.m.
EMS 400Blk 21st St 9:33 a.m.
EMS 2000Blk 14th St 10:15 a.m.
EMS 1200Blk 16th St 12:32 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk Montana Ave 12:43 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 14th St / Colorado Ave 1:23 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 1:24 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 1:36 p.m.
Wires Down 100Blk Hollister Ave 1:36 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Virginia Ave 1:45 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Olympic Blvd 2:04 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Centinela Ave 2:22 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk Colorado Ave 2:58 p.m.
EMS 2300Blk 4th St 3:09 p.m.
EMS 400Blk 11th St 3:47 p.m.
EMS 1800Blk 10th St 3:53 p.m.
EMS 2300Blk Pier Ave 4:06 p.m.
EMS 200Blk Bicknell Ave 4:10 p.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas 1100Blk 12th St 4:50 p.m.
EMS 200Blk Broadway 5:49 p.m.
EMS 3200Blk Ocean Park Blvd 6:19 p.m.
EMS 1000Blk 19th St 6:36 p.m.
EMS 1900Blk Pico Blvd 6:46 p.m.
Broken Water Main 600Blk Arizona Ave 7:26 p.m.
EMS 400Blk Broadway 7:49 p.m.
EMS 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 7:59 p.m.
Flooded Condition 600Blk Arizona Ave 8:39 p.m.
EMS 16th St / Pico Blvd 8:52 p.m.
EMS 1600Blk Main St 9:11 p.m.
Flooded Condition 1100Blk 12th St 9:29 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 4th St / Broadway 9:47 p.m.
EMS 1600Blk Ocean Ave 10:09 p.m.

CRIME WATCH

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

ON FRIDAY, JUNE 3 AT 10:53 A.M.

Officers arrived at the 1300 block of the 3rd Street Promenade regarding a person reportedly displaying a weapon call. Upon arrival, officers located the victims who were a mother and her 12-year-old daughter. Officers learned that the daughter was eating a bag of chips as she walked through the promenade with her mother, when a subject approached them and asked for chips. When they refused, the subject asked for money and for the daughter, while displaying a metal object in his hands (makeshift brass knuckles). The victims ran away and hid in a tattoo shop while they contacted authorities. Officers arrived and arrested Jesse Coria Rosete for robbery and resisting arrest.

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **Proposed FY 2022-23 Budget;**
Adoption of the Resolution Establishing the City's Gann Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2022-23; and
Adoption of Master User Fee Resolution

DESCRIPTION

The City Council, Housing Authority, and Parking Authority of the City of Santa Monica will hold a public hearing on the proposed FY 2022-23 budget on June 28, 2022. At this meeting, the City Council will adopt a resolution determining the City's Gann Appropriations Limit for FY 2022-23. A copy of the documentation used in calculating the limit can be viewed online at finance.smgov.net/budgets-reports/Gann. The FY 2022-23 Proposed Budget can be viewed online at finance.smgov.net/budgets-reports/.

At the June 28, 2022 meeting, the City Council will also conduct a public hearing on the proposed adoption of new fees and revisions to existing fees charged by the City's Community Services Department, Community Development Department, Department of Transportation, Fire, Public Works Department, and Records and Elections Services (City Clerk).

The proposed fee revisions are intended to more fully recover the City's cost of providing services and processing applications. The proposed fee schedule and a copy will be available online at https://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/agendas.aspx/ no later than June 24, 2022. The public hearing will also consider maintaining certain existing fees at current rates for various services.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider this request:

DATE/TIME: **Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: FY 2022-23 Proposed Budget, Gann Appropriations Limit, or Fee Revisions
June 28, 2022, City Council Meeting
councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please refer to the Adoption of the FY 2022-23 Operating Budget and Adoption of the First Year and Approval of the Second Year of the FY 2022-24 Capital Improvement Program Budget staff report for the June 28, 2022 meeting on the City's web site at https://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/agendas.aspx/. In addition, a Cost Recovery Study for the Fire Department was previously made publicly available in connection with the May 24, 2022, City Council Meeting and available at https://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/agendas.aspx. You may contact the City Clerk at (310) 458-8211 for alternate availability of the City Council agenda packet.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8211 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 2, 5, and 9 serve City Hall.

ESPAÑOL

Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública sobre, el presupuesto propuesto para el año fiscal 2022-23, para adoptar una resolución para la determinación del límite de asignaciones de Gann para el año fiscal 2022-23, y la propuesta adopción de aumento a los cobros de varios servicios que ofrece la ciudad de Santa Monica Para más información en español, favor de llamar a Yolanda Nunez al número (310) 434-2616.

BIDEN

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that inflation is higher? You ask yourself that? I'm not being a wise guy," he said.

The president said he saw reason for optimism with the 3.6% unemployment rate and America's relative strength in the world.

But restoring confidence so far has eluded Biden, whose approval ratings have been in steady decline as he has lost support among Democrats and has little evidence to show that he could restore a sense of bipartisan normalcy to Washington.

Biden's Oval Office is filled with the portraits of presidents who faced crises that have imperiled the country, and the president acknowledged there were parallels to his own situation. A picture of Franklin Delano Roosevelt hangs over his fireplace, a place of prominence because the historian Jon Meacham told Biden that no president had come into office with the economy in such dire circumstances. There is also a painting of Abraham Lincoln, who became president with a nation brutally divided and on the verge of the Civil War.

Yet Biden's remedy is not that different from the diagnosis made by former President Jimmy Carter in 1979, when the U.S. economy was crippled by stagflation. Carter said then the U.S. was suffering from a "crisis of confidence" and "the erosion of our confidence in the future is threatening to destroy the social and the political fabric of America."

The president said he wants to endow the U.S. with more verve, fortitude and courage.

"Be confident, because I am confident we're better positioned than any country in the world to own the second quarter of the 21st century," Biden said.

Biden's bleak assessment of the national psyche comes as voters have soured on his job performance and the direction of the country. Only 39% of U.S. adults approve of Biden's performance as president, according to a May poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Research, dipping from already negative ratings a month earlier.

Overall, only about 2 in 10 adults said the U.S. is heading in the right direction or that the economy is good, both down from about 3 in 10 in April. Those drops were concentrated among Democrats, with just 33% within the president's party saying the country is headed in the right direction.

Biden said Republican social policies were contributing to public anxieties. He suggested GOP lawmakers could face consequences in the midterms if the Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade, possibly removing national protections for abortion access. Voters will consider the "failure of this Republican Party to be willing" to respond to "the basic social concerns of the country," the president said.

The president outlined some of the hard choices he has faced, saying the U.S. needed to stand up to Russian President Vladimir Putin for invading Ukraine in February even though tough sanctions imposed as a result of that war have caused gas prices to surge, creating a political risk for Biden in an election year. He called on oil companies to think of the world's short-term needs and increase production.

Asked why he ordered the financial penalties against Moscow that have disrupted food and energy markets globally, Biden said he made his calculation as commander in chief rather than as a politician thinking about elections.

"I'm the president of the United States," he said. "It's what's best in the country. No kidding. No kidding. So what happens? What happens if the strongest power in NATO, the organizational structure we put together, walked away from Russian aggression?"

Biden spun out the possibility of chaos in Europe if an unimpeded Russia kept moving deeper into the continent, China was emboldened to take over Taiwan and North Korea grew even more aggressive with its nuclear weapon ambitions.

Biden renewed his contention that major oil companies have benefited from higher prices without increasing production as much as they should. He said the companies needed to think of the world in the short term, not just their investors.

"Don't just reward yourselves," he said.

Consumer prices have jumped 8.6% over the past year, the steepest rise in more than 40 years. Republican lawmakers have said that Biden's $1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package from last year kick-started a spiral of price increases.

The president said there was "zero evidence" for that claim, noting that other countries have endured higher prices as economies reopened and people became vaccinated. Still, Biden acknowledged Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen's contention that the spending had a limited inflationary effect.

"You could argue whether it had on the margin a minor impact on inflation," he said. "I don't think it did. And most economists do not. But the idea that it caused inflation is bizarre."

Still, high inflation has created a conundrum for Biden. He prioritized bringing back millions of jobs and has seen the unemployment rate return to close to pre-pandemic levels. The Federal Reserve on Wednesday increased its benchmark interest rate, in hopes of slowing the economy and pulling inflation down to its target rate of 2%.

The tightening of Fed policy has caused financial markets to slump and led many economists to warn of a potential recession next year. The president encouraged Americans to stay patient.

"They shouldn't believe a warning," he said. "They should just say, 'Let's say let's see which is correct.'"

The president is still trying to steer his domestic agenda through Congress, after an earlier iteration last year failed to clear a 50-50 Senate. Biden said "I believe I have the votes" to lower prescription drug prices, reduce families' utility bills with tax incentives and place a minimum tax on corporations. He said his plans would lower expenses for many Americans, though the measure would be scaled back from earlier intentions for an expanded child tax credit, universal pre-kindergarten and other programs.

"I'm going to be able to get, God willing, the ability to pay for prescription drugs," Biden said. "There's more than one way to bring down the cost for working folks."

And then, in acknowledgment of the political restraints he faces, Biden added, "I can't get it all done."

COVID

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school year, many students were routinely tested regardless of symptoms, creating a large number of negative results in the system. With the end of those school-mandated tests, the pool of individuals getting tested has contracted and concentrated, driving up the positivity rate. The average number of new cases actually declined slightly to 4,700 from 4,900 a week ago.

Ferrer said it's important residents understand the value of testing and isolation if they may be ill.

She said COVID tests may not show a positive result in the very early stages of an infection and individuals who have symptoms but test negative should consider two possibilities: either they are in the early stages of COVID or they have an entirely different, but still infectious, disease such as the flu.

"Regardless of the test result, when you're sick, you should stay home away from others at least until you've been fever free for 24 hours and your symptoms are resolving," she said. "If your negative COVID-19 test was an antigen test and/or a self-test. You should continue to stay away from others and test yourself again 24 to 48 hours later. This is because these antigen tests are more likely to miss very early infections. And if you're using a self-test, make sure that you're reading and following all the test instructions correctly. If your second test is negative, and you've been fever free for 24 hours with resolving symptoms you are most likely not infected with COVID. But if you continue to have symptoms that aren't resolving, you should consider getting a PCR COVID test and a test for flu."

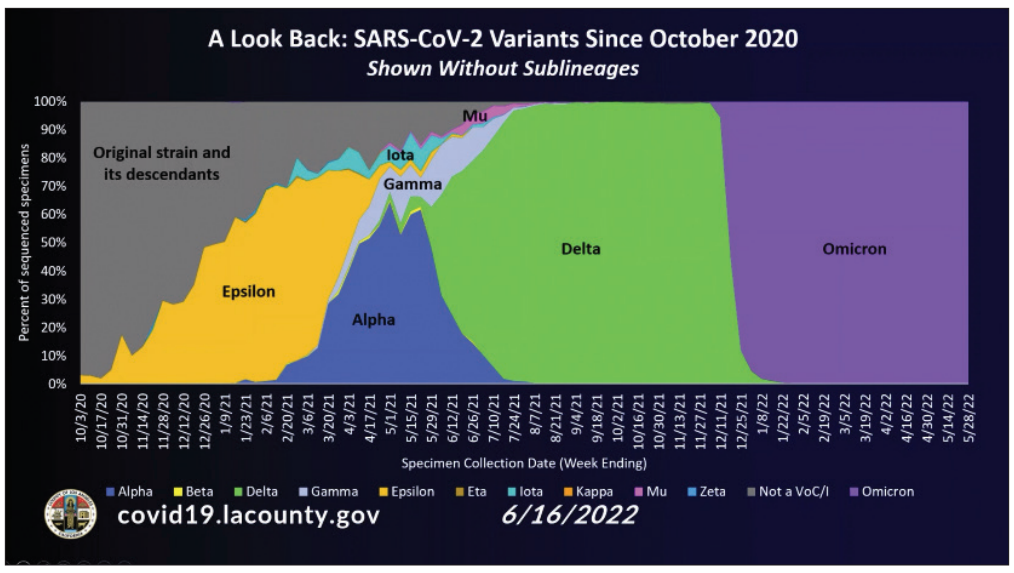
The home antigen tests use a different detection method from the doctor-administered PCR tests and Ferrer said each has its advantages. The PCR tests are more accurate but take longer to return results, sometimes up to several days. Due to their sensitivity, a PCR test may return a false positive when administered to someone who has had a COVID infection within 90 days, even if they are no longer infectious.

Antigen tests return results within in 15 - 30 minutes and are available for home use. However, they are less effective in the early stages of an infection.

She said once someone has tested positive, they should remain in isolation until they test negative or until day 11 following the first symptoms/positive test.

Additional information on testing is available on the County's website at http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/covidtests/.

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Courtesy image

VARIANTS: The Omicron variant is driving almost all infections in Los Angeles County.

LETTER

FROM PAGE 2

of TRULY affordable neighborhoods, not with $1.5 million ocean-adjacent, taxpayer-funded condos that replace essential parking facilities, but small residences that low-income individuals and families can truly afford on their own. They do not tolerate people living in the parks and on the streets. They do not tolerate any crime in their midst, nor do they tolerate any littering.

Returning home from Mexico City, I am ashamed of what we have become in Santa Monica. But I also see what is possible. Like so many of us, I love our city. I may not have lived here as long as many here have, and yes I did once refer to Santa Monica City as "SaMo" (only to be corrected by 50+ residents, most of whom were angry, several of whom were frankly rude, that this refers to the high school, not the city — lesson learned!), but I wouldn't rather live anywhere else on earth. I want to be right HERE. But if we want to become a world class city again, with a high quality of life and strong tax revenues that make it unnecessary for us to continually come up with new tax schemes that will eventually collapse like any Ponzi scheme ultimately does, we need to look beyond our borders. We need more humility. We need to realize we have been wrong about many things. We have to admit our mistakes and we must ask for help. We can do this but it will take deep introspection, a willingness to lift the veil of arrogance that has infected many of our institutions, and make the hard decisions that will ultimately benefit all of us.

My goal is to one day read a similar post, written by a visitor to Santa Monica, using us as an example of what their city should aspire to be. I bet that, in the not too distant past, that happened countless times. Let's restore our city to being even better than what it was before.

Houman Hemmati, Santa Monica

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OPINION **LAUGHING MATTERS**

Jack Neworth

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OR PAINFUL REMINDER?

Exactly fifty years ago today the infamous Watergate burglars were arrested and, twenty six months later, President Richard Nixon resigned. Interestingly, almost every scandal since gets the "gate" tag. One that didn't, however, was the January 6th riot. Now, after a yearlong probe and over 1,000 interviews, we've just finished the first week of the televised January 6th Congressional hearings investigating Donald Trump's alleged attempted coup, considered by man far more dangerous to democracy than Watergate.

Among the surprising revelations was how many Trump advisers, on election night, opposed his baseless voter fraud claims. "Team Normal" wanted Trump, like every outgoing president in history, to assist in a peaceful transition of power. "Team Crazy," however, which propagated the "Big Lie" was led by Rudy Giuliani who was allegedly intoxicated. (With Rudy it can be hard to tell the difference.)

For example, Rudy repeated unfounded voter fraud claims at the Four Seasons Landscaping. (This gave way to the joke "Make America Rake Again.") Rudy also held another memorable press conference unaware that black hair dye was oozing down his face. In hearing testimony Rudy was described as "erratic, toxic, buffoonish" and "a threat to the republic."(Fall from grace Rudy has gone from "America's Mayor" to "Trump's Chump.")

Another hearing revelation came from Ivanka Trump, whom once said he'd probably be dating were she not his daughter. Ivanka testified she didn't believe the "Big Lie"and "was affected" by former Attorney General Bill Barr's view that Trump was "detached from reality" and his "claim of election fraud was pure bullsh*t."

The following day Trump responded that Ivanka didn't follow the elections and "had checked out long ago." In a boorishly written statement that smacks of Santa Monica native and ideal "Batman" villain, Steven Miller, Trump said of Barr "He sucked."

After Ivanka's testimony, pundits joked Trump was looking for a new oldest daughter and Marjorie Taylor Green was suggested that the Donald/Ivanka kerfuffle could finally give Tiffany a chance to be "daddy's fave." Meanwhile "New Yorker" satirist Andrew Borowitz reported "Eric Trump requested he be given Ivanka's swanky room at Mar-a-Lago."

That brings us to Kimberly Guilfoyle, Don Jr.'s fiance and the seemingly mad woman who shrieked "The best is yet to come!" at the 2020 Republican Convention. Guilfoyle was reportedly paid $60,000 at the "Stop the Steal" rally that acted as a precursor to the deadly Capitol riot. (Her speech was two minutes or $500 per second and who knows, maybe that's what she meant by "the best was yet to come?")

It appears Guilfoyle was paid out of Trump's "Official Election Defense Fund" which collected $250 million from small dollar donors. Except no such fund existed and the quarter billion haul made the infamous Trump University scam look like petty cash. Mark Meadows, Trump's former Chief of Staff, allegedly got $1 million for his "personal foundation" and a paltry $200,000 was skimmed for Trump hotels.

The prime time televised hearings on Thursday drew twenty million viewers even though Fox News refused to carry it. In fact, Fox was so worried viewers would flip channels and inadvertently see the truth, they didn't have any commercials! Meanwhile, the twenty million viewers was five times Donald Trump's "Celebrity Apprentice" finale ratings. (Always "the victim," to this day Trump foolishly complains he was cheated out of an Emmy for "The Apprentice.")

From various testimony it's clear Donald Trump knew he had lost the 2020 election. He was told by his campaign staff, by the Department of Justice, by election administrators, by his daughter and son-in-law, and by the attorney general. And yet he persisted in propagating the big lie to the American people which led directly to the insurrection by his supporters at the Capitol.

Trump's bogus case was heard by sixty-three judges, including many of his own appointees, and all ruled against him. In states and counties that held recounts Biden actually got more not less votes. Trump's only hope was to foment a deadly nob insurrection on the Capitol and pressure Vice-President, Mike Pence, in the chaos, to refuse to certify the election.

To his credit Pence refused and, after a gallows was erected, he became the target of "Hang Mike Pence" chants to which Trump allegedly told aides "Pence deserved it." Trump gleefully watched the brutal riot from the White House and, despite pleas from Ivanka and Sean Hannity among others, it took 187 minutes before Trump asked his followers to go home. (Dereliction of duty, anyone?)

Perhaps the most profound hearings statement came from Vice Chair Liz Cheney to her Republican colleagues who propagate the Big Lie. "There will come a day when president Trump is gone," she said, "but your dishonor will remain."

Meanwhile, I hope your Father's Day is happier than Trump's who's likely still fuming about Ivanka.

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Festival to take place on Saturday

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One year after becoming a federal holiday, Santa Monica is gearing up for its 30th annual Juneteenth celebration with a weekend of community festivities followed by the closing of city services on Monday.

At the center of the celebrations is Saturday's Juneteenth festival, which will take place in Virginia Avenue Park from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and feature a range of musical performances, poetry, speakers, panels, and dances across two stages. The event is free, family friendly and will also include a local vendor marketplace, food trucks and children's craft area.

The longstanding and rich Juneteenth celebration in Santa Monica is thanks to 65 year local resident LaVerne Ross, who in 1992 successfully convinced City Council to establish a Juneteenth event.

Ross has celebrated Juneteenth her entire life as she was been born in Texas where her parents worked as sharecroppers and her paternal grandfather was a former slave.

"I never knew when there wasn't a Juneteenth; I knew Juneteenth in 1944 when I was only three or four years old," said Ross, while participating in the Juneteenth Proclamation in a June 14 City Council meeting.

Ross moved to Santa Monica in 1957 and continued celebrating the holiday with her family before making it her mission to share it with and have it be recognized by the local community.

The holiday marks the anniversary of June 19, 1865, when more than two years after the issuing of the Emancipation Proclamation, general Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston Texas and declared the enslaved people of Texas to be free.

It is the oldest national celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery, but for the first 150 or so years of its history, it was largely only recognized by Black Americans. Over the years greater awareness has been brought to the holiday through community activists and leaders like Ross and in 2021, following the 2020 Black Lives Matter movement, President Biden signed Juneteenth into law as a federal holiday.

In March 2022, Santa Monica City Council designated Juneteenth as an official City holiday. As the holiday falls on a Sunday this year, the City will observe Juneteenth on Monday with the closing of all city facilities and canceling of city programs.

"This is certainly history making that the City of Santa Monica just recognized this entire week as Juneteenth week," said Ross, later adding, "so the 19th of June has now found its rightful place in history. Thank you all for supporting me. Thank you very much."

Ross will speak at the Juneteenth Festival on the main stage on Saturday. The line up also features a traditional drum call with Chazz Ross, local favorite Black Party Band, invocation by the Interfaith Council, Grammy award winning singer-songwriter Dee Dee Bridgewater, jazz saxophonist Mike Phillips, pop/R&B band KLYMAZZ, and dancer Theresa Smith.

Over at the smaller community stage there will be a reading of original texts written by Divine Variations Impact Tem, two panel discussions organized by the Committee for Racial Justice, and a series of original works by the Santa Monica Repertory Theater.

Also on Saturday, Heal the Bay in partnership with Black Surfers Collective will be hosting the 10th annual Nick Gabaldón Day celebration on the Bay Street Beach. This day celebrates former Santa Monica resident Nick Gabaldón who is one of the first documented surfers of Black and Mexican American descent. This event will feature free surf lessons, a history lesson from historian Alison Rose Jefferson, children's story time and documentary screenings.

On Sunday at Calvary Baptist Church (corner of 20th and Broadway in Santa Monica), the Committee for racial justice will be holding another Juneteenth event featuring a speech on "Teaching the Truth" from Ben Drati, Superintendent of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Committee for Racial Justice presents: CRJ LIVE!

Committee For Racial Justice will be tabling and having speakers at the two celebrations of JUNETEENTH coming up on:

Saturday June 18 at Virginia Ave. Park (VAP) from 1 to 7 p.m. and Sunday June 19 at Calvary Baptist Church from 12 to 5 p.m. - both in Santa Monica.

Our overall theme will be A RESILIENT PEOPLE.

Committee For Racial Justice (CRJ) will be tabling and having speakers at the two separate celebrations of JUNETEENTH this Saturday and Sunday in Santa Monica. CRJ's overall theme will be A RESILIENT PEOPLE.

On Saturday 6/18, at 2;30 p.m. on the Community Stage at Virginia Ave. Park (VAP), 2200 Pico Blvd, Mayor Pro Tem Kristin McCowan will be interviewed by Commissioner Willa Wells, a commissioner on the SM Commission for Senior citizens, about housing issues in our community.

In addition, at 3:30 p.m. at the park, Chantilly Wijayasinha, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with a Master's degree in Public Health who is currently the Director at Family Service of Santa Monica, will offer coping mechanisms for families dealing with stress and discuss how we can maintain resilience & empower our children.

Both sessions Saturday will have Q&A with the audience and both speakers will be followed by seated yoga & breath work led by Apple fitness trainer, Jonelle Lewis.

Juneteenth will be celebrated all day at VAP from 1 – 7 p.m.

On Sunday 6/19 at the Juneteenth celebration at Calvary Baptist Church (corner of 20th and Broadway in Santa Monica) from noon to 5 p.m., CRJ will again table with information about our work and opportunities for involvement.

At 2 p.m. in the Community Classroom, the CRJ presenter that afternoon will be Dr. Ben Drati, District Superintendent of Santa Monica/Malibu United School District since his appointment in Nov. 2015. Dr. Drati will be speaking on " Teaching the Truth".

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New Changes

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- Customers with even-numbered street addresses – ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, or 8 – are allowed to water on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- No watering is allowed outdoors between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., regardless of the watering day.
- Hand-held hose watering with a positive quick release shutoff valve or nozzle is allowed every day of the week ***for trees*** except for the 9:00am to 5:00pm time period.
- Drip irrigation supplying water to a food source is allowed every day except for the 9:00am to 5:00pm time period.
- No runoff is allowed onto streets, driveways and gutters from excessive watering.

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- You may not allow leaks from pipes or fixtures to go unrepaired.
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 17)

This year is a celebration of love. You'll be packaging and trading on your skills differently, a change bringing more money and satisfaction. Other highlights: your strong connection with nature will figure into the traveling you do, you'll be bonded by sweet secrets, and an offbeat whimsy leads to prize money. Taurus and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 10, 3, 16 and 2.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you're the solution, it's hard to really shine unless there's also a problem. Being willing and open, the right problems will come to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In one mood you'll say, "no regrets." In another mood there's a list of things you would do differently if you could. And so, you will use each mood well; the past will be examined, and it will be released.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Others avoid confrontation, but you're not afraid of the challenges involved in getting to justice. It's your specialty! A little communication can set things a lot right.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Most of the boundaries of the world are unseen, but the owners tend to know where the lines are. Avoid crossing the wrong boundaries. As you explore, ask where the lines are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Both moods have their merits. You're considerate and you love to please, but you're also careful not to waste a lot of effort where it won't be appreciated.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll have the biggest impact when your efforts are well-matched to the situation. Go on and jot down those notes to yourself. You'll be surprised by your own pen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The ego likes to think it's the source of your strength, but real strength has nothing to do with posturing. You'll hear your ego out and then tell it to relax. Writing will help you get mentally and emotionally organized.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't assume that being happy is better than other emotional tones. The best feeling is the one that's coming up, no matter what it is. Fully feeling is fully processing your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've given plenty of thought to your situation and now you'll take action. Thousands of decisions will get made below your consciousness. You'll land in a sweeter place than you ever thought possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). While romance plays smoothly in the imagination, getting into a relationship is messy by comparison and often uncomfortable in its compromises and adjustments. Still, it will be worth it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll manage people well as you focus on their efforts. No one can help what they were born with, but when you praise good work instead of inborn talent, you'll get optimum results.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The heart defies logic. For instance, the bigger your heart gets, the less worried you are about breaking it. The elasticity of love offers its own strange protection.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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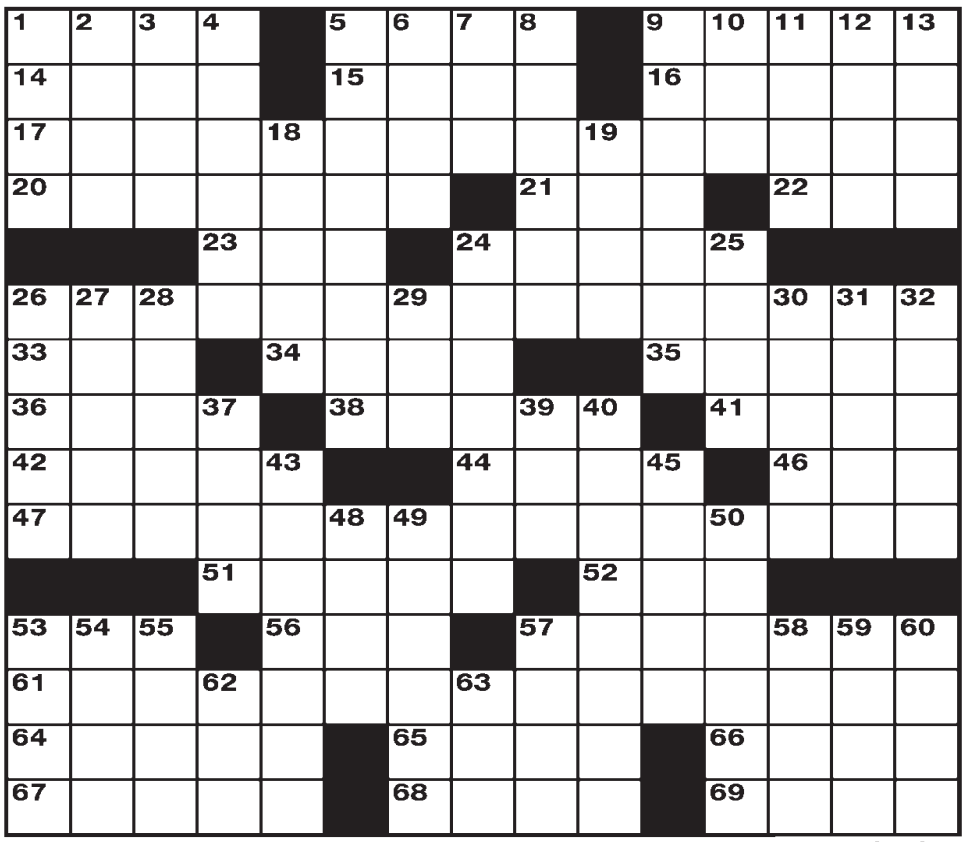
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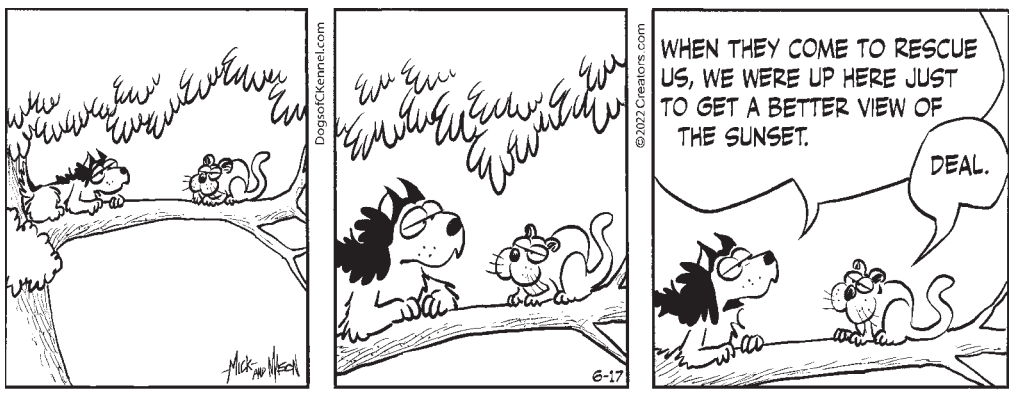
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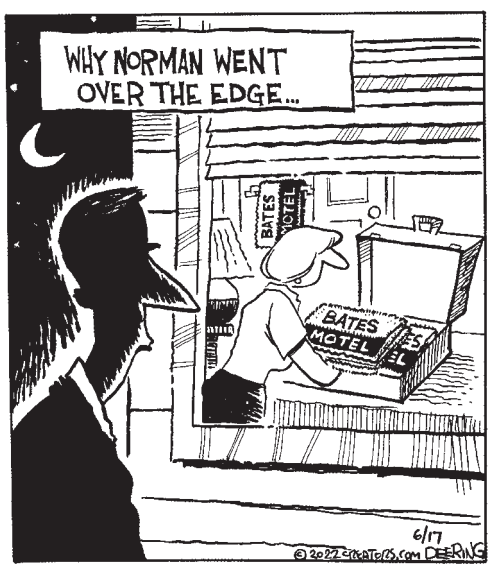
By PETER GALLAGHER



"WE'RE REQUIRED TO DISPLAY BOTH SIGNS."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5513

Volunteer heroes

E D C F E X P E R I E N C E C
C O A X E S A S O I D A R L O
I C R D E T A I C E R P P A N
F T I M E P E I S T U O F G T
I O N S V J A E D O G S A F R
R R G E O O L T R E S M M B I
C G H I M F C I Y T E U I O B
A L N B F E S A J S G S L A U
S L T A S K R O L E A T Y T T
G A R B G N H I S V M E E S I
R H O M I N D D T H I R A C O
E E T T I M M O C E A S R O N
E L A A T P H O N E R R I U H
N P R H T R O F F E R P E T E
O T Y C P F E I L E R L E S S

Aide	Drugs	Image	Rotary
Apex	Effort	Join	Sacrifice
Appreciated	Experience	Mind	Scouts
Babies	Family	Muster	Share
Boats	Fete	Offer	St John
Caring	Food	Phone	Task
Chat	Games	Radios	Time
Committee	Gang	Raffles	Train
Contribution	Green	Relief	Visits
Doctor	Hall	Retirement	Vocal
Dogs	Help	Risk	Yarn

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FRIDAY | JUNE 17

DRAG QUEEN STORYTIME AT THE BEACH HOUSE
Celebrate LGBTQIA+ Pride Month with Drag Queen Story Time! Guest of honor, Pickle, will lead an interactive story time designed to challenge restrictive gender stereotypes, encourage self-expression, and promote diversity and inclusion. Made possible with support from Gregory Annenberg Weingarten, GRoW @ Annenberg. Parking at the Beach House is $3 per hour or $12 per day. For more info visit annenbergbeachhouse.com. 10 - 11 a.m.

SATURDAY | JUNE 18

30TH ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION
The 30th Annual Juneteenth Celebration at Virginia Avenue Park will feature live music, spoken word artists, a children's craft area, cultural arts Marketplace, community resource booths, food and more! For details, visit https://santamonica.gov/press/2022/06/07/santa-monica-celebrates-30-years-of-the-annual-juneteenth-celebration. 1 - 7 p.m.

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

CARDBOARD YACHT REGATTA DAY
Kick off the summer with the 10th Annual Cardboard Yacht Regatta! Have you ever dreamed of setting sail across the waters in your very own yacht? Now you can build your own cardboard yacht and test its seaworthiness in a race across the Beach House Pool. Build a yacht using just corrugated cardboard and duct tape, decorate it, cross your fingers and hope you can make it to the other side. Preregistration required to race your yacht. Register early and enjoy building your boat with friends and family! $20 entry fee per yacht. Payment is NOT required for each sailor who will be in the yacht. This is a team registration. Please register once per yacht that will be entered in the event. Annenberg Community Beach House. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK/PICO BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET
Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. The park setting, adjacent to a public library, adds a tranquil, family-friendly vibe at the Santa Monica farmers market located at Santa Monica's Pico Farmers Market. Seek out Wild Local Seafood, which draws both celebrated chefs and home cooks. Live music, prepared food and free parking add to the quaint community vibe of this market.

DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA FARMERS MARKET
Arizona Avenue, between 4th & 2nd. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Claiming the title "Organic Market," Downtown Santa Monica's farmers market started in 1991 and on Saturdays offers the largest percentage of certified-organic growers of any market in the city. This market also features organic pastries both sweet and savory, as well as many other year-round and seasonal farm favorites.

SUNDAY | JUNE 19

DANCE WITH DANE
SaMo PRIDE's Dance Master Dane Sorenson leads this high-energy dance aerobics class that is suited for all ages and abilities! RSVP not required. 1 p.m. Free. 1351 3rd Street Promenade.

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. 395 Santa Monica Place.

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET
2640 Main St. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Set between the historic Victorian House and the California Heritage Museum, the Sunday Main Street Farmers Market in Santa Monica is a favorite for local families. In addition to live music and prepared food, this market features local crafters and artisan booths for those one of a kind items.

MONDAY | JUNE 20

MAIN LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Join a community-led discussion of books selected by the group. This month's selection is I Contain Multitudes: The Microbes Within Us and a Grander View of Life by Ed Yong. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the Zoom link. 7 - 8:30 p.m.

CANCELLED: ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY | JUNE 21

SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING
The Architectural Review Board established in 1974, acts "to preserve existing areas of natural beauty, cultural importance and assure that buildings, structures, signs or other developments are in good taste, good design, harmonious with surrounding developments, and in general contribute to the preservation of Santa Monica's reputation as a place of beauty, spaciousness and quality." 7 p.m.

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION
Join a community-led discussion of an exciting mystery novel each month. Currently held on Zoom. Email library@santamonica.gov to join. 7 - 8 p.m.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **70.2**

FRIDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Fun S swell sticks around with a bit of NW swell mix still blending in and helping to create some peaks for spots out west. Early AM conditions are looking decent but there is a drained low tide to work around.
SATURDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	S swell eases as NW swell mix blends in for peaky surf out west. Early AM is looking worthy, but do factor in the draining low tide.

WEATHER

Friday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 68.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 60.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 69.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/06/17	Fri	06:49 AM	-1.44	L
2022/06/17	Fri	1:37 PM	3.87	H
2022/06/17	Fri	6:01 PM	2.49	L
2022/06/18	Sat	12:13 AM	6.06	H
2022/06/18	Sat	07:41 AM	-1.00	L
2022/06/18	Sat	2:37 PM	4.02	H
2022/06/18	Sat	7:14 PM	2.60	L
2022/06/19	Sun	01:14 AM	5.37	H
2022/06/19	Sun	08:35 AM	-0.47	L
2022/06/19	Sun	3:37 PM	4.26	H
2022/06/19	Sun	8:45 PM	2.57	L
2022/06/20	Mon	02:24 AM	4.62	H
2022/06/20	Mon	09:31 AM	0.08	L
2022/06/20	Mon	4:32 PM	4.58	H
2022/06/20	Mon	10:30 PM	2.24	L
2022/06/21	Tue	03:49 AM	3.95	H
2022/06/21	Tue	10:25 AM	0.62	L
2022/06/21	Tue	5:20 PM	4.92	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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

Powerball
Draw Date: 6/15
19 28 41 42 51
Power#: 7
Jackpot: 279 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 6/14
30 37 38 42 58
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 273 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 6/15
8 13 24 25 33
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 20 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 6/15
2 11 22 26 34

Daily 3
Draw Date: 6/15
EVENING: 4 4 2
Draw Date: 6/15
MIDDAY: 6 3 7

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 6/15
1st: 10 - Solid Gold
2nd: 04 - Big Ben
3rd: 09 - Winning Spirit
Race Time: 1:46.92

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