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SMMUSD to approve budget Thursday

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

School districts across the state have been forced to adapt to the financial conditions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has decimated traditional streams of revenue for more than a year. Despite the economic devastation, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District leaders are preparing to adopt a budget that they believe reflects a better financial forecast than previously projected at the start of the pandemic.

In July 2020, SMMUSD leaders predicted the district would be forced into deficit spending for the foreseeable future, but Melody Canady, SMMUSD's Assistant Superintendent of Business and Fiscal Services, explained during the Third Budget Revision that SMMUSD would instead see millions of dollars in COVID relief funds, which would help bolster reserves in light of a $1.9 million expected decrease in property tax revenues.

Since then, Canady has returned to the Board of Education a couple of times to highlight how the $5.2 million increase in redevelopment agency funds will pair with $4.4 million in COVID relief funds to provide a much-needed boost to district reserves. And now the Board of Education is expected to adopt the 2021-22 District Budget this Thursday.

"If you remember, two years ago, we were deficit spending about $7- to $8-million, almost $9 million. But you ended up making some decisions throughout the last three years to get us to this point," Superintendent Ben Drati said as he detailed how projected Property Tax Increases of $1.6 million and other revenue increases, like the $200,000 increase in contributions to special education, have him optimistic SMMUSD will be okay.

Canady said the funding to special education probably won't be reflected in the budget until the 45-day budget revision because the money hasn't been released yet. Drati shared he remains confident the money will hit the district's coffers, though.

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Man arrested for murder after Promenade stabbing

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

SMPD have arrested a Long Beach man after a fight on the Promenade turned deadly.

According to SMPD, officers were called to the 300 block of Broadway for reports of shots fired at about 7:30 p.m. Monday.

When officers arrived on scene, they found a man with a stab wound to the neck. Officers immediately began life saving measures before Santa Monica Fire Department personnel arrived on scene and transported the victim to a local hospital where he died.

Witnesses who were with the victim provided a description of the suspects and their last known direction. Officers learned an altercation between the victim and suspects began near the Santa Monica Pier and ended in the 300 block of Broadway where the victim

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Matthew Hall

MURDER: Police officers swarmed an area of Downtown on Monday after a man was stabbed in the neck.

Help wanted: Labor crisis shocks California restaurants

MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press

Sherry Villanueva's family of Santa Barbara restaurants employed 350 people before the pandemic took hold and darkened dining rooms across California. Now, with the state's economy officially reopened, about 250 workers are back on the job.

Villanueva would hire 100 more if she could — but she can't find people to take the openings.

"We are in the midst of a very severe labor shortage," said Villanueva, owner and managing partner of Acme Hospitality, which operates eight eateries in the popular seaside destination, though two remain closed. With staffs stretched paper-napkin thin, the employees "are doing the job of two people."

California fully reopened its economy on June 15 and did away with limits on capacity at restaurants, retail stores and other businesses. People are eager to return to sporting events and amusement parks and enjoy a meal out.

But instead of full dining rooms, many restaurants are being forced to cut operating hours or leave tables open. Villanueva's company is offering cash bonuses to workers who recruit new employees.

The worker shortage is also affecting restaurants across the U.S. The National Restaurant Association has reported the eating and drinking industry shed 2.5 million jobs in 2020. Federal data show nearly 1.4 million job openings in the restaurant and hotel sector in April.

At the Served Global Dining restaurant in Henderson, Nevada, a Las Vegas suburb, chef-owner Matthew Meyer said he needs a dozen or more people to fill positions across the board, including cooks and bartenders.

Plans for a seafood raw bar, to-go kits and a chef's table to serve special tasting menus are on hold because he can't find enough workers. Meanwhile, his labor costs are up by a third because he has to offer more money to lure applicants. Even then, the last two he had scheduled for interviews never showed up.

"We are having extreme difficulties," he said.

The California Restaurant Association earlier estimated as many as one-third of the state's restaurants would not make it through the pandemic. For those that survived, the employment gap is a "full-blown crisis," said Jot Condie, who heads the organization.

Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom is fond of saying that California's economy is roaring back. Indeed, employment figures released Friday

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom

SUBJECT: 21ENT-0116 (Text Amendment)
19ENT-0397 (Conditional Use Permit)
1515 Ocean Avenue / 1530 2nd Street
APPLICANT: Jon Farzam
PROPERTY OWNER: Sunshine Enterprises LP c/o Siroos Farzam

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following requests:

A Text Amendment to the Downtown Community Plan to allow hotel uses within existing buildings or structures without having to comply with the minimum ground floor height of 11 feet; and

Amendments to an existing Conditional Use Permit (05CUP-009) to allow for the expansion and reconfiguration of the Shore Hotel and changes to its operation and available amenities to include the following:

- Creation of an affordable micro-hotel, consisting of 34 beds within 14 new rooms to be situated within 2,495 square feet of converted floor area and 1,505 square feet of new floor area;
- Conversion of approximately 580 square feet of existing floor area to an ancillary nine-seat café space with patio seating and alcohol service;
- Conversion of existing floor area, including an 800 square-foot breakfast room amenity space, to an ancillary 80-seat restaurant with a bar and patio to be operated as a "Restaurant with Entertainment" use including occasional amplified music and dancing along with alcohol service; and
- Expansion of hotel amenities to include ancillary personal service (massage) onsite.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021 AT 6:30 PM**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Planning Commission and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but participants may also join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/pvugsret or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 8601976 #)

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Address your comments to: Scott Albright, Senior Planner
Re: 21ENT-0116 and 19ENT-0397

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Scott Albright at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at scott.albright@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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Biden pushes effort to combat rising tide of violent crime

COLLEEN LONG, JONATHAN LEMIRE AND MICHAEL BALSAMO
Associated Press

President Joe Biden plans to lay out new steps to stem a rising national tide of violent crime, with a particular focus on gun violence, as administration officials brace for what they fear could be an especially turbulent summer.

The worry over crime is real: It has created economic hardship, displacement and anxiety. But there are also tricky politics at play. The spike in crime has become a Republican talking point and has been a frequent topic of conversation on conservative media.

White House aides believe that Biden, with his long legislative record on crime as a former senator, is not easy to paint as soft on the issue, and the president has been clear that he is opposed to the "defund the police" movement, which has been effectively used against other Democrats to paint them as anti-law enforcement. But Biden also is trying to boost progressives' efforts to reform policing. And while combating crime and reforming the police don't have to be at odds with each other, the two efforts are increasingly billed that way.

In a speech on Wednesday, Biden is to unveil a series of executive orders aimed at reducing violence, and he will renew his calls for Congress to pass gun legislation, aides said. Ahead of the speech, the Justice Department announced new strike forces aimed at tackling gun trafficking in five cities.

The White House also planned to convene a meeting Wednesday of a bipartisan group of mayors, members of the law enforcement community, experts and community activists. White House staff members have also been in touch with legislators and congressional staff.

"Yes, there need to be reforms of police systems across the country. The president is a firm believer in that," White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Tuesday. "But there are also steps he can take as president of the United States to help address and hopefully reduce that crime. A big part of that, in his view, is putting in place gun safety measures ... using the bully pulpit but also using levers at his disposal as president."

In April, Biden announced a half-dozen executive actions on gun control, including cracking down on "ghost guns," homemade firearms that lack serial numbers used to trace them and that are often purchased without a background check.

There is also new federal funding from the $1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief package directed toward municipal governments, allowing them to keep more police officers on the street. Aides said Biden would also urge a swift confirmation of his choice to head the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

But Biden is limited in his power to act alone. The House passed two bills requiring background checks on all firearms sales and transfers and allowing an expanded 10-day review for gun purchases. But that legislation faces strong headwinds in the Senate, where some Republican support would be needed for passage.

Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco said Tuesday that she has seen double-digit increases in murder and violent crime nationwide.

"It is staggering. It is sobering," she said at a violent-crime forum held by the Washington-based Police Executive Research Forum. "And it's something that DOJ is committed to do all we can to reverse what are profoundly troubling trends."

Monaco said the Justice Department would launch strike forces in Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington, D.C., to help reduce violent crime by addressing illegal gun trafficking, building on an initiative begun last month.

If the federal effort sounds familiar, it is. Federal operations have often been launched to help cities facing spiking crime. President Donald Trump announced something similar last year when he and then-Attorney General William Barr launched Operation Legend, named for a boy who was shot to death in Kansas City, Missouri. In that effort, hundreds of investigators were deployed to nine cities with rising crime, prioritizing the arrest of violent criminals.

Trump, though, laid blame for the spike in crime on protesters who demonstrated against police brutality following the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis. He claimed that Democrats were allowing crime to run amok in their cities. But despite pockets of violence in both Democratic- and Republican-run cities, the protests were mostly peaceful. A Harvard Radcliffe Institute study found there were no injuries reported in 97% of the events. Still, Republican leaders continue to echo Trump's claims.

And while crime is rising — homicides and shootings are up from the same period last year in Chicago; Los Angeles; Minneapolis; Portland, Oregon; Baltimore; Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Houston — violent crime overall remains lower than it was a decade ago or even five years ago. And most violent crimes plummeted during the first six months of the pandemic, as people stayed indoors and away from others.

Crime started creeping up last summer, a trend criminologists say is hard to define and is likely due to a variety of factors such as historic unemployment, fear over the virus and mass anger over stay-at-home orders. Public mass shootings have also made an alarming return.

"Many of us — if not most of us — are seeing a rise in crime, while at the same time, we're hearing calls for reform," Baltimore Police Commissioner Michael Harrison said of cities in remarks at the police forum. "And some of those calls are to the extreme of dismantle and defund ... while all of the same time we're sworn to protect the people."

Interest in guns, too, is on the rise. The number of people stopped from buying guns through the U.S. background check system hit an all-time high of more than 300,000 last year amid a surge of firearm sales. And several states have passed laws barring federal gun control laws from taking effect.

Louisville Metro Police Chief Erika Shields said lax gun laws and the presence of illegal guns on the streets are compounding the violence.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 299 CALLS ON JUNE 21

72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 1:00 a.m.
Petty Theft 15th St / Olympic Blvd 1:04 a.m.
Person With A Gun 21st St / Wilshire Blvd 1:13 a.m.
Person With A Gun Ocean Ave / Bay St 1:18 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1200blk Wilshire Blvd 1:24 a.m.
Sexual Assault 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:13 a.m.
Sexual Assault 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:45 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300blk Pico Blvd 3:36 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2400blk Pico Blvd 3:56 a.m.
Forensics Request - Fingerprint 2400blk Pico Blvd 4:32 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2900blk Main St 5:10 a.m.
Forensics Request - Fingerprint 2900blk Main St 5:46 a.m.
Person Down 400blk Expo Line 6:54 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 26th St / Santa Monica Blvd 6:58 a.m.
Forensics Request - Miscellaneous 400blk Expo Line 7:08 a.m.
Burglary Report 500blk Wilshire Blvd 7:20 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 3000blk Arizona Ave 7:27 a.m.
Red Zone Violation 2nd St / Colorado Ave 8:06 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2500blk 24th St 8:19 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 8:35 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1300blk Michigan Ave 8:51 a.m.
Found Property 2600blk 25th St 9:12 a.m.
Forensics Request - Fingerprint 500blk Wilshire Blvd 9:14 a.m.
Prowler There Now 2200blk Arizona Ave 9:33 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 26th St / Wilshire Blvd 9:36 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1800blk 9th St 9:37 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 100blk Hart Ave 9:41 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2100blk Marguerita Ave 10:06 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1700blk Washington Ave 10:10 a.m.
Burglary Report 1100blk 12th St 10:18 a.m.
Forensics Request - Fingerprint 1700blk Washington Ave 10:42 a.m.
9-1-1 Hang Up 1700blk Ocean Ave 10:58 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1100blk 4th St 11:00 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1300blk California Ave 11:19 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1200blk 6th St 11:19 a.m.
Adult Prot Serv Chck 2600blk 28th St 11:28 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 700blk Marine St 11:37 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 11th St / Colorado Ave 11:41 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 2200blk Lincoln Blvd 11:50 a.m.
Adult Prot Serv Chck 1000blk Ocean Park Blvd 11:52 a.m.
Adult Prot Serv Chck 1300blk 2nd St 11:52 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 700blk Ermont Pl 12:04 p.m.
Citizen Flag 1600blk Ashland Ave 12:39 p.m.
Citizen Flag 1400blk 2nd St 1:00 p.m.
Battery Now Main St / Ashland Ave 1:06 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1800blk 9th St 1:06 p.m.
Family Disturbance 2800blk Main St 1:07 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 1:21 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 700blk Broadway 1:29 p.m.
Fraud Report 300blk Olympic Dr 1:30 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1100blk Chelsea Ave 1:30 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1100blk Ocean Ave 1:35 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2400blk 16th St 1:50 p.m.
Lost Property 300blk Santa Monica Pier 1:54 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 26th St / Montana Ave 2:14 p.m.
Missing Person 1000blk 12th St 2:25 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 100blk Hollister Ave 2:32 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1100blk 6th St 2:47 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2500blk Michigan Ave 2:51 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 100blk Hollister Ave 2:53 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:25 p.m.
9-1-1 Hang Up 1500blk Ocean Ave 3:41 p.m.
Grand Theft 2400blk Arizona Ave 3:45 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1400blk Olympic Blvd 3:47 p.m.
Citizen Flag 400blk Santa Monica Pier 3:56 p.m.
Red Zone Violation 1600blk 12th St 3:58 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1300blk 20th St 4:07 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1100blk 6th St 4:16 p.m.
Petty Theft 1400blk The Beach 4:30 p.m.
Identity Theft 1200blk 5th St 4:36 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 400blk The Beach 4:38 p.m.
Burglary Report 1500blk 6th St 4:57 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 5:07 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1200blk Chelsea Ave 5:08 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1200blk Euclid St 5:08 p.m.
Adult Prot Serv Chck 800blk 4th St 5:22 p.m.
Adult Prot Serv Chck 2200blk Delaware Ave 5:23 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 3200blk Pico Blvd 5:34 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1600blk Colorado Ave 5:44 p.m.
Battery 1500blk 2nd St 5:45 p.m.
Lost Property 2200blk Colorado Ave 5:57 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2000blk Ashland Ave 5:59 p.m.
Found Property 2300blk 32nd St 6:11 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2500blk Arizona Ave 6:11 p.m.
Arson 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 6:13 p.m.
Petty Theft 800blk Palisades Beach Rd 6:40 p.m.
Family Disturbance 2nd St / Broadway 7:05 p.m.
Citizen Flag 1700blk Ocean Ave 7:28 p.m.
Attempt Homicide 4th St / Broadway 7:31 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 100blk Wilshire Blvd 7:55 p.m.
Found Property 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 8:17 p.m.
Lost Property 1600blk The Beach 8:51 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 25th St / Ocean Park Blvd 9:36 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1600blk 9th St 10:15 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500blk 7th St 10:25 p.m.
Sexual Assault 300blk Santa Monica Pier 10:42 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 300blk Civic Center Dr 10:53 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1600blk Appian Way 10:55 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 2500blk Kansas Ave 11:26 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1700blk Olympic Blvd 11:44 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 37 CALLS ON JUNE 21

EMS 1300blk 15th St 12:45 a.m.
EMS 400blk Expo Line 1:27 a.m.
EMS 5th St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:57 a.m.
EMS 400blk Expo Line 6:49 a.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 6:49 a.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 2500blk 24th St 7:59 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 8:32 a.m.
EMS 400blk Expo Line 9:20 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2400blk 14th St 10:35 a.m.
EMS 11th St / Bay St 11:04 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 5th St 11:13 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 6th St 11:15 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Train 11th St / Colorado Ave 11:39 a.m.
Elevator Rescue 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 12:54 p.m.
EMS 2600blk 25th St 1:08 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 1:14 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 26th St / Montana Ave 2:14 p.m.
EMS 900blk 10th St 2:17 p.m.
EMS 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 2:51 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:56 p.m.
EMS 2600blk 33rd St 3:33 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 3:36 p.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / California Ave 3:37 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 500blk 9th St 3:44 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 3:45 p.m.
EMS 1800blk Wilshire Blvd 3:56 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 2nd St 4:28 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 3300blk Barnard Way 5:02 p.m.
Odor Investigation 1400blk 10th St 5:26 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Cloverfield Blvd 5:38 p.m.
EMS 26th St / Wilshire Blvd 6:39 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 6:55 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 7:42 p.m.
Lock In/Out 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:32 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Lincoln Blvd 10:45 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 10:55 p.m.
EMS 100blk Wilshire Blvd 11:16 p.m.

Letter to the Editor

Lauren C. Akmaeva — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Editor:

I am horrified to hear a man was stabbed to death on the 300 block of Broadway at 7:30 pm Monday evening. According to the Santa Monica Daily Press's reporting, the altercation began at the Pier. Were the streets not full of people? Did no one try to stop the violence?

I would never be a bystander to an assault. I always step in between violence when I see it because that's what prevents attacks. I don't think everyone needs to be as committed as I am to physically putting their body on the line to stop violence in their vicinity, but I won't let others prevent me from acting on my convictions and doing so. I left downtown around 6 p.m. that day, and wasn't there. Perhaps it wasn't apparent what was going on.

What troubles me most about this story, beside the fact that a person lost his life to murder, is that there were shots fired. I made a big loud fuss stopping two men from assaulting a man on the ground at 4th and Broadway last year in the middle of the day. Violence in the town I love offends me a lot. Only after I yelled the attackers down the street did I realize if there was a firearm things could have been very different.

The chance there might be a gun prevents people like me from intervening and preventing violence. In downtown Santa Monica it never would occur to me anyone would need to carry a firearm. Bullets don't discriminate between "good guys" and "bad guys." Individuals can be brave, but once a gun is involved courage is defeated. Criminals have guns, and people who aren't criminals yet have guns, and people who will never be convicted of a crime have guns. And the way math works if there are more guns, there will be more guns used, and there will be more people shot. Let's reverse the American-neighborhood arms race and allow us who wish to step in between violence when we see it, every time. A lot of us will!

Lauren C. Akmaeva, Santa Monica





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Letter to the Editor

Stephanie Blank — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Unlike Inglewood, Beverly Hills, Manhattan Beach, and Hermosa Beach, Santa Monica has not one dedicated pickleball court. With over thirty, often empty tennis courts, how is it possible to ignore and dismiss the throngs of pickleball players that may have to travel to these other communities?

Why is it critical to designate (not necessarily build) courts for this sport?

Well, here's why. Pickleball is easily accessible and encourages socialization because it's carefree and fun. (Unlike golf for example — ugh). It also:

· Lowers the risk of heart disease and depression — it's a natural mood-booster.

· Makes life richer and happier and fights feelings of isolation and loneliness.

· Keeps your mind sharp and helps with memory issues. (Scorekeeping is tricky.)

· Meets fitness goals easily and enhances interpersonal connections.

· Improves reflexes, balance, and range of motion which minimizes risks of arthritis.

It's a game of equality, making no distinctions between the sexes, nor for social status, race, or ability.

So c'mon Santa Monica. Don't we tout ourselves as "forward-thinking, cutting edge, progressive, health-conscious and inclusive"?

Stephanie Blank, Marina del Rey

Fed's Powell says high inflation temporary, will 'wane'

CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell on Tuesday responded to concerns from Republican lawmakers about spiking inflation by reiterating his view that current price increases will likely prove temporary.

Consumer prices jumped 5% in May compared with a year earlier, the largest increase in 13 years. Republican House members have sought to blame higher inflation on President Joe Biden's $1.9 trillion economic relief package, approved in March, in an effort to retake the House next year.

"The Biden inflation agenda of too much money chasing too few goods is causing major harm to hardworking families," said Louisiana Rep. Steve Scalise, the second-ranking Republican House leader.

Powell avoided participating in such policy debates, despite attempts from both Democrats and Republicans to draw him in.

But he said in testimony before a congressional oversight panel that recent price gains mostly reflected temporary supply bottlenecks, and the fact that prices fell sharply last spring at the onset of the pandemic, which make inflation figures now, compared with a year ago, look much larger.

Most of the price gains have occurred in categories such as used cars, airplane tickets, and hotel rooms, Powell said, where demand has soared as the economy has quickly reopened, catching many companies flat-footed.

"Those are things that we would look to, to stop going up and ultimately to start to decline as these situations resolve themselves," Powell said. "They don't speak to a broadly tight economy — the kind of thing that has led to high inflation over time."

Powell acknowledged that "these effects have been larger than we expected and they may turn out to be more persistent than we expected." But he added that "the incoming data are very much consistent with the view that these are factors that will wane over time and then inflation will then move down toward our goals."

The Fed chair did not specify which data he was referring to, but the prices of many commodities, such as lumber and copper, which had risen sharply during the pandemic, have tumbled in recent weeks.

Powell's comments come at a time when financial markets are struggling to interpret the Federal Reserve's recent moves. Last week Fed officials signaled that they may increase the central bank's benchmark interest rate twice in 2023, an earlier time frame than they set out in March, when no rate hike was expected until after that year. Changes to the Fed's benchmark rate affect a wide range of consumer borrowing costs, such as mortgages, credit cards, and student loans.

Powell also said last week that the Fed had formally begun discussing when and how the central bank might reduce the current $120 billion a month of Treasurys and mortgage-backed bonds that the Fed is purchasing. Those purchases are intended to keep longer-term interest rates lower to encourage more borrowing and spending.

Both moves were seen as evidence that the Fed wanted to indicate it was prepared to keep inflation in check without initially taking any steps to pull back on its efforts to stimulate the economy.

Some Fed officials are not fully convinced that inflation is temporary. St. Louis Fed President James Bullard said Monday that the economy is in unprecedented territory, making it hard to know where inflation will go next. But he added that, "we have to be ready for the idea that there are upside risks to inflation, (it) could go higher" than the 2.5% rate he has forecast for next year.

Yet other officials echoed Powell's views. Also on Monday, New York Federal Reserve Bank President John Williams, who also serves as vice chair of the Fed's policymaking committee, said that currently high inflation is likely transitory.

"I expect that as price reversals and short-run imbalances from the economy reopening play out, inflation will come down from around 3% this year to close to 2% next year and in 2023," Williams said.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles Philharmonic announces return to live concerts

The Los Angeles Philharmonic will return to the Walt Disney Concert Hall on Oct. 9 after a 19-month closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2021/22 season was announced Tuesday by Music and Artistic Director Gustavo Dudamel and executives of the LA Phil.

"Over this past year, the pandemic has isolated us from one another, and so as we celebrate our return to Walt Disney Concert Hall, we want to remember all that unites us, and all that is best in us," Dudamel said in a statement. "This season, we will blend different musical traditions, bridge geographical borders and build new connections among cultures, communities, audiences and artists."

More than 10 million doses of vaccine have been administered in Los Angeles County, where case rates, hospitalizations and death have plunged in what was once an epicenter of the pandemic. The daily test positivity rate Monday was just 0.7%.

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LOS ANGELES

Construction starts on $899M station at Los Angeles airport

Construction has started on a $898.6 million station that will directly connect Los Angeles International Airport to the region's light rail and bus transportation systems, solving a decades-old problem.

The Airport Metro Connector will connect with an automated people mover train being built to carry people to and from the airport's terminals. A ceremony was held on Monday to mark the start of construction.

"This groundbreaking is a pivotal milestone in our effort to give residents and visitors alike real alternatives to sitting in traffic," said Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Bonin, who is also on the board of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

The station will have platforms to access Metro light rail trains, a bus plaza, a drop-off zone for travelers, a bicycle hub and commercial space.

The airport is in the midst of a massive multibillion-dollar makeover.

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Lawsuit challenging CA women-in-boardroom law revived

A federal appeals court on Monday revived a lawsuit that challenged California's law requiring women to be placed in hundreds of corporate boardrooms.

In a unanimous ruling, three judges of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals said a shareholder has the legal right to sue over the 2018 law, the Los Angeles Times reported.

The law required publicly owned corporations that are based in California to have at least one female director on their boards by 2019. The number increases to two or three women by the end of this year, depending on the size of the board.

A lawsuit filed on behalf of a shareholder in one business, OSI Systems, challenged the law on grounds that it forced him to unconstitutionally discriminate on the basis of sex.

A lower court threw out the suit, saying that the shareholder, Creighton Meland Jr., hadn't been injured by the law and therefore didn't have a legal right, or standing, to challenge it.

However, the appeals court said the law was "coercive" and Meland could plausibly argue that he was injured by it. The ruling said shareholders typically elect corporate directors.

Anastasia Boden, a senior attorney at Pacific Legal Foundation, said the ruling confirmed that the law was unconstitutional.

"It's patronizing" as well, said Boden, who argued the case on behalf of Meland. "It perpetuates the myth that women cannot make it to the boardroom without government help."

The law also is being challenged by another conservative legal group, Judicial Watch. That group also sued last year to block California's first-in-the-nation law requiring corporations to have directors from racial or sexual minorities on their boards.

The new measure cited statistics showing few of more than 660 public corporations headquartered in California had Blacks or Latinos on their boards.

Gov. Gavin Newsom, who signed the bill, said it was crucial to fighting racial injustice by giving minorities "seats at the table" of corporate power.

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CRIME

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"When everyone can have a gun, they tend to," she said. "And it just leads to more illegal guns on the street."

The Justice Department recently announced a sweeping investigation into the Louisville police over the March 2020 death of Breonna Taylor, who was shot to death by police during a raid at her home. A similar investigation was launched into the Minneapolis police force.

The rise in violence comes against the backdrop of a national debate on policing and as a police reform bill is being crafted in Congress. Psaki on Tuesday dismissed suggestions that a presidential event focused on cracking down on crime would undermine that legislative effort.

As a senator, Biden wrote several major anti-crime packages, including a 1994 bill that contained provisions now viewed by some as an overreaction to the crime spikes in the 1980s and 1990s. Critics say those bills helped lead to mass incarceration of Black Americans, and Biden's involvement became a flashpoint in his 2020 campaign.

Biden has expressed second thoughts about some aspects of the legislation, and he has acknowledged its harmful impact on many Black Americans. But he and his allies still hold out the law's provisions to address domestic violence, ban assault weapons and finance community policing.

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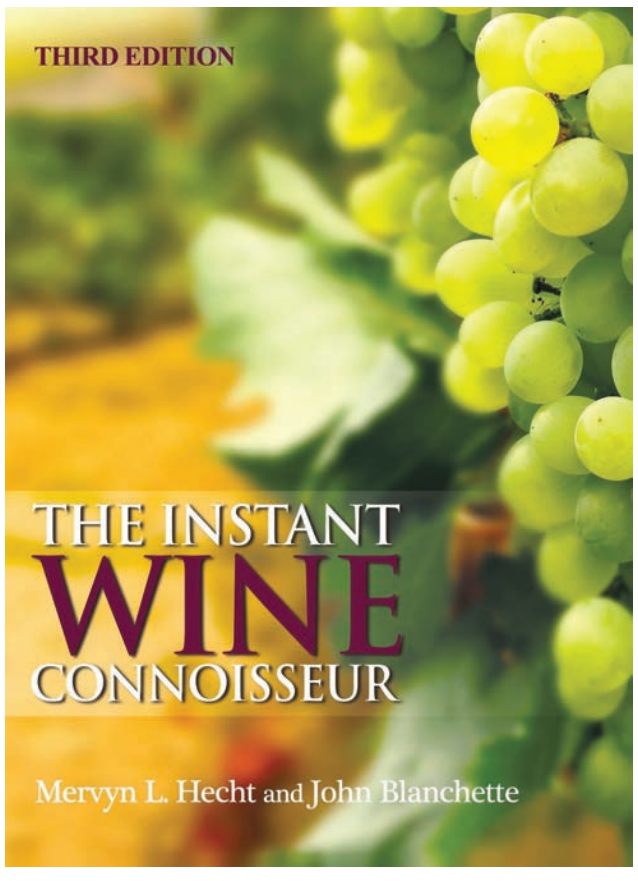
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How Big Tech created a data 'treasure trove' for police

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AP Technology Writers

When U.S. law enforcement officials need to cast a wide net for information, they're increasingly turning to the vast digital ponds of personal data created by Big Tech companies via the devices and online services that have hooked billions of people around the world.

Data compiled by four of the biggest tech companies shows that law enforcement requests for user information — phone calls, emails, texts, photos, shopping histories, driving routes and more — have more than tripled in the U.S. since 2015. Police are also increasingly savvy about covering their tracks so as not to alert suspects of their interest.

That's the backdrop for recent revelations that the Trump-era U.S. Justice Department sought data from Apple, Microsoft and Google about members of Congress, their aides and news reporters in leak investigations -- then pursued court orders that blocked those companies from informing their targets.

In just the first half of 2020 -- the most recent data available -- Apple, Google, Facebook and Microsoft together fielded more than 112,000 data requests from local, state and federal officials. The companies agreed to hand over some data in 85% of those cases. Facebook, including its Instagram service, accounted for the largest number of disclosures.

Consider Newport, Rhode Island, a coastal city of 24,000 residents that attracts a flood of summer tourists. Fewer than 100 officers patrol the city -- but they make multiple requests a week for online data from tech companies.

That's because most crimes – from larceny and financial scams to a recent fatal house party stabbing at a vacation rental booked online – can be at least partly traced on the internet. Tech providers, especially social media platforms, offer a "treasure trove of information" that can help solve them, said Lt. Robert Salter, a supervising police detective in Newport.

"Everything happens on Facebook," Salter said. "The amount of information you can get from people's conversations online -- it's insane."

As ordinary people have become increasingly dependent on Big Tech services to help manage their lives, American law enforcement officials have grown far more savvy about technology than they were five or six years ago, said Cindy Cohn, executive director of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a digital rights group.

That's created what Cohn calls "the golden age of government surveillance." Not only has it become far easier for police to trace the online trails left by suspects, they can also frequently hide their requests by obtaining gag orders from judges and magistrates. Those orders block Big Tech companies from notifying the target of a subpoena or warrant of law enforcement's interest in their information — contrary to the companies' stated policies.

Of course, there's often a reason for such secrecy, said Andrew Pak, a former federal prosecutor. It helps prevent investigations getting sidetracked because someone learns about it, he said —"the target, perhaps, or someone close to it."

Longstanding opposition to such gag orders has recently resurfaced in the wake of the Trump-era orders. Apple in 2018 shared phone and account data generated by two Democratic members of the House Intelligence Committee, but the politicians didn't find out until May, once a series of gag orders expired.

Microsoft also shared data about a congressional aide and had to wait more than two years before telling that person. Brad Smith, Microsoft's president, last week called for an end to the overuse of secret gag orders, arguing in a Washington Post opinion piece that "prosecutors too often are exploiting technology to abuse our fundamental freedoms."

Critics like Cohn have called for revision of U.S. surveillance laws drawn up years ago when the police and prosecutors typically had to deliver warrants to the home of the person being targeted for searches. Now that most personal information is kept in the equivalent of vast digital storehouses controlled by Big Tech companies, such searches can proceed in secret.

"Our surveillance laws are really based on the idea that if something is really important, we store it at home, and that doesn't pass the giggle test these days," Cohn said. "It's just not true."

Many tech companies are quick to point out that the majority of the information they are forced to share is considered "non-content" data. But that can include useful details such as the basic personal details you supply when you register for an account, or the metadata that shows if and when you called or messaged someone, though not what you said to them.

Law enforcement can also ask tech companies to preserve any data generated by a particular user, which prevents the target from deleting it. Doing so doesn't require a search warrant or any judicial oversight, said Armin Tadayon, a cybersecurity associate at advisory firm the Brunswick Group.

If police later find reasonable grounds for conducting a search, they can return with a warrant and seize the preserved data. If not, the provider deletes the copies and "the user likely never finds out," Tadayon said.

In Newport, getting a search warrant for richer online data isn't that difficult. Salter said it requires a quick trip to a nearby courthouse to seek a judge's approval; some judges are also available after hours for emergency requests. And if a judge finds there is probable cause to search through online data, tech companies almost always comply.

"Most of the companies do play ball," Salter said. "We can speak with people, get questions answered. They're usually pretty helpful."

Nearly all big tech companies — from Amazon to rental sites like Airbnb, ride-hailing services like Uber and Lyft and

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ARRESTED

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was subsequently stabbed. At least one shot was fired during the incident and police recovered one shell casing but officers were unclear who fired the shot.

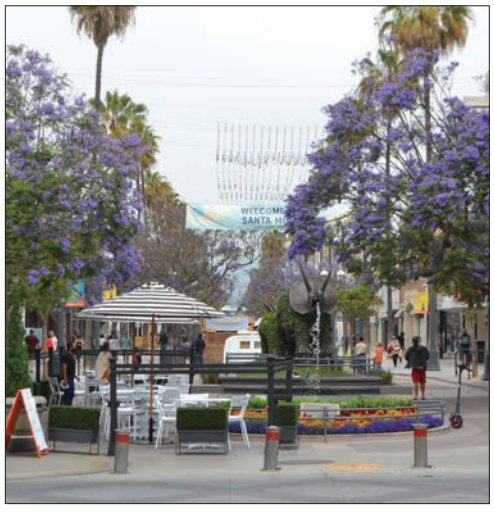
SMPD officers established a perimeter and two subjects were stopped in the area of 6th and Santa Monica. The subjects were identified by the witnesses as the suspects involved in the incident and were taken into custody without incident. Officers located a knife believed to be used by the suspect. Sean Alexander Graves, 28, from Long Beach, was arrested for murder. A woman with Graves was interviewed and released.

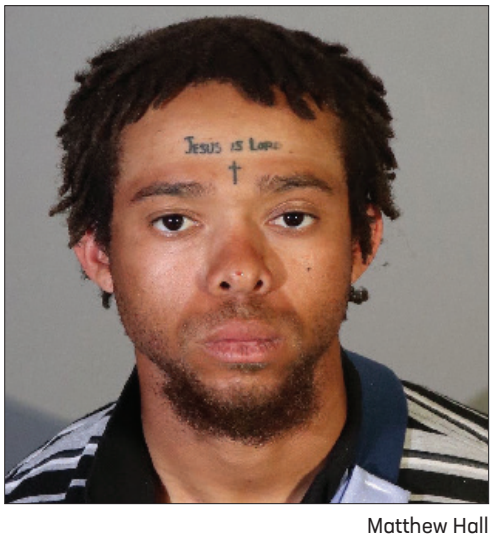
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The stabbing was the first of two in the area Monday night. In an unrelated case, a fight between two homeless individuals ended with one suspect stabbing the other at about 8:30 p.m. in Venice.

The assault occurred in the Whole Foods parking lot at Lincoln and Rose. The victim has not cooperated with police but was taken to a local hospital.

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Matthew Hall

SUSPECT: Sean Alexander Graves has been arrested on a murder charge following the assault near the entrance to the Promenade.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

UCLA Health to celebrate PRIDE with dazzling online drag queen performance event June 24 from 6-7:30 p.m.

UCLA Health is proud to present an online pride celebration and drag revue featuring iconic drag performers Ongina, Moi Moi Moi, Sunset Blush and others, each of whom will lip sync a song promoting community, inclusion and diversity. The show, Out, Proud and Well: The UCLA PRIDE Drag Showcase, will be hosted by comedian and drag queen Tony Soto.

The event will also showcase the UCLA Gender Health Program, which promotes transgender and gender-diverse health advocacy, advances research and education, and provides a wide array of medical care services for anyone who identifies as transgender and gender diverse.

While UCLA Health has supported and engaged in local PRIDE events in the past, UCLA Health Pride Network co-founders internist and LGBTQ+ champion Emery Chang, MD, and Gender Health Program Manager Christopher Mann, MSW, were searching for a new way to celebrate PRIDE during the pandemic; that is how Out, Proud and Well: The UCLA PRIDE Drag Showcase was created.

"Drag is an art form that breaks down barriers, includes people from all walks of life and features performers who know how to have – and encourage – a raucously good time," said Mann. "This is an LGBTQ+ community celebration that people from every community can participate in."

The event will feature performances by eight drag queens, all of whom are well known on the L.A. drag circuit. Some, including headliner Ongina, have appeared on RuPaul's Drag Race and Drag Race All Stars. Songs listed for the show include Last Danceby Donna Summer and Wings by Little Mix.

Funds raised by the show will support LGBTQ+ health advocacy, advance UCLA LGBTQ+ research and provide in-depth education on LGBTQ+ health care. To learn more, visit ucla-health.org/lgbtq/pride.

The Out, Proud and Well: the UCLA Health Pride Month Drag Showcase is free. To register or for more information, visitEventBrite/UCLA Health Drag Showcase.

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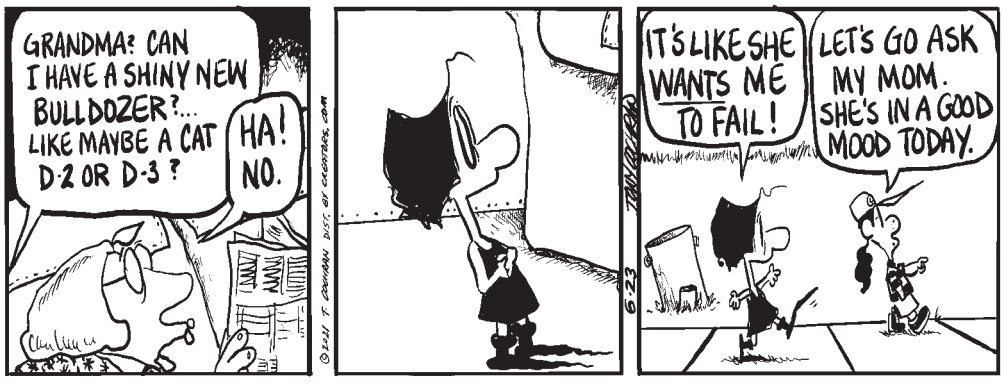


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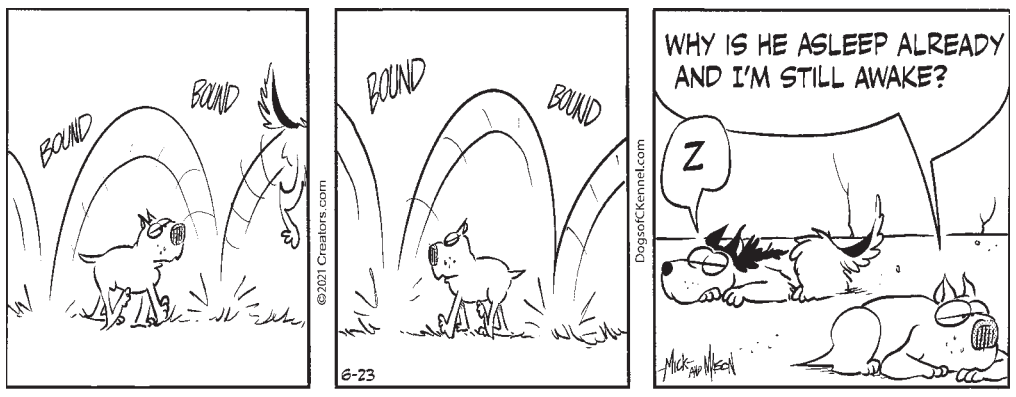
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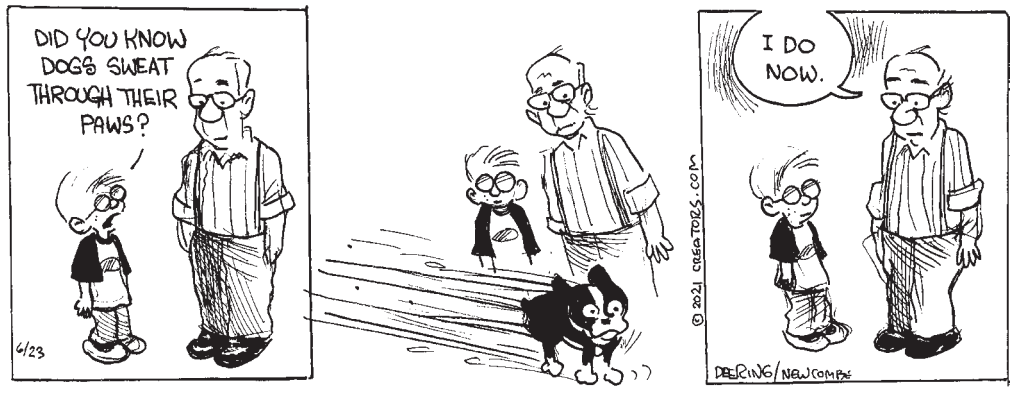
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 68.5°

WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high
Semi clean early morning window but some texture/lump likely and wind trends onshore more quickly than previous days. SSW swell is easing and there's still not a whole lot of NW swell energy running.

THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
Semi clean early morning window then wind trends onshore. Reinforcing SSW swell levels size off and NW swell mix could rebound a touch.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 71.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.
Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 68.

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Your cosmic birthday gift is a kind of magic pen: Any writing tool you pick up will solidify your written wishes in your mind and life. As you nurture existing relationships, your social circle will grow to include, among others, contacts who will help you thrive professionally and/or financially. July investment pays in February 2022. Leo and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 11, 2, 6 and 15.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). At first glance, it would seem you're in a mood to take a chance, risk rejection, go for the big spoils. Upon further assessment, this isn't a mood at all. It's an orientation built to last.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The complexity of a relationship will baffle you. Each nuance has meaning split open and reflecting an opposite meaning, like light refracted through crystals, dazzling and disorienting. The conquest is the surrender.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What you seek is inside yourself, but if you can't see it and don't know what it is, so what if you happen to be carrying it around? To recognize the internal quality, you need the external pursuit. Vision requires light from the outside.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll construct your plan like any master builder, one brick at a time until it's complete. It's a comfort knowing tomorrow you'll be living in the fruit of today's effort. Can you also enjoy the labor?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The sort of work required will be deep and concentrated. It won't pair well with shallow, vain pursuits. It will be impossible to do this work in a place of distraction, which every place is now, unless you silence your phone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There is an uncoordinated, improvised quality to the day's unfolding, to the point where you might even call it a mess. Lovely things are born of messes, though, and in fact, messiness is just a fact of birth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Groups are tricky. Shop around to find the right one. A good fit would be a place in which the spirit with which the endeavor is approached harmonizes with the endeavor itself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have patience with those who seem to need to puff themselves up, posture and jockey for position. Fame and power are what people go for before they understand what they really crave, which is a union with their own soul.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The difficulties will clear up in stages. Get interested instead of frustrated. The more curious you are about how things work, the more they will reveal themselves to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Constructive daydreaming is a joy and the most productive way to spend your creativity, as long as you keep track of where you've traveled on this journey of imagination.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Roses have thorns. Chocolate is a bitter bean. The classic love stories involve the tragic longing of lovers who, for some reason, can't unite. Strip the thorns; add sugar; remove the obstacle. Viva capability!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You want enough order in your environment to allow for unobstructed movement to achievable aims. But don't expect or even strive for things to be perfect. Too much order is uninspiring and strangely demotivating. Strike a balance.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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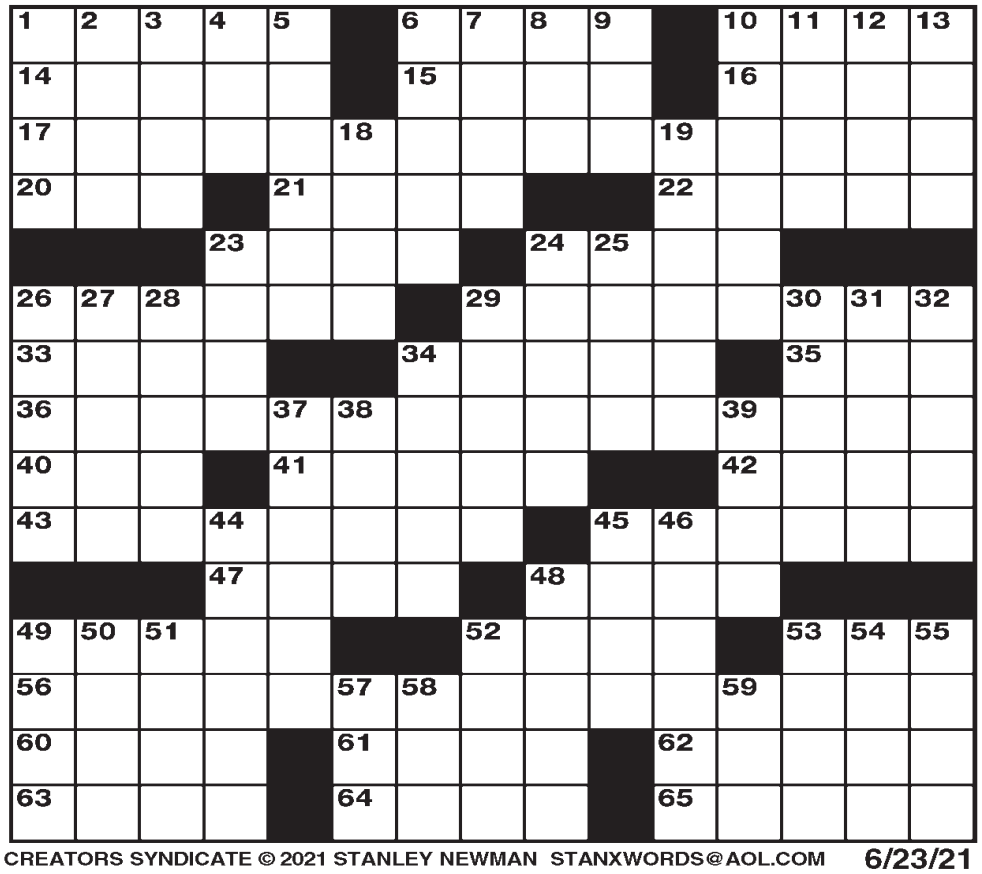
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16 With 21 Across, natural soother
17 Secret-teller's intro
20 Verbalize
21 See 16 Across
22 Reacted to yeast
23 Depend (on)
24 Sports contest
26 Vacuums or dusts
29 Task agenda
33 Supports for shorts
34 Bicuspid neighbor
35 Antidrug agcy.
36 ". . . really didn't want to"
40 Prefix meaning "modern"
41 Windshield colorations
42 Farm baby
43 Symbols on sleeves
45 Lush, as a lawn
47 "Such a pity!"
48 Dues recipient
49 Intermission follower
52 Any day now
53 Rocket launch locale
56 Horner's boast
60 Enjoy
61 Just hanging around
62 "When pigs fly!"
63 Hurried
64 Yearn for
65 Shelled out

DOWN
1 Autos with meters
2 Carpeting measure
3 London or Los Angeles
4 Chop down with an ax
5 Nightly news hour
6 Any of eight English kings
7 Irish New Age singer
8 Needless fuss
9 Baton Rouge sch.
10 Actor Day-Lewis
11 Former GM make
12 Port of Alaska
13 Adolescent
18 Electrified fish
19 Weapons warehouse
23 Scratchy voice
24 Plays 18 holes
25 Eve preceder
26 Fine dinnerware
27 Cruise vessel
28 __ salts (foot-soaking stuff)
29 Tugboat sounds
30 Creative sparks
31 Auctions off, perhaps
32 "Saltwater" candy
34 Repairs, as a rip
37 Roma's land
38 Fey of TV
39 Natural bandage
44 Tormented
45 Lump of clay
46 Overextended sentences
48 Needing deciphering
49 Hole-punching tools
50 Teacup defect
51 Help oneself to
52 Boot bottom
53 Cover with concrete
54 Prayer's conclusion
55 Vacuum's collection
57 Martini ingredient
58 Tribute in verse
59 Informal assent



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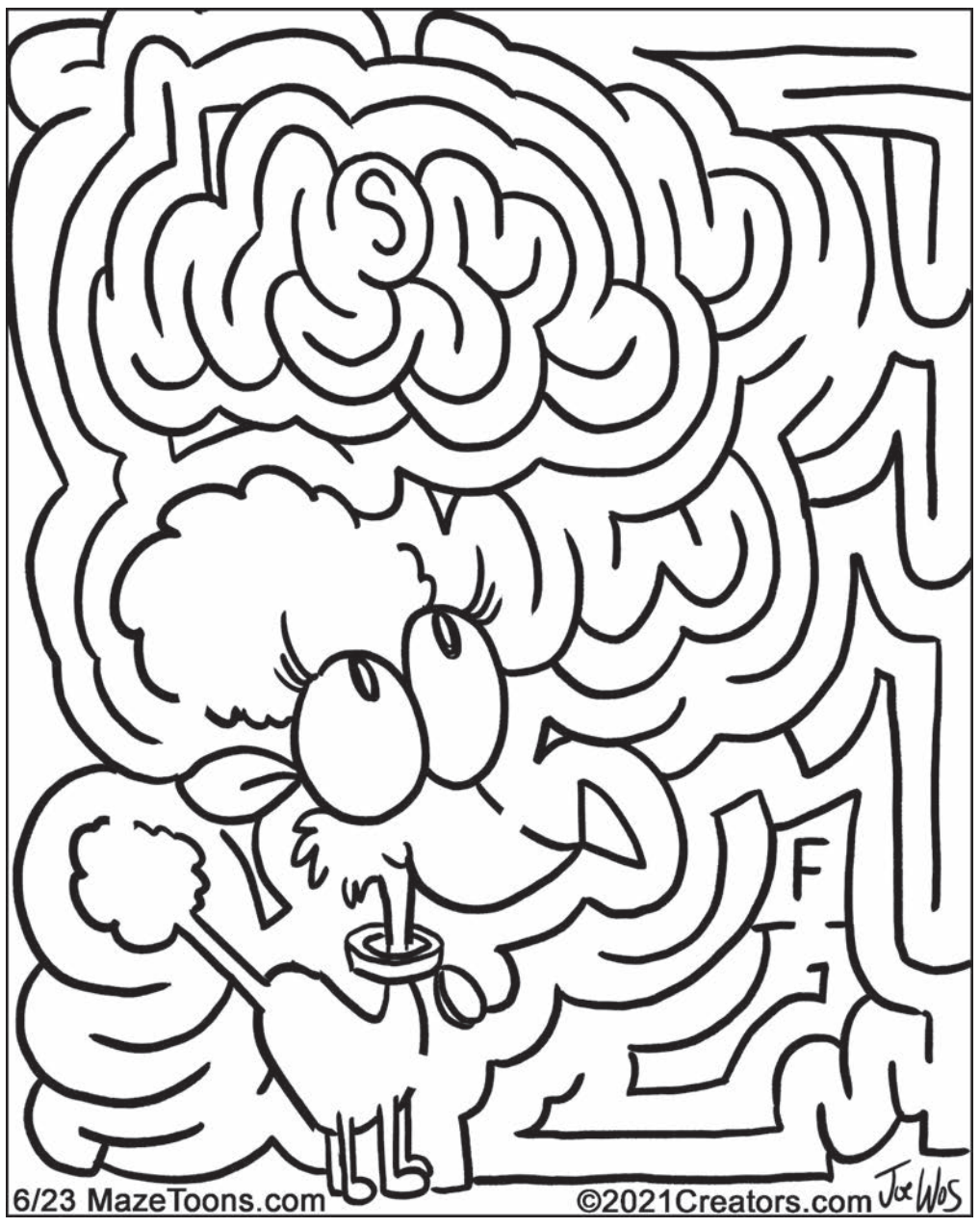
Binary Puzzle

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

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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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From A to B

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I B R C M N L D R A A S I V E
U T A E E O D R N A S L E A T
R O L R P E O A E I I S F H P
C V T Y G O D O M S A C G A O
N E O E T E G B T A T T N M C
I S B Y S E E E B U M P Y A I
B S R C R X J T O R A N A Y L
A E U C H I W A E S H I P S E
C L T Z O T A K S I G N A L H
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Cabin cruiser	Holden	Peugeot	Torana
	Honda	Rest	Toyota
Camel	Horse	Roads	Train
Canoe	Isuzu	Route	Turbo
Coach	Jalopy	Saab	Vans
Colt	Jets	Sail	Vessel
Dodge	Lancia	Scull	Visa
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BUDGET

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Meanwhile, Board Member Craig Foster has asked that his peers remember to not spend money simply because they have the ability to. Board member Maria Leon-Vazquez agreed last week.

"I propose for the coming 22-23 year that we begin to evaluate all those programs," Leon-Vazquez said. "First of all, to see how effective they are, and, maybe, we look and find another kind of program that's going to be more effective."

The 2021-22 Proposed Budget is currently online for interested stakeholders to view online at the district's website. The board is expected to approve it around 7 p.m. Thursday.

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RESTAURANT

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showed the state added over 100,000 jobs in May, the fourth consecutive month of gains after 2.7 million jobs vanished during the early months of the pandemic.

But in the state's battered restaurant industry, the return toward normalcy is being slowed by the struggle to find an adequate number of cooks, bartenders, food servers and kitchen staff. Since May 2020, restaurants and hotels have added 420,400 jobs — the most of any sector — but the industry remains about 450,000 jobs below its pre-pandemic level.

In Los Angeles, Caroline Styne, owner and wine director at The Lucques Group, has turned away dozens of customers because she didn't have the staff to serve them, leaving seats empty.

"If you can't fill your seats ... multiple times per evening, the financial structure of the restaurant doesn't work," Styne said.

"Hiring is a nightmare," she added. "I've never been in a situation like this."

The sector is notoriously volatile and restaurant employees can be a transient lot — students who drop in-and-out of shifts as time allows, aspiring actors and musicians looking to supplement their income, kitchen staffers who move on for bigger paydays elsewhere. The hours can be long, benefits scarce and the pay low, sometimes reliant on tips.

Styne, Villanueva and other industry experts see a web of factors conspiring to create the scarcity of job applicants.

Among them: California's population dropped by 182,000 last year as the pandemic ravaged the economy, scattering workers around the country as many businesses closed. Some workers are hesitant to come back, either over lingering fear of the virus or because of frayed nerves after struggling through on-and-off lockdowns, home isolation and shifting health regulations.

Extended federal unemployment benefits have provided a cushion to stay home — about 2 million people are still receiving checks. In other cases, there's a child care problem with schools closed or in recess for summer. And after a long break from work to ponder the future, others took on a new career path.

For some workers who haven't returned "the trauma and uncertainty of the last year and a half was just too much," Villanueva said.

Meyer, the Nevada chef, faults the extended government benefits for the lack of job applicants. "As long as they keep giving away free money, that's where people are at," he lamented.

Restaurants and hotels have been "ground zero" for the labor shortage, but other sectors have been struggling to fill jobs, including non-union construction and home health care, said Michael Bernick, a former director of the California Employment Development Department and an attorney with the Duane Morris law firm.

For ailing restaurants, a turning point may not come until late summer, when enhanced federal benefits end and schools reopen.

Even then, "There still may be a shortage and then either wages will rise sufficiently to attract workers or hospitality venues will find that they need to change their delivery models," Bernick said in an email.

On Saturday, Alec Nedelman was enjoying an early Father's Day celebration with his family at one of Styne's A.O.C. restaurants in Los Angeles. The attorney said he has just started to return to restaurants since dining rooms began to reopen, and also was looking forward to having them available for business meetings.

"It's still a mixed feeling. You are still a little cautious and concerned," Nedelman said. But "I'm looking forward to being able to be social again."

DATA

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service providers like Verizon — now have teams to respond to such requests and regularly publish reports about how much they disclosed. Many say they work to narrow overly broad requests and reject those that aren't legally valid.

Some of the most dramatic increases in requests have been to tech companies that cater to younger people. As the messaging app Snapchat has grown in popularity, so have government requests for its data. Snap, the company behind the app, fielded nearly 17,000 data requests in the first six months of 2020, compared to 762 in the same period of 2015.

Salter said the fact that we're all doing so much online means police detectives need to stay tech-savvy. But training courses for how to file such requests aren't hard to find.

For those worried about the growing volume of online data sought by law enforcement, Salter said: "Don't commit crimes and don't use your computer and phones to do it."

"Judges are not going to sign off on something if we don't have probable cause to go forward," he said. "We're not going to look at people's information without having something to go on."

But Cohn said more tech companies should be using encryption technology to make all personal information, including metadata, virtually impossible to decipher without a user key to unlock it.

Until then, she said, police can short circuit constitutional protections against unreasonable searches "by just going to the company instead of coming directly to us."

Liedtke reported from San Ramon, California.

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