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# New Metro chair emphasizes regional connections in annual address



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**METRO:** Transit officials list regional connections and rider safety as goals for the next year.

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With an extensive list of new projects both under consideration and underway, LA Metro leadership shared a rosy outlook for the future of the transit agency during its annual State of the Agency address at Los Angeles Union Station on Thursday morning, July 7.

While Metro Board Director Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker went so far as to declare LA Metro "the best public transportation system on the globe," other speakers at the event were a little more grounded while discussing current issues, expansion, improvements and what lies ahead.

New LA Metro Board Chair Ara Najarian, who commenced his one-year tenure at the helm of the agency during the event on Thursday, emphasized regional connectivity and rider safety among key priorities for 2022-23.

"This is a recognition that mobility doesn't end at our county borders, and we all must think and act regionally," Najarian said during his remarks, pointing to both the Crenshaw/LAX line (to be known as the K Line) as well as the three new downtown LA stations that will soon complete the "regional connector" tying together the Gold

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# County eyes July 29 as earliest date for mask mandates

**MATTHEW HALL**
Daily Press Editor

Los Angeles County has been under the threat of a new mask mandate for several weeks and while the area inched closer to the threshold with new data released on Thursday, officials also said they've changed the way they report cases to better reflect the situation in Los Angeles county specifically.

A mask mandate would occur based on the County's position in the CDC's community-level ranking system. Under the Low-Medium-High system, the county has been in the Medium range with metrics for case rates, new Covid admissions at hospitals and the proportion beds occupied by Covid patients steadily rising. However, the CDC has been evaluating the hospital measurements as a combined metric for Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

On Thursday, Dr. Barbara Ferrer, with the Department of Public Health, said her office would start to evaluate the levels based solely on Los Angeles data as the two counties have divergent so significantly that a combined measurement no longer makes sense.

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# Will a new oversight position help high speed rail plans get on track?

**RALPH VARTABEDIAN**
Special to the Daily Press

After a decade of cost, schedule, technical, regulatory, personnel and legal problems, the California high-speed rail project will be getting an inspector general soon as part of a deal between Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Legislature.

The new investigative position is intended to intensify oversight and improve performance of the $105 billion railroad project. Enthusiasm for the change is high, but whether it will fix everything is uncertain, even among state leaders.

"There is nothing but problems on the project," said Speaker Anthony Rendon, a Lakewood Democrat. "The inspector general provides oversight and some sense of what is going on with management. That has been missing for a long time."

**BUT WILL IT WORK?**

"We don't know," Rendon said. "We need to be vigilant. The IG will provide what we need to carry that out."

Until now, a variety of outside agencies have advised the Legislature and the governor on the project, resulting in recommendations that often were not carried out. In some cases, they required changes that nobody had the power to make and in other cases carried too high a political price with outside interest groups.

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# Election officials face security challenges before midterms

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Associated Press




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**ELECTIONS:** Officials in charge of local elections are working to protect the security of polling places.

Election officials preparing for the upcoming midterms face a myriad of threats, both foreign and domestic, as they look to protect voting systems and run a smooth election while fighting a wave of misinformation that has been undermining public confidence in U.S. elections.

The nation's top state election officials gathered Thursday for the start of their annual summer conference, with a long list of challenges that begins with securing their voting systems.

While a top concern heading into the 2020 presidential election was Russia or another hostile nation waging a disruptive cyberattack, the landscape has expanded to include ransomware, politically motivated hackers and insider threats. Over the last year, a small number of security breaches have been reported at local election offices in which authorities are investigating whether office staff improperly accessed or provided improper access to sensitive voting technology.

Jen Easterly, who leads the nation's cybersecurity agency, said Russia, China and North Korea remain "very dynamic and complex cyber threats" and that criminal gangs pushing ransomware were also a concern. But she noted election security officials could not afford to prioritize one over the other.

"We can't just worry about one thing because if we focus too intently on one set of threats, we're very likely to miss them coming from another direction," Easterly told reporters, after a series of private meetings with state election officials.

The U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency has been conducting physical assessments for state and local election officials, which includes site visits and reviews of security procedures such as video surveillance and access controls.

Physical security has always been a concern but an onslaught of threats since 2020 targeting election officials have added urgency to the effort. State and local election officials have reported being harassed in person and receiving death threats over social media and text message.

"We're seeing an exodus of people in the field. And some of it does relate to just the physical security threats that they're facing," said Kim Wyman, who leads election security efforts for the cybersecurity agency. "And what we're trying to do with this is give them tools to be able to deal with that."

The agency has also issued guidance on how to mitigate insider threats, which emphasizes the importance of chain of custody rules. The guidance also suggests the use of bipartisan teams when accessing sensitive equipment to ensure voting systems are protected.

State election officials have also been focused on boosting cybersecurity defenses at the local level, where staffing and resources are often limited.

In Ohio, Secretary of State Frank LaRose

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Traffic Collision - No Injuries 400Blk Olympic Blvd E 12:20 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery 1600Blk Ocean Ave 1:05 a.m.
Vandalism 1300Blk 20th St 1:33 a.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 2000Blk Broadway 2:27 a.m.
Prowler 1400Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:36 a.m.
Loud Music 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 3:00 a.m.
Burglary 2200Blk Colorado Ave 3:39 a.m.
Bike Theft 1600Blk Ocean Ave 3:54 a.m.
Assault 1400Blk Ocean Ave 4:07 a.m.
Encampment 1600Blk Ocean Ave 5:55 a.m.
Overdose 1600Blk Ocean Ave 6:22 a.m.
Burglary 1500Blk 9th St 6:29 a.m.
Petty Theft 4th St / Colorado Ave 6:38 a.m.
Grand Theft 2600Blk Olympic Blvd 6:41 a.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 2nd St / Arizona Ave 6:49 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 1500Blk Euclid St 7:10 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2600Blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:34 a.m.
Petty Theft 2800Blk Lincoln Blvd 7:36 a.m.
Found Property 2000Blk Marine St 7:37 a.m.
Encampment Main St / Pico Blvd 7:50 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 16th St / Santa Monica Blvd 7:51 a.m.
Burglary 800Blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:54 a.m.
Vandalism 1400Blk 18th St 7:55 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1700Blk Montana Ave 8:18 a.m.
Prowler 1000Blk 11th St 8:27 a.m.
Bike Theft 1600Blk Ocean Ave 8:31 a.m.
Transport Prisoner 300Blk Olympic Dr 8:39 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1900Blk Colorado Ave 8:40 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 100Blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:44 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1200Blk 2nd St 9:08 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2400Blk California Ave 9:25 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 100Blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:26 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1400Blk 18th St 9:26 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1400Blk Olympic Blvd 9:30 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1400Blk 2nd St 9:42 a.m.
Burglary 700Blk Arizona Ave 9:44 a.m.
Vandalism 1400Blk 18th St 9:58 a.m.
Burglary 1700Blk Ocean Front Walk 10:18 a.m.
Found Property 1400Blk 4th St 10:21 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1200Blk 6th St 10:35 a.m.
Vandalism 2600Blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:38 a.m.
Petty Theft 1400Blk Montana Ave 10:42 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 800Blk Stanford St 11:10 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1000Blk 9th St 11:17 a.m.
Vandalism 1500Blk 4th St 11:20 a.m.
Fraud 00Blk Sinclair St 11:20 a.m.
Petty Theft 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:29 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1100Blk 17th St 11:29 a.m.
Burglary 2300Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:46 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1000Blk 14th St 11:51 a.m.
Loud Music Ocean Ave / Bay St 11:56 a.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 1300Blk 2nd St 11:59 a.m.
Petty Theft 2500Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:13 p.m.
Found Property 1400Blk 4th St 12:17 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 2200Blk Main St 12:23 p.m.
Petty Theft 900Blk 20th St 12:37 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 21st St / Pico Blvd 12:38 p.m.
Burglary 1500Blk 9th St 12:42 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1500Blk 4th St 12:49 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1300Blk 2nd St 1:00 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 600Blk Kensington rd 1:10 p.m.
Battery 600Blk Pico Blvd 1:19 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2800Blk 2nd St 1:19 p.m.
General Parking Problem 200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:21 p.m.
General Parking Problem 200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:22 p.m.
Identity Theft 500Blk Bay St 1:39 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:45 p.m.
General Parking Problem 300Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:46 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 2600Blk 26th St 1:48 p.m.
Speeding Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 2:36 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1700Blk Ocean Ave 2:44 p.m.
Fraud 1700Blk Cloverfield Blvd 2:46 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1000Blk Bay St 2:57 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1000Blk Grant St 3:24 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 900Blk Palisades Beach rd 3:30 p.m.
Burglary 2200Blk Main St 3:32 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 300Blk Arizona Ave 3:37 p.m.
General Parking Problem 200Blk Arizona Ave 3:46 p.m.
Grand Theft 1100Blk 25th St 3:47 p.m.
Fight Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 3:57 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2400Blk 3rd St 4:05 p.m.
Burglary 2200Blk Main St 4:07 p.m.
Burglary 2200Blk Main St 4:07 p.m.
Fight Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 4:11 p.m.
Death Investigation 1600Blk Colorado Ave 4:13 p.m.
Attempt Burglary 900Blk 2nd St 4:23 p.m.
Petty Theft 100Blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:41 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 4th St / Pico Blvd 4:41 p.m.
General Parking Problem 3300Blk Barnard Way 4:42 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:43 p.m.
Found Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 4:58 p.m.
Loud Music 2700Blk Ocean Front Walk 5:03 p.m.
Lewd Activity 1300Blk Lincoln Blvd 5:06 p.m.
Battery 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 5:16 p.m.
Vehicle Burglar Alarm 3100Blk 2nd St 5:16 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 200Blk Bicknell Ave 5:48 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1400Blk Franklin St 5:52 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2200Blk Colorado Ave 6:12 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery 1500Blk Ocean Ave 6:27 p.m.
Battery 1800Blk Ocean Ave 6:55 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 800Blk 18th St 7:29 p.m.
Loud Music 200Blk Ocean Ave 8:09 p.m.
Fight 1500Blk Lincoln Blvd 8:16 p.m.
Vandalism 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:23 p.m.
Speeding Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd E 9:25 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2500Blk Arizona Ave 9:32 p.m.
Bike Theft 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 9:59 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 7th St / Kensington rd 10:17 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 10:30 p.m.
Petty Theft 1400Blk Ocean Ave 10:43 p.m.
Shots Fired 2900Blk Neilson Way 11:38 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Pacific Coast Hwy / Moomat Ahiko Way 11:46 p.m.
Vandalism 300Blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:54 p.m.

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EMS 1600Blk Ocean Ave 6:22 a.m.
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Automatic Alarm 800Blk 2nd St 10:14 a.m.
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EMS 600Blk Kensington rd 1:15 p.m.
EMS 200Blk 26th St 2:05 p.m.
EMS 2900Blk Arizona Ave 2:14 p.m.
EMS 900Blk 15th St 2:51 p.m.
EMS 1000Blk Pine St 2:55 p.m.
EMS 21st St / Arizona Ave 3:05 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk Ocean Ave 3:53 p.m.
EMS 900Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:55 p.m.
EMS 16th St / Colorado Ave 4:03 p.m.
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EMS 1200Blk 16th St 5:23 p.m.
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EMS 1800Blk 7th St 7:28 p.m.
EMS 600Blk San Vicente Blvd 7:30 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 7:51 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500Blk 4th St 7:52 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 JUNE 24

Officers were dispatched to a call regarding a vandalism that had just occurred. It was approximately, 4:30 a.m. and a witness stated he saw the suspect throw a rock at the side window of the business and then kick it in. According to the witness, the suspect entered the location, climbed over the counter and attempted to access multiple cash registers. Upon arrival, officers observed the broken window panel and the suspect inside. Devin Whiteside was contacted by police and arrested for burglary. He was transported to the Santa Monica Jail and issued a citation due to the LA County Emergency Bail Schedule.

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# NOTICE

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 9069, the City of Santa Monica has filed petitions with the Los Angeles County Superior Court to recover apparently abandoned graves at the City of Santa Monica's Woodlawn Cemetery, Mausoleum, and Mortuary. The City is seeking to recover possession of the grave sites that were sold more than 50 years ago, but have not been used for interment purposes. Hearings on these petitions will be heard at 9:00 a.m. beginning August 5, 2022 and continuing through August 19, 2022 according to the schedule below in Department G of the Los Angeles Superior Court, West District (the Santa Monica Courthouse), located at 1725 Main Street. Any person may review the petitions in person at the office of the cemetery at 1847 14th Street, Santa Monica, or at the City Clerk's Office, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, or online at https://www.smgov.net/departments/cao/

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

**Citywide**

## Committee for Racial Justice presents: Supercharging Our Resilience

The July monthly workshop for Committee For Racial Justice will be held on zoom and will have the theme: SUPERCHARGING OUR RESILIENCE.

In these challenging times of gun violence, supreme court rulings, and continuing covid cases, they've asked experts to talk about strategies and tools to help foster and strengthen resilience in ourselves and communities.

Panel members include Dr. Karen Gunn, who is a Psychologist and Principal of Gunn Consulting Group - DEI, organizational development, training, and facilitation. She is a retired psychology professor from Santa Monica College, former chair of Santa Monica Bay Area Human Relations Council, and a health & mental health consultant and advocate.

Another panelist is T.J. Robinson, who is a proud alumnus of CSU, Dominguez Hills with an M.A in Interdisciplinary Studies: Africana Psychology and Applied Women & Gender Studies. In 2015 Robinson's article "The Healing Element of the Spirituals" was published in the Journal of Pan African Studies. She is also a co-author of Amazon Bestseller "The Beauty in My Mess Volume 1".

T.J. is an adjunct lecturer and a certified Life and Spiritual Coach. She is also the founder and executive director of Natural-WE Community, a non-profit which focuses on the healing, empowerment, and celebration of Black/African people and culture.

The third panelist is Rana Kirkland, a certified yoga, nutrition and meditation instructor. She currently works for the nonprofit, One for Health, as their National Director of Advancement providing free wellness programs to low income youth across the country. With a background as an actress, Rana has developed their online instructions for kids in a fun and engaging way. She practices mindfulness and fitness in her daily lifestyle.

Come and join in the discussion with these three talented women and learn some things about how to cope with and build resilience to deal with the challenging times in which we find ourselves today.

Sunday, July 10, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Zoom meeting open to all.

Registration is a two-step process, Register in advance for this meeting at:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tcOqsqD0vHNLJy8elwcxQV_3HCDwF3zm3.
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**LOS ANGELES**

## Jamaican man sentenced for LA, NY airport drug smuggling

A Jamaican man who provided nearly 60 pounds of cocaine to a flight attendant to smuggle aboard a flight from Los Angeles International Airport was sentenced Thursday to nearly 14 years in federal prison.

Gaston Brown, 42, of Clarendon, Jamaica, received a 165-month sentence, according to a statement from the U.S. attorney's office.

He was convicted in 2018 of charges that included identity theft and conspiracy to possess and distribute cocaine.

On six occasions in 2015 and 2016, Brown paid JetBlue flight attendant Marsha Gay Reynolds to smuggle drugs and cash in suitcases through crewmember checkpoints at LAX and at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, prosecutors said.

"As a known crewmember, Reynolds was subjected to much lighter screening at airport security checkpoints and would be able to transport the cash and cocaine without being stopped," the statement said.

Brown, a convicted felon who was in the U.S. illegally, then met Reynolds and retrieved the suitcases at the airport, using identities he had stolen from two mentally disabled men to avoid detection, prosecutors said.

Brown was charged with providing Reynolds with 59.5 pounds of cocaine that she tried to smuggle in a suitcase at LAX in March 2016. Prosecutors said she dropped the carry-on bag after being randomly selected for additional screening, kicked off her heels, then fled down an upward-moving escalator and out of the terminal. She surrendered in New York days later.

She pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess and distribute cocaine and was sentenced to time served, leaving prison in 2018.

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**LOS ANGELES**

## Whistleblower physician reinstated at California VA hospital

A whistleblower physician who was forced into retirement after raising concerns about anesthesia staffing practices during surgeries at a Los Angeles Veterans Affairs hospital has gotten his old job back, federal officials said Thursday.

Dr. Robert Cameron was reinstated as Chief of Thoracic Surgery at West Los Angeles VA Medical Center, according to a statement from the U.S. Office of Special Counsel.

In early 2018, Cameron disclosed two near deaths of VA patients during the administration of anesthesia in thoracic surgeries, the statement said. Cameron maintained the complications were avoidable, had anesthesiologists with greater thoracic experience been present.

Not long after raising the concerns, Cameron "involuntarily retired one day shy of his separation date, an alternative suggested by the supervisor who had proposed his separation," the OSC statement said.

Dr. Cameron filed a complaint with OSC alleging he was forced into retirement in retaliation for his whistleblower disclosures.

In addition to getting his job back, Cameron will receive $100,000 in back pay, and an additional $20,000 in damages, the OSC statement said.

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# Red flags missed: How July 4 suspect slipped through system

**BERNARD CONDON AND JIM MUSTIAN**
Associated Press

Illinois' "red-flag" law could have stopped the suspect in the Independence Day parade shooting from buying a gun or at least delayed the purchase of the weapon he's accused of using to kill seven people and wound dozens.

Police in the Chicago suburb of Highland Park were called twice to the home of Robert Crimo III in 2019 — once after he tried to commit suicide and again when he allegedly threatened to "kill everyone" in his family. On either occasion, they could have immediately exercised part of the law that allowed them to seek a restraining order to prevent Crimo from buying guns for anywhere from 14 days to six months.

Obtaining such a delay could have bought critical time for police to seek more information to ask a judge for a longer order preventing a gun purchase.

But Highland Park police did not seek such an order, and they were not required to do so. And just four months after the reported threat that prompted officers to seize 16 knives, a sword and a dagger from Crimo's home, Illinois State Police approved him for a firearms permit. The agency explained the decision in part by saying that it didn't consider him a "clear and present danger" because he didn't consider himself such a danger.

"When police went to the home and asked the individual if he felt like harming himself or others, he responded no," the state police said in a statement this week, adding "importantly" that Crimo's father assured officers that the collection of knives seized from the home was his and would be stored safely.

That fateful decision in early 2020 to issue the then-19-year-old Crimo a firearms permit allowed him to legally purchase five guns, including the Smith & Wesson semi-automatic rifle authorities say he used from his rooftop perch to unleash more than 80 rounds on a Fourth of July parade below.

The episode highlights how, even in a state with some of the nation's most restrictive gun laws, opportunities can be missed to keep weapons from dangerous and disturbed people. While the authorities who crossed paths with Crimo contend their hands were tied by the law, several people familiar with Illinois' statutes told The Associated Press there were more than enough ways to block him from getting guns.

"Laws don't mean much unless they're followed," said Sean Holihan, the state legislative director for Giffords, a gun safety advocacy group. "This fell through the cracks. The law was written to make sure this wouldn't happen and it still did."

Added Nicholas Suplina, senior vice president for law and policy at Everytown for Gun Safety: "Red-flag laws are designed for precisely this kind of situation. ... It's an important tool in the gun violence prevention toolbox. But you got to take the tool out and use it."

A tool Highland Park police did make use of, they said, was the "clear and present danger" report filed with the state after their two visits to his home in 2019. Such reports are intended to alert state police to people who, if allowed to buy a gun, may pose an "imminent threat of substantial bodily harm to themselves or others."

Highland Park police did not respond to requests for comment.

Crimo's warning signs also included a voluminous and disturbing social media footprint that went back years and somehow escaped law enforcement scrutiny despite the fact that the aspiring rapper had thousands of followers on YouTube and songs on Spotify that collectively had millions of plays.

Stick-thin, dark-haired and heavily tattooed on his neck and face, Crimo went by the stage name Awake the Rapper and left a trail of clues in his videos of a fascination with violence, guns and suicide. One video titled "Toy Soldier" showed a cartoon figure brandishing a rifle on a city street, followed by drawings of a victim's chest spurting blood and police cars closing in.

In online chat rooms that reveled in mass murder and gore, Crimo apparently also posted video of a beheading and grainy news footage of a politician's infamous public suicide.

"Like a sleepwalker ... I know what I have to do," Crimo narrated in another rap video posted late last year. "Everything has led up to this. Nothing can stop me, even myself."

"We were not made aware of these videos," Christopher Covelli, deputy chief of the Lake County Sheriff's Office, told reporters.

For its part, Illinois State Police defended the issuance of a gun permit for Crimo, noting that Highland Park police had declined to arrest the teen after his alleged threat in September 2019 because they could not meet the legal hurdle of "probable cause." To deny a gun permit, they said, requires an even higher legal standard — "preponderance of evidence" — that he is a clear and present danger.

State police also noted in a statement that even though an unidentified family member reported the threat and spoke of a fear of returning home, family members denied Crimo was dangerous and didn't want to press charges.

"When police went to the house, both the individual and his mother disputed the threat of violence. The individual told police he did not feel like hurting himself or others and was offered mental health resources," the statement said.

Several months before, in April 2019, Crimo attempted to commit suicide by machete, according to a police report obtained by AP that noted a "history of attempts." Other police reports show officers had visited the Crimo home frequently over the years for domestic violence disputes and other incidents.

Several experts described Crimo as the epitome of a "clear and present danger," defined under Illinois law as a person who "communicates a serious threat of physical violence" or "demonstrates threatening physical or verbal behavior."

But others weren't so sure, noting that police are limited in how much they can act when an accuser reporting violent threats doesn't want to press charges and family members are uncooperative.

Even if an order had been issued, it's not a given that a judge would have extended the order beyond six months.

Robert Berlin, state attorney for DuPage County, the most active issuer of red-flag orders in Illinois, said that the dozens of cases he's overseen almost always include family members assisting investigators.

And while Berlin declined to comment on Highland Park police actions, he said that he couldn't recall a red-flag order ever issued in his county against someone who was not already in possession of a gun and was aimed solely at blocking future purchases.

After receiving his permit in January 2020, Crimo passed four background checks when buying firearms that year and the next, the state police noted, adding that the only offense that surfaced in his criminal history was a 2016 ordinance violation for possession of tobacco.

Crimo, now 21, was arrested after disguising himself in women's clothing to make his escape. He now faces seven counts of first-degree murder. While investigators say he confessed to targeting paradegoers, they have not determined a motive.

Katherine Schweit, a retired FBI agent who spearheaded the agency's active shooter program, said Crimo's case underscores how difficult it can be to prevent such shootings, even with plenty of warning signs.

"It's easy to see in the rearview mirror all of the pieces that tie together to an individual who clearly was on a trajectory toward violence," Schweit said.

"But nobody was able to put it all together. ... Police and schools and friends and neighbors handled one tiny piece of this at a time."




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## METRO

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("L") Line from Santa Monica to East LA and from Azusa to Long Beach.

"The regional connector is truly a missing link in our rail system," Najarian, a longtime Glendale city council member and current chair of the Metrolink regional light rail system, added.

The Thursday morning event came just days after LA Metro announced it would be rolling out a new Transit Ambassador program, bringing aboard 300 new employees (at the cost of $120 million) beginning this fall, to provide non-law enforcement resources for riders.

Outgoing Board Chair Hilda Solis, LA County First District supervisor, called it "one of the most significant programs Metro has ever launched," during her statement on Thursday.

"Transit Ambassadors are unarmed uniformed workers that will help riders with directions, alert police of a threat, point people to homeless services and keep an eye on vulnerable people, and check that seats are clean and passengers are safe," Solis described. "Transit Ambassadors will be our eyes and our ears on the system and will help build a sense of community amongst our riders. We hope that Transit Ambassadors will make our riders' lives a little bit easier."

During her comments, LA Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins announced a goal of bringing ridership back up to post-pandemic levels within the next 12 months. According to the CEO, LA Metro's current daily ridership is about 789,000, which would need to hit 1.2 million riders each weekday to reach pre-pandemic levels.



Emily Sawicki

**UNION STATION:** The event at Union Station included an announcement of a new five-year contract for Transit Ambassadors.

Wiggins said the agency would work to reach that goal by opening more than 10 miles of new rail service, continue restoring bus service that had been slashed due to the pandemic, and offering additional support for Metro employees. She also said the system would be adding more new staff resources beyond the 300 Transit Ambassadors.

"In addition to these ambassadors, Metro will double the number of homeless and mental health outreach workers on our system, improve lighting on our system, deploy additional unarmed security officers and continue to deploy over half of our security and law enforcement staff at night to help keep our customers and employees safe," Wiggins said.

An influx of cash from President Joe Biden's American Rescue Plan has served to bolster the LA Metro budget, but that funding only runs through the end of the year. On Tuesday, July 12, LA County Supervisors have an item on their weekly agenda to formally request Los Angeles be given priority for federal transit funding in the lead-up to the 2028 Los Angeles Summer Olympics.

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## COVID

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The County's total admission rate is 8.4 per 100,000 people this week and while that is 62 percent higher than it was a month ago, it's far below Orange County's rate of 13.3.

With a seven-day average of about 5,100 cases, Los Angeles would move up to the High level if the admission rate or the bed percentage crossed 10 percent.

Ferrer said no one could say with any accuracy when, or even if, the County's levels might cross the threshold but July 29 was the first possible date a mask mandate could occur in a worst-case scenario.

She said any decision to implement a mask requirement would occur before deaths and hospitalizations spiked to levels that would cause stress on the healthcare system.

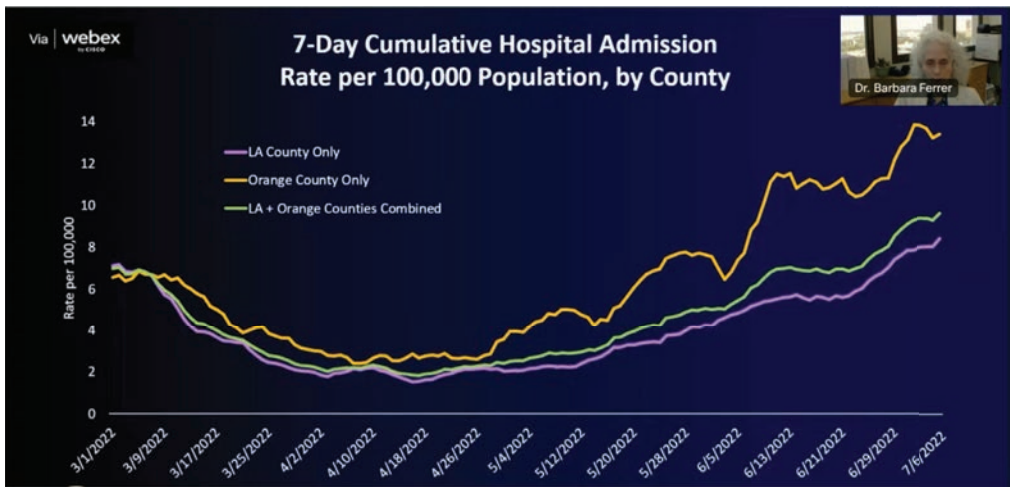
"I think we all are in agreement that waiting until hospitals are overwhelmed is way too late to try to do much about slowing transmission," she said. "The time to slow transmission is when you start seeing indications that you're having more utilization at your hospitals."

Ferrer said it's impossible to stop transmission entirely but slowing the spread significantly would help prevent the kind of problems that have occurred in past winter surges. While some counties have crossed into the High tier without a mask rule, Ferrer said that masks were an appropriate response locally given the County's size and the widely differing abilities of residents to manage their risk as many residents cannot isolate, work from home or implement some of the other safety measures available.

"There are many people who, in particularly in essential work environments, would benefit if more people around them, were actually using some of the safety precautions that we know work and that's the case with masking," she said. "So yes, super important and super effective for each of us to put on a well-fitting, high filtration mask, but it's a lot better, particularly if you're at work and you're going to have hundreds of exposures, if everyone that's around you also is wearing that well-fitting mask."

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**COUNTY LINE:** Orange County's current Covid outbreak is worse than Los Angeles'




## TRAIN

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In 2012, the Legislative Analyst's Office recommended against an appropriation to start construction, arguing the California High-Speed Rail Authority wasn't prepared. Gov. Jerry Brown lobbied the Legislature for it and won. Now, many agree the LAO was right. The Peer Review Group has long warned that the state needs a secure financing plan. But the project proceeds without one.

Such outside advisors have lacked the resources and the mission to intensively delve into the day-to-day work of the rail project, its army of consultants and its stable of international contractors.

"The IG will bring a level of oversight that we have not had before," said Helen Kerstein, the lone bullet train expert at the Legislative Analyst's office. "This is very powerful."

The law creating the inspector general lists a wide range of authorities the new office will have: full access to all the project's records; authority to review contracts and change orders; and issuing subpoenas for witnesses and records, among much else.

"It is not some person sitting in a basement," said Laura Friedman, chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee who is widely credited with pushing through the inspector general idea. "It is going to be staffed. It is going to be real."

That would include investigating waste, fraud and abuse, as well as working with law enforcement and prosecutors, she said.

### WHAT THE POSITION MIGHT LOOK LIKE

How big an organization will it require? So far, there is no budget. But the IG would be paid the same as the IG for the Bureau of Prisons and Rehabilitation, who makes $192,382 and will have a staff of 212 in the coming fiscal year.

Fred Weiderhold, a West Point civil engineer who served for 20 years as Amtrak's inspector general, said if he were taking the California job, he would want to start with a staff of at least 50 people, half auditors, 30% investigators and 20% inspectors and evaluators.

"It is a daunting job," Weiderhold said about the California project. "You have to follow the money. I guarantee you that on any project this large you will have fraud, product substitution and waste."

By the time Weiderhold left as Amtrak inspector general, he had helped put several hundred people in jail and caused 2,000 people to be fired.

The high-speed rail inspector general will not have authority to control actual spending, a decision that was considered and rejected by Newsom.

A more aggressive plan was followed by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority in 2015, when it faced a breakdown in Boston area service and spiraling capital cost overruns. State lawmakers fired the authority's existing board and installed a new Fiscal and Management Control Board.

Estimated construction costs on a 4.3 mile extension of a light rail line had grown from $1 billion to $2 billion, said Joe Aiello, the board's chair. The board stopped work, threw out existing contractors and put in an independent team to evaluate what was going wrong, he said.

"There was outrageous scope creep," Aiello said.

By the time the board was dissolved last year, the construction cost had been hammered back down to $1 billion, he said.

### STATE STILL NEEDS ACTUAL TRAIN

Even while increasing oversight, the deal doubles down on the bullet train mission. An appropriation will release $4.2 billion from a 2008 bond fund, but only for completing a 171-mile Central Valley segment from Bakersfield to Merced.

"They need to deliver something soon that the public understands is a train," Friedman said.

Newsom met another Assembly demand by adding $3.5 billion for transit projects in the Bay Area and Southern California, as well as $300 million to fix an Orange County Amtrak rail that is ready to fall into the Pacific.

"You can't have enough oversight on a project like this," Friedman said. "This is not a minor change. It will be a very big change for the project."

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## ELECTION

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recently announced a third wave of security requirements for the state's county election boards, which includes increased video surveillance for voting equipment and more comprehensive security reviews of systems.

"It's constant vigilance," LaRose said Thursday. "The threat is constantly emerging. The threat is constantly changing. And so we're evolving with it and making sure that our guard is up."

Election security became a national focus after the 2016 presidential election, when Russia probed state voter registration systems across the country looking for vulnerabilities.

In response, the Obama administration designated election systems as "critical infrastructure" — on par with the nation's banks, dams and nuclear power plants. This freed up resources and funds for officials, and a concerted effort was made to improve communications and intelligence sharing between the federal government and states.

But the 2020 presidential election brought an unprecedented wave of false claims and conspiracy theories surrounding voting equipment and election procedures as former President Donald Trump sought to explain his loss to Democrat Joe Biden. Supporters and allies of Trump have been traveling across the country for more than a year claiming the election was stolen and spreading misinformation that has further increased distrust in U.S. elections.

Federal and state election officials and Trump's own attorney general have said there is no credible evidence the election was tainted. The former president's allegations of fraud were also roundly rejected by courts, including by judges Trump appointed.

But the false claims have persisted and have led to suspected security breaches at local election offices a handful of states.

Earlier this year, the clerk in Mesa County, Colorado, was indicted for a security breach at her election office. Authorities say Clerk Tina Peters allowed unauthorized people access to voting equipment and an unauthorized copy was made of the county's voting system that was later posted online. Peters has denied any wrongdoing.

In Colorado, Secretary of State Jena Griswold pushed for legislative changes this year to tighten security measures surrounding voting systems and increase penalties for those attempting to access them.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 8)

Your approach to goals will change. You're used to plotting out your own challenges and meeting them heroically, but this year other people will make plans that include you and you'll shine in a different and new way. More highlights: A spontaneous risk, a bag of money and the expansion of your family tree. Capricorn and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 7, 15, 5 and 11.

## HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may do what's expected of you, but you're just as likely to do the opposite of that because today you're a rebel. You take pleasure in the surprise of others. You delight in their raised eyebrows and luxuriate in their laughter.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A task feels like a slog, and you'll be tempted to quit at what seems like the halfway point. But you can't know what the halfway point is until you get to the end and measure back. Don't quit. You're closer to success than you think.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Success can be scary. If you do well, you'll be in unknown territory. Grapple with that realization by remembering how often you've faced the unknown and not only managed it, but eventually learned to own it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It feels good to solve people's problems and to experience their relief. You'll underpromise and overdeliver, a surefire success formula. Though you don't expect your generosity to be repaid, it will be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll take measures to counteract artificiality. You'll resist those who would have you purchase what you don't need. Revisit the rituals that remind you of your values and connect you to who you are and where you come from.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Knowing a lot never made anyone wise. You're very experienced in a certain realm so it's harder for you to look at things with a beginner's mind, and yet you do this to fantastic effect today, elevating your work to a new level.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). While it's natural to want to avoid negative feelings, you're also not afraid to process them. You recognize that your feelings are a reaction to a thought. You'll change your thought, and a feeling will change too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It will be far better to go forward in blind optimism than to be critical of the early stages of a project, thereby making it impossible to gain momentum. For now, enthusiasm is more important than getting things absolutely right.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Momentum wins, so don't let fine details hang you up. Neither should you worry about who is going to approve or how your work is measuring up. You don't have to get it all perfect, just good enough to move forward.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll spend a lucky hour focusing exclusively on what needs to happen to reach your goal. A good plan saves time. More awareness allows you to do things with less effort. Caution: so-called free things can be costly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You want to shine in a certain someone's eyes, though your success does not hinge on the opinion of one person. Even when you get the approval you want, keep building your core of fans; group support will be best.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Being around people can give you energy or drain you of it, depending on your mood. Today's small doses of mostly delightful social interaction represent the ideal scenario, as just a little fellowship can go a long way.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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## Sudoku

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

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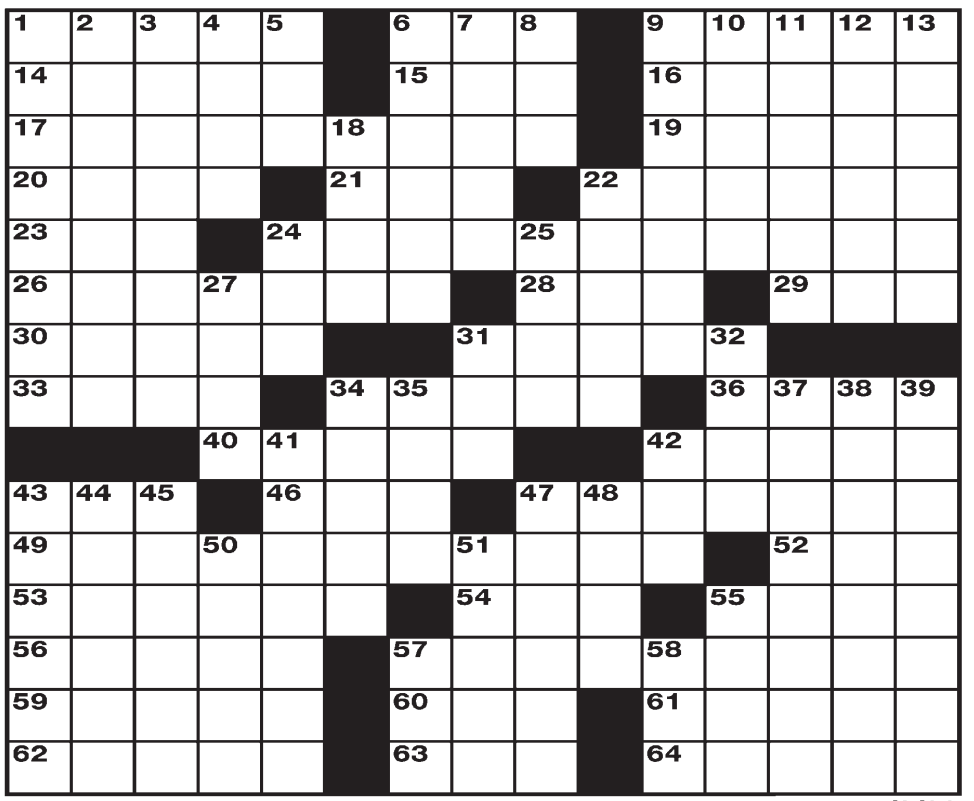
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## Newsday Crossword

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**ACROSS**
1 BBC sitcom
6 Some grad school graders
9 Get a good soaking
14 Hardly fair
15 What fills some wells
16 Outmoded knockout
17 Gospel group
19 Name on the cover of *Fear of Fifty*
20 Water sport
21 Withdrawal from a deposit
22 Hydrates oneself
23 GPS display
24 Ninth-century autocrat
26 Cold front, for instance
28 Actress Thurman
29 Rolls sold at a farm
30 Metaphor for slowness
31 Sailor's expertise
33 Hydrates slowly
34 Kindle reading
36 Boxes in concert halls
40 Invader of Britannia
42 Deen of Southern dishes
43 __ Lanka
46 Warner Music milestone of 2020
47 Started to boil
49 People buying popcorn tubs
52 Vegas airport code
53 Supernatural
54 Get behind
55 Galileo's hometown
56 Undivided
57 Amazingly successful
59 Bartender's supply
60 Ancestor to everyone
61 Shenanigan
62 Fortune hunters
63 '70s day-care attendee
64 Work crews

**DOWN**
1 Where to learn to paint
2 From a Gulf State
3 Dangerous dwelling
4 Restarting fresh
5 Tourney pass
6 Bridal shop inventory
7 Tee off
8 Go on a run
9 Kind of coaster
10 Open courtyards
11 First preceder/ follower
12 Emphatic refusal
13 Rubbed off
18 Geologist into the hard stuff
22 Promo merchandise
24 "Southern" school
25 Air chamber
27 Errant shot
31 The Wheat State, for short
32 Volvo's former rival
34 Chaplin, in the '20s
35 Keyboard innovator
37 Duffer's do-over
38 Delightful
39 Perennial blunderers
41 Without a focus
42 *Bob the Builder* former airer
43 Bad looks
44 Commodores frontman
45 It's not the opposite of "Enter!"
47 Lab glassware
48 Hankering
50 Calculus pioneer
51 Color akin to pistachio
55 Legal lead-in
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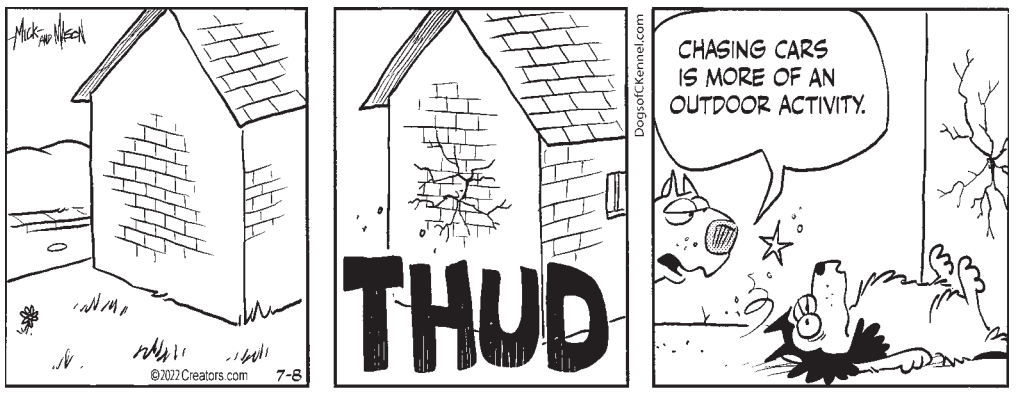
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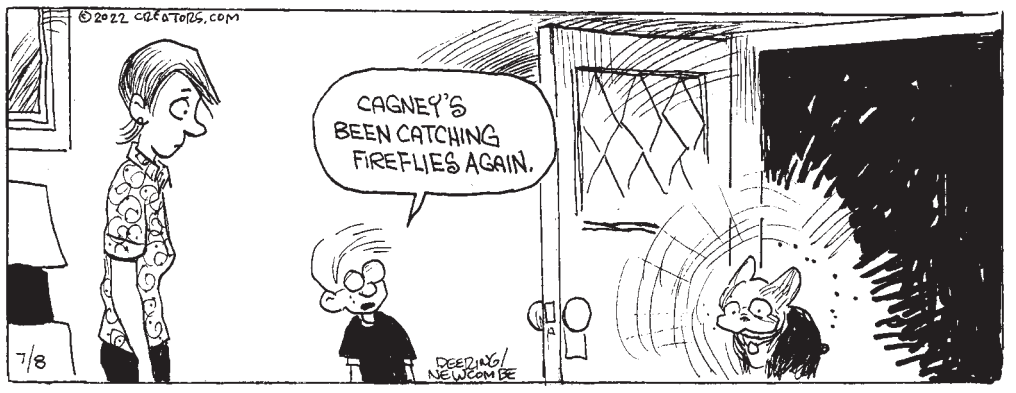

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## Strange Brew

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

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## Space race

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# What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

## FRIDAY JULY 8

### ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE TOUR

Santa Monica Conservancy docents will be on hand to share the rich history of the Annenberg Community Beach House site from the 1920s into present day. Our free 20-minute docent tours are available on a walk-up basis for individuals and groups of up to six people. Just head to the Marion Davies Guest House where you will be greeted by a docent. Please wear a mask as it is required indoors at City of Santa Monica facilities. No reservations required. 12 - 2 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway.

## SATURDAY JULY 9

### DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA WALKING TOUR

Discover downtown Santa Monica's architecture, history and culture with one of our highly engaging docents. See where Jim Morrison played his first show and visit the lavish Art Deco hotel that housed a speakeasy during Prohibition. The walking tour covers about 6 blocks in 2 hours and begins at the city's first landmark, the 1875 Rapp Saloon. Reservations recommended at https://smc.givecloud.co/dwt. Open to all ages. $10.

### PLASTIC FREE JULY CLEANUP CHALLENGE 2022

Help kick off Plastic Free July and join LA Waterkeeper and Liquid Death Mountain Water to combat the plastic pollution that is damaging our health and environment! Participants will use the Litterati app to help capture critical data on plastic waste through geo-tagged photos that help make the problem measurable and are encouraged to join organizers at the JuneShine tasting room after the cleanup, where $3 from every flight purchase benefits LA Waterkeeper. Register at https://app.mobilecause.com/e/C8z_Jw

### MARCO PALLOTTI

The California Heritage Museum is pleased to present an exhibition by visual artist Marco Pallotti. The artist photo-documents his 40 day journey from the Los Angeles area to New York City, passing through large bustling cities and small sleeply towns along the way. As the viewer is directed through the museum's gallery, they'll travel to Las Vegas, Death Valley, Williams, White Sands, Truth or Consequences and Santa Fe, Dallas/Fort Worth, Graceland and Memphis, the Mississippi Delta, Hudson Valley and finally, Manhattan, New York City. Marco shot more than 7000 images between his digital, film and phone cameras. Approximately 125 iconic photographs have been reproduced for this show. California Heritage Museum, 2612 Main St 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### LIVE DJ MUSIC

Meet at Santa Monica Place every Saturday and Sunday from 2-5pm in Center Plaza to enjoy the sounds of our DJ playing his best beats while soaking up all the Santa Monica sun. 395 Santa Monica Place, 2 - 5 p.m.

### I GOTTA CROW SHOW

The Crow's favorite house show is here! Enjoy live music 30 minutes before the event and catch the latest big names and hot up-and-coming comics on the comedy circuit! I Gotta Crow is a fully curated comedy show where the best comics can be discovered if you don't already know them. Tickets at https://www.crowcomedy.com. $20. 2525 Michigan Avenue, Unit F4

### GELSON'S CELEBRATES PET ADOPTION DAY

Gelson's partners with Humane Societies from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Forgotten Dog Foundation will be at the Santa Monica store, 2627 Lincoln Blvd. Website: https://theforgottendog.org.

## SUNDAY JULY 10

### ANNENBERG BEACH HOUSE POOL

Pool hours 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Pool passes go on sale one hour before pool opening at the Guest Services window. Passes are sold on a first-come, first-served basis, no reservations. For more on the pool, visit annenbergbeachhouse.com/activities/pool.aspx.

## MONDAY JULY 11

### LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING

Established in 1975, the mission of the Landmarks Commission is "To protect improvements and areas which represent the City's cultural, social, economic, political and architectural history; safeguard the City's historic, aesthetic and cultural heritage; and promote the use of landmarks and historic districts for the education, pleasure and welfare of the people." https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Landmarks-Commission/

## TUESDAY JULY 12

### PUPPET SHOW: THE SPLASHY SEA SAGA OF SAILOR SAM

Sail the Seven Seas with Sailor Sam and his little pal Salty as they search for adventure, treasure and ... a boat that won't sink! Presented by Luce Puppets. For families. Register: bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps. Montana Avenue Branch Library. 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

### ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

The Zoning Administrator issues land use permits that are minor in nature and may adopt specific findings of fact to support the resulting decision, or require specific conditions. Some Zoning Administrator permits are administrative determinations, while others require a noticed public hearing. 10:30 a.m. https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Zoning-Administrator/

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## SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **69.4**

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| FRIDAY *POOR TO FAIR* | **SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist | New small S swell filters into the region. Expect inconsistent sets but with a noticeable increase in S energy. Tides and winds best in the AM. Post-work high tide gets a bit swampy. |
| SATURDAY *POOR TO FAIR* | **SURF:** 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach | S swell fills in further and becomes more consistent. Light variable winds early give way to westerlies later. Tides and winds best in the AM. Post-work high tide gets a bit swampy. Bonnie energy starts to fill in around midday. |

## WEATHER

**Friday:** Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 71.
**Friday Night:** Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 63.
**Saturday:** Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 71.
**Saturday Night:** Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

| Date | Day | Time (LST/LDT) | Predicted (ft) | High/Low |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2022/07/08 | Fri | 05:24 AM | 3.12 | H |
| 2022/07/08 | Fri | 10:35 AM | 1.78 | L |
| 2022/07/08 | Fri | 5:35 PM | 5.46 | H |
| 2022/07/09 | Sat | 12:55 AM | 0.66 | L |
| 2022/07/09 | Sat | 06:57 AM | 3.17 | H |
| 2022/07/09 | Sat | 11:30 AM | 2.05 | L |
| 2022/07/09 | Sat | 6:19 PM | 5.99 | H |
| 2022/07/10 | Sun | 01:48 AM | -0.15 | L |
| 2022/07/10 | Sun | 08:10 AM | 3.39 | H |
| 2022/07/10 | Sun | 12:25 PM | 2.22 | L |
| 2022/07/10 | Sun | 7:07 PM | 6.50 | H |
| 2022/07/11 | Mon | 02:36 AM | -0.86 | L |
| 2022/07/11 | Mon | 09:05 AM | 3.63 | H |
| 2022/07/11 | Mon | 1:21 PM | 2.28 | L |
| 2022/07/11 | Mon | 7:55 PM | 6.93 | H |
| 2022/07/12 | Tue | 03:23 AM | -1.38 | L |
| 2022/07/12 | Tue | 09:53 AM | 3.84 | H |
| 2022/07/12 | Tue | 2:16 PM | 2.24 | L |

## 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: 7/6
32 36 49 62 69
Power#: 13
Jackpot: 48 M

**MEGA MILLIONS**
Draw Date: 7/5
27 31 50 51 61
Mega#: 21
Jackpot: 400 M

**SuperLotto PLUS**
Draw Date: 7/6
10 13 34 38 41
Mega#: 21
Jackpot: 26 M

**Fantasy 5**
Draw Date: 7/6
8 17 21 22 32

**Daily 3**
Draw Date: 7/6
EVENING: 9 4 7
Draw Date: 7/6
MIDDAY: 1 9 7

**Daily Derby**
Draw Date: 7/6
1st: 02 - Lucky Star
2nd: 09 - Winning Spirit
3rd: 06 - Whirl Win
Race Time: 1:47.64

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