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All Star Game events coming to Pier this weekend

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Another major sporting event is coming to Los Angeles next week, which means another opportunity for the Santa Monica Pier to stand as a backdrop for the City of Angels as we welcome thousands of visitors (and potentially millions more TV viewers) to enjoy the sand and surf.

This time around, it's Major League Baseball's All Star Game, bringing family-friendly events to the Pier and Santa Monica Beach from Friday through Sunday, July 15-17.

The first pitch for this year's Midsummer Classic will be thrown on Tuesday, July 19, across town at Dodger Stadium, but the MLB is bringing free events to the Pier in the run-up to the game, including youth baseball and softball, yoga, sand sculptures and more.

Each morning from Friday through Sunday, Cue Health will host MLB All-Star Beach Yoga directly to the south of the Pier, between Muscle Beach and the shoreline. The yoga class runs from 9-10 a.m. each morning and, though free to attend, pre registration is required.

Also on that stretch of beach: a batting cage, beach diamond (a baseball diamond on the sand), beach skeeball, a sand sculpture and a water refill station. The event will also feature a free bicycle valet just off the beach bicycle path.

On the pier deck, local businesses will be operating as usual along with a host of other

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Overcoming a mental health diagnosis that doctors declared beyond hope



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VOLUNTEERS: Garret Shaw and Cynthia Sirota volunteer in the local area.

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When Garret Shaw was hospitalized with mental illness for the 26th time, the doctors told his mother Cynthia Sirota that long-term recovery was but a pipe dream.

Fast forward 14 years and Shaw now has a masters degree in clinical psychology, is employed as a support group counselor at Tulua health in Santa Monica, and has dedicated his life to helping others battle mental illness.

Overcoming the doctors' bleak prognosis was not easy. The road to recovery was paved with pain, fear, stress, and trauma for both Shaw and Sirota. But thanks to their endless patience and persistence, they have shown even with the most severe diagnoses—like Shaw's debilitating combination of Schizophrenia and Bipolar disease—there is hope.

"The chief of staff, doctor and all the interns sat me down and said 'I don't think we're going to be able to bring Garrett back.' That was such devastating news for me," said Sirota. "I didn't understand what the doctors were saying, I couldn't understand, and I told my son I'm giving you my arms and my legs, but I will get you well; I will do everything I could possibly do to help you."

On this week's episode of The

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Officials say end of emergency zero bail could change local crime patterns

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After two years of zero bail for most misdemeanors and some felonies, the regular bail schedule has returned and officials predict it may bring with it a shift in local crime.

During the pandemic, the Santa Monica jail released most criminals on zero bail under an emergency County-wide ordinance intended to limit the spread of COVID in incarcerated populations.

The temporary elimination of bail applied to most misdemeanors and traffic offenses as well as many non-violent felonies. It expired on July 1.

Local officials say the return of regular bail requirements could lead to a decrease in repeat offenders for low level crimes and an increase in the number of people who show up to their initial court date. It may also provide more opportunities for service providers to offer in jail interventions and connect individuals experiencing homelessness and/or substance dependence to resources.

"We are hopeful that this [zero bail expiration] will help deter and curtail some of the lawlessness, crime and quality of life issues our community is experiencing," said SMPD Lt. Rudy Flores.

Santa Monica's jail is a pre-arraignment holding facility. Individuals held in the jail either post bail and agree to show up to

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US inflation surges again in June, raising risks for economy

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U.S. inflation surged to a new four-decade high in June because of rising prices for gas, food and rent, squeezing household budgets and pressuring the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates aggressively — trends that raise the risk of a recession.

The government's consumer price index soared 9.1% over the past year, the biggest yearly increase since 1981, with nearly half of the increase due to higher energy costs.

Lower-income and Black and Hispanic American have been hit especially hard, since a disproportionate share of their income goes toward essentials such as transportation, housing and food. But with the cost of many goods and services rising faster than average incomes, a vast majority of Americans are feeling the pinch in their daily routines.

For 72-year-old Marcia Freeman, who is retired and lives off of a pension, there is no escape from rising expenses.

"Everything goes up, including cheaper items like store brands," said Freeman, who visited a food bank near Atlanta this week to try and gain control of her grocery costs. Grocery prices have jumped 12% in the past year, the steepest climb since 1979.

Accelerating inflation is a vexing problem for the Federal Reserve, too. The Fed is already engaged in the fastest series of interest rate hikes in three decades, which it hopes will cool inflation by tamping down borrowing and spending by consumers and businesses.

The U.S. economy shrank in the first three months of the year, and many analysts believe the trend continued in the second quarter.

> While today's headline inflation reading is unacceptably high, it is also out-of-date - President Joe Biden

"The Fed's rate hikes are doing what they are supposed to do, which is kill off demand," said Megan Greene, global chief economist at the Kroll Institute. "The trick is if they kill off too much and we get a recession."

The likelihood of larger rate hikes this year pushed stock indexes lower in afternoon trading. The central bank is expected to raise its key short-term rate later this month by a hefty three-quarters of a point, as it did last month.

As consumers' confidence in the economy declines, so have President Joe Biden's approval ratings, posing a major political threat to Democrats in the November congressional elections. Forty percent of adults said in a June AP-NORC poll that they thought tackling inflation should be a top government priority this year, up from just 14% who said so in December.

After years of low prices, a swift rebound from the 2020 pandemic recession — combined with supply-chain snags — ignited inflation.

Consumers unleashed a wave of pent-up spending, spurred by vast federal aid, ultra-low borrowing costs and savings they had built up while hunkering down. As home-bound Americans spent heavily on furniture, appliances and exercise equipment, factories and shipping companies struggled to keep up and prices for goods soared. Russia's war against Ukraine further magnified energy and food prices.

In recent months, as COVID fears have receded, consumer spending has gradually shifted away from goods and toward services. Yet rather than pulling down inflation by reducing goods prices, the cost of furniture, cars, and other items has kept rising, while restaurant costs, rents and other services are also getting more expensive.

The year-over-year leap in consumer prices last month followed an 8.6% annual jump in May. From May to June, prices rose 1.3%, following a 1% increase from April to May.

Some economists believe inflation might be reaching a short-term peak. Gas prices, for example, have fallen from the eye-watering $5 a gallon reached in mid-June to an average of $4.63 nationwide Wednesday — still far higher than a year ago.

Shipping costs and commodity prices have also begun to fall, and pay increases have slowed. Surveys show that Americans' expectations for inflation over the long run have eased — a trend that often points to more moderate price increases over time.

"While today's headline inflation reading is unacceptably high, it is also out-of-date," President Biden said Wednesday. "All major economies are battling this COVID-related challenge."

The latest disappointing data on inflation came out at the outset of Biden's trip to the Middle East, where he will meet with officials from Saudi Arabia to discuss oil prices, among other subjects.

Republican members of Congress have blamed the higher prices on Biden's economic policies, specifically his $1.9 trillion financial

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Domestic Violence 20th St / Santa Monica Blvd 4:49 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 300Blk Montana Ave 5:59 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 20th St / Santa Monica Blvd 6:19 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300Blk 7th St 6:21 a.m.
Fire Request Police 1500Blk 5th St 6:26 a.m.
Burglary 1200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:37 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 6:45 a.m.
Auto Burglary 100Blk Adelaide Dr 6:53 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 7:02 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2000Blk Olympic Blvd 7:15 a.m.
Encampment 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 7:46 a.m.
Harassing Phone Calls 300Blk 11th St 7:48 a.m.
General Parking Problem 2400Blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:11 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 400Blk 21st Pl 8:30 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Main St / Hill St 8:46 a.m.
Petty Theft 300Blk Olympic Dr 9:00 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 200Blk Santa Monica Pl 9:10 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2300Blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:20 a.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1100Blk 11th St 9:40 a.m.
Battery 2600Blk Ocean Front Walk 9:56 a.m.
Battery 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 10:00 a.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order 2400Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:14 a.m.
General Parking Problem 300Blk Civic Center Dr 10:21 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1400Blk 2nd St 10:47 a.m.
Found Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 10:58 a.m.
Loud Music 2700Blk Barnard Way 11:02 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2600Blk 11th St 11:02 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 800Blk 5th St 11:05 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 800Blk Pacific St 11:25 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 800Blk Pacific St 11:26 a.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1000Blk 2nd St 11:27 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 11:30 a.m.
Loud Music 900Blk 19th St 11:45 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1400Blk 14th St 11:58 a.m.
Found Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 11:58 a.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order 800Blk 18th St 12:12 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2600Blk 32nd St 12:40 p.m.
Encampment 4th St / Pico Blvd 12:49 p.m.
Lost Property 2000Blk The Beach 12:52 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1100Blk Idaho Ave 12:52 p.m.
Speeding Cloverfield Blvd / Pico Blvd 12:52 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 25th St / Hill St 1:43 p.m.
Lost Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 1:56 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 17th St / Broadway 2:06 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 2000Blk Arizona Ave 2:21 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 300Blk Olympic Dr 2:28 p.m.
Burglary 1400Blk Ocean Ave 2:31 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1100Blk Harvard St 2:48 p.m.
Speeding Berkeley St / Wilshire Blvd 2:52 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1000Blk 24th St 2:54 p.m.
Petty Theft 3100Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:59 p.m.
Drinking In Public 1100Blk Palisades Park 3:06 p.m.
Grand Theft 1300Blk 15th St 3:14 p.m.
Expired Registration 1400Blk 4th St 3:20 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 800Blk Montana Ave 3:27 p.m.
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Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 2100Blk Oak St 3:49 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 500Blk 21st Pl 3:54 p.m.
Public Intoxication 300Blk Pico Blvd 3:55 p.m.
Grand Theft 1300Blk 15th St 3:56 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2300Blk California Ave 3:57 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 100Blk Marguerita Ave 4:02 p.m.
General Parking Problem 2600Blk Barnard Way 4:09 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 600Blk Marguerita Ave 4:10 p.m.
Animal Related Incident Ocean Ave / Georgina Ave 4:19 p.m.
Lost Property 500Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:27 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd W 4:27 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1300Blk Idaho Ave 4:30 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1700Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:32 p.m.
Missing Person 300Blk Olympic Dr 4:45 p.m.
General Parking Problem 400Blk 16th St 4:47 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1400Blk 23rd St 4:50 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2100Blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:55 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1200Blk Idaho Ave 5:22 p.m.
General Parking Problem 00Blk Bay St 5:43 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 900Blk Idaho Ave 5:46 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold Neilson Way / Ocean Park Blvd 5:48 p.m.
Battery 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 5:59 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 15th St / Arizona Ave 6:11 p.m.
Public Intoxication 3000Blk Urban Ave 6:19 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1300Blk Pine St 6:21 p.m.
Construction Noise 400Blk Lincoln Blvd 6:29 p.m.
General Parking Problem 200Blk California Ave 6:34 p.m.
Encampment 1600Blk The Beach 6:39 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 6:39 p.m.
Encampment 1600Blk The Beach 6:45 p.m.
Found Property 2400Blk Ocean Front Walk 7:03 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1300Blk Pine St 7:04 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 7:09 p.m.
Found Property 1500Blk Pearl St 7:15 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 7:49 p.m.
Petty Theft 2400Blk Main St 8:35 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1500Blk Ocean Ave 8:44 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Main St / Olympic Dr 8:51 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:52 p.m.
Found Property 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 9:22 p.m.
Battery 1700Blk Cloverfield Blvd 9:41 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2600Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:42 p.m.
Battery 1300Blk 15th St 11:20 p.m.
Loud Music 2000Blk Ocean Ave 11:21 p.m.
Loud Music 2500Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:49 p.m.
Petty Theft 400Blk Ocean Park Blvd 11:51 p.m.

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Traffic Collision With Injury 20th St / Santa Monica Blvd 6:18 a.m.
EMS 3000Blk Lincoln Blvd 7:33 a.m.
Arcing Wires 2000Blk 14th St 7:52 a.m.
EMS 1200Blk 9th St 8:02 a.m.
Structure Fire 100Blk Palisades Ave 8:37 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 9:39 a.m.
EMS 800Blk Harvard St 9:51 a.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas 2200Blk Neilson Way 10:25 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk Ocean Ave 11:43 a.m.
EMS 700Blk Raymond Ave 12:40 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk Broadway 12:41 p.m.
EMS 500Blk Olympic Blvd W 1:44 p.m.
EMS 17th St / Colorado Ave 1:58 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 17th St / Broadway 2:06 p.m.
EMS 300Blk Pico Blvd 3:43 p.m.
EMS 1800Blk 10th St 4:09 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Georgina Ave 4:18 p.m.
EMS 1000Blk 11th St 5:16 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 5:58 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 1400Blk 2nd St 6:02 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Pico Blvd 7:12 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400Blk 21st St 7:38 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 7th St 7:50 p.m.
EMS 300Blk 14th St 8:04 p.m.
EMS 1700Blk Euclid St 8:18 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 20th St 9:26 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk Ocean Ave 10:16 p.m.
EMS 1900Blk Main St 10:44 p.m.
EMS 400Blk Expo Line 11:29 p.m.

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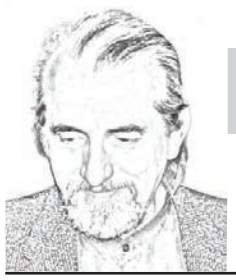
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WHERE'S MY DUNNER?!

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

"GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER" – We are so lucky! This production beset by scheduling problems and hit by COVID, was due to close this weekend but has now been extended into August. So... run, don't walk, don't miss it. We never know what will happen tomorrow. There are nine actors involved, whereas most theater companies are going with two or three, during COVID. That's a lot of chances of a star player being felled. Then there is other stuff: two days before the Friday performance the actor who plays the father character (Spencer Tracy in the movie) lost his mother and had to take care of business. Veteran Paul Linke stepped in and killed it, even while holding his script the entire time. Amazing. Fri 8 p.m., Ruskin Group Theatre, SM Airport, $20-35.

THE HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES – One of LA's music treasures, holding forth with their breakneck Django-style swing music in the little Culver City dive, on Sepulveda just over the line from Santa Monica, that is also a treasure. I will mention every so often that Santa Monica's' Harvelle's dates from 1931, but the Cinema Bar is almost 75. That's a long time to build up character, reputation and a vibe, and both venues have it. But the music is the thing, right? You could go from Harvelle's on Sunday night (see below) to The Hot Club Monday then back to Harvelle's Tuesday (see below). Three very different shows, rare or unique, and all top caliber. You would spend a total of $22 for cover charges.

I tell you, it's gigs like this that make moving to LA completely worth it. I did, even though it was years before they first power strummed at the intimate Cinema Grill. But there is always someone like this if you explore all the nooks of this great city. But you don't have to. I do it for you, in this column. Every Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, $0.

EM – She's back! And she's still amazing. But nothing good lasts forever, you know. So, why not this Tues? Every Tues 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $10. Every Tuesday. 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $10.

RECOMMENDED:

THEATRICUM BOTANICUM – You can get the full summer program this weekend. Bring a sleeping bag and two days' picnic breakfasts, lunches and dinners. (Not a serious suggestion.)

"MERRY WIVES" is transported to small town America, 1950s, with music to match the rolicking fun. Wait until you see Falstaff ride in on a big Harley. But it's not all hilarity – there is an undercurrent of the blossoming women's rights movement. Sat 3:30 p.m.

"TROUBLE THE WATER" – is the rivetting, barely believable true story of Robert Smalls' escape from slavery. in a most creative and bold way. Making real the notion that slavery is so abhorrent that one will do anything, anything, to end it. TB is so good at these kinds of topical plays that leave you with a lot to think about. Sat 7:30 p.m.

"A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM" – It's their signature Shakespeare, presented every season for decades, and why not? It's an enduring audience favorite for more than 400 years, a magical tale of unrequited love taking place in an enchanted forest, and TB is already nestled into their own forest. Sun 3:30 p.m.

"WESTSIDE WALTZ" – TB artistic director Ellen Geer (daughter of legendary TB founder actor-activist Will Geer), her sister Melora Marshall; and daughter Willow Geer take on the roles of an aging concert pianist, her violinist spinster neighbor, and a would-be actress on New York's Upper West Side in the tumultuous '80s. What an amazing acting lineage on display in this play, penned by Oscar-winner Ernest Thompson ("On Golden Pond"). Sun 7:30 p.m.

All shows Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $10-60 (discounts for seniors, students, teachers, veterans, AEA, ages 5-15).

TOLEDO DIAMOND — The true hipster (when that sobriquet meant something way cool), choreographer to the stars, smoky Svengali, showman supreme. Toledo and his unquestionably unique show always pleases, if you are ready for the very different. Every Sun 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $12.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: "GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER," Ruskin Group Theatre, 7/15, 16, 17; "THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR," 7/15, 16, 17; "TROUBLE THE WATER," 7/16, 23, 31, "THE WESTSIDE WALTZ," 7/17, 24, 29, "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM," 7/17, 22, 31, Theatricum Botanicum; DANCE DTLA, Argentine Tango 7/29, The Music Center; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 7/17, 24; 31; LA PHIL, DUDAMEL, PARIS OPERA BALLET, Hollywood Bowl, 7/20, 21; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 7/24, 31; EM, Harvelle's, 7/26; BURNING SPEAR, Youtube Theater, 7/24; THE CHAMBERS BROTHERS, Maui Sugar Mill, 7/25; LA PHIL, DUDAMEL, BEETHOVEN'S 5th, Hollywood Bowl, 7/26; BILLIE EILISH, DEBBY HARRY, SETH MCFARLANE, DIANNE REEVES, BETTYE LAVETTE - Tribute to PEGGY and FRANK, Hollywood Bowl, 7/27; LA PHIL, DUDAMEL, LA MASTER CHORALE - CARMINA BURANA, Hollywood Bowl, 7/28; JOHN FOGERTY, Hollywood Bowl, 7/30; MICHAEL FRANTI & SPEARHEAD, The Ford, 7/31.

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Experts rue simple steps not taken before latest COVID surge

CARLA K. JOHNSON
AP Medical Writer

With new omicron variants again driving COVID-19 hospital admissions and deaths higher in recent weeks, states and cities are rethinking their responses and the White House is stepping up efforts to alert the public.

Some experts said the warnings are too little, too late.

The highly transmissible BA.5 variant now accounts for 65% of cases with its cousin BA.4 contributing another 16%. The variants have shown a remarkable ability to get around the protection offered by infection and vaccination.

"It's well past the time when the warning could have been put out there," said Dr. Eric Topol, head of the Scripps Research Translational Institute, who has called BA.5 "the worst variant yet."

Global trends for the two mutants have been apparent for weeks, experts said — they quickly out-compete older variants and push cases higher wherever they appear. Yet Americans have tossed off their masks and jumped back into travel and social gatherings. And they have largely ignored booster shots, which protect against COVID-19's worst outcomes. Courts have blocked federal mask and vaccine mandates, tying the hands of U.S. officials.

"We learn a lot from how the virus is acting elsewhere and we should apply the knowledge here," said Ali Mokdad, a professor of health metrics sciences at the University of Washington in Seattle.

White House COVID-19 coordinator Dr. Ashish Jha appeared on morning TV on Wednesday urging booster shots and renewed vigilance. Yet Mokdad said federal health officials need to be push harder on masks indoors, early detection and prompt antiviral treatment.

"They are not doing all that they can," Mokdad said.

The administration's challenge, in the view of the White House, is not their messaging, but people's willingness to hear it — due to pandemic fatigue and the politicization of the virus response.

For months, the White House has encouraged Americans to make use of free or cheap at-home rapid tests to detect the virus, as well as the free and effective antiviral treatment Paxlovid that protects against serious illness and death. On Tuesday, the White House response team called on all adults 50 and older to urgently get a booster if they haven't yet this year — and dissuaded people from waiting for the next generation of shots expected in the fall when they can roll up their sleeves and get some protection now.

Los Angeles County, the nation's largest by population, is facing a return to a broad indoor mask mandate if current trends in hospital admissions continue, health director Barbara Ferrer told county supervisors Tuesday.

"I do recognize that when we return to universal indoor masking to reduce high spread, for many this will feel like a step backwards," Ferrer said. But she stressed that requiring masks "helps us to reduce risk."

LA County has long required masks in some indoor spaces, including health care facilities, Metro trains and buses, airports, jails and homeless shelters. A universal mandate would expand the requirement to all indoor public spaces, including shared offices, manufacturing facilities, warehouses, retail stores, restaurants and bars, theaters and schools.

Sharon Fayette ripped off her mask the moment she stepped out of a Lyft ride in LA and groaned when informed another universal mask requirement might be coming. "Oh man, when will it end?" she wondered about the pandemic.

> "I do recognize that when we return to universal indoor masking to reduce high spread, for many this will feel like a step backwards - Barbara Ferrer"

Fayette said she was exhausted by shifting regulations and dubious another mandate would be followed by most residents. "I just think people are over it, over all the rules," she said.

The nation's brief lull in COVID deaths has reversed. Last month, daily deaths were falling, though they never matched last year's low, and deaths are now heading up again.

The seven-day average for daily deaths in the U.S. rose 26% over the past two weeks to 489 on July 12.

The coronavirus is not killing nearly as many as it was last fall and winter, and experts do not expect death to reach those levels again soon. But hundreds of daily deaths for a summertime respiratory illness would normally be jaw-dropping, said Andrew Noymer, a public health professor at the University of California, Irvine. He noted that in Orange County, California, 46 people died of COVID-19 in June.

"That would be all hands on deck," Noymer

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EXPLAINER: What happens next in the Musk-Twitter saga?

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In the latest twist in the Twitter-Elon Musk saga, the company has sued the billionaire Tesla CEO in an attempt to force him to complete his $44 billion takeover.

Twitter claims in a lawsuit filed Tuesday in Delaware that Musk's "outlandish" and "bad faith" actions have caused the social media platform irreparable harm and sunk its stock price.

Legal experts say Twitter Inc. has a strong case, but the coming court battle could be long and contentious and the outcome uncertain. So what's next for Twitter and Musk in the battle over the social media company's future?

WHY DID TWITTER SUE ELON MUSK?

In short, Twitter wants to complete the deal both sides had agreed to, and says Musk's reasons for backing out are just a cover for his cold feet after the takeover no longer makes financial sense for him.

In April, Musk pledged to pay $54.20 a share for Twitter, which agreed to those terms after reversing its initial opposition to the deal. But the two sides have been bracing for a legal fight since the billionaire said Friday that he was backing away from his agreement to buy the company, saying Twitter did not give him enough information about how many spam accounts are on the service, among other reasons.

Twitter's lawsuit asserts that "Musk refuses to honor his obligations to Twitter and its stockholders because the deal he signed no longer serves his personal interests."

"Having mounted a public spectacle to put Twitter in play, and having proposed and then signed a seller-friendly merger agreement, Musk apparently believes that he — unlike every other party subject to Delaware contract law — is free to change his mind, trash the company, disrupt its operations, destroy stockholder value, and walk away," the suit states.

Musk agreed to pay 38% above Twitter's stock price at the time that he offered the "take it or leave it" deal, the lawsuit says. But soon after, the stock market stumbled and shares of Tesla, where most of Musk's personal wealth comes from, lost more than $100 billion of their value.

HAS MUSK RESPONDED?

Not formally, although he has tweeted. After Twitter filed the lawsuit, Musk, who has more than 100 million followers, tweeted "Oh the irony lol" without explanation. Earlier in the week, he had taunted Twitter over the anticipated lawsuit, suggesting that the trial court discovery process — when both sides have to hand over evidence — would finally reveal the internal spam bot data he's been demanding.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Barring the unlikely event of the two sides settling, the case is headed to trial and a judge could start making decisions this summer. Twitter has told employees it asked for an "expedited trial" to be heard in September because it is "critically important" to get it resolved quickly.

"Delaware prides itself on being very fast in responding to urgent issues where there is a lot of public or shareholder attention," said Lawrence Cunningham, a law professor and corporate governance expert at George Washington University.

But it could still end up dragging for weeks or longer, especially if either side tries to stretch it out. "Twitter would probably want to get things done fast. Elon, I don't know," Cunningham said.

> "Twitter would probably want to get things done fast. Elon, I don't know - Lawrence Cunningham"

WHY DELAWARE?

Twitter filed its lawsuit in the Delaware Court of Chancery, which frequently handles business disputes among the many corporations, including Twitter and Tesla, that are incorporated there. The court describes itself as the "nation's preeminent forum for the determination of disputes involving the internal affairs of the thousands upon thousands of Delaware corporations and other business entities." The Twitter-Musk case, in that sense, is unusual because it involves a business suing an individual.

WHAT ARE THEY ARGUING ABOUT?

The spam bot question will likely be a central theme, since that is the main pretext through which Musk wants to back out of the deal and "might be a richer argument than people think," said Donna Hitscherich, a Columbia University business professor.

Twitter claims in its lawsuit that Musk started out saying he wants to buy Twitter to rid it of "crypto spam" he viewed as a "major blight on the user experience" — and take it private because "purging spam would otherwise be commercially impractical."

But when the stock market went south, Twitter claims, "Musk shifted his narrative, suddenly demanding 'verification' that spam was not a serious problem on Twitter's platform, and claiming a burning need to conduct 'diligence' he had expressly forsworn."

Does the spam issue present a "material breach" of Twitter's obligation in the deal, as Musk claims, because the company didn't give him sufficient data to determine how many of the platform's 229 million accounts are fake? Or is Musk breaching his obligation to follow

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MENTAL HEALTH

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Dive, an Inside the Daily Press podcast, Shaw and Sirota share their story, exposing the broken aspects of our mental healthcare system and spreading awareness of the resources that are out there.

Top of their resource list is the West LA chapter of National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), an organization they credit with helping save Shaw's life and mind.

After passing through NAMI's support groups and educational classes several times, they now lead these sessions for individuals experiencing mental illness and their families. On the second and fourth Saturday of every month, the pair can be found tabling for NAMI West LA at the Pico Farmers Market in Virginia Avenue Park.

"This is actually a really happy story. There's a lot of mental health stories out there that are very sad and depressing, but this really is a story about a young man who got an illness that had no idea what it was, a mother who stood by his son through thick and thin, and now I have this great opportunity with NAMI to really give back," said Shaw.

Their story also demonstrates how mental illness is an equal opportunity disorder that can strike anyone at any time.

Shaw was in his junior year of studies at USC when mental illness first entered his life. A smart and hardworking student, he had many friends, great grades, and by everyone's predictions nothing but a bright future ahead.

What actually lay ahead was many years of suffering, anger and delusion, passed largely under the harsh fluorescent lighting of various psychiatric wards.

"Being in a psychiatric hospital can cause a lot of trauma, walking around in a gown with your back exposed, wearing little socks, being in a very intense environment with people you don't know that are sick. It can be very, very scary," said Shaw. "I've had to go into a room and they've had to restrain me and it's very scary when you can't trust your own thoughts and you don't really understand what's going on."

Shaw was initially misdiagnosed with depression and given anti-anxiety pills, which was a dangerous combination for someone with manic symptoms of Bipolar disorder. He ended up having a psychotic break while studying abroad in Israel, causing great stress for Sirota who was unable to immediately help her son from so many miles away.

The next few years were marked by an revolving door of psychiatric hospital stays for Shaw, and great stress for Sirota as she navigated a healthcare system that she felt often viewed the mentally ill as problems not patients and family members as pests not partners.

The pair ultimately exited the mental health hospital system with a wealth of knowledge on what could be done better to assist individuals on a policy level, with potential new legislation, and on a personal level, with resources that are already available. The full story of how this mother son duo beat the odds can be listened to on the "Inside the Daily Press" podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts and Google Play. Visit smdp.com/pod for more information.

Resources discussed by Cynthia and Shaw include:

NAMI support groups: https://namila.org/supportgroups/

NAMI peer and family mental health classes: https://namila.org/classes/

Ending the Silence Program: https://namila.org/ending-the-silence/

Los Angeles Suicide Prevention Center 24/7 Helpline: 877-727-4747

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TEAM: The mother son duo now work to promote mental health in the community.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Venice

50th Reunion Class of 1972 Venice High School

Venice High School class of 1972 is celebrating their 50th reunion. The reunion will be held on Saturday, July 30, at 6:30 p.m. at the Culver City Elks Lodge (11160 Washington Place, Culver City). The theme for the event is Hawaiian to honor their class name Kulieokalani. There will be a themed buffet dinner, music from the 70s, door prizes, and a tiki bar designed by the alumni. People can expect a photo booth and photos from the night will be found on the class's Facebook page which is public and available to everyone. There will also be a special video to honor all the students from the class of 1972. Cost is $60 in advance per person and $75 at the door; checks may be made out to VHS Class of 1972 Reunion.

Some alumni recalled some memorable events from their year; all the athletic teams that year won championships in gymnastics, swimming, and baseball. The baseball team was coached by Ed Harris, who ended up working for the Dodgers organization as a scout. The baseball team won their CIA Championship at Dodger stadium. A notable alumni, baseball player Jerry Turner, went pro and played for the San Diego Padres. VHS had seven valedictorians in 1972, all of whom had 4.0 GPAs. Many more memories will be shared and reminisced upon at the reunion.

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LOS ANGELES

7-Eleven offers $100K reward for arrest in deadly holdups

The 7-Eleven convenience store chain offered $100,000 Wednesday leading to the arrest and conviction of a masked gunman suspected of robbing six Southern California stores, killing two people and wounding three others.

A clerk, Matthew Hirsch, 40, was shot and killed at a Brea store and Matthew Rule, 24, was gunned down in the parking lot of a Santa Ana store during a five-hour string of holdups Monday morning.

Police in Ontario, Upland, Riverside and La Habra have said they believe 7-Eleven robberies there also are linked.

The Riverside shooting victim was identified by his family as Jason Harrell, 46. He was breathing on his own and was no longer in a coma, his brother David Makin told KNBC-TV.

"He has to keep fighting. Jason is a fighter and so we fully expect him to fight through his whole thing and win this battle," Makin said.

Authorities have shared images of a masked man wearing what appeared to be the same black sweatshirt with a hood over his head. The sweatshirt had white lettering with green leaves on the front.

"We are currently working with the local police to spread the news in the community" about the reward, 7-Eleven officials said in a statement. It said tipsters can anonymously contact Orange County Crime Stoppers at 855-TIP-OCCS.

All the attacks took place on July 11 — or 7/11, the day when the company celebrates its anniversary.

However, investigators haven't said whether the date may have played a significant role in the attacks.

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ALL STAR GAME

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offerings including a special retail pop-up featuring All Star Game merchandise, a batting cage, several bars, face painting, an MLB photo op, a pitching cage and more. MLB Network and MLB The Show 22 will also have a presence at the event.

The free event runs from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. each of the three days and tickets are not required.

On Saturday, July 16, MLB will partner with nonprofit Heal the Bay to host a beach cleanup. Heal the Bay provides cleanup supplies for the first 300 volunteers who register for the event, which is set to begin at 10 a.m. on the beach just north of the Pier.

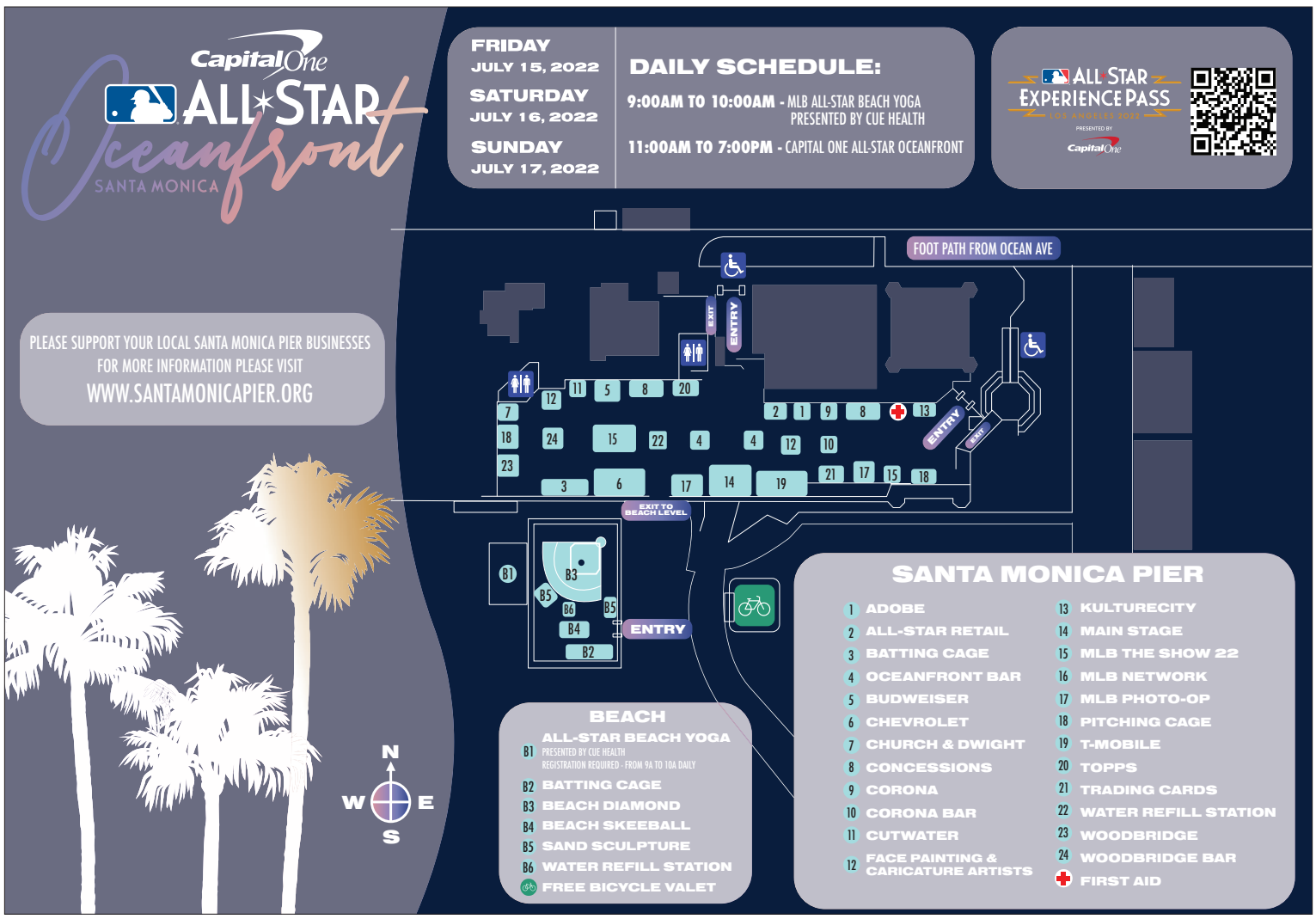
Santa Monica City Council approved the events during a March meeting. At the time, city staff anticipated "considerable benefit to the City's brand, global visibility, and reputation would accrue from one of its most iconic and picturesque locations being used as a key event site related to a major, globally followed sporting event."

As an additional benefit, staff also stated they believed the event would "provide the City with relevant experience leading up to the 2028 Summer Olympics, where the beach volleyball events are slated to be hosted at Santa Monica Beach adjacent to the Pier."

For more information on Saturday's Heal the Bay beach cleanup, email Emely Garcia at egarcia@healthebay.org.

More information on all the Capital One All-Star Oceanfront events can be found at www.mlb.com/all-star/oceanfront.

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EVENTS: Major League Baseball is taking over the Santa Monica Pier this weekend to celebrate the All-Star Game. Free activities will line the Pier and nearby beach starting Friday, July 15. The game will be played at Dodger Stadium on Sunday, July 19 starting at 5 p.m.

INFLATION

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support package approved in March.

There have been signs that inflation was slowing before — last summer, and in April of this year — only for it to surge again in subsequent months.

"There may be some relief in the July numbers — commodity prices have come off the boil, at least — but we are a very, very long way from inflation normalizing, and there is no tangible sign of downward momentum," said Eric Winograd, an economist at asset manager AllianceBernstein.

For now, the relentless pace of price increases is frustrating many Americans.

Delores Bledsoe, a truck driver hauling freight from Carlisle, Pennsylvania to Wisconsin on Wednesday, said her fuel costs have tripled. "It's making me want to get out of the truck and go drive an Uber," said Bledsoe, who lives in Houston. "It's depressing."

Some people are placing blame on companies for using inflation as a cover to raise prices beyond the amount they need to cover their own higher costs.

"I feel the inflation pain every day," Susana Hazard said this week outside a grocery store in New York City. "Every day, everything is going up and up, more than inflation — they're price-adjusting. Because even if inflation doesn't happen, they've raised the prices."

Most economists say corporate price gouging is, at most, one of many causes of runaway inflation and not the primary one.

Housing and rental costs are rising steadily as solid job gains encourage more Americans to move out on their own. Rents have risen 5.8% compared with a year ago, the most since 1986. And the cost of decorating homes is still increasing at a rapid pace — furniture prices are up 13% from a year ago — even as retailers such as Walmart and Target experience rising inventories, which should help lower prices.

The biggest shock has been energy prices, which soared 7.5% just from May to June. Gas prices have skyrocketed nearly 60% compared with a year ago.

Excluding the volatile food and energy categories, so-called core prices rose 0.7% from May to June, the biggest such spike in a year. Core prices jumped 5.9% from a year ago.

Inflation is surging well beyond the United States, with 71 million people pushed into poverty in the three months after Russia invaded Ukraine, the U.N. Development Program said last week.

The war's economic damage has been especially severe in Europe, with its reliance on Russian oil and natural gas squeezing businesses and consumers with sharply higher bills for utilities, groceries, gasoline and more. Inflation reached decades-high levels of 8.6% last month in the 19 countries that use the euro currency and 9.1% in the United Kingdom in May.

AP Writer Mark Scolforo contributed to this report from Carlisle, Pennsylvania. David R. Martin, APTV senior producer, contributed to this report from New York.

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COVID

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said. "People would be like, 'There's this crazy new flu that's killing people in June.'"

Instead, simple, proven precautions are not being taken. Vaccinations, including booster shots for those eligible, lower the risk of hospitalization and death — even against the latest variants. But less than half of all eligible U.S. adults have gotten a single booster shot, and only about 1 in 4 Americans age 50 and older who are eligible for a second booster have received one.

"This has been a botched booster campaign," Topol said, noting that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention still uses the term "fully vaccinated" for people with two shots of Moderna or Pfizer. "They haven't gotten across that two shots is totally inadequate," he said.

Noymer said if he were in charge of the nation's COVID response he would level with the American people in an effort to get their attention in this third year of the pandemic. He would tell Americans to take it seriously, mask indoors and "until we get better vaccines, there's going to be a new normal of a disease that kills over 100,000 Americans a year and impacts life expectancy."

That message probably wouldn't fly for political reasons, Noymer acknowledged.

It also might not fly with people who are tired of taking precautions after more than two years of the pandemic. Valerie Walker of New Hope, Pennsylvania, is mindful of the latest surge but is hardly alarmed.

"I was definitely concerned back then," she said of the pandemic's early days, with images of body bags on nightly news broadcasts. "Now there's fatigue, things were getting better and there was a vaccine. So I would say from a scale between one and 10, I'm probably at a four."

Even with two friends now sick with the virus, and her husband recently recovered, Walker says she has bigger problems.

"Sometimes when I think about it I still put a mask on when I go into a store, but honestly, it is not a daily thought for me," she said.

Associated Press writers Christopher Weber in Los Angeles, Bobby Caina Calvan in New York and Zeke Miller in Washington contributed.

TWITTER

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through with the contract he signed? That's what the court will determine.

COULD MUSK BE FORCED TO BUY TWITTER?

That is certainly a possible outcome, though some experts say the court may not go that far. That said, the general sentiment favors Twitter in the suit.

In a case with potential relevance to Musk's legal fight, the chancery court last year forced private equity firm Kohlberg & Co. to go through with its $550 million buyout of DecoPac, a company based in Minnesota that calls itself the world's largest supplier of cake decorating supplies to professional decorators and bakeries. The case was emblematic of the court's common — though not uniform — resolution of enforcing contractual obligations on buyers.

Other options include Musk being forced to pay the $1 billion breakup fee each side agreed to if deemed responsible for the deal falling through. Or he might have to pay off a larger amount without actually buying the company for $44 billion.

"If he's walked away from the deal, there'll be damages and it's not necessarily limited to the breakup fee," Hitscherich said.

Delaware courts have been "very picky" about interpreting what counts as a valid reason for backing off of a deal, Cunningham said. The gap between what Musk knew about Twitter in April and the state of the company today "has to be revolutionary," and there's little evidence of that, he said.

Associated Press Writer Marcy Gordon contributed to this story.



BAIL

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their court date or they are transported to court to be arraigned within 48 hours of their arrest. If they are booked for a felony, their case will be referred to the District Attorney's office. If they are booked for a misdemeanor, the City Attorney's Office may prosecute their case at LAX Airport Court.

Jenna Grigsby, chief of the Criminal Division of the City Attorney's Office, said that during the emergency bail schedule there was an uptick in bench warrants issued for individuals who were arrested in Santa Monica and failed to appear at their initial court date.

"There is some indication that especially for our quality of life crimes, like vandalism, petty theft, camping in public, being in the park after dark, trespassing, things like that, that there was an increase in folks not coming to court on their original court date," said Grigsby.

Officials from the Santa Monica Police Department said that the elimination of bail for many crimes may have led to an increase in repeat offenders.

"Violators were immediately cited out and released here in our city, with a promise to appear in court at a later date, so for many of the arrests our officers made, the arrestee would be released prior to the officer finishing his/her report," said SMPD Lt. Rudy Flores. "You can see how this can potentially cause a repeat offender issue, especially if violators felt there were no immediate consequences to their criminal behavior."

From the perspective of the City Attorney's Office, the ability to transport someone from jail to court within 48 hours is a positive thing.

"I think that there is something to be said about swift justice," said Grigbsy. "And I think having the ability to take people immediately from jail to face the consequences of their actions is helpful to change behavior, whether that's through rehab, jail, mental health treatment, whatever it is."

Grigsby said another challenging aspect of prosecution during the pandemic was the extension of many court dates from a 21 window following a citation to a 120 day window. From her perspective, this lowers the likelihood of people showing up to their court date. The 12 mile distance from Santa Monica to the Airport Courthouse poses an additional barrier.

"The fact that you get cited out means that it's harder to get to court for anybody, whether you are, you know, working a full time job, whether you don't have a car, whether you're unhoused," said Grigsby, later adding "When you are transported directly from Santa Monica... to Airport Court by the Santa Monica Police Department, it ensures that you actually show up for that court date."

The return of bail will also provide more opportunities for the City of Santa Monica's in jail intervention programs, which seek to break cycles of repeat incarceration.

A key program under this umbrella is the Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) initiative. This is a County funded diversion program that offers qualifying individuals the opportunity to have their criminal filings dismissed in exchange for committing to an individualized 90 day treatment program. Treatment could include a detox program, mental health program, or housing placement.

ATI applies to individuals experiencing homelessness, mental health issues, or substance abuse who commit most misdemeanors and some low level felonies such as theft. Individuals who opt into the program will be transported directly from jail to their treatment site.

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Santa Monica also has a data sharing program called the Santa Monica Connect Application, which tracks police and fire department encounters with around 100 chronically homeless individuals living in the City. If one of these individuals is arrested, their case worker receives a notification and can go visit them in jail and work on a care plan.

Lastly, Santa Monica has a Homeless Community Court, where chronically homeless individuals can have their misdemeanor quality of life cases waived in return for working on a list of goals that help them move towards a stable housing placement. This might include applying for housing resources, attending substance use counseling, meeting regularly with a case manager and showing up to follow-up hearings.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 14)

Anyone can be impressed by dream destinations and museum curations, and you'll certainly get your share of typically lovely sights. But it takes a special eye to see uncommon beauty in common things, and this is your superpower and a daily practice. A few of your finds will not only be soul-lifting but also lucrative. Pisces and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 27, 1, 44 and 17.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's nothing more charismatic than happiness. Products promise beauty. Lotions, potions, accessories and accouterments are there for the purchase, and yet none have the attractive power of your genuine smile.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your energy is well-applied to cleaning, building, fixing or growing things. You're inspired by those with a similar work ethic to yours (see Capricorn and Virgo) and will be much more productive with these types around.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're the glue. You'll keep everyone together. Once people start peeling off and doing their own thing it gets harder to stay in touch. Play your "music" loud enough for all to hear and they will dance to this song for a time.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have someone's complete love. You are much harder on yourself than this person will ever be. Try to see yourself the way this person sees you and you'll be much kinder to yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you know how to reach your goal, but don't do what's necessary to get there, it might be that the goal is not quite right for you. If it were, you'd want it enough to do what it takes. A liberating realization will free you to find a better fit.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Planets orbit the sun, moths fly at the lightbulb, humans gather around a fire. Today's "fire" will come in the form of some incendiary topic. It's a fine opportunity to practice discretion, steer clear of gossip and take the high road.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Superstars are human too. You don't really know someone until you understand their vulnerabilities and shortcomings. Though you admire someone's star quality, you've an even deeper love and appreciation for their humanity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Life isn't fair, but at least the division of chores can be. If one person is constantly cleaning up after the other, it will get old fast. Is everyone pulling their weight? If not, you can remedy that today and prevent resentment tomorrow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). As the sky watches clouds drift through, some puffy, some ominous and dark, so you watch a variety of thoughts cross your mind. None call for immediate action. Soon the wind will change, clearing your mind: a reset.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Too many choices hang a question mark over an entire experience. Narrow it down. Let your instinct guide you to the top three options. It will be easier to decide the best of three and move on from there.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The day is marked by the adrenaline rush of social fun. A bold playfulness is inside you, just waiting for permission to emerge. But you don't need anyone else's permission, only your own.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You recognize that there is something you need to learn to become the person you want to be. Training is available in many forms: formal, informal, in books or in person. You'll have the luxury of choice.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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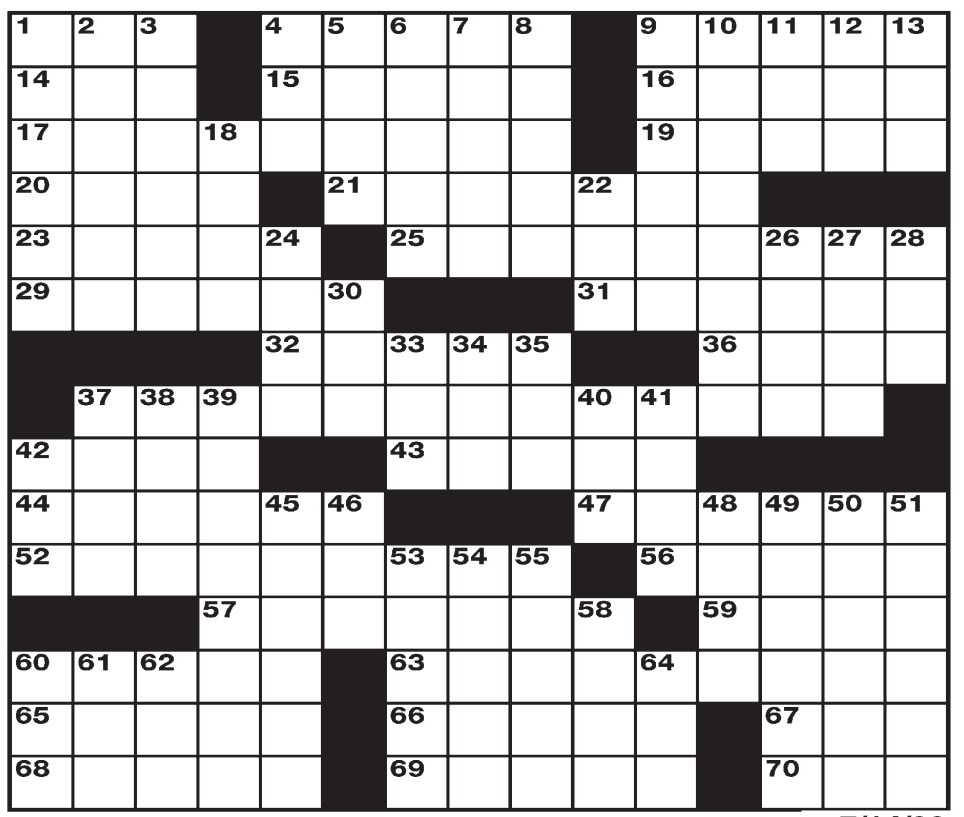
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				2		8		7
5	1		4				6	3

Newsday Crossword

WELL DONE by Mark McClain
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ACROSS
1 Reservoir creator
4 "Ditto!"
9 Heavy metal
14 __ out a living
15 Neo-Druid, for one
16 Of municipalities
17 Certain contractual conditions
19 Tweak in committee, say
20 Issue forth
21 Thankless one
23 Wind down
25 Nostalgic ice-cream brand
29 It's south of Ann Arbor
31 Response to *"Gracias"*
32 Pro hoops venue
36 Heavy metal
37 Parliamentary leader
42 Numerical suffix
43 It means "beyond"
44 "Rats!"
47 Yom __
52 Football finale
56 Window dressing
57 Transmission addition
59 Global cartel
60 Snowman accessory
63 Germany's national dog (really!)
65 Western Pacific nation
66 As __ (usually)
67 Golf scorecard abbr.
68 In any fashion
69 ZzzQuil alternative
70 Mule's sire

DOWN
1 Overpower
2 Hands-on-hips
3 Humble, as tasks
4 Café's first course
5 South Asian wrap
6 Vintner's process
7 Tropical fruit
8 College's first course
9 Harshly criticize
10 Second, e.g.
11 Holiday prelude
12 Austrian article
13 Type of TV screen
18 Imitation indicator
22 Explain further
24 Wax-covered cheese
26 Mule's dam
27 Sniffer's whiff
28 Managed
30 Form of gold
33 Bird on Australian coins
34 None at all
35 Aesopian saver
37 Amazon Basin nation
38 Garner
39 Intrinsically necessary
40 Exasperate
41 Put into words
42 Reasons for 52 Across cheers
45 Peevish
46 Schedule placeholder
48 Urge to act
49 Tropical fruit
50 Turns topsy-turvy
51 Break in court
53 Calliope cousin
54 Get into a stew
55 Recent USMA grad
58 Film composer Schifrin
60 Cruise ship amenity
61 Hisser when angry
62 Emulating
64 Business card letters



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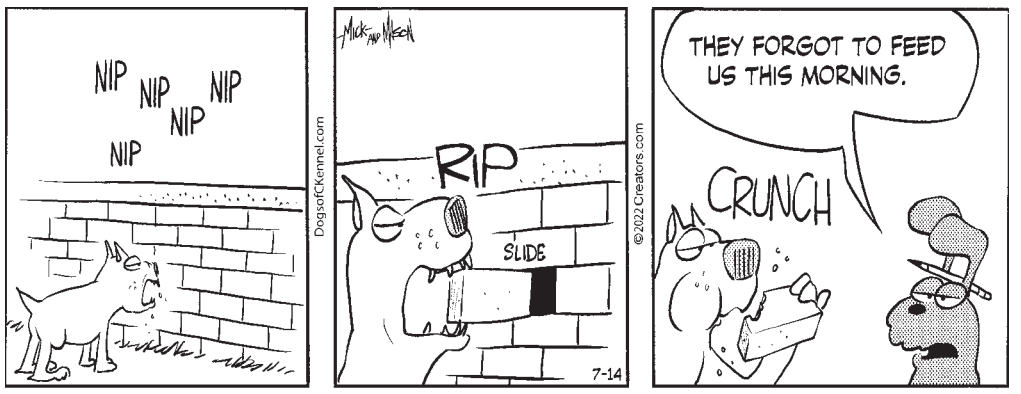
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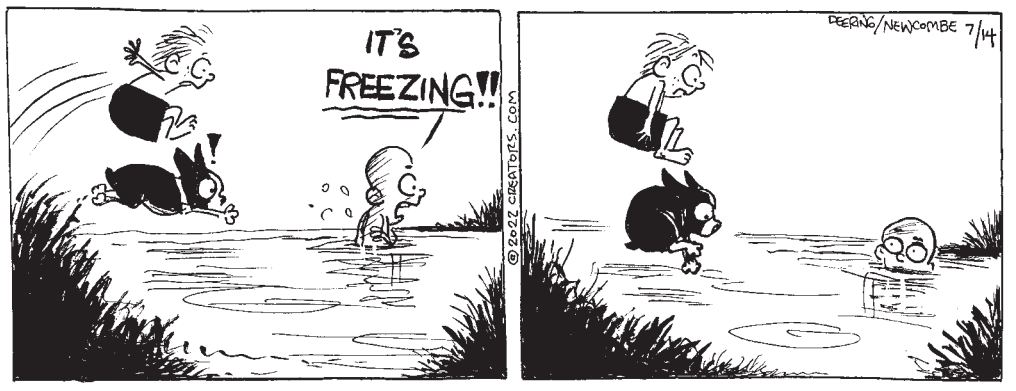
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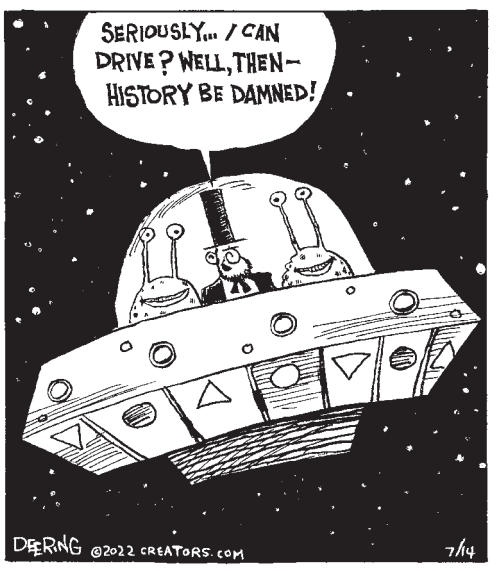
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"THE MAN-EATING GIANT LOVES THE MAN-FLAVORED GUM."

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

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M A I D G A H S A C H K A N N
E I R R F N P H C G H S R V U
A N E O E D S O I B T I E E S
X A L E R C V L H W A R S S P
T D O C R H F I E S E N O T O
R M T I A I N D S W B P K M I
I I T N R L S A C I E E T E L
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Cards	Gold	Mortgage	Shop
Cash	Grandchildren	News	Spoils
Debts	Great	Nice	Sunny
Draw	Holiday	Open house	Tour
Envy	Investments	Party	Visit
Excited	Jewels	Poker	Wept
Faro	Kids	Quit	Winner

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What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

THURSDAY JULY 14

SUNSET PICNIC
Join solo or with a crew and pack a dinner for a sunset picnic. Tablecloths or brown bags, grab a spot in the courtyard or splash pad, and relax into a beautiful evening. Bring your own fun... cards, a board game, a puzzle. We'll have a surprise or two. Please, no alcohol or glass. Annenberg Community Beach House. 5 - 8 p.m.

SANTA MONICA RENT CONTROL REGULAR BOARD MEETING
The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. 7 p.m.

NIGHT MARKET
Join The Bungalow every Thursday this summer for special drinks, food, music and fun! Open to all ages (and furry friends) and includes a kids area and weekly DJs. 101 Wilshire Blvd. 11 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
City Council will discuss board/commission appointments and the Development Agreement for the Ocean Avenue Project. City Hall Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street, Room 250. p.m. https://www.youtube.com/user/Citytv16santamonica

SPEAKEASY COMEDY AT THE TOWNHOUSE VENICE
The Setup is bringing their nationally recognized comedy show to the speakeasy at the Venice Townhouse. This hidden basement has been used for over 100 years. 8 p.m. Townhouse Venice, 52 Windward Ave. $15. https://setupcomedy.com/los-angeles

FRIDAY JULY 15

SEASIDE STORYTIME
Join organizers on the sand at the Annenberg Community Beach House for ocean themed stories, songs and action rhymes. For ages 2 and up. 415 Pacific Coast Hwy, Santa Monica, 10 - 10:30 a.m., annenbergbeachhouse.com.

CAPITAL ONE ALL-STAR OCEANFRONT
Enjoy youth baseball and softball activities, beach yoga, sand sculptures, batting cages and more throughout this three-day event for all ages. Please note that Special Event Pricing will be in effect at the beach lots closest to the Pier from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. all weekend. If you arrive earlier, the standard rates apply. https://www.mlb.com/all-star/oceanfront

KIDS NIGHT OUT
Join the Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Monica for the best volunteer event of the year. You will be paired with a child aged 7-12 for 2 hours of fun. Make a one-on-one connection with youth in our community over games, art projects, food and laughter! 7 p.m. Registration required at https://www.smbgc.org/kidsnightout/.

THE PETER MAX EXPERIENCE GALLERY RECEPTION
The Peter Max Experience is a not-to-be-missed Exhibition & is complimentary and open to the public in a limited engagement Pop Up presentation at the Road Show Gallery at Santa Monica Place (395 Santa Monica Place, Unit 166 – between Nordstom and Tiffany & Co.). This exhibition is THE curated Collection of the finest original work of artist Peter Max. Previews begin on Friday with an amazing opening party from 6-8 p.m. RSVPs are requested at 866-900-6699 or Max@roadshowcompany.com

SATURDAY JULY 16

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

CAPITAL ONE ALL-STAR OCEANFRONT
All-Star event repeats Saturday/Sunday. Enjoy youth baseball and softball activities, beach yoga, sand sculptures, batting cages and more throughout this three-day event for all ages. Please note that Special Event Pricing will be in effect at the beach lots closest to the Pier from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. all weekend. If you arrive earlier, the standard rates apply. https://www.mlb.com/all-star/oceanfront

SUNDAY JULY 17

20TH ANNIVERSARY POOL PARTY
Dive in and celebrate the Swim Center's 20th-anniversary pool party with an afternoon full of family-friendly activities. Enjoy music, pool floats, food trucks, sweet treats, and special performances by the USA National Artistic Swim Team! Begins at 12 and ends at 4 p.m. Santa Monica Swim Center 2225 16th St. https://www.santamonica.gov/press/2022/07/05/santa-monica-swim-center-commemorates-its-20th-anniversary-with-a-community-pool-party

"SILENT" PIANO EXPERIENCE
Get ready for a magical journey as Murray Hidary's real-time compositions are beamed directly into one's mind while they kick back and take in their surroundings. Join organizers for a transformational evening where music and mindfulness meet. Don't forget to bring your favorite beach chair or blanket and warm layers. Begins at 7 and ends at 8:30 p.m. Santa Monica Beach (in front of Casa del Mar Hotel 1910 Ocean Way. Tickets required and can be purchased at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mindtravel-live-to-headphones-silent-piano-experience-santa-monica-beach-tickets-369207518627?aff=ebdssbdestsearch.

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **67.3**

THURSDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Long period SW swell slowly builds and should provide rideable and trending fun surf, largest in the afternoon.
FRIDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 3-4ft Waist to chest	Long period SW/SSW swell continues to slowly build through the day. Fun waves for many spots.

WEATHER

Thursday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 72.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 64.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 75.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/07/14	Thu	04:54 AM	-1.72	L
2022/07/14	Thu	11:24 AM	4.14	H
2022/07/14	Thu	4:02 PM	2.09	L
2022/07/14	Thu	10:20 PM	7.14	H
2022/07/15	Fri	05:40 AM	-1.54	L
2022/07/15	Fri	12:10 PM	4.28	H
2022/07/15	Fri	4:58 PM	2.06	L
2022/07/15	Fri	11:10 PM	6.71	H
2022/07/16	Sat	06:24 AM	-1.15	L
2022/07/16	Sat	12:57 PM	4.42	H
2022/07/16	Sat	5:57 PM	2.08	L
2022/07/17	Sun	12:01 AM	6.06	H
2022/07/17	Sun	07:06 AM	-0.60	L
2022/07/17	Sun	1:44 PM	4.57	H
2022/07/17	Sun	7:02 PM	2.13	L
2022/07/18	Mon	12:56 AM	5.25	H
2022/07/18	Mon	07:48 AM	0.06	L
2022/07/18	Mon	2:34 PM	4.72	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 7/11
4 26 34 37 52
Power#: 9
Jackpot: 66 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/12
4 7 10 45 64
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 480 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 7/9
2 17 19 23 39
Mega#: 5
Jackpot: 27 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/12
11 16 21 30 37

Daily 3
Draw Date: 7/12
EVENING: 2 6 3
Draw Date: 7/12
MIDDAY: 5 8 2

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 7/12
1st: 08 - Gorgeous George
2nd: 06 - Whirl Win
3rd: 10 - Solid Gold
Race Time: 1:45.26

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