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With just days until a new countywide indoor mask mandate was expected to come into effect, two LA County Supervisors on Tuesday pushed back against the proposed rule.

COVID-19 metrics in LA County moved into the "high" category as of July 14, triggering an automatic mask mandate that would go into effect two weeks later, according to rules currently in place, if infection rates and other metrics do not go back down before time is up — in this case, by Friday, July 29. But two county executives have voiced opposition to

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Truck thieves fail to steal ATM from bank

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The Santa Monica Police Department is looking for information related to the attempted theft of an ATM from a local bank.

According to SMPD, officers received a report of an attempted theft at 1:40 a.m. when a caller said a pickup truck was trying to take an ATM out of the Chase Bank at 2701 Wilshire Blvd.

When officers arrived they found a black Ford pickup truck still running with the doors open. A chain attached to the rear tow hitch had pulled the bank ATM off a center island median and it was left lying face down

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US economy sending mixed signals: Here's what it all means

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The U.S. economy is caught in an awkward, painful place. A confusing one, too.

Growth appears to be sputtering, home sales are tumbling and economists warn of a potential recession ahead. But consumers are still spending, businesses keep posting profits and the economy keeps adding hundreds of thousands of jobs each month.

In the midst of it all, prices have accelerated to four-decade highs, and the Federal Reserve is desperately trying to douse the inflationary flames with higher interest rates. That's making borrowing more expensive for households and businesses.

The Fed hopes to pull off the triple axel of central banking: Slow the economy just enough to curb inflation without causing a recession. Many economists doubt the Fed can manage that feat, a so-called soft landing.

Surging inflation is most often a side effect of a red-hot economy, not the current tepid pace of growth. Today's economic moment conjures dark memories of the 1970s, when scorching inflation co-existed, in a kind of toxic brew, with slow growth. It hatched an ugly new term: stagflation.

The United States isn't there yet. Though growth appears to be faltering, the job market still looks quite strong. And consumers, whose spending accounts for nearly 70% of economic output, are still spending, though at a slower pace.

So the Fed and economic forecasters are stuck in uncharted territory. They have no experience analyzing the economic damage from a global pandemic. The results so far have been humbling. They failed to anticipate the economy's blazing recovery from the 2020 recession — or the raging inflation it unleashed.

> We don't think a sledgehammer is necessary - Ian Shepherdson

Even after inflation accelerated in spring of last year, Fed Chair Jerome Powell and many other forecasters downplayed the price surge as merely a "transitory" consequence of supply bottlenecks that would fade soon.

It didn't.

Now the central bank is playing catch-up. It's raised its benchmark short-term interest rate three times since March. Last month, the Fed increased its rate by three-quarters of a percentage point, its biggest hike since 1994. The Fed's policymaking committee is expected to announce another three-quarter-point hike Wednesday.

Economists now worry that the Fed, having underestimated inflation, will overreact and drive rates ever higher, imperiling the economy. They caution the Fed against tightening credit too aggressively.

"We don't think a sledgehammer is necessary," Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics, said this week.

Here's a look at the economic vital signs that are sending frustratingly mixed signals to policymakers, businesses and forecasters:

THE OVERALL ECONOMY

As measured by the nation's gross domestic product — the broadest gauge of output — the economy has looked positively sickly so far this year. And steadily higher borrowing rates, engineered by the Fed, threaten to make things worse.

"Recession is likely," said Vincent Reinhart, a former Fed economist who is now chief economist at Dreyfus and Mellon.

After growing at a 37-year high 5.7% last year, the economy shrank at a 1.6% annual pace from January through March. For the April-June quarter, forecasters surveyed by the data firm FactSet estimate that growth equaled a scant 0.95% annual rate from April through June. (The government will issue its first estimate of April-June growth on Thursday.)

Some economists foresee another economic contraction for the second quarter. If that happened, it would further escalate recession fears. One informal definition of recession is two straight quarters of declining GDP. But the most widely accepted authority is the National Bureau of Economic Research, whose Business Cycle Dating Committee assesses a wide range of factors before declaring the death of an economic expansion and the birth of a recession. It defines a recession as "a significant decline in economic activity that is spread across the economy and that lasts more than a few months."

In any case, the economic drop in the January-March quarter looked worse than it actually was. It was caused by factors that don't mirror the economy's underlying health: A widening trade deficit, reflecting consumers' robust appetite for imports, shaved 3.2 percentage points off first-quarter growth. A post-holiday-season drop in company inventories subtracted an additional 0.4 percentage point.

Consumer spending, measured at a modest 1.8% annual rate from January through March, is still growing. Americans are losing confidence, though: Their assessment of economic conditions six months from now has reached its lowest point since 2013 in June, according to the Conference Board, a research group.

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DAILY POLICE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 298 CALLS ON JULY 25

Prowler There 600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:14 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:32 a.m.
Shots Fired 200Blk Beach St 12:35 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1300Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:39 a.m.
Public Intoxication 3000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:57 a.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:05 a.m.
Drinking In Public 1900Blk Main St 1:15 a.m.
Found Property 1900Blk Ocean Way 1:45 a.m.
Public Intoxication 800Blk 9th St 2:11 a.m.
Grand Theft 1400Blk 25th St 4:19 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Interstate 10 / Centinela Ave 4:24 a.m.
Bike Theft 2000Blk The Beach 5:32 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1300Blk Yale St 7:03 a.m.
Bike Theft 2000Blk The Beach 8:03 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Lincoln Blvd / Pearl St 8:15 a.m.
Auto Burglary 900Blk 17th St 8:22 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2300Blk 32nd St 8:35 a.m.
Of Shots Fired 17th St / Maple St 8:53 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1400Blk Olympic Blvd 9:00 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2600Blk The Beach 9:02 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1400Blk Olympic Blvd 9:08 a.m.
Found Property 1700Blk Cloverfield Blvd 9:22 a.m.
Burglary 400Blk 16th St 9:23 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 200Blk Santa Monica Pl 9:32 a.m.
Burglary 1500Blk Stanford St 9:38 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1900Blk 6th St 9:40 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2600Blk 5th St 9:41 a.m.
Expired Registration 2900Blk Nebraska Ave 9:46 a.m.
Lost Property 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:49 a.m.
Bike Theft 1000Blk Ocean Ave 10:02 a.m.
Encampment 1600Blk Euclid St 10:10 a.m.
Petty Theft 1800Blk Wilshire Blvd 10:11 a.m.
Expired Registration 2100Blk Dorchester Ave 10:13 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2500Blk Beverley Ave 10:21 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery 200Blk Broadway 10:22 a.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 2700Blk Barnard Way 10:35 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 200Blk 21st St 10:37 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1100Blk 17th St 10:50 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 200Blk 21st St 10:59 a.m.
Burglary 1100Blk Pearl St 11:09 a.m.
Petty Theft 10th St / Montana Ave 11:14 a.m.
Battery 1200Blk Lincoln Blvd 11:38 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 3100Blk Pico Blvd 11:42 a.m.
Encampment 2900Blk The Beach 12:30 p.m.
Petty Theft 2300Blk Main St 12:36 p.m.
Bike Theft 3000Blk Linda Lane 12:53 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1300Blk 15th St 12:59 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 800Blk Washington Ave 1:02 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1800Blk 34th St 1:12 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1400Blk Stanford St 1:16 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 600Blk Olympic Blvd E 1:16 p.m.
Fire Request Police 4th St / Broadway 1:30 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400Blk 4th St 2:06 p.m.
Sexual Assault 1200Blk 16th St 2:09 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1300Blk 18th St 2:11 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 2100Blk 10th St 2:29 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1300Blk 18th St 2:37 p.m.
Petty Theft 1200Blk 17th St 2:54 p.m.
Stalking 1500Blk Yale St 2:58 p.m.
Found Property 2100Blk Main St 3:20 p.m.
Encampment 1600Blk Euclid St 3:23 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 11th St / Carlyle Ave 3:24 p.m.
Arson 20th St / Delaware Ave 3:27 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 800Blk 4th St 3:33 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 800Blk 16th St 3:35 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1800Blk Euclid St 3:42 p.m.
Fraud 1500Blk 6th St 4:01 p.m.
Panic Alarm 1800Blk Colorado Ave 4:10 p.m.
Fraud 1000Blk Hill St 4:23 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 800Blk 16th St 4:23 p.m.
Identity Theft 500Blk S. Hill St 4:23 p.m.
Fraud 1000Blk Hill St 4:24 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300Blk Olympic Dr 4:29 p.m.
Elder Abuse 1500Blk Harvard St 4:42 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500Blk 12th St 5:09 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1400Blk 4th St 5:12 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 2200Blk 14th St 5:32 p.m.
Elder Abuse 1600Blk Cloverfield Blvd 5:33 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1400Blk 4th St 5:50 p.m.
Fraud 300Blk Olympic Dr 6:03 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 1600Blk Berkeley St 6:11 p.m.
Harassing Phone Calls 700Blk 22nd St 6:20 p.m.
Fight Interstate 10 / Lincoln Blvd 6:26 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2800Blk 3rd St 6:45 p.m.
Found Property 900Blk 9th St 6:51 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 900Blk 18th St 6:52 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1300Blk 4th St 6:52 p.m.
Construction Noise 2400Blk Beverley Ave 7:03 p.m.
Burglary 800Blk Lincoln Blvd 7:16 p.m.
Elder Abuse 1900Blk Euclid St 7:19 p.m.
Fraud 300Blk Olympic Dr 7:20 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:26 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1700Blk Stewart St 7:35 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 700Blk Ozone St 7:45 p.m.
Burglary 400Blk Pier Ave 7:46 p.m.
Burglary 2900Blk 31st St 8:08 p.m.
Elder Abuse 1400Blk 6th St 8:10 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1500Blk 4th St 8:23 p.m.
Loud Music 2100Blk The Beach 9:05 p.m.
Elder Abuse 1100Blk Ozone Ave 9:06 p.m.
Fight 400Blk Broadway 9:11 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 2400Blk Hill St 9:14 p.m.
Battery 1200Blk 20th St 9:29 p.m.
Fraud 1000Blk Hill St 9:31 p.m.
Fire Request Police 1500Blk Yale St 9:53 p.m.
Party Complaint 2300Blk Hill St 10:20 p.m.
Burglary 2900Blk 31st St 10:22 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Main St / Kinney St 10:39 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Main St / Pico Blvd 10:44 p.m.
Person With A Gun 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 10:46 p.m.
Grand Theft 2400Blk 3rd St 10:55 p.m.
Loud Music 2100Blk Ocean Front Walk 11:07 p.m.
Public Intoxication 200Blk Santa Monica Pier 11:12 p.m.

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EMS 200Blk Bicknell Ave 1:26 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk Lincoln Blvd 1:46 a.m.
EMS 400Blk 16th St 1:48 a.m.
EMS 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:28 a.m.
EMS 500Blk 18th St 6:39 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 20th St 7:12 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 300Blk Adelaide Dr 8:08 a.m.
EMS 16th St / Santa Monica Blvd 8:11 a.m.
Structure Fire 1500Blk 10th St 8:36 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 300Blk Adelaide Dr 8:47 a.m.
EMS 2200Blk 29th St 10:43 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk 10th St 11:16 a.m.
EMS 900Blk 6th St 11:21 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk 21st St 11:42 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2600Blk Broadway 12:29 p.m.
EMS 2800Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:17 p.m.
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EMS 1400Blk 10th St 1:18 p.m.
EMS 400Blk 23rd St 1:18 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Broadway 1:21 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400Blk 7th St 1:37 p.m.
EMS 900Blk 21st St 2:43 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:43 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500Blk Ocean Ave 2:53 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Arizona Ave 3:03 p.m.
EMS 3300Blk Virginia Ave 3:09 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 17th St 4:24 p.m.
EMS 800Blk Grant St 4:53 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500Blk Euclid St 5:46 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 4th St 5:50 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Physical Rescue 900Blk 18th St 6:52 p.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Ashland Ave 7:12 p.m.
EMS 1800Blk 10th St 7:30 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 7:53 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 7th St 8:02 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 400Blk Broadway 8:09 p.m.
EMS 1700Blk Centinela Ave 8:21 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk Yale St 9:45 p.m.
EMS 2200Blk 24th St 9:53 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 JULY 14 AT 8:30 A.M.

Officers responded to the rear of a multifamily location for a report of someone setting City trash containers on fire. The Santa Monica Fire Department also responded and extinguished the blaze. A reporting party alerted officers to the suspect, Charles Bennett, male 59 years old, who was observed looking into the container immediately before it catching fire. Bennett was found in possession of a lighter and placed under arrest.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

RFP: #326 BUS STOP AMENITIES STUDY

- **Submission Deadline Is August 25, 2022 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is ProcureNow (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for the RFP package.

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CALLING FOR BIDS
DISTRICT: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BID: 071822SH
TITLE: PHONE SYSTEM UPGRADE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter "the District" will receive up to, but not later than the below-stated date and time, sealed Bid Proposals for the Contract for the Work of the Project generally described as:

PHONE SYSTEM UPGRADE

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE BID PROPOSALS: All Bid Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished by the District. Bid Proposals must conform with, and be responsive to, the Bid and Contract Documents, copies of which may be obtained from the District as set forth above. Only Bid Proposals submitted to the District at or prior to the date and time set forth shall be considered.

MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: July 28, 2022 at 10am. Meet outside Media Services Information Technology Building, Pearl Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405.

BIDDER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE JOB WALK IS MANDATORY. COVID 19 PROTOCOLS IN EFFECT; SOCIAL DISTANCING, FACE COVERING OVER NOSE AND MOUTH REQUIRED. SIGN-IN IS REQUIRED. LATE ARRIVALS NOT PERMITTED. BIDDERS ARE TO MEET OUTSIDE OF THE MEDIA SERVICES INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUILDING, PEARL STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. THE BID PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY A BIDDER WHOSE REPRESENTATIVE(S) DID NOT ATTEND THE ENTIRETY OF THE MANDATORY JOB WALK WILL BE REJECTED BY THE DISTRICT AS BEING NON-RESPONSIVE.

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $300,000.00
CONTRACT DAYS: To be completed no later than May 1, 2023

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE BID PROPOSALS: August 24, 2022 at 2pm PST. All Bid Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished by the District. Bid Proposals must conform with, and be responsive to, the Bid and Contract Documents, copies of which may be obtained from the District as set forth above. Only Bid Proposals submitted to the District at or prior to the date and time set forth shall be considered.

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the District bidding website at: https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=13721#.

Substitute Security- In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code §22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under this contract.

GET IT DAILY...

COMMUNITY NEWS

Santa Monica Pier

Youthful Savings Celebrates LEAD Program Graduates of the "My Own Business Challenge"

Youthful Savings - the company behind Youthful Savings Marketplace (YSM) - and the city of Santa Monica LEAD program will come together to celebrate young entrepreneurs with a selling showcase and networking event on July 29.

The young entrepreneurs are graduates of the My Own Business Challenge. All graduates have the ability to become online vendors on YSM. This event will give youth who are active vendors on YSM the opportunity to come to the famous Santa Monica Pier and have their own booth for the day where they can sell in-person their e-commerce products. Logistics and location on the Pier are provided to them by Greg Morena, outside of his 45-year-old family restaurant, The Albright.

> The LEAD program x Youthful Savings can be the future of teaching our youth real life skills - Ana G. Jara

The Santa Monica Police Department's LEAD (Leadership, Engagement, Achievement, Discovery) program focuses on intervention and prevention strategies to help build leadership and practical skills among the youth they serve. The Pico Lab was created within the LEAD program for young people to learn entrepreneurship and it teaches young people how to start their own business and plug into existing economic avenues in our community. The LEAD program prides itself on being able to collaborate with allied professionals from different spaces.

Ana G. Jara, city of Santa Monica Youth and Family Services Support Coordinator, St Joseph's Center, the Police Officers Association and Morena all helped create, fund and operate this innovative youth community and economic development program.

"The LEAD program x Youthful Savings can be the future of teaching our youth real life skills," said Jara. "Young people have the innovation and creativity to bring about new systems and ways of life. It is our responsibility as adults to support that curiosity and gather resources toward that end. Youthful Savings is both connecting youth and helping change systems. We are grateful for their partnership and work. Young people need encouragement, support, services and tangible resources."

The My Own Business Challenge is a course that teaches youth necessary business and financial empowerment skills. Each youth that is a part of the LEAD program is a subscriber to The Learning Marketplace which is the place where youth can come to learn practical and real-world skills such as entrepreneurship principles, conflict resolution, mental health education, information on bitcoin, the blockchain and how to invest. The youth marketplace provided by YSM ties all of this together by creating a way for these youth to showcase their learned skills through selling tangible goods. Youth are able to learn and earn while empowering themselves and their community.

About Youthful Savings:

Youthful Savings is a learning ecosystem dedicated to socioeconomic empowerment through mental wellbeing, economic empowerment and community development. Youthful Savings provides youth with online education through The Learning Marketplace and a platform to create global online businesses via Youthful Savings Marketplace. Through Youthful Savings, youth have the ability to create a more inclusive global economy. For more information, visit www.youthfulsavings.com

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CRIME

FROM PAGE 1

in the middle of the parking lot. A computer check revealed the truck had been stolen from Santa Monica the day before.

A witness told officers he heard a loud crashing sound and saw who suspects exit the vehicle and flee east through the alley, potentially into another vehicle.

SMPD officers towed the vehicle which was processed by the Forensics Unit and SMPD detectives are following up.

Anyone with any information about this crime or the suspects involved is encouraged to contact Detective Hector Tavera at 310-8946.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

California's economic recovery is slowing down

Dan Walters

The good news about California's economy is that it is still recovering from the very severe recession that hit the state in 2020 as Gov. Gavin Newsom shut down much of the state's business to battle COVID-19.

The not-so-good news is that the state still hasn't recovered all of the two-plus million jobs that disappeared when employers closed their doors and its unemployment rate, while continuing to drop, is still the 41st highest among the states. In fact, at 4.2%, it's slightly higher than Texas' jobless rate and 50% higher than Florida's, two states that Newsom takes delight in needling.

The least positive news about the state's economy is that the rate of employment gains is slowing as many employers pause hiring due to widening fears that the nation is on the cusp of a new recession.

The nation's economic growth has been negative for the past two quarters, in part because the Federal Reserve System has raised interest rates to counteract inflation, which has soared to record levels in recent months, and has signaled an intention to hike the rates even further.

Newsom has habitually issued extravagant boasts about the monthly employment reports. In June, for instance, his office declared that "California reduces unemployment to pre-pandemic levels, has created more jobs over the past year than any other state."

In contrast, Newsom's response to last week's report was tepid, saying only, "California adds jobs for the ninth consecutive month while unemployment rate continues to decline." It indicated that Newsom knows that job growth is slowing.

"After an impressive start to the year, in which the state added jobs at a rate 20% higher than the rest of the nation, we shouldn't over-interpret a slowdown in one month," Taner Osman, research manager at Beacon Economics and the UCR Center for Economic Forecasting, said in an analysis of the employment data released last week.

Osman also noted that while employers must also deal with a stubborn shortage of applicants for vacancies they already have. He warned that "California's tight labor market has not eased up and will continue to act as a constraint on job growth."

California's labor force — the number of people working or looking for work — is about 200,000 workers smaller than it was in February, 2020, just before the pandemic-induced recession struck.

Another sign of a slowdown in California's recovery is that personal income tax revenues in June were $3.3 billion under the state budget's forecast for the month. The shortfall appears to largely stem from sharp declines in the stock market earlier in the year.

The state's 2022-23 budget, approved last month, is based a projected $97 billion surplus, which is being allocated to schools and a raft of new and expanded programs. However, if recession fears become a reality, that cornucopia of revenues could vanish.

Personal income taxes are about three-quarters of the state's general fund revenues, and nearly half of them are paid by the top 1% of tax filers, whose taxable incomes are largely tied to gains in stocks and other investments. Their incomes were largely untouched by the pandemic recession but could decline sharply in a more conventional economic downturn, hitting the state treasury hard.

All-in-all, the signs of a slowdown in California's economy abound but we don't know whether it's just a temporary blip or the beginning of a serious downturn born of global shortcomings in the flow of goods, high inflation, rising interest rates and shortages of workers.

After all, we are not an island.

This article was originally published by CalMatters.

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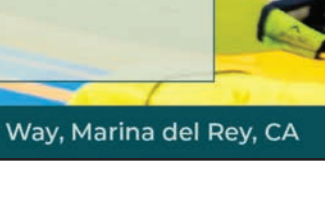
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the proposal.

LA County Director of Public Health Barbara Ferrer regularly offers COVID-19 updates during LA County Board of Supervisor meetings and this Tuesday, July 26, was no different. But whereas Ferrer's updates usually contain updates to numerical data such as hospitalization rates, test positivity rate and new cases, this week Ferrer's presentation included the Department's arguments for renewed indoor masking, as well as a pitch for continued vigilance against new variants of COVID-19.

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Among Ferrer's data points were sections on the prevalence of prolonged symptoms — "Long COVID" — the risk for reinfection and the increased risk for elderly people and other vulnerable residents as cases rise in the general population.

Ferrer also compared mask mandates to other public health mandates such as bans on indoor smoking and driving under the influence of alcohol.

"We have already seen that [COVID-19] risk is lowered when everyone wears masks, and we also already are subject to many other safety requirements that we must follow to reduce risk for both ourselves and others," Ferrer said. "We no longer allow smoking by individuals in shared spaces. This reduces everyone's exposure to the toxins that are present in cigarette smoke. We require many thousands of individual food handlers to always wash their hands before they handle food. There are many laws related to automobile safety that we must all follow, even though as we have seen, there are far fewer deaths from car accidents in LA County than from COVID."

During the meeting, Third District Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, representing Santa Monica and the westside, urged masking to protect vulnerable service workers who commute across her district from lower-income neighborhoods — she specifically cited Pacoima and Sylmar — into wealthy ones.

"I certainly want to say to my constituents how important it is to protect those people whom we take for granted as the people who serve us, because over the course of the pandemic, as you recall, Pacoima and Sylmar were often at the very top of the percentage of infections," Kuehl said. "That's not to take anything away from other communities in East and South LA and everywhere else, but just to say, the Third [District] has our share, as well, of workers whom people who don't wear masks are putting at risk."

But two Supervisors spoke out against the reinstatement of mandates. Representatives for LA County's fourth and fifth districts each said they received strong pushback against the reinstatement of indoor masking in the nearly two weeks since the impending mandate was first announced.

Supervisor Kathryn Barger, representing the Fifth District, encompassing the far northern areas of the county including Santa Clarita, Palmdale, Lancaster and the Angeles National Forest, penned a public letter on Monday saying she would not support a return to mask mandates (but said she personally would wear a mask when she deemed it appropriate).

"Lastly, I'd like to clarify that I am not against using masks. I believe 'masking-up' makes a lot of sense for individuals who want or need an extra layer of protection. I support our current COVID-19 public health masking policies, which require their use while using public transportation, in hospitals, homeless shelters and jails. However, imposing a one-size-fits-all masking mandate now for all is not something I can or will support," Barger wrote. "As I've said countless times, to effectively fight the COVID-19 pandemic and mitigate its effects, we need clarity and consistency. This means trusting the public to make personal COVID-19 prevention decisions to keep themselves and their loved ones safe, promoting the efficacy of vaccines and boosters, and investing in equitable access to COVID-19 treatments."

Following Ferrer's presentation on Tuesday, Supervisor Janice Hahn, representing the far southern part of LA County including Long Beach, Rancho Palos Verdes, Cerritos, La Mirada and Whittier, said that her constituents had sent her hundreds of letters opposing the impending mandate.

"My office has received thousands of phone calls, emails, letters from people who are vehemently against us reinstating the indoor mask mandate on July 29," Hahn said, adding that small business owners told her they were particularly concerned about the burden of enforcement. She also said many people voiced confusion over why mandates were necessary when hospitals were not overwhelmed.

"I'm representing the people that are calling my office, I'm their voice, sometimes more than my own voice," Hahn said.

Ferrer suggested the constituents who wrote in against mandates were anti-mask, but Hahn said many of them had been on board with previous mask rules.

Hahn suggested LA County Public Health consider a compromise, mandating masks in grocery stores and pharmacies as additional "essential" businesses, but hold off on imposing mandates in other indoor spaces.

Ferrer said her office would take that suggestion under consideration.

LA County Department of Public Health was scheduled to present a COVID-19 update on Thursday afternoon, July 28. At that update, Ferrer was expected to announce whether a mask mandate would be put back into place the following day.

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District hopes salary increase will help retain talent

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With high rates of inflation making headlines this summer — recent data shows the June 2021 to June 2022 inflation rate hit a staggering 9.1% — Santa Monica school staff have worked to ensure wages are keeping pace.

On Thursday, July 21, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) Board of Education approved new rates for contracts going into the 2022-23 school year, with teachers earning 10% wage increases. Teachers will also see a 0.57% salary increase as part of "step and column" increases, which essentially provide increases to salaries in a "step" program to incentivize teachers to retain employment with the District. The raises are retroactive back to Jun 2021.

> "We think this is definitely going to keep us more competitive ... and attract and retain staff that we need - Ben Drati

The 20-page collective bargaining disclosure was the result of negotiations between the SMMUSD and SMMCTA (Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association) in May 2022.

According to the contract, the salary increases will add an additional $6.661 million to District expenses.

"The context of our negotiations took place in an increasingly difficult employment market, where the district is competing with public and private employers who are increasing salaries in order to fill vacant positions or retain employees in their workforces," Assistant Superintendent Mark Kelly told the Board. "The District's last raise was 2.25 [percent] on-schedule raise in 2019 -22. And it was only on the base salary, and did not include any increases to other forms of compensation such as stipends, established hourly and substitute teacher pay."

In addition to salary increases, the new contract amendments show substitute teachers' daily rates increased 14.8% from $183 to $210 per day.

As of July 18, the SMMUSD website indicated the District was recruiting for about two dozen certificated positions including 14 salaried staff members, most with salaries offered between about $51,000 to around $85,000 depending on the position, plus applicants' experience and credentials.

State law requires school districts to prove they can meet financial obligations before they approve salary increases, though a piece of legislation passed in 1991 called AB 1200. SMMUSD staff indicated the contract amendments meet the requirements, with Superintendent Ben Drati and Assistant Superintendent Melody Canady signing a June 29 document that stated, "The District has ample available reserves in regard to the affordability of this agreement."

During a school board meeting back in October 2021, District administrators described a staffing shortage across the district, which SMMCTA President Claudia Bautista-Nicholas said was due in part to the long commutes teachers were forced to undergo as salaries did not allow them to live in Santa Monica.

The same concern was addressed on Thursday, with Drati saying teachers were often driving from as far away as Oxnard and the Valley, who would jump on opportunities to take jobs closer to their homes, even mid-year.

"We think this is definitely going to keep us more competitive ... and attract and retain staff that we need," Drati said, "and they're their most important assets that we have to educate our students, so I definitely endorse this and I hope you will too."

The School Board voted unanimously, 7-0, to approve the raises.

Wage increases are not guaranteed every year. In 2014, the Daily Press reported there had been a four-year freeze in wage hikes for teachers from 2008-14. At the time of that article eight years ago, a first year teacher with a basic college degree made $44,341 annually in the SMMUSD, according to the salary schedule on the district's website. A teacher with 18 years of experience and 70 or more graduate level semester units could make $89,135.

As of 2019, the same entry level teacher would earn $50,980 to begin, and the teacher with 18 years of experience and 70 or more graduate level semester units would be offered $102,483.

If approved, the 10.57% wage increase would mean first year teachers with bachelor's degrees would earn $56,368 and the experienced teacher would get $113,315.

In addition, management positions also received the same 10% raise, with six of seven board members voting to approve the increase. One board member, Laurie Lieberman, did not cast a vote due to exiting the meeting for a family emergency, but other board members said she had been in support of approval as well.

A similar wage increase for classified employees — like security guards, bus drivers and cafeteria workers — was set to move forward at the Thursday, Sept. 1, board meeting.

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Biden fights talk of recession as key economic report looms

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Facing a potentially grim report this week on the economy's overall health, President Joe Biden wants to convince a skeptical public that the U.S. is not, in fact, heading into a recession.

The Commerce Department on Thursday will release new gross domestic product figures. Top forecasts such as the Atlanta Federal Reserve's GDPNow are predicting that the figure will be negative for the second straight quarter — an informal signal that the country is stuck in a downturn. That's political chum for Republicans in an election year.

The Biden administration is pre-emptively telling voters not to judge the economy by GDP or inflation alone. It says people should look at job gains, industrial output and other measures that point toward continued growth, even as Americans are downbeat in polls on the economy and Biden. The president maintains the economy is just cooling off after a sharp recovery from the 2020 recession caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

"We're not going to be in a recession, in my view," Biden said Monday. "My hope is we go from this rapid growth to steady growth."

The specter of a recession could worsen what already appears to a bleak round of midterm elections this November, in which Biden's Democrats could possibly lose control of the House and Senate. Biden's team gave technical arguments in a report issued last week about how recessions depend on a dashboard of indicators and that only the non-governmental National Bureau of Economic Research can formally say when a downturn begins.

> "You'll have Republicans saying two consecutive quarters of negative growth — that's a recession - Michael Strain"

Republicans warn that the GDP report could show an economy in collapse, noting that Biden was also wrong on inflation as the consumer price index has jumped to a 40-year high despite assurances that the price increases would fade as the country moved past the pandemic.

"The White House published a whole explanation insisting that even if the new data suggest that our country is in recession, we actually won't be," Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell said in Monday in a speech to the Senate.

"The same people who said inflation wouldn't happen," he continued, "are now insisting we aren't headed into a recession. Draw your own conclusions."

The GDP report will likely be a "choose your own economy" kind of messaging in which voters will decide which numbers resonate with them the most. It's GOP bluntness against Democratic nuance.

"You'll have Republicans saying two consecutive quarters of negative growth — that's a recession," said Michael Strain, director of economic policy studies at the center-right American Enterprise Institute. "And you'll have Democrats making this kind of hard to follow argument that we're not in recession, but, yes, we are slowing down. If I had to bet, I would bet that the Republican argument gets more traction."

Not only is the likely GOP message more direct, it also leans into how many Americans feel right now.

A July poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that 83% believe the U.S. is going in the wrong direction. That's a sharp reversal from May of 2021 when 54% said the country was headed in the right direction, a level of approval that overlapped with an increase in vaccinations against COVID-19 and payments flowing from Biden's $1.9 trillion pandemic relief package.

Separately, the University of Michigan's index of consumer sentiment is lower now than it was during the worst months of the 2008 financial crisis, an epic recession that involved the crash of the housing and stock markets and required a burst of government aid.

The negativity has left the Biden administration trying to make the case that things are better than people think. Their argument starts with the torrid pace of hiring, with an average of 375,000 jobs being added monthly during the second quarter. Unemployment has held at 3.6% since March.

An alternative measure of the overall economy called gross domestic income contradicts GDP, showing that there was growth during the first three months of the year instead of decline. And gasoline prices, a core vulnerability for Biden, have fallen more than 60 cents a gallon since the middle of June, evidence that some inflationary pressures are easing.

Both publicly and privately, administration

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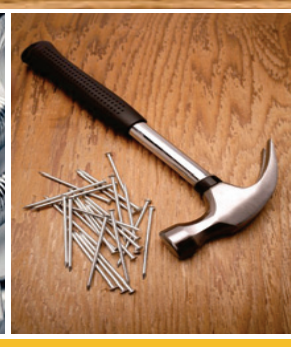
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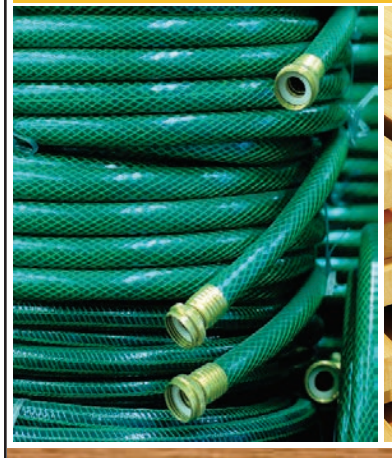
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Feds investigate USC student's complaint of anti-Semitism

The U.S. Department of Education will investigate the University of Southern California after a Jewish student claimed she resigned from student government because she endured harassment over her pro-Israel views.

The probe by the department's Office for Civil Rights stems from a complaint by the Jewish advocacy nonprofit Louis D. Brandeis Center alleging the university in Los Angeles "allowed a hostile environment of anti-Semitism to proliferate on its campus," the center said in a statement Tuesday.

The complaint was filed on behalf of Rose Ritch, who stepped down as student body vice president in August 2020. Ritch said she resigned following a campaign to remove her over her alleged lack of commitment to racial justice amid the national outcry over George Floyd's killing and the Black Lives Matter movement.

Ritch said she faced hateful comments on social media over her support for Israel. The complaint alleges USC failed to protect Ritch from harassment.

USC said in a statement Tuesday that it has "made a number of commitments" to combat anti-Semitism, including developing partnerships with national organizations such as the Anti-Defamation League, the Jewish Federation and the American Jewish Committee.

"We are continuing to take these steps to further build on the welcoming environment we have created for our Jewish community. We look forward to addressing any concerns or questions by the U.S. Department of Education regarding this matter," the university statement said.

Ritch wrote in a 2020 Newsweek op-ed that some of her fellow students launched an impeachment campaign because she was "a Jew who supports Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state — i.e., a Zionist."

"I was told my support for Israel made me complicit in racism, and that by association, I am racist," Ritch wrote.

USC failed to speak out publicly in support of Ritch and did not condemn or even acknowledge the harassment that she faced, the Brandeis Center said in its complaint.

"Through its silence and inaction, the University tolerated the discriminatory harassment directed at Ms. Ritch, thus emboldening it and leaving Ms. Ritch vulnerable to the negative effects of the hostile environment that the harassment created at USC," the complaint said.

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ECONOMY

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INFLATION

What's agitating consumers is no secret: They're reeling from painful prices at gasoline stations, grocery stores and auto dealerships.

The Labor Department's consumer price index skyrocketed 9.1% in June from a year earlier, a pace not seen since 1981. The price of gasoline has jumped 61% over the past year, airfares 34%, eggs 33%.

And despite widespread pay raises, prices are surging faster than wages. In June, average hourly earnings slid 3.6% from a year earlier adjusting for inflation, the 15th straight monthly drop from a year earlier.

And on Monday, Walmart, the nation's largest retailer, lowered its profit outlook, saying that higher gas and food prices were forcing shoppers to spend less on many discretionary items, like new clothing.

The price spikes have been ignited by a combination of brisk consumer demand and global shortages of factory parts, food, energy and labor. And so the Fed is now aggressively raising rates.

"There is a risk of overdoing it," warned Ellen Gaske, an economist at PGIM Fixed Income. "Because inflation is so bad right now, they are focused on the here and now of each monthly CPI report. The latest one showed no letup."

JOBS

Despite inflation, rate hikes and declining consumer confidence, one thing has remained solid: The job market, the most crucial pillar of the economy. Employers added a record 6.7 million jobs last year. And so far this year, they're adding an average of 457,000 more each month.

The unemployment rate, at 3.6% for four straight months, is near a half-century low. Employers have posted at least 11 million job openings for six consecutive months. The government says there are two job openings, on average, for every unemployed American, the highest such ratio on record.

Job security and the opportunity to advance to better positions are providing the confidence and financial wherewithal for Americans to spend and keep the job machine churning.

Still, it's unclear how long a hiring boom will last. In keeping up their spending in the face of high inflation, Americans have been drawing down the heavy savings they built up during the pandemic. That won't last indefinitely. And the Fed's rate hikes mean it's increasingly expensive to buy a house, a car or a major appliance on credit.

The weekly number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits, a proxy for layoffs and a bellwether for where the job market may be headed, reached 251,000 in the most recent reading. That's still quite low by historic standards, but it's the most since November.

MANUFACTURING

COVID-19 kept millions of Americans cooped up at home. But it didn't stop them from spending. Unable to go out to restaurants, bars and movie theaters, people instead loaded up on factory-made goods — appliances, furniture, exercise equipment.

Factories have enjoyed 25 consecutive months of expansion, according to the Institute for Supply Management's manufacturing index. Customer demand has been strong, though supply chain bottlenecks have made it hard for factories to fill orders.

Now, the factory boom is showing signs of strain. The ISM's index dropped last month to its lowest level in two years. New orders declined. Factory hiring dropped for a second straight month.

A key factor is that the Fed's rate hikes are heightening borrowing costs and the value of the U.S. dollar against other currencies, a move that makes American goods more expensive overseas.

"We doubt the outlook for manufacturing will improve any time soon," Andrew Hunter, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics, wrote this month. "Weakening global growth and the drag from the stronger dollar look set to keep U.S. manufacturers under pressure over the coming months."

HOUSING

No sector of the U.S. economy is more sensitive to interest rate increases than housing. And the Fed's hikes and the prospect of steadily tighter credit are taking a toll.

Mortgage rates have risen along with the Fed's benchmark rate. The average rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage hit 5.54% last week, nearly double its level a year earlier.

The government reported Tuesday that sales of new single-family homes fell 8% last month from May and 17% from June 2021. And sales of previously occupied homes dropped in June for a fifth straight month. They're down more than 14% from June 2021.

In response to the rapidly slowing home market, builders are cutting back. Construction of single-family homes dropped last month to its lowest level since March 2020, at the height of pandemic lockdowns.

AP Economics Writer Christopher Rugaber contributed to this report.

RECESSION

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officials say the GDP report won't tell the whole story.

"When you're creating almost 400,000 jobs a month, that is not a recession," Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Still, inflation has undermined the robust job market. Wage gains have failed to keep pace with price increases, meaning many people are effectively earning less money. There are also economic threats from abroad as China and many European economies are slowing down in ways that could spill over to the U.S. as the Federal Reserve is focused on raising interest rates in order to lower inflation.

But so long as hiring continues, liberal economists believe that public opinion will change and fears of a recession will fade. The White House analyses are "grounded in data," said Heidi Shierholz, president of the liberal Economic Policy Institute.

"People will understand that if we continue to have extremely low unemployment that the idea we're in a recession just doesn't make a lot of sense," she said.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 27)

Seeking pleasure isn't selfish this year because the thing you do for sheer joy also happens to spread joy to others. You will be nurtured by what enthralls you. A sport or special interest will connect you with new friends and work, too. Love gets your undivided attention and gives you back everything and more. Sagittarius and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 33, 38, 4 and 17.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Be patient with your process now. Assume it's going to take time and enjoy all the attempts don't quite hit. There are hundreds of ways to do a thing, and you'll try dozens before you start to find the way that feels like yours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your creativity won't come out of nowhere like a lightning bolt in the sky. Instead, it will be a response to the environment, a solution to a problem or a reaction to a limitation. You'll be creative because you need to be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Though it's not possible to make someone understand things the way you do, you'll point out what you see anyway, explain your insights, and give those wit1h the capacity to share in your vision an invitation to do so.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The best leaders are the ones who ultimately render their leadership unnecessary. You want to empower others, not make them dependent on you. You'll clear a path, show the way and teach what you know.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You can trust that things are coming to you in their perfect timing. Just as hunger makes food taste better, a reward that's been a long time coming will be all the sweeter for the delay.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Emotions aren't always so clear-cut as to be represented in a row of emoticons. There's no need to judge yourself if you don't know how you feel yet. Whatever comes up, it's acceptable. All will be processed in time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Under the city lights, it's hard to see the stars. So when you come to a lightless stretch, there's no need to be afraid. Let it comfort you like a blanket and remember, for anything to be truly dazzling, you need the dark.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Time will be well-spent developing your unique style. You strive to portray your attributes to the highest possible achievement. When friends pump you up, it helps you identify and focus on your strengths.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're not afraid to say anything that needs to be said, and yet you are mindful of other people's feelings and therefore will observe the current mood conditions in order to thoughtfully land on an approach that feels right.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Today is like an addition problem in which you already have the sum, but an addend is missing. Once you identify exactly what you need to get to the other side of that equal sign, you'll find it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone close will remind you of a parent and bring up deep feelings in the process. You are more mature now and can handle this with grace. You might see it as an opportunity to heal the past and solve the present at once.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a time and place for critical thought but it's not a response for every situation. You'll abandon reason for spontaneity and fun — an attractive move. You'll have more people around you than you know what to do with.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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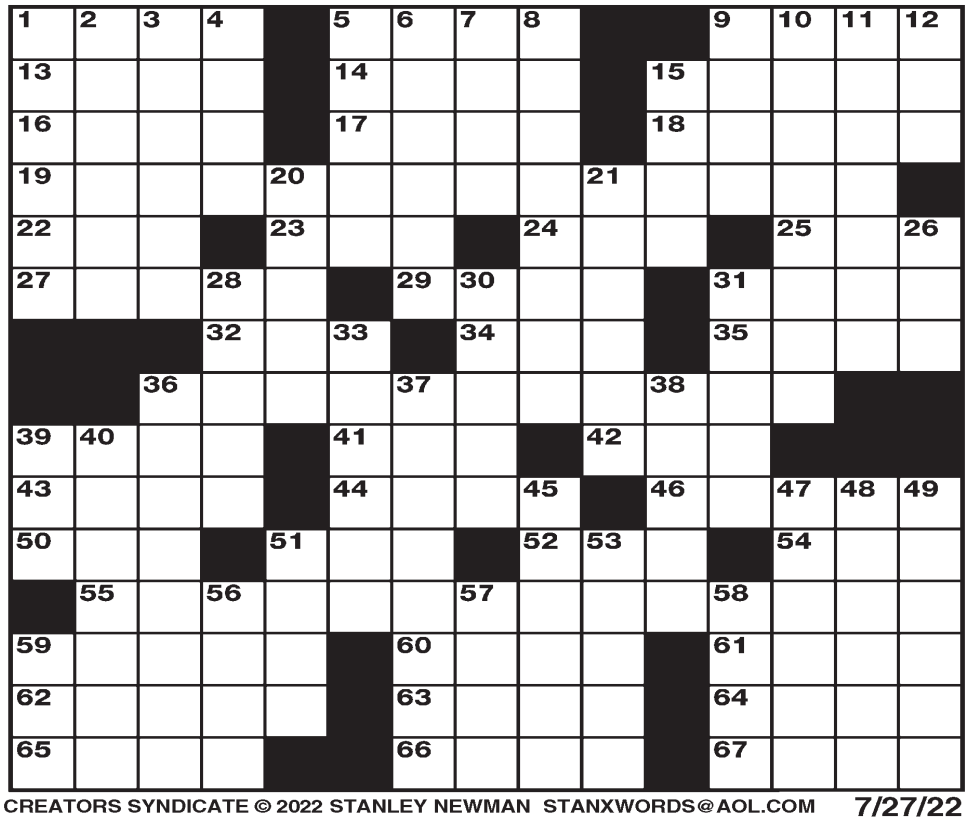
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1 Summon via beeper
5 Without any warranty
9 Bits of paint
13 Sort of circular
14 Quick snack
15 Semester-ending exam
16 Aspirin tablet
17 Forbidden action
18 Each and __ (all)
19 Madonna's "sermon" song
22 Noteworthy period
23 Center of a hurricane
24 Hair goo
25 Homer Simpson's cry
27 Bob who wrote "Mr. Tambourine Man"
29 Sudden attack
31 Handle adversity
32 $1,000,000, for short
34 Title for some wives
35 __-bitsy
36 Person seen on frozen pizza boxes
39 Armed conflicts
41 Skillet or wok
42 Gobbled down
43 What hula dancers sway
44 Movie rentals: Abbr.
46 Aromas
50 Rock removed from mines
51 Unhappy spectator's shout
52 Point at a target
54 Salesperson, for short
55 Large keyboard instrument
59 Former attorney general Reno
60 Poplar or persimmon
61 *Beetle Bailey* dog
62 Give the slip to
63 Queen in *Frozen*
64 Sunday to Saturday
65 Crunchy sandwiches, for short
66 __ and dashes (Morse code symbols)
67 Calculates a sum

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2 Zoo facility for birds
3 Female friend
4 Jazz great Fitzgerald
5 Pester
6 At an earlier date
7 Does not exist
8 Female salesclerk
9 Hard-to-please actress
10 Cute little story
11 Visits multiple pubs
12 Cunning
15 Know somehow
20 Jeans material
21 Water parted in Exodus
26 "You there!"
28 Accumulate in quantity
30 Alter, as the Constitution
31 Quoted as a source
33 Yorkie or Chihuahua
36 Monocled Planters mascot
37 Romped happily
38 Step angrily (on)
39 "__ do you think you are?"
40 Badly missed hoops shot
45 Most sensible
47 Gave a formal speech
48 Took a lease for
49 Unnerves, so to speak
51 Computer storage measure
53 Brainstorms
56 Mattress holders
57 Singer Guthrie
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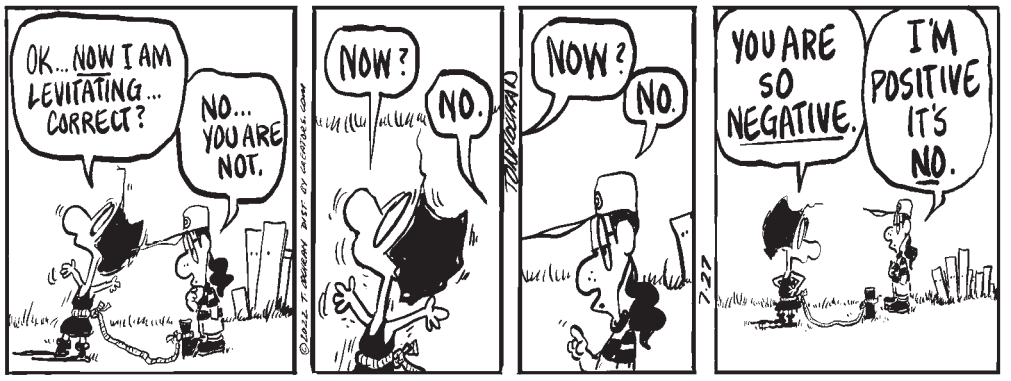


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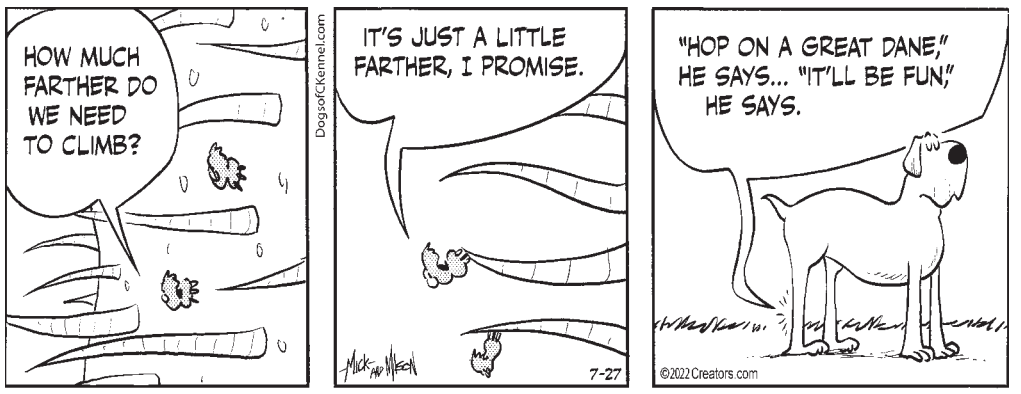
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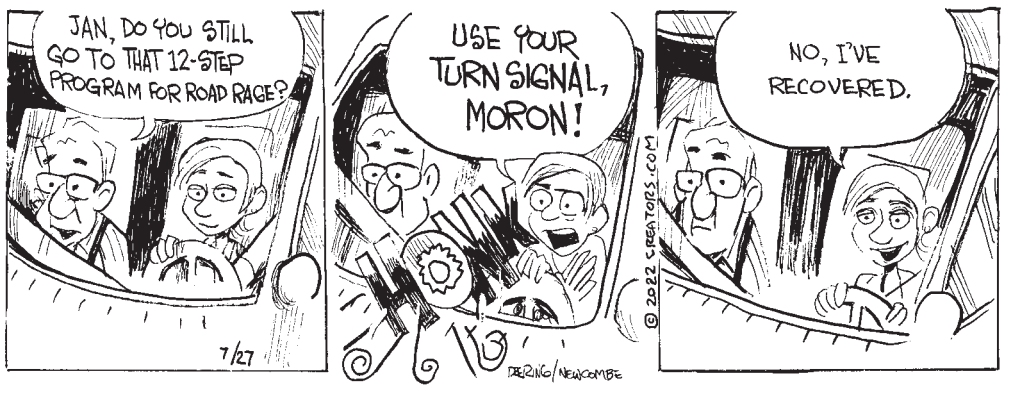
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"PUPPET HEATHCLIFF DOESN'T LIKE YOU VERY MUCH."

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

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Alice Springs	Darwin	Heat	South
Axle	Depot	Idle	Spare
Bogie	Dips	Loner	Stop
Break	Dirt	Mt Isa	Tired
Bunk	Distance	Race	Toll
Chains	Dogs	Rigs	Transportation
Coal	Emergency	Rims	Tyres
Cows	Freeway	Roos	Unload
Dalby	Fuel	Rope	Volvo
Damage	Gates	Rugged	Weighbridge
Danger	Gears	Semi	West
	Goods	Sleep	

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WEDNESDAY JULY 27

MAIN STREET FOOD TRUCKS
Come taste delicious food located one block from the beach, in the parking lot of the California Heritage Museum at 2612 Main Street (on the corner of Main Street and Ocean Park Boulevard) 5 - 9 p.m.

DAVID ULIN IN CONVERSATION WITH LAILA LALAMI
David Ulin, editor of the Library of America's collected volumes "Joan Didion: The 1960s & 70s" and "Joan Didion: The 1980s & 90s", and Laila Lalami, Pulitzer Prize (The Moor's Account) and National Book Award (The Other Americans) finalist, discuss the influence of Joan Didion on the literary landscape of the last seven decades Registration not required. 6 - 7 p.m. Main Library.

FIRST TIMERS CLUB
Every comic has an origin story. Catch Mateen Stewart and Martin Morrow's 21+ comedy show, First Timer's Club on the 4th Wednesday of every month with the first show on June 29. Doors open at 7:45 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. sharp! Proof of vaccination required. Seating is limited. Purchase your tickets and reserve your seat at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-timers-club-tickets-371893552627. 8 - 9:30 p.m. $15.

THURSDAY JULY 28

POOL OPEN
The pool is open daily Sunday, June 19 through Monday, September 5. Pool hours effective July 1-September 5: Monday through Thursday 12 - 6 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Sunday 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

FRIDAY JULY 29

THE FRIDAY SHOW
Start your weekend right with The Friday Show, featuring national headliners, comics from TV and Film, and some favorite locals. This show is 21 and over only, please bring a valid ID. Ticket must be purchased in advanced. To see the lineup and purchase your tickets, visit https://web.ovationtix.com/trs/dept/1799/1656648000000. 8 - 9:30 p.m. $25. M. I.'s Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd Street Promenade (in the alley between 3rd & 4th).

CALL ME BY MY HEBREW NAME
Join musical comedy master of ceremonies Abby Feldman and celebrate a Friday Shabbat with laughs in a musical comedy show with a lineup of talent! Doors for this 21+ show open at 7:45 p.m.. Show starts at 8 p.m. Ready to laugh? Find more information and purchase your tickets online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/call-me-by-my-hebrew-name-tickets-383140191627. The Crow, 2525 Michigan Avenue, Unit F4.

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. annenbergbeachhouse.com.

SATURDAY JULY 30

MERMAID ACADEMY
The warm summer weather has brought our local mermaids to the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel pool for the summer. Join us for Mermaid Academy, where aspiring mermaids will learn how to use their mermaid tails, search for hidden pool treasures, and swim with our mermaids. Mermaid tails are provided. Enjoy a special bakery treat following your mermaid adventure. 10 - 10:45 a.m. $45. Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel, 1700 Ocean Ave. https://resy.com/cities/lax/venues/blue-streak-at-loews-santa-monica-beach-hotel/events/mermaid-academy-2022-07-09.

STAND UP PADDLEBOARD CLASS
$45/class, pre-register online at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Home. Age 14 and up. This class offers you the chance to learn the basics and enjoy the world-famous Santa Monica State Beach from a whole new perspective. Participants will learn water safety, entering and exiting the water with the board and paddle, and the basic positions, techniques and strokes needed to enjoy their time on the water. 9 - 11 a.m. 415 Pacific Coast Hwy.

DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA WALKING TOUR
Discover downtown Santa Monica's architecture, history and culture with one of our highly engaging docents. 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.

SUNDAY JULY 31

TOURS OF THE MARION DAVIES GUEST HOUSE
Santa Monica Conservancy docents share the rich history of the Beach House site from the 1920s onward. Free 20-minute visits docent tours are available on a walk-up basis, for groups of up to six people on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 12pm – 2pm. Just head to the Marion Davies Guest House where you will be greeted by a docent. Please note masks are required while indoors. Schedule subject to change, check the website calendar or call 310-458-4904 to confirm dates and hours. 12 - 2 p.m.

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **68.0**

WEDNESDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 3-4ft Waist to chest	Modest SSW swell tops out. Shape favors summer points, with only minor NW swell mixing in. Morning wind looks light with a decent tide push for the dawn patrol.
THURSDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	Lingering SSW swell on tap, starts to wind down in the afternoon. Minor NW swell but maybe a little corner out west. Morning wind looks favorable but you'll likely want to wait out the early low tide.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 70.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.
Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 69.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/07/27	Wed	04:01 AM	-0.38	L
2022/07/27	Wed	10:35 AM	3.80	H
2022/07/27	Wed	2:57 PM	2.57	L
2022/07/27	Wed	9:10 PM	6.11	H
2022/07/28	Thu	04:30 AM	-0.41	L
2022/07/28	Thu	11:01 AM	3.86	H
2022/07/28	Thu	3:31 PM	2.46	L
2022/07/28	Thu	9:42 PM	6.13	H
2022/07/29	Fri	04:59 AM	-0.39	L
2022/07/29	Fri	11:28 AM	3.94	H
2022/07/29	Fri	4:06 PM	2.38	L
2022/07/29	Fri	10:14 PM	6.04	H
2022/07/30	Sat	05:27 AM	-0.29	L
2022/07/30	Sat	11:57 AM	4.03	H
2022/07/30	Sat	4:43 PM	2.33	L
2022/07/30	Sat	10:47 PM	5.82	H
2022/07/31	Sun	05:55 AM	-0.10	L
2022/07/31	Sun	12:26 PM	4.14	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 7/25
25 37 38 39 65
Power#: 5
Jackpot: 145 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/22
14 40 60 64 66
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: 830 M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 7/23
2 10 24 41 47
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: 10 M

FANTASY 5
Draw Date: 7/25
7 12 24 33 35

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 7/25
EVENING: 5 2 8
Draw Date: 7/25
MIDDAY: 4 6 4

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 7/25
1st: 03 - Hot Shot
2nd: 02 - Lucky Star
3rd: 12 - Lucky Charms
Race Time: 1:44.63

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