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Montana Avenue Mexican restaurant Horchata rescued at the last moment

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One of only two Mexican restaurants on Montana Avenue, Horchata, was all set to close its doors at the end of the month. After serving the community for 10 years and proving extremely popular with local residents and connoisseurs of quality Mexican food, the owner, Ana Hernandez, had posted on social media that the last day was to be April 28, 2023.

Located in a quirky little structure in the Pavilions parking lot, Horchata shares the space with Panda Express at 804 Montana Avenue. According to Hernandez, Albertsons, the parent company of Pavilions, had terminated the lease agreement with the family owned and operated restaurant, but not with Panda Express.

However, in a quite literal last minute reprieve, Hernandez received an email from Albertsons on Tuesday evening stating that the grocery store company had retracted its decision and the restaurant could stay. "I'm so happy, I'm so excited, I just can't believe it," Hernandez says. "I don't know what happened."

Formerly Cafe Boulangerie, a French-themed bakery, Hernandez and her husband had worked at the site under various owners since 1996. "I was making the pastries and the cakes," Hernandez says. "And in 2013, the owners had family and financial problems and they stopped paying the rent, they stopped paying the staff and they stopped paying for stock and supplies. We approached [Albertsons] and asked if we could take over. At first they said 'no' because we couldn't afford the back rent that was owed.



Scott Snowden

FOOD: For such a small space, Horchata offers one of the biggest and best sweet and savory menus in the city.

"I was so surprised that it had gone on for so long, so to make a long story short, we came to an arrangement whereby it was a rolling month-by-month rent and it has been ever since."

Hernandez and her husband have been running the business with this uncertainty hanging over their heads for a decade. "We just did it. We were willing to take the risk. We had already tried with other restaurant business ventures, but they didn't work out, but we

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An emerging threat: Drug mix of xylazine, fentanyl

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Associated Press

The U.S. has named a veterinary tranquilizer as an "emerging threat" when it's mixed with the powerful opioid fentanyl, clearing the way for more efforts to stop the spread of xylazine.

The Office of National Drug Control Policy announced the designation Wednesday, the first time the office has used it since the category for fast-growing drug dangers was created in 2019.

Dr. Rahul Gupta, director of the drug policy office, said xylazine (pronounced ZAI'-luh-zeen) has become increasingly common in all regions of the country.

It was detected in about 800 drug deaths in the U.S. in 2020 — most of them in the Northeast. By 2021, it was present in more than 3,000 fatalities —with the most in the South — according to a report last year from the Drug Enforcement Administration.

> "Xylazine is making the deadliest drug threat our country has ever faced, fentanyl, even deadlier"
> - DEA Administrator Anne Milgram

"Xylazine is making the deadliest drug threat our country has ever faced, fentanyl, even deadlier," said Administrator Anne Milgram. "DEA has seized xylazine and fentanyl mixtures in 48 of 50 States. The DEA Laboratory System is reporting that in 2022 approximately 23% of fentanyl powder and 7% of fentanyl pills seized by the DEA contained xylazine."

"We cannot ignore what we're seeing," Gupta said. "We must act and act now."

Xylazine was approved for

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City to draft an ordinance guaranteeing healthcare workers minimum wage

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City Hall is pursuing a new minimum wage effort targeting local healthcare workers.

In Tuesday's meeting by request of Mayor Gleam Davis and both Councilmembers Phil Brock and Jesse Zwick, City Council passed a motion directing the City Manager and City Attorney to study and draft an ordinance that would guarantee healthcare workers minimum wage of not less than $25 an hour at all hospitals, clinics and psychiatric facilities within the city

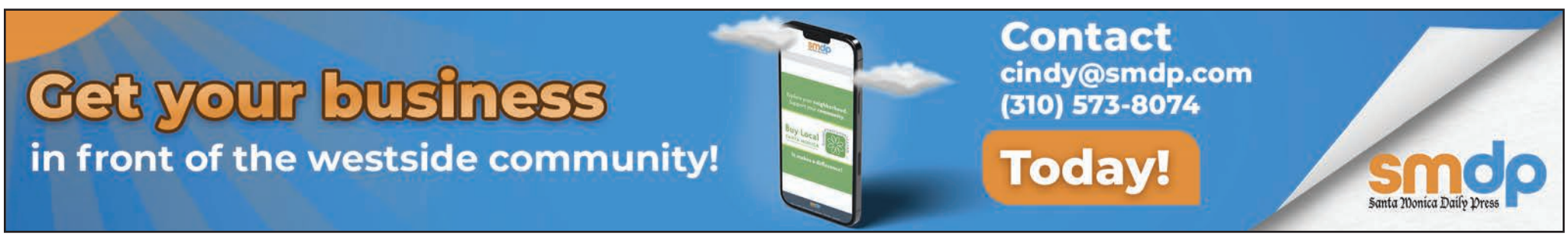
While the motion passed, councilmembers had questions over its scope, including who would benefit and what the impact on different kinds of healthcare businesses would be.

"Does that also include the person working in the cafeteria, the person working in the gift shop, because when we say health care workers, I'm thinking of the people who are working with patients, maybe cleaning up the rooms, prepping rooms, dealing with patients directly, indirectly," Mayor Pro Tem Lana Negrete asked.

Negrete also wanted to know if the proposal would scale for different jobs.

"Is it tiered? Or is this just a minimum wage that's the same for the person who's taking someone's blood pressure and the person

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COMMUNITY NEWS

LOS ANGELES

Fed Up by LA Pothole, Arnold Schwarzenegger Fills it Himself

Fed up by an enormous pothole in his Los Angeles neighborhood, Arnold Schwarzenegger picked up a shovel and filled it himself.

The actor and former California governor tweeted a video Tuesday of him and a helper using packaged concrete to repair the road in the Brentwood area.

"Today, after the whole neighborhood has been upset about this giant pothole that's been screwing up cars and bicycles for weeks, I went out with my team and fixed it," he wrote on Twitter. "I always say, let's not complain, let's do something about it. Here you go."

A neighbor rolled down her car window and shouted her thanks at the action movie star.

"You're welcome," said Schwarzenegger, decked out in work boots, a leather jacket and shades reminiscent of his role in "Terminator."

"You have to do it yourself. This is crazy. For three weeks I've been waiting for this hole to be closed," he said.

Daniel Ketchell, a spokesperson for Schwarzenegger, said Brentwood residents made repeated requests for repairs since winter storms opened up potholes and cracks on local roads.

Mayor Karen Bass last week announced a plan to address what she called an unprecedented number of damaged streets across the city. Since Dec. 30, Los Angeles has received 19,692 service requests for repairs, and as of April 6, crews had filled at least 17,549 potholes, officials said.

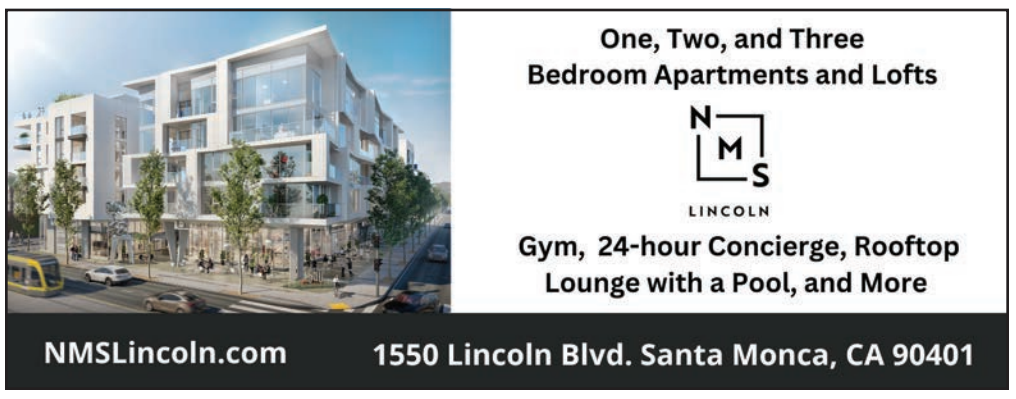
The Department of Public Works did not immediately respond to an email asking whether the pothole Schwarzenegger filled had been scheduled to be repaired.

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ROAD: The movie star filled the pothole himself.



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Cheaper gas and food provide some relief from US inflation

CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

U.S. consumer inflation eased in March, with less expensive gas and food providing some relief to households that have struggled under the weight of surging prices. Yet prices are still rising fast enough to keep the Federal Reserve on track to raise interest rates at least once more, beginning in May.

The government said Wednesday that consumer prices rose just 0.1% from February to March, down from 0.4% from January to February and the smallest increase since December.

Measured from a year earlier, prices were up just 5% in March, down sharply from February's 6% year-over-year increase and the mildest such rise in nearly two years. Much of the drop resulted from price declines for such goods as gas, used cars and furniture, which had soared a year ago after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Excluding volatile food and energy costs, though, so-called core inflation is still stubbornly high. Core prices rose 0.4% from February to March and 5.6% from a year earlier. The Fed and many private economists regard core prices as a better measure of underlying inflation. The year-over-year figure edged up for the first time in six months.

As goods prices have risen more slowly, helping cool inflation, costs in the nation's services sector — everything from rents and restaurant meals to haircuts and auto insurance — have jumped, keeping core prices elevated.

"It's comforting that headline inflation is coming down, but the inflation story has had some shifts under the hood in the last couple of years," said Sonia Meskin, head of U.S. economics at BNY Mellon's investment division. "Overall inflation still remains much too strong."

Even so, the March data offered some signs that suggest inflation is slowly but steadily headed lower. Rental costs, which have been one of the main drivers of core inflation, rose at the slowest pace in a year. And grocery prices fell for the first time in 2 1/2 years.

Grocery prices dropped 0.3% from February to March. The cost of beef fell 0.3%, milk 1% and fresh fruits and vegetables 1.3%. Egg prices, which had soared after an outbreak of avian flu, plunged nearly 11% just in March, though they remain 36% more expensive than a year ago.

Despite last month's decline, food costs are still up more than 8% in the past year. And restaurant prices, up 0.6% from February to March, have risen nearly 9% from a year ago.

Paul Saginaw, who owns Saginaw's deli in Las Vegas, said nearly all the costs of a Reuben sandwich — his most popular — including corned beef, cheese and bread, have soared. He charges 10% more for a Reuben than he did 2 1/2 years ago, although he said "our costs have gone up a lot more" than that.

Saginaw is also paying more for paper goods and packaging, just as takeout and delivery orders have become a much bigger part of his business. One clamshell-style food container has jumped from 43 cents apiece to 98 cents.

"Everything we use has gone up," he said.

, a semi-retired owner of a financial planning business who was shopping this week at Doris Italian Market and Bakery in North Palm Beach, Florida, said high restaurant prices have led him and his wife to eat much more at home.

"We cook more at home than we ever have due to the rising costs," he said. "You do look for the occasional deals and add value when you can — that's for sure."

Gas prices fell 4.6% just from February to March, a drop that partly reflected seasonal factors: Prices at the pump usually rise during spring. Gas costs have tumbled 17% over the past year.

Yet price increases in the service sector are keeping core inflation high, at least for now. That trend is widely expected to lead the Fed to raise its benchmark interest rate for a 10th straight time when it meets in May.

Travel costs are still rising as Americans make up for lost vacation time during the pandemic. Airline fares rose 4% from February to March and are up nearly 18% in the past year. Hotel prices jumped 2.7% last month and are up 7.3% from a year ago.

Among the biggest drivers of inflation has been rental costs, which make up one-third of the government's consumer price index. Rental costs rose 0.5% from February to March. Though still high, that was the smallest such increase in a year.

According to Wednesday's government report, rents have risen by about 9% from a year ago. Yet Apartment List, which tracks real-time changes in new leases, shows rents rising at a 2.6% annual pace. As more apartments reset with those smaller increases, the government's inflation data should show milder increases in coming months.

"It's something that's certainly coming, there has been some moderation in rents," said Mark Vitner, chief economist at Piedmont Crescent Capital.

Fed officials have projected that after one additional quarter-point hike next month — which would raise their benchmark rate to about 5.1%, its highest point in 16 years — they will pause their hikes but leave their key rate unchanged through 2023. But officials have cautioned that they could raise rates further if they deem it necessary to curb inflation.

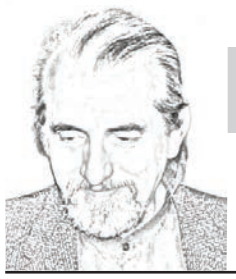
When the Fed tightens credit with the goal of cooling the economy and inflation, it typically leads to higher rates on mortgages, auto loans, credit card borrowing and many business loans. The risk is that ever-higher borrowing rates can weaken the economy so much as to cause a recession.

On Tuesday, the International Monetary Fund, a 190-nation lending organization, warned that persistently high inflation around the world — and efforts by central banks, including the Fed, to fight it — would likely slow global growth this year and next.

There are other signs that inflation pressures are easing. The Fed's year-long streak of rate hikes are also starting to cool a hot labor market, with recent data showing that companies are advertising fewer openings and that wage growth has been slowing from historically elevated levels.

A more worrisome trend is the possibility

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OPINION **NOTEWORTHY**

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BRAHMS & BOB, DEBUSSY & DJANGO

BY CHARLES ANDREWS

BIG SHOWS COMING UP! - WILLIE NELSON will turn 90 IN LA, and he's throwing himself one helluva party. Who will be there? Sturgil Simpson, Neil Young, Chris Stapleton, Snoop Dogg, The Chicks, Lyle Lovett, Nathaniel Rateliff, Norah Jones, Tom Jones, Bob Weir, Beck, Sheryl Crow, Edie Brickell, Leon Bridges, Kacey Musgraves, Ziggy Marley. and many more, will celebrate with ol' Willie. He certainly has enough great songs to pass around. Hollywood Bowl, April 29-30.

I know it's only 2023, but my guess is 21st century musicologists could well look back and decide this was the concert of the century.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

TONIGHT~ - LA OPERA, "PELLEAS AND MELISANDE," DEBUSSY – Believe me, I'm not complaining. I moved here from NM decades ago for two reasons: to get into the music biz at the world center for it, and to live where the great live shows were three or four times a night, not 3-4/year. Fell short on the first one (no LA Times or Rolling Stone. but here I am, writing every week about the best live music for the "paper of record" in groovy Santa Monica. And for all those years, the abundance of music has never let up. So much so that I can't always make even every don't-miss show. This LA Opera production is one of those (and I'll be lucky to make the final performance Sunday). How then, can I be so sure? Not one but two impeccable sources. UCLA Musicology grad Nicole wrote: "I loved it!! The writing and dialogue was a lot more nuanced than I'd expected and that was refreshing. The music was beautiful! My friend who played in the orchestra told me it's Debussy's only opera and it has no arias and was all-through composed and because a lot of people call it an 'anti-opera,' which makes sense. I thought the set design and lighting were entrancing, I loved Melisandre's hair! and her dress was so light and beautiful, loved the cloaked beggars sleeping in the cave – a truly ethereal production." LA Times classical music critic, Mark Swed, who is particularly adept with opera, gave it a lot of space and a lot of praise, and made observations that come only from many years of listening and watching very critically. He makes connections from Debussy's intent to the singers and players and the production, which provide that context I always write about, that so enhances the enjoyment of what is in front of you. I suggest finding his review in the Times before you go. So trust me, Swed, and Nicole, and don't miss this exceptional event. Thurs 7:30 p.m., Sun 2 p.m., Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, LA, $15-



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THE HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES – Hot Club's brand of virtuoso, sometimes breakneck Django-style 1930s gypsy swing jazz is found nowhere else and even if it was, it couldn't possibly be better than this. These guys are masters, individually and collectively. They manage to record and play high-profile gigs and still show up every Monday night here, for years. Aren't we lucky? Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

EM – Come see what you've been missing (before it's too late), one of the most talented and versatile performers in this whole dang ridiculously talented city of angels. The best shows aren't always in the arenas and fancy clubs, and you don't always get what you pay for. Sometimes, you get a lot more. Tues 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, $10.

RECOMMENDED:

TONIGHT! - RICK SHEA – is a SoCal country treasure, an exceptional songwriter who can sell a song both quietly or raucously. I like his quieter, introspective, wise, great pickin' seductive singing side best. Put a drink in front of you and go with it. Thurs 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, free.

TONIGHT! - LA PHIL, BRAHMS FIRST SYMPHONY – I love Brahms. And especially this first symphony of his, which, by varying accounts, took him 21 years to complete. I was turned on to both when I was a manager at an Odyssey Records (defunct chain) in Albuquerque in the late '70s. We had hired two guys part-time who were into classical and they loved me, because I would always pump them for what they knew and loved and why, AND I was the only manager who would let them play a new classical release on the store sound system. Everyone else thought it would drive customers out of the store. I thought it would open some ts, including mine. So thank you to those two guys, and to my Mom who couldn't articulate what she liked and why, but she loved it and played it at home, and of course, I listened.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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To the Editor:

Re "What Is All the Fuss About Flying? We Took to the Air to Find Out" — The story (opinion piece?) makes almost no connection at all between the fun of flying and the downside of Santa Monica Airport (SMO) except at the very end, where Snowden says he "won't celebrate" if the airport is closed because it lets us "appreciate aviation."

This is particularly ironic because Scott Snowden's piece makes it sound as if he's never flown in a small private plane before in his life. Most of the stuff he marvels at has nothing at all to do with the various hazards/dangers SMO presents to the community, from air pollution to the long history of SMO-based aircraft crashing in residential neighborhoods. That also makes the headline rather ironic: "What is all the fuss about flying? We took to the air to find out." Really?

He even likens the more expensive airplanes lined up at SMO to boats in Marina del Rey that cost the same. No mention of the danger of a yacht crashing into a school, playground, library, or a house. In sum, despite the interesting descriptions of taking off, landing, etc., the story seems written simply to say SMO should stay open because flying is fun.

Zina Josephs, Santa Monica

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Notice of Public Hearing – Measure R Parcel Tax

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will conduct a public hearing on the matter of the 2023-24 Special Parcel Tax (Measure R) regarding applying a Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) adjustment. The public hearing will be held on May 4, 2023 at 7 p.m. in the Santa Monica-Malibu District Office at 1717 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 and via Zoom. The link to provide public comment via Zoom may be found at the top of the agenda. Agendas may be found at https://www.smmusd.org/Page/4047. Subsequent to the public hearing on May 4, 2023 at the regularly scheduled meeting, it is the intention of the Board of Education to adopt a resolution to levy the tax at the rate of $496.00 per parcel, which includes a 5.1% CPI adjustment. The CPI-U for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, base year 1982-84=100, from February 2022 through February 2023, was used to calculate the adjustment. Information to apply for the Measure R Senior Exemption may be found at https://www.smmusd.org/Page/3905. The application form and supporting documentation must be completed, signed and returned by June 30, 2023. To be added to the mailing list, please email MeasureR@smmusd.org.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Los Angeles DA Files Charges Against 2 Cops in 2020 Shooting

Two former Los Angeles-area police detectives have been charged in the 2020 shooting of an unarmed man that left him paralyzed from the waist down, the district attorney said Wednesday.

Former Whittier detectives Cynthia Lopez and Salvador Murillo opened fire on April 30, 2020, as Nicholas Carrillo ran from them. Two bullets struck him in the back — one severing his spinal cord — as he climbed a fence to escape.

"Although he was lucky to survive, his life was forever changed and he must now begin using a wheelchair," Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón said Wednesday during a news conference.

Murillo is charged with two counts of assault with a semiautomatic firearm and two counts of assault under color of authority. Lopez faces two counts of assault under color of authority, one count of shooting into an occupied vehicle and one count of assault with a semiautomatic firearm. Prosecutors filed the charges Tuesday.

The detectives were in plainclothes and an unmarked car when they spotted a sedan that had been supposedly used during an unarmed robbery the month before, Gascón said. A woman was the suspect in that robbery at a Walmart, where a television was stolen. Carrillo was alone in the car on the day he was shot.

The detectives followed the sedan into an alley, and emerged from their vehicle with their guns drawn. The sedan reversed and collided with the detectives' car, Gascón said.

Lopez fired into the sedan's rear windshield, prosecutors said. Carrillo then ran from the car and Lopez and Murillo opened fire as they chased him. He was not armed.

They are expected to be arraigned Monday. It was not immediately clear whether they had attorneys who could speak on their behalf.

The Whittier Police Officers' Association, the union that represents the department's rank-and-file officers, did not immediately respond to a request for comment Wednesday.

The detectives are no longer employed by the Whittier Police Department, which also did not respond to a request for comment. Whittier is about 15 miles (24 kilometers) southeast of downtown Los Angeles.

The Whittier case comes two weeks after Gascón's office charged seven California Highway Patrol officers and a nurse with involuntary manslaughter in the 2020 death of a man who screamed "I can't breathe" while multiple officers restrained him as they tried to take a blood sample.

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Los Angeles

GOP Attorney Joins California Race for Feinstein Senate Seat

A Republican attorney announced Tuesday he's entering the 2024 contest to replace outgoing Democratic U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, joining a growing field in a state known for its liberal political tilt.

Eric Early — an unsuccessful candidate for state attorney general in 2022 and 2018 and for Congress in 2020 — said he will campaign for the votes of "forgotten" Californians contending with rising crime, drug use, high taxes and what he called "far-left" ideology creeping into government.

He said in a statement on his website that he will "stand up to the Socialist, 'woke' interests that control Washington, D.C."

Feinstein, the oldest member of Congress, said in February that she would not seek reelection. Her term ends in January 2025.

Early, who lives in Los Angeles, will start at a disadvantage.

A Republican hasn't won a statewide race in California since 2006. Democrats dominate the Legislature and the congressional delegation, and registered Democrats outnumber Republicans in the state by about 2 to 1.

California Republicans have struggled to enlist established, well-financed candidates for statewide races in recent years, given the party's dismal record on Election Day. Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom faced only token GOP opposition in his reelection campaign last year.

Early is joining a field led by three prominent Democratic members of Congress: Rep. Katie Porter, known for her tough questioning of CEOs and other witnesses at hearings; Rep. Adam Schiff, who rose to national prominence as the lead prosecutor in then-President Donald Trump's first impeachment trial; and Rep. Barbara Lee, the only member of Congress to vote against the authorization for the use of military force after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

In the 2022 primary election for attorney general, Early received 16% of the vote and did not advance to the November runoff. In the 2018 contest, he received 14% of the vote and did not advance then either. In his 2020 congressional race, he lost in a landslide to Schiff.

"Adam Schiff, Katie Porter and Barbara Lee have been in Congress for a combined 51 years. Judge them by the results of their actions and their votes — they put us in this mess," Early said in the statement.

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that banks will pull sharply back on lending to conserve funds, after two large banks collapsed last month, igniting turmoil in the United States and overseas. Many smaller banks have lost customer deposits to huge global banks that are perceived to be too big to fail. The loss of those deposits will likely mean that those banks will extend fewer loans to companies and individuals.

Some small businesses say they are already having trouble getting loans, according to a survey by the National Federation for Independent Business. The IMF said Tuesday that pullbacks in lending could slow growth by nearly a half-percentage point over the next 12 months.

A slowdown in the economy could cool inflation and as a result would help the Fed achieve its objectives. But the blow to the economy might prove larger than expected. Under the worst-case scenario, it could mean a full-blown recession with the loss of millions of jobs.

Associated Press Video Journalist Cody Jackson contributed to this report from North Palm Beach, Florida.

Your tax refund could be smaller than last year. Here's why

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Associated Press

Expecting a tax refund? It could be smaller than last year. And with inflation still high, that money won't go as far as it did a year ago.

The 90 million taxpayers who have filed as of March 31 got refunds that were an average of nearly 10% less than last year, in part due to pandemic relief programs expiring. The filing deadline for most taxpayers is Tuesday.

The average refund is $2,910, down from $3,226, a difference of more than $300, according to the most recent IRS data.

For many households, especially working families, the tax refund is the biggest one-time financial windfall of the year, said Kathy Pickering, chief tax officer of H&R Block.

"We know that working families in general are the most cash-strapped," she said, adding that the expanded earned income tax and child tax credits during the COVID pandemic provided a lot of benefits for families with children.

> "Overall it does make the situation a bit more tenuous"
> - Rachel Zhou

The child tax credit, for example, is reverting to $2,000 per child, while the pandemic credit was as high as $3,600 per child. The child and dependent care credit, a tax break available to parents and those who care for family members while they work, had been expanded to a maximum of $8,000 in 2021 and is now a maximum of $2,100.

"As those provisions expired, that's had a big impact," Pickering said.

Rachel Zhou, 20, a college student in Boston whose father works in food delivery and whose stepmother is a social worker, said her family has used refunds in the past for things like home repairs that require big one-time payments. One rebate they received during the pandemic went toward fixing her house's heating, air, and ventilation system, she said.

Zhou has worked since she was a teenager, and has already filed her taxes this year. Her refund? $1. Last year and the previous year she received "upwards of several hundred dollars," she said.

"Overall it does make the situation a bit more tenuous," said Zhou. "It is nice to have (the refund) at the end of the year — tax season — for when there are gaps to be made up for in the budget."

Zhou has worked as a receptionist, at a grill and an ice cream shop, and in other jobs. For her father, who has shifted more towards self employment in the past few years (receiving 1099 forms for DoorDash and other delivery work), she said taxes have also become "more of a hit and less of a refund."

Pickering said that more Americans took on side hustles, gig and freelance work during and since the pandemic, and so they may be experiencing the self-employment tax and the consequences of a lack of withholding. A traditional employer who provides a W2 would withhold taxes from each paycheck, meaning less of a potential shock at the end of the tax year.

Ted Rossman, an analyst with Bankrate.com, said those who receive refunds tend to use the money "very practically," often to pay off debt and boost savings.

"What I do think is definitely significant is the fact that other costs have gone up," Rossman said. "It's bad enough that this is taking 10% off your tax refund, but on top of that, your groceries might be up, and rent, and gas prices. This is money that a lot of people really count on every year."

"Even a difference of $300 on the tax refund, that does pale in comparison to the stimulus people received during the pandemic," he said. "Psychologically, economically speaking, it probably feels like, 'Just one more thing.' So maybe it weighs on confidence more than actual spending."

Alaina, 32, a Florida-based fiber artist who asked to be identified by her first name to protect her privacy, said her refund will go toward house repairs and "clearing up debt."

"I have a lot on credit cards and have had to borrow money from people that I need to pay back," she said. "I wish it could go for fun stuff, but money is too tight."

Alaina, who sells her work online, has been self-employed since she lost her job in the healthcare sector in 2021. She said she hasn't yet filed her taxes this year but that last year she and her husband, who is unemployed, received about $3,600 after filing jointly.

According to Bankrate's Rossman, there's a possibility that this year's lower tax refunds could weaken consumer spending and, as result, help slow inflation.

"It's bad news for households because people want higher refunds, obviously, but I think perhaps quietly the Fed might cheer," he said.

To combat inflation, the Fed has been raising interest rates to increase the cost of borrowing money, with the hope of slowing the economy.

Unfortunately, for those households that have spent through their savings, who are now relying on credit cards to get by month to month, those higher interest rates have also led to average credit card interest rates of over 20%.

"That becomes a tough cycle to break," Rossman said. "We are dealing with fairly blunt tools when you talk about raising interest rates and changing the price of money. High inflation left unchecked will be bad for everyone — but it will be worst for the lowest end of the income spectrum."

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Increasing temperatures increase California flood risk

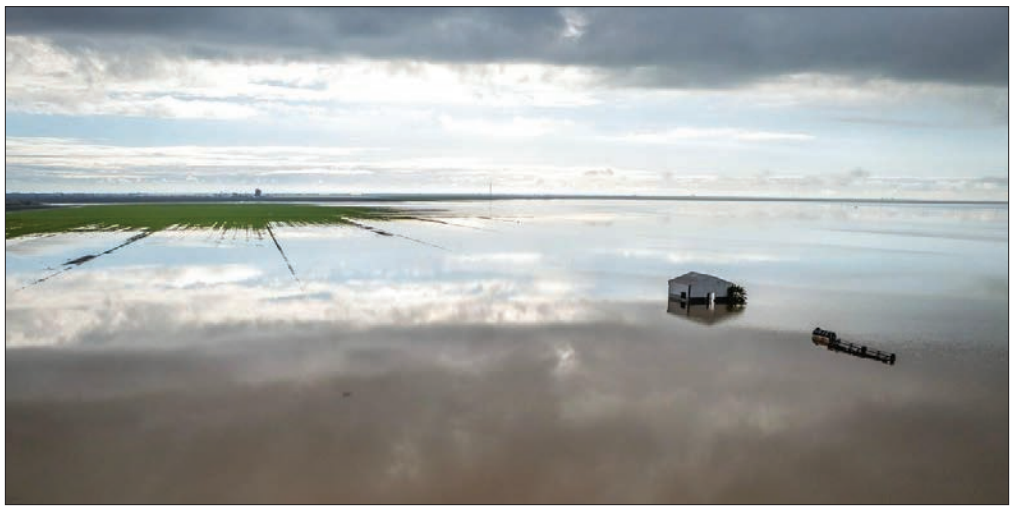


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WATER: Flooded fields in Corcoran on March 23, 2023.

BY DAN WALTERS

California was experiencing a series of major rain and snow storms in January when Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed a 2023-24 state budget.

Tucked into one of the budget's hundreds of pages of detail was this paragraph:

"San Joaquin Valley Flood Plain Restoration – A reduction of $40 million General Fund in 2023-24, which eliminates funding for this purpose."

The $40 million had been a small down payment on the billions of dollars that would be needed to protect communities in the valley from disastrous floods that scientists had been warning could occur under certain meteorological circumstances.

Just last summer, with California still experiencing a years-long drought, a major study warned about the state's vulnerability to a huge flood similar to one that occurred in 1862.

"We find that climate change has already increased the risk of a (1862) megaflood scenario in California, but that future climate warming will likely bring about even sharper risk increases," the study declared.

Researchers Xingying Huang and Daniel Swain, a UCLA climate scientist, said such an event "would likely produce widespread, catastrophic flooding and subsequently lead to the displacement of millions of people, the long-term closure of critical transportation corridors and ultimately to nearly $1 trillion in overall economic losses."

In a rational world, the warning would have moved state officials to hurriedly plan the bypass channels, floodplain improvements and other public works to mitigate the threat. But it was largely met with indifference.

Thus, Newsom and his budget advisors considered the $40 million to be expendable as they tried to adjust spending to match sharp reductions in revenue. However, they managed to protect, or even expand, other expenditures for items with much less importance, such as $1.5 billion over five years to subsidize the politically influential film industry.

The $40 million cut drew catcalls from San Joaquin Valley legislators, and the money may be restored in the final budget. Nevertheless, it symbolizes long-running political disinterest in the looming threat of devastating floods – one that could become reality later this spring.

The Tulare Lake basin between Fresno and Bakersfield is already experiencing heavy flooding as the weather warms and the record-high Sierra snowpack releases its immense amounts of water. Tulare Lake was once the largest body of freshwater west of the Mississippi River, but dried up as its tributaries were diverted by dams. However, every few decades the lake reappears when runoff overwhelms the capacity of those dams.

This year is an especially worrisome example of Tulare Lake's re-emergence because of the truly epic amounts of snow in mountains that loom to the east of the basin, as much as 400% of the historic average.

The state Department of Water Resources recently calculated that the watersheds of four rivers feeding into the lake will release more than 6 million acre-feet of water by July, several times the capacity of the rivers' reservoirs, even if they were empty. Dam managers are trying to draw down their reservoirs by releasing more water into Tulare Lake to provide a buffer, but a rapid melt could easily overcome them.

While the situation in the Tulare Lake basin is especially perilous, it's not the only region at risk. The state expects more than 10 million acre-feet of water to flow through the Sacramento River system by July and another 10 million through the San Joaquin River.

What happens to inland California in the next few months will largely depend on the weather. A cool spring and early summer might allow these prodigious amounts of water to be managed with little or no additional damage. But a prolonged heat wave could mean disaster for some communities.

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NOTEWORTHY

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I'm not sure I agree with those who say this was Beethoven's 10th symphony, meant as a compliment, But I understand. Brahms and his First are superlative benchmarks of classical creativity, and paired at these concerts with a Wagner lieder sung by star soprano Dorothea Röschmann, conducted by a flamboyant, charismatic Venezuelan not named Dudamel, rather Rafael Payare, this should be a memorable evening. Thurs, Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2 p.m., Walt Disney Concert Hall, LA, $55-190.

TODAY! - BOB MARLEY ONE LOVE EXPERIENCE – OK, I still haven't seen it, busy, out of town, but I will, and my recommendation stands. Bob Marley was one of the greatest performers and musicians (his compelling, hypnotic, otherworldly vocal instrument) ... ever. And his Wailers were musically phenomenal, and his songwriting was unique and remarkable. Silverlake's Roger Steffens, the world's foremost authority on Marley, if not reggae itself, is leading tours every weekend at 1 and 3, and he would not do that if it wasn't up to snuff. This covers only "the Island (record label) years," but that's what most people are familiar with. Thurs-Sun-Wed 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri-Sat 11 a.m. -10 p.m., Mon-Tues 11 a.m. -5:30 p.m., Ovation Hollywood, $20-70.

"PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE" – Read carefully. It's an "absurdist comedy." By the inarguably absurd comic Steve Martin. I laughed, but it is not intended to have you in stitches the entire time. It is the absurd and thought-provoking fantasy that Picasso and Einstein may have hung out together in a Paris cafe in the early 20th century, before either was famous. What might they have been like? Who else might have passed through? No one knows so Martin could go anywhere. One place he went was to make the "ordinary" women involved sound smarter than those two wise guys. Some shows are selling out. Fri, Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2 p.m., Ruskin Group Theatre, Santa Monica Airport, $20-35.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOB MARLEY ONE LOVE EXPERIENCE, Ovation Hollywood, 4/13-30; "PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE," Ruskin Group Theatre, 4/21-23, 28-30; I SEE HAWKS IN LA, McCabes, 4/22; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 4/23, 30; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 4/24; EM, Harvelle's, 4/25; BLONDIE, Greek Theatre, 4/19; IGGY POP, Regent, 4/20, Hollywood Palladium, 4/27; NEIL YOUNG, STEPHEN STILLS, LUKAS NELSON, others, Greek Theatre, 4/22; WILLIE NELSON 90, Hollywood Bowl, 4/29, 30.

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ON APRIL 1 AT 1 AM

Officers in the area of Lincoln and Pico conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with four occupants. During the stop, officers observed multiple tools commonly used in the commission of theft related crimes in addition to a large amount of copper wire material inside the vehicle. During the investigation, officers had probable cause to believe the four occupants had recently worked in concert to commit grand theft of copper wire. All four occupants were arrested for possession of burglary tools, grand theft, and receiving stolen property. Additional individual charges included driving without a license, possession of smoking paraphernalia, and carrying a concealed dagger.

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HORCHATA

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wanted this one to work. They asked for $4 million for insurance to cover the place and we found it. And we kept asking for a longer-term agreement, but they didn't want to. They just said if Panda is there, you can continue there. So I'm like, okay."

Naturally Hernandez asked Albertsons why Panda Express had a long-term agreement and they did not, only to be told that this was the trade off for the low rent that they would be charged. Despite the unpredictable nature of their situation, Hernandez says that they never made any requests of Albertsons.

"We never asked for anything, even though we have a lot of problems in the building and things like that. We never asked, because I know we're paying low. So we took care of everything, we changed the floor. We've been working, you know, just to make the place better."

Then on February 17, Hernandez and her husband received an email saying "that we need to empty the place because the office made the decision that we have to move out." Her requests and attempts to negotiate a new rent failed and she was informed of the move out date. However, Albertsons did give her 75 days notice when her contract actually only required 30 days.

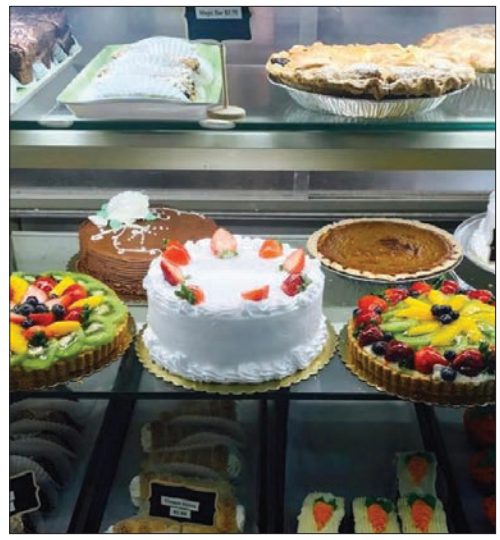
The Daily Press reached out to both Albertsons and Panda Express for further clarification, but had received no reply by the time this article went to press.

Hernandez says that her lawyer, Thomas Larmore, was currently in communication with Albertsons and it was likely that the rent would increase, but she's hoping that a new lease will also come with a more secure three or five year contract.

Horchata cafeteria and bakery opens from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. and offers an impressive menu of burritos, tortas, tacos, sandwiches, paninis, plus plenty of Mexican breads and pastries and frankly, bargain prices. We'd suggest the steak wet burrito that comes with rice, beans, lettuce, pico de gallo, guacamole and sour cream. Visit now, your mouth will love you for the rest of your life.

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Courtesy photos

HORCHATA: The restaurant will remain open after its corporate landlords changed their minds.

COUNCIL

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who's working in the gift shop? Is that base minimum the same?" Asked Negrete.

The proposal's backers said they intended it to apply to individuals who were providing medical care but said more details would be available after staff had studied the issue.

"They'll take into account the question about who it covers within the healthcare industry and then they will bring back a proposed ordinance," Davis clarified.

Councilman Oscar de la Torre said he acknowledged the rising cost of inflation and its impact on workers but he wanted additional clarification on the impact a minimum wage would have on non-profit healthcare providers.

Councilman Brock said he also wanted some details on different impacts on hospitals, clinics or at-home care providers.

"The Venice Family Clinic is the largest free health clinic in the country so I want to see what impact that would have on an operation like the Venice Family Clinic and also looking at the economic impact, in general, on every other, on our local hospitals as well," he said.

Davis also said that this issue was being discussed at a state level and other jurisdictions have already adopted the $25 per hour minimum wage for healthcare workers and that this would be taken into account by City staff.

"So what we do may become irrelevant because the state may supersede us anyway," Brock said adding, "I do want to make sure those people who are working with patients cleaning up blood, cleaning up debris every day, that they feel valued and that combined knowledge lets them keep working and wanting stay at their job. I don't think its wise for a hospital to have to retain people every three months. … I hope we vote for this."

However, last year the Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers West spent approximately $11 million to promote local $25 minimum wage measures in 10 Southern California cities while hospitals and health care facilities spent $12 million to fight against them.

According to the Los Angeles Times, that fight yielded an opposite decision in November in two cities where the measure made the ballot: Inglewood voters approved raises at private hospitals and dialysis clinics, while voters in Duarte rejected the wage hike.

The motion was moved by Negrete, seconded by Brock and passed unanimously. Councilmember Christine Parra was not in attendance. A date was not yet set to receive the report by the City.

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T-Mobile closure



Lisa Matthews

T-MOBILE: The T-Mobile store on the Promenade has closed but according to the company, it may reopen soon under a new operating model. "As part of our refreshed retail strategy that we previously outlined, we see an opportunity to better serve local customers in Santa Monica by transitioning the Signature store there to a brand new Experience store," said a statement from the company. "Every employee impacted by this shift has been offered a position to remain with T-Mobile."
Experience stores have most of the same services but are not considered the flagship retail experience.

DRUGS

FROM PAGE 1

veterinary use in 1971. Sometimes known as "tranq," it's been showing up in supplies of illicit drugs used by humans in major quantities in only the last several years.

It's believed to be added to other drugs to increase profits. Officials are trying to understand how much of it is diverted from veterinary uses and how much is made illicitly.

The drug causes breathing and heart rates to slow down, sometimes to deadly levels, and causes skin abscesses and ulcers that can require amputation. Withdrawal is also painful.

While it's often used in conjunction with opioids, including fentanyl and related illicit lab-made drugs, it's not an opioid. And there are no known antidotes.

"Health care professionals should be cautious of possible xylazine inclusion in fentanyl, heroin, and other illicit drug overdoses, as naloxone may not be able to reverse its effects," said the FDA's recent warning. "FDA is aware of increasing reports of serious side effects from individuals exposed to fentanyl, heroin, and other illicit drugs contaminated with xylazine."

Gupta said his office is requesting $11 million as part of its budget to develop a strategy to tackle the drug's spread. Plans include developing an antidote, learning more about how it is introduced into illicit drug supplies so that can be disrupted, and looking into whether Congress should classify it as a controlled substance.

Gupta said it needs to be available for veterinary uses even amid crackdowns on the supply used by people. He also said systems to detect the drug and data about where it's being used need to be improved.

The drug is part of an overdose crisis plaguing the U.S.

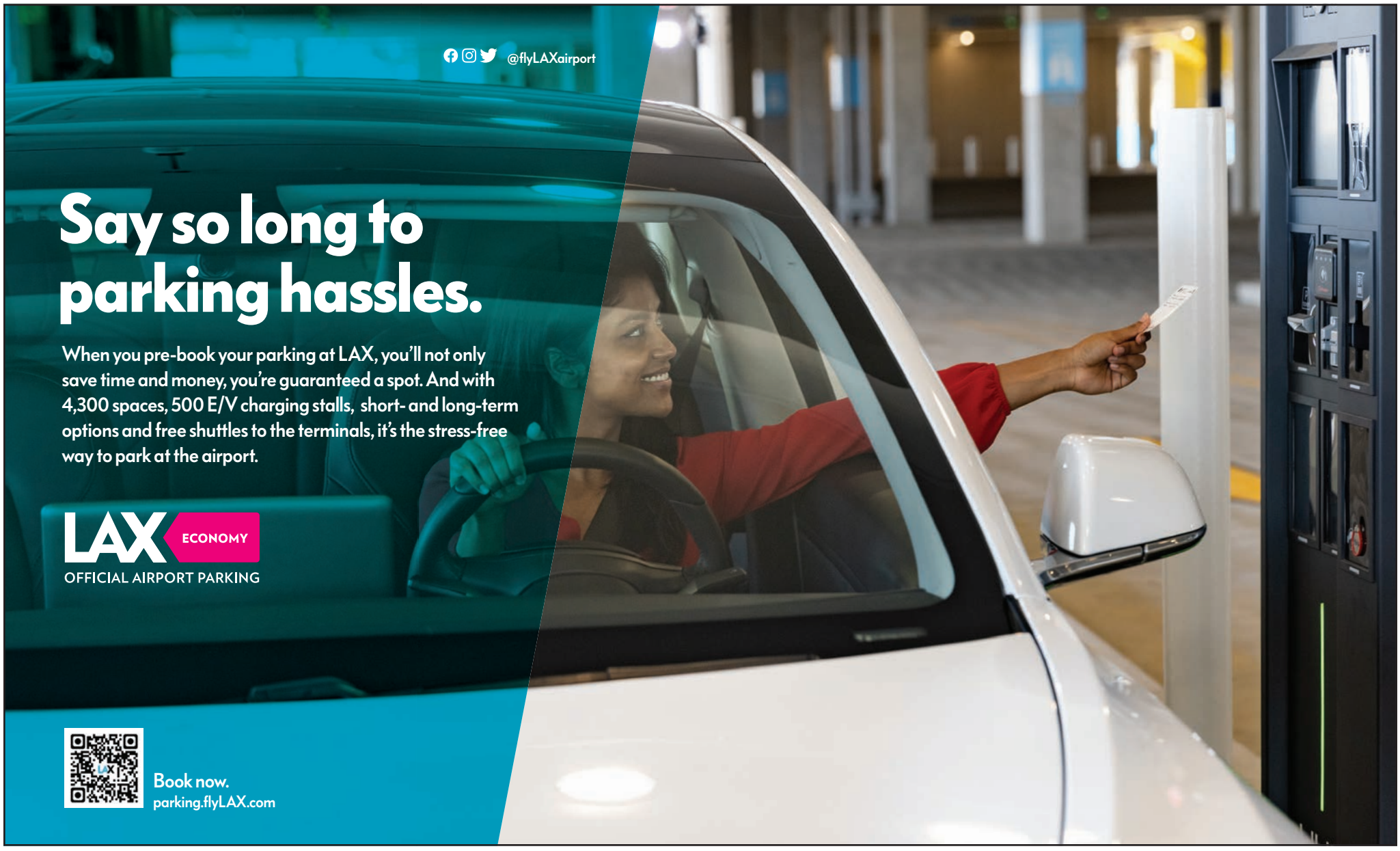
The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that more than 107,000 people died from overdoses in the 12 months that ended Nov. 30, 2022. Before 2020, the number of overdose deaths had never topped 100,000.

Most of the deaths were linked to fentanyl and other synthetic opioids. Like xylazine, they're often added to other drugs — and users don't always know they're getting them.

The Los Angeles Department of Public Health issued a health alert warning residents of the increased risk of overdose and death associated with xylazine earlier this year.

"Most people who are purchasing or being given illicit drugs are not seeking xylazine and likely do not know that xylazine may be present in the drugs they are trying to obtain," said the County warning. "Increased awareness of the risk of xylazine in illicit opioids, counterfeit pills, stimulants, and other drugs not obtained from pharmacies is necessary to support overdose prevention and harm reduction."

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Though your behavior varies according to your role, your values remain the same. Letting colleagues know something about your personal life may feel odd, but ultimately this will add dimension to your relationship that's good for business.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're not a mindless follower of the group, but there are decisions in play that don't matter to you. You'll continue down the path of least resistance until the truly important subjects are on the table, then you'll take your stand.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The thing you need doesn't exist yet, but you're working on it. The first step is to understand the problem. The second step is to imagine it's already solved. The next hundred steps fill the gap between steps one and two.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The situation is like being stuck in traffic. You could pull out at the exit, but unless you know the back roads, it won't help you get to the destination. You're better off figuring out how to make yourself comfortable with the wait.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Because you are emotionally mature and mentally tough, you can hear criticism without becoming defensive. Though your intellect is mighty, your ego is mild. You'll extract what's useful from feedback and leave the rest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Some people would give you love and appreciation if they only knew how to. Others are incapable of providing what you need. You're happiest when you steer clear of both categories. Head for generous souls who give freely and appropriately.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It may seem counterintuitive, but only the strong can be truly tender. To know the full range of power and to use a light touch is the discipline of the great. Compassion is the glue of relationships.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You admire people of action. Today the impulsive people in your life could use your input. It's not a matter of telling them what to do so much as being that calm, reasonable, thoughtful touchstone who makes everyone in the room a little more centered.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You will build your assets the same way your parents did and their parents did — by focusing on what you have instead of on what you don't. Highlight your best work. Ask your friends and loved ones to weigh in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your moral compass is spinning, not because you don't know right from wrong but because you realize that not everyone in the world thinks like you. As you strive to be as tolerant and as kind as possible, you will often choose to say little and listen lots.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You sometimes feel that you're in charge even though you're not in a leadership position. By hanging back and doing humble work you've developed a perspective you would not have been afforded from an obvious position of power.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be making your place better by subtracting from it instead of adding. You're so busy in your mind right now that you don't require a lot of external stimuli in your environment. An uncluttered environment gives your inner world room to stretch.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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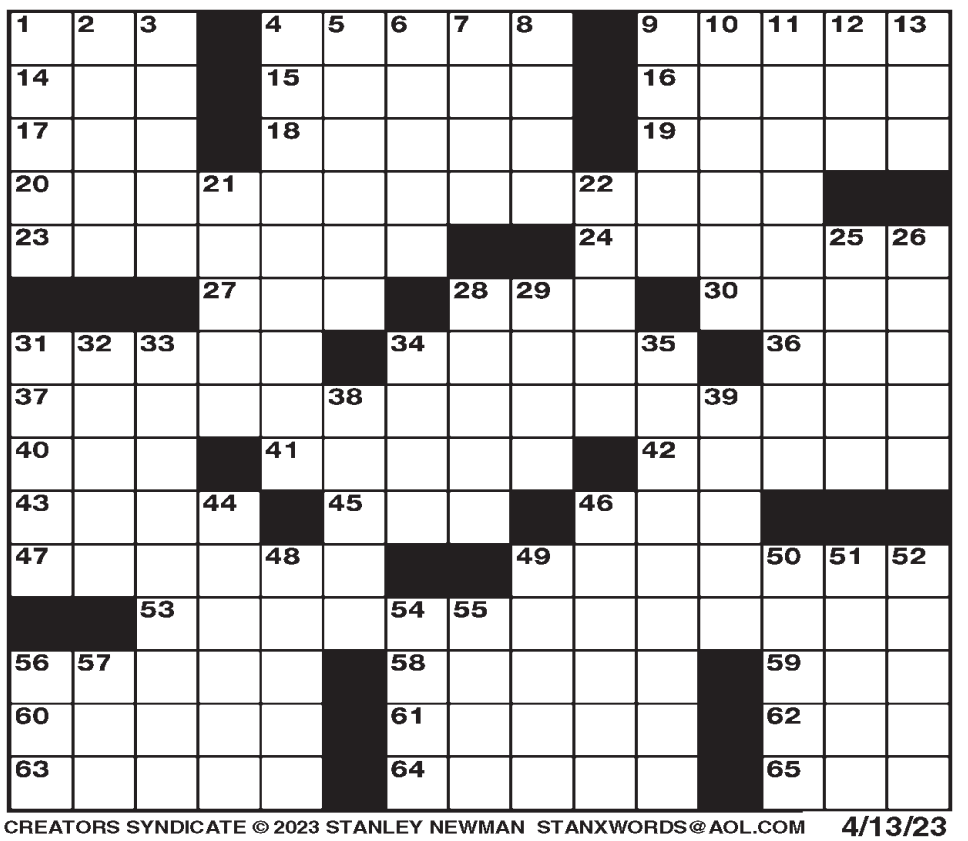
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Snarky remark
4 Police actions
9 Heavy instruments
14 Adult ed. course
15 Prefix meaning "bone"
16 Undisguised
17 Chinese menu general
18 Long (for)
19 Card-grouping game
20 Slap on the wrist
23 "No lie!"
24 For amusement
27 As late as, in ads
28 Texter's request intro
30 Muslim mystic
31 Incidence of indulgence
34 Wintry mix
36 Extremely long stretch
37 Don't repeat a mistake
40 NL West team
41 Reservation
42 Smartly dressed
43 A whole bunch
45 NFL ball carriers
46 Ready replacement
47 Bonus from the band
49 Impassive
53 Washer contents
56 Cursor targets
58 Baroque stringed instruments
59 Play about robots
60 Dressing holder
61 Prove helpful
62 Band from the Far East
63 Serpent foe of Hercules
64 Pop singer Kravitz
65 Cheese partner

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2 Plus
3 Pats dry
4 One seen regularly
5 Of service
6 Played out
7 Nickname like Tessa
8 Metaphorical pittance
9 Civil court matters
10 Neighbors of tonsils
11 "Help yourself!"
12 Subdivision
13 Dirty digs
21 Wolverine cousin
22 Uncommon eye color
25 In the works
26 Harry Potter's eventual bride
28 Military academy newcomers
29 Out of concern that
31 Group running together
32 Film musical role for Madonna
33 Storm precursor
34 Brush off
35 With only the flimsiest connection
38 Expressed awe
39 Salk rival
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50 How Britannica could first be bought in 1994
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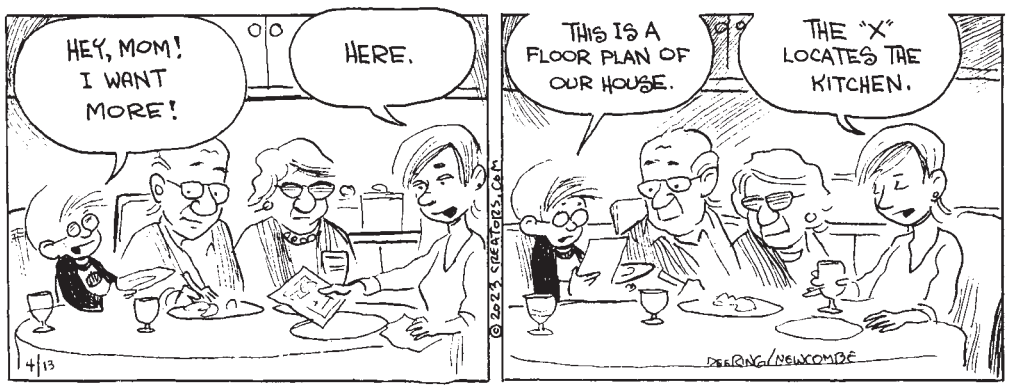
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By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



Heathcliff

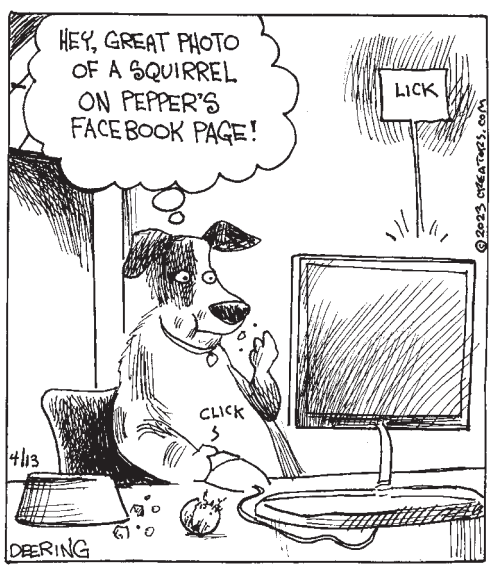
By PETER GALLAGHER



"THE CLOSEST I'LL GET TO BEING PETTED."

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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Holiday road

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

Avalon	Colo	Galah	Opera	Tour
Axes	Crab	Gumboot	Plain	Town
Beach	Delight	Hike	Prawn	Trek
Bega	Desert	Lake Eyre	Ramp	Uluru
Blyth	Easel	Look	Rare	Water
Bottle	Echuca	Lorne	Roma	Weir
Break	Eden	Lost	Ryde	West
Bull	Eldon	Lush	Scenes	Yass
Buses	Farms	Manly	Shop	
Cars	Feed	Noosa	Site	
Ceduna	Ferry	North	Snow	
Coast	Fish	Olgas	Theme	

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THURSDAY | APRIL 13

ROCK 'N COMEDY
Meet at Rock N Pies Pizza Co. for a carefully curated comedy show on the second Thursday of the every month and watch comedians from NBC, Netflix, Amazon Prime, BET and more! Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 online and $15 at the door. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rock-n-comedy-tickets-253756000027

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FRIDAY | APRIL 14

SANTA MONICA BEAD & DESIGN SHOW
The Santa Monica Bead & Design Show takes place April 14-16 at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel and presents over 175 artisan exhibits. In sync with the spectacular setting, the show creates a dynamic and interactive shopping experience, with a diverse selection of beads and artisan supplies, jewelry, one-of-a-kind art wear, and antiquities. Fairmont Miramar 101 Wilshire Blvd Santa Monica,

DISCO FRIDAYS
Silent Disco, Loud Moves From 7-10pm on March 10th, April 14th, and May 12th, grab your glowing headphones and party it up right on Third Street Promenade. Our silent disco DJ's will curate 3 different channels with the perfect playlist to suit your vibe. Disco Fridays are free and all are welcome. Third Street Promenade Contact Info info@smbla.org.

SWIM CENTER TEEN NIGHT
The City of Santa Monica invites you to TEEN NIGHT at the Swim Center! It's a swim party for teens with free pizza, diving boards, open recreation swimming, a live DJ and no adults! Swim Center - 2225 16th St. 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. Residents $2, Non-residents $4.

SATURDAY | APRIL 15

GREEN DOG DENTAL X PET-CHELLA
Not only will you be able to get a tour of the newly designed clinic and meet the staff, but you will also have the opportunity to meet adorable puppies and kittens available for adoption!
Take advantage of the chance to try out new food from local restaurants such as triple beam pizza, snag a celsius to keep you energized, or grab a cocktail while enjoying some live music. https://mailchi.mp/9aee3b00ed45/pet-chella-rsvp

DIMANCHE
Somewhere in the near future, a family is about to spend their Sunday together as strong winds and torrential rains rage outside. Meanwhile, three filmmakers journey to the edge of the earth to document a variety of animal extinctions before meeting their own apocalyptic fate. Through an ingenious blend of clowning, puppetry, and plain old theatrical magic, "Dimanche" paints a witty and tender portrait of humanity surprised by the uncontrollable forces of nature. The Eli and Edythe Broad Stage, 1310 11th St Santa Monica, https://rb.gy/u6sna

THE PICTURE DAY SHOW
The Picture Day Show: stand-up comedy by national touring comics and LA's best up-and-comers! Catch big comics on a small, intimate stage. Produced and hosted by Macey Isaacs. Doors open at 7:45pm. Bergamot Station Arts Center, 2525 Michigan Ave Santa Monica, https://jetbook.co/e/the-picture-day-showwgyt

NOTHIN' BUT SAND BEACH CLEANUP
Join Heal the Bay for our April Nothin' But Sand Beach Cleanup. https://healthebay.org/event/nothin-but-sand-beach-cleanup-14/

SUNDAY | APRIL 16

RËD HÖT - ALL-GIRL MÖTLEY CRÜE TRIBUTE
Red Hot is a hard-hitting, high energy, all-female tribute to the bad boys of rock & roll, Motley Crue. Red Hot was formed in 2021 by Heather "Mama Mars" Grace and Irene "Nikki Chixx." In the summer of 2021, Raine "Rainey Lee" Palladino stepped in as drummer. The three musicians joined forces to form what would soon become Long Island's most talked about band. TRiP, 2101 Lincoln Blvd. Santa Monica, https://www.bandsintown.com/e/104042386

MONDAY | APRIL 17

TAKING IT TO THE STREETS
The exhibition will showcase works by an impressive lineup of artists, including Banksy, Keith Haring, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Fab 5 Freddy, and many more. Viewers will have the opportunity to see how these artists have transformed the streets into their own canvas, using various techniques and styles to express their unique visions. bG Gallery 2525 Michigan Ave #A2 Santa Monica.

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **55.9**

THURSDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:**	Thigh to stomach 2-3ft+	Still some NW swell mix lingering around as the S swell on tap drops off. S/SE wind makes for textured conditions at the points in the morning, cleaner for spots out west. Onshores veer more westerly in the afternoon, cleaning up the points.
FRIDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft Thigh to waist	Smaller leftover NW swell mix likely. Probably need to wait until mid morning with the deep high tide early.

WEATHER

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of rain before 11am. Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny.
Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph.
Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 64. East wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/04/13	Thu	03:03 AM	4.68	H
2023/04/13	Thu	11:25 AM	-0.35	L
2023/04/13	Thu	6:56 PM	3.41	H
2023/04/13	Thu	10:55 PM	2.89	L
2023/04/14	Fri	04:46 AM	4.71	H
2023/04/14	Fri	12:22 PM	-0.58	L
2023/04/14	Fri	7:20 PM	3.85	H
2023/04/15	Sat	12:18 AM	2.25	L
2023/04/15	Sat	06:04 AM	4.90	H
2023/04/15	Sat	1:08 PM	-0.70	L
2023/04/15	Sat	7:46 PM	4.34	H
2023/04/16	Sun	01:16 AM	1.48	L
2023/04/16	Sun	07:08 AM	5.06	H
2023/04/16	Sun	1:47 PM	-0.67	L
2023/04/16	Sun	8:13 PM	4.85	H
2023/04/17	Mon	02:05 AM	0.73	L
2023/04/17	Mon	08:02 AM	5.10	H
2023/04/17	Mon	2:22 PM	-0.47	L

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 4/10
9 10 36 46 52
Power#: 14
Jackpot: 202 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/11
31 35 53 54 55
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 476 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 4/8
2 4 16 37 39
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 49 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/11
9 13 19 29 37

Daily 3
Draw Date: 4/11
EVENING: 5 6 7
Draw Date: 4/11
MIDDAY: 8 9 4

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Draw Date: 4/11
1st: 05 - California Classic
2nd: 11 - Money Bags
3rd: 12 - Lucky Charms
Race Time: 1:41.98

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