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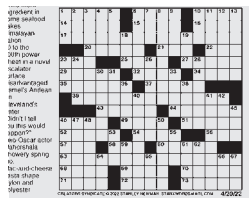
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Rugby club crushes playoff game





Emily Sawicki

DOLPHINS: The Santa Monica Rugby Club Dolphins mens first team walloped Eagle Rock Rugby Club by a score of 39-7 on Saturday, April 16, in the first round of the 2022 postseason. The Dolphins men's and women's teams will head to CSU Long Beach for the SoCal Finals on Saturday, April 23. The men will take on Belmont Shore Rugby Club out of Long Beach, while the women face the Tempe Ninjas all the way from Arizona. Both the men and women will be looking to avenge regular season losses against their opponents this coming Saturday.

County Supervisors open up Santa Monica Mountains for 'cold camping'

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

The LA County Board of Supervisors envisions occasional through-hikers, backpacks bulging with well-worn camping gear, curling up in the grass in the Santa Monica Mountains for a few hours of shut-eye under the stars before lacing up their boots at dawn to continue on the trail.

Malibu residents picture out-of-state families and boisterous friend groups rolling up in SUVs to campgrounds and setting up camp chairs, lighting up a campfire to toast marshmallows and drink a few beers before rolling out the next day.

On Tuesday, the Supervisors, amid vocal opposition from Malibu and Topanga residents, voted "to amend the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program, including the Land Use Plan and Local Implementation Program, to modify the standard of review under which resource-dependent uses, including low-impact campgrounds, may be established in H1 and H2 habitats (sensitive habitats)." In other words, certain environmentally protected areas of the Santa Monica Mountains could soon be opened up for overnight camping.

"Tents are allowed. What's not allowed is, you can't you can't pitch a sleeping bag in the back of your car and car camp. You can't drive an RV here. You can't have, you know, 20 of your friends and do a

SEE **CAMPING** PAGE 8

Downtown Santa Monica Inc. loses number one and two in command

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

There is a leadership vacuum swirling around Downtown Santa Monica, Inc., as Interim Executive Director, Mackenzie Carter left the organization on April 15 on the heels of former CEO Kathleen Rawson's January 21 departure.

Both employees had long tenures at the organization, with Rawson serving 25 years and Carter nearly 14. The DTSM Board of Directors has voted to hire John Harris, an LA-based attorney, as Interim Executive Director while an executive search firm recruits a new CEO. In the meantime, Board Chair Barry Snell is the acting Chief Executive Officer.

DTSM is a private 501c(3) non-profit organization that receives funding from the City of Santa Monica and Downtown property owners to manage, promote, and maintain the Downtown business district.

The organization is credited with the transformation of the Promenade into an international tourism and shopping destination in the 90s.

In recent years the popularity and foot traffic levels on the Promenade have waned as retail trends shifted, unique stores became replaced by generic chains and the pandemic led to a sharp uptick in vacancies. Downtown Santa Monica, like the rest of the city and greater Los Angeles, has seen an increase in homelessness

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Pico

Firefighters quickly extinguish Pico Neighborhood structure fire





Courtesy photos

FIRE: SMFD used 27 firefighters to extinquish the apartment fire this week.

On Monday, April 18 at 11:50 p.m. Santa Monica Firefighters responded to a structure fire on the 1900 block of 17th Street in the Pico Neighborhood.

Crews arrived in six minutes and found a two-story multi-unit apartment building with fire in a unit on the first floor. Firefighters rapidly attacked the blaze while searching for occupants. The occupants of the apartment escaped and were uninjured. Thanks to a quick response and aggressive suppression effort, the fire was contained to only one apartment unit, and the rest of the building was spared.

It took 27 Firefighters to extinguish the fire. Thankfully, there were no injuries reported to residents or first responders. Assisting agencies included Santa Monica Police, Santa Monica Building & Safety, and McCormick Ambulance. The occupants of the fire unit, along with three adjoining apartment units were displaced overnight. SMFD Investigators have determined the fire to be "unintentional" in nature.

SUBMITTED BY CAPTAIN PATRICK NULTY, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

SAN FRANCISCO

Netflix shares drop 26% after it loses 200K subscribers

Netflix suffered its first subscriber loss in more than a decade, causing its shares to plunge 25% in extended trading amid concerns that the pioneering streaming service may have already seen its best days.

The company's customer base fell by 200,000 subscribers during the January-March period, according to a quarterly report released Tuesday It's the first time that Netflix's subscribers have fallen since the streaming service became available throughout most of the world outside of China six years ago.

Worse, Netflix is now projecting a loss of another 2 million subscribers during the April-June period.

If the stock drop extends into Wednesday's regular trading session, Netflix shares will have lost more than half of their value so far this year.

Netflix also lost 800,000 subscribers in 2011 after it unveiled plans to begin charging separately for its then-nascent streaming service, which had been bundled for free with its traditional DVD-by-mail service. The customer backlash to that move elicited an apology from Netflix CEO Reed Hastings for botching the execution of the spin-off.

The service also saw a decline in U..S. subscribers in 2019.

But the latest subscriber loss was far worse than a forecast by Netflix management for a conservative gain of 2.5 million subscribers. The news deepens troubles that have been mounting for the streaming since a surge of signups from a captive audience during the pandemic began to slow.

It marks the fourth time in the last five quarters that Netflix's subscriber growth has fallen below the gains of the previous year. Now investors fear that its streaming service may be mired in a malaise that has been magnified by stiffening competition from well-funded rivals such as Apple and Walt Disney.

SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE, AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

LOS ANGELES

Dodgers seeking sponsors for field, team jersey patch

The Los Angeles Dodgers have hired a marketing agency to sell naming rights to the Dodger Stadium field and add an advertising patch to the team uniforms.

The team on Tuesday announced the deal with Sportfive.

The uniform patch will appear on jerseys starting next season, having been approved as part of MLB's new five-year collective bargaining agreement.

The field naming rights deal will give the eventual sponsor the most prominent position within the ballpark and include its name on signage related to the stadium as well as other marketing opportunities.

The team is not selling naming rights to Dodger Stadium, which opened in 1962 and is the third-oldest ballpark in the majors. It will host the All-Star Game in July for the first time since 1980.

"We are very happy to be working with Sportfive on these unique partnership opportunities," said Corey Norkin, Dodgers senior vice president of global partnerships. "For a company to have the opportunity to align their brand with us and our iconic venue, Dodger Stadium, along with one of the most recognizable uniforms in all of sports is truly special."

Sportfive worked with the Los Angeles Lakers to negotiate a uniform patch, and its other clients include the PGA and LPGA.

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DAILY POLICE LOGS

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Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 12:41 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2900Blk Neilson Way 12:51 a.m.
Loud Music 1400Blk 6th St 12:55 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 300Blk 23rd St 2:51 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Wepaon Lincoln Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 2:57 a.m.
Panic Alarm 2000Blk Broadway 5:38 a.m.
Petty Theft 2100Blk Ocean Ave 5:40 a.m.
Found Property 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 6:28 a.m.
Encampment 2400Blk Montana Ave 7:00 a.m.
Fight 1400Blk 11th St 7:25 a.m.
Red Zone Violation 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:32 a.m.
Encampment 2400Blk Montana Ave 8:05 a.m.
Encampment 2300Blk 4th St 8:20 a.m.
Petty Theft 1400Blk 16th St 8:32 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1400Blk 6th St 8:37 a.m.
Abandoned Vehcile 1100Blk Hill St 8:55 a.m.
Vandalism 14th St / Michigan Ave 8:56 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1800Blk 20th St 9:03 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300Blk Olympic Dr 9:08 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 900Blk Stanford St 9:08 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2500Blk La Mesa Dr 9:08 a.m.
Fire Request Police 2000Blk Olympic Blvd 9:12 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1100Blk 3rd St 9:16 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2000Blk 20th St 9:24 a.m.
Burglary 1100Blk 15th St 9:26 a.m.
General Parking Problem 900Blk San Vicente Blvd 9:28 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 900Blk 3rd St 9:34 a.m.
Encampment 3100Blk The Beach 9:43 a.m.
Lost Property 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 10:00 a.m.
Petty Theft 1200Blk 5th St 10:11 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1400Blk Olympic Blvd 10:21 a.m.
Stalking 1000Blk 19th St 10:21 a.m.
Person Down 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:26 a.m.
Bike Theft 1100Blk 12th St 10:43 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 100Blk Idaho Ave 10:50 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 4th St / Colorado Ave 11:10 a.m.
General Parking Problem 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:15 a.m.
Encampment 500Blk Colorado Ave 11:16 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1100Blk Harvard St 11:40 a.m.
Abandoned Vehcile 300Blk Palisades Ave 11:42 a.m.
Public Intoxication 400Blk Broadway 12:40 p.m.
Drinking In Public 5th St / California Ave 12:41 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 2300Blk Lincoln Blvd 12:48 p.m.
Petty Theft 1000Blk 14th St 12:49 p.m.
Speeding Moomat Ahiko Way / Ocean Ave 12:53 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 2900Blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:57 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 400Blk Broadway 1:07 p.m.
Encampment 500Blk Colorado Ave 1:10 p.m.
Encampment 800Blk Harvard St 1:14 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 3100Blk Virginia Ave 1:25 p.m.
Petty Theft 2200Blk Colorado Ave 1:41 p.m.
Vandalism 2300Blk Lincoln Blvd 1:55 p.m.
Encampment 26th St / Broadway 2:03 p.m.
Abandoned Vehcile 2000Blk Euclid St 2:25 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1500Blk 16th St 2:26 p.m.
Red Zone Violation 2000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:27 p.m.
Loud Music 2100Blk Ocean Front Walk 2:41 p.m.
Abandoned Vehcile 500Blk Raymond Ave 2:58 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2400Blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:59 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 600Blk Palisades Beach rd 3:06 p.m.
Silent Burglar Alarm 1400Blk 4th St 3:10 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1400Blk Pearl St 3:17 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 100Blk Hill St 3:27 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:29 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:33 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:37 p.m.
Abandoned Vehcile 800Blk Washington Ave 3:42 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 900Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:53 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 500Blk 10th St 4:00 p.m.
Grand Theft 1400Blk 7th St 4:05 p.m.
Alcohol & Beverage Code Violation 400Blk Palisades Ave 4:06 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1600Blk Hill St 4:09 p.m.
Encampment 1900Blk Ocean Ave 4:12 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1700Blk Cloverfield Blvd 4:44 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1600Blk 9th St 4:52 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 2900Blk Urban Ave 5:18 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2500Blk Lincoln Blvd 5:21 p.m.
Grand Theft 2300Blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:52 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1300Blk Palisades Park 5:59 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 800Blk 9th St 6:01 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 3200Blk Donald Douglas Loop S 6:06 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Ocean Ave / Pico Blvd 6:20 p.m.
Loud Music Ocean Ave / Hollister Ave 7:15 p.m.
Panic Alarm 1500Blk 14th St 7:22 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:34 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1300Blk 2nd St 7:41 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 3000Blk Olympic Blvd 7:52 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 200Blk Santa Monica Pier 8:31 p.m.
Encampment 800Blk Yale St 8:40 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 800Blk Yale St 8:41 p.m.
Battery 1900Blk Pico Blvd 8:52 p.m.
Public Intoxication 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 9:05 p.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals 3rd Street Prom / Wilshire Blvd 9:12 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1700Blk 4th St 9:36 p.m.
Loud Music 3400Blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:56 p.m.
Lost Property 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 10:11 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1900Blk Pico Blvd 10:22 p.m.
Auto Burglary 2400Blk 3rd St 10:39 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1200Blk 4th St 11:34 p.m.
Sexual Assault 300Blk Olympic Dr 11:46 p.m.
Loud Music 2600Blk Main St 11:55 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOGS

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Traffic Collision With Injury Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 12:41 a.m.
EMS 1600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:00 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk Chelsea Ave 2:54 a.m.
EMS 1800Blk Delaware Ave 2:56 a.m.
EMS 700Blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:01 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 3:10 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:27 a.m.
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Automatic Alarm 3000Blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:39 a.m.
EMS 1000Blk 20th St 8:05 a.m.
EMS 2000Blk Olympic Blvd 9:12 a.m.
EMS 2800Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:35 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 11:00 a.m.
Wires Down 1300Blk Pearl St 11:55 a.m.
EMS 1900Blk Pico Blvd 12:40 p.m.
EMS 900Blk 3rd St 2:48 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:29 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 11th St 4:40 p.m.
Public Assist 1000Blk 14th St 4:42 p.m.
EMS 900Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:44 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 500Blk Palisades Ave 7:25 p.m.
EMS 2800Blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:11 p.m.
EMS 100Blk Pacific St 9:19 p.m.
EMS 3100Blk Neilson Way 9:28 p.m.
Flooded Condition 900Blk 4th St 9:42 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk 2nd St 10:13 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.

APRIL 10TH 12:50 A.M.

Officers responded to a burglary in progress on the 2700 block of Lincoln Ave. Upon arrival, officers detained a subject while speaking to a nearby witness. The witness relayed seeing the subject break into the storage containers in front of the business and take several items. Upon searching the subject, officers located two bags containing methamphetamine. Francisco Torres was arrested for possession of methamphetamine and for entering a structure with the intent to commit grand theft, petty theft or any felony offense once inside.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Dear Editor:

Every trip to Vons reminds me that Santa Monica's Single-Use Carryout Bag ordinance is having the exact opposite effect from its original intent. The plastic bags that Vons now sells are several times thicker than the bags they used before the ordinance. It's highly unlikely that these bags are actually reused (News Flash: Printing THIS IS A MULTI-USE BAG doesn't make it so) On top of that, Vons hides their paper bags behind the registers, effectively making them available only by request. The likely result is that MORE plastic is now polluting the community, not less.

The City Council should immediately address this issue. The obvious solution is an outright ban on all plastic bags at stores. Short of that, they should at least require that paper bags are prioritized over plastic, ensure that the plastic bags that are distributed are actually multi-use, and require stores to offer plastic bag recycling if they do distribute plastic bags.

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Study: Redlining tied to more oil, gas wells in urban areas

TAMMY WEBBER
Associated Press

Minority neighborhoods where residents were long denied home loans have twice as many oil and gas wells as mostly white neighborhoods, according to a new study that suggests ongoing health risks in vulnerable communities are at least partly tied to historical structural racism.

Black and Latino residents have complained that they are disproportionately exposed to health risks — including heart and lung problems and premature births — from urban oil and gas wells, some located just a few dozen feet from homes and schools. Some studies have found hazardous chemicals near oil and gas operations at levels above what is considered safe.

But researchers at the University of California, Berkeley and Columbia University wanted to determine if there was a connection to redlining — when Black and immigrant neighborhoods in the 1930s were shaded red on maps developed by the Home Owners' Loan Corporation. Residents in those areas often found it difficult to find homes anywhere else.

"These are critical questions," said David J. X. Gonzalez, an epidemiologist at UC-Berkeley and one of the study's authors. "If we want to reduce health disparities, if we want environmental justice, these are the kinds of questions that we want to understand."

Researchers compared the maps of 33 U.S. cities to records of oil and gas wells dating to the late 1800s. The maps graded neighborhoods A to D. Overall, redlined, or D-graded, neighborhoods not only had more wells before the maps were created, but many more wells were developed in those areas afterward, the researchers found.

The study was published last week in the Journal of Exposure Science & Environmental Epidemiology.

Gonzalez, who grew up in a community with oil wells and a refinery, said many policies led to race- and class-based segregation, not only redlining. The findings don't prove that wells were intentionally located in neighborhoods because residents were Black or Latino, and there also are wells in wealthier areas.

Even so, the higher concentration in minority areas "doesn't seem to have happened by accident," said Gonzalez.

In Los Angeles, Black and Latino residents often were forced to live in neighborhoods with oil wells because of racially restrictive covenants, said Martha Dina Argüello, executive director of the Los Angeles chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility. Even more drilling got pushed into Black and Latino neighborhoods when housing developers wanted land in more affluent areas, she said.

The study "is one more piece of evidence that really bears out what the community has been saying: that having oil wells in our communities is treating us like a sacrifice zone," she said.

Recently, some states and communities have started restricting new wells by limiting how close they can be to homes and schools.

Last fall, supervisors in Los Angeles County — home to some of the largest urban oilfields in the U.S. — voted unanimously to phase out oil and gas production and ban new wells in unincorporated areas following longstanding complaints from residents about health problems blamed on air pollution from the sites. The Los Angeles City Council voted in January to do the same, and Argüello said advocates are pushing for the state to take similar action in other urban areas.

Colorado last year required new wells to be located at least 2,000 feet from homes and schools. California has proposed a distance of 3,200 feet.

In Arlington, Texas, city officials in January refused to let a major energy company locate more gas wells near a daycare center playground. A statistical analysis by The Associated Press showed the density of Total Energies' wells is higher in neighborhoods where people of color live, and wells are often just a few hundred feet from homes.

> "These are critical questions. If we want to reduce health disparities, if we want environmental justice, these are the kinds of questions that we want to understand — David J. X. Gonzalez

Longxiang Li, a postdoctoral research fellow in environmental health at the Harvard School of Public Health, who was not involved in the study, said it showed a moderately strong connection between redlining and well location, and strengthens evidence that disadvantaged communities have fewer legal resources to defend themselves against drilling expansion. But he cautioned that historic redlining maps are not perfect indicators of past structural racism.

That is because discriminatory practices by private lenders and the Federal Housing Administration did not rely on the HOLC maps, and the HOLC itself did lend to Black homeowners in redlined areas, according to a recent paper by the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Li also noted that many newer wells that use a technique called hydraulic fracturing are often clustered in socioeconomically disadvantaged areas because land leasing is inexpensive. Fracking uses a high-pressure mixture of water, sand and chemicals to released trapped oil and gas and is combined with horizontal drilling to reach formerly inaccessible reserves.

A report by Physicians for Social Responsibility and Concerned Health Professionals of New York, which reviewed dozens of scientific studies, found that the public health risks associated with these sites include cancers, respiratory diseases, rashes, heart problems and mental health disorders.

Even older plugged wells may pose risks because they can leak benzene and other volatile organic compounds, as well as methane, a potent greenhouse gas, Gonzalez said.

"I think we've known for a long time that people of color are more likely to live near oil wells," Gonzalez said, "It's important... so we can make sure that as we shift the economy away from fossil fuels, that we prioritize communities" that have borne the brunt of pollution.

Killer of LA philanthropist gets 190-year prison term

BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

A parolee who murdered 81-year-old philanthropist Jacqueline Avant, the wife of a legendary music executive, was sentenced Tuesday to 190 years in a California prison.

Aariel Maynor, 30, pleaded guilty to murder and other charges in Los Angeles Superior Court last month and admitted he used an AR-15 style semi-automatic rifle to shoot Avant in her Beverly Hills home Dec. 1 and fired several rounds at her security guard as he fled.

Avant was married to Clarence Avant, a Grammy winner known as the "Godfather of Black Music" for mentoring and helping the careers of artists including Bill Withers, Little Willie John, L.A. Reid, Babyface, Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis.

Maynor shot Jacqueline Avant in the back when she surprised him after he broke into the couple's house during a burglary attempt in which he hoped to steal $50,000, prosecutors said. After fleeing the scene, he broke into a home in the Hollywood Hills and then accidentally shot himself in the foot as he was leaving.

Avant used her money for charities that helped low-income neighborhoods such as Watts and South Los Angeles. She was on the board of the International Student Center at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Clarence Avant, 91, a concert promoter and manager, was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame last year.

Prosecutors said Maynor had searched for information on Clarence Avant and the couple's address the day before the killing.

Maynor showed no remorse for the slaying, bragging to a friend on a jail phone call about all the news stories about him and laughing, according to a court document filed by Deputy District Attorney Victor Avila.

"You think my mama's seen that?" he asked.

"I don't know, but that's not funny," the woman, who was not identified, said. "Why are you laughin'? That's somebody's life. That's somebody's family member."

The Avants were married for 54 years and had two children, Alexander Du Bois Avant and Nicole Avant, a film producer and former U.S. ambassador to the Bahamas who is married to Netflix co-CEO and Chief Content Officer Ted Sarandos.

After Jacqueline Avant's death, tributes were paid to her and her charitable work by former President Bill Clinton, Earvin "Magic" Johnson and Quincy Jones.

Maynor, who was on parole for his second robbery conviction, bragged to a friend during a jail call that he expected a shorter sentence because prosecutors were not seeking life without parole.

"I'm gonna get out of jail. I'll probably do like 20 ... 25, get out, you feel me?" he said.

Under District Attorney George Gascón, the office did not seek a special circumstance allegation that the killing was committed in the act of a burglary, which could have led to a possible sentence of life without parole.

Instead, prosecutors sought an enhanced penalty under the Three Strikes law where a third serious or violent felony can trigger a life sentence.

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California lawmakers target gunmakers, ghost guns in bills

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

California state lawmakers advanced a measure Tuesday that would make it easier to skirt a federal law in order to sue gun-makers, legislation that opponents say is ultimately aimed at driving manufacturers out of business.

A different committee was poised to advance a bill targeting ghost guns, while a third committee approved a bill requiring firearm dealers to install digital video surveillance systems.

They are among several bills that gained momentum from recent mass shootings, including what police now say was a gang battle that earlier this month killed six people and wounded 12 people just blocks from the state Capitol.

Democratic Assemblyman Phil Ting said his legislation would make it easier to sue gun-makers or dealers for liability in shootings that cause deaths or injuries. That could includes those who sell "ghost gun" kits where the parts lack serial numbers.

Federal law blocks most of those types of lawsuits against the gun industry. But the U.S law does permit some types of liability lawsuits, including when gun-makers break state or local laws regarding the sale and marketing of their products. Last year, New York approved a first-in-the-nation law declaring such violations a "public nuisance," opening up gun-makers to lawsuits, though the law has been challenged in court by manufacturers.

California already has some of the nation's toughest firearm restrictions.

Among what legislative analysts count as 107 existing California gun laws is a 10-day waiting period, background checks for buying both guns and ammunition, restrictions on types of guns including assault-style weapons, and a 10-bullet limit on ammunition magazines.

> We think it provides a really good opportunity to put the power back in the hands of individuals who are the individual victims of gun violence - Phil Ting

"We pride ourselves on having fairly strict gun control laws," Ting said. "We have done better than other states, but still not good enough."

Gun control advocates said they have previously been stymied by the federal law when it comes to punishing manufacturers or dealers who are irresponsible or negligent in selling or advertising firearms.

Ting's bill would require firearm makers and dealers to "take reasonable precautions" under a "firearm industry standard of conduct" in making and selling their weapons. That can include things like making sure buyers are taught how to safely store and use the weapon, he said.

They also would be barred from making or distributing guns that are "likely to create a substantial and unreasonable risk of harm to public health and safety" under the bill co-sponsored by the Brady Campaign and state Attorney General Rob Bonta.

Starting in July 2023, violators could be sued by the attorney general, city or county attorneys, or anyone who suffered harm. They also could be sued for alleged violations of other laws, including false advertising, unfair competition or deceptive acts or practices.

"We think it provides a really good opportunity to put the power back in the hands of individuals who are the individual victims of gun violence," Ting said. "And really, what we hope is by holding this industry accountable that they will be much more thoughtful about how they sell their weapons."

The National Rifle Association said the bill's real intent is "to torment the firearms industry through costly litigation in the widest array of circumstances."

The bill is written so broadly that "almost anyone could bring civil action against the firearm industry," said the California Rifle and Pistol Association. "It is an attack on the lawful commerce of firearms with an intent to limit the availability of firearms."

Roy Griffith, the California group's legislative director, said the proposal is "clearly in direct conflict with federal law."

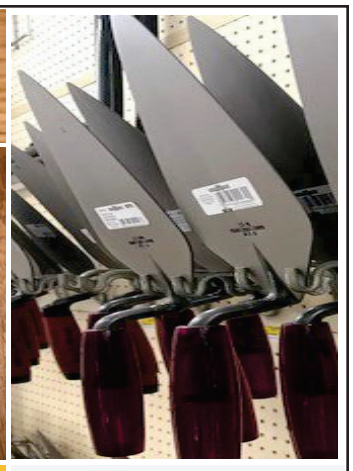
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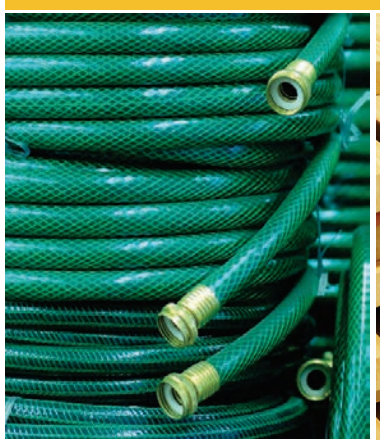
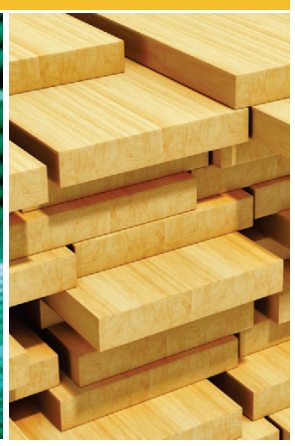


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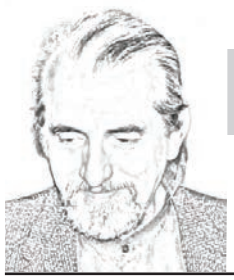
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OPINION | CURIOUS CITY

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WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS TOWN?

DON'T GET TOO EXCITED

I'm not about to reveal to you here how we fix it all – because I have come to understand that there are deeply entrenched political roadblocks, so unnecessary and frustrating, to undo the mistakes of the past and make this again the city we all once loved – nor can I even give a complete list of all that needs to be fixed. This is a column, not a 10-pound tome. But we all have our own personal lists and priorities, and they can change from day to day. Moment to moment.

It's just predawn as I write this, when the barely audible but calming, abiding white noise of the endless surf begins to mix seamlessly with the soft whoosh of a few cars growing into rush hour traffic. This tranquility is broken, punctuated by the shrieks of a tortured soul, somewhere blocks away, but now firmly on the edge of the consciousness of hundreds nearby.

That unseen herald, that voice howling from a sidewalk or alley or small park, tells us at least two things: there is a person overwhelmed by their own demons who is literally crying out for help (or at least recognition that they exist), and so many of us must suffer the consequences of their plight.

It can be much worse than loss of tranquility. How many stories have we heard of people innocently walking by who were confronted by such a mentally damaged person, felt threatened, or were even physically attacked. Those attacks have included shoves or punches that resulted in injury, or even life-threatening knife assaults. Someone was recently stabbed on our beach, at 4:30 a.m. shouldn't any of us be free to stroll the beach without fear of assault? Or maybe, the beaches should be closed from midnight to dawn. They are in some communities.

The person responsible for the knife attack was arrested, as they should have been, and it seemed to be out-of-towners with a dispute amongst themselves, not street people with mental issues. But all this adds to our fear of even taking a stroll in our town. How many of you carry pepper spray?

There are so many layers to our problem. Dealing with the armed and dangerous, and probably not mentally ill, is different than that guy screaming on Main Street. But he may have a knife, and wouldn't the result be the same? How do we handle the folks who are a public nuisance, who need help, not a short stint in jail and then out again, no better off? Whose anti-social actions greatly degrade the quality of life for those of us who live here? Sadly, we now handle them all about the same.

"DEFUND THE POLICE"

Became the unfortunate tag line for those who have come to realize that we can go a long ways toward solving a lot of our problems, including police murder of innocent victims, by sending the right, properly trained experts to handle so many situations that now are met by armed police officers, not trained much to de-escalate situations that don't have to become dangerous or even deadly.

City Council member Phil Brock told me that some progress is being made, that our local Salvation Army has a trained street team, with a case worker, ready to go out on such calls, but they need funding, and he hopes to get that from private sources. Brock also said L.A. County Department of Mental Health has funded a van with trained professionals on board for 24/7 response to mental health emergencies, and we have made space for them in old Fire Station One, but there are still some bureaucratic hurdles to overcome.

Here in Santa Monica, when you start asking, why can't this be done? – it becomes an endless loop of reasons, excuses and finger-pointing. It's the City Attorney, the District Attorney, the police chief, City Council, staff, the school board.. No money, no personnel, no time. And yet – other small cities, all around us, do a much better job at so many of these things, and so much faster. Santa Monica is known as the city where everything takes three times longer, twice as expensive, and the laws are not enforced. Such a reputation exacerbates our problems.

THE TIME FOR PATIENCE

And measured attempts at solutions are past, I feel. While there's a lot a City Council can't do, that's also where the buck stops. They need to get creative, with a sense of urgency. We need to start demanding change that keeps our precious city from sliding into a garbage pit, because that's where we're headed. We elected a slate that said they would work for residents, not outside interests, and they have, but they are lacking. I know there is a tremendous learning curve to managing this city, and that those opposing such efforts are expert in their tactics, but I also think taking the gloves off and taking some chances is needed. We just came (mostly) through a terrible pandemic that should have taught us some lessons about the way we were doing things here, but we have mostly gone back to normal. And that normal was no good.

Those on the City Council who are the old guard, or aligned with them, need to go. We need seven Council members who will be working for us full steam, no compromise, no time to waste. What is Manhattan Beach doing right that we aren't? Beverly Hills? Let's steal from the best to make Santa Monica the best, again.

We pride ourselves on being a "progressive city." We're not. That's baloney. A progressive city wouldn't be building thousands of market rate units to get a pitiful handful of "affordable" homes. That's no solution (except to the pocketbooks of developers, and the politicians they keep getting elected) and never was. You don't solve the problems of the unsheltered by building a few half a million

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DTSM

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and has also experienced issues around property crime. A group of property owners, organizing as the Santa Monica Bayside Owners Association, have made their dissatisfaction with DTSM's leadership clear.

Now that leadership is in a state of flux.

> They must have a clear vision for the organization, be receptive to feedback from various stakeholders, and work collaboratively with DTSM partners, including the City of Santa Monica, local businesses and property owners
> — Barry Snell

Harris currently has a three month contract to serve as Interim Executive Director with the option to extend on a month-to-month basis. The organization's Board has a goal to hire a permanent CEO by the start of the next fiscal year, which is July 1.

"The Board is intent on hiring a seasoned CEO with at least 10 years of relevant executive level experience who is familiar with the duties and responsibilities of urban placemaking organizations, and/or business improvement districts," said Board Chair Barry Snell. "They must have a clear vision for the organization, be receptive to feedback from various stakeholders, and work collaboratively with DTSM partners, including the City of Santa Monica, local businesses and property owners."

According to Snell, the role of CEO will remain similar to years past, but have a larger emphasis on economic development and retail recruitment. Other key qualifications include expertise in the travel, hospitality and tourism industries as well as a demonstrated ability in financial forecasting, budgeting and resource allocation.

A key responsibility of the new CEO will be executing the Third Street Promenade Stabilization and Revitalization Plan. This plan was crafted by DTSM and MIG Consultants in collaboration with a variety of stakeholders. It seeks to modernize and elevate the Promenade as a dining, entertainment, and retail destination with a more diverse range of businesses and experiences that will appeal to both locals and visitors.

There are calls for rooftop bars and restaurants, speakeasy style entertainment in basements, activations of alleyway spaces, a new cultural center and the creation of a car free town square. Locals are to be drawn in through performance venues and the addition of more daily need services, while diverse artisans and small-scale manufactures are to be attracted with an inclusive leasing strategy and affordable kiosk vending spaces.

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DTSM: The organization is responsible for the Promenade and nearby streets.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

L.A. Metro Removes Face Mask Requirement on Metro Bus and Rail

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) today announced that effective immediately, face masks on all Metro Bus and Rail Lines operating in L.A. County will now be strongly recommended, but no longer required. This follows a Florida federal court decision yesterday that eliminated the mask mandate on public transportation and airplanes nationwide.

Metro will now make wearing face masks on public transit optional and will continue to recommend riders wear masks while onboard transit vehicles to help protect their health and those of fellow riders whenever possible.

"After a devastating winter surge that threatened the integrity of our healthcare system, the County is now enjoying low community levels of COVID-19. With more tools at our disposal to combat this virus, including wider availability of vaccines, tests, and therapeutics, the County can continue to progress towards its new normal," said First District Supervisor and Chair of the Metro Board Hilda L. Solis. "However, it is important to recognize that we still live in a pandemic, thus face masks will continue to be strongly recommended on public transit to keep ourselves and those around us safe. I urge our residents to continue to remain vigilant and look out for one another as we move forward."

Metro's decision to make face masks optional while continuing to encourage their use is consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which still recommends that people continue to wear masks in indoor public transportation settings.

"As we continue to emerge from the worst effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, our No. 1 goal will always be to ensure the safety of our transit customers and employees," said Metro CEO Stephanie N. Wiggins. "Masks are now strongly recommended, and we'd like everyone to continue to be mindful and vigilant in protecting themselves and others from the evolving threat of this virus."

Metro's announcement today follows the Transportation Security Administration's own cancellation of its security directives and emergency amendment requiring face mask use on public transportation and at transportation hubs.

During the federal face mask requirement period, Metro observed 95 percent voluntary compliance of the requirement. As part of its previous efforts to ensure safe travel on public transit during the pandemic, Metro installed face masks dispensers at major transit hubs and freely distributed masks to riders throughout the Los Angeles County region.

For additional information, please visit https://www.metro.net/

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carmakers for drunken driving deaths.

"This industry gets protection that no other industry in the United States gets," Ting responded. "Guns are not cars. The purpose of guns is to harm another individual."

The Assembly Judiciary Committee advanced the bill on a 7-2 vote.

A different Assembly committee was poised to advance a bill aimed at "ghost guns," which law enforcement agencies say have spiked in recent years. The U.S. Department of Justice reported nearly 20,000 were recovered nationwide last year, nearly double those seized in 2020.

The move comes days after President Joe Biden highlighted the Justice Department's work to finalize new regulations to crack down on ghost guns, which are privately made firearms without serial numbers.

"Anyone with a credit card and skills to build Ikea furniture, and some spare time, can make the same gun that took the lives of two of my classmates and changed mine forever," testified Mia Tretta, who was shot in Santa Clarita during a 2019 attack at Saugus High School, where she is now a junior. She also spoke at Biden's announcement.

California law already requires anyone building a weapon to apply to the state Department of Justice for a serial number to be inscribed on the firearm.

Assemblyman Mike Gipson's bill would instead block the sale of unfinished gun parts until they are regulated by the federal government. The measure would take effect Jan. 1, and give Californians who have weapons without serial numbers six months to register them and add the numbers.

Sam Paredes, executive director of Gun Owners of California, said the emphasis on ghost guns is overblown.

"Privately made firearms have become an unfortunate scapegoat," he said, citing statistics by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives showing they are used in less than 1% of homicides. "There is simply no evidence that they are the cause for the surge in violent crime."

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dollar tiny homes without offering the needed support services. You don't address crime without hiring more officers and completely reassessing how they are assigned. You don't improve our schools by overspending on hundreds of millions of dollars of new buildings, but not making sure we have the very best teachers, well taken care of.

Yes, solutions are difficult, but possible, but time is running out.

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CAMPING

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group campground experience with large, you know, giant family tents," LA County Director of Regional Planning Amy Bodek said during the Supervisors' meeting Tuesday. "This is really — you're on the Pacific Crest Trail, and you know you're going to be hitting the Santa Monica Mountains in a couple of days, and you go on the website to make a reservation for this campground and you get there you sign in and camp and then you leave the next morning for your continuation to either northern Washington State or or Mexico, depending on what direction you're traveling. So this is really much more limited and for, I think, folks were a little bit more hardy than I am in camping in the great wilderness." [The Pacific Crest Trail does not enter the Santa Monica Mountain range.]

Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, who represents the unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains as well as Malibu, Topanga and Santa Monica, called the proposal "a good example of the art of compromise," blending community concerns with the California Coastal Commission's mission to protect the California coast and make it accessible for public enjoyment.

> Malibu residents and political leaders urged the Board to reject the measure, which they said could lead to additional fire danger.

Kuehl said the low-impact camping was "essentially what you carry in and what you carry out," making the style of camping unique in the Santa Monica Mountains, which up to this point has only traditional campgrounds such as those at Malibu Creek State Park. Kuehl also pointed out a "no-flame rule," which will be enforced by the permit-holding agency overseeing the campground, such as the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) or California State Parks.

"The campground person is in charge of enforcing what happens on their campground under this and that means no fires," Kuehl said. "And so if you don't enforce it, people are going to know and you lose your permit."

The low-impact campgrounds will prohibit fire pits, fires, flammable devices, smoking, pets and groups larger than 12, according to the meeting's staff report. Campsites may be equipped with "fireproof cooking stations," that allow cooking with "flame-less cook-stoves," and forbidding: alcohol, kerosene, unleaded gasolene, white gas, metholated spirit, propane, butane, wood, wax "or any other type of combustible material for cooking."

Bodek, who said she agreed that the new rules were a good compromise, said camping will also be prohibited during Red Flag Warnings, citing the 2018 Woolsey Fire as an example of how easily the mountains can burn in high winds.

"The requirements of a permit will include an operational and safety plan," Bodek continued. "So let's say an applicant wants to develop this ... maybe it's State Parks, maybe it's the MRCA or maybe it's a private individual who wants to develop this campground for low-impact camping. Part of their requirement, of their permit, is to develop both an operational and safety plan and an emergency management plan. That includes how they're going to notify individuals that they can no longer camp; that includes how they're going to evacuate these individuals in the case of any kind of emergency, whether it's fire, flood or earthquake; and then also that operational plan is going to specify how they specifically deal with the Red Flag Days."

These precautions were not good enough for the hundreds of Malibu residents who submitted commentary in opposition to the measure; many of those in opposition described their own personal losses due to the 2018 Woolsey Fire.

Noteworthy among the opponents were all five Malibu City Council members, who penned a unanimous letter in opposition to the new campground rules.

"Malibu is downwind of and on the receiving end of any brushfires in the Santa Monica Mountains like the Woolsey Fire, which destroyed 1,600 homes, 480 of which were in the City of Malibu. Our residents are concerned about any type of trail camping and camping in smaller, unsupervised remote locations than the ones mentioned above. We have expressed our opposition to that type of camping in the past," according to the letter, which was delivered to the County on Friday, April 15.

The letter was submitted alongside about 225 statements of opposition. Twenty-one people reached out in favor of the amendment, but all of those who left comments were opposed, making it appear that the majority of those counted as "in favor" may have been misclassified.

Malibu Mayor Paul Grisanti was among those who called in to the hearing on Tuesday afternoon; there he stated that his Malibu property (and scores more) burned in 2007 due to a brush fire started by an illegal campfire burning during a Red Flag Warning.

Speaking to the Daily Press following the decision, Grisanti said he did not feel the Board compromised on any of the aspects important to Malibu residents, including implementing enforcement requirements for the Red Flag camping ban, moving campsites back at least 100 feet from protected streams and waterways, and demonstrating the feasibility of requiring only flameless cooking equipment.

"I've been in a business where I negotiate for a living for 44 years," Grisanti (a realtor) said. "And a compromise usually indicates that everybody gets some of what they want. I think we lost all of what we wanted."

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 20)

This year highlights deep learning and thinking for you. Intellectual progress is hard to measure until it becomes a part of the physical world, but your faith and patience will pay off. You'll assert unique viewpoints, methodologies and more and later be proven right. Someone considers you a rare joy, then many do. Pisces and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 19, 1, 37, 17 and 6.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Being around people who don't understand you is lonely. It is far better to go solo and be completely free to focus on what brings you joy than be in proximity of others whom you cannot relate to.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may find that something you used to enjoy doing now feels like work. The energy has simply run its course. Pressing on may do more harm than good. Take a break to avoid total burnout.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Anyone can be cheerful under blue skies and in happy circumstances. To be just as pleasant among bad moods and weather is for the superhuman. You'll be rewarded for your efforts to rise above the circumstances.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Just because you obsess over a project doesn't mean it will turn out better. The opposite could happen. If a task feels like it's taking too long, it probably is. Change your mindset and pick up the pace.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's futile if not dangerous to try to control massive entities with many moving parts. State what you want then get out of the way and let things worth themselves out. Have faith things will naturally settle at the best outcome.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There have been times you communicated with pristine clarity because you knew just what you wanted to say and you said exactly that. But today you won't know what you want to express until sentences fall from your lips.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The agitation you feel is lucky. It's telling you that you're ready for a change of scenery. You've wrung all the sweetness you're going to get from the current situation. New challenges are around the bend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are riding the wave that happens when creativity and inspired action come together. Surfing in the flow of life, you'll enjoy a particularly focused form of concentration. You'll make smart moves without thinking.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People who can give you what you need won't require convincing. You'll just notice that what you need is there, and you'll make a deal — simple. If you find yourself having to persuade, something is off. Keep moving.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Aim your delusions at a new calendar. What's real now would have been unfathomable 100 years ago. Inventing a better tomorrow requires some degree of unrealistic thinking.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Needing to know everything about how things work could slow the progress. Trust people to do their jobs today. Let the experts handle what they are experts at handling.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). For some reason, accepting compliments can feel a little embarrassing to you, but you'll eventually get used to being around people who can really see and appreciate you.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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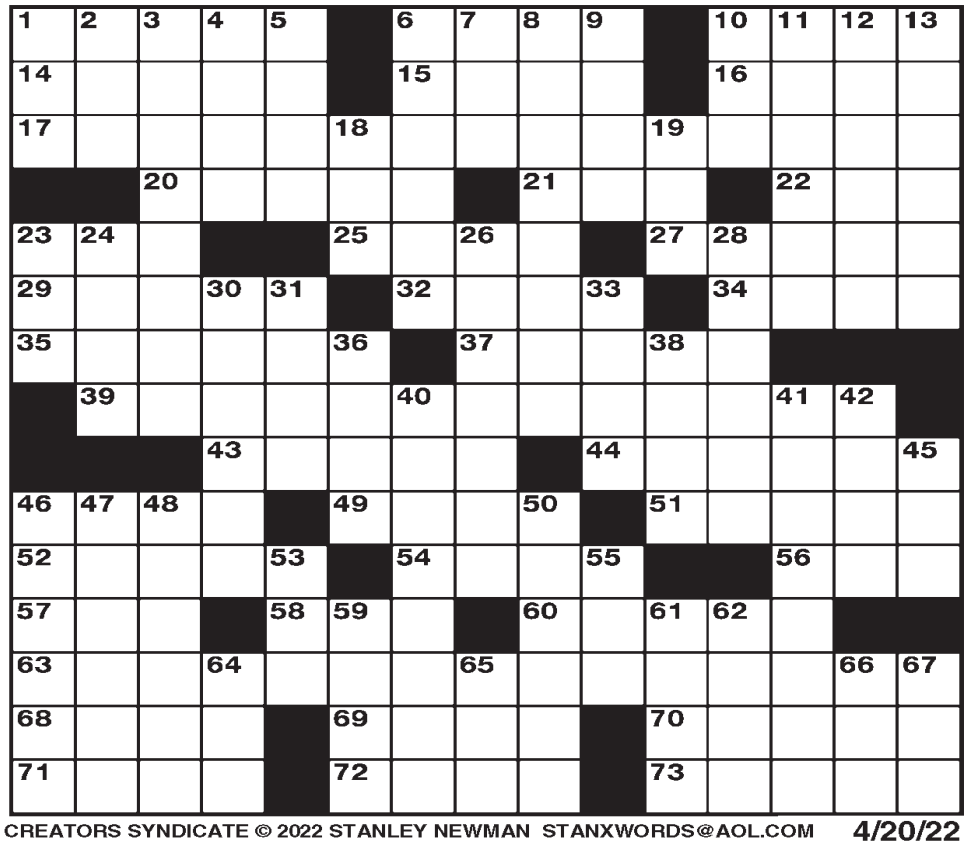
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Not quite right
6 Spread for a BLT
10 Money posted in court
14 __ ray (type of fish)
15 Last word of a prayer
16 "My treat!"
17 Water in some Florida communities
20 Concert venue
21 Sandwich bread
22 __ Vegas, NV
23 AOL rival
25 Amazes
27 Prophetic signs
29 Helped out
32 Astronomer's observation
34 Palindromic German name
35 Minor earthquake
37 Once more
39 Ingredient in some seafood cakes
43 Himalayan nation
44 10 to the 100th power
46 Sheet in a novel
49 Escalator surface
51 Disadvantaged
52 Camel's Andean kin
54 Cleveland's water
56 "Didn't I tell you this would happen?"
57 Two-Oscar actor Mahershala
58 Showery spring mo.
60 Mac-and-cheese pasta shape
63 Nylon and polyester
68 Earth's rocky orbiter
69 Cord of a pulley system
70 "You can believe me!"
71 Mom's sister
72 HS support groups
73 Historic Alabama city

DOWN
1 Physicians' org.
2 Scratch up
3 Done by two together
4 Mix, as paint
5 __ and sound (out of danger)
6 Large parrots
7 Male pal in Paris
8 Far back in time
9 Nothing but
10 Squeezing snake
11 Low-level sock
12 "To clarify . . ."
13 Not as much
18 Once __ while (occasionally)
19 Astrological cat
23 Gym's padded surface
24 Voice of Apple devices
26 Any online merchant
28 Fifth president
30 Singer Marshall Mathers' alias
31 Shower affection (on)
33 Phoned
36 Performs like 30 Down
38 Clicked image
40 Potato nugget product
41 Doesn't go out of style
42 Foretell
45 Drain cleaner chemical
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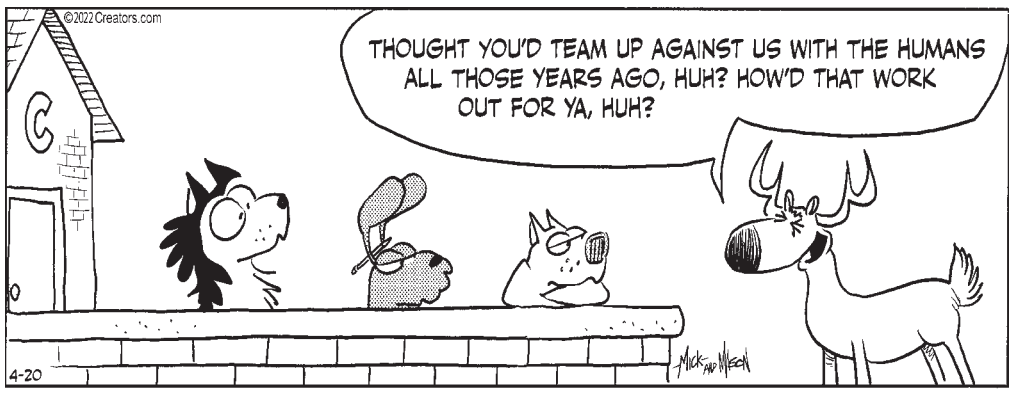
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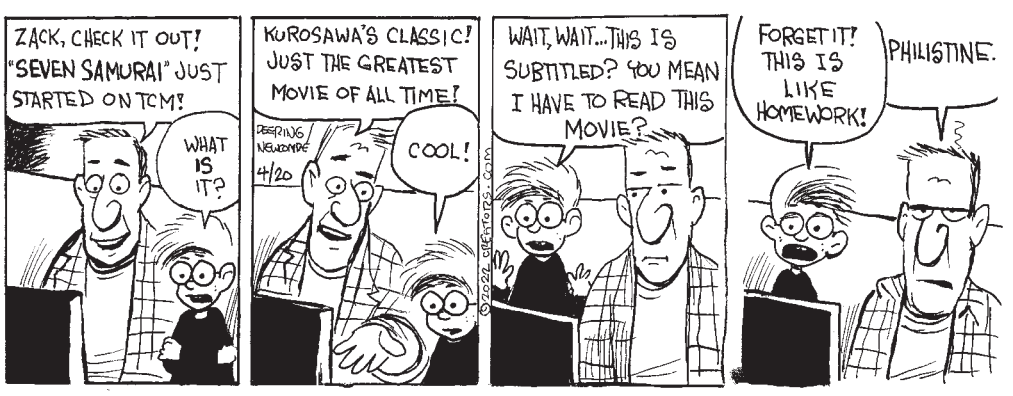
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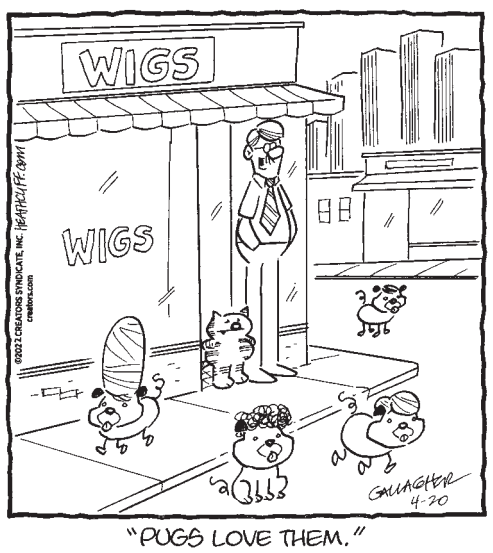
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Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"PUGS LOVE THEM."

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

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Out in the tinnie

M	W	O	L	S	N	O	Y	B	O	N	D	I	F	A
O	T	U	N	A	S	R	O	P	E	R	C	H	D	B
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T	C	T	U	O	R	T	N	K	I	L	L	E	R	L
E	A	K	G	R	K	N	A	L	S	O	U	E	E	I
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A	E	H	R	A	A	R	A	Y	A	E	U	O	I	T
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Abu
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Ballina
Bass
Bondi
Borroloola
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Bream
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Dart
Drag
Eden
Gaff
Gear
Hook
Hussar
Iluka
Killer
Leather jacket
Lizard
Island
Lorne
Mako
Noosa
Oars
Oberon
Ocean
Old Bar
Onslow
Oyster Bay
Penn
Perch
Plug
Rare
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WEDNESDAY | APRIL 20

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH BOOK GROUP
Join a community-led monthly book club, centered in the Montana neighborhood. This group currently meets via Zoom. Email library@santamonica.gov for the link. 7 - 8:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA PLANNING COMMISSION
5:30 p.m. The public can only attend this meeting via live stream at: CITY TV: Cable Channel 16
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TELECONFERENCE: https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/yxzgxrep
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DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
Arizona Ave. (between 2nd & 4th)
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

THURSDAY | APRIL 21

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT FOR TEENS
Celebrate Financial Literacy Month with a workshop from Youthful Savings on entrepreneurship and financial responsibility for teens. Participants will learn how to earn, save, and invest money, meet local youth entrepreneur Gabriela 'Bibi" Paniagua, CEO of Bibi's Tye Die Creations, and gain free access to Youthful Savings Learning Marketplace all month in honor of financial literacy month. 6 - 7:15 p.m. Pico Branch Library

FRIDAY | APRIL 22

SANTA MONICA HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT: MASTERWORKS
7 p.m. in historic Barnum Hall, the Santa Monica High School Performing Arts Department will present Masterworks 2022. Samohi's advanced choral ensembles, under the direction of Bravo award-winning choral educator Jeffe Huls, take on an ambitious "masterwork" by a noted composer and join the school's skilled orchestral and band students to produce a remarkable, collaborative musical event. $10. https://www.tickettailor.com/events/samohichoir/674264

SATURDAY | APRIL 23

WELLNESS & WAVES
Whether you're looking to reset after a long and busy week, or are just wanting to get your sweat on, Wellness & Waves is here for you. Join us for a free yoga workout that includes good vibes, ocean breezes and epic views. Come elevate your practice by connecting with nature, and meditating with the sunshine. RSVP at https://www.santamonica.com/event/wellness-waves/2022-04-23.

PILE 2 PATIO, MULCH/COMPOST SCULPTURE
Pile 2 patio is a piece by artist Maru García that explores the materiality and community-building qualities of a mulch/compost pile. For one day only, 18th Street Arts Center's Airport Campus will have a giant mulch and compost sculpture in the parking lot on Saturday, April 23 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. as part of the exhibition Radical Propagations, on view at 18th Street's Propeller Gallery. This interactive and evolving piece will invite the public to modify the sculpture by taking mulch/compost to their homes. 18th Street Arts Center, Propeller Gallery, 3026 Airport Ave.

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8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

PICO FARMERS MARKET
Pico Blvd. & Cloverfield Blvd.
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SUNDAY | APRIL 24

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET
2640 Main Street.
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT ANTIQUE MARKET
Noted as One of the Top Ten "Flea Markets' in America, visit the Santa Monica Airport Antique Market, a fun outdoor (and dog-friendly!) market full of many great dealers with furniture, antiques, collectibles, art, vintage clothes, jewelry, rugs and much more. 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. $5. Santa Monica Airport, 2800-3200 Airport Ave.

626 NIGHT MARKET MINI
This event aims to bring food lovers together over some of the most unique eats Southern California has to offer. 1 - 10 p.m. 452 Arizona Ave.

DIANA DAMRAU & NICOLAS TESTÉ
Global superstar and Metropolitan Opera favorite Diana Damrau returns alongside famed bass Nicolas Testé for a fun and lively program of opera, operetta, lieder, and songs. Broad Stage 1310 11th St. 7:30 p.m. $95.

MONDAY | APRIL 25

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, HIGH
Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Visit smmusd.asapconnected.com or contact Olga Saucedo at osaucedo@smmusd.org or (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 to enroll. Classes will begin in a virtual format. If live classes become possible, they will take place at Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com



SURF REPORT
WATER TEMP: **60.8**

WEDNESDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	SSW swell continues w/ modest NW swell mixing in. Morning wind looks nice at this point with a drained out low tide in the early morning that you'll want to let fill in if you can swing it.
THURSDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	Modest NW swell continues, SSW eases. AM wind looks light with a nice low tide window to work with as well. Afternoon onshores out of the west, points should be decent all day.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 63. East southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54. West southwest wind 5 to 15 mph.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. East northeast wind 5 to 15 mph.
Thursday Night: A 40 percent chance of rain, mainly after 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/04/19	Tue	06:08 AM	-0.93	L
2022/04/19	Tue	12:31 PM	3.44	H
2022/04/19	Tue	5:10 PM	1.76	L
2022/04/19	Tue	11:37 PM	5.87	H
2022/04/20	Wed	07:08 AM	-0.80	L
2022/04/20	Wed	1:48 PM	3.06	H
2022/04/20	Wed	5:47 PM	2.23	L
2022/04/21	Thu	12:27 AM	5.55	H
2022/04/21	Thu	08:19 AM	-0.58	L
2022/04/21	Thu	3:39 PM	2.95	H
2022/04/21	Thu	6:39 PM	2.68	L
2022/04/22	Fri	01:31 AM	5.13	H
2022/04/22	Fri	09:45 AM	-0.44	L
2022/04/22	Fri	5:29 PM	3.22	H
2022/04/22	Fri	8:32 PM	3.00	L
2022/04/23	Sat	03:02 AM	4.74	H
2022/04/23	Sat	11:05 AM	-0.46	L
2022/04/23	Sat	6:27 PM	3.64	H

DAILY LOTTERY

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the winning number information, mistakes can occur. In the event of any discrepancies, California State laws and California Lottery regulations will prevail. Complete game information and prize claiming instructions are available at California Lottery retailers. Visit the California State Lottery web site at http://www.calottery.com

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 4/18
8 33 55 59 62
Power#: 18
Jackpot: 370 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/15
4 17 20 46 64
Mega#: 23
Jackpot: 20 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 4/16
12 13 14 25 35
Mega#: 13
Jackpot: 35 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/18
15 16 22 23 27

Daily 3
Draw Date: 4/18
EVENING: 2 8 9
Draw Date: 4/18
MIDDAY: 3 1 0

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 4/18
1st: 01 - Gold Rush
2nd: 05 - California Classic
3rd: 03 - Hot Shot
Race Time: 1:41.21

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