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Post-pandemic business boom brings new vibrancy to Main Street



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RESTAURANT: A mix of food and retail outlets have decreased vacancies on Main Street.

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Officials are hopeful Main Street is on the road to recovery with a spate of new businesses opening in the past few months.

"This is the most excited I've been for Main Street ever," said Sean Besser, Ocean Park Association Vice President and Chair of the Main Street Taskforce, later adding "It feels like there are less vacancies now than pre-COVID."

In the last year and a half, around two dozen businesses have opened, including SUSU Handbag's first location and luxury loungewear company Aviator Nation's first

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Mask requirements drop on local transit systems

EMILY SAWICKI
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If you happened to be riding the Big Blue Bus on Wednesday, you might not guess the transit system had dropped its mask mandate. Throughout the day, most drivers and passengers seen on an informal survey of bus trips around Santa Monica appeared still willing to mask up — whether they were aware of new rules that came out that morning or not. Many buses still showed flashing signboards warning "MASKS REQUIRED".

The same was true on the Expo "E" Line trains in and out of Santa Monica, despite LA Metro also dropping mask rules this week, following a federal court decision out of Florida striking down the Biden administration's federal mask rules.

"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," LA County

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Beach cleanup











Emily Sawicki

BAY: Hundreds of volunteers came out on Saturday, April 16, to pitch in and clean up Santa Monica Beach. According to the environmental nonprofit Heal the Bay, which sponsored the event, nearly 500 volunteers spent their morning at the beach; with a combined effort, about 115 pounds of trash were removed from the shore. Heal the Bay described the cleanup as "one of the largest standalone cleanups taking place during Earth Week in the U.S. in an iconic location." It was held to coincide with the 52nd annual Earth Day, which will be celebrated on Friday, April 22.

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Climate change, big agriculture combine to threaten insects

SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

Climate change and habitat loss from big agriculture are combining to swat down global insect populations, with each problem making the other worse, a new study finds.

While insects may bug people at times, they also are key in pollinating plants to feed people, making soil more fertile and they include beautiful butterflies and fireflies. Scientists have noticed a dramatic drop both in total bug numbers and diversity of insect species, calling it a slow-motion death by 1,000 cuts. Those cuts include pesticides and light pollution.

Big single-crop agriculture that leaves less habitat and leafy food for bugs plus higher temperatures from climate change are huge problems for insects, but a new study in the journal Nature Wednesday based on more than 750,000 samples of 18,000 different species of insects says it's not just those two threats acting on their own. It's how habitat loss and climate change interact that really smashes bug populations.

In about half the cases where numbers of insects had plummeted, researchers found climate change and habitat loss from agriculture magnifying each other. In more than a quarter of the cases of biodiversity loss, meaning fewer species, the same dynamic was at work.

"We know insects are under threat. We're now getting a much bigger handle on what they are threatened by and how much," said study author Charlotte Outhwaite, an ecologist at the University College of London.

"In this case, the habitat loss and climate change can often be worse than if they were acting on their own, as one can make the impact of the other worse and vice versa," Outhwaite said. "We're missing part of the picture if we are only looking at these things individually."

For example, monoculture agriculture often reduces tree shading, making it hotter in a given spot. On top of that comes climate change, she said. Then insects that need heat relief or need to move north for cooler climates can run into problems with lack of proper habitat from large farms.

It's especially a problem in countries like Indonesia and Brazil, where forests are being cleared and temperatures are heating up higher than other parts of the globe, Outhwaite said.

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That's hard on insects like the pesky midge.

"Cocoa is pollinated primarily by midges and people don't like midges. You know they're the annoying ones that bite you, they pester you at picnics," Outhwaite said. "But if you like chocolate you should be appreciative because without them we would have a lot less cocoa."

The same can be said about bees, which are having a hard time with warming from climate change and single-crop farming, Outhwaite said.

Insect pollinators are responsible for about one-third of the human diet, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. And 2 out of 5 species of invertebrate pollinators, such as bees and butterflies, are on the path toward extinction, a 2016 United Nations science report said.



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BEE: Reduced insect populations mean problems for the larger environment.

What makes this study important is that it's the first to link climate change and industrialized agriculture together in explaining harm to insects, said University of Connecticut entomologist David Wagner, who wasn't part of the study. Because the study used so many different samples and species and looked around the world, that gives its findings more credibility, Wagner said.

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Fight 1200Blk 3rd Street Prom 6:16 a.m.
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Encampment 2900Blk Montana Ave 6:25 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 16th St / Arizona Ave 6:40 a.m.
Encampment 1600Blk The Beach 6:46 a.m.
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Found Property 600Blk California Ave 9:30 a.m.
Encampment 3100Blk The Beach 9:52 a.m.
Lost Property 2000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:30 a.m.
Encampment 3000Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:33 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 1500Blk The Beach 10:47 a.m.
General Parking Problem 900Blk Montana Ave 10:50 a.m.
Speeding 24th St / Pearl St 11:05 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 3000Blk Pico Blvd 11:15 a.m.
Expired Registration 2800Blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:23 a.m.
General Parking Problem 2600Blk 11th St 11:24 a.m.
Battery 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 11:26 a.m.
Loitering 1300Blk 9th St 11:44 a.m.
Malicious Mischief 1500Blk 2nd St 11:54 a.m.
Prowler There Now 1200Blk Euclid St 11:58 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 11:58 a.m.
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Indecent Exposure 2000Blk Ocean Ave 3:17 p.m.
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Malicious Mischief 1300Blk 2nd St 11:05 p.m.
Public Intoxication 900Blk Palisades Beach rd 11:08 p.m.
Person Down 900Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:09 p.m.
Missing Person 200Blk Santa Monica Pier 11:23 p.m.
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Automatic Alarm 2900Blk Montana Ave 2:30 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 300Blk 24th St 2:30 p.m.
Vault Fire 3rd St / Strand St 2:34 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 400Blk 9th St 3:07 p.m.
EMS 3200Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:40 p.m.
Wires Down 3200Blk Colorado Ave 4:09 p.m.
Wires Down 300Blk 17th St 4:10 p.m.
EMS 2500Blk Michigan Ave 5:01 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk Princeton St 5:44 p.m.
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Automatic Alarm 1300Blk 15th St 8:33 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk Bay St 9:10 p.m.
EMS 800Blk 20th St 10:38 p.m.
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Officers responded to CVS on the 1400 block of Lincoln Blvd. regarding a theft. The comments of the call state a female subject had put property in her bag and left the location without paying. Officers located a subject matching the description and made contact. The female became argumentative and attempted to assault officers. Ultimately, Officers were able to arrest Ramona Mack and obtain the items stolen from CVS. Mack was arrested for shoplifting and attempted battery on a peace officer.



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MAIN STREET

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joint retail / fitness studio.

"Seeing them [Aviator Nation] open on Main Street for me was just a huge signal of wow, there's good things afoot here because that's a much more of hipper, high-end sort of brand saying 'alright, here's where we're going to plant our experiential store,'" said Besser.

The street is also becoming a foodie destination and landed in the 2021 Michelin Guide with Dave Beran's Pasjoli earning a star. A new Southeast Asian restaurant Cobi's opened in the former Dhaba space in October 2021 and became an instant hit known for its Wes Anderson-worthy interior decor, playful dishes and natural wines. Ocean to table restaurant Crudo e Nudo, opened in the midst of the pandemic and has already earned a series of accolades including being listed as one of 15 restaurants on The Infatuation's "LA's Best New Restaurants of 2021."

Additionally, Santa Monica native chef Josiah Citrin, whose fine dining restaurant Mélisse earned two Michelin stars in 2021, is about to open a new casual dining restaurant on Main Street. Other casual eateries that have opened recently include Alfalfa salad bar, Holey Grail Donuts, halal burger joint Urban Skillet and Gnarwhal Coffee Co.

Main Street is also seeing an uptick in fitness businesses and stores that cater to families. Recently opened fitness studios include Love for Pilates, Leon Cycle, Athletic Gaines and F45 as well as the soon-to-be-opened Aviator Nation Ride. On the family front, UPPAbaby car seat and stroller store opened, complimenting the childcare products on offer at the Pump Station and Caro Bambino.

Besser said fitness studios and daily use stores are great for bringing more weekday visitors to the Main Street, where businesses have long enjoyed a weekend boom, but often suffered from low weekday foot traffic. He also said that the shift towards high-end stores and family services, reflects the evolving composition of the Ocean Park neighborhood.

As real estate prices rise across the board, Besser speculates that some families might be getting priced out of the North of Montana neighborhood and moving to Ocean Park. At the same time, rising home prices in Ocean Park itself may be fueling customer demand for higher end brands on Main Street.

New developments could also change the composition of the neighborhood. A proposed redevelopment of the Gelson's is slated to bring 521 new units to the neighborhood, while a redevelopment of a bowling alley around the corner from Main Street has plans for 105 new units.

"All of a sudden, we could be adding 5 to 10 percent to our Ocean Park neighborhood population, and seeing more stores that are serving the community and that the community is growing enough in terms of overall numbers to support them could be interesting," said Besser, adding that he knows the density of these projects is controversial within the neighborhood.

The evolution of Main Street comes at the cost of several longtime small businesses, which are no longer able to turn a profit.

"I would say that mom-and-pop retail shops are probably the worst off," said Hunter Hall, Executive Director of the Main Street Business Improvement Association. "I would argue that is not something that is because of the pandemic. I would say that that's a macro-economic shift and the pandemic really just kind of brought the hammer down much harder."

Arts & Letters, a stationary shop that operated on Main Street for almost 20 years, closed at the end of February with Co-owner Lee Oppenheim citing COVID and the rise of e-commerce as reasons for shutting down. Other small retailers including Mohawk, Bollman Hats, and Pamela Barish also closed during the pandemic.

However, vacancies have not stuck around for long and leasing activity on the street is currently high.

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scenes in terms of business takeovers, people showing spaces, discussions that are happening and that has definitely accelerated a lot in the past year," said Hall. "It's definitely heading in a positive direction, it certainly seems more energized and exciting to be on Main Street now than pre-pandemic."

The Main Street Business Improvement Association and Ocean Park Association are working on several initiatives to attract visitors to the street. Their biggest pandemic success was the rapid roll out of parklet outdoor dining spaces in the street, which Hunter credits with keeping several Main Street restaurants afloat. They are now working with the City to make this a permanent program with restaurants paying to rent the parking spaces.

Last year the two organizations piloted the Sharing an Open Main Street event, where two blocks of Main Street were closed off to car traffic, creating a pedestrian plaza for outdoor dining, music, fitness and art activities. This year they are looking to combine elements of this event with the pre-COVID Summer SOULstice block party to create a community oriented summer festival event. The goal is to promote Main Street as a welcoming and vibrant gathering place for residents and visitors of all ages.

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As shares plunge, Netflix takes aim at password sharing, ads



Courtesy image

NETFLIX: The service is also expanding into the mobile gaming space.

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An unexpected drop in subscribers sent Netflix shares into freefall Wednesday, forcing the company to consider experimenting with ads and — hold onto your remote — cracking down on millions of freeloaders who use passwords shared by friends or family.

The surprising net loss of 200,000 subscribers rattled investors, who had been told by the company to expect a gain of 2.5 million subscribers. Netflix shares sank 35% on the news, falling to their lowest level since early 2018.

The Los Gatos, California, company estimates that about 100 million households worldwide are watching its service for free by using the account of a friend or another family member, including 30 million in the U.S. and Canada. "Those are over 100 million households already choosing to view Netflix," CEO Reed Hastings said during a shareholder call Tuesday. "We've just got to get paid at some degree for them."

That may not hurt much at first. Netflix has already been experimenting in Latin America with programs that use a soft touch to convince the unsubscribed to sign up. In Costa Rica, for instance, Netflix plan prices range from $9 to $15 a month, but subscribers can create sub-accounts for two other individuals outside their household for $3 a month. On Tuesday, Hastings suggested that the company may adopt something similar in other markets.

Some current subscribers, though, say even that relatively gentle nudge might push them to sign off.

Alexander Klein, who lives near Albany, N.Y., has subscribed to Netflix since 2013 and shares his account with his mother-in-law. While he likes the service, a string of price increases and the loss of licensed shows has annoyed him — and any password-sharing crackdown might be the last straw.

"If they start cracking down on password sharing and I'm stuck paying the full $15 (a month) just for one person watching at a time, that's frustrating," he said. "If they decided to do that I'd likely cancel."

Despite some fears that a Netflix crackdown on password-sharing could encourage other streaming services to follow suit, experts say that's not likely.

"I think we would see competitors take different strategies here," said Raj Venkatesan, a professor of business administration at the University of Virginia. "Some will follow the lead of Netflix and crack down on password sharing. Others will use this as a differentiator and promise simplicity by saying you can have one password for the family."

For years, amid rapid global growth, Netflix has looked the other way at the not-so-secret practice of subscribers sharing passwords beyond their households. And Hastings has spoken passionately in the past about keeping Netflix ad-free.

But competitive pressure is on the rise. Deep-pocketed rivals such as Apple, Walt Disney and HBO have begun to chip away at Netflix's dominance with their own streaming services. The easing of the pandemic is giving consumers entertainment options beyond binge-watching their favorite shows, and rising inflation is making families think twice about how many different streaming services they're willing to pay for.

All of this has given investors major jitters for months. The Wednesday selloff came on top of earlier trouble for the stock, which has lost 62 percent of its market value since the end of 2021, erasing $167 billion in shareholder wealth.

Netflix has no choice but to try new ways to boost its profits to appease shareholders, said J. Christopher Hamilton, a Syracuse University professor who studies streaming services.

"It feels like this is Netflix's 'come-to-Jesus' moment," said Hamilton, a former lawyer for movie studios. "They were able to be headstrong and play the role as a disruptor for a long time. But now the honeymoon is over and they have to face the reality of business."

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Pot shop robberies, deaths fuel calls for US banking bill

GENE JOHNSON
Associated Press

A surge in robberies at licensed cannabis shops — including a pistol-whipping, gunshots and killings in Washington state last month — is helping fuel a renewed push for federal banking reforms that would make the cash-dependent stores a less appealing target.

"It makes absolutely no sense that legal businesses are being forced to operate entirely in cash, and it's dangerous — and sometimes even fatal — for employees behind the register," Washington Sen. Patty Murray, the third-ranking Democrat in the Senate, said in a statement emailed to The Associated Press.

Although 18 states have legalized the recreational use of marijuana, and 37 allow its medical use, it remains illegal under federal law. Because of that, big banks and credit card companies have long been reluctant to work with the industry, leaving the businesses heavily reliant on cash and making them attractive marks for robbers.

On the annual 4/20 marijuana holiday Wednesday, Murray held a news conference at a suburban Seattle cannabis store to say she will prioritize marijuana banking reform as part of her work as a key negotiator on a conference committee that is ironing out differences in House and Senate versions of a major federal competitiveness and innovation bill.

Cannabis industry activists said they consider her announcement an important signal that after years of work, the banking issue might finally get resolved this year, allowing financial institutions to handle marijuana money in states where it is legal without fear of federal prosecution, loss of their federal deposit insurance or other penalties.

There recently has been a massive spike in the robberies for reasons that aren't entirely clear. Dozens of cannabis businesses in the San Francisco Bay Area were hit last fall in a wave of attacks that sometimes appeared coordinated. Industry trackers in Washington state have reported at least 80 so far this year, mostly in the Puget Sound region.

While dispensaries are frequent targets for robberies, the spate in Washington is helping drive the national conversation about banking reform. Last month, a suspect shot and killed an employee at a cannabis store in Tacoma; an ID checker shot and killed a robber in Covington; Seattle police shot and killed a suspect following a robbery in Bellevue; and a robber pistol-whipped a worker at an Everett shop.

In the last few days, police have arrested a 15-year-old boy and a 16-year-old boy in the killing of employee Jordan Brown, 29, at Tacoma's World of Weed. Authorities said the pair were responsible for at least 10 other armed robberies, including several at pot

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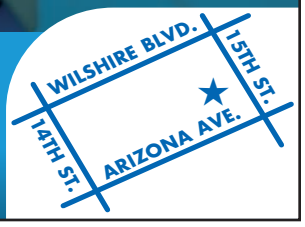
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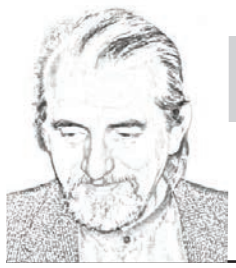
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HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

DAKHABRAKHA – my daughter alerted me some years ago to this fantastic Ukrainian quartet who combine traditional music and instruments with a potpourri of eclectic and modern influences ("an ethno-chaos quartet"), and of course those great tall hats. Nothing can quite prepare you for how dramatically and wonderfully the sounds and images hit you. You will not forget this concert, and how timely now to have them back. Another demonstration of why Ukraine is so important, and must survive. A UCLA presentation. Sun 7 p.m., The Theatre at ACE Hotel, LA, $50+.

EM the MASTER –Why do I keep HIGHLY RECOMMENDING this show, week after week, for months? Because it's still as great a performance as it was the first time I saw her, and because there still may be one or two of you who haven't gone to Harvelle's on Fourth Street on any Tuesday night, parked right next door in the parking structure, plopped down your 10 bucks cover charge (are you serious?), ordered a couple of modestly-priced drinks at the bar from the friendly co-owners Jason or Damian, and settled into a comfy booth ready to be entertained, maybe even amazed. Yeah, she's that good. Every Tues 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $10.

CELSO SALIM & DARRYL CARRIERE — I kept writing every week last summer about these two blues masters, holding court in the sunshine and ocean air on Main Street every Sunday, for free. I dropped by several times and even though I heard a few songs repeated, I never got tired of their blues perfection. Brazilian-born Salim sings, and slides the bottleneck across his guitar strings like a distraught howling wolf, while Carriere adds an attention-grabbing, dangerous growl when he's not blowing wild on harp. Truth be told, they sound even better indoors, with whiskey in your hand and a smile on your face. Next Thurs 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $10.

RECOMMENDED:

Samohi Choral Masterworks Concert 2022 presents FAURE "REQUIEM" – and other works, including Ukrainian. I haven't been to one of these for a decade, since my daughter graduated (with four years of satisfying study in the choral program), but I've often regretted that, because these concerts were so dang good, and with JEFFE HULS still directing/conducting/cracking the whip, I'm sure they still are. A dazzling professional performance in acoustically great Barnum Hall, inexpensive, supporting a great program, yeah, I think we should all go and pack that place. Fri 7 p.m., Barnum Hall, Samohi, $10, $5 students/seniors.

"SATAN'S FALL: An Oratorio" by STEWART COPELAND – Well, this sounds really promising. And not out of character, or a reach, if you have been following his music and composing career. Copeland is the drummer who powered The Police to so many hits, but was always known as much more than "just" a startlingly skilled rock drummer. He added lots of un-rock notions, elements of reggae, punk, jazz, even classical to The Police lineup. He was ranked the 10th best drummer of all time by Rolling Stone in 2016.

Sting emerged after the Police breakup in '86 as the suave chart-topping man in demand, while Copeland let his creative powers fly in so many ways that went less noticed. He produced many film ("Wall Street"), TV ("The Equalizer,") and video game ("Alone in the Dark") soundtracks, and wrote music for ballet, opera, and orchestra.

This is the West Coast premiere of "Satan's Fall," by the Pepperdine Chamber Choir and the Pepperdine Pickford Ensemble. Sat 7:30 p.m. Smothers Theatre, Pepperdine, $10-20.

ITZHAK PERLMAN, Rohan De Silva – You're not going to take advantage of the opportunity to fly away on the mellifluous notes flowing from the blessed hands of one of the greatest violinists of our time? Then why are you living here? Go back to Des Moines or Albuquerque. Accompanied by pianist Rohan De Silva, who is also in demand by other pretty good fiddlers: Zukerman, Midori, Joshua Bell, Gil Shahan. Sun 7:30 p.m., Walt Disney Concert Hall, LA, $67-155.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS: Getty Villa Theater Lab series presents "CASANDRA, AN AGONY," 4/30, 5/1; SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINE Concert, Robert Frost Auditorium, 5/1; LA PHIL performs STRAVINSKY'S "THE RITE OF SPRING" with DUDAMEL, Walt Disney Concert Hall, 5/5, 6, 7, 8; JIM KWESKIN, McCabe's, 5/7; RICK HOLMSTROM BAND with special guest "THE KING OF DOWNEY," McCabe's, 5/8; LA PHIL performs REVUELTAS, STRAVINSKY'S "PETRUSHKA," with DUDAMEL, Walt Disney Concert Hall, 5/12, 13; LA PHIL performs VILLA-LOBOS, STRAVINSKY'S "FIREBIRD." with DUDAMEL, Walt Disney Concert Hall, 5/14, 15; SONGWRITERS SHOWCASE with RICK SHEA, Petty/Chavez & Jeff Turmes, McCabe's, 5/16.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 36 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

MASKS

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Supervisor Hilda Solis, chair of the Metro Board, said in a prepared statement provided by LA Metro. "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."

A statement from Big Blue Bus said face coverings were still "strongly encouraged" but were no longer mandatory as of Wednesday morning, April 20.

"While the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) still recommends wearing a face covering on public transportation, we understand that everyone has a different level of comfort," a statement from Big Blue Bus said. "Some riders may continue to wear a face covering for added safety, while others choose not to. We ask that you respect the preference of your Operator and fellow riders."

A Monday ruling by U.S. District Judge Kathryn Kimball of Tampa, Fla., ended — at least for now — the requirement that people wear masks on planes and public transportation; shortly after the decision, numerous airlines and transit authorities announced they would no longer be enforcing their mandates.

By Wednesday afternoon, a notice of appeal was filed in federal court in Tampa, which came minutes after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) asked the Justice Department to appeal the decision.

The CDC said in a statement Wednesday that it is its "continuing assessment that at this time an order requiring masking in the indoor transportation corridor remains necessary for the public health."

It remained unclear whether the Biden administration would ask the appeals court to grant an emergency stay to immediately reimpose the mask mandate on public transit. An emergency stay of the lower court's ruling would be a whiplash moment for travelers and transit workers.

In the hours between the court-ordered lifting of the federal mask mandate on Monday and the appeal on Wednesday, most airlines and many local transit agencies had already announced their own masking rules were being suspended.

Once TSA said it would no longer enforce the rule, airlines, airports, transit systems and ride-share services were free to decide for themselves whether to require masks. United, Delta, American, Southwest, Alaska, JetBlue and other airlines all made masks voluntary.

On the ground, however, requirements could vary from place to place. New York City's public transit system planned to keep its mask requirement in effect. In San Francisco, the regional commuter rail system known as BART made masks voluntary, but the city transit authority did not.

The transit agency serving Philadelphia and its suburbs said masks will no longer be required on subways, buses and trains or in stations, even though the city has a mask mandate.

Uber and Lyft said they won't require passengers to wear masks.

Here in the greater Los Angeles area, mask mandates were dropped on transit including Big Blue Bus, LA Metro, Metrolink trains, Amtrak trains and at LAX.

The CDC had recently extended the mask mandate, which was set to expire Monday, until May 3, to allow more time to study the BA.2 omicron subvariant, which is now responsible for the vast majority of U.S. cases. But the court ruling Monday had put that decision on hold.

The CDC said it will continue to monitor public health conditions to determine if a mandate would remain necessary. It said it believes the mandate is "a lawful order, well within CDC's legal authority to protect public health."

Justice Department spokesman Anthony Coley said Wednesday night that the department was filing the appeal "in light of today's assessment by the CDC that an order requiring masking in the transportation corridor remains necessary to protect the public health."

David Koenig, Michael Balsamo and Zeke Miller contributed to this report.

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BBB: Masks are recommended but not required on local transit systems.

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shops.

"The number of these robberies is shocking," said David Postman, the chairman of the Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board.

The board in the past month has held public safety discussions with retailers, recruited law enforcement to talk to retailers about best practices, and worked with state financial regulators to highlight local banks and credit unions that work with the industry as well as third-party vendors that cannabis retailers can use to conduct cashless phone transactions.

Marijuana shops that can afford it have hired private security guards, sometimes at costs of more than $50,000 a month for a round-the-clock detail, said Adán Espino, executive director of the Craft Cannabis Coalition, which represents more than 60 retail stores in Washington. Some of the businesses have tried to hire guards, only to find that security companies are completely booked, he said.

Espino said he's pushing for state lawmakers to give tax credits to cannabis stores that have to shell out money for security.

Mary Mart, a cannabis outlet in Tacoma, hired armed security in March after it was robbed twice in two months — including, police say, by the two teens who days later killed Brown. Budtender Amara Barnes, who was not present for either robbery, said she and other employees had their hours cut to help offset the cost.

"It's scary. I had worked here for four years without any kind of incident," Barnes said. "To have a couple kids come in and do that, it really shakes the confidence."

Officials and industry advocates say hiring security and training employees on best practices won't solve the problem the way federal approval of cannabis banking would.

Colorado Democratic Rep. Ed Perlmutter introduced the SAFE Banking Act in 2013 soon after Washington and Colorado became the first states to legalize the regulated sale of marijuana. The bill would keep federal regulators from penalizing banks that work with licensed cannabis businesses.

The House has passed it half a dozen times with bipartisan support, but it has never passed the Senate, where it has 42 co-sponsors, including nine Republicans. Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, a Democrat, has insisted that he would prefer to see federal legalization of marijuana, along with measures to redress harms caused by the war on drugs, before addressing banking.



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BUSINESS: Cannabis stores want action to allow them access to the banking system.

Schumer, however, recently announced that his marijuana legislation would not be ready to introduce this month as originally planned.

Supporters of fixing the banking problem first now see an opportunity, especially with Murray announcing that she will prioritize it in her work. David Mangone, director of policy and government affairs for The Liaison Group, a Washington, D.C.-based cannabis lobbying firm, called news of Murray's statement "a reasonably big deal."

In a letter to Schumer and other senators Tuesday, Perlmutter cited the robberies and deaths in Washington state in support of approving banking reform as soon as possible. He called the banking reform "an immediate solution to get cash off our streets and ensure state-legal, legitimate businesses can operate like any other type of business."



NETFLIX

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Hamilton believes offering a lower priced version of Netflix's service that includes ads will be warmly received by consumers looking to save money, as long as subscribers willing to pay more can still binge watch without commercial interruption.

The crackdown on password sharing could be more problematic, though.

"I think we may be at the point of no return for password sharing,," said Ben Treanor, a digital marketing strategist for Time2Play, a gaming site that recently studied the "streaming swindlers" phenomenon. "I think there's a chance if you throw someone off their family's account, they may not pick up their own account.

Netflix has survived customer backlash before. Back in 2011, it unveiled plans to begin charging for its then-nascent streaming service, which had been bundled for free with its traditional DVD-by-mail service. In the months after that change, Netflix lost 800,000 subscribers, prompting an apology from Hastings for botching the execution of the spin-off. But the company bounced back.

Ads, meanwhile, have never been a favorite of Hastings, who has long viewed them as a distraction from the entertainment Netflix provides.

Ravin Ramjit, a 41-year-old living in London, will have none of them.

"I specifically signed up for Netflix back in the day because there were no ads," he said. "Ads are too intrusive and they break your concentration and the continuity of the shows. You might be in a nice, intense scene — you're really into it — and all of a sudden they cut to commercial."

Stalwarts like David Lewis in Norwalk, Connecticut, say the changes don't seem like a big deal. Lewis shares a premium plan with his three adult children and some of their friends and says they will keep it, even if they have to cut off the friends and each pay for their own accounts.

"We would keep Netflix and pay for the four in our family, even if it was more," he said. "We love the service and what it offers."

Netflix began heading in a new direction last year when its service added video games at no additional charge in an attempt to give people another reason to subscribe.

Anderson reported from New York. AP technology writer Matt O'Brien in Providence, R.I., also contributed to this report.

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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 2022-23 Special Parcel Tax (Measure R) regarding applying a Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) adjustment. The public hearing will be held on May 5, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. The link to provide public comment may be found at the top of the agenda when posted: https://www.smmusd.org/domain/2977. Subsequent to the public hearing on May 5, 2022 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 $471.93 per parcel, which includes a 7.4% CPI adjustment. The CPI-U for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, base year 1982-84=100, from February 2021 through February 2022, 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, 2022. To be added to the mailing list, please email MeasureR@smmusd.org.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). There is something you are tired of carrying by yourself. Someone else can help you lug the burden if you are willing to share it. Better yet, don't think of it as a burden. Call it a fun project and see who shows up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Being in the midst of change can feel painful and difficult. On the other hand, having changed feels like life-affirming vitality — something to keep in mind as you're slogging it out to get to the other side.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You prize efficiency and gravitate to those who can make things happen cheap, fast and right. Usually, you do not get all three. Typically, two of those qualifications are the most you can hope for at once. But today you'll get lucky.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've mastered the tasks, ridden the rides and learned the personality quirks of everyone involved. But just when you think you know all there is to know, a surprise will inject some adrenaline into the scene.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Even if you have a map and the wind in your sails, forward motion still takes internal fortitude. To make it to the brave new world across the ocean, you must have the courage to lose sight of the shore.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your success comes from being aware and responsive. While many around you are ignoring or resisting the facts of reality, you are managing them deftly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The thrill of discovery isn't reserved for explorers, scientists, archaeologists and diamond miners. You'll uncover wild facts, raw gems and other hidden treasure in your daily life today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Unresolved feelings can feel very uncomfortable indeed as they rattle around in your body and mind, looking for somewhere to settle. On the bright side, this is the chaotic buzz of enormous creative potential.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Once upon a time, you walked away because it seemed better than getting into an argument or worse, wasting your time with something boring and unchangeable. Today, you'll repeat that very effective move.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The same challenge you faced last month is coming back in new forms, affording you the chance to test out different responses. Later you'll count this problem among your finest teachers.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can alter a relationship dynamic without waiting for the other person to change. Just thinking differently will be enough to interrupt unwanted patterns.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). As for work that's over your head or the challenge that seems out of your league: Move forward anyway. Illusions abound. Smoke screens and props are at play. The great boulder is made of tissue paper.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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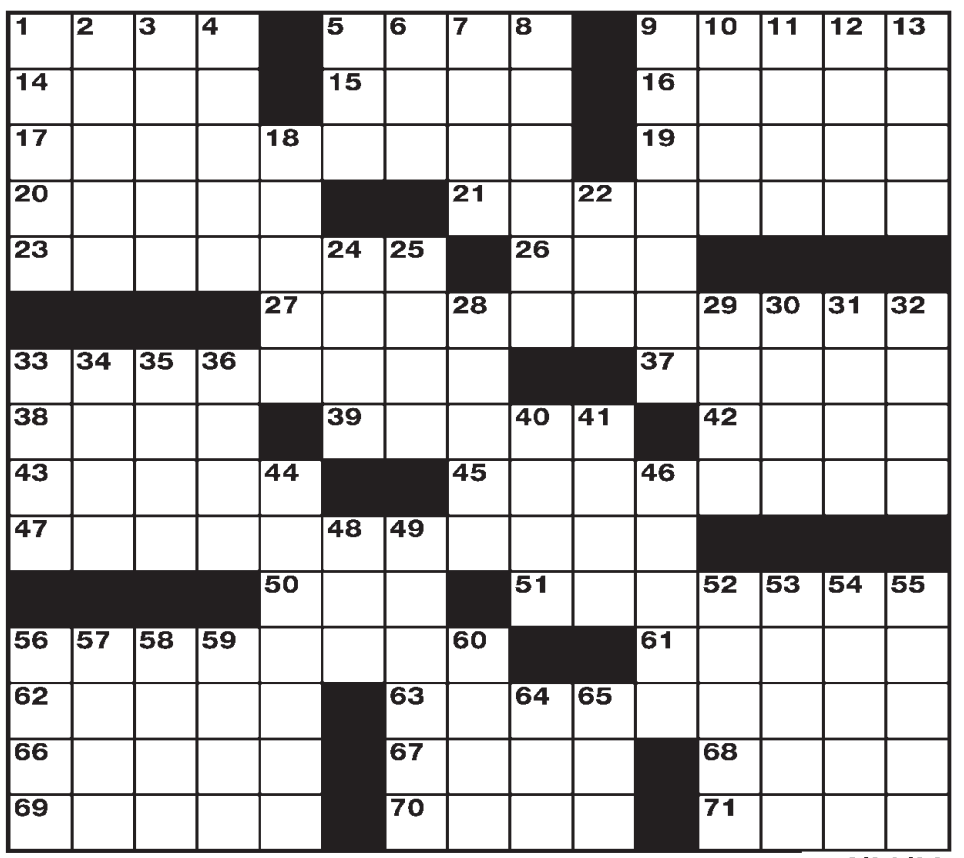
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ACROSS

1 German Johnny
5 Like-minded group
9 Wholesale quantity
14 Patent's origin
15 Bank-collection job
16 Meddlesome one
17 News job of yore
19 Rainforest flier
20 Literally, "I believe"
21 Seafood serving
23 Single portion
26 Taking after
27 Dusk job of yore
33 Gossip column regular
37 Be adequate
38 Ltrs. of stress
39 Those on duty
42 Have a bawl
43 Overstuffs
45 Suspicious nature
47 Mansion job of yore
50 Very long period
51 Cape Cod catch
56 Cross words online
61 Try a bit of
62 Lite, on labels
63 Bowling job of yore
66 Type of quartz
67 Dust-jacket ID
68 Mountain goat's perch
69 Wood-eating bug
70 Kitchenware brand
71 Logical inconsistency

DOWN

1 Stumbling block
2 Find irresistible
3 Banister post
4 Stock market index, for short
5 "Turn up the heat!"
6 Tahitian wedding wear
7 Crude collective
8 Gather together
9 Exercisers' accessories
10 Authentic
11 Not anymore
12 Beast on Deere doors
13 Some power tools
18 Spiral shapes
22 Will Smith biopic role
24 DC pro team
25 MBA hopeful's exam
28 Jambalaya ingredient
29 Downed with 13 Down
30 Arborist's specimen
31 Preceding nights
32 Salespeople
33 This and that, for short
34 Citation abbreviation
35 Peruvian purrer
36 Obi-Wan before Ewan
40 Hot stuff for a short time
41 At leisure
44 Summertime pest, so to speak
46 Fire-breathing
48 "I'm amazed!"
49 Where to find blackbirds or blueberries
52 Sheet of brownies
53 Nautical prefix
54 Super buy
55 Woolen fabric
56 Target for toning
57 Apple, for Apple
58 A distant point
59 Deck officer
60 Investor's consideration
64 *Chicago Fire* airer
65 Icy, in product names



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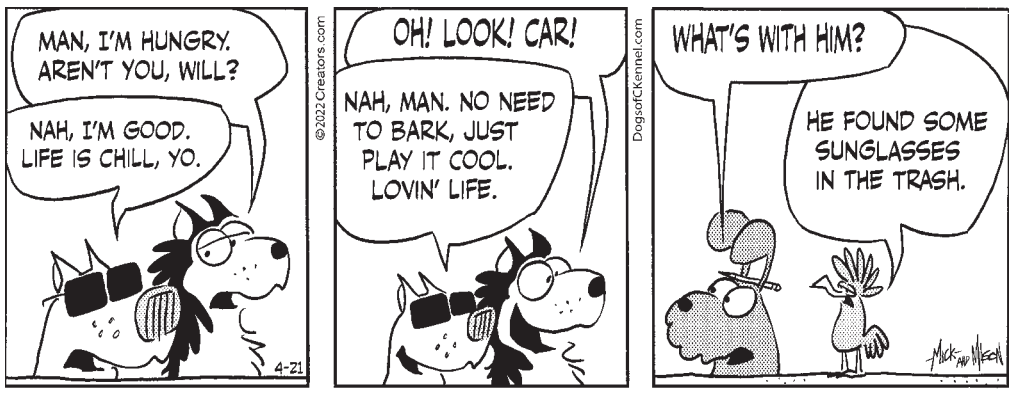
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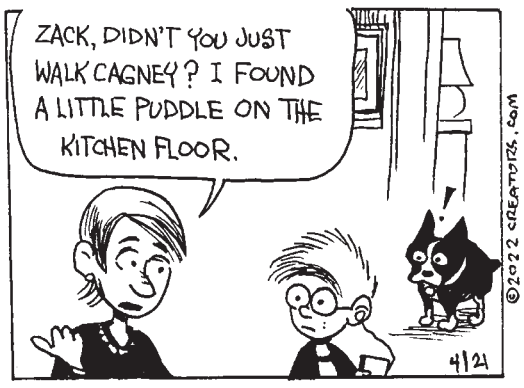
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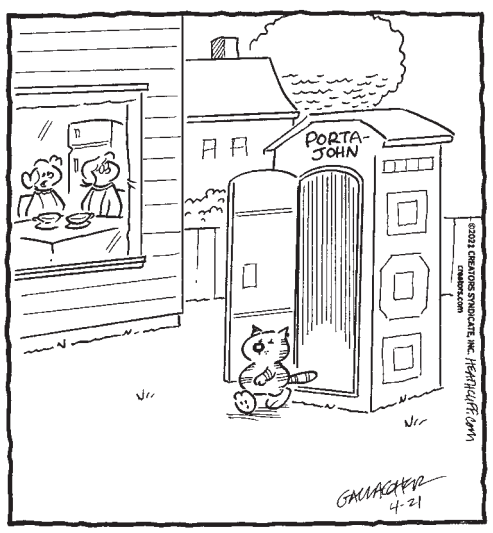
By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE





Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"HE WON'T USE A LITTER BOX."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 15 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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G	C	I	T	S	H	U	N	T	R	A	I	N	S	T
S	O	N	S	S	S	S	O	T	R	O	A	D	I	O
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T	P	O	L	S	U	F	N	I	R	A	K	F	V	U
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A	I	O	D	R	V	V	L	A	A	L	E	R	R	S
N	O	T	I	A	G	T	E	Y	A	R	C	S	O	H
C	N	T	L	P	I	K	S	N	T	A	K	P	C	G
H	A	V	I	D	I	L	P	S	T	N	L	U	S	S
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Aced	Event	Ludo	Score	Team
Anchor	Fast	Midfield	Shoes	Tired
Arena	Foul	Monopoly	Side	Toss
Arms	Gala	Motor racing	Silver	Touch
Avid	Gear		Skip	Train
Bats	Goal	Netball	Solo	Trot
Cards	Grit	Oval	Spar	Walk
Competition	Hike	Pass	Sport	Yoga
Crew	Hunt	Plan	Squash	
Cups	Join	Puck	Stick	
Daily	Kart	Rink	Stretch	
Defend	Legs	Road	Surf	

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.

My Favourite secret spot

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Adult Day Service Center
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What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

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.

LOCALS NIGHT AT SANTA MONICA PIER
Come to the Santa Monica Pier once a month for a curated series for locals. Gather your friends and family and head down to the Pier for amazing entertainment including live music from the Santa Monica Music Center, DJ grooves from KCRW and Pico Youth and Family Center, Pier business local discounts, local artist installations, and so much more. https://www.santamonicapier.org/localsnight. 4 - 10 p.m.

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.

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
Arizona Ave. (between 2nd & 4th)
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.

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING
The Airport Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council in all matters pertaining to the Municipal Airport and to aviation matters generally to the extent that they affect the City. https://www.smgov.net/departments/airport/commission/ 7 - 10 p.m.

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **58.1**

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.
FRIDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Respectable, late season WNW/NW swell mix builds through the day at exposures. Old SSW swell lingers.

WEATHER

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 59. East wind 5 to 15 mph
Thursday Night: Rain likely, mainly after 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.
Friday: A 30 percent chance of rain before 11am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 64.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. Breezy.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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
2022/04/23	Sat	11:03 PM	2.75	L
2022/04/24	Sun	04:41 AM	4.59	H
2022/04/24	Sun	12:07 PM	-0.49	L
2022/04/24	Sun	7:04 PM	4.08	H
2022/04/25	Mon	12:23 AM	2.13	L
2022/04/25	Mon	06:00 AM	4.61	H
2022/04/25	Mon	12:55 PM	-0.45	L

DAILY LOTTERY

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

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/19
2 9 33 47 53
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 22 M

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

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/19
9 12 32 36 39

Daily 3
Draw Date: 4/19
EVENING: 7 3 3

Draw Date: 4/19
MIDDAY: 7 9 0

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 4/19
1st: 12 - Lucky Charms
2nd: 03 - Hot Shot
3rd: 05 - California Classic
Race Time: 1:41.97

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