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Sewage spill won't affect Santa Monica sunworshippers

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An estimated 250,000 gallons of sewage spilled into the Los Angeles River and out into the waters of Long Beach Harbor and San Pedro Bay on Friday morning prompting beach closures in those communities and with temperatures estimated to stay in the 70s this weekend, crowds are expected to gather on Santa Monica's beaches that will remain open.

The problem began in Downey and according to the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (LACSD), equipment from one of its maintenance crews malfunctioned and caused a temporary blockage in the waste pipe. This resulted in a sizable sewage overflow into the street at Burns and Rives Avenues. The flood of fecal matter flowed into storm drains and ultimately out of the mouth of the Los Angeles River.



Grace Adams

CROWDS: People were already flowing into Santa Monica by Friday afternoon.

"Although our staff worked to set up containment to prevent sewage from reaching receiving waters, we estimate that 250,000 gallons of sewage reached the Los Angeles River before our crews could fully contain the sewage that spilled into a local storm drain," the LACSD said in a statement.

"Local public health officials have been notified and are expected to close local beaches as a safety precaution. Our crews will be sampling water in the river and ocean for signs of bacteria to help officials determine when it is safe to reopen beaches."

The spill was contained at 11:40 a.m. on Thursday, according to officials, but all open coastal swimming areas in Long Beach

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More rent control units were returned to the market than were withdrawn in 2022

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In 2022 more rent controlled units were returned to the rental market (32) than were withdrawn (29) and while more units were also returned in 2021, the phenomenon is relatively rare occurring just six times since the city established rent control (1992, 1995, 2010, 2013, 2021 and 2022)

Santa Monica established rent control more than 40 years ago and the Rent Control Board (RCB) receives an annual report on the status of evictions and trends in the rent control market. Other takeaways from the 2022 report include a rebounding of rents from a pandemic era low and an expectation that broader economic trends will continue to buffer the local rental market.

While annual increases are controlled by the RCB, rent controlled units reset to market rate upon vacancy and the price of those new leases declined during the pandemic. However, median rents spiked by 15 percent for a studio to $2,020, 8.7 percent for one bedroom to $2,500 and 13 percent for two-bedroom units to $3,400 last year. Those were record highs for those units and while larger units also increased by 9 percent to $4,372, those rents are still below pre-pandemic highs.

According to City Hall, at the median rent set for new tenancies in 2022, an annual income of about $115,000 would be required to afford a studio-size apartment if a household spent no more than 30 percent of its income on rent. To afford a 2-bedroom unit, a household would need an annual income of more than $150,000.

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Diner injured after homeless man smashes table mid-meal

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) is looking for a suspect who assaulted a couple eating at a downtown restaurant resulting in injuries to one victim.

According to Lieutenant Erika Aklufi, two individuals were seated outside at California Pizza Kitchen (210 Wilshire Blvd.) at about 7:43 p.m. on April 20 when they were approached by an unknown suspect.

The suspect picked up two chairs and slammed them onto the table.

"At some point during the altercation, the victim fell to the ground and cut his hand on broken dishware on the floor. The victim was transported to the hospital for treatment for the lacerations," said Aklufi.

According to Aklufi, SMPD's Downtown Services Unit arrived within two minutes of receiving the call but the suspect had already left the area.

"The suspect is described as male, White, 5-08, 180-200 pounds, unknown age, full beard, wearing a green or brown jacket, orange sweater, white undershirt, blue

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Confusion as Musk's Twitter yanks blue checks from agencies

MATT O'BRIEN AND KATHLEEN FOODY
Associated Press

Twitter has long been a way for people to keep track of tornado watches, train delays, news alerts or the latest crime warnings from their local police department.

But when the Elon Musk-owned platform started stripping blue verification checkmarks this week from accounts that don't pay a monthly fee, it left public agencies and other organizations around the world scrambling to figure out a way to show they're trustworthy and avoid impersonators.

High-profile users who lost their blue checks Thursday included Beyoncé, Pope Francis, Oprah Winfrey and former President Donald Trump. But checks were also removed from accounts for major transit systems from San Francisco to Paris, national parks like Yosemite, official weather trackers and some elected officials.

Twitter had about 300,000 verified users under the original blue-check system. In the past, the checks meant that Twitter had verified that users were who they said they were.

While Twitter is now offering gold checks for "verified organizations" and gray checks for government organizations and their affiliates, it was not always clear why some accounts had them Friday and others did not.

Fake accounts claiming to represent Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, the city's Department of Transportation and the Illinois Department of Transportation all began sharing messages early Friday falsely claiming that Chicago's Lake Shore Drive — a major thoroughfare — would close to private traffic starting next month.

A critical eye could spot obvious hints of the fraud. The account handles are slightly different from the authentic ones representing Lightfoot and the transportation agencies. The fakes also had far fewer followers than the legitimate accounts. But the fakes used the same photos, biographical text and home page links as the real ones.

The genuine, long-standing accounts for Lightfoot and the transportation agencies did not have a blue or gray checkmark as of Friday. Requests for comment were not immediately returned.

Other agencies said they were awaiting more clarity from Twitter, which has sharply curtailed its staff since Musk bought the San Francisco company for $44 billion last year. The confusion has raised concerns that Twitter could lose its status as a platform for getting accurate, up-to-date information from authentic sources, including in emergencies.

As a tornado was about to strike central New Jersey earlier this month, a go-to account for safety information was run by the National Weather Service branch in Mount Holly, New Jersey. It had a blue check at the time. It no longer has any check, though the main NWS account and some other regional branches now sport a gray check marking them as official accounts.

Susan Buchanan, director of public affairs for the weather service, said the agency is in the process of applying to get the gray check mark for government agencies. She declined to answer why some regional NWS branches lost their marks and others have them.

The costs of keeping the marks range from

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> - Karina Shagren, communications director for the Washington Emergency Management Division

$8 a month for individual web users to a starting price of $1,000 monthly to verify an organization, plus $50 monthly for each affiliate or employee account. But the meaning of the check has changed to symbolize that the user bought a premium account that can help their tweets be seen by more people. It also includes other features such as the ability to edit tweets.

Celebrity users, from basketball star LeBron James to author Stephen King and Star Trek's William Shatner, have balked at joining — although all three still had blue checks on Friday after Musk said he paid for them himself.

For users who still had a blue check, a popup message indicated that the account "is verified because they are subscribed to Twitter Blue and verified their phone number." Verifying a phone number simply means that the person has a phone number and they verified that they have access to it — it does not confirm the person's identity.

Fewer than 5% of legacy verified accounts appear to have paid to join Twitter Blue, according to an analysis by Travis Brown, a Berlin-based developer of software for tracking social media.

Musk's move to end what he's called the "lords & peasants system for who has or doesn't have a blue checkmark" has riled up some high-profile users and pleased some right-wing figures and Musk fans who thought the marks were unfair. But it is not an obvious money-maker for the social media platform that has long relied on advertising for most of

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Frequent shootings put US mass killings on a record pace

STEFANIE DAZIO AND LARRY FENN
Associated Press

The U.S. is setting a record pace for mass killings in 2023, replaying the horror on a loop roughly once a week so far this year.

The carnage has taken 88 lives in 17 mass killings over 111 days. Each time, the killers wielded firearms. Only 2009 was marked by as many such tragedies in the same period of time.

Children at a Nashville grade school, gunned down on an ordinary Monday. Farmworkers in Northern California, sprayed with bullets over a workplace grudge. Dancers at a ballroom outside Los Angeles, massacred as they celebrated the Lunar New Year.

In just the last week, four partygoers were slain and 32 injured in Dadeville, Alabama, when bullets rained down on a Sweet 16 celebration. And a man just released from prison fatally shot four people, including his parents, in Bowdoin, Maine, before opening fire on motorists traveling a busy interstate highway.

"Nobody should be shocked," said Fred Guttenberg, whose 14-year-old daughter Jaime was one of 17 people killed at a Parkland, Florida, high school in 2018. "I visit my daughter in a cemetery. Outrage doesn't begin to describe how I feel."

The Parkland victims are among the 2,842 people who have died in mass killings in the U.S. since 2006, according to a database maintained by The Associated Press and USA Today, in partnership with Northeastern University. It counts killings involving four or more fatalities, not including the perpetrator, the same standard as the FBI, and tracks a number of variables for each.

The bloodshed represents just a fraction of the fatal violence that occurs in the U.S. annually. Yet mass killings are happening with staggering frequency this year: An average of once every 6.53 days, according to an analysis of The AP/USA Today data.

The 2023 numbers stand out even more when they are compared to the tally for full-year totals since data was collected. The U.S. recorded 30 or fewer mass killings in more than half of the years in the database, so to be at 17 less than a third of the way through is remarkable.

From coast to coast, the violence is sparked by a range of motives. Murder-suicides and domestic violence; gang retaliation; school shootings and workplace vendettas. All have taken the lives of four or more people at once since Jan. 1.

Yet the violence continues and barriers to change remain. The likelihood of Congress reinstating a ban on semi-automatic rifles appears far off, and the U.S. Supreme Court last year set new standards for reviewing the nation's gun laws, calling into question firearms restrictions across the country.

The pace of mass shootings so far this year doesn't necessarily foretell a new annual record. In 2009, the bloodshed slowed and the year finished with a final count of 32 mass killings and 172 fatalities. Those figures just barely exceed the averages of 31.1 mass killings and 162 victims a year, according to an analysis of data dating back to 2006.

Gruesome records have been set within the last decade. The data shows a high of 45 mass killings in 2019 and 230 people slain in such tragedies in 2017. That year, 60 people died when a gunman opened fire over an outdoor country music festival on the Las Vegas Strip. The massacre still accounts for the most fatalities from a mass shooting in modern America.

"Here's the reality: If somebody is determined to commit mass violence, they're going to," said Jaclyn Schildkraut, executive director of the Rockefeller Institute of Government's Regional Gun Violence Research Consortium. "And it's our role as society to try and put up obstacles and barriers to make that more difficult."

But there's little indication at either the state or federal level — with a handful of exceptions — that many major policy changes are on the horizon.

Some states have tried to impose more gun control within their own borders. Last week, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed a new law mandating criminal background checks to purchase rifles and shotguns, whereas the state previously required them only for people buying pistols. And on Wednesday, a ban on dozens of types of semi-automatic rifles cleared the Washington state Legislature and is headed to the governor's desk.

Other states are experiencing a new round of pressure. In conservative Tennessee, protesters descended on the state Capitol

> We have to know that this isn't the way to live
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> - John Feinblatt, president of Everytown for Gun Safety

to demand more gun regulation after six people were killed at the Nashville private elementary school last month.

At the federal level, President Joe Biden last year signed a milestone gun violence bill, toughening background checks for the youngest gun buyers, keeping firearms from more domestic violence offenders and helping states use red flag laws that enable police to ask courts to take guns from people who show signs they could turn violent.

Despite the blaring headlines, mass killings are statistically rare, perpetrated by just a handful of people each year in a country of nearly 335 million. And there's no way

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UN's weather agency: 2022 was nasty, deadly, costly and hot

SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

Looking back at 2022's weather with months of analysis, the World Meteorological Organization said last year really was as bad as it seemed when people were muddling through it.

And about as bad as it gets — until more warming kicks in.

Killer floods, droughts and heat waves hit around the world, costing many billions of dollars. Global ocean heat and acidity levels hit record highs and Antarctic sea ice and European Alps glaciers reached record low amounts, according to the United Nations' climate agency's State of Global Climate 2022 report released Friday.

While levels have been higher before human civilization, global sea height and the amount of heat-trapping carbon dioxide and methane in the air reached highest modern recorded amounts. The key glaciers that scientists use as a health check for the world shrank by more than 1.3 meters (51 inches) in just one year and for the first time in history no snow survived the summer melt season on Switzerland's glaciers, the report said.

Sea level is now rising at about double the rate it did in the 1990s, WMO Secretary-General Petteri Taalas said in a news conference. Oceans can rise another half a meter to a meter (20 to 39 inches) by the end of century as more ice melts from ice sheets and glaciers and warmer water expands, he said.

"Unfortunately these negative trends in weather patterns and all of these parameters may continue until the 2060s" despite efforts to reduce emissions of heat-trapping gases because of the pollution already spewed, Taalas said. "We have already lost this melting of this glaciers game and sea level rise game. So that's bad news."

Last year was close to but not quite the hottest year on record, ranking fifth or sixth hottest depending on measuring techniques. But the past eight years are the hottest eight years on record globally. The world kept that warm despite the rare third year of a La Nina, a natural temporary cooling of parts of the Pacific Ocean that changes weather worldwide.

The United Kingdom, France, Ireland, Portugal, Spain, Belgium, Luxembourg, Italy, Germany, Switzerland and New Zealand had their hottest years on record.

Global heat and other weather records go back to 1850.

"In 2022, continuous drought in East Africa, record breaking rainfall in Pakistan and record-breaking heat waves in China and Europe affected tens of millions, drove food insecurity, boosted mass migration, and cost billions of dollars in loss and damage," Taalas said.

China's heat wave was its longest and most extensive in that country's record with its summer not just hottest on record but smashing the old record by more than 0.5 degrees Celsius (0.9 degrees Fahrenheit), the 55-page report said.

Africa's drought displaced more than 1.7 million people in Somalia and Ethiopia, while Pakistan's devastating flooding — which put one-third of the nation under water at one point — displaced about 8 million people, the report said.

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CRIME WATCH

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON APRIL 8 AT APPROXIMATELY 9:50 PM

SMPD officers were dispatched to a fight in progress at McDonalds, 1540 2nd Street. Comments of the call stated a female subject was fighting with the security guard at the location. The subject left the restaurant before officers arrived, but was located in Parking Structure 8 and taken into custody. During their investigation, officers learned that Esmeralda Villanueva was being accused of disturbing restaurant patrons and when asked to leave became upset and struck the security guard multiple times in the head and face. Villanueva was booked for battery and resisting arrest.

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to predict whether this year's events will continue at this rate.

Sometimes mass killings happen back-to-back — like in January, when deadly events in northern and southern California occurred just two days apart — while other months pass without bloodshed.

"We shouldn't necessarily expect that this — one mass killing every less than seven days — will continue," said Northeastern University criminologist James Alan Fox, who oversees the database. "Hopefully it won't."

Still, experts and advocates decry the proliferation of guns in the U.S. in recent years, including record sales during the height of the pandemic.

"We have to know that this isn't the way to live," said John Feinblatt, president of Everytown for Gun Safety. "We don't have to live this way. And we cannot live in a country with an agenda of guns everywhere, every place and every time."

The National Rifle Association did not respond to the AP's request for comment.

Jaime Guttenberg would be 19 years old now. Her father now spends his days as a gun control activist.

"America shouldn't be surprised by where we are today," Guttenberg said. "It's all in the numbers. The numbers don't lie. But we need to do something immediately to fix it."

Fenn reported from New York.

TWITTER

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its revenue.

While a few prominent users said they would stop using Twitter over the lost check, many public agencies appeared to be sticking to the service.

Asked Friday about the German government's continued use of Twitter, spokesperson Christiane Hoffmann said: "Of course we are watching very closely what's happening on Twitter and we continually ask ourselves if it's right to have channels there and how they should continue."

Hoffmann said the government was "concerned" about developments on Twitter in recent weeks and months, adding that the ministries, spokespeople and Chancellor Olaf Scholz now have gray ticks "for which nothing is paid."

After previously raising concerns about the loss of verification, emergency management agency in the state of Washington was granted a gray check and said it would keep using Twitter.

"Given that anyone can now buy a blue checkmark, we'll be monitoring it much more closely to ensure bad actors aren't creating fake accounts under our name but we still find it to be a valuable tool to share important, life-safety information especially during an emergency," said Karina Shagren, communications director for the Washington Emergency Management Division.

O'Brien reported from Providence, Rhode Island. AP Technology Writer Barbara Ortutay in San Francisco and Frank Jordans in Berlin contributed to this report.

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Thefts prompt 17 states to urge recall of Kia, Hyundai cars

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Attorneys general in 17 states on Thursday urged the federal government to recall millions of Kia and Hyundai cars because they are too easy to steal, a response to a sharp increase in thefts fueled by a viral social media challenge.

Some Kia and Hyundai cars sold in the United States over the last decade do not have engine immobilizers, a standard feature on most cars that prevents the engine from starting unless the key is present.

Videos circulating on the social media service TikTok have shown how people can start Kia and Hyundai models by using only a screwdriver and a USB cable. In Los Angeles, thefts of Hyundai and Kia cars increased by about 85% in 2022, now accounting for 20% of all car thefts in the city, according to the California attorney general's office.

These social media-inspired thefts have often ended in tragedy, with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration blaming the stolen car trend for 14 reported crashes and eight deaths. In October, a police commissioner said that a car crash in Buffalo, New York, that left four teenagers dead may have been linked to the TikTok challenge. In the incident, a total of six teenagers were in a speeding Kia that crashed, Buffalo police said. The car had been reported stolen.

"The bottom line is, Kia's and Hyundai's failure to install standard safety features on many of their vehicles have put vehicle owners and the public at risk," California Attorney General Rob Bonta said in a news release. "Instead of taking responsibility with appropriate corrective action, these carmakers have chosen instead to pass this risk onto consumers and our communities."

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> - Rob Bonta California Attorney General

Bonta and the other attorneys general sent a letter on Thursday to NHTSA requesting a nationwide recall. The letter also was signed by attorneys general from Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington and the District of Columbia.

Kia said in a statement that it is focused on the issue, "and we continue to take action to address the concerns these attorneys general have raised." The automaker says more than 165,000 customers have had the software installed, and over 2 million owners have been contacted about it. The company says the vehicles comply with federal safety standards, so a recall isn't necessary.

Hyundai also said its vehicles comply with federal anti-theft requirements. The company says it rolled out the software upgrade to prevent the thefts two months ahead of schedule, but it did not answer a question about how many vehicles have received it. "We are communicating with NHTSA on our many actions to assist our customers," the company statement said.

The letter adds to the growing pressure on the South Korea-based automakers. Multiple cities, including St. Louis, Cleveland, Milwaukee, San Diego, Seattle and Columbus, Ohio, have already sued the automakers.

In September, the Highway Loss Data Institute, a unit of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, found that Hyundai and Kia cars without immobilizers had a vehicle theft claim rate of 2.18 per 1,000 insured vehicle years. The rest of the industry combined had a rate of 1.21.

Hyundai and Kia announced in February that they would provide software updates for vehicles that require the key to be in the ignition switch to turn the car on. The change also updates the cars' theft alarm software to extend the length of an alarm from 30 seconds to 1 minute. About 3.8 million Hyundai cars and 4.5 million Kia cars are eligible for the software update.

But the service campaign by the affiliated Korean automakers is not a recall, which comes with reporting requirements and is monitored closely by NHTSA.

The agency said the Hyundai and Kia thefts involve criminal conduct that falls under the jurisdiction of law enforcement. Even so, NHTSA said it has met with the automakers to discuss theft vulnerability as well as software and hardware in the affected models.

The agency said it is getting regular updates on the companies' plans. "NHTSA will continue to monitor this issue, spread awareness of further updates to local authorities and lend its expertise in efforts to strengthen motor vehicle safety," the agency said.

But Michael Brooks, executive director of the nonprofit Center for Auto Safety, said there is no way for the public to track the effectiveness of a company's internal service campaign. In a recall, NHTSA requires quarterly reports and monitors whether the recall repairs solve the problem, he said. The agency also requires automakers to notify each owner by mail.

"We won't know how many are on the road with the problem" with a company service campaign, Brooks said. "We're not going to know if the recall is effective, if notification went out properly."

Brooks said NHTSA has been slow to react to auto thefts, even though the stolen Hyundais and Kias are causing safety problems on the roads.

Hyundai has said all models produced after Nov. 1, 2021, have immobilizers as standard equipment.

Krisher reported from Detroit.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Dining in the Garden: Swiss Chard



Photo Credit: Fran Lyness

CHARD: The leafy green can be used in unexpected ways.

BY SALIMA SAUNDERS

I visited Santa Monica's Ishihara Park Learning Garden this week to see what was growing and to get inspired in the kitchen. What better way to celebrate Earth Day? The Ishihara Park Learning Garden is communal, a vibrant space where people grow together.

For gardeners volunteering at the garden on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11 a.m. there is the added bonus of some freshly picked produce to take home! For others coming by the Learning Garden harvest is available after 11 a.m. on those days.

After all the rain, there was a stillness and freshness in the air that was tinged with the scent of basil and the promise of spring. Some of the garden beds lay dormant, while others had sprouted tender green leaves like the beets, carrot, and even tomatoes. The most robust plants were the fava beans, kale, and swiss chard, standing tall in the sunshine. I was most attracted to the color of the chard with its dark green leaves and lipstick red stems and veins running through the plant.

Swiss chard can be harvested anytime you feel the leaves are ready to eat, by simply using a pair of scissors to cut the leaves off the stem. The less mature the plant, the more tender the leaves, good for salads and to eat raw. You will notice that the swiss chard in the grocery store is quite large, about a foot in length, which I prefer to cook before eating because it may be a bit tougher to chew. Once you have your chard, it is necessary to thoroughly wash the greens clean of dirt, soil, or the occasional critter! I take a large bowl, fill it with water and submerge the leaves for a minute, pull them out, shake off the excess water, gently wipe down the leaves, and let them air dry on a towel lined baking sheet until I am ready to store it or use it. Once the chard leaves are dry, you can place them in a plastic bag and store the bag in your fridge.

Chard is an excellent replacement for spinach and kale, when you need a change, and provides a wide variety of vitamins and is rich in antioxidants. At my house, we try to include greens in as many meals as we can, and I thought the chard would go wonderfully in my grandmother's spinach curry recipe. These hearty greens went harmoniously with the ginger, garlic, and warming spices. This is a great recipe to use if you are new to swiss chard and are nervous about it tasting too "green" for you.

MAMA'S CHARD CURRY:

Ingredients

2 bunches swiss chard chopped into ribbons

2 medium roma tomatoes diced

1 onion diced

1 cup chickpeas (canned or cooked from dry)

3 TBS avocado oil or oil of choice

1 tsp garlic finely chopped

1 tsp ginger finely chopped

½ jalapeno finely chopped *optional

1 tsp ground cumin

1 tsp ground coriander

½ tsp salt to taste

¼ tsp ground turmeric

Chopped cilantro leaves to garnish dish

METHOD

1. Heat 3 TBS oil in a large pan and add onion

2. Fry onion until golden brown

3. Add garlic, ginger, and jalapeno and cook for 30 seconds

4. Add cumin, coriander, salt, and turmeric and cook for 1 minute stirring often

5. Add tomatoes, chard, and chickpeas and simmer over low-medium heat for 3-4 minutes

until chard has cooked down. Add up to ½ cup of water if the mixture seems too dry.

6. Top with cilantro leaves and serve with basmati rice, chapati, or naan.

The next recipe is a bit more chard forward with caramelized onion, garlic, and pickled raisins to complement this delicious green.

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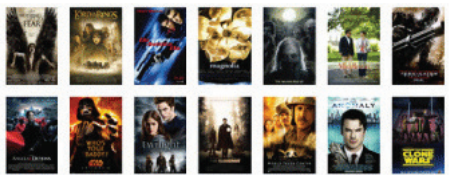
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Leaving drama behind, GOP warms to McCarthy in debt fight

LISA MASCARO
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The last Republican holdout in the grueling race for Kevin McCarthy to become House speaker, firebrand Rep. Matt Gaetz, may be a surprisingly easier vote to get when it comes to passing the House Republican plan to raise the debt ceiling.

That's because the 320-page debt ceiling package McCarthy has drafted includes many long-sought conservative priorities — a rollback of current spending levels, a cap on future spending, work requirements for government aid recipients — that Gaetz, the House Freedom Caucus and other factions demanded.

Rather than drag McCarthy down with painstaking internal party battles over the debt ceiling bill, House Republican lawmakers are looking to prop up their leader, get behind the bill and take the spending fight to President Joe Biden at the White House.

"I'm not looking to spit in the face of the gift horse," Gaetz, R-Fla., told reporters at the Capitol as he weighs how he will vote.

"If you took this plan, and the plan that the House Freedom Caucus laid out some weeks ago, and held them up to a lamp, you would see a lot of alignment," he said.

What seemed almost politically impossible just a few short months ago, when House Republicans were nearly coming to blows on the chamber floor, now appears surprisingly on track as McCarthy pushes, prods and pulls his slim majority to coalesce around a debt ceiling plan ahead of next week's expected vote.

Republican lawmakers, some who have never before voted to raise the nation's debt limit, now are seriously considering doing just that. They say McCarthy has built up goodwill by listening to — and accepting — many of their proposals. Rather than fight amongst themselves, they want to force Biden to the negotiating table.

To be sure, McCarthy does not yet have the 218 votes in hand for passage. The GOP leadership team is furiously whipping the tally ahead of next week's vote. Many Republicans are wavering, and the proposal is expected to win almost no votes from Democrats, all but dead on arrival in the Senate.

Biden said the "wacko" ideas in the Republican plan would hurt Americans. Biden's senior advisers have doubted the speaker will be able to bring the bill to passage.

Even though the Republican package has almost no chance of becoming law, it is a political strategy designed to put an offer on the table. Republicans want to shift the blame and draw a reluctant White House into negotiations Biden has refused to have over the debt ceiling. In some ways, this is the easy part, with the real lift still to come.

"I think we're in very good shape," McCarthy, R-Calif., told reporters Thursday.

McCarthy scoffed at the political drama ahead of the upcoming vote. "I want you to see as the clock goes up, I want you to write stories like, I'm teetering, whether I can win or not, and the whole world hangs in the balance," he said sarcastically. "And then I want you to write a story after it passes, Would the president sit down and negotiate?"

The package is a wish-list of conservative priorities. In exchange for lifting the debt ceiling by $1.5 trillion into March 2024, it would roll back federal spending to fiscal 2022 levels and slap a 1% cap on future federal spending increases, in what Democrats argue would become painful cuts to programs and services Americans rely on.

Additionally, the Republican plan would impose stricter work requirements for recipients of food stamps, Medicaid and direct cash assistance, and rescind Biden's plans to relieve up to $20,000 in individual student loan debt.

The proposal from Republicans would repeal funds to bolster the Internal Revenue Service to audit tax cheats and do away with Biden's signature tax breaks to fight climate change. It adds Republican plans to boost oil, gas and coal production and ease regulations for permitting pipelines and other energy projects.

"This week has once again been clarifying in terms of what the extreme MAGA Republicans are all about," said Democratic Leader Rep. Hakeem Jeffries of New York.

Jeffries expects all Democrats to vote against it. "I haven't spoken to a single person yet that supports the extreme MAGA Republican proposal," he said.

For the House Republicans, just as important as the policy they crafted are the optics of managing their new majority: They don't want to be seen in chaos and disarray, as they were at the start of the year with the speaker's vote.

"It's important for the American people to know that Republicans can lead," said Rep. Kevin Hern, R-Okla., the chairman of the powerful Republican Study Committee.

Hern said he personally texted all 175 members of the Republican Study Committee last weekend, explaining the contours of the emerging plan ahead of its roll out, and heard no opposition. The consensus, he said, was they wanted to "get it done."

Republicans have historically been blamed for the federal shutdowns and standoffs that have punctuated the budget battles ever since the tea party came to Congress after the 2010 election and launched a new era of brinksmanship over raising the debt ceiling.

That battle led to the 2011 debt ceiling crisis that resulted in the first ever downgrade of the nation's credit rating when House Republicans, under then Speaker John Boehner, and the White House failed to reach a deal. Boehner later chose early retirement.

The nation's debt is now $31 trillion. For now, the Treasury Department says it is taking "extraordinary measures" to keep paying the bills. But money is expected to run out by summer. The borrowing limit needs to be raised to avoid a potentially devastating default on already accrued debt.

Rep. Tim Burchett, R-Tenn., was among those sitting in the back rows during McCarthy's grueling fight to become House speaker, the history-making weeklong showdown that finally settled on the 15th vote.

Burchett says he's never voted to raise or suspend the debt ceiling — not during the Trump era and certainly not with Biden.

But as he looks over the package — he has another meeting scheduled with McCarthy's leadership team next week — he is seriously considering his vote.

"I'm leaning, but I'm still a no," Burchett said Thursday. "They're counting heads and they're very close."

LONG BEACH

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were temporarily closed by order of Long Beach City Health Officer, Dr. Anissa Davis.

While this unpleasant business is affecting the popular tourist spots around Long Beach, the beaches of Santa Monica will remain open and should be unaffected.

Bryan Langpap, LACSD Public Information Manager, says, "Long Beach Public Health made a determination yesterday to close their beaches as a safety precaution. Their process is to sample the waters and they want to see two straight days where the water levels are clean and meet state standards before they will reopen a beach.

"They're not going to start sampling now, they'll start sampling Monday. Likewise, LA County Department of Public Health will have made a determination and if Santa Monica is open, then it's safe."

While some local beaches (such as the Pier and near storm drains) are perpetually under bacteria warnings, those areas are still open and their poor performance is systemic, not due to any pollution events in other parts of Los Angeles.

Langpap says that the ocean floor is relatively shallow near Long Beach and then gets much deeper nearer Rancho Palos Verdes, which could help carry the waste away from the coast.

"We're sorry to hear about those being affected by the beach closures in Long Beach," says Misti Kerns, President and CEO of Santa Monica Travel & Tourism. "As they are working hard to protect the health and safety of the residents, visitors and natural habitats, we welcome those that are impacted to Santa Monica, to make the most of the warm weekend.

"We encourage travelers to plan ahead, utilize public transportation and enjoy our beaches responsibly, as we prepare for an influx of beachgoers," Kerns added.

"I think everyone's already here," says Andrew Thomas, CEO of Downtown Santa Monica Inc.

"I'd be interested to hear after this weekend from some of the hoteliers just what kind of weekend they experienced. Because judging by the foot traffic that I'm seeing [this afternoon] people have already begun their weekend in Santa Monica."

Jennifer Taylor, Economic Development Manager for the City of Santa Monica, expects Downtown to be "heaving" this weekend. "This time of year, as we're enjoying the start of the spring-summer season, residents from all over the region and the Los Angeles area will make their pilgrimage to Santa Monica to enjoy our beautiful beach."

State law requires temporary closure and posting at beaches out of an abundance of caution in situations like this until the water quality meets state requirements.

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Grace Adams

WEEKEND: Warm weather is expected to bring a lot of people to town.

RENTAL

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Evictions remained low due in part to continued eviction protections that only recently expired. The report said 22 individuals were evicted under the Ellis Act, a state law that allows owners to exit the rental housing business by evicting tenants and withdrawing units from the rental market.

Ellis withdrawal activity for the past three years has been relatively low as compared to the years immediately preceding the global pandemic. In the five years preceding 2020, an average of 98 units were withdrawn per year. From March 2020 through 2022, tenants facing Ellis evictions were protected under the City's emergency orders and eviction moratorium. During the moratorium, owners could file Ellis withdrawals, but tenants could not be evicted until 60 days after the moratorium expired.

In the 37 years since the Act was enacted, 684 properties containing 3,317 units have been withdrawn from Santa Monica's rental housing market. Thirty percent of the withdrawn units (992 units on 183 properties) were eventually returned to residential rental use and are again subject to the rent control law. In total, since 1986, there has been a net loss of 2,067 units on 486 properties.

Boardmember Lonnie Guinn asked, given the data available, if there was any indication that there might be a dramatic change in 2023 and the Ellis Act might become a "big deal" again this year, to which information coordinator Rose Patel replied, "As far as we can tell, it's the same trend as for the last two years. It may pick up, but that remains to be seen so far."

Few tenants remain with rents below market rate. According to the report, almost half of the 27,600 rent controlled units are occupied by tenants who moved in between 2016 and 2022. Less than a quarter of the units remain occupied by tenants who moved in before 1999 when vacancy decontrol/recontrol began.

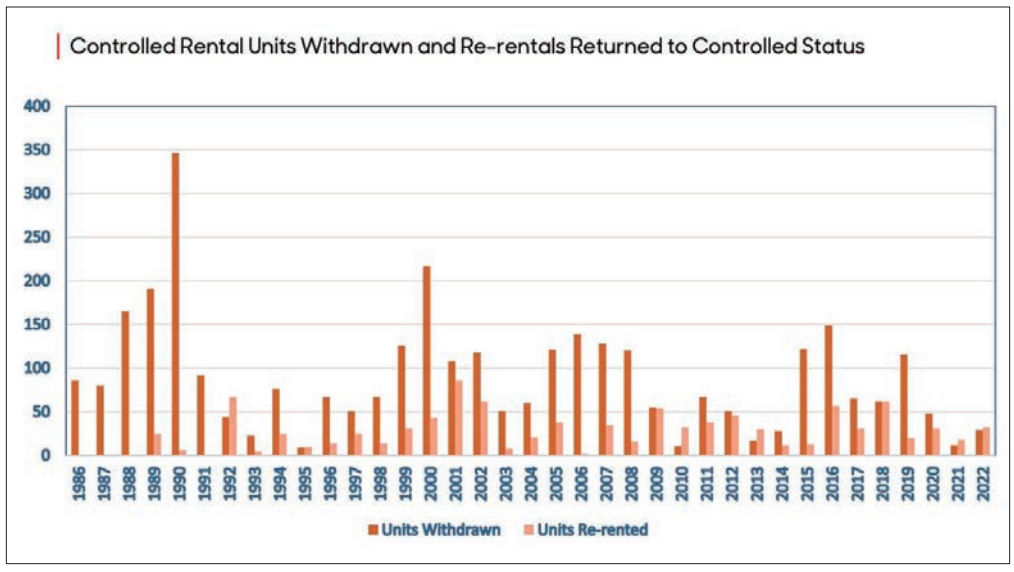
2022 was also marked by an unprecedented increase in rents due to skyrocketing inflation.

Tied to the Los Angeles area Consumer Price Index (CPI) that reached 8.5 percent in March the general adjustment reached the maximum increase of six percent under the Rent Control Law.

Even with a maximum dollar increase set by the Board pursuant to a formula in the law, tenants paying higher rents faced increases as high as $140 per month. Compared to general adjustments averaging 1.5 percent for the prior ten years, and for tenants still recovering from the pandemic, the report called the increase "staggering."

The increase sparked a ballot measure (Measure RC) that amended rent control law and reduced the increase to an average of three percent with a $70 monthly maximum.

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City of Santa Monica

UNITS: Few units traditionally return to rent control after leaving the market.

GUEST

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GARDEN CHARD PENNE:

Ingredients

2 bunches of red or rainbow chard thinly sliced
16 oz whole wheat penne
1 onion sliced thinly
8 garlic cloves sliced thinly
6 TBS olive oil
½ tsp salt
Pepper to taste
1 lemon
⅓ cup golden raisins
⅓ cup toasted walnuts
Parmesan cheese to taste

METHOD

1. Soak raisins in ½ lemon worth of juice before starting to cook

2. Make your caramelized onions by sauteing them in 2 TBS olive oil in a pan over low-medium heat for 35 minutes. If they start to get too brown, add a splash of water.

3. Once the onions are soft and sweet, boil your pasta

4. While the pasta is boiling, in a large pan saute the chard in 1 TBS olive oil for 1 minute, add in sliced garlic, salt, and pepper. Cook for 3-4 minutes until chard has wilted and garlic is soft.

5. Reserve ½ cup pasta water and drain penne.

6. Add penne to chard mix

7. Add onions, raisins, walnuts, parmesan, remaining olive oil, and juice of lemon and zest if you would like.

8. If the pasta seems dry, add in pasta water until the sauce is silky.

CPK

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California to meet 100% of water requests thanks to storms

California will provide 100% of the water requested by cities and farms for the first time in years thanks to winter storms that filled reservoirs and runoff from a record snowpack, regulators announced Thursday.

The State Water Project will provide full allocations to 29 water agencies supplying about 27 million customers and 750,000 acres of farmland, the Department of Water Resources said.

As late as March, the agency was only expecting to provide 75% of requested water supplies.

The last time the state agency fully met water requests was in 2006.

Meanwhile, the federal Bureau of Reclamation announced it was increasing water allocations for the Central Valley Project to 100% for the first time since 2017.

The move was cheered by contractors who supply the federal water to the state's agricultural heartland. It will provide much-needed water to communities, farms and families in the San Joaquin Valley, said a statement from Jose Gutierrez, interim general manager of Westlands Water District.

"Following two years of 0% allocations, this water supply will assist growers in Westlands with putting the land to work to grow the food that feeds the world," he said.

Both the state and federal governments control networks of reservoirs and canals that supply water across California.

Three years of drought had pinched off supplies drastically in the nation's most populous state. Late last year, nearly all of California was in drought, including at extreme and exceptional levels. Wells ran dry, farmers fallowed fields, and cities restricted watering grass.

The water picture changed dramatically starting in December, when the first of a dozen " atmospheric rivers " hit, causing widespread flooding and damaging homes and infrastructure, and dumping as many as 700 inches (17.8 meters) of snow in the Sierra Nevada mountains.

The statewide reservoir storage on Thursday was at 105% of the average for the date, the Department of Water Resources said.

The runoff from the melting snow will supply additional water that the state agency said it is working to capture.

As of this week, more than 65% of California no longer had drought conditions, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

However, the Department of Water Resources urged people to continue using water cautiously. State officials have warned that in the era of climate change, one extremely wet year could be followed by several dry years, returning the state to drought.

The state water agency noted that some northern areas of the state still have water supply issues. In addition, some areas, including the agricultural Central Valley, are still recovering after years of pumping that has depleted underground water.

"Millions of Californians rely on groundwater supplies as a sole source of water," the agency warned.

"The Colorado River Basin, which is a critical water supply source for Southern California, is still in the midst of a 23-year drought," the agency added. "Californians should continue to use water wisely to help the state adapt to a hotter, drier future."

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Freedom means something different to each person. You'll exercise your freedom by reveling in unscheduled time, following the whim of the moment. Does it count that you had to schedule this time to be unscheduled? If you're wondering why someone keeps coming back to you for help, it's because you keep providing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The more you can let go of, the luckier you'll be. Tune into your body, especially where you're holding your stress. Being aware of physical tension is the first step to releasing it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll approach relationships with caution, careful to maintain your autonomy. You want to give everything you have to a relationship but don't want to foster codependency. Furthermore, you would prefer not to lean on another person for anything, not even for love.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The more ready you are for a challenge, the less competitive toward others you feel. Tonight: You'll learn something new. To understand how things really are, you'll strip away some of the erroneous information you've been taught and start completely over.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The authority figures often don't know any more than the others, but someone has to lead or the whole thing becomes a jumbled mess. Know that whatever the question is, your answer could be as good as anyone's. Trust yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). To imagine what might have happened if things had gone a different way is to conjure up a feeling of regret or relief. You could delight, scare or punish yourself with such thoughts, or you could motivate yourself with them, which is your winning choice.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Instead of searching for love, you just give your love, and it comes back to you. Also, know that hiding love is like hiding a light. Whether it's seen or not depends more on what else is going on in the environment than on the properties of the light.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll take pride in increasing the efficiency of a process. The way things are laid out will make a huge difference. You'll put a puzzle together logically do much in the way of organizing — an effort well spent.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You never regret putting other people first. Family needs you and you welcome the chance to care for them. By day's end you'll know you've fulfilled your various roles in the best way you knew how.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It doesn't matter where you start with the emotional process, it's all connected in a circle. Thoughts cause feelings and feelings cause thoughts. It's a bike headed downhill. It will go where you want it to as long as you steer well and keep your balance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Introduce a new variable; everything changes. A single person alters the whole group. Everyone makes such a difference. Don't underestimate the impact of your contribution. Even if you do nothing but show up, your presence is more significant than you can account for.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You could imagine different ways things went or could have gone, but in this reality, there is only what happened and what didn't happen. Stay practical and stick with the facts, and you'll solve your most pressing problem.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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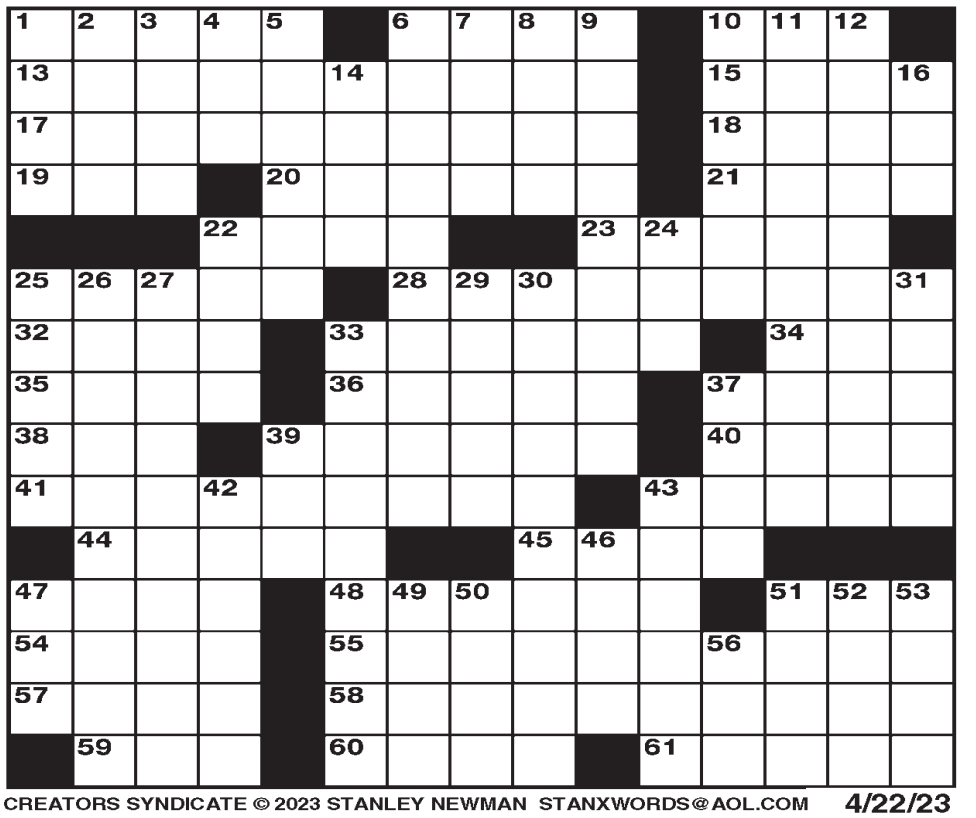
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6 Bighorn sheep predator
10 Ad trailer
13 Vast watershed of the West
15 He was "of the dust of the ground"
17 Source of a little juice
18 Trivial
19 Device with a mirrored pentaprism
20 What to do before going
21 What many a farm has raised
22 Hold back
23 Send around the bend
25 What vaults are installed above
28 Refreshments that aren't hard to enjoy
32 Not very bright
33 Gymwear material
34 Title in Tamil
35 Kitchen ___
36 Term akin to 37 Down
37 Obsess over, these days
38 "Just what I wanted," often
39 Beneficiaries of small class sizes
40 Ice breaker at a party
41 They get steamed every day
43 Doctors at parties, say
44 With the hour almost gone
45 "Whatever it is, you can get it" there
47 What's common to a nail and a whale
48 Was heated from within
51 Cradling spot
54 A unicycle has one
55 Solitaire variety
57 Orca cousin
58 Puzzling out
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60 Singer/songwriter claiming a whale in his family history
61 Climber's avalanche-safe spot

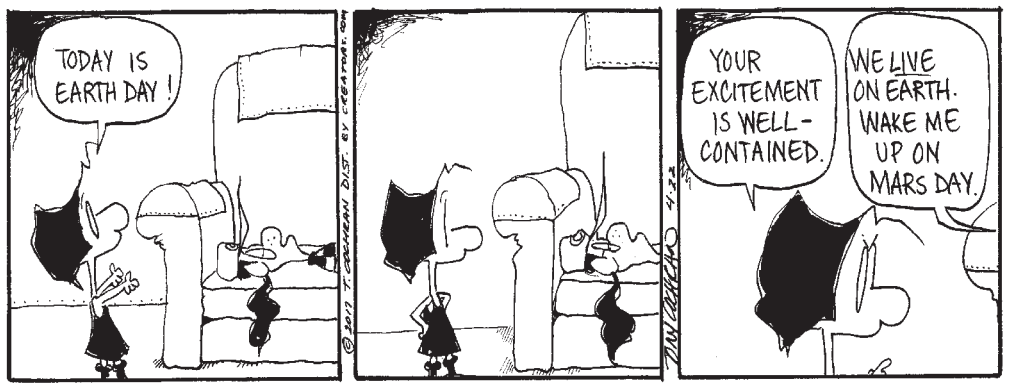
DOWN
1 Persian equivalents of 34 Across
2 __ Philharmonic (regular performer of Prokofiev)
3 Virtually
4 One assembled in a bar
5 Puts on
6 Gooey sammies
7 Implements
8 Metaphor for trouble
9 Words to learn who's going along
10 Its capital has a pointy top
11 With stars in one's eyes
12 Challenge for a Quarter Horse
14 Battleship call
16 "The sport of circumstances," per Byron
22 Far from facile
24 NFL protective contingent
25 DJIA's replacement for AT&T (2015)
26 City with an Eiffel Tower topped with a cowboy hat
27 Is out and about
29 Orthopedist's prefix
30 Where you'll often find the Swiss
31 Can't keep up
33 One of the Seven Ancient Wonders, in today's Turkey
37 Keep from littering
39 Four-atom chloride, to chemists
42 Was aboard
43 Job for a chef
46 '50s TV nickname heard on the Roku Channel
47 Leg-day regimen beneficiary
49 Less-than-definitive denial
50 Tesla, e.g.
51 Term for some tongues
52 Kind of crossbar
53 What often comes with a new addr.
56 Middle of the century when the Ostrogoths left Rome



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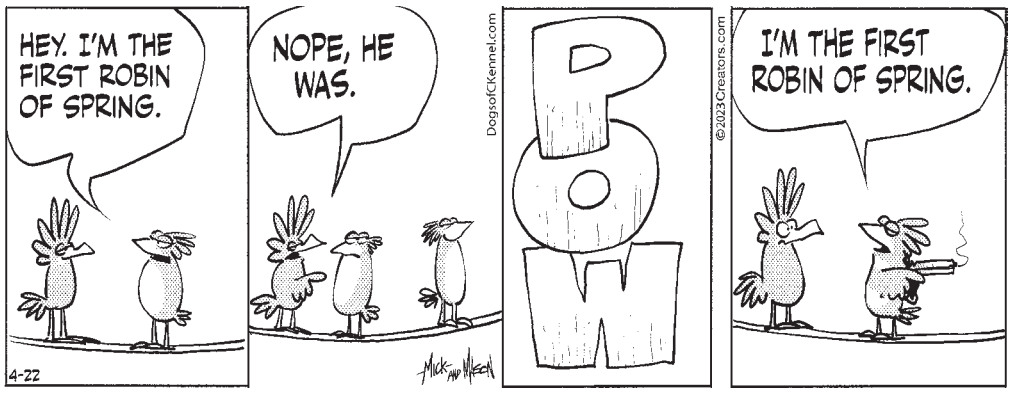
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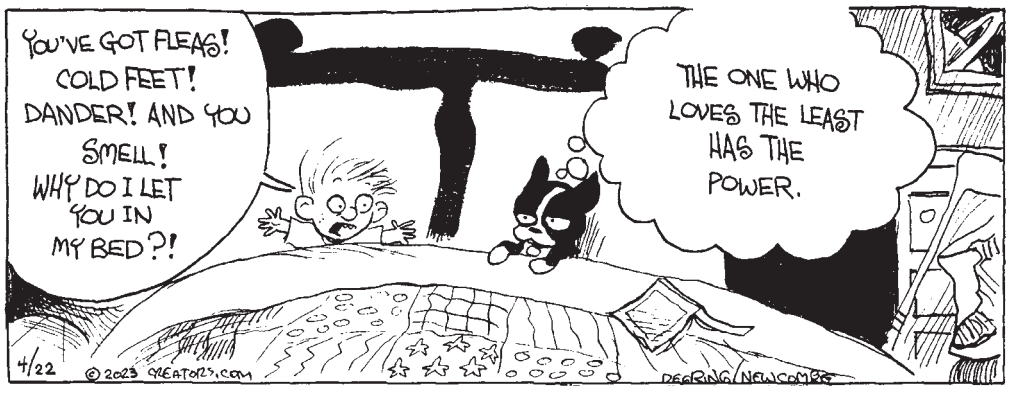
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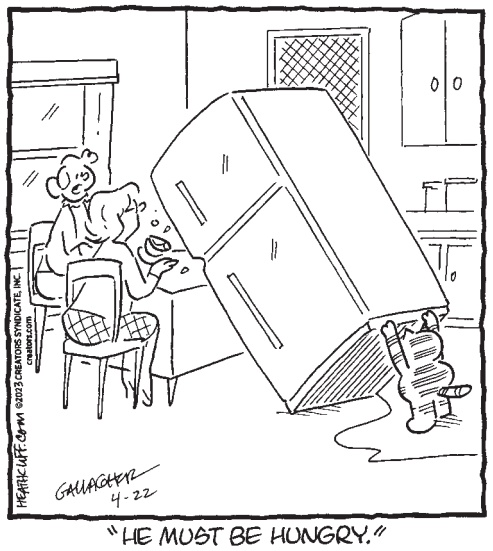
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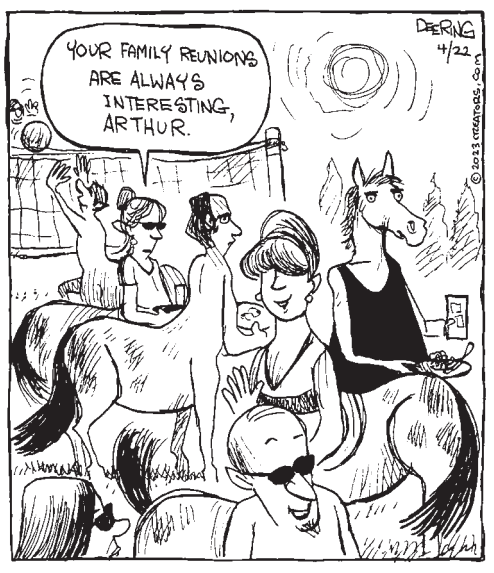
Heathcliff

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

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Aria	Crib	Idea	Money	Riddle
Bass	Deck	Interactive	Munch	Score
Blue	Dibs	Jacks	Music	Simple
Board	Dice	Keno	Newsagent	Snap
Call	Doze	Kismet	Odds	Solo
Carmen	Easy	Kits	Pawn	Suit
Chat	Face	Land	Poker	System
Chips	Fear	Loss	Popular	Team
Clap	Friends	Lucky	Queen	Trouble
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SATURDAY | APRIL 22

UC MASTER GARDENERS AT PICO FARMERS MARKET
Visit with the UC Master Gardeners at the Saturday Pico Farmers Market. The booth is filled with free advice on how to care for plants, how to troubleshoot a gardening problem, and much more. Free seeds and seedlings are available on a limited basis. Market attendance is subject to change based on weather and holidays.

MALIBU RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY
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The brilliant multi-genre quartet, Sō Percussion, joins forces with two preeminent collaborators to present a mesmerizing evening of new music. Selections from Let the Soil Play Its Simple Part, their 2020 song cycle, will be performed with co-composer Caroline Shaw, the youngest winner ever of the Pulitzer Prize for Music. Groundbreaking breath artist, beat boxer, and composer Dominic Shodekeh Talifero joins Sō Percussion for their exhilarating collaboration Vodalities: Paradigms of Consciousness for the Human Voice. Tickets https://broadstage.my.salesforce-sites.com/ticket/

SUNDAY | APRIL 23

SHARK FEEDING
Feast on a little knowledge while our swell sharks, horn sharks, and round stingrays chow down. Come and watch the Aquarium staff feed these important keystone species and learn about the part sharks play in marine ecosystems, every Sunday at 1 pm and 3 pm. Heal the Bay Aquarium. 1600 Ocean Front Walk. Santa Monica, CA

THE HEBREW HILLBILLY: FIFTY SHADES OF OY VEY!
The longest-running solo musical play in the U.S., "The Hebrew Hillbilly: Fifty Shades of Oy Vey!" comes to the Santa Monica Playhouse. Raised in the Deep South, Shelley Fisher has had success as a jazz and blues vocalist and recording artist in L.A., along with creating her own romantic-comedy cooking show, "Forkplay". She even had a close encounter with The King himself, Elvis! Her tale is a heartwarming testament to the power of dreams, determination and finding purpose beyond the Hollywood sign. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St, Santa Monica, CA https://www.goldstar.com/events/santa-monica-ca/the-hebrew-hillbilly-fifty-shades-of-oy-vey

MONDAY | APRIL 24

DROP-IN PLAYTIME
Come enjoy a weekly drop-in playtime at the library for creative play with LEGO-style bricks, traditional building blocks, and board books. Venice - Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library 501 S. Venice Boulevard. Venice, CA

TUESDAY | APRIL 25

COLLEGE FAIR
Santa Monica College has over 26,000 full and part-time students, and 900 international students from 100 different countries. SMC's college fairs have become very popular and thanks to the schools' interest in our students our fair has become the largest of all other California community colleges. In the past fall, 150+ colleges and universities were present. College representatives are available to answer your transfer admissions questions. We look forward to seeing you! Get a full list of schools attending and registration information on the College Fair webpage. https://www.smc.edu/student-support/academic-support/transfer-center/college-fair/

GRAPHIC NOVEL CLUB
SMC Library book club that meets monthly to discuss graphic novels. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica, CA. For more information visit https://www.smc.edu/calendar/index.php#event-details/bece1797-a4e6-46fd-a1fb-b2a73886862f

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 26

FREE COMMUNITY RUN CLUB IN SANTA MONICA
Run Club Every Wednesday Night Starting at Road Runner Sports in Santa Monica. Check in at 5:30pm, run from 6pm-7pm. Walkers also welcome! Come log your mid week miles and make some new friends. Road Runner Sports 1338 4th St. Santa Monica, CA

THURSDAY | APRIL 27

OZOMATLI
Over the course of Ozomatli's 25 year career, the group has sold hundreds of thousands of albums, won two Grammy Awards, consistently sold out concerts around the world, and performed on high profile TV shows like The Today Show, Jimmy Kimmel, Tonight Show w/Jay Leno, and Austin City Limits. 8:00 PM (Doors 6:00 PM) The Venice West 1717 Lincoln Blvd. Venice, CA 90291 https://www.ticketweb.com/event/ozomatli-the-venice-west-tickets/12957305

FRIDAY | APRIL 28

EMBROIDERY- YOUTH ENRICHMENT
The Enrichment Program at Virginia Avenue Park is a component of the Virginia Avenue Park After School program. The Enrichment program is comprised of Artists in Residence who are hired to teach enrichment classes to the youth in our program. These programs are high quality and teach the youth with a hands-on approach. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica, CA 90405

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **57.0**

SATURDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	Small off of NW swell mix and a little blend of SSW swell. Easterly wind likely in the AM for texture at the points — okay out west. Points improve w/ westerly wind in the afternoon. Gonna need a lot of board.
SUNDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	Small off of NW swell mix and a little blend of SSW swell. Easterly wind likely in the AM for texture at the points — okay out west. Points improve w/ westerly wind in the afternoon.

WEATHER

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.
Sunday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 69.
Sunday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/04/22	Sat	05:44 AM	-0.75	L
2023/04/22	Sat	12:09 PM	3.44	H
2023/04/22	Sat	4:49 PM	1.83	L
2023/04/22	Sat	11:08 PM	5.59	H
2023/04/23	Sun	06:32 AM	-0.50	L
2023/04/23	Sun	1:13 PM	3.06	H
2023/04/23	Sun	5:14 PM	2.28	L
2023/04/23	Sun	11:41 PM	5.20	H
2023/04/24	Mon	07:25 AM	-0.15	L
2023/04/24	Mon	2:46 PM	2.84	H
2023/04/24	Mon	5:32 PM	2.66	L
2023/04/25	Tue	12:20 AM	4.76	H
2023/04/25	Tue	08:32 AM	0.19	L
2023/04/26	Wed	01:11 AM	4.30	H
2023/04/26	Wed	09:59 AM	0.38	L
2023/04/27	Thu	02:39 AM	3.92	H
2023/04/27	Thu	11:14 AM	0.40	L
2023/04/27	Thu	7:09 PM	3.50	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: 4/19
4 11 21 38 64
Power#: 11
Jackpot: 20 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/18
7 9 15 19 25
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 20 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 4/19
3 9 11 17 18
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 52 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/20
7 11 17 29 35

Daily 3
Draw Date: 4/20
EVENING: 1 9 8
Draw Date: 4/20
MIDDAY: 2 3 8

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 4/20
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2nd: 07 - Eureka
3rd: 05 - California Classic
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Celebrate Earth Day Every Day by Recycling Your Organics

California passed Senate Bill 1383, requiring all of us to recycle organics. Food scraps and green waste in landfills emit methane, a potent greenhouse gas that contributes to global warming. By separating organics into green containers, these materials are recycled into compost, mulch, and renewable energy. We CAN make a difference in combating climate change!

How Can I Comply?

1



Separate Your Waste

Find a system that works for you! Sort your solid waste at home three ways: organics, recyclables, and landfill. Visit us online for tips.

2



Learn What Goes Where

- **Green:** food scraps + green waste + food-soiled papers
- **Blue:** clean and dry recyclables
- **Black:** everything else

3



Avoid Contamination

Putting the wrong items in the wrong containers contaminate the entire truck load, causing recyclables to go to the landfill instead of being recycled.

What Goes Where?

Anything that was once a living organism, including all food scraps



Green = Organics

Must be clean and dry



Blue = Recyclables

Everything else



Black = Landfill

To learn more about how to recycle your organics, visit **santamonica.gov** (keyword "organics") or email us at **zerowaste@santamonica.gov.**

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