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Santa Monica's new comedy club The Crow is set to be a certified hoot

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When one thinks of a typical comedy club several stereotypical images come to mind — a dark dingy space; plenty of beer; and a slew of young, mainly male, standups, who crack crude jokes and think humping a stool is the highest form of humor.

Santa Monica's latest venue The Crow is not your typical comedy club. Founded by Santa Monica native and mother of two Nicole Blaine, The Crow seeks to elevate comedy culture and create a welcoming space for comics of all ages, gender and abilities.

Think a BYOB (bring your own baby) daytime comedy show for moms, a Boys Drool female/non-binary open mic night and kids summer comedy camp. These are just some of the many projects Blaine envisions works for her family-friendly, woman-centered comedy club, which is located within the Bergamot Station Art Center.



Courtesy photo

FAMILY FRIENDLY: The new space wants to welcome everyone, including those with young children.

The Crow is "for Santa Monica, by Santa Monica," says Nicole, who grew up attending Santa Monica schools and is now enrolling her two children in Lincoln Middle School and Santa Monica High School. She wants the club to serve as a community gathering space "welcome to all who welcome all," and has rolled out several inclusivity initiatives, including scholarships for her kids comedy camp (thanks to a generous donation from "This is Us" actor Chris Sullivan and his wife Rachel).

At Nicole's side is her right-hand man, personal assistant, producer, set builder and husband Mickey Blaine, who has allegedly been at her beck and call since the two first met while starring in the Wizard of Oz at Samohi.

"He was a senior and he was a scarecrow. I was a freshman and,

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Mold report finds high levels in two classrooms

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Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) has released a report detailing mold and water damage at the John Muir / SMASH campus.

According to the latest report, mold levels in 19 of 21 tested classrooms are within acceptable levels but two classrooms show levels that were up to double the density of outdoor air.

"Air sample results are a picture of conditions at that point in time and can vary depending on activity levels, weather conditions, dustiness, outside air exchange rates, and other factors," said the report. "Since airborne mold spores are natural and ubiquitous in the environment, the total number of mold spores from indoor sample subject areas are compared to the outdoor reference samples, but the type and rank of mold spores detected is also considered. Mold spores detected inside the building should typically reflect those spores found in the outside air but at a concentration that is generally lower than the outside air. If mold spores found inside a building are significantly different than those detected outside the building, or there is a significant concentration of airborne mold spores indoors that are not detected in the outside air, a further investigation into an indoor mold growth source should be considered."

District officials announced the problem last week with the release of a 131-page report detailing significant water damage at the campus. The situation is attributed to a combination of poor construction practices, age

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Social media hammered by mounting questions over advertising

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AP Business Writer

Social media has had a rough 2022 with lingering questions about advertising spending, political ads and a $44 billion takeover of Twitter that may or may not be happening, depending on which Elon Musk tweet you read.

Then late Monday Snap, which runs the Snapchat app that features vanishing messages and video special effects, issued a rather dire profit warning, saying that "the macroeconomic environment has deteriorated further and faster than anticipated," since just last month.

Social media companies are competing for the same pool of advertising money that is increasingly under threat from spiking inflation and also changes at Apple Inc. that can restrict the information social media platforms can collect on users, a big selling point for advertisers.

Shares of Snap Inc. plunged

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COMEDY

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not to brag, but I was cast as the Coroner Munchkin. I pronounced the witch legally dead, so clearly we were meant to be," said Nicole.

The two started dating while they were both attending Loyola Marymount University, after Mickey was kind enough to wait for Blaine to hit puberty, says Nicole. The two also began producing together at university and continued that tradition long into married life by renting performance venues and producing many films and projects, including the stand-up special "Burning the Light" on HBO.

"I realized that he was a writer and an aspiring director, and I was a performer and I was already sleeping with the writer director, so I was like we should produce together clearly," said Nicole.

It was Mickey who in part led Nicole into the stand-up world after helping her write a one woman show.

"I was performing nine months pregnant and finally decided to just do straight stand up and I never looked back; It was everything and anything to me," said Nicole.

Nicole went on to successfully carve out a space for herself in the comedy world. Her many credits include NBC's The Today Show, E's That Morning School, San Francisco's Sketchfest and her stand-up special "Life's a Bit" on Amazon Prime. At the same time as she navigated through various stand up venues, Nicole realized that most of these clubs were not built for people like her.

"Most of the open mic rooms are really filled with a lot of people who are still unfortunately misogynistic and there's still a lot of comedians that think humping a stool is hilarious," said Nicole. "As a woman, and especially an older woman, I'm like why are we still doing this stuff?"

The Crow plans to run light on misogyny, heavy on inclusivity and high on hilarity. In particular, Nicole wants the space to cater to comedians who decided to explore stand-up later in life as well as the next generation of aspiring young comedians.

"Ten years from now, this next generation Gen Z, they're gonna have the microphone, they're gonna have the stage, they're gonna be starring in a Netflix special or by that point it will be a TikTok special and they need to have that performance ready to go," said Nicole. "I am building a stage specifically for those young voices so that they have a playground to get messy in and feel safe."

The Crow has a special performance area for children upstairs away from the adult stage and bar area. The comedy camp for kids will run for five one-week long sessions from June 13 through July 15 with each session culminating in a live performance for friends and family. On Saturdays the venue will produce a 5 p.m. family friendly comedy show, followed by an 8 p.m. adults show.

The venue's first public adult performance is on June 4 at 8 p.m. and will feature James Adomian, Dana Eagle, Ian Edwards, Dave Helem, and Ester Steinberg. Tickets are $25 and all proceeds will be donated to the Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

More information on The Crow is available at www.crowcomedy.com.

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Courtesy photo

GROUP EFFORT: Nicole Blaine has drawn inspiration for the project from her family.



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Vehicle Burglar Alarm 1300Blk Princeton St 3:40 a.m.
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Encampment 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 6:05 a.m.
Encampment 3000Blk Ocean Front Walk 6:29 a.m.
Animal Related Incident South Side Beach 6:36 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2800Blk The Beach 6:40 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500Blk 16th St 6:50 a.m.
Encampment 500Blk Olympic Blvd W 6:54 a.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 900Blk 7th St 7:13 a.m.
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Vandalism 1200Blk California Ave 10:40 a.m.
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Petty Theft 1400Blk 2nd St 11:29 a.m.
Encampment 1700Blk 9th St 11:33 a.m.
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General Parking Problem 800Blk 6th St 12:28 p.m.
Petty Theft 1300Blk Montana Ave 12:37 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1200Blk California Ave 12:42 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2900Blk Exposition Blvd 12:57 p.m.
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Expired Registration 1300Blk 16th St 1:39 p.m.
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General Parking Problem 00Blk Bay St 1:44 p.m.
Grand Theft 1600Blk Lincoln Blvd 2:06 p.m.
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Auto Burglary 1900Blk Cloverfield Blvd 4:45 p.m.
Animal Related Incident Highland Ave / Ashland Ave 4:45 p.m.
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Red Zone Violation 1300Blk Palisades Beach rd 9:30 p.m.
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Public Intoxication 400Blk Santa Monica Pier 9:42 p.m.
Petty Theft 2200Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:46 p.m.
Overdose 500Blk Colorado Ave 9:52 p.m.
Domestic Violence Now 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:54 p.m.
Person With A Gun 2600Blk Olympic Blvd 9:57 p.m.
Construction Noise 1300Blk Montana Ave 10:05 p.m.
Hit And Run Felony Investigation 2600Blk Wilshire Blvd 10:51 p.m.
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Vandalism Now 100Blk Broadway 11:14 p.m.
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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 THURSDAY, MAY 5

Officers responded to the 1000 block of Ocean Avenue at 6 a.m. regarding a trespassing call. Upon arrival they met with the reporting party that stated there was a subject sleeping inside his vehicle in the parking garage. The vehicle owner left the car unlocked so it could be washed and detailed, but upon returning to the vehicle the suspect, identified as Nicholas Hadden, was found sleeping inside. He was placed under arrest for tampering with a vehicle and for providing false identification to an officer. Hadden was issued a citation after being booked at the Santa Monica Jail.

MOLD

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and exposure, deferred maintenance, and defective or inappropriate installation of materials, including during relatively recent repair or remediation work.

This week's report also said there was evidence of "hidden" mold growth within the wall cavity of least one location.

After inspection the SMMUSD Board committed to identifying the source of the water intrusion, making repairs, determining the scope of hidden mold and conducting subsequent remediation to ensure the health and safety of occupants.

Consultants NV5 recommend individuals with mold sensitivities avoid the possibly contaminated areas, removal of porous materials (such as drywall or insulation) that show signs of water damage, additional invasive testing of the locations and using a qualified mold remediation contractor.

The full price tag for the work remain unknown as the investigation continues. However, the Board recently extended a contract for weekly testing and approved $55,000 to begin remediation plans.

The report will be shared with parents via SMMUSD's Blackboard online system.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Legislature's supermajorities spawn super sneakiness

BY DAN WALTERS

Democrats occupy three-quarters of the seats in both houses of the state Legislature and are likely to add a few more to their superdooper majorities this year.

One unfortunate consequence of that partisan stranglehold is ever-increasing hide-the-pea opacity in the legislative process.

Legislative committee hearings, which once were true forums for debating legislation, are now nothing more than pro forma rituals. Typically, those chairing the hearings give each side's lobbyists just a few minutes to state their cases and private citizens who wish to comment are often confined to merely stating their names and positions.

Last week's meetings of the Legislature's two "appropriations committees" were prime examples of how legislative decisions have been submerged in darkness. The committee chairs declared which of hundreds of bills would be allowed to proceed and which would be held "in suspense." There was no discussion or voting and no explanation about why some were stalled.

The syndrome, however, is especially evident in the single most important legislative chore — the annual ritual of fashioning a state budget.

Each January, the governor proposes an initial budget, then offers a revised version in May. Both are relatively transparent with hundreds of pages of numbers and explanatory language and public explanations by the governor.

But then the curtain of secrecy drops.

In theory, budget committees of both houses use the "May revise" to fashion their own versions and a two-house "conference committee" is then convened to publicly reconcile differences and present a final legislative budget.

One by one, however, those procedural steps have been truncated, beginning with the 2010 passage of a ballot measure, sponsored by Democratic leaders and public employee unions, to lower the vote threshold for the budget from two-thirds to a simple majority.

That step was aimed at cutting minority Republicans out of the process. Later, when Democrats achieved two-thirds supermajorities and superdooper majorities, party leaders compressed the public aspects of the budget process even more.

When COVID-19 hit California two years ago, legislative leaders eliminated the last vestiges of a public budget process and show no signs of restoring them. Legislative leaders are negotiating a final budget with the governor and what's decided will be hustled through floor votes next month.

The final budget version — the one that will actually take effect — will lack the copious data and explanatory verbiage of the governor's two proposals. It will be hundreds of pages of numbers and legalistic language that require expert deciphering to understand, and will be accompanied by at least a dozen "trailer bills," which are another way for politicians to hide what they are doing.

Originally, trailer bills contained changes in law needed to implement the budget's fiscal policies. However, the 2010 ballot measure that lowered the budget's voting threshold to a simple majority did the same for trailer bills, thus allowing their provisions to take effect immediately.

That change made trailer bills a sneaky way for governors and legislators to make major changes in state policy with little or no relationship to the budget, bypassing the usual process of public exposure and committee hearings. Politicians could — and did — load up the trailer bills with favors for their special interest allies without leaving fingerprints or risking public disfavor.

The only restraint has been another law, passed by voters in 2016 over the opposition of legislative leaders, that requires 72-hour notice before bills can be passed. But the Capitol's technicians have found ways to neuter that safeguard, such as having the 72-hour period occur mostly on weekends when the Capitol is closed.

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GET IT DAILY...

EXPLAINER: How cities in the West have water amid drought

SUMAN NAISHADHAM
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As drought and climate change tighten their grip on the American West, the sight of fountains, swimming pools, gardens and golf courses in cities like Phoenix, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, Boise, and Albuquerque can be jarring at first glance.

Western water experts, however, say they aren't necessarily cause for concern. Over the past three decades, major Western cities — particularly in California and Nevada — have diversified their water sources, boosted local supplies through infrastructure investments and conservation, and use water more efficiently.

Peter Gleick, president emeritus of the Pacific Institute, has studied water resources for decades. He calls the reduction in per capita water use a "remarkable story" and one that's not widely acknowledged.

"That's a huge success throughout the West," Gleick said. "All of the cities in the West have made progress."

But with less water flowing into the Colorado River, which serves 40 million people in the West and northern Mexico, experts say the measures taken by cities will still not be enough long-term.

Here's a look at how Western cities have prepared for a future with less water.

WHERE DO WESTERN CITIES GET THEIR WATER?

Phoenix, Las Vegas, San Diego, Los Angeles, Denver, Salt Lake City, Tucson, Albuquerque and other Western cities use water from the 1,450-mile (2,334 kilometer) Colorado River for residential and commercial needs.

Overuse of the river, hotter temperatures, less melting snow in the spring, and evaporation have greatly reduced water flows in the river — by 20% on average since 2000.

Agriculture remains the single-largest consumer, using 70% of available water in the Colorado River basin, according to the Bureau of Reclamation.

While the river remains the lifeblood of the region, many cities have other water sources. That's due to spending billions of dollars over decades on infrastructure aimed at withstanding a future with less reliable water sources.

"It really has to do with the modern engineering marvels of the 20th and 21st centuries," said Daniel Swain, a climate scientist at the University of California, Los Angeles. "This is sort of the perennial story of the West."

Los Angeles imports the bulk of its water through a vast storage and delivery system. Its water sources include the Sierra Nevada mountains in Northern California, the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers and the Colorado River in the east. It also uses some groundwater and recycled water.

"Los Angeles is less vulnerable," Gleick said, "because they do have this very broad, diverse set of options."

Still, Southern California's behemoth water supplier last month ordered about 6 million people to cut their outdoor watering to once a week due to record dry conditions. The Metropolitan Water District said a total ban on outdoor watering in the affected areas could follow in September if the restrictions don't work.

The lion's share of Las Vegas' water supply comes from the Colorado River. The agency serving the city of 2.4 million, its suburbs and 40 million annual visitors gets 90% of its water from the river and 10% from groundwater.

Nevada lost 7% of its share of Colorado River water this year as part of cuts announced by Reclamation, but Las Vegas was shielded from the effects thanks to water conservation and reuse.

"It's fair to say that Las Vegas has taken the most dramatic steps to reduce its dependence on Colorado River water," said Anne Castle, a senior fellow at the Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy and the Environment.

San Diego gets two-thirds of its water from the Colorado River, but has sought other water sources since the early '90s. The city gets 10% of its water from a $1 billion desalination plant that removes salt and impurities from seawater. It has also conserved more water and cut per-person use while its population has grown.

Phoenix, the nation's fifth largest city, relies on imported Colorado River water, too. It also gets water from the in-state Salt and Verde Rivers, which are nowhere as challenged as the Colorado River, said Sarah Porter, director of the Kyl Center for Water Policy at Arizona State University. Phoenix also uses sterilized wastewater for limited uses, like maintaining parks and recharging some aquifers with groundwater.

Arizona was the hardest-hit among Western states losing Colorado River water this year, with 18% of its supply gone. But cities were spared from that round of cuts. Officials in Phoenix say they have enough water to weather future cuts because of diversified supplies and water saved and stored underground.

HAS CONSERVATION BOLSTERED WESTERN CITIES' WATER SUPPLIES?

Yes. There may be no better example than Las Vegas. Sin City's fountains, swimming pools, and showers use recycled water. About 40% of the Southern Nevada Water Authority's water supply is for indoor use. Once used, much of that wastewater is treated and then returned to Lake Mead, the reservoir behind Hoover Dam, before it is drawn and used again.

Las Vegas started conserving, reusing and recycling water in 1999. Since 2002, the Southern Nevada Water Authority has slashed its use of Colorado River water by 26% while the region's population grew by 49%.

In 2003, the water authority banned front yard lawns in new subdivisions. Grass was prohibited in new commercial developments. Last year, Nevada outlawed what it called 'non-functional turf' in the Las Vegas area, or grass used at office parks, in street meridians and at entrances to housing developments. Officials said the measure could save an amount equal to 10% of its Colorado River allocation.

Not all cities and states have acted with the same urgency. Phoenix does not offer rebates to tear out grass. Utah only recently passed a turf buyback measure.

In California, urban water use has steadily

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California parents could soon sue for social media addiction

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

California could soon hold social media companies responsible for harming children who have become addicted to their products, permitting parents to sue platforms like Instagram and TikTok for up to $25,000 per violation under a bill that passed the state Assembly on Monday.

The bill defines "addiction" as kids under 18 who are both harmed — either physically, mentally, emotionally, developmentally or materially — and who want to stop or reduce how much time they spend on social media but they can't because they are preoccupied or obsessed with it.

Business groups have warned that if the bill passes, social media companies would most likely cease operations for children in California rather than face the legal risk.

The proposal would only apply to social media companies that had at least $100 million in gross revenue in the past year, appearing to take aim at social media giants like Facebook and others that dominate the marketplace.

It would not apply to streaming services like Netflix and Hulu or to companies that only offer email and text messaging services.

"The era of unfettered social experimentation on children is over and we will protect kids," said Assemblymember Jordan Cunningham, a Republican from San Luis Obispo County and author of the bill.

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Monday's vote is a key — but not final — step for the legislation. The bill now heads to the state Senate, where it will undergo weeks of hearings and negotiations among lawmakers and advocates. But Monday's vote keeps the bill alive this year.

The bill gives social media companies two paths to escape liability in the courts. If the bill becomes law, it would take effect on Jan. 1. Companies that remove features deemed addictive to children by April 1 would not be responsible for damages.

Also, companies that conduct regular audits of their practices to identify and remove features that could be addictive to children would be immune from lawsuits.

Despite those provisions, business groups have opposed the bill. TechNet, a bipartisan network of technology CEOs and senior executives, wrote in a letter to lawmakers that if the bill becomes law "social media companies and online web services would have no choice but to cease operations for kids under 18 and would implement stringent age-verification in order to ensure that adolescents did not use their sites."

"There is no social media company let alone any business that could tolerate that legal risk," the group wrote.

Lawmakers appeared willing to change the part of the bill that allows parents to sue social media companies, but none offered a detailed alternative. Instead, supporters urged their colleagues to pass the bill on Monday to continue the conversation about the issue in the state Capitol.

Assemblymember Ken Cooley, a Democrat from Rancho Cordova, said as a lawyer he normally opposes bills that create more opportunities for lawsuits. But he said lawmakers must "change the dynamics of what is surrounding us, surrounding our kids."

"We have to do something," he said. "If it doesn't turn out right we can modify as we go along."

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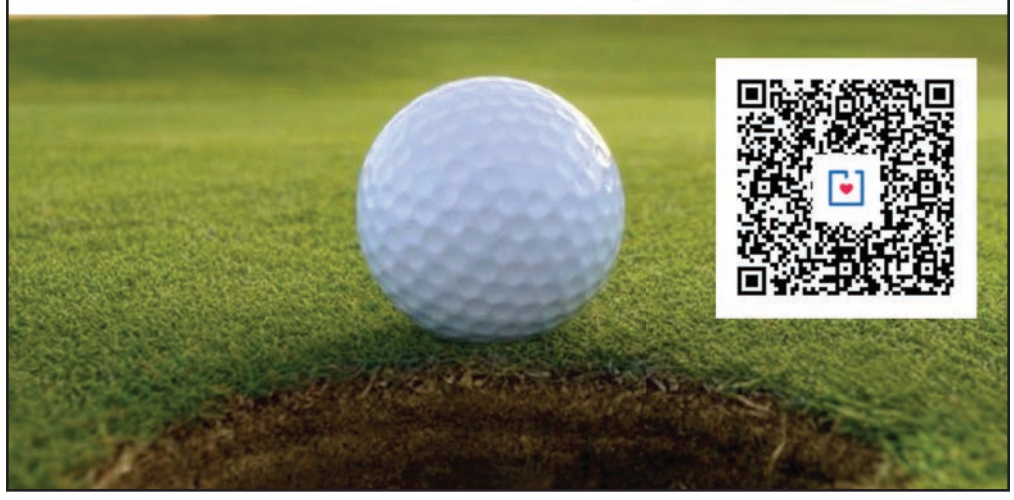
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Pandemic-weary Americans plan for summer despite COVID surge

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A high school prom in Hawaii where masked dancers weren't allowed to touch. A return to virtual city council meetings in one Colorado town after the mayor and others tested positive following an in-person session. A reinstated mask mandate at skilled nursing facilities in Los Angeles County after 22 new outbreaks in a single week.

A COVID-19 surge is underway that is starting to cause disruptions as the school year wraps up and Americans prepare for summer vacations. Many people, though, have returned to their pre-pandemic routines and plans, which often involve travel.

Case counts are as high as they've been since mid-February and those figures are likely a major undercount because of unreported positive home test results and asymptomatic infections. Earlier this month, an influential modeling group at the University of Washington in Seattle estimated that only 13% of cases were being reported to U.S. health authorities.

Hospitalizations are also up and more than one-third of the U.S. population lives in areas that are considered at high risk by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Northeast has been hit the hardest.

Yet vaccinations have stagnated and elected officials nationwide seem loath to impose new restrictions on a public that's ready to move on even as the U.S. death toll surpassed 1 million people less than 2 1/2 years into the outbreak.

"People probably are underestimating the prevalence of COVID," said Crystal Watson, public health lead in the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security's Coronavirus Resource Center. "I think there's a lot more virus out there than we recognize, and so people are much, much more likely than they anticipate to be exposed and infected."

A major metric for the pandemic — the seven-day rolling average for daily new cases in the U.S. — skyrocketed over the last two weeks, according to data from Johns Hopkins University. The figure was about 76,000 on May 9 and jumped to nearly 109,000 on Monday. That was the highest it had been since mid-February, when the omicron-fueled surge was winding down.

Deaths are still on the decline and hospital intensive care units aren't swamped like they were at other times during the pandemic, likely because vaccinations and immunity from people who have already had the disease are keeping many cases less severe.

"The nature of the disease has changed. Two years ago I was seeing a steady flow of bad pneumonia cases. Now we are in a situation where people should be able to avoid that outcome by taking advantage of vaccines, pre-exposure prophylaxis (for high risk), and early anti-viral therapy," said Dr. Jonathan Dworkin, a clinical infectious diseases physician in Hawaii, said by email.

In Hawaii, which once had one of the nation's lowest rates of infection, hospitalization and death, new cases are surging among the state's 1.4 million residents.

With cases climbing for eight straight weeks, Hawaii has the second highest infection rate of any state, trailing only Rhode Island. But because positive home test results aren't counted in official data, Hawaii's health department estimates that the case count is actually five or six times higher.

Despite its surge, visitors have been flocking to Hawaii's beaches, especially in recent months.

Yaling Fisher, owner of Hawaii Aloha Travel, said bookings to the islands haven't slowed during the surge. On the contrary, they've increased.

"Even now we are still busy," she said. "We don't see any cancellations."

Samantha Hanberg, who was in Hawaii this week with her newlywed husband, said the couple left their masks at home in California when left for vacation. She said she contracted COVID-19 early in the pandemic and subsequently got fully vaccinated, so she too feels safe.

"Nobody wants to get sick, but it's definitely not at the forefront of my thought process anymore," she said, snacking on shave ice on Waikiki Beach. "I'm to the point now where I just I want to go back to living and enjoying life, and not being so worried."

Officials initially shut down Hawaii's tourism industry by requiring all incoming passengers to quarantine. They shifted to a testing requirement and then a vaccination exemption before dropping all restrictions in March.

Hawaii was the last state in the nation to drop its mask mandate, though it remains the only state to require all public school students to wear masks while indoors — a rule that will remain in effect throughout the summer and possibly into the next school year.

Nearly two years after California Gov. Gavin Newsom imposed the nation's first statewide stay-home order, the state formally shifted to an "endemic" approach in February. Like Hawaii and many other states, its weekly infection rate has risen dramatically of late.

The new surge led the school districts in Pacific Grove and Berkeley to reinstate their indoor mask mandates, while an outbreak at a Northern California long-term healthcare facility had sickened at least 12 people by Friday.

Some Northeastern school districts have also revived their mask mandates, including those in Philadelphia and Providence, Rhode Island.

However New York, which was once the U.S. epicenter of the pandemic, doesn't seem likely to follow suit. The city is dealing with another surge in cases, but Mayor Eric Adams has all but ruled out bringing back a citywide mask mandate unless hospitals get inundated again.

The city's school district jettisoned its practice of closing classrooms if multiple students test positive, merely recommends that masks be worn and even abandoned its requirement that students need to be vaccinated to attend prom.



Patty Whittet

November 30, 1927 – April 9, 2022

On April 9, 2022, our beloved Patty Whittet left her earthly home for her eternal one in God's heaven. Patty was born November 30, 1927 in Hollywood, California to Raymond and Eunice Willets. Shortly after her birth, Patty's family moved to West Los Angeles and then to Santa Monica, where she grew up and graduated from Santa Monica High School ("Samohi") in 1945. She had a lifelong connection with Samohi and enjoyed class reunions and keeping connected to many of her classmates over the years. Following her studies at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, CO, Patty returned to Santa Monica where she met her husband, Larry Whittet, on a blind date. On April 14, 1950 they were married in Westwood, CA and enjoyed a lasting marriage of 57 years before her husband's death on June 12, 2007.

Patty worked at Douglas Aircraft in the early 1950s before raising their four children; Randy, Doug, Carolyn and David (1953-1982). Patty often spoke fondly of the children at Wee Care nursery school where she also worked part time for eight years. Following retirement, Patty and Larry traveled extensively on car road trips throughout the western USA where they visited relatives, friends and national parks. For many years the couple bicycled throughout Santa Monica and could be seen daily at either a McDonalds or Starbucks. After Larry's passing, Patty was a regular fixture at the 15th & Montana Starbucks in Santa Monica where she became a favorite with her warmly engaging personality and her easy smile and laughter. Her bright outlook on life made spending time with her easy and she embraced life with a selfless, positive attitude.

In 1980 Patty found Jesus Christ as her Savior and committed herself to a lifetime of the fulfillment of the two great commandments of loving God and loving people. Patty was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of West Los Angeles, now called Cornerstone Church.

Patty felt very blessed with a loving family and will be mourned and missed by her children—Doug (with Haunani) Whittet, West LA, CA, Carolyn Whittet, Challis, ID and David (with Leslie) Whittet, Manhattan Beach, CA; six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Patty was preceded in death by her husband Larry, her son Randy and her sister Joyce Harding of Malibu, CA.

A celebration of life service for Patty will be held at Cornerstone Church at 1609 S. Barrington Ave, West Los Angeles, CA 90025 on Saturday, June 11 @ 2pm. A reception will follow. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider supporting one of the two foundations that were close to Patty's heart: ***Alzheimer's Foundation*** (***www.alzfdn.org***) or ***Cystic Fibrosis Foundation*** (***www.cff.org***)

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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40% at the opening bell Tuesday.

And with Wall Street unsure if the company is an outlier or a canary in the social media coal mine, shares of Facebook parent Meta Platforms, Twitter, Alphabet and Pinterest all slumped alongside it.

If early declines hold, it could wipe more than $100 billion off the books collectively in a sector that is already under duress.

Snap late Monday said it now foresees revenue and adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization coming in below the low end of its prior forecasted range.

Justin Patterson of KeyBanc Capital Markets who follows social media warned investors not to read too much into Snap's profit warning, calling it "a cautionary flag but not one to sound the alarm on the entire sector."

"We believe it is better to view each channel in the context of the nature of advertisers and verticals, guidance history, revenue growth vectors, and investments to assess the level of risk to revenue and profitability from the macro environment," Patterson wrote.

The volatility comes in a week when both Meta Platforms and Twitter hold their annual meetings with shareholders, with a particularly intense focus on what could be a lively gathering for Twitter. Elon Musk has hit the pause button on the buyout, saying he needs more information on how many "spam bots" the social media platform truly has.

A note from Dan Ives, who follows social media at Wedbush, summarizes the confusion.

"We believe its currently a 60% chance that Musk tries to walk and use this spam account issue as the scapegoat to get out of the deal and a 40% chance Twitter's board and Musk come to a new deal price over the coming weeks," he wrote in a note to clients.

Twitter's stock fell more 3% when the market opened.

Adding to the social media tumult is Facebook's parent company Meta. The company said that it will start publicly providing more details about how advertisers target people with political ads just months ahead of the U.S. midterm elections.

Meta is particularly sensitive to the changes made at Apple and is now contending with a civil lawsuit against its chief, Mark Zuckerberg. On Monday the District of Columbia sued Zuckerberg, seeking to hold him personally liable for the Cambridge Analytica scandal, a privacy breach of millions of Facebook users' personal data that became a major corporate and political scandal.

Shares of Meta Platforms Inc. fell harder than any other company at the opening bell Tuesday, sliding almost 8%.

Alphabet Inc., the parent company of Google, tumbled 6%. Shares of Pinterest Inc. slumped by 24%.

WATER

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dropped since peaking in 2007, according to the Pacific Institute. Much of that progress is from repairing leaks, replacing lawns with more drought-proof landscaping, and installing efficient washers, dishwashers and other fixtures.

But even more water can be conserved, the Pacific Institute found in a recent report. California recycles 23% of its municipal wastewater. The report found the state's urban areas could cut consumption by another 30% to 48% by conserving more.

Gleick, one of the authors, pointed out that water use trends in California over the past few decades show that population growth no longer means additional water is needed to support more people.

"We're past the point where we can find a place to build another dam that makes sense or another river to tap," Gleick said. "We're now in a new era of efficiency and reuse."

WHAT ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE?

Even as Western cities diversify supplies, consume less and reuse more, scientists say climate change will be disruptive and could force cities to adopt more expensive technologies, like desalination, and mandate water cuts more often.

"There's an assumption baked into almost all of these drought mitigation strategies and plans and water allocations that in the long run, drought is temporary," said Swain of UCLA. "Increasingly, it's an assumption that is wrong."

Swain added that conservation is easier in its earlier stages.

"The first conservation gains are always the easiest," he said. "You fix leaks, put in (efficient) toilets and fixtures and things like that in urban areas. After a certain point, you then have to start going for the higher hanging fruit."

Last month, the Southern Nevada Water Authority announced that water levels at Lake Mead had fallen so low that Las Vegas is drawing water from deeper in the reservoir, from the so-called "third straw."

The pipeline near the bottom of the lake was completed in 2015 and built so that Las Vegas can still get water if the lake's surface drops below two other intake pipes.

"What we have now is a new reality of reduced flows in the whole Colorado River system," said Castle of the Getches-Wilkinson Center. "That's going to require the per capita usage in these various cities to continue to go down, and not just when the governor declares an emergency."



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 25)

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you ask a question, you actually want to know the answer. You'll field questions asked for different reasons — for instance, out of politeness, a need for validation or to fulfill an agenda.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Reacting to triggers and following impulses takes very little energy when compared with the energy required to exercise restraint. Honor and reward yourself for the things you didn't do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When the show is running right, the spotlight operator follows your performance around the stage. Unfortunately, the tech is asleep. Don't worry, this can still work; you just have to go to where the light is.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The atmosphere lends profundity to your plot. When things work out the way you want, it feels like destiny. When they don't, that also feels fated, like a hundred tiny arrows pointing you in a better direction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Love yourself. The command is difficult because it is open. Its nonspecificity leaves a question mark on your to-do list, and maybe there is nothing to be done. You can love yourself without action. Make it a mood, a state of mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Appetite can be a gift. Some temptations aren't worth the energy they take to resist. Temptation is proof that you're vital, alive, curious, interested in life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In movies, you can see a whole lifespan in two hours. Time moves differently in the movies you make in your mind as well. You'll do some mental time travel today to work out a problem.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Add happy thoughts to your endeavor. Encourage yourself and go where others are likely to cheer you on. Protect the dream by avoiding anyone who might be jealous or critical of it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). They'll give you the fantasy version of a story. You'd rather know facts, but fictions can be very revealing, too, as you listen closely and read between the lines.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You teach people around you how you like to be treated. Keep principles of consistency in mind. Actions that create the same results repeatedly facilitate quick learning.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People make books, and books make people. You'll mold yourself through reading and other media, mostly unconsciously, as the attractive ideas and traits of characters will stick to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). No matter how good your routine may be, if it's all you do, it will hold you back. Vitality craves variety. Anything that gets you up and out of your comfort zone will be good for your well-being.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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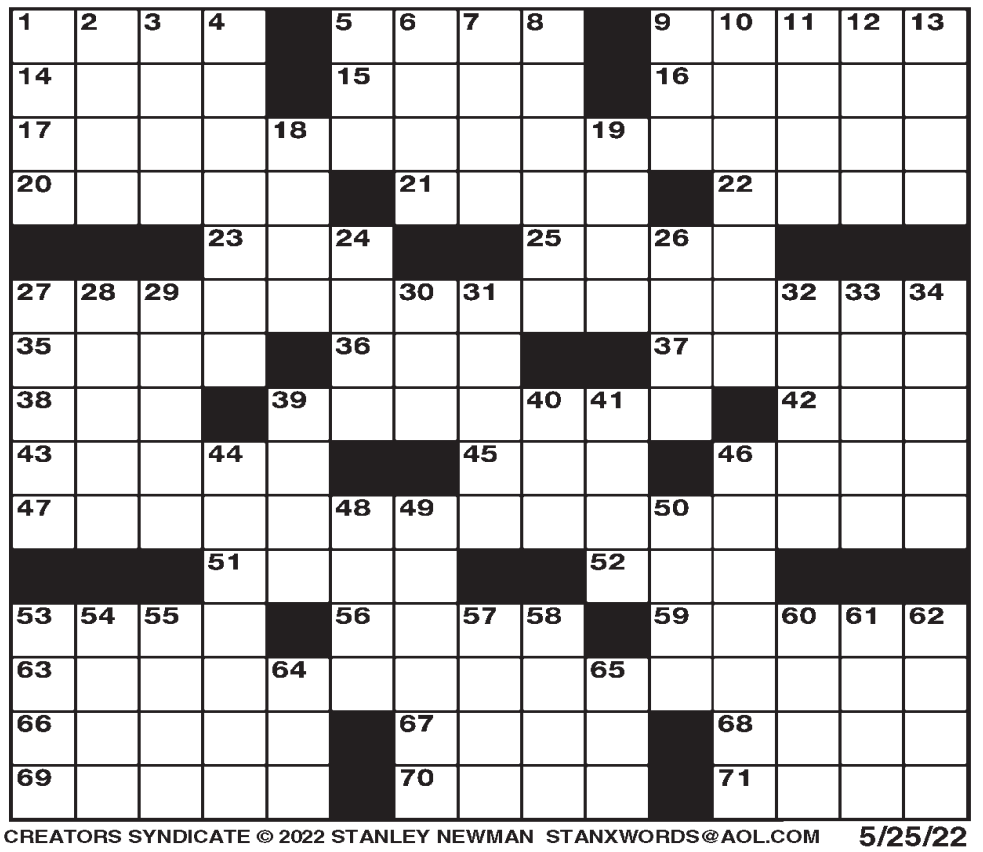
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9 Be a cast member of
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25 *Star Wars* princess
27 NASA technician
35 Square-mile fraction
36 "Slippery" fish
37 Aromatic furniture wood
38 Winnie-__-Pooh
39 Skill at being sneaky
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43 Standing tall
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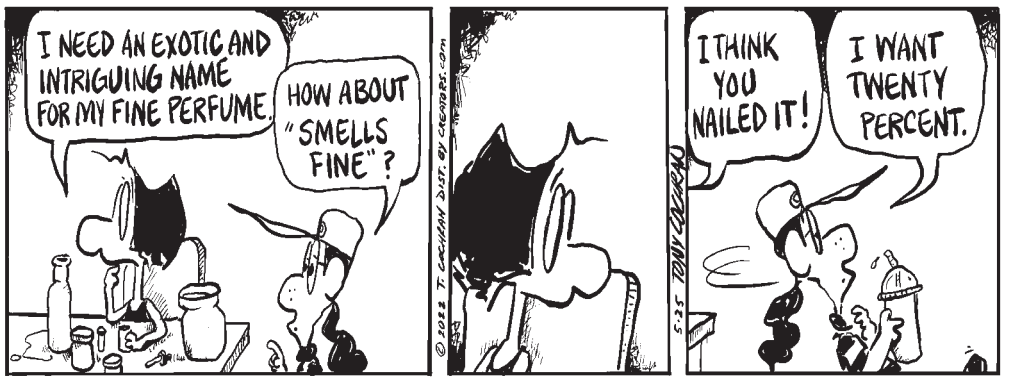
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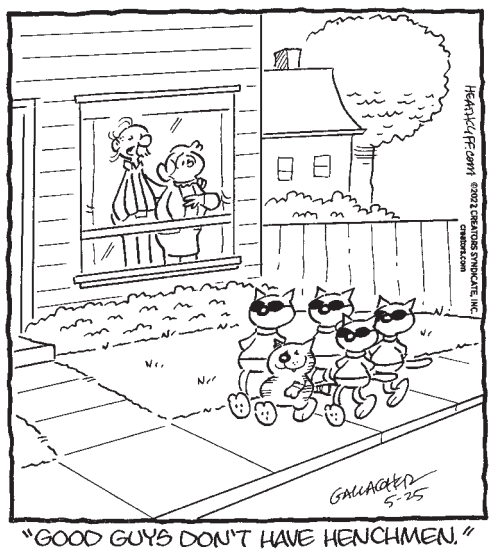
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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

Alpha
Alva
Boat
Break
Buses
Cape
Tribulation
Coral
Cove
Cow Bay
Cruise
Dunk
Eton
Eulo
Euramo
Fine
Fish
Giru
Hats
Heat
Heron
Hook
Lawes
Laze
Lucky
Major
Mt Isa
Nebo
Noosa
Palms
Pool
Pub lunch
Quay
Reef
Relax
Roma
Sails
Sand
Sarina
Scuba
Shoal
Staff
Sunny
Swim
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WEDNESDAY | MAY 25

BELONGING, BOUGHT AND SOLD

Join organizers for a conversation on the bilingual publication "Belonging, Bought and Sold," a critical essay about Asian American identity and the gentrification of historical ethnic enclaves, written by artist and organizer Carol Zou. This program is presented by 18th Street Arts Center in partnership with WE RISE 2022. Register online at https://18thstreet.org/event/belonging-bought-and-sold/. 4 p.m.

THURSDAY | MAY 26

CREATIVE ROUNDTABLE: ANGELA WASHKO

Meet and greet Angela Washko in this Creative Roundtable. As a feminist media artist working in a variety of forms, Angela Washko is committed to telling complex and unconventional stories about the media we consume from unusual perspectives. Washko's practice spans interventions in mainstream media, performance art, digital works, documentary film, video art, and video games. Program is for members at the $15 level. Visit https://www.patreon.com/18thstreetarts for membership information.

RICK CROCKER 5K

Join the Santa Monica Police Activities League at Santa Monica Pier for the 2nd Annual Rick Crocker 5K. The Rick Crocker 5K is held to remember Rick's dedication and honor his commitment to PAL. Officer Rick Crocker was a 10-year veteran of the Santa Monica Police Department and a Marine Corps Reserve Officer who was killed while serving his country in Iraq on May 26, 2005. Officer Crocker's last assignment with the SMPD was serving the Police Activities League, where he mentored the most vulnerable youth in our community. Check-in will be on the Pier deck in front of the Santa Monica Pier Carousel, 1624 Ocean Front Walk. Visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-rick-crocker-5k-run-walk-challenge-tickets-310613853397 for tickets.

BICYCLING 101: RULES OF THE ROAD FOR NIGHT RIDING

May is Bike Month! Do you want a quick overview of bike basics, rules of the road, and things to know to bike safely at night? The BEST Bicycling 101: Rules of the Road for Night Riding class, presented by Metro and People for Mobility Justice is a 1-hour off-bike session (via Zoom) to learn how to plan fun and safe bike rides at night. Class size is limited. Pre-registration is required to guarantee a minimum number of participants. Register now to guarantee your spot! Once you are registered, we will send you a confirmation email and more info on how to join the class online. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bicycling-101-rules-of-the-road-for-night-riding-online-video-class-tickets-325950365317

FRIDAY | MAY 27

"INSIDE OUT" MOVIE SCREENING

The City of Santa Monica presents a screening of Pixar's Inside Out in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month. Come early to explore community resources and enjoy a free chair massage sponsored by the Coalition of Asian & Pacific Employees (CAPE SM). Attendees are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner, blankets and/or low chairs, and dress warmly. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Avenue, 7 p.m.

90'S NIGHT

90s Night, EVERY FRIDAY. Featuring music from DJ @mycomusica, starting at 7 p.m. Nostalgia Bar & Lounge is the first brick and mortar concept from Chris Sayegh, that evokes fond memories of childhood Americana through a familiar, yet whimsically mature menu and ambiance. 1326 Pico Blvd.

SATURDAY | MAY 28

MEMORIAL WEEKEND FERRIS WHEEL LIGHTS AT SANTA MONICA PIER

The Pacific Wheel will be lit red, white, and blue on Friday, May 27 to Monday, May 30 in recognition of Memorial Day. 7:30 - 11:30 p.m.

SUNDAY | MAY 29

MAINOPOLY: A TASTE OF MAIN STREET

Celebrate Memorial Day weekend and experience Main Street's finest restaurants, bars, coffee shops and ice cream shops with this interactive tasting tour and twist on the classic board game. Over a dozen locations will offer tastings in exchange for 'MAINopoly Money,' and count as official stops on the game board map. Check-in to collect your game board, PASS GO to collect your MAINopoly money and get your game board marked off at each stop to be entered for a chance to win a Taste of Main Street prize package. $20 – $450. Tickets available online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/7th-annual-mainopoly-taste-of-main-street-tickets-290658416147.

SANTA MONICA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

The Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend marks the finale of the Santa Monica Symphony's 77th concert season. Sibelius' beloved Finlandia opens the program followed by Tchaikovsky's spectacular Violin Concerto featuring violinist YuEun Gemma Kim and Dvořák's euphoric Symphony No. 8. Doors open at 6 pm. Tickets available online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/santa-monica-symphony-memorial-day-weekend-concert-tickets-311485480457

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **61.9**

WEDNESDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	Additional SSW energy arrives, helping maintain surfable waves. Conditions remains cleanest in the morning, with wind shifting onshore through the day.
THURSDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 3-4ft Waist to chest	A fresh round of SSW swell gradually builds in through the day — most size shows for the south facing points in the afternoon. Light/variable wind early builds from the W in the afternoon. Account for the higher tide mid morning.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 69.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 59.
Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 68.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/05/25	Wed	01:13 AM	1.16	L
2022/05/25	Wed	06:51 AM	3.90	H
2022/05/25	Wed	12:50 PM	0.60	L
2022/05/25	Wed	7:23 PM	5.31	H
2022/05/26	Thu	02:01 AM	0.55	L
2022/05/26	Thu	07:53 AM	3.79	H
2022/05/26	Thu	1:25 PM	0.98	L
2022/05/26	Thu	7:51 PM	5.59	H
2022/05/27	Fri	02:42 AM	0.06	L
2022/05/27	Fri	08:45 AM	3.70	H
2022/05/27	Fri	1:56 PM	1.35	L
2022/05/27	Fri	8:18 PM	5.77	H
2022/05/28	Sat	03:19 AM	-0.30	L
2022/05/28	Sat	09:31 AM	3.61	H
2022/05/28	Sat	2:24 PM	1.69	L
2022/05/28	Sat	8:44 PM	5.87	H
2022/05/29	Sun	03:53 AM	-0.52	L
2022/05/29	Sun	10:14 AM	3.51	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 5/23
1 33 37 39 42
Power#: 26
Jackpot: 135 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 5/20
33 40 59 60 69
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 143 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 5/21
8 13 21 39 47
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 13 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/23
14 27 33 37 38

Daily 3
Draw Date: 5/23
EVENING: 6 0 2
Draw Date: 5/23
MIDDAY: 1 4 6

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 5/23
1st: 10 - Solid Gold
2nd: 11 - Money Bags
3rd: 02 - Lucky Star
Race Time: 1:42.64

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