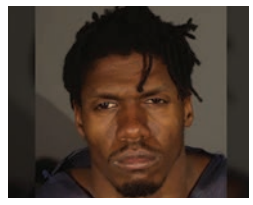
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Burst of new businesses opening on Montana defy economic uncertainty



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MONTANA: Empty stores no more

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A flurry of new stores opening along Montana Avenue suggests that the impending economic doom currently facing much of the country hasn't reached this serene corner of Santa Monica just yet.

Five new stores have all opened within the last six months with still more to come. Poketo (1233 Montana Ave) is a quirky, colorful collection of everything you didn't know you needed, from kitchen utensils to home office supplies. Divine Vintage (1025 Montana Ave) combines an impressive range of wines, from all over the world together with vintage clothing and jewelry. Thomus Bikes (1314 Montana Ave) is the very first outlet outside of the company's home country of Switzerland and offers a range of high-end, carbon fiber bikes for road and mountain riding and almost everything in between. Else Lingerie (1318-B Montana Ave) is an outlet of the up-market US lingerie brand. Casa Cu (923 Montana Ave) offers clothing, glass and ceramic ware from designers from Latin America.

Montana Ave is unquestionably at the upmarket end of Santa Monica's spectrum and for about 10 blocks between 7th and 17th

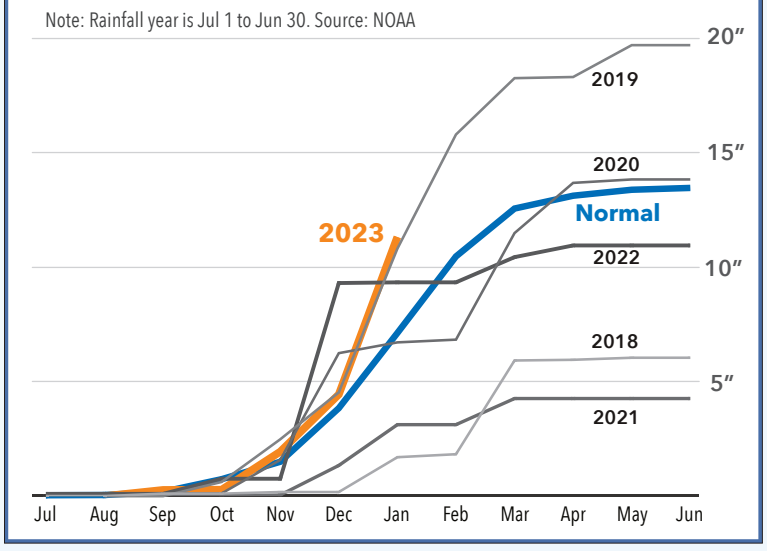
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just the facts

Santa Monica Rainfall Trends

The 2023 rainfall year is off to a strong start and eerily tracking a very wet 2019.

Note: Rainfall year is Jul 1 to Jun 30. Source: NOAA



Santa Monica officials considering local state of emergency declaration over homelessness

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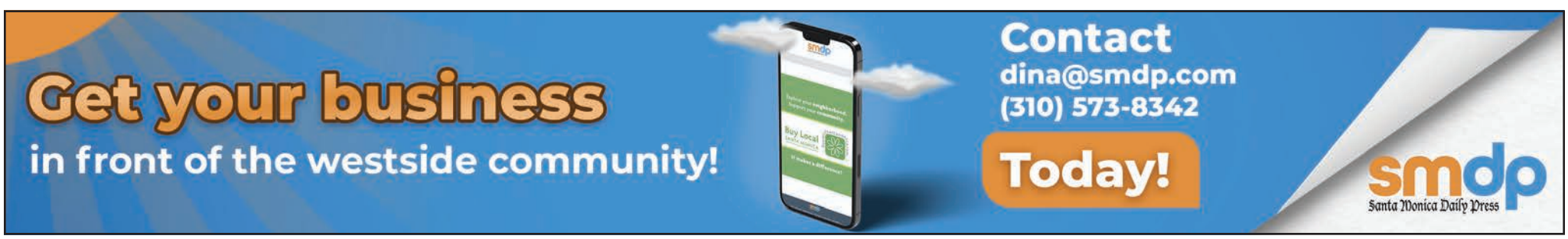
For many, homelessness in Santa Monica has felt like an emergency for years, but it has never been officially designated as one. Recent decisions by the City of L.A. and L.A. County to declare a state of emergency over homelessness – freeing up funds and cutting through bureaucracy – raise the possibility that Santa Monica will follow suit.

A number of City Council members have expressed openness to the idea, and several told the Daily Press that the City is actively looking into its potential.

"Addressing the regional crisis of homelessness is a leading priority for the City of Santa Monica and we have been treating it as an emergency for many years," Councilmember Phil Brock said. "We are evaluating whether a local emergency declaration would expedite improved conditions on our streets beyond the comprehensive strategy we deploy."

Councilmember Caroline Torosis, who also works for

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Staley looks ahead to Chargers' offseason after tough exit

JOE REEDY
Associated Press

Brandon Staley remained steadfast he would remain head coach of the Los Angeles Chargers despite plenty of speculation about his future.

"I am aware of the speculation because I have to be briefed of it to be prepared for guys like you," Staley said to reporters on Wednesday during his season-ending press conference. "I was not worried about that because I know what goes on here on a day-to-day basis and I know what we have in the locker room."

Staley's status was a source of debate among fans and commentators during the past two weeks. It began after the loss to Denver in the regular-season finale when he played his starters and wide receiver Mike Williams suffered a season-ending back injury. It ramped up to fever pitch after last Saturday's 31-30 loss to the Jacksonville Jaguars in an AFC wild-card round game, when the Chargers blew the third-largest lead in postseason history.

The Bolts improved from 9-8 in Staley's first campaign in 2021 to 10-7 and the franchise's first trip to the playoffs since 2018 this season. Both years, though, have ended in disappointing fashion in which decisions by Staley backfired.

In last year's regular-season finale against Las Vegas, Staley called a timeout on defense in the final minute when the Raiders were

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content to run out the clock and play for a tie, which would have put both teams in the playoffs. Instead, Las Vegas ended up driving into field goal range and knocked the Chargers out of a postseason spot on the final play.

In reviewing the Jacksonville loss, Staley didn't point to one play but a series of plays, penalties or not converting in key situations.

"I'm proud that we were able to get a chance to compete. I thought that first half showed you what our team has inside of it and the second half showed where we need to improve," he said.

Staley's immediate task will be finding an offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach after Joe Lombardi and Shane Day were fired.

The Chargers were ranked ninth in total offense, but 20th in scrimmage yards per play, along with the league's third-worst rushing attack.

Staley said one of the most important factors he is looking for in a coordinator is being able to do a better job of bringing balance to the offense. Los Angeles had the NFL's second-biggest discrepancy between passing and running plays (65% pass to 35% run).

"The offenses that I think are the most challenging to defend, and the people who have been here with me, are the ones that put a lot of pressure on you every snap, in terms of marrying the run game to the pass game, putting a lot of pressure on you with personnel groupings, pace, motion, and being able to get the explosions consistently," Staley said. "I want to have an offense that mirrors our defense because I think that those are the types of organizations, those are the type of football teams, who are consistent, game-in and game-out, season-in and season-out."

Justin Herbert, who will have his third offensive coordinator in four NFL seasons, will have some input in the process.

Staley said there isn't a set deadline on when he would like to name a new offensive coordinator, but added it would be fair to see that it is likely to be someone that has come from the coaching tree of 49ers boss Kyle Shanahan or Rams' coach Sean McVay.

Staley also left open the possibility that other changes could occur on the coaching staff with evaluations continuing.

One thing that Staley closed the door on was having someone else call the plays on defense. He said that it will still be his responsibility.

The Chargers devoted plenty of their offseason resources last year to upgrading the defense, yet it was ranked 20th in the league and the fifth-worse at stopping the run.

"Our players, our coaches, you guys know the improvement that I made from my first year to my second year. You're able to see it, visibly. I don't need to tell you the improvements I made," Staley said. "I'm excited to bounce back and to really attack this offseason and compete at a high level."

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Los Angeles

Former CEO of Los Angeles-Based Anti-Poverty Nonprofit Agrees to Plead Guilty to Embezzling and Misusing Funds and Tax Offense

The former president and CEO of a Hollywood-based anti-poverty nonprofit agency has agreed to plead guilty to federal criminal charges for embezzling money from the nonprofit for his personal benefit and intentionally misapplying more than $600,000 in grant money to pay for unauthorized expenses and lying on his tax returns, the Justice Department announced today.

Howard Dixon Slingerland, 53, of Studio City, has agreed to plead guilty to a two-count information charging him with conversion and intentional misapplication of funds from an organization receiving federal money, and subscribing to a false federal income tax return.

Both the information and plea agreement were filed today in United States District Court. Slingerland is expected to make his initial court appearance in the coming weeks.

According to his plea agreement, from 1996 until he was fired in September 2019, Slingerland was the president and CEO of Youth Policy Institute Inc. (YPI), a Hollywood-based nonprofit agency that worked to eradicate poverty in some of the highest needs neighborhoods in Los Angeles with a comprehensive approach addressing education, youth development, safety, job training, and health and wellness. In these roles, Slingerland had check-signing authority over YPI's bank accounts and was the personal guarantor of YPI's credit card.

From January 2015 to February 2019, Slingerland caused at least $71,533 of YPI funds to be spent on unauthorized expenditures, including Slingerland's personal property tax bill that exceeded $14,000, more than $6,000 for a family dinner at a New York City restaurant, nearly $11,000 for a family member's tutoring, and nearly $2,000 on a home computer and software.

In July 2019, Slingerland caused approximately $401,561 in funds YPI had received from a federal grant to be used for the unauthorized payment of YPI payroll. That same month, he also caused approximately $201,466 in federal grant money to be illegally used to pay off YPI's credit card bill, including for expenses Slingerland had incurred.

Slingerland further admitted in his plea agreement that he underreported on his individual federal income tax returns more than $100,000 in income each year for the tax years 2015 through 2018 by not reporting money he obtained from YPI including through the embezzlement. Slingerland admitted to owing the United States Treasury a total of approximately $147,398 in unpaid taxes – not including penalties and interest – for these years.

After Slingerland enters his guilty plea, he will face a statutory maximum sentence of 10 years in federal prison on the conversion count and three years in federal prison on the tax count.

IRS Criminal Investigation; the FBI; the United States Department of Labor Office of Inspector General; the United States Department of Education Office of Inspector General; the United States Department of Justice Office of Inspector General; and the Los Angeles Unified School District investigated this matter.

Assistant United States Attorney Ranee A. Katzenstein, Chief of the Major Frauds Section, is prosecuting this case.

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Los Angeles

Clean Power Alliance Launches Power Ready Program to Build Power Resiliency Across Southern California

Clean Power Alliance (CPA) has released a Request for Offers (RFO) for its Power Ready program and seeks developers that are uniquely qualified to build power resiliency in numerous Southern California communities. The need for backup power systems is growing as power outages become more likely with increased wildfires, public safety power shutoffs, aging infrastructure, and increased grid emergencies due to high heat.

Power Ready is a community benefit program offered to CPA's partner communities in order to make public buildings, which serve a critical community purpose, energy-resilient by installing solar-plus-storage systems to ensure a backup source of energy is available when an outage occurs.

Power Ready is one of the many community benefit programs offered to CPA's communities. This initial phase of the program will provide critical backup power systems to 12 public facilities throughout Los Angeles and Ventura counties. In addition to providing this benefit at no cost to its participating communities, CPA has made participation in the program easy by contracting with a developer/ financier to build, own, and operate the systems for 20 years.

"When we started talking to our partner communities about resilience, they identified the need for backup energy capabilities at their critical facilities," said Clean Power Alliance CEO Ted Bardacke. "The Power Ready program leverages CPA's collective purchasing power and energy expertise to help meet this ongoing need for increased resiliency."

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Further information regarding the Power Ready program is available online at https://cleanpoweralliance.org/powerready. For complete information regarding CPA visit www.cleanpoweralliance.org.

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Actor Julian Sands missing in Southern California mountains

Actor Julian Sands, star of several Oscar-nominated films including "A Room With a View," has been missing for five days in the Southern California mountains, where he was hiking, authorities said Wednesday.

Sands, 65, was reported missing Friday on a trail on Mt. Baldy, San Bernardino County sheriff's spokeswoman Gloria Huerta said.

Search and rescue crews looked for Sands in the area of the San Gabriel Mountains, about 40 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles, but had to suspend the ground search on Saturday because of trail conditions and avalanche risks, and have not been able to resume since, Huerta said.

They are searching for Sands as weather allows with helicopters and drones, and will resume the ground search when it's safe, authorities said.

The latest in a series of storms that have created dangerous mountain conditions swept into Southern California on Friday and lasted through the weekend. Two other hikers have recently died in the area.

Representatives for Sands, an English-born actor who now lives in North Hollywood, did not immediately reply to emails seeking comment or further details.

Sands starred opposite Helena Bonham Carter in the 1985 British romance from director James Ivory, "A Room With a View."

He also had major roles in in 1989's "Warlock," 1990's "Arachnophobia," 1991's "Naked Lunch," 1993's "Boxing Helena," and 1995's "Leaving Las Vegas."

Sands has worked consistently in the decades since with smaller roles in film and television.



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JULIAN SANDS



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Storms tell California to upgrade its plumbing

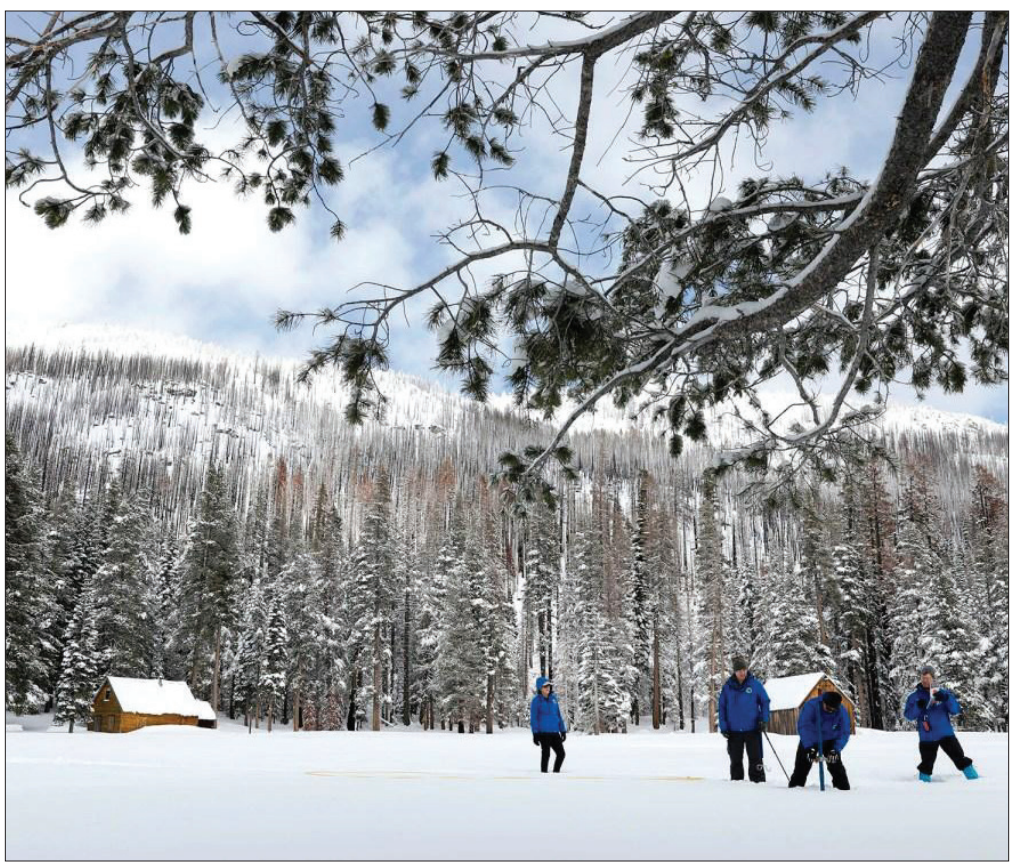


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FLOOD: Engineers in the Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit begin the measurement phase of the first media snow survey of the 2023 season at Phillips Station in the Sierra Nevada Mountains on Jan. 3, 2023. The survey is held approximately 90 miles east of Sacramento off Highway 50 in El Dorado County.

The rain and snow storms that have pummeled California for weeks have taken nearly two dozen lives and caused billions of dollars in damages to public and private property.

The flip side, however, is that they dropped immense amounts of water on a state that has suffered through severe drought for several years. At one point this month, an astonishing 160,000 cubic feet of water – 1.2 million gallons – was flowing through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta every second. That's enough water to fill a reservoir the size of Folsom Lake, about 1 million acre-feet, in three days and doesn't count water falling on other regions, such as Southern California.

Whether the storms have ended the drought, however, depends on California's ability to capture enough water to fill its badly depleted reservoirs and at least begin to recharge underground aquifers that have been terribly overdrafted by desperate farmers.

So far, only a relatively tiny amount of the immense storm runoff has found its way into storage. For instance, just a trickle of the Delta's heavy flows has been pumped into state and federal aqueducts for delivery to the San Joaquin Valley and Southern California, largely because of rules that limit diversions to protect endangered species such as the two-inch-long Delta smelt.

San Joaquin Valley legislators have beseeched President Joe Biden and Gov. Gavin Newsom to relax the rules so that more runoff can be either delivered to farmers or placed in storage, such as the San Luis Reservoir, which is now less than half-full.

"This is no time to be dialing back the pumps," state Sen. Melissa Hurtado and Assemblywoman Jasmeet Bains, both Democrats from Bakersfield, told Newsom in a letter last week. "After several years of drought and low reservoir levels, it only makes sense to capitalize on wet conditions"

"We have a moral obligation to provide Californians any relief that is within our control," five Republican congressional members told Biden and Newsom. "Government regulations should not and must not deny our constituents critical water from these storms."

State water officials, however, say their hands are tied by environmental protection rules requiring that initial winter flows be allowed to flush out the Delta and San Francisco Bay.

What's been happening, or not happening, during the weeks-long deluge indicates that California needs some new plumbing to take advantage of the periodic "atmospheric rivers" that bring immense amounts of precipitation.

Meteorologists believe that due to global climate change, the state will experience more erratic weather – prolonged periods of drought interrupted

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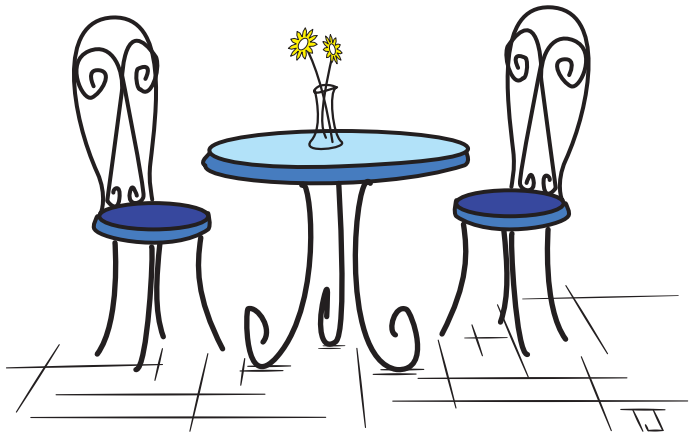
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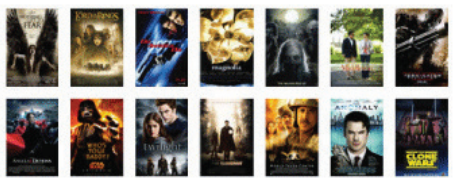


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Street you can find a strip of boutique stores, cafes, bars and arguably the nicest Citibank in the continental US. If window shopping, leisurely wandering and listening to an almost seamless blend of hits from the 80s is your thing, this is an area you should definitely explore.

> This is not a run-of-the-mill shopping district, it's a warm and approachable neighborhood that also respects elevated design - Suze Dowling

While two of these five new outlets come from bigger, more established origins, the other three are standalone stores that are totally unique to the area. While significantly smaller than Beverly Hills, another popular area that perhaps remains a tad too pricey for most of us, Montana turns its diminutive dimensions into a positive by creating a close community environment.

"This is not a run-of-the-mill shopping district, it's a warm and approachable neighborhood that also respects elevated design," said Suze Dowling, Co-Founder and Chief Business Officer of Pattern Brands, the parent company of Poketo. "This unique combination is hard to find, and incredibly special when you do."

"I've seen this street shift and change with all sorts of different themes. For a while there, it was all nail salons and then it became all skin care stuff. I've seen it go from gas stations and hardware stores too and now it seems to be going a little more artisanal," said Jennifer Rush, owner of Divine Vintage.

Along with the site on Montana, Else Lingerie has another brick and mortar store on Melrose, while its head office is in Istanbul, Turkey. Area Manager Emma Sauer said, "The reason we opened this store was because we have a huge clientele on the Westside, but if you know anything about the 10 [freeway], you're not about to spend an hour in traffic to get to Melrose. So it was more of a strategic move for us to be accessible to people from Santa Barbara, Pacific Palisades, Malibu and Santa Monica."

More stores, both independent and existing national brands, are set to open their doors along Montana soon including FaceGym (1034 Montana Ave), where — as the name suggests — you can fully focus on your facial fitness, building your buccinator or giving your risorius a rigorous workout. Even the website says, "Think you've seen it all? You've never seen anything like this."

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MOVING TO MONTANA: Interesting new businesses enliven the shopping scene.

CRIME

Louis Vuitton Robbery

On January 7, at about 2:50 p.m., a male entered Louis Vuitton (110 SM Place) and selected several items before leaving the store without paying for them. Employees alert security who tried to stop the suspect. The suspect displays the butt of what appeared to be a handgun in his waistband, while making a threat to the guard. The suspect then fled on foot towards Colorado St. SMPD Officers locate him on the train platform (@ 4th and Colorado) and took him into custody. The stolen items were recovered and a red and black colored replica firearm lighter was located on his person. Suspect, Carlos Romero, 30-year-old male form Bell Gardens, was booked for Robbery. Los Angeles DA's Office filed 2 counts of Robbery and 1 count of Grand Theft against him.

Thieves drive car into Santa Monica Place

On Monday, January 9, at about 3;15 a.m., SMPD Dispatch received a call from Santa Monica Place Mall Security who advised of a burglary alarm activation at Louis Vuitton (110 Santa Monica Place). SM Mall Security observed, on surveillance cameras, a vehicle that crashed into the store. Suspects were seen entering the store and ransacking it. Mall Security arrived in the area and observed the suspects flee from the store on foot, with merchandise.

The suspects fled in an awaiting vehicle prior to SMPD personnel arrival. The suspect vehicle was towed to the police station for forensic processing.

The suspects involved are described as two tall males wearing dark clothing. At this time the total loss is unknown.

Residential Burglary Arrest

On January 17, at approximately 8:33 p.m., Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) Officers were dispatched to a Burglary Alarm call at a residence in the 500 block of Marguerita Ave. Dispatch was also contacted by an individual reporting she observed someone enter the guest house of the residence, remotely via security cameras.



SMPD Officers arrived on scene one minute later and set up a containment around the residence. During the search, officers located the suspect inside the guest house and took him into custody without incident. Officers discovered the suspect defeated the sliding glass door to make entry.

The suspect, Hezekiah Campbell, a 27-year-old homeless man, was transported to the SMPD jail where he was booked for Burglary and Vandalism. A records check revealed he is also wanted in Arizona for shoplifting.

Anyone with any additional information pertaining to this subject or incident is strongly encouraged to contact SMPD Detective Buus at 310-458- 8943 or the Watch Commander (24 hours) at 310-458-8426.

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PLUMBING

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by occasional storm events such as the ones California has been experiencing.

That means we need more storage, such as the Sites Reservoir on the west side of the Sacramento Valley that's been in the planning stage for several decades and sinking basins to recharge aquifers. The long-dormant, $4 billion Sites project now has the ardent support of state and federal officials, as well as some serious money.

The relatively meager diversions from the Delta now allowed by law, meanwhile, bolster the case for the "Delta Conveyance," which would allow more water to be diverted into the state and federal aqueducts, and thus into downstate reservoirs, without running afoul of environmental restrictions. The project has kicked around for six decades, first as a "peripheral canal," later as twin tunnels dubbed "Water Fix," and now a single tunnel.

California water managers will have another chance to fill reservoirs in a few months, when the immense Sierra snowpack that's twice the historic average and still growing melts. We can only hope that Mother Nature releases the snowpack's water slowly enough to avoid destructive floods.

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HOMELESSNESS

FROM PAGE 1

Supervisor Holly Mitchell and has knowledge of the County's homelessness declaration, said some potential benefits of a state of emergency in Santa Monica would be making it possible to hire more people more quickly, providing more flexibility in how money is spent, allowing for the suspension of some land use and planning regulations to make it easier to build more interim and permanent housing at the city level.

Despite Torosis' belief that such a move locally could have a positive effect in Santa Monica, she said she would need more evidence before committing to support it.

> "It can sometimes be performative and designed to make it seem like politicians are acting urgently without actually doing anything - Jesse Zwick

"For me, personally speaking, I am not into declaring things as a performative measure," she said. "So I would only be in favor of doing this if it actually allowed us to expedite a process or help folks get inside and off of our streets – and it's just not clear at this point whether declaring a state of emergency would change anything about the urgency with which we are already working."

Jesse Zwick echoed this sentiment, saying his support would be dependent on the type of emergency declaration the city pursues.

"It can sometimes be performative and designed to make it seem like politicians are acting urgently without actually doing anything," he said. "But that doesn't mean that there aren't some versions that could have the potential to be of real value."

Using COVID 19 as an example, he said it expedited homeless intervention and housing efforts. He added that housing should be a key focus of a Santa Monica homeless emergency declaration.

"If part of what a local state of emergency did was exempt all supportive and affordable housing projects from our often very lengthy and tortuous review process and environmental analysis requirements and allowed out city manager to perhaps make spot zoning changes to make these projects faster and more feasible that would have an impact for sure," he said.

Ultimately, he said he would like to get more input from City staff before moving forward with any declaration. Christine Parra said she's also interested in discussing the topic with staff and will seek expert advice.

"If our Office of Emergency Management believes that declaring an emergency on homelessness in the City of Santa Monica would allow us to be more effective in our fight to end homelessness in our city, I would absolutely support it," she said.

Among Los Angeles County's 88 cities, Santa Monica is affected by the Board of Supervisors' homelessness emergency declaration. Council members Brock, Torosis and Zwick said they look forward to working more closely with the county and receiving more support and resources, as well as expediting projects such as the therapeutic transportation program, which will respond to calls involving psychiatric crises by using specially designed vans staffed by mental health professionals.

At the time of publication, councilmembers Lana Negrete, Oscar de la Torre, and Mayor Gleam Davis had not responded to requests for comment.

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HOMELESSNESS: Would an emergency declaration matter?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 19)

Remember what you wanted things to be like when you didn't know better? You'll finally make that happen. More highlights: creating something you're really proud of and getting several signals from the universe that you are on the right track -- what solace! Sure-footed you'll run to embrace your destiny. Scorpio and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 14, 4, 20, 7 and 17.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Everything works out. Whatever is bothering you will be resolved, maybe even by tomorrow, so don't waste your day worrying about it. Do something else and let the Universe unravel the problem without you for a bit.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Though you may attempt to stay under the radar, it probably won't work. People notice you. It is certainly a compliment. As a side effect, you may get some nosy questions, which you'll field with your usual good humor.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Those who skip the formalities of etiquette only leave room for you to shine. Sending a thank-you note or knowing the proper way to make introductions will make an impression and give you a winning edge with people.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You know you need to raise your mood, but it feels like there are no good options. That's because your mind needs an assignment. Tell it to come up with three activities that make you happy and then order your body to do them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Getting more love flowing through your life may have nothing to do with dating or romance. Love comes in many forms now, like through compassion for humanity at large, or harmony among family and friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The one who takes full responsibility for a problem has the power to do something about it. The one who takes some responsibility has a little sway -- that's it. Even if you're working with others, act as though this is all yours to solve.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't like to come off as nosy, if for no other reason than it's just not a cool look. However, you also don't like vague answers to your questions. You'll have to dig a little deeper to get the full story.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Relationships are a cornerstone of your well-being, and no structure has just one. Spread the love around to avoid putting too much pressure on one relationship. You walk together a while, and yet each is on their own path.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). With your upbeat attitude, you're an asset to the group. When you're not sure what to say, a smile says it all. Your wordless support and quiet respect will be strongly felt. It's one of the reasons you have so many friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). This situation won't change as much or as quickly as you need it to. Accept it and build from there or move on now. Decisive action gives you power, as does a willingness to work with reality as it is, not as you want it to be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You could do this alone, but a supportive and exciting interaction with one or two others will give energy to the endeavor. This is true even if the process is a bit difficult or even maddening. Diversity is strength.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be seen and listened to. Assume you will be asked to speak and be ready. If you go so far as to practice in front of a mirror, you may feel a little silly about it, but you won't be sorry you did.

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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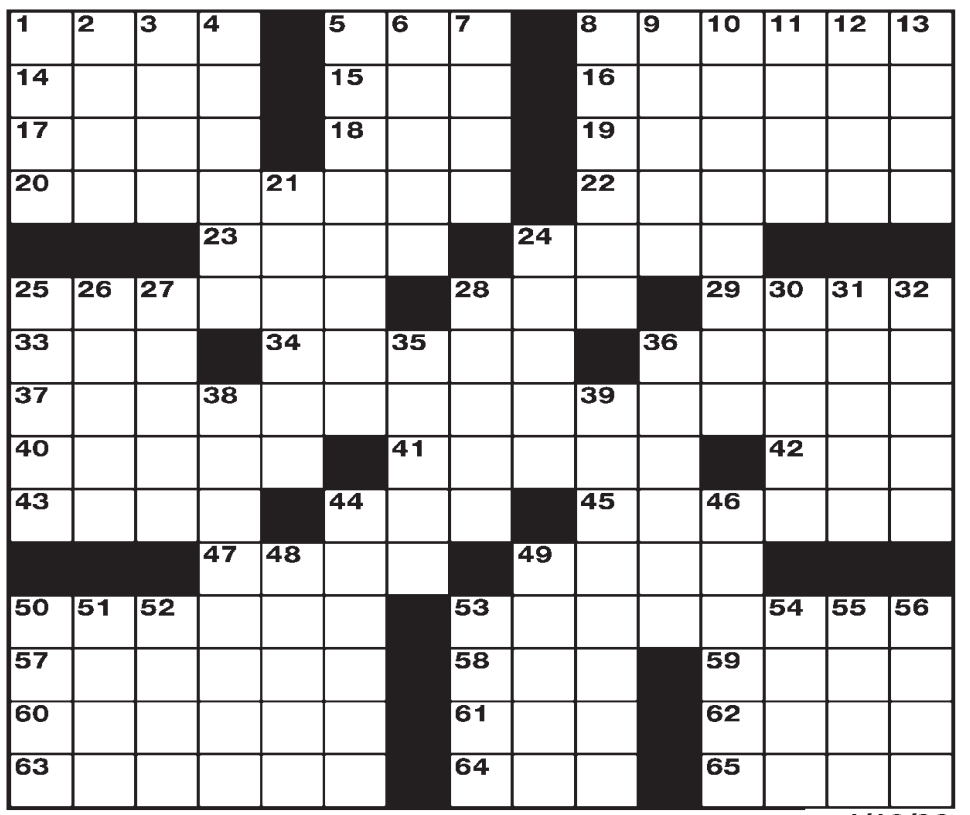
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 In-box arrival
5 Venerable movie channel
8 *A Christmas Carol* quartet
14 Bovines on a farm
15 Percy Shelley's sphere
16 Needed refilling
17 Small snack
18 Informal wear
19 Kraft Heinz tater brand
20 Something to climb
22 Janitorial implement
23 Security breach
24 Swanky
25 Hammer cousin
28 "I win!" in a card game
29 Server of stacks
33 Cockpit announcement
34 The music of Monk
36 Hanker for
37 Something to climb
40 19th-century western explorer
41 Runs out of gas
42 Biblical transport
43 __ mater
44 Aural annoyance
45 Talkative
47 Merry frolic
49 Start to awaken
50 Briny
53 Something to climb
57 Holds on tight
58 Bungle something
59 Join together
60 Appraise
61 Had something
62 Coffee servers
63 Pleasantly warm
64 Court VIPs
65 Muscles worked by rowing

DOWN
1 Rowdy throngs
2 Make a turnoff
3 Facebook's corporate parent
4 *The Iceman Cometh* writer
5 Metaphor for trouble
6 Come apart
7 Be compliant
8 Slowly appeal to
9 Furry hoppers
10 More than a quarter
11 Inconsiderable
12 Big fuss
13 Interchange
21 Leisure footwear firm
24 Peter of tongue twisters
25 Pilgrim's destination
26 Lagoon encloser
27 NFC West player
28 Was accepted
30 Lit into
31 Open to view
32 Cheerful
35 Hand-dyeing technique
36 Get paid via IPO
38 New Orleans confections
39 Some college classes
44 For formal occasions
46 Crafty
48 Inner tension
49 Somewhat, slangily
50 "Outta here!"
51 "And don't forget . . ."
52 Sister of Bart
53 Lake near Vegas
54 Air of mystery
55 Fails to be
56 Suffix for smooth or rough

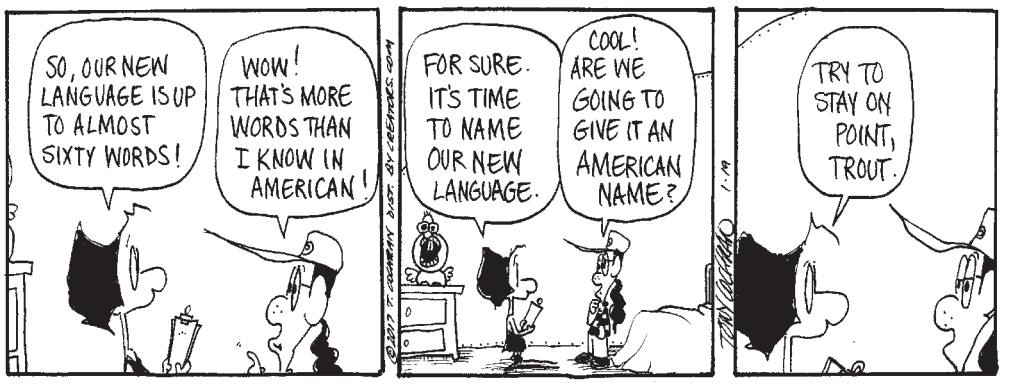


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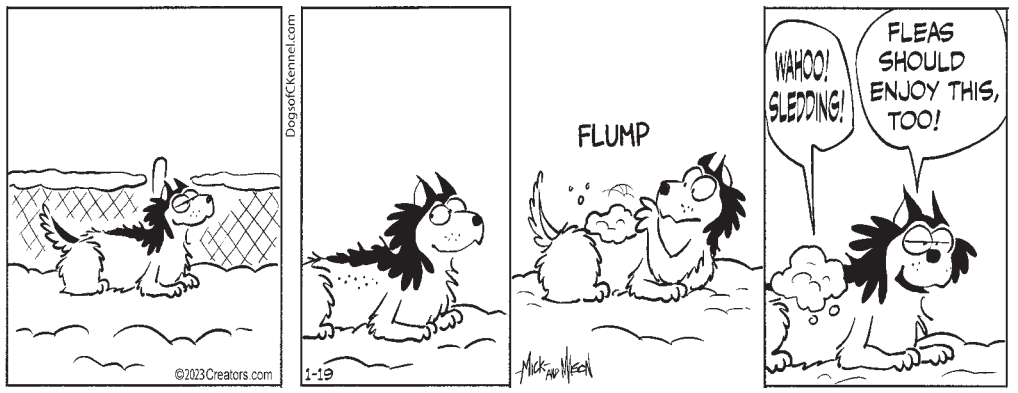
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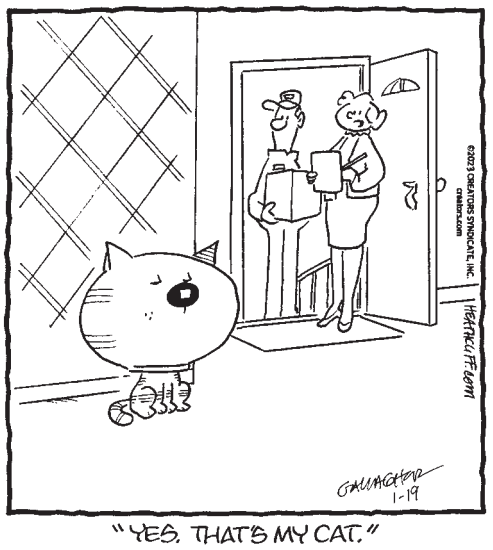
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By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"YES. THAT'S MY CAT."

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 25 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5729

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FRIDAY | JANUARY 20

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SATURDAY | JANUARY 21

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SUNDAY | JANUARY 22

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT ANTIQUE MARKET
Noted as One of the Top Ten "Flea Markets' in America, visit the Santa Monica Airport Antique Market, a fun outdoor market full of many great dealers with furniture, antiques, collectibles, art, vintage clothes, jewelry, rugs and much more. As a destination for lovers of antiques of all ages, shop from a wide range of styles from Victorian to Mid-Century. The market is located next to the Museum of Flying and occurs every 1st and 4th Sunday of every month.

MONDAY | JANUARY 23

KARAOKE NIGHT PARTY AT TAVERN ON MAIN
Sing a song, sing it loud and sing it strong at Tavern on Main's Karaoke Night Party, every Monday and Wednesday night from 9pm to 1am. Enjoy music, food, and atmosphere with free entry. Late Night happy hour will last from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

BLOOD DRIVE
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TUESDAY | JANUARY 24

BOOK GROUP OF THE SANTA MONICA BAY WOMANS CLUB
The January gathering at this historic Santa Monica location (1210 Fourth St.) will begin with a short discussion of the love of books and the books we love. It will then focus on "We Are Our Mothers' Daughters" by Cokie Roberts. For questions or to RSVP please email Susan Barry at sbarry1015@sbcglobal.net. Santa Monica Bay Womans Club,1210 Fourth St, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 25

KID'S CLUB
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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **58.5**

THURSDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:**	1-2ft Knee to thigh	Modest NW swell mix lingers with conditions looking favorable for the morning. Afternoon will see a rise in WNW wind. Mind the early AM high tide
FRIDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:**	1-2ft Knee to thigh	Still some modest NW swell running and the wind looks favorable. Mind the early AM high tide.

WEATHER

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 60.
Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 43.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2023/01/19	Thu	8:39 PM	3.63	H
2023/01/20	Fri	12:58 AM	2.16	L
2023/01/20	Fri	07:23 AM	6.88	H
2023/01/20	Fri	2:47 PM	-1.88	L
2023/01/20	Fri	9:17 PM	3.85	H
2023/01/21	Sat	01:50 AM	1.93	L
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2023/01/21	Sat	3:29 PM	-2.02	L
2023/01/21	Sat	9:56 PM	4.03	H
2023/01/22	Sun	02:40 AM	1.71	L
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Draw Date: 1/17
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4 10 13 24 40
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Jackpot: 25 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/17
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