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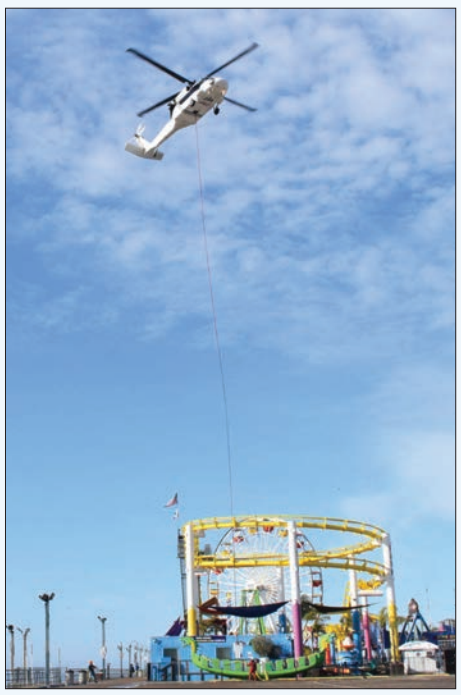
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Santa Monica's own Sea Dragon took to the skies en route to St Louis











Lisa Matthews

DRAGON: While perhaps not quite as spectacular as those ridden by Queen Daenerys Targaryen in Game of Thrones, Santa Monica's own Sea Dragon took to the clear, blue skies on Thursday morning by way of an airlift from a Sikorsky UH-60 Black Hawk.

Since it opened in May 1996, it has provided more than 12 million rides to both locals and visiting tourists, but it was time to update the ride and so a special send off was planned. In front of a gathered crowd that included Mayor Gleam Davis, together with television news crews, wellwishers and onlookers, the 6,000 pound "car" took off and began its journey that will end in a few week's time in Missouri.

However, before it arrives at its final destination, atop of the City Museum in St Louis, it's due to make a pitstop at the Port of Hueneme in Ventura County. And you'd be forgiven for wondering why it's traveling over 1,800 miles, all the way to the Show-Me State, but a look at the museum's website will disperse any doubt that this is the right home. Exhibits and sculptures include and incorporate jet aircraft, school buses, cranes, castles and even other retired amusement park rides.

"We did a pretty exhaustive search, trying to figure out where to send it for the final resting destination," Nathan Smithson, Director of Marketing at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier said. "And for those who have not seen what the City Museum is, words really can't describe it. It's a super-unique, artistic, family entertainment destination. You know, it's not a museum, it's not at an amusement park, it's such a unique place. And so when we found that, we're just like, 'this is where it has to go.'"

New Downtown Din Tai Fung diner will delight dumpling devotees

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Celebrated Chinese restaurant chain Din Tai Fung is set to open a whopping 10,615 square foot, indoor/outdoor location with ocean views on the third level of the property located across from the newly announced Arte Museum in Santa Monica Place.

Din Tai Fung is a Chinese restaurant specializing in Xiao Long Bao, or soup dumplings. The chain currently has one outlet in Las Vegas, five in Washington state and seven dotted around Southern California, plus another 160 or so locations in 12 other countries worldwide. With a menu that now includes steamed buns, house-made noodles and vegan dishes, the brand has won many awards and allocations.

"Santa Monica Place is an ideal location for our newest restaurant in Los Angeles," said Aaron Yang, Vice President of Din Tai Fung. "Santa Monica is a neighborhood we have been eyeing for a long time, and we are excited to have finally

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Local comedian brings comedy to Heal the Bay Aquarium under the Pier

GRACE INEZ ADAMS
SMDP Staff Writer

Comedian Sean Leary had always wanted to perform in an aquarium.

"I really liked the idea of a comedian performing near a giant reef, just that visual, that backdrop," he said.

Leary's dream is now a reality through a partnership with Heal the Bay Aquarium where he now hosts monthly comedy shows at their location under the Santa Monica Pier. The next Comedy at the Aquarium event, as it has been

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California sues Huntington Beach over affordable housing

AMY TAXIN AND ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

California on Thursday sued one of its picturesque coastal cities and accused it of refusing to build more affordable housing, an issue Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom called the "original sin" of the state's housing shortage.

Attorney General Rob Bonta sued Huntington Beach, a city of about 200,000 people along the Southern California coast where the median home sales price is $1.1 million — or more than $300,000 higher than the state average.

Bonta is asking a judge to order Huntington Beach City Council to comply with state housing laws and to punish councilmembers by making them pay a fine.

Bonta said the council has blocked new duplexes in some single-family home neighborhoods, despite a state law requiring them to do it. He also said the council has not allowed new "accessory dwelling units" — small apartments built on a property commonly known as "granny flats."

Both approaches are a key part of state lawmakers' strategy to address the state's housing shortage, which has sent rents and home values soaring while increasing the number of people on the streets. California is home to nearly a third of the nation's homeless population, according to federal data.

State housing officials say California needs an additional 2.5 million homes by 2030 in order to keep up with demand. But the state builds about 125,000 houses each year, which would leave California well short of that goal.

"This is the colossal challenge that California is confronting," Bonta said. "The message we're sending to the city of Huntington Beach is simple: Act in good faith, follow the law and do your part to increase the housing supply. If you don't, our office will hold you accountable."

> "This is the colossal challenge that California is confronting
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> - Rob Bonta Attorney General

A Huntington Beach representative did not immediately reply to a request for comment. The city posted a message to its Twitter account on Thursday saying it is still accepting applications for accessory dwelling units. City officials have scheduled their own news conference for later Thursday.

Huntington Beach is a seaside city dubbed "Surf City USA" that's largely known for its scenic beaches and throngs of surfers bobbing in the waves by the pier.

Much of the city has a largely suburban feel with residential neighborhoods of single-family homes flanked by busy main roads linked with strip malls and office buildings.

Last year, four new councilmembers won election with a politically conservative bent. Since taking office, the four-member council majority has taken on state housing mandates and limited the flying of flags on city property, barring the Pride rainbow flag that has been flown in the city in each of the past two years.

Huntington Beach has an elected city attorney, Michael Gates, who has long advocated for local control and previously faced off with the state over housing and immigration enforcement.

This is the second time California officials have sued Huntington Beach for not following state housing laws. The city ended up settling that lawsuit back in 2020.

California's housing and homelessness issues have continued to worsen each year despite Newsom and the Democratic-controlled state Legislature spending billions of dollars in taxpayer money on the problem. Nearly all of that money has gone to local governments, who have their own housing and homelessness policies.

State leaders have repeatedly tried to shape those local policies through state laws and regulations.

Newsom, who won reelection in November and is seen as a potential presidential candidate one day, has aggressively challenged local governments to comply with state standards. Last year, he delayed $1 billion in homelessness funding for local governments because he said their plans to spend the money weren't good enough.

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> - Gavin Newsom Democratic Gov.

Newsom later released the money after a closed-door meeting with local officials.

"We need to do more, to do better as a state to address the original sin that is affordability," Newsom said. "At the end of the day, it's the number one issue that connects all the other bills and challenges and sins of the state together — the cost of living."

Beam reported from Sacramento, California.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

EQUITY AND SAFETY: More City Funding Needed For Youth Services

Last month, the Santa Monica-Malibu Council of PTAs voted to advocate for increased funding for youth services in Santa Monica's budget, and will call upon our City Council to fully fund before-and-after-school programs, to meet the needs of Santa Monica families. With this vote, SMMPTA, which includes elected leadership from all our Santa Monica schools, took a critical step to support parents who depend on City programs for safe, free and affordable, quality enrichment and child care before and after school. On behalf of children and families across the city, we are raising awareness of the need for expanded access to before-and-after-school programs.

We are grateful for Santa Monica's historic commitment to our schools and children, and for past and current investment in youth services. Currently, the City funds after-school programs at the Police Activities League (PAL) and at Virginia Avenue Park, and at schools across Santa Monica with CREST Club after-school care, CREST Enrichment classes, and the Santa Monica Boys and Girls Club, Playground Club and Afterschool Sports. These much-needed programs have demand that is far greater than the supply, leaving a great many children on waitlists. Crest Club and Playground Club were waitlisted prior to the start of the school year, and have remained waitlisted throughout the year. Youth service programs at Virginia Avenue Park, and at PAL at Memorial Park are full too, and moreover, they are inaccessible to those without transportation. There is a significant need for ALL children to have safe, accessible, free and affordable programs that engage and support them before and after school.

SMMPTA President Erika Bell reminds us "inadequate funding and staffing for these programs is both an equity issue and a safety concern. More city funding is needed to close the opportunity gap caused by inequities in access to youth programs outside of the regular school day to keep all our city's children in need of these services safe and engaged."

The City's staff report lists "equity" and "safety" among Santa Monica's highest priorities; therefore restoring and increasing funding for youth services should be top of mind. Access to opportunity is not equal; before and after school programs work to bridge gaps across many of the systemic inequities that exist in our community, especially for the historically marginalized, and they help keep our children safe. Lack of access to before-and-after-school programs may put families in the position of leaving children unsupervised at too early an age. Unsupervised children, at best, are without academic support and social engagement; at worst, they are unsafe and at risk. "The likelihood of youth exposure to drug use and other criminal behavior increases dramatically in the hours after school ends. RAND research has shown that the availability of quality after-school activities can reduce participation in and victimization as a result of illicit activities and can boost academic performance." (RAND Corporation) School programs should continue to include play supervision, homework support, before and after care, and enrichment classes. "These programs improve school attendance and graduation rates, develop workforce skills, prevent crime and substance abuse, and enable low-income parents to work by filling a critical child care need." (California Afterschool Advocacy Alliance) Equitable access to programming that keeps children safe and engaged is right in line with the City's guiding values, and should be funded as such.

As the City Council begins the 2023-25 budget process, we must remind our leaders that existing program offerings continue to be limited due to staffing and funding shortages. These programs need sufficient, sustainable funding to meet community demand, and the City must offer wages that are competitive and commensurate with inflation and the rising cost of living. Any further delay in funding commitment will add to hardships for students and their families. To ensure programs best support children and families, sufficient and sustainable funding of before-and-after-school programs is needed.

We, as a community, can ensure the children and families of Santa Monica are prioritized in City budget planning. We can collectively communicate our need for expanded access to before-and-after-school programs and share why such programs help create equity and provide safety. To take part in quick advocacy efforts and to share your stories with the City Council, City Manager, and Director of Finance, visit smmpta.org/youthbudget

ABOUT THE SANTA MONICA MALIBU COUNCIL OF PTAS

The Santa Monica-Malibu Council of PTAs supports families and educators in providing quality educational experiences imbued with equity and compassion. We are the local council of PTA, the nation's oldest and largest volunteer-led child-advocacy association working to drive improvements in the education, health and well-being of all children and families. Every Child. One Voice. Smmpta.org

Submitted by Trinedy Krusell on behalf of SMMPTA

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SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
RFP# 022323SF CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICE

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Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the District bidding website at: https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=13721#.

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This is a Notice that the Santa Monica Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), which is composed of the cities of Santa Monica, Culver City, Beverly Hills, and Los Angeles through its Department of Water and Power, and the County of Los Angeles, is holding a Special Public Meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 1:00 PM at City Hall East, to discuss proposed well installation procedures under the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (open session) and pending litigation (closed session). City Hall East is located at 1685 Main Street in Santa Monica and the entrance to City Hall East is located on Olympic Boulevard next to (west from) the Public Safety Building at 333 Olympic Drive, Santa Monica, CA, 90401. Parking for City Hall East is located at Civic Center Parking Structure located at 333 Civic Center Drive, Santa Monica, CA 90401, across Olympic Blvd from City Hall East.

Materials and information about the meeting may be obtained at the GSA website: https://www.santamonica.gov/gsp

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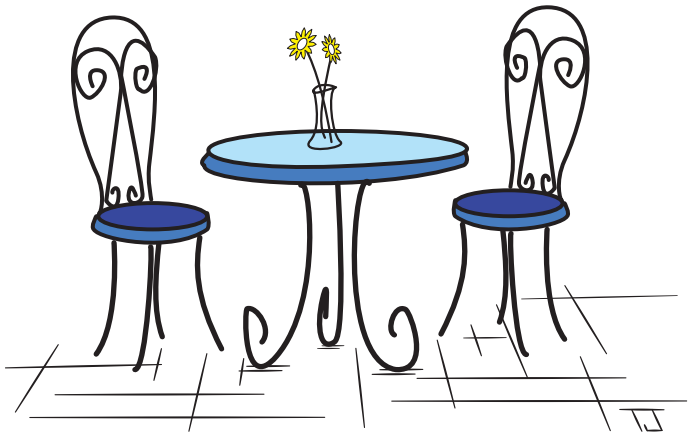
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La Nina, which worsens hurricanes and drought, is gone

SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

After three nasty years, the La Nina weather phenomenon that increases Atlantic hurricane activity and worsens western drought is gone, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Thursday.

That's usually good news for the United States and other parts of the world, including drought-stricken northeast Africa, scientists said.

The globe is now in what's considered a "neutral" condition and probably trending to an El Nino in late summer or fall, said climate scientist Michelle L'Heureux, head of NOAA's El Nino/La Nina forecast office.

"It's over," said research scientist Azhar Ehsan, who heads Columbia University's El Nino/La Nina forecasting. "Mother Nature thought to get rid of this one because it's enough."

La Nina is a natural and temporary cooling of parts of the Pacific Ocean that changes weather worldwide. In the United States, because La Nina is connected to more Atlantic storms and deeper droughts and wildfires in the West, La Ninas often are more damaging and expensive than their more famous flip side, El Nino, experts said and studies show.

> "I'm sick of this La Nina"
> - Azhar Ehsan

Generally, American agriculture is more damaged by La Nina than El Nino. If the globe jumps into El Nino it means more rain for the Midwestern corn belt and grains in general and could be beneficial, said Michael Ferrari, chief scientific officer of Climate Alpha, a firm that advises investors on financial decisions based on climate.

When there's a La Nina, there are more storms in the Atlantic during hurricane season because it removes conditions that suppress storm formation. Neutral or El Nino conditions make it harder for storms to get going, but not impossible, scientists said.

Over the last three years, the U.S. has been hit by 14 hurricanes and tropical storms that caused a billion dollars or more in damage, totalling $252 billion in costs, according to NOAA economist and meteorologist Adam Smith said. La Nina and people building in harm's way were factors, he said.

Climate change is a major factor in worsening extreme weather, alongside La Nina, scientists said and numerous studies and reports show. Human-caused warming is like an escalator going up: It makes temperatures increase and extremes worse, while La Nina and El Nino are like jumping up and down on the escalator, according to Northern Illinois University atmospheric sciences professor Victor Gensini.

La Nina has also slightly dampened global average temperatures, keeping warming from breaking annual temperature records, while El Nino slightly turbocharges those temperatures often setting records, scientists said.

La Nina tends to make Western Africa wet, but Eastern Africa, around Somalia, dry. The opposite happens in El Nino with drought-struck Somalia likely to get steady "short rains," Ehsan said. La Nina has wetter conditions for Indonesia, parts of Australia and the Amazon, but those areas are drier in El Nino, according to NOAA.

El Nino means more heat waves for India and Pakistan and other parts of South Asia and weaker monsoons there, Ehsan said.

This particular La Nina, which started in September 2020 but is considered three years old because it affected three different winters, was unusual and one of the longest on record. It took a brief break in 2021 but came roaring back with record intensity.

"I'm sick of this La Nina," Ehsan said. L'Heureux agreed, saying she's ready to talk about something else.

The few other times that there's been a triple-dip La Nina have come after strong El Ninos and there's clear physics on why that happens. But that's not what happened with this La Nina, L'Heureux said. This one didn't have a strong El Nino before it.

Even though this La Nina has confounded scientists in the past, they say the signs of it leaving are clear: Water in the key part of the central Pacific warmed to a bit more than the threshold for a La Nina in February, the atmosphere showed some changes and along the eastern Pacific near Peru, there's already El Nino-like warming brewing on the coast, L'Heureux said.

Think of a La Nina or El Nino as something that pushes the weather system from the Pacific with ripple effects worldwide, L'Heureux said. When there are neutral conditions like now, there's less push from the Pacific. That means other climatic factors, including the long-term warming trend, have more influence in day-to-day weather, she said.

Without an El Nino or La Nina, forecasters have a harder time predicting seasonal weather trends for summer or fall because the Pacific Ocean has such a big footprint in weeks-long forecasts.

El Nino forecasts made in the spring are generally less reliable than ones made other times of year, so scientists are less sure about what will happen next, L'Heureux said. But NOAA's forecast said there's a 60% chance that El Nino will take charge come fall.

There's also a 5% chance that La Nina will return for an unprecedented fourth dip. L'Heureux said she really doesn't want that but the scientist in her would find that interesting.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

How California political power could shift south – and to the left – after Feinstein



CalMatters

POLITICIANS: Local elected leaders may gain positions.

BY JIM NEWTON

Younger, more liberal, more weighted to the south: California's political demography is shifting, particularly as two of its political lions move off the stage. For generations, the Bay Area has punched above its weight in terms of influence, and California's political position has grown up – and old – with it. That's changing.

Just two years ago, all three plum California offices – the governorship and both Senate seats – were held by Bay Area Democrats (Jerry Brown, Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris). The governorship still remains in Bay Area hands, but Senator Alex Padilla, a veteran of Los Angeles politics, holds the Harris seat, and the race to replace Feinstein, who announced last month that she will not seek a seventh term, includes two formidable Southern California candidates.

The Senate race, in turn, has touched off jockeying to replace those who would replace Feinstein. In almost every instance, the congressional seats would be filled by new officeholders who are younger, more liberal or more oriented toward Southern California – sometimes in combination.

Gov. Gavin Newsom took over in 2019, maintaining San Francisco's hold on the governor's office, though replacing the iconoclastic Brown with a younger, more staunchly and predictably liberal Democrat.

With Feinstein preparing to wind down her historic career, the trend is set to continue.

Congressman Adam Schiff, the best-funded and best-known of Feinstein's would-be successors, would shift power south. He was a federal prosecutor in the Los Angeles U.S. Attorney's Office, and his congressional district cuts across Los Angeles, Glendale and Pasadena.

Some of the same would be true for Congresswoman Katie Porter, a more junior member of Congress who won her Orange County seat in 2018, part of a wave of Democratic victories born out of revulsion for then-President Donald Trump. Porter, known for her tough, populist questioning of congressional witnesses, would represent a more liberal senator than Feinstein, as well as a more southern one.

Both Schiff, 62, and Porter, 49, are downright youthful compared to Feinstein, who will be over 90 when she leaves office.

The third major contender for the Feinstein seat is Congresswoman Barbara Lee, who represents Oakland but grew up in the San Fernando Valley. At 76, she's hardly a youngster, though notably younger than Feinstein, and she is a standout liberal.

To run for the Senate, those congressional members are giving up their House seats and, again, the likelihood is that they will be followed by officials as liberal as they are, and often younger (geography is less relevant for House seats, since they are geographically more compact). In Schiff's case, for instance, a large field of candidates has emerged – he was first elected to the seat in 2001, so this is the first opportunity in more than 20 years to win it without getting by Schiff. They include moderate Democrat State Sen. Anthony Portantino and more progressive candidates such as Nick Melvoin, a member of the Los Angeles Unified School Board; former Los

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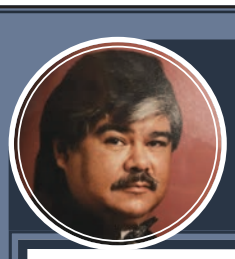


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Tony Martinez Ávila

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Tony was born in Los Angeles and attended Venice HS where he participated in gymnastics and cross country. He served in the US Navy as a Corpsman, then had a successful career as a nurse. He graduated from Santa Monica College and worked for decades at UCLA as a pediatric oncology RN. He was a long time member of the Magic Castle and loved performing magic for his patients and others. Tony also played the guitar, collected coins, appreciated timepieces, enjoyed swimming, and attended pow wows. Tony was loved by all.

A memorial Mass and celebration of life will be conducted at Woodlawn Cemetery in Santa Monica on Mon., March 13 at 10 am. In lieu of flowers we would appreciate donations to the American Kidney Fund.





Congratulations Holden



Lindy Tatiana Martinez

AWARD: Congratulations to Holden Gering for garnering the prestigious Scholar-Athlete Award from the San Fernando Valley chapter of the National Football Foundation. Holden, a senior at Crespi High, was a fan-favorite intern for the SMDP in 2021-22. He will be playing for Williams College starting this fall.

RESTAURANT

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found the perfect place for us to expand our footprint across Los Angeles."

The announcement was made by Macerich, the Santa Monica-based real estate investment trust that is the third-largest owner of shopping centers in the country. The same company is responsible for bringing the Arte Museum — a "50,000 square foot immersive, digital art destination" — to the old space that the used to be the ArcLight Cinemas location at Santa Monica Place.

Arte Museum is Korea's largest immersive media art exhibition organized by world-class digital design company d'strict. They created the colossal computer-generated "Wave" displayed at the Coex Convention & Exhibition Center in Seoul, South Korea, that you might have seen when it was circulating on social media.

Set to open in early 2024, the Arte Museum is expected to draw one million visitors annually to Santa Monica Place shopping mall.

"We are so pleased that Din Tai Fung has chosen Santa Monica Place to expand their world-famous restaurant concept, which is already incredibly popular across Southern California," said Guy Mercurio, Vice President of Restaurant Leasing, Macerich. "As we redevelop key elements of this award-winning property to welcome new experiences, like Din Tai Fung and Arte Museum, we continue to demonstrate Macerich's successful approach to re-imagining our well-positioned, high-quality real estate for what people want today."

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Din Tai Fung

FUNG: The interior of a Din Tai Fung restaurant.

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titled, is scheduled for Saturday March 11 at 8 p.m..

"They have just a gorgeous aquarium in there with sharks, rays, fish – you can go in there and learn about it – and then we have a comedy show that takes place behind the glass in this little dedicated show space area that we kind of convert into a little speakeasy," he said. "We set up a little donation bar for beer and wine and all the proceeds go to Heal the Bay."

While ticket revenue goes towards covering the costs of putting on the event, Leary said that previous shows have raised around $500 to $600 dollars in donations for the organization.

"It's a great way to showcase Heal the Bay as well as bringing something fun to the Santa Monica area," he said.

Prior to the show, guests have the opportunity to interact with some of the aquarium's animals and learn about local species and ecosystems.

"They can get a tour and maybe even touch some of the starfish or touch some of the sharks," he said. "From seven to eight o'clock we have the experts and the wranglers, for lack of a better term, the fish people, who will come in and show you what's going on," Leary said.

Heal the Bay Aquarium Associate Director Jenna Segal said the events are a great opportunity to expand the organization's reach and educational efforts.

"Heal the Bay is excited to host a whole new audience at the aquarium to laugh and learn about the important relationship between climate, biodiversity, and human health while they explore exhibits like our shark touch tanks and enjoy some great entertainment," she said.



Courtesy Photo

COMEDY: Comedian Sean Leary performs at the Heal the Bay Aquarium under the pier.

"Santa Monica has some great venues for comedy, but how many people get to say they laughed alongside a swell shark or a rockfish on their last night out," she added.

Leary said he hopes to bring comedy shows to more interesting and unusual locations around Santa Monica in the future.

"We're always looking for new and unique places to bring comedy so feel free to reach out if you've got a race track or a baseball field and want to do comedy," he said.

He added that he is also interested in finding new comedians to perform at his events.

The upcoming March 11 show will feature Eddie Della Siepe, Macey Isaacs, Mark Hurtado and Anna Simeri in addition to Leary.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/santa-monica-aquarium-comedy-club-march-11th-tickets-519134734967?aff=erelexpmlt

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New atmospheric river storm barrels toward California

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California braced Thursday for the arrival of another atmospheric river that forecasters warned will bring heavy rain, strong winds, thunderstorms and the threat of flooding to a state still digging out from earlier storms.

The flood threat will come from the combination of rain and melting of parts of the huge snowpack built in California's mountains by nine atmospheric rivers early in the winter and later storms fueled by a blast of arctic air.

The new atmospheric river is a type known as a "Pineapple Express" because it is a deep tap of warm subtropical moisture stretching over the Pacific to Hawaii. Its greatest impacts were expected in northern and central California.

The snowpack at high elevations is so massive it should be able absorb the rain, forecasters said. But elevations below 4,000 feet (1,219 meters) will see melting and runoff. The National Weather Service characterized the flood threat as "moderate."

At high elevations the storm was predicted to dump heavy snow, as much as 8 feet (2.4 meters) in some locations.

California's Sierra Nevada snowpack, which provides about a third of the state's water supply, is more than 180% of the average on April 1, when it is historically at its peak.

So much snow has fallen in the Sierra and other mountain ranges that residents are still struggling to dig out days after earlier storms.

Roofs collapsed, cars were buried and roads were blocked. Gov. Gavin Newsom declared emergencies in 13 of California's 58 counties beginning March 1.

In the San Bernardino Mountains east of Los Angeles a late February storm reached blizzard status. Mountain towns like Lake Arrowhead were buried.

"We've been through many a snowstorm but nothing of this amount, that's for sure," resident Alan Zagorsky, 79, said Wednesday as a crew shoveled his driveway. "Right now, they're trying to find a place they can put this stuff."

In nearby Crestline, Don Black watched as a team wielding shovels cleared his neighbor's property.

"This is the worst storm I've seen in 34 winters," Black said.

On the state's far north coast, Humboldt County authorities have organized an emergency response to feed starving cattle stranded by snow.

Cal Fire and U.S. Coast Guard helicopters began dropping hay bales to cattle in remote mountain fields last weekend and then the California National Guard was called in to expand the effort.

Requests for help came from about 30 ranchers, according to Diana Totten, an area fire chief. The hay is being paid for by the ranchers, who provide information on how many head of cattle need to be fed and where they were expected to be located.

"We won't know until the snow melts how many cattle have died due to these conditions," Humboldt County Sheriff William Honsal said in a statement. "But I know this for certain, if we don't act, there's going to be way more that do die and it will be a catastrophe for our county."

COMMENTARY

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Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer, who is endorsed by L.A. Mayor Karen Bass; and Assemblywoman Laura Friedman.

Lee is among Congress' most liberal members. She was famously the only member of Congress to oppose the authorization to use military force after the 9/11 attacks in 2001, so it will be hard to find a successor to her left. But her Oakland congressional district is not about to elect a conservative or even a moderate. Going forward, the seat will almost certainly be held by a liberal who is younger than Lee.

Only in Porter's case is a shift to the right a distinct possibility, and even there it is a longshot. Porter was the first Democrat ever to win her Orange County seat, and she has had to fight to keep it even as redistricting moved her from the 45th district to the 47th.

In 2020, she beat Republican Scott Baugh by about 9,000 votes. Baugh has announced plans to run again now that Porter is eyeing the Senate, though he will face stiff competition from state Sen. Dave Min, a progressive who has Porter's endorsement and the advantage of running in a presidential year, which tends to boost turnout and help Democrats.

All of that gives the progressive and southern wings of the California Democratic Party plenty to cheer about.

Still, there is lament along with the excitement – nostalgia for a politics that sublimated partisanship beneath progress. That's an idea that once defined California. Its master practitioner was Earl Warren, a progressive Republican who had roots in both south and north – born in Los Angeles, raised in Bakersfield, drawn first to politics in Alameda County – and who commanded California politics in the 1940s and early 1950s.

"Leadership, Not Politics," was Warren's campaign slogan and guiding principle across his three consecutive terms as governor.

The coming generation of California political leaders, already taking shape, will more closely resemble the electorate – younger, more liberal, more rooted in Southern California. It is likely to stand firmly with immigrants, demand better wages for workers and health care for all. These leaders will not tolerate symbolic border walls, corporate malfeasance or police abuse.

But the Warren legacy – carried on by Brown and Feinstein, each in their own way – of independence from party orthodoxy and leadership before politics, gave the state balanced budgets, gun control, wilderness and coastal protection and a powerful response to climate change, often by mastering the politics of the middle.

As veteran Democratic political consultant Bill Carrick noted, "they did big things." Those ambitions may suffer as well.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 10)

As you show yourself more and more unconditional love, your grip on destiny allows for easier steering. You'll need less from the world, but you'll be given more. Telling your story well will put you in a position to win friends and business. More highlights: exploring, adventuring and reacting to a side of life that's new to you. Gemini and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 30, 11, 25 and 16.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are many ways to make money, and the cost of things is changing all the time. Get excited about what you want without worrying about the price tag. There are deals to be made. Much of life is negotiable. Let yourself dream big.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You can do hard things. It's part of what makes you awesome. Mistakes are essential. The learning curve is part of the ride. It would be very boring to be good at everything, not to mention annoying to others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The point isn't to find a better situation; the point is to be someone better. Any change you make to yourself will also change the situation. Help everyone on your team be a team player. Don't let anyone hog the ball.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're not afraid of your own tears, which are agents of healing. But all things being equal, you'd rather work on creating an environment that supports your happiness. Today's secret recipe: more joy, fresh air and free time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're surrounded by talented people. Sometimes this comes with self-centeredness. You'll tolerate a certain amount of it, but in the end, anyone who is only concerned with self-benefit is a liability to your projects. Pay attention to how you feel in someone's presence and in their absence.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have plenty of talent and you're always honing your skills. Right now, the thing to work on is belief in yourself and clarity of vision. When you're sure of what you want, you won't have to sell it. It will be apparent to all buyers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Would you rather manage something you don't understand or understand something you can't manage? You'll have your choice. Either way, you have the gentle patience you need. You're up for the task.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't worry about filling the dead space. First of all, it's not really dead. It's alive with possibility. Leave room for the potential and you'll be surprised by what eventually strolls in on its own accord.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Rest between events. If you push yourself too hard, you won't have the perspective you need to be at your best. Don't think of recovery as laziness; think of it as the body's turn to work. This is how you give your body a chance to catch up to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Some people love to be first. It's better just to let them have that. First is not always the best position. You can be powerful from wherever you happen to be in the line. Trust the timing of life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you have to explain why something is loving, it probably isn't. Loving acts have a feel to them. It lands like love and it is, or it doesn't and it's not. You can trust yourself to know the difference and don't let anyone tell you otherwise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). To some extent, you're the glue holding a group together. Whatever size your contribution may be, it's important and things wouldn't be the same without you. You're a terrific listener and you'll help someone feel seen.

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.

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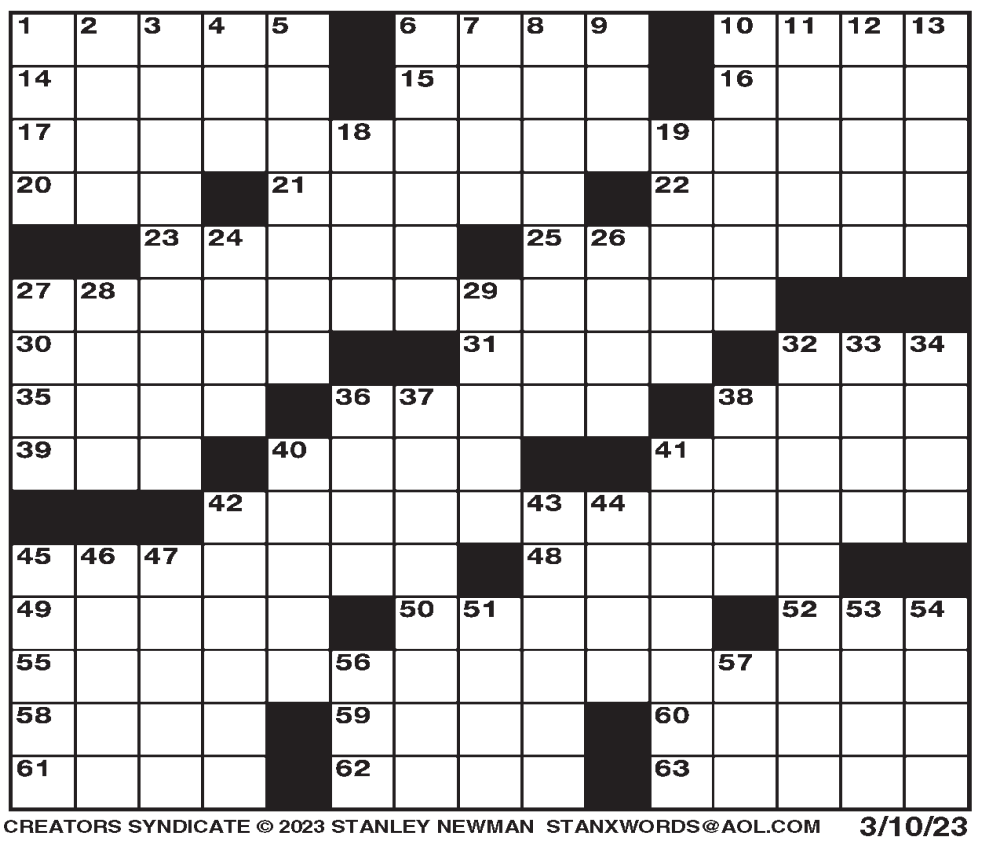
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ACROSS
1 AFI's #5 female legend
6 "Oorah!" org.
10 Water blocker
14 All over
15 Halfway to the next day
16 It's sold in crumbs for crusts
17 What's new (times two)
20 Sodium compound, to chemists
21 Macon breakfast
22 Emit
23 It's just left of carbon
25 Surfeit
27 What's new (times two)
30 Genesis VIP, before renaming
31 Squeaked (by)
32 007 film studio
35 Campus nickname
36 Chaucer pilgrim
38 Seed-expelling sound
39 Surname sharer
40 Exploit
41 Treats, as meats
42 What's new (times two)
45 Region of Ghana
48 Raccoon relative
49 Took them all
50 Turbine part
52 Apprehend
55 What's new (times two)
58 Codesharer with Qantas
59 Military band
60 Arena arrangements
61 Common Parisian prename
62 Coop group
63 Traffic stopper

DOWN
1 Funny business
2 *Lago* contents
3 Golden Spike striker, e.g.
4 Storage space
5 What five carats are
6 Let loose
7 Particular character
8 Lasagna cousin
9 TV debut of 1980
10 Takes to the shop
11 Become known
12 Subdivide, say
13 Not too swift
18 The King's middle name
19 Found a place for
24 Royal name of Norway
26 Insist
27 Skips past, slangily
28 River through Aragon
29 Name related to Adelaide
32 Cascades' high pt.
33 *Project Runway* Emmy winner
34 Forgo
36 Knew somehow
37 Bringing back, in a way
38 Many a Bartlett's source
40 Pushes in
41 Purplish reds
42 *Don Quixote* donkey
43 Sonnet sections
44 Board partner
45 One of Jacob's boys
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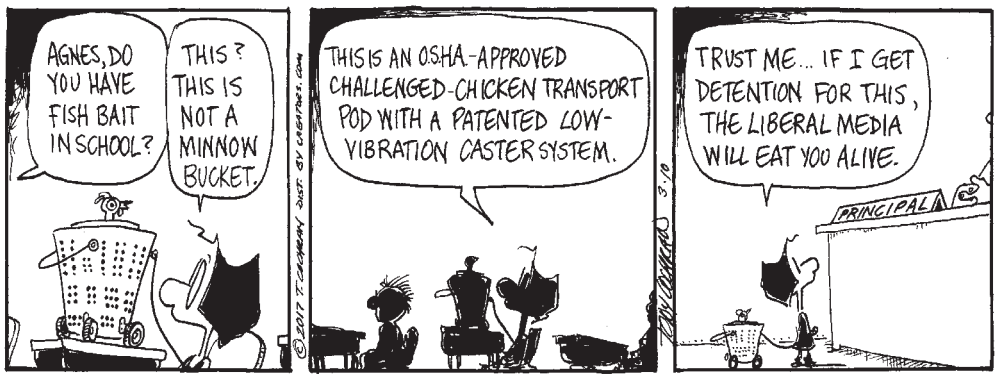


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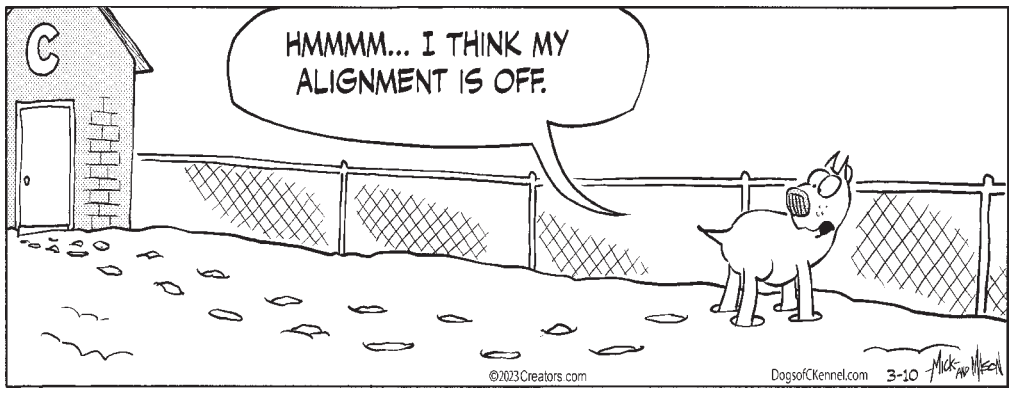
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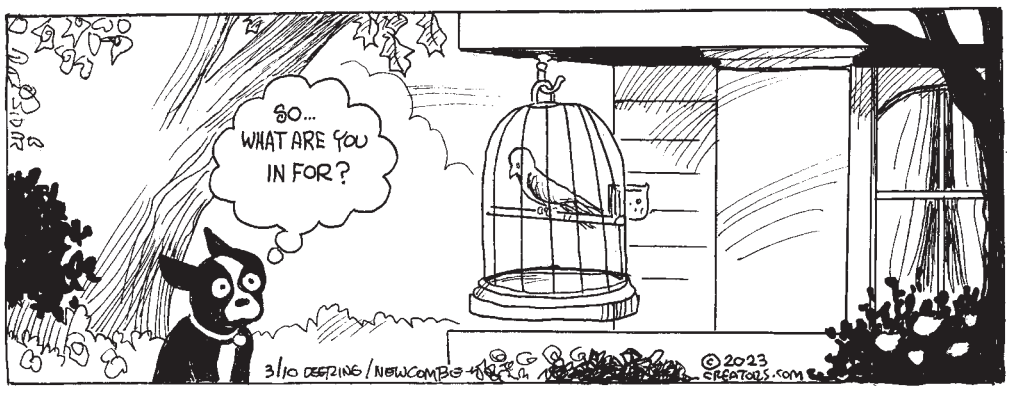
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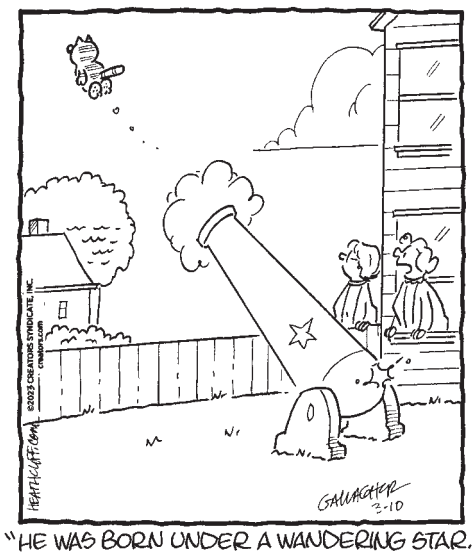
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Heathcliff

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"HE WAS BORN UNDER A WANDERING STAR."

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

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Baby names

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

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Adam	Debra	Jesse	Noah
Aden	Diana	Joan	Owen
Aidan	Donna	John	Philip
Ajax	Emily	Jose	Ralph
Alan	Emma	Juan	Raymond
Alice	Eugene	Judy	Roger
Arthur	Frank	Kelly	Ruth
Ashley	Helen	Kyle	Sarah
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THURSDAY | MARCH 16

AN EVENING OF CHRISTOPHER WHEELDON
Christopher Wheeldon is a major choreographer of our time. Los Angeles Ballet presents an evening of three iconic Wheeldon works exclusively at The Broad Stage in Santa Monica. The Eli and Edythe Broad Stage 1310 11th St Santa Monica, CA https://rb.gy/savlkd

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **55.6**

FRIDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	Slower early morning. Watching for a new pulse of shorter to mid-period W swell to build in through the day. Fairly peaky for the beachbreaks west of Dume. E/SE wind through the day is an issue at the points.
SATURDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Pulse of shorter to mid-period WSW/W swell to hold steady. Conditions outlook has been trending more favorable. Peaky west of Dume and a few decent waves for some of the winter points.

WEATHER

Friday: Rain. High near 57. East southeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%.
Friday Night: Rain, mainly before 4am. Low around 52. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south in the evening.
Saturday: A 20 percent chance of rain after 10am. Cloudy, with a high near 63. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2023/03/10	Fri	4:27 PM	0.78	L
2023/03/10	Fri	10:49 PM	4.86	H
2023/03/11	Sat	05:25 AM	0.60	L
2023/03/11	Sat	11:18 AM	3.49	H
2023/03/11	Sat	4:46 PM	1.25	L
2023/03/11	Sat	11:18 PM	4.90	H
2023/03/12	Sun	07:20 AM	0.63	L
2023/03/12	Sun	1:19 PM	2.86	H
2023/03/12	Sun	6:04 PM	1.72	L
2023/03/13	Mon	12:56 AM	4.86	H
2023/03/13	Mon	08:40 AM	0.65	L
2023/03/13	Mon	3:11 PM	2.38	H
2023/03/13	Mon	6:13 PM	2.17	L
2023/03/14	Tue	01:52 AM	4.77	H
2023/03/14	Tue	10:32 AM	0.43	L
2023/03/15	Wed	03:21 AM	4.72	H

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Draw Date: 3/8
26 27 43 61 69
Power#: 4
Jackpot: 45 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 3/7
15 22 25 28 69
Mega#: 21
Jackpot: 203 M

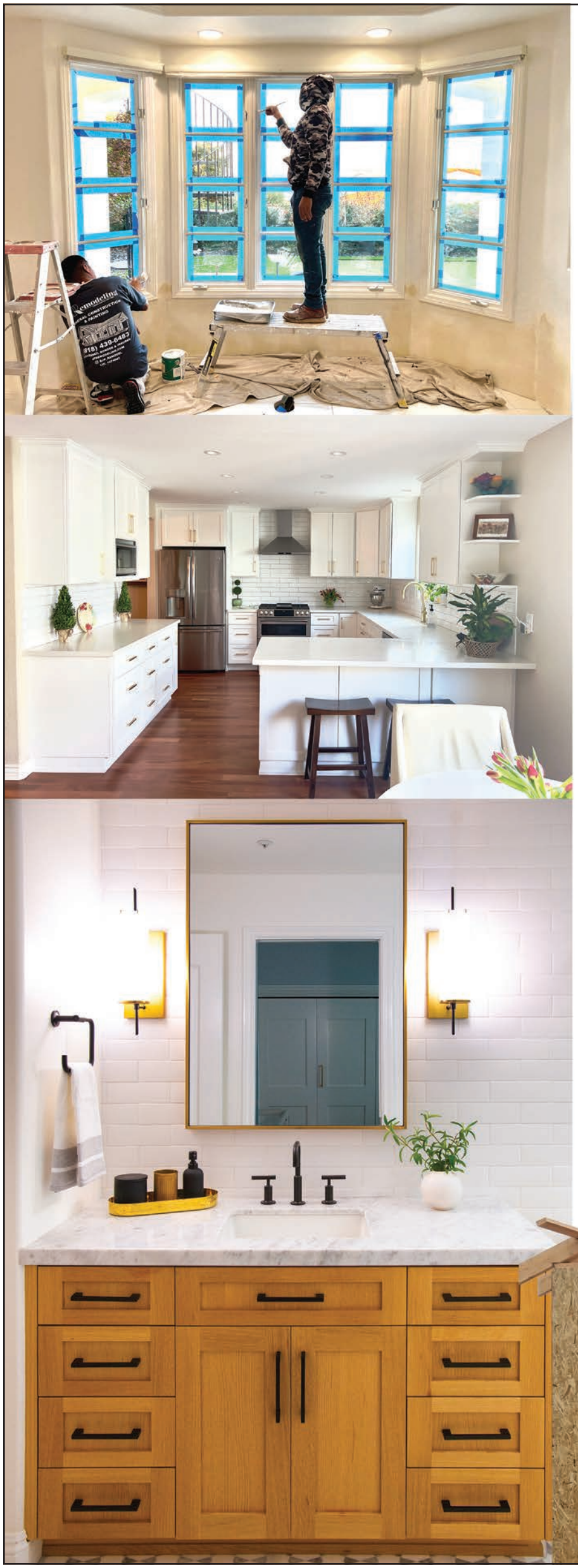
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