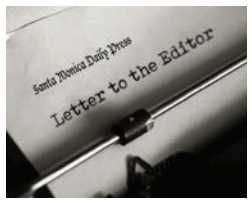


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Grace Inez Adams

VENDORS: Some councilmembers want a more "culturally competent and linguistically appropriate" communication with street vendors.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

When Council meets on Tuesday, it will feature several weighty request from Councilmembers plus yet more work on the City's housing element.

VISION ZERO

At the request of Councilmembers Caroline Torosis, Jesse Zwick and Oscar de la Torre, the City has been tasked with reporting back to Council in 60 days on a cost and timeline estimate for the implementation of a pilot program augmenting the city's Vision Zero plan.

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Sexual assault suspect arrested

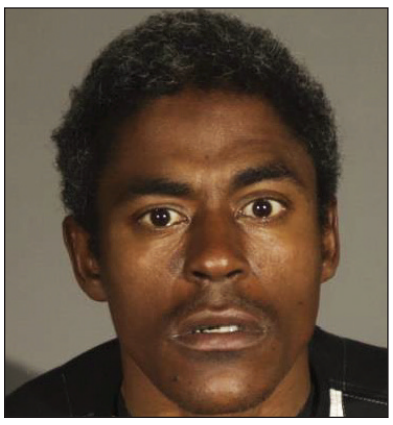
MATTHEW HALL
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A man has been arrested for a string of sexual assaults, including at least one in Santa Monica.

Anthony Pittman was arrested on March 14 in West Hollywood and is accused of a series of crimes that took place in August and September of 2022 targeting homeless women.

According to the Santa Monica Police Department, DNA evidence was used to link three separate assaults. That evidence ultimately lead to the identification of Pittman as a suspect and following his arrest the Los Angeles District Attorney's Airport Office filed three counts of forcible rape, one count of forcible sodomy, one count of digital penetration, and one count of sexual battery.

The known crimes occurred in Santa Monica and in two LAPD jurisdictions (Northeast Division and Wilshire Division). While Pittman was found in West Hollywood, he is listed as homeless by Los Angeles officials.



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SUSPECT: Pittman is accused of assaulting three homeless women.

If you have any information about Pittman or the assaults, please contact the Santa Monica Police Department Watch Comander at (310)458-2249 if after hours, or Sgt. Chad Goodwin (310) 458-8931; Detective Oscar Flores (310) 458-8609.

Samohi students capitalize on late SAT tests with extra prep time

MAGGIE MARKS
SMDP Intern

Preparing for college is one of the most mentally taxing times for young students and one of the application milestones, the always stressful SAT test, was postponed for Samohi students this month. However, for those who plan to take the exam, the delay has proven more useful than stressful.

Initially scheduled for March 1, Samohi's grade wide SAT for juniors was postponed to March 22 due to "unforeseen circumstances that have arisen," according to school officials.

"An error caused a delay resulting in the inability for Samohi to receive SAT testing materials in time for the March 1 date." said SMMUSD Spokeswoman Gail Pinsker.

At Samohi, all students in 9th, 10th, and 11th grade start to test their knowledge with a PSAT. While very similar material-wise to the SAT, the PSAT doesn't include an essay and is scored on a different scale. Typically, all juniors in high school then plan for the standardized test administered by College Board as it has become a means for colleges to determine how prepared a student is for their impending future.

While the SAT has had a long history as a college acceptance tool, in recent years, this test has become more and more obsolete. In 2015, Forbes published that more than 80% of four-year colleges don't require standardized testing results by the Fall 2023 application season.

While there are very mixed views on the importance of the SAT, it is still advocated for in schools. In 20 states across the nation, the SAT is given for high school juniors for free. The purpose of this is to make it easier for those who were already planning on taking it, give incentive for those who weren't planning on taking it, or make it accessible for those who don't have the resources.

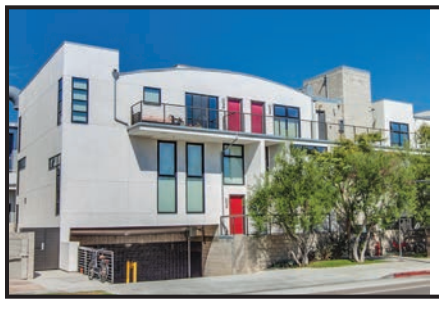
"The benefit has always been that not every student can pay the fifty to sixty dollars now to take the test and even though there are fee waivers there are some students who maybe on a Saturday can't take the test," said Rosa Mejia, a Samohi College Counselor. "There are other parts of our county, our city, our state, our country where the community maybe just isn't as aware of college entrance requirements therefore if their school doesn't offer the SAT or ACT that student may never take it," she said.

For many students at Samohi, the changing of the SAT date hasn't altered their study plans.

"I am planning on taking the SAT, but the changing of the date hasn't changed anything for me. I was always planning on taking it as a baseline then practicing for it outside of school, so it is neutral for me," said Justin Green, a Samohi junior.

The SAT is not something that you should go into blindly. For most students, it requires countless hours

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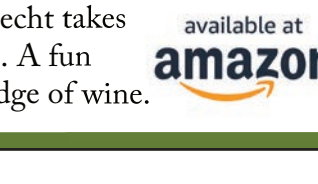
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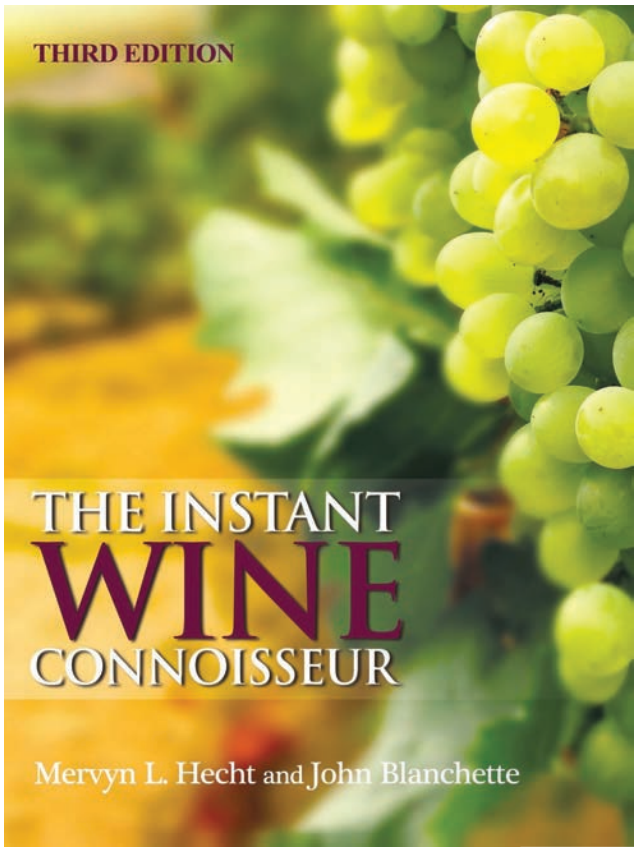
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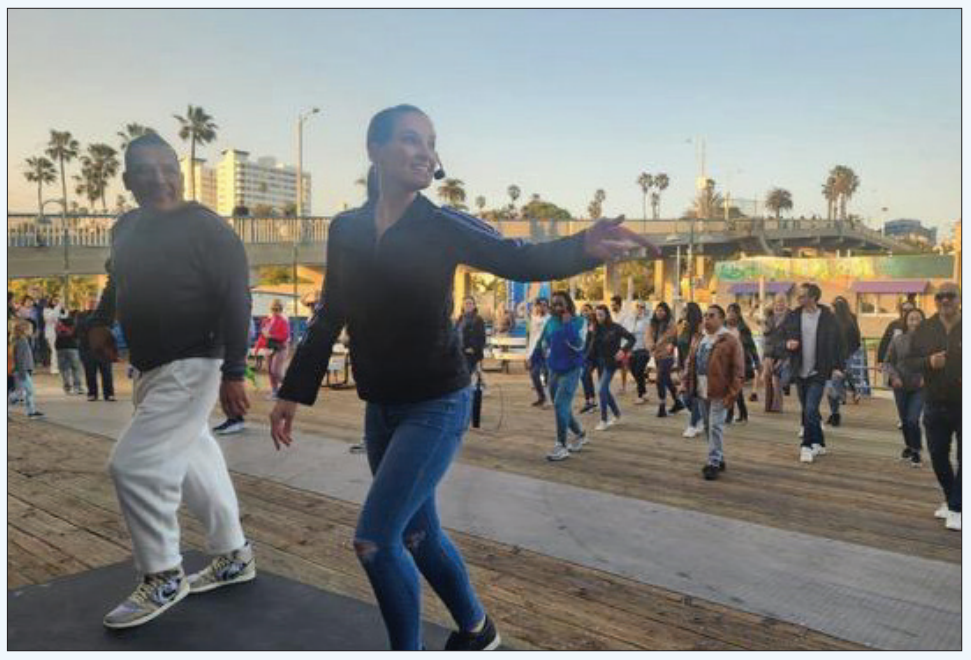


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Dancing at the Pier: Salsa Way hosts free event









Michelle Edgar and Cesar Romero

PIER: Salsa Way, an organization founded by Santa Monica residents Michelle Edgar and Cesar Romero with a goal of making dance a part of more people's lives, held an event on the Pier this week as part of Local's Night. Complete with music, dancing and a lesson for beginners the event ran from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and was sponsored by Juneshine and JaJa Tequila. Salsa Way hopes to host similar events in the future and strengthen Santa Monica's salsa dancing community.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Letter: violent crime

Editor:

I believe there is a crucial untold story behind the recent attempted murders and hate crime attacks in our city ("Attempted murder arrest," Santa Monica Daily Press, March 10). Specifically, the violent attacks detailed in the SMDP news report are latest example of local criminal-friendly policies fueling violent crime in Santa Monica.

According to publicly available law enforcement records, the individual identified as the attacker in these attempted murders had been arrested on other charges on January 19, released on probation two weeks later, then arrested for a felony on February 21. And despite being arrested for that felony only days after being released on probation, he was released from jail yet again—this time on his "own recognizance"— within hours of his felony arrest.

And just 10 days later, on March 3, the attempted murders, violent hate crime attacks, occurred in Santa Monica.

Worse yet, probation and "own recognizance" programs not only released the individual identified as committing those violent hate crimes and attempted murders here, but violent offenders had been released via precisely the same means before committing a murder and an assault with a deadly weapon in our city last year. Now, in early 2023, here we go again.

And how on earth does someone arrested for a felony shortly after being released on probation receive a same-day release from jail on the felony, as happened just days before the recent attempted murder and hate crime attacks in Santa Monica?

The primary responsibility for such tragic failure lies with The LA County Probation Department, which not only advises courts on whether to grant probation and supervises individuals on probation releases, but also operates a program dedicated to "helping" courts decide whether inmates should be released on their own recognizance. The LA County Board of Supervisors, whose Third District includes Santa Monica, appoints the head of the Probation Department.

And the violent aftermath of the County's approaches make clear and evident that the Probation Department standards are dangerously flawed and need wholesale revision.

I also propose that the elected County judges who release and re-release violent criminals grow far more skeptical about County Probation Department recommendations, while the California State legislature revise any State laws that require or allow judges or probation officials to release violent offenders.

Lastly, it seems to me our City government has an important role to play. The Santa Monica City Council should push back hard against County policies that enable violent crime in our city and pass bold new ordinances that require tough local prosecution of violent offenders arrested for misdemeanors here. With our Police Department and City Attorney's Office, set a goal of keeping violent offenders jailed. Every single one of them. Do not settle for arrests and charges that ultimately allow violent offenders to be released to re-offend again and again.

Bottom line: Violent crime is an issue that currently undisturbed government officials must no longer excuse or ignore.

Sincerely,

Peter DiChellis, Santa Monica

SAT

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of preparation not only to understand the content, but to learn how to interpret the test and do so in a timely manner. The moving of the date has helped many students cram in some extra study hours.

"I'm glad that they changed it to later so I have more time to study because I haven't started. I've been really busy so it's good that they moved it and I'm glad that they are still making us take it because even if you don't do well you don't have to report it but if you do well it looks good - and it's free," said Zinnia Weybright, a Samohi junior earlier in the month.

Other students have also reaped the same benefits as Weybright.

"The moving of the date totally plays in my favor because I am feeling less stressed about it because I have more time and for me it's easier to get something to stick in my head if I work at it each day instead of cramming it all at the same time," said Sasha Tan, a Samohi Junior.

In the past, the SAT was required for college applications but with its waning importance, the amount of effort and preparation students put in varies.

"Students now have the flexibility and are able to make the decision whether or not they want to take the test. If they choose to take it, the common practice has been spring semester of Junior year, potentially fall of Senior year, but it's very dependent on each student," said Mejia.

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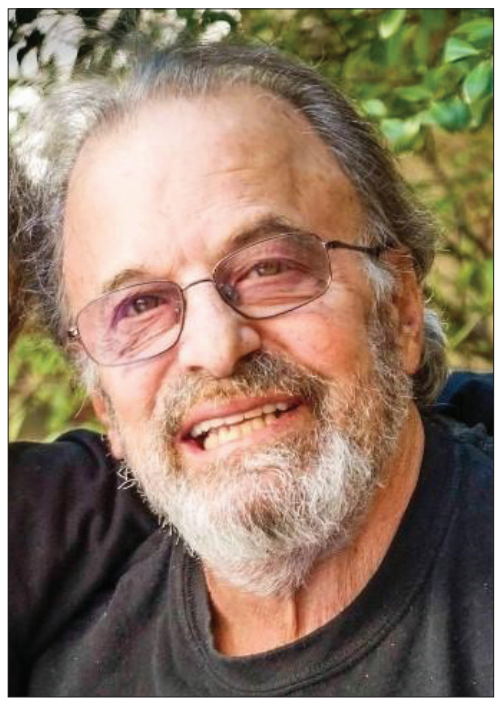
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Jonathan David Harber



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JD HARBER: Services will be on March 19.

MARCH 16, 1952 - NOVEMBER 13, 2022

John Harber was a beloved life partner, father, son, brother, uncle, and friend. Known as John or JD, he was also called Johnny by his parents and many of his longtime friends. John was born in 1952 in Haifa, Israel to Oswald and Zelda Harber. He immigrated to Los Angeles as a young child where he grew up with his sisters, Ariela and Danya and became an American citizen. John graduated from Grant High School in 1969 where he participated in cross country running. He enrolled at LA Valley College before eventually becoming a Mazda Master Mechanic. Over the course of his diverse life John also earned both his Graduate Gemologist degree from GIA and an Associate of Arts Degree in Registered Nursing from Santa Monica College where he tutored anatomy and physiology. He also was a business owner and entrepreneur.

John met Amy Boersma, the love of his life, in 1990 and they had two children together, Lucky and Tanyon. John doted on his boys, volunteering at their nursery and grammar schools, and supporting their Boy Scout troop, hiking, camping, traveling, gardening, cooking, playing sports and so much more. One of John's lifelong loves was traveling and being out in nature - the more challenging the better. Outside of his love for his family and friends adventuring was John's greatest passion as a young man and his wanderlust took him quite literally backpacking around the world throughout the United States, Mexico, Europe, the Middle East, the Himalayan Mountains, Thailand and the Far East.

John was a Renaissance Man. He loved art, music, movies, fixing cars, photography, and sports among other things. He was an excellent cook and enjoyed entertaining. Beyond all else, John was fun. He had a gift for coming up with offbeat names for people, places, and things. He was gregarious, witty, intellectual, and down to earth. Men admired him, women adored him, and children and animals loved him. John was a great lover of animals. He was appointed by the Santa Monica City Council to a committee that was successful in getting the Santa Monica Disabilities Commission formed. John remained active in advocating for people with disabilities.

John was a long time member of First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica.

He is survived by his beloved of 32 years, Amy and their two sons, Lucky and Tanyon Harber, his two sisters Danya and Ariela, and his nieces Jessica, Samantha, and Tara, and his nephews Gabriel and Evan. He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by his family and a wide circle of long time loyal loving friends.

The funeral is this Sunday March 19 at 1 p.m. @ First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica 1220 2nd St. 90401 in smaller chapel, not main sanctuary. Reception to follow.

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Will Americans end up footing the bill for bank failures?

CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
Associated Press

The government's response to the failure of two large banks has already involved hundreds of billions of dollars. So will ordinary Americans end up paying for it, one way or another? And what will the price be?

It could be months before the answers are fully known. The Biden administration said it will guarantee uninsured deposits at both banks. The Federal Reserve announced a new lending program for all banks that need to borrow money to pay for withdrawals.

On Thursday, the Fed provided the first glimpse of the scale of the response: It said banks had borrowed about $300 billion in emergency funding in the past week, with nearly half that amount going to holding companies for the two failed banks to pay depositors. The Fed did not say how many other banks borrowed money and added that it expects the loans to be repaid.

The goal is to prevent a broadening panic in which customers rush to pull out so much money that even healthy banks buckle. That scenario would unsettle the entire financial system and risk derailing the economy.

Taxpayers will probably bear no direct cost for the failure of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank. But other banks may have to help defray the cost of covering uninsured deposits. Over time, those banks could pass higher costs on to customers, forcing everyone to pay more for services.

Here are some questions and answers about the cost of the bank collapses:

HOW IS THE RESPONSE BEING PAID FOR?

Most of the cost of guaranteeing all deposits at both banks will likely be covered by the proceeds the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. receives from winding down the two banks — either by selling them to other financial institutions or by auctioning off their assets.

Any costs beyond that would be paid for out of the FDIC's deposit insurance fund, which is typically used in the event of a bank failure to reimburse depositors for up to $250,000 per account. The fund is maintained with fees paid by participating banks.

Both Silicon Valley and Signature banks had a strikingly high share of deposits above that amount: 94% of Silicon Valley's deposits were uninsured, as were 90% of deposits at Signature. The average figure for large banks is about half that level.

If necessary, the insurance fund will be replenished by a "special assessment" on banks, the FDIC, Fed and Treasury said in a joint statement. Though the cost of that assessment could ultimately be borne by bank customers, it's not clear how much money would be involved.

Kathryn Judge, a law professor at Columbia University, said a bigger cost to consumers and the economy could stem from potentially major changes to the financial system that result from this episode.

If all customer deposits were considered guaranteed by the government, formally or informally, then regulations would need to be strengthened to prevent bank failures or lessen their costs when they do happen. Banks might have to pay permanently higher fees to the FDIC.

> "It's going to require us to revisit the entire bank regulatory framework"
> - Kathryn Judge

WILL TAXPAYERS BE ON THE HOOK?

President Joe Biden has insisted that no taxpayer money will be used to resolve the crisis. The White House is desperate to avoid any perception that average Americans are "bailing out" the two banks in a way similar to the highly unpopular bailouts of financial firms during the 2008 financial crisis.

"No losses associated with the resolution of Silicon Valley Bank will be borne by the taxpayer," read the joint statement from the Treasury, Fed and FDIC.

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen defended that view Thursday under tough questioning from GOP lawmakers.

The Fed's lending program to help banks pay depositors is backed by $25 billion of taxpayer funds that would cover any losses on the loans. But the Fed says it's unlikely that the money will be needed because the loans will be backed by Treasury bonds and other safe securities as collateral.

Even if taxpayers aren't directly on the hook, some economists say the banks' customers still stand to benefit from government support.

"Saying that the taxpayer won't pay anything ignores the fact that providing insurance to somebody who didn't pay for insurance is a gift," said Anil Kashyap, an economics professor at the University of Chicago. "And that's kind of what happened."

SO IS THIS A BAILOUT?

Biden and other Democrats in Washington deny that their actions amount to a bailout of any kind.

"It's not a bailout as happened in 2008," Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a Democrat from Connecticut, said this week while proposing legislation to toughen bank regulation. "It is, in effect, protection of depositors and a preventive measure to stop a run on other banks all around the country."

Biden has stressed that the banks' managers

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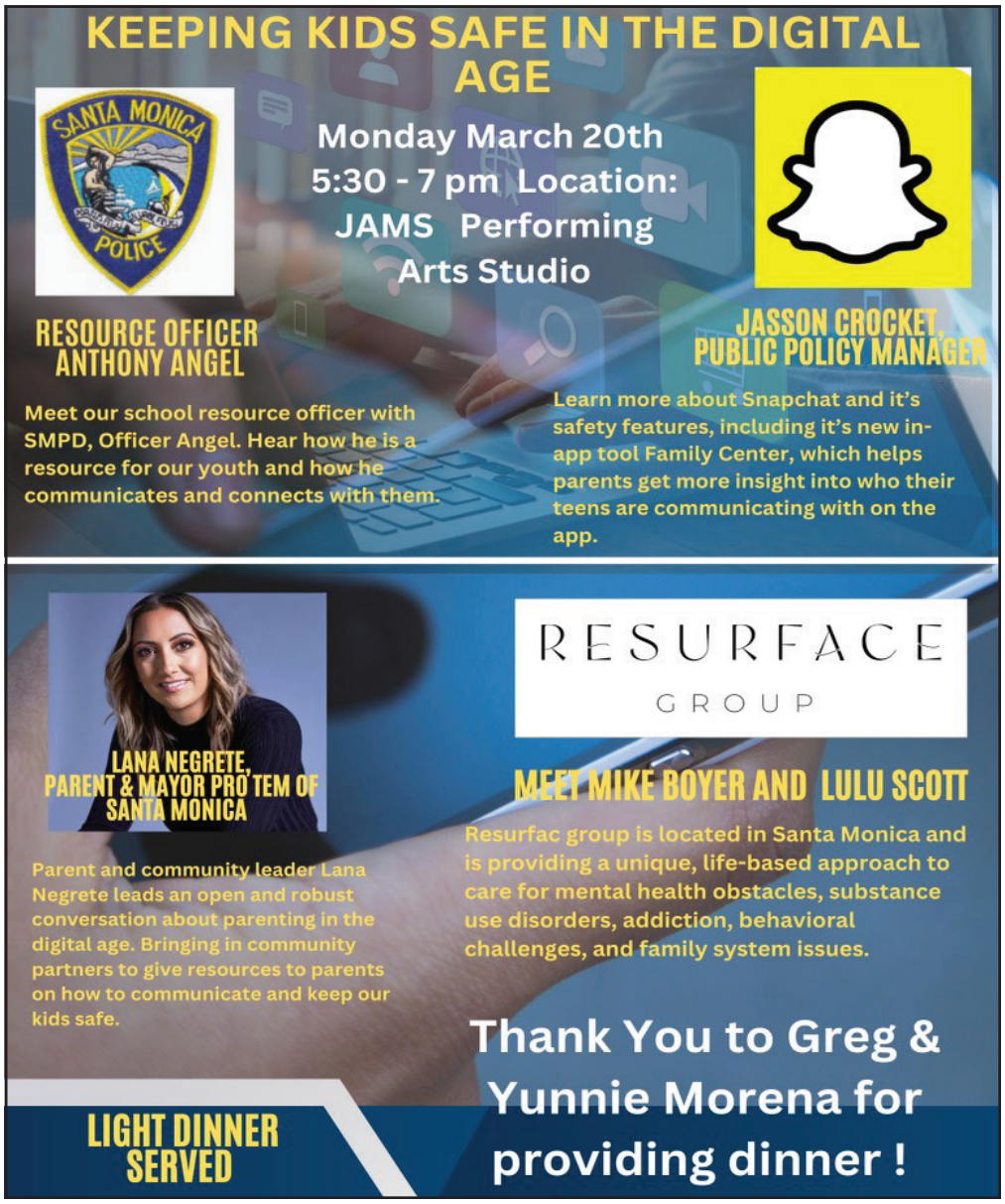
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Zinque in Venice is a true gem on the Westside



Merv Hecht

ZINQUE: The French bistro is one of the best on the Westside.

How can you review a restaurant that has great hours, great parking, and a menu so full of my favorite dishes that there's not enough space to even list the dishes, let alone explain them?

That's the problem reviewing Zinqué Venice, a French bistro that has everything I like on the menu. It's very casual, but often very crowded—it's only fault. The prices are high, but reasonable, the service (partly self-service) friendly and it's a great place to meet people—those you know and those you just meet there.

Zinque gets fantastic reviews on the web, and the only negatives, which are mild, are the prices. Besides the food, reviewers mention the full bar and wine list (and bottles of wine in the front of the store), the grocery/deli foods to take out, and the great parking in the back. A couple of people who overstayed their welcome, putting a large table out of circulation for a couple of hours while they worked on a computer, had run-ins with the owner. But the owner is well known in town, especially among some of my French friends, and is always referred to as a gentleman and a friendly person.

So about all I can do is to tell you some of the dishes on the menus that I personally like. But I'm only listing a small percentage of what is available.

For lunch or brunch I love the smoked salmon plates, and there's a great burger. And there is every kind of sandwich you can dream of.

Dinner is another story; I never run out of favorites from the dinner menu: I love the asparagus with mustard and bacon vinaigrette, the fried artichokes, the Vietnamese nems, the Niçoise salad, the spicy wings appetizer, and the traditional French steak frites, modules frites, and tartines. And of course there is pizza and pasta which is OK but that one can find as good or better in lots of restaurants.

In addition to the great menus and the great hours of service, there is a section of prepared, canned and bottled food and spices to take home.

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Why TikTok's security risks keep raising government fears

HALELUYA HADERO
Associated Press

China is accusing the U.S. of spreading disinformation amid reports the Biden administration is calling for TikTok's Chinese owners to sell their stakes in the company. The statements from China's Foreign Ministry is yet another response to efforts being made in the U.S. to restrict the app's influence. TikTok has long been dogged by criticism that it would give user data — such as browsing history, location and biometric identifiers — to the Chinese government, or push propaganda and misinformation on its behalf. There's no evidence that TikTok has turned over such data, but fears abound due to the vast amount of user data it collects.

TikTok is once again fending off claims that its Chinese parent company, ByteDance, would share user data from its popular video-sharing app with the Chinese government, or push propaganda and misinformation on its behalf.

China's Foreign Ministry on Wednesday accused the United States itself of spreading disinformation about TikTok's potential security risks following a report in the Wall Street Journal that the Committee on Foreign Investment in the U.S. — part of the Treasury Department — was threatening a U.S. ban on the app unless its Chinese owners divest their stake.

So are the data security risks real? And should users be worried that the TikTok app will be wiped off their phones?

Here's what to know:

WHAT ARE THE CONCERNS ABOUT TIKTOK?

Both the FBI and the Federal Communications Commission have warned that ByteDance could share TikTok user data — such as browsing history, location and biometric identifiers — with China's authoritarian government.

A law implemented by China in 2017 requires companies to give the government any personal data relevant to the country's national security. There's no evidence that TikTok has turned over such data, but fears abound due to the vast amount of user data it, like other social media companies, collects.

Concerns around TikTok were heightened in December when ByteDance said it fired four employees who accessed data on two journalists from Buzzfeed News and The Financial Times while attempting to track down the source of a leaked report about the company.

HOW IS THE U.S. RESPONDING?

White House National Security Council spokesperson John Kirby declined to comment when asked Thursday to address the Chinese foreign ministry's comments about TikTok, citing the review being conducted by the Committee on Foreign Investment.

Kirby also could not confirm that the administration sent TikTok a letter warning that the U.S. government may ban the application if its Chinese owners don't sell its stake but added, "we have legitimate national security concerns with respect to data integrity that we need to observe."

In 2020, then-President Donald Trump and his administration sought to force ByteDance to sell off its U.S. assets and ban TikTok from app stores. Courts blocked the effort, and President Joe Biden rescinded Trump's orders but ordered an in-depth study of the issue. A planned sale of TikTok's U.S. assets was also shelved as the Biden administration negotiated a deal with TikTok that would address some of the national security concerns.

In Congress, U.S. Sens. Richard Blumenthal and Jerry Moran, a Democrat and a Republican, wrote a letter in February to Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen urging the Committee on Foreign Investment panel, which she chairs, to "swiftly conclude its investigation and impose strict structural restrictions" between TikTok's American operations and ByteDance, including potentially separating the companies.

At the same time, lawmakers have introduced measures that would expand the Biden administration's authority to enact a national ban on TikTok. The White House has already backed a Senate proposal that has bipartisan support.

HOW HAS TIKTOK ALREADY BEEN RESTRICTED?

On Thursday, British authorities said they are banning TikTok on government-issued phones on security grounds, following similar moves by the European Union's executive branch, which temporarily banned TikTok from employee phones. Denmark and Canada have also announced efforts to block it on government-issued phones.

Last month, the White House said it would give U.S. federal agencies 30 days to delete TikTok from all government-issued mobile devices. Congress, the U.S. armed forces and more than half of U.S. states had already banned the app.

WHAT DOES TIKTOK SAY?

TikTok spokesperson Maureen Shanahan said the company was already answering security concerns through "transparent, U.S.-based protection of U.S. user data and systems, with robust third-party monitoring, vetting, and verification."

In June, TikTok said it would route all data from U.S. users to servers controlled by Oracle, the Silicon Valley company it chose as its U.S. tech partner in 2020 in an effort to avoid a nationwide ban. But it is storing backups of the data in its own servers in the U.S. and Singapore. The company said it expects to delete U.S. user data from its own servers, but it has not provided a timeline as to when that would occur.

TikTok CEO Shou Zi Chew is set to testify next week before the House Energy and Commerce Committee about the company's privacy and data-security practices, as well as its relationship with the Chinese government.

Meanwhile, TikTok's parent company ByteDance has been trying to position itself as more of an international company — and less of a Chinese company that was founded in Beijing in 2012 by its current chief executive Liang Rubo and others.

Theo Bertram, TikTok's vice president of

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policy in Europe, said in a Tweet Thursday that ByteDance "is not a Chinese company." Bertram said its ownership consists of 60% by global investors, 20% employees and 20% founders. Its leaders are based in cities like Singapore, New York, Beijing and other metropolitan areas.

ARE THE SECURITY RISKS LEGITIMATE?

It depends on who you ask.

Some tech privacy advocates say while the potential abuse of privacy by the Chinese government is concerning, other tech companies have data-harvesting business practices that also exploit user information.

"If policy makers want to protect Americans from surveillance, they should advocate for a basic privacy law that bans all companies from collecting so much sensitive data about us in the first place, rather than engaging in what amounts to xenophobic showboating that does exactly nothing to protect anyone," said Evan Greer, director of the nonprofit advocacy group Fight for the Future.

Karim Farhat, a researcher with the Internet Governance Project at Georgia Tech, said a TikTok sale would be "completely irrelevant to any of the alleged 'national security' threats" and go against "every free market principle and norm" of the state department's internet freedom principles.

Others say there is legitimate reason for concern.

People who use TikTok might think they're not doing anything that would be of interest to a foreign government, but that's not always the case, said Anton Dahbura, executive director of the Johns Hopkins University Information Security Institute. Important information about the United States is not strictly limited to nuclear power plants or military facilities; it extends to other sectors, such as food processing, the finance industry and universities, Dahbura said.

IS THERE PRECEDENCE FOR BANNING TECH COMPANIES?

Last year, the U.S. banned the sale of communications equipment made by Chinese companies Huawei and ZTE, citing risks to national security. But banning the sale of items could be more easily done than banning an app, which is accessed through the web.

Such a move might also go to the courts on grounds that it might violate the First Amendment as some civil liberties groups have argued.

COUNCIL

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Statistics show that road vehicles are the leading cause of death for children aged 5-14 in Los Angeles County and as such Santa Monica has adopted a plan, known as Vision Zero, in an attempt to reduce severe automobile-induced injuries and fatalities.

The plan includes safety-enhancing signal improvements at select intersections, banning "right on red" at all pedestrian "scramble" diagonal crossings in Downtown Santa Monica, reprogramming traffic signals to operate on "pedestrian recall" (a timing function that causes a walk phase to activate automatically every cycle) and utilize a "leading pedestrian interval" (which gives pedestrians a few seconds head start when entering an intersection with a corresponding green signal in the same direction of travel) at 10 priority intersections together with more effective utilization of data on frequency of pedestrian use.

STREET VENDORS

In addition — and once again at the request of Torosis, Zwick and de la Torre — the City has been asked to research and reach out to authorized street vendors regarding the proposed changes to sidewalk vending policies within the City. This information gathering will also include a minimum 20-day period of public comment prior to making any changes to Sidewalk Vending Administrative Regulations or placing proposed changes on the Council agenda.

City staff will also be asked to seek opinion regarding several items of importance, including vending cart compliance, enforcement practices, enhanced signage, expanded opportunities and zones for permissible vending, together with methods of allocating designated spaces to vend.

HOUSING ELEMENT

Another item set for lengthy discussion in Tuesday evening's meeting will be the State Housing Element Law. Santa Monica adopted a housing element last year after a controversial process that allowed more than 4,000 housing units to enter the development pipeline virtually unopposed. In order to retain control over additional development, the City has to implement various policy changes by predetermined deadlines and by October 15 of this year, several programs pertaining to rezoning for housing must be complete.

Council will discuss a variety of proposed amendments implementing Housing Element programs and processing timelines, including application submittal completeness determination, code compliance review for both projects with 150 units or less and projects larger than 150 units and the timeline to receive final determination.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Finally, at the request of Mayor Gleam Davis, the City Council will deliberate on the subject of discussion items themselves, reinforcing the notion that "16 Items" are to provide policy direction only and that no resolutions or ordinances should be developed or drafted until a majority of Council gives direction to the City Manager and/or the City Attorney.

Council will meet on March 21 at City Hall 1685 Main Street.

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BANKS

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will be fired and their investors will not be protected. Both banks will cease to exist.

Yet many economists say the depositors at Silicon Valley Bank, which included wealthy venture capitalists and tech startups, are still receiving government help.

"Why is it sensible capitalism for somebody to take a risk, and then be protected from that risk when that risk actually happens?" asked Raghuram Rajan, a finance professor at the University of Chicago and former head of India's central bank. "It's probably good for the short term in the sense that you don't have a widespread panic. ... But it is problematic for the system long term."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 18)

Welcome to your year of playfulness. You don't take things nearly as seriously as you once did and the plot dances before you, validating this approach. A shift in roles happens — alliances change and new characters waltz in. Intellectual pursuits will connect you with financial wins and vice versa. More highlights: a collection of love notes, family additions and air travel to serve multiple aims. Scorpio and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 2, 22 and 16.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Smiling changes your perspective. You'll think more creatively and love more readily. Relatedly, that person who makes you smile and laugh is someone to keep close.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Perhaps the most helpful worldview is a neutral one today. Though the world doesn't owe you anything, neither should it steal from you. Take what you've worked for and deserve without apology, then celebrate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Why forgive? People do what they do because it's in their nature. Learn their nature and you'll learn what to expect from them. If you're going to forgive, do it for yourself and for the jaw it will unclench. (Yours.)

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your big-heartedness shines. Giving to those in need is so easy for you that you'd hardly call it charitable. True charity is giving when your need is just as grave as the other person's.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's a conflict brewing, but your wisdom will keep you at the proper distance from it. You'll be open to hearing different points of view and you'll be slow to take a position. Time will change or reverse opinions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Misperceptions abound, and some of them may focus on you. It will be valuable to know what they are thinking and why. Because no matter how off-base an outsider may be, there's still social information to glean — a nugget in your pocket.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're more responsible than most people and with that quality comes a longer to-do list. You'd rather not be in charge, but if you weren't less would be accomplished. Someone will recognize you for this today. Amazing — and finally!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your mind will race to a time one month from now, then seven years from now... this is a talent, though an uncomfortable one. To think ahead is more animal than you imagine. The squirrel saves nuts, and the lion has a cache, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It is impossible to be selfless today. What you do for another person you also do for you. All action and all inaction contributes. Since you can't be selfless, consider being very selfish instead, which will also work in reverse.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Stop giving yourself to a vacuum. Who mirrors you and makes you happy to be in the moment, eager to show your best self? Who makes life better by just being there? That's the person to focus your energy on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're good at seeing the future, or at least you can predict the likeliest outcomes. You may even feel confident enough in your predictions to make a bet, and you'll have plenty to take you up on it too.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It is useless to try and convince anyone to believe other than they do. If a person needs to feel something is true, they will, despite any evidence to the contrary. Minds change for reasons other than persuasion. You'll work well with these concepts today.

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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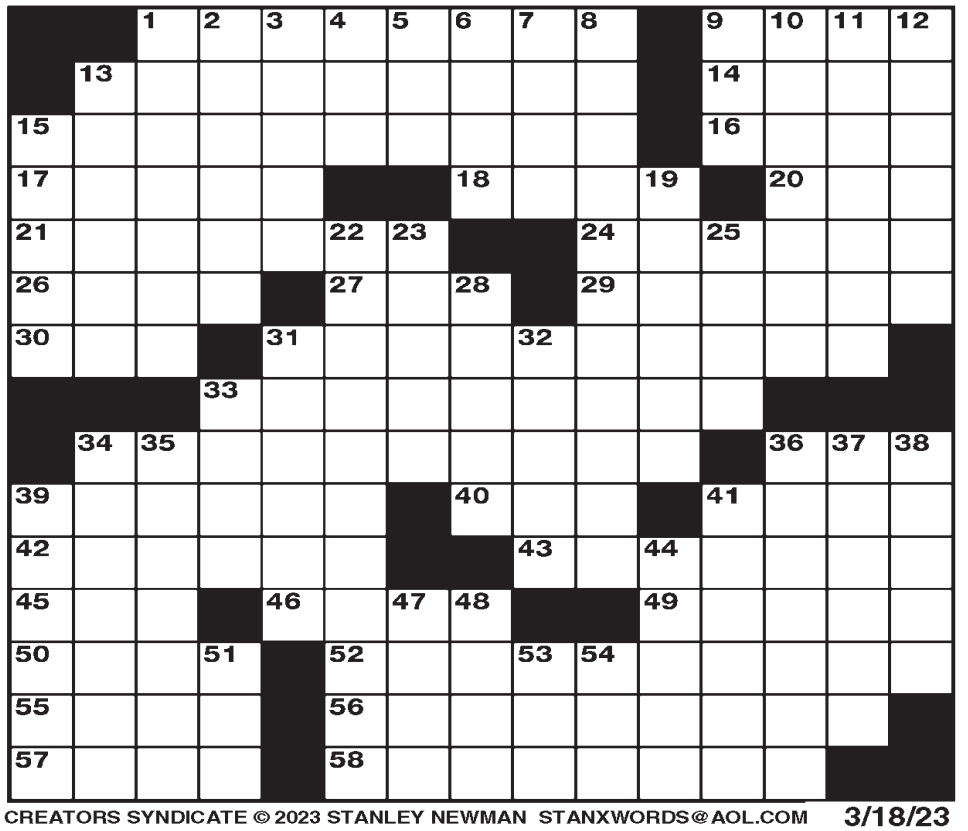
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Stella Zawistowski
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ACROSS
1 "Uh-huh"
9 *Cubo pequeño*
13 Something on the spectrum
14 Sort of tart
15 Major thoroughfare in the City of Bridges
16 Save for posterity, perhaps
17 What Sweden and Greece share
18 Beyond big
20 Low-level honour
21 Anathematize, old-style
24 At large no longer
26 Cavernous
27 Milk __
29 Famed farce's title troubles
30 Quad wheels, for short
31 Scorekeeper?
33 "Gotcha"
34 Loss prevention team
36 Fell
39 Virtually
40 Dating app for women
41 Brit's bean
42 Oust
43 Takes out
45 Milk __
46 Simple admission
49 Aglow from below
50 Iota
52 Fully firm
55 Save, since 2000
56 Taking in
57 Feel like it
58 The buck stops here

DOWN
1 Spelling sessions
2 Snag
3 Fork source of a *Macbeth* brew
4 Pencil game center
5 IOC code for a three-time Olympics host (four, counting 2026)
6 *Amor__ fine* (endless love)
7 What a dish might hold
8 Where a tiny cart is kept
9 Aptly named repellent
10 Add to a cheerleader formation
11 Medieval battleaxe cousin
12 Taking something
13 One wearing an apron
15 Irises' relatives
19 Fixer of a sort
22 Middle management successes
23 Average helper
25 What Patton called his colleague
28 What I will always be?
31 Word from the German for "purée"
32 Minus a middle
33 Iota
34 Mermaid in the pool
35 Better
36 What a breakfast staple could be (but isn't) called
37 Taking in
38 Freegan's bane
39 Times up
41 Hardly healthful
44 *Début de la semaine de travail*
47 Block buster?
48 One-author focus of an Oxford dictionary
51 Call for help at home
53 Bit of wit
54 Something of yours to give



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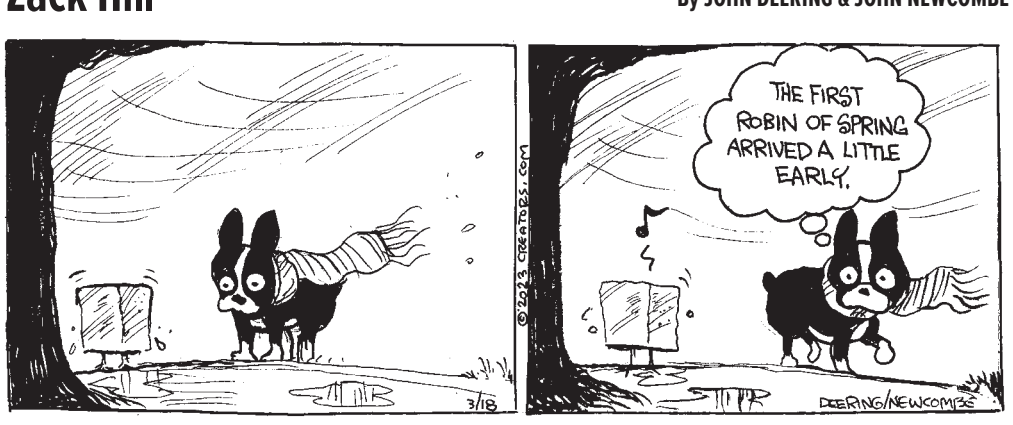
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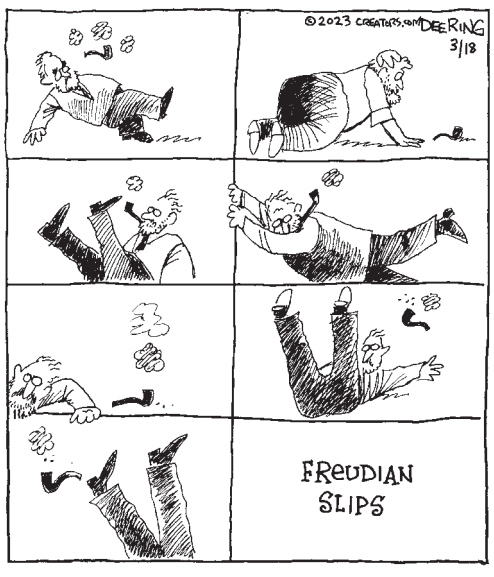
Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



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

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Cabbage	Garlic	Laughs	Rice
Caramelise	Gift	Liqueur	Rissoles
Chicken	Grapes	Mints	Salt
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HOW TO TRANSFER TO UCLA AND OTHER UC'S
3:45pm-5:00pm Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica, CA

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SATURDAY | MARCH 25

BHAKTI NIGHT WITH GRAMMY AWARD ARTIST MICHAEL GUNGOR
Bhakti Night with Grammy award artist Michael Gungor. 7:30pm-9:00pm. 1235 4th St. Santa Monica, CA

SUNDAY | MARCH 26

LOS ANGELES YOUTH ORCHESTRA SPRING 2023 CONCERT AT BARNUM HALL
The Los Angeles Youth Orchestra presents the Spring 2023 Concerts, 'To Stir the World', on Sunday, March 26 at 7:30pm at Barnum Hall in Santa Monica and Monday, March 27 at 7:30pm at Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena. The Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Russell Steinberg, will perform Dvorak's Symphony No. 7. The Ruth Borun Concert Orchestra, conducted by Jorge Padron, will perform Saint-Saens' Intro and Royal March of the Lions; Rachmaninoff's Vocalise; Grieg's Holberg Suite; and De Falla's Ritual Fire Dance. www.eventbrite.com/o/los-angeles-youth-orchestra-19228767714

MONDAY | MARCH 27

PARENT & ME UKULELE
The Enrichment Program at Virginia Avenue Park is a component of the Virginia Avenue Park After School program. The Enrichment program is comprised of Artists in Residence who are hired to teach enrichment classes to the youth in our program. These programs are high quality and teach the youth with a hands-on approach. This class is taught by Santa Monica Youth Orchestra (SMYO) and requires registration with SMYO and Virginia Ave. Park. This class is every Monday from 5:30PM-6:30PM Registration in-person only, begins on Monday March 6, 2023. For more information, call our office at (310) 458-8688

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com



SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **56.8**

SATURDAY *POOR*	**SURF:**	1-2ft Knee to thigh	Even smaller as W swell becomes tiny and steep NW swell eases. Fresh but also small S swell due. Another day lacking in the size department, keeping quality low.
SUNDAY *POOR*	**SURF:**	1-2ft Knee to thigh	Tiny NW and S swell mix.

WEATHER

Saturday: Increasing clouds, with a high near 67. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Sunday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 62. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/03/18	Sat	01:14 AM	1.96	L
2023/03/18	Sat	07:18 AM	5.76	H
2023/03/18	Sat	2:24 PM	-1.29	L
2023/03/18	Sat	8:51 PM	4.26	H
2023/03/19	Sun	02:05 AM	1.30	L
2023/03/19	Sun	08:10 AM	6.01	H
2023/03/19	Sun	3:00 PM	-1.32	L
2023/03/19	Sun	9:18 PM	4.70	H
2023/03/20	Mon	02:52 AM	0.68	L
2023/03/20	Mon	08:58 AM	6.01	H
2023/03/20	Mon	3:33 PM	-1.13	L
2023/03/20	Mon	9:47 PM	5.09	H
2023/03/21	Tue	03:38 AM	0.18	L
2023/03/21	Tue	09:43 AM	5.75	H
2023/03/21	Tue	4:06 PM	-0.74	L
2023/03/21	Tue	10:17 PM	5.40	H
2023/03/22	Wed	04:23 AM	-0.15	L
2023/03/22	Wed	10:28 AM	5.26	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 3/15
16 18 33 37 50
Power#: 8
Jackpot: 78 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 3/14
1 7 23 38 55
Mega#: 2
Jackpot: 254 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 3/15
6 9 20 28 30
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 42 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/16
9 11 18 32 38

Daily 3
Draw Date: 3/16
EVENING: 9 2 3
Draw Date: 3/16
MIDDAY: 9 1 6

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 3/16
1st: 06 - Whirl Win
2nd: 01 - Gold Rush
3rd: 08 - Gorgeous George
Race Time: 1:48.86

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