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Another powerful late-season storm heads toward California

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Another powerful Pacific storm system is expected to bring rain, wind and heavy mountain snow, forecasters said this week.

The cold storm was expected to push ashore Monday night in the north and spread over the state through Wednesday.

The National Weather Service warned that the winds could easily topple trees because the very wet winter has left soils saturated.

Santa Monica has weathered the series of storms relatively well with generally minor damage. Several large trees have fallen in recent months and a restaurant on Lincoln suffered potential water damage last week.

On Saturday March 25 just before noon, as Nonstop Sushi and Sake Bar on Lincoln Boulevard was

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Jesus Padilla

COLLAPSE: The collapsed awning outside of Nonstop Sushi and Sake.

English-themed pub The Daily Pint to open its doors once again following renovation



The Daily Pint

PUB: The Daily Pint British-themed pub at 2310 Pico Blvd.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

While perhaps not quite as common on international shores as Irish pubs, Santa Monica is blessed to currently have three English-influenced pubs now that The Daily Pint located at 2310 Pico Blvd reopens today following an extensive renovation.

And in fact there used to be more, but tragically the Cock 'n Bull on Lincoln Blvd fell victim to the pandemic in the summer of 2020. Like both the Brittania and Ye Old King's Head, both in Downtown, The Daily Pint has been a regular fixture in Santa Monica for decades.

Current owner George Hemingway, bought the pub in June of last year from Englishman Phillip McGovern, who had run it for over 35 years. Hemingway, who hails from Hungry originally, is a former attorney, pizza restaurant owner and from 2006–2019, was also owner of Budapest Honvéd Football Club.

Hemingway is proud of the changes and improvements that have been made to the pub, including a life-size mural of King Charles III that Hemingway hopes will become an Instagram hotspot, an extensive selection of over 500 whiskeys, even more effective disability access plus a remodeled ladies bathroom, with an all-new and improved gold-colored decor.

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SMMUSD compiles wish list for new superintendent qualities

GRACE INEZ ADAMS
SMDP Staff Writer

Following weeks of discussion and gathering of community input, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) has put together a clear picture of what it is looking for in a new leader.

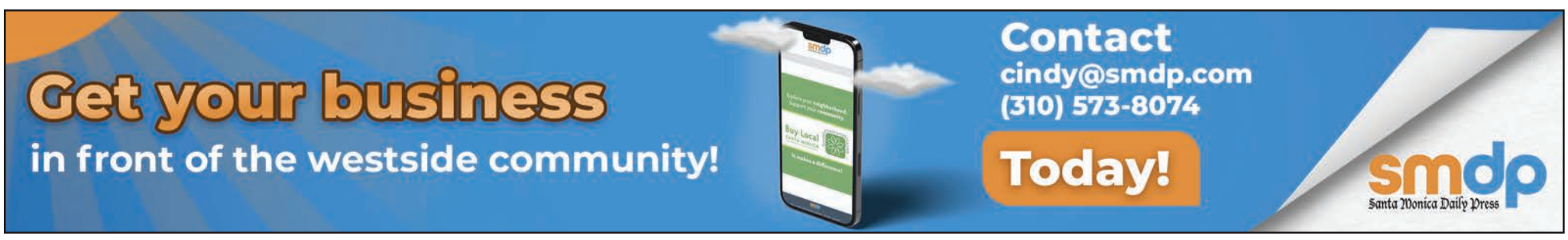
The Board of Education will vote to approve a written position description for the superintendent job at a special meeting on March 29 as the next step in the search to fill the vacancy left by Ben Drati's departure in December 2022. The multi-page document lists professional and personal qualities as well as desired education and experience.

Among these are general characteristics including "strong communication skills," "collaboration and teamwork" and "passion" for improving student achievement levels," as well as more district-specific requirements such as "recogniz[ing] and understand[ing] the implications of Malibu becoming its own district and work[ing] with the Board and staff to plan effectively for that transition."

The description expresses preference for someone who holds a doctorate degree, is bilingual and has previously worked as a superintendent and also emphasizes a need for the successful candidate to deeply value diversity, equity and social justice.

These qualifications are reflective of nearly 1,000 responses to an

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California lawmakers OK potential fines for high gas prices

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

California lawmakers on Monday approved the nation's first penalty for price gouging at the pump, voting to give regulators the power to punish oil companies for profiting from the type of gas price spikes that plagued the nation's most populous state last summer.

The Democrats in charge of the state Legislature worked quickly to pass the bill on Monday, just one week after it was introduced. It was an unusually fast process for a controversial issue, especially one opposed by the powerful oil industry that has spent millions of dollars to stop it.

Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom used his political muscle to pass the bill, which grew out of his call last December for a special legislative session to pass a new tax on oil company profits after the average price of gas in California his a record high of $6.44 per gallon, according to AAA. Taking on the oil industry has been a major policy priority for Newsom, who is widely viewed as a future presidential candidate.

He is expected to sign the bill into law this week.

Legislative leaders rejected his initial call for a new tax because they feared it could discourage supply and lead to higher prices.

Instead, Newsom and lawmakers agreed to let the California Energy Commission decide whether to penalize oil companies for price gouging. But the crux of the bill isn't a potential penalty. Instead, it's the reams of new information oil companies would be required to disclose to state regulators about their pricing.

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> - Rebecca Bauer-Kahan
> Assemblymember

The companies would report this information, most of it to be kept confidential, to a new state agency empowered to monitor and investigate the petroleum market and subpoena oil company executives. The commission will rely on the work of this agency, plus a panel of experts, to decide whether to impose a penalty on oil company profits and how much that penalty should be.

"If we force folks to turn over this information, I actually don't believe we'll ever need a penalty because the fact that they have to tell us what's going on will stop them from gouging our consumers," said Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, a Democrat from Orinda.

California's gas prices are always higher than the rest of the country because of the state's taxes and regulations. California has the second-highest gas tax in the country at 54 cents per gallon. And it requires a special blend of gasoline that is better for the environment but more expensive to produce.

But state regulators say those taxes and fees aren't enough to explain last summer, when the average cost of a gallon of gasoline in California was more than $2.60 higher than the national average.

"There's truly no other explanation for these historically high prices other than greed," said Assemblymember Pilar Schiavo, a Democrat from Chatsworth. "The problem is we don't have the information that we need to prove this, and we don't have the ability to penalize the kind of historic price gouging we saw last year."

The oil industry recorded massive profits last year, following years of huge losses during the pandemic when more people stayed home and fewer people were on the road.

Eloy Garcia, lobbyist for the Western States Petroleum Association, said California's high gas prices are the result of decades of public policy decisions that have made the state an island in the global petroleum market and driven many oil refiners out of the state. He noted California does not have a pipeline to send oil into the state, meaning it has to ship what it can't produce itself from the ocean, which takes longer and costs more.

"We're not like Texas. We're not like Louisiana. We're not like the Northeast," Garcia said. "We do not have a fungible fuel supply. We have chosen to do that. We have set ourself up by 30 years of public policy."

Garcia said Monday's vote "sends a clear signal not to invest in California."

Lauren Sanchez, senior climate advisor for Gov. Gavin Newsom, said the state has plenty of supply, noting California oil refineries exported 12% of their product to other states last year.

"We're also the third-largest gasoline market in the world for these companies," she said.



California looks to spend some Medicaid money on housing

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

At the start of 2022, Thomas Marshall weighed 311 pounds. He had been hospitalized 10 times in five years, including six surgeries. He had an open wound on his left leg that refused to heal — made worse by living in a dirty, moldy house with five other people, two ball pythons, four Chihuahuas and a cage full of rats.

More than a year later, Marshall has lost nearly 100 pounds. His wound has healed. His blood pressure has returned to normal levels. His foot, which had nerve damage, has improved to the point he goes on regular walks to the park.

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>
> - Anthony Wright, executive director of Health Access California

Lots of factors are at play in Marshall’s dramatic turnaround, but the one he credits the most is finally having stable housing, after the nonprofit Sacramento Covered helped him get a one-bedroom, 500 square-foot (46.4-square-meter) apartment in a downtown high rise. He has hardwood floors, white pine cabinets and a glass jar on the counter filled with Bit-O-Honeys.

“To me it’s the most important 500 square feet I’ve ever had,” he said. “Living here has just improved my well-being in every possible way.”

Marshall’s story is part of a radical rethinking of the relationship between housing and health care in the U.S. For decades, Medicaid, the joint state and federal health insurance program for people with disabilities or low incomes, would only pay for medical expenses. But last year the Biden administration gave Arizona and Oregon permission to use Medicaid money for housing — a nod to reams of research showing people in stable housing are healthier.

Now California wants to join those states, building on the success of programs like the one that got Marshall housing. Gov. Gavin Newsom has proposed spending more than $100 million per year in the state’s Medicaid program to pay for up to six months of housing for people who are or risk becoming homeless; are coming out of prison or foster care; or are at risk for hospitalization or emergency room visits.

It would be the biggest test yet of using Medicaid money for housing. California has the nation’s largest Medicaid program, with more than 13 million patients — or about a third of the state’s population. California also has nearly a third of the nation’s homeless population, according to federal data.

“It’s a huge step toward breaking down the silos that have gotten in the way of taking care of the whole person rather than limb by limb and illness by illness,” said Anthony Wright, executive director of Health Access California, a consumer advocacy group.

It would also be an expensive step. California is expected to have a $22.5 billion budget deficit this year, and it could get bigger in years to come. Meanwhile the state’s Medicaid spending is projected to increase by $2.5 billion over the next three years, according to the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst’s Office.

“What we’re really doing is expanding the welfare state, which is going to become just a huge financial problem,” said Wayne Winegarden, senior fellow at the Pacific Research Institute, a group that advocates for free-market policies.

California experimented with using Medicaid money for some housing-related expenses in 2016 when it launched a pilot project in 26 counties. While Medicaid did not pay for rent, it paid for things like security deposits and furniture.

In Marshall’s case, he pays his own rent, using some of the $1,153 per month he gets from Social Security and Supplemental Security Income. But Medicaid paid for his security deposit, bed, sofa, table, chairs and nearly 3 1/2 gallons of Pine Sol. Marshall said keeping his apartment clean is one thing that helped his leg wound to finally heal.

Over five years the program has reduced expensive hospital stays and emergency room visits for people on Medicaid, saving taxpayers an average of $383 per patient per year, according to an analysis by researchers at UCLA.

Now California wants to go further by using Medicaid money to directly pay some people’s rent. Democratic Assemblymember Joaquin Arambula, who chairs the budget subcommittee that will vet Newsom’s proposal, said lawmakers are supportive. Arambula spent a decade as an emergency room doctor.

“I became very good at being able to get cockroaches out of people’s ears,” Arambula said. “The living conditions of many of our communities, especially in our rural communities, really can affect a person’s ability to get adequate sleep, to be prepared for the next day and to stay healthy.”

Advocates for homeless people say they welcome such programs but spending more money on rent isn’t enough, noting the state still has a massive shortage of affordable housing.

Kelly Bennett, founder and CEO of Sacramento Covered, said that during California’s first experiment with using Medicaid money for housing services, it would often take up to eight months for workers to place a patient in an apartment. In some cases, people have waited for years to find a place.

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“Even when you have the deposit money and you have some rental subsidy, it’s still very, very challenging to find units — and to find units where the landlords will lease to our clients,” Bennett said.

Marshall said he grew up in Sacramento and got a degree in dietic technology and culinary arts. But a 30-year addiction to meth landed him on the streets from the late 1990s through about 2006. He camped at an old landfill, often eating leftovers from people’s picnics at a nearby park.

He applied for apartments at multiple subsidized housing buildings, but never made it off the wait list. It took him about a year to get his current apartment, where he pays $186 per month with the help of a subsidy.

“I feel like I’m electric. ... I have power and ability to do things that I could not do for a very long time,” Marshall, 64, said. “Whatever years I’ve got left now, I’m going to spend them up here in the glass tower.”

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the Text of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to Confirm the Applicability of Certain Zoning and Health and Safety Regulations to Wireless Facilities Subject to Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 9.32, Personal Wireless Service Facilities

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider a Resolution recommending to the City Council that that the City Council adopt an Ordinance amending the text of the Zoning Ordinance to confirm the applicability of certain zoning and health and safety regulations to wireless facilities subject to Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 9.32, Personal Wireless Service Facilities.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023 AT 6:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to planningcomment@santamonica.gov or via mail to the address listed below. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

You may also comment in-person at the Planning Commission hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

Address your comments to: **Tony Kim, Principal Planner**
Re: Wireless Facilities Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments

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MORE INFORMATION

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Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 5547.

GET IT DAILY...

Is the David porn? Come see, Italians tell Florida parents

NICOLE WINFIELD AND TERRY SPENCER
Associated Press

The Florence museum housing Michelangelo's Renaissance masterpiece the David on Sunday invited parents and students from a Florida charter school to visit after complaints about a lesson featuring the statue forced the principal to resign.

Florence Mayor Dario Nardella also tweeted an invitation for the principal to visit so he can personally honor her. Confusing art with pornography was "ridiculous," Nardella said.

> "To think that David could be pornographic means truly not understanding the contents of the Bible, not understanding Western culture and not understanding Renaissance art
> - Cecilie Hollberg, director of the Galleria dell'Accademia

The board of the Tallahassee Classical School pressured Principal Hope Carrasquilla to resign last week after an image of the David was shown to a sixth-grade art class. The school has a policy requiring parents to be notified in advance about "controversial" topics being taught.

The incredulous Italian response highlighted how the U.S. culture wars are often perceived in Europe, where despite a rise in right-wing sentiment and governance, the Renaissance and its masterpieces, even its naked ones, are generally free of controversy. Sunday's front page of the Italian daily publication Corriere della Sera featured a cartoon by its leading satirist depicting David with his genitals covered by an image of Uncle Sam and the word "Shame."

Carrasquilla believes the board targeted her after three parents complained about a lesson including a photo of the David, a 5-meter tall (17 foot) nude marble sculpture dating from 1504. The work, reflecting the height of the Italian Renaissance, depicts the Biblical David going to fight Goliath armed only with his faith in God.

Carrasquilla has said two parents complained because they weren't notified in advance that a nude would be shown, while a third called the iconic statue pornographic.

Carrasquilla said in a phone interview Sunday that she is "very honored" by the invitations to Italy and she may accept.

"I am totally, like, wow," Carasquilla said. "I've been to Florence before and have seen the David up close and in person, but I would love to go and be a guest of the mayor."

Cecilie Hollberg, director of the Galleria dell'Accademia, where the David resides, expressed astonishment at the controversy.

"To think that David could be pornographic means truly not understanding the contents of the Bible, not understanding Western culture and not understanding Renaissance art," Hollberg said in a telephone interview.

She invited the principal, school board, parents and student body to view the "purity" of the statue.

Tallahassee Classical is a charter school. While it is taxpayer-funded and tuition-free, it operates almost entirely independently of the local school district and is sought out by parents seeking an alternative to the public school curriculum.

About 400 students from kindergarten through 12th grade attend the three-year-

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Newsom displays penchant for shiny new things on California tour



Photo by Martin do Nascimento, CalMatters

TOUR: Gov. Gavin Newsom speaks at San Quentin State Prison announcing that the facility will be transformed to focus on training and rehabilitation on March 17, 2023.

BY DAN WALTERS

As a species, politicians love news conferences and other events that celebrate new programs or public works projects.

The syndrome may explain why officials often ignore long-festering problems in existing programs, such as the Employment Development Department and the bullet train project. Simply making things work better doesn't have the political appeal of something new and shiny.

Gov. Gavin Newsom is particularly prone to the affliction, declaring early on his love for "big, hairy audacious goals" and later adding, "I'd rather be accused of (having) those audacious stretch goals than be accused of timidity."

That proclivity led him, as a candidate, to pledge that he would try to solve California's housing crisis by building 3.5 million new houses and apartments by 2025 and make California the first state to embrace single-payer health care.

Later, when both proved to be unattainable, he declared them to be "aspirational" rather than firm promises.

Newsom's tendency toward the grandiose was very evident this month when he once again shunned a traditional State of the State address to the Legislature and instead toured the state for serial announcements.

One is converting San Quentin prison into a laboratory to test whether a softer approach to preparing felons for release, modeled after a program in Norway, will be more effective in steering them away from crime. Newsom boasted that the renamed San Quentin Rehabilitation Center will be the "most innovative rehabilitation facility" in the nation, displaying another characteristic, his obsession with being the first to do something.

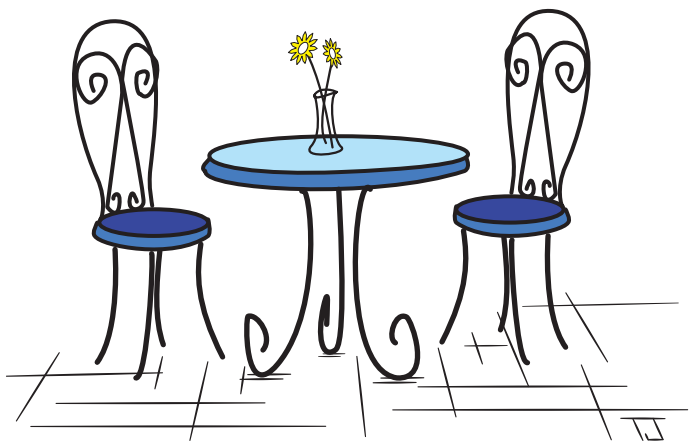
The splashiest of Newsom's new things is a multi-billion-dollar plan to house thousands of homeless and mentally ill Californians in new facilities that would combine shelter with treatment for their afflictions.

> "It's unacceptable what we're dealing with at scale now in California"
> - Gov. Gavin Newsom

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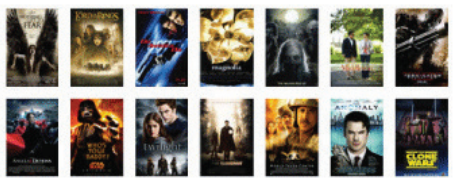
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DAILY PINT

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"I bought an English pub because I love England and London is one of my favorite cities. People like the English atmosphere and Americans do too," Hemingway said, clarifying that by "English" he means "British" and by "British" he means the Welsh, Irish and Scots too.

"Being a British pub is the best kind of pub, can you tell me what's better than a British pub?" he laughed.

Along with one of the best whiskey collections of any bar in Los Angeles that includes offerings from America, Canada, Ireland, Scotland, Japan and India to name just a few, the Daily Pint also boasts over 30 beers on tap, three on cask and 100 different bottled beers. Moreover, these are rotated on a regular basis and frequently feature beers from a local craft brewery or microbrewery.

The Daily Pint won't have a food menu of any kind, but it does feature pool tables, dart boards, shuffleboard and a multitude of television screens covering every type of sport imaginable, even the rugby. There's even a monstrous 12ft screen plus a 7ft screen, that's a whopping 144 inches and 84 inches respectively.

"We have about a dozen screens, including some huge screens and we'll show every conceivable sport, certainly the football, er, soccer games. I've been a soccer referee since I was aged 15 and my club [Budapest Honvéd] were Hungarian Champions in 2017, so I'm something of a football fan," Hemingway said.

With the Rugby World Cup coming up in September and the tournament being played in France, it will mean early starts for any die-hard fans wanting to watch the games live, but Hemingway says that he will be showing the games.

"When there are football games on early, we open early, we're open to accommodate people, we want to make sure people have a good time."

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anonymous public survey on the topic and meetings with various stakeholder groups, according to Peggy Lynch, the lead consultant with Leadership Associates, the firm hired by the board to lead the search.

Lynch said that the firm also met with certificated, classified and administrative district staff, representatives of the cities of Santa Monica and Malibu and other community and business partners including PTA representatives, District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) parents, the Santa Monica Education Foudation, Santa Monica College and SMMUSD students.

Once approved, the position description will be posted on the SMMUSD and Leadership Associates websites along with instructions for requesting an application. While the posting of the description will help recruit qualified candidates, Lynch said Leadership Associates has been actively advertising the vacancy and reaching out to potential candidates since the application period opened on Feb. 27.

Applications are due at 5 p.m. on April 7, an extension from the previous April 4 deadline.

The Leadership Associates consultants will then screen the applications and make recommendations to the board for candidates to interview for further consideration. Interviews are scheduled to take place in early May.

The Board of Education will make the final decision on who to hire with the goal of a new superintendent beginning on July 1 of this year, approximately six months after Drati left the position.

"At the moment, I think finding the right person for the community to be the superintendent, that is our number one job as a school board," Board Member Alicia Mignano told the the Daily Press. "It's key to everything that we do."

To view the full position description visit and the agenda for the March 29 meeting visit: https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SB_Meetings/ViewMeeting.aspx?S=36030435&MID=20183

The meeting will be the first to be held at the district's new headquarters at 1717 4th Street and will begin at 4 p.m..

> "At the moment, I think finding the right person for the community to be the superintendent, that is our number one job as a school board"
> - Alicia Mignano Board Member

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WEATHER

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preparing to open for the day, the awning ceiling outside the restaurant collapsed. The Santa Monica Fire Department responded and taped off the area around the site. No one was injured by the incident according to the restaurant's manager, Jake Kim. On Monday March 27 the business was open as usual. Kim said the cause of the collapse is still under investigation, but was potentially due to water damage.

The new system could drop several feet of snow in the upper elevations of Northern California's coastal mountains and the Sierra Nevada, making travel difficult, forecasters said.

Powerful storms since late December have blanketed the Sierra in a massive snowpack with a water content that is more than 220% of normal, according to the state Department of Water Resources.

The Mammoth Mountain ski resort in the Eastern Sierra said that with 667 inches (16.9 meters) of snow at its main lodge and more than 840 inches on its summit, the resort was on the verge of breaking its record for snowiest season.

In Southern California's mountains, the storm could drop snow at elevations as low as 2,500 feet and possibly on foothills, forecasters said.

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Jesus Padilla

DAMAGE: Officials think the recent storms damaged the Sushi restaurant.

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DAVID

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old institution, which is now on its third principal. It follows a curriculum designed by Hillsdale College, a conservative Christian school in Michigan frequently consulted by Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis on educational issues.

Barney Bishop, chairman of Tallahassee Classical's school board, has told reporters that while the photo of the statue played a part in Carrasquilla's ouster, it wasn't the only factor. He has declined to elaborate, while defending the decision.

"Parents are entitled to know anytime their child is being taught a controversial topic and picture," Bishop said in an interview with Slate online magazine.

Several parents and teachers plan to protest Carrasquilla's exit at Monday night's school board meeting, but Carrasquilla said she isn't sure she would take the job back even if it were offered.

"There's been such controversy and such upheaval," she said. "I would really have to consider, 'Is this truly what is best?'"

Marla Stone, head of humanities studies at the American Academy in Rome, said the Florida incident was another episode in escalating U.S. culture wars and questioned how the statue could be considered so controversial as to warrant a prior warning.

"What we have here is a moral crusade against the body, sexuality, and gender expression and an ignorance of history," Stone said in an email. "The incident is about fear, fear of beauty, of difference, and of the possibilities embedded in art."

Michelangelo Buonarroti sculpted the David between 1501-1504 after being commissioned by the Cathedral of Florence. The statue is the showpiece of the Accademia, and helps draw 1.7 million visitors each year to the museum.

"It is incredibly sought-after by Americans who want to do selfies and enjoy the beauty of this statue," Director Hollberg said.

The museum, like many in Europe, is free for student groups. There was no indication that any trip would be subsidized by the city or museum.

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Spencer reported from Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

GUEST COMMENTARY

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The project would be financed mostly by a bond issue in the $3-5 billion range to be placed before voters next year and would be an adjunct to Newsom's "Care Court" program that allows the mentally ill to be compelled to accept treatment.

"It's unacceptable what we're dealing with at scale now in California," Newsom said. "We have to address and come to grips with the reality of mental health in our state and in our nation."

Even if implemented as hoped, the two mental health projects would make only a relatively tiny dent in the state's homelessness crisis. California still lacks a comprehensive approach and is mired in finger-pointing among state, county and city officials over who's responsible for dealing with it.

Billions of dollars have been spent by all three levels of California government, plus no small amount of federal funds, but the number of unhoused Californians continues to climb, officially approaching 200,000 but probably much higher.

The exchanges between Newsom and county officials have been especially pointed. He's accused counties of dragging their feet on effectively spending state grant money while county officials say they need a dedicated and predictable revenue stream for long-term programs.

As Newsom was touring the state, the California State Association of Counties, or CSAC, issued what it said is a comprehensive approach to homelessness embracing housing, social services, education and employment with clear lines of responsibility and accountability for outcomes.

"No one level of government is solely responsible for the homelessness crisis," CSAC president Chuck Washington, a Riverside County supervisor, said in a statement. "But any and all efforts to address homelessness will fail without a comprehensive system in which roles and responsibilities are clear."

Fundamentally, CSAC is calling for making the systems and services already in place work better. That doesn't have much political appeal but is, to use one of Newsom's favorite words, "foundational" for progress on the homelessness crisis.

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SEND YOUR NEWS TO THE EDITOR

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 28)

Welcome to your year of self-discovery. Just when you think you know what you like, the universe conspires to offer you new delights. You'll travel to pursue interests. A circle of friends opens to include you. More highlights: a turn of the tables or adjustment of power structures, upgrades in transportation and the mastery of a much-needed skill. Libra and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 30, 3, 13 and 29.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Ensure your success by setting yourself up for it. The action you need to take is something small that you've overlooked. Maybe you didn't think it was significant enough to make a difference, but small things matter. Momentum builds when you get small things right.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your self-esteem will be irrelevant to the success of a project. You'll get into the flow of doing what needs to be done and serving the needs of your team, and for a while nothing else seems to exist. Focus creates reality.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll dance around big questions and delve into existential topics, if not with others then in your own thought processes. You'll consider what it means to be in your world and form new ideas about who to become.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Media offers experiences beyond what seems currently possible in real life. Sure, it's a fantasy, but it still teaches you something. You'll expand your potential as you model yourself in some small way after a character you admire.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's time to achieve a higher understanding of your circumstances, how they came to be and what your specific part is in this drama, or comedy, such as the case may be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Go where you have stiff competition. You'll be inspired by how others are achieving results and you'll also be inspirational to others. They point out how you're special, which is something you're too close to be able to see on your own.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Find out the intentions of others. Poke around. Ask good questions and observe the energy and tone of the answers you get. Be skeptical of obviously rehearsed pitches or unearned compliments — both will lead to an ask.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're brave. It's a more exciting way to live. You'll keep moving forward. People will follow you. First, you'll act like you have confidence in your skills, and then you'll use them enough to actually become confident.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Empiricism, the belief that knowledge comes strictly through observation and experience, will be the philosophical tenant that keeps you on track today. The favored approach: Note what's really there and stick with what works in practice rather than in theory.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Humanity often upholds its own interests at the expense of the interconnected ecosystem it belongs to. Though no creature can be blamed for the limited awareness of its vessel, you will transcend human bias and take up a cause for other beings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The root of the issue is, by definition, buried. As gardeners know, if you're too aggressive with fragile roots, you can kill the system. To get to the bottom of the problem, dig gently.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Knowing people can always change their minds, you seize their moment of interest in you. Like an entrepreneur fielding an investment opportunity on the television series "Shark Tank," you'll make a decision quickly because your options could disappear otherwise.

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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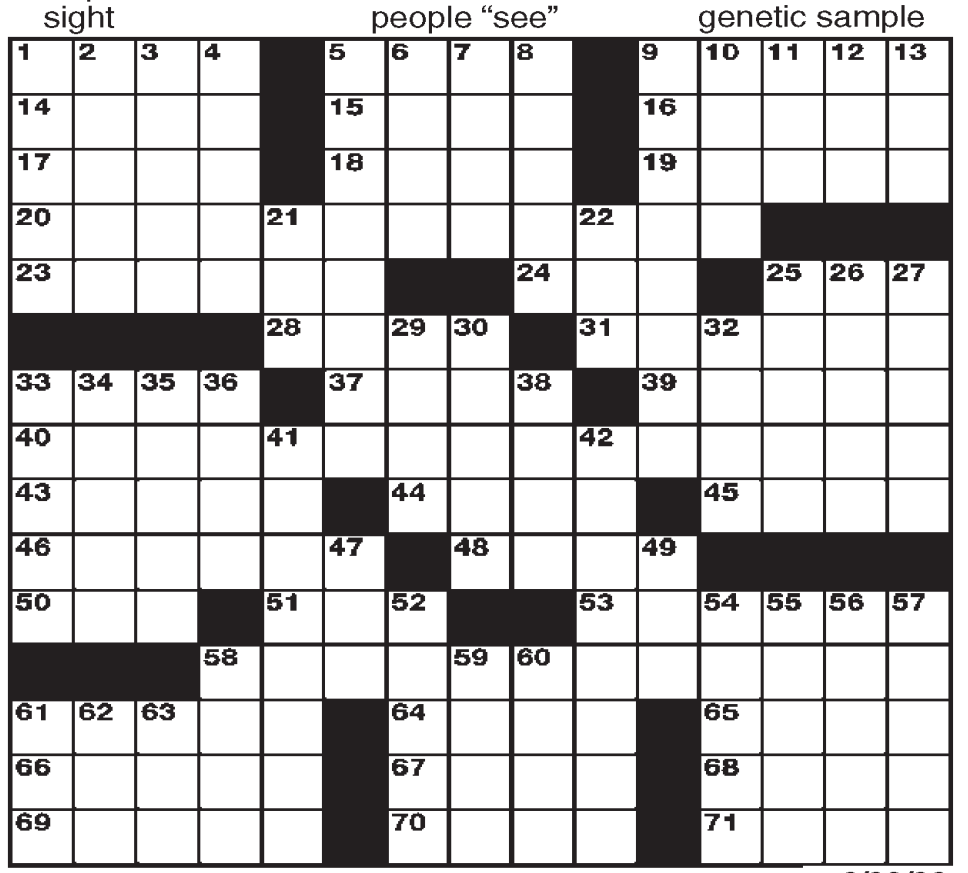
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Newsday Crossword

CHEAT SHEET by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Resorts with mineral springs
5 Spongy
9 Theater's seating assistant
14 Coconut tree
15 Curly-leafed cabbage
16 Overly trusting
17 Regarding, in a memo
18 Lay __ the line (speak honestly)
19 Back-of-book listing
20 Cheat in a card game
23 Felt-tip pen
24 Pigpen
25 Geographic chart
28 Weight increase
31 Start of a stage play
33 Chowder morsel
37 Creative spark
39 Breathing organs
40 Cheat in boxing
43 Dental filling
44 The Dalai __
45 "Yes" votes
46 China used for serving pekoe
48 Toys that spin
50 Final-year HS students
51 Tip of a shoe
53 Shortest finger
58 Cheat in accounting
61 Soup scooper
64 Modern-day Persia
65 Supermarket's soup containers
66 Be a bother to
67 Long river through Egypt
68 Soother in hand lotion
69 Theater actor's platform
70 First-place medal's metal
71 What police enforce

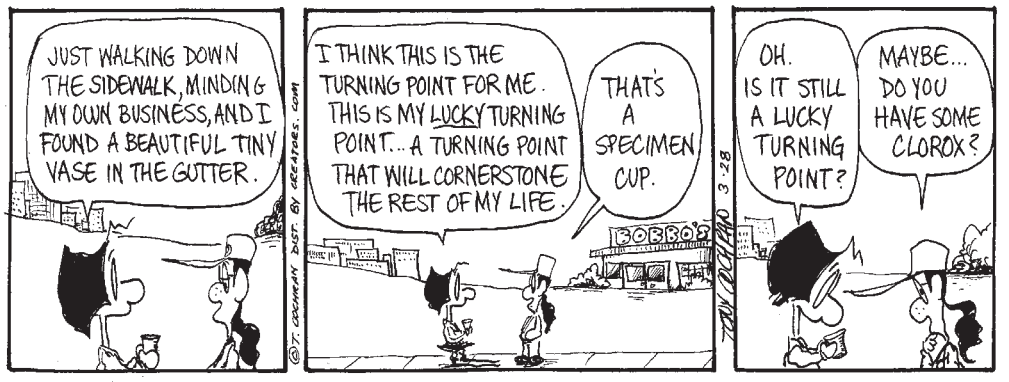
DOWN
1 Muscle twinge
2 Macaroni or ziti
3 Venue for wedding vows
4 Artist's coverall
5 Slope for slaloming
6 Courtroom swearing-in
7 Polar ice sheet
8 __ bar (serves drinks)
9 One-wheeled circus vehicle
10 Wasn't buoyant
11 Kept out of sight
12 Mother of Cain
13 Tyranno-saurus __
21 Beer barrel
22 Pilot's landing announcement: Abbr.
25 Dollars or cents
26 Journalist's point of view
27 Nuisances
29 Adored celebrity
30 Inexperienced with
32 Marching band's large horn
33 IOUs
34 Cruise ship
35 Earth holder of myth
36 Finance degs.
38 Prefix meaning "air"
41 How like-minded people "see"
42 Took place
47 Excessively
49 Brother or sister, for short
52 __ out a living (barely managing)
54 Diet drink phrase
55 Australian bearlike beast
56 "That's not news to me"
57 Four letters in "Mississippi"
58 Drain blockage
59 Group of three singers
60 Building corridor
61 __ Vegas, NV
62 Hill-building insect
63 Crime lab's genetic sample



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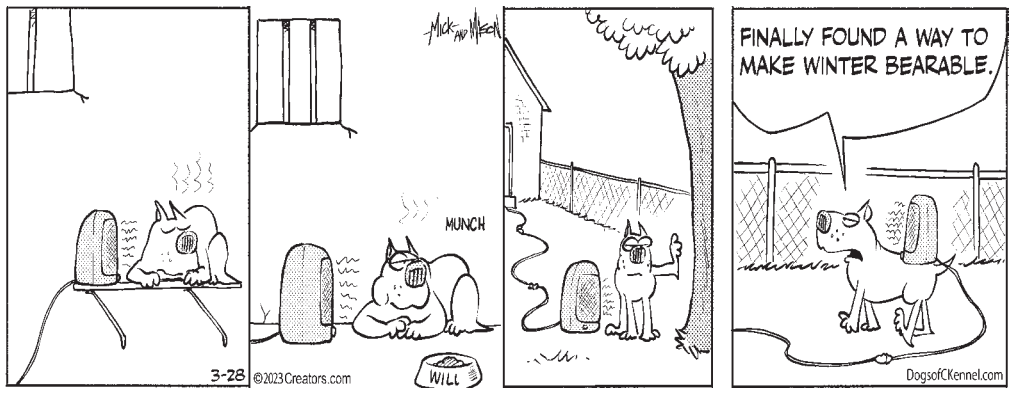
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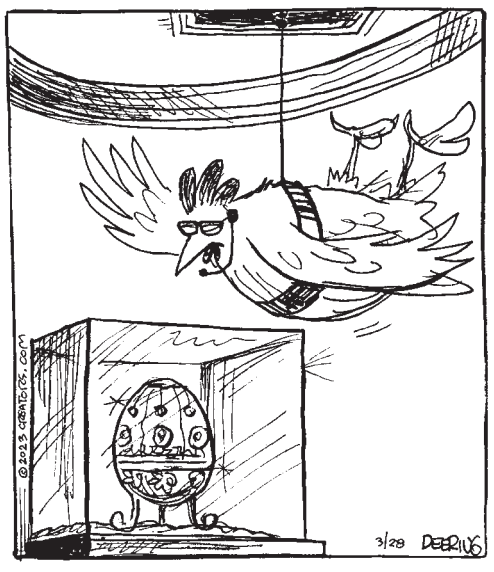
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"HE'S GOING THROUGH A BLIMP PHASE."

Strange Brew

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FIND THE WORDS

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

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Aussie lakes and waterways

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Avon	Dawson	Hutt	Paroo	Slip
Batyo	Drysdale	Link	Pier	Slope
Catyo	Eagles	Lyons	Reeds	Smiths
Blue	Echuca	Macleay	Rice	Surf
Boat	Eden	Mary	Risk	Swim
Boney	Eyre	Maze	Rods	Tugs
Carp	Fish	Moama	Ross	Upper
Colac	Flow	Moore	Rowing	Valley
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TUESDAY | MARCH 28

GUNNAR

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WEDNESDAY | MARCH 29

KIDS OCEAN DAY FUNDRAISER

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THURSDAY | MARCH 30

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FRIDAY | MARCH 31

LOBSTER & TRUFFLE FOR 2

Planning a cozy dinner night in? Pick up an indulgent 5 course lobster and truffle take-home dinner for 2 from Bazille (can also be enjoyed for dine in). Here's what you get: Lobster Bisque or Roma Tomato Basil Lobster Deviled Eggs Little Gem Caesar or Simple Salad Lobster & Truffle Gnocchi or Asparagus Gnocchi Flourless Chocolate Cake Santa Monica Place 395 Santa Monica Pl.

CANDLELIGHT: A TRIBUTE TO LAURYN HILL

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SATURDAY | APRIL 1

626 NIGHT MARKET MINI

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SUNDAY | APRIL 2

SMC WIND ENSEMBLE

Kevin McKeown, Conductor. The Spring Concert will feature traditional and new works for wind ensemble. Our annual "Pops" concert in June will highlight popular music from the Broadway stage to Hollywood movie scores.

MONDAY | APRIL 3

DUANE BETTS & PALMETTO MOTEL

In 2018, Betts released his debut, Sketches of American Music, and toured as a guest of the Devon Allman Project. At year's end Betts announced the formation of The Allman Betts Band, officially uniting with Allman, and with Berry D. Oakley, son of the late Allman Brothers Band founding bassist Berry Oakley. The group issued two albums- 2019's Down to the River and 2020's Bless Your Heart- before announcing its hiatus in 2022. Currently Betts is prepping a second solo album, furthering his impassioned six-string stories reflecting a life and a history steeped in blues, rock, and country music tradition. The Venice West 1717 Lincoln Blvd Venice. Tickets and Info https://rb.gy/eucewd

A NIGHT AND HIS DRUM

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TUESDAY | APRIL 4

NEAL BRENNAN & FRIENDS AT WESTSIDE COMEDY THEATER

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **54.3**

TUESDAY *POOR*	**SURF:**	0-1ft Shin to knee	Smallest day of the week as NW swell mix goes tiny. Light AM winds.
WEDNESDAY *POOR*	**SURF:**	1-2ft Knee to thigh	Coastal storm leads to a rise in NW swell mix, wind, and rain. New SSW swell forerunners also due. Steady onshores due all day. Stay tuned.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 63. North wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south in the morning.
Tuesday Night: Rain after 11pm. Low around 52. South wind 5 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%.
Wednesday: Rain, mainly before 11am. High near 57. South wind 10 to 15 mph.
Wednesday Night: A chance of rain, then rain likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 11pm.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2023/03/29	Wed	03:50 AM	4.00	H
2023/03/29	Wed	12:21 PM	0.28	L
2023/03/29	Wed	8:12 PM	3.41	H
2023/03/30	Thu	12:08 AM	2.96	L
2023/03/30	Thu	05:28 AM	4.07	H
2023/03/30	Thu	1:10 PM	0.07	L
2023/03/30	Thu	8:19 PM	3.62	H
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2023/03/31	Fri	06:32 AM	4.32	H
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2023/03/31	Fri	8:31 PM	3.80	H
2023/04/01	Sat	01:35 AM	2.08	L
2023/04/01	Sat	07:19 AM	4.57	H
2023/04/01	Sat	2:14 PM	-0.16	L
2023/04/01	Sat	8:44 PM	4.01	H
2023/04/02	Sun	02:06 AM	1.62	L

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Draw Date: 3/25
15 17 18 47 57
Power#: 19
Jackpot: 122 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 3/24
14 17 33 42 66
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 322 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 3/25
4 12 13 42 47
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 45 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/26
2 10 27 32 36

Daily 3
Draw Date: 3/26
EVENING: 2 4 8

Draw Date: 3/26
MIDDAY: 7 2 6

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 3/26
1st: 05 - California Classic
2nd: 04 - Big Ben
3rd: 01 - Gold Rush
Race Time: 1:41.40

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