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HOUSING: The affordable housing project scheduled for 4th Street.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Saga of Parking Structure 3 may have concluded with the facility's demolition but efforts to rebuild the site into an affordable housing development are moving forward with another community meeting on the project scheduled for April 17.

Plans to demolish the structure were first approved in 2019 with a plan to convert the space in to an affordable housing development that prioritized proposals for permanent supportive housing — affordable housing that includes services that keep chronically homeless individuals housed.

The project was initially delayed by the pandemic and then by lawsuits filed by critics of the proposal who said the removal of parking would harm downtown businesses. Those lawsuits were unsuccessful and work began on the demolition last year.

Council chose EAH as the affordable housing provider for the program. Founded in 1968, EAH owns and/or manages housing for 22,000 residents in more than 100 properties across 55 municipalities in California and Hawaii, including in Santa Monica.

In its proposal, EAH named local homeless outreach organization The People Concern (TPC) as its social service partner. Together, EAH and TPC proposed to provide services to all residents, which include "physical and mental health services, education programming, civic engagement, and healthy eating," according to their application.

The People Concern said they would provide personal case management, benefits counseling, mental health counseling, health care, substance use services, money management and legal assistance to those who needed it in the building.

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SMMUSD seeking to fill four vacancies on Financial Oversight Committee

GRACE INEZ ADAMS
SMDP Staff Writer

The Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) for the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) is seeking to fill four vacancies for the upcoming term beginning on July 1, 2023. The application deadline is April 21, 2023.

The district is looking for "qualified candidates who will bring a depth of business and/or financial expertise to the committee," according to a district spokesperson.

The eleven member committee is responsible for advising the Board of Education on matters financial and business matters that could have significant impact on the district. They also oversee the district's joint-use agreements with the cities of Santa Monica and

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New outlet from Tijuana-style Tacos 1986 opens on the Colorado Esplanade



Scott Snowden

NOW OPEN: Celebrated Tijuana-style, street food-inspired eatery Tacos 1986 has arrived in Santa Monica.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

In a case of out-with-the-old and in-with-the-new, the site of what was once Taco Libre has now become Taco 1986. Situated in the heart of the tourist district in Santa Monica, right across from the Santa Monica Pier bridge, this is the seventh outlet the chain has opened in southern California, the others being Studio City, Pasadena, Beverly Grove, Burbank, Downtown Los Angeles and Westwood Village.

Both co-founders Victor Delgado

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California's water battles continue despite record rain and snow

BY DAN WALTERS

On Monday, California water officials slogged through deep snow 7,000 feet above sea level, west of Lake Tahoe, to affirm what everyone already knew: A series of Pacific storms has generated record-level amounts of precipitation, filling reservoirs, inundating low-lying towns and fields and threatening more disastrous flooding as the Sierra snowpack melts.

Its negative aspects aside, the immense amount of rain and snow is welcome relief from drought that has plagued the state for the past three years. But it also is a warning about California's boom-and-bust precipitation cycle, which is becoming more pronounced with climate change.

It's a warning that we must do a better job of capturing and conserving water when precipitation is plentiful, because the next drought is just around the corner. That means building more storage, such as the long-delayed Sites Reservoir on the west side of the Sacramento Valley, creating more sinking basins to replenish overdrafted underground aquifers and, most importantly, doing something about the chaotic way in which we manage water.

California has been a state for 173 years and its residents have been squabbling over water for its entire history, beginning with conflicts between gold miners and pioneer farmers. Battles have been waged in the Legislature, in the courts and in ballot measures, but they have succeeded mostly in making water management increasingly obtuse.

The managerial system – or, more accurately, non-system – now in place is a mishmash of federal, state, regional and local agencies which tend to respond to the conditions of the moment, sometimes in conflict with one another, while dealing with laws and regulations that are beyond Byzantine in their complexity.

The California constitution declares that water is a public trust to be used for reasonable and beneficial purposes, but there have been countless political and legal duels over the interpretation of those broad terms, particularly over the legal standing of water use rights, some of which date to the Gold Rush era.

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Photo taken April 3, 2023. Kenneth James / California Department of Water Resources

SNOW: A break in the snow showers as Sean de Guzman, right, Manager of the California Department of Water Resources Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit, left, Jordan Thoennes, Water Resources Engineer in Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit, and center, Jacob Kollen, Water Resources Engineer in Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit, conduct the fourth media snow survey of the 2023 season at Phillips Station in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The survey is held approximately 90 miles east of Sacramento off U.S. Highway 50 in El Dorado County.



Are robot waiters the future? Some restaurants think so

DEE-ANN DURBIN
AP Business Writer

You may have already seen them in restaurants: waist-high machines that can greet guests, lead them to their tables, deliver food and drinks and ferry dirty dishes to the kitchen. Some have cat-like faces and even purr when you scratch their heads.

But are robot waiters the future? It's a question the restaurant industry is increasingly trying to answer.

Many think robot waiters are the solution to the industry's labor shortages. Sales of them have been growing rapidly in recent years, with tens of thousands now gliding through dining rooms worldwide.

"There's no doubt in my mind that this is where the world is going," said Dennis Reynolds, dean of the Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership at the University of Houston. The school's restaurant began using a robot in December, and Reynolds says it has eased the workload for human staff and made service more efficient.

But others say robot waiters aren't much more than a gimmick that have a long way to go before they can replace humans. They can't take orders, and many restaurants have steps, outdoor patios and other physical challenges they can't adapt to.

> "Restaurants are pretty chaotic places, so it's very hard to insert automation in a way that is really productive"
> - Craig Le Clair

"Restaurants are pretty chaotic places, so it's very hard to insert automation in a way that is really productive," said Craig Le Clair, a vice president with the consulting company Forrester who studies automation.

Still, the robots are proliferating. Redwood City, California-based Bear Robotics introduced its Servi robot in 2021 and expects to have 10,000 deployed by the end of this year in 44 U.S. states and overseas. Shenzen, China-based Pudu Robotics, which was founded in 2016, has deployed more than 56,000 robots worldwide.

"Every restaurant chain is looking toward as much automation as possible," said Phil Zheng of Richtech Robotics, an Austin-based maker of robot servers. "People are going to see these everywhere in the next year or two."

Li Zhai was having trouble finding staff for Noodle Topia, his Madison Heights, Michigan, restaurant, in the summer of 2021, so he bought a BellaBot from Pudu Robotics. The robot was so successful he added two more; now, one robot leads diners to their seats while another delivers bowls of steaming noodles to tables. Employees pile dirty dishes onto a third robot to shuttle back to the kitchen.

Now, Zhai only needs three people to do the same volume of business that five or six people used to handle. And they save him money. A robot costs around $15,000, he said, but a person costs $5,000 to $6,000 per month.

Zhai said the robots give human servers more time to mingle with customers, which increases tips. And customers often post videos of the robots on social media that entice others to visit.

"Besides saving labor, the robots generate business," he said.

Interactions with human servers can vary. Betzy Giron Reynosa, who works with a BellaBot at The Sushi Factory in West Melbourne, Florida, said the robot can be a pain.

"You can't really tell it to move or anything," she said. She has also had customers who don't want to interact with it.

But overall the robot is a plus, she said. It saves her trips back and forth to the kitchen and gives her more time with customers.

Labor shortages accelerated the adoption of robots globally, Le Clair said. In the U.S., the restaurant industry employed 15 million people at the end of last year, but that was still 400,000 fewer than before the pandemic, according to the National Restaurant Association. In a recent survey, 62% of restaurant operators told the association they don't have enough employees to meet customer demand.

Pandemic-era concerns about hygiene and adoption of new technology like QR code menus also laid the ground for robots, said Karthik Namasivayam, director of The School of Hospitality Business at Michigan State University's Broad College of Business.

"Once an operator begins to understand and work with one technology, other technologies become less daunting and will be much more readily accepted as we go forward," he said.

Namasivayam notes that public acceptance of robot servers is already high in Asia. Pizza Hut has robot servers in 1,000 restaurants in China, for example.

The U.S. was slower to adopt robots, but some chains are now testing them. Chick-fil-A is trying them at multiple U.S. locations, and says it's found that the robots give human employees more time to refresh drinks, clear tables and greet guests.

Marcus Merritt was surprised to see a robot server at a Chick-fil-A in Atlanta recently. The robot didn't seem to be replacing staff, he said; he counted 13 employees in the store, and workers told him the robot helps service move a little faster. He was delighted that the robot told him to have a great day, and expects he'll see more robots when he goes out to eat.

"I think technology is part of our normal everyday now. Everybody has a cell phone, everybody uses some form of computer," said Merritt, who owns a marketing business. "It's a natural progression."

But not all chains have had success with robots.

Chili's introduced a robot server named Rita in 2020 and expanded the test to 61 U.S. restaurants before abruptly halting it last August. The chain found that Rita moved too slowly and got in the way of human servers. And 58% of guests surveyed said Rita didn't improve their overall experience.

Haidilao, a hot pot chain in China, began using robots a year ago to deliver food to diners' tables. But managers at several outlets said the robots haven't proved as reliable or cost-effective as human servers.

Wang Long, the manager of a Beijing outlet, said his two robots have both have broken down.

"We only used them now and then," Wang said. "It is a sort of concept thing and the machine can never replace humans."

Eventually, Namasivayam expects that a certain percentage of restaurants — maybe 30% — will continue to have human servers and be considered more luxurious, while the rest will lean more heavily on robots in the kitchen and in dining rooms. Economics are on the side of robots, he said; the cost of human labor will continue to rise, but technology costs will fall.

But that's not a future everyone wants to see. Saru Jayaraman, who advocates for higher pay for restaurant workers as president of One Fair Wage, said restaurants could easily solve their labor shortages if they just paid workers more.

"Humans don't go to a full-service restaurant to be served by technology," she said. "They go for the experience of themselves and the people they care about being served by a human."

AP researcher Yu Bing contributed from Beijing.

City of Santa Monica

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Proposals for:

Engineering Design Services for Water Reservoir Upgrades and Improvements Project
Project No. SP2679

The City of Santa Monica is inviting proposals from firms interested in providing professional engineering services for the, Engineering Design Services for Water Reservoir Upgrades and Improvements Project

The purpose of the RFP is to select the most qualified consultant to professional engineering services to design structural rehabilitation, seismic retrofit and mechanical improvements to the City's four existing potable water reservoirs of the subject project.

RFP questions to be submitted to **via ProcureNow**, no later than 3:00p.m. on April 25, 2023

Proposers shall upload RFP via ProcureNow, no later than 3:00 p.m. **on May 15, 2023 Size of the electronic proposal shall not exceed 10 MB.**

RFP Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca.

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OPINION **LAUGHING MATTERS**

Jack Neworth

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Catch and Shill

Donald Trump is officially the first former president in U.S. history to be criminally indicted as on Tuesday he was charged with 34 counts of falsification of business and tax records connected to hush money payments made days before the 2016 election. In court, even with gobs of makeup and hair spray, he didn't look too happy. He has called Manhattan District Attorney, Alvin Bragg "a Soros backed animal," and a "degenerate psychopath who "hates the USA." (Sounds like projection.)

Trump also vilified highly respected Judge Merchan. Citing the indictment Trump has warned "there will be death and destruction." Like father, like son, Don Jr. posted a photo of the judge's 34-year-old daughter putting her entire family in danger.

On Tuesday Trump surrendered to face criminal charges stemming from a three-part scheme. With the help of the National Enquirer's CEO David Pecker the plan was to keep the voting public from knowing about presidential candidate Trump's vast illicit life. Pecker would buy ("catch) the rights to these stories and then "kill" them.

The first was in 2015 for $30,000 to a doorman who claimed Trump fathered a child born out of wedlock. The second was $150,000 to former Playboy model Karen McDougal who had a 10 month affair with Trump. He even gave her a tour of despicable Donny's Trump Tower penthouse, including Melania's bedroom while she was out of town!

The most infamous payoff was $130,000 to adult film actress Stormy Daniels. Trump's lawyer and "fixer" Michael Cohen coughed up the cash via a home equity loan. Cohen's "reward" netted him disbarment and a three year prison term in a prosecution that mentioned co-conspirator "individual one." An audio recording of Trump and Cohen discussing the plot made it abundantly clear "individual one" was Trump, then President and safe from prosecution. (Until now.)

For the indictment, Trump demanded his followers protest and "take our country back," but there was a sparse crowd of uninspired Trumpers. (The more violent MAGATS are in prison.) But "Jewish space laser" Marjorie Traitor Greene arrived with "lyin" George Santos. She spoke briefly to a group with ties to white nationalists and compared Trump to Jesus. (Raising the question did Jesus die his hair?)

So far Republican politicians are squarely behind Trump and yet consider the following: In 2015 Lindsey Graham said, "You want to know how to make America great again? Tell Donald Trump to go to hell!" He added, "If the Republicans nominate Trump for President he will destroy the Republican Party and we will have deserved it!" He described Trump as a"race-baiting xenophobic bigot." But he described Biden as "As good a man as God ever created," adding "If you have a problem with Joe Biden, that's on you."

Currently teary-eyed Lindsey is pleading for people to send Trump donations. "If you can't afford $5, then pray for President Trump." Lindsey cries and prays for Trump but not for murdered school children. Frankly I can't tell which evangelist shill Graham reminds me of more, Jimmy "Lord forgive me for I have sinned" Swaggart, or a sobbing Jimmy Baker sans handcuffs and Tammy Faye. (Maybe recently divorced MTG could be Lindsey's Tammy Faye?)

And remember when Ted Cruz said, "Trump is a pathological liar"? Or when little Marco Rubio said, "We can't let a con man be the leader of our party!" Or more recently, when Kevin McCarthy said, "Donald Trump bears responsibility for January 6th."

Despite desperate phone calls to the White House begging Trump to end the insurrection, for 186 minutes Trump was enjoying watching it on TV. Later, when told the insurrectionists had chanted "Hang Mike Pence!," Trump replied,



Courtesy photo

LAUGHING MATTERS: If Trump is convicted, Jack is voting for Stormy as Person of the Year.

"Maybe he deserved it."

Trump better keep the jet fueled. On April 25 he'll go to civil trial against writer E. Jean Carol for defamation and sexual assault and may come out of that with the label "rapist." As early as May Fulton County D.A. Fani Willis could bring charges against Trump for illegal efforts to overturn the state's 2020 election results. On October 2, Trump will be in a civil case brought by N.Y. Attorney General Letitia James that could result in a $250 million fine. On 1/24, Trump will be in a civil trial, along with his children and the Trump Corp. over an alleged fraudulent multilevel marketing scheme.

In 1989 five black and Latino teenagers were wrongly convicted of raping a white woman in Central Park. Before the trial began Trump took out a full page ad in the N.Y. Daily News calling for the death penalty. After decades in prison, the teens were exonerated after a confession from the real rapist and irrefutable DNA evidence. Naturally, Trump never apologized. One of the five, now in his mid 40's, has a single word for defendant Trump: "Karma!"

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Proposed Interim Zoning Ordinance to extend interim zoning regulations adopted by Interim Zoning Ordinance 2738 (CCS) eliminating the prohibition of certain restaurants with frontage on the Third Street Promenade

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce and adopt an Interim Zoning Ordinance extending Interim Zoning Ordinance 2738 (CCS) originally adopted by the City Council on March 14, 2023, that eliminated the prohibition of certain restaurants with frontage on the Third Street Promenade.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023 AT 7:00 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 councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or via mail to City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California 90401. Written public comment submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

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

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: Extension of Interim Zoning Ordinance 2738

VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: 1685 Main Street, Room 102
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MORE INFORMATION: If you want more information about this project, please contact Tony Kim at (310) 458-2200 ext. 5522 or by e-mail at tony.kim@santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 458-8211 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL: 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) 458-2275.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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'We own this': California homelessness strategy hinges on L.A. encampments



Photo by Pablo Unzueta for CalMatters

HOMELESS: Tents are lined up on the sidewalk in Downtown Los Angeles on Feb. 18, 2023.

BY JIM NEWTON

Here is the political and moral heart of the matter of homelessness in Los Angeles: Even great strides against this soul-deadening issue will not feel like enough.

With some 47,000 or more Angelenos sleeping on the streets on any given night, what if Mayor Karen Bass succeeds in finding shelter or housing for half of them? Will that be a victory, because 25,000 people will have found some measure of safety, or a failure, because 25,000 still will lack it?

How, then, to begin the search for solutions, a struggle that is national in scope and affects all of California, but has a particular locus in Los Angeles, where circumstances have combined to make this city the center of this crisis?

For Gov. Gavin Newsom, with whom I spoke at length last week, the answer is obvious: The efforts by state and local governments have to begin with encampments, the tent cities, large and small, that have become semi-permanent homes to people without any place to go.

These camps dot the landscape of urban California. They are dangerous and unsafe places to live or even to pass by. And they are visible signs of a society unable or unwilling to grapple with how they came into existence.

Asked what his priority for responding to homelessness in Los Angeles and California is, Newsom responded clearly.

"Encampments," he said. "If we don't demonstrably see reduction, not only will we have failed in the minds of the public, but we won't have the political capacity to continue to make these kinds of investments. And shame on all of us. We own this."

That commitment reflects a change. Not long ago, it was up to cities and counties to respond to homelessness. Under Gov. Jerry Brown, the state, under pressure from mayors of California's largest cities, contributed about $500 million to the problem. That number has skyrocketed under Newsom, who has launched and expanded pilot programs to address the issue and who is exploring the use of mental health resources to attack it further. And yet, the state is nowhere near being able to claim real progress on the issue.

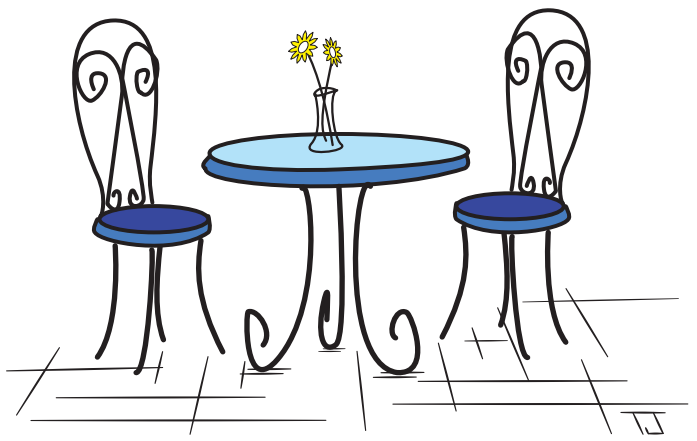
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR BASS?

For starters, she and the governor agree on the priority of clearing encampments. "That is where the suffering is the most," she said in an interview on Monday. It is where drugs flourish, where violence is greatest, where danger is most pronounced. All of which makes breaking up encampments an essential first step in attacking this problem of moral consequence, she said.

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and Jorge Alvarez were born in 1986 — which is where the name comes from — and grew up in Tijuana, without a doubt, one of the best food cities in Mexico. Alvarez, who the Los Angeles Times called "the Freddie Mercury of taqueros" says an eighth outlet, at an as yet undisclosed location, will hopefully be opening soon.

The popularity of Tijuana-style tacos has been steadily growing in recent years across Los Angeles and the efforts of both Delgado and Alvarez have played an invaluable part. When their first Tijuana-style carne asada and adobada stand opened in Hollywood in November 2018, former LA Dodger first baseman Adrián González posted a video on his Instagram account within the first week of it being open.

They both fully appreciate that it's necessary to offer vegetarian and chicken options in addition to the more traditional offerings, even though they're not typically found in Tijuana.

"Hopefully people know our name by now, they know we are an authentic Los Angeles taqueria and we want to bring the very best from Tijuana and create something that everyone can enjoy," Alvarez says.

In time, this outlet, located next to arguably the busiest scramble crosswalk in the city at Ocean and Colorado Avenues, will also serve beer.

"We will be serving the coldest beer and the freshest micheladas in the city of Santa Monica," laughs Alvarez. "We're most likely gonna go with a very specific brand, a Los Angeles brand and we have another Mexican beer that we also want to work with."

> "Hopefully people know our name by now, they know we are an authentic Los Angeles taqueria and we want to bring the very best from Tijuana and create something that everyone can enjoy
> - Jorge Alvarez

According to Delgado, they expect to serve a thousand customers per day during peak season and the only days that the eatery will be closed will be Thanksgiving and Christmas. Tacos 1986 at 135 Colorado Avenue is open everyday from 11am to 10pm.

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Signage posted at the site says the project will be 122 units with ground floor retail and two levels of parking.

According to the project website, 50 of those units will specifically support currently homeless individuals.

"The vision for 1318 4th St. is to create a mixed-use, mixed- income community in the heart of Downtown Santa Monica just one block from the world famous Third Street Promenade," reads the project description. "The development will provide affordable homes to low-income families and individuals already living or working in Santa Monica as well as 50 individuals that are currently homeless in Santa Monica. The mix of unit types will serve the wide-ranging needs of Santa Monica's low-income residents, and the property will include a community room for gatherings and services programming. To create and foster a cohesive, stable community, at least three full time services staff will offer supportive services to all residents and host community events and meetings."

The ground floor retail will cover about 19,600 square feet alongside 1,630 square feet of community benefit space that could be offered to a local nonprofit, the Santa Monica Police Department, or an alternative needed use in the downtown area.

After several meetings with specific groups, the developers will hold their next community meeting on April 17, from 6 - 8 p.m. at St. Monica Catholic Church, 725 California Avenue. More information is available online at https://www.eahhousing.org/4thstreet/.

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GOP's DeSantis visits Whitmer's Michigan, the 'anti-Florida'

JOEY CAPPELLETTI
Associated Press

Ahead of a highly anticipated presidential announcement, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis visited Michigan for his first appearance this year in the battleground state transformed by Democratic majorities under high-profile Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

The visit put the contrasting leadership styles of the Republican and Democrat on display after they scored landslide 2022 reelection victories that vaulted them to be their parties' brightest emerging stars.

In Florida, DeSantis and the GOP-dominated Legislature have moved the state further right, waging a culture war on what the governor has called "woke" agendas. In Michigan, Whitmer has led the way on codifying abortion rights and advancing sweeping gun reform with Democrats in full control for the first time in decades.

Whitmer has been a top ally to President Joe Biden and a kind of proxy for his leadership in their party — and what's possible under Democrats. DeSantis is one of the top potential candidates looking to unseat Biden next year.

Thursday's visit was also one of DeSantis's first out-of-state appearances since former President Donald Trump was indicted. With all eyes on Trump, others vying for the GOP nomination have found it difficult to gain much notice.

Trump frequently targets DeSantis — a similarity the governor shares with Whitmer, who Trump labeled "that woman from Michigan" during his presidency. Recently, Trump has ramped up his DeSantis criticism, saying during a rally in Waco on March 25 that the Florida politician was disloyal and "dropping like a rock."

DeSantis began Thursday's tour by speaking at a GOP event in center of the state. He avoided mentioning Trump but criticized Biden, who he called "weak" and "controlled by the most left party elements of his own party."

DeSantis told the crowd he brought "a message of optimism based on what we've done in the free state of Florida," while outlining his "bold agenda." He drew distinct policy comparisons to Michigan in the areas of education and COVID-19 lockdowns.

"I do remember during COVID people fleeing those lockdowns in Michigan," DeSantis said. "People were treated very, very poorly and parents were upset with the schools and everything else, and they would tell me this."

State Rep. Bill G. Schuette, a Midland-area Republican, described Michigan as the "anti-Florida" as he introduced DeSantis.

Since Florida's legislative session began in early March, DeSantis has worked to expand the state's so-called Don't Say Gay law, ban diversity and equity programs at public universities and eliminate concealed carry restrictions. The state has also begun passing a six-week abortion ban backed by DeSantis.

DeSantis is scheduled to speak Thursday night at Hillsdale College, a small, Christian classical liberal arts college in southern Michigan. He called the school a "model" for his transformation of Florida's New College, a small liberal arts school he said is indoctrinating students with leftist ideology and should be revamped into a more conservative institution.

The Midland event drew over 100 demonstrators outside. Michigan Board of Education President Pamela Pugh, a graduate of Florida A&M, attended the protest and said demonstrators were sending DeSantis a message that"the hatemongering ends" in Michigan. One protester's sign also dubbed Michigan "the anti-Florida."

Potentially the fifth state to hold its Republican primary, Michigan could prove pivotal for the GOP presidential nomination winner. Michigan House Republican Speaker Bryan Posthumus flew to Florida in December to deliver a letter signed by 18 other state House Republicans encouraging DeSantis to run for president.

"When he becomes an actual candidate, I will be doing another letter saying we endorse you for President of the United States of America," Posthumus told The Associated Press.

Michigan voters have overwhelmingly rejected Republicans in the seven years since Trump won the state. Democrats control the statewide offices of governor, attorney general and secretary of state in addition to holding majorities in the Legislature.

With full control of the Statehouse for the first time in 40 years, Michigan Democrats have prioritized further protecting reproductive and LGBTQ+ rights that are being rolled back in Republican-led states across the nation.

On Wednesday, Whitmer signed legislation repealing a 1931 abortion ban after voters in November enshrined rights to the procedure in their constitution.

She called out Florida and other Republican-led states for taking steps to pass "un-American, anti-free and, frankly, sickening" abortion laws.

Often saying that "bigotry is bad for business," the Michigan governor said the state's liberal measures will help attract socially-conscious businesses and new talent. Last month, Michigan became the first state in nearly 60 years to repeal a union-restricting law known as "right-to-work."

Some business advocates disagree, saying Florida proves otherwise. It was one of the first states to implement a "right-to-work" law that allows employees to opt out of paying union dues and fees, and began advancing legislation last week that would ban automatic paycheck deductions for members.

In terms of job growth, Michigan increased by 2.1% over the past year, coming in 35th in the nation. Florida was tied for second at 4.6%. Florida saw the largest population increase of any state from 2021 to 2022 — at 1.9% — while Michigan's population slightly decreased over the same period.

Still, "most of these movements reflect long-term trends that are tied to climate and economics more than politics," said Brad Hershbein, a senior economist at the nonpartisan W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research.

"Florida has been growing over decades, no matter which party controlled the governor's office, mostly because of its climate and zero income tax," Hershbein said.

Gun legislation, an increasingly polarizing

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Dramatic changes show how storms filled California reservoirs

TERRY CHEA, NOAH BERGER AND JOSH EDELSON
Associated Press

Water levels fell so low in key reservoirs during the depth of California's drought that boat docks sat on dry, cracked land and cars drove into the center of what should have been Folsom Lake.

Those scenes are no more after a series of powerful storms dumped record amounts of rain and snow across California, replenishing reservoirs and bringing an end — mostly — to the state's three-year drought.

Now, 12 of California's 17 major reservoirs are filled above their historical averages for the start of spring. That includes Folsom Lake, which controls water flows along the American River, as well as Lake Oroville, the state's second largest reservoir and home to the nation's tallest dam.

It's a stunning turnaround of water availability in the nation's most populous state. Late last year nearly all of California was in drought, including at extreme and exceptional levels. Wells ran dry, farmers fallowed fields and cities restricted watering grass.

The water picture changed dramatically starting in December, when the first of a dozen " atmospheric rivers " hit, causing widespread flooding and damaging homes and infrastructure, and dumping as many as 700 inches (17.8 meters) of snow in the Sierra Nevada mountains.

"California went from the three driest years on record to the three wettest weeks on record when we were catapulted into our rainy season in January," said Karla Nemeth, director of California Department of Water Resources. "So, hydrologically, California is no longer in a drought except for very small portions of the state."

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All the rain and snow, while drought-busting, may bring new challenges. Some reservoirs are so full that water is being released to make room for storm runoff and snowmelt that could cause flooding this spring and summer, a new problem for weary water managers and emergency responders.

The storms have created one of the biggest snowpacks on record in the Sierra Nevada mountains. The snowpack's water content is 239% of its normal average and nearly triple in the southern Sierra, according to state data. Now as the weather warms up, water managers are preparing for all that snow to melt, unleashing a torrent of water that's expected to cause flooding in the Sierra foothills and Central Valley.

"We know there will be flooding as a result of the snowmelt," Nemeth said. "There's just too much snowmelt to be accommodated in our rivers and channels and keeping things between levees."

Managers are now releasing water from the Oroville Dam spillway, which was rebuilt after it broke apart during heavy rains in February 2017 and forced the evacuation of more than 180,000 people downstream along the Feather River.

The reservoir is 16% above its historic average. That's compared to 2021, when water levels dropped so low that its hydroelectric dams stopped generating power.

That year the Bidwell Canyon and Lime Saddle marinas had to pull most recreational boats out of Lake Oroville and shut down their boat rental business because water levels were too low and it was too hard to get to the marinas, said Jared Rael, who manages the marinas.

In late March, the water at Lake Oroville rose to 859 feet (262 meters) above sea level, about 230 feet (70 meters) higher than its low point in 2021, according to state data.

"The public is going to benefit with the water being higher. Everything is easier to get to. They can just jump on the lake and have fun," Rael said. "Right now we have tons of water. We have a high lake with a bunch of snowpack. We're going to have a great year."

The abundant precipitation has prompted Gov. Gavin Newsom to lift some of the state's water restrictions and stop asking people to voluntarily reduce their water use by 15%.

Newsom has not declared the drought over because there are still water shortages along the California-Oregon border and parts of Southern California that rely on the struggling Colorado River.

Cities and irrigation districts that provide water to farms will receive a big boost in water supplies from the State Water Project and Central Valley Project, networks of reservoirs and canals that supply water across California. Some farmers are using the stormwater to replenish underground aquifers that had become depleted after years of pumping and drought left wells dry.

State officials are warning residents not to let the current abundance let them revert to wasting water. In the era of climate change, one extremely wet year could be followed by several dry years, returning the state to drought.

"Given weather whiplash, we know the return of dry conditions and the intensity of the dry conditions that are likely to return means we have to be using water more efficiently," Nemeth said. "We have to be adopting conservation as a way of life."

Berger reported from Oroville, California.



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FOC

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Malibu, review SMMUSD's annual audit, budget, enrollment projections, revenue and expenditure forecasts, as well as the district's capital program and help present this information to the public in comprehensible ways.

Members of the committee also serve as liaisons between other district committees and communicate proposed policy changes following direction from the board. Board members Jon Kean, Alicia Mignano and Stacy Rouse currently serve as the board liaisons working with the FOC.

The FOC also includes a student member from each of SMMUSD's three high schools, Samohi, Malibu High and Olympic High School.

Among the topics that the FOC has discussed in recent meetings is the financial framework for the "unification" process of creating an independent Malibu Unified School District and Santa Monica Unified School District.

A tentative agreement on a term sheet outlining the process was reached in Fall 2022 between SMMUSD and Malibu. The FOC will continue to be updated throughout the process, which is expected to play out in coming years, and advise on financial elements of the plan.

To be eligible to apply for a position on the committee, individuals must have financial, management or legal expertise and an understanding of school district finances and be a resident of Santa Monica or Malibu, have children enrolled in the district or be a school employee and not be a local elected official.

The FOC meets on a monthly basis, primarily in the evenings. Members serve terms of up to three years. The committee selects a chair and vice chair every year to serve in the position for a one year period.

The application is available on the SMMUSD website. Applicants are required to describe their current involvement in the community, abilities, interests and expertise and what they hope to accomplish as a committee member.

To apply visit: https://www.smmusd.org/cms/lib/CA50000164/Centricity/Domain/300/FOCApplication.pdf

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CRIME WATCH

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON MARCH 26, AT APPROXIMATELY 8 P.M.

Officers responded to a call for assistance with a fight in progress at the bus stop near Lincoln and Santa Monica Blvd. The reporting party stated her husband was fighting an unknown male who attempted to take a bag belonging to a female victim at the location. Upon arrival, officers identified Shawn Fletcher as the aggressor in the incident. Fletcher was arrested for attempted robbery, criminal threats and violation of probation.



COMMENTARY

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In its landmark 1983 decision involving damage to Mono Lake from water diversions by the city of Los Angeles, the state Supreme Court noted the conflict between water rights and the public trust doctrine, saying, "the two systems of legal thought have been on a collision course." Fundamentally, the court declared that honoring the public trust doctrine, which includes environmental protection, is at least equal to water rights, and perhaps superior, when the two are in conflict.

However the decision did not stop the legal and political jousting. Most recently, the conflict has been played out in skirmishing over reductions in diversions from the beleaguered Colorado River and in jousting over management of the San Joaquin River and its tributaries.

The state Water Resources Control Board has attempted for years to forge "voluntary agreements" to reduce agricultural diversions from the San Joaquin River system to enhance habitat for fish and other species. Meanwhile, environmental groups, citing the public trust doctrine, have pressed the board to increase natural flows by decreeing new water quality standards.

The conflict over the San Joaquin and other rivers may be resolved by the Legislature. Four bills have been introduced which, taken as a whole, would give the water board sharply increased powers to enforce the public trust doctrine, levy stiff fines for unauthorized diversions and force holders of water rights, even those dating back to the 19th century, to prove their validity.

Senate Bill 389, Assembly Bill 460, Assembly Bill 1337 and Assembly Bill 676 have a long way to go to become law. But their introduction indicates that water rights, the linchpin of any serious debate over water management, may be headed for a political showdown.

HOMELESSNESS

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Bass, like Newsom, tacitly acknowledged the politics of encampments, and the impact that they have on the larger, housed community. They are "where Los Angeles experiences homelessness," she said.

That's a polite way of hinting at the undercurrent of this problem. In part, the mission is moral and urgent – it is finding shelter for those in desperate need of help. And in part, the mission is practical and political – convincing more comfortable residents that their communities are safe and unspoiled by the blight of that suffering.

The latter mission reinforces the politics of responding to homelessness: Politicians need to put up visible results in order to justify continued public expenditures.

There's peril in that. The temptation for those concerned only with politics is to solve homelessness by making it invisible – by breaking up encampments and shooing the homeless to other locations where they won't be seen. That placates the larger community without addressing the moral mandate.

Bass rejects it outright. It is, she emphasized, "not acceptable in any way, shape or form to just move people around. ... You cannot hide 47,000 people."

To that end, she and her administration are identifying dozens of properties in Los Angeles that can supply short-term shelter while also working with nonprofits and others to develop permanent housing, as well as services that support those in that housing with opportunities for counseling and jobs.

That last mission – creating sustainable places to live – is the most durable, but it, too, is an enormous challenge.

Just last week, a visiting Congressional delegation – the Congressional Black Caucus – toured Los Angeles and saw some of the work that's being done here to respond to the plight of those without shelter. One stop was The Beehive in South Los Angeles, where a vision of how the city can be better is unfolding. Home to Sola, the largest Section 8 housing landlord in the city, as well as a hub of tech activity and cultural life, it's a modern campus nestled in a historic but struggling neighborhood.

Sola's work is beyond commendable. The company permitted 788 units of affordable housing last year and is on track to create another 1,251 this year – with hopes and plans to expand going forward. The company is not in the business of fixing up units and flipping them. It's there for the long term. A resident who comes, gets a job and stays is, in the words of one Sola executive, "a victory for us."

It's a victory for Los Angeles, too. The majority of those who move into Sola's units have recently experienced homelessness, so its tidy, one-bedroom apartments represent new starts for those who land places there, the ennobling transition from insecurity to security.

And yet, even those noble efforts can seem small when measured against the vast challenge that Los Angeles presents. If every one of Sola's units is completed and opened, that will bring some 2,000 to 3,000 people to safety over the next year or so, a grand accomplishment in human terms.

And one that will leave some 45,000 people still in need.

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issue following multiple school shootings to start the year, has also differed greatly in Michigan and Florida.

DeSantis and Republicans have begun rolling back restrictions that were implemented after the 2018 school shooting in Parkland. DeSantis signed a bill Monday that will allow carrying concealed guns without a permit. He has said he wants to allow people to openly carry guns.

In Michigan, Democrats are close to passing an 11-bill gun safety package that Whitmer has said she will sign, including red flag laws and safe storage requirements, following a shooting at Michigan State University in February.

Associated Press writer Anthony Izaguirre in Tallahassee, Florida, contributed to this report.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 7)

Carefree moments will be sprinkled like an exciting spice over your year, enough to sparkle up the flavor without changing the dish. You'll often be around people you genuinely care about and your leadership qualities flow. You're constantly making things better for others. More highlights: You'll learn from the ideal role model. A financial restructuring has you living with more ease. You'll fit right in with a talented group and create something beautiful together. Taurus and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 7, 12, 10 and 30.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Today's organization will lead to tomorrow's action. Make your list. Even if you don't cross anything off it yet, just having the organizational tool will ensure that eventually your efforts will add up to something satisfyingly substantial.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The best way to get the job done is through teamwork. It will involve some amount of taking turns. But if you're constantly having to dim your light so another person can shine, you might be in the wrong constellation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's hardly a situation that can't be improved by a dose of levity. Playfulness counteracts stress and keeps you healthy for the challenges ahead. Spend time with goofballs, sillies and children of all ages.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What's the difference between a shelter and a cage? Access to an unlocked door. You'll check for such a door. Maybe you don't want to use it, but knowing it's there is the difference between feeling protected and being kept.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People often blame others for qualities they notice and dislike in themselves, which is why people rarely look powerful while calling out an accusation. While there are certainly instances that call for justice, many minor infringements are best ignored.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Consider why you feel the need to take control of the situation. Does it actually require your intervention or are you trying to prove something? Could it go safely on without you? Is it worth your attention? These are all questions only you can answer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll labor on. Some admire you for your work ethic. Others sympathize, as it seems you do more than your fair share. If they knew the satisfaction you found in your work, they would be jealous.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's flattering when someone wants you all to themselves, but you'll be happier when you give your attention to many. So, avoid social monopolies and be as inclusive as possible. Collect friends and influences. You'll learn best from a diverse group.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll get in touch with your own preferences. Taste is knowing what you like and why. The "why" part helps you find more to fit the criteria, which adds up to not only having taste, but also having style.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You care about what your friend cares about. Maybe you have no genuine interest beyond the fact that it matters to your friend; this is what selfless support looks like. Don't just give it; make sure you get it, too.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You sense things and pretend you didn't. It's often the polite and gentle thing to do. Feelings are a kind of territory. It takes experience, maturity and a lot of paying attention to honor invisible boundaries. Good for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Though you often know the right thing to say in a moment, you more often recognize where the silence goes. You're not afraid to let the pause linger. There's power in space. Without it there is no resonance, no ringing, no echo.

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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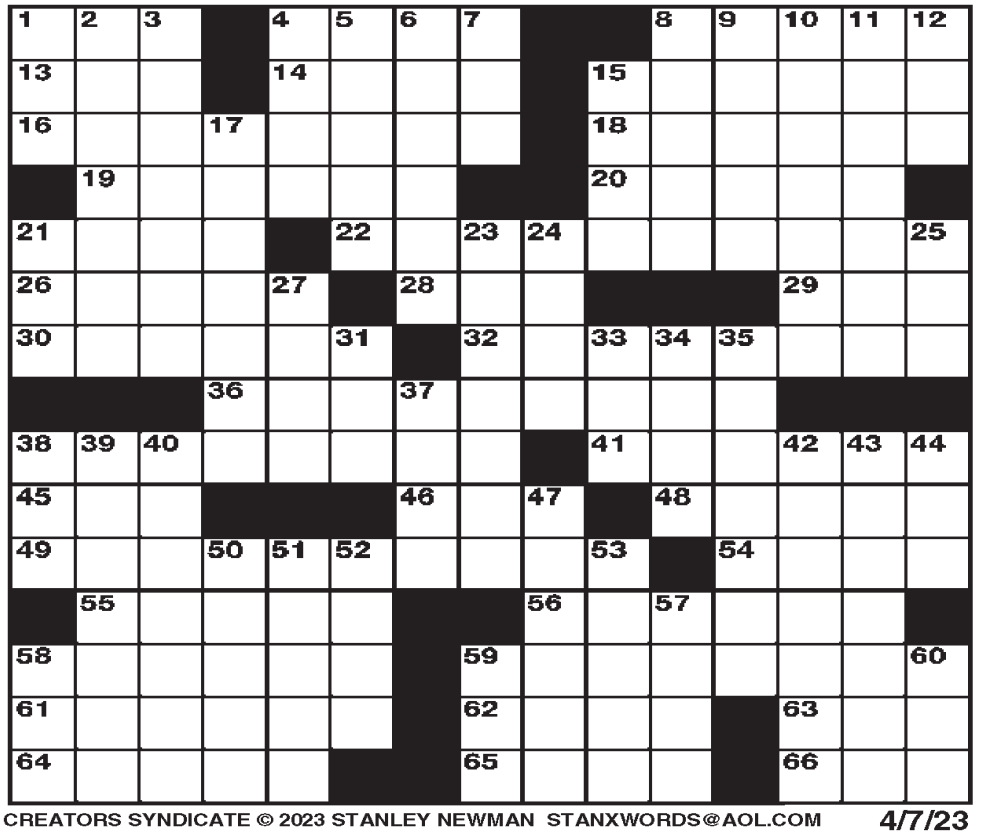
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16 Take it __
18 "That's all"
19 Evinced anger
20 Lab dish deviser
21 Annoyance
22 Take it __
26 Many an Indian
28 Semisolid substance
29 Informal suffix
30 Iroquois people
32 Pasture-raised
36 Take it __
38 Frying medium
41 Chain of hills
45 Needle holder
46 Set off
48 Get set to drive
49 Take it __
54 Pitch accurately
55 Folklore flier
56 Clothing store department
58 Sort of break
59 Take it __
61 Operatic passage
62 Creditor's protection
63 Where many interns work
64 Setter fetter
65 Minus
66 UN's home

DOWN

1 Gallant's opposite
2 Repeat
3 Urban vista
4 Long distance, for short
5 Opened doors for
6 Master mariner
7 Put to the test
8 Brawny bunch
9 Up
10 Not quite up to
11 Flower cluster
12 Corporate address abbr.
15 Morning TV talker
17 Old West outlaw
21 Vietnamese noodle soup
23 Collective "Understood"
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27 Japanese soup noodle
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33 Cylindrical power sources
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35 Itty-bitty biter
37 Vigorous
38 Fave bud
39 A cost of leaving
40 New euro user in 2023
42 Class convention
43 Is depleted
44 Parody
47 Off-campus nonstudent
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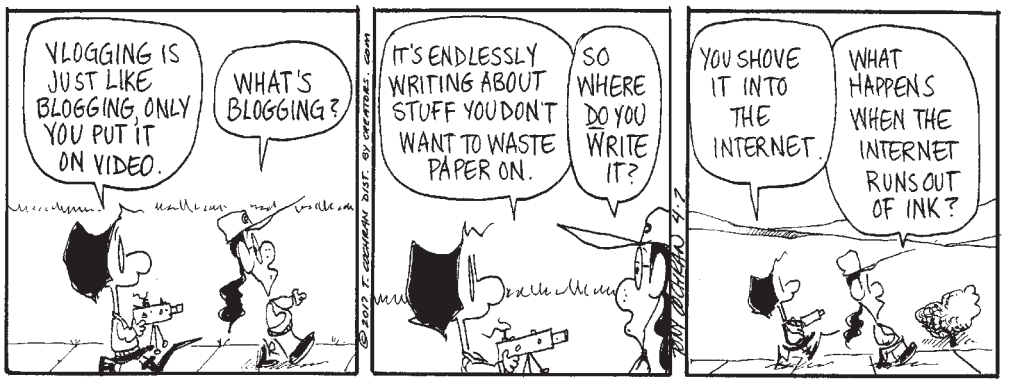


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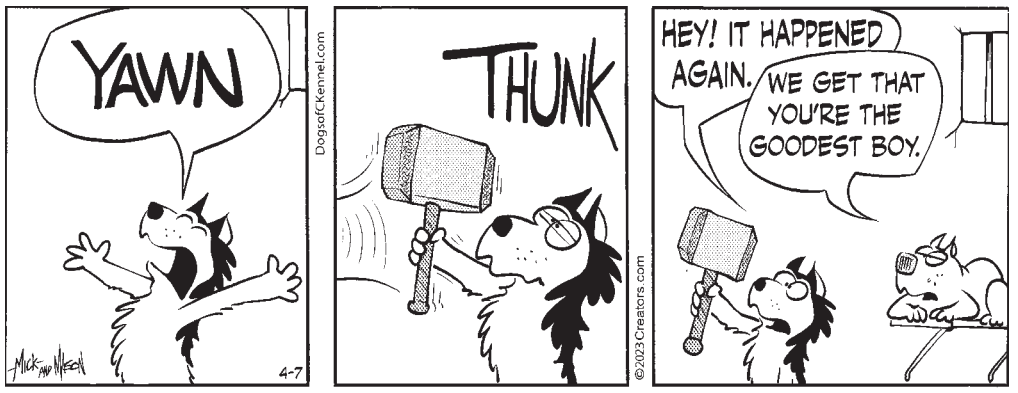
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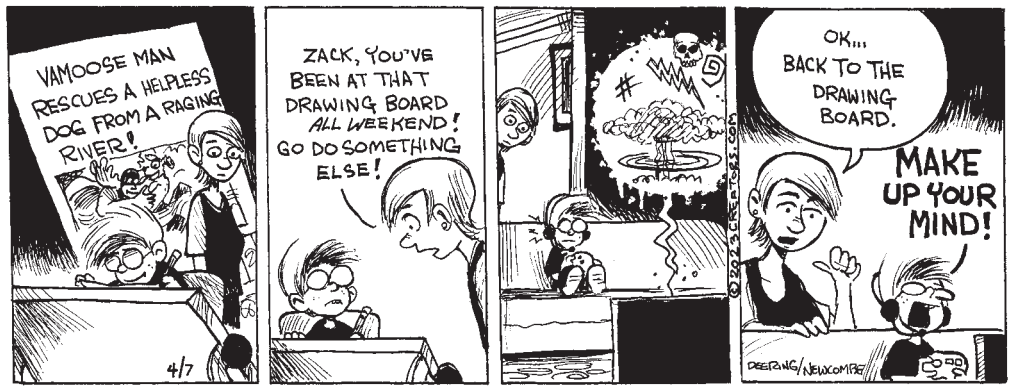
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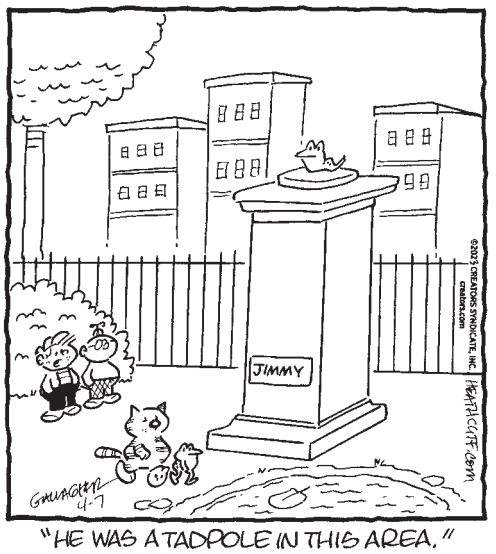
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Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"HE WAS A TADPOLE IN THIS AREA."

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

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Island life

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SUNDAY | APRIL 9

LADERA HEARTS PRESENTS : CULT CLASSICS

Ladera Hearts Presents: Cult Classics - A monthly celebration of the most groundbreaking R&B and Hip Hop albums of all time. Experience them played top to bottom in the club April album of the month: @mariah Carey - The emancipation of Mimi Sounds by @rosegawd hosted by @creat1ve & @kylethevirgo Doors at 6 pm $5 presale, $10 at-the-door. Townhouse Venice 52 Windward Ave Venice, CA

AL FRESCO EASTER BRUNCH

Brunch al fresco alongside sweeping views at Calabra's breezy rooftop oasis this Easter. From festive specials to brunch favorites, indulge in seasonally-inspired fare and garden-fresh cocktails. Calabra 700 Wilshire Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 90401. For Reservations visit https://www.opentable.com/

MONDAY | APRIL 10

DROP-IN PLAYTIME

Come enjoy a weekly drop-in playtime at the library for creative play with LEGO-style bricks, traditional building blocks, and board books. Venice - Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library 501 S. Venice Boulevard, Venice, CA

TUESDAY | APRIL 11

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Every two years, after each election, the City Council selects one of its members to serve as Mayor and another to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. The City Council also sits as the following bodies for the City of Santa Monica: Housing Authority ,Parking Authority, Public, Financing, Redevelopment Successor Agency and Audit Subcommittee. The City Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month starting at 5:30 P.M., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California.

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 12

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL - MOORPARK COLLEGE

Games held at SMC Pavilion. Admission: Free for SMC students (with current ID); $5 for adults & teens age 13 & up; $3 for seniors age 55 & up & youth ages 3 to 12; free for kids under 3.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOOD TRUCKS

Located one block from the beach, in beautiful Santa Monica, in the driveway/parking lot of the California Heritage Museum at 2612 Main Street (on the corner of Main Street and Ocean Park Boulevard). Available are a variety of 4 or more Food Trucks, each hosting a different type of cuisine. Each week sample fish tacos, lobster rolls, sliders, sushi, Korean BBQ, and more.... trucks representing every possible nationality and cuisine are chosen each week. For additional information, please contact the California Heritage Museum's staff directly by emailing the museum at: mail@californiaheritagemuseum.org or calling (310) 392-8537.

THURSDAY | APRIL 13

ROCK 'N COMEDY

Meet at Rock N Pies Pizza Co. for a carefully curated comedy show on the second Thursday of the every month and watch comedians from NBC, Netflix, Amazon Prime, BET and more! Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 online and $15 at the door. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rock-n-comedy-tickets-253756000027

FRIDAY | APRIL 14

SANTA MONICA BEAD & DESIGN SHOW

The Santa Monica Bead & Design Show takes place April 14-16 at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel and presents over 175 artisan exhibits. In sync with the spectacular setting, the show creates a dynamic and interactive shopping experience, with a diverse selection of beads and artisan supplies, jewelry, one-of-a-kind art wear, and antiquities. Fairmont Miramar 101 Wilshire Blvd Santa Monica, CA

DISCO FRIDAYS

Silent Disco, Loud Moves From 7-10pm on March 10th, April 14th, and May 12th, grab your glowing headphones and party it up right on Third Street Promenade. Our silent disco DJ's will curate 3 different channels with the perfect playlist to suit your vibe. Disco Fridays are free and all are welcome. Third Street Promenade Contact Info info@smbla.org Santa Monica, CA

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



SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **53.1**

FRIDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:**	1-2ft Knee to thigh	Small and clean — surf looks marginally rideable for most of the region.
SATURDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:**	1-2ft Knee to thigh	Small pulse of WNW swell and morning offshore flow. Probably won't knock your socks off, but might push a longboard or a grom — surf has a touch more energy than the end of the week.

WEATHER

Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 66.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 52.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 67.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/04/07	Fri	04:49 AM	-0.17	L
2023/04/07	Fri	10:52 AM	4.04	H
2023/04/07	Fri	4:23 PM	1.00	L
2023/04/07	Fri	10:38 PM	5.44	H
2023/04/08	Sat	05:30 AM	-0.30	L
2023/04/08	Sat	11:38 AM	3.60	H
2023/04/08	Sat	4:45 PM	1.40	L
2023/04/08	Sat	11:07 PM	5.48	H
2023/04/09	Sun	06:18 AM	-0.30	L
2023/04/09	Sun	12:34 PM	3.14	H
2023/04/09	Sun	5:08 PM	1.82	L
2023/04/09	Sun	11:41 PM	5.40	H
2023/04/10	Mon	07:15 AM	-0.20	L
2023/04/10	Mon	1:52 PM	2.73	H
2023/04/10	Mon	5:30 PM	2.22	L
2023/04/11	Tue	12:25 AM	5.20	H
2023/04/11	Tue	08:30 AM	-0.08	L
2023/04/12	Wed	01:28 AM	4.91	H

DAILY LOTTERY

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the winning number information, mistakes can occur. In the event of any discrepancies, California State laws and California Lottery regulations will prevail. Complete game information and prize claiming instructions are available at California Lottery retailers. Visit the California State Lottery web site at http://www.calottery.com

Powerball
Draw Date: 4/5
3 5 9 42 52
Power#: 11
Jackpot: 186 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 4/4
1 37 45 62 64
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 414 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 4/5
20 26 35 39 46
Mega#: 2
Jackpot: 48 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/5
7 8 16 27 39

Daily 3
Draw Date: 4/5
EVENING: 9 6 0
Draw Date: 4/5
MIDDAY: 8 8 9

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 4/5
1st: 01 - Gold Rush
2nd: 05 - California Classic
3rd: 11 - Money Bags
Race Time: 1:45.08

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