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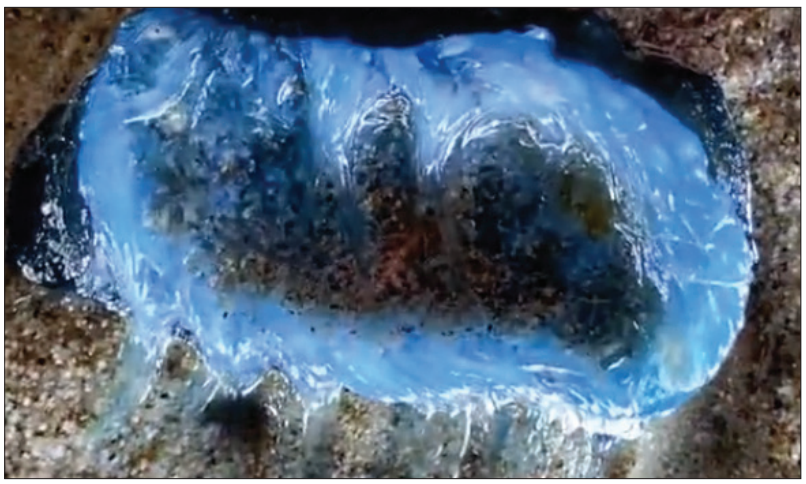
What are those blue creatures on the Santa Monica beach?

GRACE INEZ ADAMS
SMDP Staff Writer

Those visiting local beaches this weekend may have noticed small, blue, blob-like creatures scattered across the sand. While they may look otherworldly, millions of these organisms actually live in the Pacific Ocean off of the California coast and wash ashore semi-regularly due to ocean currents and wind, according to Heal the Bay Aquarium Director Marslaidh Ryan.

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Heal the Bay Aquarium

BEACH: The creatures are actually a colony of small organisms.

Ruling expands options for suing scooter companies

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A recent court ruling has found Bird, the pioneer of dockless scooters, can't avoid a personal injury lawsuit as the company is not universally exempt from harm caused by poorly parked scooters.

The ruling doesn't make Bird unequivocally liable for all accidents involving its scooters and instead says lawsuits can proceed against the company as the facts of an individual case warrant.

In a split decision, the California Court of Appeal overturned a previous ruling by the Los Angeles County Superior Court that had ruled both Bird and the City of Los Angeles were exempt from the case

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BIRD: The Bird scooters are no longer in Santa Monica but the company recently lost a court case opening the door for more lawsuits.

Two women hospitalized after being hit by a car on Hill Street



Able Baker

CRASH: Two women were hurt in the crash.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica Department is investigating a multi-victim crash that sent two women to the hospital last week.

On Friday, April 7 at about 9 p.m., SMPD patrol officers responded to the intersection of 23rd and Hill for reports of a car vs. pedestrian accident. According to investigators, a vehicle hit two women (a mother and daughter) and their dog while they were crossing at an unmarked intersection.

One woman was unresponsive at the scene and both were taken to UCLA Westwood. The dog was also reportedly injured in the crash.

SMPD said the driver remained at the scene and is cooperating with investigators. There was no evidence of impairment and the vehicle has been impounded for evidence pending an inspection.

"The two pedestrians involved have been identified as local Santa Monica residents (mother and adult daughter)," said Lieutenant Erika Aklufi. "Their family members were notified, were present at the scene, and then responded to the hospital. The latest information from the hospital is that both patients were admitted to the ICU."

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California approved $300 million in state-backed home loans. Who got the money?

ALEJANDRO LAZO AND BEN CHRISTOPHER
Special to the Daily Press

California lawmakers marketed its new loan program for first-time home buyers as a "Dream For All."

But just 11 days after applications opened, the initial pot of money is tapped out, sucked dry by eager house hunters. It turns out the dream was only for a lucky couple thousand borrowers — a disproportionate number of them white, non-Latino and living in the Sacramento area.

The Dream for All program was paused on April 6, less than two weeks after the California Housing Finance Agency said it would make the program available to lenders. About $288 million in initial funding will be provided to 2,564 homebuyers, according to an internal document obtained by CalMatters.

The complicated program involves the state paying some or all of the upfront costs for buying a home — namely, the down payment — in exchange for a share in the home's value when it is sold, refinanced or transferred. If the home appreciates in value, those gains to the state would then be used to fund the next borrowers.

The program was meant, in part, to help address California's ethnic and racial wealth gap, with Black and Latino families having fewer net assets than the national average. Participation in the program was limited to households earning less than 150% of median earnings in their county. According to the initial characteristics shown in the agency document obtained by CalMatters, roughly two-thirds of the beneficiaries went to those making less than $125,000. The average loan was a little more than $112,000.

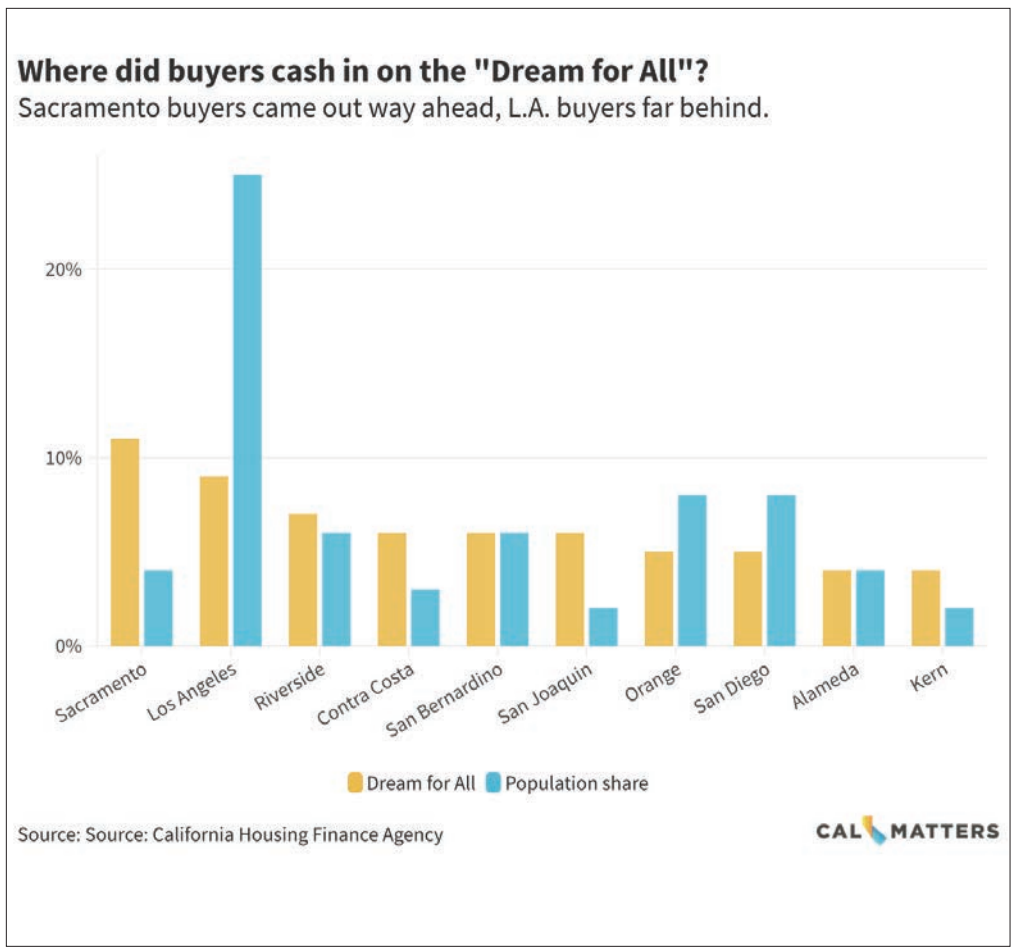
But those figures also show that the program was disproportionately used by white homebuyers. Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins, of San Diego, said in a statement Monday that the program was intended to reach those historically shut out of the housing market.

"While this program has been immensely successful in getting new homebuyers into the market quickly and in places with low homeownership rates like the Central Valley, clearly more work needs to be done to make sure that there is statewide awareness, particularly in communities of color," Atkins said.

The fact that the program ran out of cash in a two week spree speaks to just how voracious demand is for housing in California. It also suggests that some of the people who made use of the program were already well into the house hunting process.

That raises an important question: How many of the people who benefited from the loan program actually needed the help and how many would have purchased a home anyway?

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MONEY: The Sacramento region received a disproportionate share of the money.

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The mask mandate is gone, now some patients fear for their health

KRISTEN HWANG
Special to the Daily Press

For months California disability and labor advocates have been attempting to preserve statewide masking requirements in health care settings.

But with the sunset of one of the last remaining COVID-19 mandates, they say people who are the most vulnerable to severe illness now have to make an "impossible choice" — risk getting the virus at a doctor's office, or avoid necessary health care.

On April 3, the California Department of Public Health ended masking and vaccination requirements in high-risk settings, including health care facilities, jails, prisons and emergency homeless shelters.

Now, instead of statewide rules, it's up to local health departments and individual facilities to decide whether to mandate masks. The department says it gave facilities a month of lead time to develop those internal policies. California's three-year state of emergency ended in February.

But Raia Small, an organizer with Senior and Disability Action, said the department's announcement that it was going to end masking requirements came as a shock. She said the group met with top department officials multiple times, as recently as January, and was told there was "no plan to stop masking requirements in health care."

"I emailed them and let them know how upset we were, especially since we had been in communication with them and this came out with no warning," Small said. "They haven't responded."

Other groups, including the California Nurses Association and Disability Rights California, have also been vocal in their opposition to the state's new policy, or lack thereof. People with disabilities or chronic health conditions face higher risk of COVID-19 complications and interact with the health system more frequently than average, they say.

Elizabeth Zambelli, a San Francisco resident, is one such patient. She has multiple health conditions and is on medication that suppresses her immune system. Typically, Zambelli spends several days a month at the doctor's office or in the hospital.

"I'm not going to go in unless it's an emergency because I'm at risk for complications from COVID," Zambelli said.

Nurses and other health care workers also have no choice but to risk exposure. They have raised alarms about their safety throughout the pandemic, including access to masks and testing, and say this latest change is a "failure" of public health officials.

"They are supposed to be protecting the public. For them to abandon the standards is counterproductive," said Zenei Triunfo-Cortez, co-president of the California Nurses Association and National Nurses Organizing Committee.

FOLLOWING FEDERAL GUIDELINES

State epidemiologist Dr. Erica Pan told CalMatters "strong statewide consistency" was crucial in the early days of the pandemic when severe disease and death rates were high and little was known about the virus. But today, she said many things have changed, including vaccination and herd immunity levels, the behavior of different viral variants and the reliability of certain data like unreported over-the-counter tests, making standardized statewide requirements less workable.

"Now, there just is such a variability ...in geography, local transmission, the types of patients people are seeing, the needs of the facility, the ventilation of the facility. So I think those are all considerations that are really hard to standardize statewide," Pan said in an interview Monday with CalMatters..

The state health department is basing its current guidance for masking in health care facilities on the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's COVID-19 Community Levels.

The CDC guidelines "strongly recommend" wearing masks during periods of high transmission, but do not offer guidance for health departments or employers to institute masking requirements. A scientific summary describing how the CDC developed its Community Levels indicator notes that masks are primarily intended to prevent infectious people from spreading COVID-19 to others while offering some protection to the wearer, meaning they are most effective in high-risk settings when everyone is masked. The summary does highlight, however, that new strains of the virus are less likely to cause severe illness, making relaxed guidelines more feasible.

The only remaining statewide COVID-19 protocol is a five-day isolation period, down from 10 days, if someone tests positive for the virus but has improving symptoms.

Pan said health systems wanted more autonomy over internal infection control procedures, which is typical for other respiratory diseases such as the flu. For example, during flu season many facilities require unvaccinated employees to wear masks.

"Health care facilities know exactly where their most vulnerable populations are and they can really customize their plans," Pan told CalMatters. "And that's what we have heard has been happening actually, that a lot of systems have updated some requirements in their facilities."

But that's exactly what vulnerable patients like Zambelli say is the problem. She has tried talking to her health care team about requiring universal masking at their facilities but has been told that they are following state and local guidelines.

"That's why it's really important for CDPH, San Francisco public health and other departments to be the ones to set this policy," Zambelli said. "It's terrible to put people in a position where people have to ration care because they have to decide if they can safely access that health care."

A HODGEPODGE OF MASKING RULES

Most counties and health care facilities such as hospitals have been swift to follow the state's lead, with the five largest health systems dropping mask mandates for employees and patients except in instances where local health departments have retained mask requirements. Sutter Health, University of California Health and Dignity Health all told CalMatters masks are "strongly recommended" but not required in most instances, in keeping with state and local policy. Kaiser Permanente and Providence did not respond to questions but updates to their websites indicate masking has been dropped.

Los Angeles and San Francisco counties have the strictest local requirements, with health workers of all types still required to wear masks. Alameda and Contra Costa counties are requiring masks in nursing homes, and Santa Clara County announced masks will be required next winter, when respiratory virus transmission is high.

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> - Raia Small, Senior and Disability Action

Advocates said they are particularly frustrated that the state has not created or published criteria that would trigger new masking orders. The state Department of Public Health has shied away from setting such thresholds since the state's controversial and confusing multi-tiered pandemic recovery plan ended in July 2021.

"We wanted a timeline or a metric for changing the requirement — cases are at this level or test positivity is at a certain level. They refused to give any kind of scientifically based guidelines," said Small, with Senior and Disability Action.

Pan said the state health department learned from its "incredibly complex" pandemic recovery plan that tying policies to thresholds for cases or transmissions does not always reflect the actual impact on a local hospital's capacity. As more testing has shifted to non-reportable over-the-counter tests, data that could be used for benchmarks has also become less reliable.

"It's challenging to come up with something that we can say 'This particular data is going to absolutely have the best correlation with what the impact is in this hospital, for example, or in this community,'" Pan said.

Future state policies will be based on the COVID-19 SMARTER plan, which was released in February 2022, the public health department said. The plan lays out preparedness and response actions, such as maintaining a stockpile of masks and vaccines, but does not include indicators to trigger action.

According to CDC data, all counties in California, and most of the country, have low transmission levels. However, cases are likely undercounted, with average testing rates in California reaching lows not seen since the early days of the pandemic when testing was severely limited by supply and laboratory capacity.

"When you look at the number of hospitalizations per day, we were doing better one year ago than we are right now. So there's no data-driven rationale," said Dr. Noha Aboelata, CEO of Roots Community Health Center in Oakland.

The most recent state data shows the 14-day daily average for COVID-19 hospitalizations is more than 1,600, compared to about 1,300 at the same time last year.

Aboelata said if the state is going to rely on a "do-it-yourself public health approach," it needs to tell the public about any COVID outbreaks at facilities and publish information about facility policies. Aboelata said she would not refer vulnerable patients to providers who are not enforcing masking, especially since health care providers have a responsibility to keep patients safe and incorporate new science into their practice. The Roots clinic

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Battles over taxing the rich abound in liberal California

DAN WALTERS

In deeply blue California, there's never a shortage of efforts to raise taxes on the state's wealthiest residents or corporations to support expansions of government programs.

Each year sees a new batch of tax-the-rich proposals in the Legislature or in state and local ballot measures, usually under the rubric of forcing the affluent to pay their "fare share," even though California's tax revenues, particularly income taxes, are already largely provided by upper-income residents.

Some proposals succeed but many do not, and even those that make it into law are often challenged in the courts.

For example, a phalanx of progressive legislators is supporting the latest effort to impose a "wealth tax." It's an annual exercise that so far has never advanced beyond the introductory phase, in part because Gov. Gavin Newsom, although endorsing many left-of-center proposals, is adamantly opposed, saying "A wealth tax is not part of the conversation. Wealth taxes are going nowhere in California."

Newsom also opposed Proposition 30, a 2022 ballot measure that would have placed a 1.75% surtax on personal incomes above $2 million to support climate change resilience. Voters rejected it by an almost 3-2 margin despite support from the Democratic Party and a coalition of left-leaning groups.

Proposition 30 was an unusual measure not only because Newsom opposed it, despite his fervent support of combating climate change, but because wealthy Californians financed a campaign against it, after being passive on previous income tax hikes.

Implicitly, Newsom's opposition to both proposals reflects, at least in part, a growing concern that raising California's income taxes, already the highest in the nation, would encourage more of the rich to flee the state for Nevada, Texas, Florida or other states without income taxes.

Voters are virtually certain to face another tax-the-rich ballot measure next year. The proposal would add a .75% surtax on incomes over $5 million to finance pandemic detection and protection programs.

Proposition 30 wasn't the only tax hike aimed at wealthy individuals and corporations to face suffer recent rejection. In 2020, voters narrowly defeated Proposition 15, which would have removed some property tax limits on commercial holdings.

It would have been a major revision of Proposition 13, the iconic 1978 ballot measure to both limit property taxes and make other taxes more difficult to impose. Speaking of which, the same anti-tax activists who defended Proposition 13 in 2020 will return to the ballot next year with a measure to further tighten restrictions on new taxes, including requiring voter approval of any levies imposed by the Legislature.

The measure to counter state and local tax increase drives would apply not only to future tax hikes but those already enacted since 2022. There's been a surge of local tax measures in the wake of a 2017 state Supreme Court decision lowering the voting requirement for local taxes imposed via initiative.

If the 2024 measure is endorsed by voters, one effect probably would be to nullify stiff taxes on sales of high-value homes and commercial property that left-leaning cities have adopted in recent years, including those enacted by voters in Los Angeles and Santa Monica last year.

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association not only is a lead sponsor of next year's tax limitation measure but is the lead plaintiff in lawsuits aimed at overturning the new property sales levies, which have been dubbed "mansion taxes," even though they apply to commercial transfers as well.

Battles over taxing the rich, in one form or another, have become a permanent fixture of California's political landscape.

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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 24 AT 11:30 AM

Officers were dispatched to a vehicle burglary call. The reporting party stated that a male suspect was inside their parking sub-garage, talking to himself while holding a bag that had been stolen from his vehicle. Demond Jones was located 20 feet away from the location, still in possession of the stolen items. Jones was booked for burglary, possession of methamphetamine and violation of probation.

ON MARCH 9 AT APPROXIMATELY 8:20 PM

Officers observed a male subject standing near the Main Library with his pants partially pulled down. The individual was found to be urinating on a nearby tree. Officers approached and determined that Quintrell Palmer, 34 years old, was intoxicated. He was arrested for public intoxication and urinating in public.

GUEST COMMENTARY

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How the fast food liability bill could undermine local ownership

I didn't have a penny to my name or speak a word of English when I emigrated from India at 16 years old. I took the first job I could get, and started cleaning toilets at a McDonald's in Alameda County. That started my 42-year journey with McDonald's.

I worked each position at the restaurant and eventually earned a spot as a general manager. In 2004, McDonald's offered me a life-changing opportunity to own and operate a local franchise restaurant. Since then, I have leveraged that opportunity and now own and operate nine restaurants alongside my wife in Sacramento and the Central Valley.

The business I've built through McDonald's is my pride and joy.

Assembly Bill 1228, sponsored by Assemblyman Chris Holden, is an infuriating attack on local franchised restaurants and small business owners like me. As a franchisee, acting as both the owner and operator of my local restaurants is key to our restaurants' success. I maintain control over operating decisions including hiring, employee wages, scheduling, benefits and workplace standards.

AB 1228 could force national fast-food corporations to exert significant control over franchised restaurants by making the corporations legally liable for employment and personnel decisions that are typically made by local owners.

If corporations assume this new legal liability, they will have no choice but to seek out ways to take control over the operations of my restaurants. This policy would strip me of my authority and rights as a small business owner, and effectively demote me to middle management working for the corporation.

This is unfair, and it's not right.

I prize the independence and autonomy of my business. That independence was central to my decision to become a franchisee. AB 1228 would force the corporation to micromanage my everyday business decisions and potentially rob more than 5,000 franchisees of the opportunity to become small business owners and pursue a better life for our families.

My restaurants employ more than 500 people. I work closely with my employees, and I invest in professional growth opportunities that help position them for success whether that be in our business or elsewhere. I've been in their shoes, and I take pride in creating a positive work environment where everyone is valued and respected. Many of my employees have worked at our restaurants for over 15 years as a result. I consider them family.

We also serve our community through food donations and school fundraisers. I operate like this because it's the right thing to do and because investing in our community, valuing employees and creating a safe and compassionate place for them to work is a smart business strategy. We want to operate our businesses successfully for decades to come.

AB 1228 would break the bond I have with my employees and community by shredding my independence to make local decisions and be a thoughtful, responsive employer and community partner. It's unimaginable why anyone would want to take decisions out of my hands and instead put out-of-state corporations in charge.

For many Californians – especially immigrants – the path to small business ownership is out of reach. Franchised restaurants provide a unique opportunity for entrepreneurs, many of whom are women, people of color and veterans. The franchise model provided me with a ladder, and I never stopped climbing.

Owning a restaurant has provided me with a life-changing opportunity that simply does not exist outside of the franchise model. The far-reaching impacts of AB 1228 could affect this path for myself and others, creating a new systemic barrier.

I hope the Legislature can see AB 1228 for what it really is.

This article was originally published by CalMatters. Jay Hazari owns and operates nine McDonald's franchised restaurants in Sacramento and the Central Valley.

MASK

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will continue to require universal masking.

"When we learned about blood-borne pathogens, we wore gloves. Gloves suck, they're uncomfortable, some people are allergic to them, and you can't feel what you want to feel," Aboelata said. "They're not awesome, but we do it…I think we need to do the same thing here."

Beth Kenny, a patient in Alameda, said the termination of masking requirements is "devastating." Kenny has Crohn's disease, which requires monthly drug infusions that suppress the immune system. Kenny is enrolled in an internal Kaiser Permanente study on the effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccine and said the data shows their body isn't able to produce protective antibodies.

They are trying to switch insurance providers to get treatment at a county facility that still requires masking, but that would cost an additional $1,000-plus per month.

"It's hard to feel like there's any value in my life in these policies," Kenny said. "I feel pretty devastated, pretty alone, and gaslit by our political leaders and public health leaders."

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SCOOTER

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brought by Los Angeles resident Sara Hacala.

According to the court, Hacala and her daughter were walking on a Los Angeles sidewalk just after twilight in 2019. The sidewalk was crowded with holiday shoppers and Hacala did not see the back wheel of a Bird scooter sticking out from behind a trash can. She tripped on the scooter, fell, and sustained serious physical injuries.

Hacala sued but the Superior court ruled in favor of the two defendants who had argued that neither was responsible for the fall. The City of Los Angeles said it was immune to the case as its rules give it discretion over how to enforce scooter permits. The Appeals court agreed and upheld the ruling dismissing all claims against Los Angeles.

Bird's arguments hinged on the actions of the scooter rider who had improperly parked the vehicle. The company claimed the suit should be dismissed as it was not liable for the actions of third-party riders.

"Bird contends this rule of general application does not apply to plaintiffs' negligence claims because, in Bird's telling, Hacala did not suffer her alleged injuries as a result of the company's conduct," said the ruling. "Instead, Bird maintains Hacala's injuries were caused by the conduct of an unidentified third party who, without any urging from Bird, left a Bird scooter behind a trash can in violation of the City's parking Standards."

However, the Appeals court disagreed saying the company's capability to monitor its scooters and its ability to decide who rents them means they can be held accountable.

"While the complaint admits that third-party conduct played an essential role in the set of circumstances that resulted in plaintiffs' injuries, the complaint plainly does not concede, as Bird's argument necessarily implies, that third-party conduct was the sole cause of the alleged harm," said the ruling.

The ruling doesn't mean Bird was automatically at fault in this specific case, or in every case, but it does revive Hacala's complaint and allow it to continue in the court system.

"Our rejection of the exemption Bird seeks does not mean that every incident of a pedestrian tripping over a Bird scooter can result in negligence liability," said the ruling. "On the contrary, whether the duty of ordinary care has been breached depends on the particular circumstances, including those aggravating or mitigating the risk created, and those justifying Bird's conduct in response. Nothing that Bird has argued suggests a jury cannot be trusted to weigh these considerations under the particular facts of this case, just as juries do in deciding negligence generally."

Attorney Catherine Lerer, who represented Hacala, said the ruling was a strong protection for those injured by scooters and a warning to any shared mobility company that they can be taken to court if their devices cause accidents.

"The appellate court got it right: Bird must pick up its poop," she said in a statement.

Travis VanderZanden launched Bird as a Santa Monica-based company in 2017. He came to the scooter industry from Uber and said at the time he always had a passion for transit going back to his mother's job as a bus driver.

The company earned a checkered reputation for its approach to local regulations but experienced explosive growth for several years becoming the fastest company to reach a Silicon Valley valuation of a billion dollars. Bird expanded its devices throughout the country and into several international markets before the pandemic struck.

The company attempted to evolve its business model several times. Bird offered a franchise system to encourage small entrepreneurs to operate their own scooter systems using Bird technology but that effort was criticized for saddling franchisees with massive debt. It also pivoted to retail with the sale of Bird branded bikes/scooters.

Its core business of short-distance scooter rental also experienced turbulence as local municipalities began regulating the devices. Locally, Bird was kicked out of Santa Monica in 2021 when the City revised its pilot program allowing scooters to operate on local streets. The company was narrowly included in the initial program but was eliminated in the second round due to low scores for affordability, customer service, safety, and sustainability.

VanderZanden stepped down as Bird's President in 2022 following a precipitous decline in the company's stock value and relocation of the company's headquarters from Los Angeles to Miami.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Providence Saint John's Health Center seeks the public's help in identifying critically ill patient

Unable to identify a critically ill patient, Providence Saint John's Health Center is asking for help from the public to find family or acquaintances.

The patient is unable to participate in his care. He was brought to the Santa Monica hospital April 5 after being found unconscious at a bus stop. He is 5-feet, 7-inches and 170 pounds with black hair, bushy black eyebrows and a large tattoo, possibly the letter S across his chest.

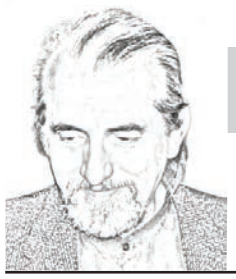
Anyone who recognizes this patient is asked to call the Providence Saint John's intensive care unit at (310) 829-8745.

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PATIENT: St. John's is looking for help identifying this patient.



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TERMITES: SMALL(-MINDED) BUT DEADLY

DEMOCRACY, GUNS, ABORTION, SANTA MONICA

There's a lot of deep doo doo these days. Seems non-stop, and getting worse. You could not watch or read the news. Don't talk with anyone, don't even leave your house.

But a lot of this is on a collision course with your life. Do you shut your eyes tight and just let the termites who have come to roost destroy your home, or do you fight the evil little bastards, down to the last mindless muncher? You are a lot bigger and hopefully smarter than them, you know. There seem to be millions, but really, we do outnumber them. They are intent and focused. They want your home and they are armed and positioned to take it.

You can't reason or compromise with termites. You could just give up and live with the results.... Nope. No way. At some point it's us or them, and if we are not quite there, it's too close for comfort.

DON'T YOU EVER LIGHTEN UP, CHARLES?

Hey, if you want humor with your apocalyptic world news, read Jack Neworth's "Laughing Matters" column every other Friday in the Daily Press. Jack and I are friends, and he would probably agree that I'm more of an optimist than he is.

I do lighten up. Ask my friends, both of them, they'll tell you I'm a fun guy. (Or maybe they said, fungi,) I watch Jimmy Kimmel's monologues, I'm getting back to basketball, which is more comedy than sport, the way I play. I am a gushing fountain/broken sewer pipe of puns and other bad jokes. I love "Pearls Before Swine'' and dearly miss "Calvin & Hobbes." (Our young son named our cat Hobbes.) But the world doesn't go away, does it? It seems to be getting more outrageous and in your face than ever.

So the first job is to figure out a way to not despair. Laying balled up in a corner is no way to make things better. Use meditation, medication (not too much!), rationalization, organization, therapy, religion, whatever blows your hair back and allows you to become part of the solution, not part of the problem. All hands on deck! Do nothing and we are all screwed.

The above list of what I consider our four biggest and most pressing looming disasters, is more or less in order. I know, that leaves out a few biggies. Climate change. Nuclear war. Economic collapse.

STAY WITH ME, NOW

Because I may have finally figured all this out. It's got a lot of moving parts, though. And no manual. (But we men don't read no stinkin' manuals anyway.) But the best solutions are often the simplest ones. Here's my logic. If we lose democracy, and we are pretty darn close, nothing else matters, because only a handful of not so nice, not very magnanimous folks will be making all the decisions, and I can guarantee, you will not like those decisions and how they affect your personal life. Handmaid's Tale, anyone?

The decision about outlawing abortion pills will likely go to the Supreme Court, where D. Trump and Mitch McConnell ensconced for life justices who are Christian nationalists, who believe God's law (as they interpret it) trumps secular law, like the Constitution, and precedence, and science and fact, and they are vehemently opposed to abortion. God spoke to them pretty clearly about that one. Biggest mistake Joe Biden made, first day in office, was



Courtesy Photo

GUNS: "Devastated" GOP Rep. ANDY OGLES

to not appoint several more (very liberal) justices, to balance the packing that had already been done. Not politicizing the Court is a train that left the station long ago.

You are hearing not only pundits but elected politicians (some), even Republicans, saying that the only way to chip away at the horrendous gun slaughter in this crazy country is to show up at capitol buildings. 5-10,000 strong. Chant, scream, demand. Getting re-elected is the top if not the only priority for many politicians, so we must put the fear of being cut loose upon them. They do it in Europe and the Middle East, and it works.

VOTE

I know, I've said it a few times. But my

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HOMES

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"I would guess that 30 to 50% of the people who are using it could qualify or buy without it because I had plenty like that," said Matt Gougé, a Sacramento loan officer, referring to his own clients.

California prohibits affirmative action, limiting the housing agency's ability to direct the money to communities of color.

> The program is doing a pretty decent job of representing California
>
> - Eric Johnson

"We'd like to do something we're not allowed to do in California, and this is not the fault of CalHFA or anybody else," said Micah Weinberg, chief executive of California Forward, a nonprofit hired by the state treasurer to create an initial framework for the program. "When those of us outside of government talked about what the intention of the program is — it is to really, very specifically, target those demographic communities, African Americans and others — who have been locked out of the homebuyer marketplace for a variety of different reasons."

"You actually can't do that directly in California"

WHO GOT CALIFORNIA FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER LOANS?

Demographic data in the document obtained by CalMatters showed that 65% of initial buyers identified as white, 18% as Asian, 4% as Black, 1% as Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander and 1% American Indian or Alaska Native. Ethnically, 62% of homebuyers identified as not Hispanic or Latino while about 34% did. The document indicated that some of the data was preliminary and might change once all the transactions closed.

Eric Johnson, an agency spokesman, confirmed on Monday that the program would be paused until more funding could be allocated. He pointed to the fact that 25% of homeowners in California are of Hispanic or Latino origin, and said the fact that 34% of the loans were made to these groups meant the program was "outperforming in that category." Asian families make up about 16% and Black families about 4%.

That means the program initially outperformed with white and Latino homebuyers and did a bit better than average with Asian families but only matched the average with Black buyers.

"The program is doing a pretty decent job of representing California," Johnson said, though he agreed that there is "definitely a gigantic wealth and homeownership gap" and that the program is aimed at addressing that issue.

SACRAMENTO LEADS THE PACK

Geographically, the funds weren't spread out evenly across the state either.

Sacramento County, home to the state capital, received 11% of the program's funds, despite making up just 4% of the state population. Los Angeles County, in contrast, received 9% of the money, despite being home to a quarter of all Californians. Johnson, of CalHFA, said Sacramento County consistently sees higher participation rates than other counties, and that the overrepresentation of loans from the county "tracks with our other loan programs."

That geographic disparity is hard to explain. Ryan Lundquist, a Sacramento appraiser and real estate analyst, said the demographics and current price trends across the region make Sacramento County "a prime target for first time buyers" and therefore a natural beneficiary of the program.

Gougé, the local loan officer, said news of the program spread by word-of-mouth throughout the capital community in the days before the state officially launched the program on March 27. The regional rumor mill may have been churning especially quickly given how much more plugged-in locals are to matters of state bureaucracy.

"Sacramento and the surrounding area's loan officers and Realtors probably got a jump start," he said.

While the initial funding for the program might be tapped out, the size and scope of the Dream for All program will likely be a subject of negotiations between Gov. Gavin Newsom and the overwhelmingly Democratic Legislature. In January, Newsom proposed a significantly smaller version of the 10-year, $10 billion program originally envisioned by Sen. Atkins. The governor proposed spending an initial $300 million on the program, a cut from the $500 million compromise signed last year.

Atkins, in her statement, told CalMatters that she was seeking to get more funding for the program in upcoming budget negotiations. The governor is expected to offer a revised state spending plan and a new financial forecast in May. Lawmakers must pass a balanced budget by June 15 in order to get paid.

GET IT DAILY...

BLUE CREATURES

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creatures float on the surface of the water and have a sail-like structure that juts out from their top which catches the wind and dictates their movement, giving them their colloquial name: By-the-Wind Sailors.

However, while each one of these little rafts may look like a single animal, they are actually composed of colonies of many small organisms and are considered members of the taxonomic class of hydrozoa.

"They're thought to be a type of hydrozoan which is a gelatinous ocean animal and they have different variations that span pretty much every ocean on Earth," Ryan said. "You can find them washing up or in the open ocean pretty much globally."

However, she added that the species spotted this week in Santa Monica and other parts of California are specific to the West Coast and were likely brought onto the beaches due to a combination of recent weather conditions coinciding with the organisms floating nearby. This typically occurs every 1-3 years, usually in the springtime on the West Coast.

"They're very much dependent on the winds that they follow, they don't have any other type of locomotion, so they're kind of at the mercy of the ocean currents so you have to have winds and ocean currents headed towards shore at the same time that there is a population offshore."

When they do wash ashore, Ryan said the majority of the organisms do not survive.

"Most gelatinous species are not really designed to touch anything," she said. "They don't fare well if they wash up on a sandy beach, it's very damaging to their bodies.

As climate change continues to worsen, resulting in more frequent and intense storms and warmer ocean temperatures, Ryan said it is possible creatures like these could become stranded on beaches more often.

"It can certainly change ocean currents and winds, so it might affect how often we're seeing them," she said. "We can see them potentially a lot more if we have ocean currents headed towards the shore more frequently."

She added that human impact on the environment significantly affects these creatures in other ways as well.

"All of these ocean animals and creatures need a clean environment to thrive in and because they're a filter feeder and have a gelatinous structure, they're super sensitive to changes in water quality and ocean pollution so that can be very detrimental to these species," she said.

However, Ryan said, when they do come ashore it can serve as a valuable educational experience.

"I think it's a great teaching moment to show folks and to get people to come out and see them in the wild and get the pictures to look like and see what these creatures look like," she said.

While By-the-Wind Sailors do have tentacle-like features and are related to the highly venomous Portuguese Man o' War, Ryan said they are not typically harmful to humans. However, she cautioned those who come across them to be cautious, respectful and to remember the role humans play in shaping the future of these creatures and others.

"Whatever we can do to keep the environment clean and understand that it affects everything from whales all the way down to these types of gelatinous creatures, keeping the ocean clean is of utmost importance."

To learn more about By-the-Wind Sailors visit: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJGO_bSsR3w&t=1s

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CURIOUS CITY

FROM PAGE 7

recent ruminations have convinced me that voting is indeed the solution. Voting, on steroids. And in record-shattering numbers. Which means the very daunting task of finding good people who will run. Right now that seems like an oxymoron. But maybe we've been looking for love in all the wrong places. We need to check IDs and go with the young'ns.

The two state legislators (27, 28) in Tennessee who were the objects of an authoritarian coup attempt by the Republican supermajority, courageously speak the truth, most eloquently. As does Maxwell Frost, only 25 when elected (in Florida!) last November to the U.S. Congress. If Gen Z is willing and apparently able to save us, move over and give them room. (But keep them away from the Kool Aid. But – I think these "kids" are different. I do.)

That's not necessarily the case in Santa Monica. Jesse Zwick, 27, elected last fall to City Council, embraces the notions about government and development that I believe are the ones that have led us down the path to ruin. Santa Monica is indeed different. The letters D and R are virtually meaningless. In fact, I believe the local and state Democratic organizations have been more of a stumbling block here than the GOP, for governance for the good of the residents.

GUNS

Are now the leading cause of death for American children. That's nauseating, even to write it. By the time you read this we likely will have had 150 mass shootings THIS YEAR, and it's only day 102. A Trump judge in Texas has ruled that the very safe abortion pill (now the only practical way millions of women can get a needed abortion), FDA approved 25 years ago, 10 times safer than Viagra, is "unsafe" and must be banned nationwide. Many "red" states continue to restrict voting, and loosen gun laws, even though common sense limits are greatly favored by all Americans (including Republicans, and gun owners). For the love of God, we can't even get the GOP thugs to ban assault rifles? – that destroy a child victim's body so massively that they often have to be identified by clothing remains. I agree with Coach Popovich: it's obscene.

All this is insane. That our barbaric elected officials can enable all this. The next time you vote – after you have nominated good people, really good, compassionate, incorruptible candidates – use three markers to judge. Guns, abortion, climate change. Or just take the shortcut: don't vote for a single Republican, not even for dog catcher.

Charles Andrews has lived in Santa Monica for 37 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmr-music@gmail.com

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 12)

Welcome to your year of openness. Just when you think you know who you are and what you prefer, you surprise yourself. You dare to try new things and are receptive to the experience. You resist assumptions, or the habit of comparing everything to what you already know. Your openness attracts amazing fortune, love from near and far and remarkable success. Cancer and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 19, 3, 37 and 16.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your welcoming energy turns strangers into friends, customers and allies. One key to your friendliness is that you trust yourself to enforce personal boundaries, and until then you're cool, calm and collected. You'll call up your defenses as needed, but it's usually not needed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Don't worry about how you are going to get from here to there. Your intention to do a good job is all you need right now. You will succeed because you take on the work and keep at it until it's finished.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're making your own way. Though you have guides and sometimes share the path, it's still a unique journey for each traveler. Each must rely on personal instinct. Yours will be particularly strong today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's juicy stuff going on beneath the surface. You don't need to say much about it because everyone gets it through vibes. In fact, explaining things can make them seem less magical and interesting, so let the mystery work for you today instead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You know that there are power dynamics affecting your role, but you don't know precisely what they are. You'll do some light testing to see who has the authority and where the boundaries lie. Stay flexible and aware of how egos get activated.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're sensitive to your environment and greatly affected by things like lighting, scents and temperature. It's remarkable how such elements can detract from or enhance your concentration. Changing things up to smooth your process will lead to a much more productive day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Each person has unique needs. You can't address them all, but you can shed a little warmth on the matter. Even though you are very professional in your dealings, you also provide a human touch.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Powerful forces need to be taken in moderation. Just as moments of sunlight make you feel bright and alive but hours of sunlight deplete you, so it goes with intense people and feelings. For maximum health, control your exposure.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's like you're going from scene to scene, chasing after something. You won't be able to process everything in real time. Some lessons take years to fully sink in. Seize opportunities to stop and discuss along the way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Every problem is an opportunity to grow. Some problems are harder to feel optimistic about. Don't let anything overwhelm you. Focus in tighter. What's the one small improvement you can make?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Change doesn't hurt. What hurts is resistance to change. You can look at what you're holding on to and consciously decide to let it go, or you can simply decide to let it go without examination. Either way, you'll be free.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Go where you can look up at the sky instead of the ceiling — it will all restore you. Your connection to nature helps you feel whole. The time you spend with other creatures and life forms will have benefits deep and far-reaching.

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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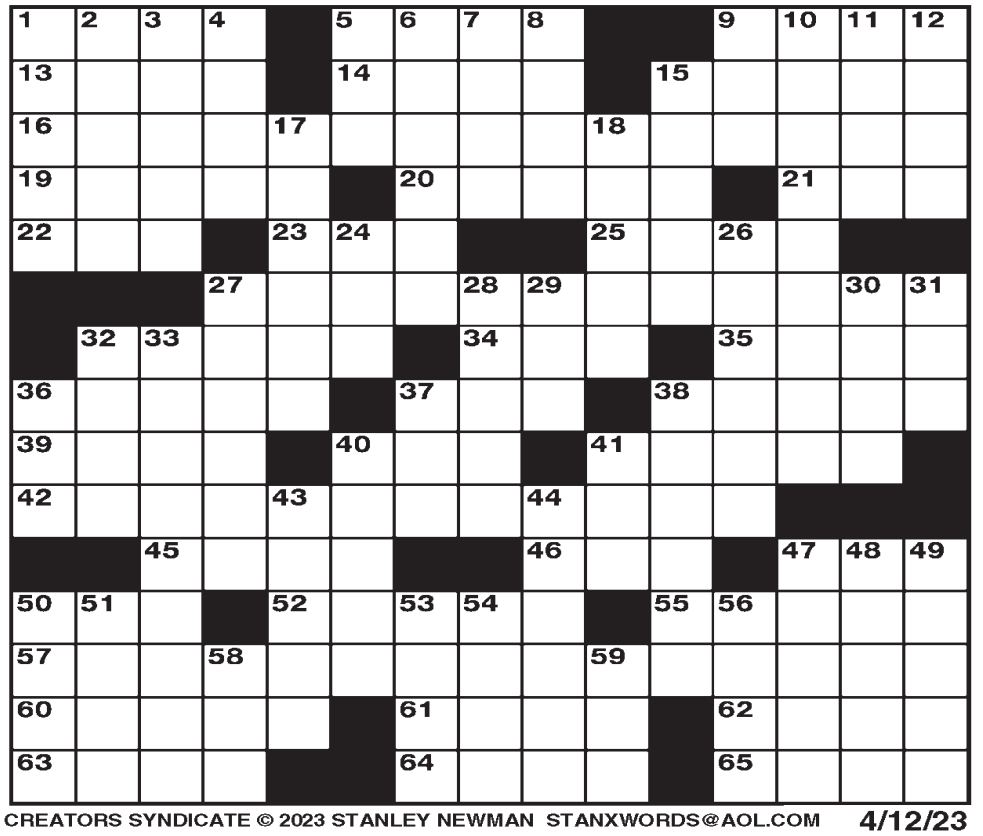
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Newsday Crossword

EVERYDAY by Guilherme Gilioli
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ACROSS
1 Vessels holding stews
5 Hunt for bargains
9 Turnpike charge
13 For each, informally
14 Become drained of color
15 Mountain climbed by Moses
16 What most cars can run on
19 Construction site hoister
20 Caesar's language
21 Prescription, for short
22 Owns
23 Ginnie __ (home loan org.)
25 Legendary Old West lawman
27 Basis for an agreement
32 Actor's negotiator
34 Homer Simpson's bartender
35 __ cheese dressing
36 Novelist McMurtry
37 Strong and healthy
38 Melted together, as metal
39 Moccasin or sneaker
40 Elevation: Abbr.
41 Made less difficult
42 One routinely rounded up for a crime
45 Raindrop sound
46 Arabian Nights' __ Baba
47 Trio after R
50 Lend a hand to
52 Join the cast of
55 Mailing list data
57 Formal version of the American language
60 Tops of heads
61 Nothing but
62 *Vogue* rival
63 Proofreader's "Don't delete"
64 Amount of medicine to take
65 Char on a grill

DOWN
1 Make thirsty
2 Musical work with arias
3 Caesar's garments
4 Twirled
5 Resort with saunas
6 Home of the hoopster Globetrotters
7 Gymnast Korbut
8 Mulch material from bogs
9 "Open 10 __ 6"
10 Without careful consideration
11 Highway pathway
12 Wasn't truthful
15 Submarine tracker
17 How some meringue tastes
18 Prolonged battle
24 Number on an ATM receipt
26 Hale and hearty
27 Edible grain
28 Doesn't mention
29 "What's __ to like?"
30 Can't do without
31 Defective firecracker
32 Sounds happy
33 Night out with six, say
36 Baton Rouge sch.
37 Wintertime bug
38 Looking right at
40 Pet welfare org.
41 "Slippery" fish
43 A whole bunch
44 Solar energy collectors
47 Look happy
48 Car getting charged
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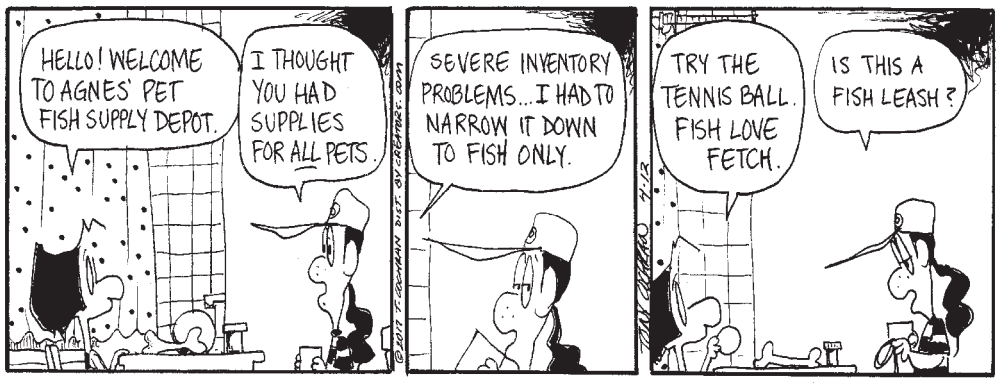


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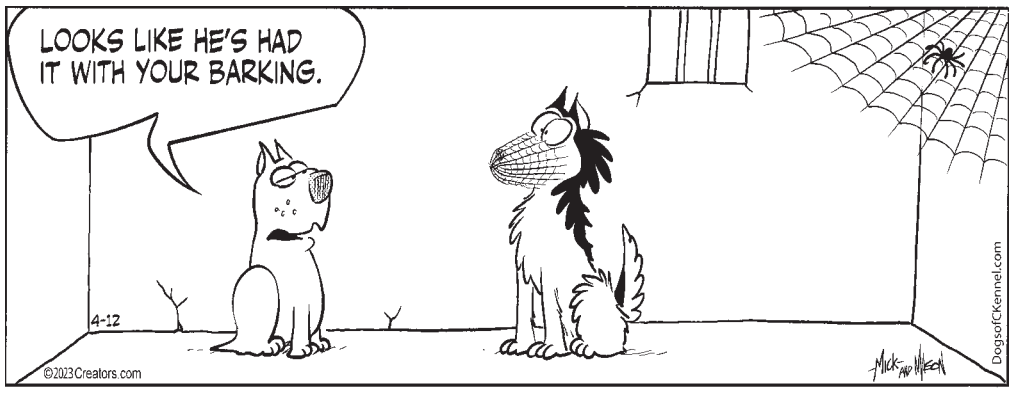
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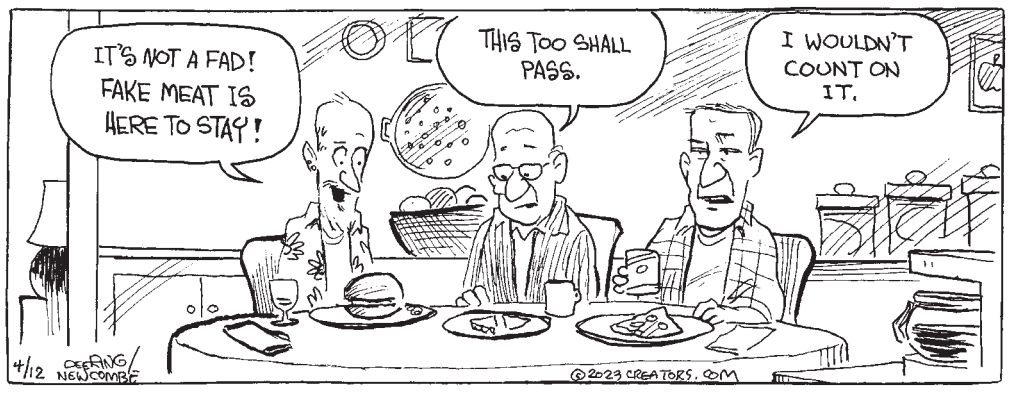
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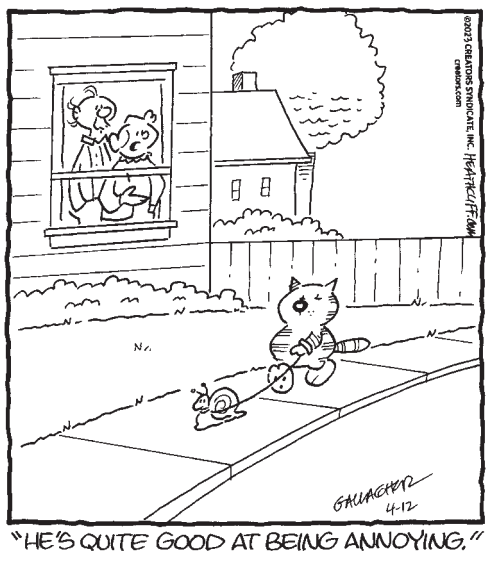
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"HE'S QUITE GOOD AT BEING ANNOYING."

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

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Our anatomy

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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.

BIKE SKILLS & SAFETY CLASS
Spring is here, it's time to get that bike out of the garage and start riding! SM Spoke, in partnership with SM Active Aging and the library, presents a basic bike skills and road safety class. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 2 - 3 p.m.

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

TECH & TASKS
Need a little help? Visit our Tech & Tasks program to receive one-on-one assistance from our volunteer tutors and build your skills. Staff and volunteers can assist with reading, writing, and technology related tasks. Drop-in between 2-4pm every Thursday to get help with completing online forms and applications, resume writing, device help, improving reading skills, email, downloading eBooks, and much more. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 - 4 p.m.

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.

SWIM CENTER TEEN NIGHT
The City of Santa Monica invites you to TEEN NIGHT at the Swim Center! It's a swim party for teens with free pizza, diving boards, open recreation swimming, a live DJ and no adults! Swim Center - 2225 16th St. 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. Residents $2, Non-residents $4.

SATURDAY | APRIL 15

GREEN DOG DENTAL X PET-CHELLA
Not only will you be able to get a tour of the newly designed clinic and meet the staff, but you will also have the opportunity to meet adorable puppies and kittens available for adoption!
Take advantage of the chance to try out new food from local restaurants such as triple beam pizza, snag a celsius to keep you energized, or grab a cocktail while enjoying some live music.
https://mailchi.mp/9aee3b00ed45/pet-chella-rsvp

DIMANCHE
Somewhere in the near future, a family is about to spend their Sunday together as strong winds and torrential rains rage outside. Meanwhile, three filmmakers journey to the edge of the earth to document a variety of animal extinctions before meeting their own apocalyptic fate. Through an ingenious blend of clowning, puppetry, and plain old theatrical magic, "Dimanche" paints a witty and tender portrait of humanity surprised by the uncontrollable forces of nature. The Eli and Edythe Broad Stage, 1310 11th St Santa Monica, CA https://rb.gy/u6sna

THE PICTURE DAY SHOW
The Picture Day Show: stand-up comedy by national touring comics and LA's best up-and-comers! Catch big comics on a small, intimate stage. Produced and hosted by Macey Isaacs. Doors open at 7:45pm. Bergamot Station Arts Center, 2525 Michigan Ave Santa Monica, CA https://jetbook.co/e/the-picture-day-showwgyt?utm_source=Vesta&utm_medium=LocalEventCalendar

NOTHIN' BUT SAND BEACH CLEANUP
Join Heal the Bay for our April Nothin' But Sand Beach Cleanup. https://healthebay.org/event/nothin-but-sand-beach-cleanup-14/

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **55.9**

WEDNESDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	NW swell looks to be up a peg from Tuesday as the S swell fades. Winds show fairly light at this point but will need monitoring.
THURSDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft Thigh to waist	Likely still some NW swell mix but conditions may be an issue. Stay tuned.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 62.
Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday: A 20 percent chance of rain before 11am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 62.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 51.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/04/12	Wed	01:28 AM	4.91	H
2023/04/12	Wed	10:05 AM	-0.12	L
2023/04/13	Thu	03:03 AM	4.68	H
2023/04/13	Thu	11:25 AM	-0.35	L
2023/04/13	Thu	6:56 PM	3.41	H
2023/04/13	Thu	10:55 PM	2.89	L
2023/04/14	Fri	04:46 AM	4.71	H
2023/04/14	Fri	12:22 PM	-0.58	L
2023/04/14	Fri	7:20 PM	3.85	H
2023/04/15	Sat	12:18 AM	2.25	L
2023/04/15	Sat	06:04 AM	4.90	H
2023/04/15	Sat	1:08 PM	-0.70	L
2023/04/15	Sat	7:46 PM	4.34	H
2023/04/16	Sun	01:16 AM	1.48	L
2023/04/16	Sun	07:08 AM	5.06	H
2023/04/16	Sun	1:47 PM	-0.67	L
2023/04/16	Sun	8:13 PM	4.85	H
2023/04/17	Mon	02:05 AM	0.73	L

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 4/10
9 10 36 46 52
Power#: 14
Jackpot: 202 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/7
12 32 49 51 66
Mega#: 21
Jackpot: 441 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 4/8
2 4 16 37 39
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 49 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/10
21 23 26 28 30

Daily 3
Draw Date: 4/10
EVENING: 5 2 6
Draw Date: 4/10
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