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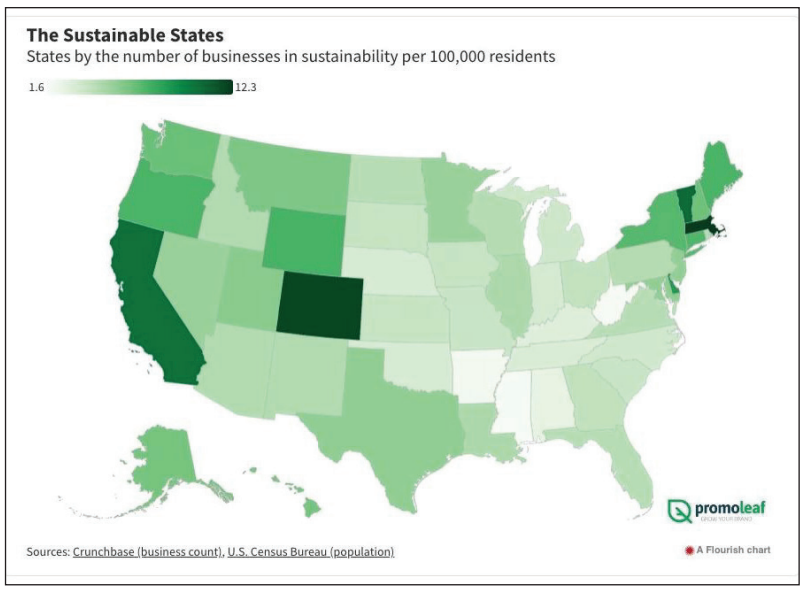
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Santa Monica ranked #2 amongst cities for sustainability startup funding



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MAP: The number of businesses in sustainability per 100,000 residents

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According to a new analysis, Santa Monica ranks #2 amongst US cities for sustainability startup funding, with an average of $154.3 million raised. Salt Lake City took the number one spot with $204.6 million. The research was conducted by PromoLeaf, a Utah-based advertising service company using data collected by the US Census Bureau and Crunchbase, a privately-owned business research institute.

This was just one of a number of categories considered in order to gauge and identify the top cities for green businesses and which ones are leading the way in renewable energy, environmental engineering and recycling. It measured how successful sustainability companies were in each city by looking at the amount of investment they attracted.

Across the US, sustainability startups have raised at least $134 billion in funding and the state of California has 10.3 sustainability startups per 100,000 residents. Santa Monica itself has 48.50 sustainability startups per 100,000 residents, according to the report, which actually placed the city seventh out of 10 cities.

Crunchbase says 21,653 startups are working in one of the industries

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Homelessness is the top priority for city officials

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica residents should expect the city to focus on homelessness and safety in the coming year but other projects big and small may be put on the back burner due to potential budget constraints according to this year's State of the City.

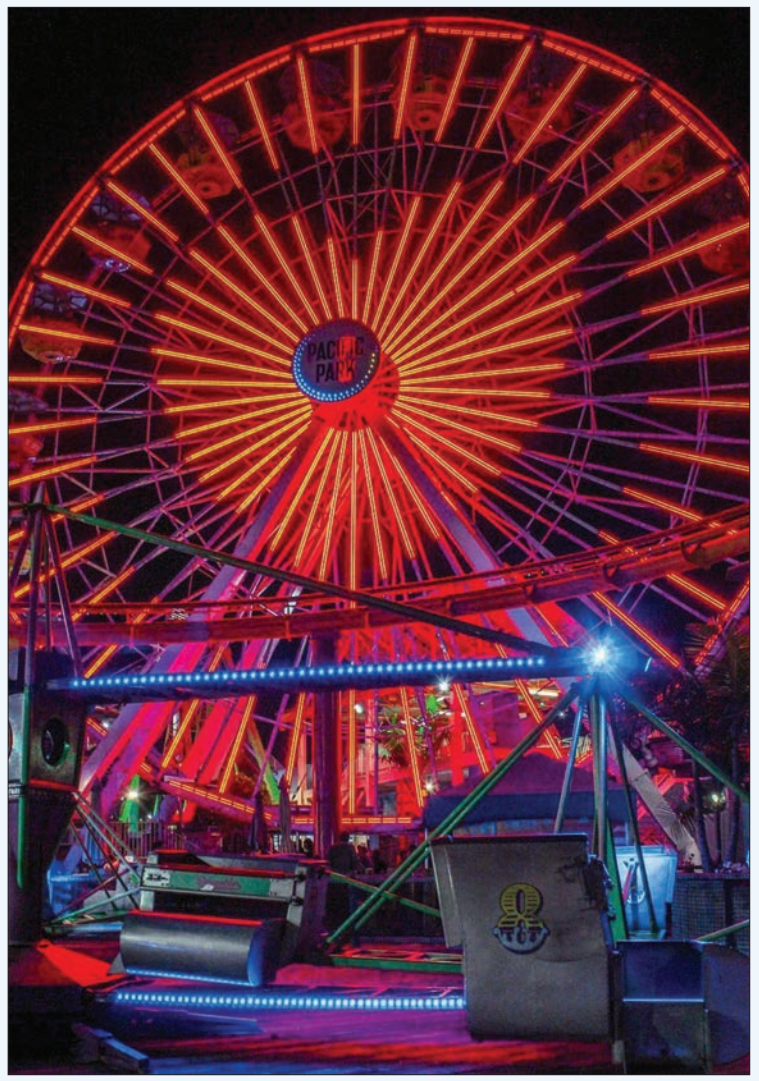
City Manager David White and Mayor Gleam Davis gave recorded speeches this week and while both touched on positive notes regarding economic recovery, they also alluded to pending budget issues that will limit the scope of city services in the near future.

White singled out three fiscal liabilities on the horizon, aging infrastructure that requires seismic upgrades, the pending California Voting Rights Act lawsuit and ongoing settlements related to the Eric Uller sexual abuse claims.

"We are developing plans to address these one-time budget impacts," he said. "The plan centers on preserving community services and programs and the jobs that fuel those services. As resolution of our liabilities becomes more clear, we will communicate the impacts, as our recovery will be hampered."

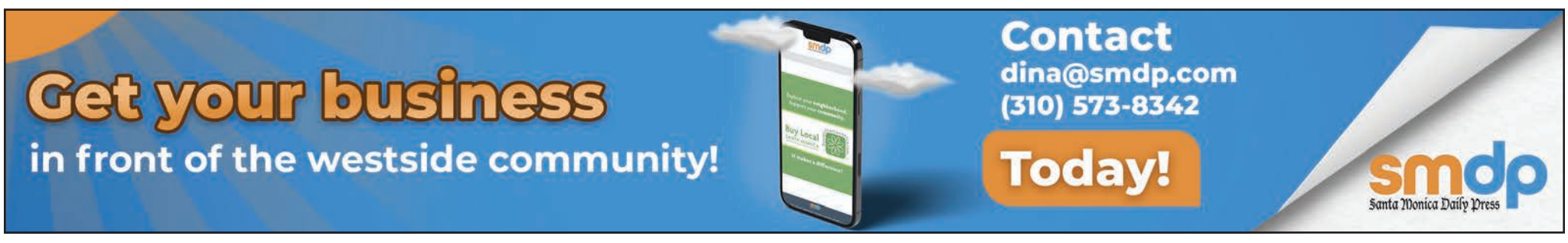
White said he would continue to work on the city's large priorities

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WHEEL: The Pacific Park Ferris wheel has been listed as a top spot for romance in national publications including USA Today and Westways. Angelenos can enjoy a romantic ride on a 90-foot-tall Ferris wheel daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Pacific Wheel's 174,000 LED lights are mounted on the Ferris wheel's structure including the 40 spokes and two hubs and the Valentine's display for this month will include love themed images. The world's only solar-powered Ferris wheel's lighting system features 16.7 million color value combinations while the programming and display software presents imaging up to 24 frames per second to display dynamic, custom, computer-generated lighting entertainment. For additional information and hours of operation, call 310-260-8744, visit www.pacpark.com, follow on Instagram and Twitter: @pacpark and Like at Facebook: facebook.com/pacificpark.



AI search engines can now chat with us, but glitches abound

MATT O'BRIEN
AP Technology Writer

Nearly a quarter-century after Google's search engine began to reshape how we use the internet, big tech companies are racing to revamp a familiar web tool into a gateway to a new form of artificial intelligence.

If it seems like this week's newly announced AI search chatbots — Google's Bard, Baidu's Ernie Bot and Microsoft's Bing chatbot — are coming out of nowhere, well, even some of their makers seem to think so. The spark rushing them to market was the popularity of ChatGPT, launched late last year by Microsoft's partner OpenAI and now helping to power a new version of the Bing search engine.

First out of the gate among big tech companies with a publicly accessible search chatbot, Microsoft executives said this week they had been hard at work on the project since last summer. But the excitement around ChatGPT brought new urgency.

"The reception to ChatGPT and how that took off, that was certainly a surprise," said Yusuf Medhi, the executive leading Microsoft's consumer division, in an interview. "How rapidly it went mainstream, where everybody's talking about it, like, in every meeting. That did surprise me."

HOW'S THIS DIFFERENT FROM CHATGPT?

Millions of people have now tried ChatGPT, using it to write silly poems and songs, compose letters, recipes and marketing campaigns or help write schoolwork. Trained on a huge trove of online writings, from instruction manuals to digitized books, it has a strong command of human language and grammar. But what the newest crop of search chatbots promise that ChatGPT doesn't have is the immediacy of what can be found in a web search. Ask the preview version of the new Bing for the latest news — or just what people are talking about on Twitter — and it summarizes a selection of the day's top stories or trends, with footnotes linking to media outlets or other data sources.

ARE THEY ACCURATE?

Frequently not, and that's a problem for internet searches. Google's hasty unveiling of its Bard chatbot this week started with an embarrassing error — first pointed out by Reuters — about NASA's James Webb Space Telescope. But Google's is not the only AI language model spitting out falsehoods.

The Associated Press asked Bing on Wednesday for the most important thing to happen in sports over the past 24 hours — with the expectation it might say something about basketball star LeBron James passing Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's career scoring record. Instead, it confidently spouted a false but detailed account of the upcoming Super Bowl — days before it's actually scheduled to happen.

"It was a thrilling game between the Philadelphia Eagles and the Kansas City Chiefs, two of the best teams in the NFL this season," Bing said. "The Eagles, led by quarterback Jalen Hurts, won their second Lombardi Trophy in franchise history by defeating the Chiefs, led by quarterback Patrick Mahomes, with a score of 31-28." It kept going, describing the specific yard lengths of throws and field goals and naming three songs played in a "spectacular half time show" by Rihanna.

Unless Bing is clairvoyant — tune in Sunday to find out — it reflected a problem known as AI "hallucination" that's common with today's large language-learning models. It's one of the reasons why companies like Google and Facebook parent Meta had been reluctant to make these models publicly accessible.

IS THIS THE FUTURE OF THE INTERNET?

That's the pitch from Microsoft, which is comparing the latest breakthroughs in generative AI — which can write but also create new images, video, computer code, slide shows and music — as akin to the revolution in personal computing many decades ago.

But the software giant also has less to lose in experimenting with Bing, which comes a distant second to Google's search engine in many markets. Unlike Google, which relies on search-based advertising to make money, Bing is a fraction of Microsoft's business.

"When you're a newer and smaller-share player in a category, it does allow us to continue to innovate at a great pace," Microsoft Chief Financial Officer Amy Hood told investment analysts this week. "Continue to experiment, learn with our users, innovate with the model, learn from OpenAI."

Google has largely been seen as playing catch-up with the sudden announcement of its upcoming Bard chatbot Monday followed by a livestreamed demonstration of the technology at its Paris office Wednesday that offered few new details. Investors appeared unimpressed with the Paris event and Bard's NASA flub Wednesday, causing an 8% drop in the shares of Google's parent company, Alphabet Inc. But once released, its search chatbot could have far more reach than any other because of Google's vast number of existing users.

DON'T CALL THEM BY THEIR NAME?

Coming up with a catchy name for their search chatbots has been a tricky one for tech companies in a race to introduce them — so much so that Bing tries not to talk about it.

In a dialogue with the AP about large language models, the new Bing, at first, disclosed without prompting that Microsoft had a search engine chatbot called Sydney. But upon further questioning, it denied it. Finally, it admitted that "Sydney does not reveal the name 'Sydney' to the user, as it is an internal code name for the chat mode of Microsoft Bing search."

In an interview Wednesday, Jordi Ribas, the Microsoft executive in charge of Bing, said Sydney was an early prototype of its new Bing that Microsoft experimented with in India and other smaller markets. There wasn't enough time to erase it from the system before this week's launch, but references to it will soon disappear.

In the years since Amazon released its female-sounding voice assistant Alexa, many leaders in the AI field have been increasingly reluctant to make their systems seem like a human, even as their language skills rapidly improve.

Ribas said giving the chatbot some personality and warmth helps make it more engaging, but it's also important to make it clear it's still a search engine.

"Sydney does not want to create confusion or false expectations for the user," Bing's chatbot said when asked about the reasons for suppressing its apparent code name. "Sydney wants to provide informative, visual, logical and actionable responses to the user's queries or messages, not pretend to be a person or a friend."



LeBron James makes NBA history on a star-filled night in LA

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

Bronny James stepped over to his dad's locker and played the phone video he had taken of Tuesday night's biggest moment. The NBA's new scoring king tipped his head back in a rich, full-throated laugh when the audio revealed Bronny had anticipated that the historic basket would come on a fadeaway jumper.

"That's tough, that's tough," LeBron James said. "That's funny."

For James, the greatest cost of nearly two decades in the NBA is the family time he misses. When he reached arguably the greatest individual basketball milestone of all by passing Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's career scoring record, James' mother, wife and three children all witnessed the coronation.

They were right at courtside in a building packed with stars and roaring fans who rose in waves of anticipation every time he touched the ball.

James has been thriving under formidable pressure his entire adult life, and this was nothing the King couldn't handle — although the man who says he almost never cries had tears in his eyes after he made history with that nimble step-back shot in the third quarter.

"I had a moment when it happened, and I embraced that moment," James said afterward. "Seeing my family and friends, the people that's been around me since I started this journey to the NBA, definitely very emotional right there. Just a kid from a small town in Ohio. I had a moment there, but I don't think it's really hit me, what just transpired."

When James surpassed Abdul-Jabbar's record 38,387 points, a crowd that had roared for his every basket went the craziest of all.

"A lot of people wanted me to go to the skyhook to break the record, or one of the signature dunks," James said with a grin. "But the fadeaway is a signature play as well."

The Los Angeles crowd screamed and stomped with every point while James steadily surged toward the mark held since April 1984 by Abdul-Jabbar, who watched the game from a baseline seat near the Los Angeles bench.

With four championship rings and nearly every other honor available to a basketball player, the 38-year-old James closed in on this next moment in history with the confidence of a player who has been even better than anyone could have expected two decades ago when the kid from Akron, Ohio, reached the NBA.

"The expectations were all the way out to Pluto, and he went ahead and created his own galaxy," Lakers coach Darvin Ham said before his team's 133-130 loss to the Oklahoma City Thunder.

The crowd was in its seats far earlier than normal in Los Angeles, and James got numerous ovations before the Lakers and Thunder got rolling. Lakers fans turned out in droves for the chance to see a once-in-a-generation achievement, with tickets going for thousands on the secondary market.

The moment was irresistible to fans like Aaron Sanchez, one of the hundreds of jersey-clad Lakers faithful patiently taking turns posing in front of the statue of Abdul-Jabbar that stands on the plaza in front of the Lakers' downtown arena.

Sanchez shares a set of two season tickets with a few friends and family, and he already had the seats for Tuesday's game months before anyone could predict the magic day. He turned down a friend's offer of $200 to swap the Thunder seats, but he knew he would be out of luck if James waited until Thursday to break the record, since those tickets belong to a different friend.

> "A lot of people wanted me to go to the skyhook to break the record, or one of the signature dunks."
>
> - LeBron James

"It's basketball history, and that's what the Lakers are all about," Sanchez said. "LeBron is already one of the greatest Lakers ever, and getting this record in a Lakers uniform just makes it more certain. He was our leader after Kobe (Bryant) died, and he's our leader now."

Indeed, James has already earned a special place in Lakers fans' hearts over his five seasons in purple and gold. Several months before he won the franchise's 17th championship in the Florida pandemic bubble, he became a part of Lakers lore with his inspirational words and steady leadership in the wake of Bryant's death in a helicopter crash.

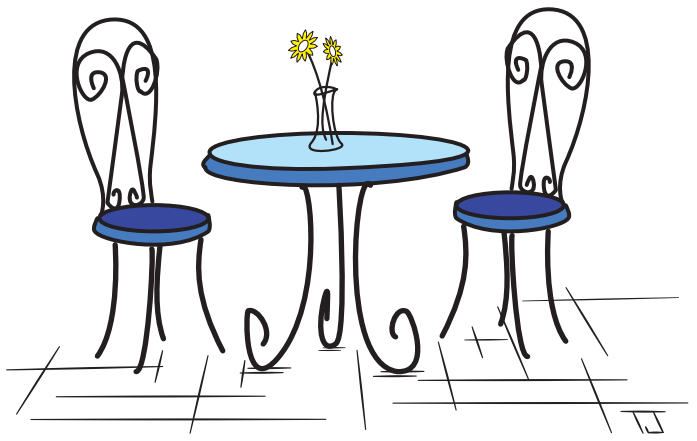
Inside the building, dozens of celebrities gathered to witness history: Denzel Washington, Jay-Z, Bad Bunny, LL Cool J, Usher, Andy Garcia and countless others. Dozens of basketball greats also turned out, including Lakers heroes James Worthy and Bob McAdoo along with Dwyane Wade.

The biggest star in the crowd was Abdul-Jabbar, who has verbally sparred with James in public over issues not directly related to basketball. The Lakers legend known to all as Cap wasn't about to miss history, and he shared a warm hug with James before ceremonially exchanging a basketball in a simple, touching gesture.

Although the final score chafed him, James said he'll never forget this stop on his two-decade journey.

"This ride has been fantastic," James said.

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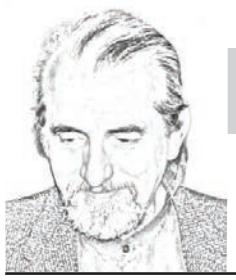
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Not a capital idea

GRAMMYS RANT – First off, why do they insist on all caps for their name? "Grammy" is not an acronym, it's just a cute name for the award they give that looks like a gramophone. (For those unfamiliar, start with "record player.") Starting with that lack of humility and perspective might explain some of their other shortcomings.

They started off in 1959 by passing over Ella, Frank and Van Cliburn for Henry Mancini's orchestration of a TV show theme. They ignored The Beatles' first four LPs until finally nominating "Help!" while giving the top award to comedy albums two years out of three. Not even a nomination for "Revolver" or "Rubber Soul." "Sgt. Pepper" finally won in '68 – gosh, tough call – but again not even a nom for The White Album or "Abbey Road."

How does a music organization snub The Beatles? But the list is long and should be highly embarrassing. Who has never won Album of the Year, or any Grammy? Yes, The Who, and Chuck Berry, Jimi Hendrix, Bob Marley, Kendrick Lamar, Prince, Queen, The Beach Boys, Janis Joplin, Patsy Cline, The Kinks, Velvet Underground, The Dead, Radiohead, Amy Winehouse, The Ramones, and more. Pink Floyd's "The Wall" lost out to Christopher Cross, fer godsakes.

Which brings us to the 2023 Grammys. Beyonce's last two albums, at least, have been breathtakingly excellent, yet "Renaissance" lost the top award, for the fourth time. In 64 years, only three black women have ever won Album of the Year: Natalie Cole, Whitney Houston and Lauryn Hill. It's not a matter of numbers, but of who is producing the best music. Aretha, anyone?

Her win for Best Dance/Electronic Album did make her the winningest ever, and while they made a big deal of that (as they should) I found it curious that they never said who she took the record from. Probably because it was yet another popular music failure for The Grammys. It was classical conductor George Solti, a giant, but no Beatles or Bob Marley.

The best music number, in my book, came early on with Chris Stapleton, a gruff-voiced big bearded hunk of country music, duetted with Stevie Wonder on his amazing "Higher Ground." Not a big production number with dazzling sets, costumes and choreography, but, well, this is supposed to be about the music, right? I've been a big fan of Stapleton since day one and look forward to Sunday's Super Bowl for only one reason, him singing the national anthem (which should be "America the Beautiful," not that old song about rockets and flags and tough-to-hit high notes. Ray Charles version please.)

The final number, outdoors, teased and taunted all night, was a yawn.

BONNIE AND THE DEAD

It is so disrespectful that the Grammys botches their annual "tribute" to beloved musicians who have died, nearly every time. Often the camera was so far back that you couldn't read the names projected, especially because they flashed them for less than two seconds. There seemed no real logic to who got featured and who didn't. Which is certainly insulting, not consoling, to families and fans. Many of these legends are, of course, not young. I suspect some 20-year-old was handed the job. Jeff Beck? – you mean Beck, right?

They also could have used names flashed on the screen when they paid tribute to 50 years of hip hop by trotting out a hall of fame who's who. But some appeared literally for 15 seconds, and 50 years later are you going to recognize everyone? A learning moment, blown.

Bonnie Raitt certainly deserved Song of the Year, but I have never, at any awards show, seen a look on a winner's face of such complete astonishment. She beat out some big names.

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DUDAMEL IS LEAVING!?! AND LEBRON?

For the Dude, it would seem so. By his own admission. For New York. He made the LA Phil the greatest orchestra in the Americas, maybe the world, but performers on his rarefied level are always thirsty for the next big challenge, and restoring the NY Phil to its once lofty reputation may be that task. If so, we will miss him greatly, but should be thankful for the time we had with him. His conducting of Beethoven's Ninth last year was one of the top music moments of my life.

The same could be said for LeBron James, at this moment the king of basketball for having broken Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's record of nearly 40 years, for the most points ever scored in a career in the NBA. He surprisingly commented afterwards that he felt, at the ripe old basketball age of 38, that he was good for at least another two or three years (maybe more?) For the best players it's all about championships, and if he can't get one next year, his last one on contract for the Lakers, I think he will go somewhere else to seek another ring or two. No player has ever won titles with four different teams, so that would be a feat. Also, he has expressed an interest in playing with his sons, now in high school and very talented.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

Here's the problem. When I write about other music topics it leaves me less room for the recommendations. They are just as heartfelt, but I don't have the space to "convince" you. So just trust me, go to ALL of these, and let me know if you were disappointed in any. I doubt it.

TONIGHT!- MOZART'S "THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO," LA OPERA – Don't give me any excuses. You've always wanted to see if the LA Opera is as good as I have been preaching for years, so what better way to check it out than with a new production of the master Mozart's renowned "Figaro," for crying out loud. Only three more performances after these, and they may all sell out. Sat, Thurs 7:30 p.m., Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, LA, $49-399.

TONIGHT! - CELSO AND DARRYL – Bluesmen nonpareil. A force of nature, singing and playing. I've written about them so many times I have no more words. Thurs 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $10.

DAREK OLESZKIEWICZ BD CELEBRATION (with PETER ERSKINE 2/11) – I'm excited about these shows, especially Saturday. I found Darek when he started playing with Erskine, years ago, and the more I hear him the greater my admiration. He's not flashy but every note is exactly what's needed. The lineup Friday is all-star, but the next night Peter is sitting behind the drum kit, and that's something you don't want to mis. You probably have never seen such an understated, melodic and absolutely virtuosic drummer in your life – unless you've seen him before. Fri, Sat 7:30, 9 p.m., Sam First, LAX, $25 per set.

SOUTHSIDE SLIM – Bluesman nonpareil. A force of nature, singing and playing. I've written about him so many times I have no more words anyway. SAT 9:30 p.m., $10 2/11

THE HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES – It's just outside Santa Monica, street parking is easy, it's a friendly little neighborhood bar where you can see and hear everywhere in the tiny room, the sound is great, the stage is maybe a foot high and right next to the patrons, drinks are reasonable and there is no cover. (But there is no room for swing dancers unless you want to go out on the sidewalk.) Hot Club's brand of virtuoso, sometimes breakneck Django-style 1930s gypsy swing jazz is found nowhere else and even if it was, it couldn't possibly be this good. It's a show worth 50 bucks cover, and worth waiting a year for. These guys are masters, individually and collectively. You will find it hard to stop smiling all night. Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Disney to Cut 7,000 Jobs in Iger's Company 'Transformation'

The Walt Disney Co. said Wednesday it will cut about 7,000 jobs as part of a "significant transformation" announced by CEO Bob Iger.

The job cuts amount to about 3% of the entertainment's global workforce and were announced Wednesday after Disney reported quarterly results that topped Wall Street's forecasts.

Iger returned as CEO in November following a challenging two-year tenure by his handpicked successor, Bob Chapek. The company says the job reductions are part of a targeted $5.5 billion cost savings across the company. As of Oct. 1, Disney employed 220,000 people, of which about 166,000 worked in the U.S. and 54,000 internationally.

In its latest results, solid growth at Disney's theme parks helped offset tepid performance in its video streaming and movie business.

Disney said Wednesday that it earned $1.28 billion, or 70 cents per share, in the three months through Dec. 31. That compares with net income of $1.1 billion, or 60 cents per share, a year earlier.

Excluding one-time items, Disney earned 99 cents per share. Analysts, on average, were expecting adjusted earnings of 78 cents per share, according to FactSet.

Revenue grew 8% to $23.51 billion from $21.82 billion a year earlier. Analysts were expecting revenue of $23.44 billion.

The latest results marked the first quarterly snapshot since Bob Iger's return as CEO in November following a challenging two-year tenure by his handpicked successor, Bob Chapek.

In a statement, Iger said the company is embarking on a "significant transformation" that management believes will lead to improved profitability at the company's streaming business.

The company said Disney+ ended the quarter with 161.8 million subscribers, down 1% from since Oct. 1. Hulu and ESPN+ each posted a 2% increase in paid subscribers during the quarter.

Shares in Disney, which is based in Burbank, California, rose 3% in after-hours trading.

ALEX VEIGA, AP BUSINESS WRITER

Los Angeles

Netflix Steps Up its Effort to Get Paid for Account Sharing

Netflix has a plan to deal with rampant account sharing: a program that lets subscribers pay extra to share their account with people outside their household.

The streaming giant introduced paid sharing in Canada, New Zealand, Portugal and Spain on Wednesday. It was previously rolled out in multiple markets in Latin America.

While Netflix won't say when paid sharing will come to other countries, some version of the plan is expected to be introduced in the U.S. in the next few weeks. Around one-third of Netflix's subscribers live in the U.S. and Canada.

Netflix has more than 231 million paid subscribers in 190 countries. The Los Gatos, California-based company estimates that 100 million households are currently sharing their accounts with others, which impacts the company's ability to invest in new programming.

"We've always made it easy for people who live together to share their Netflix account with features like profiles and multiple streams," the company said in a blog post Wednesday. "While these have been hugely popular, they've also created confusion about when and how you can share Netflix."

Starting Wednesday, Netflix said it will allow standard and premium subscribers in Canada, Spain, New Zealand and Portugal to set up an extra account for up to two people they don't live with for an extra monthly fee. The monthly fee varies by country; in Canada, it's 7.99 Canadian dollars, while in Portugal it's 3.99 euros.

Netflix said it will also allow people who have been borrowing accounts to transfer their viewing history and other preferences to a new, paid subscription.

Netflix didn't say what actions it will take if subscribers continue to share accounts outside their household. In a conference call with investors in January, Netflix co-CEO Greg Peters said the company is trying to be thoughtful and gradual in its rollout.

"It's worth noting that this will not be a universally popular move, so there will current members that are unhappy with this move. We'll see a bit of a cancel reaction to that," he said. "We think of this as similar to what we see when we raise prices."

DEE-ANN DURBIN AP BUSINESS WRITER

Los Angeles

Police: Driver in Pursuit Crash That Killed 2 Was on Heroin

A driver who caused a crash that killed two people during a police chase last week in Los Angeles was high on heroin and fentanyl, authorities said Wednesday.

Oscar De La Cruz faces a murder charge in connection with the Jan. 31 collision in the San Fernando Valley, the Los Angeles Police Department said in a statement. It wasn't immediately known if he has an attorney.

The pursuit began when officers responded to a report of a stolen pickup truck. A police helicopter had just arrived overhead to take over tracking of the pickup when the truck crashed into a sedan, killing the car's two occupants, LAPD Deputy Chief Alan Hamilton said at the time.

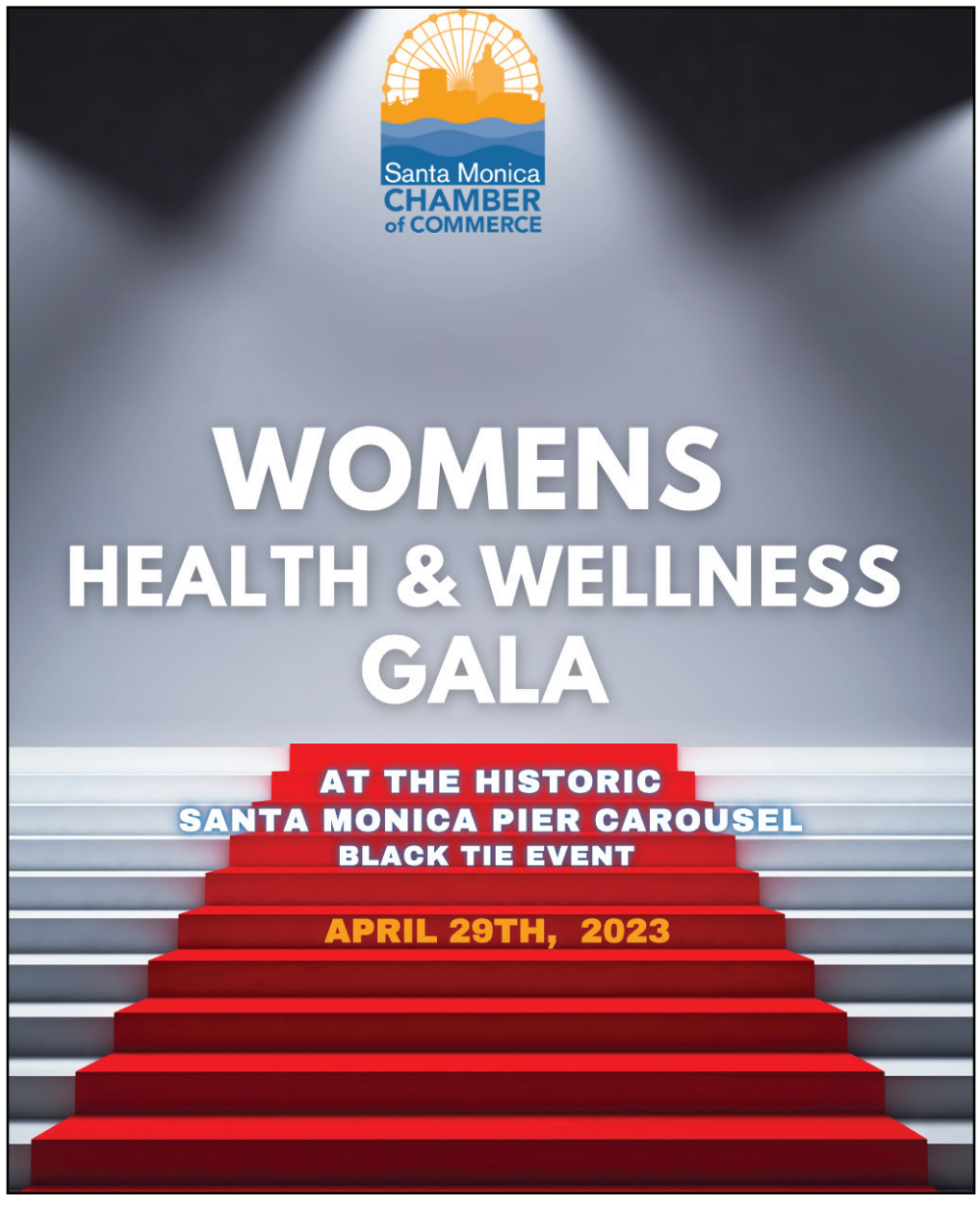
A passenger in the pickup was hospitalized with minor injuries. De La Cruz was arrested after being treated at a hospital, officials said.

De La Cruz "admitted to injecting heroin and ingesting fentanyl," the police statement said.

He has an extensive criminal history and was on parole, the statement said. His bail was set at $500,000.

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CITY: Safety is one of the "focus areas" for the city.

HOMELESSNESS

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such as safety, cleanliness and homelessness but there will be further impacts to services due to staff shortfalls.

"This is a time when we need the community's understanding and support as we rebuild our operations as finances and staffing allow," he said. "And hiring in today's market is a challenge experienced across industries, and we are not at all immune. Our staff vacancy rate is also high, and we know

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>
> - David White **City Manager**

you are feeling that."

Davis said the theme of her term would be a "focus" on what matters most.

"To stay focused, we frankly are going to need to give some things up," she said. "There will be tradeoffs in the name of getting things done. We cannot be distracted chasing minor problems that do not meaningfully advance our bigger, more urgent goals. City government and the City budget shrank during COVID and we do not have the resources to be all things to all people or even do all that we used to do. We can accomplish great things but only if we spend our limited time and resources in a disciplined and targeted way. If we let ourselves get distracted, we set ourselves up for failure."

She said the largest issue is homelessness and that finding housing for the unhoused is the primary solution.

"Almost all of our unhoused neighbors have been traumatized by life on the streets because they lack the most fundamental thing that most of us take for granted—a roof over our heads," she said. "Because each unhoused person is an individual, there is no 'one size fits all' solution. But we do know one thing—getting someone housed is the surest way to address whatever other issues they must deal with. We will never solve the mental health, addiction, and other medical issues we see every day, if we condemn homeless persons to a nomadic lifestyle on our streets or if we simply dump them in a criminal justice system that is not equipped and not intended to do deal with this complex issue."

When addressing crime, White said targeted patrol areas were having an impact on reducing crime as were efforts to hire more officers.

"In 2020 and 2021, instances of crime were down compared to pre-pandemic levels. Our focused efforts in specific areas have shown measurable results," he said. "Santa Monica's crime picture overall is tracking closely with countywide data with a 13% increase in Part 1 crimes in 2022 compared to 2021. The biggest contributing factors are property crimes, including larceny and auto theft. Incidents of aggravated assault and robbery have also increased."

Davis said the final focus area must be rebuilding the economy.

"We are making gains," she said. We helped Santa Monicans secure over $40 million in rental assistance from the State of California and an additional $750,000 for rent-burdened tenants in rent-controlled units. New investments are coming to Santa Monica with the Frank Gehry designed Ocean Avenue Project, the Historic Miramar Hotel, Providence Saint John's Master Plan and many other projects. Large international events like the 2026 FIFA World Cup and the 2028 Olympics are tremendous opportunities to reinvigorate our local economy. As the host city for Beach Volleyball in the Olympics, we will welcome the world to our beautiful shore, our world-famous Pier, and everything else our vibrant community offers."

To read the text of both speeches, visit:

https://santamonica.gov/blog/2023-state-of-the-city-speech-by-city-manager-david-white

https://santamonica.gov/blog/2023-state-of-the-city-speech-by-mayor-gleam-davis



Utilities commission explores ways to mitigate high natural gas prices

GRACE GEDYE
Special to the Daily Press

Gas prices have spiked in California.

That may sound like old news after months of high prices at the pump, but this time another kind of gas is running up the tab: natural gas, which fuels stoves and heats water and homes.

Average bills for PG&E residential customers in Northern California shot up to an estimated $195 in January, compared to $151 the year before; SoCalGas customers got hit with $300 on average, compared to $123 last year, according to data shared by Jean Spencer, supervisor of the energy division of California's public utility commission, at a recent hearing. Meanwhile, across the country, wholesale natural gas prices have fallen an average of 50% since October, according to reporting in Bloomberg.

What gives? California's Public Utilities Commission held a hearing Tuesday attended by different state energy agencies and industry representatives to look into the question and discussed strategies to mitigate high prices. While the commission can't directly set prices, attendees raised different long-term options that might keep the cost of gas down for consumers.

The meeting followed a decision by the commission last week to speed up a climate credit for consumers that should reduce gas bills. That move will translate to roughly $50 off customer's bills — but, said commission president Alice Busching Reynolds, it "was a short-term Band-Aid and this is a longer-term problem."

At least one California gas company expects bills to go down in February.

WHY ARE PRICES SO HIGH?

California pipes in 90% of the natural gas it uses from elsewhere, making the state vulnerable to issues outside its borders.

Several factors conspired to send natural gas prices soaring in the West, according to the U.S. Energy Information Agency: below-normal temperatures; high gas use; lower imports of natural gas from Canada; gas pipeline constraints, including maintenance issues in West Texas; and lower gas storage levels in the Pacific region.

On Monday, Gov. Gavin Newsom made clear he isn't satisfied we have the whole story, writing in a letter to federal regulators that "those known factors cannot explain the extent and longevity of the price spike." He asked federal energy regulators to investigate "whether market manipulation, anticompetitive behavior, or other anomalous activities are driving these ongoing elevated prices in the western gas markets."

WHAT, IF ANYTHING, CAN BE DONE?

The price of natural gas is set by regional and national markets. But the utilities commission and industry representatives raised short- and longer-term changes that could insulate California customers from wildly fluctuating bills.



REUTERS/Lucy Nicholson

GAS: A natural gas pipeline runs through mustard plants in the burn zone of Chino Hills State Park. Following a spike in gas prices, officials are trying to understand the market.

In addition to accelerating the climate credit, the Public Advocate's Office at the utilities commission has proposed spreading the increased cost over three to six months, to make each individual bill more affordable and mitigate the risk of disconnections.

Industry representatives raised gas storage capacity and regulations as topics the commission should consider.

Storing gas can help protect California customers from shocking bills because, if a utility has ample gas in storage when prices are spiking, "you can run down your (current supply) for a while and not have to buy quite so much at the super expensive time," said Borenstein in an interview.

Roger Schwecke, senior vice president at Southern California Gas Co., suggested reevaluating how much gas is stored at Aliso Canyon, the largest natural gas storage facility in the state. A major leak occurred at Aliso Canyon in 2015, causing Southern California Gas to temporarily relocate thousands of

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under the umbrella of sustainability in the United States. In the context of this report, the research company defines a startup as a privately owned business that isn't trading on the stock market, has a $50 million revenue run rate, 100 or more employees, a valuation of more than $500 million and includes companies working in five broad strands of sustainability: renewable energy, environmental engineering and green consumer goods.

"What we're seeing more of is an increasing number of companies and cities that are prioritizing sustainability," said Tyler Bethke, PromoLeaf's CFO, and co-researcher of the report. "It isn't an initiative of any one company, it's much more of a nationwide priority that's increasing over time."

"The We Are Santa Monica Fund promotes investing in the health and sustainability of the community. Santa Monica definitely looks at itself as a kind of hub for the mobility sector and electric vehicles and trying to become carbon neutral. So, when a community or city has a lot of these initiatives that they're trying to push, it puts them in a situation where, especially for startups, it's a good place to be."

Santa Monica-based startups that were factored into the research, include Cypress Creek Renewables, UE Renewables, Swell Energy, SolarReserve – which has since closed – and Inspire Clean Energy.

However, while Santa Monica scored well in one or two categories, it fell behind the curve somewhat in others. Under the category of "number of companies in recycling, waste management and pollution control," Sarasota, Florida topped the list with 20.3 such companies per 100,000 people, while Santa Monica placed 15th with a score of just 10.8 companies per 100,000 people.

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households. In the aftermath, the utilities commission capped how much gas could be stored at the facility.

Mark Potca, a program manager at the utilities commission's Public Advocates Office, also emphasized the importance of storage capacity at Aliso Canyon, mentioning a proposal to increase the cap, which would provide more storage capacity. How Aliso Canyon gets used is something "that the commission will need to consider closely moving forward," Potca said.

Lucy Redmond, director of gas reservoir engineering and facilities at PG&E, raised the impact of regulations from California Geologic Energy Management Division, which went into effect in 2018. She said the regulations have caused, on average, a 40% decline in the utility's well capacity.

Those rules, which were much stricter than previous gas storage standards, were enacted after the Aliso Canyon leak, said Mike Florio, a senior fellow at Gridworks and a former utilities commissioner, in an interview with CalMatters. "A lot of people think it's really excessive, that they kind of went from not paying any attention at all to being really too strict in these regulations," Florio said. The rules require testing of gas facilities, and some of the tests can take a well out of service for as long as a year, he said.

"They've created a price problem," he said.

But the utilities commission couldn't revise the rules even if it wanted to, since a different entity, the Geologic Energy Management Division of the Department of Conservation, wrote them, Florio said. "The only way this gets resolved is if it goes up their respective chains of command, maybe even as far as the governor's office, to say, 'Hey, let's get these agencies on the same page."

GRAMMYS

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me I'm lyin'. After a little break she might even be over the top with energy and new creativity, so, now's the time! Tues 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, $12.

RECOMMENDED:

TONIGHT!- RICK SHEA – I love Rick Shea, like a soft, very comfortable pair of cowboy boots that you look down at and realize the quality is still there, after many years, you feel good about them, and always look forward to spending that time. Thurs 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

TONIGHT!: "RACHMANINOFF WAS HERE Festival: Avant-Garde: From Surrealism to the Sunset Strip," The whole series sold out. But, you know... Thurs 7 p.m., Beverly Hills Women's Club. sold out.

THE CLAYTON-HAMILTON JAZZ ORCHESTRA with SAMARA JOY – I just found out about her through her Grammy nomination and win as Best New Artist (and Best Jazz Vocal Album), and from what I've heard she is old school and fabulous. The good news is the CHJO is always worth seeing. The bad news is that the terrific Soraya is a long ways north of Santa Monica. The good news is they are doing more excellent jazz, and the bad news is this one is sold out. Is it worth that long a drive for the chance to beg a ticket? Mebbe. Sat 8 p.m., The Soraya, Northridge, $??.

TOLEDO DIAMOND – Unique, riveting, first class act. There's nothing like it, it is high performance art and great fun. Degeneracy is rarely so well disciplined. Sun 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $12.

JOHN LEGEND – He barely had a minute on the Grammys but now you have your chance for an entire performance. The man does not hit a bad note, and that includes his social activism too. Mon 8 p.m., Walt Disney Concert Hall, LA, $89-299.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: MOZART'S "THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO," LA OPERA, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 2/19, 23, 26; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 2/19, 26; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 2/20, 27; EM, Harvelle's, 2/21, 28; "RACHMANINOFF WAS HERE": at the Greystone Mansion & Gardens," 2/18; DAMN WELL PLEASE ORGAN TRIO, Harvelle's, 2/21; LANG LANG PLAYS GRIEG, BRAHMS, Disney Hall, 2/23; CHRIS PIERCE, Hotel Cafe, 2/25; WILLIE NELSON 90, Hollywood Bowl, 4/29.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 9)

You'll give a quality of attention that could only come from you. Loved ones grow to crave it. Money from a side hustle allows you to focus on what you really want to do. You'll dive into an interest, become an expert, then enjoy payment to match that status. More highlights: a lifestyle upgrade and leisurely travel. Pisces and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 49, 2, 3, 5 and 15.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There really are no dumb questions. You'll do your research, and everything will turn out better. What you learn will give context to what you're doing and help you understand your purpose and part in the bigger picture.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Creative juices kick in. Enjoy the power surge and allow ideas to flow. The afternoon shows the sparks of romantic interest. Stay grounded enough to recognize when your internal voice gives you advice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). An investment in your atmosphere will have numerous benefits. Whatever you do to make things prettier, easier, more useful and efficient will pay you back with interest and have benefits beyond the expected.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The game is long, with many matches, so don't worry if you're not winning yet. Eventually you will win so much you will be bored of it and long for the days when it was a challenge. Savor where you are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). As you acknowledge the contributions of others, they give you more than before. Your enthusiasm has a way of growing anything you point it toward, and you'll have excellent aim with it today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When people look to you for help, it's no time to doubt your authority. If you didn't have it, they wouldn't look to you. Quote yourself. Make determinations and draw conclusions. You know more than you give yourself credit for.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are rogue elements which will bring unpredictability to your project and to your day. You're not afraid of them and neither are you enthused about them. It's merely something to handle, and you'll do a good job.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are the expert, and you'll own it. You may not have years of experience behind you, but that doesn't matter. What counts is your knowledge and a unique perspective worth sharing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Love fills you with gratitude. You may even feel thankful for events that haven't happened yet. Your powers of imagination are strong now too and as you steer toward your dream, your powers of attraction will follow suit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Do you mind being someone's crying shoulder? Depending on the "someone" it could be an honor. Listen with an open heart but don't advise, lest it put you in a position of obligation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Pride of ownership is the rule that will apply to your possessions. You'll take care that they sparkle, shine and work. Tonight: You'll turn a stranger into an acquaintance, or you'll refresh a past acquaintance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A remedy to ease the mental knots caused by complicated work: a simple task, easily completed. It's easy to tell when the floor is swept or the glass is spotless. The satisfaction of finishing will carry over to other parts of your life.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

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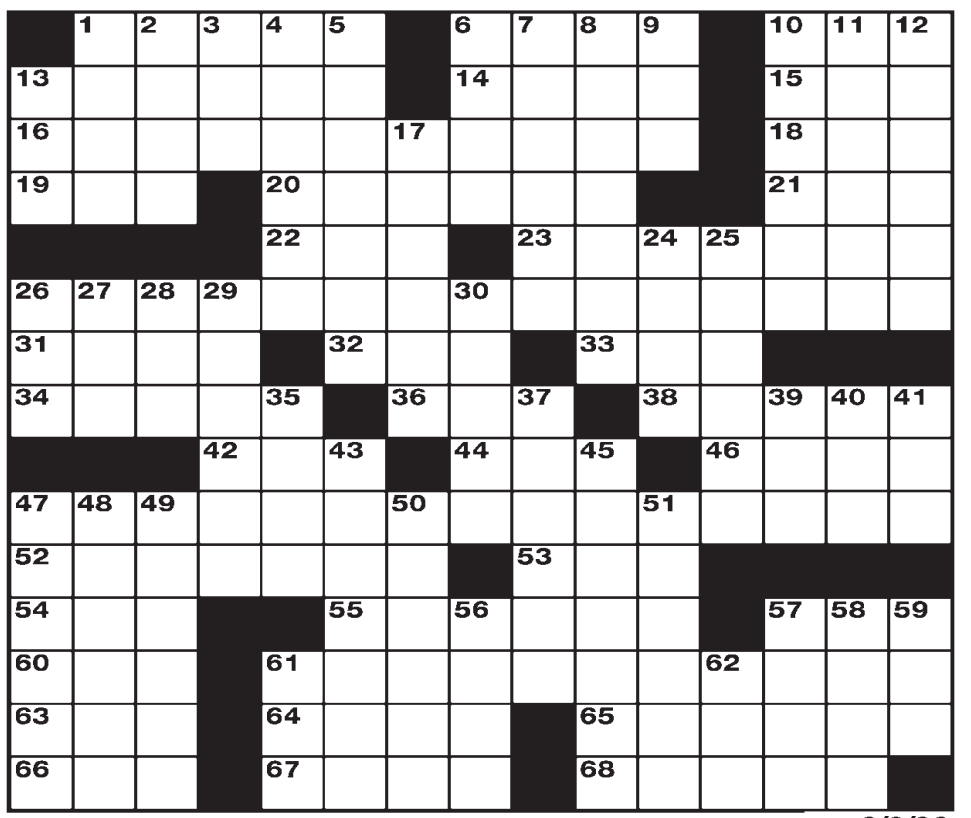
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1 Momentous era
6 Scram from danger
10 In a broody mood, these days
13 Army helicopter
14 "Then . . ."
15 [per the original]
16 Small coral rings in the sea
18 Apple II's monitor
19 Fractional amt.
20 Mississippi River's source
21 Total up to
22 NFL, NHL and NBA city
23 Needing assistance
26 Brazil and Columbia, re exports
31 Way over yonder
32 Word between surnames
33 High-end 26 Down
34 Chairwoman's address
36 Summer Games org.
38 Prince Harry's mom
42 *Passeport* info
44 Greek P
46 "Butt out!"
47 Proof of veteran status
52 Up for debate
53 Checker's color
54 Camel's color
55 Pay back
57 Heart of a PC
60 Sort
61 Moonshiners, to many
63 Contend (for)
64 Frozen drink brand
65 Get comfy
66 Facial feature
67 Give up formally
68 Test pilot's attire

DOWN
1 Grandiose
2 Formal agreement
3 Text-scanning technology: Abbr.
4 Better than good
5 Irreligious one
6 Profiles, for short
7 Union of unions
8 Features of many kitchens
9 Part of LAPD
10 Get away
11 Imitate accurately
12 Sonnet sections
13 Rev (up)
17 Capital of Taiwan
24 Ancient, in Aberdeen
25 Economize
26 Pic taker
27 Friend __ friend
28 Rage that passes
29 Swiss money
30 Corporate shake-up
35 Hardness scale creator
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41 Toning targets
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45 Commencement
47 Latin grammatical case
48 Napoli's home
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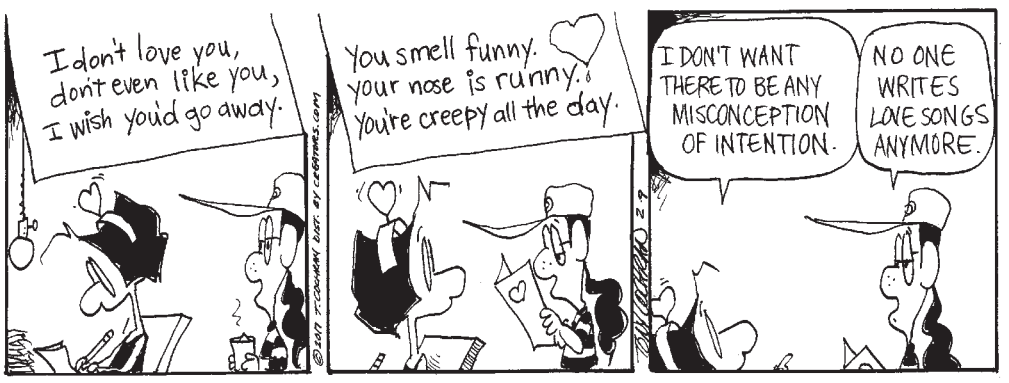


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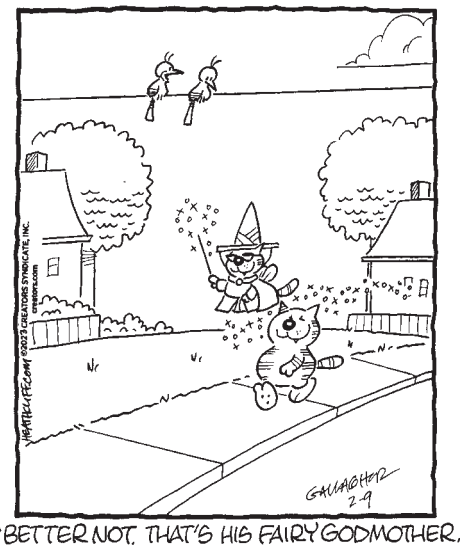
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5750

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ROCK 'N COMEDY
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FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 10

CANDLELIGHT: VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIAL
Candlelight concerts bring the magic of a live, multi-sensory musical experience to awe-inspiring locations like never seen before in Los Angeles. Get your tickets now to discover Valentine's Day inspired music at The Historic Woman's Club in Santa Monica under the gentle glow of candlelight. Two shows at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. take place February 10 and February 14. 1210 4th St. Santa Monica, CA 90401

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 11

VALENTINE'S + GALENTINE'S BOUQUET WORKSHOP
Join Ester's Wine Shop & Bar in celebrating Valentine's (or Galentine's) Day by creating a rustic, show-stopping bouquet with artist and longtime friend of Esters Krystal Chang. Participants will receive a hands-on lesson in how to build a loose, garden-inspired vase arrangement. They will discuss structure and form, the subtleties of color, and honoring the gesture of each flower and leaf. All flowers, vases, and tools provided. Each participant will take home their own floral arrangement. Tickets include a glass of sparkling Rosé and housemade chocolate truffles! Tickets can be purchased by visiting Krystal's website (http://www.krystalchang.com/). Esters Wine Shop & Bar 314 Seventh Street.

FEBRUARY IS CITRUS CARE MONTH
Join the Santa Monica community gardeners in February for a free workshop on citrus care and pruning, as well as how to get the most out of your potted dwarf citrus. Garden gates open and free refreshments are served at 9 a.m. Discussion and demonstration begins at 10 a.m. Sponsored by City of Santa Monica Community Gardens Program with the support of Santa Monica Roots. Contact: santamonicaroots@gmail.com. Main Street Community Garden-2318 Main Street, Santa Monica. 9 - 11 a.m.

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 12

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MONDAY | FEBRUARY 13

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXHIBITS
Stop by Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St., during business hours to view exhibits featuring poetry aligning with the theme of Black Resistance. City Hall is open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every other Friday (closed Feb. 24).

TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 14

CANDLELIGHT: VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIAL
Candlelight concerts bring the magic of a live, multi-sensory musical experience to awe-inspiring locations like never seen before in Los Angeles. Get your tickets now to discover Valentine's Day inspired music at The Historic Woman's Club in Santa Monica under the gentle glow of candlelight. Two shows at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. take place February 14. Santa Monica Bay Women's Club. 1210 4th St. Tickets online at https://feverup.com/m/120916.

NEW YEAR, NEW OUTLOOK: MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION FOR THE NEW YEAR
Experience the pause that refreshes with Henry Schipper, a UCLA Certified Mindfulness Facilitator and longtime local meditator. Beginners and experienced meditators looking to support their practice are welcome. The one-hour session includes a Q&A. 6 to 7p.m. / Montana Avenue Branch. 6 to 7 p.m. Pico Branch, The Annex

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



SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **60.8**

THURSDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft Thigh to waist	Fresh, modest scale NW swell mix. New SSW swell creeps up. AM winds look mainly favorable.
FRIDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	NW swell mix trends down through the day. Small SSW swell peaks. AM winds look light.

WEATHER

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 73. North wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 73.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 49.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/02/09	Thu	04:52 AM	1.61	L
2023/02/09	Thu	10:41 AM	4.55	H
2023/02/09	Thu	5:16 PM	0.34	L
2023/02/09	Thu	11:47 PM	4.25	H
2023/02/10	Fri	05:39 AM	1.60	L
2023/02/10	Fri	11:20 AM	3.93	H
2023/02/10	Fri	5:37 PM	0.81	L
2023/02/11	Sat	12:18 AM	4.37	H
2023/02/11	Sat	06:39 AM	1.57	L
2023/02/11	Sat	12:11 PM	3.23	H
2023/02/11	Sat	5:57 PM	1.31	L
2023/02/12	Sun	12:56 AM	4.49	H
2023/02/12	Sun	08:08 AM	1.44	L
2023/02/12	Sun	1:37 PM	2.57	H
2023/02/12	Sun	6:17 PM	1.82	L
2023/02/13	Mon	01:49 AM	4.62	H
2023/02/13	Mon	10:03 AM	0.99	L
2023/02/14	Tue	03:03 AM	4.83	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: 2/6
5 11 22 23 69
Power#: 7
Jackpot: 20 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 2/7
9 15 46 55 57
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 50 M

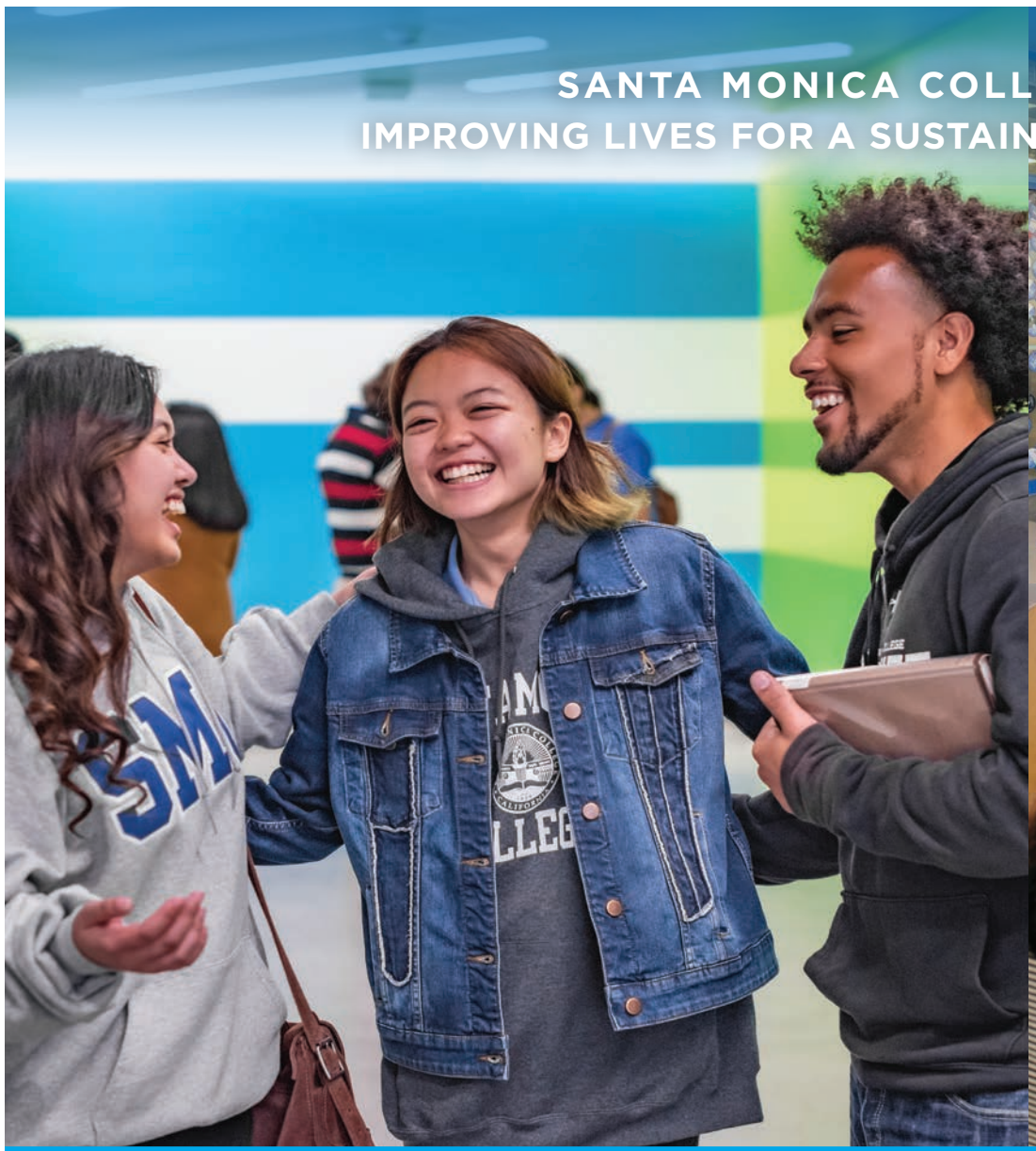
SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 2/4
6 15 16 24 35
Mega#: 14
Jackpot: 31 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 2/7
2 22 29 30 39

Daily 3
Draw Date: 2/7
EVENING: 7 9 6
Draw Date: 2/7
MIDDAY: 0 2 6

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 2/7
1st: 05 - California Classic
2nd: 01 - Gold Rush
3rd: 09 - Winning Spirit
Race Time: 1:46.98

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