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Students rock out for sun block out











Photos by Thomas Leffler

ECLIPSE: A multitude of students at Grant Elementary School, spanning multiple grade levels, all came outside together for the same occurrence as millions of Americans Monday. At 11 a.m., Grant's playground and athletics yard was the perfect vantage point for students and staff to view Monday's solar eclipse, peaking at nearly half-coverage of the moon over the sun. This was the final chance to view an at least partial solar eclipse in the Los Angeles area until Jan. 14, 2029, according to timeanddate.com, and Monday's event was also the last nation-spanning eclipse until 2044. Grant Principal Christian Fuhrer said the event highlighted the importance of science in student curriculum, and that he purchased safety glasses for student viewing a month prior to the eclipse.

Bean bags and police dogs used to subdue armed suspect on the bluffs

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

The Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) through Santa Monica was closed Monday afternoon as police negotiated with an apparently armed man on the bluffs.

The Santa Monica police Department (SMPD) announced activity at about 12:06 p.m. with all south bound traffic stopped at the

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Police Department investigating anti-semitic graffiti across Santa Monica

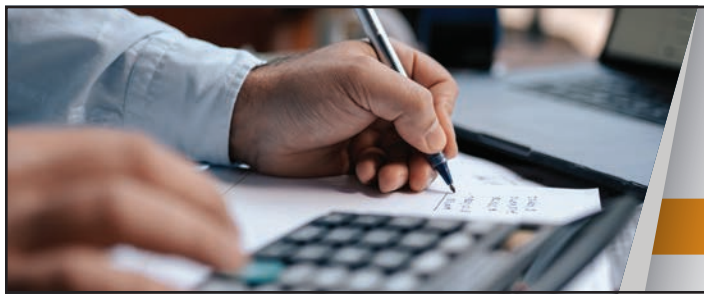
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SMDP Staff Writer

The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) is actively investigating multiple reports of anti-Semitic graffiti discovered in various locations throughout the city, including the Pico neighborhood (2100-2300 Pico Blvd) marking sidewalks, trees and light posts.

In a statement, the SMPD expressed its unequivocal condemnation of these hateful acts. "This behavior deeply offends the values of our inclusive community and will not be tolerated."

"Let me be clear, there is no place for hate in Santa Monica," said Chief Ramon Batista, adding, "We are appalled by these cowardly

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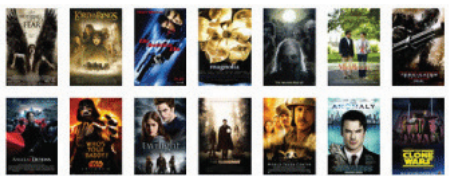
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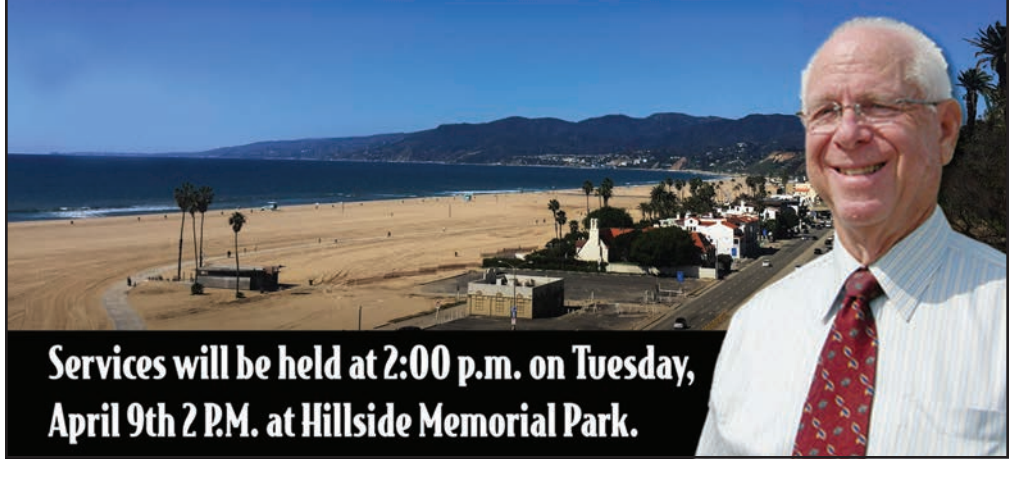


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Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9th 2 P.M. at Hillside Memorial Park.

Cross-country trek for MS research starts at Pier

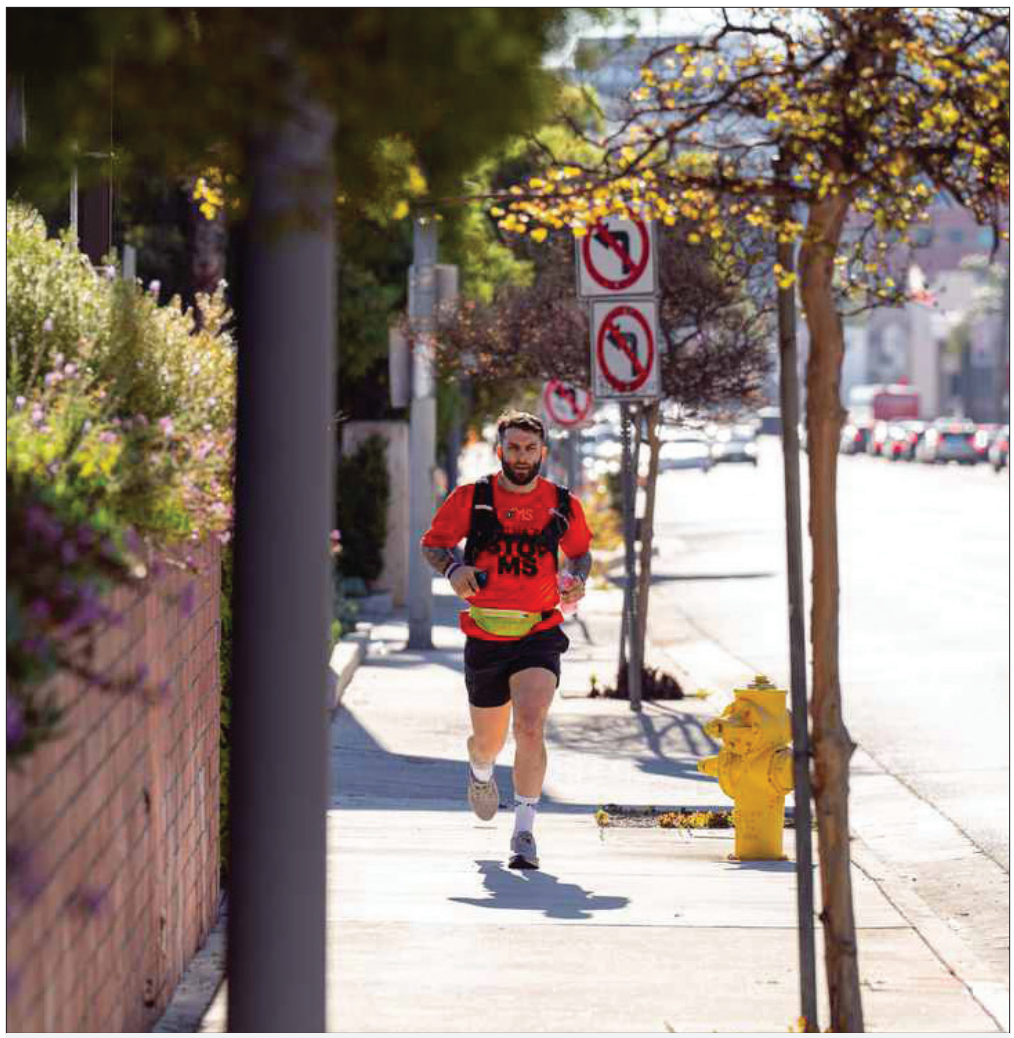


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RELAY RUN: On April 3, Michael Azar kicked off the MS Run the US ultra relay in Santa Monica, committed to running the first segment of a cross-country journey to raise money multiple sclerosis (MS) research.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

A dedicated team of runners will be taking on a cross-country course, one segment at a time, with the start of the charity endeavor taking place locally.

On April 3, Michael Azar kicked off the MS Run the US ultra relay at the Santa Monica Pier, committed to running the first segment of a cross-country journey poised to end in New York City in August. Azar will be running the first segment in six days from Santa Monica to Barstow, California, with a goal to raise $10,000 for multiple sclerosis (MS) research.

Each of the journey's 21 runners has made the same commitment to MS research during what the organization calls "America's longest relay run."

"In the realm of endurance running, where each stride embodies resilience and determination, MS Run the US stands out as a beacon of hope and solidarity," the organization said. "This remarkable initiative … serves as a powerful catalyst for change."

The relay has continued to grow over its 12 years, with the 3,260-mile relay made up from an "exceptionally deep pool of qualified candidates." Funds raised through the relay fuel research and aid those living with disability due to MS, with the 2024 relay team already having raised $170,760 as of March 28. Since 2010, the event has raised $3.4 million.

"This relay event truly is a personal and exclusive experience for each runner," MS Run the US founder Ashley Schneider said. "Being part of the team challenges them in mind, body and spirit. The determination and effort to meet their training and fundraising goals for the MS community is nothing short of exceptional."

The 2024 event includes a new event, the No Rules Relay and STOP MS Celebration in Milwaukee on July 7, which coincides with the finish of the 15th of 21 segments. To learn more about the initiative, visit msruntheus.org.

LOCAL SPORTS SCORES:

Santa Monica Baseball:
Thursday, April 4:
Vikings vs Highland
Vikings win 5-1
Batting/Baserunning:
Jacob Myrow: 0-2, HBP, SB. Sage Douglass: 0-4, K. Bobby Munoz: 0-3, K. Blue Hunter: 2-2, R, RBI, SF, BB. Isaac Liberman: 1-4, 2 R, K. Jackson Myrow: 1-3, 2B, 2 RBI, BB. Aaron Heirigs: 0-3, FC. Brady Satinover: 3-4, 3B, 2 R, K, SB. Manny Lares: 0-2, SH/B.
Pitching:
Jackson Klein: 6.0 IP, W, 3 H, R, BB, 8 K, 0.00 ERA. Blue Hunter: 1.0 IP, 2 K, 0.00 ERA
Friday, April 5:
Vikings vs Carson
Vikings win 7-3
Batting/Baserunning:
Jacob Myrow: 2-2, HBP. Gavin Kirtley:

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Prop. 1's success hinges on California clearing the 'human logjam' in its mental health system

ALEX BARNARD

Gov. Gavin Newsom is surely celebrating the passage of Proposition 1, which will allocate $6.4 billion to build 10,000 new beds for people with mental illness statewide. But the ballot proposition's razor-thin margin – despite lopsided spending on the "Yes" campaign – shows that California voters are growing skeptical of expensive initiatives to address homelessness.

To show results, the state needs a new strategy. That begins with a more critical look at what kind of "beds" we actually need.

The challenge of getting very sick people into intensive treatment in California is undeniable. In hundreds of interviews with clinicians and dozens of ride-alongs with first responders, I've seen how a scarcity of programs leads to a war-like system of triage. I listened to one social worker plead with hospital administration for a "miracle" – specifically, getting an approval to keep a homeless, pregnant woman struggling with schizophrenia and fentanyl addiction in the hospital for one night.

Given this, it would seem like Prop. 1's investments should go toward psychiatric hospitals, which are enormously expensive facilities that cost $1,500 per day, per patient. But this would misdiagnose the problem. When we add up all the locked mental health beds in California, it has as many per capita as Denmark and Australia, and more than Sweden, Canada or the UK.

The problem is that many of California's psychiatric beds are used badly, stranding patients at the wrong level of care and limiting the opportunities for others to advance through the system.

For example, in many county hospitals – public facilities at the frontlines of caring for homeless people with mental illness – as much as three-quarters of beds are occupied by people who don't meet medical criteria to be in a hospital. Instead, they're living there because there's nowhere to discharge them.

The results are catastrophic. In San Francisco, the city pays $21 million a year to house stabilized patients in its hospital. County patients wind up in mechanical restraints at high rates, partly because of their frustration at being locked in for months or years.

Meanwhile, emergency rooms downstairs overflow with patients, nearly all of whom will be sent back on the streets.

Numerous analyses have suggested that California invest, instead, in locked, sub-acute facilities. But these have their own problems. Despite costing hundreds of dollars per day, in some programs patients only see a psychiatrist once a month. The most recent evaluation of this level of care – published in 2005 – found that half of patients were back in a locked facility within the year.

And here, too, many patients linger far too long because they're not ready to go to the largely unstructured housing options available to them in the community, like a hotel room or homeless shelter.

To address this "human logjam" of people stuck in inappropriate levels of care, the state needs to fill out the missing middle of its continuum. Intensive, unlocked residential programs focus not just on treatment but teaching residents the skills to manage substance use and meet their basic needs independently. This approach is crucial for individuals who have been on the streets for years and who will ultimately have to live in shared settings located in communities awash in substances.

To make these investments work, the state needs to do more than just pay for new beds. It needs to change how people get into them.

Currently, a lack of regulation means California's 58 counties bid against each other for beds in these private, mostly for-profit programs. Given the immense demand, facility operators can pick and choose their clients, opting not to admit people with serious comorbid medical needs or a criminal justice history.

The state needs to end its hands-off approach and set clear guidelines so new beds are allocated to the neediest clients, not those from counties that pay more.

Despite Prop. 1's passage, support for bold moves to address the state's intertwined crises is dwindling. Fortunately, Newsom has an opportunity to simultaneously address civil liberties concerns, cost-conscious taxpayers and compassion for those suffering on the streets: make space in intensive settings for those who need it by getting those who don't into more appropriate levels of care.

This article was originally published by CalMatters. Alex Barnard is an assistant professor of sociology at New York University. He is the author of "Conservatorship: Inside California's System of Coercion and Care for Mental Illness."



Surf report

WATER TEMP: **56.7**

TUESDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Steep-angled NW swell due to back down for smaller surf. Small new SSW swell creeps in. Morning winds looking favorable.

WEDNESDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Little SSW swell is rideable at the summer points. Small, steep-angled NW swell mix. A few little peaks for combo breaks west of Dume.

Weather

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 73. North wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south southwest in the afternoon.
Tuesday Night: Clear, with a low around 57. West wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northeast after midnight.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 74. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest in the morning.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 56.

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2024/04/09	Tue	4:13 PM	0.53		L
2024/04/09	Tue	10:27 PM	6.21		H
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2024/04/10	Wed	11:02 PM	6.12		H
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2024/04/11	Thu	5:18 PM	1.70		L
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- **Submission Deadline is May 6, 2024 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is OpenGov (https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca) There is no charge for the RFP package.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Adopting Amendments to Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 9.22, Density Bonus, for Compliance with Updates to State Density Bonus Law Adopted by Assembly Bill 1287.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the adoption of a resolution to adopt amendments to Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 9.22, Density Bonus, for consistency with updates to State Density Bonus Law applicable to housing project as set forth in Assembly Bill 1287.

At the time of the public hearing, the City Council will also be considering compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024 AT 7:00 PM**

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

HOW TO COMMENT:
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or via mail to City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California 90401. Written public comment submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

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

Address your comments to: **City Clerk**
Re: Implementation of Amendments to State Density Bonus Law

VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: 1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

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

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

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2275.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Olympic Blvd.

The Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica and Santa Monica PAL Present the Youth and Family Health Expo, Event Set to Empower Community Through Seminars and Workshops

The Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica is excited to announce the inaugural Youth and Family Health Expo, a dynamic event aimed at fostering health and wellness within the community, at the Santa Monica Police Activities League located at 1401 Olympic Blvd., on Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The free event will provide families with information on how to advocate for themselves and their children while navigating the health care system and the multifaceted challenges that their children face concerning their physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

The Youth and Family Health Expo will bring together professionals, service providers and practitioners to engage in meaningful discussions and interactive sessions on topics ranging from physical health and nutrition to mental health awareness and stress management. Adults will participate in informative seminars while the youth are engaged in hands-on workshops focused on practical skills and strategies for maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Highlights of the expo include:

- Expert-led seminars on nutrition, fitness, and physical and mental health.
- Interactive workshops on mindfulness, stress reduction techniques, and nutrition for the kids.
- Opportunity to speak one on one with professionals in an expo-style atmosphere.
- Spanish translation provided.
- Free lunch served.

"Our goal is to give our community members practical and actionable information, and those 'aha! moments' when you learn something new and useful," said Jessica Handy, of the Kiwanis Club, the sponsor of this event. "We are planning this to be the first of many expos, because there is just so much great information to cover."

The Youth and Family Health Expo represents the commitment to promoting holistic well-being and empowering individuals and families to lead healthier, happier lives. By providing access to valuable information, resources, and support networks, the aim is to inspire positive change and strengthen communities from within.

Partners in the event include Santa Monica Police Activities League, Providence Saint John's Health Center, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, Santa Monica Family YMCA and Venice Family Clinic.

This is a free event. Lunch will be provided. Attendees must register to be admitted. For more information and to register for the Youth & Family Health Expo, please go to https://tinyurl.com/FamilyHealthExpo or visit www.KiwanisClubSM.org and go to the Events page.

Since 1922, the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica has been an active and generous member of the community, annually contributing over $120,000 to the children of Santa Monica through scholarships, grants and enriching activities.

For more information, please contact Jessica Handy at jessica.handy@outlook.com or 424-268-0539.

SUBMITTED BY CAMERON ANDREWS

Los Angeles

Assemblymember Zbur Partners with Mayor Bass to House Angelenos Living in RVs

Assembly Democratic Caucus Chair Rick Chavez Zbur (D-Hollywood) has announced that he has introduced a bill, sponsored by Mayor Karen Bass, designed to help the City of Los Angeles (the City) and other governmental agencies implement housing strategies for people experiencing homelessness who are residing in recreational vehicles. The Los Angeles Recreational Vehicle Lot Program streamlines the City's ability to lease property from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) at a reduced rate to store recreational vehicles (RVs) while their former inhabitants receive services to transition into temporary and permanent housing.

The most recent Point-in-Time Count data from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) showed that nearly 6,500 people experiencing homelessness in the City of Los Angeles are living in about 4,000 RVs. That number, which has grown by 40% since 2018, represents 22% of the City's total unsheltered homeless population, leading to a number of large encampments on city streets.

Shortly after assuming office, City of Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass - the sponsor of AB 2525 - launched her signature program, "Inside Safe," to bring people experiencing homelessness indoors. To date, the program has brought more than 2,100 Angelenos inside, including RV dwellers. However, the City's RV storage lots are 95% full. In order to get more people into housing and continue this successful program, the City of Los Angeles needs additional locations to store the RVs taken off the streets. Currently, Caltrans can lease property to the City for emergency shelter or feeding services at a rate of $1 per month. AB 2525 allows Caltrans to include the storage of recreational vehicles as a third option for which it can lease property at the same low rate.

"Many candidates for services like transitional housing have RVs that have served as their only shelter after becoming homeless," said Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur. "This bill will free up space under freeways and other areas – which often otherwise go unused – to provide crucial storage for these RVs so that people can move into housing and receive critical services to relieve homelessness. Mayor Bass and the Inside Safe program have done an exemplary job at getting people housed, and the City of Los Angeles needs more RV storage space to continue that success."

"In order to successfully confront the homelessness crisis, we need a unique approach to address RV encampments," said Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass. "AB 2525 will help play an important role in that effort. Thank you to Assemblymember Zbur for your leadership and partnership in our efforts to tackle this crisis."

Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur serves as the Democratic Caucus Chair for the California State Assembly and represents the 51st Assembly District, which includes Hollywood, West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Westwood, Santa Monica, and other portions of Los Angeles.

SUBMITTED BY VIENNA MONTAGUE

They work 80 hours a week for low pay. Now, California's early-career doctors are joining unions

KRISTEN HWANG
Special to the Daily Press

In some California hospitals, early-career doctors make as little as $16 per hour working 80-hour weeks. It's training, known as residency, that every board-certified doctor must complete.

The grueling schedules for little pay have been contentious in medicine for decades, and they're increasingly driving medical residents to form unions. The national accrediting agency for residency programs limits the average work week to 80 hours.

Last week, hundreds of resident physicians and fellows at Kaiser Permanente's Northern California facilities became the latest to join the wave of medical trainees demanding better pay and working conditions. Their petition filed with the National Labor Relations Board comes after Kaiser Permanente refused to voluntarily recognize the union.

Union membership at medical training programs in California has more than doubled since 2020, according to data from the Committee of Interns and Residents, the union which represents most unionized trainee doctors nationally. Residents at Stanford Health Care, Keck Medicine of USC and all six of the University of California academic medical centers have organized labor unions in recent years.

Northern California Kaiser staff now must hold a formal vote to finalize unionization. If the vote succeeds, residents would join most other Kaiser workers — including pharmacists, nurses and housekeepers — in gaining union representation at the largest health provider and private employer in the state. More than 9 million Californians get health care through Kaiser.

Dr. Brandon Andreson, a second-year internal medicine resident at Kaiser San Francisco Medical Center, said the move to organize was spurred in part by other hospital residents unionizing across the state and country. In an informal vote more than 70% of trainee doctors across Northern California Kaiser facilities supported unionizing, Andreson said.

"There is a huge national movement to recognize residents as decent workers," Andreson said. "We've become pawns in this giant game of making money for a hospital at the expense of your frontline workers."

Nationally, union membership among medical residents has expanded from 17,000 to more than 32,000 in a little over three years. There are more than 144,000 doctors in residency programs nationally, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges. In California, the number of unionized medical residents has grown by 62% since 2020, said Annie Della Fera, a spokesperson for the Committee of Interns and Residents.

> There is a huge national movement to recognize residents as decent workers
> - Dr. Brandon Andreson, a second-year internal medicine resident at Kaiser San Francisco Medical Center

In a statement, a spokesperson for Kaiser Permanente said the organization is committed to providing a good learning and working environment.

"We respect our long-standing relationships with labor unions and the rights of our employees to make decisions about whether they want to be represented by a union," the statement said.

At stake is increased pay, overtime compensation, housing stipends and more manageable schedules. Unions representing residents have bargained for fertility benefits to support delayed family planning. Dr. Berneen Bal, a third-year psychiatry resident at Kaiser's Oakland Medical Center, said some colleagues have even traveled out of state where it's cheaper to freeze eggs.

"As more residencies have unionized, it's put greater criticism on this training structure that we've all just accepted for so long," Bal said.

PAY FOR MEDICAL RESIDENTS IN CALIFORNIA

At Kaiser's eight Northern California hospitals, residents make around $80,000 per year and typically work between 60 to 80 hours a week, getting one day off per week, Andreson said. The pay range for residents at other non-unionized health systems in California is similar or lower. In contrast, starting salaries for full-fledged physicians are nearly $300,000 depending on specialty.

Unions represent few certified doctors in California because many employment structures make them business partners and prohibit them from joining a labor organization. Many doctors participate in the politically powerful California Medical Association, which represents their interests in the Capitol.

Doctors-in-training have long bemoaned grueling work weeks and little pay, but the pandemic fueled unionization, said Ken Jacobs, co-chair of the UC Berkeley Labor Center.

"In health care specifically, COVID and the aftermath of COVID have pushed a lot of people into seeing the need for a union and going out and doing the work necessary to win a union election," Jacobs said.

Hospitals relied on residents for surge staff during COVID-19 peaks but didn't pay them overtime or offer other worker protections, several doctors interviewed for this story said.

Stanford Health Care initially excluded residents from eligibility for the first round of COVID-19 vaccines in 2020, a breaking point for trainee doctors there who unionized in 2022.

"It showed us that they view us as an expendable workforce," said Dr. Philip Sossenheimer, a hospice and palliative medicine fellow at Stanford Medicine. "It was so stark the differences of how we're treated compared to our colleagues who are doing similar work."

Sossenheimer said doctors-in-training are especially vulnerable to exploitative employer practices because it is nearly impossible to leave a residency and find another position. They are contractually obligated to complete their residency training if they want to practice medicine. Residencies last between three and seven years with additional time for specialty training known as fellowships.

Last year, residents at Stanford Health Care won additional benefits and a 21% across-the-board pay increase in their first contract.

KAISER UNION COULD SET PRECEDENT

Hospitals began adhering to an 80-hour workweek for medical residents 20 years ago. A 2009 Rand Corp. study found that reducing residents' workloads to meet that standard and to prevent fatigue would cost major teaching hospitals more that $4 million a year, expenses driven by hiring substitute providers and additional residents.

Hospital executives across the country have been outspoken about increasing labor costs leading to higher prices for consumers, something which puts pressure on California's attempts to tamp down medical costs. Research shows that wages contribute to higher health care costs in the U.S. compared to other countries, but spending on administration and prescription drugs are bigger drivers.

Despite the growing appetite for collective action among resident physicians, not every institution has accepted unionization efforts. Residents and fellows at Loma Linda University Health are locked in a legal battle over bargaining. The 80-member unit won union representation last June under the Union of American Physicians and Dentists, but the hospital is refusing to bargain citing religious exemptions, according to case documents filed with the National Labor Relations Board

> In health care specifically, COVID and the aftermath of COVID have pushed a lot of people into seeing the need for a union and going out and doing the work necessary to win a union election
> - Ken Jacobs, co-chair of the UC Berkeley Labor Center

Loma Linda University Health is affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Dr. Jessica Muñoz, an emergency medicine resident who led unionization efforts at Loma Linda, said seeing other residents win contracts and move to organize offers hope to her and her colleagues.

"No matter what happens here, I'm excited for all of these residents and fellows that are unionizing around California and the country," Muñoz said.

Jacobs with the Berkeley Labor Center said establishing a union among Kaiser residents could have far-reaching impacts given the size of the health care behemoth, which is often looked at as a leader for worker pay and benefits.

"It's a big deal to take on something the size of Kaiser," Jacobs said. "What happens here will have an impact and is likely to ripple out."

Supported by the California Health Care Foundation (CHCF), which works to ensure that people have access to the care they need, when they need it, at a price they can afford. Visit www.chcf.org to learn more. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

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These Californians just got protection from big rent hikes

JEANNE KUANG
Special to the Daily Press

Many landlords providing new low-income housing in California won't be able to increase the rent on their tenants by more than 10% per year, under a rule imposed this week by a state committee.

The cap, passed Wednesday by the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, affects all future developments built with the help of Low Income Housing Tax Credits. California awards the federal and state credits to build about 20,000 new units a year; the program is the primary government funding source for private developers to build affordable housing.

The rule is similar to a 2019 state law for other tenants — restricting annual increases to either 5% plus inflation, or 10%, whichever is lower.

The cap doesn't directly protect those living in the roughly 350,000 existing low-income units statewide financed by the tax credits. But officials expect most property owners to comply anyway because they need the state committee's approval to sell the properties, or to get new tax credits for renovations.

Marina Wiant, the committee's executive director, said the committee can't legally impose new rules on developers who have already entered contracts with the government to receive the tax credits.

"We wanted to essentially apply it to all of the tax credit units," she said. "The general impact to most affordable housing owners and operators is they will comply regardless."

> "We wanted to essentially apply it to all of the tax credit units"
> - Marina Wiant, the committee's executive director

The cap closes what many tenants have decried as a loophole in state law. CalMatters reported in December that, during a period of record inflation, the lack of a rent cap in affordable housing allowed landlords of some of the state's poorest tenants, some of them for-profit developers, to hike rents by double-digit percentages in a year. To qualify for such a unit, tenants need to earn less than local average incomes.

But tenants' advocates aren't fully satisfied with the rule.

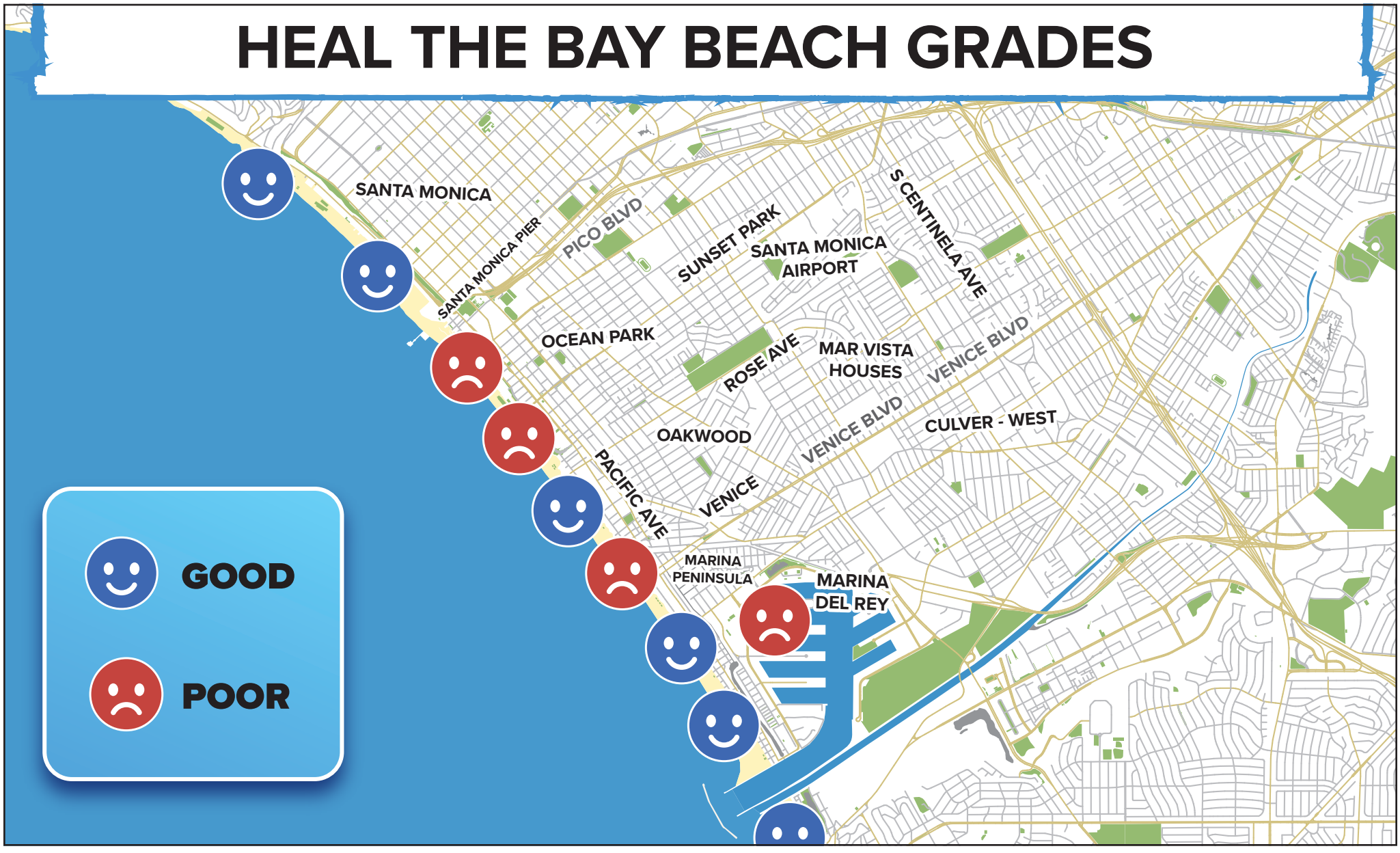
Leah Simon-Weisberg, legal and policy

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Photo by Julie A Hotz for CalMatters

RENT: Bay Area tenants from the KDF Tenants Association protest housing conditions and rent increases outside the office complex that houses KDF Communities LLC's office in Newport Beach on Oct. 26, 2023.



GRAFFITI

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acts of anti-Semitism. Our department is fully committed to upholding the safety and dignity of all members of our community."

The Police Department said that it "takes these incidents seriously and is dedicating resources to identify the offender. We urge anyone with information about these acts to come forward. Your assistance is crucial in helping us combat hate and ensure the safety and security of all residents."

TO REPORT NEWLY DISCOVERED GRAFFITI:

- Call 310-458-8491 to speak with a non-emergency dispatcher; or
- Utilize the Santa Monica 3-1-1 App

Pico neighborhood residents Taylor Coffman, Zach Louboutin and their two-year-old daughter took to the streets with crayons and coloring pencils on Sunday to turn the symbols into something much nicer. On her Instagram page she said, "So, walking home from the farmers yesterday, we saw a bunch of swastikas on our way home and we decided to make an art project. We're going to make them into flowers, butterflies and hearts," she said.

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Credit: Zachary Lupetin/Instagram

GRAFFITI: Taylor Coffman and her daughter took to the streets with coloring crayons to turn the symbols into something much nicer.

PCH

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400 block of PCH and northbound traffic stopped at the 1200 block.

Social media posts reported a potential assault on the beach with the suspect fleeing into the cliff area. Officers confirmed they were dealing with a suspect who was armed with an unspecified weapon.

Hundreds of cars were seen backed up along the PCH as officers were negotiating with the suspect via loudspeaker. After a stand-off lasting over an hour, at least one round of a non-lethal bean bag projectile was fired from an officer positioned atop the ladder of a Fire Department truck, while two K9 officers flanked the suspect from both sides in a pincer movement.

At this point, the suspect, who could be heard from the roadside where many bystanders were looking on, transformed from being passive — albeit uncooperative — to aggressive and really uncooperative. Officers who had remained on the roadside then climbed up onto the lower part of the bluff to assist in bringing the suspect down as safely as possible. He was laid out on the ground, secured and strapped onto a gurney and wheeled into a waiting paramedic unit.

Approximately 15 minutes later the PCH was reopened and traffic — that had backed up on both sides of the PCH, together with Maberry Road, Entrada Drive and West Channel Road, not to mention Ocean Ave — could once again resume moving.

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PCH: The road was closed while SMPD removed a man from the cliff.

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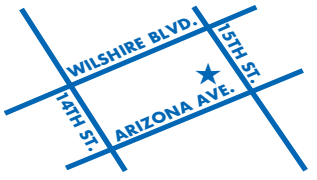
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RENT

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director for the Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment, said low-income renters should instead be protected from being charged more than a certain share of their individual income, similar to other affordable housing programs.

"It's a step in the right direction, but it's not low enough," Simon-Weisberg said. "We need to think about, 'What can the tenant pay?'"

The alliance is working to qualify local ballot measures in five Bay Area and Central Valley cities this fall that would impose further rent caps, of between 3% to 5%.

When state lawmakers passed the 2019 rent cap for most private-market renters to address the soaring cost of living in California, they created numerous exceptions, including newer homes, some single-family homes and, ironically, any affordable housing that has received government subsidies.

That carveout frustrated low-income renters and their advocates who argued the law, known as the Tenant Protection Act, left out those who most needed safeguards against high and frequent rent hikes.

Affordable housing run by public housing authorities is subject to strict federal regulations that prevent tenants from being charged more than 30% of their income. That's not the case in these privately owned, tax credit-funded properties, where restrictions on rent are tied not to each tenant's individual income but to the local median income, a figure calculated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development each year.

In recent years, high inflation led to median incomes rising. In areas that were already wealthier than their surroundings, this meant the rent ceilings on low-income housing projects went up especially high.

Nine other states already place rent caps on low-income housing, and the Biden administration this week announced a nationwide 10% cap.

California lawmakers considered applying a rent cap to low-income housing last year, but the bill floundered early in the legislative session over concerns raised by nonprofit affordable housing developers. Many of those housing providers, advocates said, had lost rental income when their tenants couldn't afford to pay during the COVID-19 pandemic, faced rising insurance and operating costs and had kept rents stagnant for much of the decade prior when median incomes hadn't risen.

Under the new rule, landlords in that situation can ask Wiant to waive the cap if a rent increase "is necessary to ensure financial stability or fiscal integrity of the property." The committee can also waive the rule without asking for permission in some circumstances, such as when tenants' incomes go up or they move to a larger unit.

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Probate Sale

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Vera Rink CASE NUMBER: 23STPB03791 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of Vera Rink A Petition for Probate has been filed by Gene Rink in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles-Stanley Mosk Courthouse. The Petition for Probate requests Gene Rink be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The Petition requests the Decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The Will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: May 9 2024 Time: 8:30 a.m Dept. 67 Room - Address of Court: Stanley Mosk Courthouse 111 N. Hill St Los Angeles, CA 90012 If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Law Offices of Thomas A Nitti 1250 6th St. Suite 305 Santa Monica, CA 90401 310-393-1524 04/09/24, 04/16/24, 04/23/24

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SPORT

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0-3, 2 K. Sage Douglass: 1-4, 2 R, RBI. Spencer Levin: 0-2, RBI, BB. Blue Hunter: 1-3, R, K, SB. Isaac Liberman: 0-2, 2 BB. Jackson Myrow: 1-3, 2B, R, RBI, SF, SB. Theo Smith: 1-1. Brady Satinover: 1-4, 2B, 2 R, 2 SB. Manny Lares: 0-2, R, BB, K, FC.

Pitching:

Tony Ponce: 4.1 IP, W, 3 H, R, 2 BB, K, 0.00 ERA. Aaron Heirigs: 2.2 IP, H, 2 R, 2 ER, 4 BB, 2 K, 5.25 ERA

Saturday, April 6:

Vikings at Capistrano Valley Christian
Vikings win 5-0

Batting/Baserunning:

Jacob Myrow: 0-2, 2 BB, K. Sage Douglass: 0-3, BB, 2 K. Bobby Munoz: 0-3, K. Spencer Levin: 0-3, K. Blue Hunter: 1-3, R, RBI, BB, SB. Isaac Liberman: 2-3, R, HBP, 2 SB. Jackson Myrow: 1-1, 3B, 2 R, 3 BB, SB. Theo Smith: 0-1. Brady Satinover: 1-4, R, K, FC, SB. Manny Lares: 0-2, 2 K.

Pitching:

Eddie Jennings: 7.0 IP, W, 3 H, 2 BB, 11 K

Vikings Record: 15-3 (5-1 Bay League)

Next Game: Friday vs St. Margaret's, 6 p.m.

SANTA MONICA BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD:

Friday, April 5:

Tiger Invitational at South Pasadena:
Men's 800 Meter Varsity Finals:
26- Landon Kozmor (Junior), 2:03.18
Men's 800 Meter Rising Stars Finals:
9- Kingsley Lin (Freshman), 2:05.63
Men's 1,600 Meter Varsity Finals:
35- David Ervin (Senior), 4:35.73
Men's 1,600 Meter Rising Stars Finals:
68- Emerson Hill (Sophomore), 4:54.52
Men's Shot Put Varsity Finals:
8- Alberto Villasenor (Senior), 43-04.00
Women's 400 Meter Rising Stars Finals:
32- Tessa Levine (Sophomore), 1:07.86
Women's 800 Meter Varsity Finals:
10- Cleo Topp (Junior), 2:23.48. 18- Maeko Gross (Junior), 2:28.64.
Women's 800 Meter Rising Stars Finals:
11- Shenandoah Markos (Sophomore), 2:31.35, 12- Charlie Llorente (Freshman), 2:31.59

Women's 100 Meter Hurdles Varsity Finals:

12- Zinnia Weybright (Senior), 16.88 seconds

Women's Shot Put Varsity Finals:

3- Reign Snowden (Senior), 35-08.00

Women's Discus Varsity Finals:

12- Reign Snowden (Senior), 98-01.00
Women's High Jump Varsity Finals:
9- Zinnia Weybright (Senior), 4-10.00
Women's Triple Jump Varsity Finals:
3- Zinnia Weybright (Senior), 34-09.00

Friday, April 5-Saturday, April 6:

2024 Arcadia Invitational at Arcadia High

Men's 400 Meter Open Finals:

18- Spencer Hotch (Senior), 49.30 seconds

Men's 800 Meter Speed Medley Relay Invitational Finals:

4- Logan Hanvey (Sophomore), Giovanni Crabtree-Ireland (Junior), Charles Rusler (Senior), Spencer Hotch (Senior), 1:34.18

Next Meet: Wednesday at Culver City

SAINT MONICA BASEBALL:

Wednesday, April 3:

Mariners at Village Christian
Village Christian win 10-4

Thursday, April 4:

Mariners vs Merced
Mariners win 9-4

Mariners Record: 10-5 (3-2 Camino Real League)

Next Game: Tuesday at St. Paul, 3:15 p.m.

SAINT MONICA BOYS VOLLEYBALL:

Friday, April 5:

Mariners vs Palisades
Palisades win 2-0
Mariners vs Roosevelt
Roosevelt win 2-0
Saturday, April 6:
Mariners vs Le Lycee
Mariners win 1-0
Mariners Record: 10-16 (5-2 Camino Real League)

Next Game: Tuesday vs Bosco Tech, 5 p.m.

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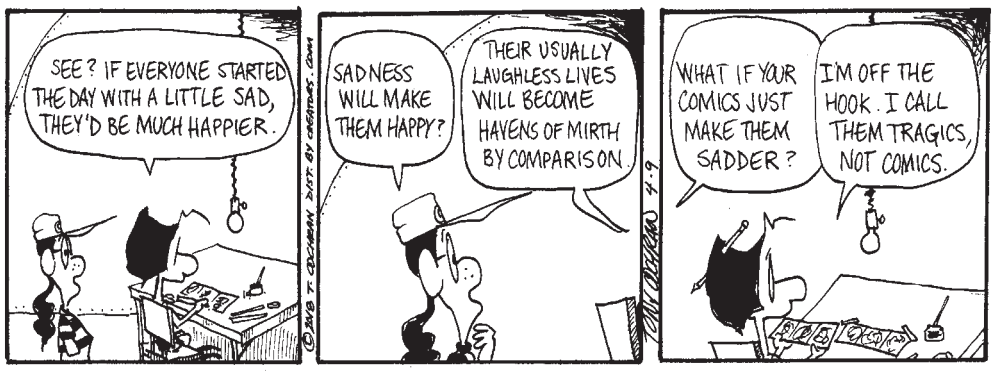


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PIER RUN: Michael Azar sits on the Santa Monica Pier ready to kick off the MS Run the US ultra relay on April 3.

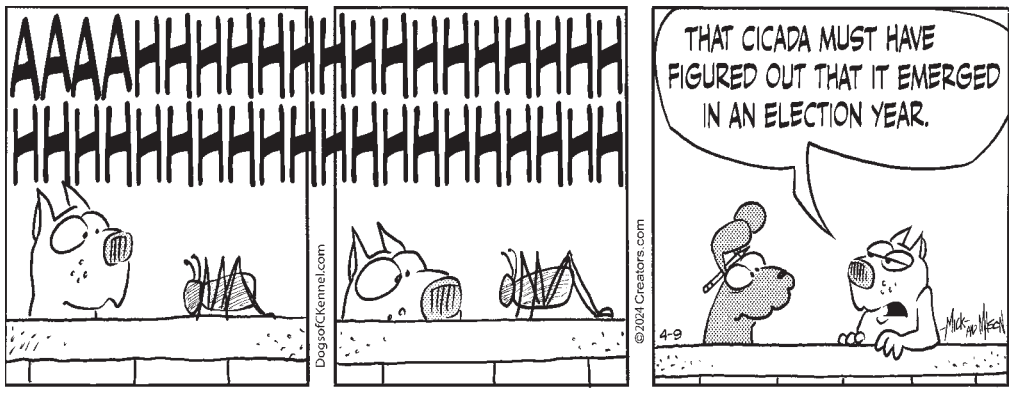
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By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART


AAAAHHH

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 9)

The fun you'll have in new places makes this year a montage of adventure. Also featured: your talent for exceptional communication, the kind that sparks new relationships, heals old wounds and makes your relationships sing with cooperation and trust. More highlights: a new source of income, love letters, a graduation. Sagittarius and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 10, 5 and 16.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The right words vibrate through you in the manner of an ultrasonic cleaning. The resonance shakes loose unwanted muck hidden in the intricate recesses of your soul, and you can shake it off and move forward untarnished.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Just because a key doesn't fit a particular lock doesn't mean it doesn't open doors. The way you go about solving a problem is unique. Like a key, you have a complex groove. In the right situation, things will click and you'll be in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). In certain moments, it really does feel as though you have love for the whole world. You can honestly wish everyone well, even those who have wronged you. You'll note it's easier to do this at a distance.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Self-assuredness is a skill that gets stronger with practice. You learned this long ago and will apply it today: Most people are focused on their own performance, not yours, which frees you to experiment unselfconsciously.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're not out to get what's good for you at the expense of others. You truly want what's best for all. Because of this, you won't waste energy overthinking things. You'll simply show up and give what you can to make things work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Mistakes were made. Who made them is beside the point. Everyone can learn from them. Even if you can't do anything about the problem, you'll take the situation in now so you can avoid it later.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Love is like a container you pour yourself into. You can't help but take on the shape of the vessel, and to do anything other than that would be a defiance of natural law. Once things settle, you can assess whether the shape suits you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People who have spent years building something may fear the idea of starting over. But building from the ground up is the most stable way for a fresh venture, and it's a process made easier by experience.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Nothing gets accomplished without work. Wanting something can make you blind to the amount of work it will take. Experienced folks who know firsthand will give you advice worth listening to.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't need constant admiration, but positive feedback is valuable. If you're going without it for long stretches, examine your support group. Acknowledgment is a human need, and in your case it's well deserved, so get it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Getting the energy right will make everything else fall right in line. Do what it takes to be in a happy mood first and take on the world second. A simple change of attitude can totally transform your scene.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It takes intelligent analysis to assess the real cost and value of what you want. You'll experience a kind of sticker shock as you notice the price, though it's likely that dollars are not the currency in question.

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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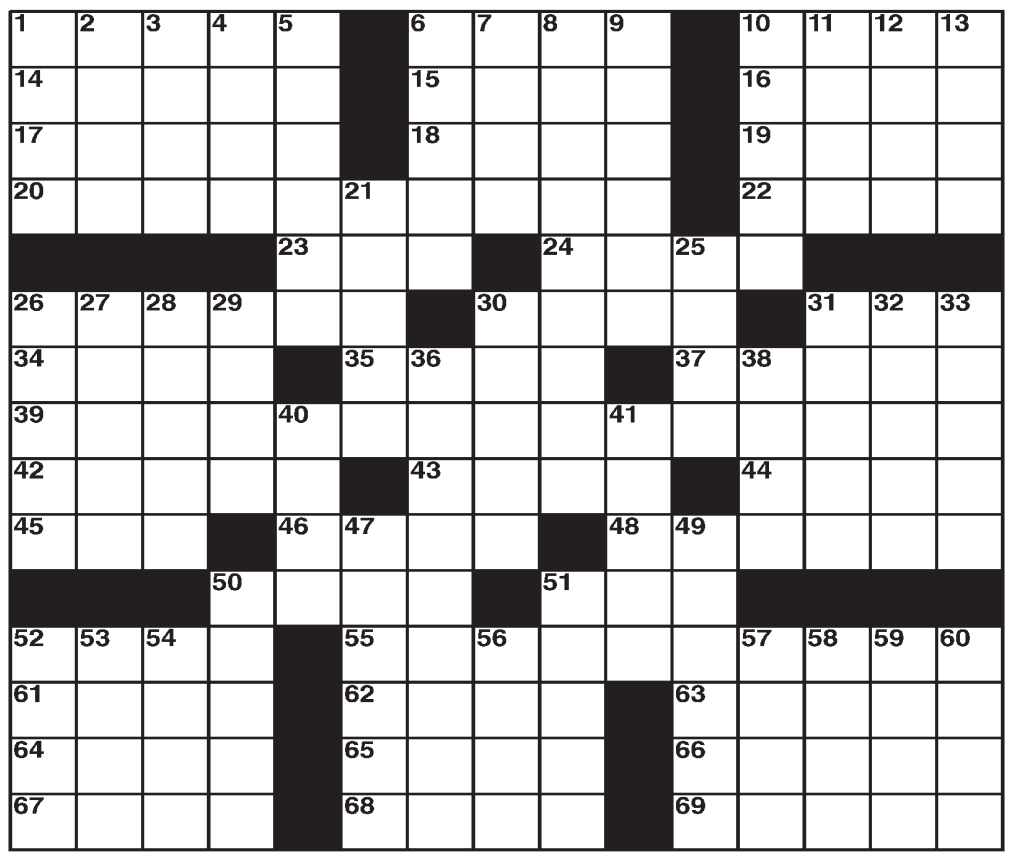
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ACROSS

1 Newspaper essays, for short
6 "__ are you talking about?"
10 Performs in a film
14 Suddenly appear
15 Rabbit's relative
16 Fabric from sheep
17 Wonderland girl
18 "So what __ is new?"
19 Carpet measure
20 Place to take a shower after a ballgame
22 Take a break
23 "With all __ respect..."
24 Obsessive expert
26 Any of several choices
30 __ dish (rice or potato)
31 Smartness measures: Abbr.
34 __ Piper of Hamelin
35 Chimps and gorillas
37 Obstruct, as a river
39 Woman getting a baby shower
42 Oscar winner Witherspoon
43 Civil rights icon Parks
44 Lawn-tunneling mammal
45 Pub serving
46 Lasting mark
48 Royal palace
50 And others: Abbr.
51 Professor's degree, often: Abbr.
52 Big smile
55 Rocks from a celestial shower
61 Assistant
62 Swelled heads
63 Ahead by a point
64 Sonnet or ode
65 __ and rave (show anger)
66 Compassionate comment
67 Remain
68 In addition
69 Toss

DOWN

1 White gemstone
2 Sport on horseback
3 Majestic story
4 Quacking bird
5 "Fast" swimwear brand
6 "__ are you going?"
7 Angelic light
8 Fire-setting criminals
9 Was overflowing
10 Oscar or Emmy
11 Center of an apple
12 Tips of socks
13 Narrow wooden strip
21 Rush towards
25 Begin again with
26 Drama with singers
27 Computer image dot
28 Conical tent in westerns
29 "Beware the __ of March"
30 Spanish mister
31 "Turn on the air conditioning!"
32 Suppress, as a revolt
33 Shopper's binge
36 Law firm's assistant
38 Bank's cash dispensers: Abbr.
40 "__ la vie!"
41 Manly
47 Picture-taking device
49 Cleverly skillful
50 Foe
51 Green pasta sauce
52 Spaces between things
53 Very funny person
54 Notion
56 2,000-pound measures
57 Twelfth of a foot
58 Rip apart
59 Money in Spain and France
60 Gush, as a volcano



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Los Angeles County Medical Association, L.A. Care Health Plan and Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Launch Gun Safety Billboard Campaign

In response to the public health crisis of gun violence, the Los Angeles County Medical Association, L.A. Care Health Plan and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Office of Violence Prevention are collaborating on a digital billboard campaign that emphasizes the importance of gun safety and promotes the use of gun locks to keep children and youth safe from accidental gun violence inside the home. The campaign is funded by the Los Angeles County Medical Association and L.A. Care Health Plan.

According to a recent report from the Centers for Disease Control, between 2003 and 2021, accidental gun deaths of children 17-years-old and under, were most likely to occur in a house or apartment. Eight in 10 such incidents took place in a home; 56% happened in the child's own home. In 2022, more than 800 deaths in L.A. County involved a firearm and 313 of these deaths were due to gun suicide.

"A significant portion of the gun violence that plagues our communities – especially unintentional deaths or injuries and gun suicides – can be prevented if firearms in the home are kept locked and unloaded," said Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director of the Department of Public Health. "The billboard campaign and the free gun lock distribution program are critically important steps in the effort to reduce gun violence, especially gun violence involving children."

"The Los Angeles County Medical Association (LACMA) is proud to stand alongside our valued partners, L.A. Care Health Plan and Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, in support of this critical initiative," Gustavo Friederichsen, CEO of LACMA added. "Gun violence exacts a devastating toll on our communities, especially our youth. By advocating for responsible gun safety measures, such as the use of gun locks, we can prevent tragic accidents and save lives. We invite our healthcare community to help spread the word and we urge every member of our community to take advantage of this opportunity to make our homes safer and protect our loved ones. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the fight against gun violence."

"Gun violence is a public health crisis and, as the largest health plan in L.A. County with nearly 2.6 million members, L.A. Care feels a deep responsibility to take a community leadership role in advocating for responsible gun safety laws," said John Baackes, L.A. Care CEO. "Gun locks are a step that every gun owner can take to ensure we don't lose another child in a senseless firearm death."

The digital billboards – which display a young person next to the statistic that in Los Angeles County a child is either injured or killed by gun violence every 30 hours – will be posted on heavily traveled portions of the 10 and 710 freeways beginning April 1. Another 150 "poster billboards" with the same message will be located at bus benches across the County.

The billboards direct viewers to visit lockedandunloaded.org if they are interested in obtaining a free gun lock. The website features an interactive map where residents can find physical sites throughout the County that will be distributing more than 60,000 free cable gun locks, no questions asked.

Whether keeping guns locked and unloaded in your own home, or sharing gun safety information with friends, neighbors, and family members, each of us has an important role to play in reducing gun violence. For more information, and to receive a free gun lock, please visit lockedandunloaded.org.

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Citywide

Sustainable & Connected: 28th annual Sustainable Quality Awards winners announced

Patagonia Santa Monica is the grand prize winner of the 28th annual Sustainable Quality Awards, the city announced today.

The business is among several others recognized for sustainable economic development, social responsibility and stewardship of the environment, demonstrating excellence in helping move Santa Monica toward a more sustainable future.

Five additional local businesses received excellence awards:

Angeles Investment Advisors for excellence in economic development.

Avocado Green Mattress for excellence in stewardship of the environment.

HGA for excellence in stewardship of the environment.

Physical Therapyworks for excellence in social responsibility.

Yoga-urt for excellence in economic development and stewardship of the environment.

The awards program is a partnership between the city and Santa Monica based environmental education nonprofit Sustainable Works.

The public is invited to attend the annual Sustainable Quality Awards ceremony on Wednesday, May 1, from 4:30-7 p.m. at the Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway.

A reception to celebrate the businesses for their achievements will take place after with food and beverages, exhibitor tables and networking. The ceremony will begin promptly at 5 p.m. Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Registration is required. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/28th-annual-sustainable-quality-awards-event-tickets-872996414777

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TUESDAY | APRIL 9

SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE

Help with family nutrition and health care access is resuming at Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave., thanks to Providence St. John's Community Health Program. Trained community health workers will be available to meet in-person with community members at the Park Center Building from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The trained staff can assist with enrollment in CalFresh, the state of California's food subsidy program created to improve the nutrition of families through access to healthy foods. Staff can also help navigate enrollment or questions for MediCal and Medicare. Appointments can be made by calling 310-458-8688. Drop-ins are also welcome.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Every two years, after each election, the City Council selects one of its members to serve as Mayor and another to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore.The City Council also sits as the following bodies for the City of Santa Monica: Housing Authority, Parking Authority, Public Financing, Redevelopment Successor Agency and Audit Subcommittee. Begins at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St.

SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY PROVIDENCE ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM

Help with family nutrition and health care access is resuming at Virginia Avenue Park thanks to Providence St. John's Community Health Program. Trained community health workers will be available to meet in person with community members at the Park Center Building in Virginia Avenue Park. The first Tuesday of the month 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The trained Providence St. John's staff can assist with enrollment in CalFresh, the state of California's food subsidy program created to improve the nutrition of families through access to healthy foods. Staff can also help navigate enrollment or questions for MediCal and Medicare. If you have questions about whether you qualify for benefits or if you need help completing enrollment forms, you can make an appointment by calling 310-458-8688. Drop-ins are also welcome. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave.

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 10

CBUILDING & FIRE-LIFE SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING:

The Building and Fire-Life Safety Commission was established on November 22, 2011 as a consolidation of the former Building and Safety Commission and the Accessibility Appeals Board. This Commission will also hear appeals and matters of fire safety as a Fire Appeals Board. The Commission hears appeals to decisions of the Building Official and the Fire Marshall. The Commission also makes recommendations to the City Council on adoption of the State Building and Fire Codes and locally adopted municipal amendments. Begins at 3 p.m. in City Council Chambers at Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS NEWCOMERS MEETING:

Do you have a problem with food or weight? Always struggling to diet or control your eating? Overeaters Anonymous might be for you. This newcomers meeting is open to all, at no charge. Overeaters Anonymous is a Fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience, strength, and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating. Our primary purpose is to abstain from compulsive eating and compulsive food behaviors and to carry the message of recovery through the Twelve Steps of OA to those who still suffer. Begins at 5:45 p.m. at Colorado Center Community Room, 2500 Broadway.

COMMUNITY COLLECTIVE HAPPY HOUR:

Experience conscious conversations while making connections with community leaders, innovators and trailblazers at a curated evening influencing collaboration an community. Starts at 6 p.m. at Viceroy Santa Monica, 1819 Ocean Ave.

PRODUCTION CONNECT:

Join Production Connect at 7 p.m. at The Victorian, 2640 Main St., for a night of networking and collaboration in the entertainment industry. Whether you're a filmmaker, musician or artist, this event is the perfect opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals and learn from the best in the business. Guest Speakers include visionary director and filmmaker Dave Meyers and award-winning director of photography Scott Cunningham. Tickets $20. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/production-connect-ft-dave-meyers-scott-cunningham-tickets-870405244517.

THURSDAY | APRIL 11

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET:

Santa Monica Farmers Markets create thriving, vibrant communities that are inclusive, connected and diverse by promoting the prosperity of California farmers and small food businesses, preservation of the agricultural arts and sustainable food systems. Accepts Cal Fresh EBT and WIC as payment. Runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. between 155-199 Arizona Ave.

ROAST OF ALTCOIN DAILY:

Prepare yourself for an evening where laughter reigns supreme and cryptocurrncy takes the hot seat. The Roast of Altcoin Daily comes to Expert Dojo, 395 Santa Monica Place #308, promising a night filled with hilarious jabs, clever quips and non-stop entertainment. Lineup includes roastmaster Mona Shaikh along with roast battlers seen at the Comedy Store Roast Battle such as Elise Golgowski and Sean Fawaz. Santa Monica Phil Brock will be a special guest. Runs from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets $40. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/web3-is-a-joke-presents-roast-of-altcoin-daily-in-los-angeles-tickets-845196544617.

DISCO QUEEN:

LouLou Rooftop Restaurant and Lounge, 395 Santa Monica Place #300, hosts the weekly Thursday party series Disco Queen, paying homage to the (in)famous Disco Queen nights in Paris, and is filled with disco balls, smooth grooves and over-the-top talent. Special performance by RuPaul's Drag Race contestant and Emmy-nominated actor Willam. Starts at 6 p.m.

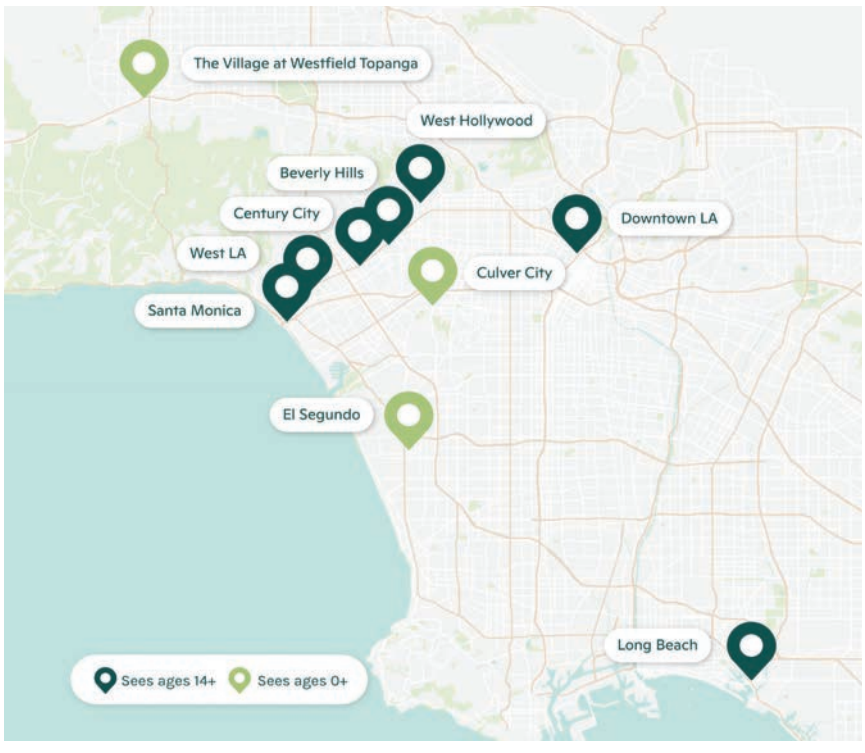
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