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Extreme inland heat may drive many to the coast this week

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Santa Monica's weather has remained slightly cooler than normal for much of the year and while temperatures will increase a little in the coming week, local conditions are going to be vastly more comfortable than neighboring communities that are bracing for a full-fledged summer heatwave.

There may be 30 - 40 degree differences this week between the beach and inland temperatures

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National Weather Service

HEAT: A heat wave will hit parts of Los Angeles this week.

Santa Monica police respond to beach shooting and motel standoff over the weekend

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While Santa Monica reported little to no serious incidents over the busy July 4 holiday, a pair of gun crimes rattled residents last weekend just as the area braces for a potential influx of visitors looking to escape inland heat.

BEACH SHOOTING

In the first incident, two young women were shot on the 2700 block of the beach at about 9:22 p.m. on Friday night.

According to SMPD, officers were on their way to the area for reports of a large party on the beach and in the adjacent lot. As officers approached, they heard multiple gun

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Matthew Hall

STANDOFF: The suspect surrendered after a multi-hour standoff with police on Sunday.

One-wheeled fundraiser



Arabella Joaquin

BEACH: Lukas Oakley traveled from South Carolina to Santa Monica to raise money for veterans.

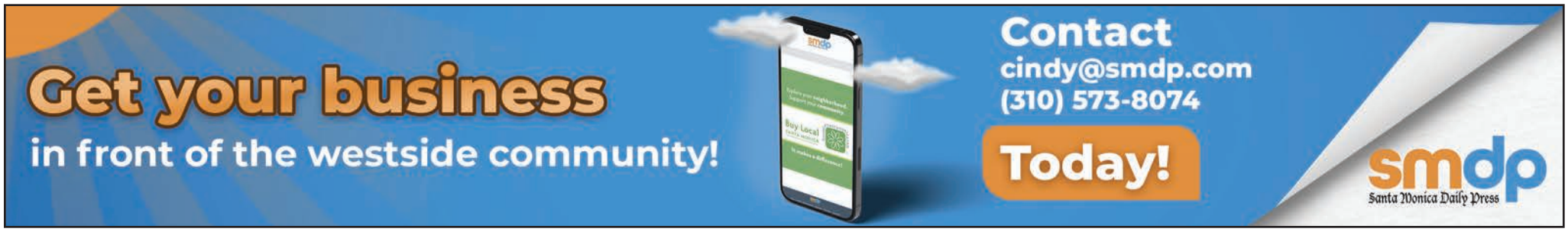
ARABELLA JOAQUIN
SMDP Intern

Lukas Oakley doesn't know how he's getting home after visiting Santa Monica, but he'll be happy to at least have a seat for most of the journey.

Oakley, an Air Force veteran, took his electric unicycle for a 3,000 mile journey across the country to bring awareness to the Wounded Warrior Project and ended his trip at the Santa Monica beach this week.

While Oakley himself was

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How extreme heat takes a toll on the mind and body, according to experts

SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN
Associated Press

The Southwestern U.S. is bracing for another week of blistering temperatures, with forecasters on Monday extending an excessive heat warning through the weekend for Arizona's most populated area, and alerting residents in parts of Nevada and New Mexico to stay indoors.

The metro Phoenix area is on track to tie or to break a record set in the summer of 1974 for the most consecutive days with the high temperature at or above 110 degrees Fahrenheit (43 Celsius). Even the morning low temperatures are tying historic records, with the airport logging 91 F (32.8 C) to match the warmest low set in 2020.

Along the U.S.-Mexico border, federal agents reported that extreme temperatures over the weekend contributed to 45 people being rescued and another 10 dying.

With so many consecutive days of excessive heat, forecasters, physicians and local health officials throughout the Southwest are recommending that people limit their outdoor exposure and know the warning signs of heat illness.

KNOWING THE SIGNS

From heavy sweating and dizziness to muscle spasms and even vomiting, experts say heat exhaustion and heat stroke are likely to become more common. In coming decades, the U.S. is expected to experience higher temperatures and more intense heat waves.

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>
> - Jon Femling, emergency medicine physician and scientist at the University of New Mexico

Heat stroke is the most serious heat-related illness and happens when the body loses its ability to sweat.

The skin gets hot and red, and the pulse quickens as the person's body temperature climbs to 103 F (39 C) or higher. Headaches set in, along with nausea, confusion and even fainting.

Jon Femling, an emergency medicine physician and scientist at the University of New Mexico, said the body tries to compensate by pumping blood to the skin as a way to cool off. And the more a person breathes, the more they lose fluids, becoming increasingly dehydrated.

"So one of the first things that happens is, your muscles start to feel tired as your body starts to shunt away," he said. "And then you can start to have organ damage where your kidneys don't work, your spleen, your liver. If things get really bad, then you start to not be perfusing your brain the same way."

Experts say it's important to recognize the signs of heat stroke in others, as people may not realize the danger they're in because of an altered mental state that may involve confusion.

In the case of heat stroke, experts suggest calling 911 and trying to lower the person's body temperature with cool, wet cloths or a cool bath.

With heat exhaustion, the body can become cold and clammy. Other signs include heavy sweating, nausea, muscle cramps, weakness and dizziness. Experts say the best thing to do is to move to a cool place, loosen clothing and sip some water.

Older people, children and those with health conditions can face greater risks when the temperatures are high.

In general, health officials say staying indoors, seeking air-conditioned buildings and drinking more water than usual can stave off heat-related illnesses. Caffeine and alcohol are no-nos. Eating smaller meals more often throughout the day can help.

LEARNING THE LIMITS

Researchers at Arizona State University are trying to better understand the effects of extreme heat on the body and what makes hot weather so deadly.

They're using a special thermal mannequin called ANDI that is outfitted with nearly three dozen different surface areas that are individually controlled with temperature sensors and human-like pores that produce beads of sweat.

"A lot of research that I and my colleagues do is just really focused on understanding how people are responding to higher levels of extreme heat over longer periods of time and then what we can do about it," said

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From poverty to power, new California Speaker seeks Democratic caucus unity but offers few details

TRÂN NGUYỄN
Associated Press

When California Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas was a child growing up in California's rural Central Coast, he watched his grandfather risk his job fighting in the farmworkers' rights movement to bring a better life to his family and his fellow workers.

A Mexican immigrant, his grandfather was the lead organizer for the United Farm Workers at the vineyard where he picked grapes. The union eventually won a labor agreement that provided farmworkers with better working conditions, higher wages and pensions: a victory that helped lift Rivas' family out of poverty.

"The one thing he always shared with me is change doesn't just happen. You have to make it happen," Rivas said of his grandfather.

Rivas, 43, recently became California's first speaker from a rural area in modern times, hailing from the city of Hollister where he lives with his wife and 7-year-old daughter.

Rivas and his allies say his journey from an impoverished home to one of the most powerful positions in California politics will usher in a fresh set of perspectives that could bring people together on issues facing the nation's most populous state.

After a relatively quiet four years in the Assembly focused on agricultural and farmworker issues, Rivas forced his way into the influential office last year despite much resistance from then-Speaker Anthony Rendon, who is still unhappy about how the power struggle played out.

Rivas is now one of three most powerful political figures in California, alongside the governor and Senate president pro tempore. The speaker installs committee chairs, controls what legislation gets voted on and negotiates the budget with the governor and Senate leader. He also wields power by assisting fellow Democrats with their campaigns.

On paper, Rivas and his predecessor hold similar political views and so far he has been vague about his specific policy priorities. He said he'll focus on passing bills addressing affordability in the state and reviewing existing laws to make sure "government works for the people of California."

Rivas has talked about the urgency to tackle California's homelessness crisis, which accounts for nearly a third of the nation's homeless population, as well as the state needing to improve public services and infrastructure and combat climate change. A continuing budget deficit is likely after a $32 billion shortfall this year.

Rivas also must try to keep his lieutenants loyal to move his agenda forward. He insisted animosity within the caucus is in the past, though he demoted some of Rendon's allies in his first days in office. Democrats hold three-quarters of the seats in the Assembly, the largest majority in the state's history.

"The challenge is that anybody can call for a vote at any time to replace the speaker, so you have to keep making sure at least 41 of the 80 are happy so that they don't vote you out," said Bill Wong, a Rendon ally who served as political director for the Assembly Democratic caucus.

EARLY LESSONS

Rivas and his younger brother, Rick, were raised by a single mother and his grandparents. While his grandfather worked in the fields, Rivas' grandmother worked in the cannery.

As a child, Rivas said he didn't realize his family was poor until he asked his mother if he could have friends sleepover. Rivas was sharing a three-bedroom duplex with eight other family members.

"She's like, 'Well, one, there's really no place for them to stay. But two, it probably wouldn't be a good look for you if your friends knew that you shared a bed with your mom, your brother, your great-grandmother," Rivas recalled in an interview with The Associated Press.

Inspired by their grandfather's community organizing, the Rivas brothers jumped into politics in their early 20s, helping run local campaigns, including for now-Senator Anna Caballero.

Growing up with a severe stutter, Rivas said he didn't expect a career in politics. But when he decided to run for the San Benito Board of Supervisors in 2010, he unseated an incumbent with Rick's help.

Before Rivas become a skilled bridge builder who isn't afraid of a fight, he wasn't easy to work with, said former San Benito Supervisor Anthony Botelho. His style was so abrasive that his colleagues on the board decided to skip over him in the typical rotation for board vice president, fearing he didn't have the temperament.

Botelho, a Republican, pulled Rivas aside and suggested he focus more on working with his colleagues than fighting them.

"And he took it to heart. He really did," Botelho said.

Rivas learned to find consensus with his colleagues to tackle the effects of the Great Recession while sticking to his progressive principles, Botelho said. When a controversial local zoning decision came up, Rivas refused to support it. Botelho caved and joined the majority even though he had concerns.

"That proved something to me right there that he's tough enough to stay with his convictions, and I wish I was that good," Botelho said.

Rivas also was the first to champion a successful, citizen-led anti-fracking effort in the county, despite a formidable opposition campaign by the oil industry.

Rivas hasn't said how he plans to navigate the relationship with his brother, who is now an executive with the powerful American Beverage Association, as he assumes the speakership. A spokesperson with the speaker's office said "his legislative record speaks for itself."

PRIORITIES AS SPEAKER

Exactly how Rivas will bring those convictions and experience to the speakership remains to be seen. He has said little about his specific plans as the Assembly leader.

Rivas pledged "minimal disruptions" to the caucus but has made some leadership changes, elevating his political allies. Rivas also removed Democratic Assemblymember Joaquin Arambula from a budget subcommittee after Arambula attempted to challenge Rivas' speakership in January.

Rivas wouldn't say whether he would break from Rendon's hands-off approach giving his committee chairs control over legislative priorities. But he planned to deploy the same strategies he used to win allies as he jockeyed for the speakership.

"The overwhelming majority of the caucus has moved on," Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel, a Rivas ally, said of the intraparty fighting.

Even some Republicans say they're excited about Rivas, pointing to his time as chair of the Agricultural Committee when he conducted a statewide tour to learn about different rural communities.

Republican Assemblymember Heath Flora, who serves on the committee, said "we're in good hands" if Rivas is as good a speaker as he was a chair.

Rivas said he expects to continue advocating for farmworkers and bridging the gap between urban and rural areas, and he may author some legislation in those areas. During his first term, Rivas successfully led a bill that helps streamline farmworker housing with the backing of civil rights icon Dolores Huerta.

"He seems to care about the community and ... he seems to be following through with his statements," said Natalie Herendeen, executive director of the Center for Community Advocacy, which helps farmworkers organize.

The opportunities that helped pull his family out of poverty and helped him ascend to the speakership are dwindling in California, Rivas said, but he vows to bring them back.

"When I look back on the hard work and opportunities I've had, I want my daughter to enjoy those same opportunities, but I think many people are questioning whether that is possible in this state," Rivas said. "That's the important work we have to do."

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the Text of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to Provide Incentives for Certain Housing Projects That Filed an Application Prior to Implementation of the City's 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending the text of the Zoning Ordinance to provide incentives for certain housing projects that filed an application prior to implementation of the City's 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element. More specifically, the following local incentives would allow:

1) A 15% inclusionary requirement for the development of off-site affordable housing units, giving the owners more flexibility to pool off-site affordable housing units into one 100% affordable housing project to satisfy off-site inclusionary requirements for multiple market-rate projects;

2) The grant of State Density Bonus waivers and concessions for the market rate projects as if the off-site units were provided on-site; and

3) An increase in the Downtown Community Plan maximum parking requirement from 0.5 to 1.0 spaces.

The local incentives would apply to new housing projects with applications filed between June 1, 2023 and two years after the effective date of the proposed ordinance located on parcels that meet the following criteria:

1) A preliminary application was filed for a housing development project pursuant to Government Code Section 65941.1 between September 30, and October 13, 2022; and

2) The preliminary application asserted eligibility for processing under the "builder's remedy" provision of the Housing Accountability Act, Government Code Section 65859.5(d).

As explained more fully in the proposed ordinance, the incentives, with the exception of the "parking" incentive, would terminate and be of no further force and effect upon issuance of administrative approvals for 965 "additional units". For purposes of the proposed ordinance, "additional units" means the total amount of units provided by one or more eligible projects, including market rate, affordable, on-site and off-site units, that exceed the collective unit capacity allocated to the properties associated with eligible project subject to the proposed ordinance under the Suitable Sites Inventory for the City's 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element.

COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Council will be asked to consider compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), including whether to adopt a finding that no subsequent environmental review is required pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section15162 based on a determination that the adoption of development incentives as set forth in the proposed ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance was analyzed as part of the 2021-2029 6th Cycle Housing Element Environmental Impact Report (EIR) [SCH No. 2020100575] that was certified by the City Council on October 12, 2021 with an Addendum to the EIR approved by the City Council on October 11, 2022.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023 AT 7:00 PM**

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

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

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

Address your comments to: **City Clerk**
Re: Housing Projects Development Incentives Ordinance

VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov
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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.

GUEST COMMENTARY

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California student: I have college loans but don't want my debt forgiven. Here's why

EYTHANA MILLER

I have $7,248 in student loans but I'm not disappointed that the U.S. Supreme Court blocked President Biden's attempt to forgive student debt.

I understand that student loan debt is a problem and that I'll work to repay mine. But given the opportunity again, I'd gladly take it. Lifting a portion of debt off a select group of Americans will add to inflation and lead to the growth of already crushing tuition prices – even at UC Berkeley where the semesterly cost for a California resident is $9,595, much lower than the nonresident $25,108.

My stance probably isn't popular among my classmates, but it might help to tell you a little about my family and myself.

My parents grew up Amish and, traditionally, kids begin working after 8th grade. I did the same. Instead of going to high school, I stocked shelves and managed inventory at my family's small grocery shop nine miles outside of a former logging town called Libby, Montana.

I studied for my GED diploma, and at 17, moved on my own to Redding, the seat of Shasta County. I worked multiple jobs, determined to be self-sufficient.

I hadn't grown up thinking about college. I didn't know anyone who had gone. But one night during a restaurant shift, I overheard a coworker talking about his classes at Shasta College, the local two-year.

He wasn't paying tuition – in California, community college is all but free – and I instantly bookmarked the fact for investigation. After many emails, swimming through bureaucratic layers of establishing residency and understanding requirements, I enrolled, and began making up for years of missed high school through algebra Zoom classes in the summer of 2020.

I hated being behind my peers, struggling through algebraic factoring and slopes after work on weekend nights, calling friends who were "normal" college freshmen and loved mathematics for help on 9th-grade problems.

After two years of full-time studying while nannying, freelance writing and tutoring, I applied to UC Berkeley and, to my surprise, started school there last fall. In a thousand small ways, I began discovering what had been out of my reach. I digested political theory, economic history and international relations while working to pay tuition and living expenses.

This spring, I took out a loan. My parents help when they can and I'm deeply appreciative, but generations without exposure to academics meant that education was relegated to a lower rung on the financial priority ladder.

President Biden's proposed loan forgiveness plan would've cost between $300 billion and $980 billion, according to the Penn Wharton Budget Model. While many students would gladly have had their loans forgiven – and understandably so – they're missing the rest of the picture.

As a professor told me last semester, "The history of U.S. public policy is essentially a series of unintended consequences." Loan forgiveness gives universities the incentive and ability to raise tuition prices even higher, as students will be more comfortable taking out loans to cover these additional costs, with the potential of forgiveness looming.

College prices rose 31% from 2010-2020, and this plan would've worsened the cycle, feeding into the swelling inflation we love to complain about. The U.S. household debt crisis is a concern, but data shows that individuals who hold a college degree earn a much higher income on average, and therefore are more equipped to pay off debt and continue building wealth.

Those without a degree are more often stuck in paycheck-to-paycheck dependence, lacking the skills necessary to climb into a higher income bracket. The accessibility of community college as the spark to kickstart an educational journey should not be understated.

Offering two years for free across the country would do more to bring new students into higher education than forgiving debt for those who've already had the privilege of attending. I know firsthand the significance of the second chance that community colleges provide.

Eythana Miller is a student at UC Berkeley and writes for the student-run publication Berkeley Political Review. She is a contributor for Edible Shasta-Butte and Enjoy Magazine. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Annual crime report shows Californians' fears of increasing crime is justified



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CRIME: The windows of the Valentino store in Union Square in San Francisco were boarded up on Nov. 25, 2021. Videos on social media showed masked people running with goods from several high-end retailers in the storied shopping area.

DAN WALTERS

Political officeholders at all levels and of all ideological stripes habitually pursue a time-dishonored practice when releasing data.

If it's positive, politicians try to maximize its importance with lavish news conferences and self-congratulatory declarations.

If, on the other hand, the data have a negative cast, they will be released quietly, often late on a Friday afternoon, to minimize media coverage.

California's annual report on crime was released this year on the Friday before what for many would be a four-day, Fourth of July holiday weekend. That's a tipoff that it would not be good news – and, in fact, it received minimal media attention.

The 2022 report revealed that the state's violent crime rate increased by 6.1% since 2021, and property crime was up 6.2%. Homicides dipped very slightly, but robberies jumped by 10.2%.

Attorney General Rob Bonta issued a low-key statement with the data release, saying, "While crime rates remain significantly below their historical highs, property and violent crimes continue to have devastating consequences for communities across the state, and gun violence remains a major threat to public safety."

One can be certain that had California seen a drop in crime in 2022, Bonta would have trumpeted it as loudly as possible.

Let's be clear: Neither Bonta nor any other attorney general can have more than a marginal effect on crime rates. Nevertheless, their campaigns often depict themselves as the state's top cop and imply that they do have such authority.

Why crime rates ebb ands flow is the subject of never-ending academic and political debate – and is colored by equally erratic public concerns about being victimized.

At the moment, Californians' worries about crime appear to be on the upswing, as indicated by one of the Public Policy Institute of California's periodic polls, conducted just before last fall's election.

"Californians' perception of crime spiked during the pandemic – as did certain types of crime," PPIC found, adding, "nearly two in three Californians call violence and street crime in their local community a problem. This includes 31% who call them a big problem, a noticeable increase from February 2020 (24%)."

The poll found that among racial and ethnic groups, Black Californians expressed the highest level of concern about crime, women were more concerned than men, and Republicans more than Democrats or independent voters.

The data released on June 30 imply that those concerns are rooted in fact. Crime did increase sharply last year, particularly robberies, and it has not gone unnoticed in the media.

The proliferation of cameras in stores and in the hands of cellphone owners has produced a never-ending supply of crime video snippets, such as smash-and-grab invasions of stores, for television newscasts, which then reverberate on YouTube and other online outlets.

Just a few days after the crime report release, for example, a San Francisco TV

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CRIME WATCH

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

ON JUNE 24 AT 7:30 PM

SMPD Officers were dispatched to the area of Ocean Avenue and Hollister for a "Check the Status" call. The reporting party was concerned that an individual with two young children appeared to be heavily intoxicated. Upon arrival officers located the subject with an open container of alcohol nearby and also noted her slurred speech and inability to answer basic questions. The children were placed under the care of family while the adult was booked for public intoxication and child endangerment.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUANCE OF TAX-EXEMPT REVENUE OBLIGATIONS BY THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING OR REFINANCING THE COST OF ACQUIRING, DEVELOPING, CONSTRUCTING, INSTALLING, EQUIPPING AND FURNISHING OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF NEW ROADS SCHOOL AND/OR A RELATED ENTITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on July 18, 2023, at the City Hall Council Chamber, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, the City Council of the City of Santa Monica (the "City Council") will conduct a public hearing (the "Public Hearing") at which the City Council will hear and consider information concerning the issuance, from time to time, pursuant to a plan of finance, of one or more series of tax-exempt revenue obligations by the California Enterprise Development Authority (the "Issuer") in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Twenty Five Million Dollars ($25,000,000) (the "Obligations") for the benefit of New Roads School, a nonprofit public benefit corporation, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of California (the "State"), and/or a related entity (the "Borrower"). The Issuer will loan the proceeds of the Obligations to the Borrower pursuant to one or more loan agreements (collectively, the "Loan Agreement"). The proceeds of the Obligations loaned to the Borrower will be applied to (a) finance or refinance the cost of acquisition, construction, development, improvement, renovation, furnishing and equipping of the Borrower's educational campus consisting of (i) an approximately 2.6 acre campus located at 3131 Olympic Boulevard, Santa Monica, California 90404 and bordered by Olympic Boulevard to the south, Nebraska Avenue to the north, Franklin Street to the east and Berkeley Street to the west, including approximately 73,150 square feet of improvements including classrooms, a theater, science labs, offices, outdoor play and sports areas, parking, and related and ancillary facilities, and (ii) an approximately 9,700 square foot building located at 1836 Franklin Street, Santa Monica, California 90404 (collectively, the "Facilities"), and (b) pay certain costs of issuance in connection with such financing or refinancing. The Borrower is an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and will own and operate the Facilities in connection with its mission of providing an inspired college preparatory program for students in grades K-12 where an authentically diverse student population develops personal dedication to learning, a respect to independent thinking and an expanding curiosity about the world and its people. The Obligations will be paid entirely from repayments by the Borrower under the Loan Agreement.

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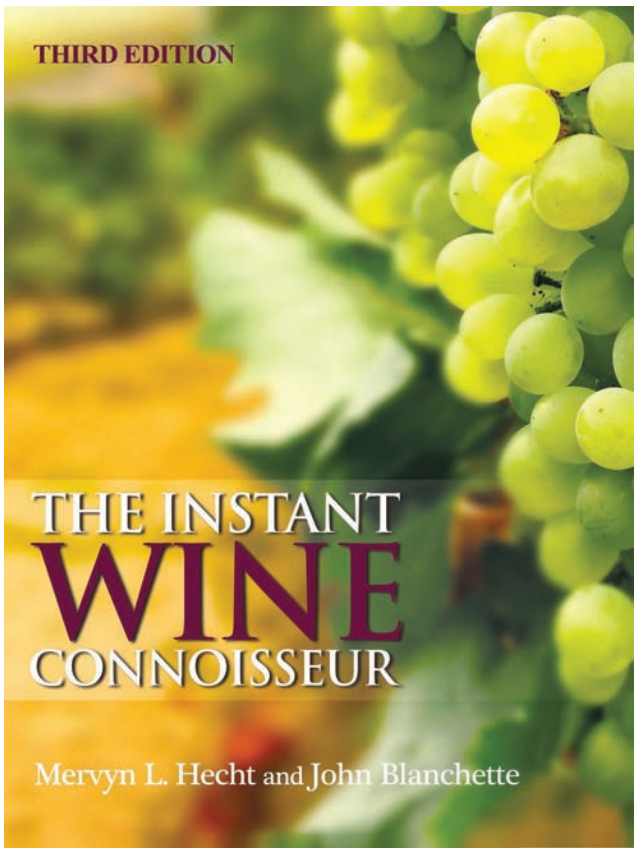
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Convicted Murderer Who Ran $1.5 Million COVID Jobless Benefits Fraud from Behind Bars Sentenced to 7 Years in Federal Prison

A woman serving a life sentence in state prison for murder was sentenced today in federal court to 84 months in federal prison for leading a ring that fraudulently obtained more than $1.5 million in California unemployment insurance (UI) benefits – mostly pandemic-related relief – by using other people's identities, some of which belonged to her fellow California prison inmates.

Natalie Le Demola, 38, who was incarcerated at the California Institution for Women in Corona at the time of the offense, was sentenced by United States District Judge John F. Walter, who also ordered her to pay $933,181 in restitution. Demola is serving a life sentence after being convicted in 2005 of the first-degree murder of her mother.

Judge Walter ordered Demola to serve her federal prison sentence consecutive to her state prison sentence. She will be eligible for parole from state prison in July 2026.

Demola pleaded guilty on March 7 to one count of conspiracy to commit bank fraud and wire fraud, three counts of bank fraud, and one count of aggravated identity theft.

From June 2020 until April 2021, Demola and other co-conspirators acquired the personal identifiable information (PII), such as the names, dates of birth, and Social Security numbers, of individuals – including identity theft victims – who were not eligible for UI benefits, including pandemic benefits, because they were employed, retired, or incarcerated.

Members of the conspiracy then used the information to make fraudulent online applications for UI benefits from the California Employment Development Department (EDD). Once the applications were approved, members of the conspiracy received EDD-funded debit cards that allowed them to withdraw money from ATMs across Southern California.

The total loss incurred by this conspiracy was $1,546,933.

"[Demola] led and organized a scheme in which she and her coconspirators pocketed hundreds of thousands of dollars allocated for residents of California who were unemployed on account of the COVID19 pandemic," prosecutors argued in a sentencing memorandum. "[Demola] made a cost-benefit analysis and decided that the money and influence, including among fellow inmates, that she stood to gain was worth the additional penalties she faced if she were caught."

Prosecutors secured a total of 13 guilty pleas in this case.

The investigation into this scheme was conducted by the Los Angeles El Camino Real Financial Crimes Task Force, a multi-agency task force led by Homeland Security Investigations that includes federal and state investigators who are focused on financial crimes in Southern California. The California Employment Development Department, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the United States Department of Labor Office of Inspector General, the Inglewood Police Department, and the United States Marshals Service participated in this investigation.

Assistant United States Attorneys Nisha Chandran of the Cyber and Intellectual Property Crimes Section and David C. Lachman of the Terrorism and Export Crimes Section prosecuted this case.

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Los Angeles

L.A. Man Gets More Than 6 Years in Prison for Illicitly Obtaining Nearly $9 Million in COVID Loans, Some of Which He Used for Las Vegas Gambling

A West Los Angeles man was sentenced today to 79 months in federal prison for fraudulently obtaining approximately $9 million in COVID-19 business loans, some of which he used on gambling excursions to Las Vegas and transferred to his stock trading accounts.

Andrew Marnell, 43, was sentenced by United States District Judge R. Gary Klausner, who scheduled a restitution hearing for August 28.

Marnell pleaded guilty in September 2021 to one count of bank fraud and one count of money laundering.

From March 2020 to July 2020, Marnell schemed to defraud lenders and the Small Business Administration (SBA) by submitting fraudulent loan applications under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), which Congress designed to aid businesses feeling the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and another SBA loan program called the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program (EIDL).

Marnell's bogus loan applications contained numerous false and misleading statements about his shell companies' business operations and payroll expenses. Marnell, often using aliases, submitted fake and altered documents to obtain the small business loans, including bogus federal tax filings and employee payroll records.

In total, Marnell submitted applications for PPP loans in amounts exceeding $10 million and lenders funded nearly $9 million in loans to his fake companies. In addition, Marnell requested EIDL loans from the SBA in the amount of $320,000, and of that amount, $170,000 was funded.

Once Marnell obtained the illicitly obtained loans, he used the money for gambling, including at a Las Vegas casino and in stock market trades, and for purchasing luxury goods. As part of his plea agreement with federal prosecutors, Marnell agreed to forfeit his ill-gotten gains, including Rolex watches, multiple laptop computers and tablets, a Range Rover automobile, a Ducati motorcycle, and hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash. The government also seized more than $1.5 million from various Marnell-controlled accounts, including those used to trade in the stock market.

"As soon as the federal government declared a national emergency and took action to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, [Marnell] started scheming to steal relief funds intended to save small businesses from going bankrupt and millions of individuals from losing their jobs," prosecutors argued in a sentencing memorandum. "[Marnell] was one of the first people arrested in this district for pandemic-related fraud, and thus he was one of the first out of the proverbial gate to start defrauding programs designed to provide emergency assistance and relief to those impacted by the pandemic, including owners of small businesses."

The Federal Housing Finance Agency Office of Inspector General; the FBI; the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Office of Inspector General; IRS Criminal Investigation; the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; and the Small Business Administration Office of Inspector General investigated this matter. The California Department of Justice Bureau of Gambling Control provided assistance in the investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney Kerry L. Quinn of the Major Frauds Section prosecuted this case.

Anyone with information about allegations of attempted fraud involving COVID-19 can report it by calling the Department of Justice's National Center for Disaster Fraud Hotline at (866) 720-5721 or via the NCDF Web Complaint Form at: https://www.justice.gov/disaster-fraud/ncdf-disaster-complaint-form.

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Stymied by the Supreme Court, Biden wants voters to have the final say on his agenda

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After major blows to his agenda by the Supreme Court, President Joe Biden is intent on making sure voters will have the final say.

When the court's conservative majority effectively killed his plan to cancel or reduce federal student loan debts for millions of people, Biden said, "Republicans snatched away the hope that they were given." When the justices ended race-based affirmative action in college admissions, he said, "This is not a normal court." When they overturned Roe v. Wade and a national right to abortion last year, the president said, "Voters need to make their voices heard."

As Biden heads into the 2024 election, he is running not only against the Republicans who control one-half of Congress but also against the conservative bloc that dominates the nation's highest court. It's a subtle but significant shift in approach toward the Supreme Court, treating it more like a political entity even as Biden stops short of calling for an overhaul.

That shift is becoming apparent in everything from the White House's messaging to its legal strategy.

"The president respects the court's authority, but if its judgments are going to be political and there are members of the court who are saying that, he owes it to voters to make it clear what his positions are and what he's doing to address it," said Ron Klain, his former chief of staff.

"Many members of the current court testified that Roe is settled law and still overturned it," he added, referring to the court's ruling on abortion. "That has its consequences."

Biden, who once led the Senate Judiciary Committee, is focusing on the politicization of the court as a way to encourage voters to back him. Yet he has not embraced any effort to make big changes to the court.

Instead, Biden is increasingly vocal about his belief that the court is abandoning mainstream constitutional interpretation. He tells voters they need more Democrats in Congress and a Democrat in the White House to counter the impact of the conservative-leaning court.

Biden has won his share of cases, including on immigration, before a court where conservatives hold a 6-3 majority. But the student loan defeat capped a term when justices imposed significant roadblocks.

White House officials say Biden is keen to explore other ways to pursue the same priorities and explain to the American people about the obstacles.

"There's only upside in running against the court as an institution because the court is doing things that are wildly unpopular and they're preventing the president from implementing his agenda," said Chris Kang, chief counsel of the progressive group Demand Justice and a onetime deputy counsel to President Barack Obama.

"I think that it's important to make clear that the Supreme Court is making it impossible to implement and advance policies that should not have any controversy attached to them," he added.

Republicans are working to portray Biden as overstepping his legal authority in pursuit of his agenda. They say the high court's policies are in step with much of the country and they are trying to motivate their own voters by highlighting what the GOP has achieved through court rulings.

Former President Donald Trump, at the recent Faith and Freedom Coalition conference in Washington, praised the three justices he had nominated to the Supreme Court. "Exactly one year ago today, those justices were the pivotal votes in the Supreme Court's landmark decision ending the constitutional atrocity known as Roe v. Wade," Trump said.

He drew a standing ovation by noting that "conservatives had been trying for 50 years," to overturn that ruling. "But I got it done and nobody ever thought it was a possibility."

Other administration officials said the court's conservative dominance has lowered the political cost to Biden when the justices scuttle some of his legally suspect actions such as on student loans and coronavirus mandates. On the latter, the Supreme Court struck down Biden's attempt to require employees of large companies to get shots but left the requirement in place for health care workers, though by that time the pandemic had started to wane.

Klain insisted that everything Biden has put forward had a solid legal basis and was approved by the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel.

"There was no sense of taking the legal issues lightly or just 'do it and take whatever the court says,'' he said.

Confidence in the Supreme Court fell to its lowest point in at least 50 years after the leaked draft opinion in the abortion case in 2022. Those who view the current court favorably are largely Republican.

According to the Pew Research Center's September 2022 report, only 28% of Democrats and Democrat-leaning independents now view the court favorably, down nearly 40 percentage points since 2020. And people in the United States increasingly favor term limits.

Positive views of the court among Republicans and those who lean Republican has increased to 73%. As a result, the partisan gap is larger than at any other point in the 35 years of polling that Pew has done on the court.

Republicans have focused for years on remaking the federal judiciary and Supreme Court. When Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-K.Y., was the majority leader, he refused to even meet in 2016 with Obama's pick for the high court — current Attorney General Merrick Garland, a federal judge at that time. The nomination stalled until a Republican president, Trump, took over.

Establishment GOP operatives backed Trump because of his pledge to name as many judges to the bench as possible. Their gamble worked. Trump ended up with three Supreme Court nominees and 54 federal appeals court judges, reshaping the courts for a generation.

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Deadly flooding hits several countries, scientists said this will be increasingly common

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Schools in New Delhi were forced to close Monday after heavy monsoon rains battered the Indian capital, with landslides and flash floods killing at least 15 people over the last three days. Farther north, the overflowing Beas River swept vehicles downstream as it flooded neighborhoods.

In Japan, torrential rain pounded the southwest, causing floods and mudslides that left two people dead and at least six others missing Monday. Local TV showed damaged houses in Fukuoka prefecture and muddy water from the swollen Yamakuni River appearing to threaten a bridge in the town of Yabakei. In Ulster County, in New York's Hudson Valley and in Vermont, some said the flooding is the worst they've seen since Hurricane Irene's devastation in 2011.

Although destructive flooding in India, Japan, China, Turkey and the United States might seem like distant events, atmospheric scientists say they have this in common: Storms are forming in a warmer atmosphere, making extreme rainfall a more frequent reality now. The additional warming that scientists predict is coming will only make it worse.

That's because a warmer atmosphere holds more moisture, which results in storms dumping more precipitation that can have deadly outcomes. Pollutants, especially carbon dioxide and methane, are heating up the atmosphere. Instead of allowing heat to radiate away from Earth into space, they hold onto it.

While climate change is not the cause of storms unleashing the rainfall, these storms are forming in an atmosphere that is becoming warmer and wetter.

"Sixty-eight degrees Fahrenheit can hold twice as much water as 50 degrees Fahrenheit," said Rodney Wynn, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Tampa Bay. "Warm air expands and cool air contracts. You can think of it as a balloon - when it's heated the volume is going to get larger, so therefore it can hold more moisture."

For every 1 degree Celsius, which equals 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit, the atmosphere warms, it holds approximately 7% more moisture. According to NASA, the average global temperature has increased by at least 1.1 degrees Celsius (1.9 degrees Fahrenheit) since 1880.

"When a thunderstorm develops, water vapor gets condensed into rain droplets and falls back down to the surface. So as these storms form in warmer environments that have more moisture in them, the rainfall increases," explained Brian Soden, professor of atmospheric sciences at the University of Miami.

Along Turkey's mountainous and scenic Black Sea coast, heavy rains swelled rivers and damaged cities with flooding and landslides. At least 15 people were killed by flooding in another mountainous region, in southwestern China.

"As the climate gets warmer we expect intense rain events to become more common, it's a very robust prediction of climate models," Soden added. "It's not surprising to see these events happening, it's what models have been predicting ever since day one."

Gavin Schmidt, climatologist and director of the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies, said the regions being hit hardest by climate change are not the ones who emit the largest amount of planet-warming pollutants.

"The bulk of the emissions have come from the industrial Western nations and the bulk of the impacts are happening in places that don't have good infrastructure, that are less prepared for weather extremes and have no real ways to manage this," said Schmidt.

POLICE

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shots causing the crowd to flee.

Officers located two female victims aged 14 and 17. Both are from Los Angeles and both were shot in their legs. The victims were transported by the SMFD to local hospitals for treatment. Neither of the wounds were life-threatening.

The victims did not see who fired the weapon or which direction the person fled but other witnesses described the single shooter as male, Black, 5-10, unknown age or build, with dreadlocks and wearing black pants, a white shirt, and a black hat.

The suspect remains at large in that case.

Anyone with any information pertaining to the incident or person(s) involved is encouraged to contact SMPD's detective unit during business hours at 310-458-8451, or the Watch Commander (24 hours) at 310-458-8427.

MOTEL STANDOFF

In the second incident a woman with a gun prompted a five-hour standoff with police at a downtown motel.

SMPD was called to the American Motel on the 1200 block of Lincoln Blvd. at about noon on Sunday for a report that a female guest had barricaded herself in her room and was in possession of a gun.

The department deployed its BearCat tactical vehicle and deployed its mobile command center while using a loudspeaker to repeatedly ask the suspect to exit her room.

Other guests were evacuated and individuals in nearby buildings were asked to stay inside while the street was closed for the duration of the call.

Eventually, the female suspect surrendered to SMPD without further incident. She was taken into custody and will undergo a mental health evaluation. The street and neighboring blocks were reopened early Sunday evening.

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DANGER

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Jenni Vanos, an associated professor at ASU's School of Sustainability.

There are 10 thermal mannequins in existence, with most used by athletic clothing companies for testing. ASU's manikin is the first that can be used outdoors thanks to a unique, internal cooling channel.

The university also has developed a new "warm room," or heat chamber where researchers can simulate heat-exposure scenarios from around the globe. Temperatures can reach 140 F (60 C) inside the room — and wind and solar radiation can be controlled for experiments.

Vanos said measuring short- and long-wave radiation in the environment can also tell researchers how much a surface — or a person — in a specific location of a city would heat up.

"And so under these extreme conditions, what's going to really be able to be modified or changed within the urban environment is shade," she said. "In a place like Phoenix or really any sunny hot area, shade is a really critical factor to be able to reduce that overall heat load of the human body."

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> - Sam Meltzer National Weather Service meteorologist

FINDING RELIEF

While air conditioners are cranked up and fans are blowing full blast, residents across the region are anxiously awaiting the start of the monsoon season, hoping it will help to keep the heat at bay.

But so far this year, the summer thunderstorms — which usually bring cloud cover, lightning and downpours to the Southwestern desert — are absent due to the ongoing El Niño weather pattern in the region, National Weather Service meteorologist Sam Meltzer said.

"It looks like things are going to be abnormally dry over the next couple of months," Meltzer said, noting that storms that might break the heat depend on wind patterns drawing moist air from the Gulf of California into Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada.

"But that doesn't mean we aren't going to get thunderstorm activity," Meltzer said. "It just might be delayed."

Meltzer worked in Phoenix before transferring last winter to Las Vegas. He noted that while temperatures rose last month in the Phoenix area, June stayed abnormally cool in southern Nevada.

The official daytime temperature at Harry Reid International Airport in Las Vegas remained below 100 F (37.8 C) for a record 294 days before temperatures reached 102 F (38.9 C) on June 30. The previous record of 290 days, from 1964 to 1965, had stood for 58 years.

Associated Press writers Ken Ritter in Las Vegas and Walter Berry in Phoenix contributed to this report.

FUNDRAISER

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fortunate to not have faced combat, not many veterans had that kind of luxury and he said he wanted to recognize their sacrifices.

"Yeah so this kind of all started out as just self discovery, kind of figuring out what I was capable of on my own and you know, it started out that way and along my journey I figured why not make it a part of something bigger than myself and I started to raise awareness and even some money for the Wounded Warrior Project."

The organization began in 2003 as a small, grassroots effort providing simple care and comfort items to the hospital bedsides of the first wounded service members returning home from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. The group has evolved and today they offer mental health, career counseling, and long-term rehabilitative care, along with advocacy efforts to improve the lives of millions of warriors and their families.

Oakley said it was physically challenging to stand on his device for the duration of the trip that started in South Carolina and he learned some lessons along the way, like riding into a headwind isn't a great idea on a unicycle, but he values the people he met.

"So over this journey, I've had the pleasure of meeting 23 different families," he said. "They actually invited me into their homes and made me a part of their family for a night or two and you know, just being able to share that experience with other people has made the trip."

At his final destination in Santa Monica, friends and family gathered to celebrate and watch him dip his unicycle into the water.

"Seeing my dad here and some family friends came by to surprise me and just be able to share that moment and experience with the people I love really brought everything full circle," he said. "That really makes you realize that's what's important in life."

Oakley's goal is to raise $5,000 for the Wounded Warrior Project, in honor of their physical and mental services.

"A little goes a long way in seeing the joy in people's faces," he said.

He said his next adventure is just getting home.

"You know, I can't fly with this thing because of the big batteries so I'm hoping to take a train or might even have to rent a car and take a road trip," he said.

To donate, visit https://www.gofundme.com/f/cross-country-trip-on-an-electric-unicycle. For more information, visit www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

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HEAT

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with the National Weather Service (NWS) forecasting highs of up to 112 degrees in some places. The area's deserts, lower mountains and interior valleys are specifically warned of triple digit heat while coastal communities can expect highs in the 70's to mid 80's.

"Warm, dry and breezy conditions will continue across the area through today, focused across the desert, lower mountains, and interior valleys," said NWS on Monday. "Daytime high temperatures are expected to peak around 85 to 95 degrees. Hot and very dry conditions will bring elevated fire weather conditions for interior areas, potentially bringing rapid plume dominated fire growth with any new fire starts."

They said a long-duration heat wave will settle over the region starting Tuesday with significant heat throughout the interior parts of the county topping 100 degrees.

The average Los Angeles temperature for July is about 82 degrees.

For the month of June, Santa Monica's average high temperature was 68 F and the average low was 58 F. The average mean was 63 F which is on par with the historical average of 66 F. Those temperatures will increase but nowhere near as much as they will in other places.

While locals won't experience dangerous heat, complications from a regional heat wave may well emerge in Santa Monica.

Inland heat will likely drive more visitors to the beach for day trips and potentially in the evening or overnight. Those visitors may increase traffic, particularly at freeway exits and locals should be prepared for some delays.

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Officials said it's important to drink plenty of fluids, stay in an air-conditioned room, stay out of the sun, and check up on relatives and neighbors in extreme heat situations.

Young children and pets should never be left unattended in vehicles under any circumstances and extra precautions may be needed if you work or spend time outside.

Experts say that when possible reschedule strenuous activities to early morning or evening.

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CRIME

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station aired video of criminals breaking into a Bay Area visitor's rental car in broad daylight, stealing the contents and driving away.

Bonta and the man who appointed him attorney general before he won reelection in November, Gov. Gavin Newsom, have pursued somewhat ambivalent postures about crime. They lament its effects on victims and take some public crime-fighting steps while championing criminal justice reform to reduce traditional punishment of those caught breaking the law.

A day before the crime data were released, Newsom dispatched more California Highway Patrol officers to battle open air drug dealing in San Francisco, a city he once governed as mayor.

In decades past, spikes in crime have had major impacts on California's political atmosphere – helping Republicans become dominant in the 1980s, for example.

Were crime to continue its currently upward path, it could once again become a game-changing political factor.

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COURT

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Democrats are now finally understanding the power of judges as a voting tool, and Biden has made judicial nominations a priority, appointing a record number of judges for a president at this point in his first term, including some of the most diverse picks yet to the judiciary. Biden aides plan on highlighting those accomplishments during the reelection campaign, but acknowledge it's only a small salve to their troubles at the high court.

Biden has taken to warning voters about what else the Supreme Court might do in the future, whether rolling back same-sex marriage rights or access to contraception.

"President Biden is being direct with the American people about the stakes these extreme decisions that jettison decades of longstanding precedent have for their fundamental freedoms and their daily lives," said White House spokesman Andrew Bates.

Part of Biden's unwillingness to go further to reshape the Supreme Court comes from a sense of history. Those pushing social change stood by the court after Brown v. Board of Education, a major civil rights case, and even Roe v. Wade, holding up its autonomy as a way to push forward. Backing away from that, particularly for an establishment Democrat like Biden, is not easy.

As Biden said in an interview with MSNBC, "I think if we start the process of trying to expand the court, we're going to politicize it maybe forever in a way that is not healthy,"

Leah Litman, a professor of law at the University of Michigan and co-host of "Strict Scrutiny" podcast about the Supreme Court, said that while Biden was unlikely to go that far, "there are a variety of things that Democratic politicians could run on that would actually allow them to more explicitly push back against the court."

Besides expanding the size of the Supreme Court and or the lower courts, she said, other options include stripping the Supreme Court of jurisdiction over certain cases, setting term limits and implementing ethics changes.

All of them, she said, are things the party could embrace "as part of their recognition that the court has politicized itself."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 11)

Instinct takes over and you won't be able to explain your certainty, but it drives you to take bold action. First you endeavor with great passion, then life rises to meet your pursuit. More highlights: The funding comes in and then some, an abundance of sweet times and love overflowing, and overdue and very satisfying reckoning. Pisces and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 4, 19, 16 and 3.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You don't think of yourself as remarkably unique, but you are doing life differently from those around you. You bend the conventions into a lifestyle that makes you smile. Celebrate and nurture that nonconformist part of yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The success secrets aren't so secret after all. A Google search uncovers just about everything you need to know. It's not the information but what you do with it that matters. Use it like sunscreen. Apply a little every day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Socializing is always a risk, even with people you know well, and that's what makes it fun. You never can quite tell how people are going to react. Though you neither seek nor expect to delight others today, you'll accomplish this.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Most addictions are, in one way or another, an addiction to comfort. Once you agree to discomfort, you are free to break patterns and open your options.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Lucky outcomes spring up wherever you focus your creativity. You are an artist becoming enamored with your masterpiece. Creative expression reveals your innermost thoughts and feelings — and invites you to learn new aspects of yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). So many short-term pleasures offer a high followed by a crash. Finding healthy things to want is challenging in a world of artificial flavors of every variety. Today offers a guilt-free gift: What's good for you also happens to be exciting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will be packing a bag, studying for an upcoming test or carefully getting ready in some other way to face the unknown. Where there is preparation, there will be no regret. Tonight, you'll delight in making people laugh.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Did science come from poetry or did poetry come from science? Either way, a lovely and satisfying melding of the two happens in your world, giving a feeling that all is coming together for a higher purpose.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People who are very familiar with one another will have a hard time listening well because they assume they already know the drill. Avoid problems by double- and triple-checking the communication.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's strange to think that there was a time in which your favorite people were completely unknown to you. It's as good a reason as any to be friendly to strangers.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Lucky moves include cleaning, organizing and taking inventory. Remembering what you have will make you feel grateful and also keep you from accidentally buying things you don't really need.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What if the most important work of the day is figuring out how to have fun? It doesn't seem like it should be a difficult thing to set up, and yet, since each individual is different, fun takes a bespoke kind of effort.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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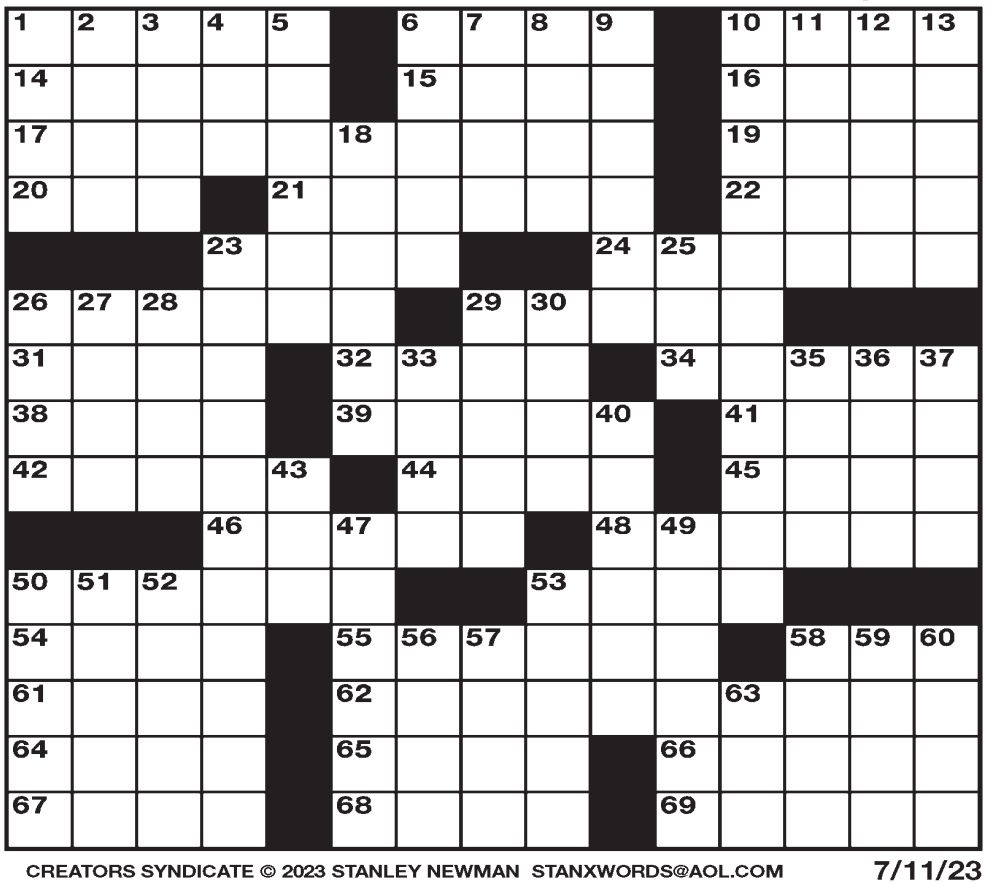
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ACROSS

1 Upper note for a soprano
6 "For heaven's __!"
10 Sandpaper coating
14 Love, in France
15 Colorful part of a 20 Across
16 Nevada city
17 Easy-to-read book format
19 Actress Kendrick or tennis pro Kournikova
20 Place for a contact lens
21 Deepen, as a canal
22 Something required
23 Unexpected benefit
24 Seniors to "respect"
26 Lend a hand
29 Performer of one-liners
31 Step of a ladder
32 Home for Eve and Adam
34 Spaghetti or ziti
38 Lobster relative
39 Social __ (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
41 Words of refusal
42 Smooth transition
44 __ go (releases)
45 Tug hard
46 Four-team tourney rounds
48 Golf and pickleball
50 "As easy as pie," for one
53 High schooler, typically
54 Prayer-ending word
55 Think the world of
58 Stitch together
61 Strong wind
62 Black-and-white beast from China
64 Matures
65 The Emerald Isle
66 Adjust, as car wheels
67 Catches sight of
68 Count (on)
69 Native American abode in Westerns

DOWN

1 __ and hearty (in good health)
2 "__ be wrong, but . . ."
3 Clinton's vice president
4 Warm embrace
5 Personal mottos
6 Sound from an ambulance
7 Getting little rain
8 Male monarch
9 Think the world of
10 Arizona gorge attraction
11 Actress Zellweger
12 __ circle (most-trusted friends)
13 Frog relatives
18 President __ (Senate official)
23 Major commercial enterprise
25 What a mustache grows above
26 Rainbow shapes
27 Completely certain
28 Unexpected obstacle
29 Hands over formally
30 "Put a lid __!"
33 Supermarket section with slicers
35 Fly like an eagle
36 Circus' canvas structure
37 Inquires
40 State with confidence
43 Snakelike fish
47 Inadequately small
49 Observe on the sly
50 Long adventure tales
51 Public persona
52 Free-for-all brawl
53 Sounding like a toy piano
56 Very worrisome
57 Postal sackful
58 Scissors sound
59 Border
60 Taper off
63 Pub beverage

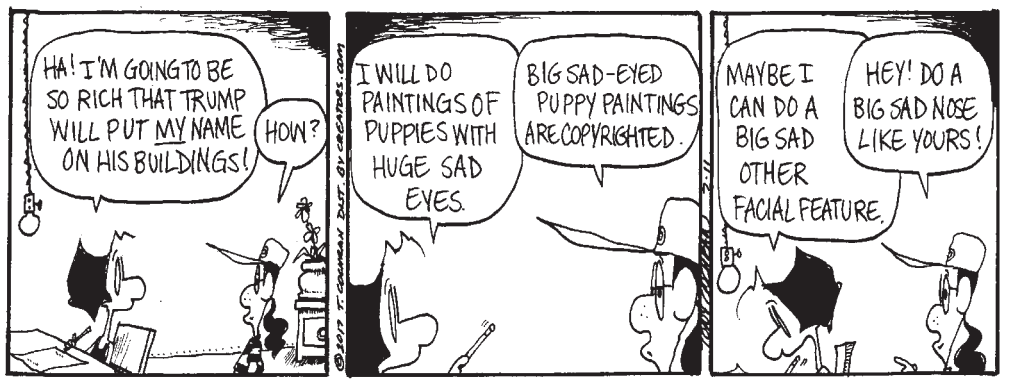


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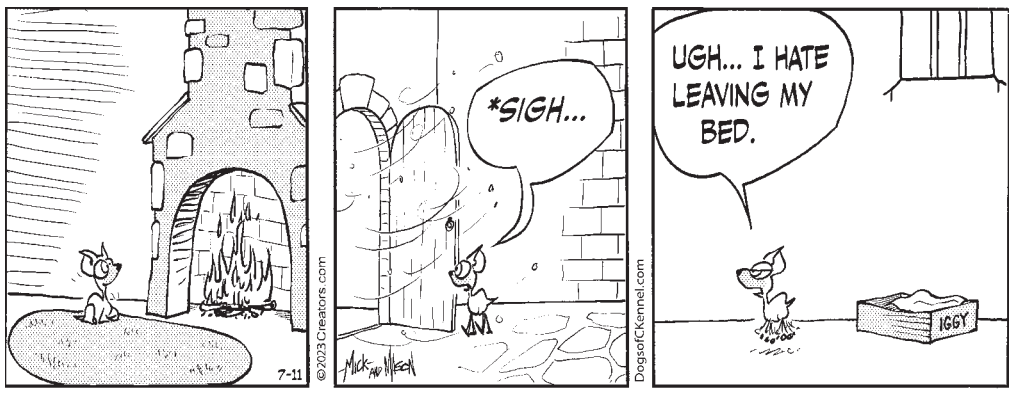
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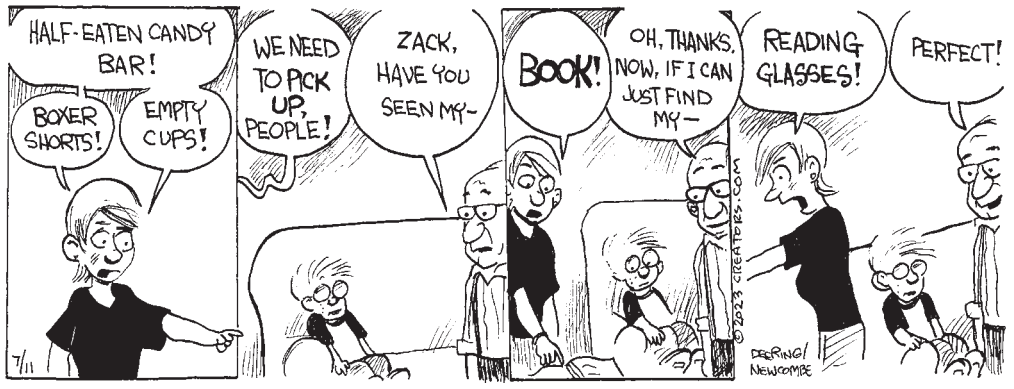
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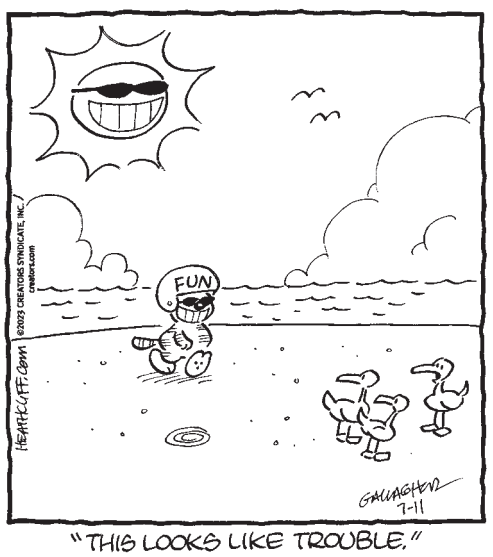
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Heathcliff

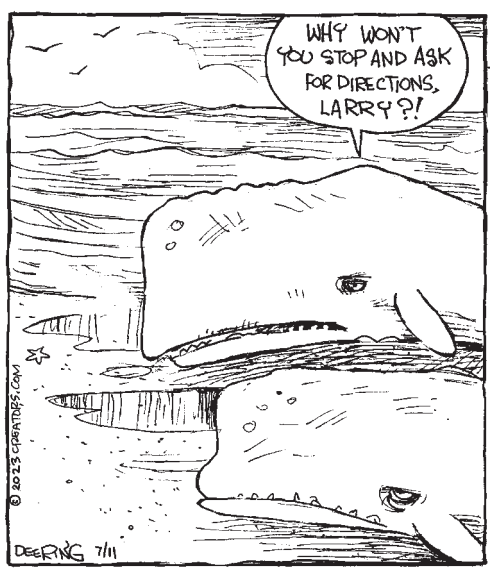
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"THIS LOOKS LIKE TROUBLE."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 13 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Acres	Cows	Hand	Pens	Shed
Algae	Crop	Horseback	Pests	Silo
Bail	Cups	Improve	Plums	Task
Barn	Dairy	Irrigation	Pump	Trees
Beef	Dams	Lamb	Rain	Tube
Border collies	Ducks	Lonely	Rake	Vines
	Ewes	Loss	Rich	Water
Bunk	Feed	Meat	Risk	Wether
Calf	Foals	Milk	River	Yanco
Churn	Grass	Nuts	Role	Yenda
Corn	Guernsey	Oats	Round up	

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TUESDAY | JULY 11

HOW TO SELL YOUR SMALL BUSINESS - VIRTUAL EVENT

Transworld Business Advisors of Beverly Hills presents: How to Sell Your Small Business. Selling your small business is a life-changing transition that requires careful planning and preparation. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ workshop-how-to-sell-your-small-businesstickets-611267757317

WEDNESDAY | JULY 12

TWEEN WRITING WORKSHOP SERIES

Join Writopia Lab for a series of writing workshops for tweens led by produced playwrights and published authors. Attendees participate in exercises designed to develop creative writing skills and can receive feedback on their work from both their peers and instructors. For ages 10-15. July 12: Fiction, July 19: Poetry, July 26: Memoir Main Library, Children's Activity Room

THURSDAY | JULY 13

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The Library Board consists of five members appointed by the City Council for a four-year term. The Board meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 P.M. at the Main Library, Administrative Conference Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica. The public is welcome to attend. Current and past agendas and minutes are available on smpl.org.

FRIDAY | JULY 14

OPEN MIC MUSIC

Open mic music every Friday at 7pm to 10pm. At Unurban coffeehouse 3301 pico Blvd Santa Monica ca. 90405. Open to all ages no alcohol, open to all. With a professional sound system and lighting system now. Just come in and play. Tickets will for sale for the event until there is no more room. You get 2 songs or ten mins.

SATURDAY | JULY 15

NOTHIN' BUT SAND BEACH CLEANUP

Join Heal the Bay for our July Nothin' But Sand Beach Cleanup. REGISTRATION WILL OPEN SOON!!! Save the Date for a beach cleanup with a big impact. Check back later to reserve your bucket and we'll SEA you on the sand February 18, 2023.

PICKLE ME SILLY!!

Whether you like your pickles sweet or sour, this event is sure to be a big Dill. There will be a demonstration on making Full Sour Dills as well as materials on hand for all little hands to make a small jar of quick pickles. Cool Cucumbers hang out in July. Will you we dare make Pickle Pancakes? You can bet your gherkin that you will. Event can be found on our website at: https://santamonica.gov/events/pickle-me-silly Sponsored by City of Santa Monica Community Garden Program Ishihara Park Learning Garden, 2909 Exposition Blvd, Santa Monica

CHECK OUT A HUMAN BOOK

Check out a human book for a one-on-one, 30-minute conversation that challenges stereotypes and prejudices. Follow on Twitter @ SantaMonicaLibr for updates. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Pico Branch Amphitheater.

CHARLOTTE'S WEB

You too will be exclaiming "Terrific" when you join the "radiant" (yet "humble") cast of Morgan-Wixson Theatre' Y.E.S. Youth Theatre for their summer play CHARLOTTE'S WEB! The Y.E.S. program's young actors bring the beloved characters from this immortal children's classic to life – from Wilbur, the irresistible young pig who desperately wants to avoid the butcher and Templeton, the gluttonous rat who can occasionally be talked into a good deed; to Fern, a girl who understands what animals say to each other and Charlotte, who proves to be "a true friend and a good writer." https://www.morgan-wixson.org/charlottesweb

SUNDAY | JULY 16

SHARK FEEDING

Feast on a little knowledge while our swell sharks, horn sharks, and round stingrays chow down. Come and watch the Aquarium staff feed these important keystone species and learn about the part sharks play in marine ecosystems, every Sunday at 1 pm and 3 pm.

MONDAY | JULY 17

SANTA MONICA ARTS COMMISSION

The Arts Commission of the City of Santa Monica exists to ensure a regular and ongoing assessment of arts programs in the City, develop arts programs of innovative form, recognize and encourage the arts as a service of local government and enrich the lives of all citizens by exposure to art in its various forms. Civic Center Parking Structure. 333 Civic Center Dr Santa Monica, CA

TUESDAY | JULY 18

DROP-IN EVENT: HANDS-ONLY CPR

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is coming once a month to provide drop-in hands-only CPR training. Come anytime between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., it only takes about 10 minutes to complete the training This training is:
- A life-saving skill that will help you feel more confident to respond in an emergency.
- CPR without mouth-to-mouth breaths
- Only to be used on teens or adults
- No documents are required from anyone who would like to be trained

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **66.9**

TUESDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft Thigh to waist	Getting smaller but should still be rideable on the big boards. Minor southerly swell mix (SSE and SW) along with a little NW windswell due.
WEDNESDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:**	1-2ft Knee to thigh	We'll probably see continued small but rideable surf off a mix of southerly swells (SSE/SW). There is at least a chance for increased surf into the fun range from a new swell from the tropics. Stay tuned.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 59.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 77.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/07/11	Tue	05:38 AM	3.20	H
2023/07/11	Tue	10:44 AM	1.81	L
2023/07/11	Tue	5:35 PM	5.63	H
2023/07/12	Wed	01:05 AM	0.53	L
2023/07/12	Wed	07:20 AM	3.19	H
2023/07/12	Wed	11:41 AM	2.25	L
2023/07/12	Wed	6:23 PM	5.84	H
2023/07/13	Thu	02:00 AM	-0.01	L
2023/07/13	Thu	08:35 AM	3.37	H
2023/07/13	Thu	12:35 PM	2.52	L
2023/07/13	Thu	7:08 PM	6.00	H
2023/07/14	Fri	02:45 AM	-0.38	L
2023/07/14	Fri	09:25 AM	3.55	H
2023/07/14	Fri	1:26 PM	2.66	L
2023/07/14	Fri	7:50 PM	6.11	H
2023/07/15	Sat	03:23 AM	-0.58	L
2023/07/15	Sat	10:04 AM	3.67	H
2023/07/15	Sat	2:11 PM	2.69	L

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7 23 24 32 43
Power#: 18
Jackpot: 675 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/7
8 10 17 55 66
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 480 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 7/8
1 25 44 45 46
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: 75 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/9
9 17 20 34 36

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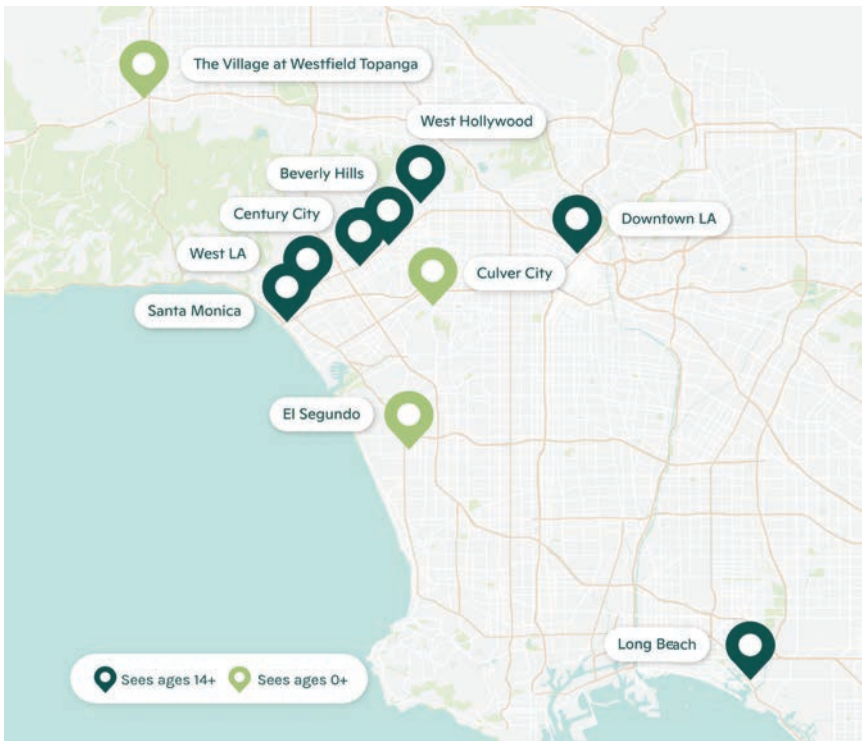
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