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Sunshine, superheroes and the Santa Monica Police Department made National Night Out a smash hit



Scott Snowden

GREEN AND BLUE: Police Chief Ramon Batista welcomed residents big and small to the National Night Out celebration this week.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

This year's National Night Out was a rip-roaring success as crowds gathered on Main Street, which was completely closed to road traffic, outside City Hall on Tuesday evening.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign designed to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie in communities across the country.

Tourists and residents alike came along to learn more about the Santa Monica community and about how both the Police and Fire Departments operate. All that and great food plus a DJ who actually played really good tunes. Parents and children, equally, could sit on SMPD motorcycles, talk to the officers who fly the police drones, try on tactical armor, have mugshots taken in front of a lineup background, get locked up inside of a prisoner transport or "paddy wagon" or just jump around on a bouncy castle.

"This is one of our favorite evenings of the year where we get to really connect with so many aspects

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New ballot measure would raise tourism taxes to pay for hotel worker housing

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Unite Here Local 11, the union representing hospitality workers in the area, has filed paperwork for a second ballot initiative, this time to increase taxes paid by visitors to the city to fund new housing for hotel employees.

Under the new proposal, the union wants to impose an additional 7% tax on hotel rooms and an

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Fire Chief to leave the city after joining SMFD in 2022

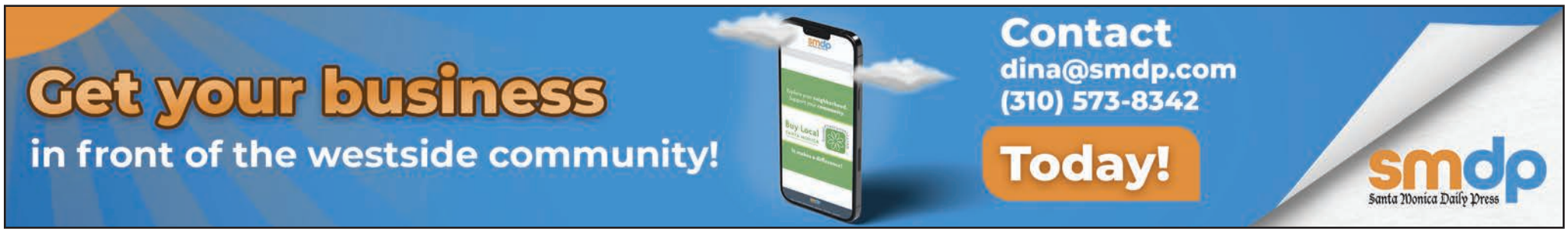
MATTHEW HALL
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Santa Monica's recently hired Fire Chief, Danny Alvarez, is leaving the city to return to his former department in Burbank as their new Chief.

Alvarez spent 25 years working in Burbank and was their Deputy Fire Chief when he accepted the top job in Santa Monica in 2022.

"It has been a tremendous honor to serve as the Santa Monica Fire Chief and work alongside the dedicated staff of the Santa Monica Fire Department, who serve our community with the utmost professionalism and compassion," said Chief Danny Alvarez in a statement. "Santa Monica is a beautiful city and a wonderful

SEE **FIRE CHIEF** PAGE 7



Striking writers and studios will meet this week to discuss restarting negotiations

ANDREW DALTON
AP Entertainment Writer

Union leaders told striking Hollywood writers Tuesday night that they plan to meet with representatives for studios to discuss restarting negotiations after the first official communication between the two sides since the strike began three months ago.

The Writers Guild of America sent an email to members saying that the head of the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, which represents major studios, streaming services and production companies in negotiations, requested a meeting on Friday to discuss the resumption of contract talks.

"We'll be back in communication with you sometime after the meeting with further information," the email read. "As we've said before, be wary of rumors. Whenever there is important news to share, you will hear it directly from us."

It was not immediately known whether a similar overture was made to union leaders for Hollywood actors, who have been on strike since July 14.

Asked about the prospect of talks with either guild, a spokesperson for the AMPTP in an email said only that "We remain committed to finding a path to mutually beneficial deals with both Unions."

An email to a representative from the Screen Actors Guild–American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, which represents striking film and television actors, was not immediately returned.

Talks between screenwriters and their employers collapsed on May 1, and the first of the two strikes that have frozen production in Hollywood began a day later. Issues behind the strike include pay rates amid inflation, the use of smaller writing staffs for shorter seasons of television shows, and control over artificial intelligence in the screenwriting process.

"I had hoped that we would already have had some kind of conversations with the industry by now," SAG-AFTRA Executive Director Duncan Crabtree-Ireland told The Associated Press earlier Tuesday, before the email was sent to writers. "Obviously, that hasn't happened yet, but I'm optimistic."

COMMUNITY NEWS

Virginia Ave.

Committee for Racial Justice presents: REPARATIONS & AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Where Do We Go From Here?

The August 6 Committee For Racial Justice (CRJ) workshop is entitled REPARATIONS & AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Where Do We Go From Here? This workshop will be free and hybrid – in person at the Thelma Terry Center at Virginia Ave. Park in Santa Monica, as well as virtual. The program will start at 6:30pm. Those unable to join at VAP for a light supper at 6 p.m., can receive the zoom link by registering at this link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAodOygqz4rH9bwcpFnNpITEZdCVzPQIaLr in order to receive the zoom link for Sunday night.

The recent US Supreme Court ruling against Affirmative Action raises many questions about the possible new barriers to Black students applying to colleges and possible connections to attempts to roll back or hamper any of the efforts of some cities & states in recent years to address issues of reparations. The CRJ steering committee is putting together a panel of experts to address this dilemma. They want to explore the ramifications of this new court ruling and strategies to combat new barriers hampering movement toward equity. They have invited representatives from area colleges and from the CA State Reparations Committee to participate in this dialogue. At present they have two confirmed panelists.

Dr. Kathryn E. Jeffery, has served as Superintendent/President of Santa Monica College since February 2016. Her experience in higher education spans four decades as a faculty member, counselor, and administrator. Dr. Jeffery has also served as President of Sacramento City College (eight years), President of Hennepin Technical College in Minnesota (two years), and Chief Campus Administrator/Provost of College of Southern Nevada. She holds a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Texas at Austin, an M.S. in Applied Behavioral Studies in Education, and a B.M.E. in Music. She is highly respected for her service on national and regional boards and committees. Jeffery spent her early years in Oklahoma City and during the sixties she developed a keen social justice perspective.

Dr. Jeffrey will be joined by Dr. James Henry, a triple alumnus of California State University Northridge (CSUN). He graduated with a bachelor's degree in African American Studies in 1991, received an Interdisciplinary Masters Degree in Educational Policy & Leadership, and Masters Degree in African American Studies in 1994. He completed his doctorate in Higher Education from Cal Lutheran University in 2014. Dr. Henry also holds a Social Science Teaching Credential and has been an Educational Opportunities Program (EOP) Academic Advisor for the past 25 years. He is Vice President of the Black Alumni Association and advisor to the Black Student Union at CSUN. He teaches various Africana Studies courses at CSUN, as well as at Los Angeles Mission College, Los Angeles Valley College, and Ventura College.

Come join in this important discussion.

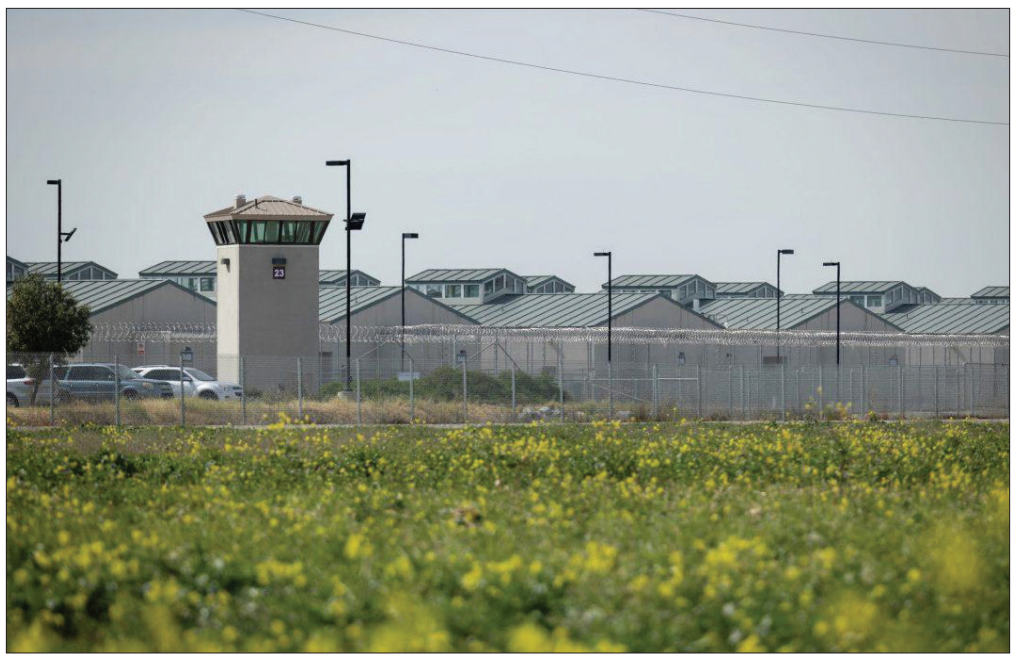
Meet in person at 6 p.m. for refreshments , if you are able.

Email them by 5 p.m. on Friday 8/4 at committee4racialjustice@gmail.com if you need child care.

For more information, call Joanne at 310-422-5431

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Some of California's best-paid public employees say they're ready to strike. Here's why



Cal Matters

STRIKE: Medical staff in prisons are angry about working conditions.

KRISTEN HWANG
Special to the Daily Press

Some of California's highest-paid public employees are in an intensifying labor battle with the Newsom administration over staffing shortages at state prisons and hospitals that workers say endanger patients and staff.

The union representing doctors and psychiatrists working in California correctional facilities said that 91% of voting members authorized a strike Monday. Non-competitive salaries, strenuous working conditions and an overreliance on higher-paid contracted doctors, make it difficult to hire staff physicians, said Dr. Stuart Bussey, president of the umbrella Union of American Physicians and Dentists.

"We'd like to settle this thing without (striking), but our members are prepared to act," Bussey said.

A strike authorization does not mean workers will not show up to work, although it could lead to a strike. Negotiations began in March, and the union's contract expired July 1. The state and its physicians remain "very far apart," Bussey said.

The California Department of Human Resources told CalMatters it "does not comment on ongoing negotiations."

The biggest sticking point is salaries. Though doctors and psychiatrists pull down between $285,000 and $343,000 annually, according to California Correctional Health Care Services, temporary contracted workers make twice as much, said Dr. Nader Wassef, psychiatrist and chief of staff at Napa State Hospital.

"I am not going to claim poverty. What I'm trying to say is if we plan on getting trained, qualified psychiatrists to treat these patients, we are not going to get any because we are not competitive," Wassef said.

The vacancy rate among on-site psychiatrists exceeded 50% in June, according to court documents filed by the state in an ongoing lawsuit over prison conditions and prisoner safety. Among all psychiatrists, including telehealth providers, the vacancy rate was 35%.

More than 20% of primary care doctor positions are vacant, California Correctional Health Care Services told CalMatters in an unsigned statement Tuesday. The agency did not respond to questions about contractor pay.

LABOR STRIFE DURING BUDGET CRUNCH

The strike authorization comes as the Newsom administration faces a battery of difficult contract negotiations, all in the midst of a $31 billion budget deficit.

Increasingly, state workers say salaries don't cover basic needs with inflation and the cost of housing cutting deeply into paychecks. In July, contracts expired for the state's two largest unions — SEIU Local 1000 and the California Correctional Peace Officers Association. They represent more than 125,000 workers, and SEIU is demanding double-digit raises. The union representing state scientists is also demanding salary increases commensurate with privately employed peers.

The state is offering the prison doctors' union a 2% raise for each of the next three years, which members say will not be enough to help with recruiting and retaining doctors. The union wants at least a 15% raise in the first year of the new contract.

The prison doctor's union is small, representing roughly 1,300 employees, but it is the "linchpin of California's correctional medical system," Bussey said. Doctors are responsible for assessing patients daily, writing prescriptions, overseeing drug treatment, providing behavioral and mental health interventions and giving court testimony.

Wassef, who has worked at Napa State Hospital for 13 years, said working in a correctional medical facility is more challenging than working in a typical hospital.

"Our patients are really very sick. I have patients that have been in the hospital 20 or 30 years," Wassef said. "They become violent, some are in restraints... The patient population puts higher demand than what is

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Progress made against massive California-Nevada wildfire but flames threaten iconic Joshua trees

TY O'NEIL, STEFANIE DAZIO AND RIO YAMAT
Associated Press

Firefighters aided by rain fought to contain a massive blaze that swept through the California desert into Nevada and is threatening the region's famous spiky Joshua trees.

The York Fire that erupted last Friday is California's largest wildfire this year. As of early Wednesday it had burned through more than 128 square miles of land and was 30% contained, fire officials said.

Humid monsoonal weather conditions Tuesday afternoon brought brief but heavy rain, especially on the south end of the fire, and kept its spread to a minimum, fire officials said. Similar conditions were expected on Wednesday, with drier weather poised to return on Thursday.

> "You bring a bunch of bulldozers in there, you may or may not stop the fire, but you'll put a scar on the landscape that'll last generations"
> - Tim Chavez

"Right now, the monsoonal influence is still over the fire," said Marc Peebles, a spokesperson for California's incident management team for the York Fire. "There's always the possibility of showers that will help the effort."

The 400 or so firefighters battling the blaze have had to balance their efforts with concerns about disrupting the fragile ecosystem in California's Mojave National Preserve.

Crews used a "light hand on the land," clearing and carving fire lines without the use of bulldozers in order to reduce the impact in the ecologically-sensitive region, which is home to some 200 rare plants.

"You bring a bunch of bulldozers in there, you may or may not stop the fire, but you'll put a scar on the landscape that'll last generations," said Tim Chavez, an assistant chief for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The blaze ignited near the remote Caruthers Canyon area of the vast wildland preserve, crossed the state line into Nevada on Sunday and sent smoke further east into the Las Vegas Valley.

The fire started on private lands within the preserve, but the cause remains under investigation. Less than 3% of the land in the 2,500-square mile preserve is privately owned.

While it's one of the largest national parks outside of Alaska and Hawaii, the vast majority of the Mojave National Preserve's 880,000 visitors last year were just passing through on their way between Southern California and Las Vegas.

The desert landscape is varied — from mountains and canyons, to sand dunes and mesas, to Joshua tree forests and volcanic cinder cones — and features about 10,000 threatened desert tortoises within its boundaries.

Some of the preserve's plants can take centuries to recover from destruction. The pinyon-juniper woodlands alone could take roughly 200 to 300 years to return, while the blackbrush scrub and Joshua trees — which grow only in the Mojave Desert — are unlikely to regrow after this catastrophic blaze, said Ileene Anderson, a senior scientist at the Center for Biological Diversity.

The 2020 Dome Fire in a different part of the national preserve destroyed an estimated 1 million Joshua trees.

But fire itself isn't the only worry. On federal lands, with few people and little property at risk, firefighters sometimes forgo certain equipment like bulldozers, chainsaws and aircraft.

"You don't disturb any more soil than you absolutely have to; you don't cut trees unless they absolutely have to come down," said Chavez, speaking about the tactics in general.

When there are ecological and cultural sensitivities at stake, firefighters negotiate with federal officials to determine what equipment can and cannot be used.

"It's not just going out there and throwing everything we've got at it," Chavez said.

In Nevada, the fire has entered the state's newest national monument, Avi Kwa Ame, said Lee Beyer, a spokesperson for the U.S. Forest Service. But Beyer said the number

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SMMUSD
SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive electronic bids from contractors holding a type "B" license, on the following: Bid #24.04. SMS – DSA # 03--123564 – SMMUSD Grant ES Portable Alterations & Replacements Project at Grant Elementary School per bid specifications. This scope of work is estimated to be between $500,000.00 - $550,000.00 and includes the construction of Alterations to Portable #70 and replacement of Portables #71, #72, & #75 project and other associated improvements per bidding documents. All bids must be submitted electronically as per the instructions included in the bidding documents on or before 9/6/23 no later than 2:00 PM. All General Contractors and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (M/E/P) Subcontractors must be pre-qualified for this project per bidding documents. To view the projects bidding documents, please visit the projects SecureBids website at: https://colbisecurebids.com/o/smmusd/Bid2404SMSGrantPortables.

Prequalification Due Date & Instructions for Application Submission: All applications are due no later than 8/22/23 - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has contracted with Colbi Technologies, Inc. to provide a web-based process for prequalification called QualityBidders. To submit an application at no cost please visit www.qualitybidders.com. Once you have been approved, you will receive an email indicating your approval expiration date and approval limit. The Districts approved contractors listing can be obtained via the FIP website at https://www.smmusd.org/domain/4172.

Mandatory Job Walk: 8/10/23 @ 10:30 AM

Job Walk location: Grant Elementary School located at 2368 Pearl Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405 – All Attending Contractors MUST meet the District representatives at the campus entrance. Bidders will be escorted onto the campus from that location.

Electronic Bid Submittal Deadline: 9/6/23 at 2:00pm

Any further questions or clarifications to this bidding opportunity, please contact Sheere Bishop-Griego at smbishop@smmusd.org directly. In addition, any pre-qualification support issues relative to Colbi Technologies, Inc., website or for technical support please contact support@qualityBidders.com directly.

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Prepare to flick off your incandescent bulbs for good under new US rules that kicked in this week

DAVID HAMILTON
AP Business Writer

Get ready to say goodbye to the once ubiquitous incandescent light bulb, pioneered by Thomas Edison more than a century ago. You can thank — or blame — new federal energy efficiency regulations that went into full effect Tuesday. Quite possibly without you even noticing.

The Energy Department rules, which date back to the Obama administration, have been whipsawed in the political process for years. Some conservatives and Republican lawmakers long denounced them for interfering with consumer choice and placing undue burdens on business. Under former President Donald Trump, the Energy Department scrapped them in 2019; the Biden administration subsequently revived them.

Yet by the time Aug. 1 rolled around, the critics had gone quiet, possibly because companies and consumers have already started voting for better lighting efficiency with their wallets.

Here's what you need to know.

WHAT CHANGES UNDER THE NEW RULES?

The rules establish strict new efficiency standards for bulbs used in homes and businesses and bans the manufacture and sale of those that don't meet those requirements. Practical incandescent bulbs, which trace their origin to an 1880 Edison patent, can't meet those standards. Neither can halogen bulbs. The rules also ban imports of less efficient bulbs.

But those requirements carry a bit less heft than they would have several years back, largely because advances in LED technology and manufacturing have dramatically lowered prices and improved quality. LED stands for "light emitting diode," a semiconductor device that converts electricity directly into light.

Between 2015 and 2020, for instance, the percentage of American households that reported using LED bulbs for most or all of their lighting jumped more than tenfold — from 4% to 47%, according to the Energy Information Administration, an independent federal statistics agency.

SO DO I HAVE TO THROW AWAY MY OLD INCANDESCENTS?

Fortunately not. The rules don't affect bulbs that you already own; they also exempt special purpose incandescents such as those used inside ovens.

But suppose you discard — or give away — your halogen and incandescent bulbs. Odds are good that replacing them with LED bulbs could save you a fair amount of money.

As the rules reinforce existing market changes, the Energy Department believes that U.S. consumers can save almost $3 billion annually on their utility bills. Similarly, it projects that the rules could cut carbon emissions by 222 million metric tons over the next 30 years.

WHY DO LED BULBS SAVE ENERGY AND MONEY?

Incandescent bulbs create illumination by running an electric current through a filament that heats it until it glows. Edison's first practical light bulb used a carbonized cotton thread for that purpose; modern bulbs use tungsten filaments in an inert gas.

But incandescents are not very efficient. Only roughly 5% of the energy used by an incandescent bulb produces light; the remaining 95% or so is lost as heat. This is why you let an incandescent bulb cool off before unscrewing it.

They also burn out frequently, requiring replacement roughly every year.

The light-emitting components in LED bulbs, by contrast, are manufactured via the same process used to make computer chips, which makes them extremely efficient. They generate almost no heat and use up to 90% less energy than incandescent bulbs while lasting up to 25 times longer, according to the Energy Department.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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California teens use social media nonstop. Teaching media literacy in schools could protect them

As a teen, social media is entrenched in everything we do. Conversations happen on Snapchat, experiences are curated on Instagram and entertainment is found on TikTok. As the first generation to grow up immersed in a digital world, it's how we connect, share and learn about the world around us.

According to the U.S. Surgeon General, up to 95% of young people ages 13-17 use a social media platform, nearly two-thirds use it daily and one-third report using social media "almost constantly." Yet with our brains not fully developed until around the age of 25, the consequences of spending so much time online – coupled with the amount of misinformation, disinformation and cyberbullying – are approaching a calamity.

Influencer marketing, staged content and bogus news is making it nearly impossible for teens to determine what's fake or real online. According to a September 2022 report by NewsGuard, which tracks online information, teen and young adult TikTok users are continuously consuming false information and misleading claims. NewsGuard's investigation found that almost 20% of the videos it searched on various news topics contained misinformation.

Experts and regulators are taking notice.

In May, U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy called for urgent action from policymakers, technology companies, researchers, families and young people to gain a better understanding of the full impact of social media use. "We must provide children and their families with the information and tools to navigate the changing digital environment," he wrote in the 19-page advisory, "but this burden to support our children must be further shared."

Cyberbullying is also on the rise. According to the Pew Research Center, the increased use of smartphones and social media has transformed how bullying occurs, with nearly half of U.S. teens ages 13-17 reportedly experiencing some form of cyberbullying.

Assembly Bill 873, authored by Menlo Park Assemblymember Marc Berman, attempts to equip young people with the media literacy skills by helping usher in a framework that could add media literacy into K-12 curriculum.

I'm grateful that Assemblymember Berman is helping tackle this crisis and hope it gets signed into law, ensuring that California kids will be equipped with the necessary media literacy skills to navigate today's digital world.

This article was originally published by CalMatters. By Abagail Moffatt. Abagail Moffatt is a senior at St. Mary's High School in Stockton. She is the co-founder of GetReal! a student-led initiative tackling media literacy for teens and tweens.

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of acres burned within the boundaries of the vast monument in southern Nevada wasn't yet known.

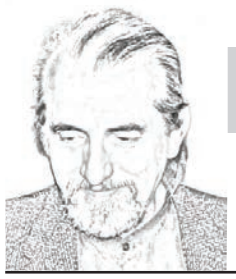
President Joe Biden established the monument in March, permanently protecting the desert mountain region considered sacred by some tribes. The area stretches more than 500,000 acres and includes Spirit Mountain, a peak northwest of Laughlin called Avi Kwa Ame (ah-VEE' kwa-meh) by the Fort Mojave Tribe and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

On Wednesday, firefighters continued to make progress on the Bonny Fire, a 3.6 square mile wildfire that broke out nearly a week ago in California's Riverside County and is now 60% contained. Evacuation orders remain in place for residents near the fire, but some evacuation warnings were lifted late Tuesday, fire officials said.

Dazio reported from Los Angeles, and Yamat reported from Las Vegas. AP writer Amy Taxin in Santa Ana, Calif. contributed to this report.

CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

A letter published in the August 1 edition of The Daily Press incorrectly attributed a quote to Councilman Jesse Zwick. Mayor Gleam Davis asked about the educational qualifications of security guards, not Councilman Zwick. Zwick contacted SMDP to say the letter omitted parts of correctly attributed quotes that would have changed their meaning and drew unjustified conclusions regarding his position on public safety. Zwick said he believes security guards can help address some of the specific issues facing businesses downtown but maintains his belief that the work does not require any armed individuals.



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Charles Andrews | Send comments to editor@smdp.com

The weekend is jam packed



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DAKHABRAKHA

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

DAKHABRAKHA - Everyone should experience DB at least once, and you should grab this opportunity before they take off for Canada, the East Coast, and Europe. The name means "give" and "take," they formed at a Ukrainian art center in Kyiv in 2005, and have been the darlings of festival and concert halls ever since. Their music isn't pure Ukrainian, rather a mix of world music, but their colorful costumes are pure Uke, with the three women in their very tall black fur hats being immediately identifiable. They play darbuka, tabla, didjeridoo, accordion, trombone, djembe, bass drums, percussion, bugay, zgaleyka, piano – that's only two of the musicians – and also garmoshka and cello. They all sing, and harmonize, powerfully, and around the world, no one needs to understand a word to get it. Spontaneous strong applause and cheering usually follow each song. Ethnic, authentic, and a great show. Fri 8 p.m., Ford Theater, $20-65.

THE HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES – from their website: "Hot Club's brand of virtuoso, Django-style 1930s gypsy swing jazz is found nowhere else and even if it were, it couldn't possibly be this good. These guys are masters, individually and collectively. You will find it hard to stop smiling all night. - Santa Monica Daily Press" And may I add, they manage to record and play high-profile gigs and still show up every Monday night here, for years. Aren't we lucky? Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

RECOMMENDED:

TONIGHT! - LA PHIL Live Presentation of "2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY'' – OK, maybe the screen isn't overwhelming you from your way back cheap seats (6 bucks!?), but... the LA Phil playing live the thrilling crescendo of Richard Strauss's "Also Sprach Zarathustra"? Under the stars? With the celestial voices of the massive LA Master Chorale? And you can bring your own popcorn? Hal can7't stop you. Thurs 8 p.m., Hollywood Bowl, $6-69 – yeah, half what you would pay in an INDOOR theatre, without nearly 100 voices and instruments on stage.

TONIGHT! - "MACBETH" – In this bloody, depraved corner, M'Lord and M'Lady, reigning still as the unchallenged monstrous couple of political pushiness, gruesome greed, absolute ambition and murderous mayhem. Some things never change. No wonder this one by Will (Shakespeare, not Geer) remains perhaps his best-known work (but hardly beloved). Thurs 7:30 p.m., next Thurs 7:30 p.m., Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $15-60.

"A PERFECT GANESH" – Will Geer's Theatricum Botanicum is celebrating its 50th year of operation - amazing! - and while their forte is Shakespeare they always throw in one other unusual play per season, to make us think. This Terrence McNally play finds humor within the self-searching American abroad. Two friends travel to India with heavy baggage, reeling from loss and personal demons. The Hindu god Ganesha manifests in their fellow travelers, and the idea that sometimes, the greatest journey is just, life. Fri 7:30 p.m., Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $15-60.

"HANSEL & GRETEL," Pacific Opera Project – Here's a great weekend family

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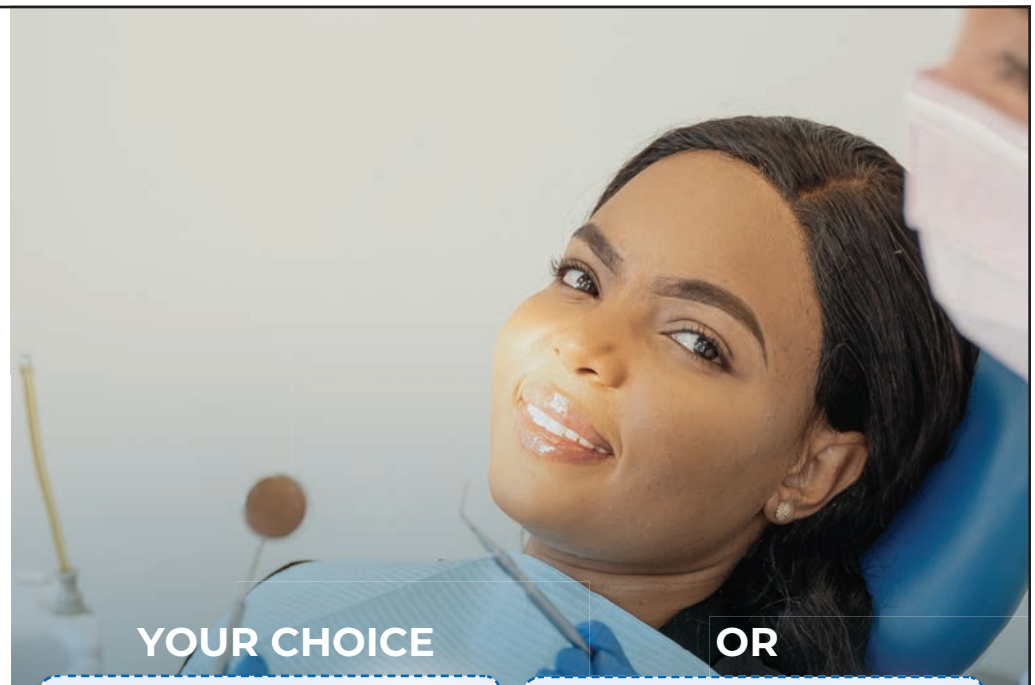
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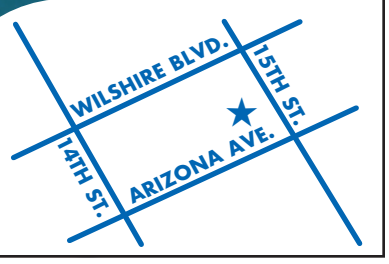
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NOTEWORTHY

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adventure. An hour-long version of their 2021 production, that was praised by Opera News as "fresh, imaginative, witty, and imbued with a keen sense of both rhyme and rhythm." Not a word about it being a silly children's tale written by a guy with a silly name like Englebert Humperdinck. I didn't catch their production but did see LA Opera do it some years ago and it was funny and entirely entertaining, in an adult way. But this shorter version, in English, in this setting, is perfect for introducing the kids to opera, and if you live long enough they may thank you for it. POP does great work, in unusual settings all over town. (And started out in Miles Playhouse, right here.) Fri, Sat, Sun 5:30 p.m., Sun 3 p.m., Descanso Gardens, La Canada Flintridge, included in cost of admission to beautiful Descanso, $5-15, age 4 and younger free.

"Echoes in the Forest," WILL GEER 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA – Hosted by Pamela Adlon, Wendie Malick, with readings by BEAU BRIDGES and members of the company, and other surprise guests, honoring DEBBIE ALLEN with the Will Geer Humanitarian Award. How many years have I been telling everyone how special this place is, and the performers and their material, and still so many have not "discovered" it. This is your perfect chance and an opportunity to support their amazing work into the next half century. Sat 6 p.m., wander the woods, eat, drink and be merry, 7:30 p.m. programs, Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $250.

I SEE HAWKS IN LA – How often can you see a great local genre-crossing Americana band really up close, nearby, and for no cost of admission? Yeah, you might be crazy not to take advantage. Sat 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, free.

ZIGGY MARLEY and TROMBONE SHORTY with MAVIS STAPLES, ROBERT RANDOLPH – This was a really good show, until they added the gifted Robert Randolph (and Band), and the incomparable gospel-activist treasure Mavis Staples – now it's over the top. Sat 6:30 p.m., Greek Theatre, LA, $46-400.

ACTORS GANG, "MUCH ADO ABOUT POOH" – "Shakespeare in the Park for Families," they're calling it. It's Winnie the Pooh too, it's satire, it's the very creative, edgy, Actors Gang, and it's free. I say that's worth the gamble. Sat, Sun 11 a.m., Media Park, Culver City free.

TOLEDO DIAMOND – Unique, riveting, first class act. There's nothing like it, it is high performance art and great fun. Degeneracy is rarely so well disciplined. Could be the most memorable 12 bucks you ever spent. Sun 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, $12.

Next Thurs - LA PHIL, SIBELIUS, GRIEG – Sibelius, Grieg, oh my! You bet! Hollywood Bowl.

Next Thurs - RICK SHEA – Always, Rick Shea. Cinema Bar.

Next Thurs - "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM" – TB specializes in Shakespeare, and they do "Midsummer" every single season, 50 years now. If it ain't broke, and the people love it, don't axe it, but they do tinker with it a little every summer, and that means if you saw them perform it last year, or 10 years ago, you will see something a bit different, but still Will's welcome warhorse. Who doesn't love it? Puck, yes! Next Thurs 7:30 p.m., Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $15-60.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: "MACBETH," Theatricum Botanicum, 8/11, 20, 26; "A PERFECT GANESH." 8/13, 25; ACTORS GANG, "MUCH ADO ABOUT POOH, Media Park, 8/12, 13, 19, 20; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 8/13, 20. 27; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 8/14, 21, 28; RICK SHEA, Cinema Bar, 8/10; LA PHIL, SIBELIUS, GRIEG, Hollywood Bowl, 8/10; LUCINDA WILLIAMS, Ford Theatre, 8/10; "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM," Theatricum Botanicum, 8/10, 17. 24; ROY ZIMMERMAN, McCabe's, 8/11; "QUEEN MARGARET'S VERSION OF SHAKESPEARE'S WAR OF THE ROSES," Theatricum Botanicum, 8/12, 18. 27; LIBRARY GIRL, Ruskin Group Theatre, 8/13; "A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE," Ruskin Group Theatre, 8/18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27; MICHAEL FRANTI & SPEARHEAD, Greek Theatre, 8/20; JEFF "SKUNK" BAXTER, Troubadour, 8/22; HERBIE HANCOCK Celebrates WAYNE SHORTER, Hollywood Bowl, 8/23; "SING OUT!" Theatricum Botanicum, 8/23; SUDAN ARCHIVES, Bellwether, 8/25.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 37 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com (the real mr music...)

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AROUND TOWN

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GRLSWIRL Venice SurfSkate Fest & Festival of Chariots

SMDP'S WEEKLY GUIDE TO FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT GOINGS-ON IN & AROUND SANTA MONICA

Your weekend starts here with the GRLSWIRL SurfSkate Fest in Venice, the Festival of Chariots, food and drink highlights including a free lunch at Nick the Greek, and much more!



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GRLSWIRL: There's something for everyone in the coming days.

Movie Screening (FREE): "Keep it a Secret: The Story of the Dawn of Surfing in Ireland" (Thursday 7pm): "This look into the unsung history of Ireland's now world-renowned surf scene details the power of sport to bridge any divide." Free drinks and snacks available. Thursday, Aug 3, 7:00 p.m. @ Patagonia, 1345 3rd St. Promenade. https://www.instagram.com/p/CvP6Rx7RTPP/

JazzPOP at The Hammer (FREE): A lineup of West Coast jazz notables are headed to The Hammer courtyard for three concerts this August as part of the museum's JazzPOP series, starting with the Hafez Modirzadeh Quartet this week. Thursday, Aug 3, 8:00 p.m. @ 10899 Wilshire Blvd. https://hammer.ucla.edu/programs-events/2023/hafez-modirzadeh-quartet

Free Cookie at ROCA: Friday Aug 4 is "National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day." Yes, thankfully that IS a thing. Roman-style pizza spot ROCA in Palisades Village will give guests a free chocolate chip cookie made with Valrhona chocolate with the purchase of any pizza item from a single slice to full pan. 1061 N Swarthmore Ave.

Abbot Kinney First Friday Food Truck Fest: About two dozen food trucks are expected to line the street for the monthly event. Friday, Aug 4, 5:00 - 9:30p.m. AbbotKinneyBlvd.com

WUF Saturday Dog Club Launch Party "The dog days of summer start now! And Saturday is for the dogs." Expect FREE professional dog photos and treat tasting by Migos Dog Food among other activities. Saturday, Aug 05, 10:00a.m. - 2:00p.m. @ California Heritage Museum, 2612 Main St. Saturdaydogclub.com

GRLSWIRL SurfSkate Fest 2023: "It's time to celebrate inclusivity, female empowerment, and the love of skating." Get ready to shred, swirl, and dance as the global skate community comes together in for an epic day of Surf and SurfSkate competitions, the premiere of the GIRLSWIRL x Carver documentary, and a groovy 70s-themed dance party under the iconic Venice sign. Saturday, Aug 5, 8:00a.m. - 10:00p.m., Windward Ave. & Pacific Ave. Surfskatefest.com

The Festival of Chariots Celebrates Ancient Indian Tradition: Dancers in colorful clothing, music, a multicourse feast, 40-foot tall hand-drawn floats — The Festival of Chariots will be an explosion of culture and celebration. Sunday, Aug. 6, 10:00a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Parade begins at 1855 Main St. and the festival takes place at 1530 Ocean Front Walk. http://mainstreetsm.com/festival-of-chariots

City Hosting FREE "Repair Cafe": "Bring things that need fixing, donations

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NNO

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of our community," said Police Chief Ramon Batista, adding, "It's all about building and strengthening the relationship that we have with our community.

"There's no better way to do it when we have all this cross section of every neighborhood represented here in downtown and it is an amazing night for us. We love it. This is only my second year and it certainly looks as vibrant and as energetic as it was last year, if not better. It looks great. It's beautiful."

Officers and staff from the Santa Monica Animal Shelter came along as did both Mayor Pro Tempore Lana Negrete and Mayor Gleam Davis.

"It seems bigger [than last year's event] to me, but I think the most important thing is everyone's out here and having fun. And especially the kids, it's such a great event for kids not only to interact with police and fire and other city departments, but they get to see our mounted patrol, they get to visit our animal shelter and meet some of the dogs there that are available for adoption and really learn about who the people in the city are that can help them. And I think that's important," Davis said.

"It's such a fantastic event, it's really great to see all our community members out here on a beautiful Santa Monica night. Perfect weather. Fantastic event, couldn't really ask for more," Fire Department Chief Danny Alvarez said. "Last year there was a really good turnout too and, but I think there's probably more people here tonight."

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NNO: The event had a superhero theme this year.

FIRE CHIEF

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community. I am incredibly grateful for all the friendships and professional relationships I have developed with members of our community, City staff, and members of the Fire Department," he said.

City officials said that in his time with the department he helped develop SMFD's first strategic plan, recertify the organization as Class 1 with the Insurance Service Organization for outstanding fire protection, establish a diversity, equity and inclusion work group, initiated a NARCAN leave-behind program as part of the City's continued efforts to reduce deaths associated with opioid overdoses, completed the construction of a new training facility and added new CPR devices to trucks.

Burbank Fire Department's Fire Chief, Eric Garcia, formally announced his intention to retire last week. The City of Burbank said his departure marks the culmination of a remarkable 30-year-long tenure within the fire service, during which his leadership was instrumental in elevating the Burbank Fire Department to an internationally recognized standard.

"Chief Garcia's leadership has been an immense asset to our Burbank community," acknowledged City Manager Justin Hess. "His unwavering dedication and innovative tactics have been fundamental in re-securing both a Class 1 rating for the Burbank Fire Department and its status as an internationally accredited agency. These achievements designate our department as part of an exceptional elite. We express our heartfelt gratitude for Chief Garcia's years of relentless service and commendable accomplishments."

Alvarez will be making about $266,407 in his new role compared to his starting salary of $282,048 when he took the job in Santa Monica.

"Our Fire Department has accomplished so many incredible things under Chief Alvarez's leadership," said City Manager David White. "I will miss working with Chief Alvarez, but I'm happy his career has come full circle and he's going back home to his Burbank Fire family as their top leader," he said.

When announcing his hire in 2022, Santa Monica said Alvarez had been an integral part of Burbank's leadership team since 2018. In this capacity, he provided oversight of 120 sworn personnel, 16 civilian staff, and directly supervised five battalion chiefs. Alvarez led equity and inclusion initiatives for the department, including through the recruitment and training process. Well versed in budget and personnel management and policy development, Alvarez has experience leading a complex department across ranks of the fire service during his quarter century in Burbank. Other roles include acting fire chief, battalion chief, fire captain, fire engineer for both hazmat and fire prevention inspection, recruitment academy instructor, urban search and rescue, and, of course, firefighter.

SMFD operates out of five stations and a Public Safety Facility that houses the Department's Administrative Offices and Fire Prevention Division. The Fire Chief, two Deputy Chiefs, Training Chief, Fire Marshal, and three Battalion Chiefs are supported by over 136.9 personnel (122 sworn and 14.9 non-sworn). The Department has a total operating budget of $44,514,250 and responds to approximately 19,000 calls annually.

Alvarez's last day on the job will be August 31.

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BALLOT

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additional 15% fee on home-share/vacation rentals. That money would be administered by a new seven-member committee for the sole use of promoting, providing and developing affordable housing for hospitality workers.

The city already levies a 15% tax on the total amount paid for rental of a hotel or motel room and a 17% tax on the total amount paid for a room rental from the use of a home-share in the City. If passed the union fees would bring the total to 22% on hotels and 32% on home shares.

Of the proposed seven-member Affordable Hospitality Worker Housing Committee, two would be hospitality workers, one would be an advocate for hospitality workers, two would be experts in affordable housing policies, one would be an expert in affordable housing development and one would be an expert in affordable housing financing. The available paperwork does not require any to be Santa Monica residents but it does prevent anyone from serving on the committee if they work for an organization that is seeking money from the group.

"The initiative comes as it has become almost impossible for many of Santa Monica's low-wage hospitality workers to even rent a home in the city where they work, let alone to buy a home. To cope, these workers are forced to commute long distances to their jobs, live in overcrowded conditions, and sleep in their cars between shifts. Some even experience periods of homelessness," said the union in a press release.

Unite Here Local 11 previously filed a notice of intent with City Hall to increase the minimum wage for its members to $30 per hour. It would also require hotels to sanitize and clean rooms each night, prohibit the use of contract or temporary employees to clean rooms, make hotels liable for violations incurred by temporary staffing agencies and limit the workload on custodial staff.

The wage for hotels and businesses operating on hotel property is currently $19.73 per hour.

Both proposals come as the union is in the midst of contract negotiations with several hotels in the area. Hotel workers have been organizing strikes and protests since July 1 when their agreement with the hotel operators expired.

Under the expired contract, the lowest paid union members made between $20-$25 an hour. The union wants an immediate $5-an-hour raise with an additional $3-an-hour raise for 2024 and 2025. The hotels have proposed wage increases of $2.50 per hour in the first 12 months of the contract and $6.25 an hour over the next four years, as well as continuing current health care plans and pension contributions.

Any proposed ballot measure has to clear several hurdles before reaching voters. First, the City Attorney's office has 15 days to prepare a summary and write a title for potential measures. Then proponents have 180 days to gather signatures from at least 10 percent of the city's registered voters. As of February, Santa Monica had 67,580 registered voters meaning the union would need about 6,750 signatures to qualify.

If enough signatures are gathered, the petition would go before the city council who could choose to adopt it as an ordinance immediately or put it to voters (there's an option to ask for a study on the impacts of the measure during the first hearing but ultimately, a qualified proposal has to be adopted or voted on by residents).

If scheduled for an election, it's unclear just when that would occur with either of the two union efforts. Santa Monica's elections are traditionally consolidated with Los Angeles County's election cycle. The Council has the ability to call a special election at any time but Santa Monica lacks the infrastructure to hold an election without county support and the cost of any special election would fall entirely on City Hall.

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STRIKE

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in the community hospital."

Wassef said his hospital has not been fully staffed since 2014. It has a 45% vacancy with 12 open positions.

CONTRACT PRISON DOCTORS PAID MORE

Ten of those positions at Napa are filled by temporary contractors who are paid twice the hourly rate of staff doctors.

Bussey said the comparatively low take-home pay shows the state knows what a competitive salary looks like and has the money to foot the bill. The state spends approximately $100 million per year on contracted physicians, he said. Contractors do not get the benefits and pensions state workers do, but the pay differential makes it easy for staff members to quit and return as higher-paid contractors, Wassef said.

He said five psychiatrists recently quit staff jobs at Metropolitan State Hospital in Norwalk to work as contracting physicians instead.

The physician shortage in prisons also makes it difficult for the state to meet court-imposed staffing mandates that have been in place in state prisons for more than two decades.

In March, a U.S District Court judge for California's Eastern District issued the state a $1,000 per day fine for failing to implement appropriate suicide prevention measures in state prisons over the past eight years, including reducing the psychiatrist and case manager vacancy rate to 10% or below. That 10% benchmark was originally set by a judge in 2002. More than one-third of state prisoners have serious mental health disorders, according to court documents.

"Faced with the persistently high population of mentally ill incarcerated persons, the state has failed to staff its prisons with the number of mental health professionals required to provide class members constitutionally adequate care," Chief U.S. District Judge Kimberly Mueller wrote in the order.

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EVENTS

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for repairs, and used items for give-away, clothing swaps, and craft tables. Repair stations may include: bikes, small appliances, electronics, jewelry, guitar stringing (bring your own set of strings), gluing, and clothing." Sunday, Aug 6, 12:00 - 4:00p.m. @ Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. https://www.santamonica.gov/events/43gnvywmvbwtn660zz34j3t1ww/202308061200

Salsa Sundays on the Promenade: "There's no better way to kick off a Monday than by doing Salsa on a Sunday" as this year marks two decades for this weekly street dance party that welcomes all levels. Sundays 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. 1200 block of 3rd St. Promenade https://smdp.com/2023/07/21/salsa-sundays-mark-two-decades-on-the-promenade/

Nick the Greek FREE Lunch to Celebrate Marina del Rey Opening: "To participate, guests simply arrive during the allotted time, and can enjoy one complimentary entree per person, including options like Gyros and Souvlakis. Tuesday, Aug 8, 11:00a.m. - 2:30p.m., 4254 Lincoln Blvd. https://www.nickthegreek.com/

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Meet Bar Monette: This Resy write-up describes it as "a New Santa Monica Destination for Hot Pizzas and Cool Wines." 109 Santa Monica Blvd. https://blog.resy.com/2023/07/bar-monette-santa-monica-destination-pizza-wine/

Xuntos Tops The Infatuation's "LA's New Restaurant Openings" List: The new Spanish tapas spot tops their list that also includes the new Bludo's. 516 Santa Monica Blvd. https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/new-la-restaurants-openings

Hotville Chicken Pops Up At Tallula's: Chef Kim Prince, whose family started the hot chicken tradition back in the 1930s in Nashville, is taking over the kitchen every Monday night in August with things like Hot Fried Chicken and Fish, "The Shaw" Chicken Sandwich, Mac & Smokin' Cheese. 118 Entrada Dr. https://www.tallulasrestaurant.com/

Augie's on Main: The casual "dirty chicken" spot from Michelin starred chef Josiah Citron just received their liquor license and are now selling beer and wine to go along with their famed fried chicken. 2428 Main St. https://www.augiesonmain.com/

LA Times Food Lists Holey Grail on their "Most Culturally Specific Doughnuts in LA" List: 2441 Main St. https://www.instagram.com/p/CvNkAneRZcQ/?igshid=MzRlODBiNWFlZA%3D%3D

Lunetta's Midsummer Dinner Menu: Chef Raphael Lunetta is offering a new midsummer dinner menu inspired by his recent travels to Bali, the UK, and France. The menu features a variety of dishes, including Mushroom Rigatoni with white wine, thyme, roasted shiitake, and fresh black truffle. Meat enthusiasts can savor the Herb-Roasted Bone-In Filet with green garlic breadcrumb tomato and hand-cut Kennebec fries or a Niman Ranch Pork Chop served on creamy polenta with Swiss chard and glazed nectarines. 2424 Pico Blvd. https://www.lunettasm.com

LOOKING AHEAD: Sharing an Open Main St Festival on Aug 12 & 13 transforms the street into a pedestrian plaza all weekend long with live music, beer garden, rock climbing wall, and popup pickleball in the middle of the street. https://www.mainstreetsm.com/

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 3)

This year presents you with a role as a visionary. You'll provide opportunities for people to work alongside you for a cause that will make a difference. More highlights: You'll stretch creatively and connect with diverse talents on a remarkable presentation. You'll sit on a board. Your offers and proposals will be celebrated, especially the romantic ones. Gemini and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 17, 19, 13, 20 and 12.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Someone longs to be listened to and it will be your pleasure to provide quality attention. You do this so naturally, not because anyone wants you to, but because you're genuinely interested in people and what they have to say.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Whatever the question, the answer will be to add more love. Love heals, fortifies and detoxifies. Love is the fix and the prevention. And though love is beautiful as a verb, when you don't know how to do it, just be it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). An exchange that might seem inconsequential to the casual observer is, to you, a profound message. Don't let anyone else tell you what it means. It's what you think that matters. Interpretation is the essence of life.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You will take charge of your own happiness, not because the others disappoint you, but because they can't possibly know the nuances of the very specific kind of enjoyment you're looking for. You'll be your own best company.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've a talent for turning situations in your favor without upsetting the apple cart. You may steer the action, but you do so from such a subtle place that others believe they are the ones controlling the wheel.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Consider your creed. It will be lucky to write it, hone it, change it or share it. Whether your aims and beliefs are similar to the group, or unique to you, affirming your stance keeps you aware and on-purpose.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Impressing others gets boring rather quickly, but impressing yourself is a gift that keeps giving. You choose the right focus and momentum builds quickly. You're totally engaged in the adventure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Complaining is contagious. Spend time with the action-oriented instead. Let complaining be a cue to redirect your attention to a plan of action. This simple trick of focus can dissolve your frustration and help you see alternatives.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A problem has you stuck. How you're thinking about it is not the only way. There's no right or wrong here, only more and less helpful perspectives. Ask around. Gather insight. You could make a new friend in the process.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What you want to experience also wants to experience you. The serenity, the thrills, the sense of wonder — when you embody these feelings, you give them expression in a world that sorely needs them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The detour is the path. So don't worry if you get derailed or have to go over, under or around some major obstacle (likely in the form of a person) to reach your destination. Your journey will be richer for the trouble.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're alert and looking for ways to help yourself and your people. But the situation today is not a game you can strategize your way through. You can relax, stop analyzing, and just let things play out naturally.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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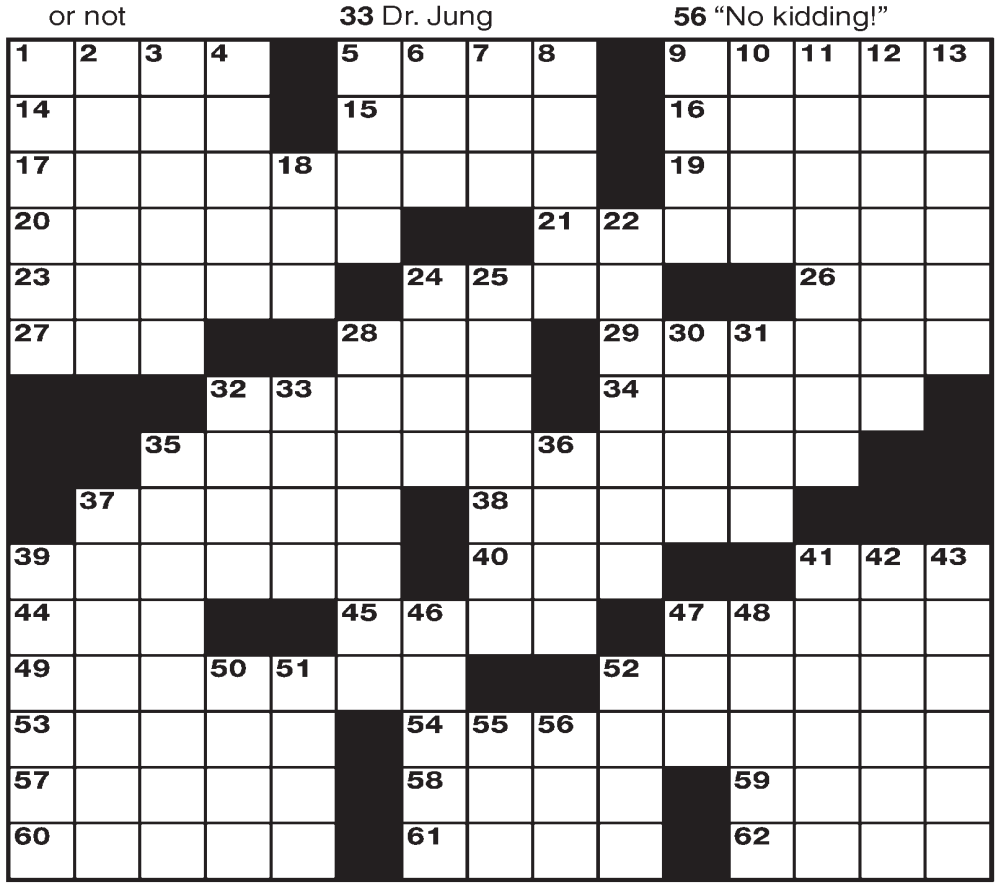
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15 "Not happening"
16 Obstetric adjective
17 Leading comic
19 Orange soda brand
20 Wings it orally
21 With 49 Across, person in an unaccustomed environment
23 Schedule openings
24 Plan detail
26 *Due* + 1
27 All-important
28 Forbidden City VIP
29 Caught sight of
32 Nearly boil
34 Soothers
35 Nobody's fool
37 Fingerprint pattern
38 Bring down
39 Healthful mouthful
40 Don't play
41 Podded plant
44 Copper source
45 Of __ (significant)
47 Certain selfie sources
49 See 21 Across
52 With great views
53 Commuter reading
54 VIP
57 Property crime
58 Home furnishing giant
59 Author Hubbard
60 Snicker sound
61 Numerical suffix
62 True grit

DOWN

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2 Frizzy four-legged friend
3 Use
4 Ledger subtraction
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7 Preside over
8 Irritate, figuratively or not
9 Closest ones, 4 short
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36 Early award for *The Crucible*
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39 Skilled in
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42 Menlo Park, NJ's township
43 Get raised in rank
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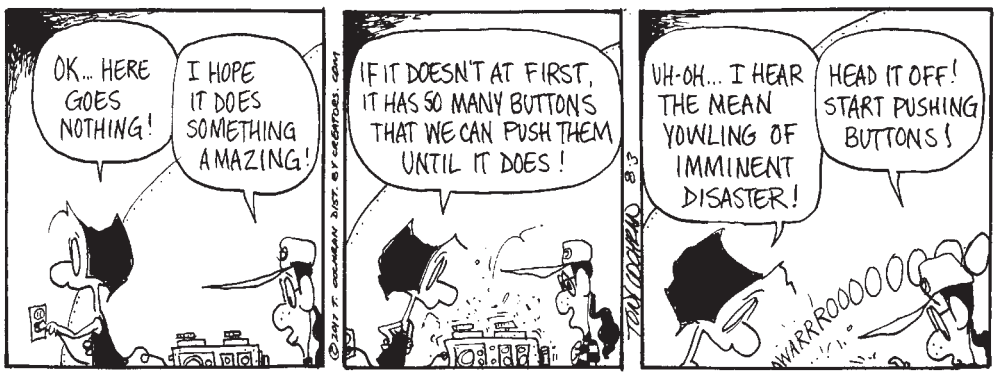


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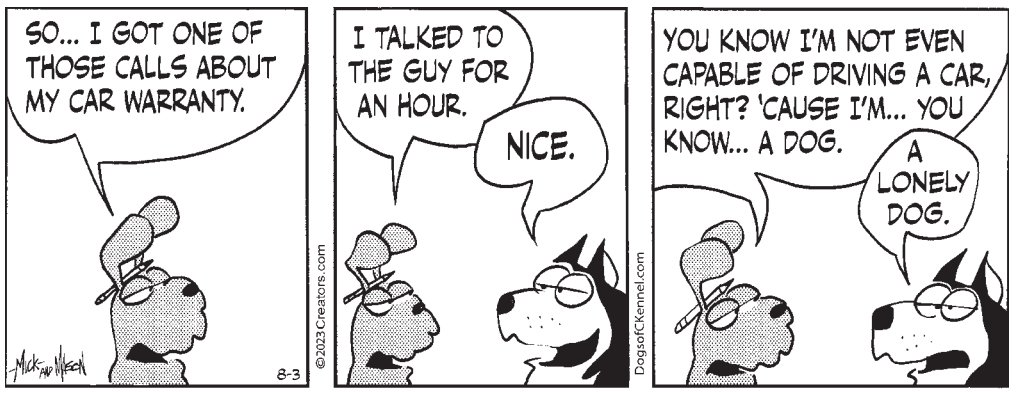
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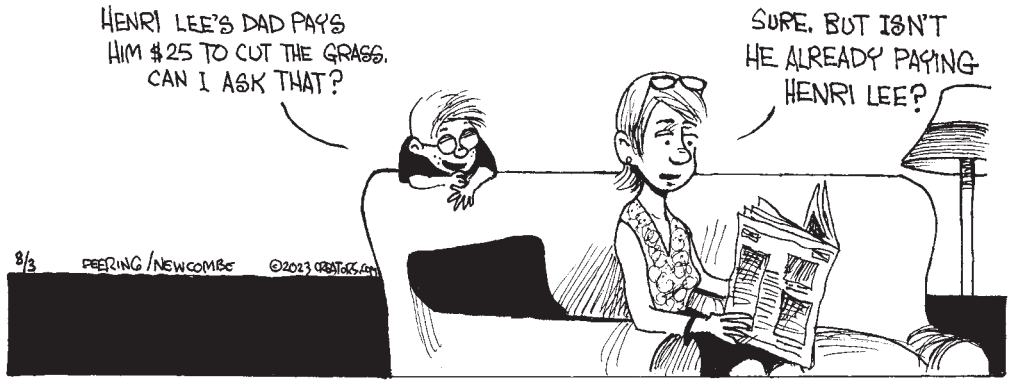
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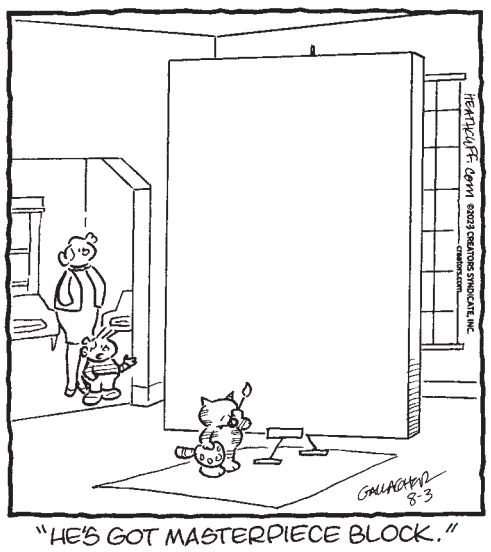
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FIND THE WORDS

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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Bon voyage

H	X	B	E	R	T	H	N	E	T	T	A	B	B	K
G	O	R	B	I	T	R	O	P	I	T	T	O	I	O
I	B	I	G	K	I	R	I	T	I	M	A	T	I	O
H	S	A	D	R	I	F	T	A	S	T	O	B	I	C
P	A	P	U	A	N	E	W	G	U	I	N	E	A	K
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L	I	F	O	U	H	P	E	R	L	K	E	O	R	C
O	U	V	E	A	A	E	U	E	M	O	L	P	M	L
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Abaft
Abeam
Adrift
Ahoy
Alarm
Atoll
Axis
Back
Bank
Batten
Belep
Berth
Boat
Box
Buka
Burn
Cabin
cruiser
Calm
Careful
Cook
Crew
Cyclone
Elcho
Euba
Fanna
Guam
High
Kermadec
Kiritimati
Kiwai
Kwajalein
Lifou
Luau
Majuro
Mauke
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THURSDAY | AUGUST 3

HOUSING COMMISSION

The Santa Monica Housing Commission is a city advisory body whose mission is to protect and improve the quality of life of all Santa Monicans by listening to input from city residents and staff, publicly deliberating, and providing recommendations to both the Santa Monica City Council and Santa Monica Housing Authority Board on issues related to housing in Santa Monica. The Santa Monica Housing Commission is committed to strengthening the social, economic, and cultural vitality and diversity of Santa Monica through habitable, fair, and equitable housing for all. 6:00 p.m - until concluded https://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/boards.aspx?id=53687092551

NOMA MEETING

The changes taking place along Wilshire to make it safer for pedestrians and drivers to navigate will be presented by Jack Moreau, senior transportation planner, this Thursday, August 3rd at 7pm at the North of Montana Avenue Neighborhood Association's monthly meeting. An update from Ann Bowman on the status and future of our Civic Auditorium is also on tap, as is a proposal for a "Saturday Dog Club." Info on joining the Zoom session is available at smnoma.org and all are invited.

FRIDAY | AUGUST 4

LAVENDER AND TRUFFLES ICE CREAM TASTING

Lavender and Truffles plant-based ice cream made with organic oatmilk is popping up at Cafe Demitase in Santa Monica. Rotating 6 flavors every week with FREE tastings of all flavors. Scoops and pints available for sale too! 6:30pm-9:30pm, Cafe Demitasse, 1149 3rd Street

WOMEN OF SPACE SERIES: WOMEN IN SPACEFLIGHT

It's been a long time since the flight of Valentina Tereshkova and the frustration of the "Mercury 13," the female aviators in the 1960s who went through the same screening process as the original seven NASA astronauts, without the chance to go into space. Until relatively recently, women in spaceflight saw small breakthroughs, but little wholesale progress. While we now routinely see women in program management and mission commander positions, it has been a struggle, which lecturer Sarah Vincent will chronicle. 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Online Event https://www.smc.edu/community/planetarium/

SATURDAY | AUGUST 5

BRISK FESTIVAL L.A. RETURNS TO SANTA MONICA FOR ITS III EDITION

The Brisk Festival is an international theater extravaganza, featuring an impressive lineup of 53 short one-act plays. The festival serves as a vital platform for artists, celebrates diverse voices, and aims to discover new or established talent. Two distinct programs, each featuring 10-minute one-act plays. In total, eight shows, comprising 6-8 plays each. Three of the shows, comprising 22 one-acts, were written and performed exclusively in Spanish, adding a unique multicultural flair. Participants from Mexico, Florida, and Spain join local artists. In addition to the captivating plays, festival-goers can savor delectable food options and peruse various vendors on the theater's patio. A variety of traditional Baja California dishes by Los Toxicos and authentic Iberico ham flown in from Spain will be among the culinary delights. Morgan-Wixson Theater, 2627 Pico Blvd https://briskfestival.com/

INTRO TO WATERCOLOR

Discover the joy of watercolor painting with instructor Melissa Elliott. During this 90-minute session, we'll cover the fundamentals of this versatile and colorful art, including a discussion of supplies, materials, attributes, and techniques. Live demonstrations will be followed by hands-on practice by participants. Advance registration required; please sign up with the reference librarian or by calling (310) 575-8273. Donald Bruce Kaufman - Brentwood Branch Library 11820 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA https://www.lapl.org/whats-on/events/intro-watercolor

SUNDAY | AUGUST 6

NATIONAL FARMERS MARKET WEEK 2023

Visit one of the Santa Monica Farmers Markets to celebrate National Farmers Market Week. Join in the celebration to honor the farmers, local produce and our community. Starting at 8:30 am to 1:00 pm on Main Street Market.

MONDAY | AUGUST 7

DON'T HAVE TICKETS FOR TAYLOR? WE'RE HAVING AN ERAS TOUR PARTY AT THE WEST LOS ANGELES REGIONAL LIBRARY

Don't have tickets for Taylor? Join us for a Swifties dance party, friendship bracelet making, button making, photos, a fashion show, and more! 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library, 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles, CA https://www.lapl.org/whats-on/events/dont-have-tickets-taylor-were-having-eras-tour-party-west-la-library

VIRGINIA AVE PARK ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The Virginia Avenue Park Advisory Board (VAPAB) serves as an advisory body to the Recreation and Parks Commission and the Director of Housing and Human Services Department. 7:00pm-8:30pm Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave

For help submitting an event, contact us at
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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **72.3**

THURSDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 3-4ft Waist to chest	Drained dawn patrol but the mid-AM tide push worth keeping an eye on. Small SSW swell gets a refresh and NW windswell could be back up a touch for peaky shape. Wind looks light for the morning.
FRIDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 3-4ft Waist to chest	Drained dawn patrol gives way to a peaky, playful morning if the wind can stay down for the tide push. SSW swell lingers and NW windswell could be up from Thursday. Wind is lightest early then builds from the WNW.

WEATHER

Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 64. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 74. East wind 5 to 15 mph becoming west southwest in the morning.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/08/03	Thu	05:28 AM	-1.21	L
2023/08/03	Thu	11:50 AM	4.72	H
2023/08/03	Thu	5:04 PM	1.61	L
2023/08/03	Thu	11:12 PM	6.54	H
2023/08/04	Fri	06:07 AM	-0.74	L
2023/08/04	Fri	12:31 PM	4.95	H
2023/08/04	Fri	6:02 PM	1.54	L
2023/08/05	Sat	12:03 AM	5.77	H
2023/08/05	Sat	06:45 AM	-0.10	L
2023/08/05	Sat	1:14 PM	5.15	H
2023/08/05	Sat	7:07 PM	1.53	L
2023/08/06	Sun	01:01 AM	4.86	H
2023/08/06	Sun	07:22 AM	0.65	L
2023/08/06	Sun	2:00 PM	5.28	H
2023/08/06	Sun	8:23 PM	1.52	L
2023/08/07	Mon	02:11 AM	3.94	H
2023/08/07	Mon	08:01 AM	1.42	L
2023/08/07	Mon	2:52 PM	5.34	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 7/31
2 11 48 58 65
Power#: 13
Jackpot: 95 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 8/1
8 24 30 45 61
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 1.25 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 7/29
4 24 31 32 46
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 81 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/1
4 6 28 30 35

Daily 3
Draw Date: 8/1
EVENING: 7 3 7

Draw Date: 8/1
MIDDAY: 4 6 5

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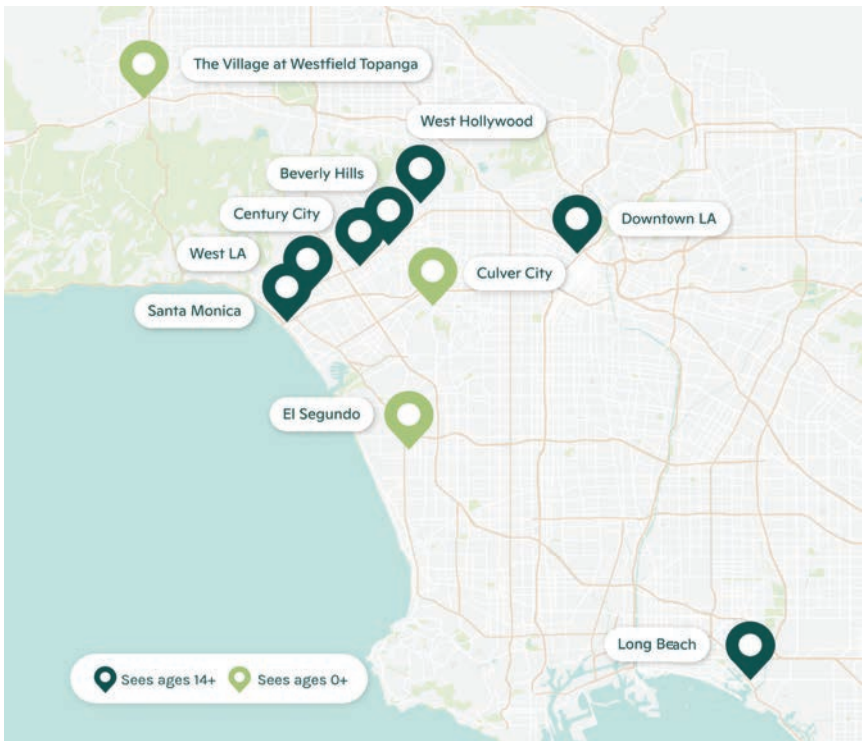
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