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Upcoming dinner, alcohol menus elevating new Jinky's location

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The downtown dining scene has seen its fair share of changes in the 21st Century, and Jinky's Cafe has evolved with shifts every step of the way.

Jinky's latest set of changes coincide with a new, albeit familiar location. The cafe has taken up the spot previously occupied by The Independence at 205 Broadway, just steps from the 1447 2nd Street spot that opened in 2000. With a five-month break in between the old and new locations, Jinky's staff had time to reinvigorate its layout and menu ideas.

"It's been a week now, we just started, and (it) looks like a pretty decent response," Jinky's Founder and CEO Alankar Verma said. "We were there next door for 24 years, and (we) happened to move here because we got a better location, better deal. This location has a bigger exposure because of the (2nd and Broadway intersection) right there, more visibility, so it helps us a lot, more and more people are coming to know that we reopened back here."



Photo by Thomas Leffler

JINKY'S: Founder and CEO of Jinky's Cafe Alankar Verma is bringing new concepts to the Santa Monica reopening.

After establishing Jinky's in Sherman Oaks in 1991, Verma expanded to Santa Monica in 2000 before opening spots in Los Angeles proper, Studio City, West Hills and Camarillo. The Santa Monica spot, he said, is a chance to introduce new concepts to the cafe's menu, both in food and drink.

To reestablish Jinky's as a downtown destination, a new dinner menu is soon set to be introduced, prompting later hours for hungry customers. Open from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., the dinner portion of the location will push closing time to 10 p.m. First seen at the Studio City location, the Jinky's dinner will "reflect the global flavors" of Los Angeles, with dishes inspired by Southwest, Italian, Californian, French, Indian and Middle Eastern cuisine.

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Santa Monica gets ready for a nostalgia-themed National Night Out on Tuesday evening

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Contrary to how it might feel, time is not moving faster, it's actually August already and that means National Night Out is almost upon us. And that's a good thing.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign designed to promote community partnerships with the police and fire departments and encourage neighborhood camaraderie in communities across the country. Once again, Main Street from

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Scott Snowden

TONIGHT: Last year's event had a superhero theme but this year will focus on throwback fun.

With COVID cases rising across California, experts stress the value of vaccines

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

With a new wave of COVID-19 cases spiking across the state, officials emphasize the importance of vaccines to prevent widespread disruptions.

Since mid-May, The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has reported consistent increases in COVID-19 cases. In the past four weeks, reported cases, hospitalizations, virus concentrations in wastewater, and the percentage of positive tests have doubled.

Transmission is also spiking across the state, with federal officials saying the spread has already surpassed last year's levels and is on track to meet or exceed 2022. The latest surge is primarily driven by the FLiRT variants, a group of highly transmissible strains likely to become dominant this year.

Last week, Public Health reported an average of 452 daily cases, up from 229 four weeks ago. Reported cases are an undercount due to many at-home test results not being reported. Wastewater concentrations of SARS CoV-2, the virus causing COVID-19, are at

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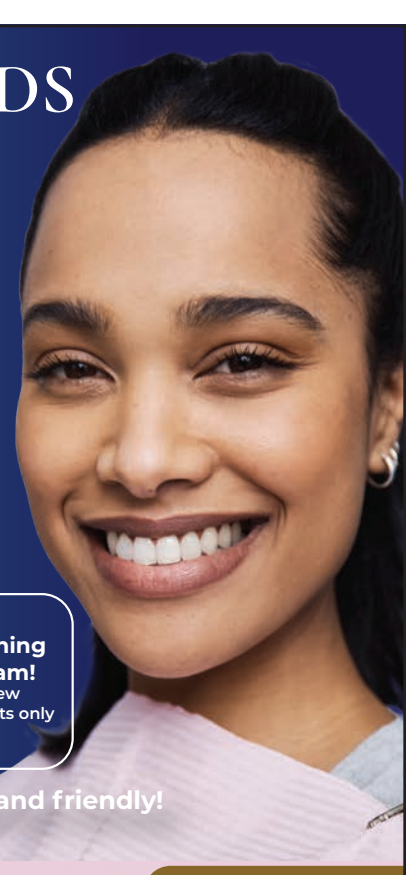
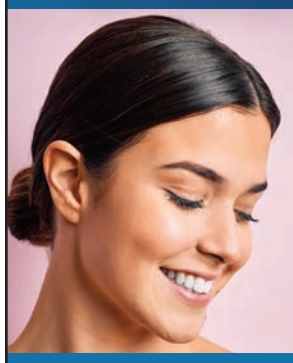
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‘Taking it off the speculative market’: These nonprofits help tenants afford to stay put



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HOUSING: The Pigeon Palace covered in scaffolding and tarps in San Francisco on Aug. 1, 2024. The housing complex operates through a community land trust, or a non-profit that buys land and then sells or rents the buildings to low-income residents to create permanently affordable housing. The Pigeon Palace tenants, who co-manage the building, are renovating the space.

FELICIA MELLO
Special to the Daily Press

Nine years ago, tenants of the Pigeon Palace at 2840-2848 Folsom Street in San Francisco faced a dilemma. Their aging landlord, who had long rented at affordable rates, was unable to continue overseeing the place. Instead a court-appointed conservator took steps to auction off the building.

Because Pigeon Palace is in the popular and increasingly expensive Mission neighborhood, the residents feared a new owner might dramatically raise their rents — or kick them out altogether. So they crowdfunded $300,000 and gave it to a non-profit called the San Francisco Community Land Trust, which combined it with loans from a bank and the city to place the winning bid of more than $3 million. The trust then rented units back to the tenants at affordable rates.

Much of the political debate about California’s housing crisis has focused on building new units. But community land trusts, a method of preserving existing affordable housing that dates back to the Civil Rights Movement, have quietly been gaining steam.

The number of community land trusts – non-profits that buy up land and then sell or rent the buildings on top of it to low-income residents — has tripled in California since 2014, according to the California Community Land Trust Network.

While the housing units that such trusts oversee number only in the low thousands, supporters say the model is cheaper than building new and can help stabilize communities at risk of gentrification and displacement. Indigenous tribes, immigrant neighborhoods and formerly-affordable inland cities are among the communities experimenting with community land trusts.

> We shifted from being renters in a market where someone could buy our building any day, to where no one’s coming to buy our building
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> - Keith Hennessy

Today, tenants of Pigeon Palace, a six-unit Queen Anne building, pay between $1,400 and $3,000 per month for spacious two-bedroom apartments in one of the pricey city’s most desirable neighborhoods. They share a bike room and garden with outdoor

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Palisades' Partain keeps volleyball medal hopes alive



Courtesy Photo

VOLLEYBALL: Pacific Palisades native Miles Partain's medal dreams are alive and well after himself and partner Andy Benesh qualified for the Men's Beach Volleyball quarterfinals on Monday.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

The path back to the medal podium for Team USA Men's Beach Volleyball now rests solely in the hands of two Los Angeles metro area natives, including Palisades High School graduate Miles Partain.

On Monday, Partain and his partner, Rancho Palos Verdes' Andy Benesh, moved into the quarterfinals of the 2024 Paris Olympics volleyball bracket, defeating Italy's Samuele Cottafava and Paolo Nicolai in straight sets. Winning the Round of 16 matchup 21-17 and 21-18 sets the duo up for a quarterfinal showdown Wednesday, either against a team from Qatar or Chile.

After losing their first Olympics preliminary phase contest to Cuba, Partain and Benesh rebounded in the blistering conditions of Eiffel Tower Stadium on July 30, taking care of a Moroccan squad in straight sets. To make the Round of 16, the team had to overcome a three-set marathon against Brazil's George Souto Maior Wanderley and Andre Loyola Stein, splitting the first two sets before winning the deciding third by a score of 15-8.

Between the Morocco and Brazil preliminary matchups, a leadership change was made by the team, as Partain and Benesh parted ways with coach Mike Placek after a team meeting. In a joint statement, the two stated they were "grateful" for their coach's "generosity, dedication and tireless efforts" but decided it was best "to part ways and explore different strategic paths."

"We remain deeply appreciative of what (Placek) has done for us and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors ... we have a great support staff and appreciate their effort and commitment during this transition," the duo stated, adding that the reasoning behind the decision will remain private.

Monday's matchup against Italy was decided by Partain's aggression in the second set, scoring 7 of his duo's 10 attack points while having two successful digs in the set. In total, Partain scored 12 attack points against Italy, and the Palisades native also showed his serving skills by putting 19 of his 21 serves into play.

The hopes of Team USA's Olympics now lies solely on Partain and Benesh, as the other American unit of Chase Budinger and Miles Evans were defeated by Norway's Anders Mol and Christian Sorum in the Round of 16. Partain and Benesh defeated the Norwegian duo last year in the finals of the Beach Pro Tour Elite16 tournament in Switzerland. The last time men's beach volleyball received a medal was in the 2008 Beijing games, where Todd Rogers and Phil Dalhausser took home the gold.

Wednesday's Olympics matchup will take place at 8 a.m. for those on the West Coast. Games can be caught live on the Peacock app, with replays on the NBCUniversal family of networks.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **60.3**

TUESDAY — ***FAIR***
SURF: 1-2FT
Knee to thigh
Little SSE/S tropical swell drops. Small blend of Southern Hemi swell, NW windswell eases. Early morning winds look light and tide push helps then.

WEDNESDAY — ***POOR TO FAIR***
SURF: 1-2FT
Knee to thigh
Smaller, with lingering SW swell from the SPAC, a little bit of NW windswell. Drained early — let the tide start to build in.

Weather

Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 75.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 66. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east southeast after midnight.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 74. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south in the afternoon.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 64.

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While Newsom brags about California's economy, unemployment data tells a different story



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JOBS: Prospective employers and job seekers interact during during a job fair in the West Hollywood section of Los Angeles on Sept. 22, 2021.

DAN WALTERS

Gov. Gavin Newsom tirelessly touts the size and strength of California's economy, often contrasting it with those of other states.

When, for example, the monthly employment report was issued in June, Newsom bragged on X, formerly Twitter, that "California continues to lead the nation's economy & create good jobs throughout the state. Just this year, the state created over 107,000 jobs — more than doubling ... the same time period last year."

Actually the report, based on May data, was not that positive.

While the state's 5.2% unemployment rate was slightly lower than April's rate, it was still the highest of any state. In June it was still unchanged and remains the nation's highest, albeit tied with Nevada. It also was markedly higher than the jobless rates in Florida (3.3%) and Texas (4%), two red states that Newsom often disparages.

The recent reports on California's job picture are nothing new. California has consistently had unemployment rates at or near the nation's highest ever since the COVID-19 pandemic faded away.

About 3 million Californians lost their jobs during the pandemic, thanks largely to Newsom's orders to shut down businesses. The state's recovery has been sluggish vis-a-vis those of other states. There are still more than a million California workers without jobs.

California's mediocre economic recovery has had many effects, one being an immense budget deficit. The Newsom administration's 2022 projection of a fast recovery and a cornucopia of state revenues turned out to be wildly inaccurate, leading to a wide gap between income and outgo.

Another impact is the truly sorry condition of the unemployment insurance fund, which provides support payments to jobless workers.

When the pandemic hit and unemployment soared, the unemployment insurance fund quickly exhausted its slender reserves and the state borrowed some $20 billion from the federal government to maintain payments.

Not only has California not repaid the loans, but it is one of only two states that have failed to do so (New York still owes about $6 billion). And the unemployment insurance fund's deficit is growing because the state is still not taking in enough money from payroll taxes to cover its current payments.

Thanks to California's stubbornly high unemployment rate, the Employment Development Department expects the unemployment insurance fund to receive $4.8 billion in payroll taxes this year but to pay out $6.8 billion in benefits, meaning the fund's deficit, including federal loans, will reach $21.7 billion by the end of this year and $22 billion in 2025.

The underlying problem predates Newsom's governorship. Nearly a quarter-

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Chariots come to town for Indian cultural experience













Photos by Thomas Leffler

PARADE: Santa Monica and Venice were taken over by the unique wonders of Indian culture on Sunday, as the 48th annual Los Angeles Festival of Chariots brought the 35-foot-high constructions to the area. Also known as Ratha Yatra, the oldest street festival in the world's Los Angeles spinoff featured the chariots being carried through the area before landing at Venice Beach's Windward Plaza, with the chariots symbolizing messages of spirituality and peace. At the plaza, the chariots were on display for locals, as well as a host of other exhibits such as a "free feast" booth, a cultural performances stage and a gift shop. Those eager to eat during the day were given plenty of options, with food stalls set up to serve vegetarian cuisine and fruits such as watermelon and coconuts.

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JINKY'S

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Washing down the dinner will be a brand-new selection of beer and wines, also to be introduced shortly at the cafe. Gaining a beer and wine license at the spot, Verma notes that the cafe will "be doing lots" of mimosa brunches and weekend drink specials.

"(We're) basically bringing the world and applying it inside the restaurants, and paired with some very good wines," Verma said of the menu plans.

While dinner and alcoholic drinks are still on the way, current customers can catch the classic Jinky's menu, featuring a host of caffeinated concoctions and a food selection centered on egg-based breakfast dishes and saliva-inducing sandwiches.

Making eggs its "niche," along with its well-known chili flavors, is an adaptation in the current dining landscape. Verma stated that a "generation change" happens every 10 years in the culinary world, with the current shift based on a more concentrated, specialty-based menu brought on by the individualization of chefs.

"The internet opened up (since) 2000, then came Instagram (and) all the chefs showing their culinary expertise on social media," Verma said. "A lot of people who were not going into all these restaurants started going and finding nooks and corners, started to find specialty things ... this just elevated the game so much."

Jinky's impact on the downtown economy doesn't end at the front door, as the cafe has teamed with the adjacent Hotel Carmel to provide room service and discounts for guests. Bringing hotel travelers and downtown onlookers into the customer pool are just some of the perks of what Verma calls "visibility."

> "The internet opened up (since) 2000, then came Instagram (and) all the chefs showing their culinary expertise on social media"
>
> - Alankar Verma, Jinky's Founder and CEO

"The visibility here will obviously make more people aware that we're open, they know us, they know the food, now it is (time) to point out the presentation of the food, the quality of the food, the dinners, the beer and wine that's going to uplift the whole menu and the concept to a high (point)."

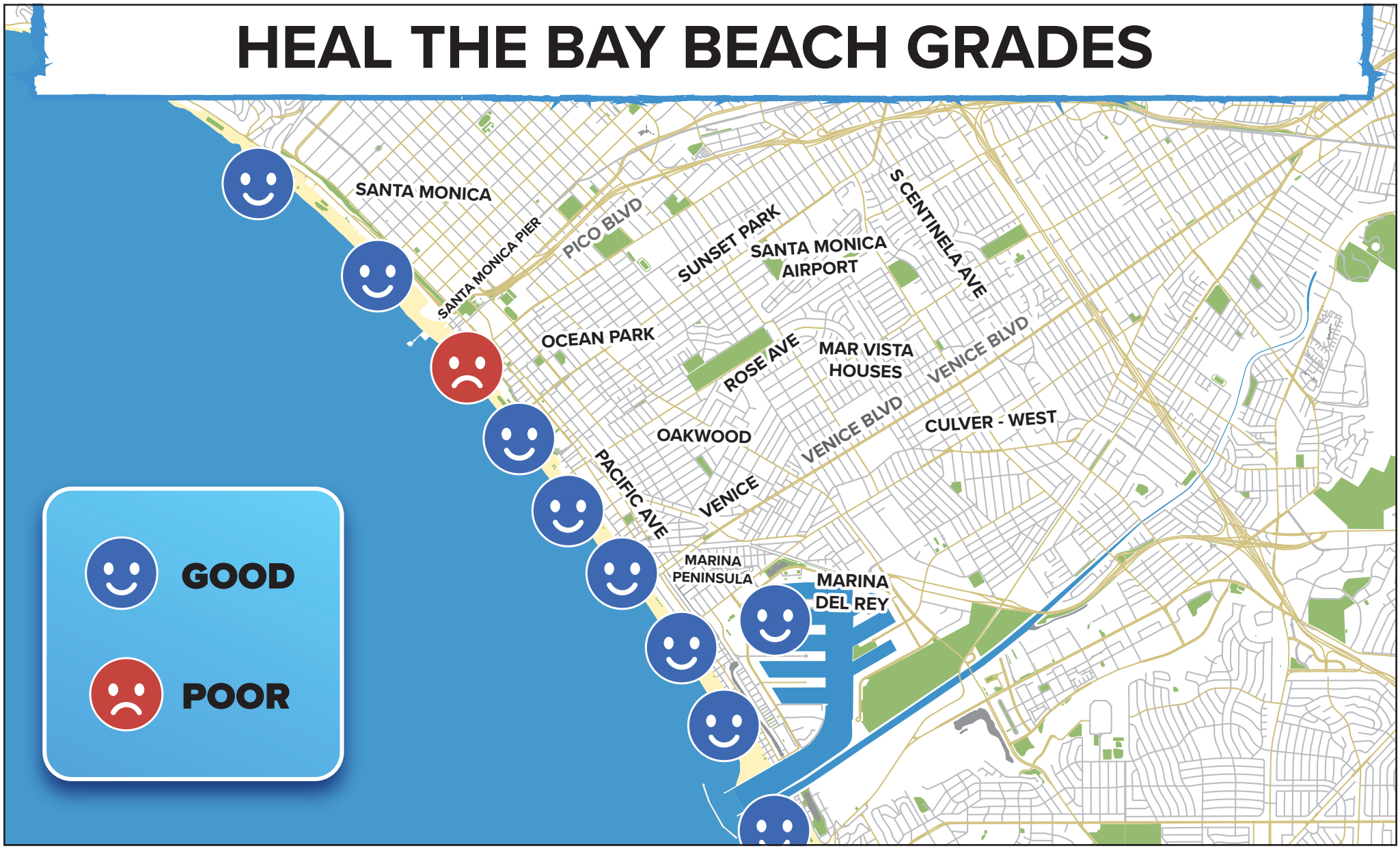
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Thomas Leffler

FOOD: Jinky's has reopened and is planning to build on its reputation with new alcohol offerings. .



NATIONAL NIGHT

FROM PAGE 1

Olympic Drive to Colorado Avenue will be closed off as the entire area in front of City Hall will be dedicated to the event.

Last year, the theme was "Superheroes," this year the theme is "Past, Present and Future" with a focus on the 80s and 90s representing the "Past." Needless to say, we can expect all manner of interesting and awful reminders of music, culture and fashion from those iconic decades.

So if, for some bizarre reason, you still happen to have a piano keyboard tie, a "Frankie Says" t-shirt or a Dynasty-esque power suit with super-sized padded shoulders, now is the perfect time to blow the dust off those bad boys and bring them out of retirement. And that's if you want to represent the 80s. If you're more a child of the 90s however, you'll be needing a nice, nylon neon-colored shell suit. Shudder.

"It's always a big family affair," Vice Mayor Lana Negrete told the Daily Press. "And I believe this year is going to be even bigger than last year's, it just gets bigger every year, which is great … and there's so much stuff you can do with kids too."

Tourists and residents alike can come 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 will no doubt be reminding us of the very best tunes of the time. Fingers crossed we'll get to hear tracks from the likes of Duran Duran, Depeche Mode and Diana Ross together with The Stone Roses, Sheryl Crow and The Charlatans.

""This year's event highlights the rich history, present initiatives, and future vision of the Santa Monica Police Department. We invite residents to experience our journey through historic police items, current technology, and future plans," Santa Monica Police Chief Ramon Batista said. "Let's celebrate the partnership between our residents and law enforcement, fostering trust and unity. We look forward to seeing you there for an evening of fun, connection, and community pride."

Children — and parents, equally — will be able to sit on police motorcycles, talk to the officers who fly the police drones, try on tactical body 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.

"The Santa Monica Fire Department supports the Santa Monica Police Department's National Night Out by collaborating on community events, enhancing public safety awareness and fostering positive relationships between Santa Monica first responders and our local residents," Santa Monica Fire Chief Matthew Hallock told the Daily Press.

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"So, log off your Commodore 64, spray some Aqua Net in your hair, throw on your Sony Walkman, crank on Simple Minds, put your Members Only jacket on and cruise on down to the Santa Monica Police Department's 2024 National Night Out and meet your Santa Monica first responders on Tuesday evening," Hallock added.

"National Night Out is a great way for families and their children to connect with our public safety folks, ask questions, and support Santa Monica. I highly recommend attending…and bring your smiles. It will be a lot of fun," Mayor Phil Brock told the Daily Press, adding that his 80s playlist of choice would include Tears for Fears, Queen, the B-52's and the Dead Kennedys.

National Night Out 2024 will be at 1685 Main Street, outside of Santa Monica City Hall. It starts at 5pm and runs until 8pm.

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RENT

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meeting space and make decisions together about building management.

"We shifted from being renters in a market where someone could buy our building any day, to where no one's coming to buy our building," said Keith Hennessy, an experimental dance performer who's lived at the Palace for 22 years. With that stability, he said, "it's easier to build a family. It's easier to build community."

Meanwhile, the San Francisco Community Land Trust has grown to oversee 150 units, including two larger buildings in the Tenderloin district that primarily house Spanish- and Mayan-speaking service workers. Last year, philanthropist MacKenzie Scott gave the organization $20 million to expand its portfolio and help incubate new land trusts.

Community land trusts can oversee single-family homes or multi-unit buildings, and residents can rent or own. When residents own their homes, the trust retains control over the land, leasing it to homeowners long-term and requiring that any home sales be to other low- or moderate-income buyers or back to the trust. Tenants in multi-unit buildings typically cooperate to manage the property, and sit on the trust's board.

Rather than just creating new affordable housing, community land trusts help stem the bleed of existing affordable housing being converted to units for wealthier residents. While the trusts are not new in California, concern about growing corporate control of housing and the rising cost of new construction have driven increased interest in the model, experts say.

The California Community Land Trust Network represents 50 established and emerging trusts across the state, with most of the newest ones springing up in working-class Black and brown communities, according to the network.

"We're giving control of buildings to the community. We're taking it off the speculative market and we're ensuring that tenants can become homeowners if they want to," said Jessica Melendez, director of policy for TRUST South L.A., which recently bought two small multi-unit buildings in gentrifying South Los Angeles with the goal of turning them into cooperatives.

The organization also owns the Rolland Curtis Gardens, a 140-unit apartment complex with a health clinic and market near the University of Southern California, on a site that was slated for conversion to market-rate housing until the trust purchased and rehabbed it.

"Community land trusts could be a tool to help close the homeownership gap between Black and white individuals," said Muhammad Alameldin, a policy associate at UC Berkeley's Terner Center for Housing Innovation. The construction of condominiums has slowed nationwide in the past 15 years, he said, restricting options for entry-level homeowners who lack generational wealth.

But he said community land trusts also have to navigate a financial and legal system that doesn't tend to favor cooperative ownership.

The challenge of raising capital has constrained the growth of community land trusts. They currently house about 3,500 California residents, with most properties consisting of fewer than 10 units.

The movement took a hit this year when California lawmakers seeking to close a budget deficit scrapped a $500 million program that would have given tenants and community land trusts grants to buy properties at risk of foreclosure.

Community land trusts are instead turning to local funding streams: A $20 billion affordable housing bond on the ballot in the San Francisco Bay Area this November would set aside $3 billion to preserve existing affordable housing, plus $6 billion for local communities to spend flexibly on priorities including preservation. And in Los Angeles, part of the revenue from the city's "mansion tax" on real estate purchases over $5 million will go toward acquiring and rehabilitating affordable housing.

Once concentrated in the Bay Area and LA, community land trusts are spreading to other areas where the cost of living is rising. The Bakersfield City Council voted last year to establish a community land trust; Irvine already has one and Long Beach is considering it.

The fledgling Sacramento Community Land Trust just bought its first property — a garden used by residents transitioning out of homelessness — where it plans to build tiny homes, said executive director Tamika L'Ecluse.

And the Wiyot Tribe in Humboldt County has set up a land trust focused on conservation as well as housing. "As housing prices are pricing our people out of the Tribe's ancestral lands, this land trust is an attempt to make change in our community," tribal administrator Michelle Vassel said by email. "Our intention is to take the profit margin out of housing development."

Whether or not community land trusts can scale to become a significant part of California's housing landscape, the model cuts across some of the traditional binaries of the state's housing conversation. Land trust acquisitions can bring together cash-strapped tenants and small landlords who want to sell their properties, two groups often pitted against each other. And the idea goes beyond the debate between NIMBYs and YIMBYs about whether to build; community land trust advocates argue it's not just about how much housing we have, but who controls it.

Hennessy, the Pigeon Palace tenant, says he loves co-managing his building with a multi-ethnic community of 11 adults, four kids and two regularly visiting grandchildren. The building is undergoing renovations, and he says the tenants made decisions together about everything, down to the paint colors for its facade (lavender in back, greens and blues in front).

"This is affordable housing for another generation," he said. He doesn't have children himself, but his unit will go to another low- to moderate-income tenant after him.

"I'm building a house for people I don't know in the future," he said. "It's another kind of legacy."



Photo by Florence Middleton, CalMatters

HOUSING : The Pigeon Palace in San Francisco on Aug. 1, 2024. The housing complex operates through a community land trust, or a non-profit that buys land and then sells or rents the buildings to low-income residents to create permanently affordable housing. The Pigeon Palace tenants, who co-manage the building, are renovating the space.

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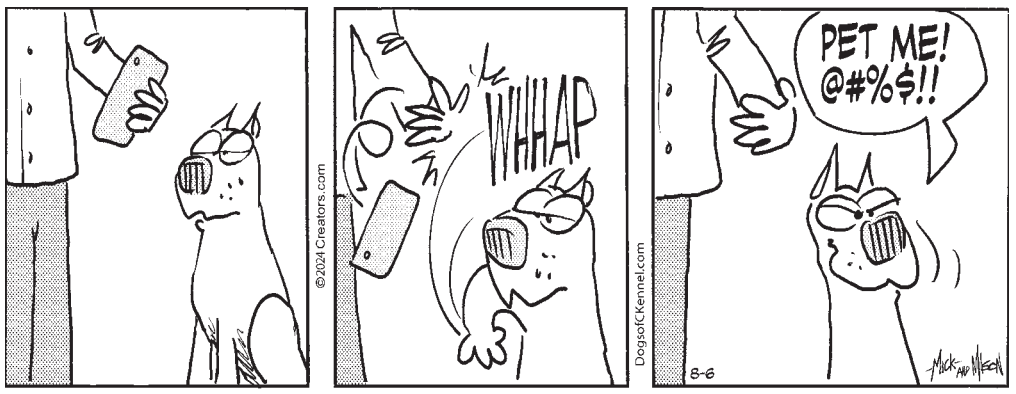
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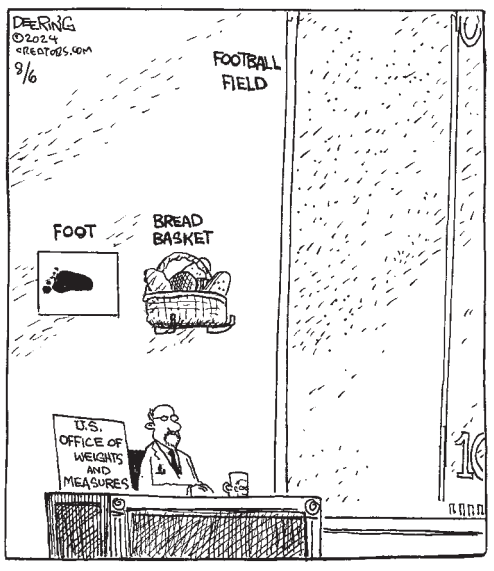
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FIND THE WORDS

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 26 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6294

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Alfa	Empty	Mack	Stop
Alight	Exit	Miss	Taxi
Buggy	Fare	Opel	Towns
Buses	Flying	Pass	Toyota
Cabin	Ford	Queue	Truck
cruiser	Golf	Rest	Turbo
Camel	Hino	Roads	Underground
City	Huddle	Saab	Visa
Coach	Isuzu	Scooter	Volvo
Cold	Jets	Seats	Wait
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 6)

Now more than any other year, you draw boundaries that allow you to work on what makes you happy. You'll either do the work you can smile through, or you'll decline. More highlights: You'll love working on new problems because in working for solutions, you'll come up with incredible experience, excellent money and the esteem of your friends, colleagues and partners. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 8, 4, 40 and 15.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). This day is a dance. Parts go off as though intricately choreographed, and other parts are passionately unbridled. Your sense of what's required is intuitive, and your timing is superb.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may not think of last year as strength training, but you'll notice you're stronger, solid in your footing and moving with confidence. This progression transforms past struggles into a foundation for greater success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You appreciate and are inspired by the interesting ways people around you have changed through their commitments. You'll double down on one of your goals as you see how this will keep you growing as a person.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Complaints are an outlet for those who feel powerless to impact a situation. That's not you. You know you're bigger than the problem, which is why you skip the complaining and go straight to action.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are building yourself better than ever. Sometimes, it means disassembling your own internal structures, debunking certain stories you've told yourself or giving them a different spin. The remodel celebrates the best in you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The challenges you faced and overcame have built resilience and skill. What once seemed daunting is now easily achievable because of all you did to boost your confidence and competence. You're ready to scale up once more.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll solve five problems before lunchtime. Your productivity is owed to the efficiency of excellent listening and following directions well. A step-by-step guide will lead you exactly where you want to go.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You wouldn't normally point out the nice things you do for others, but there are those who could use a wake-up call on that matter because they are starting to take you for granted. Removing yourself from a situation so they will miss you will also do the trick.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People want to work with you, which is a compliment and testament to your talent and cooperative style. Let any win you get along these lines — a choice assignment, recognition, better compensation — grow your confidence. Opportunities are coming.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Since all humans will make mistakes, there is no point in trying to overcome this inevitability. There's also no point in fearing it. The worthy aim here is in developing the resilience to recover quickly and keep going.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A good life is not the same as a comfortable life. Those who believe happiness and comfort should be constant are often the hardest to satisfy. Favor falls on those who don't fret over minor discomforts. Living right is better than living easy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll work fast so you can love slow. People need your attention. Make time to sit together, listen and be present with your loved ones. Let them know they matter, not through words alone but through the gift of your undivided time.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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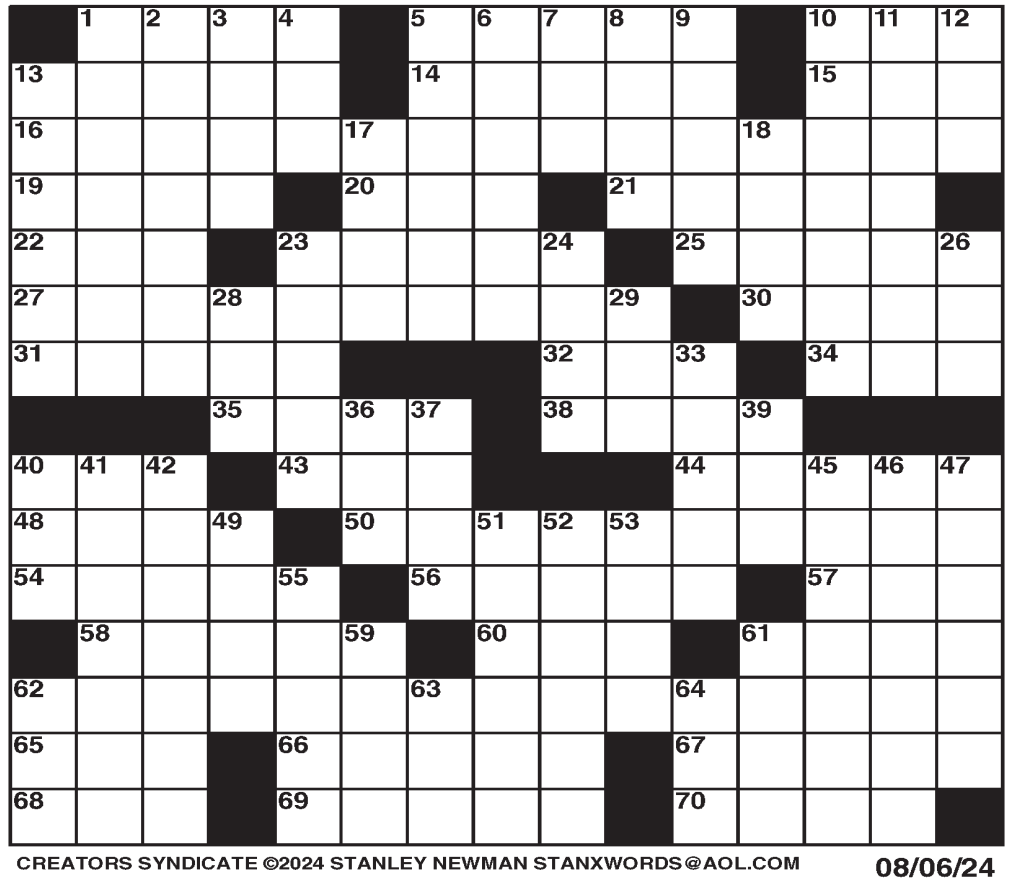
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ACROSS

1 IRS regulation experts
5 About the year of
10 Comedian's joke
13 Old Testament's Queen of __
14 An hr. after midnight
15 Historical period
16 What Moses took from Mount Sinai
19 Crimson and scarlet
20 "__ the ramparts we watched..."
21 Jazz band horns
22 Keogh plan alternative
23 Dog's sniffer
25 Twangy, as a voice
27 Typical pregnancy period
30 Measure for a marathon
31 Arrived at
32 Oohs and __
34 Film actor's workplace
35 Gator cousin
38 "To __ it may concern..."
40 TV show hosts
43 Make a mistake
44 Big black-and-white bear
48 Parcel (out)
50 Common workday length
54 Vehicles on snow
56 The __ (tedious feeling)
57 "My country __ of thee"
58 Reputable, informally
60 "__ we there yet?"
61 Brazilian soccer great
62 What Italy's capital is built on
65 Allow to ripen
66 Praise given
67 Historic immigration island
68 "Permission granted"
69 Fortune-tellers
70 Intend (to)

DOWN

1 Single piece of a bagel-shaped cereal
2 Necklace ornament
3 Basics in reading
4 __ Paulo, Brazil
5 "Hurry up!"
6 Trapped by routine
7 __ Faire (modern jousting venue)
8 Unmannerly men
9 Capital of Jordan
10 First Biblical book
11 Gallery's retail event
12 Auto fuel
13 Yo-yo part
17 "Single" prefix for rail
18 School test
23 Gooey campfire treat
24 Start to melt
26 Allow
28 And others: Abbr.
29 "Quiet!"
33 Second-year students
36 Source for silver or gold
37 Infant's bed
39 Former Chinese leader __ Zedong
40 Physicians, for short
41 Professors' workplace
42 Shirts' arms
45 Brand of cocoa/filbert spread
46 Teach by repetition
47 Evaluate
49 Border line
51 Elegant beauty
52 Annoy repeatedly
53 At that time
55 Descends slowly
59 Factually correct
61 Untidy stack
62 Pronounce
63 Poem of praise
64 __ and haw (be indecisive)



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COVID

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44% of the Winter 2023-2024 peak, double the 17% reported in early July, indicating increasing transmission in LA County. Wastewater concentrations may provide more complete information about transmission levels than reported cases alone.

Public Health is reporting an average of 81.6 new COVID-19 hospital admissions per day, a two-fold increase from 41.4 four weeks ago. The 7-day average number of daily COVID-19 hospitalizations in Los Angeles County is 389. Ten percent of hospitalized COVID-19 patients this past week were in intensive care units.

COVID-19 deaths remain relatively stable. Public Health is reporting 1.9 daily average deaths this week, compared to 0.9 in early July. Changes in the death metric may be seen later than other metrics due to the time needed to receive death certificates and the disease's natural progression.

Public Health urges residents to take common-sense precautions to avoid COVID-19, especially as families return from summer travel and children in LA County prepare to go back to school.

Experts said vaccines are still the best tool to address the problem.

"Population immunity has moved us out of the pandemic," said Dr. Manisha Patel, chief medical officer for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. "Now the goal is to make sure we keep that immunity up because it does wane. And the way we keep it up is through vaccination. That is the safest way to keep our country healthy."

The CDC recently announced that new COVID-19 vaccines would be available later this year. The agency recommends everyone – with the exception of babies under 6 months old – get vaccinated to protect against serious illness this fall and winter. The recommendation applies to people who have previously been vaccinated as well as to those who have never had a COVID-19 vaccine

In the U.S., 81% of adults have had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, but only 21% got the updated vaccine, according to CDC data. Only 9% said they would definitely get the 2023-24 vaccine, and 43% said they probably or definitely would not.

That could leave many people unprotected against currently circulating strains of the virus, said Dr. Hung Fu Tseng, a research scientist at the Kaiser Permanente Department of Research and Evaluation and a professor at the Kaiser Permanente Bernard J. Tyson School of Medicine in Pasadena, California.

"Our protection goes away over time," he said, adding that a regular vaccine dose is needed to keep that protection.

Like the flu vaccine, COVID-19 vaccines will offer protection against currently circulating variants during the fall and winter, Patel said. "They should protect you through the season."

The main goal of vaccination – for any virus – is not to completely prevent infection but to reduce disease severity if an infection occurs, Tseng said. "The goal is to prevent severe outcomes, especially for the elderly, immune-compromised people and infants."

People who recently had COVID-19 can wait three months before getting vaccinated, the CDC says. However, certain people may consider getting the vaccine sooner, including those at risk for severe COVID-19.

Additional doses of the 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine are available for Los Angeles County residents 65 and older, providing added protection against severe illness and death. Residents can get a dose four months after their previous one. For vaccination information, visit ph.lacounty.gov/vaccines.

COVID-19 testing is recommended for those with symptoms or recent exposure. Free tests are available throughout LA County and at local pharmacies through most insurance plans. More information is at ph.lacounty.gov/COVIDtests.

Individuals testing positive should stay away from others until they are fever-free for 24 hours without medication and symptoms have resolved. Masking around others is necessary for 10 days after testing positive or after symptoms start. Free and low-cost therapeutics to prevent serious illness from COVID-19 are available in LA County. For more information, visit ph.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/medication/.

Residents should take precautions to avoid transmitting or becoming ill with COVID-19. This includes frequent hand washing or using hand sanitizer, especially before eating, after sneezing or coughing, or when in public places, and considering mask use in crowded indoor spaces. Stay home if experiencing any symptoms of illness, and inform friends and family to be cautious about gathering if they show signs of infection.

For residents concerned about exposure or seeking resources, many options remain available. The Public Health InfoLine is open seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. This free service connects callers with someone who can answer questions, coordinate free telehealth care for COVID-19 treatment, and help make vaccination appointments, including for homebound individuals. The number is 1-833-540-0473.

Laura Williamson from the American Heart Association contributed to this report.

ECONOMY

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century ago, the Legislature and then-Gov. Gray Davis enacted a 50% increase in unemployment insurance benefits, counting on what was then a healthy fund reserve to finance them.

However, when recession struck shortly thereafter, the fund was drained to pay benefits and had only barely regained solvency when the Great Recession hammered the state a half-decade later. The state borrowed about $10 billion to keep benefits flowing, and the feds increased payroll taxes on California employers to repay the debt.

The pandemic hit just after that loan was repaid, and employers are again being taxed to repay the even larger debt incurred. However, it's not enough to prevent the fund's deficit from increasing.

The effects of relatively high unemployment are compounded by a decades-long political stalemate over how to make the unemployment insurance fund healthy again, pitting employers against unions over whether payroll taxes should be increased or benefits should be curtailed.

Newsom's bragging about California's economy in the face of such negative data not only undermines his credibility but ill-serves the state. The ever-growing unemployment insurance fund deficit is a crisis that should demand political attention, not be ignored.

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TUESDAY | AUGUST 6

SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE

9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. Virginia Avenue Park in partnership with Providence St. John's Community Health Program, resumes Social Service Assistance. Help with facility nutrition and health care access from trained community health workers. The trained Providence St. John's staff can assist with enrollment in CalFresh, the state of California's food subsidy program created to improve the nutrition of families through access to healthy foods. Staff can also help navigate enrollment or questions for MediCal or Medicare. If you have questions about whether you qualify for benefits or if you need help completing enrollment forms, you can make an appointment by calling 310-458-8688. Drop-ins are also welcome.

CYANOTYPE & PINHOLE CAMERA WORKSHOP

4 - 6 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House Sand & Sea Room, 415 Pacific Coast Highway. Led by Camera Obscura Art Lab Artist-in-Residence Marzieh Karimi, join for a fun and immersive workshop where you can learn about the fascinating world of camera obscura and how to make and use a basic pinhole camera to create your own unique artwork. You will also learn the compelling art of cyanotype, a camera-less technique for creating prints. Event is free, space limited, to register visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pinhole-camera-and-cyanotype-workshop-with-artist-marzieh-karimi-tickets-965352022887?aff=ebdssbdestsearch.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

5 - 8 p.m. Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. Police Chief Ramon Batista and the members of the Santa Monica Police Department would like to invite the Santa Monica community to celebrate this year's National Night Out, an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie, aimed at making our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. This year's theme is "Past, Present and Future!" With 80s and 90s nostalgic snacks and games, historic PD items, displays of current technology and presenting plans for the future. Participants can meet police personnel (human and 4-legged), ask questions about police vehicles and equipment, and enjoy music, food and family-friendly activities.

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 7

HOMELESS CONNECT DAY

8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Venice Family Clinic Health and Wellness Center, 604 Rose Ave., Venice. People experiencing homelessness can connect with Venice Family Clinic services, including medical care, dental cleanings and consultations, health insurance enrollment, CalFresh enrollment, overdose prevention supplies, testing for Hep C and sexually transmitted infections including syphilis, for which L.A. County Department of Public Health will provide initial treatment onsite. L.A. County Homeless Court will help with pedestrian and traffic tickets, and celebrity stylist Jason Schneidman will give free haircuts. Venice Family Clinic will also provide hygiene kits, showers, a bike valet and hot meals.

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Between 4th St. and Ocean Ave. The largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs. Widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheese, delicious foods, live music and more.

AUTHOR TALK WITH DR. JENNIFER LEVASSEUR

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Santa Monica College Library, Floor 1, 1900 Pico Blvd. You're invited to virtually step inside one of the greatest international achievements with a behind-the-scenes guide to space exploration with the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum curator Dr. Jennifer Levasseur. Revealing a new perspective into the world of space exploration and the daring astronauts who make it possible, Dr. Levasseur will guide you through the Smithsonian's "Behind the Scenes at the Space Station" and take you on a once-in-a-lifetime virtual tour of the International Space Station. To register, visit: https://libraryc.org/smclibrary/52409/register.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CHARACTER CREATION

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Pico Branch Library Annex, 2201 Pico Blvd. Curious about Dungeons & Dragons? Come craft a character to participate in upcoming adventures. Materials provided. For ages 9-14.

PRIEST RANCH ON THE ROAD TOUR

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Local Kitchen, 1736 Ocean Park Blvd. Priest Ranch is taking its show on the road in 2024 with winemaker Cody Hurd and CEO Judd Wallenbrock. Local Kitchen will dish up light bites to pair with a selection of Priest Ranch wines, including a 2023 Priest Ranch Sauvignon Blanc, 2021 Priest Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon, 2019 Snake Oil Cabernet Sauvignon and 2019 Remedy Red Blend. Tickets are $45 and includes wine tasting and light nosh. To purchase, visit: https://www.priestranchwines.com/Visit/Events/Priest-Ranch-on-the-Road-Tour-2024.

LITERARY LOUNGE

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Santa Monica Main Library Central Courtyard, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Discover the joys of social reading at the Literary Lounge; a space for bibliophiles to bond over books, with music and literary-inspired mocktails. Bring your own book or choose one from a collection of staff favorites.

THURSDAY | AUGUST 8

RENT CONTROL BOARD

7 p.m. Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations.


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