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Chariots came to town



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PARADE: The Festival of the Chariots came to Main Street last weekend. The annual celebration is part of the Hindu religion and includes three large floats that are pulled along Main Street to Venice where the International Society for Krishna Consciousness hosts the yearly celebration in concert with similar parades and festivals that take place the world over called Ratha Yatra.

Labor union accuses hotels of assault in new labor complaint

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The union representing local hospitality workers has filed a complaint with the state regulators over allegations that protesters have been assaulted while picketing at Southern California Hotels.

Unite Here Local 11 announced the filing on Monday citing several recent incidents.

In the Santa Monica case, a video shows an altercation between the Fairmont Miramar's private security and protesters where the hotel's driveway meets the sidewalk. The security guards can be seen pinning protesters to the ground and the union alleges they were attacked at the conclusion of a peaceful march between two hotels.

The California Labor Code gives protesters limited access to the private property of an employer when they are involved in a labor dispute with that employer. Picketers cannot obstruct access to the property, interfere with the business of the employer or engage in criminal activity but a 2012 court ruling makes it difficult to restrict access to private property outside those restrictions.

Also on Saturday, the Unite Here said protesters were punched by a guest while the Maya Hotel tried to forcibly relocate a picket line using

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Coroner says man in a barrel was shot in the head

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A man whose naked body was found inside a barrel in Malibu last week was shot in the head, a coroner has determined.

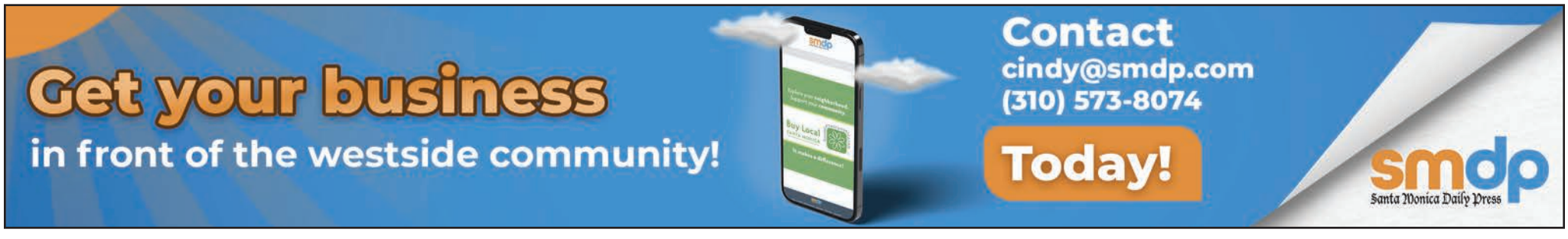
The man was previously identified by the Los Angeles County coroner's office as 32-year-old Javonnta Marshann Murphy but no cause of death was given at the time. The coroner's case information now lists the case as a murder and the cause of death as a gunshot wound to the head.

The circumstances that led to Murphy being shot and sealed inside a barrel remain under investigation by the Los Angeles County sheriff's office.

The 55-gallon black plastic barrel was first spotted July 30 floating in a Malibu lagoon and brought in with a kayak by a maintenance worker, but it was not immediately opened.

The Sheriff's Department said the barrel was opened July 31 by a lifeguard at Malibu Lagoon State Beach, who had retrieved it after it washed back into the lagoon.

It was not known how long the body had been in the drum but shortly after discovery, a sheriff's spokesperson said it looked like a recent death. Officers speculated that due to the timing of the discovery, the body could have been washed into the lagoon by the high tide but the investigation is still ongoing.



College students with Hollywood dreams see industry strikes as key to livable careers

RYAN LOYOLA
Special to the Daily Press

When the Writers Guild of America strike started May 2, midway through Teddy Alvarez-Nissen's internship for a production company in Burbank, fewer scripts started coming in and his work as a reader slowed considerably. As the strike went on, the third-year film student at the University of Southern California became curious about the specific terms that were being negotiated. When he looked at the fine print, he discovered the union was fighting for what was, in his mind, the bare minimum — standards he thought were already in place.

"That does scare me as somebody going into the industry," said Alvarez-Nissen, who's graduating in 2025. "I think we've all known about the stereotype of the studio that takes advantage of people or the producers that just want to get as much money as possible. It's an illustration of how much worse the problem is than we thought it was and why it is important to be striking."

Fighting for increased compensation and regulation over the use of artificial intelligence, both unions representing writers and actors are on strike for the first time in 63 years, effectively shutting down much of the entertainment industry.

Caught in the historic moment are college students. Internships and fellowships at major production companies are on pause and current negotiations are exposing wide pay disparities in the cutthroat world of entertainment. But there's a silver lining for some students, who hope the strikes will lay the foundation for better work conditions in the future.



Photo by Julie A Hotz for CalMatters

STRIKE: Screen Actors Guild members and Writers Guild of America members picket at the Amazon Culver Studios in Culver City on June 17, 2023.

"Even if the strike makes it more difficult for me to do an internship and find work out of college and start my career, I think that's very minuscule compared to the benefits of a successful strike and getting those terms met," Alvarez-Nissen said.

Students expect livable wages once they head into the industry but the rise of streaming services, which often produce shorter seasons and have different compensation structures, already have workers struggling. Unregulated artificial intelligence has writers and actors worried that it will eliminate valued positions from writers rooms and background roles. The writer's guild and studios representatives met on Friday to discuss union demands, protections against the use of artificial intelligence among them.

Stephen Galloway, dean of Chapman University's Dodge College of Film and Media Arts, said he is extremely anxious about how long the strikes are going to last. He said the strikes come at a time when the industry is already laying off thousands of people and freezing hiring for recent college graduates.

"It's not just people who want to write or be actors. It's all the people who service them — management, marketing, publicity, accounting and catering companies,"

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Attacks at US medical centers show why health care is one of the nation's most violent fields

REBECCA BOONE
Associated Press

Word spread through an Oregon hospital last month that a visitor was causing trouble in the maternity ward, and nurses were warned the man might try to abduct his partner's newborn.

Hours later, the visitor opened fire, killing a security guard and sending patients, nurses and doctors scrambling for cover.

The shooting at Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center in Portland was part of a wave of gun violence sweeping through U.S. hospitals and medical centers, which have struggled to adapt to the growing threats.

Such attacks have helped make health care one of the nation's most violent fields. Data shows American health care workers now suffer more nonfatal injuries from workplace violence than workers in any other profession, including law enforcement.

"Health care workers don't even think about that when they decide they want to be a nurse or a doctor. But as far as actual violence goes, statistically, health care is four or five times more dangerous than any other profession," said Michael D'Angelo, a former police officer who focuses on health care and workplace violence as a security consultant in Florida.

Other industries outpace health care for overall danger, including deaths.

Similar shootings have played out in hospitals across the country.

Last year, a man killed two workers at a Dallas hospital while there to watch his child's birth. In May, a man opened fire in a medical center waiting room in Atlanta, killing one woman and wounding four. Late last month, a man shot and wounded a doctor at a health center in Dallas. In June 2022, a gunman killed his surgeon and three other people at a Tulsa, Oklahoma, medical office because he blamed the doctor for his continuing pain after an operation.

It's not just deadly shootings: Health care workers racked up 73% of all nonfatal workplace violence injuries in 2018, the most recent year for which figures are available, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

One day before the July 22 shooting in Portland, employees throughout the hospital were warned during meetings to be prepared for a possible "code amber" announcement in case the visitor attempted to kidnap the child, according to a nurse with direct knowledge of the briefing who spoke to The Associated Press. She spoke on condition of anonymity because she feared retaliation at work.

Fifteen minutes before the shooting, someone at the hospital called 911 to report the visitor was threatening staffers, according to a timeline provided by Portland police.

"He kind of fell through the cracks," the nurse said. "I don't know how many chances he received. It kind of got to the point where staff did not know what to do, or what they could or couldn't do with him."

Police arrived at the maternity ward within minutes, but it was too late. Bobby Smallwood, a security guard who had been called in from another Legacy hospital to cover shifts for Good Samaritan's understaffed security team, had been fatally shot. Another hospital employee was wounded by shrapnel. The suspect fled and was later killed by police in a nearby community.

The hospital declined to respond to the nurse's comments because the case is still under investigation.

"Events like these are unpredictable, but our team exhibited professionalism and a great deal of courage in the face of extraordinarily challenging circumstances that day," Legacy Health said in a statement to the AP.

Legacy Health in Portland plans to install additional metal detectors, require bag searches at every hospital and send patients and visitors to controlled entrances. More security officers will be provided with stun guns, the hospital said, and bullet-slowing film is being applied to some interior glass and at main entrances.

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> - Deborah Burger

Around 40 states have passed laws creating or increasing penalties for violence against health care workers, according to the American Nurses Association. Hospitals have armed security officers with batons, stun guns or handguns, while some states, including Indiana, Ohio and Georgia, allow hospitals to create their own police forces.

Critics say private hospital police can exacerbate the health care and policing inequities already experienced by Black people. They also say private police forces often don't have to disclose information such as how often they use force or whether they disproportionately detain members of minority groups.

Security teams cannot address all of the factors leading to violence because many of them are caused by a dysfunctional health care system, said Deborah Burger, a registered nurse and the president of National Nurses United.

Patients and families are often bounced between emergency rooms and home, and are frustrated over high costs, limited treatment options or long wait times, Burger said.

"Hospitals don't really have a complaints department, so the only real target they have is the nurse or staff that are standing right in front of them," she said.

Understaffing forces nurses to care for more patients and affords them less time to assess each one for behavior problems. Efforts to de-escalate aggression aren't as effective if nurses haven't had time to bond with patients, Burger said.

Understaffing is an "absolutely catastrophic formula for workplace violence increasing," D'Angelo said. "Now you don't even have the good old buddy system of two co-workers keeping an eye out for each other."

Some hospital administrators encourage staff to placate aggressive visitors and patients because they are worried about getting bad reviews, Burger said. That's because the Affordable Care Act tied a portion of federal reimbursement rates to consumer satisfaction surveys and low satisfaction means a hit to the financial bottom line.

"The results of those surveys should never take priority over staff safety," D'Angelo said.

Eric Sean Clay, the president-elect of the International Association for Healthcare Security & Safety and vice president of security at Memorial Hermann Health in Houston, said the workplace violence rates attributed to health care facilities are "grossly underreported."

"I think that a lot of it comes down to caregivers being very tolerant, and they come

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Biden heads west for a policy victory lap, drawing an implicit contrast with Trump

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Associated Press

President Joe Biden is setting out Monday on a Western swing aimed at showcasing his work on conservation, clean energy and veterans' benefits as he seeks to draw an implicit contrast between his administration's accomplishments and former President Donald Trump's legal troubles.

Biden's first stop will be the Grand Canyon, where he's expected to announce plans for a new national monument to preserve more than 1 million acres (405,000 hectares) and limit uranium mining. After Arizona, he will travel to New Mexico and Utah.

> "You can expect us to highlight more groundbreakings of projects, more ribbon cuttings and opportunities to show the American people how these investments and jobs are reaching their communities and their neighborhoods
> - Natalie Quillian, the White House deputy chief of staff

The Democratic president will be in Albuquerque on Wednesday and will talk about how fighting climate change has created new jobs, and he'll visit Salt Lake City on Thursday to mark the first anniversary of the PACT Act, which provides new benefits to veterans who were exposed to toxic substances. He'll also hold a reelection fundraiser in each city.

Biden will use the three-night trip to "continue to highlight the progress he's making across his agenda," particularly when it comes to climate change, said Natalie Quillian, the White House deputy chief of staff.

"You can expect us to highlight more groundbreakings of projects, more ribbon cuttings and opportunities to show the American people how these investments and jobs are reaching their communities and their neighborhoods," she said.

The White House has been pushing to demonstrate the impact of Biden's policies, hoping to harness lower inflation numbers and strong employment figures to alleviate the president's sagging poll numbers.

Biden will be fresh from more than a week of vacation in Delaware, where he stayed at family homes in Rehoboth Beach and Wilmington. On the day that Trump faced a new indictment for attempting to overturn his 2020 election loss, Biden went to a fish restaurant with first lady Jill Biden, attended a screening of the movie "Oppenheimer" and took a moonlit walk across the beach.

He hasn't commented at all about the charges against his predecessor, maintaining the same strategic silence he did regarding the previous two indictments.

The criminal charges appear to have done little to dampen Republican voters' enthusiasm for Trump, and he's still the leading candidate for his party's 2024 nomination for president. The situation has also provided a challenge and an opportunity for Biden.

The legal dramas have drawn attention away from the White House, making it harder for Biden to generate public attention for his accomplishments. But it's also created a suitable backdrop for Biden's promise to break with years of Trump-fueled chaos and focus on governing.

Democratic pollster Anna Greenberg said Trump's legal trouble "sucks the oxygen out of everything else" and limits the chances for Republicans to discuss other issues, such as the economy.

"People like to say nothing matters anymore," she said. "But the conversation that you're not having actually does matter."

Biden's trip will traverse a varied political landscape.

Arizona is a key battleground state that Biden won narrowly. New Mexico is considered safe for Democrats. Utah is a Republican stronghold whose governor, Spencer Cox, has stressed finding common ground across party lines.

It's also a critical region for conversations about climate change. Phoenix saw 31 days in a row of temperatures at least 110 degrees Fahrenheit (43.4 degrees Celsius).

Biden's senior adviser on clean energy, John Podesta, said the president would talk about "the investments that we need to ensure that we are building a resilient society going forward in the face of what is becoming a challenging situation."

Trump has denied any wrongdoing and has claimed without evidence that he's being targeted by Democrats trying to keep him from reclaiming the White House.

GUEST COMMENTARY

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Proposals in California Legislature would encourage government secrecy

DAN WALTERS

Bill McEwen, a columnist for San Joaquin Valley news site GV Wire, posed several of what he considered to be routine factual questions to the state Department of Public Health last week about a mysterious laboratory discovered in the small town of Reedley.

The laboratory, in an abandoned warehouse, contained mice, biological fluids and samples of dreaded diseases including HIV, malaria and COVID-19. Federal and state investigators are delving into the situation, which surfaced when a city building code inspector noticed a hose snaking out of a wall in the warehouse.

McEwen wanted to know how the department oversees laboratories, how often they are inspected and how illegal labs get discovered. But he got nowhere. Department officials refused to answer even the most basic operational questions and told McEwen to search their website to find answers.

"Administration of @GavinNewsom has zero commitment to transparency," McEwen tweeted in frustration.

It was an example of what reporters and others have increasingly experienced in recent years as they attempt to decipher what politicians and bureaucrats are doing. It's not hyperbole to say that a wall of secrecy has been erected around the state Capitol and the surrounding complex of buildings housing state agencies.

It was beginning to happen before COVID-19 struck the state in 2020 but it worsened during the pandemic as Gov. Gavin Newsom wielded emergency powers that suspended many of the "sunshine laws" governing open meetings, open records and other forms of access.

Newsom and other officials became used to operating out of public view and even after the pandemic eased, they continued the same practices.

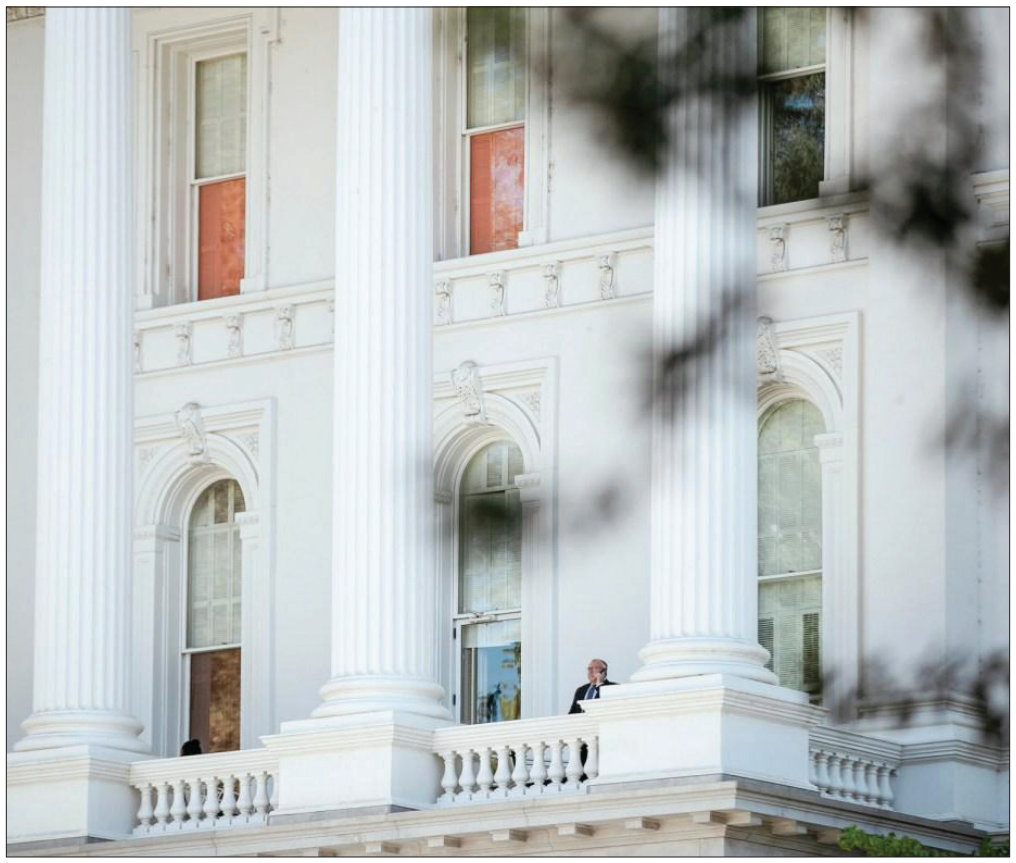


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LAWMAKERS: The state Capitol in Sacramento, Calif. on Monday, Aug. 22, 2022.

The post-pandemic syndrome manifests itself not only in politicians and other officials seeking to avoid the give-and-take of direct questioning by reporters, as McEwen learned, but in the proliferation of meetings that are accessible only via internet.

California's First Amendment Coalition, which attempts to preserve access to governmental records and meetings, may be fighting an uphill battle as the Legislature moves several measures that would reinforce closed door government, to wit:

Senate Bill 544, which passed the Senate on a 26-3 vote and now pending

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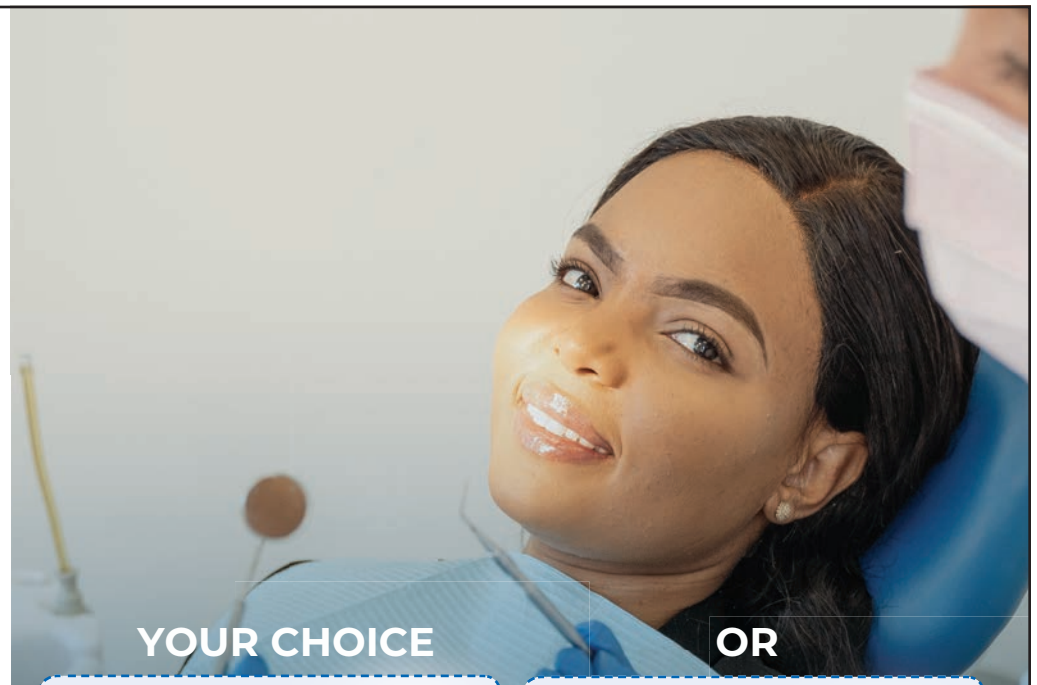
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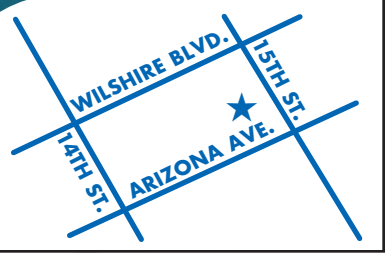
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The union alleges they have also been threatened with violence by guests at the Laguna Cliffs Marriott Dana Point,

"The Union alleges that hotel security personnel have failed to assist the Union in identifying guests who have engaged in such conduct, and, in one instance, a hotel security leader allegedly told a guest who had threatened to assault workers that the guest should do what he wanted to do and that the security head would testify on the guest's behalf," said their statement. Unite Here also alleges chef John Tesar, the chef behind the Laguna Cliffs' Knife Modern Steak restaurant broke a protesters drum and insulted them during a protest.

The incidents have prompted the union to file an Unfair Labor Practice charge against the hotel industry's Coordinated Bargaining Group, which represents a majority of LA's unionized hotel employers, including Hyatt, Hilton, IHG, and Marriott.

Unite Here Local 11 represents about 15,000 hotel and hospitality workers in California, including room attendants, dishwashers, cooks, front desk attendants, bellmen, cooks and dishwashers. The union says it is seeking better pay and benefits, which workers say they need because housing, groceries, gas and other basic needs are becoming increasingly unaffordable on their current salaries. Room attendants, the lowest paid workers in hotels, range from $20 to $25 an hour.

The union wants a $5-an-hour raise with an additional $3-an-hour raise for 2024 and 2025. The hotels are offering 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. The two sides have been at odds since July 1 when the current contract expired and strikes began across the region.

The union has also filed two ballot measures in Santa Monica since the start of the strike. The first seeks to increase the minimum wage for its members to $30 per hour. They aim to ensure nightly room sanitation and cleaning by hotels, prohibit the use of contract or temporary employees for room cleaning, hold hotels accountable for violations by temporary staffing agencies, and limit the workload on custodial staff.

Currently, hotel workers in the area are paid a wage of $19.73 per hour. The union's expired contract with hotel operators provided a minimum hourly wage of $20-$25. They now demand 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 year and $6.25 per hour over the following four years, along with maintaining current health care plans and pension contributions.

The second would increase taxes paid by visitors in the city for the purpose of funding new housing for hotel employees. The proposed initiative seeks to impose an additional 7% tax on hotel rooms and a 15% fee on home-share/vacation rentals. The funds would be managed by a new seven-member committee dedicated to providing affordable housing for hospitality workers.

Currently, the city already imposes a 15% tax on hotel room rentals and a 17% tax on home-share rentals. If the new initiative is approved, the total tax on hotels would rise to 22%, and for home shares, it would increase to 32%.

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Scott Snowden

STRIKE: An altercation at the hotel was one of two over the weekend.



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Firefighting helicopters collide over Southern California desert, killing 3 in crash

Two firefighting helicopters collided while responding to a blaze in Southern California, sending one to the ground in a crash that killed all three people on board.

The accident late Sunday afternoon in the desert about 85 miles (137 kilometers) east of Los Angeles involved a huge Sikorsky S-64E and a smaller Bell 407.

"Unfortunately, the second helicopter crashed and tragically all three members perished, which included one Cal Fire Division chief, one Cal Fire captain and one contract client pilot," Cal Fire Southern Region Chief David Fulcher told a news conference early Monday.

Fulcher did not identify the victims.

Cal Fire and Riverside County Fire Department resources had been dispatched to a structure fire near the intersection of Broadway Street and South Ronda Avenue in the community of Cabazon shortly after 6 p.m. That blaze spread into surrounding vegetation and a full wildland fire dispatch was initiated, which included multiple airplanes and helicopters.

"That's not an uncommon dispatch for a wildland fire, to send those resources," Fulcher said.

Cal Fire said in a social media post at the time that the fire was burning "in light flashy fuels with a moderate rate of spread" and had spread over approximately 3 acres (1.2 hectares).

While battling the blaze, the two helicopters collided. The crash caused an additional 4-acre (1.6-hectare) fire, which was extinguished. The Sikorsky landed safely.

The Bell helicopter was being used for observation and coordination, Fulcher said. The Sikorsky can drop water or retardant on fires. Fulcher said he did not know whether it was loaded at the time of the crash.

"Although this was a tragic event, we are also thankful today that it wasn't worse," Fulcher said. "The individuals in the first helicopter were able to land safely without incident and no one else was hurt."

The pilot of the crashed helicopter was flying under contract with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. The Sikorsky and its two-person crew were also under contract.

Cal Fire operates its own fleet of dozens of aircraft but also contracts with commercial companies for additional helicopters and airplanes that are on standby at bases statewide.

The crash is being investigated by the National Transportation Safety Board.

Elon Musk says he may need surgery before proposed 'cage match' with Mark Zuckerberg

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Elon Musk says he may need to get surgery before a proposed "cage match" with Mark Zuckerberg.

The two tech billionaires seemingly agreed to an in-person face-off in late June. It's unclear if a physical fight will actually end up happening, but Musk and Zuckerberg have continued to fuel interest in the potential match through online jabs at one another — most recently on Sunday, when Musk said the fight would be live-streamed on his social media site X, formerly known as Twitter.

Musk added that the fight's proceeds would go to a charity for veterans. On his Threads social media account, Zuckerberg responded: "Shouldn't we use a more reliable platform that can actually raise money for charity?" In a follow-up post, the CEO of Facebook's parent company Meta said he wasn't "holding his breath" for a fight.

"I'm ready today. I suggested Aug 26 when he first challenged, but he hasn't confirmed," wrote Zuckerberg, who is actually trained in mixed martial arts and posted about completing his first jiu jitsu tournament earlier this year. "I love this sport and will continue competing with people who train no matter what happens here."

Earlier Sunday, Musk said was training for the fight by lifting weights. He later addressed the timing of the fight — noting the date "is still in flux" due to a scheduled MRI and the potential of surgery.

"I'm getting an MRI of my neck & upper back tomorrow," Musk wrote Sunday night. "May require surgery before the fight can happen. Will know this week."

Talk of an in-person fight all started in June, when Musk, who owns X, responded to a tweet about Meta preparing to release a new Twitter rival called Threads. He took a dig about the world becoming "exclusively under Zuck's thumb with no other options" — but then one Twitter user jokingly warned Musk of Zuckerberg's jiu jitsu training.

"I'm up for a cage match if he is lol," Musk wrote. After Zuckerberg appeared to agree to the proposal, Musk proposed the Vegas Octagon.

Whether or not Musk and Zuckerberg actually make it to the Las Vegas ring has yet to be seen — especially as Musk often tweets about action prematurely or without following through. But, even if their cage match agreement is all a joke, the banter gained attention. An endless chain of memes and posts to "choose your fighter" sprung up in response.

The Associated Press reached out to Meta, X and Ultimate Fighting Championship, which owns the Octagon, for statements Monday morning.



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to look at it as just part of the job," he said. "If they're not injured, sometimes they don't want to report it, and sometimes they don't think there will be any change."

Clay's hospital uses armed and unarmed security officers, though he hopes to have them all armed eventually.

"We actually have our own firing range that we use," Clay said. None of his security officers have drawn their weapons on the job in recent years, but he wants them to be ready because of the rise in gun violence.

Clay and Memorial Hermann Health declined to answer questions about whether an armed security force could negatively affect access to health care or existing inequities.

The nurse at the Portland hospital said the shooting left her colleagues terrified and unusually solemn. She is worried Legacy Health's promises of increased safety will be temporary because of the cost of finding, training and retaining security officers.

Some of her co-workers have resigned because they don't want to face another "code silver," the alert issued when someone at the hospital has a weapon.

"You know, we always say these patients and their families are so vulnerable, because they're having the worst day of their life here," the nurse said, and that makes many staffers reluctant to demand better behavior.

"We have to stop that narrative," she said. "Being vulnerable is bleeding out from a bullet wound in your chest. Being vulnerable is having to barricade yourself and your patients in a room because of a code silver."

COMMENTARY

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in the Assembly, would amend the state Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, which governs state boards and commissions, by permanently allowing them to conduct meetings without in-person attendance, allowing only internet or telephonic access by the public.

Senate Bill 537, also pending in the Assembly after 32-8 Senate approval, would amend the Ralph M. Brown Act, which governs local governments, to similarly allow "multi-jurisdictional, cross-county local agencies with appointed members" to meet via teleconference "without posting agendas at each teleconference location, identifying each teleconference location in the notice and agenda, making each teleconference location accessible to the public, and requiring at least a quorum of the eligible legislative body to participate from within the local agency's jurisdiction..."

Senate Bill 411, approved by the Senate on a 30-5 vote and also pending in the Assembly, would allow such teleconference meetings by "neighborhood councils" without in-person access and is specifically aimed at 99 such bodies in Los Angeles.

Ginny LaRoe, advocacy director of the First Amendment Coalition, captured the essence of these measures in her comment on SB 544: "SB 544 rewrites the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act to allow officials serving on any state body – think CPUC, POST, State Bar and many more – to never again show up in person to a physical meeting location. This is government by telephone."

The three bills have garnered a string of critical newspaper editorials – reflecting the fact that journalists are particularly affected by creeping official secrecy – but they nevertheless continue to advance.

In California, sunshine is giving way to darkness.

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STRIKE

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Galloway said. "There's this extraordinary ripple effect for all these companies who hire young people."

UC Santa Cruz third-year student Tieran Harvey aspires to be a writers guild member working in writers' rooms in the future. This summer Harvey is interning for an independent film currently in pre-production, a project allowed to continue since the film's production company doesn't have a contract with a major film studio impacted by the strike. Although she is not allowed to be in contact with any actors and scriptwriters due to the strike, she is able to continue her work in production.

She said she's grateful these strikes are happening before she graduates and that the negotiations are giving her inspiration to be a stronger advocate for industry professionals.

> "I just want to support and be an ally, because people deserve to be paid their worth"
> - Tieran Harvey

"I just want to support and be an ally, because people deserve to be paid their worth," Harvey said.

She said the strikes made her lose a sense of romance about the industry, seeing how many people are struggling to make a living wage.

"It really made me realize that not everyone is rooting for you," Harvey said.

On the other side of the screen, aspiring actors share those sentiments. Incoming second-year acting student Emma Stuart-Box, who aims to join the actors guild once she graduates, said she wasn't originally aware of the motivations behind the union's strike.

An international student from Tokyo at the California Institute of the Arts, she's been learning more about the problems Hollywood workers contend with since she started last September. Now she thinks compensation needs to increase so actors can earn livable wages.

"I'm lucky that I have a couple more years at school to work on my craft and not have to worry about doing paid work or SAG in general," Stuart-Box said. "For me, this is something that needs to happen and I completely support it."

Screen acting student Caiden Falstrup-Finney, a first-year at Chapman University, said he also didn't realize the level of pay disparity between movie stars and actors trying to break into the industry.

Seeing the two strikes play out, he said that if the demands are met, he's grateful that it's going to be less of a risk to go into the industry in the future. As someone who hasn't done any professional work yet, he said it's nice to know that he'll be supported.

"We go into acting knowing there's risks and knowing it's hard to be successful, but we don't want to be on the street because we're pursuing a career," Falstrup-Finney said.

Some attempts, though unsuccessful, to strengthen protections for workers in the entertainment industry have been made in the California Legislature. Assemblymember Ash Kalra, a San Jose Democrat, introduced legislation in 2021 to strike down contract prohibitions preventing actors who work on episodic series from working for multiple employers.

Kalra says that AB 437, which died in the Senate, would have been helpful but wouldn't have curtailed the strikes, which he thinks speak to the larger issue of how compensation isn't evolving with technological advances.

"Current contracts with writers or actors don't reflect the new world of entertainment production," Kalra said. "There's wild profits being made by the studios and workers are recognizing that this new way of production hasn't been modernized to reflect their work."

Some of the writers guild's main demands include regulating artificial intelligence in writers rooms. Additionally, part of the actors guild's demands include establishing provisions protecting human-created work and requiring consent and compensation when a performer's voice, likeness or performance is used or changed using artificial intelligence.

Franz Kurfess, a computer science professor at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a concentration in artificial intelligence, said that using ChatGPT to write a fully polished script could be problematic because it's just generating responses based on existing work it ingested.

He also said that while artificial intelligence may be used as a tool for writers, it might also replace them.

"The danger in my view is that the tasks of writers will not be completely eliminated, but the amount of work that is available for writers will be less and the tasks that they are expected to do will also shift to some degree," Kurfess said. "Given that there most likely will be fewer opportunities, there will be some writers who essentially will lose their job."

Alvarez-Nissen said he's used artificial intelligence software before with creative projects. In a scene he filmed with a room full of paintings, he plugged a prompt into Midjourney and created the artwork he needed. Previously he would have paid someone to paint it for him, so artificial intelligence eliminated an expense he needed for his small school project.

While it helped him in that case, Alavarez-Nissen says billion-dollar studios also think the same way the broke college filmmaker does: if there's any possible avenue to save money, they're going to take it.

That's why he and other industry hopefuls believe that now is the time to stand in solidarity, hoping that they'll gain a better future from it.

"A reason that this strike is so important is because they're addressing AI so vehemently," Alvarez-Nissen said. "If they lose this battle, that trickles down to almost everybody who works in the industry."

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 8)

This year, you forge the strongest relationship with yourself you've had yet, connecting your identity with something deep inside you that the world cannot touch. Winning moves include speaking up, organizing your time to your own preferences and claiming what's yours. More highlights: sweet and exciting travel, new habits that boost your vitality and leading a board. Cancer and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 20, 2, 24 and 16.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your life's design is like other works of art — a focal point helps. Every individual act counts for something; no single move says it all. The potential for meaning is ever-present, but assign it sparingly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll feel your mind circling back to something you enjoyed a few years ago. If you return to the interest, it will be different this time around. Your work and personal life will be invigorated by the pursuit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's possible to love someone you do not know well, although the love will be generalized and diffused, not at all like the acutely felt kind of love you can give those you know thoroughly.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Before you act on or broadcast your ideas to the world, consider the impact of seasons. Soon, things will change, and so will your mind. How important is this? Who will it help? Will it stand the test of time?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you get the rush of joy, note the source. It may not come from the same place twice, but the recipe will be similar. By gathering information about what makes you happy, you'll raise yourself and everyone around you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Though it will take more energy than you'll feel like working up, it will be worth the effort to get out where the people are. What you experience in the world is like nothing you can get in your digital universe.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The problem with being self-taught is that sometimes the teacher forgets to be encouraging. When you achieve the standard, give yourself the same enthusiastic support you would give a child or trainee.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Welcome to an obstacle course of a day in which you'll need to step over and around, dodge, duck and do any number of quick moves to keep moving forward. Think of this as training to keep you agile, bright and ready.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Conserve your energy by avoiding useless conflict. You've a gift for knowing which fights are not worth taking on. Don't try and reason anyone out of beliefs they didn't reason themselves into.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've been known to show up accidentally in the right place at the right time, but you don't like to count on such things. Luck favors you when you make plans and arrive on purpose.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Less company means less compromise. Doing it your way will be the most fun. Curiosity sends you exploring where others wouldn't dare. And later, you'll have the story of some interesting and enjoyable mistakes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's hard to get objectivity from a mirror. The tendency is to notice flaws in ourselves and assets in others. But other people are experiencing something wonderful about you even when you're not. Can you see what they see?

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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

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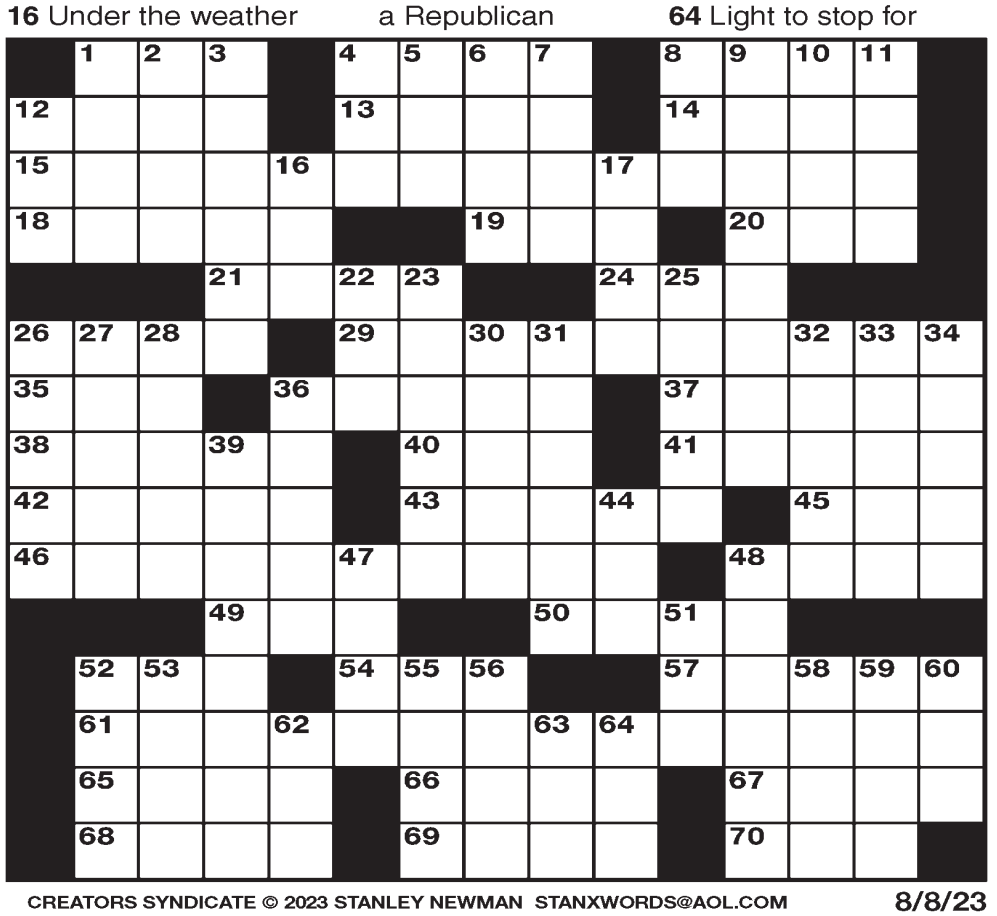
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ACROSS

1 Comedian's joke
4 Acme
8 Sandbox bucket
12 Zero, in Mexico
13 Close by
14 In addition
15 Western comedy directed by Mel Brooks
18 Desert caravan beast
19 Hurricane's center
20 After-tax
21 __ up (explode)
24 Neckwear for a luau
26 Japanese wrestling
29 Extremely angry
35 "What's __ matter?"
36 Singer Ronstadt
37 Beach locale
38 Cable channel airing *Cold Case Files*
40 Small gulf
41 Driver's reversal
42 Melted together, as metals
43 "Fingers crossed!"
45 Occupied a chair
46 Failing badly
48 Pianist's targets
49 Peace activist Yoko __
50 Cab driver's vehicle
52 Gentle handling, for short
54 Overly
57 Very silly
61 Committing to an action
65 Remain
66 A Great Lake
67 Metallic rocks
68 Sampras of tennis
69 Mail away
70 Short-lived trend

DOWN

1 Grand party
2 Guy in Eden
3 Town square structure
4 Raggedy red-headed doll
5 Wooden pin
6 Make simpler
7 Dental image
8 Tablet of paper
9 From dusk to dawn
10 "Now it makes sense'
11 Misplaced
12 Network with a peacock logo
16 Under the weather
17 Sandwich shop
22 *Star Wars* character __-Wan Kenobi
23 Prevailed by a wide margin
25 Happen next
26 Workforce
27 Ryder truck-rental rival
28 High-IQ club
30 "Famous potatoes" state
31 Format of a printed page
32 Point-and-click tool
33 Orderly display
34 Fender bumps
36 Escorted through a door
39 Ballot sharer with a Republican
44 Grade-school support grp.
47 "It was somebody else"
48 In a way
51 12 in Roman numerals
52 Sugar measure: Abbr.
53 Minstrel's stringed instrument
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56 Very mean boss
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62 TV "Science Guy" Bill
63 Recycling container
64 Light to stop for

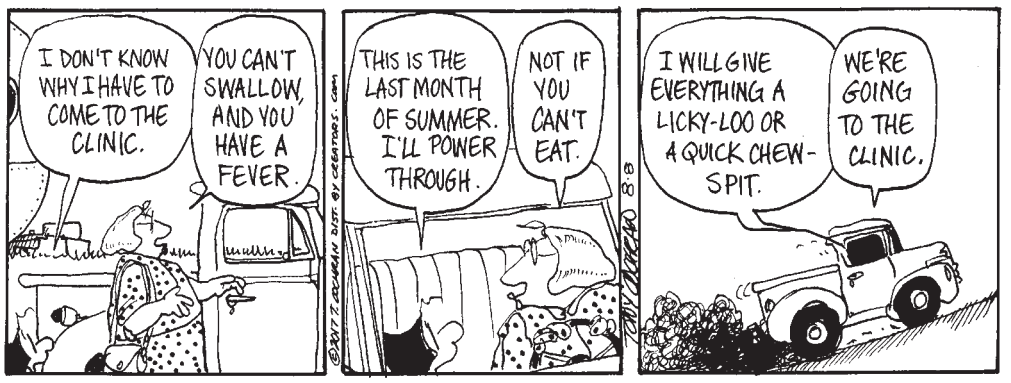


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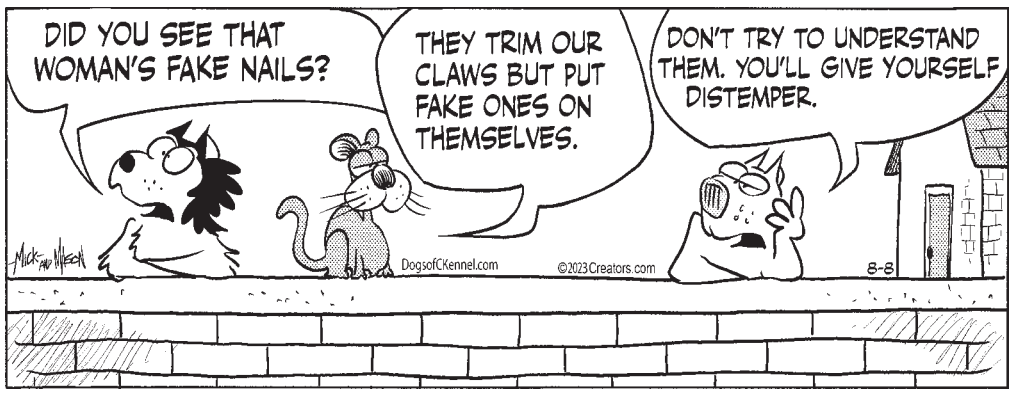
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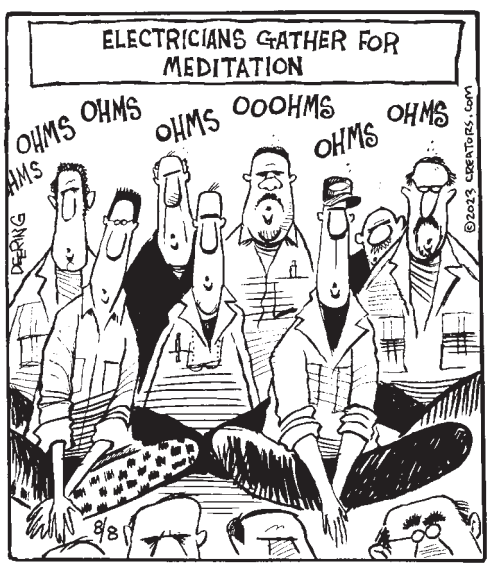
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"I MISS HIM ALREADY."

Strange Brew

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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 27 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5930

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WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 9

CLEAN BEACHES COMMITTEE MEETING
The mission of the Clean Beaches & Ocean Parcel Tax Citizens Oversight Committee is to uphold the mission of the City of Santa Monica Watershed Management Plan: to restore a healthier balance between the urban environment and the natural ecosystem, including the Santa Monica Bay, by reducing the pollution in urban runoff, reducing urban flooding, and increasing water conservation, recreation opportunities, open space, and wildlife and marine habitat. The Citizens Oversight Committee consists of five (5) residents of the City of Santa Monica. 6:30 pm Civic Center Parking Structure, 330 Olympic Drive, 2nd floor Santa Monica Institute (SMI) Room.

THURSDAY | AUGUST 10

NESPRESSO VERTUO POP CAFÉ AT SANTA MONICA PIER
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FRIDAY | AUGUST 11

VENICE FAMILY CLINIC OPEN HOUSE, CELEBRATING NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK
Join Venice Family Clinic, a nonprofit community health center serving 45,000 people in need from the Santa Monica Mountains through the South Bay, in celebrating National Health Center Week with a clinic open house at the Simms/Mann Wellness Center on August 11. The open house will offer the community book and snack giveaways, as well as information on many of the health care services the Clinic provides, including mental and physical health, social well-being, and healthy lifestyles. National Health Center Week is held annually to recognize community health centers, like Venice Family Clinic, that provide care to some 30 million people around the country. By providing accessible and integrated health care to people in need, the National Association of Community Health Centers estimates that these nonprofit health care providers save the health care system more than $24 billion annually in reduced emergency, hospital and specialty care costs. 3:00 p.m to 6:00 p.m, Simms/Mann Health and Wellness Center, 2509 Pico Blvd

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SURF REPORT
WATER TEMP: **68.9**

TUESDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	Few decent to fun waves off mix of southerly swells. Take advantage of AM window. Southern Hemi swell mixes with some tropical energy from TS Eugene. Most size will be showing west of Pt. Dume.
WEDNESDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	Similar to Tuesday. Best in morning as tide drops and cleanest. Small to kinda fun mix of southerly swells from S Hemi and TS Eugene. Most size will be showing west of Pt. Dume.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny.
Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers after 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.
Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 72.
Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.

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2023/08/09	Wed	06:10 AM	3.11	H
2023/08/09	Wed	09:59 AM	2.71	L
2023/08/09	Wed	4:57 PM	5.42	H
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Draw Date: 8/4
11 30 45 52 56
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: 1.55 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 8/5
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Draw Date: 8/6
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