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UCLA Medical Center hosts Taylor Swift-inspired therapy animal 'red carpet' event

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Crowds gathered in the Harman Gardens of the UCLA Santa Monica Medical Center on Tuesday lunchtime to enjoy a "fashion show" complete with runway where the stars were therapy animals dressed in Taylor Swift-inspired attire, each one reflecting a different period of the artist's music.

While many who had come to enjoy the spectacle in the glorious sunshine were hospital employees, the guests of honor were really hospitalized and critically ill children and adults. The animals are a part of UCLA Health's People-Animal Connection program, an initiative to provide smiles and companionship through a variety of programs.

"We look for every opportunity that we can to bring our pet therapy team out in costume," laughs Johnese Spisso, President, UCLA Health. "And when they heard Taylor Swift was coming to town, the pet therapists really wanted to bring some of her festivities to our children at the Mattel Children's Hospital [in Westwood] and it proved so popular we brought it here."



Scott Snowden

UCLA: This is Lulu, she's in her 'red era' and believes that "Underground Trouble" is a vastly underrated track.

"The objective here is to bring the Eras Tour to the patients that can't go to the show, we're just trying to bring a little piece of that joy," said Jennifer Dobkin, Manager at UCLA People-Animal Connection. "Johnese came to us with an idea a few weeks back about bringing Taylor Swift's Eras Tour to the hospital and if you know anything about our program we'll do anything to dress a dog up.

"We specifically did this event just for the Eras Tour, but throughout the year, we tried to

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'Zombie' drug found in countywide testing

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Xylazine, a veterinary tranquilizer known to exacerbate drug overdoses, has been found in Los Angeles County recently prompting a warning from local health officials regarding the use of illegal substances.

The drug is often combined with the already deadly fentanyl to create a drug cocktail that mirrors heroin but is resistant to current overdose reversal methods and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued a warning over its presence this week after the Sheriff's department found xylazine in limited quantities of illicit drugs.

"The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health stresses that these findings highlight that the illicit drug supply in Los Angeles County remains dangerous and contains substances such as xylazine that can increase overdose deaths. People who are obtaining these drugs may not be aware that xylazine is present," said the statement.

County health officials previously issued a warning in March of this year over the increased risk of overdose and death associated with xylazine after the drug was found in increasing quantities in the state.

SMPD Lt. Erika Aklufi said backlogs in toxicology testing at the County level mean the City

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Skeletal body found in Malibu park

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

For the second time in two weeks, a body has been found in Malibu.

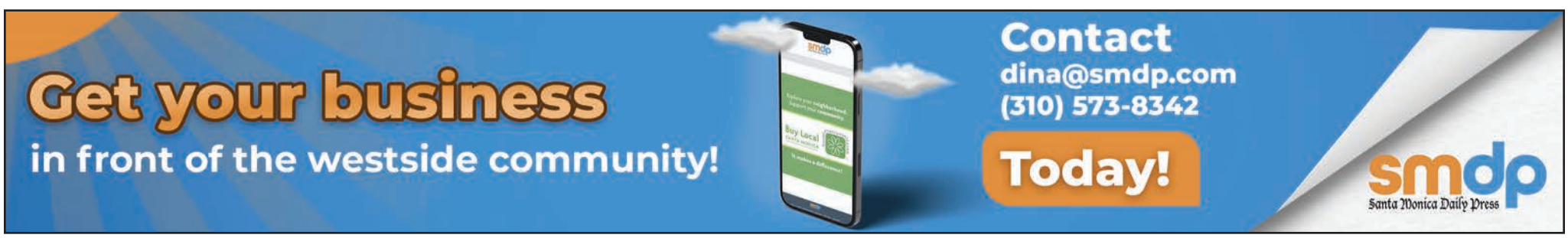
On Aug. 7, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) reported two hikers in Malibu Canyon found skeletonized remains in the Malibu Creek State Park.

The area is extremely rugged with heavy foliage and the body was found near a destroyed vehicle. The vehicle was known to authorities and had been marked about a year and half ago but hadn't been well examined.

LASD said it was too early to know if the body was connected to the vehicle. Both the Los Angeles County Coroner and the Sheriff's Homicide Bureau are investigating.

The new discovery comes after the body of Javonnta Marshann Murphy was found sealed in an oil drum on Malibu beach. Murphy's

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Just what the doctor ordered: In California, a prescription could pay for your fresh fruits and veggies

RYA JETHA
Special to the Daily Press



Photo by Semantha Norris, CalMatters

FOOD: Volunteers pass out food at the Solano County Mobile Food Pharmacy in Fairfield on Aug 1, 2023.

Every other Friday, the Stockton Emergency Food Bank hosts two live cooking classes — one in English and one in Spanish. Last week, Brenda Munoz made a classic tuna melt with an orange, romaine and dandelion salad.

"Dandelion is completely edible," said Munoz, holding the small leaves from the flower. "They're really high in vitamin A and folate."

But this isn't your typical cooking lesson on Zoom and Facebook. It's part of a "food prescription" experiment — prescriptions for healthy food instead of pills. Diabetics get a free box full of fruits, vegetables, chicken breast, quinoa and other nutritious food delivered to their homes every two weeks — and then can learn some recipes.

Advocates who want to expand the program across California say it could very well be a way to improve chronic conditions, lower health care costs and reduce hunger, all at the same time.

It's aimed at people like Shane Bailey, a 72-year-old who served in the Coast Guard who has three heart conditions, diabetes, kidney disease, high blood pressure and cholesterol. A participant in the Stockton food bank's Healthy Food RX Program, she says her lifestyle has dramatically improved since she began receiving produce prescriptions last year.

"My primary doctor is impressed with my cholesterol because they say it's better than theirs!" said Bailey, who has started meal prepping using cookbooks from second-hand stores, reading food labels closely, and experimenting with different kinds of squash and greens.

"My dream is to live to 95," she said. "If we start younger, then maybe people won't get sick until they're in their 80s and 90s."

Food prescriptions are part of the "food is medicine" movement that views nutritious food as a way to prevent, manage, and reverse chronic disease. Such programs have been found to lower obesity, blood pressure, and average blood sugar. One study estimates that incentivizing healthy eating could save $100 billion in national healthcare costs over the projected lifetimes of current Medicare and Medicaid patients.

Across California, a patchwork of food prescription programs are being tested using a variety of strategies, while an ambitious initiative to reform Medi-Cal and a bill that failed in the Legislature this session would standardize the effort.

A CALIFORNIA EXPERIMENT

At the beginning of 2022, California launched a five-year effort to reform Medi-Cal, called CalAIM, to address the root causes of diseases based on "whole person care," which considers biological, behavioral, social, and environmental factors.

CalAIM encourages Medi-Cal managed health plans to experiment, allowing them to opt in to provide 14 optional community support services, such as housing navigation, assisted living and sobering centers.

The goal: Improve the health of Medi-Cal patients with lower-cost treatments. By the end of 2022, all 58 California counties offered at least two community services, while 16 counties offered at least 10 and three counties — Sacramento, Riverside, and San Diego — offered all 14.

Medically supportive food programs, which include medically-tailored meals and food prescriptions, are the third most popular service. In 2022, 6,400 Medi-Cal members used food programs, the vast

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Malibu prepares for wildfire season

Californians are no stranger to wildfire season and while much of the international attention is currently focused on the tragedy unfolding in Hawaii, locals are preparing for possible wildfires in the Santa Monica Mountains.

A raging fire destroyed homes and businesses in Maui on Wednesday forcing panicked residents to jump into the ocean to flee the flames. While thousands of miles separate Maui and Los Angeles, locals with memories of the Woolsey fire in Malibu know the fear flames bring to a community and the city of Malibu is warning residents before the height of local fire season.

"When it comes to wildfire, everyone in Malibu knows it is not a question of whether there will be another fire, but when it will next occur," said Mayor Bruce Silverstein. "As we approach the time of year when the fire danger is at its greatest, I encourage everyone in Malibu to join the City's National Preparedness Month events and work on improving our collective wildfire and disaster preparedness."

Malibu will host several events through September as part of an extended National Preparedness Month.

The City will host weekly webinars with expert speakers from County agencies and outside organizations to offer valuable guidance and answer questions on the types of hazards that Malibu faces, and how to prepare for those hazards.

All of Malibu's National Preparedness Month event schedules, signups, and other information are posted on the City website at: www.MalibuCity.org/PrepMonth.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH SPEAKER SERIES

Throughout September, the City will host free webinars each week with speakers from the City, as well as County agencies and outside organizations to offer valuable guidance and answer questions on the types of hazards that Malibu faces, and how to prepare for those hazards. The Zoom link for each webinar will be posted in the Preparedness Month webpage at: www.MalibuCity.org/PrepMonth.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY FIRE SEASON BRIEFING

Tuesday, September 5, 6 p.m., virtual

LA County Fire Department Assistant Chief Drew Smith. All residents, employees, business and organization leaders, students, and other Malibu community members are invited to attend the annual Community Fire Season Briefing. Los Angeles County Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief Drew Smith, a Fire Behavior Analyst, will give a presentation on local Live Fuel Moisture, expected weather patterns, and what that means for fire conditions in Malibu. The meeting can be viewed live or later on-demand. Video of the meeting will be made available for the public to view after the event. The Zoom link will be posted at: www.MalibuCity.org/PrepMonth.

FIREWISE/FIRESAFE COMMUNITIES, UNDERSTANDING FIRE WEATHER METRICS, HOME WILDFIRE HARDENING MEETS CURB APPEAL

Thursday, September 7, 6 p.m., virtual

City Fire Safety Liaisons Bradley Yocum, Gabriel Etcheverry and Jerry Vandermeulen will discuss some of the most important ways that community members can be prepared and resilient for wildfires. Participants will learn how to join or start community-based Firewise and Firesafe groups that enable neighbors to help each other, share resources, fund neighborhood brush clearance, make neighborhood-based evacuation plans and more. Understanding Fire Weather Metrics will teach you how to understand and track local fire weather conditions such as wind, humidity and fuel moisture. Home Wildfire Hardening will demonstrate how homeowners can protect their home and property from the millions of burning embers that are a leading cause of homes burning down in wildfires with plants and materials that are both fire resistant and beautiful. The Zoom link will be posted at: www.MalibuCity.org/PrepMonth.

EARTHQUAKE THREAT IN SOCAL: ARE YOU PREPARED?

Thursday, September 14, 6 p.m., virtual

SoCal ShakeAlert Earthquake Early Warning Regional Coordinator Margaret Vinci from California Institute of Technology (CalTech) will discuss the threat of earthquakes in Southern California, and what you residents, businesses schools and other organizations can do to be prepared and resilient when a major earthquake strikes. Learn how to prepare earthquake emergency plans and supplies for yourself, or for a household or an organization. The Zoom link will be posted at: www.MalibuCity.org/PrepMonth.

TSUNAMI ALERTS & WARNINGS

Wednesday, September 20, 6 p.m., virtual

Engineering Geologist Nick Graehl from Department of Conservation Tsunami Unit and Senior Emergency Services Coordinator/Tsunami Planning Coordinator Matthew Palmer from Cal OES will discuss Malibu's vulnerability to Tsunamis, how community members can sign up for and understand Tsunami warnings and alerts, how to prepare and what to do if a Tsunami strikes. The Zoom link will be posted at: www.MalibuCity.org/PrepMonth.

ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE READINESS

Wednesday, September 27, 6 p.m., virtual

Tragically, there were more than two mass shooting incidents per day somewhere in the United State in 2020, 2021 and 2022, every and they can occur at workplaces, schools, houses of worship or large events. Learn from LA County Sheriff's Sgt. Chris Soderlund how you can be prepared to keep yourself and others safe during a shooting incident. The Zoom link will be posted at: www.MalibuCity.org/PrepMonth.

For more information about any of the City's National Preparedness Month events or for assistance with preparedness, please contact the City's Public Safety Office at 310-456-2489 or email PublicSafety@MalibuCity.org. or visit www.MalibuCity.org/PrepMonth.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Democracy depends on it

To the Editor:

No matter where you fall on the political spectrum, the evidence revealed in the latest federal indictment of Donald Trump should disturb every American who cares about protecting our freedom to vote and our democracy. Trump was charged with four criminal counts, including conspiracy to defraud our country and impede our right to vote.

According to the indictment, Trump cooked up numerous illegal schemes to stay in power after losing the 2020 presidential election—including counterfeiting electoral certificates that declared him the winner. He and his cronies leaned on everyone they could to carry out their plans, from state officials to former Vice President Mike Pence.

When they couldn't steal the presidency by throwing out votes or through phony paperwork, they rioted on our nation's Capitol in an attempt to stop the election from being certified.

Some pundits are treating Trump's indictment like political theater, but that's not what this is about. It's about being able to confidently cast our ballots as Americans, certain that our vote will be counted, no matter our political party. It's about whether a president and his allies who are trying to cling to power should be able to throw out votes that they don't like. The answer, of course, must be resoundingly no. We, the American people, choose our leaders, and not the other way around.

These are serious crimes against our country. To preserve the rule of law and our democracy, we must let the legal process proceed, without interruption or interference.

Our democracy depends on it.

Sincerely,

Deborah Grace, Santa Monica

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Main St. Festival Highlights Weekend Events

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

Your weekend starts here with the Sharing an Open Main St Festival, food and drink highlights including FREE Nespresso coffee on the Pier Ferris Wheel and FREE Mount Gay Rum Cocktails, and much more!

FREE Nespresso Vertuo Pop Café at Santa Monica Pier: "Join Nespresso for a ride in the smallest, most unexpected café of the summer at the Santa Monica Pier. Hosted by TikTok star Noah Beck, we're transforming Pacific Wheel gondolas into mini Vertuo Pop Cafés in a nod to the compact size and playfulness of our recently launched Pop machine." Thursday, Aug 10, 11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m. @ Santa Monica Pier.

FREE Mount Gay Rum Cocktails: The Mount Gay Mobile Rum Shop at Belles Beach House is celebrating summer by offering complimentary Mount Gay cocktails and snacks for one night. Thursday, Aug 10, 3:00 - 8:00p.m. @ 24 Windward Ave.



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WEEKEND: Main Street will be open.

"Girly Chic Night" @ LouLou: This weekly summer event includes a free glass of bubbly for women over the age of 21 and features music by DJ ARA until midnight. Thursdays starting at 6:30p.m. @ 395 Santa Monica Place.

Actor Tony Todd Hosts Movie Night in Virginia Ave. Park: The night includes a screening of "Little Big League," a visit from longtime Santa Monica celebrity Tony Todd and health screenings provided by a local hospital. Friday, Aug 11, 6:00p.m. @ 2200 Virginia Ave. https://mitpvirg-prov.eventbrite.com

Sharing an Open Main St Festival: Main St is closed to vehicles all weekend to transform into a pedestrian plaza. Programming includes a "Kids Kroner" by the Pump Station, plenty of live music, beer gardens, pickleball in the street, a climbing wall, and much more. Saturday & Sunday, Aug 11 & 12, 12:00-7:00p.m. on Main St. Between Strand & Hill Streets https://www.mainstreetsm.com/

Montana Ave. End of Summer Sidewalk Sale: Stores from 6th to 17th Streets are participating. Saturday & Sunday, Aug 11 & 12, 10:00a.m.-6:00p.m. https://wwwtinstagram.com/p/CvDJhOABod3/422267

626 Night Market Mini: The downtown SaMo snack around pop-up is back at the corner of Arizona and 5th with three dozen rotating local food pop-ups, curated by the 626 Night Market team, merchandise & craft vendors, and a full bar. Saturday & Sunday, Aug 11 & 12, 1:00-10:00p.m. https://www.626nightmarket.com/mini

Finding Nemo FREE Movie Night @ Reed Park: Music at 6:00p.m. Movie at dusk. Free popcorn for kids. Saturday, Aug 12, 6:00p.m. www.wilmont.org

Ping Pong on the Promenade: "Every Sunday in August, show off your Ping Pong skills on Third Street Promenade! Bring a friend or make a new ping pong pal! FREE and open to all ages, no sign-ups or advance registration required." 11am-3pm on the 1200 Block (between Arizona & Wilshire) https://www.downtownsm.com/events-calendar/8648/ping-pong-on-the-promenade

FOOD & DRINK NEWS:

Rustic Canyon: LA Times details Exec Chef Zarah Khan's"inspired cooking" in advance of her end of August departure. 1119 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.latimes.com/food/newsletter/2023-08-05/zarah-khan-rustic-canyon-dal-bill-addison-review-tasting-notes

Vamos Vamos: The Main St nachos and margarita hotspot is celebrating its one year anniversary this weekend with a variety of giveaways and specials and FREE birthday cake Sunday 4:00-6:00p.m. 2917 Main St. https://www.instagram.com/vamosvamosbar

Mon Ami Launches Weekend Brunch: Starting this weekend, the brunch menu includes "PCH Steak & Eggs, Blueberry French Toast, Sicilian Scramble, Moroccan-inspired

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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How a ballot measure and population revisions complicate California housing war

DAN WALTERS

The political war between state and local government officials over who has the last word on land use – particularly for housing – is entering a new and perhaps even more caustic phase.

Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Legislature, through new laws and directives from the state housing agency, are leaning hard on local governments, particularly cities, to make more land available for housing and eliminate zoning, design criteria, setbacks, parking requirements and other local rules that impede construction.

State officials say California needs to build 2.5 million new housing units by 2030, more than double the previous 2025 goal that isn't close to being met.

"More than just being a high number or an aspirational goal, the new housing need … target is a legal obligation that cities and counties must abide by," the state's housing plan declares.

"Through the implementation of a number of meaningful accountability reforms passed by the Legislature and signed by the governor in recent years," it adds, "California's 2.5 million unit target is no longer a paper exercise – it's an expectation for the zoning, permitting, and construction of real, new housing units."

While many cities have – albeit grudgingly – changed local housing plans enough to win state approval, some have held out, contending that locally elected city councils should have the last word on what happens in their neighborhoods.

Resistance has been particularly stout in high-income cities with spacious single-family homes on large lots and little or no multi-family apartment development. Their officials argue that high-density housing would spoil their bucolic ambiance – a claim that pro-housing advocates say smacks of racial or economic segregation.

State officials have threatened legal action against the holdouts, and new laws allow developers to build projects without local permission in cities that lack approved housing plans.

Unable to muster enough support in the Legislature, critics of the state's build-it-now policies may turn to voters. The have submitted a proposed constitutional amendment that would restore local authority over housing projects, declaring "local land use planning or zoning initiatives approved by voters shall not be nullified or superseded by state law."

There's another new and ironic wrinkle in the years-long conflict. The state has just published new population projections that could undercut specific housing quotas the state has imposed on regions and indirectly on cities.

The state's current housing plan assumes that California's population will reach 42.3 million by 2030 with 14.4 million households. However, a few weeks ago the state Department of Finance's demographers, reacting to the state's recent population declines, issued a new set of projections that California's population will show little or no growth through 2060.

The demographers now estimate that in 2030, California will have just 39.4 million residents – 3 million fewer than the previous projection – which would translate into about a million fewer households needing homes.

For example, in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area, the state's quota of 441,176 new units by 2030 is based on a projected population of 8.3 million but the state's new 2030 estimate is just 7.6 million.

An even starker numerical gap is evident in the six counties that make up the Southern California Association of Governments, including Los Angeles. SCAG's 1.3 million-unit quota assumes that the region will have 20.5 million residents by 2030 but the state now projects that its population will be markedly lower at 18.6 million.

Critics of the state's quota system are already crunching the numbers to contend that it's based on inaccurate projections of need and therefore should not be the basis of pressure from state officials.

California still has a big housing shortage, but it may be considerably smaller than the official numbers.

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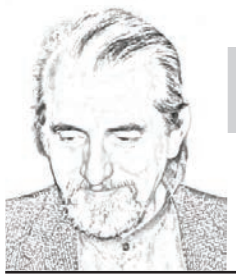
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death has been ruled murder with the coroner saying he was shot in the head.

The Los Angeles County sheriff's office is investigating the circumstances surrounding Murphy's shooting and confinement in the barrel. The barrel, a 55-gallon black plastic one, was initially spotted floating in a Malibu lagoon on July 30 and was eventually opened on July 31 by a lifeguard at Malibu Lagoon State Beach. The duration the body spent in the barrel remains unknown, but initial indications suggested he was sealed in the barrel shortly after his death. Investigators are considering the possibility that high tide might have washed the body into the lagoon, although the investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information on either case is asked to call Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS (8477) or use the website http://lacrimestoppers.org/.

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Missing Persons Report To SMO

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

Next Thurs - CELSO SALIM & DARRYL CARRIERE – OK, this is a week out, mark your calendar, no excuses, what else have you got to do this night that's more important and downright fun than listening to one of the best blues duos you've ever heard? But pace yourself to come back the next night for Southside Slim's more electric blues, equally off the charts. Thurs 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $10.

RECOMMENDED:

TONIGHT - LA PHIL, SIBELIUS, GRIEG – Let's go Scandinavian, ja? Born around the same time, Finn Jean Sibelius outlived his Norwegian counterpart by nearly three decades, but after all, Sibelius had a lifetime stipend from the government, and took it easy on the composing (but not the high lifestyle) in those later years. The music of both came to represent their nations' independence aspirations. You will surely recognize and thrill to the opening drum roll and dramatic piano chording and then the likewise familiar orchestral beginnings of this piece, but hold on! There is more to this, at close to half an hour, than you may have thought. And I have never been shy about my love for all Sibelius, so, oh yeah, this is a good'n. Thurs 8 p.m., Hollywood Bowl, $6-134.

TONIGHT - LUCINDA WILLIAMS – One of the most expressive alt country-folk-Americana voices we have, for many years now, for both her songwriting and her vocals. If you've not yet discovered her don't wait any longer, but you'll have to fight her longtime fervent fans for tickets. If you wind up empty, head on over to the Cinema Bar to see Rick Shea. Thurs 8 p.m. Ford Theatre, LA, $38-58.

TONIGHT - RICK SHEA – Rides the tiny range of the wonderful Cinema Bar, a perfect venue for his intimate storytelling and fine picking to go with that expressive voice, and if he's got a band that evening you will probably see him rock out a bit too. Always, Rick Shea. Thurs 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

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

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

"QUEEN MARGARET'S VERSION OF SHAKESPEARE'S WAR OF THE ROSES" – This Theatricum production encompassing Henry VI Part I, II, III, and Richard III, is stitched together in a way that becomes a bit confusing, and as far as it "centers on the women and children of this UK civil war saga," well, a whole lot of them wound up dead, and it became commonplace to hear, Oh so you killed my husband and two children and now you want to wed me? ... where exactly is your castle, sir? The acting is, as always, top notch, but – nearly three hours is just a bit long despite the fantastic sword fights. Sat 7:30 p.m., Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $15-60.

LIBRARY GIRL – This is a very special LG you don't want to miss. The longtime organizer, is now the orator. Founder of this monthly spoken word event that is always so worthwhile, Susan Hayden is now able to read from her own completed memoir dealing with love and loss, "Now You Are a Missing Person." You've only heard Hayden read occasionally at her events, so this is the night to hear what she's really got, what she's always had, and you will understand why she has been so skilled, even prescient, at selecting just the right voices all these years. Her book has been getting rave reviews all around, hooray! This will be a celebration. Ruskin Group Theatre, SM Airport, 7 p.m., $20 (includes dessert and free parking).

"A PERFECT GANESH" – Will Geer's Theatricum Botanicum is celebrating its 50th year of operation - amazing! - and while their forte is Shakespeare they always throw in one other unusual play per season, to make us think. This Terrence McNally play finds humor within the self-searching American abroad. Two friends travel to India with heavy baggage, reeling from loss and personal demons. The Hindu god Ganesha manifests in

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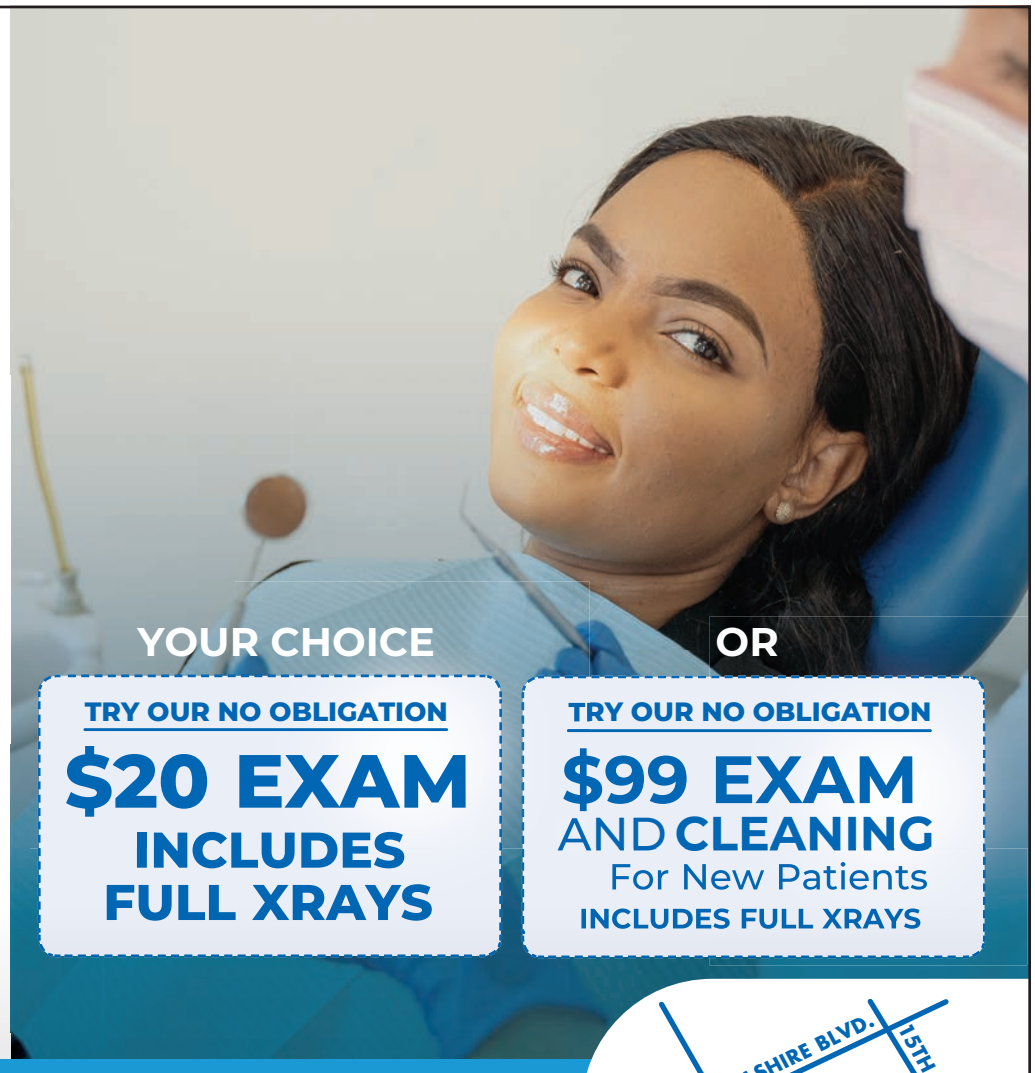
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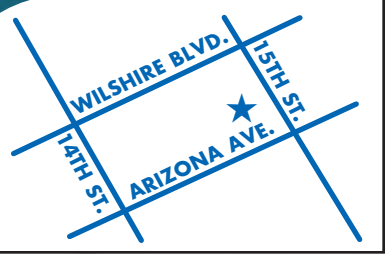
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PRESCRIPTION

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majority the more established medically-tailored meals program.

Katie Ettman, a food in healthcare expert at the San Francisco nonprofit research institute SPUR, said there is vast potential for food programs, considering that California has the largest Medicaid program in the country with about 15 million people enrolled.

But the challenge is getting counties and health plans to start them.

"The vast majority of them don't even know how produce prescriptions work," said Brent Ling, director of external affairs at the nonprofit Wholesome Wave. "So it's a lot of education and information sharing."

There are also a variety of food prescription programs being funded outside CalAIM. The Stockton program is being financed by the philanthropic Abbott Fund, Kaiser Permanente is funding a test in Los Angeles County, and programs in San Diego County and San Francisco are being funded by their local governments.

The federal Farm Bill is funding 14 food prescription tests in California. One is Recipe4Health in Alameda County. What started as a food pharmacy program in 2019 has evolved into California's most successful medically supportive food program that is integrated into the county's healthcare system.

The program has 11 sites across Alameda County and serves almost 4,000 people according to Steven Chen, its chief medical officer.

Chen believes the testing across California is an important stage to make the services a permanent benefit under Medi-Cal: "Any innovation starts with fragmentation, because it's a 1,000 flowers bloom approach… You want to create enough openness because otherwise, it's just a top down approach, which never works."

Alameda County screens for food insecurity and offers people who might not have chronic conditions prescriptions and health coaching to prevent diseases like diabetes developing in the future.

"There's so many benefits," Chen said. "We're getting human health, economic health, climate, health, and equity all together by really asking the question, "Where does the food come from?""

A COVERED BENEFIT?

This session, Assembly Bill 1644 was introduced that would have required Medi-Cal to cover medically supportive food and nutrition for at least 12 weeks for eligible Californians.

"I remember opening the fridge and seeing only celery and peanut butter and my mother telling me we were on a 'special diet'. I did not realize at the time we were food insecure," said Assemblymember Mia Bonta, an Oakland Democrat who proposed this bill. "Too many Californians, particularly Californians of color, are living with largely preventable chronic conditions."

While Bonta highlighted how this bill would help the state save money in the long run, its estimated cost was in the tens of millions of dollars. With the $30 billion-plus state budget deficit, the bill was held in the Assembly appropriations committee.

Bonta's office and bill co-sponsor at SPUR said that they plan to reintroduce the bill next year.

National momentum for food prescriptions is growing. Last year, the White House released a national strategy on hunger, nutrition and health that prioritizes "food is medicine" interventions including food prescriptions.

Combined with grassroots efforts across California, the bill will gain momentum, Ettman said.

One successful local program is in Solano County, where Rich Oliver drives a colorful box truck painted with crates of fruits and veggies to clinic parking lots during the week.

"We are purposely outside of clinics because we want patients in the clinic to have access to this," says Oliver, who is the coordinator of the county's "mobile food pharmacy."

The program began in 2018 when the county partnered with the local food bank and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, a federally recognized native tribe. From April to June this year, the truck served 16,000 people, according to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano.

At county clinics, providers give patients facing food insecurity or diet-related health conditions a paper food prescription. If the food truck is there that day, patients can then stop by the nearby truck or parking lot.

On Tuesday mornings, the truck parks outside a Fairfield health clinic. Last week, Jose Leyva, a 67-year-old Suisun City resident on disability, handed over his wife's prescription and received potatoes, onions, cantaloupes, lettuce and a 25-pound box of pantry staples.

"We don't have much money for the grocery store because it's too tight," says Leyva, who regularly picks up food from the truck for his diabetic wife. "This helps a lot."

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do things for the pediatric units just to bring any sort of joy. Pretty much any holiday that comes up, we try to make it extra special by bringing the dogs on Halloween, Valentine's Day, Christmas, anything that you can imagine, we try to bring as much joy with the animals as possible."

Spisso said that as a result of the generous support from donors, the patients will be given licensed Taylor Swift merchandise including t-shirts and friendship bracelets.

"We routinely ask patients to rate their hospitalization or their clinic visit. And we do find whenever a pet is involved, there's some great positive comments and feedback. We also find particularly in our children's hospital that the pets are a great source of relaxation for the children, giving them a break from their many intense treatments and providing some reassurance and comfort," Spisso said.

The Animal Connection program means that any number of animals, most often dogs, are at the hospital at any given time, so a patient can request one should they feel for some canine company.

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XYLAZINE

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won't have information about the presence of xylazine in local overdose deaths for a while.

"But we acknowledge that we are not immune from the influences of our surrounding cities or of the county at large—if LASO is finding it, it will be affecting our population as well," she said.

Xylazine can cause severe skin wounds and while it's increasingly found in overdose cases, its role in those deaths is still unclear as it's usually part of a drug cocktail.

In almost all cases, xylazine — a drug for sedating horses and other animals — is added to fentanyl, the potent opioid that can be lethal even in small amounts. Some users say the combination, dubbed "tranq" or "tranq dope," gives a longer-lasting high, more like heroin, which has largely been replaced by fentanyl in U.S. drug markets.

According to the CDC, studies from different regions have shown a substantial rise in xylazine involvement in drug overdose deaths. For example, in 10 US cities, xylazine's role increased from less than 1% in 2015 to nearly 7% in 2020. In Maryland, around 80% of opioid-containing drug samples from syringe service programs contained xylazine between 2021 and 2022. In Philadelphia, xylazine was detected in 31% of heroin and/or fentanyl overdose deaths in 2019. A recent CDC study revealed that the monthly percentage of deaths involving illegally made fentanyl (IMF) with detected xylazine increased from 3% in January 2019 to 11% in June 2022 across 20 states

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> - Anne Milgram DEA Administrator

and Washington D.C. In the Northeastern US, xylazine was detected in a higher percentage of IMF-related deaths during January 2021–June 2022 in 31 states and Washington D.C.

Like other cutting agents, xylazine benefits dealers: It's often cheaper and easier to get than fentanyl. Chinese websites sell a kilogram for $6 to $20, no prescription required. Chemicals used to produce fentanyl can cost $75 or more per kilogram.

Xylazine's effects are easy to spot: users experience a lethargic, trance-like state and sometimes black out, exposing themselves to robbery or assault.

U.S. regulators approved xylazine in 1971 to sedate animals for surgery, dental procedures and handling purposes. In humans, the drug can cause breathing and heart rates to drop. It's also linked to severe skin ulcers and abscesses, which can lead to infections, rotting tissue and amputations. Experts disagree on the exact cause of the wounds, which are much deeper than those seen with other injectable drugs.

Naloxone (sold as Narcan), a medication used to revive people who have stopped breathing, doesn't reverse the effects of xylazine.

"We have recorded dozens of Narcan reversals over the past 18 months since we have been deploying it in the field; it remains to be seen if xylazine in our community will temper the positive outcomes Narcan has brought about," said Aklufi.

Federal agencies like the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, CDC and FDA have all issued warnings about fentanyl mixed with xylazine recently.

"Xylazine is making the deadliest drug threat our country has ever faced, fentanyl, even deadlier," said DEA Administrator Anne Milgram. "DEA has seized xylazine and fentanyl mixtures in 48 of 50 States. The DEA Laboratory System is reporting that in 2022 approximately 23% of fentanyl powder and 7% of fentanyl pills seized by the DEA contained xylazine."

According to the CDC, 107,735 Americans died between August 2021 and August 2022 from drug poisonings, with 66 percent of those deaths involving synthetic opioids like fentanyl.

While the dangers of xylazine were at the forefront of the health warnings, it was only found in a very small number of tested drugs. Methamphetamine was the most commonly found drug.

The Sheriff's department organized a three-month pilot program to track xylazine detected in controlled substances submitted to its Crime Lab. During that time, they analyzed a total of 4,608 controlled substance samples and detected xylazine in a total of 13 samples, resulting in an overall rate of 0.003%. It was noted that all samples that contained xylazine also contained fentanyl.

Of the 320 samples found to contain fentanyl or fentanyl analogs, 13 had an indication of xylazine, resulting in 4% of all substances with fentanyl also having xylazine. However, among all tests methamphetamine was the most prominent substance and was found in nearly 3,000 samples.

The samples were from all over the county and were taken from seizures that ranged from as small as a single tablet to a kilo of drugs.

Public Health said the safest action is to avoid illegal drugs altogether but they also recommend carrying naloxone, despite its inability to address xylazine, because it can reverse fentanyl overdoses and may still have a lifesaving impact given the prevalence of the two drugs to be found together.

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their fellow travelers, and the idea that sometimes, the greatest journey is just, life. Sun 7:30 p.m., Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $15-60.

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

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EVENTS

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The Rose Chef Jason Neroni Opens Best Bet: LA Times gave some love to the "new neighborhood pizza joint" that he spent nearly 4 years in development. I went last week and LOVED it! 12565 Washington Blvd. https://www.latimes.com/food/story/2023-08-02/best-bet-chef-jason-neroni-long-awaited-neighborhood-pizza-joint-opens

Owa Sushi: Eater describes the new spot in the former Wabi space on Abbot Kinney as "Venice's New Late-Night Hang Centers on Sushi, Cocktails, and Dancing." 1635 Abbot Kinney Blvd. https://la.eater.com/2023/8/9/23826127/owa-venice-japanese-restaurant-abbot-kinney-los-angeles-open-news-photos

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You'll embody the very thing you used to envy. "He need not envy greatness who can serve as a model of it." — Baltasar Gracian More highlights: Professional twists deliver you to a position that's a perfect fit. You'll be more daring socially, and your personal life heats up. You'll orchestrate a tribute that turns into an adventure. Virgo and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 15, 38, 5 and 40.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It used to take effort to fit into a group, but now it's a natural extension of who you are. There will be impressive cohesion to your team dynamic. Everyone will operate as a single machine to get the task done.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's famously difficult for adults to make friends, which is why you don't mind making multiple attempts at it. Friendship is worth pursuing, and someone must take the initiative or it's not going to happen.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). True confidence doesn't need to draw attention to itself. Healthy self-esteem is invisible. Those who constantly talk about their own accomplishments, talents and other signs of worth may be displaying more insecurity than the self-deprecating.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A caring heart will do absolutely no good without action behind it. You will find concrete ways to help. What you focus on will change. You'll turn trouble sources into fonts of thriving.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be reminded of how we are all equal, but none of us is the same. The best relationships respect differences and allow for individuality. You have a choice of who to interact with. Avoid controlling types.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will be more sensitive to location than usual. Stimulating environments offer inspiration and a sense of expansion. There are also places that repel you — an instinct worthy of your heed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In your desire to connect with someone, you'll be as flexible as an acrobat to make it work. It is intention, plus the willingness to meet the other person where they are, that makes the connection possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Ward off interruptions before they happen because if you're able to immerse yourself in a project, you'll hit a deep-concentration zone and be highly productive as you sync up with everything around you, to astounding effect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). With the right person, every little thing can be a thrill. And when it's thrilling alone, congratulations. You've either evolved to the point of being your own true friend or were this all along and the bond remains unbroken.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You served the needs of others before your own. You had your reasons, which made sense at the time. But the times have changed. Now, if it matters to you, it matters period. Pour your efforts into your own satisfaction.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your curiosity leads you to interesting people now. You have a talent for research, especially the sort that happens in person. You'll ask good questions — casual, non-intrusive, and specific enough to crack the story wide open.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Optimism, even the irrational variety, is serotonin-producing. The serotonin doesn't know or care how likely a thing is to happen; it just wants you to feel good. Sometimes you have to make up reasons to be happy to get the joy flowing.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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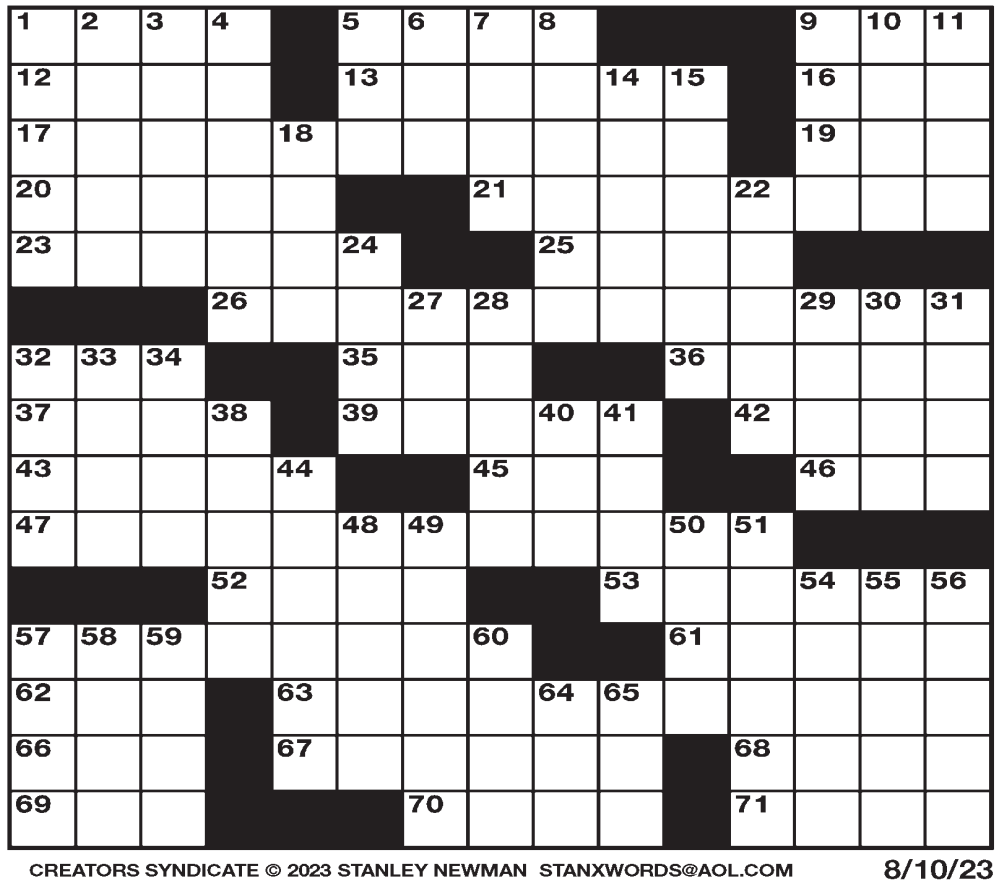
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5 Glance over
9 Empty words
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13 Piano piece
16 DJIA tech company
17 Protector for winter weather
19 Symbol for snoring
20 Dining area
21 Not connected
23 Court reporters
25 North Carolina campus
26 Ribbon-cutting kickoff
32 Distantly
35 Hair gel, for instance
36 Emphatic refusal
37 Laughfest
39 No longer minor
42 First word of a *Wizard of Oz* song
43 Telltale signs
45 "Who knew?"
46 Barnyard mom
47 Lottery, for instance
52 Pronounce poorly
53 Dotted tile
57 Puts off paying
61 Sorceress in the Golden Fleece tale
62 Big head
63 Something taken at the office
66 Any high mountain
67 Must involve
68 Garden access
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70 Hyphenated IDs
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1 Diary closers
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4 Foam mattress' lack
5 Compass reading
6 Garden pond fish
7 Quaint quarters
8 Got by
9 City near Cairo
10 Assist in evil
11 *Peter Pan* pirate
14 Fill to the brim
15 Reanimate
18 Secure, as a ship
22 Modernize
24 It's a long story
27 Oscar nomination, in headlines
28 Batter product
29 Currier's partner
30 A successor of Julius
31 Burgeoned
32 Pond dweller
33 Verdi masterpiece
34 Part of a Clue solution
38 Hair piece
40 What clover might cover
41 Be inclined (to)
44 Source of comfort
48 Dorm furnishing
49 Fashions
50 Something to part with
51 Come to the fore
54 Perfectly suited
55 Jim-dandy
56 What many casks are
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58 Highly disagreeable
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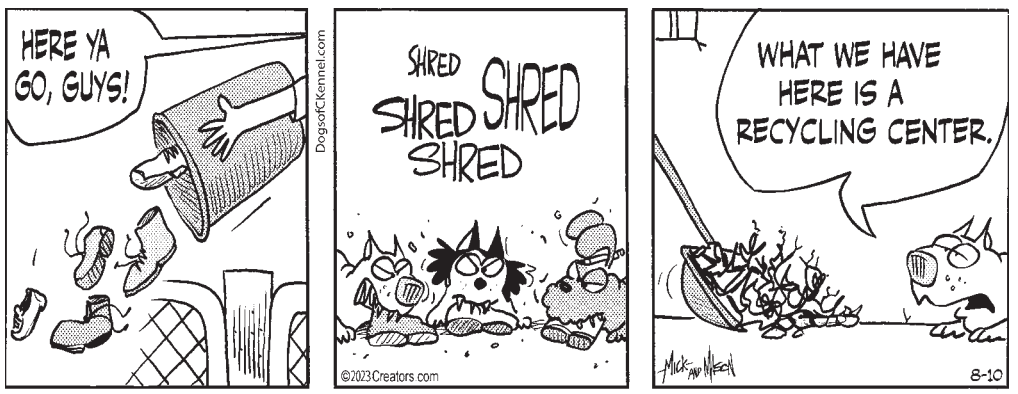
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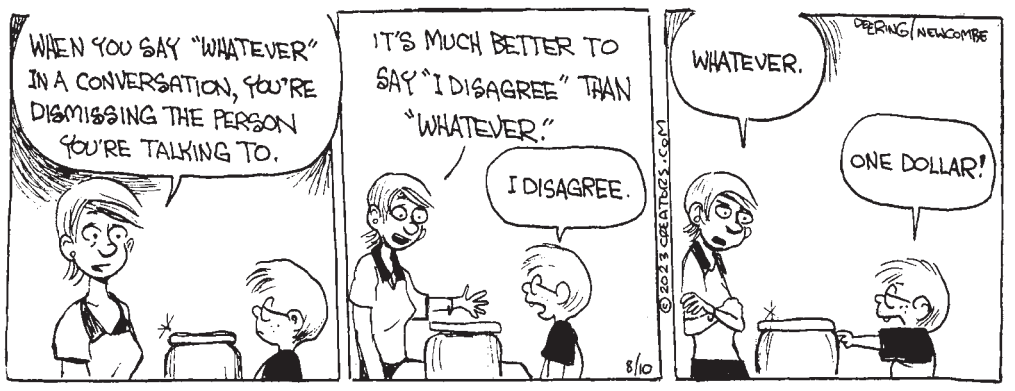
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By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 14 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Buying a car

T Y R E L I B O M M I S T A M
Y S U M P V A L V E N A O I P
T F A H S K N A R C C A R I U
R I M S D S S D T O O B N T K
I A M P S E E E G U N S E J C
D H C T I W S P E P V S N E I
I O I T E R O U A E E T I T T
E K O R L C H D R O N H G S S
A R A H X B I O S T I G N N P
H P O K A S O R D S E I E E I
S P A C C F W N P U N L O D D
U D O O R O R P D A T T H L T
B E V I R D L E E H W R U O F
C O O L E U F F I X I N G H I
M A G S G Y S A L E S M A N L

Amps
Axle
Bond
Boot
Bush
Caps
Cool
Core
Coupe
Crankshaft
Dipstick
Dirty
Disc
Door
Engine
Exhaust
Fixing
Four-wheel drive
Fuel
Gears
Holden
Hood
Hoses
Immobile
Inconvenient
Jets
Kits
Lens
Lift
Light
Lock
Mags
Mats
Oils
Pedal
Pins
Plug
Price
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Sump
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THURSDAY | AUGUST 10

NESPRESSO VERTUO POP CAFÉ AT SANTA MONICA PIER

Join Nespresso for a ride in the smallest, most unexpected café of the summer at the Santa Monica Pier on Thursday, August 10. Hosted by TikTok star Noah Beck, transforming Pacific Wheel gondolas at the iconic Santa Monica Pier into mini Vertuo Pop Cafés in a nod to the compact size and playfulness of the recently launched Pop machine. The colorful 'café' gondolas feature a tasting with a Nespresso barista who will create refreshing iced coffee drinks. Riders can enjoy beautiful, big taste in the smallest, most unexpected and unforgettable space... more than 130 feet in the air surrounded by a panoramic view of the gorgeous California coastline.

RENT CONTROL BOARD MEETING

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

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

SUNSET SWIM

Enjoy an evening around the historic 1920's pool at the former oceanfront estate of actress Marion Davies built for her by media mogul, William Randolph Hearst. Swim, hang out with friends and make new friends poolside With provided s'mores and pool floaties. Adults Only, 18+ Purchase your Sunset Swim pool passes at the door on the day of the event, per availability, if you pre-purchase pool passes, please pick up your pool passes by 6:30pm, if the pool is at capacity when you arrive, you may be added to a waitlist and notified when space is available. Parking: Pay upon arrival. $12/day or $3/hour; payable at the park and pay machines in the Beach House parking lot. Credit cards or exact change only. Disabled person placards/license plates and City of Santa Monica Senior Beach Permits are accepted. Outside food welcome, no glass, no alcohol.

- $10 Adult (age 18 – 59)
- $5 Senior Adult (age 60 & above)
- Half off with pool pass of the day

Annenberg Community Beach House 415 Pacific Coast Hwy

SATURDAY | AUGUST 12

LIFT:LA BY GYMSHARK

LA, they're lifting your city, and this time there's more going on than ever. Athlete seminars, meet & greets, competitions, challenges, and prizes are just the start. They've got powerlifting, bodybuilding, functional fitness and sweat zones, a pop-up store with exclusive merch, and (the most important part) plenty of food and drinks. So, sign up for your free tickets and come along on August 12th - 13th. You don't wanna miss this. The Barker Hangar, 3021 Airport Ave Suite 203 https://central.gymshark.com/article/liftla-gymshark-la

STAND-UP PADDLEBOARD CLASS

Learn the basics of this exciting activity and enjoy the world-famous Santa Monica State Beach from a whole new perspective. Participants learn water safety, entering and exiting the water with the board and paddle, and the basic positions, techniques, and strokes needed to enjoy their time on the water. Class fee includes use of paddleboard, paddle, and Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device. 9 to 11:30 a.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway. Register online at https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreationor call (310) 458-4904.

SUNDAY | AUGUST 13

CHESS SUNDAYS

Make your move! Chess players of all ages and levels are invited for weekly casual play on Third Street Promenade! Every Sunday through the summer, from 11am-3pm, play a game with a friend or meet a new one. Chess sets (including a few giant ones) will be provided, but you're welcome to bring your own! This event is a partnership between the Santa Monica Chess Club and Downtown Santa Monica, Inc.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com



SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **72.9**

THURSDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft Thigh to waist	Trending down but there are still some waves around. Run of S/SSE swell from the SPAC lingers as tropical energy fades out. Small NW windswell may not be enough to help shape.
FRIDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft Thigh to waist	SSE swell from the Southern Hemisphere is due to wind down a bit as a bit of fresh SW swell creeps in. Potential to see NW windswell nudge up a bit, helping the cause in the size and shape department.

WEATHER

Thursday: 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 11am.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 64.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 72.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/08/10	Thu	12:54 AM	0.48	L
2023/08/10	Thu	07:58 AM	3.40	H
2023/08/10	Thu	11:29 AM	2.98	L
2023/08/10	Thu	6:00 PM	5.53	H
2023/08/11	Fri	01:49 AM	0.09	L
2023/08/11	Fri	08:48 AM	3.69	H
2023/08/11	Fri	12:42 PM	3.00	L
2023/08/11	Fri	6:55 PM	5.69	H
2023/08/12	Sat	02:32 AM	-0.17	L
2023/08/12	Sat	09:20 AM	3.88	H
2023/08/12	Sat	1:35 PM	2.86	L
2023/08/12	Sat	7:42 PM	5.86	H
2023/08/13	Sun	03:07 AM	-0.30	L
2023/08/13	Sun	09:45 AM	4.00	H
2023/08/13	Sun	2:15 PM	2.66	L
2023/08/13	Sun	8:21 PM	6.00	H
2023/08/14	Mon	03:37 AM	-0.34	L
2023/08/14	Mon	10:07 AM	4.07	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 8/7
6 13 20 35 54
Power#: 22
Jackpot: 170 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 8/8
13 19 20 32 33
Mega#: 14
Jackpot: 20 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 8/5
17 19 23 31 33
Mega#: 14
Jackpot: 7 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/8
7 9 23 24 36

Daily 3
Draw Date: 8/8
EVENING: 4 6 6
Draw Date: 8/8
MIDDAY: 7 9 3

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 8/8
1st: 08 - Gorgeous George
2nd: 04 - Big Ben
3rd: 06 - Whirl Win
Race Time: 1:46.58

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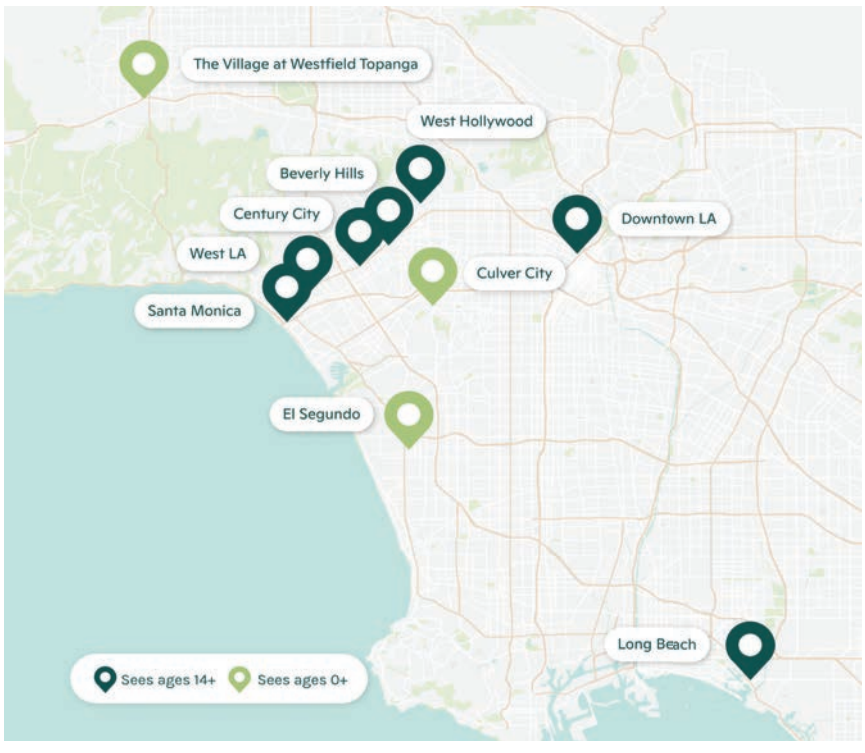
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