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Popular Santa Monica restaurant Tallula's set to close this coming Sunday

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Much-liked Mexican restaurant and bar Tallula's is tragically set to close its doors this coming Sunday, August 20, concluding a six-year long chapter with the Rustic Canyon family of businesses.

Located in an idyllic spot at 118 Entrada Drive, away from the turmoil of the more tourist focussed areas of town, it quickly became an eatery respected by residents. Operated by husband and wife team Zoe Nathan and Josh Loeb, it was the most recent foray for the business that includes the flagship Rustic Canyon, plus Huckleberry, Milo & Olive, Sweet Rose Creamery, Cassia and Esters Wine Shop & Bar.

It was also where chef Saw Naing rose to fame. He's now at the Dutchess in Ojai, Ventura County, exploring his Burmese-Indian roots

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Jane Bruce

TALLULA'S INTERIOR: Tallula's offered a fun, friendly vibe, with a colorful, vintage looking space with a separate bar and patio seating.

State legislature moving to close eviction loophole

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An impending decision in Sacramento may greatly restrict an "abusive" loophole used to Santa Monica tenants.

At the August 10 meeting of the Santa Monica Rent Control Board, Legislative Advocate Brian Augusta updated the board on several bills that are in a "furious rush" to be passed by the 2023-24 California legislative session. With just under a month to go in the session, Augusta provided the status on three bills aimed at rent stabilization, including a proposal to limit no-fault provisions.

Under current law, evictions are prohibited without just cause, however a "no-fault" just cause classification exists that allows an owner to occupy the property either themselves, or an occupancy by the owner's spouse, domestic partner, children, grandchildren, parents or grandparents. This tactic, Augusta noted, was used as reason for evictions during the COVID-19 pandemic, even after the enacting of the state's Tenant Protection Act in 2019.

Currently under advisement by the state's Appropriations Committee, SB 567 would amend current law to require the property owner, partner or family member to occupy the property for a minimum of 12 continuous months as the person's primary residence. Existing law does not put a time frame or requirements on property occupation, meaning a property owner can evict with intent to move in, without actually doing so

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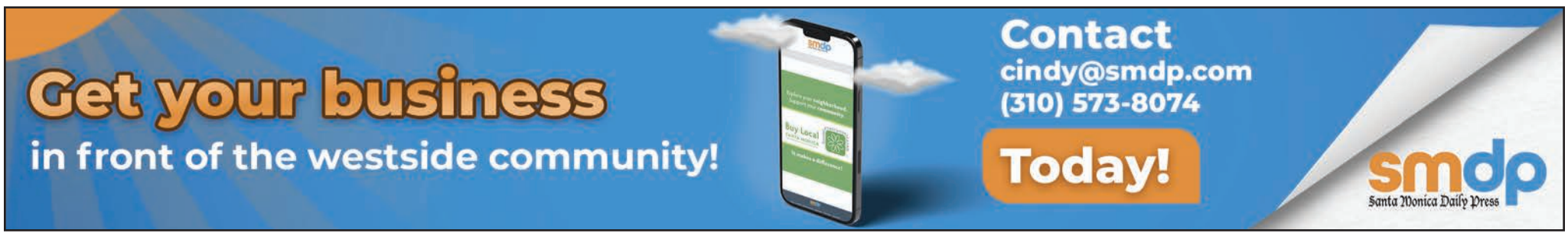
Open Main Street





Matthew Hall and Fran Lyness

MAIN STREET: It was a weekend of warm weather and cool cars in Santa Monica as the year's first Open Main Street event brought food, music and activities to the Ocean Park neighborhood. The event was the first of several planned for the year and during the weekend, cars were banned to make way for a casual community celebration.



This L.A. Democrat is a 'New Testament kind of guy' — and one of California's most powerful voices on criminal justice

ALEXEI KOSEFF
Special to the Daily Press

The man — tall and gaunt, slightly bedraggled, carrying a plastic grocery bag — nodded to Reggie Jones-Sawyer as he ambled down the sidewalk.

"Hey, Reverend," he drawled.

In his crisp blue suit, with matching baby pink striped shirt, tie and pocket square, Jones-Sawyer didn't flinch.

"I get that a lot," he said. "Anywhere I go in this community looking like this, people ask me what church I'm at."

Jones-Sawyer is many things — a six-term Democratic state Assemblymember from Los Angeles, the founder of its reconfigured and ascendant progressive caucus, chairperson of the Assembly Public Safety Committee — but a minister is not one of them.

On this busy block of Vermont Avenue in South Los Angeles, as he headed to a local nonprofit organization to present a recent state budget earmark, he was simply trying to explain his rehabilitation-centered approach to criminal justice.

After seven years leading the public safety committee, Jones-Sawyer has found himself under fire this session like never before, increasingly at odds with Republican opponents and even some of his own Democratic colleagues as he held off legislation to increase penalties amid rising anxieties about crime. Sustained public outcry over his handling of measures dealing with the fentanyl crisis and a child sex-trafficking bill unexpectedly thrust Jones-Sawyer into the spotlight and left him scrambling to respond.

The mistaken identity on a city street seemed to strike him with new insight. Some minutes later, after touring a healthy community market and presenting its director with an oversized check, Jones-Sawyer offered an unprompted Biblical analogy.

"I'm really a New Testament kind of guy — that God believed in forgiveness," he said. "That's what we balance with public safety."

Reggie Jones-Sawyer never intended to be the criminal justice guy at the state Capitol.

He worked for decades in Los Angeles city government, including as a deputy to Republican Mayor Richard Riordan in the mid-1990s and later overseeing its sprawling properties. After an unsuccessful bid for city council and three terms as secretary of the California Democratic Party, Jones-Sawyer ran for the Assembly in 2012 on a platform of job creation and economic growth, including a plan to lease out vacant state-owned land.

"I wanted to go back to my roots," he said during an interview at his district office in Exposition Park, steps away from the California Science Center and the Memorial Coliseum. "I was director of real estate. I wanted to do economics. I wanted to do general services."

But then-Assembly Speaker John Pérez had other ideas, Jones-Sawyer said. If he wanted a leadership role in the Legislature, it would have to be as chairperson of the budget subcommittee on public safety — primarily, according to Jones-Sawyer, because he was from a safe Democratic district and could take difficult votes without significant political risk.

The opportunity taught Jones-Sawyer about the power of the purse in stategovernment, as well as the ins and outs of a whole new issue. He pursued funding for body cameras for California Highway Patrol officers and for programs to keep former inmates from reoffending, as well as legislation to no longer require jail time for drug convictions, to make it a crime for police to tamper with video evidence, to ban people convicted of hate crimes from possessing guns, to eliminate cash bail, to raise the minimum age for police officers, to regulate bounty hunters and even to replace the term "at-risk youth" with "at-promise youth" in state law.

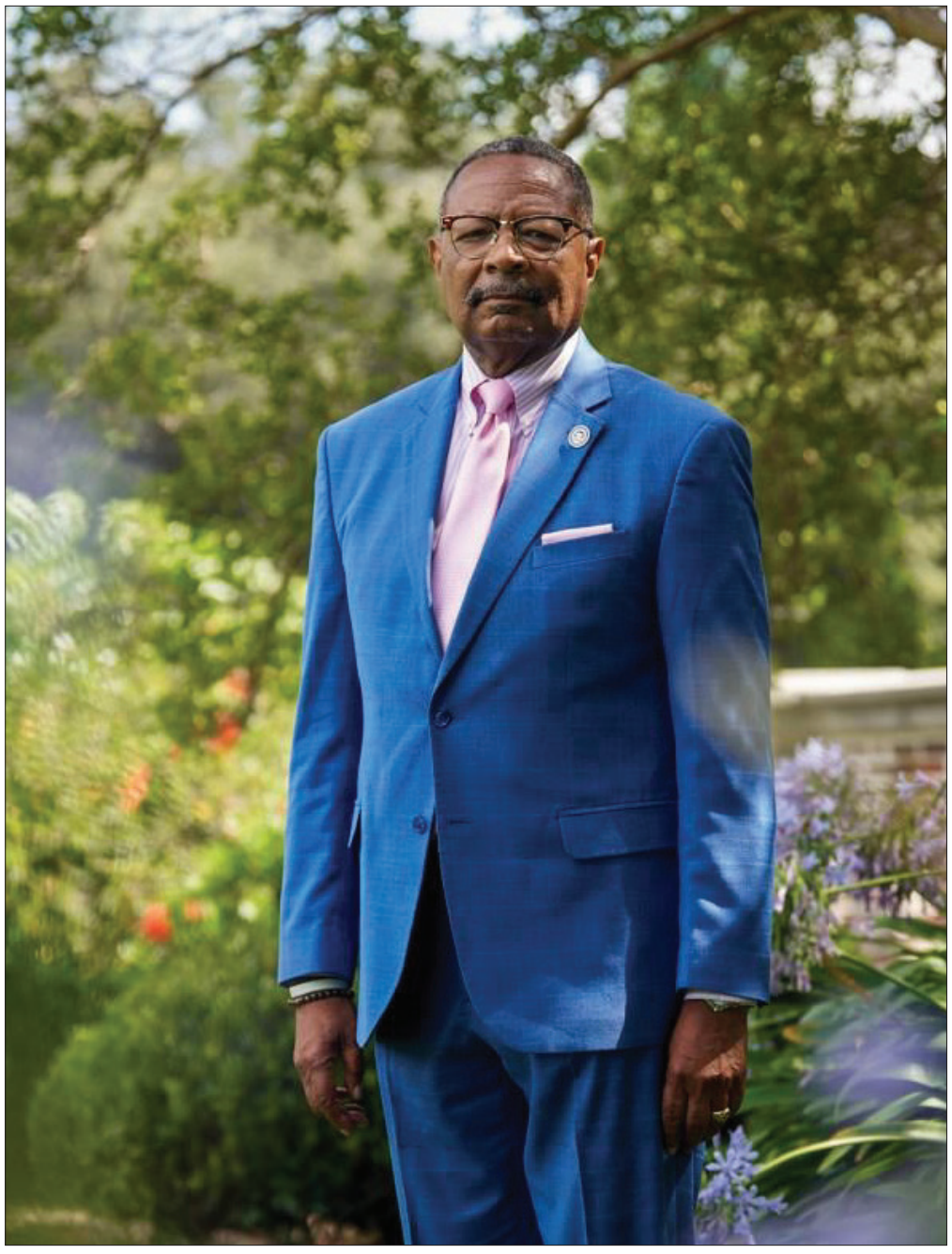


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LAWMAKER: Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer in Los Angeles on Aug. 1, 2023.

"The policies he's pursuing, the general direction, are where we want to go as a society," said Anthony Rendon, the former Assembly speaker who in 2016 appointed Jones-Sawyer chairperson of the public safety committee, the first stop for any bill dealing with the California Penal Code.

Jones-Sawyer, who is African American, has been strenuously conscious of not returning to an earlier tough-on-crime era, when the state's prisons were so overcrowded — disproportionately with Black and Latino men — that the U.S. Supreme Court ordered California to reduce the inmate population. In an interview, Rendon commended Jones-Sawyer for relying on data and successful ideas from other countries to guide his leadership on criminal justice and police accountability, while standing firm against pressure to revive failed policies of mass incarceration.

"We know we're not safe, and I don't think it's because we haven't thrown enough people in prison. We've tried that. It didn't work," Rendon said.

Jones-Sawyer said he follows the will of California voters, who passed a series of initiatives in the 2010s to reduce the prison population, including limiting the scope of the "three strikes" law that imposes life sentences on repeat offenders. He acknowledges, however, that some criminals should be behind bars.

"I'm not naïve in believing that everybody is redeemable," Jones-Sawyer said. "I'm not saying everybody's bad. Also not saying everybody's good. I'm saying everybody needs a chance."

But his tendency to halt any bill that would lengthen sentences or create new crimes often frustrates Republican legislators and many law enforcement officials.

"I see us catering more to criminals than to victims," said Assemblymember Juan Alanis, a Modesto Republican and retired sheriff's sergeant who became vice chairperson of the public safety committee this year. "I don't like when we look out in the audience and we see faces that say, 'You failed us.'"

Despite his steadfast positions, Jones-Sawyer at least listens to the other side, Alanis said, finding some opportunities for collaboration. Alanis provided input on a proposed $5.2 billion bond to address the fentanyl crisis that Jones-Sawyer introduced last month.

Though a committed member of his party's liberal wing — he helped reestablish a legislative caucus in 2017 to push for a more progressive policy agenda and endorsed Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders in the 2020 presidential primary — Jones-Sawyer frames his approach to criminal justice as a matter of pragmatism.

He refers to himself as a "practical progressive" and at one point compared his politics to a platypus, an unexpected ideological blend that can defy categorization. In recent years, he has backed several bills to crack down on brazen retail theft, a concession to protect Proposition 47, which voters approved in 2014 to reduce some drug and property crimes to misdemeanors.

"It's trying to get people to understand that if we stop crime before it starts, the return on investment is huge," Jones-Sawyer said. He argues that it is more cost-effective for taxpayers to invest in rehabilitating inmates and other community programs to steer people away from criminality, rather than continually sending them to prison.

Yet there are also a lifetime of experiences that clearly weigh on Jones-Sawyer: He shared that he was molested as a child and that his father was physically abusive toward his mother. He recalled an uncle who was stabbed to death on his doorstep, another that died of a heroin overdose, and a cousin who was killed because she was gay. Starting as a student at the University of Southern California, where he studied public administration, he worked overnight at a mortuary for 10 years and saw the ravages of the crack epidemic up close.

"People say I don't understand. I understand better than anybody else. That's what influences me more than anything else," Jones-Sawyer said. But he wants to broaden the focus on victims to include those who have been victimized by the criminal justice system.

"So a lot of times I'm fighting for people who don't have a voice in this or they don't have a bunch of advocates or unions or whatever behind them to speak on this," he added. "It's very important for me to speak for the downtrodden and for people who have no voice."

Don Tamaki, a San Francisco attorney who worked with Jones-Sawyer for the past two years as a member of California's reparations task force, said he saw first-hand how the experiences of his ancestors seemed to both burden and inspire Jones-Sawyer.

"He's a blunt speaker. He's not a wishy-washy kind of guy. He'll speak his mind clearly," Tamaki said. "But you need that in a democratic process. You need that back and forth to come to meaningful decisions and meaningful compromises."

Jones-Sawyer's steadfastness has occasionally landed him in hot water.

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Hawaii's governor warns that scores more people could be found dead following wildfires on Maui

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Associated Press

Hawaii's governor warned that scores more people could be found dead following the Maui wildfires as search crews go street by street through neighborhoods where the flames galloped as fast as a mile a minute across the landscape.

The blazes that consumed most of the historic town of Lahaina, are already the deadliest in the U.S. in more than a century, with a death toll of at least 96.

"We are prepared for many tragic stories," Gov. Josh Green told "CBS Mornings" in a recorded interview that was aired Monday. "They will find 10 to 20 people per day, probably, until they finish. And it's probably going to take 10 days. It's impossible to guess, really."

As cellphone service has slowly been restored, the number of people missing dropped to about 1,300 from over 2,000, Green said.

Twenty cadaver dogs and dozens of searchers are making their way through blocks reduced to ash.

> Right now, they're going street by street, block by block between cars, and soon they'll start to enter buildings
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"Right now, they're going street by street, block by block between cars, and soon they'll start to enter buildings," Jeff Hickman, director of public affairs for the Hawaii Department of Defense, said Monday on NBC's "Today."

Such crews had covered just 3% of the search area, Maui Police Chief John Pelletier said Saturday.

The blaze that swept into centuries-old Lahaina nearly a week ago destroyed nearly every building in the town of 13,000, leaving a grid of gray rubble wedged between the blue ocean and lush green slopes. That fire has been 85% contained, according to the county. Another blaze known as the Upcountry fire has been 60% contained, officials said.

"There's very little left there," Green said of Lahaina in a video update Sunday, adding that "an estimated value of $5.6 billion has gone away."

Even where the fire has retreated, authorities have warned that toxic byproducts may remain, including in drinking water, after the flames spewed poisonous fumes. And many people simply have no home to return to. Authorities plan to house them in hotels and vacation rentals.

Many people have gathered at the War Memorial Gymnasium in Wailuku, which has been serving as a shelter. Among the visitors was Oprah Winfrey, who told Hawaii News Now that she has delivered personal hygiene products, towels and water in recent days.

Winfrey, a part-time Maui resident, warned that news crews will eventually depart from the destruction, and the world will move on. But she said that "we're all still going to be here trying to figure out what is the best way to rebuild … I will be here for the long haul, doing what I can."

The cause of the wildfires is under investigation, and Green said authorities would also examine their response. One fire, for instance, was thought to be out but later flared again. Before the blaze engulfed Lahaina, Maui County officials also failed to activate sirens that would have warned the entire population and instead relied on social media posts.

Fueled by a dry summer and strong winds from a passing hurricane, the flames on Maui raced through parched brush. One fire moved as fast as a mile (1.6 kilometers) every minute, according to Green.

"With those kinds of winds and 1,000-degree temperatures, ultimately all the pictures that you will see will be easy to understand," he said.

The fires are Hawaii's deadliest natural disaster in decades, surpassing a 1960 tsunami that killed 61 people. They also surpassed the 2018 Camp Fire in northern California that left 85 dead and destroyed the town of Paradise.

Many gathered Sunday to mourn the dead. Maria Lanakila Church in Lahaina was spared from the flames that wiped out most of the surrounding community, but with search-and-recovery efforts ongoing, its members attended Mass up the road. The Bishop of Honolulu, the Rev. Clarence "Larry" Silva, presided.

Taufa Samisoni said his uncle, aunt, cousin and the cousin's 7-year-old son were found dead inside a burned car. Samisoni's wife, Katalina, said the family would draw comfort from Silva's reference to the Bible story of how Jesus' disciple Peter walked on water and was saved from drowning.

"If Peter can walk on water, yes we can. We will get to the shore," she said, her voice quivering.

Meanwhile, Hawaii officials urged tourists to avoid traveling to Maui as many hotels prepared to house evacuees and first responders.

Green said 500 hotel rooms will be made available for locals who have been displaced. An additional 500 rooms will be set aside for workers from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Some hotels will carry on with normal business to help preserve jobs and sustain the local economy, Green said.

The state wants to work with Airbnb to make sure that rental homes can be made available for locals.

J.P. Mayoga, a cook at the Westin Maui in Kaanapali, is still making breakfast, lunch and dinner on a daily basis. But instead of serving hotel guests, he's been feeding the roughly 200 hotel employees and their family members who have been living there since Tuesday.

His home and that of his father were spared. But his girlfriend, two young daughters, father and another local are all staying in a hotel room together, as it is safer than Lahaina, which is covered in toxic debris.

"Everybody has their story, and everybody lost something. So everybody can be there for each other, and they understand what's going on in each other's lives," he said of his co-workers at the hotel.

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Ford lures Apple executive to oversee its new software subscription services unit

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ford has hired away a key Apple executive to run a new business unit that will sell software-related subscription services to vehicle owners.

The Dearborn, Michigan, automaker said Monday it hired Peter Stern, who was Apple's vice president of services. He'll be president of Ford Integrated Services, a unit that will combine software and hardware into services.

At Apple, Stern oversaw Apple TV plus, iCloud storage, Apple Books, the arcade and fitness operations and other businesses, Ford said in a statement Monday.

Stern started Monday and reports directly to CEO Jim Farley.

Stern also will expand Ford's BlueCruise hands-free partially automated driving system, as well as productivity and safety and security services, the statement said.

Asked if people are getting tired of paying for subscription services, Stern said people will buy single services and bundles as long as they see the value.

"When we do that right, customers will sign up not only for individual, ala carte services, but I think we'll also create bundles of services that make it really easy for customers to get the most out of their vehicles," he said.

Stern, who before Apple was Time Warner Cable's chief product officer, said there were worries about whether the company would ever exceed $100 per month in average revenue per user. "That was in the rear view mirror pretty quickly because of the value we delivered," Stern said.

Also, Stern said that when he started at Apple, it had only two subscription services, iCloud and Apple Music, but when he left there were over 1 billion subscriptions for services.

"We know the playbook," he said. "We have some great ideas about the services that we need to offer."

He told reporters that he expects safety and security services will have a high number of subscribers. For instance, Ford recently showed off an SUV at a campsite that recognized a bear and activated the horn and lights to scare it away.

Ford, which CEO Jim Farley said has 550,000 paid subscribers for software services with a 50% profit margin, does not immediately plan to separate the Integrated Services unit as a separate business and show its profits on the income statement. But that could be done later, he said.

The company, he said, will roll out a new vehicle electrical system in 2025 that will enable more software services. It will go into the next generation of electric vehicles as well as combustion-engine vehicles like the new version of the F-150 pickup, he said.

Shares of Ford rose slightly to $12.18 in midday trading Monday.

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Biden administration urges colleges to pursue racial diversity without affirmative action

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New guidance from the Biden administration on Monday urges colleges to use a range of strategies to promote racial diversity on campus after the Supreme Court struck down affirmative action in admissions.

Colleges can focus their recruiting in high minority areas, for example, and take steps to retain students of color who are already on campus, including by offering affinity clubs geared toward students of a certain race. Colleges can also consider how an applicant's race has shaped personal experience, as detailed in students' application essays or letters of recommendation, according to the new guidance.

It also encourages them to consider ending policies known to stint racial diversity, including preferences for legacy students and the children of donors.

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"Ensuring access to higher education for students from different backgrounds is one of the most powerful tools we have to prepare graduates to lead an increasingly diverse nation and make real our country's promise of opportunity for all," Attorney General Merrick Garland said in a statement.

The guidance, from the Justice and Education departments, arrives as colleges across the nation attempt to navigate a new era of admissions without the use of affirmative action. Schools are working to promote racial diversity without provoking legal action from affirmative action opponents.

Students for Fair Admission, the group that brought the issue to the Supreme Court through lawsuits against Harvard and the University of North Carolina, sent a letter to 150 universities in July saying they must "take immediate steps to eliminate the use of race as a factor in admissions."

In its guidance, the Biden administration offers a range of policies colleges can use "to achieve a student body that is diverse across a range of factors, including race and ethnicity."

It also offers clarity on how colleges can consider race in the context of an applicant's individual experience. The court's decision bars colleges from considering race as a factor in and of itself, but nothing prohibits colleges from considering "an applicant's discussion of how race affected the applicant's life," the court wrote.

How to approach that line without crossing it has been a challenge for colleges as they rework admissions systems before a new wave of applications begin arriving in the fall.

The guidance offers examples of how colleges can "provide opportunities to assess applicants' individual backgrounds and attributes — including those related to their race."

"A university could consider an applicant's explanation about what it means to him to be the first Black violinist in his city's youth orchestra or an applicant's account of overcoming prejudice when she transferred to a rural high school where she was the only student of South Asian descent," according to the guidance.

Schools can also consider a letter of recommendation describing how a student "conquered her feelings of isolation as a Latina student at an overwhelmingly white high school to join the debate team," it says.

Students should feel comfortable to share "their whole selves" in the application process, the administration said. Previously, many students had expressed confusion about whether the court's decision blocked them from discussing their race in essays and interviews.

The administration clarified that colleges don't need to ignore race as they choose where to focus their recruiting efforts. The court's decision doesn't forbid schools from targeting recruiting efforts toward schools that predominantly serve students of color or low-income students, it says.

Countering a directive from Students for Fair Admissions, the new guidance says colleges can legally collect data about the race of students and applicants, as long as it doesn't influence admissions decisions.

Echoing previous comments from President Joe Biden, the guidance urges colleges to rethink policies that tend to favor white, wealthy applicants. "Nothing in the decision prevents an institution from determining whether preferences for legacy students or children of donors, for example,

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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While US economic outlook improves, California's remains muddy and mediocre



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BUSINESS: Assistant General Manager Elisa Gallardo serves customers from inside a takeout window at The Beehive in the San Francisco Mission neighborhood on July 25, 2020.

DAN WALTERS

Late last month, the Federal Reserve announced the latest incremental raise in its key interest rate, pushing it to the highest level in 22 years, as it continues to battle what it calls persistent inflation.

The increase, a quarter of 1%, renewed the debate among economists and politicians over whether the Federal Reserve's anti-inflation actions will slow the economy into what's termed a "soft landing," or ignite a recession.

The recession that many economists thought would have happened by now hasn't raised its ugly head, leading to I-Told-You-So's from the ones who hadn't seen a downturn on the horizon.

"Much to the chagrin of those who have been predicting otherwise, the U.S. economy has stubbornly continued to grow and 2023 is shaping up to be a better year than 2022," one of the optimists, California economist Christopher Thornberg wrote recently.

"This isn't to say that we don't recognize signs of stress in the economy driven by higher interest rates and the recent bout of inflation," Thornberg continued. "Rather, we've never viewed these issues as rising to the level of being systemic given that they were caused by the same thing that has kept consumer spending supercharged – the excessive stimulus thrown at the economy during the pandemic.

"The greatest risk, as we have seen it, was always the undue tightening by the Federal Reserve, which was implemented in response to their original sin of excessive loosening."

There are, however, two sides to the economic coin – one steeped in the numbers economists love and the other the admittedly unscientific concerns of ordinary citizens.

A recent Public Policy Institute of California poll found that Californians overwhelmingly believe that bad economic times lie ahead, based in part on experiences with inflation in housing, food, fuel and other living expenses.

Those sour expectations may be more than just emotion. While the nation as a whole seems to be doing fairly well, as President Joe Biden reminds us almost daily in anticipation of a re-election campaign next year, California's economy is just so-so.

California's unemployment rate in June was 4.6%, which doesn't sound bad – certainly much lower than it was when the state's economy shut down during the COVID-19 pandemic, pushing the jobless rate to over 16%.

However, it was higher than it had been a year earlier and – this is rather sobering – was the second-highest of any state to Nevada's 5.4%, and more than twice as high as New Hampshire's nation-lowest 1.8%.

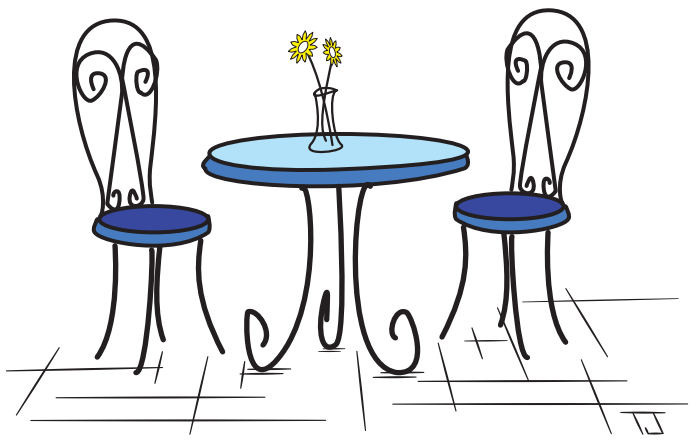
California's other economic indices are similarly weak.

The Federal Bureau of Economic Analysis reported in June that California's gross domestic product – the total of goods and services – in the first quarter was one of the nation's slowest growing

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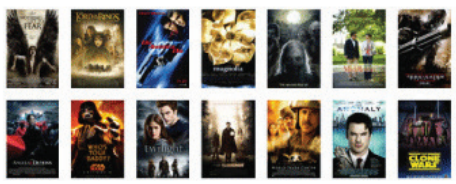
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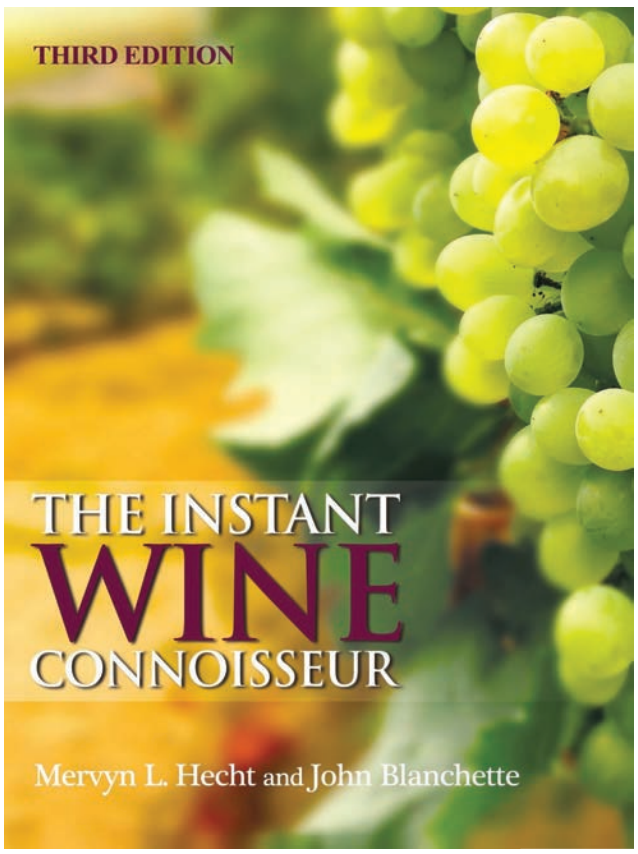
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Trump assails judge in 2020 election case after she warned him not to make inflammatory remarks

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Donald Trump is assailing the federal judge overseeing the election conspiracy case against him, days after she warned him not to make inflammatory statements about the case.

The former president made posts Monday on his social media network calling U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan "highly partisan" and " VERY BIASED & UNFAIR!" because of her past comments in a separate case overseeing the sentencing of one of the defendants charged in the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol.

Chutkan in a hearing Friday imposed a protective order in the case limiting what evidence handed over by prosecutors the former president and his legal team can publicly disclose. She warned Trump's lawyers that his defense should be mounted in the courtroom and "not on the internet."

Trump posted about the case online anyway, firing off about the judge.

A spokesperson for special counsel Jack Smith declined to comment Monday.

Prosecutors sought the protective order after calling attention to another earlier post on Trump's social media platform, in which he said he would be "coming after" those who "go after" him. The prosecutors said improper of sharing evidence could have a "harmful chilling effect on witnesses."

Chutkan said that if anyone makes "inflammatory" statements about the case, she would be inclined to move more quickly to trial to prevent any intimidation of witnesses or contamination of the jury pool.

The judge agreed with Trump's defense team on a looser version of a protective order barring the public release only of materials deemed sensitive, like grand jury material. But prosecutors consider most of the evidence in the case to be sensitive, and she largely sided with the government on what will get that label and protections.

Protective orders are standard in criminal cases to protect the disclosure of sensitive information that could impact the trial.

In his social media post Monday, Trump quoted from remarks Chutkan made in a 2022 sentencing hearing for Christine Priola, an Ohio woman who pleaded guilty last year to obstructing Congress' certification of Biden's electoral victory - one of the same charges Trump is facing.

"The people who mobbed that Capitol were there in fealty, in loyalty, to one man — not to the Constitution, of which most of the people who come before me seem woefully ignorant; not to the ideals of this country, and not to the principles of democracy," Chutkan said, according to a transcript of the October 2022 hearing. "It's a blind loyalty to one person who, by the way, remains free to this day."

Trump has indicated his legal team will ask Chutkan to recuse herself from the case, which judges are supposed to do when their "impartiality might reasonably be questioned."

But David Weinstein, a former federal prosecutor, said Chutkan's comment won't help Trump's case that he needs a new judge.

"I understand why he's trying to twist her words and use them against her, but I don't think it crosses the line," said Weinstein, now a white collar criminal defense attorney.

Weinstein said Trump appears to be trying to "egg her on into doing something that's going to give him the grounds to file a motion to recuse."

"She has to be careful not to take the bait," he said.

Prosecutors with special counsel Smith's team have asked the judge to set a Jan. 2 trial date, which is less than two weeks before Iowa's first-in-the-nation caucuses. That prompted other angry posts online from Trump last week.

Trump and his lawyers claimed prosecutors' proposed protective order that sought to prevent the public release of all evidence they provide the defense would violate his First Amendment rights of free speech. And the Republican has vowed to keep talking about the case— and his other legal challenges —as he campaigns again for the White House.

Trump spoke about the case while he was campaigning at the Iowa State Fair over the weekend, declining to tell reporters whether he would comply with the protective order. He said, "The whole thing is a fake — it was put out by Biden, because they can't win an election the fair way."

Trump, in another post Monday, wrote of Chutkan: "She obviously wants me behind bars. VERY BIASED & UNFAIR!"

Chutkan, a former assistant public defender who was nominated to the bench by President Barack Obama, was confirmed to the bench with Republican support in a 95-0 vote in the Senate in 2014.

She has been one of the toughest punishers of rioters who stormed the Capitol. federal judges in Washington have sentenced nearly 600 defendants for their roles in the attack, which was fueled by Trump's baseless claims that the 2020 presidential election was stolen by fraud.

The case cited in Trump's post, however, is one where Chutkan actually imposed a sentence that was lighter than prosecutors sought. She sentenced Priola to 15 months in prison. Federal prosecutors had asked for 18 months.

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RENT

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post-eviction. Another amendment would require all rental units at the rental property where the no-fault eviction took place to be withdrawn from the rental market.

A definition change in SB 567 also aims to hold property owners accountable in no-fault tenant removals. The bill states that a property owner must have "intent to demolish or to substantially remodel the residential real property" in order to remove a tenant, with "substantial remodel" replacing the word "repairs" used in current law. A tenant would not be required to vacate the property for "cosmetic improvements," including painting, decorating, minor repairs, or other work that can be performed safely without having the property vacated. "Substantial remodel" will only concern work that cannot be accomplished in a safe manner with a tenant occupying the property, such as structural, electrical or plumbing replacement or modification that requires a governmental agency permit.

Extra provisions to include more housing under the bill, such as more single-family homes, were dropped from the bill in early discussions. However, the bill is poised to pass through the legislative session, with opposition taking what Augusta called a "softer tone" in comparison to other legislation.

Two other bills currently being discussed in Sacramento are amendments to the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act of 1995, which may be repealed outright on the November 2024 ballot.

California Assembly Bill 1620 amends Costa-Hawkins for tenants with a permanent disability related to mobility, authorizing the tenant to move to an available comparable or smaller unit with disability accommodations. The move to an accessible unit would be made under the same rent price and terms as the tenant's current unit. To gain access to accommodations, the floor of the tenant's current dwelling or unit must have no operational elevator, and the tenant must provide the owner with a written request to move to an accessible space before the unit becomes available.

The bill is not a statewide obligation, but rather gives local governments the authority to enact the provision. The bill has previously been supported locally by officials in both Santa Monica and West Hollywood, Augusta stated. Realtors continue to oppose the bill, which has made it through a first House of Representatives vote.

Another potential amendment to Costa-Hawkins, SB 466, would have expanded rent control to units previously exempt from the rules. However the bill faced massive opposition and is not expected to advance.

Separate from efforts in Sacramento to amend the Costa-Hawkins act, California voters will be able to vote on expanded rent control rules on the November 2024 ballot. The Justice for Renters Act measure, which would repeal Costa-Hawkins, recently gathered enough signatures to qualify for the 2024 ballot. Similar propositions in previous years have failed to pass, with Prop. 10 failing by 19 points in 2018 and Prop. 21 failing by a similar margin in 2020.

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> - Anastasia Foster Rent Control Board Chair

Rent Control Board Chair Anastasia Foster ended the presentation by stating that there is "a lot of talk around" Costa-Hawkins at the moment, voicing her concerns about "rapidly increasing rent" in Santa Monica and beyond.

"There will be no one left in the state of California to serve them their dinner ... if they have nowhere to live ... if lateral moves are made impossible when your family size changes or your circumstances change or your city changes," Foster said. "The desire for return today is blunting, I think, some of our property owners ability to see the long-term, and that they are going to price themselves out of customers and be fighting each other for a scarcer and scarcer amount of wealthy individuals, who will find that the services that they love in their luxury cities by the sea no longer exist because there's no one to provide them."

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TALLULAS

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and introducing Californians to his unique take on South Asian cuisine.

The announcement was made on select social media and in a newsletter that was sent to subscribing customers.

"It's with sadness, but also gratitude and love, that we announce we'll be closing Tallula's after a wonderful six years. Tallula's was birthed out of love. Named after our daughter who was three when it opened, the inspiration came from the fact that Zoe and I grew up having many happy experiences at Marix Tex Mex, the restaurant that inhabited the space for the previous 30 years."

It goes on to say that despite a strong opening, the team encountered challenges that persisted through its six-year run. "We made mistakes for sure, encountered some obstacles beyond our control, and ultimately it just didn't work and never found its footing," it says.

"In this very difficult restaurant economy, the most challenging we've experienced in our almost 17 years of operations throughout our 9 places, it no longer was sustainable to keep Tallula's open."

The restaurant opened in May 2019 amid much excitement and offered "locally sourced and organic ingredients in each dish" making the venue "a colorful, vintage looking space, with a separate bar and patio seating for everyone to join in on an authentic Mexican meal."

For the final few days, until Sunday, the service has been adjusted to dinner-only, which means the well-known weekend brunch is no more. It also means that the Hotville Chicken pop-up, which was scheduled to take place each Monday throughout August, is also prematurely canceled.

Tallula's tasty restaurant is at 118 Entrada Drive for a limited time only now and you can check out the website and make reservations at tallulasrestaurant.com

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DIVERSITY

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run counter to efforts to promote equal opportunities for all students," the guidance said.

At the same time, the Justice and Education departments warned that they're ready to investigate if schools fail to provide equal access to students of all races, adding that the administration "will vigorously enforce civil rights protections."

The guidance arrives as colleges work to avoid the type of diversity decline that has been seen in some states that previously ended affirmative action, including in California and Michigan. Selective colleges in those states saw sharp decreases in minority student enrollment, and some have struggled for decades to recover.

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ECONOMY

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at 1.2%, roughly a third of the growth seen in rival states Texas (3%) and Florida (3.5%). Other states ranged to as high 12.4% in North Dakota.

The BEA's quarterly report on personal income growth was similarly mediocre. Nationally, it grew by 5.1%, but in California it was scarcely a blip at .7%, very near the bottom. Texas saw 6.7% personal income growth and Florida 7.9%.

Anemic personal income growth has a real-world impact when it attempts to cope with inflation that's still plaguing California's families and it also is one of the underlying reasons the state is experiencing declines in personal income taxes and the resultant multibillion-dollar budget deficits.

Citing a "particularly muddy" economic outlook, the Legislature's budget analyst, Gabe Petek, believes that the state faces bigger budget deficits than Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders have baked into their new budget.

It's just as muddy for the family budgets of nearly 40 million Californians.

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Two years ago, he refused to hear a measure by a Democratic colleague to end a legal distinction between spousal rape and other forms of sexual assault, citing fears that Black and Latino men could be targeted with false accusations during domestic disputes. After fierce objections from women's groups, Jones-Sawyer reversed course and the bill passed.

The furor reached another level this legislative session, however, starting in the spring, when Jones-Sawyer shelved a series of bills to crack down on surging fentanyl deaths in California. He argued the measures would only serve to repopulate prisons without addressing the underlying issue of addiction.

Backed by law enforcement officials and family members of people who died from fentanyl overdoses, Republican legislators held rallies and maneuvered to bring the bills directly to the Assembly floor, earning support from moderate Democrats along the way. At a tense follow-up hearing to quash the rebellion, Jones-Sawyer advanced a few of the proposals, but still blocked the toughest sentencing enhancements.

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> - Reggie Jones-Sawyer

In an interview, a frustrated Jones-Sawyer said he was trying to hold off the "hysteria" around fentanyl so that his committee could develop a more comprehensive approach. The bond he recently proposed would fund substance abuse treatment, harm reduction programs, overdose prevention supplies, research and educational campaigns in schools — strategies that he said experts advised are far more effective for reducing drug use than penalty increases.

"We want to just wait until somebody dies? Then we're going to prosecute the person that killed them and then we're going to hopefully send them to jail for a long time?" Jones-Sawyer said. "How about if we save them so no one dies? That part I don't understand. We're trying to save people here."

Assemblymember Tina McKinnor, a Los Angeles Democrat who has counted Jones-Sawyer as a friend and mentor since they were both party activists in the early 2000s, said he earned respect as a progressive leader because of his ability to take whatever hits come with unpopular decisions.

Not many would willingly endure, for example, the unsuccessful million-dollar campaign by prison guard and police unions to defeat Jones-Sawyer in the 2020 election, which featured a controversial ad where the prison guard union president put a bullseye over his face. McKinnor, herself, said she turned down an offer to succeed Jones-Sawyer as public safety chairperson because her father was concerned about the pushback she could receive from law enforcement.

"I love how he stuck to his gun, stuck to his values through all of this," McKinnor said. "I don't know if anyone could fill his shoes."

The culture wars fully arrived at the public safety committee this summer, after Jones-Sawyer and the other Democrats abstained on a bill to add trafficking a minor for sex to the list of "serious felonies" subject to the three-strikes law.

That effectively killed it for the year, though Jones-Sawyer granted the author an opportunity to bring the proposal back. The rejection of the measure, which had passed the Senate with bipartisan support, caused such an uproar that Gov. Gavin Newsom and new Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas intervened. The following day, Jones-Sawyer advanced it out of committee.

As the incident entered the conservative media outrage machine, it also grew into something more, colliding with the QAnon conspiracy theory that contends many Democratic politicians are part of a Satanic cabal of child sex traffickers. Jones-Sawyer said his office received a barrage of racist phone calls and death threats, as did others on the committee.

"People were outraged. These are common-sense policies being blocked by this one committee," said Sen. Shannon Grove, the Bakersfield Republican carrying the measure, who said she does not condone the death threats. She expressed frustration that Jones-Sawyer did not meet with her about the bill before the hearing and even dismissed her when she approached him on a Sacramento street to discuss it.

"The media exposure pulled back the curtain on this public safety committee," she said. "Good policy on public safety has died in this committee, whether it's from Republicans or Democrats."

Jones-Sawyer called the fracas a matter of miscommunication. He said he was seeking amendments to ensure the policy could not be used to punish victims who were forced to help their traffickers and held the bill when he could not reach an agreement with Grove. He blamed "Republicans and MAGAs" for spinning that as an attempt to bury it entirely.

"The fact that we believe that child trafficking is a serious crime — many of us agree with that — did not bleed through," Jones-Sawyer said. "And so that is a mistake on our part, our communication mistake on our part, that we did not make that very clear."

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Jones-Sawyer is unapologetic, however, about holding the bill to demand changes and said he still hopes it could be amended before it hits the governor's desk.

When confronted with criticism, Jones-Sawyer said he draws inspiration from his uncle, Jefferson Thomas, one of the Little Rock Nine students who faced violent protestors as they integrated an all-white Arkansas high school in 1957 under the protection of the National Guard. A poster of the Little Rock Nine hangs in the conference room of his district office.

"He could have died any minute. He could have been lynched," Jones-Sawyer said. His mother talked about cleaning blood, dirt and food out of her brother's white shirt every night so Thomas could return to school the next day dignified and defiant, which Jones-Sawyer regarded as a testament to the strength of his bloodline. "So when I get attacked, I feel that," he said.

Jones-Sawyer, himself, was born in Little Rock that same year, though he moved to Los Angeles as a child. He said his grandfather, a boisterous man, snuck out of Arkansas on an overnight train dressed as a woman to escape a threat from the local Ku Klux Klan, and the rest of the family eventually followed.

Now back at USC completing a doctorate in public policy, Jones-Sawyer said he is thumbing his nose at the racists who tried to prevent Black Americans from pursuing an education.

"You couldn't stop my uncle and you can't stop me," he said. "Not only did you not stop me, but I'm moving on and on and on."

With the Legislature on its month-long summer recess until today, Jones-Sawyer worked from the district on a recent Tuesday. Under the watch of former presidents Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy and Barack Obama, whose portraits hung on a wall of the conference room, he met with a documentary film producer interested in his successful push last year to limit the use of rap lyrics as evidence in court and with reparation activists planning their messaging to lawmakers.

"I got one more bite at the apple," Jones-Sawyer told a group of leaders from local violence prevention groups who had previously received funding through a grant program he established in the state budget. The governor will start planning the next budget this fall, he warned, and it was important to get requests on his radar as soon as possible: "You get one more Christmas wish. So you got to make it good."

Because of term limits, Jones-Sawyer has a little more than a year left at the Capitol, and he's already plotting out the end game. He launched a campaign for Los Angeles City Council in February, though he still hopes to pass a proposal to redirect savings from prison closures toward youth programs.

Then there's the matter of who will take over the Assembly Public Safety Committee. Jones-Sawyer wants a transition to happen as soon as possible, so he can focus on his city council race. He said he is working with Rivas and other progressive members to identify a successor. A spokesperson for Rivas declined to comment.

The challenge is finding someone who can take the pressure of what Jones-Sawyer calls "the most difficult committee" in Sacramento, while also staying committed to building a "just and equitable system" rather than repopulating prisons.

"That's hard, because everybody looks at justice differently," Jones-Sawyer said, as he navigated the afternoon traffic on his drive to the Vermont Avenue market. He had just visited a training center for green jobs that was expanding through a state grant.

"There are a lot of people I think would be very good at it," he said. "I've asked, some others have asked. Kind of the answer has been, 'that would not be my first choice.'"

A health scare in December brought further perspective to his work. Following a kidney procedure shortly before Christmas, Jones-Sawyer said he went into cardiac arrest and briefly died.

In the time before he was revived — he was told it took about three minutes — Jones-Sawyer said he saw his kindergarten-age grandson graduating from college and other visions that he wanted to keep private, though he said some related what he went through this year on the public safety committee. The experience, he said, filled him with a sense of purpose and a desire to recommit to public service rather than riding into the sunset of retirement.

"The Christian in me says God wanted to talk to me for a few minutes," Jones-Sawyer said. "I know I'm supposed to be here."

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your assets are many, but you won't maximize them if you're busy trying to make up for something you think you lack. Whatever your limitation or flaw may be, it will give birth to the best elements of your style.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The person who's made your life difficult will suddenly make it easier by getting out of the way. The noise disappears and the signal gets crystal clear. Your next move becomes obvious, and you can take it with confidence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Others will tell you what's significant, but you don't have to agree. You decide what matters. Nothing is inherently important, but you can make it important by pointing the magic wand that is your time and attention.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When relationships get very comfortable, it's easy to forget what's so special about them. Difficult people provide the contrast that helps you appreciate how rare and sweet your familiar groove really is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Social opportunities are not to be missed. Be sure to collect contact info from the people you meet because it's a crucial step in making new friends. You'll start conversations that are so interesting, you'll have trouble ending them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're in no mood to dabble. You see what you want and go all in. It's scary to invest in yourself this way, but you've become an expert at doing scary things.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Duty calls. Remember that you always have a choice about where to be. While you may dream of leisurely amusements, you may also decide that caring for others is the most fulfilling thing you could do with this day.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You waste no time trying to convince anyone of what you believe because you know in your bones what's real to you. "The worth of every conviction consists precisely in the steadfastness with which it is held." — Jane Addams

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Those who need a lot of attention can complicate even the simplest of tasks. Such problems can be prevented. With a little extra focus from you, your potential trouble source will be calm and cooperative.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Though you'll listen to what the world is saying, the actionable messages of the day will come from the inside. It's as though you have an internal committee hashing out the merits of each idea to formulate a plan.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The problem with walls is that protection can be a kind of prison. The same walls that keep things out also trap you in. On an emotional level, what this means is that to be free, you must risk getting hurt.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test before the lesson. Today brings a vivid and immersive experience. Seeing things from different angles will help you on the "test."

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Sudoku

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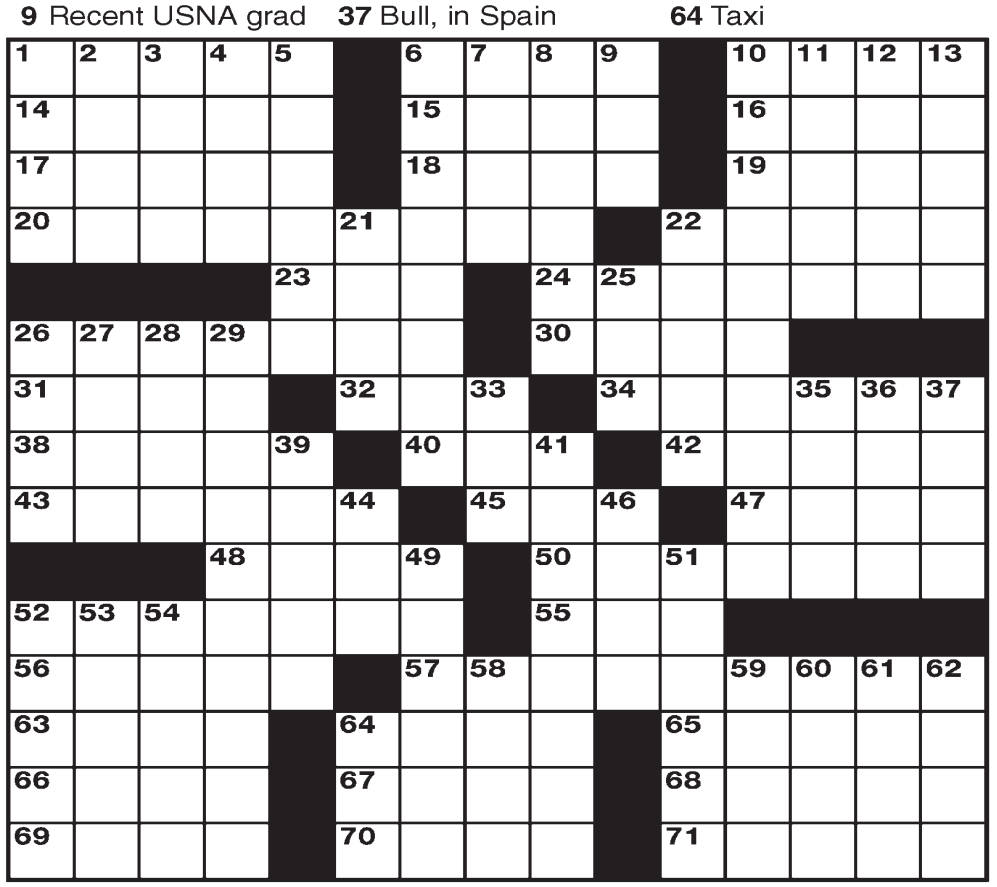
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6 Vatican leader
10 Diver's oxygen holder
14 Enticing scent
15 Prayer-ending word
16 Muscat's Mideast nation
17 Arrived home
18 Quaint lodgings
19 __ stick (bouncing toy)
20 ODD, as a person's personality
22 Crouch down
23 Wide shoe width
24 "Ouch!"
26 Ripened fully
30 *Star Wars* princess
31 Tehran's country
32 Almond or cashew
34 Fully prepared
38 Feudal laborers
40 Like two peas in a __
42 Deceive
43 Per __ (for each person, as income)
45 Long, thin fish
47 Rip (up)
48 Afternoon snoozes
50 Caribbean music
52 Make a confession about
55 Woman in Eden
56 Elk's cousin
57 ODD, as a sock
63 Ancient legend
64 Lobster cousin
65 Scarlet or crimson, for red
66 Burn-soothing plant
67 Apex
68 Any dashboard device with a dial
69 Uncool person
70 Brewery product
71 Lubricated

DOWN

1 Wise guru
2 Gator relative
3 Campus military program: Abbr.
4 French female friend
5 In a __ of speaking (sort of)
6 Became partners
7 Prefix meaning "everything"
8 Implement with an eraser
9 Recent USNA grad
10 High-END, as merchandise
11 Love, in Paris
12 Pester persistently
13 Shapes of pretzels
21 Person not quite 20
22 Con artist's accomplice
25 Pekoe or Earl Grey
26 "None of the above" category: Abbr.
27 Neighborhood
28 Waterproof canvas covering
29 Still to do, as a loose END
33 Boot tip
35 Ooze
36 Approx. landing times
37 Bull, in Spain
39 Idaho or Iowa
41 Month when winter starts
44 Rental dwelling: Abbr.
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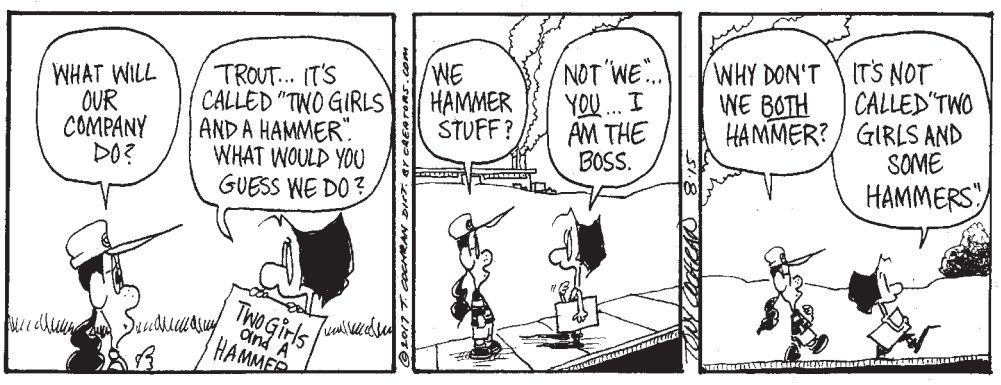


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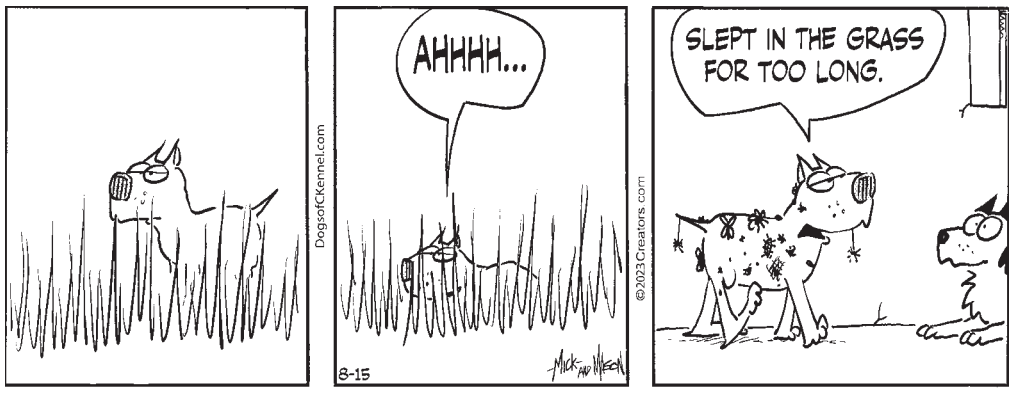
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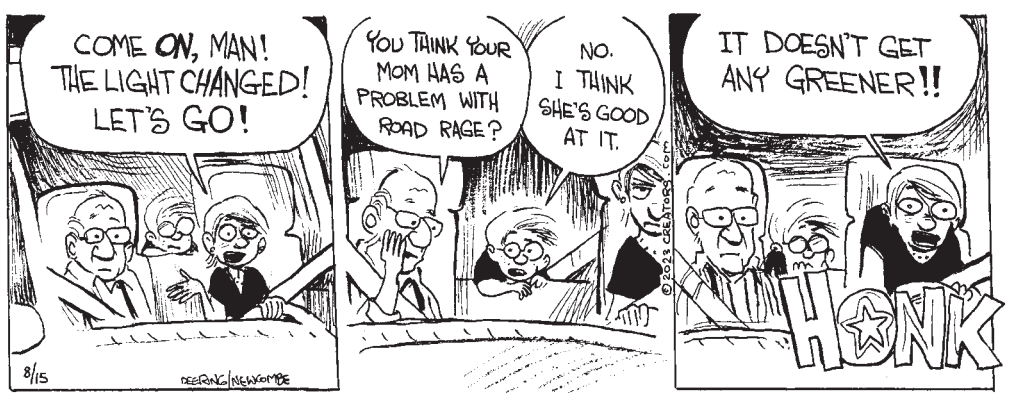
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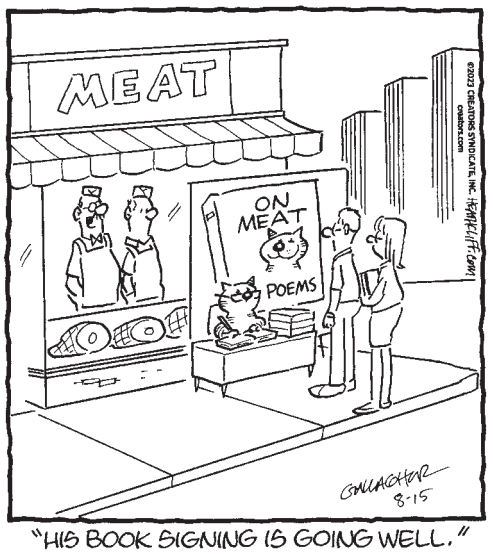
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 15 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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

Acute	Flood	Lows	Smog
Beer	Foggy	Maps	Snow
Calm	Freeze	Melt	Solar
Category	Front	Meteorologist	Star
Chilly	Gale	Minimum	Storm
Clouds	Hail	Moon	Temperature
Cold	Heat	Night	Time
Damp	Hosing	Ocean	Today
Dust	Hot	Path	Veldt
Earth	Humid	Racks	Warm
East	Inclement	Radio	Weaken
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TUESDAY | AUGUST 15

SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE BY PROVIDENCE ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM

Help with family nutrition and health care access is resuming at Virginia Avenue Park thanks to Providence St. John's Community Health Program. Trained community health workers will be available to meet in person with community members at the Park Center Building in Virginia Avenue Park. The first Tuesday of the month 11:30 am to 7 pm and 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 5 pm.

The trained Providence St. John's staff can assist with enrollment in CalFresh, the state of California's food subsidy program created to improve the nutrition of families through access to healthy foods. Staff can also help navigate enrollment or questions for MediCal and Medicare.

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 16

FREE WALK-IN LEGAL CLINIC

Santa Monica residents can meet one on one with a lawyer from Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles for help with HOUSING issues. Third Wednesday of the month 4:30 - 7 PM at Virginia Avenue Park- Park Center. Immediate assistance is available by calling LAFLA directly at 800-399-4529 or visit lafla.org/gethelp

THURSDAY | AUGUST 17

FOSTER FAMILIES NEEDED

Children's Bureau is seeking foster families and now offers two virtual ways for individuals and/or couples to learn how to help children in foster care while reunifying with birth families or how to provide legal permanency by adoption.

If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about foster care and adoption, a live English Zoom Orientation is scheduled for August 17 th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

hosted by a Children's Bureau team member and a foster parent. For more information visit https://www.all4kids.org/foster-care-and-adoption-inquiry-form/

VENICE BRANCH LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

A lively discussion of fiction and non-fiction on the third Thursday of each month. Copies of each month's selection are available at the Circulation Desk. New members welcome!

Aug. 17: I Will Always Write Back by Martin Ganda

Sept. 21: The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen

Oct. 19: Mexican Gothic by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

6:00 pm in Venice - Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library

FRIDAY | AUGUST 18

A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Unveiling the gripping complexities of Arthur Miller's Tony, Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle, and Olivier Award-Winning story, this timeless masterpiece serves as a powerful exploration of human nature, examining the fragility of relationships, the complications of love, and the devastating impact of unresolved conflicts. The play revolves around Eddie Carbone, a longshoreman whose life unravels after his wife's cousins arrive from Italy to start a new life in America. Through its compelling characters and thought-provoking themes, the story exposes the dark underbelly of a tightly-knit community struggling with its own demons, ultimately leading to a haunting climax. 8 - 10 p.m. Ruskin Group Theatre Company, 3000 Airport Ave. 310-397-3244

SATURDAY | AUGUST 19

4TH ANNUAL TOMATO TASTING COMPETITION

Calling all maters!!! Bring your Black Krims, your Sun Golds, your Green Zebra or your Purple Cherokee. Bring your Big Rainbows, Amish Paste, and Mortgage Lifters for all to see. Do you have what it takes to earn the title of "Best Tomato in Santa Monica" Unlimited entries, and open to all residents. All tomatoes must be registered by 9:30 AM. Judging will begin at 10:00 AM Ishihara Park, 2909 Exposition Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90404.

SUNDAY | AUGUST 20

SUNDAY TASTING "OTHER SPARKLING"

Sunday Tastings are 12-9 p.m., with new themes every week, curated by Sommelier Randall Middleton. Enjoy a flight for $25/person, which includes a mini cheese pairing and link to a video of our team telling stories about the lineup. 12:00pm-9:00pm, Esters Wine Shop & Bar, 1314 7th St.

MONDAY | AUGUST 21

MAIN LIBRARY BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION

Join a community-led online discussion of a wide range of books, chosen by the members. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. August's selection is A Crack in Creation: Gene Editing and the Unthinkable Power to Control Evolution by Jennifer A. Doudna & Samuel H. Sternberg. Virtual, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The Commission on Sustainability, Environmental Justice and the Environment shall act in an advisory capacity on sustainability, environmental programs and policy issues. Civic Center Parking Structure, 333 Civic Center Dr. 7 - 10 p.m.

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **72.3**

TUESDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft Thigh to waist	Run of overlapping SW swells continue as NW swell mix looks to ease. Light winds and a tide push for the morning.
WEDNESDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft Thigh to waist	Worth keeping an eye on. SSW swell creeps in. Lingering SW swell and little NW windswell help in the shape department. Could even have some tropical swell in the mix.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning.
Tuesday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 66. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. West wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to 10 to 15 mph.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/08/15	Tue	04:05 AM	-0.30	L
2023/08/15	Tue	10:29 AM	4.14	H
2023/08/15	Tue	3:19 PM	2.25	L
2023/08/15	Tue	9:26 PM	6.08	H
2023/08/16	Wed	04:30 AM	-0.21	L
2023/08/16	Wed	10:50 AM	4.23	H
2023/08/16	Wed	3:51 PM	2.09	L
2023/08/16	Wed	9:56 PM	5.97	H
2023/08/17	Thu	04:54 AM	-0.04	L
2023/08/17	Thu	11:13 AM	4.34	H
2023/08/17	Thu	4:25 PM	1.97	L
2023/08/17	Thu	10:27 PM	5.72	H
2023/08/18	Fri	05:17 AM	0.20	L
2023/08/18	Fri	11:36 AM	4.46	H
2023/08/18	Fri	5:01 PM	1.90	L
2023/08/18	Fri	10:58 PM	5.35	H
2023/08/19	Sat	05:39 AM	0.52	L
2023/08/19	Sat	12:00 PM	4.57	H

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Draw Date: 8/12
19 21 37 50 65
Power#: 26
Jackpot: 215 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 8/11
8 9 18 35 41
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 36 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 8/12
3 13 16 42 44
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 9 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/13
12 23 27 28 33

Daily 3
Draw Date: 8/13
EVENING: 5 1 0

Draw Date: 8/13
MIDDAY: 4 2 1

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 8/13
1st: 12 - Lucky Charms
2nd: 11 - Money Bags
3rd: 09 - Winning Spirit
Race Time: 1:47.66

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