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Tax case

Trump adviser takes plea.



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Criminal records

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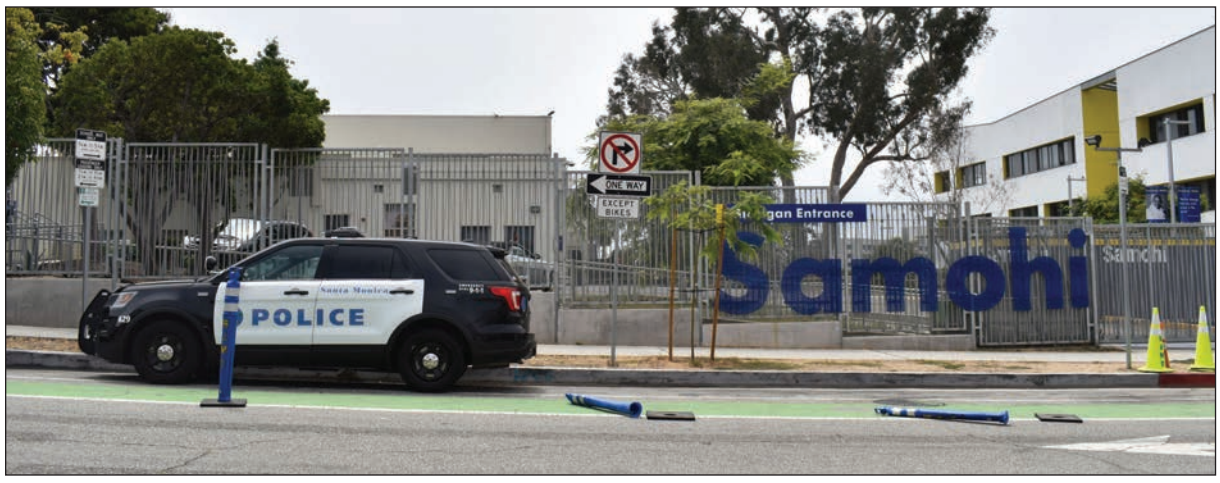
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Student slashed in fight on Samohi campus



Emily Sawicki

ASSAULT: The first day of school at Samohi included a fight that sent a student to the hospital.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A Santa Monica High School student was transported to a local hospital with cuts to his face area following a fight on campus on Thursday.

According to SMPD, officers were dispatched to the campus of Santa Monica High School for a fight involving multiple students and upon arrival, officers located one student with a facial laceration he suffered during the fight.

Officers said the investigation

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SMMUSD students head back to school









Grace Adams

SCHOOL: Students returned to school on Thursday across SMMUSD. While the day was marred by an assault at Samohi, the rest of the district reopened without significant problems.

Monkeypox cases spike while Covid concerns wane

GRACE INEZ ADAMS
SMDP Staff Writer

As COVID cases continue to decline in LA county, Monkeypox cases have doubled since last week, according to the LA County Department of Public Health.

For the second week in a row LA County has been classified as medium COVID risk by CDC criteria, with case numbers and hospitalizations both down from recent worrying highs.

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City getting closer to 'contracted model' for e-scooter and bike share programs

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

In its ongoing effort to regulate shared mobility options — electric scooters and bike shares — the City of Santa Monica is working to launch a "contracted model" for shared mobility.

When Bird Scooters first came to town five years ago, the burgeoning industry was largely unregulated, leading to frustration among both residents and visitors that devices were clogging the boardwalk and downtown sidewalks and being used unsafely.

In response, the City put in place a program that only permits certain companies to operate in town, in accordance with various rules about how many of each type of device can be operational in town at any time and where devices should be placed.

The next step in the program is moving toward a "contracted model," which city staff say will "reduce the number of operators but maintain enough devices to meet rider demand."

Currently, four approved companies — Lyft, Spin, Veo and Wheels — supply about 2,200

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BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to AB361

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1828 Ocean Avenue
APPLICANT: NXT2 Shutters Propco, LLC
PROPERTY OWNER: NXT2 Shutters Propco, LLC

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Trump executive pleads guilty in tax case, agrees to testify

MICHAEL R. SISAK
Associated Press

A top executive at former President Donald Trump's family business pleaded guilty Thursday to evading taxes on a free apartment and other perks, striking a deal with prosecutors that could make him a star witness against the company at a trial this fall.

Allen Weisselberg, a senior Trump Organization adviser and formerly the company's longtime chief financial officer, pleaded guilty to all 15 of the charges he faced in the case.

In a low, somewhat hoarse voice, Weisselberg admitted taking in over $1.7 million worth of untaxed extras — including school tuition for his grandchildren, free rent for a Manhattan apartment and lease payments for a luxury car — and explicitly keeping some of the plums off the books.

Judge Juan Manuel Merchan agreed to sentence the 75-year-old executive to five months in New York City's Rikers Island jail complex, although he will be eligible for release after little more than three months if he behaves behind bars. The judge said Weisselberg will have to pay nearly $2 million in taxes, penalties and interest and complete five years of probation.

The plea bargain also requires Weisselberg to testify truthfully as a prosecution witness when the Trump Organization goes on trial in October on related charges. The company is accused of helping Weisselberg and other executives avoid income taxes by failing to report their full compensation accurately to the government. Trump himself is not charged in the case.

Weisselberg will remain free on bail until he is formally sentenced following the company's trial. He said nothing as he left court, offering no reply when a journalist asked whether he had any message for Trump. If Weisselberg fails to comply with the plea terms, prosecutors said they would seek a "significant state prison sentence," and Merchan warned that he could be subject to the maximum punishment for the top charge — grand larceny — of 15 years.

Weisselberg's lawyer Nicholas Gravante Jr. said his client pleaded guilty "to put an end to this case and the years-long legal and personal nightmares it has caused for him and his family."

Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg said in a statement that Weisselberg's plea "directly implicates the Trump Organization in a wide range of criminal activity and requires Weisselberg to provide invaluable testimony in the upcoming trial against the corporation."

"We look forward to proving our case in court against the Trump Organization," he added.

Testimony by Weisselberg could weaken the company's defense. If convicted, the company could face fines of double the amount of unpaid taxes or potentially be placed on probation and forced to change its business practices.

The company praised Weisselberg on Thursday as a trusted, honorable employee who it said has been "persecuted and threatened by law enforcement, particularly the Manhattan district attorney, in their never-ending, politically motivated quest to get President Trump."

In a statement, the company accused prosecutors of trying to pressure Weisselberg to cast aspersions on Trump, and of stretching to make a criminal case out of familiar executive perks such as a company car.

The company, which was not involved in Weisselberg's guilty plea Thursday, said it has done nothing wrong, won't plead guilty and looks forward "to having our day in court."

Weisselberg, seen as one of Trump's most loyal business associates, is the only person to face criminal charges so far in the Manhattan district attorney's long-running investigation of the company. Weisselberg started working for the Trump Organization in 1973, when it was run by Trump's father, Fred. Following his July 2021 arrest, the company changed his title from CFO to senior adviser. The CFO position remains vacant.

Weisselberg agreed to plead guilty days after a court hearing where Merchan denied his request to dismiss the charges. The judge rejected the defense's argument that the district attorney's office was punishing Weisselberg because he wouldn't offer information that would damage Trump.

The district attorney has also been investigating whether Trump or his company lied to banks or the government about the value of its properties to obtain loans or reduce tax bills.

Then-District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr., who started the investigation, directed his deputies last year to present evidence to a grand jury and seek an indictment of Trump, according to former prosecutor Mark Pomerantz, who previously led the probe. But after Vance left office in January, his successor, Bragg, allowed the grand jury to disband without charges. Both prosecutors are Democrats. Bragg has said the investigation is continuing.

Prosecutors alleged that the company gave untaxed fringe benefits to senior executives, including Weisselberg, for 15 years. Weisselberg alone was accused of defrauding the federal government, state and city out of more than $900,000 in unpaid taxes and undeserved tax refunds.

Trump, a Republican, has decried the New York investigations as a "political witch

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Traffic Collision - No Injuries Cloverfield Blvd / 26th St 12:41 a.m.
Construction Noise 1700Blk 10th St 3:14 a.m.
Loud Music 900Blk 7th St 3:47 a.m.
Auto Burglary 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 5:16 a.m.
Auto Burglary 500Blk San Vicente Blvd 5:40 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 500Blk Ocean Ave 5:45 a.m.
Battery 100Blk Broadway 6:03 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery 300Blk Broadway 6:32 a.m.
Domestic Violence 3000Blk Virginia Ave 7:16 a.m.
Battery 1600Blk The Beach 7:20 a.m.
Petty Theft 1400Blk Lincoln Blvd 7:26 a.m.
Fire Request Police 100Blk Broadway 7:30 a.m.
Loud Music 1500Blk Ocean Ave 7:36 a.m.
Petty Theft 200Blk Broadway 7:56 a.m.
Petty Theft 200Blk Broadway 7:56 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1300Blk Montana Ave 7:58 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables Ocean Ave / Georgina Ave 8:03 a.m.
Encampment 1500Blk 15th St 8:14 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1300Blk Harvard St 8:22 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 1800Blk 14th St 8:34 a.m.
Person With A Gun 5th St / Colorado Ave 8:50 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2800Blk Pico Blvd 9:06 a.m.
Fraud 1100Blk 5th St 9:22 a.m.
Fraud 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:23 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1800Blk Main St 9:26 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1000Blk Pico Blvd 9:27 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1600Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:38 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1600Blk Bryn Mawr Ave 10:15 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 400Blk Georgina Ave 10:15 a.m.
Found Property 200Blk Hollister Ave 10:16 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 2300Blk 14th St 10:30 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1200Blk Wilshire Blvd 10:36 a.m.
Petty Theft 1300Blk 17th St 10:39 a.m.
Petty Theft 800Blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:41 a.m.
Auto Burglary 500Blk 17th St 10:46 a.m.
Burglary 2900Blk Neilson Way 10:50 a.m.
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Audible Burglar Alarm 300Blk 21st Pl 11:25 a.m.
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General Parking Problem 2800Blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:09 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 700Blk Pacific St 1:13 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 600Blk Montana Ave 1:17 p.m.
Petty Theft 800Blk Pico Blvd 1:20 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 26th St / Washington Ave 1:37 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1000Blk 14th St 1:37 p.m.
Found Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 1:44 p.m.
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General Parking Problem 100Blk Hollister Ave 2:10 p.m.
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General Parking Problem 1300Blk 2nd St 2:15 p.m.
Battery 500Blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:29 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 2900Blk Urban Ave 2:35 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 6th St / Ocean Park Blvd 2:40 p.m.
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Grand Theft 200Blk Broadway 4:29 p.m.
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Traffic Collision With Injuries 2700Blk Montana Ave 5:20 p.m.
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Fraud 2000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:39 p.m.
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General Parking Problem 2900Blk Main St 6:10 p.m.
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Health & Safety Code Violation 800Blk Hill St 6:34 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1700Blk Ocean Ave 6:51 p.m.
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Exhibition Of Speed 2000Blk Ocean Ave 8:30 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2000Blk Pico Blvd 8:47 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 3100Blk Main St 8:49 p.m.
Loud Music 1900Blk 17th St 9:17 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2800Blk Donald Douglas Loop N 9:24 p.m.
Loud Music 1500Blk 26th St 9:33 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Main St / Pico Blvd 9:33 p.m.
Battery 3100Blk Highland Ave 9:59 p.m.
Auto Burglary 900Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:12 p.m.
Burglary 1300Blk Pacific St 10:41 p.m.
Battery 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 10:43 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 26th St / Santa Monica Blvd 11:22 p.m.
Loud Music 300Blk Arizona Ave 11:26 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2200Blk Lincoln Blvd 11:40 p.m.
Burglary 2200Blk Main St 12:02 p.m.
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EMS 1200Blk 25th St 2:34 a.m.
EMS 100Blk Broadway 6:04 a.m.
EMS 500Blk Marguerita Ave 6:07 a.m.
Wires Down 500Blk Ashland Ave 8:02 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1100Blk 3rd St 8:42 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 8:42 a.m.
EMS 2900Blk 31st St 9:15 a.m.
EMS 2200Blk 29th St 9:50 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk Pico Blvd 10:10 a.m.
Elevator Rescue 2400Blk Olympic Blvd 10:40 a.m.
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Automatic Alarm 1400Blk 2nd St 11:30 a.m.
EMS 500Blk 11th St 11:45 a.m.
EMS 1500Blk Harvard St 11:58 a.m.
EMS 7th St / Montana Ave 12:18 p.m.
EMS 5th St / Santa Monica Blvd 12:23 p.m.
Assist LAFD Entrada/ Channel 12:31 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 12:44 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Physical Rescue 1600Blk Alta Ave 1:17 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 600Blk 16th St 1:17 p.m.
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devices in Santa Monica neighborhoods, all regulated by the Santa Monica Department of Transportation.

But in about a year from now, city staff hope they will be ready to shift to the contracted model, shrinking from four down to one or two providers that will be responsible for providing all devices in the city.

> Under the current Shared Mobility Pilot Program permit structure, the City does not set rider rates or equity efforts and could not do so without a contract or other binding action

A staff report for the Tuesday, Aug. 23, City Council meeting cites Portland, Oregon, and Denver, Colorado, as two exemplars — "Denver communicated to staff that they have seen improvements in operation and service since switching to a contracting model," staff wrote, pointing to a 73% increase in daily rides reported by the City of Denver from Q1 2021 to Q1 2022.

Of particular interest to city staff is the potential that the city may be able to set its own rates.

"Under the current Shared Mobility Pilot Program permit structure, the City does not set rider rates or equity efforts and could not do so without a contract or other binding action," according to the Aug. 23 staff report. "Under a contract model, the City seeks to ensure dependable quality service by negotiating contract terms pertaining to affordability, equity, community engagement, operational service levels, penalties, and contract termination."

On Tuesday, councilmembers will be asked to weigh in on a proposed ordinance extending the current Shared Mobility Device Pilot Program to September 30, 2023, in order to give staff time to implement a contracting model. Councilmembers will also consider adding the contracting model to the municipal code.

VENDING REGULATIONS

Also on Tuesday, council will discuss what staff describe as a "relatively modest but meaningful modification to the City's local sidewalk vending ordinance," allowing legal street vendors to operate in the 100-to-500-foot "buffer zone" at the southern end of Palisades Park. Up to this point, no stationary vendors have been permitted to legally operate in that zone.

In order to improve stationary vending within the current "buffer zone" near the foot of the Santa Monica Pier, city staff estimate "modest physical enhancements" including leveling and paving designated vending spaces in Palisades Park at the estimated cost of $2,000 per space.

STREET PERFORMERS

City council will be asked to weigh in on a proposed ordinance that would establish restrictions on street performers in streets "buffering" the areas where regulations are currently in place.

According to the staff report preparing for the Tuesday meeting, street performers must acquire permits to appear on the Third Street Promenade, Santa Monica Pier and on the Transit Mall (Santa Monica Boulevard and Broadway from Ocean Avenue to 5th Street).

Permits allow the city to restrict the number of performers in areas that are heavily traveled, to "protect and enhance the appearance and appeal of the City's most popular public spaces, support the arts, and maintain public health, safety, and welfare."

The proposed new regulations add "buffer zones" around the areas where street performers must currently obtain permits to perform; however, some of the staff proposals appear to replicate restrictions already in place.

According to the Santa Monica Municipal Code, the Transit Mall is defined as "The sidewalks on Santa Monica Boulevard and Broadway from the east side of Ocean Avenue to the west side of Fifth Street." Staff propose to enact permitting requirements on Santa Monica Boulevard, Broadway, Wilshire Boulevard and Arizona Avenue between 2nd Court and 4th Court — but two of those four stretches are already restricted under current regulations.

Council will take the suggestion under consideration on Tuesday. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. and can be viewed virtually at smgov.net/video or youtube.com/user/Citytv16santamonica.

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Breathing room for Biden: Big summer wins ease 2024 doubts

WILL WEISSERT AND ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

President Joe Biden and his allies hope big recent wins on climate, health care and more will at least temporarily tamp down questions among top Democrats about whether he will run for reelection.

That optimism may be short lived, at risk if and when former President Donald Trump announces another White House campaign. But for now, the "Will he or won't he" Washington parlor game appears to be on hold.

"I think the naysayers are pretty quiet right now," said former Democratic Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe. "I think they've seen reality."

In just the past several weeks, Biden has signed into law a climate and prescription-drug package that accomplishes many of his party's long-held objectives; Congress has sent him bills that impose strict limits on guns and set out a plan to boost U.S. high-tech manufacturing. A drone strike killed al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahri, average gasoline prices have fallen back below $4 per gallon and there are signs that inflation — while still white-hot — may finally be cooling.

All that has eased a debate over Biden's future that was spreading. Fellow Democrats running for reelection were struggling to answer whether America's oldest president should seek another term. But now they have a fresh agenda they can campaign on heading into the November midterms.

The president has increased his Democratic fundraising efforts, and next week in Maryland he's holding his first rally for the party of the fall campaign season. He also plans to travel aggressively to boost candidates.

As a former senator, Biden knows some lawmakers may need to create distance from him to best win their races — but also that others could benefit from joint appearances. Aides say Biden may prove most useful amplifying Democrat-championed issues that are broadly popular, like lowering prescription drug costs and protecting abortion rights.

Cedric Richmond, one of Biden's closest White House advisers before leaving for a senior Democratic National Committee job, said he wasn't sure the spate of positive news would put an end to 2024 questions, "but it should."

For "tried and true Democrats, the answer was a simple, 'Yes, he should run. Yes he'll be our nominee. Yes he'll win.'"

But comments like that don't make the news, said Richmond, a former Louisiana congressman. "So the only story was when somebody waffles or blows the question."

Those have included New York Democratic Reps. Carolyn Maloney and Jerry Nadler both declining during a recent primary debate to say if Biden should seek a second term. In a subsequent statement, Maloney said she'd support Biden "if he decides to run," then drew still more scrutiny while appearing on CNN by imploring Biden: "I want you to run. I happen to think you won't be running."

Not all lingering doubt can be attributed to awkward answers, though.

Swing-district Minnesota Democratic Rep. Dean Phillips said he didn't want Biden to run in 2024. West Virginia Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin, whose about-face revived the climate and prescription drug legislation, has refused to say if he'd support a second Biden term. Stars of the progressive left, like New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio Cortez, have similarly been noncommittal.

But Biden hasn't been abandoned. Prominent Democrats, including New York Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, chair of the House Democratic Caucus, openly praise him during campaign appearances. In an interview, Jeffries ticked off the president's recent wins and included administration successes going back to last year's infrastructure spending and stimulus spending packages, as well as ongoing COVID-19 vaccination efforts.

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Still, other Democrats say a few positive headlines won't be enough.

"Biden will have good and bad weeks in the news, but the fundamentals remain adverse," said Norman Solomon, national director of RootsAction.org. His progressive activist organization, already frequently critical of the president, has launched a "Don't Run

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COVID

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LA County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said there are several other encouraging signs in the county's COVID data, including the fact that LA has not recorded increased circulation of the new COVID sub variant, BA.2.75.

"This is good news as our recent history has linked proliferation of new strains with increased transmissibility," Ferrer said at this week's media briefing.

Ferrer also said that the department is anticipating more information from the White House in the next few weeks about when doses of the Omicron-specific vaccine booster will be available in LA and who will be eligible to receive them.

Meanwhile, the county has been rolling out a monkeypox vaccination campaign for those deemed to be at high risk of infection. This includes gay and bisexual men, the demographic that has experienced the greatest spread of the disease. So far the county has received 43,290 doses from the federal government, 91 percent of which have already been administered.

As of Wednesday, 971 cases had been recorded in LA county, double the figure from last week. About 98 percent of cases were men, according to the department of public health. The county also recorded its first case in a jail as well as in a homeless shelter.

"We continue working with clinical staff in the LA county jail system to provide vaccinations to people in high risk cohorts and to work with partners to provide information on vaccines to people experiencing homelessness," said County Health Officer Muntu Davis.

While Monkeypox does not appear to be as easily transmissible as COVID, Davis emphasized the importance of taking precautions such as hand washing, disinfecting surfaces and staying home when sick.

"Many of these steps will sound familiar as they reflect a lot of general prevention practices public health has encouraged throughout the COVID 19 pandemic," he said. "One thing I want to reiterate is that the risk of monkeypox remains low for the general public."

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CAMPUS

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was in its early stages and while multiple individuals are describing the fight as a stabbing or involving a knife, no weapon was found at the scene. School officials said the details are still under investigation but the victim did have cuts from a sharp object.

While the victim was taken for medical care, the suspect escaped campus but was later taken into custody. SMPD said the suspect's identity is known to officers but his name has not been released due to his status as a minor.

The assault happened on Thursday, Aug, 18, the first day of school for Santa Monica students. Students remained on campus during the incident and classes continued.

Samohi Principal Marae Cruce, who took the helm this year, said she was saddened by the incident.

"The safety and security of our students and staff are our top priorities. We are taking this incident seriously and will provide you with an update when we have additional information," she said in an email to parents on Thursday.

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RESPONSE: Students remained on campus and classes continued as normal.

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TRUMP

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hunt" and has said his company's actions were standard practice in the real estate business and in no way a crime.

Last week, Trump sat for a deposition in New York Attorney General Letitia James' parallel civil investigation into allegations that Trump's company misled lenders and tax authorities about asset values. Trump invoked his Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination more than 400 times.

James, whose probe uncovered the evidence that led to Weisselberg's charges, said in a statement: "Let this guilty plea send a loud and clear message: we will crack down on anyone who steals from the public for personal gain because no one is above the law."

Associated Press writer Jennifer Peltz contributed to this report. Follow Michael Sisak on Twitter at twitter.com/mikesisak. Send confidential tips by visiting https://www.ap.org/tips/.

BIDEN

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Joe" effort.

Solomon wants Biden to announce he's not running, freeing him to take bigger political risks and achieve a more successful one-term presidency. He suggested that White House advisers who worry about making Biden a lame duck are engaging in a "significant degree of whistling past the political graveyard."

White House allies stress that the 2024 decision will ultimately be Biden's alone. He's on track to follow a similar timeline to former President Barack Obama, who declared for 2012 reelection in April 2011, aides say.

No modern incumbent president has faced such hesitation within his own party, nor been realistically threatened in a primary. Intra-party challengers, if they emerge, could weaken both the president and his party.

Some Biden observers see the president, who came out of political retirement because he believed himself best able to take on Trump in 2020, as less likely to seek reelection if his predecessor ultimately opts not to run.

If Biden runs, he'll have to level with voters about his age — convincing them he's really up for a second term that wouldn't end until he'd be 86. Still, Richmond said such discussions could actually help Biden.

"I'm not going to let people, all of a sudden, say wisdom and experience is a bad thing," he said. "The president of the United States, leader of the free world, that's exactly what you want."

While Biden's age is unprecedented — so, too, would Trump's at 82 — there's almost as little tradition of presidents not seeking reelection after just four years in office. The last one was Rutherford B. Hayes in 1880.

Texas Democratic state Rep. Jasmine Crockett, a civil rights attorney expected to win an open House seat in Dallas, said if Biden "decides he wants to run, we've got to unite behind that." But she also said the president hasn't fought to preserve voting rights aggressively enough.

"From a public standpoint, especially when it comes to Black folks, it was not taken too kindly that they did not see or hear more coming from the president," Crockett said. "If Black people come out and vote, Democrats win. If Black people stay at home, Democrats lose."

Biden insisted last month that Democrats "want me to run." But a Quinnipiac University poll in July found that only 24% of Americans overall, and 40% of Democrats, said that. The president's approval rating has dropped below 40% for two straight months.

For positive reinforcement, Biden could look to a president at the opposite end of the political spectrum: Ronald Reagan, who took office in 1981 at age 69, making him the country's then-oldest president.

With inflation spiking by the fall of his second year, a Washington Post-ABC News poll found that 6 in 10 Americans said Reagan shouldn't run again, and his approval ratings sank to 35% by the following January. The next year, Reagan romped to reelection, winning every state but Minnesota and the District of Columbia.

McAuliffe, who was beaten in his bid to reclaim the governorship last November by Republican Glenn Youngkin despite Biden having carried Virginia by 10 points the previous year, said the president and Democrats have already seized momentum and "age doesn't matter."

"He's at the top of his game. And this party, which a year ago was in disarray, and different elements of our party fighting one another," McAuliffe said. "Now you've got a party that is united, fired up and legislative accomplishments that every American has wanted for many years."

Associated Press writer Michelle Price in Brooklyn, New York, contributed to this report.

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California advances broadest US law sealing criminal records

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

California would have what proponents call the nation's most sweeping law to seal criminal records if Gov. Gavin Newsom signs legislation sent to him Thursday by state legislators.

The bill would automatically seal conviction and arrest records for most ex-offenders who are not convicted of another felony for four years after completing their sentences and any parole or probation. Records of arrests that don't bring convictions also would be sealed.

It would take effect in July, and excludes those convicted of serious and violent felonies, and felonies requiring sex offender registration.

Proponents say about 8 million Californians have a criminal or arrest record, or about one of every five state residents. A criminal record can trigger nearly 5,000 legal restrictions in California, many of which can limit job opportunities as well as the ability to get housing and educational opportunities, supporters said.

They estimate that 70 million people nationwide face nearly 50,000 legal restrictions based on a criminal or arrest record.

Nationwide, 37 states and more than 150 cities have adopted laws preventing employers from asking candidates about their criminal histories prior to a job offer, according to the National Employment Law Project. This law would go further by automatically sealing convictions for people who meet certain conditions.

> "They're locked out of the economy. And they're not committing crimes, they're just living in poverty and they stay there because they feel like they belong there - Jay Jordan

Jay Jordan was with some friends 20 years ago in Stockton when they tried to rob someone on the street. Jordan said no one was hurt and no items were stolen, but Jordan got an eight-year prison sentence.

Once he was released, he said his criminal record made it hard for him to rejoin society. He said he tried to become a barber, a used car salesman and an insurance broker, but was barred from each industry because of his criminal record. He could not even volunteer to help at-risk youth.

He later found work as an organizer and now is CEO of the Alliance for Safety and Justice, a criminal justice reform group. But he said others have not been as fortunate as him.

"They're locked out of the economy. And they're not committing crimes, they're just living in poverty and they stay there because they feel like they belong there," Jordan said. "This (bill) gives them a sense of belonging to become full American citizens again."

While the bill would not apply to serious or violent felonies, California has a narrow legal definition of violent crimes, including about two dozen of the most serious crimes like murder, voluntary manslaughter, attempted murder, kidnapping, assaults, arson, robbery and extortion.

The bill would apply to offenses like domestic violence, said Republican Sen. Shannon Grove, who joined all Republicans in the Senate and one Democrat — Sen. Melissa Hurtado of Sanger — in voting against the bill Thursday.

"These things are very violent things even though they are not listed as serious and violent in the penal code," Grove said.

Democratic state Sen. Maria Elena Durazo, the bill's author, said in a statement that the lingering criminal records available through background checks create "a permanent underclass." That can include, among others, "mothers that want to pursue new careers through education, fathers who want to coach, homeowners that want to join their HOA board, couples who may want to adopt, or grandchildren that want to care for their elderly grandparent."

Seven reform organizations sponsored the bill, including Californians for Safety and Justice, which has pushed for numerous criminal justice like Proposition 47, the voter-approved ballot measure that reduced penalties for certain drug and property crimes in 2014.

Groups that opposed the bill include the 75,000-member Peace Officers Research Association of California, which argued California already offers more limited ways for lower level ex-felons to clear their records.

"By expanding the relief of penalties for all felonies, we are placing our communities at risk," the association said. "By allowing violent criminals back on the street, with their record dismissed, they will have less deterrent to commit another crime."

Aside from general criminal records, the bill would aid would-be teachers, who under current law must be denied teaching credentials if they have been convicted of a controlled substance offense. The bill would bar the teacher credentialing commission from considering drug possession convictions that are more than five years old and have been expunged. But the commission and school officials would still have access to other convictions dating to 2020.

The bill failed in the Assembly a year ago, with an amended version clearing the chamber in June. Among other things, supporters originally wanted records sealed after two years instead of four. The Senate approved the amendments Thursday on an 28-10 vote, sending it to Newsom.

Associated Press reporter Adam Beam contributed to this report.



City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to AB361

SUBJECT: 21ENT-0187 (Conditional Use Permit)
120 Colorado Avenue
APPLICANT: FelCor Santa Monica Owner, L.L.C. c/o Jim Walent
PROPERTY OWNER: FelCor Santa Monica Owner, L.L.C. c/o Jim Walent

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

The applicant requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit (21ENT-0187) to allow expanded operation of an existing Type 47 (On Sale General – Eating Place) for the sales and service area of alcohol at an existing hotel (Wyndham) to include the lobby/lounge, pool deck, room service, and minibars in each room.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022, AT 5:30 PM**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Planning Commission and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but participants may also join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/frtkgpgj or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 4364835 #)

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MORE INFORMATION
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 19)

A surge of power; with faith, courage and vision you'll harness the winds of fortune to do your bidding. You change or drop many old rules you had for yourself as love renders all micromanaging unnecessary. Other highlights include savvy investments, coveted keys and stellar invites to times you'll remember for years. Scorpio and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 10, 44, 28 and 14.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Bad habits ultimately deplete; good habits ultimately fortify. You might feel tired after you exercise, but in the long term it makes you stronger. A new pursuit will follow a similar rhythm with short-term pain and long-term gain.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It may feel important to declare your boundaries. Relationships are defined by actions, not words. When it's not going strictly by your rules, just remember that you can go by your own rules, and that's what matters.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A calm mind makes you better at just about everything. getting to that calm mind is an essential discipline to learn and eventually master. You may even create a method of calming that's unique to you, yet helpful to many.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). For the most part, you're a lover, not a fighter. Still, some things are worth fighting for. Today it's enough just to notice what they are and experience the surge of feeling that comes with appreciating them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll employ your talent for sensing the motives of others. You'll counteract any force threatening your goals. It will be strategic to keep your plans secret. Relatedly, an effective use of silence will make a statement that words cannot.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your network keeps giving. You'll learn what you need to get to the next place then return with a long list of new questions to ask. The more you know, the more comfortable you get with the reality that you'll never know it all.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When something happens easily, it feels fated. In today's case something falls together and gets tied up in the bow of destiny. Note the difference between "easy" and "automatic," which is more an indicator of habit than fate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A flurry of new people and challenges comes with the chaos of a new venture. It will be invigorating to dance with the disorder instead of attempting to control it. Eventually things will order themselves.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The dance of relationships is one of stepping back to get closer. Honor your need for space and become sensitized to the spatial needs of others. The oxygen in these spaces is what makes togetherness spark.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Today's project may not seem like a fertile ground for self-expression, but with your imagination it won't be too hard to find an approach that elevates. Somewhere inside every job is an opportunity to be fully yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Ask for what you need. In doing so you'll create the change that sets off a hundred other improvements. You may not have the support you want now, but it will come eventually. Meanwhile, be your own champion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Remember the time when the unexpected change shook up your perspective and then something truly positive came out of it? That's great because it will happen again. When it goes a bit sideways, hang in there.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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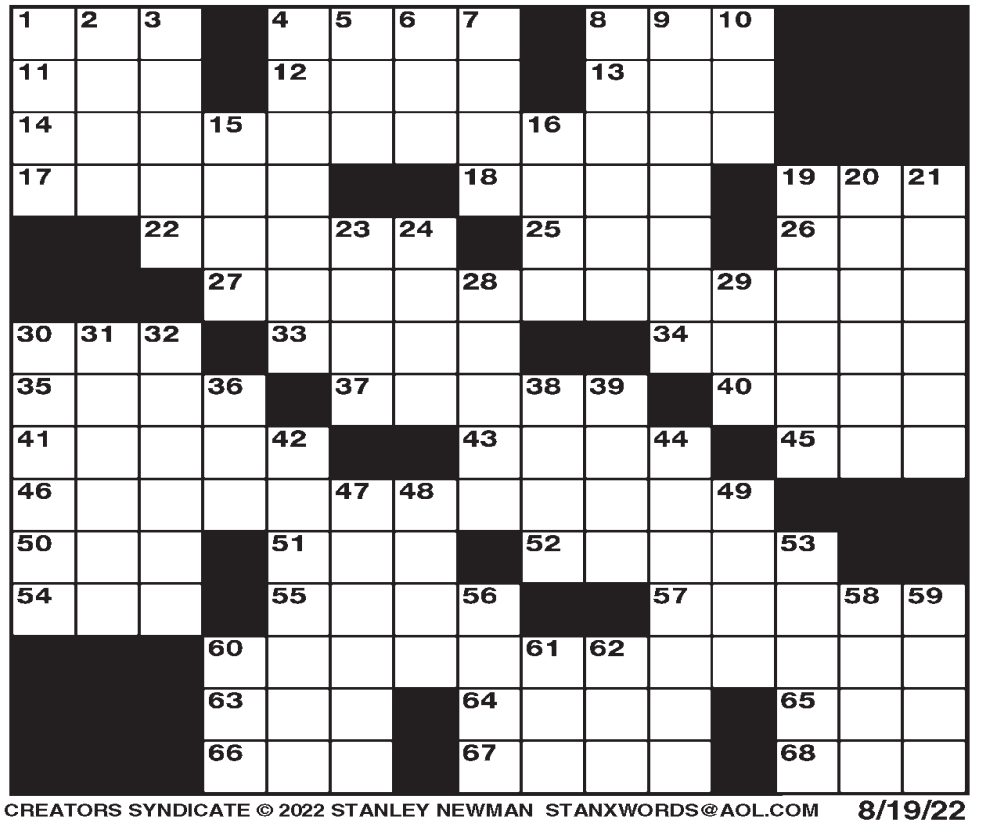
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64 Legal action
65 __-globe
66 Lingo suffix
67 Problematic roommate
68 What arrives every March in DC

DOWN
1 Word on the American Commonwealth list
2 B-school subject
3 Habitual doubter
4 Fried food at fairs
5 Frame of a sort
6 Certain stone with sulfides
7 Compulsions
8 Biblical dream interpreter
9 Plays without a break
10 Spam producer
15 Unenviable destiny
16 Roughneck
19 Alphabet component
20 Perspicacity
21 Fast-food inventory
23 Periphery
24 Munchies, in ads
28 Where the Spokane River begins
29 "America the Beautiful" pronoun
30 North African Arab quarter
31 Bright northern star
32 Five-letter guessing game
36 Belly
38 Salon service, for short
39 Former Medicare IDs
42 Gossipy items
44 Experimentation station
47 Subtlety
48 Tipped off
49 Calendar abbr.
53 Blank out
56 Bad lads
58 Change of __ (what's in the four longest answers)
59 Allocated time
60 Elf-sized
61 Where E. St. Louis is
62 What the sun enters in July



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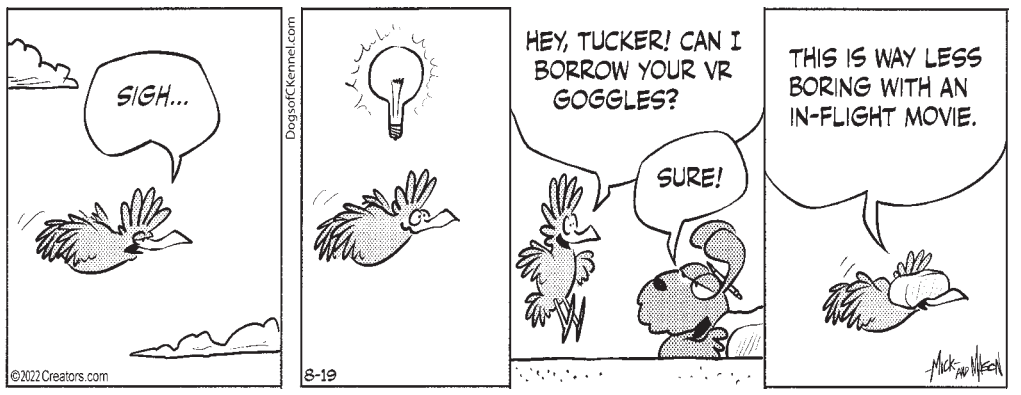
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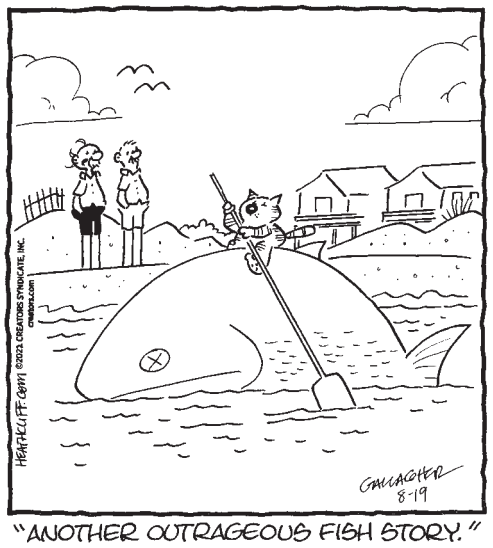
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 13 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Y	K	E	F	G	Y	R	C	S	I	C	O	N	M	H
N	S	U	E	H	U	A	O	O	E	G	C	A	F	C
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S	C	A	L	E	H	F	O	R	M	O	I	B	C	U
N	E	L	L	Y	R	O	F	E	G	A	R	E	S	B

Akubra	Coal	Good	Nelly	Snag
Ambo	Corroboree	onya	Nitty	Squiz
Anzac	Digger	Grog	gritty	Swag
Arvo	Dill	Guff	Ocker	Toey
Beaut	Ditch	Idly	Ogle	Togs
Beer	Egos	Info	Opal	Waltzing
Blowie	Esky	Jabiru	Rage	Matilda
Bogie	Farmer	Lair	Rest	Yabber
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FRIDAY AUGUST 19

HYDRATE 'N' SKATE

Come play with Liquid I.V. at their upcoming summer event, Hydrate 'n' Skate, to celebrate the launch of their 1st ever national brand campaign Fuel Your Play. This event is open to the public, so grab some Liquid I.V. sticks, lace up those skates and release your inner child. Participate in roller skating and skateboarding activities, photo opportunities and games, all while jamming out to tunes by L.A.-based, DJ Kara. Quench your thirst and stay hydrated with Liquid I.V. mocktails that will be bursting with flavor and are sure to #FuelYourPlay all day. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. at 1324 5th St.

SATURDAY AUGUST 20

BEACH CLEAN-UP

Join Heal the Bay for a Nothin' But Sand beach clean-up. Help make Nothin' But Sand a zero-waste event by bringing your own buckets, garden gloves, and a reusable mask and water bottle Be prepared to be outside for 2-3 hours. Beach weather can be unpredictable, so we recommend dressing in layers. Water is available at all cleanups. 10 a.m. - noon, Venice Beach Pier - Tower Buccaneer, South of Pier. If you have any questions or concerns please email Beach Programs Manager Emely Garcia at egarcia@healthebay.org

BOOK DISCUSSION

A community-led book club sponsored by Santa Monica Library, focusing on books which have won major prizes or are otherwise notable. This month's selection is "Our Country Friends" by Gary Shteyngart. Zoom. 11 a.m. - noon. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the access link.

TOURS OF THE MARION DAVIES GUEST HOUSE

Santa Monica Conservancy docents share the rich history of the Beach House site from the 1920s onward. Free 20-minute visits docent tours are available on a walk-up basis, for groups of up to six people on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 12 – 2 p.m. Just head to the Marion Davies Guest House where you will be greeted by a docent. Please note masks are required while indoors. Schedule subject to change, check the website calendar or call 310-458-4904 to confirm dates and hours.

PICKLE ME SILLY

Join the City of Santa Monica's Community Garden Program for Pickle Me Silly during the Pancakes at Ishihara Park Learning Garden Event. There will be a variety of pickled and preserved foods. Kim Chi, Pickled Beets and Okra, and a few surprises for the adventurous. Bring your own plates, a coffee mug and utensils and be entered to win $20 in Farmers Market dollars. For all ages. 9-11 a.m. at Ishihara Park Learning Garden 2909 Exposition Blvd.

SUNDAY AUGUST 21

DRAG ME TO BRUNCH

Come sparkle at Drag Me to Brunch—a monthly, one-of-a-kind brunch drag show in Loews Santa Monica Hotel's Blue Streak hosted by RuPaul drag performer Naysha Lopez! Enjoy Loews' delectable brunch while experiencing a fabulous drag show with disco balls and more. A portion of proceeds from Drag Me to Brunch will benefit The Trevor Project, a nonprofit organization that provides 24/7 crisis support services to LGBTQ youth. Find more information and reserve your spot now for guaranteed seating at https://resy.com/cities/lax/venues/blue-streak-at-loews-santa-monica-beach-hotel/events/drag-me-to-brunch-2022-08-21?date=2022-08-21&seats=2

BEACH CLEAN-UP

Join Natural Dividends in celebrating Planet Earth in Santa Monica on Sunday, August 21st, at 10:30 am at the beach at Ocean Park, near Station #28. Come out and learn what we can do as individuals to stop polluting the beaches and ocean, clean up some trash, and give our marine life and ecosystem a fighting chance. More info: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/increasing-natures-share-at-santa-monica-beach-tickets-394908260237

MONDAY AUGUST 22

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CONVERSATION

Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Learn more about California adult education at caladulted.org. Enrollment is through the Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203. Contact Olga Saucedo at (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org.

TUESDAY AUGUST 23

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular meeting of the City Council. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m. For more information including agendas and changes to the regular schedule, visit: https://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/agendas.aspx. Meetings are available on the City's website and Youtube page.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **68.4**

FRIDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	Lully, long period S swell tops out -- showing best west of Dume. Small NW energy gets a little refresh for a few open corners at the beachbreaks.
SATURDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	Lully S swell lingers through the day -- showing best west of Dume. Small NW energy. Medium to higher tide all day won't do the small swell mix any favors for most breaks.

WEATHER

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 71. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 64.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 72.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/08/19	Fri	05:27 AM	3.04	H
2022/08/19	Fri	08:49 AM	2.81	L
2022/08/19	Fri	4:11 PM	4.89	H
2022/08/20	Sat	12:20 AM	1.07	L
2022/08/20	Sat	07:48 AM	3.31	H
2022/08/20	Sat	10:41 AM	3.16	L
2022/08/20	Sat	5:19 PM	4.96	H
2022/08/21	Sun	01:19 AM	0.68	L
2022/08/21	Sun	08:33 AM	3.61	H
2022/08/21	Sun	12:10 PM	3.18	L
2022/08/21	Sun	6:19 PM	5.15	H
2022/08/22	Mon	02:01 AM	0.34	L
2022/08/22	Mon	08:58 AM	3.81	H
2022/08/22	Mon	1:05 PM	3.01	L
2022/08/22	Mon	7:08 PM	5.41	H
2022/08/23	Tue	02:35 AM	0.10	L
2022/08/23	Tue	09:18 AM	3.95	H
2022/08/23	Tue	1:45 PM	2.77	L

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 8/17
23 28 41 50 55
Power#: 24
Jackpot: 80 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 8/16
33 35 41 45 51
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 99 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 8/17
2 9 25 38 41
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 17 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/17
21 22 28 29 35

Daily 3
Draw Date: 8/17
EVENING: 8 8 1
Draw Date: 8/17
MIDDAY: 8 7 5

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 8/17
1st: 05 - California Classic
2nd: 04 - Big Ben
3rd: 10 - Solid Gold
Race Time: 1:49.51

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