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Spooky season at The Pier









Emily Sawicki

PIER: The Santa Monica Pier is celebrating Dia de los Muertos with activities at the carousel.

Tinseltown trade show returns to Santa Monica

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica is rolling out the red carpet to welcome the Independent Film & Television Alliance's banner event back to town this year. The American Film Market (AFM) has returned this week for the first time since going virtual in 2020.

The six-day event, running now through Nov. 6, welcomes a wide array of film industry professionals from more than 225 companies covering a diverse range of specialties including sales, production and distribution. Nine out of 10 films produced the world over are financed, produced and/or distributed by AFM participants, according to Santa Monica Travel & Tourism (SMTT).

Industry experts will share their knowledge on everything from fundraising and budgeting to screenwriting and inspiration at the event based in Loews Santa Monica Beach hotel. In total, the week of programming includes more than 30 topic areas featuring more than 100 panelists and speakers on two session stages located inside the Loews hotel.

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Emergency air conditioning repair work needed at several school sites

GRACE INEZ ADAMS
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On the agenda at this week's School Board meeting are several items that have been postponed from previous weeks including a public hearing on the Will Rogers Learning Community Expansion Project, a presentation on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the district as well as the emergency authorization of HVAC repair work.

EMERGENCY AIR CONDITIONING WORK

This year's September heatwave put Santa Monica school's air conditioning systems to the test and proved SMMUSD's current cooling infrastructure is unprepared for the extreme heat climate change continues to intensify, prompting the District to put the authorization of emergency heating and air conditioning work on this week's School Board meeting agenda.

From Sept 1 to 12 this year, outdoor temperatures in Santa Monica consistently hovered above 80 degrees and peaked to the high 90s. During this time, cooling systems at multiple SMMUSD schools failed, resulting in disruptions to the school day as classroom and office temperatures were too high to facilitate normal activity.

According to the District, the number of "urgent HVAC service calls" received by SMMUSD maintenance staff exceeded their

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As housing prices surge, rent control is back on the ballot

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Liberty McCoy was out Saturday urging voters to pass a Nov. 8 ballot measure to limit rent increases in Pasadena because she's afraid she'll be priced out of the city where she grew up and where her aging parents live.

The librarian and her husband, a freelance consultant, received notice of a $100 monthly rent increase last year and another for $150 this year, bringing the rent on their home outside Los Angeles to $2,350 a month. They can absorb the increases for now — but not forever.

"A lot of times people are like, 'Well, just try and pick up and move to someplace cheaper,'" the 44-year-old said. "But I have a job locally, my family, my friends. It would be a big challenge to uproot my entire life chasing cheaper rent."

With rental prices skyrocketing and affordable housing in short supply, inflation-weary tenants in cities and counties across the country are turning to the ballot box for relief. Supporters say rent control policies on the Nov. 8 ballot are the best short-term option to dampen rising rents and ensure vulnerable residents remain housed.

Opponents, led by the real-estate industry, say rent control will lead to higher prices for tenants in housing not covered by rent caps, harm mom-and-pop landlords relying on rental income for retirement, and discourage the construction of badly needed affordable housing. They have spent heavily to stop ballot initiatives, even going to court to halt them.

In Orange County, Florida, home to Disney World and other theme parks, voters will consider a ballot initiative to limit rent increases to the annual increase in the consumer price index. But a court ruling last week means that even if it passes, it could be nullified.

> "I've had a lot of constituents reach out to me, and they are fearful of becoming homeless. They don't know what to do - Emily Bonilla

Proponents in Orlando and other Orange County cities point to a population that has increased 25% since 2010 and rents that jumped 25% between 2020 and 2021 — and experienced another double-digit increase this year. The housing shortage was magnified by Hurricane Ian, with an estimated 1,140 rental properties suffering $44.5 million in damage.

"I've had a lot of constituents reach out to me, and they are fearful of becoming homeless. They don't know what to do," said Orange County Commissioner Emily Bonilla, who authored the ballot initiative ordinance after hearing from tenants facing rent increases upwards of 100%.

Last year, voters in St. Paul, Minnesota, passed a ballot measure capping rents at 3% a year while residents across the river in Minneapolis backed a measure allowing the city council to enact a rent control ordinance.

This summer, Kingston, New York, became the first upstate city to enact rent control. The measure means around 1,200 units — buildings built before 1974 with six or more units — must limit rents to a percentage set by a rent guidelines board.

Boston's Mayor Michelle Wu was elected last year and made bringing back rent control to the city part of her campaign. The biggest hurdle to that proposal is that Massachusetts voters narrowly approved a 1994 ballot question banning rent control statewide.

"Rent stabilization can provide protections for everyone, but do so in a way that really targets benefits to low-income renters, renters of color, renters who are most desperately impacted by housing instability," said Tram Hoang, a housing policy expert who was involved in the St. Paul campaign.

The fight over rent control has been most intense out West, where in 2019, lawmakers in California and Oregon approved statewide caps on annual rent increases. California's annual cap cannot exceed 10% and Oregon's is set at 7%, plus the consumer price index.

Both laws exempt new construction for 15 years, a compromise to encourage developers to keep building, and apply only to certain units.

But that hasn't quelled tenant activism in California, where nearly half the state's 40 million residents are renters. Advocates say the statewide law — which expires in 2030 — does not go far enough.

Voters in the San Francisco suburb of Richmond and Southern California beachside city of Santa Monica will consider measures to further tighten existing rent caps to a maximum of 3%.

In the city of Pasadena — home to the annual Rose Parade and Rose Bowl college football game — voters will consider a measure to create a rent oversight board and limit rent increases to 75% of the consumer price index, which supporters say translates to 2% to 3% a year.

Rent stabilization advocates failed to collect enough signatures to qualify for the 2018 ballot, and they thought it would be hard this time around because the state had enacted protections. But campaign field director Bee Rooney said tenants financially wrecked by the pandemic were eager to back the initiative.

"Any amount when you're not expecting it is a lot," Rooney said. "Some people, their rent doubled or went up by 50%."

Pasadena retiree Paulette Brown received the state-allowed increase of 10% in July, bringing the rent on her two-bedroom

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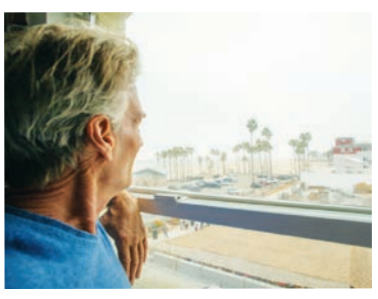
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Desalination will be key to California's water future. It needs to improve first

BY DR. GRAYSON ZULUAF

If the climate crisis is coming, the water crisis is already here.

As rice fields were fallowed in California, Lake Mead water levels almost sunk so low that Hoover Dam could no longer generate power, and life-threatening toxic dust blew off the dried-up Salton Sea.

Thirty percent of the world population will face water shortages of some kind by 2025. Things are only going to get worse.

Climate change will cause the Colorado River, which supplies water for 40 million people, irrigates 6 million acres of farmland and underpins a quarter of the nation's economy, to lose more than half of its flows by 2100. The depletion of the Ogallala Aquifer in the Midwest threatens agriculture so radically that serious proposals have explored a water pipeline from Louisiana.

Beyond these particular water-strapped cases, of which California has many, warming delivers the one-two punch everywhere, whether it's from lower water supply due to reduced snowpack and higher evaporation, or increased demand because of higher temperatures.

There is no single way out of a future in which all agriculture leaves the West, desert cities from Denver to San Diego are no longer livable, and Native Americans continue to be denied legally enshrined water rights. Measures like better water reuse and more sustainable groundwater management just aren't enough for California.

The water crisis will only be solved if we realize the once quixotic vision of desalination, turning seawater into freshwater. Today, roughly 18,000 desalination plants produce around 1% of the world's freshwater, with production concentrated in regions of high water scarcity such as Israel and Australia.

In 2007, San Diego County approved the largest desalination plant in the Western Hemisphere. The Carlsbad Desalination Plant now delivers 50 million gallons of freshwater per day. And just last month, a smaller desalination plant was unanimously approved to deliver freshwater to Orange County.

Desalination also represents a prominent piece of Gov. Gavin Newsom's State Water Plan. But even state-of-the-art plants still suffer from issues that imperil their ubiquity.

The desalination process is so energy-intensive that desalination plants often require carbon-emitting power plants right next door, which can increase costs up to 10 times higher than groundwater. The high-pressure intake of seawater also threatens ocean life, and the output of brine threatens coastal environments.

With high energy use, environmental dangers and high costs forced onto ratepayers, desalination faces strong opposition across the political spectrum. But this resistance overlooks both the necessity of desalination – at least relative to more dire options – and the potential promise of improved desalination technologies.

Saudi Arabia recently authorized a massive solar project to fully power an existing plant, showcasing the potential of a carbon-free desalination future. To its credit, the Orange County plant will use slanted wells that draw water from beneath the sea bed to protect ocean life, and the brine will be treated at a nearby wastewater treatment facility.

Energy recycling, alongside better electronics, are enabling less energy-intensive (and cheaper) methods of desalination, including breakthrough concepts like using shockwaves.

Desalination will be a major piece of California's water future, and its inevitability demands the research, policy and funding attention of an imperiled human right. Safe, efficient and clean desalination means fewer dams, cheaper and broader access to water, and the ability to support population growth while continuing to produce food for the country and world.

The alternative is dry, dusty and deadly.

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Feds demand Colorado River water cutbacks

BY DAN WALTERS

One must wade through a thicket of bureaucratic jargon to find it, but on Friday federal officials issued what appears to be a serious warning to California and other states that use water from the highly stressed Colorado River:

If they cannot agree on sharp reductions in diversions of the Colorado's water, the feds will impose them unilaterally.

It's the latest wrinkle in decades of interstate squabbling over the river, which has become more heated as the river's flows continue to decline and conditions in its two major reservoirs, Lake Mead and Lake Powell, reach the crisis stage.

The federal Bureau of Reclamation wants California, Arizona and Nevada to reduce diversions by at least 2 million acre-feet a year and as much as 4 million, but negotiations have been fruitless. California, which takes the most water from the river, by far, has offered just a 400,000 acre-foot reduction. An acre-foot is 326,000 gallons.

With talks stalemated, the bureau said it will begin planning for unilateral action "to address the serious operational realities facing the system…" due to "the likelihood of continued low-runoff conditions across the (Colorado River) basin." It would implement cuts by reducing releases from the two reservoirs.

"The Interior Department continues to pursue a collaborative and consensus-based approach to addressing the drought crisis afflicting the West. At the same time, we are committed to taking prompt and decisive action necessary to protect the Colorado River system and all those who depend on it," Interior Secretary Deb Haaland said in a statement.

The Bureau of Reclamation is telling the states "that this is kind of their last opportunity for consensus-building, for voluntary action," Jaime Garcia, a water fellow at the University of Colorado Law School's Getches-Wilkinson Center, told the Los Angeles Times.

"The fundamental issue is, whatever solution people come up with is going to hurt," Garcia said. "The river is overallocated. It's drying up. And we have to find a way to sort of spread out the pain evenly."

Because California is the largest user of Colorado River water, cutbacks — either voluntary or imposed — would have their greatest impact on the state. However, while the Colorado is a major source of water for Southern California's more than 20 million residents, the region has other sources for municipal users.

Rather, about two-thirds of the Colorado's water diverted into California goes to farming, particularly the Imperial Irrigation District in Imperial County. The district takes more water from the river, at least 2.5 million acre-feet a year, than Nevada and Arizona combined. Therefore, if there are major cutbacks, as the feds demand, the Imperial Irrigation District would have to give up the most.

Imperial gets the most because it was the first entity to tap the Colorado more than a century ago, thus establishing its senior water rights. The Imperial Dam and All-American Canal allow the Imperial Valley to have a 12-month growing season, making it a major producer of winter produce as well as a source of alfalfa to feed cattle and milk cows.

The Interior Department has $4 billion from the newly enacted Inflation Reduction Act to compensate those who would lose water by flow reductions. But the money and the latest warning may not produce agreement among the affected states.

If the Bureau of Reclamation acts unilaterally to reduce diversions, it will likely result in high-stakes litigation that tests Imperial district's water rights. In a sense what's happening along the Colorado could be a forerunner of legal showdowns over water rights in other regions of the state, if drought conditions continue.

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CRIME WATCH

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON DEC. 31

SMPD officers responded to the 2200 block of Main Street for a "prowling call". The suspect entered an occupied apartment and was chased away by the resident who also followed the suspect for a few blocks before losing sight. Fuqwan Long, 45 years old, was located and arrested near Main Street after a positive identification from the victim. Officers later located a 2nd victim who also positively identified the suspect. Fuqwan Long remains in police custody with bail set at $50,000 and a court appearance scheduled for November 3.

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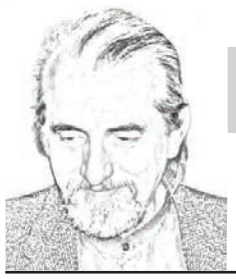
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Get out and vote, please!



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ELECTION: Need a fix? VOTE! In-person voting is open through Nov. 8.

O LORDY LORDY, I'M TURNING REPUBLICAN!

Yeah, right. But I did suddenly flash that I will be voting for candidates despite their flaws, failings or faux pas, because I want them in office to follow a similar agenda to mine, and that the other side would be a disaster.

And isn't that the rationale given by, for example, Georgia GOP voters who have not quite taken leave of their senses but are MAGA enough to want the GOP in charge, to ban abortions and books and voting by "the wrong people," and will therefore vote for any red candidate, even the one time football star who is … well, let's just say, spectacularly unqualified for Capitol Hill? We now seem to have strictly tribal voting where, as in other countries like the UK, you vote for party and ignore the sins of the particular candidate.

It's so clear we need to become more civil in our political disagreements, before someone is hurt or killed. Oh wait, too late.

WE ALL KNOW POLITICS IS DIRTY

But it seems to me like one City Council candidate, Lana Negrete, has become a real target. Likely, because she is seen as a threat to keep the Council on a path that eschews overdevelopment. Literally, there are billions of dollars at stake, in this little city.

The very first mailer I got for this election was an attack with her photo and name writ large. Prior to that it was alleged that she was trying to do away with rent control (a SM mortal sin!) – which the City Council has no power to do, and a protest, of the misinformed and frightened, was organized for the next day. Also widely disseminated was that she violated Presidential security for President Biden's recent stop at our airport, but she said she was nowhere near the security line.

A video was posted showing a supporter of Council candidate Armen Melkonians, Malibu attorney Kevin Shenkman, aggressively inserting himself between him and attorney Joel Koury, whom Melkonians said was arguing with him, but what you don't see is what preceded that. You've got to have thick skin to run for office anywhere, but these days you might also need body armor, and we've got to somehow reverse that. Attack a candidate's policies, but not the candidate. And don't make up lies.

Maybe I've missed it but I have seen nothing like this attacking candidates Torosis, Zwick, Raskin or Zernitskaya. And I hope I don't.

I WILL BE VOTING

For the candidates that have promised to work for the well-being of residents – the ones who already live here – whose records are consistent with that promise. Those running against them, who have a chance of winning, come from a history of wanting to enable even more development in Santa Monica and that is destroying our city. It is the biggest issue. Our resources were already overburdened, our water insufficient. More residents per square mile does not increase safety and a sense of well-being. We need more parks and trees, not more high rises.

It takes a long time to turn a big ship around, especially if there are still hands on the wheel pulling in the other direction. But we have seen progress in the last two years and we need to continue that direction, not go into reverse.

SCHOOL BOARD

This election doesn't draw nearly the interest of City Council, and voters seem woefully uninformed. I imagine a lot of people just vote for the incumbents because they figure everything's still fine with our vaunted school system.

Yes, it is still good, but sure could be better, with a school board that paid more attention to students, teachers and curriculum than to shiny new buildings (some not functioning properly, some not needed, all too expensive). Take Samohi, where a lot of this very expensive construction is taking place. The US News & World Report 2022 rankings place Samohi at number 108 among CA public high schools. That's pretty low, if you ask me. Buildings don't raise your academic achievement and standing. But they do provide revenue for the district, through rentals. Millions, actually. And in my opinion, that explains a lot.

The population of dissatisfied parents has grown, to the point where four of them are challenging the entrenched political machine in this election. I believe that change is desperately needed, to make the district and board more responsive to parents and the community.

STEEP LEARNING CURVE

For any newcomers, but I believe a complete change of governing philosophy is desperately needed if we want to maintain the excellence of our schools.

Some are saying education must be the top priority. I disagree. The first responsibility is for the safety of our children, in the care of the schools for so much of their lives. And this board has failed miserably.

From the PCB poisoned soil in Malibu, to the forced closure of John Muir/SMASH for mold, to the recent penalty of $45M for the abuse of two special needs second graders, the district has often gone far too long to address problems after becoming aware of them, often fighting the facts instead of fixing the problem. That's got to stop.

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Musk emerging as Twitter's chief moderator ahead of midterms

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Days after taking over Twitter and a week before the U.S. midterm elections, billionaire Elon Musk has positioned himself as moderator-in-chief of one of the most important social media platforms in American politics.

Musk has said he won't make major decisions about content or restoring banned accounts before setting up a "content moderation council" with diverse viewpoints. But his own behavior as a prolific tweeter has signaled otherwise.

He's engaged directly with figures on the political right who are appealing for looser restrictions, including a Republican candidate for Arizona secretary of state who credits Musk with enabling him to begin tweeting again after his account was briefly suspended Monday.

Musk even changed his profile to "Twitter Complaint Hotline Operator" — with a photo of himself when he was a toddler holding a telephone. But it is almost impossible for those outside of Twitter to know what strings he is pulling or whose accounts have been suspended: The company has stopped responding to media questions, except for the few that Musk answers by tweet.

Musk's promised interventions started last week on his first full day as Twitter's owner. A conservative political podcaster shared examples of the platform allegedly favoring liberals and secretively downgrading conservative voices — a common criticism that Twitter's previous leaders dismissed as inaccurate. "I will be digging in more today," Musk responded.

It continued when the daughter of Canadian psychologist Jordan Peterson, whose provocative critiques of "politically correct" culture and feminism are popular with some right-wing activists, appealed for Musk to restore her father's account after a tweet about transgender actor Elliot Page that apparently ran afoul of Twitter's rules on hateful conduct.

"Anyone suspended for minor & dubious reasons will be freed from Twitter jail," Musk pledged. He had months earlier said in reference to Peterson that Twitter was "going way too far in squashing dissenting opinions."

One of Musk's first big moves was an open letter to advertisers — Twitter's chief revenue source — promising that he would not let Twitter descend into a "free-for-all hellscape" as he follows through with his plans to promote free speech on the platform. And he's suggesting asking users to pay $8 for a coveted verified blue check mark as a way to diversify revenue.

The check mark has been criticized as a symbol of elitism on the platform. But its primary purpose has been to verify that accounts in the public eye — such as politicians, brands and journalists — are who they say they are. It's been a tool to prevent impersonation and help stem the flow of misinformation.

But some still have their worries about Musk opening the platform to a flood of online toxicity that's bad for their brands. General Motors has said it will suspend advertising on Twitter as it monitors the platform under Musk, and others are facing pressure to review their own plans. On Tuesday, more than three dozen advocacy organizations sent an open letter to Twitter's top 20 advertisers, calling on them to commit to halting advertising on the platform if Twitter under Musk undermines "brand safety" and guts content moderation.

Over the weekend, the billionaire posted

> "Thank you @elonmusk for stopping the commie who suspended me from Twitter a week before the election - Mark Finchem

— then deleted — an article that contained baseless rumors about the attack on House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's husband. And much of his commentary in recent days has been a response to appeals from conservative voices.

In a text exchange with The Associated Press, Mark Finchem, the Republican running to become Arizona's secretary of state, said his access to the platform was restored quickly after reaching out to Musk via his personal Twitter handle. Asked why his account was suspended, Finchem said: "Perhaps you

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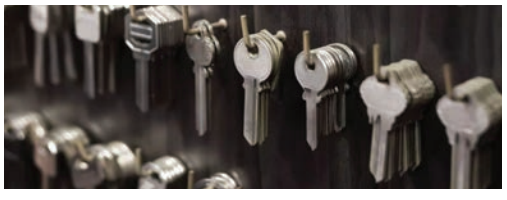


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capacity and led them to bring in outside contractors from Pardress Air to assist with the situation. Now, with temperatures on the decline, District staff are recommending the board approve a contract with Pardress Air to provide emergency HVAC maintenance services in anticipation of future heat.

The work is expected not to exceed $350,000 and District staff anticipate it to be completed before students return to school following winter break.

WILL ROGERS LEARNING COMMUNITY EXPANSION

Community members will have a chance to weigh in on the proposed expansion of Will Rogers Learning Community, with a public hearing about the matter on the agenda. The project is one of a long list of campus improvement plans in the District, many of which have been delayed due to COVID-19.

The project in question would include the construction of a school learning farm, upgrading an existing parking lot from gravel to asphalt and the potential construction of a school cafe or kitchen. This is part of a longer term plan to expand the Will Rogers campus to add more classrooms and outdoor learning spaces.

In addition to the public hearing, the board will also be asked to adopt two resolutions which certify that the Will Rogers Learning community project is compliant with state requirement and exempt it from requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act due to the scale of the project which would only add to the school's land use by 0.55 acres and increase student capacity by less than 25%.

UPDATE ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Staff will present the District's progress over the last year and a half towards meeting the needs of students who have been marginalized and helping staff better understand conscious and unconscious biases as well as racism in the education system. The presentation will include specifics about new teacher training which requires new hires to go through an on-boarding process with a focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. and those wishing to comment must submit an online form or a request to speak card in person. The form and full agenda can be found on the SMMUSD website: https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SB_Meetings/ViewMeeting.aspx

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RENT

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apartment to $1,175 a month. Budgeting will be tighter.

"I really can't afford any mishaps, because I'm not able to save anything," said the 64-year-old Brown, who lives with her daughter and grandson.

Opponents of the measure, which include the national and state realtors associations, say curtailing rent increases to a fraction of inflation will result in property owners taking rentals off the market and doing minimal maintenance.

"What's being proposed here is draconian and for the most part landlords who have good tenants aren't trying to get rid of them," said Paul Little, president and CEO of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce.

Michael Wilkerson, senior economist at Portland, Oregon-based ECONorthwest, describes both the California and Oregon state laws as "anti-price gouging" measures aimed at protecting the most vulnerable tenants from exorbitant increases, while encouraging new housing development.

Rent-control policies have been around for decades, put in place after World War II in New York City and elsewhere to combat rising housing prices and again in the 1970s in the Northeast and California. However, the real-estate industry has since succeeded in passing state laws that made it difficult, if not impossible, for many local municipalities to cap rents.

The data on rent control has been mixed. The policy, according to an Urban Institute report, was found to have reduced rent on covered units in Cambridge, Massachusetts, San Francisco and New York but resulted in no significant decreases in New Jersey cities.

Some studies, however, have shown that rent control can reduce the number of housing units available and discourage landlords from maintaining them.

Opponents also say rent regulation can scare off developers. St. Paul's original ordinance, for example, applied to almost all housing and mandated landlords stick to the 3% cap even with new tenants.

Within weeks, council members were hearing from developers who blamed the new law for scuttling housing projects because they lost funding. Building permits issued for new housing through August plummeted 31% from the four-year average.

In response, the city council approved amendments in September to exempt low-income housing as well as new construction for 20 years. It also allows landlords to raise rents 8% plus the consumer price index after a tenant moves out.

Orange County's ballot measure is up in the air after an appeals court rejected the proposal last week and suggested it won't be certified even if voters approve it.

The court, which acknowledged the state law "set an extremely high bar" for local governments to pass rent control ordinances, said a consultant hired by the county didn't identify a housing emergency — a requirement under a 1977 state law preempting local rent control.

The county plans to file a motion for a rehearing and with ballots already out, the Orange County Supervisor of Elections said it has no plans to issue new ones. Supporters of the measure said they will keep campaigning.

For tenants like Jessy Correa, the setback means she faces a 20% rent increase on her three-bedroom apartment in Orlando come January. The 44-year-old mother of six is already struggling to afford the current rent of $2,300.

A recruiter at a faith-based nonprofit, she was hoping the ballot initiative would "bring stability, give us a moment to breathe." Instead, she is now forced to make difficult choices, like getting another job.

"Where is the American dream of being able to live, to enjoy?" she asked tearfully after learning of the court ruling. "What are we doing? It's frustrating."

AFM

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The AFM will also present hundreds of film screenings at AMC Santa Monica, AMC Broadway and the Laemmle Monica Film Center.

"For most of us, this is homecoming," IFTA's President/CEO Jean Prewitt said in a statement provided by AFM. "The American Film Market has had its roots in Santa Monica for 30 years and reconnecting in-person beachside with all of our colleagues and friends after three years is exhilarating. This will be an incredible week of business for our thousands of attendees who will be enjoying Santa Monica to its fullest."

This year's AFM marks the first time the event has been hosted in the coastal city since 2019. It is also the 43rd iteration of the annual affair.

"November is a month of thanks and this year we're thankful to welcome the American Film Market back to Santa Monica for its 30th year in our beachside city," SMTT CEO Misti Kerns said in a statement to the press.

"AFM is such a highlight and plays a huge role in our economic recovery process, bringing thousands of film industry professionals to Santa Monica in what is typically our off-season," Kerns continued. "We also want to extend a special thanks to all the local businesses who put together specials just for the occasion and embody Santa Monica's generous hospitality, we couldn't do this without you."

Santa Monica Economic Development Manager Jennifer Taylor said in a statement that the city was excited to welcome AFM back to town this year.

"This is an important event for our hotels, local restaurants and, of course, our movie theater operators," Taylor said. "Please join us in welcoming the AFM attendees to Santa Monica."

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SMTT was also offering a wide selection of discounts and deals to AFM participants, including free dessert with entree purchase at Socalo, 20% off purchase at Tavern on Main and up to $250 in savings from various retailers at Santa Monica Place, among many others (see them all at santamonica.com/afm).

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AFM: The Loews hotel is the hub of AFM activity in Santa Monica.

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Thailand at American Film Market 2022

Discover a Transformed Thai Film Industry and the Latest Benefits of Filming in Thailand

The Department of International Trade Promotion (DITP), Ministry of Commerce, Royal Thai Government hosts Thai Night AFM 2022 at American Film Market (AFM) on **November 2nd** to foster the ongoing development of the Thai Film Industry for this business matching event.

Thai Studios as well as representatives from the government and private sector in attendance will be looking to expand distribution and help people learn about the many opportunities that exist in the Thai Film Industry.

Thai Night is an annual glamorous evening event at key film markets and festivals aiming to showcase Thai Film Industry to the world.

Thai Night will be presided over by Her Royal Highness Princess Ubolratana Rajakanya Sirivadhana Barnavadi and attended by Mr. Jurin Laksanawisit, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Commerce along with other senior officers and members of the film and entertainment industry.

It is your chance to discover the opportunities in Thailand as well as make connections in the fast-growing Thai Film Industry at Thai Night which provides unique setting for everyone involved in the sector to come together and establish connections at a country, corporate and individual level. Eight Thai companies chosen by DITP for their talents will also be featured and present.

MUSK

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should reach out to Elon Musk. We were banned for an unknown reason, we reached out to him and 45 minutes later we were reinstated."

Finchem, who questions the results of the 2020 presidential election and was at the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, has drawn national attention for his statements about election security and his ability to change election rules if he wins the state's top election post next week.

Musk tweeted Monday evening that he was "Looking into it" in response to a complaint about Finchem's apparent suspension. The complaint came from attorney Jenna Ellis, who was a legal adviser to former President Donald Trump's campaign. About 40 minutes later, Finchem posted a "test" tweet on his account, which was followed by a lengthier post thanking Musk for restoring his ability to use the site.

"Thank you @elonmusk for stopping the commie who suspended me from Twitter a week before the election," Finchem wrote in the Tweet. "Twitter is much better with you at the helm."

Jared Holt, a senior research manager at The Institute for Strategic Dialogue, said big social media companies have typically operated on the whims of their owners. But "that problem is especially glaring when somebody like Elon Musk takes the reins and kind of establishes himself as king of the platform, rather than an owner trying to run a coherent business," Holt said.

At the same time, Musk has sent mixed signals about his intentions. Despite overt examples of appealing to conservative calls and complaints about Twitter's policies, there's also plenty of evidence that the platform's policies on combating misinformation are still in effect. Separately, Musk has defended Twitter's ongoing head of trust and safety, Yoel Roth, after some conservative users called for his firing over past comments expressing liberal views.

Roth remained on the job this week after other top executives were fired or resigned. And apart from Musk, he appeared to be the chief public voice of Twitter's content moderation, explaining that the company spent the weekend working to remove a "surge in hateful conduct" following Musk's takeover.

"We've all made some questionable tweets, me more than most, but I want to be clear that I support Yoel," Musk tweeted in response to a complaint from another conservative commentator. "My sense is that he has high integrity, and we are all entitled to our political beliefs."

Some longtime Twitter observers have expressed skepticism about the effectiveness of Musk's planned content moderation council. In part, that's because Twitter already has a trust and safety advisory council to address moderation questions.

"Truly I can't imagine how it would differ," said Danielle Citron, a University of Virginia law professor who sits on the council and has been working with Twitter since 2009 to tackle online harms, such as threats and stalking. "Our council has the full spectrum of views on free speech."

Citron said she's still waiting to hear if the council will be having its next meeting, scheduled for the day after the midterms.

O'Brien reported from Providence, Rhode Island.. AP Writer Bob Christie in Phoenix contributed to this report.



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 2)

If there's anything you take seriously, it's the detrimental impact of too much seriousness. You make fun a priority, but also you often don't have to because life just brings you cheery people, exciting scenarios and intriguing puzzles to delight you. More highlights: a family addition, a team trip and a heroic move. Gemini and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 38, 2, 22 and 16.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You appreciate the beauty around you when it's there. When it isn't, your talent for transformation emerges. You just can't let ugly places happen; you'll work with what's there and mold it to a beautiful configuration.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Wishing won't make it so, but it's certainly a start! In wishing, you will access a pure part of yourself, an unadulterated appetite that has to do with being a human. Act on it to better the situation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People who despair will say they are "fine" so as not to worry others. People who feel amazing will also say they are "fine" so as not to make others jealous. For the truth, observe language beyond the verbal.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your physical travels mirror your mental travels. Your thoughts will take you all over the map. Every time you land someplace new, you'll recognize what led you to that spot, and which actions and thoughts inspired the journey.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The rules aren't written in stone, and neither are the instructions or the terms of use. Everything is a negotiation. You can start the deal one way and then revisit it later to make sure it's still working for everyone involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Though status, strength, intelligence and glamour are certainly of interest, the most attractive quality will be playfulness. Everyone wants to get to know the person who's having fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Giving the wrong amount doesn't feel good. Too much seems like foolishness, and not enough is embarrassing. Find out what other people are doing. The magic formula is to give what's expected, plus 10% more.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may not always project confidence, but it's only because you feel like you should have to. You've given your best to the people around you. It's up to them to value it. You shouldn't have to convince those who don't see it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can only come at a relationship from your own point of view, but you acknowledge that others think differently. People will be affected by your interest and moved that you care enough to ask how they see things.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are better and worse methods to the goal. You want to accomplish it in a way you can be proud of. That's more important to you than doing it quickly or cheaply. You'll follow through on the intention to excellent effect.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A foreign environment will be a part of your experience. Maybe you wouldn't have predicted it landing there, but neither are you there by accident. It's where your actions led. Whether you stay or go is also up to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). To know the limits of your power, you'd have to push things, uncomfortably so, to find out how far you could take them before you lose control. That's the boundary. How necessary is it to know where the boundary is?

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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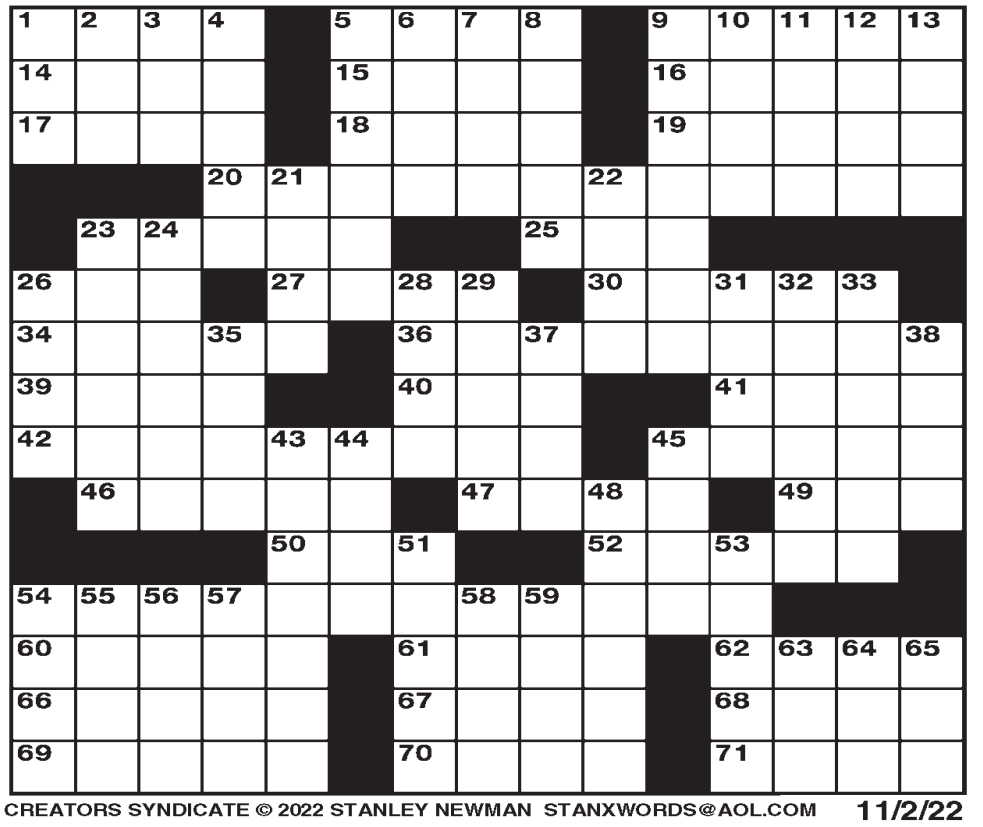
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Newsday Crossword

GET OFF THE GROUND by Bruce Venzke
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ACROSS
1 Just barely acceptable
5 Online periodical, for short
9 Keen-edged
14 Eden resident
15 Tra __ (song syllables)
16 Color shadings
17 Prefix for bucks or bytes
18 Egyptian snakes
19 Poker entry fees
20 Performer of rap music
23 Whole bunch
25 Pose for a portrait
26 __ Paulo, Brazil
27 Shakespearean king
30 Bus terminal
34 Up __ (stymied)
36 With 42 Across, dietician's advice
39 Woman with a niece
40 Prefix meaning "recent"
41 Spot of land in a sea
42 See 36 Across
45 "All kidding __ . . ."
46 Twangy-sounding, as speech
47 Brain scans: Abbr.
49 Hair goo
50 __ Holiness (papal title)
52 Roaring felines
54 At a forward-thinking advantage
60 One of Santa's reindeer
61 Square footage
62 Dinner companion
66 "It's the end of __"
67 Thailand's former name
68 Villainous
69 Doesn't have
70 The fourth planet
71 Lagoon's coral barrier

DOWN
1 4th of July Uncle
2 Verse of tribute
3 Droop
4 Nebraska's largest city
5 Pass by, as time
6 Pulverize, as potatoes
7 Dog Chow alternative
8 Sounds of fright
9 Soup or salad, on a menu
10 Helpful suggestion
11 Opposite of pro-
12 GPS paths
13 Attention-getting sound
21 Inactive
22 Personal assistant
23 The sixth planet
24 Eyeball covering
26 Discontinued Swedish auto
28 Quindlen or Paquin
29 Actress Witherspoon
31 Greek letters resembling pitchforks
32 Thumb-and-forefinger approval
33 Squiggly Spanish symbols
35 When trains are due: Abbr.
37 Cast a ballot
38 Banana discard
43 Hawaiian big shots
44 __-flam (con game)
45 Cambodia's continent
48 Shines subtly
51 Muscle twitch
53 More unusual
54 Roundish shape
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59 Find out about
63 GPS line
64 Place a knot in
65 North Pole assistant

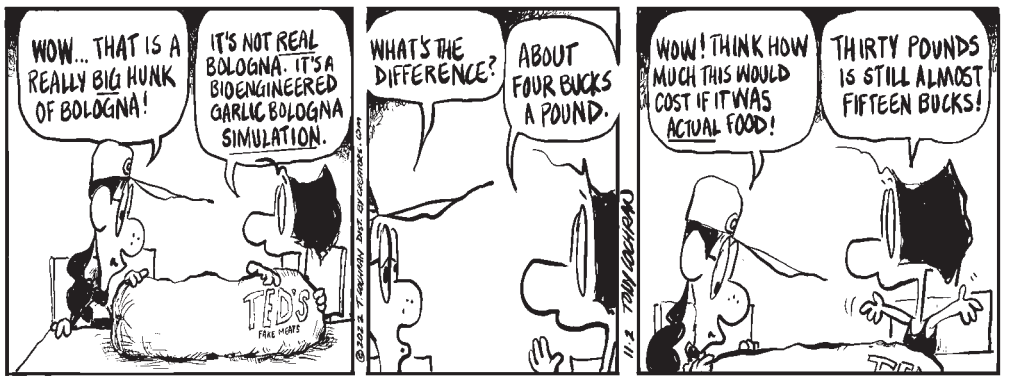


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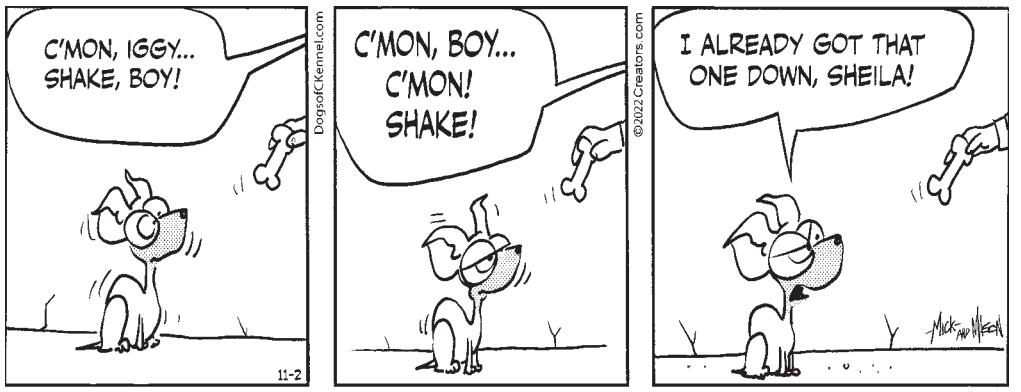
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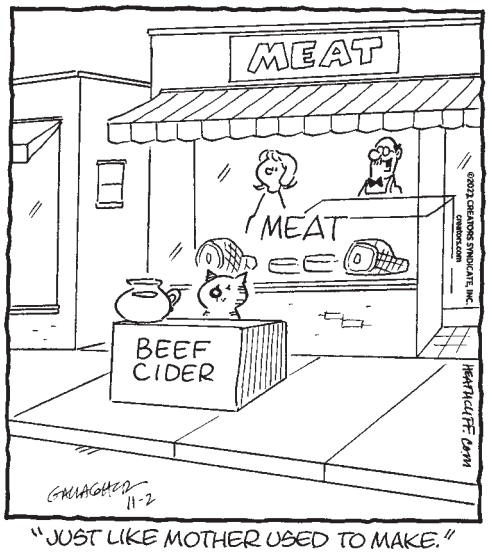
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"JUST LIKE MOTHER USED TO MAKE."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 18 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 2

MAIN STREET FOOD TRUCKS
The California Heritage Museum is proud to announce the return of the weekly Gourmet Food Truck event, taking place every Wednesday evening. California Heritage Museum, 2612 Main St. 5 - 9 p.m. https://californiaheritagemuseum.org/

THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 3

HOUSING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
The Housing Commission works to improve the quality of life of residents and the City by supporting and helping to guide the production and preservation of affordable housing. 6 p.m. https://www.santamonica.gov/housing-commission

WALK-IN TUTORING @TUTORING CENTER (2ND FLOOR)
Location is 2nd floor Tutoring Center. Volunteer tutors provide help with basic reading and writing skills, using the Internet, filling out online forms, using email, resume writing, and job searches. Main Library, 1 - 3 p.m.

CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION
Attend a lively discussion on current events, every Thursday 1 to 2:30 p.m. Formerly at the Fairview Library, now conveniently on Zoom. Excellent facilitator, Marsha, sends an email list on Wed. night of topics to discuss which is informative in itself. There is never a lack of interesting material or opinions. For information and to receive a Zoom link for the next meeting, email to mushcb@gmail.com.

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 4

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, LOW
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 Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203. Contact Olga Saucedo at (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org to enroll. Pico Branch Library, 10 - 12:30.

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 5

INTRO TO UKULELE FOR ADULTS
Get started playing the "happiest instrument in the world" with Cali Rose. Bring your own uke or borrow one of ours. Space and instruments are limited and available on a first-arrival basis. Program will take place in the Montana Avenue Branch Library patio. Montana Avenue Branch, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

OCEAN PARK BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Join a community-led discussion of books chosen by the group. This month's title is Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World - and Why Things Are Better Than You Think by Hans Rosling. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the Zoom link. Main Library. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

MARINE PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN GRAND OPENING
The City is excited to welcome the fifth garden to the Community Garden program and expand the City's urban agriculture. The Marine Park Community Garden will include individual garden beds, a communal growing space, rainwater harvesting, community composting and dwarf fruit trees. Come join us as we roll up our sleeves and start planting. Learn more with compost demonstrations and even inoculate your own worm bin with a few little red wigglers. Tours will be conducted throughout the event. There will be refreshments, kids activities, giveaways and a raffle for fruit trees. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Marine Park 1406 Marine St., https://www.eventbrite.com/e/marine-park-community-garden-grand-opening-tickets-434032321357

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 6

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT ANTIQUE MARKET
A destination for decorators, designers, boutique owners, families with their friendly dogs and collectors of all ages. Shop for ancient to antique, Victorian to Mid-Century, from vintage to the eccentric. Dealers bring; shabby chic, architectural salvage and industrial furniture, paintings from listed European and American artists, original vintage prints, posters and lithographs, estate jewelry, vintage to couture fashion, books, candelabras, outdoor furniture and garden accessories, rugs from around the world, tribal and African art, sculpture and beads, exotic plants and more. Located next to the Museum of Flying. Santa Monica Airport, 2800-3200 Airport Ave. 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

MONDAY | NOVEMBER 7

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES
An ongoing series of citizenship 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. The classes help students complete and submit their U.S. citizenship applications, and prepare them for the official review. Enrollment is through the SMMUSD Adult Education Center (310) 664-6222, ext. 76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org. Pico Branch Library 12:45 - 3:15 p.m.

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **64.9**

WEDNESDAY *POOR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	Small run of SSW swell continues. Expecting a rise in sloppy NW swell mix and onshore winds through the day -- how much depends on a storm expected to drop through the region.
THURSDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	SSW swell up slightly. NW swell mix will likely continue but trend down through the day -- how much size is left and if there's a decent AM window of conditions will depend on a storm expected along the West Coast next week. Stay tuned.

WEATHER

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers before 11am. Partly sunny, with a high near 63.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. Breezy, with a north northwest wind 15 to 20 mph.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 60. Breezy, with a northwest wind 15 to 20 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 46. Breezy.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/11/02	Wed	06:31 AM	4.42	H
2022/11/02	Wed	11:50 AM	2.61	L
2022/11/02	Wed	5:23 PM	4.91	H
2022/11/03	Thu	12:21 AM	-0.07	L
2022/11/03	Thu	07:04 AM	4.89	H
2022/11/03	Thu	12:50 PM	1.86	L
2022/11/03	Thu	6:32 PM	4.93	H
2022/11/04	Fri	01:03 AM	0.08	L
2022/11/04	Fri	07:34 AM	5.34	H
2022/11/04	Fri	1:40 PM	1.13	L
2022/11/04	Fri	7:31 PM	4.90	H
2022/11/05	Sat	01:40 AM	0.34	L
2022/11/05	Sat	08:02 AM	5.73	H
2022/11/05	Sat	2:24 PM	0.51	L
2022/11/05	Sat	8:22 PM	4.78	H
2022/11/06	Sun	01:12 AM	0.70	L
2022/11/06	Sun	07:29 AM	6.04	H
2022/11/06	Sun	2:04 PM	0.03	L

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 10/31
13 19 36 39 59
Power#: 13
Jackpot: 1.2 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 10/28
4 18 31 53 69
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 87 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 10/29
6 12 19 24 28
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 38 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/31
1 9 18 24 37

Daily 3
Draw Date: 10/31
EVENING: 4 3 0
Draw Date: 10/31
MIDDAY: 3 9 7

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 10/31
1st: 08 - Gorgeous George
2nd: 10 - Solid Gold
3rd: 11 - Money Bags
Race Time: 1:44.54

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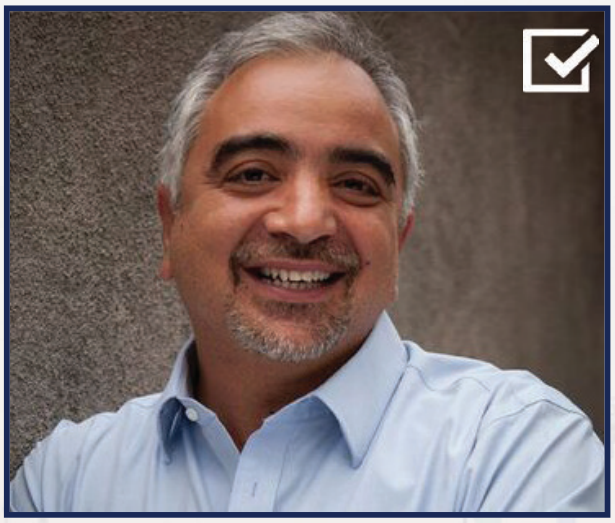
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