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With arguments complete, wait begins for ruling that could upend elections

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Santa Monica could be mere months away from a resolution to the multi-year legal fight over how elected leaders are chosen after the California Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the case of Pico Neighborhood Association et al. v. City of Santa Monica.

The case was filed by the Pico Neighborhood Association and Maria Loya, claiming that the City's at-large voting system discriminates against Latino voters and requires a switch to district voting. The Los Angeles Superior

Court initially ruled against the City in 2018, but the decision was overturned by an appeals court in 2020, leading the plaintiffs to take the case to the California Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court agreed to review the case with a focus on establishing the benchmark for proving vote dilution under the California Voting Rights Act. It also upheld the Court of Appeal's ruling that the plaintiffs failed to prove discrimination in violation of the equal protection clause.

To prove vote dilution under the CVRA, the plaintiffs must demonstrate that a protected

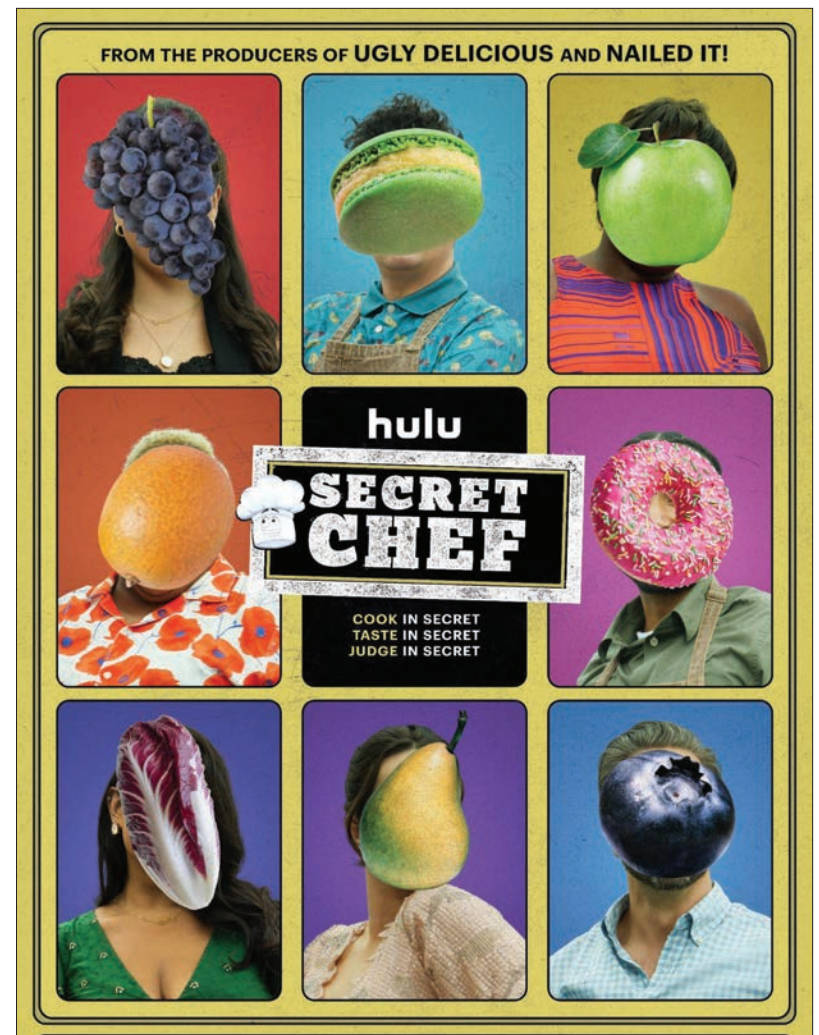
class, such as race, is unable to influence an election due to being overwhelmed by the majority.

The plaintiffs proposed dividing the city into districts, which would result in a Pico neighborhood with approximately 30% Latino population compared to the citywide average of 14%. However, this would not guarantee an ability for Latino residents to win an election, leading the appeals court to support the City's current at-large voting system.

Both sides had an opportunity to restate their arguments before

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Santa Monican revealed as a Secret Chef



Courtesy photo

CHEF: The new show streams online starting June 29 on Hulu.

SIENNA BEVAN
SMDP Intern

Hulu and David Chang's newest cooking show, a self-judged spin on the average competition series, will feature a local Santa Monica resident and TikTok personality.

Jazmin Tyler will be featured in Hulu's new food competition series "Secret Chef." With no professional training, her goal is to show that

anyone can be a chef, no matter their background.

Tyler, who is mostly self-trained, grew her platform on social media, primarily on Tik Tok with food and lifestyle videos. Once she graduated from UC Berkeley as a political science major, she decided to step out of her comfort zone and explore her culinary interests. Shortly

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Hate crimes rose 20.2% in California last year

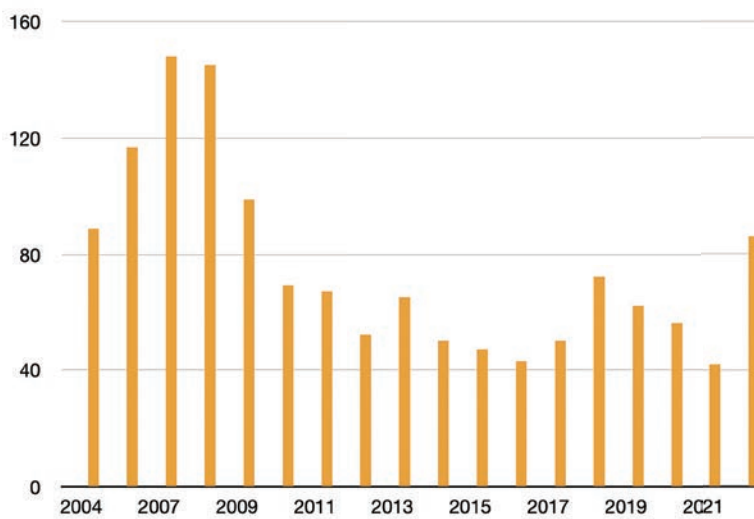
STEFANIE DAZIO
Associated Press

Reported hate crimes increased in California in 2022, including instances of violence motivated by bias, according to state data released Tuesday.

Hate crimes involving racism against Black people, as well as homophobia and anti-Semitism, all rose last year, compared with 2021 data.

Overall hate crime events — which officials say are likely underreported — increased 20.2% in 2022, from 1,763 in 2021 to 2,120.

Crimes targeting Black people in California remain the most widespread and rose 27.1% — from



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HATE IN LOS ANGELES: Hate crimes had been on the decline in Los Angeles County but the number surged alongside a statewide increase last year.

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Is California using an old labor board to get around a fast food industry referendum?

JEANNE KUANG

Special to the Daily Press

Folded into California's \$310 billion budget agreement is a relatively small line item: \$3 million to resurrect an obscure old state commission that once regulated industries from factories to farms to laundries — and even had the power to set the minimum wage.

The budget deal between the Legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom would reconvene the Industrial Welfare Commission, dormant since 2004, to issue new rules on wages and working conditions for specific industries.

If that sounds familiar, that's because it's similar to what labor groups tried to institute for California fast food workers last year, with the passage of a law to create a state-run council governing the industry.

Business groups quickly put that law on hold, pouring millions into a referendum campaign shortly after Newsom signed it last fall. Whether the state convenes a new fast food council — which would be empowered to raise the minimum wage in fast food to as much as \$22 an hour — is now up to the voters in November 2024.

But using a state-appointed board to issue industry-specific labor regulations was no new idea in California. The state's Industrial Welfare Commission did just that for most of the 20th century, before it was defunded in 2004. Without funding, the commission hasn't met or operated, but it's still a part

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This budget bill is undemocratic and a shameful attempt to silence California voters

- Matthew Haller International Franchise Association CEO

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of state law. The new, tentative budget deal would bring it back.

Business groups were quick to criticize

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REUTERS/Mike Blake

FOOD: A “Now hiring” sign is displayed on the window of an IN-N-OUT fast food restaurant in Encinitas, California, U.S., May 9, 2022.



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US push to lower wildfire risk across the West stumbles in places

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Associated Press

Using chainsaws, heavy machinery and controlled burns, the Biden administration is trying to turn the tide on worsening wildfires in the U.S. West through a multi-billion dollar cleanup of forests choked with dead trees and undergrowth.

Administration officials in interviews and during testimony maintained that the thinning work is making a difference. Work announced to date, they said, will lessen wildfire dangers faced by more than 500 communities.

Yet one year into what's envisioned as a decade-long effort, federal land managers are scrambling to catch up after falling behind on several of their priority forests for thinning. And they've skipped over some highly at-risk communities to work in less threatened areas, according to data obtained by The Associated Press, public records and Congressional testimony.

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- Randy Moore Forest Service Chief

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With climate change making the situation increasingly dire, mixed early results from the administration's initiative underscore the challenge of reversing decades of lax forest management and aggressive fire suppression that allowed many woodlands to become tinderboxes. The ambitious effort comes amid pushback from lawmakers dissatisfied with progress to date and criticism from some environmentalists for cutting too many trees.

“As much money as we're receiving, it's not enough to take care of the problems that we are seeing, particularly across the West,” said Forest Service Chief Randy Moore. “This is

an emergency situation in many places, and we are acting with a sense of urgency.”

Congress in the last two years approved more than \$4 billion in additional funding to prevent repeats of destructive infernos that have leveled communities including in California, Colorado and Montana.

By logging and burning trees and low-lying vegetation, officials hope to lessen forest fuels and keep fires that originate on federal lands from exploding through nearby cities and towns.

The enormity of the task is evident in an aerial view of California's Tahoe National Forest, where mountainsides are colored brown and gray with the vast number of trees killed by insects and drought. After work on the Tahoe was delayed last year, Forest Service crews and contractors recently started taking down trees across thousands of acres.

“The forests as we know them in California and across the West, they're dying. They're being destroyed through fire. They're dying from drought, disease and insects,” said forest Supervisor Eli Ilano. “They're dying at a pace that we're having trouble keeping up with.”

Earlier this month, tracked vehicles including one known as a “harvester” worked through dense stands on the North Yuba, clipping large trees at their base and stripping them bare of their branches in just seconds, then piling the trunks to be burned later. Elsewhere, work crews walked slowly behind a wood chipper as it was pulled along a forest road, stuffing the machine with small trees and branches that were cut to clear the understory.

The infrastructure bill passed two years ago with bipartisan support included a requirement for the administration to treat forests across 10 million acres — 15,625 square miles or 40,500 square kilometers — by 2027. Less than 10% of that was addressed in the first year.

“The Forest Service is obligating hundreds of millions of dollars, but not in the areas required by law,” said Sen. Joe Manchin, a West Virginia Democrat who chairs the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Forest Service spokesman Wade Muehlhof said the agency was confident in the administration's strategy, but declined to say if it would meet the acreage mandates.

Key to the government's strategy is addressing forest patches where computer simulations show wildfire could easily spread to inhabited areas.

Architects of the Forest Service's strategy based it on tens millions of computer wildfire simulations being used to predict areas that pose the greatest risk. Those scenarios showed fires on only 10% to 20% of the land would account for 80% of exposure to communities.

“This is a mapped plan through time, where we can laser-focus on one highly important issue: the problem of communities being destroyed by wildfires started on public lands,” said Forest Service fire scientist Alan Ager.

An AP analysis of federal data reveals the scale of the challenge: Hundreds of communities are threatened by the potential

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California's new budget covers \$32 billion deficit without touching reserves

ADAM BEAM

Associated Press

California Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Democrats who control the state Legislature agreed late Monday on how to spend \$310.8 billion over the next year, endorsing a plan that covers a nearly \$32 billion budget deficit without raiding the state's savings account.

The nation's most populous state has had combined budget surpluses of well over \$100 billion in the past few years, using that money to greatly expand government.

But this year, revenues slowed as inflation soared and the stock market struggled. California gets most of its revenue from taxes paid by the wealthy, making it more vulnerable to changes in the economy than other states. Last month, the Newsom administration estimated the state's spending would exceed revenues by over \$30 billion.

The budget, which lawmakers are scheduled to vote on this week, covers that deficit by cutting some spending — about \$8 billion — while delaying other spending and shifting some expenses to other funds. The plan would borrow \$6.1 billion and would set aside \$37.8 billion in reserves, the most ever.

“In the face of continued global economic uncertainty, this budget increases our fiscal discipline by growing our budget reserves to a record \$38 billion, while preserving historic investments in public education, health care, climate, and public safety,” Newsom said.

Republicans criticized the budget plan as unsustainable, noting it would leave the state with projected multi-billion dollar deficits over the next few years. They said the state's gas tax is scheduled to increase on Saturday, an automatic adjustment that is tied to inflation. Republicans have repeatedly tried to halt those increases, but to no avail.

“What do Capitol Democrats have in store

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- Gavin Newsom California Gov.

for you this holiday weekend? Higher gas prices!” Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher posted on Twitter.

Budget talks stalled over the weekend as Newsom sought major changes to the state's

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for fires to ignite on federal forests and spread to populated areas.

In 2022, the Forest Service came up short of its treatment goals in four of 10 areas targeted as priorities. One was the Tahoe National Forest's North Yuba region, where the agency addressed only 6% of the acreage planned.

Small towns tucked into the forest's canyons escaped disaster two years ago when the Dixie fire raged just to the north, destroying several communities and burning about 1,500 square miles (3,900 square kilometers) in the Sierra Nevada range.

The increased logging needed to reach the government's lofty goals has gained acceptance as the growing toll from wildfires softens longstanding opposition from some environmental groups and ecologists.

"Gone are the days when things were black and white and either good or bad," said Melinda Booth, former director of the South Yuba River Citizens League. "We need targeted treatment, targeted thinning, which does include logging.

Even where thinning is allowed, officials face other potential constraints, such as protecting older groves important for wildlife habitat. A Biden inventory of public lands in April identified more than 175,000 square miles (453,000 square kilometers) of old growth and mature forests on U.S. government land.

The inventory will be used to craft new rules to better protect those woodlands from fires, insects and other side effects of climate change. It's uncertain how that will affect the thinning program.

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- Dominick DellaSalla

infestation, drought stress, and all of that is related to the climate," said Dominick DellaSalla, chief scientist at the conservation group Wild Heritage. "I don't think you can get out of it by thinning."

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Meta launches more parental supervision tools for Instagram. Is it enough?

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AP Technology Writer

Instagram and Facebook's parent company Meta is adding some new parental supervision tools and privacy features to its platforms as social media companies face increasing scrutiny over their effects on teen mental health.

But many of the features require minors — and their parents — to opt in, raising questions about how effective the measures are. Instagram, for instance, will now send a notice to teens after they have blocked someone, encouraging them to let their parents "supervise" their account. The idea is to grab kids' attention when they might be more open to parental guidance.

If a teen opts in, the system will let parents set time limits, see who their kid follows or is followed by, and allows them to track how much time the minor spends on Instagram. It does not let parents see message content.

Instagram launched parental supervision tools last year to help families navigate the platform and find resources and guidance. A sticking point in the process is that kids need to sign up if they want parents to supervise their accounts. It's not clear how many teen users have opted in and Meta has not disclosed any numbers.

Such supervision allows parents to see how many friends their child has in common with accounts the child follows or is followed by. So if the child is followed by someone none of their friends follow, it could raise a red flag that the teen does not know the person in real life.

This, Meta says, "will help parents understand how well their teen knows these accounts, and help prompt offline conversations about those connections."

Meta is also adding parental supervision tools already available on Instagram and on virtual reality products to Messenger. The opt-in feature lets parents see how much time their child spends on the messaging service and information such as their contact lists and privacy settings — but not who they are chatting with, for instance.

Such features can be useful for families in which parents are already involved in their child's online life and activities. Experts say that's not the reality for many people.

Last month, U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy warned that there is not enough evidence to show that social media is safe for children and teens and called on tech companies to take "immediate action to protect kids now."

Murthy told The Associated Press that while he recognizes social media companies have taken some steps to make their platforms safer, those actions are not enough. For instance, while kids under 13 are technically banned from social media, many younger children access Instagram, TikTok and other apps by lying about their age, either with or

without their parents' permission.

Murthy also said it's unfair to expect parents to manage what their children do with rapidly evolving technology that "fundamentally changes how their kids think about themselves, how they build friendships, how they experience the world — and technology, by the way, that prior generations never had to manage."

"We're putting all of that on the shoulders of parents, which is just simply not fair," Murthy said.

Also beginning Tuesday, Meta will encourage — but not force — children to take a break from Facebook, just as it already does on Instagram. After 20 minutes, teenage users will get a notice to take time away from the app. If they want to keep scrolling, they can just close the notification. TikTok also recently introduced a 60-minute time limit for users under 18, but they can bypass it by entering a passcode, set either by the teens themselves, or if the child is under 13, by their parents.

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"What we are focused on is kind of a suite of tools to support parents and teens on how they can best engage in safe and appropriate experiences online," said Diana Williams, who oversees product changes for youth and families at Meta. "We're also trying to build tools that teens can use themselves to learn how to manage and recognize how they're spending their time. So things like 'take a break' and 'quiet mode' in the evenings."



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CRIME WATCH

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ON JUNE 17 AT APPROXIMATELY 3:35 P.M.

SMPD officers responded to the Expo Line Bergamot Station after a woman reported being hit with a skateboard on her arms. Upon arrival, officers contacted the victim who stated she was attempting to calm down an angry male on the platform when he turned towards her and hit her with his skateboard. Based on the suspect description, officers searched the nearby area locating Timothy Michael Hess, 47 years-old, still in possession of the skateboard. Hess was positively identified by witnesses, booked for assault with a deadly weapon and transported to the Santa Monica Jail.

CHEF

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thereafter, she moved to Santa Monica and now frequently shopping at local farmers markets for fresh produce and meat.

The various places she has lived, including many coastal cities, have influenced her unique culinary style. She grew up and spent most of her life in Los Cabos, Mexico, lived in Berkeley and Santa Cruz.

“We kind of have to make do with what’s like either imported or what grows locally, so that really made me fall in love with cooking local fish, and of course, cooking with a lot of spices like chilis and tomatoes,” said Tyler. “And I’m grateful that in the show I was able to incorporate some Mexican fusion into my dishes, so that was really enjoyable.”

After the show, Tyler hopes to launch her own company, but her main focus is still her job as a food and wellness content creator on social media where she has almost half a

million followers.

“I just want to dive a little bit more into entrepreneurship since this is my first year out of college, so I’m just kind of going with the flow and seeing where life takes me,” said Tyler.

The purpose of the show is to eliminate all the biases behind the cooking, putting a spin on the average cooking competition. The ten contestants are placed in separate, isolated kitchens, preparing food that will then be blindly judged by the contestants themselves, hence the ‘secret’ in the show’s title.

“First of all, knowing that regardless of your background, you can cook and second of all, to just appreciate food for what it is without having to worry about like oh, who made this?” Tyler said.

All ten episodes of the competition series will be premiering on Hulu on June 29.

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TV: A Santa Monica woman is part of the new cooking competition on Hulu.

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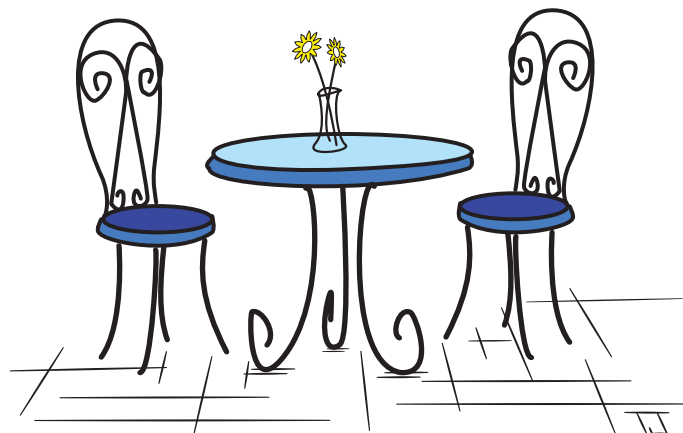
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513 in 2021 to 652 in 2022 — in the aftermath of the country's racial reckoning following George Floyd's murder by Minneapolis police officers in 2020.

But anti-Asian bias events decreased by 43.3% in 2022, from 247 in 2021 to 140, after major increases in past years following the emergence of the coronavirus in China.

California Attorney General Rob Bonta announced the figures Tuesday during a news conference in Los Angeles. The California Department of Justice has collected and reported statewide data on hate crimes since 1995.

"This report is a stark reminder that there is still much work to be done to combat hate in our state," Bonta said in a news release. "An attack against one of us is an attack against all of us. The alarming increases in crimes committed against Black, LGBTQ+ and Jewish people for the second year in a row illustrates the need for our communities to join together unified against hate."

A hate crime is motivated by the victim's gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or disability. Hate incidents such as name calling are not necessarily criminal.

Some of the key findings from the 2022 Hate Crime in California Report include:

Overall, reported hate crime events increased 20.2% from 1,763 in 2021 to 2,120 in 2022. A hate crime event is a single occurrence but may involve more than one hate crime offense. For example, a person

may be threatened and assaulted at the same time; this would involve multiple hate crime offenses within the same hate crime event.

2,589 hate crime offenses were reported in California, increasing by 16.6% from 2021.

Hate crime events motivated by a sexual orientation bias increased 29% from 303 in 2021 to 391 in 2022.

Anti-Black or African American bias events increased 27.1% from 513 in 2021 to 652 in 2022.

Anti-Hispanic bias crimes rose from 197 in 2021 to 210 in 2022.

Anti-Asian bias events fell from 247 in 2021 to 140 in 2022, a decrease of 43.3%.

Anti-Jewish bias events increased 24.3% from 152 in 2021 to 189 in 2022.

Anti-Protestant bias events rose from 2 in 2021 to 12 in 2022.

Anti-Islamic (Muslim) bias crimes rose from 18 in 2021 to 25 in 2022.

Anti-transgender bias events increased from 38 in 2021 to 59 in 2022.

Anti-gay (male) bias events increased 28.4% from 211 in 2021 to 271 in 2022.

Anti-lesbian bias crimes rose from 27 in 2021 to 33 in 2022.

From 2021 to 2022, the number of hate crimes referred for prosecution increased 5.9% from 610 in 2021 to 647 in 2022. Of the 647 hate crimes that were referred for prosecution, 456 cases were filed by district attorneys and elected city attorneys. Of the 122 cases with a disposition available for this report, 43.4% were hate crime convictions and 45.9% were other convictions.

BUDGET

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building and permitting process. Newsom said the changes are needed to speed up vital construction projects, including expanding the state's energy capacity and upgrading the state's aging water infrastructure.

But a group of lawmakers from the Central Valley feared Newsom was using the proposal to push through a long-delayed project to build a giant tunnel to send water to Southern California. In the end, Newsom got most of the changes he wanted — but lawmakers made sure the changes wouldn't benefit the tunnel project.

The budget includes a lifeline for public transit agencies struggling to survive following steep declines in riders during the coronavirus pandemic. It allows transit agencies to use some of the \$5.1 billion in funding over the next three years for operations.

Still, some San Francisco Bay-area lawmakers said the spending wasn't enough to forestall painful service cuts over the next few years. Monday, they proposed legislation that would increase tolls on seven state-owned bridges — including the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge — by \$1.50 over the next five years. State Sen. Scott Wiener, a Democrat from San Francisco who supports the proposal, said it would generate \$180 million in revenue.

Democratic state Sen. Steve Glazer said he would oppose any toll increase, saying in a statement "Transit riders and taxpayers have witnessed first hand the trail of broken promises by advocates for bridge toll increases."

"The status quo is a failure and we should not put in another penny to support it," he said.

The budget does not raise income taxes to cover the deficit, but it does impose a new

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tax on managed care organizations — private companies that contract with the state to administer Medicaid benefits. The tax would generate an estimated \$32 billion over the next four years.

Some of that money would go toward increasing how much money doctors get for treating Medicaid patients. It would also offer \$150 million in loans to hospitals that are at risk of failing. That's in addition to \$150 million lawmakers approved earlier this year.

"In good years, we buckled down so that in tough years this one, we could meet our needs," Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins said. "That pragmatic approach works for household budgeting, and it works for state budgeting."

CVRA

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being peppered with questions from the justices on Tuesday.

Representing the plaintiffs, Attorney Kevin Shenkman said at large elections can and do deny minority communities the representation they deserve and sorely need in their local governments. He said the CVRA didn't require any specific threshold for establishing a minority's ability to influence or outright win an election and rather, the law just required proof of racially polarized voting and evidence an alternative voting system would improve a minority groups ability to elect or influence the outcome.

However, the justices quickly and repeatedly questioned Shenkman over the minimum standards to determine if district voting would increase the ability of a minority group to actually impact an election and specifically how to differentiate the ability to influence an election from outright winning it.

"So I understand your answer to be there can't be a hard and fast numerical threshold because of this sort of a wide variation and the different circumstances that might arise in different jurisdictions throughout the state of California," said Justice Kelli Evans. "But if it's not a numerical threshold, I guess I'm wondering if you can sort of flesh out a little bit what question are the litigants and courts looking to when they answer the question whether or not a particular threshold is sufficient to make a meaningful difference in terms of influence?"

Justice Joshua P. Groban also questioned how to issue guidance to lower courts.

"I keep thinking about our job and the

question presented, which is, among other things, perhaps, to tell trial courts what influence means and do it in a way that would allow them to actually separate valid claims from invalid claims," he said.

Shenkman said proof of racially polarized voting was the first hurdle to overcome.

"I think first of all, a plaintiff would need to show racially polarized voting in any event, and by showing racially polarized voting, a plaintiff shows that under the current at large election system, the minority community lacks that ability to elect or appropriate ability to influence and so I think that's a significant threshold," he said.

He said there are other ways to evaluate a claim.

"In addition to the proportion of the remedial, the minority proportion of the remedial district, the past election results, the court can look at how other similar districts have performed in other jurisdictions, wealth disparities, particularly where there's, where the at large election system results in very costly campaigns to political organization within the remedial district and the dedication of political leaders. All of those factors, and then some others could be considered as well. I think, you know, it's been suggested that that's just too difficult for trial courts to handle. I don't think that's the case."

Arguing on behalf of the City, Theodore J. Boutrous Jr. said several successful campaigns by Latino backed candidates refuted any assertions of racially polarized voting and that without a measurable threshold to determine dilution, arbitrary standards could actually reduce the political influence of the protected class. He said without strong evidence a minority backed

candidate could win in a district, candidates backed by the minority group would be unable to win anywhere as they could not combine their votes citywide.

However, the Justices questioned how the City's position could be reconciled with established law that does not require minority voters to be a numerical majority in a district based system.

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But the question was really more about the manifestation of influence claims and what might suffice to establish them

- Justice Martin J. Jenkins

Justice Evans asked how large a minority's percentage should be in a district, calling the need for a "near majority" one of the most interesting and most concerning aspects of the appeals court decision.

"If here, there had been a showing of a 45% of the population that would be in the district, and all other standards have been met. And there was a showing that saying Latino and African American voters often joined together, that would be a coalition

there was sustained, substantial evidence, strong evidence in the record to show that you could make a rational finding that would then give the power to Latinos to elect the candidates of their choice or by joining together influence the outcome by electing candidates, that would meet our test," Boutrous said.

Boutrous said that without a near majority threshold, arguments about "influencing" an election were simply speculative as they relied on hypothetical outcomes and alliances.

Justice Martin J. Jenkins questioned why Boutrous would dismiss such possible outcomes.

"But the question was really more about the manifestation of influence claims and what might suffice to establish them," he said. "You haven't answered that question."

Boutrous said the City's arguments were within the scope of past rulings and the presence of Latino candidates on Council showed Latinos could already impact elections. "... it can't just be the thought, the hope, the speculation that things might get better for a particular group, particularly where they are succeeding," he said. "I venture to say there's no Voting Rights Act case in history, where the minority group that is bringing a Section 2 claim in the federal system had the majority of the legislative seats or had a live majority of the body to which they were saying their voting power was diluted. It's just not anything that's ever been advocated."

The case now resides with the court who have averaged a ruling within a few months after hearing arguments.

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this funding proposal Monday, calling it a “backdoor” way for the state to start issuing rules for fast food despite the pending referendum.

“The budget bill doesn’t specify an industry for the new Industrial Welfare Commission to focus on, but does direct it to prioritize industries in which 10% or more workers live below the federal poverty line – for which fast food likely qualifies.

Asked for comment, Service Employees International Union, which pushed for the fast food law, did not say whether they want a new commission to convene specifically for fast food. In a statement, SEIU California president David Huerta praised Newsom and lawmakers for “listening to workers and taking the bold action needed to make progress against a growing tide of inequality and poverty experienced by low-wage workers and people of color.”

The union’s close ally Sen. María Elena Durazo, a Los Angeles Democrat who leads a budget subcommittee on labor, said lawmakers have heard workers across industries testify that they can’t afford the basics despite working full time or more.

“Some of these industries already have wage orders,” she said. “It’s just a matter of looking at them (again) ... It’s not just fast food.”

Newsom administration officials did not respond to a request for comment.

The bill only allows about 10 months — right up to about a week before next November’s election — to issue new rules on wages and working conditions. Longtime Capitol lobbyist Chris Micheli said given that tight timeframe, a new commission could only focus on a few industries that fit the poverty description, with fast food being likely.

In the current budget bills, the new Industrial Welfare Commission would not be allowed to issue labor rules that are less protective of workers than current law.

That raised the ire of business groups. In a statement Monday, the California Chamber of Commerce, state Restaurant Association and other groups denounced the limitation, saying it “will only create unnecessary confusion, create layered burdens on employers, and subject businesses to more frivolous litigation.”

Ironically, it was labor groups that pushed to disband the commission nearly two decades ago.

Created in 1913, the Industrial Welfare Commission was California’s version of “wage boards” that were common methods of setting labor standards across several Northern states during the Progressive Era. The commission was initially tasked with regulating labor in industries employing many women and children, the marginalized workers of that era who had neither union representation nor the ability to vote for stronger labor protections on their own.

The commission includes five members appointed by the governor: two representing employers’ interests, two representing labor’s interests and one representing the “general

public.” It met in public, received comments and issued rules by industry in the form of wage orders.

In later decades, it expanded in scope to cover virtually every occupation.

The commission’s wage orders covered industries such as manufacturing, timber, agriculture, motion picture production, canneries, transportation and personal services. They regulated such working conditions as the length of breaks, overtime pay, the provision of seating and water for workers and whether employers had to provide uniforms if they were required.

The commission’s most high-profile responsibility was setting the statewide minimum wage. One of its most famous moves was to grant farm workers the right to overtime pay in the 1970s.

It was as susceptible as any Sacramento body to political influence. In the 1990s, then-Republican Gov. Pete Wilson appointed labor representatives to the commission that labor groups opposed, Fisk said.

The commission made the controversial move to roll back daily overtime rules — the requirement that employers pay extra for more than eight hours of work per day. Lawmakers later reinstated the overtime rules on their own.

WHY COMMISSION WENT DORMANT

Labor groups ultimately decided the commission wasn’t serving workers. At the urging of the California Labor Federation, lawmakers in 2004 zeroed out the commission’s funding, according to news reports.

Since then, the commission has lain dormant — other than a brief revival in 2006 under Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who was deadlocked at the time with the Democratic-led Legislature over how much to hike the minimum wage.

The state Labor Commissioner still enforces the commission’s old wage orders. The Legislature has become the primary body for writing new labor rules. Fisk said that’s not the best set-up for workers or the economy.

“It might be that the minimum wage should be \$24 an hour in some occupations, but in others, that’s too high and it would cause harm,” she said. “That’s an empirical question that should be studied based on sociological and economic analysis, which the Legislature is not set up to do as well as an expert body.”

Whether a resurrected Industrial Welfare Commission focuses on fast food or another industry, UC Santa Barbara labor historian Nelson Lichtenstein said it makes sense for the board to return.

The conditions and diminished clout of low-wage workers today, he said, in some ways mirror those of the women and children laboring in canneries and garment factories in the 1910s.

“Labor law is pretty ineffectual; labor organization is very very low,” Lichtenstein said. “You have (workers) who are only semi-citizens, whether they’re undocumented or marginalized. So we’ve sort of returned to the sociology of the Progressive Era.”

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 28)

It's a year that stretches your potential for exploration, curiosity and embracing a more expansive view of the world. You'll oft be paid sweet, heartwarming attention. More highlights: You'll solve what the others can't. It doesn't mean you should, at least not right away. Hold back for a minute. Pay attention to the power dynamics. Taurus and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 12, 19, 40 and 31.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). While there is no substitute for experience, the stories you share will give someone a vicarious thrill. You're a naturally talented communicator. Learning the art and craft of storytelling can only increase your influence.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's easier to think through your ideas than it is to carry them out. To make sure your plans will be within the constraints of budget and time, do a trial run to find out how long things really take.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Frustration is a function of imposing your own timeline over the one that is really happening. The mature way is to accept that all happens in its own frame. Be like the gods who have all the time in the world.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Even if you don't need help and in fact have the winning answer at your fingertips, you'll still benefit from asking friends for their thoughts and input. If nothing else, it will teach you how unique your own perspective really is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Getting to know people should not be counted as a distraction or waste. Any amount of time socializing steals from your work will be paid back in the form of opportunities you could never have without the mix and mingle.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Everyone wants the big win, though success can be a curse. How can one repeat it when Lady Luck is so famously fickle with her favors? Devote yourself to that which you can control -- the work that will accumulate over time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can trust yourself. Your impulses and instincts are golden, but that doesn't mean they make sense in the moment. And in fact, you could be puzzled by your reactions, but in time, a bright logic will emerge.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). With focused intensity, you can achieve what you put your mind to. But if you try to conquer everything simultaneously, nothing gets done. Address one change at a time and be patient. Results may take several weeks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There is no difference between work that depletes you and work that builds you up. As the bodybuilder lifts until the muscle fails, so will you exercise your skills to the very edge, thus pushing that edge ever-further.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A paradox: Though the endeavor is a solo mission, you won't be alone. The minds that went before you and the ideas you're building on will surround you with their palpable presence. Also, you will attract allies.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll embody the power of intention. Your sincere desire is to help humanity at large, and you'll find small ways to do it. There's no plan here, but with each kind move, the path reveals itself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People yearn to be seen and appreciated. Your ability to recognize and appreciate the intriguing and distinctive qualities in others is remarkable. This perceptiveness makes for truly special interactions.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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

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ACROSS

- 1 Police officer's emblem
- 6 Goatee, for example
- 11 Unhappy
- 14 Drama with singers
- 15 Diplomat
- 16 151, in Roman numerals
- 17 Line through the Rocky Mountains
- 19 Floor decor
- 20 Got close to
- 21 Feeling of remorse
- 23 Largest city of Turkey
- 26 Possesses
- 27 Steel-___ work boots
- 28 New-share issuance event
- 32 Spotless
- 34 Very devout
- 35 Barnyard cackler
- 36 Praiseful poem
- 39 Point at a target
- 40 Angry feeling
- 43 Thundery weather
- 45 Hollywood trophy
- 47 Adolescent's sudden change of pitch
- 52 Grasp onto, as ice cubes
- 53 Ancient Andes dweller
- 54 Attacked verbally
- 56 Country singer Patsy
- 58 Top-of-page website ad
- 59 Reason for extra innings
- 60 When collegians descend on Florida

- 65 Shoo-___ (sure winners)
- 66 Everyday writing
- 67 Supercharged engine
- 68 Encountered
- 69 Affirmative answers
- 70 Velocity

DOWN

- 1 Swampy ground
- 2 Traditionally rainy mo.
- 3 Barely passing grade
- 4 City of Spain with the Alhambra
- 5 All gone, as dinner
- 6 Capital of Lebanon
- 7 Wrap up in a covering
- 8 Enthusiastic
- 9 Fishing pole
- 10 Changes the color of
- 11 Write illegibly
- 12 School graduates
- 13 Condensed version
- 18 Bits of paint
- 22 Moves like a bunny
- 23 Something to scratch
- 24 Shoe bottom
- 25 Adolescent
- 29 Espionage org.
- 30 Carp in a garden pond
- 31 Japanese wrestling
- 33 Write down briefly
- 37 Physician's nickname
- 38 Make a blunder
- 40 Clickable computer image
- 41 ___ and rave
- 42 Therefore
- 43 Look over quickly
- 44 Uneasy feeling
- 46 Saddle's footrest
- 47 Person scammed
- 48 Connected to the Web
- 49 Most frosty
- 50 French film festival city
- 51 Male monarch
- 55 Amounts owed
- 57 See in the distance
- 58 Male sibs
- 61 ___-med student
- 62 Before, in verse
- 63 "Honest" president
- 64 Defeated in boxing

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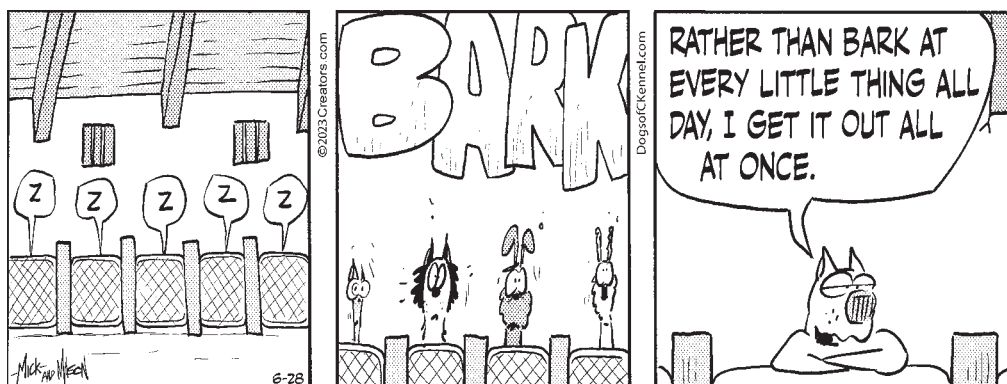
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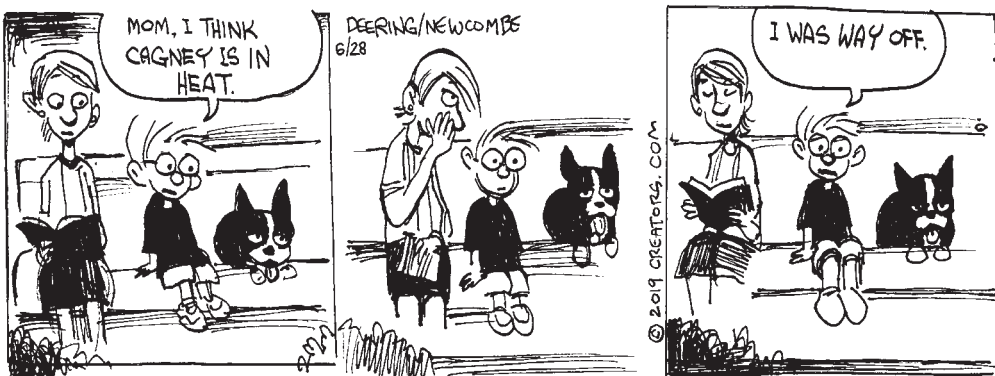
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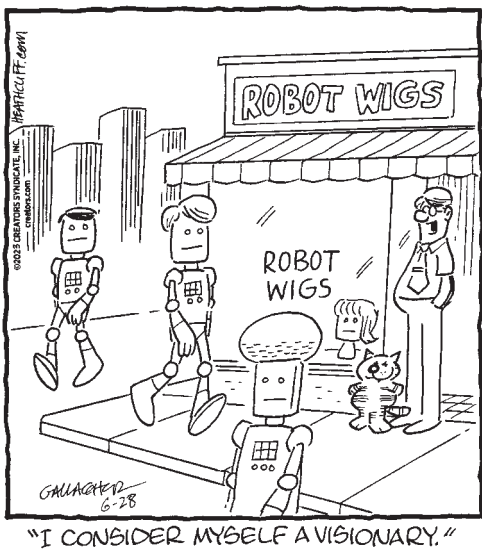


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| Cappuccino | Fire | Muesli | Staff |
| Ciabatta | Fruit | Orange | Sugar |
| Cocoa | Funny | Pastries | Tourist |
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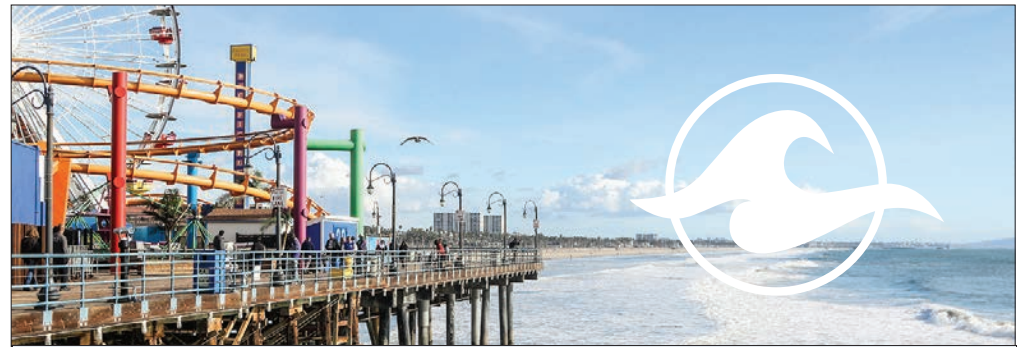
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WEDNESDAY **FAIR** | SURF: 3-4ft
Waist to chest

Wed-Thu look like the biggest and best days of the week. Weak side/offshore (E-ESE wind) should mean generally clean conditions in the morning and even the PM onshores look pretty mellow. SSW swell builds to a peak, touch of NW mixes in.

THURSDAY **FAIR** | SURF: 3-4ft
Waist to chest

Close to Wed, but likely easing a bit. SSW swell should slowly trend down and NW swell mix also backs off.



WEATHER

Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 69.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 58. South wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 71.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 60.

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2023/06/28	Wed	6:12 PM	5.33	H
2023/06/29	Thu	01:35 AM	0.56	L
2023/06/29	Thu	07:44 AM	3.13	H
2023/06/29	Thu	12:03 PM	2.15	L
2023/06/29	Thu	6:50 PM	5.80	H
2023/06/30	Fri	02:17 AM	-0.14	L
2023/06/30	Fri	08:42 AM	3.32	H
2023/06/30	Fri	12:50 PM	2.29	L
2023/06/30	Fri	7:30 PM	6.25	H
2023/07/01	Sat	02:59 AM	-0.75	L
2023/07/01	Sat	09:30 AM	3.50	H
2023/07/01	Sat	1:38 PM	2.36	L
2023/07/01	Sat	8:12 PM	6.66	H
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MIDDAY: 3 3 0



Draw Date: 6/24
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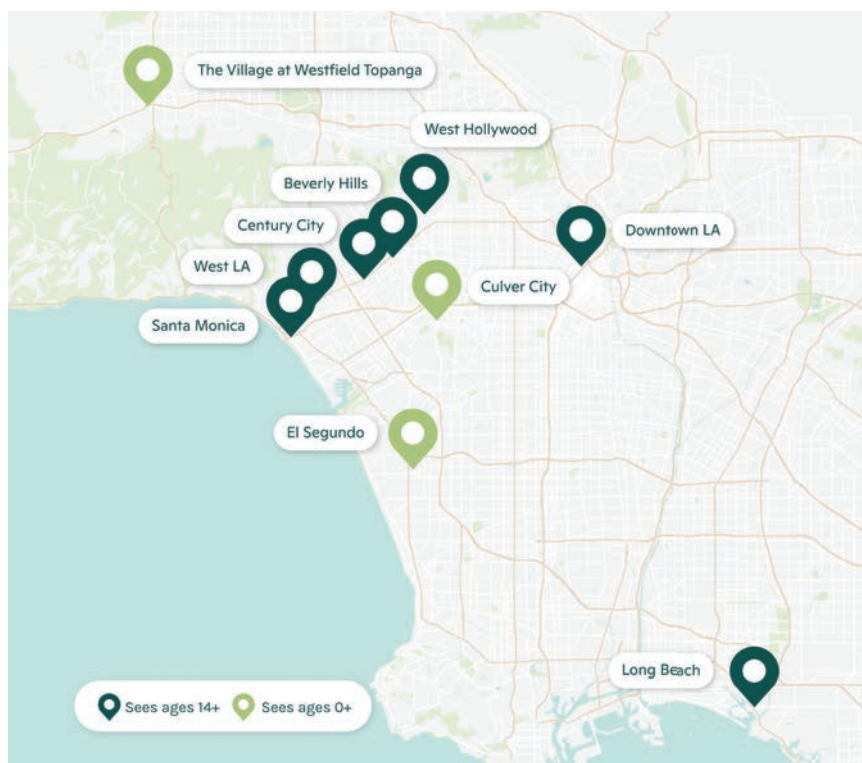
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