New gym helps you work out after partaking in the new restaurant surge

Like a lush oasis in a desolate desert expanse, Irish pubs represent a safe haven the world over, in any city, any country or on any planet. The Auld Fella is opening its second location at 11831 Wilshire Blvd, bringing contemporary Irish cuisine and craft cocktails to the Westside. However, the Auld Fella is not your typical Irish pub, it “eschews kitsch in favor of a thoughtfully curated menu and lively atmosphere” breaking away from the more common decor that’s usually somewhere between “sports bar,” “snug” and “spit-n-sawdust.”

“We’ve reimagined the Irish pub concept for today’s savvy patron,” says owner Kevin Kearns, adding, “Our aim is to enhance the traditional experience by providing an uncompromising focus on quality.”

This is the second location for the chain, the first opened in Culver City in 2019. The expansive menu is highlighted by the bar’s

Recently tagged beach-visiting bear killed in car accident

A juvenile black bear that had risen to prominence for taking up residence in the local mountains, and visiting Malibu beaches, has been killed by a vehicle on the 101 Freeway at the top of the Conejo Grade between Newbury Park and Camarillo.

In April, wildlife officials captured a black bear in the Santa Monica Mountains for the first time. The bear, named BB-12, weighed 210 pounds and was estimated to be around 3-4 years old.

BB-12 had been spotted in various locations within the Santa Monica Mountains through wildlife trail cameras before being tagged.

The Santa Monica Housing Commission wants more residents to own their homes and their overall strategy is to de-emphasize rentals in the City’s housing process.

In a report that will be presented to Council on Tuesday, the Commission outlines a variety of ideas for encouraging homeownership. Specifically, they...
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Rudy J. Ortega, Jr. Appointed to Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Governing Board

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has announced that Rudy J. Ortega, Jr. has been appointed by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to the Governing Board of the MRCA. Ortega, Jr. currently serves as the Chairperson of the Conservancy as an appointee of the Governor. The first Native American to serve on the MRCA Governing Board, Ortega, Jr. is the Tribal President of the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians, a native sovereign nation of northern Los Angeles County. As the elected leader of his Tribe, Ortega Jr. oversees the governmental body and manages affairs pertaining to the rights of all Fernandeño Tataviam people.

“My ancestry is thousands of years buried here, in this soil,” said Ortega, Jr. “The dirt, the mountains, the plants all contain my ancestral DNA. I am pleased to now join the MRCA as the first California Native American and to be part of an agency that works on preservation and management of open space and parklands for all generations.”

Ortega, Jr. is a member of Suicabú, the lineage of present-day Encina. His ancestors come from the villages that originated in the geographical areas of Santa Clarita Valley, Simi Valley, and San Fernando Valley. His great-grandfather Antonio Maria Ortega, from whom he receives his traditional role as tomiar or leader, fought in Los Angeles Superior Court in the 19th century to preserve traditional lands and protect Native title to Mexican land grants from encroaching settlers. His father, the late Rudy Ortega Sr., served as the previous leader of the Tribe for over fifty years and was elected to the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission in 1977. Following his father’s leadership, Ortega Jr. was appointed to the Native American Indian Commission by Mayor James Hahn in 2004, where he serves today as a commissioner.

From 2004 - 2018, Ortega Jr. invigorated the Tribe’s non-profit Pukúu Cultural Community Services as the Executive Director. Through this role, he served the greater Los Angeles County American Indian community and oversaw Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center. Through his seat as Tribal President, Ortega Jr. helped establish the Tataviam Land Conservancy, Paséki Strategies Corporation, and a co-management agreement with the City of San Fernando for Rudy Ortega Sr. Park.

In addition to serving as Chairperson of the Conservancy, Ortega Jr. is a member of the Los Angeles River Master Plan Steering Committee, Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority, Edson Consumer Advisory Panel Board, and a Commission member of the Climate Emergency Mobilization Committee appointed by Mayor Eric Garcetti.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) is a local government public entity exercising joint powers of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Conejo Recreation and Park District and the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District. The MRCA is dedicated to the preservation and management of local open space and parkland, wildlife habitat, coastal access, watershed lands, and trails in both wilderness and urban settings, and to ensuring access to public parkland and coastal resources. The MRCA works in cooperation with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and other local government partners to acquire parkland, participate in vital planning processes, work towards wildfire resilience, and connect wildlife habitats. The MRCA manages more than 75,000 acres of parkland that it owns and that are owned by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. It is one of the lead agencies revitalizing the Los Angeles River.

Venice

Venice Chamber of Commerce Board Installation Mixer & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at NeueHouse

The Venice Chamber of Commerce is delighted to announce its highly anticipated annual Installation Mixer, scheduled for Wednesday, July 26, from 6 - 8 p.m., at Neuehouse, Venice Beach. This year’s event promises to be truly special as they are honored to have their City Councilwoman Traci Park officiating the oath of office for the newly elected VCC 2023-24 Board of Directors.

During the evening, an official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place, celebrating the opening of Neuehouse and their first class rooftop restaurant-bar, Reunion. Guests will have the opportunity to savor delectable bites courtesy of our host and participate in a special raffle, adding to the excitement of the occasion.

They extend a warm invitation to the vibrant Venice community to join them for this memorable event. And to look forward to fostering connections through fun networking with the incoming board, esteemed chamber members, and other guests.

The Venice Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors are responsible for setting Chamber goals and working on programs that benefit all businesses in Venice. For additional information and to register for the event, please visit venicechamber.net.

Space is limited so make sure to register today!


For more information, visit www.venicechamber.net

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Venice Beach Games Returns to Muscle Beach July 29 With 80+ Free, Public Fitness Classes, Competitions, Experiences And More

Venice Beach Games, the ultimate outdoor sports and fitness festival, returns July 29, 2023 to the Venice Beach Rec. Center, at 1800 Ocean Front Walk, Venice. The event, a sun-soaked celebration of sports, fitness, competition, and camaraderie in the world’s greatest beachfront recreation center, is free of charge and open to the public.

Once again, Venice Paparazzi has partnered with L.A. City Rec. & Parks and 80+ sports, fitness, recovery, and martial arts groups and brands, to bring the community a free day of classes, competition, and camaraderie in the world’s greatest beachfront rec. center. Growing exponentially from the inaugural event in 2021, the Venice Beach Games 2023 is on track with its mission: to capitalize on the momentum of the 2022 Los Angeles Olympics by bringing an exciting two-day sport, fitness, and martial arts expo to Venice Beach, an international destination known the world over as a hub of the fitness lifestyle.

Venetians, Angelenos and beyond are invited out to play, workout, and compete in a huge variety of all-level activities including a wide spectrum of athletics. Non-traditional sports like street gymnastics, longboard dancing, submission grappling, skateboarding, and parkour are all on the roster, as well as more traditional games such as soccer, basketball, paddle tennis and handball.

In addition to sports activities, two Fitness Stages and a Martial Arts Zone will offer free classes all day – all levels, all ages, all styles, no excuses! This year’s roster of instructors and competitors range from local legends to world renowned athletes and social media super-influencers to dark horse rising stars, and everyone in between.

Event organizer Alex Stowell remarked, “The enthusiasm for participation in this year’s events was immediate and powerful. Participation is almost at 100 organizations. This year’s event is going to crush, and by 2028, the world will come to Venice to compete. If you want to be the top dog in your respective sport, you will need to add a gold medal at the Venice Beach Games to your hardware collection. Buckle up!”

L.A. City Rec. & Park’s Westside Superintendent Sonya added, “The highly anticipated Venice Beach Games are set to captivate audiences this year. This thrilling event has garnered widespread support from athletes across the region, uniting them in their pursuit of physical fitness, wellbeing, and a strong sense of competition. The Games offer an extensive array of activities, catering to diverse interests and ages. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in invigorating yoga sessions, contribute to community clean-up efforts, experience rejuvenating ice baths, compete in handball and paddle tennis matches, showcase their hula hooping skills, and showcase their skateboarding prowess, among countless other exciting endeavors.”

With something for everyone, the Venice Beach Games promise an unforgettable experience that transcends abilities and age barriers.

Wristband pick up and in person waiver signing starts 8 a.m. at Muscle Beach. Venice Beach Games 2023 is a collaboration between Venice Paparazzi and L.A. City Dept. of Rec. & Parks. Visit www.venicebeachgames.org for more information.

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Venice

Throughout July, During Park and Recreation Month, Join the City of Malibu in Celebrating the Benefits of Parks and Recreation Programs to the Community

The City of Malibu invites community members to celebrate how parks and recreation programs make Malibu stronger, healthier, more vibrant, and more resilient during the National Recreation and Park Association’s (NRPA) Park and Recreation Month.

“Malibu residents of all ages and abilities are invited to enjoy the City’s many excellent parks and recreation programs this summer, from sports and wellness to crafts and culture,” said Mayor Bruce Silverstein. “Parks and recreation programs offer crucial benefits to our community’s beauty, health, quality of life, economic prosperity, and resilience.”

Parks and recreation programs also promote physical and mental well-being, time spent in nature, environmental conservation, education, and culture, all of which are crucial as we face the threats of climate change and natural disasters, according to NRPA.

The Community Services Department provides programs and facilities to meet the recreation and leisure needs of the community. In 2022, over 2,542 children ages 2 to 14 participated in various enrichment programs, and the City coordinated more than 745 recreation programs. Nearly 300 local artists were featured or participated in City cultural and artistic events or programs. The Department also attended to the 610 acres of City native habitats and wilderness areas, including planting more than 220 new “pollinator friendly” plants.

This summer, the City offers a wide variety of fun, healthy, engaging activities for residents of all ages and abilities, including CineMalibu Movies in the Park, Learn to Swim Water Safety Lessons, Summer Day Camps, and art exhibitions. Other offerings include nature hikes and walks, afterschool programs, arts and culture classes, and the return of excursions and luncheons with the Malibu Senior Center.

Throughout July, the City invites the community to share their experiences, memories, and stories about what parks and recreation mean to them on social media with the hashtag #RiseUpJuly.

Explore all of the City’s programs at www.MalibuCity.org/CommunityServices. To register for a program, visit www.MalibuCity.org/Register or call 310-317-1364 for more information. Follow the Community Services Department on social media for updates and activities at www.Facebook.com/MalibuCommunityServices, www.Instagram.com/MalibuCommunityServices, and www.Twitter.com/MalibuCSD.

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Club Studio adds a terrific new use to our slate of top-drawing retail, dining and entertainment experiences at Santa Monica Place
- Doug Healey, Senior Executive Vice President

Club Studio
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signature “Auld Fashioned” featuring Lost Irish Whiskey. “Our spirits selection is a showcase of the best of Ireland and beyond,” says Kearns. “And we pour a proper pint of Guinness – the finest on the Westside.”

Located quite literally at the Santa Monica city limits at 3032 Wilshire Blvd, the Katsu Bar is a hidden gem in the north end of town. The former Bank of America building has been stylishly transformed and is also now the home of Paderia, a Portuguese bakery specializing in tarts, Oakberry, which makes acai bowls and smoothies and a Fitstop gym.

Katsu is fried meat, usually chicken, crusted with Japanese panko crumbs. However, one of the restaurant’s biggest draws are Katsu “sandos,” the extremely popular Japanese sandwich made with super soft crustless milk bread. You also find curries, noodles and Korean on the menu.

“Our signature dish is definitely the sando,” manager Alex Kim says proudly, adding, “We have dill egg salad sando, rosemary sando, even strawberry sando.” Even after just a few weeks, Kim says word is spreading and Santa Monica customers are keen to try something a little bit different.

“Our goal is to bring Japanese Katsu to cities across the United States and beyond,” the website says. There are a total of six Katsu Bars across Southern California, with the others being in Koreatown, Crenshaw, Cerritos, Westminster and Tustin.

And then once you’ve over-indulged on delicious Japanese food, you’ll need to make your way to a gym… and why not explore the new 48,000-square-foot Club Studio high-end fitness concept that replaces the first level of the former Bloomingdale’s location at Santa Monica Place shopping mall at the south end of the Third Street Promenade.

Club Studio will be located on level one below the Arte Museum — a “50,000 square foot immersive, digital art destination” — set to open in 2024 in the former ArcLight Cinemas location on level three.

This further advances Santa Monica Place owner Macerich’s planned repurposing of the full former department store and theater space. Macerich expects to announce an exciting complementary use for the second level within the coming months.

“Club Studio adds a terrific new use to our slate of top-drawing retail, dining and entertainment experiences at Santa Monica Place,” said Doug Healey, Senior Executive Vice President, Leasing, Macerich, in a statement.

“We’ve seen proof of how symbiotic, high-end fitness uses add traffic and energy from early mornings to late evenings at our top Regional Town Centers. Club Studio is an outstanding fitness brand with a very loyal and growing clientele, and we are very pleased to welcome them to Santa Monica Place.”

According to the official blurb, Club Studio will feature five unique boutique studio rooms (CS4, box, ride, hot yoga and reformer pilates), plus full-body cryotherapy, steam rooms, personal training, a high-end juice bar and a retail store.

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CHECK: Santa Monica Elks 906 awarded $3,500 to the Santa Monica Breakfast Club recently. This money will help underprivileged children in the Santa Monica area with needed dental care. The Elks have partnered with the Breakfast Club and their endeavors for several years. Exalted Ruler Gloria Kidd Steck and co-grant writer Donald Checchi presented the check to the Breakfast Club Kathy Checchi and President Patti Lacy.

BEAR
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Biologists believe he was the first resident bear in the area as there was no evidence of an existing population in the area. The nearest population of black bears is in the Santa Susana Mountains, and bear sightings further south are rare.

According to the National Park Service (NPS) BB-12 was killed on July 20 when a driver called the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to report the accident.

“When any of our radio-collared animals get killed on the road, it’s sad but not that surprising after 20 years of studying these animals in the region,” said Jeff Sikich, the lead field biologist for the mountain lion study at Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA). “Roadkill is the number one source of mortality for our mountain lions, so there’s no reason to believe it would be much different for other large carnivores.”

Sikich said BB-12 moved a lot in the short time they followed him and crossed major roads successfully five times.

“On the sixth time, he unfortunately got hit,” Sikich said.

BB-12 had to have crossed busy freeways prior to his initial capture in order to reach this area and he made at least a couple of visits to beaches in Malibu where residents captured images of his footprints on the sand.

Freeway crossings are part of life for large animals living in the Los Angeles area and the famed Mountain Lion P-22 was remarkable for his ability to survive in the environment. However, at the time of his death, P-22 also showed signs of a recent strike by a vehicle.

BB-12 was recorded crossing busy roads several times in the days before his death.

“He provided valuable information in the short time that we studied him,” said Seth Riley, the wildlife branch chief for SMMNRA. “Wide-ranging animals like this young male bear are especially useful for learning about connectivity in the region, and this was certainly true of BB-12, given the five major road crossing that he made in such a short time.”

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Later this year, NPS biologists, in cooperation with the Ventura Transportation Commission, Caltrans, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, will begin a new study of wildlife connectivity along the Conejo Grade.

“This just points even more to the importance of learning about connectivity, or the lack thereof, in this area,” Riley said. “In the long run, it would be great to increase opportunities for animals to safely cross in this area, too. We’ll see.”

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LIONS: The Lions are planning a party.

The Santa Monica Pacific Palisades Lions Club started our new year by welcoming a new member, Derrick Beerensteyn, who transferred from the Suriname Lions Club, and the installation of our 2023-24 officers. Past District Governor Bill Yoon led both ceremonies.

Co-President Kathy, along with Lion Phil, shared their experiences at the Lions Clubs International Convention that was held in Boston. Both had a great time and were inspired with ideas for new projects in the coming year. As plans unfold, I will share about how you could join us in making an impact on our community. There will be a variety of opportunities for everyone, from high school and college students to everyone that lives or works on the Westside.

Lions Kathy and Pam shared some of the plans they have for our 100th anniversary gala with a “Roaring Twenties” theme on Sunday, October 29 from 5 - 8 p.m. Join us at a Santa Monica speakeasy for an evening of fun, frivolity and surprises! We will be updating our Facebook page as more details are revealed.

One of the SMPP Lions signature projects throughout the years has been the collection of used eyeglasses and hearing aids. With drop-off locations throughout Santa Monica and the Pacific Palisades, we take these items to be restored, sorted and distributed to help others in need throughout Southern California and Mexico. To increase the number of donations, we are planning to partner with a new recycling company that is hoping to come to Los Angeles, Ridwell.

They come to your home to collect your traditional cans, bottles, batteries, damaged clothing and plastics to make sure they are recycled. But they also partner with local nonprofits, helping to collect gently used clothing, household items, pet food, etc., and distribute them to these partners so the items will have a second life. We have been asked to be their partner for used eyeglasses and hearing aids. To learn more about their company go to www.ridwell.com/join/los-angeles and signup. They currently have 7229 on the waitlist to join and they need 7500 households to signup.

If you want to be part of the exciting year we have ahead, please join us as a guest and consider becoming a Lion. To learn more, please reach out to Kingsley at 310-454-2960 or smplionsclub@gmail.com. A full list of our speakers through the end of 2023 is posted on our Facebook page. Our dinner meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Santa Monica Elks Lodge, on Pico near 11th Street.
HOUSING
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want to shift incentives from building rental units to encouraging construction of units that will be for sale and at the same time, explore ways to convert existing rental units to owner-occupied units. All of the Commission’s proposals are targeted at creating housing for lower-income residents and that would be available for sale below current market rates.

BUILD MORE HOMES:
The Commission argues affordable for-sale housing is entirely possible given the existence of affordable materials and modern design elements. It is recommending a reallocation of some existing housing resources away from the construction of rental buildings toward sellable housing.

“Large areas of land in Santa Monica are bought by nonprofits using city loans which are subsequently forgiven,” said the report. “This permanent land transfer to third parties at little or no cost is currently used almost exclusively for affordable rental housing. Diverting some of the city’s resources to affordable homeownership projects in lieu of affordable rental housing projects would create a better and more diversified investment in Santa Monica residents, neighborhoods, and community.”

Aside from land, the Commission says fees and planning policies are biased against new for-sale housing and the disparity in municipal support discourages construction of lower priced units in favor of rentals.

The report says a homeownership assistance program should be funded through a combination of local, state and federal housing trust funds that could provide interest free loans or a forgivable down payment system. In addition, the Commission says dedicated support is needed to help understand the homebuying process.

“Buying a home for the first time is daunting,” said the report. “Navigating affordable homeownership assistance programs is even more complex, difficult, and time consuming, particularly for first-time home buyers. The Housing Commission recommends that the city establish a home purchase assistance office that will encourage homeownership, help prospective buyers navigate the numerous and varied purchase assistance programs, monitor ownership programs, and seek new ways to help Santa Monica residents, particularly those with low or moderate incomes, buy a home.”

CONVERTING RENTALS:
Santa Monica has both rent controlled and market rate units, but in either case, they argue a nonprofit or government agency should purchase entire buildings at a time and then offer the units for sale to residents. The sales would be voluntary and the purchasing agency would remain as a proportional owner until all units were sold. Under the Commission proposal there would be no time limit attached to the ability to purchase units and buyers would be required to live in their units for some time before considering a resale.

The report says converting rent controlled units is a real possibility as evidenced by the original Tenant Ownership Rights Charter Amendment (TORCA) that offered a way to convert Rent Controlled units to ownership during the early 1980s. TORCA was not widely successful with only seven percent of eligible tenants buying units and the Commission said the original program had several shortcomings including potentially tense negotiation between tenants and their landlords and an incentive to push out renters to make market rate sales. However, they said a revised version of the policy that accounts for past failings should be considered.

“Furthermore, when occupied buildings that are subject to rent control are placed on the market, their sale prices are frequently lower than their replacement cost because rent control laws prevent new building owners from charging existing tenants prevailing market rents. This presents a unique opportunity for nonprofit parties to purchase discounted multifamily housing in order to facilitate tenants’ optional subsequent affordable purchase of their units...,” said the report.

To ensure affordable prices, the Commission recommends deed restrictions on the sales targeting specific income levels and using a qualification system to filter buyers.

“First, staff should conduct research to determine the legal, financial, and logistical feasibility of working with existing and/or new housing nonprofit partners to convert 100% affordable rental housing to a homeownership model whereby each tenant would be given the option to purchase their unit,” said the report. “Next, the city should engage directly with existing nonprofit housing providers currently managing, constructing, or planning 100% affordable rental properties in Santa Monica to gauge their willingness to consider such transitions and discuss how they could be orchestrated.”

The Commission said rental housing is important, but not the only solution the housing crunch.

“While affordable rental housing is a key component of plans to remedy California’s and Santa Monica’s affordable housing crisis, relegating low and moderate income residents solely to rental housing perpetuates and exacerbates other economic and societal disparities,” said the report. “These disparities are increasingly evident in Santa Monica given the high cost of living, and the city must act swiftly and decisively to mitigate and more fully address them.”

The proposal will be discussed in detail at the July 25 meeting of the City Council. The meeting will be held in City Hall, 1685 Main Street and closed session begins at 5:30 p.m.

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Your awareness expands in all directions, then good things come from all 360 degrees at once. Though you'll put some in the bank, your emotional account will be filled, too. Those with similar priorities and values show up to enrich your life and projects. More highlights: You'll cross an ocean more than once. You'll go big with some news, and you'll get to know fascinating creatures. Scorpio and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 30, 14, 21 and 11.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The day plays out like a carnival ride. You end up back where you started, but that’s beside the point. This is about the experience, the thrill and the bragging rights. You’ll get all three.

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Agnes
By TONY COCHRAN

Dogs of C-Kennel
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Zack Hill
By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE

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

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**TUESDAY | JULY 25**

**SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY PROVIDENCE ST. JOHN’S COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM**

Help with family nutrition and health care access is resuming at Virginia Avenue Park thanks to Providence St. John’s Community Health Program. Trained community health workers will be available to meet in person with community members at the Park Center Building in Virginia Avenue Park. The first Tuesday of the month from 11:30 am to 7 pm and 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 5 pm. The trained Providence St. John’s staff can assist with enrollment in CalFresh, the state of California’s food subsidy program created to improve the nutrition of families through access to healthy foods. Staff can also help navigate enrollment or questions for MediCal and Medicare. If you have questions about whether you qualify for benefits or if you need help completing enrollment forms, you can make an appointment by calling 310-458-8688. Drop-ins are also welcome.

**WEDNESDAY | JULY 26**

**DRAG MAKEUP WORKSHOP**

Join Pickle for an easy drag makeup tutorial and conversation about the drag artform! Some supplies will be provided, but teens are encouraged to bring their own makeup to learn how to add some sparkle to their day at 3:00 p.m. in Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades, CA. https://www.lapl.org/whats-on/events/drag-makeup-workshop

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**THURSDAY | JULY 27**

**AUTHOR TALK: CHARLES FLEMING**

Veteran journalist Charles Fleming tells stories from his books Secret Stairs and Secret Walks, walking guides to the historic staircases and hidden trails of Los Angeles, and helps the Library launch its new “Walking in L.A.” RED (Read Engage Discover) Kit. A book sale and signing follows the program. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

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**FRIDAY | JULY 28**

**FIRE IN THE SKY – THE PERSEID METEORS OF 2023**

This year’s Perseids will be ideal for observing from a dark-sky site on their peak night of August 12-13. Senior Lecturer Jim Mahon will discuss the origins of this annual celestial spectacle, provide tips for observing the shower, and even point you to a group that you can join at a dark camping site to enjoy the shower. Online Event: https://www.smc.edu/calendar/index.php?event_details=00c182e-93b2-4a74-b67a-9af4b0a5b1ff

**SATURDAY | JULY 29**

**SANTA MONICA CONSERVANCY DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR**

Saturdays at 10 am Free for members / $10 general public 1436 Second Street, Santa Monica Santa Monica Conservancy’s Downtown Walking Tours are back! Discover downtown Santa Monica’s architecture, history and culture with our team of highly-rated docents. From Art Deco to Victorian and Romanesque Revival, you’ll explore the various styles that fill the streets of our city. https://www.downtownsm.com/events/calendar/8485-santa-monica-conservancy-downtown-walking-tour

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**MONDAY | JULY 31**

**MONDAY CELLAR NIGHTS AT ESTER’S WINE SHOP & BAR**

Monday Cellar Nights are 4-10 p.m. and are a really cool way to try a glass of something rare or fancy from a high-end collection, without committing to the whole bottle. 1314 Seventh Street, Santa Monica.

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**WEATHER**

Monday: Patchy fog before 1am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 77.

**TUESDAY**

Patchy fog. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a low near 79

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**DAILY LOTTERY**

Draw Date: 7/19
7 10 11 13 24
Power#: 24
Jackpot: 20 M

Draw Date: 7/20
7 14 27 36 39

Draw Date: 7/21
19 22 31 37 54
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 720 M

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