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ENTERTAINMENT

A Hollywood do-over in Simi Valley

Filmmaker Jason Strickland's projects bring industry expertise, dollars to city

By Marianne Love
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Lights. Camera. Action.
There's been a lot of all those things going on at Simi Valley Town Center where Jason Strickland, an actor, a director and a producer, has been bringing top-name actors and televi-

sion and movie celebs to town since early 2000.
Since that time his production company, In The Light Productions LLC, has expanded 130% and added an estimated \$8.8 million to the city's coffers and local businesses since 2011, according to the Simi Valley-ite, mental health advocate and 1966

Royal High School graduate.
"There have been over 1,100 production days that have been filmed here in the Simi Valley Town Center and more throughout the city," said Strickland who mentors Simi Valley youth about making it in Hollywood if that is their passion.
With the working title to his efforts called "Simi Valley Hollywood 2.0," Strickland holds court

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Jason Strickland's In The Light Productions has added \$8.8 million to the Simi Valley economy since 2011, along with nurturing local talent.
HANS GUTKNECHT
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

EATON CANYON

Mother Nature, humans healing fire damage



Plants are returning to the Eaton Canyon Natural Area Park, seen June 25 south of the first creek crossing. Scrub grows in the upper terrace and wash. Recovering oak woodland and dry annual non-native grasses cover the slopes in the background. Volunteers are being sought to remove the non-native plants. **COURTESY OF L.A. COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION**

Flora, wildlife returning to county park, thanks to environment, volunteers

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Nature and humans have been working hand-in-hand seven months after the Eaton Canyon Natural Area Park in Pasadena was badly damaged by the Eaton fire.
While human influence is happening at a deliberate pace, nature's rehabilitation team is moving at lightning speed.
The goal is to make the two forces — human power and Mother Nature — work in unison, bringing trails back to hike-able condition, rehabilitating the flora and welcoming both wildlife and people back to this 198-acre county park, a popular respite for nature-starved humans.
Wildlife, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recre-

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A house behind the chimney of a destroyed Pacific Palisades home had a metal roof without eaves, helping it to withstand January's fire.
Drew A. KELLEY
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

State rules to reduce combustibles had languished

By Todd Woody
BLOOMBERG

As wildfires raged across Los Angeles County in January, a state official parried an email from a resident living on the edge of the conflagration: When would long-de-

layed regulations designed to protect high-risk homes like hers be implemented?
"I do not have a timeline for you," replied Edith Hannigan, then the executive officer of the California Board of

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WASHINGTON SUMMIT

Europe, Ukraine to meet Trump

Leaders say they want to show support and united front in Oval Office conference today

By Samya Kullab and John Leicester
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KYIV, Ukraine — European and NATO leaders announced Sunday they will join President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Washington to present a united front in talks with President Donald Trump on ending Russia's war in Ukraine and firming up U.S. security guarantees now on the negotiating table.
Leaders from Britain, France, Germany, Italy and

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WEATHER

Having a heat wave this week in SoCal

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The most significant heat wave of the summer is moving into Southern California this week, forecasters say, along with heightened wildfire dangers in some areas.
The National Weather Service predicts high temperatures near or above 100 degrees across much of the region by Thursday.

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Dodgers add to lead with Padres sweep



HARRY HOW
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INSIDE: The Dodgers defeated the Padres 5-4 Sunday to extend their NL West lead to two games. **SPORTS B1**

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