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CONCERTS

Foo Fighters, L.A. Phil rock out

Grohl's band and Dudamel's orchestra are perfect in one of final shows for conductor

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Two songs into the Foo Fighters show at the Hollywood Bowl on Saturday, singer-guitarist Dave Grohl paused to acknowledge the special nature of the night backed by Gustavo Dudamel and the Los Angeles

Philharmonic. "First of all, I don't know if you know, Foo Fighters never played the Hollywood Bowl before; this is our first time at the Bowl," Grohl said after the slow burn of "Times Like These" and primal roar of "All My Friends" had kicked off the night. "Usually in this part of the

program, I ask the audience if they love rock and roll music," he continued as the band played the opening riff of "The Pretender" over and over behind him. "Do you love rock and roll?"

"OK, but tonight I'm going to ask this question for the first time," Grohl said as the cheers of the packed house of rock-and-roll-loving fans died down. "Do

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The Foo Fighters' Dave Grohl performs with the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl on Saturday. **SARAH REINGEWIRTZ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

HEALTHCARE

Midwives are an untapped resource



Norma Bates-Fiallo, right, and Angela Sojobi, assistant nursing professors at Cal State Fullerton, demonstrate a robotic mother that can simulate giving birth in the school's sim lab at on Aug. 6. The school has the only certified nurse-midwife program on the West Coast. **JEFF GRITCHEN — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

With a shortage of OB/GYNs, midwifery makes prenatal and postpartum care more accessible for expectant mothers, families

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Annie is having a baby. She's crying out as she has contractions. Her stomach rises and falls with labored breaths. A monitor tracking her vital signs beeps in the background. "One more contraction," says Angela Sojobi, a certified nurse-midwife and assistant professor at Cal State Fullerton. And with one more push, the baby is born. "Congratulations!" Sojobi says.

But Annie can't hear her, because Annie isn't a human. She's a state-of-the-art mannequin that can simulate birth,



Midwife Kimberly Durdin examines Aysha-Samon Stokes's baby alongside 17-month-old Wyatt at Kindred Space L.A. in April 2021. **SARAH REINGEWIRTZ — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

and used to train midwifery students at Cal State Fullerton's School of Nursing. This blinking, breathing

robot with silicone skin and flexible limbs can simulate a variety of birth conditions, including breech births,

preeclampsia, shoulder dystocia and other obstetric emergencies. While students perform the simulated delivery, professors watch from a neighboring room to give feedback. Annie won't deliver her baby unless the students are doing it right, Sojobi said. When people hear the word "midwife," Sojobi knows what they're thinking, she says: long hair, Birkenstocks, even voodoo.

Here's what they don't picture: annual cohorts of about 45 nursing students who, by the time they graduate from Cal State Fullerton's master's program in nurse-mid-

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HEALTH

Record West Nile spread this year

Presence of the virus in SoCal has reached an all-time high, far exceeding 5-year average

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As another heat wave overtakes Southern California, the presence of West Nile virus has reached record levels.

While West Nile virus always has been present in the state, this year's numbers have far exceeded the five-year average in many regions, from the San Fernando Valley to Long Beach to Orange County to the Inland Empire.

West Nile virus originates in wild birds and is transmitted through mosquitoes. So, if a mosquito

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CITY OF COMMERCE

Council member seeks fourth term despite ordinance

Altamirano, foes await court ruling after residents voted to have limits

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Altamirano

A Commerce City Council member is running for a fourth term in the November election with City Hall's support, even though an ordinance prohibits any council member from serving for more than three full terms.

Ivan Altamirano should have termed out this year under a reading of the city's ordinance. He was first

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