

UCLA campus policing draws scrutiny

New security chief, hired after violent spring protests, breaks silence on safety plan.

By TERESA WATANABE

On the first anniversary of Oct. 7, UCLA braced for potentially explosive protests as hundreds of people gathered on campus to mourn and rage over lives lost, hostages held, families destroyed and neighborhoods ravaged in the year since Hamas attacked southern Israel and Israel retaliated with a massive military assault on Gaza.

A tense moment came when pro-Palestinian supporters marched into a campus area off-limits to protest activities and initially refused to leave after student affairs staff told them they were violating campus rules.

Police were called in. They determined protesters were not breaking any laws. The protesters moved on and the night ended with no arrests, no significant confrontations — and, in an intentional UCLA effort to create a calmer environment, no visible massive mobilization of police in riot gear wielding batons.

UCLA, under outside and internal reviews for its widely blasted handling of a violent melee, encampment takedown and protests last [See [Brazier](#), A7]

GOP plan targets protected U.S. sites

Project 2025 would reverse restoration of national monuments downsized by Trump.

By JAMES RAINEY

They are sprawling lands of seemingly endless vistas and soaring plateaus. The red canyons are sprinkled with ancient rock art and historic Indigenous settlements. Normally nonconfrontational paleontologists were so wowed by their fossils that they sued to try to protect the land.

Two Democratic presidents moved to preserve this rugged terrain by creating a pair of national monuments in southern Utah — Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante.

President Trump radically reduced the borders of the two monuments, then their status was reversed again when President Biden took office and essentially restored protection of the original lands.

Another reversal seems all but certain if Trump retakes the White House. Experts say that this year's election also brings attention to a broader question: What will happen to millions of acres of land concentrated in the West and owned by the [See [Monuments](#), A5]



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FLOODWATERS inundate a neighborhood in Punta Gorda, Fla., on Thursday after Hurricane Milton came ashore, causing major damage.

Milton's surge cuts through Florida



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A RESCUE BOAT navigates floodwaters at an apartment complex in the aftermath of the storm in Clearwater, Fla., where waters rose above waist level.

Devastating hurricane kills 10, leaves millions without power

By JENNY JARVIE, SANDRA McDONALD AND HANNAH FRY

TAMPA, Fla. — Search and rescue teams fanned across Florida on Thursday morning plucking residents of flooded homes to safety after Hurricane Milton barreled into central-west Florida, striking a densely populated coastline with storm surges up to 10 feet and 120-mph winds and pummeling communities across the state with deadly tornadoes.

After making landfall near Siesta Key, a barrier island near Sarasota, around 8:30 p.m. Eastern time Wednesday, Milton cut a wide path of damage, flooding apartments, upturning

mobile homes, downing trees and cutting power to more than 3 million Floridians.

At least 10 people have died during the storm, Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas said during a Thursday afternoon briefing at the White House.

"This is a very fluid situation," Mayorkas said. "It is imperative that everyone continues to follow the direction of local officials. Milton may have passed, but the danger it poses has not."

Some of the worst damage took place on the east coast far from where the hurricane made landfall. As if the misery of a hurricane wasn't enough, the storm [See [Milton](#), A6]

Hollywood mentors show them the way ... out

Industry turmoil has veterans feeling the obligation to speak the truth with those trying to enter.

By CHRISTI CARRAS

This spring, applicants vying for a spot in the Art Directors Guild's Production Design Initiative — a program that offers mentorship and on-the-job training to future production designers and art directors — received a troubling email.

The message from the initiative's leadership team said that, "due to historic and unprecedented circumstances within the entertainment industry," the program would be suspended until 2025.

"Because of these circumstances there is even less of an opportunity for employment within the entertainment industry at this time," read an excerpt of the email first obtained by IndieWire. "Given this situation we cannot in good conscience encourage you to pursue our profession while so many of our members remain unemployed."

It's no secret that the entertainment industry is struggling. Contrary to workers' hopes, film and TV production hasn't roared back in the wake of last year's writers' and actors' strikes. Job opportunities remain scarce as studios attempt to recoup their losses from the streaming wars by slashing staff and production.

As a result of the challenges in the workforce, some prominent industry training programs have pulled back.

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PRODUCTION designer Ariel Kaplan says she wants to ensure industry newcomers are not "blindsided."

Life out there? Europa Clipper poised to probe a Jupiter moon

By NOAH HAGGERTY

In 2015, Bill Nye was on Marine One with President Obama.

The television personality and science advocate was officially there for an Earth Day event, but he took the opportunity to talk to

the president about space exploration — and specifically, a mission still in its infancy at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in La Cañada Flintridge that desperately needed funds.

After a decade of advocacy from scientists, the mission is expected to launch as early as Friday,

and will investigate Jupiter's icy moon Europa, which is believed to harbor a vast ocean capable of supporting life.

"There are two questions: Where did we come from? And, are we alone in the universe?" Nye said. "If you meet somebody who [See [Europa](#), A5]



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