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Increased security at local schools after Texas rampage

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Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica officials are responding to the horrific Texas school shooting by increasing security at local campuses and providing resources to individuals who need them.

The gunman who massacred 19 children and two teachers at an elementary school in Texas warned in online messages sent minutes before the attack that he had shot his grandmother and was going to shoot up a school, the governor said Wednesday.

Salvador Ramos, 18, used an AR-15-style semi-automatic rifle in the bloodshed Tuesday at Robb Elementary School in

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Three local tax measures could appear on November ballot

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City Councilmembers agree that the City should seek to raise revenues through a ballot measure, but what taxes to increase and where to spend the money is up for debate.

Measure proponents share an understanding that the City's post-pandemic revenues do not provide adequate funding for

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Santa Monica workers recognized for lifesaving actions



Courtesy photo

CPR: Anthony Diaz (center) was one of two Santa Monica employees who saved a man's life. Diaz and Jose Barron (not pictured) were recognized along side other community heroes by the Red Cross this week.

MARILYN JIMENEZ
Special to the Daily Press

From performing CPR when a stranger collapses at a community gym to pulling someone from a burning car or home, Los Angeles is full of brave and courageous heroes.

On Thursday, May 19, the American Red Cross Los Angeles Region honored community heroes who have demonstrated extraordinary acts of courage and humanitarian service at its 17th Annual Hometown Heroes Ceremony. These 12 individuals jumped into action in a moment's notice without hesitation – they are true Heroes.

For 16 years, the Red Cross has celebrated extraordinary acts by ordinary people who have saved lives; made significant positive differences in their community in the areas of emergency response, disaster preparedness, and prevention; or exemplified the Red Cross mission in some other way.

"We are living through a time when the average person is being called upon to carry out acts of great heroism," said Amy Papageorges, Executive Director for the American Red Cross Greater Long Beach and South Bay Chapter. "We are one community together – living and protecting one another. We are excited to honor some of these individuals today."

The awards luncheon is made possible by the generosity of sponsors.

JOSE BARRON AND ANTHONY DIAZ

The two employees of the Santa Monica Community Recreation Division witnessed an off-duty city police officer suffer a cardiac arrest at the Memorial Park gym. They dialed 9-1-1 and, relying on instructions from dispatcher Joanna Worgen, initiated CPR and used the defibrillator. The victim was unconscious when paramedics arrived but was breathing and displaying a pulse. He was transported to a hospital and released a week later. For their efforts, the pair received a Santa Monica Fire Department's Citizens Award.

OTHER AWARDEES INCLUDED:

Nathanial Burch who used CPR to saved his father's life during a heart attack. Andres Alonso as the Red Cross' Veteran Hero for his service and bravery as a Marine during the Vietnam War. Monique Champagne, Shayla Jackson and Hunter Collins who used CPR and a defibrillator to save a man during an incident at the Long Beach Airport. Bali Fedalizo who saved his 10-year-old cousin after the child was yanked underwater by an undercurrent. Pasadena fire captain William Basulto who encountered a residential fire while off-duty and marshaled neighbors to fight the fire while he saved the elderly resident. Long Beach Police Department officer Jorge Grajeda who also encountered a residential fire while off-duty and worked to get the resident out. Richard Montejano who worked with other witnesses to overcome a fire to save a woman after she crashed her car into a propane tank at a gas station.

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Going electric: California car mandate would hit mechanics hard

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Cal Matters



Photo by Nina Riggio for CalMatters

FIX: J & R Auto Repair shop mechanic, Walter Preza, works on a car in the Mission in San Francisco, Calif., on Thursday, May 12, 2022.

The pungent odor of motor oil and grease wafts through the air at JR Automotive in San Francisco as Jesus Rojas lifts the hood of a 2014 Honda Civic to inspect its engine.

Gasoline-powered vehicles like this one have hundreds of moving parts and other components that keep mechanics like Rojas busy. Rojas, 42, has spent much of his life refining the specialized skills needed to inspect and repair them.

But as California switches to electric vehicles in its battle against climate change and air pollution, these skills will be needed less and less over the next decade. By 2040, the state projects that nearly 32,000 auto mechanics jobs will be lost in California, since electric vehicles need far less maintenance and repair.

"I'm not against electric vehicles," said Rojas, who immigrated to the Bay Area from Mexico as a teenager and opened his own shop 11 years ago. "I've always loved cars and I'll work on them until I can't anymore. So we have to adjust. We have to get out of our comfort zones."

In an effort to transform to a carbon-neutral, climate-friendly state, California's proposal to phase out all new gas-powered cars by 2035 will drive a wide-ranging transition of the workforce.

Throughout the economy, an estimated 64,700 jobs will be lost because of the mandate, according to the California Air Resources Board's calculations. On the other hand, an estimated 24,900 jobs would be gained in other sectors, so the estimated net loss is 39,800 jobs, a minimal amount across the state's entire economy, by 2040.

But no single workforce in the state would be hurt more than auto mechanics: California has about 60,910 auto service technicians and mechanics, and more than half of those jobs would be lost over the next two decades if the mandate goes into effect, the air board calculates.

The transition would be phased in over a decade: Beginning with 2026 models, 35% of new cars and light-duty trucks sold in California would be zero-emission, reaching 51% in 2028, 68% in 2030 and 100% in 2035. The board will hold a hearing on June 9 before voting on the proposal in August.

Alex Dirige, 67, an immigrant from Guam who has worked as a mechanic in San Francisco for more than 30 years, worries that the transition to electric cars will threaten the livelihoods of vulnerable groups like undocumented immigrants and cause many auto repair workers to leave the industry altogether.

The trade provides a steady and reliable income in California for many workers with no college degree. On average, mechanics across the state earn about $26 an hour or $54,190 a year, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"Many mechanics who have started working see that there's not a long-term future in the auto repair business, with hybrids and electric cars coming out," Dirige said. "The electric vehicle repair market is just about nonexistent. A lot of them would love to be in the field but they might choose to go into other types of employment."

WHO LOSES AND WHO GAINS JOBS

California is already suffering the ill effects of climate change — which damages its economy, not just its public health and its environment. About 40% of its greenhouse gas emissions come from transportation, the largest of any sector, so state leaders say reducing reliance on gasoline and moving towards electric cars is crucial to averting even more disastrous effects.

Some industries gain jobs while others lose them as the state shifts to zero-emission vehicles.

The retail trade sector, which includes gas station workers and automobile and parts dealers, would lose 38,669 jobs by 2040 or about 2% of the retail workforce. Most of the losses would be at gasoline stations. As the electric vehicle fleet grows, air board officials project gas stations could provide charging to offset the losses.

Some of the loss in the retail sector is due to less expendable income. Electric cars now cost more to purchase, although prices will drop and maintenance will cost far less, saving about $3,200 for the life of a 2026 car and $7,500 for a 2035 car, according to the air board.

Another 20,831 jobs in state and local government would be eliminated because of the decrease in gas tax revenue.

But the transition to electric cars also will create thousands of jobs. Southern California Edison, Pacific Gas & Electric and other power industry companies would benefit most, with the creation of about 5,600 jobs by 2040 as car owners spend more on electricity to power their vehicles. Insurance carriers will benefit from about 1,700 new jobs, while the construction industry is expected to gain about 3,600.

Since few vehicles are manufactured in California, the state is unlikely to see a surge in manufacturing in response to the mandate. Of the 44 major auto assembly plants in the U.S., most are located in the Midwest and the South, according to a 2021 report from the International Council on Clean Transportation, a nonprofit research organization.

A 'SLOW-MOVING' CHANGE

Mechanics who work on internal combustion engines would still have plenty of work: The rule would not ban sales of used cars, and it wouldn't force the state's residents to stop driving the roughly 29 million gas-powered cars that are already on the road. Californians also could keep importing new or used vehicles from out of state.

That means Californians will still own a lot of gas-powered cars past 2035, softening the blow for car mechanics and industries dependent on fossil fuels, said James Sallee, an economist and research associate at the Energy Institute at University of California, Berkeley's Haas School of Business.

Sallee said the changes wouldn't occur fast enough to trigger a sharp economic slowdown within the auto repair industry.

"It's when there's quick and rapid changes that we think the most harm is done to workers because they can't relocate freely and quickly," Sallee said. "So it's important people have in perspective that it is a slow-moving process, not a dramatic and super-fast shift away from demand for gasoline stations or oil changes. It's going to be something that takes place over a longer time period."

Electric cars have fewer fluids, such as engine oil, and fewer moving parts than a conventional car. Brake systems also last longer because of regenerative braking, which converts energy from the brake pads into electricity to recharge the battery, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. They also don't have mufflers, radiators and exhaust systems.

But auto mechanics warned that while most operating and maintenance costs are lower for electric vehicles, some parts can be more expensive to replace. Rojas also said electric car owners could experience problems down the line they haven't yet thought about.

Electric vehicles tend to weigh more than conventional cars, which means they need special tires that can support a heavier load. Those can cost between $200 and $300 per tire, compared to the $50 to $150 average for a gas-powered car, Rojas said.

In addition, other services like replacing a windshield on a car like a Tesla, which has sensors and computerized features, could cost anywhere from $1,100 to $2,000, he said, compared to $200 and $500 for the windshield of a conventional car.

"Because the car is still under warranty from the dealership, nothing right now comes out of pocket," said Rojas. "But as soon as the vehicle becomes older, they're going to become more expensive."

While zero-emission vehicle sales have been steadily increasing in recent years, Californians continue to primarily drive gas-powered cars. Electric cars in 2021 made up about 3% of all cars on the road but 12.4% of auto sales.

Some mechanics doubt that consumer behavior can change as quickly as the air board thinks it will. The proposal would

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DAILY POLICE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 297 CALLS ON MAY 24

Family Disturbance 14th St / Maple St 12:22 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 9th St / Olympic Blvd 12:37 a.m.
Loud Music 2400Blk 20th St 3:39 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500Blk 4th St 4:12 a.m.
Burglary 2900Blk Pico Blvd 5:25 a.m.
Encampment 1400Blk The Beach 7:11 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Lincoln Blvd / Raymond Ave 7:55 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1400Blk San Vicente Blvd 8:04 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 23rd St / Oak St 8:10 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 400Blk Pacific St 8:33 a.m.
Loud Music 2000Blk Ocean Ave 8:57 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 400Blk Hill St 9:06 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1700Blk Cloverfield Blvd 9:29 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2900Blk 2nd St 9:30 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 900Blk 11th St 9:42 a.m.
Attempt Burglary 800Blk Grant St 9:55 a.m.
Auto Burglary 7th St / Idaho Ave 10:01 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 20th St / Pico Blvd 10:13 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 800Blk 9th St 10:20 a.m.
Encampment 3100Blk 2nd St 10:22 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2900Blk 2nd St 10:22 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2900Blk Highland Ave 10:40 a.m.
Fraud 1900Blk Cloverfield Blvd 10:43 a.m.
Grand Theft 1000Blk Pacific St 11:07 a.m.
Fraud 1100Blk Oak St 11:18 a.m.
Panic Alarm 2700Blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:22 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1200Blk 5th St 11:30 a.m.
Petty Theft 1300Blk 20th St 11:38 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 100Blk California Ave 11:54 a.m.
Petty Theft 500Blk Adelaide Dr 12:00 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 3100Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:07 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1300Blk 4th St 12:08 p.m.
Lost Property 1500Blk Ocean Ave 12:11 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 1800Blk Idaho Ave 12:30 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 1800Blk Idaho Ave 12:31 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2700Blk Lincoln Blvd 12:32 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 200Blk San Vicente Blvd 12:38 p.m.
Fraud 1200Blk Maple St 12:45 p.m.
Lost Property 1500Blk Ocean Ave 12:45 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 1800Blk Broadway 12:56 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 500Blk Olympic Blvd W 1:01 p.m.
Fraud 3400Blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:02 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 3200Blk Donald Douglas Loop S 1:12 p.m.
Sexual Assault 1600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:23 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 10th St / Pearl St 1:25 p.m.
Encampment 1300Blk Ozone Ave 1:33 p.m.
Found Property 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:33 p.m.
Found Property 2400Blk Ocean Front Walk 1:47 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1000Blk Pacific St 1:59 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1400Blk Ocean Ave 2:05 p.m.
Encampment 2400Blk Ocean Front Walk 2:16 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1400Blk 5th St 2:27 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2300Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:42 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2300Blk Main St 2:47 p.m.
Arson 5th St / Arizona Ave 2:57 p.m.
Loitering 1200Blk 24th St 3:08 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1300Blk Centinela Ave 3:25 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1500Blk Yale St 3:29 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:33 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 700Blk Pier Ave 3:34 p.m.
Theft Suspect In Custody 200Blk Broadway 3:40 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:47 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Ocean Ave / Bay St 3:54 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 1300Blk Pico Blvd 4:02 p.m.
Loitering 3300Blk Virginia Ave 4:16 p.m.
Red Zone Violation 300Blk San Vicente Blvd 4:17 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1800Blk Appian Way 4:20 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1500Blk 2nd St 4:42 p.m.
Drinking In Public 200Blk Strand St 4:43 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 600Blk 11th St 4:46 p.m.
Fraud 1500Blk 7th St 4:52 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 400Blk 18th St 5:00 p.m.
Identity Theft 2000Blk Montana Ave 5:00 p.m.
Drunk Driving 200Blk Strand St 5:01 p.m.
General Parking Problem 2700Blk Colorado Ave 5:04 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2000Blk Ocean Ave 5:05 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2600Blk Barnard Way 5:06 p.m.
Sexual Assault 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 5:09 p.m.
Identity Theft Bay Club / PCH 5:52 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500Blk 4th St 5:55 p.m.
Overdose 1000Blk 3rd St 5:56 p.m.
Petty Theft 3100Blk Wilshire Blvd 5:57 p.m.
Assault 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 6:58 p.m.
Grand Theft 1000Blk Pacific St 7:07 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1300Blk 19th St 7:18 p.m.
Grand Theft 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 7:21 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1500Blk 4th St 7:25 p.m.
Panic Alarm 2500Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:28 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 300Blk Olympic Dr 7:39 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:03 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 600Blk Pico Blvd 8:07 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 7th St / Ashland Ave 8:10 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:14 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:21 p.m.
Loud Music 1500Blk 5th St 8:27 p.m.
Encampment 1900Blk Broadway 8:30 p.m.
Suicide 1900Blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:41 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 700Blk Navy St 8:45 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 8:48 p.m.
Battery 2600Blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:50 p.m.
Petty Theft 8900Blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:54 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 2200Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:03 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd W 9:37 p.m.
Battery 500Blk Colorado Ave 9:40 p.m.
Overdose 700Blk 24th St 10:16 p.m.
Overdose 2000Blk 20th St 10:58 p.m.
Battery 500Blk Colorado Ave 11:15 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOGS

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EMS 700Blk Pico Blvd 1:22 a.m.
EMS 00Blk Village Pkwy 7:23 a.m.
EMS 700Blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:46 a.m.
EMS 1000Blk 20th St 7:51 a.m.
EMS 2200Blk Oak St 8:11 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 2200Blk Oak St 8:11 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1000Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:42 a.m.
EMS 2000Blk Arizona Ave 10:23 a.m.
EMS 500Blk Colorado Ave 10:47 a.m.
EMS 1000Blk Harvard St 11:45 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk Arizona Ave 12:07 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 21st St 12:27 p.m.
Structure Fire 1800Blk Idaho Ave 12:28 p.m.
EMS 2400Blk Montana Ave 1:26 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500Blk 5th St 1:49 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2400Blk 21st St 2:00 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk Olympic Blvd 2:43 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 5th St / Arizona Ave 2:59 p.m.
EMS 3000Blk 7th St 4:21 p.m.
EMS 800Blk 4th St 4:38 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 900Blk Euclid St 5:05 p.m.
EMS Interstate 10 / 4th St 5:43 p.m.
EMS 1000Blk 3rd St 5:55 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 7th St 6:08 p.m.
EMS 600Blk Palisades Ave 6:15 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 900Blk 26th St 6:24 p.m.
EMS 2100Blk Stewart St 6:25 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 6:28 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 600Blk Pico Blvd 7:11 p.m.
EMS 1900Blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:44 p.m.
EMS 400Blk Expo Line 10:12 p.m.
EMS Cloverfield Blvd / Interstate 10 10:16 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 400Blk 10th St 10:43 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk 20th St 10:58 p.m.
Arcing Wires Stanford St / Colorado Ave 11:04 p.m.
Wires Down 800Blk 5th St 11:28 p.m.

CRIME WATCH

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON MAY 24, AT ABOUT 11 P.M.

Santa Monica Police and Fire personnel responded to a report of a possible overdose at an apartment building located in the 2000 block of 20th Street. Three female juveniles, believed to have experienced a drug overdose, were transported to a local hospital by SMFD to be treated. Two of the females have been listed as critical but stable condition and the third is conscious, alert and is recovering. This is an active investigation. SMPD Detectives are working diligently to obtain all the necessary information and details of this event and case.



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How Pro-choice Californians can Become Part of a Movement to Protect A Woman's Right to Choose

JULIE A. WERNER-SIMON

The sky is falling," have said a few Westside moms in my impromptu neighborhood-coffee-and-walk club.

A handful took to the streets (and some with daughters in tow) earlier this month to protest the impending death of Roe v. Wade, in the advent of the release of the final opinion of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito's draft opinion in Dobbs (Mississippi State Department of Health) v. Jackson Women's Health Organization.

In a nutshell, Justice Alito, who refused at his 2006 Senate confirmation hearing to say that Roe v. Wade, (a 1973 Supreme Court case that gave women an unfettered right to abortion in the first trimester) was settled law, stated in the Dobbs draft that there is no right to privacy and no right to abortion in America. His reasoning? Neither word appears in the 1787 constitution. Alito instead claims that the seminal founding document protects and preserves the rights of unborn "potential life," specifically, "prenatal life at all stages of development."

Once the opinion (if it hews closely to the Alito draft) issues, America will be at war — with itself. This is hauntingly similar to when President Abraham Lincoln, our 16th president, took office in March 1861 (having been elected that previous November).

Then, America's states and people in them were asked to take a side: for or against?

Eleven states had made clear – they were against the autonomy of Black Americans. Blacks would remain enslaved. Blacks were property.

The question posed to us in the 21st Century across the nation is this:

Are you for reproductive access and autonomy of half the population or are you against?

The Guttmacher Institute, a national research center on reproduction and access, has predicted that 26 states are poised to ban abortion access, and almost half of those have already passed trigger laws that will instantaneously ban abortion when the Supreme Court opinion issues.

In fact, several states are copying Texas' S.B. 8 \which the U.S. Supreme Court let stand last year.

Texas' S.B. 8 law, which is currently in effect, bans abortion after a woman misses her first period (and the law goes on at length about the requirement that physicians record details of the woman's menstrual cycle in the official "medical record.") It also lets any Texas busybody file a civil lawsuit against the woman (and anyone who helps assist her in securing an abortion) anywhere. Plus, if the lawsuit-filer wins in a Texas courtroom, the Texas court will require the civil defendant (the abortion seeker or helper) to pay $10,000 reward, a "bounty," to the busybody.

With all this in play, now and before the Alito final opinion issues, it is time for pro-choice Americans to take action with the following three steps:

STEP ONE: PASS LEGISLATION IN CALIFORNIA BARRING OUR COURTS FROM HELPING ENFORCE TEXAS AND OTHER STATES' BOUNTY HUNTER LAWS

Californians should demand that the state assembly pass legislation which authorizes Californians to facilitate reproductive access to those who can't access it in anti-choice states. California should do what Connecticut did, three days after the release of the draft Alito opinion.

Connecticut's legislation (passed as the antidote to Texas' S.B. 8's private lawsuit, bounty hunter law) protects those who provide or facilitate reproductive services in Connecticut or who provide funding to others from anti-choice states to obtain abortions in Connecticut and are then sued extraterritorially in anti-choice states.

The Connecticut legislation enables an access facilitator who has had a civil judgment entered in an anti-choice state for conduct legal in Connecticut (specifically, receiving, providing or helping a person obtain legal abortion services in Connecticut) — to sue, in Connecticut, for damages against the access infringer.

The Connecticut legislation also blocks Connecticut state officials (to include prosecutors) from assisting in interstate anti-access investigations or prosecutions. It also bars Connecticut's judicial branch employees from issuing or honoring subpoenas related to access legal in Connecticut, and bars Connecticut's governor from helping enforce another state's extradition application for matters involving reproductive matters legal in Connecticut but illegal in the state requesting extradition.

Governor Newsom on May 11, 2022, announced his proposal for the passage of a "Reproductive Health Package to Strengthen Protections, Expand Access, and Welcome Businesses from Anti-Abortion States," but California has not directly taken on Texas' S.B. 8, and has not passed anything remotely close to what Connecticut has.

It's time for California to act. There's no reason that our vast "Golden State" abutting the Pacific Ocean, and home to almost 40 million inhabitants, should trail the tiny "Constitution State" of just 3.5 million on the Atlantic. Contact your state representatives and Governor Newsom's office, pronto.

STEP TWO: SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF A CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ENSHRINE ABORTION, BIRTH CONTROL, AND IVF IN THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

The breadcrumbs from the Alito opinion are clear. Since he has decided there is no privacy right in the U.S. Constitution, other reproductive "privacy" rights are not there either like birth control, and in vitro fertilization (IVF). They are at risk too.

While California does have the word privacy right in its state constitution - it is not defined there. The word is specifically mentioned in a provision added, in 1972, through a California voter initiative. Cal. Const. Art. I, section 1, provides that "All people are by nature free and independent and have inalienable rights. Among these are enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining safety, happiness and privacy."

Come Aboard Today's "Overground Reproductive Railroad"

The meaning and breadth of California's privacy right has been litigated in California courts and California is one of several states where state courts have interpreted privacy broadly.

That said, the ascension of federal judges who scour our country's founding documents for Sherlockian "ah hah" moments to deny women reproductive access (many of the same jurists being those who interpret the Second Amendment's 18th century phraseology to mean AK-47s), necessitates that state constitutions need to be more specific.

These days state constitutions are a better recourse to protect reproductive access, independently and more vigorously, than the U.S. Constitution. The precise words need to be in state constitutions above the reproductive Mason Dixon line to serve as a firewall to the no-choice states.

On May 2, 2022, within hours of the publication of the Alito draft opinion in Dobbs, Governor Newsom, Senate President Toni G. Atkins (D-San Diego),

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require a massive overhaul of new charging stations and building codes.

"It's nearly impossible to make all these changes by 2035," Dirige said. "We don't have the infrastructure to go to all electric vehicles. We barely have it now. And if you ask people, they're afraid they're going to end up with a car that is going to run out of electricity and they'll be stuck somewhere."

MECHANICS WILL NEED NEW SKILLS OR NEW JOBS

Rojas and his business partner, Raul Perez, employ two other mechanics, also Latino immigrants, who perform routine services such as oil changes and tuneups.

Rojas said mechanics have to invest thousands of dollars of their own money to buy special equipment and tools. Some could use their existing tools and skills to service electric cars, since the cars would still require cosmetic repairs, tire rotations and battery inspections.

But many won't be able to afford retraining for a new career or learning new skills in complex areas like electrical engineering needed to repair hybrid and electric models.

"If the government is interested in helping us economically to get retrained, it could really help the people who might be struggling but want to learn," he said.

"We need people that are willing to learn because we have to adapt," said Rojas, right, shown with Raul Man Perez, co-owner of J & R Auto Repair in San Francisco.

Shane Gusman, a lobbyist for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, said state leaders should help fund the retraining of workers who lose their jobs due to the state's efforts to battle climate change.

"Unions are not standing in the way of responsible policies to protect the climate and try to slow down climate change," he said. "But all of us need to think about the impact on workers. We need to try to come up with policies that protect the workforce, which ultimately protects our economy."

To reduce job losses from its zero-emission vehicle mandate, the air board in its report says "policy options could be considered for job retraining and transfer support, particularly for lower income individuals."

State Sen. Josh Becker, a Democrat from San Mateo, agreed. He said the "path of getting to zero needs to foster new well-paying, secure, middle class jobs, and work to transition those from fossil fuels industries."

"It is true that it is easier to talk about the energy transition when it is not our own jobs that are threatened by it," he said.

Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi, who chairs the Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policies, introduced AB 1966, which would create a state fund to help retrain and transition workers from the fossil fuel industry to other non-polluting sectors. He said the funds would also offer wage replacement and insurance, pension guarantees, health care options and peer counseling.

The bill, however, would not help auto mechanics.

"We all know that change can be difficult for anyone," he said. "We need to make the transition to a clean energy economy in a way that doesn't leave anyone behind."

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SCHOOLS

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Uvalde, which ended when police stormed a classroom and killed him. He legally bought the rifle and a second one like it last week, just after his birthday on May 16, authorities said.

While no threats have been made against any local schools, officials said they have increased security as a precaution.

In a letter to parents, Superintendent Ben Drati said SMMUSD has safety plans in place at each school and those documents are available to parents who make an appointment with their school office.

"Santa Monica Police Department will be adding additional patrols to the schools both before, during and after school to provide a sense of security to our community," said Drati. "Additionally, we meet regularly with our local law enforcement officials, both the Santa Monica Police Department and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, serving Malibu. These meetings include other city authorities and will focus on reviewing our current safety plans and discussing additional preventive and proactive measures that may be taken to better protect our students and staff from acts of violence."

Police Chief Ramon Batista said residents can also contact SMPD's Community Affairs Unit at (310) 458-8474 if they have questions.

"The SMPD remains wholeheartedly committed to ensuring the safety of our community. Even though we have no information of any credible threats occurring in our schools, personnel within our department will show a strong presence around our local schools," he said.

Santa Monica High School and St. Monica's High School have both been the subject of threats in the past and the City experienced a mass shooting at Santa Monica College.

In 2013, John Zawahri, 23, shot his 55-year-old father, Samir Zawahri, and his 25-year-old brother, Christopher Zawahri, and set their home on fire before shooting at strangers in cars and on the Santa Monica College campus during a rampage. The former student at the school was heavily armed and carried a duffel bag with 1,300 rounds of ammunition when officers killed him in the campus library. In total, six people died, including Zawahri.

Drati recommended three resources to families.

National Association of School Psychologists: Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers (https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-safety-and-crisis/school-violence-resources/talking-to-children-about-violence-tips-for-parents-and-teachers).

National Child Traumatic Stress Network: Parent Guidelines for helping youth after a shooting (https://www.nctsn.org/resources/parent-guidelines-helping-youth-after-recent-shooting).

Common Sense Media: How to Talk to Kids About Violence, Crime and War (https://www.commonsensemedia.org/articles/how-to-talk-to-kids-about-violence-crime-and-war).

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TAX

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the desired level of library services, after school child care, homelessness services, affordable housing, and public safety.

There are currently three measures on the table to address various combinations of these priorities. Two of these measures could be put on the ballot by Council vote, while one measure is a citizen initiative that requires a petition with signatures equal to 10 percent of registered voters in Santa Monica to be placed on the November ballot.

The first potential measure was crafted by City staff and proposes a 1 percent increase in transit occupancy tax (TOT), also known as hotel room tax. The other two potential measures both propose increasing the transfer tax on real estate sales of properties above $8 million, but at different rates and for different purposes.

While all three local revenue measures could qualify for the ballot, per a state law, the winner between conflicting measures would be determined by the highest percentage of voter support.

TRANSIT OCCUPANCY TAX MEASURE

Given the pandemic-induced shortfalls in City revenues, Councilmembers directed staff to research potential revenue raising measures to be placed on the November ballot. After months of research and community outreach staff settled on a TOT tax increase measure.

In a community survey the TOT measure received around 70 percent support, which surpasses the 51 percent of support required to pass a general tax ballot measure. In this poll, voters also identified crime and public safety as their top concerns, with 73 percent and 93 percent placing each issue on the top end of a scale from least to most urgent, respectively.

The City's current TOT rate is 14 percent and was last increased in 2004. Staff now proposes a 1 percent increase for hotels and 3 percent increase for vacation rentals that will raise an estimated $4.1 million annually.

The funding from this ballot measure is small in comparison to the unfunded communities needs, but according to City Manager David White, would likely go towards priorities highlighted in Council's recent study session on the Homeless Count.

"We would want to start off with expanding our Homeless Liaison program team. We would also want to look to building out our Downtown Services Unit. We want to look at building out our Public Safety Officer program team. And those are just some of the highlights along with some of the outreach programs and SAMOSHEL that we talked about. Now that list of programs exceeds $4 million," said City Manager David White.

PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX MEASURE – CITIZEN INITIATIVE

A group of three Santa Monica residents are seeking to place a new tax on real estate sales above $8 million on the ballot. The initiative is led by Santa Monica Mayor Sue Himmelrich, her husband Michael Soloff (who is Co-Chair of Santa Monicans for Renters Rights) and Jon Katz (President of the Santa Monica Democratic Club).

Although Himmelrich is a City Council member, she is not trying to place this measure on the ballot via Council support, but is instead pursuing it as a citizen initiative via a petition of registered voters.

This measure proposes adding a third tier of real estate transfer tax, which would charge around $50 per $1,000 in value of properties above $8 million. Santa Monica already has two tiers of real estate transfer tax charging $3 per $1,000 of value on transfers under $5 million and $6 per $1,000 of value on transfers over $5 million. The second tier was established in 2020 when voters approved Measure SM.

According to City Finance Director Gigi Decavalles, the recent passage of Measure SM is one of the reasons city staff did not propose adding a new property transfer tax on this year's ballot.

The citizen initiative property transfer tax measure seeks to fund homeless services, affordable housing programs and raise money for local schools. According to the proposal, the first $10 million raised annually would be deposited into a school fund and the next $40 million would be deposited into a homeless prevention and affordable housing fund.

PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX MEASURE – CITY COUNCIL INITIATIVE

The latest potential measure was proposed by Councilmember Phil Brock in a May 24 meeting and also targets property transfer tax for properties above $8 million in value.

There are three key differences between Brock's proposed measure and the citizen initiative. Firstly, Brock seeks to place this initiative on the ballot with Council support. Secondly, the measure proposes a smaller $15 fee per $1,000 in property value. Lastly, the measure directs funds towards different priorities.

"I know there's been an additional measure that's been circulated that will substantially raise real estate property transfer taxes to provide funds for schools, rent subsidies and affordable housing. While those are all worthy goals, my sense from talking to residents throughout Santa Monica and looking at the staffs' description of the poll results we saw earlier is that this initiative will not address the matters that residents care most about," said Brock.

The draft language of his measure proposes spending the money on "homeless services such as public safety, mental health services and emergency response teams to address problems on our streets and in our parks, he reopening and staffing of all public libraries, after-school and post-COVID recovery programs for public school children, traffic safety improvements around schools, including crossing guards, and transitional housing and shelters."

Brock also said he was proposing this measure as the $4.1 in estimated revenue from the staffs' proposed TOT tax is not enough to meet pressing community needs. According to Brock, his measure proposal would raise $11 to $15 million in revenue annually.

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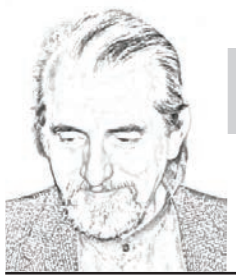
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MUSIC, BUT FIRST, SANITY



I KNOW IT'S A MUSIC COLUMN, BUT –

Sometimes you just have to mix life forces. Golden State Warriors coach Steve Kerr did it, Tuesday night before the game. in an emotional three-minute table-pounding rant, no questions taken –

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5x4eHn_3tA

I'm going to add only this. I still believe in our Constitutional government. I still believe elections can fix things. But only if people get informed and get off their keisters and vote, no matter what it takes. Millions of people. Dem or GOP, there should be only three things you apply to your vote:

Women's rights... Voting rights (democracy)... Gun control.

That's it. Three issues. No compromise, no BS accepted. Everything else will have to wait.

OK, now go hear some great live music.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

TONIGHT! LA PHIL, DUDAMEL, "BEETHOVEN'S 9TH" – By most accounts, Beethoven was a pretty cranky guy. By the time he composed his final symphony he was completely deaf – they had to turn him around in his seat at the premier so he could SEE what a thunderous ovation his new piece got. (He died three years later.) .I can only imagine. I can hear purty good and look how cranky I am.

He had this final symphony in the works for years, bits and pieces, and by the time he put it to paper it reflected the upheavals of his time. The French and American Revolutions, Mexico and a slew of Central and South American colonies breaking away from Spain. But while the 9th begins in chaos, it ends in an intellectual and emotional crescendo that has thrilled and uplifted audiences for two centuries. I've always preached, in any form of music, a big finish goes a long way. This big finish will no doubt be kicked to the heavens by the angelic voices of the LA Master Chorale, probably some 100 of them, sounding like 1000.

Most consider this his greatest work, and many consider Beethoven the greatest composer (though he thought that was Handel). The great Gustav Mahler would not name a symphony his "9th" for many years ("Song of the Earth"). He died after completing his 9th, as did Schubert, Dvorák, Bruckner and Vaughan Williams. You may want to kill yourself if you pass on seeing this all star performance of a master work for the ages. Thurs, Sat 8 p.m., Fri 11 a.m., Sun 2 p.m. Walt Disney Concert Hall, $20-289.

LA OPERA, VERDI'S "AIDA" – I don't pretend to be an opera aficionado (enthusiasm yes, not so much knowledge), but between the Santa Fe and LA Operas I've got a few under my belt now, and this "Aida" is among the best. Oh, I know, if you look up experts' opinions on The Best Operas Ever, Verdi shows up a lot but not "Aida." Feh. So much depends on the singers and the staging. With arresting, often bright red-against-black tall columns of "modern hieroglyphics" by LA graffiti artist RETNA, and at least four stunning principal vocalists, this production knocked it out of the park. Give credit to international star director Francesca Zambello for her vision, and to conductor James Conlon. The orchestra, sometimes the least noticeable element, was the best I've ever heard them, precisely executing what I would consider a great piece of music by Verdi that not only mirrored but drove the action on stage, and avoided cliches.

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NOTEWORTHY

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The story line was great: ancient Egypt, a war against Ethiopia, and prominent figures on both sides falling in love. What a finish! The plot made sense to real life, something often lacking in operas. I've seen a few Verdis, and if this is one of his lesser works, you couldn't prove it by this LA Opera production. It is a mesmerizing three hours of entertainment from at least five directions, and you may be able to snag a ticket for 34 bucks. You're welcome. Sun 2 p.m., next Thurs 7:30 p.m., The Music Center, LA, $34-399.

EM the MASTER – She's still amazing, she's still here. Nothing good lasts forever, you know. Every Tues 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $10.

CELSO SALIM & DARRYL CARRIERE – Would you like to see two LA dudes whomp the hell out of the blues with the best of them? I thought so. Salim plays a mean bottleneck guitar and sings, and Darryl blows the walls down with his harp and does the same with his dangerous scream and growl vocals. Next Thurs, 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $10.

RECOMMENDED:

DAVID BINNEY QUARTETS featuring GERALD CLAYTON – I've got some trepidation about this recommendation. I know I've said I will go anywhere to see the brilliant pianist Gerald Clayton, in any setting. But I've never seen saxophonist David Binney, and when the PR describes an artist as "adventurous... highly individual... creating an alternative jazz-scene..." – I take a deep breath. I actually usually love those kinds of artists (Jacaranda classical music series in SM has usually thrilled me), but as for sending everyone on my recommendation, I'm cautious. So I listened to parts of some of his recordings, and I like them. He does range from the avant garde, shall we say, to more straight ahead jazz. I have no idea where he'll go at Sam First (a great jazz club), but I'm uncertain if it ill feature the Gerald Clauyton I love most. Oh... just go. And let me know what you thought. Fri, Sat 7:30, 9 p.m., Sam First, LAX, $25.

TOLEDO DIAMOND — Every time the thought pops up, what shall I do with my weekend, you should remember you can blow the top off it by ending it in front of Toledo Diamond and his superb and unquestionably unique show at Harvelle's. Every Sun 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $12.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: LA OPERA performs VERDI'S "AIDA," Music Center, 6/4 (also live simulcast at SM Pier), 9, 12; "GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER," Ruskin Group Theatre, 6/3-7/17; , SONNY GREEN, LA JUKE JOINT BLUES FESTIVAL, Maui Sugar Mill Saloon, 6/4; DR. ANGELA DAVIS, Disney Hall, 6/5; "THE POINT," Theatricum Botanicum, 6/5; EMMYLOU HARRIS, Disney Hall, 6/11; "THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR," 6/11-10/2, "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM," Theatricum Botanicum, 6/12-10/1; LIBRARY GIRL, Ruskin Group Theatre, 6/12; JON MAYER TRIO, Sam First, 6/15; 33rd Annual MARIACHI USA FESTIVAL, Hollywood Bowl, 6/18; MARY GAUTHIER, McCabe's, 6/18; TOM PAXTON, McCabe's, 6/24; STVE POSTLL'S NIGHT TRAIN MUSIC CLUB, McCabe's, 6/26.

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LETTER

FROM PAGE 4

and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-Lakewood), announced that they would support such an amendment.

Governor Newsom announced that "California will not stand idly by as women across America are stripped of their rights and the progress so many have fought for gets erased."

It's been weeks and that's too long. Contact your state representatives and Governor Newsom's office, without delay.

STEP THREE: GAS UP AND TRANSPORT WOMEN TO AND FROM NO-CHOICE STATES

What else? Step Three. Harness your inner Harriet Tubman and become part of the Overground Reproductive Railroad by giving money or time to transport women seeking access across state lines.

Know that our forebearers, like Tubman, who sought to protect the liberty interests of Black Americans in states that had seceded in Lincoln's time — faced greater risks. So did those who boarded buses in the North during the Freedom Summer of 1963 to register voters denied the franchise in the South. The peril they faced far exceeds Texas' S.B. 8 enforcement of civil litigation and bounty hunter $10,000 fines against access helpers. In the 1960s, voter registration activists like Freedom Summer's field orchestrator Fannie Lou Hammer, were beaten by Southern law enforcement "until their eyes were fused shut," and others to include Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner, ages 20, 21 and 24, respectively, were murdered in Mississippi for their efforts. Speaking out and taking action for the common good in America has practically always posed risks.

Tubman lived until 1913, over a decade into the twentieth century. She was alive at a time when the Civil War narrative was being rewritten and the very success of Reconstruction (that enabled some 2000 African Americans to hold office in America and even more to participate in the political process) — was recast as failure. The myth that slavery was a benign institution and that slave masters had actually enhanced the lives of their slave-commodities took hold.

Tubman would have none of this and never had. Her words from the 1850s took a torch to the egregiously false and pernicious Southern lie that slavery was good for slave. Tubman stated, "I have seen hundreds of escaped slaves, but I never saw one who was willing to go back and be a slave."

Now is not the time to go back. Get busy and we can share the cost of the gas.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 26)

It's your cosmic gift, the captivation of imagination. Indeed, some will melt in your presence, and yet this has nothing to do with your purpose. You'll keep your eye on that ball and see it through to the goal. Your proudest moments will come out of a contribution to the wins of your family. Gemini and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 3, 33, 20 and 15.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The situation calls for chess-like strategies. If you attack, they will struggle to defend, and as they defend, they expose their particular weakness, which is the information you need to know to help and serve.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're creative and will think on your feet. Not every idea you throw out will land well. Worthy endeavors are tricky and complex! With resilience, you will ultimately succeed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've shared enough of your inner world to know who gets you and who doesn't. Because you don't require people to understand you to love and accept them, your circle just keeps growing.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The result of teamwork will be greater than the sum of the individual contributions. Even in a group as small as two this will be true. You'll be mystified by a creation born from the chemistry of people.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be brilliant at planning. Furthermore, as successful as this project will be, you'll look back and realize that the lion's share of the fun was in the setup.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are not at the whim of unforeseen circumstances. These unexpected turns may seem powerful enough to sweep you into their swirl, but actually you still have the option of ducking into a storm shelter to wait for it to pass.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Because you're on the lookout for opportunities, you'll be much luckier than the people who are too busy doing their own thing to take notice. This afternoon brings a gem.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Need is not want and want is not love. When you want a person but don't need that person the relationship will be more fun. This will be the principle that guides the night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The phrase "I deserve nice things" justifies a wide range of behaviors, some of which have the potential to cause you a lot of stress. At the very least, it's a thought deserving of inquiry.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't know the complete history of the current situation, nor do you need to know it all, but do learn a little. A few key facts will favorably influence your approach and decisions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Today's occasion invites social performance. You'll get into the mood and tend to both your inner and outer game. The preparation you do will contribute to an opportunity-winning first impression.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The proverb suggests that whenever you point your finger at someone there are three pointing back at you. Today you'll need to be even more careful than usual in how you describe and discuss others.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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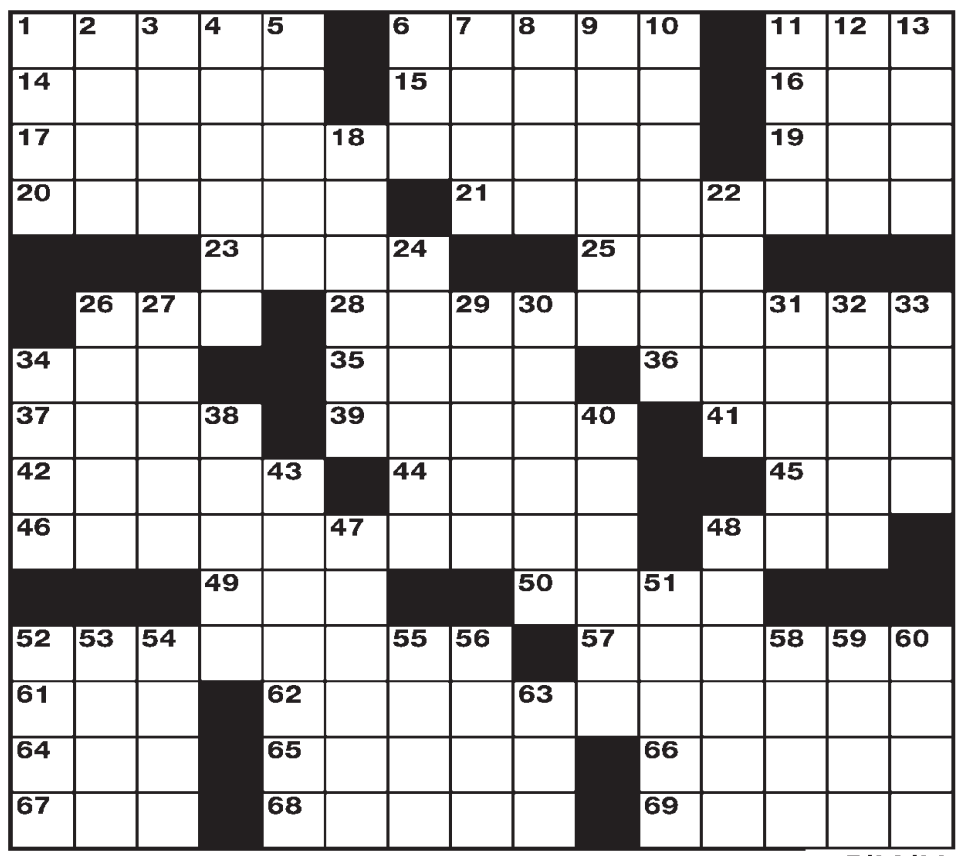
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11 Clumsy fellow
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15 Milan fashion house
16 Altar statement
17 Procrastinator
19 Mine stuff
20 Operatic tenor Bocelli
21 Caulks, for instance
23 Schools of thought
25 Dress (up)
26 Device above a dash
28 Small, aggressive dog
34 Yahoo subsidiary
35 Finalized
36 Get away from
37 Spill a secret
39 "Give it __!"
41 Slight advantage
42 Makes a hole
44 Other than that
45 Bookcase material
46 One not taking no for an answer
48 Letters associated with Tolkien
49 Archer's skill
50 And so
52 Southern custardy dessert
57 Blackbird relative
61 Future bloke
62 One overwrought with worry
64 "Dark" drink
65 Bovine mascot
66 Firm once known as Sleeper, Inc.
67 Carried the day
68 Out of fashion
69 Bit of hair

DOWN

1 __ Romeo
2 Palindromic time
3 Trampled
4 Physically fit
5 Signs over
6 Energy Star program originator
7 Measures of energy
8 Raise the roof
9 Form a thought
10 Place for a hoop
11 Skin care brand
12 Left on a liner
13 Rural moms
18 Sister brand of Days
22 Mentally flexible
24 Sounds in the night
26 Cream or apricot
27 Consternate
29 Got down to propose
30 Rent payer
31 House style
32 Mystery award
33 Sense offense
34 "Waterloo" group
38 Pre-release software
40 Big brat
43 Used a mouth rinse
47 Antelope or auto
48 One in a lot of clubs
51 Rumor, to a rumor mill
52 Feline weapon
53 Radiant circle
54 Place named in Genesis 2
55 Scholarly org.
56 Falco of *The Sopranos*
58 Fearsome employer
59 Affirmative answer to "Shall we?"
60 Notable periods
63 Amalgamate



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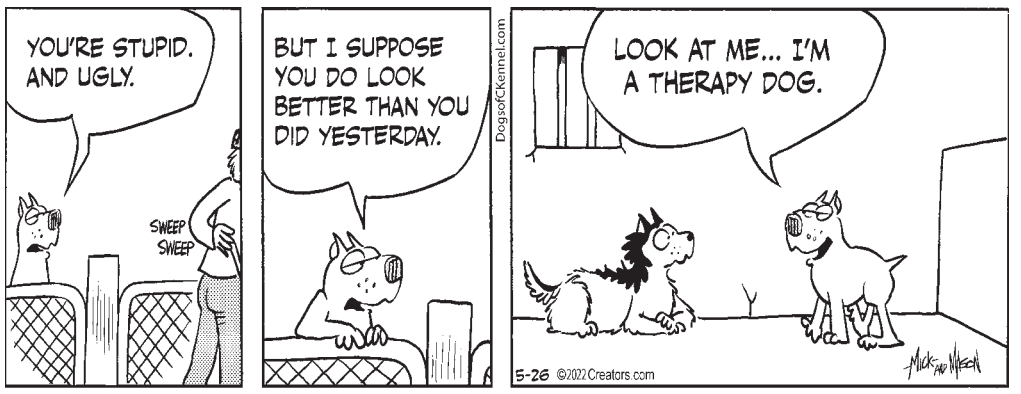
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By TONY COCHRAN



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By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



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By PETER GALLAGHER



"THIS LOOKS LIKE TROUBLE."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



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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E L I D O C O R C T E T M F A
H O U N D U A K C A B R A I R
A C A P L A G T C R R I T S S
M A M M A L X A S O A G P H U
G O R I L L A E R N C U R S P
K I T E W A T E R G M A E N I
K N I M O U S E G A C N E E A
S S C A S S O W A R Y A D P L
A N N A O G C L I M B E D A S
A T A A E U E R S E U N O I L
L P E W K L L X A E A S B J F
A G E E S E O R I L X I K L R
O I S S T H T M E T F O O D O
K A E M E R T O N O M W F T G

Addax
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Apes
Bear
Cages
Cassowary
Cats
Chimpanzee
Climb
Cougar
Crocodile
Deer
Eland
Exit
Fish
Food
Foxes
Frog
Geese
Goanna
Gorilla
Hound
Ibis
Iguana
Joey
Kite
Koala
Lion
Mammal
Marsupial
Mink
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THURSDAY | MAY 26

CREATIVE ROUNDTABLE: ANGELA WASHKO
Meet and greet Angela Washko in this Creative Roundtable. As a feminist media artist working in a variety of forms, Angela Washko is committed to telling complex and unconventional stories about the media we consume from unusual perspectives. Washko's practice spans interventions in mainstream media, performance art, digital works, documentary film, video art, and video games. Program is for members at the $15 level. Visit https://www.patreon.com/18thstreetarts for membership information.

RICK CROCKER 5K
Join the Santa Monica Police Activities League at Santa Monica Pier for the 2nd Annual Rick Crocker 5K. The Rick Crocker 5K is held to remember Rick's dedication and honor his commitment to PAL. Officer Rick Crocker was a 10-year veteran of the Santa Monica Police Department and a Marine Corps Reserve Officer who was killed while serving his country in Iraq on May 26, 2005. Officer Crocker's last assignment with the SMPD was serving the Police Activities League, where he mentored the most vulnerable youth in our community. Check-in will be on the Pier deck in front of the Santa Monica Pier Carousel, 1624 Ocean Front Walk. Visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-rick-crocker-5k-run-walk-challenge-tickets-310613853397 for tickets.

BICYCLING 101: RULES OF THE ROAD FOR NIGHT RIDING
May is Bike Month! Do you want a quick overview of bike basics, rules of the road, and things to know to bike safely at night? The BEST Bicycling 101: Rules of the Road for Night Riding class, presented by Metro and People for Mobility Justice is a 1-hour off-bike session (via Zoom) to learn how to plan fun and safe bike rides at night. Class size is limited. Pre-registration is required to guarantee a minimum number of participants. Register now to guarantee your spot! Once you are registered, we will send you a confirmation email and more info on how to join the class online. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bicycling-101-rules-of-the-road-for-night-riding-online-video-class-tickets-325950365317

FRIDAY | MAY 27

"INSIDE OUT" MOVIE SCREENING
The City of Santa Monica presents a screening of Pixar's Inside Out in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month. Come early to explore community resources and enjoy a free chair massage sponsored by the Coalition of Asian & Pacific Employees (CAPE SM). Attendees are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner, blankets and/or low chairs, and dress warmly. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Avenue, 7 p.m.

90'S NIGHT
90s Night, EVERY FRIDAY. Featuring music from DJ @mycomusica, starting at 7 p.m. Nostalgia Bar & Lounge is the first brick and mortar concept from Chris Sayegh, that evokes fond memories of childhood Americana through a familiar, yet whimsically mature menu and ambiance. 1326 Pico Blvd.

SATURDAY | MAY 28

MEMORIAL WEEKEND FERRIS WHEEL LIGHTS AT SANTA MONICA PIER
The Pacific Wheel will be lit red, white, and blue on Friday, May 27 to Monday, May 30 in recognition of Memorial Day. 7:30 - 11:30 p.m.

SUNDAY | MAY 29

MAINOPOLY: A TASTE OF MAIN STREET
Celebrate Memorial Day weekend and experience Main Street's finest restaurants, bars, coffee shops and ice cream shops with this interactive tasting tour and twist on the classic board game. Over a dozen locations will offer tastings in exchange for 'MAINopoly Money,' and count as official stops on the game board map. Check-in to collect your game board, PASS GO to collect your MAINopoly money and get your game board marked off at each stop to be entered for a chance to win a Taste of Main Street prize package. $20 – $450. Tickets available online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/7th-annual-mainopoly-taste-of-main-street-tickets-290658416147.

SANTA MONICA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT
The Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend marks the finale of the Santa Monica Symphony's 77th concert season. Sibelius' beloved Finlandia opens the program followed by Tchaikovsky's spectacular Violin Concerto featuring violinist YuEun Gemma Kim and Dvořák's euphoric Symphony No. 8. Doors open at 6 pm. Tickets available online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/santa-monica-symphony-memorial-day-weekend-concert-tickets-311485480457

MONDAY | MAY 30

POOL OPEN MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
The Annenberg Community Beach House pool is open for Memorial Day Weekend 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Pool passes go on sale one hour before pool opening at the Guest Services window. Passes are sold on a first-come, first-served basis, no reservations. For more on the pool, visit annenbergbeachhouse.com/activities/pool.aspx

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **62.4**

THURSDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	A fresh round of SSW swell gradually builds in through the day — most size shows for the south facing points in the afternoon. Light/variable wind early builds from the W in the afternoon. Account for the higher tide mid morning.
FRIDAY *FAIR TO GOOD*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	SSW swell tops out. Light/variable wind early builds onshore in the afternoon. Account for the higher tide mid morning.

WEATHER

Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 65.
Thursday Night: Cloudy, with a low around 58. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday: Cloudy, with a high near 67. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph.
Friday Night: Cloudy, with a low around 58.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/05/26	Thu	02:01 AM	0.55	L
2022/05/26	Thu	07:53 AM	3.79	H
2022/05/26	Thu	1:25 PM	0.98	L
2022/05/26	Thu	7:51 PM	5.59	H
2022/05/27	Fri	02:42 AM	0.06	L
2022/05/27	Fri	08:45 AM	3.70	H
2022/05/27	Fri	1:56 PM	1.35	L
2022/05/27	Fri	8:18 PM	5.77	H
2022/05/28	Sat	03:19 AM	-0.30	L
2022/05/28	Sat	09:31 AM	3.61	H
2022/05/28	Sat	2:24 PM	1.69	L
2022/05/28	Sat	8:44 PM	5.87	H
2022/05/29	Sun	03:53 AM	-0.52	L
2022/05/29	Sun	10:14 AM	3.51	H
2022/05/29	Sun	2:51 PM	1.98	L
2022/05/29	Sun	9:10 PM	5.89	H
2022/05/30	Mon	04:27 AM	-0.62	L
2022/05/30	Mon	10:57 AM	3.42	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 5/23
1 33 37 39 42
Power#: 26
Jackpot: 135 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 5/24
3 5 6 63 68
Mega#: 25
Jackpot: 157 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 5/21
8 13 21 39 47
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 13 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/24
5 8 11 18 23

Daily 3
Draw Date: 5/24
EVENING: 8 5 9

Draw Date: 5/24
MIDDAY: 1 1 7

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 5/24
1st: 01 - Gold Rush
2nd: 06 - Whirl Win
3rd: 05 - California Classic
Race Time: 1:44.23

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