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California Democrats again seek to alter recall laws

KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

Four years ago, California Democrats altered the state's recall laws in part to slow down the process and try to aid a state senator facing a removal vote over his support for increasing the gas tax.

Now, as Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom faces a recall of his own, they're trying to change the laws again. This time, though, Democrats want the option to speed things up to take advantage of what they see as favorable conditions for Newsom.

Lawmakers are expected to vote on the changes Monday.

Newsom's campaign hasn't commented on the proposed altering of the recall timeline. Recent polls show Newsom in a stronger position than at the start of the year when the pandemic was raging and much of the economy was shuttered.

Those who want to speed things up believe the longer the wait until voters cast their ballots, the more risk of problems arising for Newsom. Democrats hold wide majorities in the state Legislature,

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LAPD arrest homeless man for Venice murder



Clara Harter

VENICE: A man was killed in a tent on the Boardwalk.

JAIME PAIGE
SMDP / Venice Current Staff Writer

The Los Angeles Police Department say a suspect in Friday's Boardwalk murder has been arrested.

Pacific officers arrested 38-year-old Michael McClain, of Venice, who was booked for the murder of 49- year old Michael Hall. Both the victim and suspect were homeless according to police.

LAPD officers were called to the encampment located in the area of Ocean Front Walk and Dudley Avenue at about 3:20 p.m. Friday. When officers arrived, they found

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Newsom challenger John Cox stops in Santa Monica



Kailyn Forbes

CAMPAIGN: John Cox brought his latest campaign prop, a giant garbage ball, to the beach.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Self-professed "beast" John Cox drove into town on Monday to deliver his case as to why voters should choose him over the "beauty" known as Gavin Newsom in the upcoming recall election.

While the infamous Brown Bear that Cox previously campaigned with was absent, his tour bus was toting an 8 foot ball of trash meant to symbolize the damage done to California by homelessness.

Homelessness was at the forefront of Cox's speech. He proposed tackling the issue through a combination of affordable housing, enforcement of laws, and public-private partnerships to provide services to unhoused individuals.

"California has 13 percent of the people and we have almost half of the unsheltered homeless in the country. That is inexcusable. That's political malpractice. That's a lack of leadership," said Cox.

Cox criticized the state's current approach to homelessness for a lack of accountability on how funding is spent and a failure to address the issue's root causes. He took specific swings at Project Roomkey—for a lack of attention to treating addiction and mental illness—and at the state's permanent housing model—for wasting taxpayer money on high cost construction.

"The City of Los Angeles is now proposing to build a 150 unit complex for housing homeless people down in Venice, on some of the most expensive land in the world, and they're going to spend something like $500,000 a unit on this place," said Cox, referring to the controversial Reese Davison Community housing project.

Cox vowed to drive down the cost of construction to make it easier to build homeless housing and affordable housing that could prevent people from falling into homelessness. He said that if elected, he would call a special session and introduce a package of reforms including limits on impact fees, CEQA exemptions for housing, and litigation measures to shorten the approval process for construction.

Although he is running as a Republican candidate, Cox shied

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Transport Prisoner 300blk Olympic Dr 12:47 a.m.
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Report Of Shots Fired 1400blk Franklin St 1:38 a.m.
Person Down 3rd Street Prom / Arizona Ave 2:04 a.m.
Public Intoxication 3rd Street Prom / Arizona Ave 2:31 a.m.
Burglary 800blk Lincoln Blvd 2:38 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:15 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2700blk Arizona Ave 5:29 a.m.
Vehicle Burglar Alarm 1100blk 4th St 7:37 a.m.
Overdose 1400blk 9th St 7:38 a.m.
Trespassing 300blk Olympic Dr 7:59 a.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 8:03 a.m.
Construction Noise 2200blk Oak St 8:22 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1100blk Chelsea Ave 8:27 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 500blk Bay St 8:28 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1700blk Main St 8:39 a.m.
Trespassing 1400blk 16th St 8:45 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1500blk 6th St 8:52 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2200blk 6th St 8:55 a.m.
Medical Emergency 500blk Colorado Ave 9:02 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 9:06 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 500blk Euclid St 9:17 a.m.
Expired Registration 2900blk Broadway 9:26 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1800blk Wilshire Blvd 9:35 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 28th St / Ocean Park Blvd 9:48 a.m.
Forensics Request 300blk Olympic Dr 9:49 a.m.
Vandalism Just Occurred 1400blk 2nd St 10:32 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:47 a.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:47 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1200blk The Beach 11:04 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2600blk 2nd St 11:05 a.m.
Medical Emergency 2400blk The Beach 11:08 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1800blk 7th St 11:19 a.m.
Trespassing 100blk Wilshire Blvd 11:25 a.m.
Found Senile Person 14th St / Santa Monica Blvd 11:38 a.m.
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Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 16th St / Arizona Ave 11:50 a.m.
Loitering 800blk Bay St 11:51 a.m.
Prowler Report 2400blk 28th St 12:30 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1800blk 12th St 12:30 p.m.
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Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 1500blk 4th St 12:56 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1800blk Euclid St 12:59 p.m.
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Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 2200blk 4th St 1:55 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 16th St / Arizona Ave 2:03 p.m.
Vandalism Report 1200blk Yale St 2:08 p.m.
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Assault W/Deadly Weapon Just Occurred 3300blk Pico Blvd 2:19 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Euclid St / Montana Ave 2:58 p.m.
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Petty Theft Just Occurred 2600blk Wilshire Blvd 3:20 p.m.
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Panic Alarm 2500blk Wilshire Blvd 4:23 p.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 4:31 p.m.
Vandalism Report 7th St / Broadway 4:44 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1500blk Bay St 4:48 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 4:49 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1100blk Chelsea Ave 4:53 p.m.
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Public Intoxication 33rd St / Pico Blvd 7:36 p.m.
Trespassing 2600blk Broadway 7:54 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Neilson Way / Bicknell Ave 8:19 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 1900blk Ocean Ave 8:33 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred Main St / Ashland Ave 8:37 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 8:49 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:05 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 2300blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:07 p.m.
Found Property 300blk Santa Monica Pier 9:08 p.m.
Living In A Vehicle 2300blk 28th St 9:08 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 6th St / Wilshire Blvd 10:01 p.m.
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Loud Music 1500blk Wilshire Blvd 10:08 p.m.
Encampment 1500blk Palisades Park 10:14 p.m.
Loud Music 2700blk Barnard Way 10:20 p.m.
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Municipal Code Violation 6th St / Ocean Park Blvd 10:55 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 900blk Palisades Beach Rd 10:58 p.m.
Citizen Flag Ocean Ave / Pico Blvd 10:59 p.m.
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Letter to the Editor

Fred Silberberg Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Dear Editor:

I take issue with the way Brennon Dixon portrays the City Council's handling of pickleball during the budget session reported in his article of June 24, "Council clashes on budget priorities before final approval."

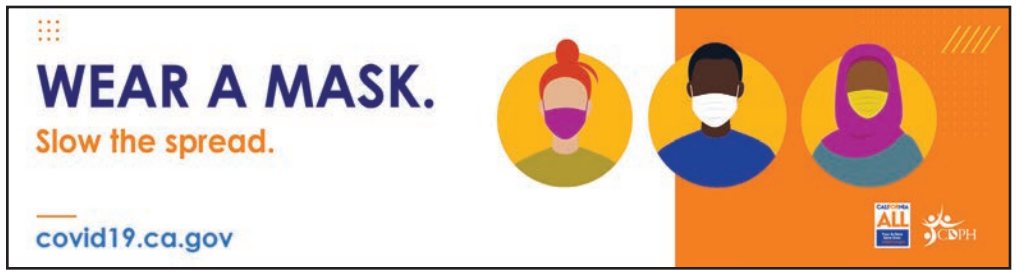
Brennon's article reports that the Councilmembers agreed to address community concerns regarding pickleball access "by allowing tennis courts to open one hour earlier at 7 a.m. and promised to restripe the courts at Memorial Park this summer." The article gives readers the impression that the City Council is actually working to support pickleball players in Santa Monica. In fact, over the past several months, the Council and City Manager have done exactly the opposite, significantly restricting available court time and refusing to work with the pickleball community to provide sufficient access to play space within the city. This, after having canceled a hugely successful City run program that charged players for participating in open play several times a week which had been attended by hundreds of players.

I have been attempting to work with the City Council, and now former interim manager Lane Dilg, to address these issues on behalf of the pickleball players for many weeks without success. Your article fails to mention that the only courts with striping for pickleball in Santa Monica are at Memorial Park, also used for tennis. Up until this month, there was open play happening at Memorial Park every day of the week, from 8 a.m. to early afternoon, as well later afternoons and evenings. The demand for court time was such that people had to wait to get on a court even with 16 pickleball courts going most mornings.

All of that came to an abrupt end when the City Manager decided to schedule youth tennis camps at Memorial rather than other available tennis facilities, knowing that there was no other place for pickleball players to go. This was part of an ongoing effort to reduce available time for pickleball that had begun months earlier when the city allowed Crossroads School and private tennis instructors to take over the Memorial Park courts most afternoons during the week.

The City Council and manager rejected our requests for funding for permanent courts in Santa Monica. We then asked simply for dedicated court time, even going so far as offering to stripe the courts ourselves (either temporarily or permanently), or to move to another location such as Ocean View or Marine Park. These suggestions were also rejected. Why? The program in Santa Monica has been run by volunteers who bring all equipment so that everyone can play since the City refuses to do so. Even assuming that the City could truly not afford to convert a few tennis courts to permanent pickleball courts (which we all know not to be the case as the Council saw fit to spend double the cost on a temporary ice rink), there was no excuse for the City Manager, or the Council, to reject any of our suggestions that would have enabled play time to continue at zero expense to the City. Unlike El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Inglewood, or Beverly Hills, the City of Santa Monica wishes to end pickleball play, not support it.

Fred Silberberg, Santa Monica



California budget looks back to a time before pandemic

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

In some ways, California's new spending plan — poised for a final vote in the state Legislature on Monday — is all about going backward: Back to a time before the pandemic, when California's roaring economy fueled budget surpluses.

The $262.6 billion proposal would restore spending cuts to public schools, colleges and universities, the courts, child support services and state worker salaries — all things that were cut last year when state officials thought they were facing a record budget deficit because of the coronavirus.

Instead, state revenues soared by more than 27%, the biggest year-over-year increase in more than four decades. That includes roughly $100 billion in new money, both from a state surplus and coronavirus aid from the federal government. It's so much money that the state plans to give rebates of up to $1,100 to more than 15 million households while also pledging to pay for every 4-year-old to go to kindergarten for free and guaranteeing government-funded health coverage for low-income immigrants 50 and older living in the country illegally.

The plan also sets aside $25 billion in reserves, the most ever, according to state Sen. Nancy Skinner, a Democrat from Berkeley and chair of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee.

"In the wake of a 15-month pandemic that inflicted much pain and suffering on so many, California is building back boldly," Skinner said.

Democrats in charge of the state Legislature would have spent even more money over time, but Gov. Gavin Newsom — who will face a recall election later this year — convinced them to adopt a more cautious approach that relies more on one-time spending instead of multi-year commitments.

That means the state won't spend $200 million this year to hire more people in local public health departments in the aftermath of the pandemic. Instead, the Newsom administration committed to spend $300 million next year. The Newsom administration said the money wasn't needed this year, in part, because the federal government is giving California $1.8 billion for public health, with most of that going for vaccines and coronavirus testing.

Still, there was some grumbling among Democrats about missing the chance to bolster local public health departments, many of which were overwhelmed by the pandemic. State Sen. Richard Pan, a pediatrician and Democrat from Sacramento, said he wanted the Newsom administration to do more than simply "spend the whole year doing planning."

"We already know from the pandemic some of our weaknesses," he said.

Republicans, meanwhile, grumbled about a tax increase on businesses with 500 or more employees. The hike would more than double an environmental fee that primarily goes into two funds to pay for cleaning up hazardous waste sites throughout the state.

The budget eliminates the fee for businesses with fewer than 100 employees and keeps it the same for those 100 to 499 workers.

State Sen. Shannon Grove, a Republican from Bakersfield, said the tax increase will discourage companies from hiring more people for fear of growing too large and having to pay a much bigger fee.

"Why do we punish employers for hiring people?" she said.

The tax increase requires a two-thirds vote from the Legislature, a task made easier by Democrats controlling enough seats that they don't need Republican votes. State Sen. Bob Wieckowski, a Democrat from Fremont, said he supports the increase.

"We've been running a deficit in both of these funds for the last three years," he said.

The budget also pledges more than $276 million to help the Employment Development Department more quickly work through its backlog of unemployment claims, currently effecting more than 230,000 people.

In the past year, California has paid $153 billion in unemployment benefits, including billions of fraudulent payments to prison inmates and others who were not eligible. The state quickly ran out of money to pay benefits and had to take out a loan form the federal government to pay the rest.

The state's debt is approaching $24 billion, all which must be paid back to the federal government with interest. But the budget does not include any money to begin paying off the debt.

The federal government has forgiven the state's interest payments through September, and the Newsom administration hopes they will forgive more in the future. But it took the state seven years to pay off a much smaller loan after the Great Recession more than a decade ago. The Legislative Analyst's Office estimates interest payments on this current debt could cost the state between $2.5 billion and $5 billion over the next decade.

"I don't understand how $2.5 to $5 billion isn't a priority to this administration," said Assemblywoman Suzette Martinez Valladares, a Republican from Santa Clarita.

Erika Li, chief deputy for the California Department of Finance, said the debt "is a priority for this administration."

"It is something we are working on and will continue to work on," she said.





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Joint Statement Regarding Sheriff Threats to Clear Venice Boardwalk

Despite widespread objections from elected officials, community nonprofits, homeless service providers and advocates over the last few weeks, the LA County Sheriff has not backed away from his threat to "clear" the Venice Boardwalk of unhoused individuals by July 4. A broad group of community leaders has issued the following statement calling for the Sheriff to permit seasoned and knowledgeable agencies to lead efforts to link people experiencing homelessness to services and housing without the disruptive impact of law enforcement:

Homelessness cannot be solved by pushing people from one community to another, nor can we arrest our way out of homelessness.

That is why we are deeply concerned by Sheriff Villanueva's assertion that he will ask people living on the Boardwalk to move, and if they refuse, arrest them. Pushing people from one community to another doesn't solve homelessness. It turns homelessness into a shell game.

Arrests that criminalize homelessness would be equally destructive and pointless: Those who are arrested will be transported from the Venice Boardwalk to the jail downtown and then released; Those who elude arrest will disappear into the surrounding Venice neighborhoods, disrupting months-long efforts by outreach workers to establish relationships and maintain contact with people experiencing homelessness so they can be re-housed.

Research validates our approach. Studies demonstrate that outreach efforts led by armed law enforcement officers are less effective than outreach led by service providers with the expertise and experience to connect people to appropriate services and housing. With the launch of the Encampment to Home, we have the resources to substantially augment the services and rehousing efforts for those who live on the Boardwalk.

By inserting himself into the Venice Boardwalk re-housing efforts, The Sheriff is engaging in political theater in a community where LAPD has primary jurisdiction. The Sheriff's Department was not invited by LAPD to provide services of any kind at the Boardwalk, and Sheriff Villanueva's actions will only prolong the time it takes to move individuals into housing, an outcome that does not serve anyone in the community, housed or unhoused.

Signed, LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, LA County District Attorney George Gascon, LA County Public Defender Ricardo Garcia, LA County Alternate Public Defender Erika Anzoategui, LA City Councilman Mike Bonin, LA Homeless Services Authority, Safe Place for Youth, United Way of Greater Los Angeles, Venice Catholic Worker, Venice Community Housing Corporation, Venice Equity Alliance, Venice Family Clinic, Venice Justice Committee.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

Man faces charges after jumping from moving plane in LA

A passenger who tried to break into an airplane's cockpit last week and jumped from the moving plane in Los Angeles now faces federal charges, authorities said Monday.

Luis Antonio Victoria Dominguez, 33, of La Paz, Mexico, broke his leg Friday when he opened the plane's emergency exit and jumped to the tarmac at Los Angeles International Airport, officials said. He underwent surgery and is expected to appear in federal court this week on the charge of interference with flight crew members and attendants.

Victoria Dominguez was aboard United Airlines flight 5365, operated by SkyWest Airlines, and scheduled to fly from Los Angeles to Salt Lake City, authorities said. The plane was pulling away from the gate around 7 p.m. when he allegedly "sprinted" to the cockpit, passing a seated flight attendant.

He began pounding on the cockpit's door and trying to open the locked doorknob, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles. He then opened the emergency exit, causing the emergency slide to partially deploy.

Although another passenger tried to restrain him, Victoria Dominguez got away and jumped from the aircraft, according to the criminal complaint filed in federal court. He missed the emergency slide and landed on the tarmac, breaking his right leg.

The criminal complaint against him was made public Monday.

Victoria Dominguez faces up to 20 years in prison if he is convicted.

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WINNER

GOP's Cox: California should force homeless into treatment

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Associated Press

John Cox, a Republican candidate for California governor, said Monday that he would force homeless people into mental health or addiction treatment before providing them with housing as part of his effort to cut homelessness in half in five years.

In his second bid for governor, Cox also said he would step up enforcement against people living on the streets and work to speed housing construction. If elected, he would likely face resistance to many of his proposals in the Democratic-controlled state Legislature.

"If someone is just insisting that they can live on the street, they either have to be arrested and put in jail or they have to be arrested and put into a place where they can get the treatment they need," he said in an interview. "If they don't want either of those, they can certainly leave California."

Cox is running in the expected recall election of Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom. He ran against Newsom in 2018 and lost badly. He's never won political office despite numerous attempts and built a career in business, including housing development in Indiana. This time, he's one of several Republicans running, including former San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer, who will release a homelessness plan Tuesday.

California is home to about 12% of the nation's population but more than a quarter of its homeless people, according to the most recent federal data. On the day of a federal count in January 2020, California had roughly 161,000 people experiencing homelessness. In 2019, about 23% of the state's homeless people were experiencing severe mental illness, according to a report by the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office.

Newsom has made tackling homelessness one of his top priorities, dedicating his 2020 State of the State address to the topic and pledging to appoint a homelessness czar, which he has not done. While the pandemic changed the state's focus, Newsom has launched a program to convert hotel and motel rooms into permanent housing for the homeless.

Cox would take an opposite tack, requiring people who need it to get treatment for addiction or mental illness before they can get housing. He said if pop star Britney Spears can be placed under a conservatorship, it should be possible to place people living on the streets who need help into such an arrangement, which is generally done when a person is deemed unable to control their life.

In 2018, former Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation allowing San Diego, San Francisco and Los Angeles counties to place chronically homeless people into such arrangements if they have a serious mental health or substance use disorder. San Francisco moved ahead with a narrowly tailored pilot program in 2019, though it's barely been used.

Cox, who is prone to campaigning with props, is bringing an 8-foot ball of trash on his statewide bus tour to tout his homelessness plan. In a news release, he said it's supposed to symbolize "the blight the homeless — and current homeless policies — have inflicted on California neighborhoods." He said in an interview that he blames the problem on government failures, not people who are homeless.

Barbara DiPietro, senior director of policy for the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, called Cox's plan "terrible" and said his use of a ball of trash "specifically conveys that he believes that these people are trash."

Broadly, she said Cox's plan "reflects a candidate for public office who does not understand the fundamental structural issues that produce homelessness faster than we can end it."

Research shows putting people in treatment without housing does not work and that counties do not have enough beds in the behavioral health system to treat everyone anyway, DiPietro said. The plan also has an overreliance on law enforcement, she said. She supports efforts to lower the cost of housing construction, which is part of Cox's plan.

Cox also said he would challenge a court decision that blocks Los Angeles from enforcing a sidewalk camping ban until enough housing is available and that he would seek to roll back parts of a voter-backed initiative that reduced some criminal penalties.

A date has not yet been set for the recall election.



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JOHN COX

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away from identifying with the party or its platform saying, "I'm not a partisan. I'm not a politician. I'm a business guy." In a call to Trumpian tactics without ever invoking the former president's name, Cox repeatedly emphasized his business credentials and political outsider status as attributes that would make him effective in office.

When asked what appeal he would have to voters in the stalwart Democratic city of Santa Monica, Cox pointed out that many Democrats signed the Newsom recall petition.

"I think a lot of liberals are going to look at what I have to say and say 'gee, that's the guy who's actually going to make the quality of life better for us. I don't care if he's got an R or a D next to his name. I want to just solve the problem'," said Cox.

Cox is a multimillionaire who made his money in real estate, investments and property management. He is also a perennial political candidate and ran for four different seats in Illinois from 2000 to 2008, using his personal wealth to fund his campaigns.

Cox ran against Governor Newsom in 2018 and lost by the biggest margin in a state gubernatorial race since 1950. He is one of four prominent Republican candidates running in the 2021 recall alongside a handful of lesser known candidates.

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GARBAGE: After using a bear in past events, Cox has switched to a new prop.

HOMELESS

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Hall who had suffered blunt force trauma to his head.

LAPD West Bureau Homicide investigators responded and conducted a homicide investigation.

Investigators say they learned that other homeless people had heard yelling and possibly a fight in the early morning hours. Later in the day they noticed that the tent was collapsed. Officers say the 911 caller checked the tent and found the victim dead.

Investigators say Hall had an ongoing dispute with the McClain. McClain was located and detained at 3rd Avenue and Sunset Avenue at another homeless encampment, according to police.

The case will be presented to the District Attorney for filing consideration on June 29, according to LAPD.

This is an ongoing investigation, anyone with information should contact West Bureau Homicide investigators at (213) 382-9470

In an unrelated case, LAPD were also called to the Boardwalk Sunday when a mob tried to prevent an arrest.

It happened around 7 p.m. near 800 Ocean Front Walk, according to LAPD

Police say a group got into a fight. Officers went to break up the fight and took one person into custody. Police say that the crowd tried to intervene. Backup officers were called to help. Around 25 additional officers responded to restore order, according to LAPD.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Happy Independence Day

Right about this time of the year, 245 years ago, a gaggle of mature white men were in the final stages of preparation to sign their death warrant. It was a hot summer in Philadelphia and some forward thinkers at the time decided they'd had enough of their current overlord, King George of England, and they thought they'd break away and start something new.

It was a brave move at the time. Think about it in context. This small group of men, a bunch of merchants, a few lawyers, some plantation owners and a newspaper guy (Benjamin Franklin) gathered up the courage to take on the herculean task of motivating, coordinating and training a ragtag group of individuals to fight arguably the largest military machine in the history of the world, the British Army and Navy.

I visited Colonial Williamsburg a few decades back, and the thought of what life was like in Colonial times was shocking. The lack of technology, no communications systems really, manufacturing was not systematized, everything was pretty much a custom job, makes the enormity of what they undertook that much more impressive.

These days it's in vogue to write off the accomplishments of our Founding Fathers. They were "just a bunch of old white men" who built a country on the backs of the women and blacks they devalued after all. And while I am not an apologist for the horrors of slavery, or the maltreatment of women throughout history, I do think that context matters.

Yes our country was founded by men, all white, at least those we recognize. But remember they were being devalued by their King. They were being abused, overtaxed, burdened with rules and obligations they didn't sign up for.

It's a common phrase in recovery rooms that 'hurt people, hurt people.' We should put in context how wrong it was to take men and women from Africa against their will and enslave them, no doubt. And we should put in context that the founding fathers were fighting against their oppressors as well as being oppressors.

We live in a time when it is easy to "cancel" someone. You can "dox" people on the internet with impunity. Today a career is destroyed in the blink of an eye by an errant word, an ill-formed thought, a change in what is considered humorous or flirty. To be offended is to assert your value at the expense of someone else – or so it seems.

Personally I get a fair amount of criticism. Some justified, some from people who are just angry and I'm a good lightning rod for their pain. I've learned to take most comments with an eye towards "why is this being said?" Last week I misquoted someone. I attributed a quote to David Ogilvy when in fact it was John Wanamaker and I was promptly corrected – that's a fair criticism and I was wrong. I've also been called many names, and usually when I engage with the authors, what I find is they have unresolved issues that are leading them to vent on me.

After years of therapy I've come to the conclusion that yes, hurt people hurt people, and I've learned to be more understanding of others. I try to be more forgiving, to see their benefits, their good attributes, the things they have done for others.

As we approach the Fourth of July weekend, I'd like to suggest that if you choose to think about the founding fathers this weekend between cheeseburgers and beers, recognize them for both the good and the bad they did. They stood up to oppression and set up a country where we can do the same. We have freedoms to speak our truth, to live our lives as we choose, within proximity of others. We get to choose a religion or none at all, without it being dictated to us by a government. We can start a business, or move to another state, and we don't have ask permission of anyone but a spouse.

Should we remember that the Founding Fathers were elitist, slave owners (some not all), who were bigots and racists and sexists? Yes. But they should be viewed in context, not judged by today's standards, for they made today's standards possible.

Do they deserve to be revered? Partly. They were brave and took action. Do they deserve to be reviled? Partly. They were human and acting according to the times they lived in.

In sum, we celebrate the Fourth of July because we can, and we can, because the Founding Fathers took action and we are the beneficiaries of their efforts. How should we best pay that forward? By taking action. By fighting oppression where we can. But that doesn't mean we forget those who got us here.

It's a cardinal rule of life, "you gotta dance with the one that brung ya."

Happy Fourth of July! Be safe, and enjoy the weekend.

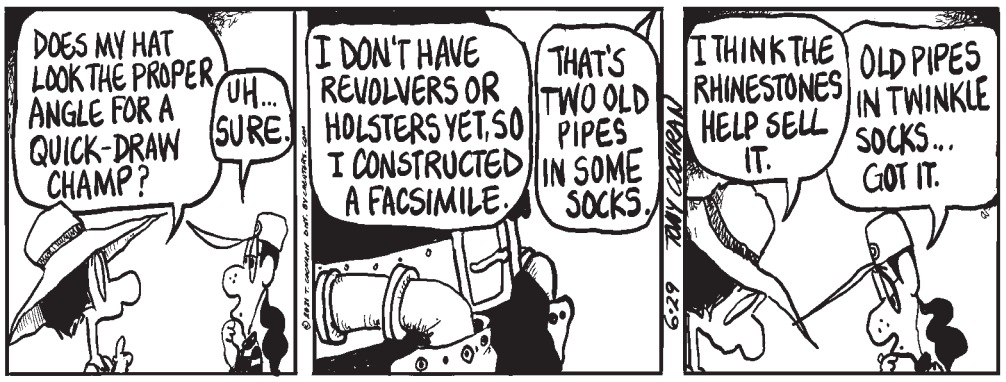
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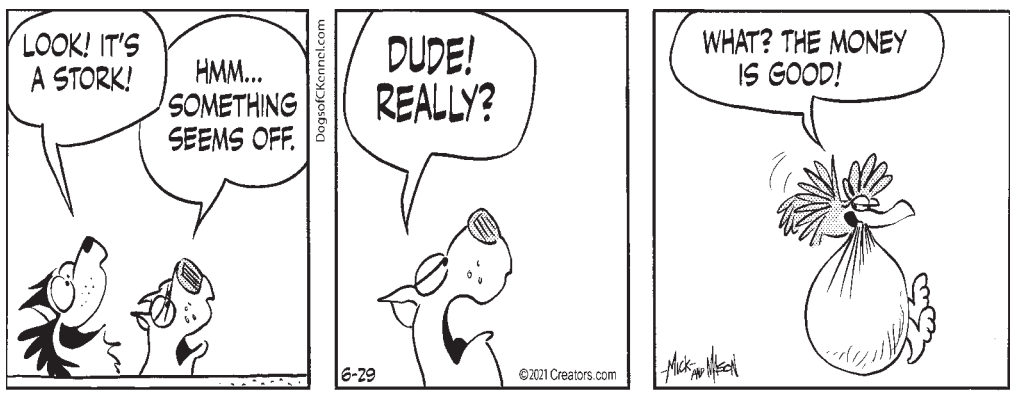
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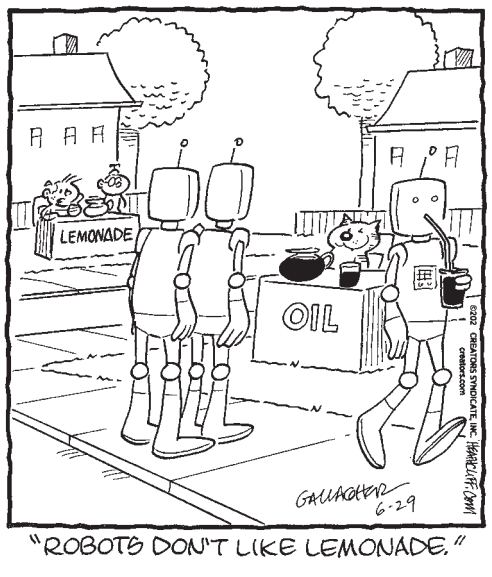
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SURF REPORT

SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 67.3°

TUESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
Very similar to Monday. Lingering NW swell blends with modest SSW/S swell. Peaky surf for combo spots. Cleanest for spots west of Pt Dume in the morning -- E/SE morning winds.

WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
Staying fun. Lingering NW swell blends with modest SSW/S swell. Peaky surf for combo spots. Cleanest for spots west of Pt Dume in the morning -- E/SE morning winds.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 71.
Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.
Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 11am.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2021/06/29	Tue	12:46 AM	5.33	H
2021/06/29	Tue	08:03 AM	-0.25	L
2021/06/29	Tue	3:01 PM	4.18	H
2021/06/29	Tue	8:02 PM	2.66	L
2021/06/30	Wed	01:44 AM	4.60	H
2021/06/30	Wed	08:51 AM	0.32	L
2021/06/30	Wed	3:56 PM	4.36	H
2021/06/30	Wed	9:39 PM	2.56	L
2021/07/01	Thu	02:55 AM	3.90	H
2021/07/01	Thu	09:41 AM	0.88	L
2021/07/01	Thu	4:45 PM	4.57	H
2021/07/01	Thu	11:16 PM	2.18	L
2021/07/02	Fri	04:25 AM	3.39	H
2021/07/02	Fri	10:31 AM	1.37	L
2021/07/02	Fri	5:29 PM	4.81	H
2021/07/03	Sat	12:30 AM	1.65	L
2021/07/03	Sat	05:58 AM	3.15	H
2021/07/03	Sat	11:18 AM	1.79	L
2021/07/03	Sat	6:07 PM	5.04	H
2021/07/04	Sun	01:24 AM	1.10	L
2021/07/04	Sun	07:23 AM	3.14	H

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 6/26
8 31 39 43 60
Power#: 17
Jackpot: 88 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 6/25
17 20 42 45 65
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 61 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 6/26
11 19 24 32 44
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 59 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 6/27
2 4 26 28 32

Daily 3
Draw Date: 6/27
EVENING: 1 4 5

Draw Date: 6/27
MIDDAY: 5 5 0

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 6/27
1st: 03 - Hot Shot
2nd: 11 - Money Bags
3rd: 08 - Gorgeous George
Race Time: 1:43.84

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JUNE 29)

The old pattern will not be interrupted so much as erased clean for an entirely new picture. It starts as things do -- with the glance of attraction. Choices get made and repeated, habits formed, relationships solidified. Professional wins require your vigilance; though motivation will be so high all will come easily. Virgo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 49, 14, 20 and 38.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you like someone, you naturally and effortlessly key in to what that person is feeling and doing. It seems part of you has been on the mission a while already without notifying your conscious awareness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Judgment is negativity at best, hatred at worst. Don't bother with it, as even offering the lighter shades of judgment (criticism, opinions and preferences) will only dim your light. Dwell in love.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Just maybe, if everyone had a victory at the same time, there would still be enough to go around. At the very least, believing this makes you a happier and more attractive person.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To stray from your goals just means one thing -- that you're human. Being hard on yourself is not a solution. Instead, with an attitude of curiosity and gentleness, try different tactics until you find one that works.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's wonderful when a loved one wins. You'll feel as though you've also won. But the highlight will really be helping a relationship flourish by honoring and supporting one another's vulnerabilities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). We become so familiar with our own struggles that it often takes the observations of outsiders for us to see the key hang-ups. Consider calling an "open house" on your problem and entertaining other views.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The things worth owning can't be owned. The best you can do is give into them. Surrender to the sublime evanescence of a moment and experience the feeling of being more than alive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You want to know what it takes to be more like your admired models, so you copy them. You're not trying to be someone you're not; you're just learning through the action of mimicry, which is existence's premier educational tool.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The person who points out your mistake is the best teacher you've got. This person probably isn't trying to be a generous and good teacher, but that doesn't matter. What matters is that you're better for it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't have to bother keeping up with a vigilant defense when your lifestyle already supports the most powerful version of you. By constantly building your strength and positivity, you become spiritual titanium.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Anyone who requires your patience is a gift to your life. This includes slow cashiers, irritating drivers and noncompliant children. The same timing that resists your influence is an invitation to an expanded moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What people are calling an invention is actually a combination of elements that already existed somewhere other than the new usage. You're in an inventive mood now, too. What can you combine?

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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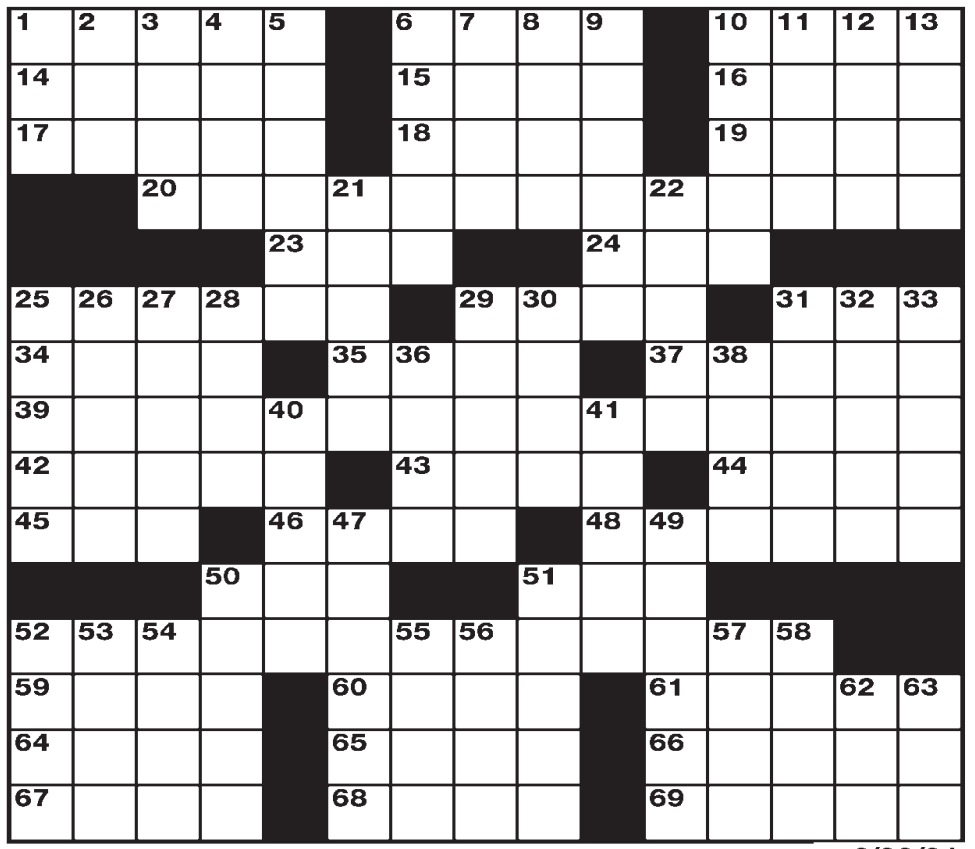
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Color of toast
6 Leopard marking
10 Theatrical failure
14 Car music source
15 Strauss of blue jeans
16 Assistant
17 Contract negotiator
18 Biblical paradise
19 Food inspection agcy.
20 Not going to math, say
23 Away from the office
24 Area with parking spaces
25 Saying nothing
29 Short news piece
31 Tummy muscles
34 Letter-shaped bolt fastener
35 Slightest amount
37 Under siege
39 Functioning well, as machinery
42 Sir __ Newton
43 Make haste
44 Spoil a surprise
45 Pay-__-view movie
46 Nights before holidays
48 "Here's the thing . . ."
50 Twosome
51 Hairdresser's goo
52 Letting someone else do it
59 Office passageway
60 Layer of paint
61 Country home
64 Legal rights org.
65 Roof overhang
66 Made less stressful
67 Rolling stone's supposed lack
68 Building with garden tools
69 Dog-race vehicles

DOWN
1 Bikini top
2 Cleaning cloth
3 Poetic tributes
4 Subtle eye signal
5 Idea
6 Took a nap
7 Mani-__ (nail treatment)
8 Pizzeria appliance
9 Thrilling sensation
10 Earthquake line
11 *Mona* __
12 Numbers considered by bettors
13 Pod veggies
21 Add to the mix
22 Small jazz band
25 Piece of bacon
26 Occupied, as a conference room
27 Of the moon
28 Sicilian volcano
29 Group's response to "Who's there?"
30 Scottish caps
31 Fire residue
32 Charming Southern woman
33 Flair for fashion
36 Fairy tale villain
38 Caesar's rebuke
40 Freeze over
41 "I totally agree!"
47 Says out loud
49 Fruits in Greek salads
50 Barely-passing grade
51 Enclosed, as an estate
52 Dishonest imitation
53 Mexican food that's folded
54 Right-angle shapes
55 Biblical shipbuilder
56 Donated
57 Face on old watches
58 Besides that
62 Showed the way
63 Billboard postings



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Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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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 26 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5160

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RECALL

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making it easy for them to change the rules.

Jack Citrin, a political science professor at the University of California, Berkeley, said changing the calendar threatens to reinforce the public's cynicism about politicians doing whatever they can to stay in power.

"They're trying to create a situation that is most favorable for the partisan outcome that they favor," said Citrin, who has studied trust in government and California's initiative process.

It's common for lawmakers in states that allow recalls to fiddle with election laws, but it usually happens after the contest is done, not before or during it, said Joshua Spivak, a recall elections expert. And efforts to manipulate election timing don't always work, he noted, pointing to California state Sen. Josh Newman, who lost his 2018 recall election despite Democrats' rule changes.

"That really suggested maybe we don't know what we're doing. You're playing with fire by doing that," said Spivak, who is a senior fellow at the Hugh L. Carey Institute for Government Reform at Wagner College and runs the Recall Elections Blog.

He speculated the change could backfire because an earlier election gives Democrats less time to motivate their voters. Republicans were behind the recall effort and gathered more than 1.7 million signatures. They say their voters are energized.

"Democrats' rule changes failed to save Josh Newman from getting recalled four years ago, and voters aren't going to fall for their trickery now either as they try and change the rules in the hopes of saving Gavin Newsom," the California Republican Party wrote in a news release earlier this month.

The proposal up for debate Monday rolls back some of the changes made to help Newman.

Back in 2017, Republicans targeted the Orange County lawmaker over his vote to increase the state's gas tax because they thought he'd be the easiest to unseat. Democrats, meanwhile, said Republicans were deceiving voters by telling them the petition was about the gas tax, not recalling a senator.

That prompted Democrats to add steps to the recall process: Voters who sign recall petitions are given 30 business days to remove their signatures, the state Department of Finance must conduct a cost estimate, and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee has 30 days to review that estimate.

All the steps were designed in part to push back Newman's election date to coincide with the 2018 primary, when Democrats thought higher turnout would translate into a win.

They were wrong. Newman lost the seat, though he won it back in the 2020 regular election.

Now looking to speed the process, Democrats' proposal would essentially bypass the legislative review process so long as lawmakers set aside money for counties to pay for the cost of the election. The state Department of Finance already sought a cost estimate from counties and lawmakers plan to approve $215 million to cover the local expense.

With no legislative review, Democratic Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis, a Newsom supporter, will be able to set an election date sooner. County clerks have said they need until at least Sept. 14 to be ready.

Nathan Click, a spokesman for Newsom's campaign, didn't respond to multiple requests for comment about whether the campaign had communicated with Democratic lawmakers about the recall timing. Top state legislators working on the issue, including Senate Budget Committee Chairwoman Nancy Skinner, declined to comment on the legislation.

Katie Talbot, a spokesman for Speaker Anthony Rendon, said lawmakers don't need extra time to review the election costs because they've already decided to reimburse counties. She acknowledged it could allow for an earlier recall election.

Republicans, meanwhile, are sure to raise opposition during Monday's debate. State Assemblyman Kevin Kiley, who is considering running in the recall, accused Democrats of trying to "ram through a new law."

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

Mike Trout moved to 60-day, out until after All-Star break

Mike Trout was transferred to the 60-day injured list by the Los Angeles Angels on Monday, ruling out his return until after the All-Star break.

Trout swung a bat Monday in a batting cage for the first time since he strained his right calf on May 17.

"He's doing really well, actually," Angels manager Joe Maddon said before a series opener against the New York Yankees. "He's on pace. He's on target."

Trout's injury is more than 50% healed, Maddon said. Trout will go on a minor league rehabilitation assignment, probably after the All-Star break. He is eligible to return July 17, when the Angels host Seattle in their second game after the break.

An eight-time All-Star and three-time AL MVP, Trout was batting .333 with eight homers and 18 RBIs when he was hurt while running the bases against Cleveland. The outfielder remains on the longer end of the initial timetable of the team, which projected his return in six-to-eight weeks.

Los Angeles optioned infielder Kean Wong to Triple-A Salt Lake after Sunday's 6-4 win at Tampa Bay and selected the contract of outfielder Scott Schebler from Triple-A Salt Lake on Monday.

Schebler, 30, was hitting .281 with eight homers and 31 RBIs in 40 games at Triple-A this season. A seven-year big league veteran, he hit .148 (4 for 27) in 11 games with the Angels from April 19 to May 3.

Outfielder Justin Upton, who hasn't played since June 22 because of a strain on the lower right side of his back, is improving.

"I think he's going to be fine. When he's ready to come off, he should come off," Maddon said. "He still would not be able to maneuver in the batter's box like he normally does. But we think within a couple of days that he will."

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