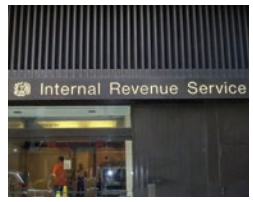


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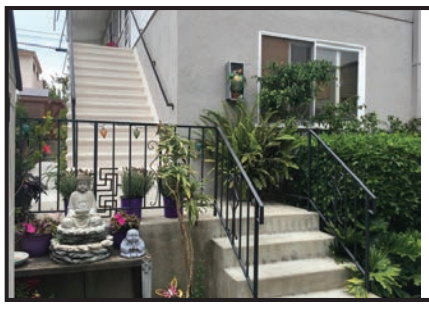
From Santa Monica to the Superior Court: Gilbert Rodriguez sworn in as judge

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

An investiture ceremony last Friday formally inducting Gilbert Rodriguez into his role as a Superior Court judge for the County of Los Angeles was a full-circle moment for the lifelong Santa Monican.

During the ceremony, Judge David De Alba, a friend of Rodriguez from their time studying law at

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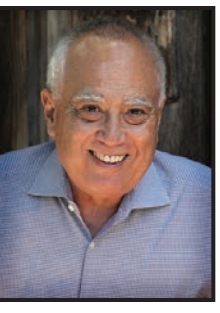
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Meta quieter on election misinformation as midterms loom

AMANDA SEITZ
Associated Press

Facebook owner Meta is quietly curtailing some of the safeguards designed to thwart voting misinformation or foreign interference in U.S. elections as the November midterm vote approaches.

It's a sharp departure from the social media giant's multibillion-dollar efforts to enhance the accuracy of posts about U.S. elections and regain trust from lawmakers and the public after their outrage over learning the company had exploited people's data and allowed falsehoods to overrun its site during the 2016 campaign.

The pivot is raising alarm about Meta's priorities and about how some might exploit the world's most popular social media platforms to spread misleading claims, launch fake accounts and rile up partisan extremists.

"They're not talking about it," said former Facebook policy director Katie Harbath, now the CEO of the tech and policy firm Anchor Change. "Best case scenario: They're still doing a lot behind the scenes. Worst case scenario: They pull back, and we don't know how that's going to manifest itself for the midterms on the platforms."

Since last year, Meta has shut down an examination into how falsehoods are amplified in political ads on Facebook by indefinitely banishing the researchers from the site.

CrowdTangle, the online tool that the company offered to hundreds of newsrooms and researchers so they could identify trending posts and misinformation across Facebook or Instagram, is now inoperable on some days.

Public communication about the company's response to election misinformation has gone decidedly quiet. Between 2018 and 2020, the company released more than 30 statements that laid out specifics about how it would stifle U.S. election misinformation, prevent foreign adversaries from running ads or posts around the vote and subdue divisive hate speech.

Top executives hosted question and answer sessions with reporters about new policies. CEO Mark Zuckerberg wrote Facebook posts promising to take down false voting information and authored opinion articles calling for more regulations to tackle foreign interference in U.S. elections via social media.

But this year Meta has only released a one-page document outlining plans for the fall elections, even as potential threats to the vote remain clear. Several Republican candidates are pushing false claims about the U.S. election across social media. In addition, Russia and China continue to wage aggressive social media propaganda campaigns aimed at further political divides among American audiences.

Meta says that elections remain a priority and that policies developed in recent years around election misinformation or foreign interference are now hard-wired into company operations.

"With every election, we incorporate what we've learned into new processes and have established channels to share information with the government and our industry partners," Meta spokesman Tom Reynolds said.

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He declined to say how many employees would be on the project to protect U.S. elections full time this year.

During the 2018 election cycle, the company offered tours and photos and produced head counts for its election response war room. But The New York Times reported the number of Meta employees working on this year's election had been cut from 300 to 60, a figure Meta disputes.

Reynolds said Meta will pull hundreds of employees who work across 40 of the company's other teams to monitor the upcoming vote alongside the election team, with its unspecified number of workers.

The company is continuing many initiatives it developed to limit election misinformation, such as a fact-checking program started in 2016 that enlists the help of news outlets to investigate the veracity of popular falsehoods spreading on Facebook or Instagram. The Associated Press is part of Meta's fact-checking program.

This month, Meta also rolled out a new feature for political ads that allows the public to search for details about how advertisers target people based on their interests across Facebook and Instagram.

Yet, Meta has stifled other efforts to identify election misinformation on its sites.

It has stopped making improvements to CrowdTangle, a website it offered to newsrooms around the world that provides insights about trending social media posts. Journalists, fact-checkers and researchers used the website to analyze Facebook content, including tracing popular misinformation and who is responsible for it.

That tool is now "dying," former CrowdTangle CEO Brandon Silverman, who left Meta last year, told the Senate Judiciary Committee this spring.

Silverman told the AP that CrowdTangle had been working on upgrades that would make it easier to search the text of internet memes, which can often be used to spread half-truths and escape the oversight of fact-checkers, for example.

"There's no real shortage of ways you can organize this data to make it useful for a lot of different parts of the fact-checking community, newsrooms and broader civil society," Silverman said.

Not everyone at Meta agreed with that transparent approach, Silverman said. The company has not rolled out any new updates or features to CrowdTangle in more than a year, and it has experienced hourslong outages in recent months.

Meta also shut down efforts to investigate how misinformation travels through political ads.

The company indefinitely revoked access to Facebook for a pair of New York University researchers who they said collected unauthorized data from the platform. The move came hours after NYU professor Laura Edelson said she shared plans with the company to investigate the spread of disinformation on the platform around the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, which is now the subject of a House investigation.

"What we found, when we looked closely, is that their systems were probably dangerous for a lot of their users," Edelson said.

Privately, former and current Meta employees say exposing those dangers around the American elections have created public and political backlash for the company.

Republicans routinely accuse Facebook of unfairly censoring conservatives, some of whom have been kicked off for breaking the company's rules. Democrats, meanwhile, regularly complain the tech company hasn't gone far enough to curb disinformation.

"It's something that's so politically fraught, they're more trying to shy away from it than jump in head first." said Harbath, the former Facebook policy director. "They just see it as a big old pile of headaches."

Meanwhile, the possibility of regulation in the U.S. no longer looms over the company, with lawmakers failing to reach any consensus over what oversight the multibillion-dollar company should be subjected to.

Free from that threat, Meta's leaders have devoted the company's time, money and resources to a new project in recent months.

Zuckerberg dived into this massive rebranding and reorganization of Facebook last October, when he changed the company's name to Meta Platforms Inc. He plans to spend years and billions of dollars evolving his social media platforms into a nascent virtual reality construct called the "metaverse" — sort of like the internet brought to life, rendered in 3D.

His public Facebook page posts now focus on product announcements, hailing artificial intelligence, and photos of him enjoying life. News about election preparedness is announced in company blog posts not written by him.

In one of Zuckerberg's posts last October, after an ex-Facebook employee leaked internal documents showing how the platform magnifies hate and misinformation,

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Animal Related Incident 2100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:54 a.m.
Encampment 5th St / Arizona Ave 6:22 a.m.
Traffic Hazard Neilson Way / Hill St 6:25 a.m.
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Auto Burglary 2000Blk Hill St 8:08 a.m.
Lost Property 1100Blk Palisades Park 8:30 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved Lincoln Blvd / Wilshire Blvd 9:13 a.m.
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Battery Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 2:36 p.m.
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Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2600Blk Barnard Way 2:50 p.m.
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The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2710 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2710 (CCS) ("The Ordinance") authorizes a development agreement between the City of Santa Monica and Belle Vue Plaza, a California Limited Partnership, and Ocean Avenue Partners, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company (collectively, "The Developer"). The development agreement authorizes the development of a mixed-use project with a hotel, residences, a cultural uses campus, ground floor pedestrian-oriented restaurant and retail uses and subterranean parking on approximately 82,570 square feet of land located in the City of Santa Monica, State of California, commonly known as 101 Santa Monica Boulevard, 1337 Ocean Avenue, 1333 Ocean Avenue, 1327 Ocean Avenue and 129 Santa Monica Boulevard. In exchange for these vested development rights, the Developer is providing community benefits that are enumerated in the development agreement.

Ordinance Number 2710 (CCS) was adopted on July 26, 2022, and shall become effective thirty days after adoption.

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State production will bring down high costs of insulin

Many Californians today experience the pain of skyrocketing drug prices while drug companies post record profits, and patients struggle to afford lifesaving medications as their health insurance premiums increase year after year.

The CalRx initiative, a groundbreaking solution to improve affordability, empowers the State of California to develop generic drugs and sell them at low cost. Through state-led manufacturing, CalRx will be the backstop for markets that fail to deliver affordable medications for Californians by promoting increased generic manufacturing to address such market failures as low competition, drug shortages and fragile supply chains.

CalRx's first drug priority is insulin. As Gov. Gavin Newsom stated in January's California Blueprint budget announcement, insulin has long epitomized the worst failures of the pharmaceutical industry. Excessively high barriers for new market entrants, hyperconsolidation and industry abuses of the legal/regulatory system have resulted in exorbitant price increases for insulin over the last two decades. Insulin inaccessibility affects the 10.7% of Californians with diabetes — roughly 200,000 of whom are uninsured or underinsured — and disproportionately harms low-income, Black and Latino Californians. For uninsured consumers and insured consumers with high deductibles, a five-pen pack of insulin (roughly a month's supply) can cost well over $500, crowding out household budgets for other necessities, such as housing and food.

The physical, emotional and financial tolls of such excessive insulin prices can be devastating; the physiologic impact of the emotional stress alone can worsen one's diabetes.

Inaccessibility often leads to the practice of rationing or skipping insulin doses. These choices, never recommended by clinicians, lead to poorly regulated blood sugars and contribute to severe disease, such as diabetic ketoacidosis, renal failure and neuropathies that lead to limb loss. The excessive cost of insulin drives racial, ethnic and economic disparities deeper and feeds into a devastating cycle of skipped insulin doses, poor glucose control, worse diabetes-related disability, the inability to work and participate in normal activities, loss of income and life chances, and a worsened ability to afford other life expenses.

A healthy California for all calls us to do what we can to put good diabetes control within financial reach of all Californians. That's why CalRX is a key program for the Newsom administration.

Through the CalRx Biosimilar Insulin Initiative, California can remedy the market failure for affordable insulin by investing $50 million to develop the most popular short- and long-acting types of insulin. An additional $50 million will be used to support the construction of an insulin manufacturing facility in California. This facility will have the added benefit of enhancing economic development through high-paying jobs and a strengthened supply chain for insulin. With the Legislature and administration's support, these products could reach pharmacies, retailers and other channels, such as mail-order pharmacies, in the next two to three years.

Independent analyses by experts at Johns Hopkins have found that savings for payers — such as employers and health care plans — and patients would be substantial. Uninsured and underinsured people living with diabetes could reduce their annual out-of-pocket costs by up to 90%. On the payer side, commercial insurers could reduce insulin expenditures by up to 66% — slowing the trend of annual health premium increases that fall on the shoulders of workers and employers and passing those savings on to employers and enrollees through lower premiums and/or lower cost-sharing for drugs.

Most importantly, the entry of CalRx insulin products would inject steep price competition and help shift the industry from obscure, rebate-based pricing toward low, transparent pricing. As a first-of-its-kind project utilizing state capital to correct a severe market failure burdening millions of Californians, the proposal includes a number of tools to mitigate risk, including strong contracting requirements that link payment to a contractor fulfilling concrete milestones.

There is a human cost to inaction. The status quo has contributed to countless unnecessary health complications and deaths. The Newsom administration understands exactly what the end goal should be: low-cost insulin available and affordable for every Californian who needs it. In order to get there, we need the state to correct market failures so that cost is never a barrier to lifesaving medications. With support from stakeholders — from the public to the Legislature — we can deliver such products and improve health outcomes for millions of Californians with diabetes.

Dr. Mark Ghaly is the secretary of the California Health & Human Services Agency. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

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EXPLAINER: Why is insulin so expensive and difficult to cap?

AMANDA SEITZ
Associated Press

Reining in the soaring prices of insulin has thus far been elusive in Congress, although Democrats say they'll try again — as part of their economic package that focuses on health and climate.

The price of the 100-year-old drug has more than tripled in the last two decades, forcing the nation's diabetics to pay thousands of dollars a year for the life-saving medication. Democrats are considering capping the cost of that drug for at least some, although it's unclear what the final proposal will look like and how many insulin users will get a price break.

Here's a look at how insulin became so expensive and why it's so difficult to bring the price of the drug down.

HOW MANY PEOPLE IN THE U.S. USE INSULIN AND FOR WHAT?

Roughly 8.4 million Americans use insulin, according to the American Diabetes Association. Not everyone who has diabetes needs insulin, but for those who do, it's an important medication. For more than 1 million of those people with type 1 diabetes, regular access to the medication is a necessity and they will die without it.

"People require insulin, it's not an option and nobody should have to decide between life-sustaining medication or food and rent," said Dr. Robert Gabbay, the chief scientific and medical officer for the American Diabetes Association.

Insulin also helps control glucose levels for patients with other forms of diabetes. Some insulin users have rationed the drug because of its expense and risk numerous health complications as a result.

HOW EXPENSIVE IS INSULIN?

The price varies.

Some people on private insurance pay hundreds of dollars monthly for the drug. For most Medicare beneficiaries, the average out-of-pocket cost per insulin prescription was $54 in 2020 — an increase of nearly 40% since 2007, a study released last month by the Kaiser Family Foundation found. Others live in one of 22 states where the copay for a 30-day supply has been capped between $25 to $100.

The cost has led some to use less insulin than their doctor prescribes or postpone paying for other medical care.

WHY IS INSULIN SO EXPENSIVE?

Only three manufacturers — Eli Lilly, Novo Nordisk and Sanofi — produce insulin, allowing those companies to control much of the market.

"They've been historically raising their list prices for their respective products in lockstep with one another," Dr. Jing Luo, a professor of medicine at the University of Pittsburgh, said. "There hasn't been a lot of pricing pressure."

And making a generic drug for insulin hasn't been easy, with new manufacturers having to clear regulatory hurdles and questions over how a generic drug should be categorized, Luo added. A generic insulin is slated to come on the market in 2024 at no more than $30 a vial, which could drive down some of the price.

A biosimilar insulin product the Food and Drug Administration approved last year, however, has been more expensive than advocates had hoped, Gabbay said.

HOW DO DEMOCRATS PLAN TO CAP THE PRICE OF INSULIN?

That remains to be seen.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer has said some language that limits the price of insulin will be added to the economic bill, but it's not clear what that price point will be and who all will be protected by that price cap.

Democrats had proposed a $35 monthly cap for those who get the drug through Medicare or private insurers as part of a bigger package that was derailed in the Senate. But it was left out of the scaled down package now headed for a congressional vote.

WHY IS THE COST OF INSULIN SO DIFFICULT TO CAP?

Capping the price of insulin will be very expensive.

Insulin is not only getting more expensive, but the number of people using it is also increasing.

A bipartisan bill proposed earlier this year that would cap insulin prices could cost about $23 billion over the next decade, according to estimates by the Congressional Budget Office. While the bill would reduce insulin costs for many consumers, it would drive up government costs and premiums charged by Medicare and private insurers, according to the office's analysis.

And that's one of the reasons why price caps can be controversial.

"If your health insurance company says, voluntarily, nobody who buys insulin in our plan will have to pay more than $25, the question is who is paying the balance of that?" Luo said. "That then means their cost will go up, which means they'll raise premiums on everyone."

META

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he defended the company. He also reminded his followers that he had pushed Congress to modernize regulations around elections for the digital age.

"I know it's frustrating to see the good work we do get mischaracterized, especially for those of you who are making important contributions across safety, integrity, research and product," he wrote on Oct. 5. "But I believe that over the long term if we keep trying to do what's right and delivering experiences that improve people's lives, it will be better for our community and our business."

It was the last time he discussed the Menlo Park, California-based company's election work in a public Facebook post.

Associated Press technology writer Barbara Ortutay contributed to this report.

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Tougher IRS enforcement central to Dem economic package

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After more than a decade of mostly losing out, the Internal Revenue Service may finally get the cash infusion it's long wanted in the economic package that Democrats are working furiously to push through Congress before their August break.

Under a deal worked out by Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin, the bill would spend an extra $79.6 billion on the beleaguered agency over the next 10 years. The plan would generate an additional $203.7 billion in revenue for the federal government over that time frame, for a net gain of more than $124 billion, the Congressional Budget Office projects.

As the Senate prepares to begin voting on the bill in the coming days, the IRS proposal has become a magnet for GOP attacks, testing Democratic unity as they try to deliver on key climate and health care priorities ahead of the fall midterm elections.

Democrats say the IRS investment is needed to ensure that corporations and wealthier Americans pay what they owe in taxes. But Republicans are warning it will lead to increased scrutiny of small business owners and others who are burdened enough.

The IRS has been mostly on the losing end of congressional funding fights over the past dozen years. In April, IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig told members of the Senate Finance Committee the agency's budget has decreased by more than 15% over the past decade when accounting for inflation and that the number of full-time employees at 79,000 in the last fiscal year was close to 1974 levels.

Enforcement staffing has been hit even harder, falling by some 30% since 2010, even though the filing population increased.

"Every measure that is important to effective tax administration has suffered tremendously in recent years, with profound deficiencies resulting from underinvestment in human capital and information technology," Rettig said.

Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del., a longtime member of the Senate Finance Committee, said he hears the same thing from IRS commissioners every few years, regardless of whether they're serving a Republican or Democratic administration.

"They beg us to provide some resources to the IRS so they can do their job," Carper said.

Democrats see an opportunity to change that. More than half of their proposed spending increase would go to enforcement. The next biggest chunk, $25.3 billion, would go to operations support, such as rent, security and postage. Another $4.75 billion would go to improve call-back services and other technology designed to improve customer service. And $3.2 billion would go to pre-filing and educational assistance.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden, D-Ore., called the investment "essential as a tool to making sure we have a rational tax policy."

"This will give us the chance to raise the revenue from wealthy tax cheats who are getting out of paying what they owe," Wyden said.

GOP lawmakers decry the plan and depict a larger IRS as a means to harass constituents.

"In a time of inflation, Democrats also want to spend $80 billion to roughly double the size of the IRS so they can take more money out of the American people through harassment and audits, using taxpayer money to make taxpayers' lives worse," Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell said on the Senate floor Thursday.

"I think it's terrible for them to want to weaponize the Internal Revenue Service, to supersize it in an effort to go after, you know, families and farmers and small businesses and try to raise more money," said Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo. "It's basically a shakedown operation."

One particular complaint is that the Democratic proposal should have put more resources for customer service rather than focusing on enforcement. The pandemic forced the IRS to temporarily shut down its processing facilities for health and safety reasons. That has led to unprecedented delays and challenges with the IRS still struggling to catch up.

"First, take care of good, honest taxpayers just trying to get basic assistance out of the IRS," said Sen. Steve Daines, R-Mont.

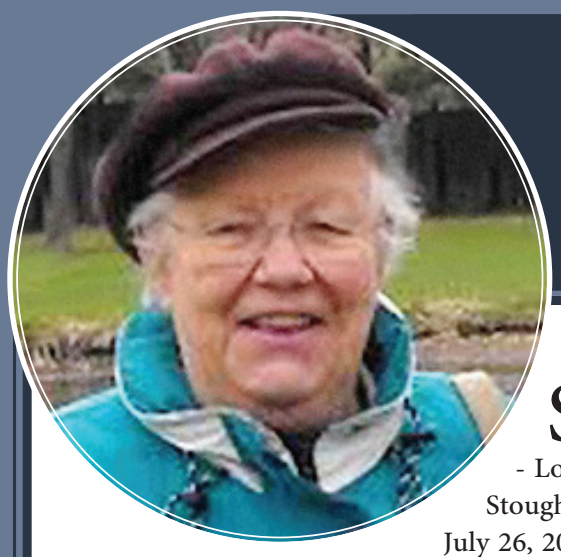
In a letter to lawmakers on Thursday, Rettig emphasized that the resources in the package would get the IRS back to historical norms in areas that are challenging the agency. Those include large corporations and high net-worth taxpayers, as well as multinational taxpayers, where sophisticated, specialized teams are needed to unpack complex structures. He also said that audit rates would not rise relative to recent years for those with less than $400,000 in annual income.

"These resources are absolutely not about increasing audit scrutiny on small businesses or middle-income Americans," Rettig wrote.

The CBO projections indicate that the IRS measures represent about a sixth of the revenue raised by the bill, with that revenue going toward helping people buy private health coverage, boosting federal investments in renewable energy like wind and solar power, and paying down debt, among other things.

It's unclear which aspects of the Democratic tax proposals could change before the Senate completes work on the bill, but Wyden said he is confident that the boost in spending for the IRS will remain in the final package.

"I can tell you, thus far, I have not had an objection in the Democratic caucus on this provision of beefing up IRS resources so they can go after wealthy tax cheats," Wyden said.



LOIS DELORES LARSON

January 26, 1927 - July 26, 2022

SANTA MONICA, Calif. / MONONA / STOUGHTON - Lois Delores Larson, age 95, of Stoughton, passed away on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at Agrace HospiceCare in Janesville. She was born on Jan. 26, 1927, in Madison, Wis., the daughter of Lewis and Sophia (Swiggum) Larson.

Lois was raised on a farm near Stoughton, graduating from Stoughton High School with the class of 1945. Following a vacation to California, Lois and her mother moved to California, where she resided until 2010. Lois loved traveling! She was eager to see the world, but especially loved the National Parks. She worked for Dr. Samson and Dr. Reinsch in Santa Monica, Calif. and managed their practice as an administrator. Lois had great admiration for both of these doctors.

Lois was also an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica. She thought very highly of Rev. Patricia Farris and enjoyed volunteering and working at the annual bazaars. Lois loved striking up conversations and made friends easily.

Lois is survived by her niece, Sharon (Robert Savage) Hennings; nephews, Robert (Eileen) Larson and Roger (Helen Schott) Larson; great-nephews, Michael Hennings and Gregory (Jennifer) Larson; great-nieces, Melissa (Anthony Buckland) Hennings, Karin Larson, Anne Larson, Julia (Ian) Jacobs and Brittany (Alex Fernandez) Delahanty; three great-great nephews; and one great-great niece. She was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers, Engvald and Raymond (Cora) Larson.

A private family service will be held at Forest Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Agrace HospiceCare. A special thank you to the staff and volunteers at Agrace HospiceCare for all their loving care. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

GILBERT RODRIGUEZ

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UCLA in the 1970s, stood on the steps of Santa Monica City Hall and gestured over the heads of onlookers — family, friends, and fellow law professionals from all over California — toward what is now Tongva Park.

It was there that Rodriguez's father, also named Gilbert, first lived when he arrived in Santa Monica.

"This is so special, because the place where his father lived, when he — Gilbert, his father Gilbert — first came to the United States with five other young Mexicans was right across the street in an apartment building where that park is," De Alba, now a Sacramento County Superior Court judge, said, "when his father was working as a busboy at the then-Miramar Hotel over on Wilshire Boulevard. And Gilbert thought, 'Wow' — where his dad started."

The elder Rodriguez was himself a longtime Santa Monica resident and proprietor of the eponymous Gilbert's El Indio Restaurant on Pico Boulevard. Gilbert died in 2019 at the age of 90, but his wife (and Judge Rodriguez's mother), Carmen, was in attendance during the ceremony on Friday, alongside family members from the United States and Mexico.

Rodriguez chose his friend De Alba to administer his oath of office.

"How proud the Rodriguez family must be watching you here today, Gilbert," De Alba continued. "We know your father's watching, and he's watching everything. And it's too bad he's not here, but I'm sure he is so proud of you."

Rodriguez, a longtime attorney with a law office next door to the family restaurant, grew up in Santa Monica and graduated from Samohi before going on to UCLA for both his bachelor's and law degrees. He accepted an appointment to the Superior Court from Gov. Gavin Newsom earlier this year after Superior Court judge Patricia D. Nieto stepped down mid-term.

The ceremony was charged with emotion and full of laughter.

Standing at the podium after taking the oath of office, Rodriguez reached into a plastic bag and produced a vibraslap — a 1960s-era percussion instrument that features in songs like "Crazy Train" by Ozzie Osbourne and "All Along the Watchtower" by Jimi Hendrix.

The newest LA County Superior Court judge was in the middle of an anecdote about a conversation with a fellow judge, Bobbi Tillmon, discussing whether or not he would get to perform music in his new role on the judge's bench.

"Instead of a gavel, I'll be using this!" Rodriguez recalled telling Tillmon. He hit the instrument, producing the signature rattling sound. The audience — family, friends, and fellow law professionals and judges from all over California — laughed and applauded.

"I take the job seriously, but we all gotta laugh sometimes," Rodriguez added a few moments later.

In his remarks, Rodriguez thanked Newsom for offering him the opportunity to serve as a Superior Court Judge.

"Governor Newsom, I want to thank you — I know you're real busy. Thank you," Rodriguez said. "Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve my community. Thank you for letting me join this association of very special people who have been nominated or elected to do the best that they can, under the circumstances that sometimes are not the easiest in the world."

> "To make a decision that affects others is going to be more difficult, because somebody is going to get it right. Somebody's going to get it wrong. I just want to do the right thing"

The new judge went on to reflect on the challenge of being a judge and representing a community that will look to him for guidance and decisiveness.

"I've always made — in my heart — the decision to help others. But that was easy, to help others," Rodriguez continued. "To make a decision that affects others is going to be more difficult, because somebody is going to get it right. Somebody's going to get it wrong. I just want to do the right thing. I want to be able to continue to contribute to my community — not as a player, but as a neutral referee. Somebody who will make the decisions and somebody that can say, 'I did the right thing for the right reason.'"

Rodriguez also thanked Santa Monica Councilmember Oscar de la Torre, who sat on the stage behind the podium, for helping facilitate the ceremony outside City Hall, as well as former mayor Tony Vazquez. Following the ceremony, those gathered enjoyed a reception with food, dance and music in the courtyard behind City Hall.

The ceremony last Friday, July 29, installed Rodriguez into the role for a term that will end in 2025. Superior Court judgeship terms last six years and there are no term limits.

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CEREMONY: The new judge received his robe in front of City Hall.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Focus on the broader strokes because chipping away at small things will be a waste of time and energy when there are so many generalities to establish. Consult those who have done it before to get the correct order.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Coming together will be the hardest part, but once the group is established, teamwork will keep the flow going. Soon the collective has a strong magnetic force that keeps everyone connected in productivity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). To delay your dreams is dangerous business. What if the excitement wears off, the motivation wanes, the impulse goes away? Do things while you're feeling them. It's better to make a memory than contribute to time's blur.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Instead of wondering what one of your idols would do, you'll ask sincerely what seems most like a "you" action. If you can come up with one, you'll take it and be lucky. If you can't, trying things and ruling them out will be lucky.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have valuable knowledge to impart, and you very shortly will do it. There are but a few things left to learn before you can do this properly. This stage requires patience and organization.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It is your fundamental belief that everyone is unique and exceptional in their own way. For this reason, you prefer not to be put in a position to judge, compare or assign value to anyone's work. You'll make choices based on fit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). To treat lovely people well does not require compassion and has no expansive effect on the heart. Compassion is the kind of love employed when its object seems, at the surface level at least, to be, for whatever reason, unlovable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When someone makes you laugh, you feel seen. And when you make someone else laugh, it's like audible validation of a joining of your minds and sensibilities. You'll enjoy the sacred bond of humor with someone today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're happy to help, but you're also happy because you help. Even if you're not contributing what you're best at, just showing up willing to pitch in will make a difference to them and a bigger one to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's only one trouble you need to own, and that's today's. Yesterday's is over and tomorrow's is borrowed. Never borrow trouble. If it's not worth owning, it's not worth having.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People don't want to say no to you today, but if that's really the answer, try and get them to say it. A fast no moves the action forward and is far better than wasting time in limbo chasing down a maybe.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Favors will come from the top. They won't necessarily go to those who have worked hardest; rather, they go to the ones who have pleased the boss. "Whoever obeys the gods, to him they particularly listen." -- Homer

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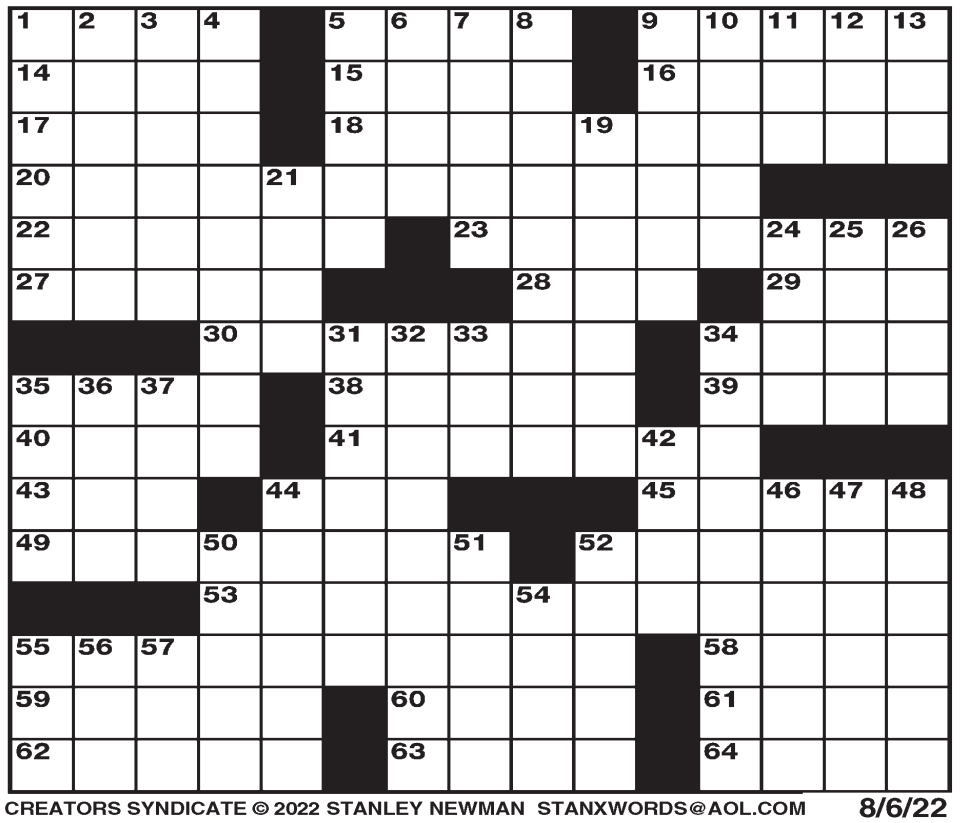
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9 Force out
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15 Verb used in codes
16 Product of forging
17 "Beauty is neither an appearance __ being": Sartre
18 What Germans call *Weissburgunder*
20 French president's term
22 Gone now
23 Sushi bar array
27 Far from the usual
28 Common contents of bookcases
29 Boston-born literary lion
30 Hershiser in '88, Pujols in '04
34 "Honorable" acronym added by Merriam-Webster in 2019
35 Snail cousin
38 Medal of Freedom recipient "whose work graces skylines worldwide"
39 Keeps going, and going, and going . . .
40 Marking on some mugs
41 "Father" to "*père,*" per Wikipedia
43 Further
44 Charades category
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49 Certain stay-at-home spouse
52 One wearing a "horsy" helmet
53 Kona Snorkel Tour participant
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64 Spins, for short

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5 Take with relish
6 Annual theater company grant
7 Tubes with ridges
8 Baker of artisanal breads
9 Board for a trip
10 Berry Cookie Cups ingredient
11 Project projection
12 Know how
13 Special handling
19 America's #4 most-consumed seafood
21 *"__ travail!"* ("Too much work!": Fr.)
24 Louise Suggs Rookie of the Year awarder
25 Observation invitation
26 Gets fixed
31 Loud buzzers
32 Weather-related anagram of STORM + GALE
33 "City" stat
34 One concerned with your points of view
35 Word in the etymology of "checkmate"
36 Automotive advice columnist
37 BBC Asian Network language
42 Battery, for example
44 #1 vote getter for MLB's All-Century Team
46 "Psst!" follower
47 One of four in *Romeo and Juliet*
48 Museum pieces
50 Renounced, with "off"
51 Pioneer of realistic fiction
52 Paper recycling machinery
54 DC's CBS station
55 B&B facilities
56 Take sides, say
57 Yours truly



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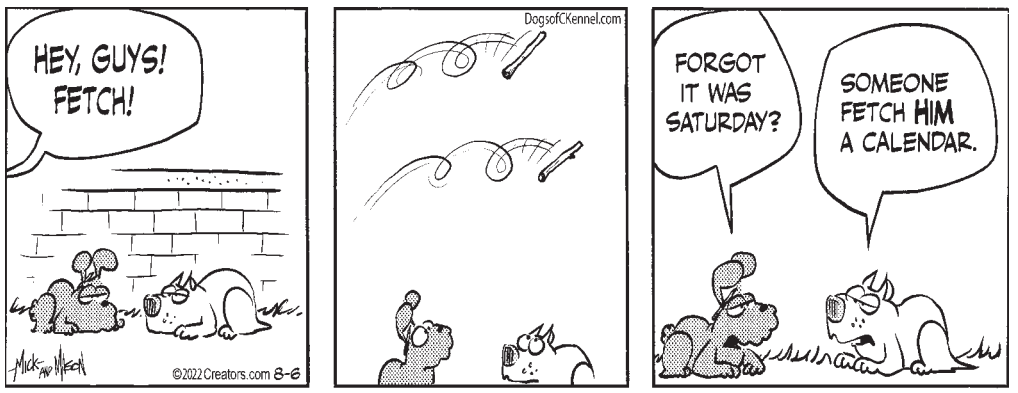
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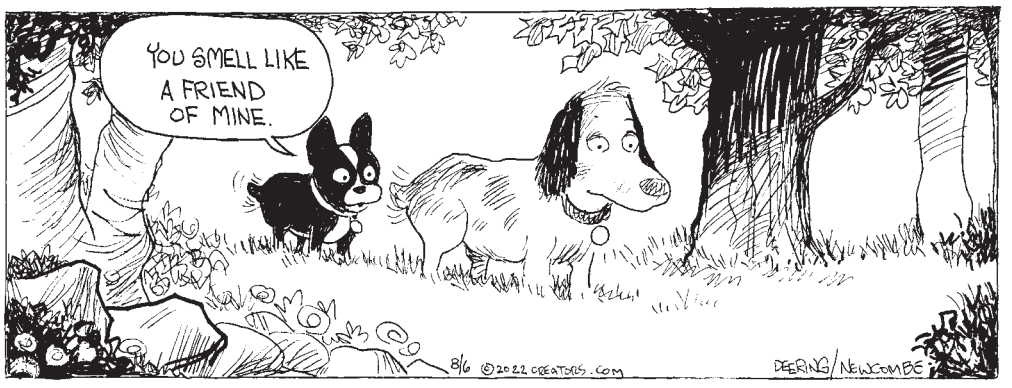
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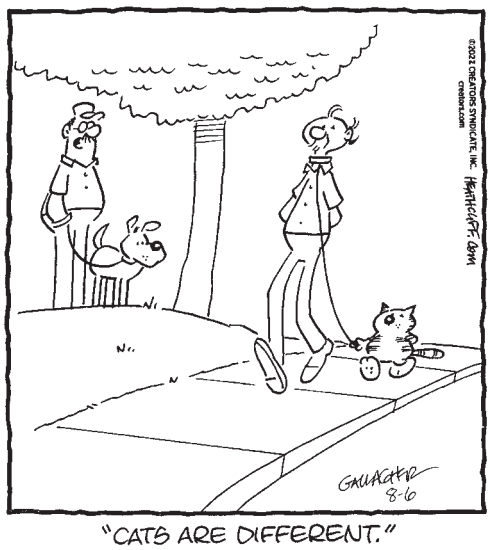
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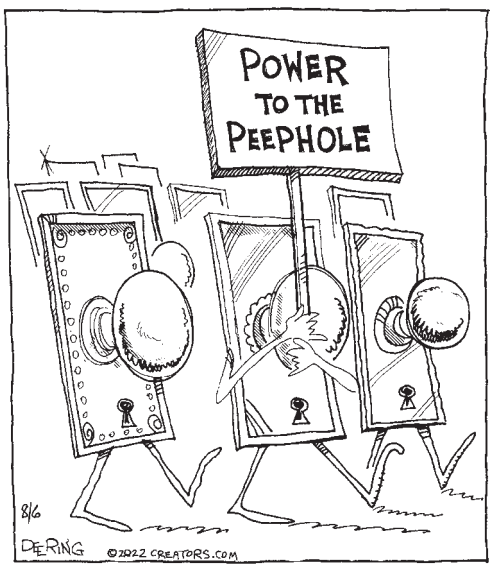
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"CATS ARE DIFFERENT."

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 14 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5563

Naming names

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

Aaron	Craig	John	Owen
Adam	Cynthia	Juan	Roger
Aden	Diana	Judy	Rose
Ajax	Donald	Julia	Ruth
Alan	Edward	Kayla	Ryan
Alice	Emily	Keith	Sara
Amos	Emma	Kevin	Sean
Arthur	Eric	Kyle	Stephanie
Betty	Evelyn	Lisa	Susan
Bobby	Geoffrey	Lori	Terry
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out and about in Santa Monica

SATURDAY AUGUST 6

SOUNDWAVES OUTDOOR CONCERT
The Soundwaves new music series returns for three outdoor concerts this summer, featuring acclaimed performers presenting unique jazz-inspired music. Violinist Lauren Baba plays last, with her quintet, on Aug. 6. As a composer, she leads the Baba Orchestra big band. As a player, she has recorded on numerous film scores, accompanied rock and pop stars, and is a member of the Vitamin String Quartet. Her quintet features her as a soloist and improviser. Each concert is at 3:30 p.m. on the first Saturday of the month, at the Pico Library Annex in Virginia Avenue Park at the corner of Pico and Cloverfield.

OCEAN PARK BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Join a community-led discussion of books chosen by the group. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the Zoom link. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

SANTA MONICA READS: SLOUCHING TOWARDS LOS ANGELES
Editor Steffie Nelson and writers Michelle Chihara, Jori Finkel and Stacie Stukin discuss Slouching Towards Los Angeles: Living and Writing by Joan Didion's Light, a book of essays on this year's Santa Monica Reads featured author and California's legendary, literary "muse of the West." A book sale and signing follows. 3 - 4 p.m.

SUNDAY AUGUST 7

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT ANTIQUE MARKET
Noted as One of the Top Ten "Flea Markets' in America, visit the Santa Monica Airport Antique Market, a fun outdoor (and dog-friendly!) market full of many great dealers with furniture, antiques, collectibles, art, vintage clothes, jewelry, rugs and much more. Ocean Park Boulevard / Santa Monica Airport Area. 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. $5.

FESTIVAL OF CHARIOTS
Sing, dance and receive good karma at the annual Los Angeles Festival of the Chariot from 10 - 11:30 a.m. The Annual festival of the Chariots Parade will begin by the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium and head south on Main Street from Pico to the end of the city limits before continuing on to Venice Beach. https://www.mainstreetsm.com/festival-of-chariots/

MONDAY AUGUST 8

CANCELED: LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING

COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN
Get ready for school with stories, play, and learning activities to support your child's building blocks for kindergarten! For kids entering TK/K Fall 2022. Repeats throughout the week. Register for one or all workshops here: bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Main Library.

TUESDAY AUGUST 9

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POOL OPEN
The pool at the Annenberg beach House is open daily. 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.

CANCELED: ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10

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CLEAN BEACHES & OCEAN COMMITTEE MEETING
A special meeting of the Clean Beaches & Ocean Parcel Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee. An agenda will be posted online closer to the meeting date at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PublicWorks/ContentCivEng.aspx?id=9480. 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY AUGUST 11

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RENT CONTROL REGULAR BOARD MEETING
The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. 7 p.m. https://www.smgov.net/Current_Board_Meetings.aspx

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **69.4**

SATURDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	SSW swell eases with a bit of NW windswell still in the mix. Likely on the smaller size but should be a couple of tiny peaks to slide on for the combo spots out west.
SUNDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	Easing SSW swell with potential to see a touch more NW energy, still on the small side. Clean morning is looking likely, but with the limited energy and higher tidal levels you'll likely need a lot of foam to take advantage.

WEATHER

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 76. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 73.
Sunday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/08/06	Sat	05:40 AM	2.96	H
2022/08/06	Sat	09:34 AM	2.50	L
2022/08/06	Sat	4:52 PM	5.58	H
2022/08/07	Sun	12:42 AM	0.42	L
2022/08/07	Sun	07:23 AM	3.22	H
2022/08/07	Sun	11:02 AM	2.73	L
2022/08/07	Sun	5:54 PM	6.02	H
2022/08/08	Mon	01:38 AM	-0.29	L
2022/08/08	Mon	08:21 AM	3.57	H
2022/08/08	Mon	12:18 PM	2.69	L
2022/08/08	Mon	6:53 PM	6.49	H
2022/08/09	Tue	02:26 AM	-0.86	L
2022/08/09	Tue	09:01 AM	3.90	H
2022/08/09	Tue	1:22 PM	2.47	L
2022/08/09	Tue	7:48 PM	6.91	H
2022/08/10	Wed	03:10 AM	-1.24	L
2022/08/10	Wed	09:38 AM	4.19	H
2022/08/10	Wed	2:18 PM	2.16	L

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9 21 56 57 66
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MEGA MILLIONS
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10 14 25 37 63
Mega#: 14
Jackpot: 36 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 8/3
1 10 24 25 43
Mega#: 5
Jackpot: 13 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/4
2 12 16 19 38

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Draw Date: 8/4
EVENING: 5 7 3
Draw Date: 8/4
MIDDAY: 0 5 5

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Draw Date: 8/4
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