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First FAA-certified electric aircraft arrives at Santa Monica Airport and we got to fly it

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SMDP Staff Writer

Electric aircraft have been the talk of the town of late, especially considering the recent buzz surrounding the development of electric vertical take-off and landing air taxis. Many examples of these were shown at the recent 100th anniversary of the first ever flight around the world event at Santa Monica Airport.

But last week, Eco-Aviation, a Santa Monica nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting all aspects of green aviation, including electric aircraft and sustainable airports, showed off the first FAA-certified electric aircraft, the Pipistrel Velis Electro, which has been contracted to the Proteus Flying School, also based at Santa Monica Airport.

"What we're talking about [here] is the impact of this aircraft and the new technology. It's clean, quiet, much lower cost, and it's going to be more inclusive. It's all electric. It's like an EV in the sky. It's all electric, no emissions," said Eco-Aviation President Scott Burgess.

Reporters and camera crews from national news networks gathered under the overcast skies, on the runway, outside the headquarters of UP.Partners, a transportation-focused venture capitalist firm. That thick mariner layer however, meant that pilot Luke Ferrene was sadly not able to take the Electro off the ground since cloud cover was at about 400 ft and in order to fly a pattern around Santa Monica

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Grant holds annual world cultures event















Photos by Thomas Leffler

CULTURE: Students and staff of Grant Elementary School put on an event on a global scale Sept. 27, hosting the annual World Cultures Day in the campus' play yard. With a cavalcade of countries represented, the community took part in learning activities and ate food samples native to each land. Along with the booths, the play yard was rife with different games, such as football, basketball and soccer.

Supporters of proposal to increase criminal penalties rally in Venice

BY SANDRA CLARK
Special to the Daily Press

Councilwoman Traci Park was joined by fellow city, county, and state officials, along with members of the community and shop owners, to discuss support for Proposition 36 this week. The measure aims to ensure safer streets and hold repeat offenders and drug dealers accountable for their crimes.

Los Angeles firefighters, police, and paramedics also shared their support at a press conference held on Monday morning in front of local clothing store "Navi," which has endured its share of attempted break-ins and smashed windows over the years.

Proposition 36 aims to reclassify certain misdemeanor theft and drug offenses as felonies and introduces a new category called a "treatment-mandated felony." Under this category, individuals could choose drug treatment over prison, but failing to complete treatment would result in up to three years in prison.

The proposition is on the ballot as a response to Proposition 47, passed a decade ago to address prison overcrowding by downgrading some theft and drug crimes to misdemeanors. Critics, including law enforcement and retailers, argue that Prop. 47 led to increased property crimes and homelessness. During the pandemic, shoplifting and burglaries surged, with a 28% rise in shoplifting incidents statewide over five years.

"In 2014, Prop 47 propelled California and Los Angeles into the worst homelessness, addiction, mental health, and crime epidemic that we have seen in decades. We

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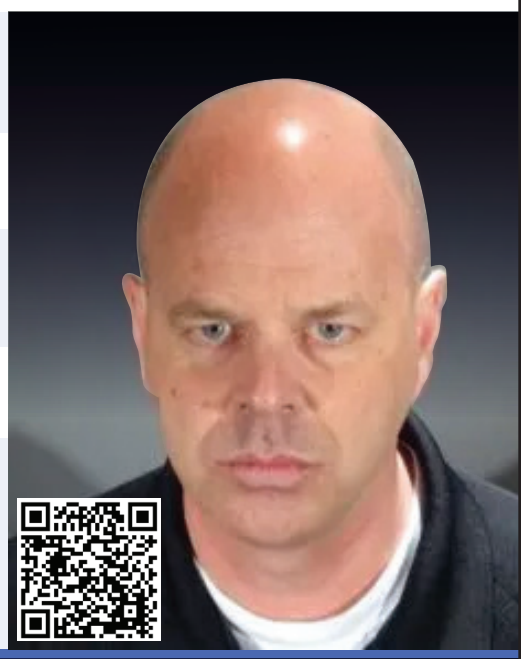
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Late payments to nonprofits hamper California's fight against homelessness



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HOMELESS: PATH outreach specialist Kendall Burdett speaks with an unhoused individual at the riverbed in San Diego on March 23, 2024.

MARISA KENDALL
Special to the Daily Press

California's homeless service providers have a problem: They aren't getting paid on time, and it's making it even harder for them to get people off the street.

Nonprofits that provide everything from shelter beds, to counseling for homeless residents, to affordable housing, say they regularly are kept waiting weeks, if not months, for the city, county and state funding they rely on. That means they're struggling to pay their employees, make rent payments for their clients, and, in some cases, even keep the lights on. Some are turning down new projects despite the massive need for services in their communities. Others are borrowing to stay afloat, ending up paying tens of thousands of dollars each month in interest — money they would rather spend on helping homeless Californians. It's hampering the state's efforts to solve what is arguably its biggest problem: Nearly 186,000 people have nowhere to call home.

"It is the single biggest factor in our inability to grow and serve more people," said Vivian Wan, CEO of Abode Services, which provides shelter, housing and other aid for unhoused people across seven Bay Area counties. "This is a huge issue."

And it's getting harder to ignore. With inflation driving up expenses and the growing homelessness crisis driving up need, some nonprofits have reached their breaking point. After a group of Los Angeles-based homeless service providers raised the alarm earlier this year, the county Board of Supervisors overhauled the way it doles out funds. Providers hope the move will be replicated throughout the state.

WHY ARE NONPROFITS MISSING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS?

It's the kind of problem that's a hallmark of bureaucracy.

When a city opens a new shelter or housing program, it lacks the capacity to run the program itself, so it contracts with a nonprofit that has expertise working with unhoused clients. The nonprofits who provide these services told CalMatters that because city officials are trying to move quickly, they sometimes set up the program and start providing services immediately — even before a formal contract is signed. The nonprofit can't get reimbursed for the services it's already provided until that contract is finalized, which can take months.

But even when a contract is drawn up right away, it generally requires the nonprofit to start work before getting paid, and then send an invoice to the city asking for reimbursement. That process can get bogged down in delays at multiple levels.

First, drafting invoices is onerous and time-consuming, requiring the nonprofit to account for every penny spent. Next, the city or county has to go over each invoice with a fine-tooth comb, which can take weeks or months. Finding any problems means the process starts over.

Delays also crop up when the city is waiting for state funding to pay its contracts.

Santa Cruz County usually pays its invoices within two to four weeks, said Robert Ratner, director of Housing for Health for the county. But if there's a problem with the invoice, payment could be delayed another month.

"I think everyone involved would like it to go faster," he said.

On any given day, Abode generally is owed between $35 million and $40 million from their various government contracts, Wan said. Despite those missing funds, Abode still has to make rent payments on the first of every month for its thousands of clients living in subsidized housing.

"We're not going to let people become homeless or not get their rent paid," Wan said.

Instead, she's turning down new projects that would make the organization's funding gap worse — to the detriment of the people in desperate need of Abode's services. She recently decided not to apply for a contract providing rental assistance on behalf of the Santa Clara County Probation Department, even though Abode is one of the few organizations that could do the work.

Multiple nonprofits CalMatters spoke with said they've had to take out high-interest

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OPINION **UNMUTED**

Devan Sipher

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Keep the circus on the Pier

Did you know that the Santa Monica Pier was originally built as a sewer? In the latest addition to the "3-Minute History" video series (courtesy of Mayor Phil Brock and the Santa Monica Conservancy), I learned that the pier was created in 1909 to carry treated wastewater away from the beach. The first incarnation of an amusement park came along in 1916 when a second, adjoining Pleasure Pier was added, starting a tradition of camouflaging sewage with crowd-pleasing distractions long before the current City Council election.

Of course, when it comes to politics, the tradition of offering the public "bread and circuses" goes all the way back to ancient Rome. So it's unsurprising that when we're facing grievous problems, including addicts on our sidewalks and empty storefronts on our streets, we long for easy answers. And the two rival slates of Council candidates are happy to provide them, beguiling us (some would say bludgeoning) with populist rhetoric or progressive boilerplate.

The Change Slate, rechristened the Safer Santa Monica Slate (did I mention the populist rhetoric?), offers outrage in place of legally viable options, as if they can huff and puff and blow homeless addicts out of the city. They also vociferously assail the political influence of real estate developers, while a Political Action Committee has formed on their behalf with a $100,000 contribution from Douglas Emmett Properties, a real estate company, specializing in management, and — you guessed it – development.

Is this hypocrisy on the part of the candidates? Or merely cynicism? A month ago, I flippantly suggested this slate would be willing to nominate a tuna sandwich for Council, and they seem to have taken me up on the challenge by nominating two of them.

Neither John Putnam nor Dr. Vivian Roknian has any experience in government or public service. Their primary qualification seems to be living in Santa Monica for decades, yet in those decades they never chose to serve the community on any of the two dozen municipal boards or commissions or to even join the PTA. Mr. Putnam's campaign website showcases his time volunteering on Thanksgiving, and Dr. Roknian's shares that she has provided pro bono dental work. These are commendable actions but not valid credentials for governing a complex city. This isn't to cast aspersions on their character or merit. I would be unsurprised to learn that they are upstanding individuals with praiseworthy skills, and I don't question why they would like to be on the Council. But I do question why the two incumbents, Councilmember Oscar de la Torre and Mayor Brock, selected them.

Both incumbents had impressively lengthy resumes of public service prior to joining the Council, including many years on the Arts Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, School Board and several neighborhood associations. Was there not a single person in those groups that they found honorable and competent? Or did the incumbents purposely choose inexperienced running mates who would be indebted to them?

On the other side of the fence, the opposing slate consists of four qualified candidates with a large range of municipal experience – and a tendency to spout progressive talking points in the kind of knee-jerk lockstep that could put a Politburo apparatchik to shame.

I'm uneasy imagining them as a majority rubber-stamping policies based on principle rather than reality, even if their principles are admirable, because that too is a form of magical thinking. It's to their credit that they have avoided reactionary responses to contentious issues, but I'd like to see more signs of individual thought. Ellis Raskin is clearly the most knowledgeable candidate in the race, but he could show more of the independence he has claimed as a key asset.

However, if voters want independence, they have another option. Ericka Leslie, the chair of the Rent Control Board, is running independent of either major slate, as Councilmember Lana Negrete did in the previous election, and it has served the city well to have someone on the Council unbeholden to any particular faction or its benefactors.

Ms. Leslie, a self-described "military brat" who has also experienced homelessness, bemoans the political obligation to choose sides on the left or the right. "There's no one in the middle," she said, before adding "I'm dead center."

She's a level-headed single mother of three sons, who seems unattached to any one ideology. As a black woman, she's concerned about pretextual stops by the police, while equally concerned about crime. "We have a lot of people getting their catalytic converters stolen," she said. "How do you suggest the police stop them, if they don't stop them during the act?"

Her pragmatic perspective has won her the endorsement of the local police and fire unions, and she's served on several boards, ranging from Downtown Santa Monica to the local chapter of the NAACP. But she's not a polished politician, which makes her willing to pose tough questions, even about touchy topics like the airport.

She fully supports creating a park there, but that doesn't stop her from

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WEDNESDAY ***POOR TO FAIR*** | **SURF:** Knee to thigh 1-2FT

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THURSDAY ***POOR TO FAIR*** | **SURF:** Knee to thigh 1-2FT

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Thursday Night: Clear, with a low around 64.

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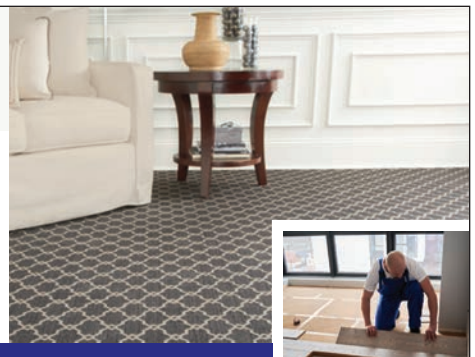
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"F" is for Failure

Dear Editor

As of now the City of Santa Monica has not offered much of a rebuttal to its own proposed ballot "Measure F." Thus, I offer to your readers my personal thoughts on the measure, a rebuttal if you will, with a new perspective of "Measure F.

In short, I urge the citizens of Santa Monica to reject "Measure F" and consider it for what it is —a failure of civic governance. First, let us not reject Measure F because it is a tax. As honest citizens we accept taxes as part of our civic duty. Public services are important and cannot be sustained without some form of finance.

What's objectionable however is when a city calls for stop gap taxes on the general public to ease the burden of the few among us, which Measure F appears to be doing. For example, should we give a tax break to the retailer "Louis Vuitton," perhaps one of the wealthiest fashion retailers in the world, but raise the business application fee of a local mom and pop startup? And to do so just as small businesses are shuttering their doors at a record pace in Santa Monica? Shall we give wealthy retailers a leg up at the expense of those who are simply looking for a place to park their car?

Let us look to the very first words of Measure F in which the city proposes a rationale for this tax shift: "To fund essential city services such as 911 emergency response…"

Now, let's pause right there. Does the city not already have a budget? Has the city not anticipated its income and its expenses and already planned for funding 911 services, years in advance? Also, is the city not in the middle of a massive real estate boom with cranes populating our skyline like flocks of crows in the evening sky? What happened to all the development fees and campaign funds one might expect from such a boom? Is not Santa Monica the most expensive place to live in the southland, fetching the highest rents possible? Where are all these millions in investments going? More importantly has the city not made plans and crafted budgets already, years in advance? Has it not specifically set aside funds dedicated to our 911 needs? Are they so negligent as not to prepare for our 911 needs? Why in the world does the city suddenly find itself in need of additional stop gap taxes? And why does it propose to make these stop gap measures permanent? Is this any way to run a city? Why operate without a planned budget, but instead on year-to-year ballot measures that must then suddenly become permanent? It's like forcing us to operate with a handicap — on a permanent basis.

And please let's stop pandering to the police and fire departments? If 911 is so important, as I believe it is, why hasn't the city council properly budgeted for their needs, way in advance? Why use these convoluted stop gap measures? The time has come, I believe, for our hard-working 911 service men and women to cry foul and say we will not let the city use our image to wring a few more pennies from its citizens. In short, I urge the people of Santa Monica to vote "no" on "Measure F" and demand a return to sound fiscal governance, to take proper care of our 911 service men and women, well in advance, as all cities do, and not rely on such convoluted stop gap measures.

Brian Burke, Santa Monica

COMMUNITY NEWS

Pico

Virginia Avenue Park's Mini Fall Festival and Glass Pumpkin Sale returns with fun for the whole family

The annual free Mini Fall Festival and Glass Pumpkin Sale brings seasonal crafts, kids' activities, a family photo booth, a pumpkin giveaway and the acclaimed Santa Monica College glass pumpkin sale back to Virginia Avenue Park on Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The weekly Pico Farmers Market will offer seasonal produce and prepared foods and attendees can pick out a free "straight from the farm" pumpkin supplied by Murray Farms, one per family, while supplies last.

A highlight of the Mini Fall Festival is the one-of-a-kind handblown glass pumpkins by Santa Monica College Glass Department students. Glass pumpkins will be available for purchase.

Additionally, the Pico Branch Library will host an interactive performance by Baila Baila in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month from 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Pico Branch Amphitheater. Families are encouraged to join the fun by dancing and singing together in Spanish.

Attendees can also learn more about the process to shape the future of the Santa Monica Airport site at a Santa Monica Airport Conversation Project pop-up booth. The initiative is currently in the second out of five phases in a nearly two-year engagement process with the Santa Monica community to shape a preferred scenario, centered on a great park, for the future of the Santa Monica Airport site.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Director of Community Development David Martin to retire in December

City Manager David White has announced the December retirement of Director of Community Development David Martin.

A Santa Monica resident since 1988 and a Southern California native, Martin has served the city of Santa Monica for 29 years.

"David has been an integral member of our city leadership team, playing a critical role in shaping the Santa Monica we know today. His contributions will continue to benefit our city for decades to come," White said. "He will be difficult to replace, but I wish him well in a much-deserved retirement."

Martin first joined the city in 1987 as an assistant planner, ultimately promoting to senior planner before leaving to work in the private sector in 1999. After 10 years away, Martin returned home to Santa Monica in 2009 as deputy director of what was then called the Planning and Community Development Department.

Martin was appointed director of the Planning and Community Development Department in 2011. In his 13 years heading the department, he has helped Santa Monica navigate evolving land use and transportation trends, including the emphasis on mixed-use housing development in the city's commercial districts and the introduction of alternative forms of transportation.

He has led the implementation of many critical projects and initiatives for the city, including:

Implementation of the 2010 Land Use and Circulation Element, including the Zoning Ordinance, the Bergamot Area Plan and the Downtown Community Plan.

Development agreements with significant community benefits for two major hotel projects on Ocean Avenue: the reimagining of the Miramar and a hotel designed by the legendary architect Frank Gehry.

Planning and opening of the city's three Metro Expo Line stations and design of the Colorado Esplanade.

Leading the department through the COVID-19 pandemic, Martin played a key role in furthering economic development and recovery, making it easier for businesses to open and succeed in Santa Monica.

"Santa Monica is a special place, and I am grateful to have been able to contribute to the ongoing success of this incredible city for nearly three decades," Martin said. "I've loved working for the city, and I look forward to seeing it continue to evolve and thrive as a resident."

Martin will remain in his position through the end of the year while the city conducts a recruitment for his successor.

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Citywide

Justice, Equity & Inclusion: Santa Monica's Aging and Disability Action Plan moves forward

The city of Santa Monica opened applications today for the new Aging and Disability Action Plan Advisory Committee, inviting community members to help address the current, emerging and future needs of the city's older adults, people with disabilities and their caregivers.

The advisory committee will guide the development of the city's first-ever Aging and Disability Action Plan, reviewing existing community data, informing a community needs assessment, and selecting the action plan's strategic priorities. Those who represent older adults, people with disabilities, caregivers, industry professionals, and individuals from a diversity of backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Community members interested in applying can also attend any of the five outreach events planned throughout September to learn more.

Applications are due by noon on Oct. 7, 2024, and can be submitted online or over the phone by calling (310) 458-2200 x 5771.

"With almost 20 percent of our community over 65 years of age, the Aging and Disability Action Plan will guide our city in ensuring that community members of all ages and abilities can thrive," said Mayor Phil Brock. "I encourage anyone interested in contributing to the diversity of our community, to get involved and apply to join the Aging and Disability Action Plan Advisory Committee."

As part of the development of the Aging and Disability Plan, the city of Santa Monica has joined the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities, securing a national designation as an age-friendly community.

As a member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities, Santa Monica commits to identifying the challenges of its aging population and identifying policy and programmatic solutions that will improve the quality of life for all ages in the city – in collaboration with residents and community partners.

The AARP network provides the city access to national and global research, community networks, planning models and best practices to improve livability for all ages and abilities.

"AARP California applauds the city of Santa Monica for joining AARP's Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities," said Nancy McPherson, AARP California state director. "By achieving this national designation, the city of Santa Monica's leadership has committed to improving community livability for people of all ages. We look forward to working with city leadership to make Santa Monica an even better place to live, work, play and age in place."

The Aging and Disability Action Plan advances the city's strategic priority of Justice, Equity & Inclusion.

To learn more about the city's Aging and Disability Action Plan and ways to get involved, visit https://www.santamonica.gov/aging-and-disability-action-plan or call (310) 458-2200 x 5771.

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Robert Raymond Douglas

December 31, 1934 - June 8, 2024

On Saturday, June 8, 2024, Bob Douglas passed away, six months short of his ninetieth birthday. Bob was born in Santa Monica, California, on December 31st, 1934, to Robert S. and Lois Douglas. In addition to raising five children, his father was a beloved local carpenter nicknamed "Happy" or "Hap" and Lois went on to be an administrator of the Astronomy Department at UCLA.



Bob graduated from University High School in West Los Angeles and obtained several college and received two masters degrees from California State University Los Angeles. After graduation, he enjoyed a long tenure as a teacher, counselor, and vice principal. Bob worked with the Santa Monica School District for thirty-three years before moving to Paradise, California, and eventually to Palm Springs, where he continued to substitute teach. He also taught adult classes at Santa Monica College and drivers education at Santa Monica High School, eventually achieving fifty years as a teacher! His entire life was dedicated to civic service and helping children and families.

Bob joined the United States Air National Guard for eight years, achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was stationed at Van Nuys Air Force base, servicing F-86 fighters and C-124 cargo planes. His passion for airplanes, cars, and travel stayed with him his entire life. Besides traveling across the country in the family RV—landing in 48 states—he also traveled the world and spent many a weekend on the slopes as an avid skier.

Bob always believed that there was nothing he could not fix, which came in handy not only around the house but also for many friends and neighbors over the years. He passed this value down to his son Robert along with his passion for cars and aircraft. For many years, Bob was a docent at one of his favorite places, the Palm Springs Air Museum. Earlier in his life, he also volunteered at the Santa Monica Museum of Flight. Some of the family favorite trips in the RV were to Air Force museums and space centers. He was a devoted Christian his entire life. He was especially involved as the church bus driver, and pursued the personal challenge of driving and maintaining a 1948 Greyhound for many years after.

Bob is survived by his wife, Evelyn, his son Robert Douglas, his brother Bruce Douglas, step children Josh, Heidi, Jim, and Richard, and grandchildren.

The celebration of life for Bob is Friday, October 4, 2024 ,1:00pm, at The Palm Springs Air Museum, Reception immediately following. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Palm Springs Air Museum: https://shop.palmspringsairmuseum.org/product/donation/



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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have fallen 2.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $4.47/g, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 8.3 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 178.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has declined 1.2 cents in the last week and stands at $3.54 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $3.74/g while the most expensive was $5.49/g, a difference of $1.75/g. The lowest price in the state was $3.39/g while the highest was $6.69/g, a difference of $3.30/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 1.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.17/g today. The national average is down 15.4 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 63.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

ELECTRIC AVIATION

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Airport, cloud cover must be higher than 1,400 ft.

That said, having heard the noise – or lack thereof — it makes from inside the cockpit (more on that shortly) it was interesting to hear the amount of noise the Electro makes as it charges down the runway at full throttle. And let's put it this way, most lawn mowers are louder.

According to the manual, the Velis Electro has a maximum noise level of 60 decibels, which is the equivalent of a normal conversation between two people standing about one meter apart or the average sound level in an office or restaurant.

"When the very first EVs came out, they were short range, clunky and it was difficult to find a place to charge. Well, now aviation is going down that path," Burgess said, adding, "Every single year they're going to get better, take less charge time, longer endurance, more payload, more passengers and more cargo."

The Velis Electro is a Slovenian light aircraft, designed and produced by Pipistrel of Ajdovščina. The airframe features a cantilever high-wing, two seats in a side-by-side configuration. It has fixed tricycle landing gear and a single electric motor in a standard "tractor" arrangement.

Less than two weeks ago, this reporter was offered the chance to ride in a Velis Electro, courtesy of the Proteus Flying School. Having been lucky enough to have seen the Bay from the cockpit of a single engine Mooney M20K fixed-wing aircraft last year, I thought I knew what to expect and while I was surprised at how lightweight that aircraft was, in comparison, the Electro is a streamlined, slimline, sugar-free, zero-carb, diet aircraft-lite.

In fact, it has an empty weight of 428 kg (944 lbs) and a maximum take-off weight of 600 kg (1,320 lbs), offering a payload of 172 kg (379 lbs). It is powered by a 58 kW (76 hp) liquid-cooled, E-811 electric engine driving a three-bladed, fixed-pitch composite propeller at a cruising speed of 90 knots (105 mph).

And while all that sounds impressive, it's not much use if you can't shoehorn yourself into the cockpit. I faced a similar problem with my previous flight, heck, I face a similar problem every time I fly economy. I'm a 6'1" former rugby-playing 220 lbs, so some friendly assistance was needed to manhandle me into my seat.

Ferrene was also my pilot for this flight and following the safety briefing, he asked if I'd ever flown an aircraft before. I told him about the flight last year and he said, to my complete surprise, that I would be taking the controls on what was fast becoming an edge-of-seat adventure. This particular Friday afternoon, the skies had cleared and the sun was shining, but the wind had picked up a little. Ferrene said had that not been the case, he would've let me actually take off. I wondered what kind of insane individual would let me do that given the cumulative total of my piloting experience comes from the Afterburner arcade game and a visit to the cockpit on a transatlantic flight in 1997.





Scott Snowden

FLIGHT: The Pipistrel Velis Electro aircraft. Below: (L-R) Tricia Steele, Senior VP Sales & Marketing for Textron eAviation, Christine Debouzy, President of the French Women Pilots Association and Scott Burgess, President of the Eco Aviation Foundation at the official announcement.

The instrument panel was surprisingly basic; in fact, that statement resonates with many elements of this aircraft. For instance, the Electro cannot fly solely on instruments or at night.

As we taxied down the runway I was instructed to use this as an opportunity to familiarize myself with the pedals that control the rudder, which itself dictates the yaw, or direction, of the aircraft. Despite having to wear the headset for obvious reasons like listening to instructions from the control tower, Ferrene and I could've had a normal conversation because there was such little noise, even after he powered the engine to full for take off.

And then about 60 seconds later, I heard him say, "Your aircraft," to which I replied, "My aircraft," probably not sounding anywhere near as confident as I perhaps I'd hoped. But in all honesty, it was much easier than I thought. I'm sure with more practice I'd spend more time looking out of the window at the rolling blue waves of the Pacific Ocean rather than the altimeter, but I was determined to keep the aircraft at a steady 600 feet, as instructed.

As we cruised northwards towards Malibu, Ferrene said that early in the morning he'll often see whales, dolphins and even sharks in the water. At Malibu Pier it was time to make a gentle 180-degree turn to port and fly back, southwards still hugging the coast. By this time, I'd got a feel for the sensitivity of the joystick and I gently applied pressure to the left pedal. Because the aircraft is turning, some altitude is automatically lost and it's easy to accidentally end up in a dive, of varying degree.

By simultaneously and very gently pulling back on the joystick, it was possible to maintain more or less exactly 600 ft while completing the turn. To the extent that Ferrene actually asked, "Are you sure you haven't flown before? That was a perfectly executed turn." But I'm sure he says that to all the new pilots.

All too soon we approached Marina del Rey and it was time to turn the aircraft to port once again and prepare for our approach. Rather than being fearful now, I was actually reluctant to relinquish the aircraft, but since I'd quite like to see my next birthday, it was the sensible thing to do. Ferrene landed the aircraft without so much as a bump and we touched down like a feather on a pond.

The Electro is exclusively available to take flying lessons at the Proteus Flying School, which is located at 2501 Airport Avenue. A "discovery" lesson, which serves as a taster of the aviator experience is $249 and subsequent lessons start from $268. A minimum of 40 hours of flight time is needed to qualify for a Private Pilot License. For more information, visit proteus.aero or call (310) 398-6929.

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HOMELESS

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loans to fill the gaps while they're waiting for government funds. The People Concern, which provides homeless services in Los Angeles County, is paying $63,000 a month in interest on its lines of credit. The nonprofit will never get that money back, even when its government checks come in.

"That's $63,000 a month we should just be burning, because we can't be compensated for it," said CEO John Maceri.

Funding delays also are hampering Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass' signature effort to get Angelenos off the streets. Through the program dubbed Inside Safe, the city contracts with nonprofits to move people from encampments into hotels.

PATH was one of the nonprofits that jumped at the chance to participate, back when the program first launched in 2022. But lately, CEO Jennifer Hark Dietz is more wary. As of last month, the city owed her organization close to $7 million for its work on Inside Safe. The city, under recent pressure from local nonprofits to speed up its reimbursements, paid off some of that last week. But it still owes PATH $1.18 million for work done in June, Dietz said.

Now, to avoid over-extending her organization, she's having to make hard choices. She's started refusing when the city asks her to take on new Inside Safe locations before a contract is in place.

"It's definitely for me, personally, heartbreaking," she said.

Mayor Bass knows there's a problem, and says her office is working on a solution with the city council, but she hasn't provided details on what that solution will look like or when it will roll out. The situation came to a head in May, when the city owed $26 million on its homeless services contracts. In September, the mayor said that money has been paid and all Inside Safe invoices for the first quarter of the fiscal year have been processed.

"We must transform the City's entire approach to payment — going beyond the payments for service providers — to overhaul and modernize the entire system," Bass said in an emailed statement.

LA County recently tried to do just that. Now, the county offers nonprofits advances on some of their contracts upfront, so they don't have to do work without first getting paid.

"It's new," Paul Rubenstein, deputy chief external relations officer for the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, said of the overhaul. "But it feels like it's working."

CALIFORNIA'S ROLE IN THE PROBLEM

Sometimes, the state government is to blame for these delays. In April, Gov. Gavin Newsom awarded his latest round of grants through the Encampment Resolution Fund, a program that doles out state money to help cities and counties clear encampments and move camp occupants indoors. Marin County, which won an $18 million grant, was told to expect the contract in July, said Gary Naja-Riese, director of the county's Whole Person Care and Homelessness Division. Instead, the document kept getting delayed, and now it's been five months and no one has yet to see a penny. The state finally sent out the contracts last month, but it's unclear when the money will come through.

That's created a big headache in Santa Barbara County. The county won a nearly $8 million grant to clear 21 vehicle encampments, and it contracted with nonprofit New Beginnings to do the work of connecting with people living in cars and RVs, offering them services and moving them into housing. New Beginnings got straight to work as soon as its contract with the county was signed in June, and so far has moved at least 23 people into shelter and another six into permanent housing. They couldn't afford to wait: the grant has a strict timeline, requiring recipients to spend half the money by June 30, 2025, or risk losing it.

But New Beginnings has yet to be paid for that work. The nonprofit has had to borrow money — $350,000 so far, at a 9.5% interest rate — to make ends meet in the meantime, said Executive Director Kristine Schwarz. She's worried borrowing too much more will plunge her organization into a hole it can't get out of. So she's pulling back on the services she offers. That means she's leaving people on the street because she can't afford a hotel room for them, she said.

"I can't just continue to spend money without any idea of when we're going to get reimbursed," Schwarz said.

The delay at the state level is at least partly because the California Department of Housing and Community Development took over the grants from another state agency this year.

"The ERF Round 3, Window 1 standard agreements were somewhat impacted by the transition and additional accountability considerations, but that should not be an issue going forward," Megan Kirkeby, deputy director of housing policy development for the Department of Housing and Community Development, said in an email to CalMatters. Cities and counties will be reimbursed for money they spent before the contracts were signed, she said.

'I NEED MY MONEY WHEN IT'S DUE'

Funding delays are an especially dire problem for small nonprofits. Kalain Hadley's organization Reclaim-Possibility provides 44 beds in Los Angeles for men recently released from jail and prison. Hadley opened right before the COVID-19 pandemic struck, and because he had no clients and therefore no income, had to burn through his savings and go into debt to keep the organization afloat.

Now, his payments come from the state and Los Angeles County, through two contractors that act as intermediaries. They're usually at least a few days late, Hadley said. That might not be a big deal for a larger nonprofit, but for an organization like his that has no cushion, it's devastating.

"I'm running around trying to withdraw cash so I'll be able to pay my folks over the weekend. And that's the pattern every month," he said. "I need my money when it's due."

To stay afloat, Hadley is taking advantage of a new lifeline in Los Angeles County. Nonprofit Future Communities Institute recently launched a program called the LA Working Capital Fund to give no-interest bridge loans to homeless service nonprofits waiting for government funding. So far, Hadley has taken out four loans ranging from $15,000 to $20,000 – all of which he's paid back.

Future Communities Institute hopes to raise money to scale up the program and offer more loans, said Justin Szlasa, director of homeless initiatives.

Without that money, Hadley's nonprofit might have shut down by now, he said. But even so, the loans aren't a solution to the overarching problem — they're just a Band-Aid.

"Somebody needs to figure out why we can't get paid on time," Hadley said.

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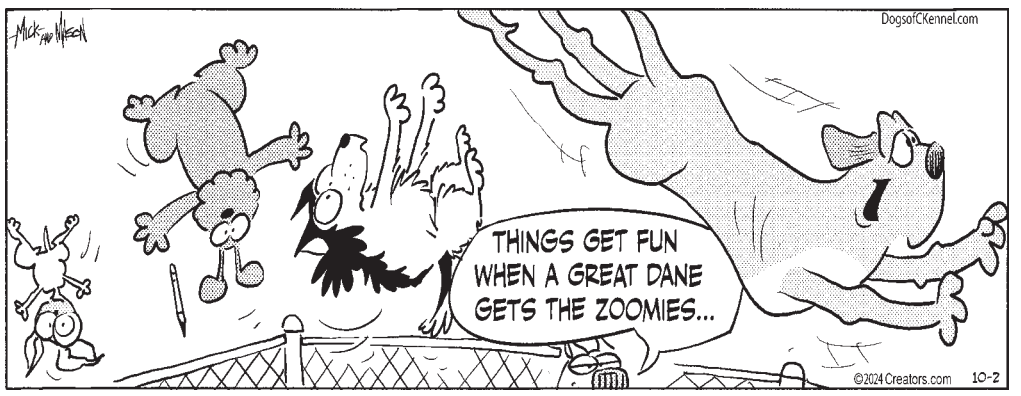
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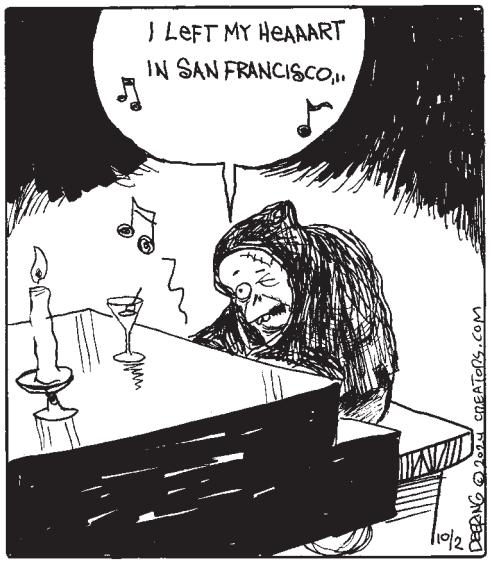
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"HIS WIZARDRY IS OFTEN FRIVOLOUS."

Strange Brew

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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 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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You're better than ever at choosing the right people to fulfill key roles in your life. The pain of the past has taught you well, and you no longer replay painful scenarios; rather you move forward with new and effective configurations to create the adventures you've always felt drawn to. More highlights: Financial savvy grows, a cash bonus and big sale, promises exchanged and kept. Scorpio and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 42, 1, 11, 16 and 28.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Messages that float into your realm aren't necessarily intended for you. In fact, there's much going on today that you needn't bother with, which will come as a liberation; you have a choice about what to concern yourself with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). As compassionate as you are, listening to someone talk aimlessly without regard for your interest can feel like an assault. The positive angle: It inspires you to want to craft your stories better, a skill with far-reaching benefits.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are many kinds of self-care, and you'll apply the concept to your social, professional, emotional and financial world. This holistic approach to your well-being will address many needs at once.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You view a past relationship with the relief of one who's dodged a bullet. As much as it made sense back then, it's a source of bafflement now. Being hard-pressed to explain the attraction is a testament to your growth.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're not the easiest person to praise, as you're disinterested in flattery and only moved by sincere and astute observations that few of your fans are capable of. If they were, they'd pay you the sweetest compliments today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Though you aim to be in control of your moods and not the other way around, the fact is that beautiful weather and people tend to buoy your spirits, and there is nothing wrong with that. Go to where they are and feel uplifted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you can't perform the experiment that will prove or disprove your vision, go forward as though it's all true and let life tell you what's possible. You just might do what's never been done before.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Even as you embrace, to some extent, an ethic of minimalism, there are accoutrements you consider to be personal staples. You're about to discover new items that will once again alter your list of essentials.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). An audience of one is still an audience. Arguably, so is an audience of none other than the mirror's reflection, your phone or the witness of your own psyche. The performance that wins the applause of "self" is excellent indeed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If an interruption is welcome, is it really an interruption? If the distraction adds texture or context to your work, is it really a distraction? If the interaction brings you joy, is it really superfluous? Today, the good stuff is marginalia.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Do not service the energy of entitlement. Make sure that those who receive the gifts are worthy of having them. You will check your own sense of worthiness, too, which keeps you in line with your core values.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Because you sometimes go to great lengths to avoid disappointing people, you have a lot of compassion for those who are afraid of disappointing you. When inwardly displeased, you use the opportunity to try out new versions of graciousness.

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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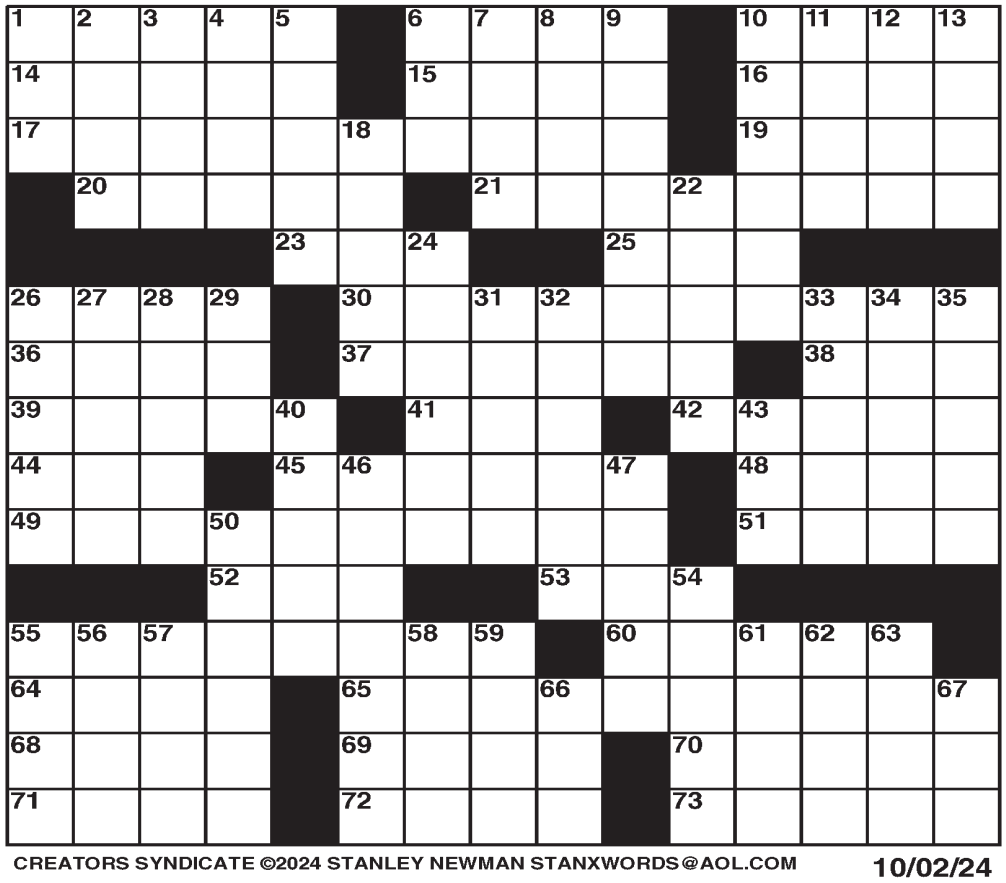
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ACROSS

1 Purple flower
6 "Finished" house rm.
10 Word like "buy" or "sell"
14 Boxing match venue
15 Toledo's state
16 0-shaped
17 Book to look up words in
19 Shelter for a scout outing
20 Avoid, as duties
21 Pies and cakes
23 Metallic mineral
25 Barnyard cackler
26 In a crowd of
30 Scientist looking up at the sky
36 Unimportant
37 Reaches down
38 __ in a million (rare)
39 French farewell
41 Part of the UK
42 Wear away
44 Female sibling, for short
45 Person searching for something
48 Starting on
49 Long-ago class pal you might look up
51 The latest happenings
52 Super Bowl org.
53 Maple syrup base
55 Cuts down on
60 Tuxedo collar flap
64 Exotic palm berry
65 With a "things are looking up" attitude
68 Unlikely, as odds
69 Letters heard end-of-week
70 Insect in a cocoon
71 Narrated story
72 Driveway coverings
73 Cavalry horse

DOWN

1 Small boy
2 Part of the eye
3 Walesa of Poland
4 Prefix for freeze
5 Capital on the Nile
6 __ voyage party
7 Caviar source
8 Swampy ground
9 Busy Yuletide emporium
10 Say nay in a roll call
11 At any point
12 Talk angrily
13 Lunches with crunches
18 Cajun veggies
22 Hearing or touch
24 High regard
26 Stock up on
27 Battlefield doctor
28 From Dublin
29 Barely passing grade
31 Truck brand in a 9-Down
32 Thesaurus, for short
33 Caribou cousin
34 Fund, as a museum
35 Coral ridges
40 Uncle Sam's land, informally
43 Was in charge of
46 Singer Missy or actor Gould
47 Monarch's domain
50 Punctual
54 Containers in sandboxes
55 On-camera crew
56 Sch, near Beverly Hills
57 Staircase banister
58 Women's links org.
59 Begin to wake up
61 HS jr.'s exam
62 Raison d-__
63 Dwell
66 "No __, ands, or buts!"
67 Unmannerly guy



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PROP 36

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all watched as LA slipped into chaos driven by reckless ideology, treating criminals as victims and the police as the enemy, all of it a failed social experiment that left our city and our state less safe," said Park. "Prop 47's deliberately misleading title, which promised safe neighborhoods and schools, was intentionally designed to trick voters. It preyed on voter empathy by claiming it would offer second chances, reduce overcrowding in jails, and save taxpayers money. And yet, a decade later, things are worse than ever.

"Encampments and open-air drug markets plague every area of our city. Drug dealers sling deadly poisons in our parks without a care in the world, keeping people sick, addicted, and entrapped in homelessness. Brazen thieves are breaking into people's cars and homes in broad daylight. They don't even care if you are there. They are stealing whatever they want, as often as they want, from our local stores because, thanks to Prop 47, there just aren't any consequences. Sure, Prop 47 helped reduce jail and prison populations because nobody goes there anymore.

"Criminals think they own our streets. They aren't afraid of getting caught, and even if they do, they certainly aren't afraid of our district attorney, George Gascon, the same guy who authored Prop 47 and left San Francisco in ruins before coming to LA and getting elected as our DA here. Whatever money we saved by letting criminals go free doesn't come anywhere close to what it is costing taxpayers now to manage the mess that Prop 47 created," added Park.

Los Angeles District Attorney candidate Nathan Hochman echoed Park's sentiment, "Proposition 36 is going to target repeat offenders. In other words, if you do a theft crime three times, it would now be felony-eligible, and a court could send you to prison at that point. If you engage in drug crimes a third time, the court can order mandatory treatment. Right now, prosecutors don't have those tools, and Proposition 36 won't only provide those tools, but also the ability to go after fentanyl poisoners as well," he said.

Park also thanked the members of the Californians for Safer Communities Coalition for their "incredible, bipartisan work" across California to deliver Prop 36 to the ballot this November, saying their ongoing efforts have been nothing short of extraordinary.

Additional speakers and attendees in support of Prop 36 included Freddy Escobar, President of the United Firefighters of Los Angeles; Debbie Thomas, police officer and Director of the Los Angeles Police Detective League; San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan; 12th District City Councilman John Lee; Santa Monica Mayor Phil Brock; San Gabriel Mayor John Woo; Mayor of Beverly Hills Lili Bosse; and Calabasas Mayor Alicia Weintraub.

Brock was an early supporter of Prop. 36.

"Proposition proposition 36 is a necessary measure to restore some semblance of safety in the state of California and to counter the extensive drug abuse we see on our streets every day," he said. "It is imperative that we treat people who have fallen into patterns of extreme drug abuse, and that we protect small merchants by reducing the amount of shoplifting and assaults we see throughout small retail businesses in our state. We have to restore sanity. Prop, 36 will help to do that."

Park also acknowledged community members affected by the growing and unchecked crime, including a mother whose house was robbed while her teenage daughter was alone inside and a longtime Venice Beach resident whose 25-year-old granddaughter tragically died after unknowingly ingesting a substance laced with fentanyl.

"We are all here today to send a message that we aren't OK with fentanyl dealers stealing our loved ones," stressed Park, who urged everyone to vote yes on Proposition 36.

Recent polling suggests Prop. 36 is popular with voters.

After reviewing the ballot title and label for Proposition 36, 71% of likely voters would vote "yes," while 26% would vote "no" according to a recent report from the Public Policy Institute of California. Support is broad and bipartisan, with the highest regional backing in the Inland Empire (79%) and the lowest in the San Francisco Bay Area (64%). Support levels are also high in Orange/San Diego (74%), the Central Valley (73%), and Los Angeles (71%). Three-quarters of likely voters consider the outcome of the vote important, with 41% saying it is very important. "Yes" voters are three times more likely than "no" voters to call the outcome very important (51% vs. 16%).

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asking about the elephant in the room: "Has anyone considered the money we're going to lose?"

She pointed out that the decision to replace the airport with a park was made before the city's current financial crisis – and while there was money available to pay for it. "When you're strapped for cash, you look around for other ways to make revenue," said Ms. Leslie, speaking from personal experience as someone who worked as an Uber driver to make ends meet. "As a city we're obligated to do the same."

Her goal isn't for the city to reverse course on the park, but for its leaders to engage in honest and rigorous debate about the city's fiscal challenges. "Do we want the libraries open or don't we?" she asked.

Too many political candidates sugar-coat their comments like carnival barkers luring customers to a carousel ride. We already have an amusement park on the pier; we don't need another at City Hall.

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WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 2

FIREBRAND : STRONG WOMEN OF FAITH

The fourth and final film in the Strong Women of Faith series focuses on Katherine Parr, Queen of England and the sixth and final wife and widow of Henry VIII. In the final years of Henry VIII's reign, Parr becomes caught between the teachings of the Church of England and the radical preaching of Anne Askew. Free to attend. Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyAK_isFwbU, Brentwood Presbyterian Church - Chapel, 12000 San Vicente Blvd, Los Angeles. 6 - 9 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Established in 1946, the Planning Commission envisions Santa Monica as a city of wellbeing, sustainability, and equity, and seeks to balance the many needs and priorities within our community in accordance with the City's General Plan and Specific Plans. The Commission acts through open and civil discourse that is informed by public input, impartial analysis, and best practices in land use and planning.City Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street. 6 p.m.

COME SING WITH THE BAND - LIVE BAND KARAOKE!

Doors open at 8 PM. Show starts at 9:30PM. Online ticket sales end at 7 PM, tics available at the door after 8 PM. 2 drink minimum. $5. Harvelle's Santa Monica, 1432 4th Street.

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 3

FREE SECULAR HIGH HOLIDAYS WITH THE SANTA MONICA JEWISH HUMANISTIC CHAVURAH

Join organizers for short and sweet, totally musical, seder-style, secular High Holidays. On Rosh Hashanah morning they will explore staying sane in a crazy world, hear the shofar, and walk to the beach for tashlich. On Kol Nidre (Erev Yom Kippur) they will hear the traditional Kol Nidre and explore gratitude. Yom Kippur Morning (which will be next door at the Hill Street Center) will be a time of memorial and meditation. Come see how fulfilling, complete, even spiritual, a humanistic High Holidays can be. Church in Ocean Park, 235 Hill Street. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. https://www.sm-jhc.org/calendar

HOUSING COMMISSION

The Santa Monica Housing Commission is a city advisory body whose mission is to protect and improve the quality of life of all Santa Monicans by listening to input from city residents and staff, publicly deliberating, and providing recommendations to both the Santa Monica City Council and Santa Monica Housing Authority Board on issues related to housing in Santa Monica. The Santa Monica Housing Commission is committed to strengthening the social, economic, and cultural vitality and diversity of Santa Monica through habitable, fair, and equitable housing for all. City Hall, 1685 Main Street, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 4

MINDTRAVEL LIVE-TO-HEADPHONES 'SILENT' PIANO CONCERT IN SANTA MONICA

Join organizers for an extraordinary and immersive musical event in Santa Monica, CA. Experience the magic of MindTravel, a unique 'silent' piano concert where you'll wear wireless headphones to listen to the live performance by renowned composer and pianist, Murray Hidary. Located at Annenberg Community Beach House, this captivating experience invites you to unwind and connect with the music in a serene outdoor setting. As you close your eyes, let the enchanting melodies transport you to a place of tranquility and introspection. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy, Santa Monica.
$20. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mindtravel-live-to-headphones-silent-piano-concert-in-santa-monica-tickets-1026989261527

THE NIGHT SKY SHOW

The Night Sky Show is a short program with the latest news in space exploration and astronomy. The program uses freeware sky visualization tools to show you the constellations planets and deep sky objects in the Southern California night sky. The show will last about 30 minutes followed by a short Q&A when guests can type questions into a chat box. They will answer as many questions as possible. 7 p.m. Free on Zoom. https://www.smc.edu/community/planetarium/

FIELD GUIDE, JOE KAPLOW

Field Guide (aka Dylan MacDonald) is a weaver of worlds. Built around his inviting voice and wrapped in warm textures, his self-titled sophomore full-length builds his most engaging world yet. It lives in a place between darkness and hopefulness with unshakeable melodies at its heart. This event is 21 and over. Any ticket holder unable to present valid identification indicating that they are at least 21 years of age will not be admitted to this event, and will not be eligible for a refund. The Venice West, 1717 Lincoln Blvd, Venice 8 p.m. $20.
https://www.ticketweb.com/event/field-guide-joe-kaplow-the-venice-west-tickets/13518853

AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT LESSONS: FELDENKRAIS METHOD

Beverly will teach introductory Awareness Through Movement lessons based upon the Feldenkrais Method. There will be no demonstrations & many movements will be with your eyes closed. You will listen to verbal cues on how to move. With these small & and gentle movements, you will break up habitual patterns of holding that may release stress, strain, or pain-resulting in moving with greater efficiency. The method is good for anyone seeking to improve the quality of their life-from reducing pain to improving athletic performance. You will be lying on the floor-so registrants will need to feel comfortable lying on the floor for 45 minutes and have the ability to transition from lying on the floor to standing. Palms - Rancho Park Branch Library, 2920 Overland Ave. 10:30 a.m. https://www.lapl.org/whats-on/events/awareness-through-movement-intro-lessons-based-%E2%80%A8-feldenkrais-method

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