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Uber owned Jump launches scooters to accompany dockless bikes





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SCOOTERS: With the launch of Jump's scooters, the city will have reached its capacity of 2,000 e-scooters and 1,000 e-bikes.

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Uber has officially joined the scooter fray with the launch of their bright orange devices under the Jump brand.

Jump, owned by Uber, is one of four companies chosen to operate dockless bikes or scooters in Santa Monica with Lime, Bird and Lyft. The Jump brand scooters were the only device that didn't hit the streets last month and with the October release of the scooters, the city has now reached capacity for bikes/scooters.

Santa Monica's shared mobility pilot program approved a citywide total of 2,000 electric scooters and 1,000 electric bikes. Bird was given a quota of 750 scooters as was Lime. Lyft and Jump were each issued permits for 250 scooters and 500 electric bikes. Companies can petition for an increase in their quota if they can prove to the city their devices are heavily used.

Jump's official scooter launch is October 3 and Santa Monica is the first city to receive

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CANDIDATE PROFILES 2018

Santa Monica College Board



LOUISE JAFFE

The Daily Press will run a profile of each candidate in the 2018 election.

NAME: LOUISE JAFFE
OCCUPATION: SCRIPT SUPERVISOR/ SANTA MONICA COLLEGE TRUSTEE
NEIGHBORHOOD OF RESIDENCE: SUNSET PARK
OWN OR RENT: OWN
MARITAL STATUS/KIDS: MARRIED/2 DAUGHTERS
PARTY AFFILIATION: DEMOCRAT
SCHOOL HISTORY: BA IN BIOLOGY FROM ANTIOCH COLLEGE (IN OHIO); ED.D. FROM UCLA.

WHAT SANTA MONICA ORGANIZATIONS OR INSTITUTIONS ARE YOU INVOLVED WITH OUTSIDE SMC?

PTA, Community for Excellent Public Schools (CEPS), Early Childhood Task Force, Lifelong Learning Community Project, Cradle to Career, League of Women Voters. I also contribute to – partial list - Connections for Children, People Concern, St. Joseph Center, Westside Family Health Center, Westside Food Bank, NRDC, Meals on Wheels, SM Conservancy.

WHAT SMC CLASSES HAVE YOU TAKEN? WHAT WAS YOUR GRADE?

Political Science 101– A
Spanish II (twice) – A

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California eases crime penalties, boosts scrutiny of police

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

California is continuing a years-long easing of criminal penalties even as it increases public scrutiny of law enforcement.

In his final action on legislation before leaving office in January, Gov. Jerry Brown this weekend stuck with his long-term goal of reducing mass incarceration, rehabilitating juvenile offenders, trimming lengthy prison sentences and offering second chances to the criminally convicted.

One new law will automatically erase or reduce marijuana-related convictions now that the drug is legal recreationally.

Brown signed a bill redefining the state's felony murder rule that held accomplices to the same standard as if they had personally killed someone. Prosecutors warned that hundreds of people can seek resentencing, sometimes forcing near re-trials of cases that may be decades old or the product of plea bargains.

"California's murder statute irrationally treated people who did not commit murder the same as those who did," Democratic

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, Oct. 3

SCBWI Westside Writers Mingle

A monthly meeting of the Society of Children Book Writers and Illustrators that is open to all. October Topic: Marketing/Business/Social Media/Self-promotion ideas and discussion. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 7 - 8:45 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting

The Santa Monica Planning Commission regular meeting. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

Angel City Jazz Festival Young Artists Competition

Three outstanding young jazz bands, selected from dozens of entrants, compete for a gig at the Angel City Jazz Festival. Each group plays a 20 minute set, then a panel of experts will select the winner. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 - 8:30 p.m.

L.E.A.R.N.: Learn, Excel, Achieve and Read Now

One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd, 3:30 - 6 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 4

LGBTQ LA: A Queer History

Erik Adamian, Education and Outreach Manager for the ONE Archives presents a multi-media lecture on the rich and inspiring history of LGBTQ Los Angeles. Learn about the beginnings of the LGBTQ Civil Rights movement, LGBTQ trailblazers and historical moments that ignited the movement towards equality. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 - 8:15 p.m.

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One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. Bilingual volunteers available. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 3:30 - 6 p.m.

Citizenship Classes

An ongoing series of classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors, who help students complete and submit their application, and prepare them to pass the official review. Enrollment is through the SMMUSD Adult Center (310) 664-6222, ext. 76203. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 5

Craft Supply Swap

Do you have leftover yarn, extra buttons, or scraps of ribbon you haven't used in months? Join us to share your crafting supplies or find new crafting treasures. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 6

Connected Families: Robot Playtime at Main

Bring your family to play with the robots and coding toys at the library. Work together to complete challenges or see what sparks your imagination. For kids and Families. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Video & Memory with LD Wedgeworth

A digital video workshop exploring narrative video making. Lisa will show some of her works and discuss issues to consider when creating documentary, self-exploratory and investigative works. Bring a camera phone or digital camera, laptop and cables if needed, and install iMovie or other editing software on your device(s). 1450 Ocean, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Cost: $5. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/68143
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Culver City

OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center Celebrates 25 Years

Saturday October 6 at Sony Pictures Studios, OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center, one of the most respected non-profit grief centers in the nation, celebrates its 25th anniversary of sharing grief and finding hope with the House of Hope Gala. OUR HOUSE is honoring This is US and Dan Fogelman, writer & creator of the hit NBC TV show, The Cantor Fitzgerald Relief Fund and its President Edie Lutnick, and OUR HOUSE alumni, longtime supporter and former Board Chair, Jory Goldman & her four children. OUR HOUSE's gala fundraiser will afford them to continue to provide grief support and education for adults and children in the Los Angeles community. Special guest Patton Oswalt will share his own very personal story of grief.

Dan Fogelman and This is US are receiving the Good Grief Award, for portraying the grief process with honesty, dignity and for helping normalize the grief experience by creating a world in which grief is embraced, understood and respected. "Ten years ago, my mom died unexpectedly. It's the hinge upon which my life swings. I created This is Us to showcase looking back, looking forward, and the collective journey. I am so grateful to be recognized by OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center and couldn't imagine a more appropriate organization with which to be involved that is helping people share their grief and find hope."

Edie Lutnick and The Cantor Fitzgerald Relief Fund are being awarded the H.U.G. Award for contributing to helping understand grief. "The work that OUR HOUSE has done for the past 25 years in providing the community with grief support services, education, resources, and hope in a safe and nurturing way is vitally important. I am honored and humbled to be recognized and delighted to assist in their continued success."

The Founder's Award, named after OUR HOUSE's founder, Jo-Ann Lautman, will be given to Jory Goldman and her children Seth, Jessie, Eli and Jonah. The award is OUR HOUSE's highest honor and is given to individuals who have contributed significantly both in time and resources to the advancement of its mission to provide the community with grief support services, education, resources, and hope. "Jory is an integral part of the OUR HOUSE team and has been since the first day she joined a group with her children in 2003 after the sudden death of her husband. She continued her involvement with us by joining the Board of Directors more than 11 years ago and more recently as a volunteer group leader. It is not only for her sharp strategic thinking and elegant leadership, but her compassionate dedication to helping those in our community experiencing grief, that we honor Jory with this award," said Michele Prince, CEO of OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center.

The program will also recognize OUR HOUSE's founder, Jo-Ann Lautman and the longest serving volunteers from OUR HOUSE's signature programs serving adults and children.

Saturday, October 6 at 6 p.m. at Sony Pictures Studios 10202 Washington Blvd, Culver City, CA 90232. Tickets/Info: www.OurHouse-Grief.org/25gala

SUBMITTED BY LORI DE WAAL

NOMA

Neighborhood election meeting

Focusing on upcoming Election Day, the North of Montana Neighborhood Association (NOMA) will be featuring candidates for Council and Local Ballot Measures at its meeting Thursday night, October 4, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Montana Avenue Library. The public is invited. The next NOMA meeting, November 1, will feature presentations from Candidates for the School Board, the College Board and the Rent Control Board.

Schedule:
6:30 p.m. Presentation of Council Candidates
NOMA Announcements
Approval of NOMA September 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes

LOCAL BALLOT MEASURES:

MEASURE SM Shall City Charter Section 615 be amended to require, for a period of ten years, the votes of five Council members to amend (a) the Land Use and Circulation Element or (b) Downtown Community Plan, where that amendment would increase the maximum height limit or floor area ratio in any land use designation, with exceptions for 100% Affordable Housing Projects and property owned by Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District?

MEASURE TL Shall the Santa Monica City Charter be amended to prohibit any person from serving as a member of the City Council for more than three terms, whether consecutive or not, where a term includes any full term of four years as well as any partial term of more than two years?

MEASURE RR Shall the City Charter be amended to change the eligibility requirement for service on the City's Library Board, Personnel Board, and Airport Commission from that of "qualified elector" of the City to "resident" of the City and to ensure compliance with applicable laws related to compensation and reimbursement.

MEASURE SMS SANTA MONICA CLASSROOM REPAIR AND 21st CENTURY EDUCATION BOND: To improve, repair, and modernize outdated Santa Monica classrooms. science labs, libraries, instructional technology and other school facilities; improve school safety/security systems; shall Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's School Facilities Improvement District No. 1 (Santa Monica Schools) issue $485 million of bonds at legal interest rates, averaging $27.4 million raised annually to repay issued bonds through final maturity, from levies estimated at four cents per $100 assessed value, with citizens' oversight, annual audits, and all funds benefiting Santa Monica schools?

SUBMITTED BY DANILO BACH

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

RFP: # 196 Network Operations Center
• Submission Deadline is October 29, 2018 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL**. The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is: Planet Bids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bid-search4.cfm. There is no charge for the RFP package.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
Housing Division

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

1130 Pearl Street, 18ENT-0044, Appeal of Fence, Wall, Hedge Height Modification Partial Approval of 17ENT-0213. An appeal of the Zoning Administrator's partial approval of a Fence, Wall, and Hedge Height Modification (17ENT-0213) to allow a 15' high hedge within the east side setback and a 12' high hedge within the rear setback where maximum heights of 12' are allowed. The subject property is located in the Single-Unit Residential (R1) zoning district. [Planner: Ross Fehrman] **Applicant/Appellant: Gabrielle de Benedictis. Property Owner: Odette de Benedictis.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Address your letters to: Ross Fehrman, Associate Planner, Re: 18ENT-0044. City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission before or at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the City Planner at (310) 458-8341 or by e-mail Ross.Fehrman@smgov.net The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, and #9 service the City Hall and the Civic Center. The Expo Line terminus is at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall and on Olympic Drive and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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FCC Cells Us Out

That little box that suddenly appeared on a utility pole or street light near your home isn't a birdhouse. It's a 5G technology "small cell" wireless transmitter, and it has some of your neighbors worried.

For years we've lived with the older and larger cell phone transmitters, which are often affixed to tall buildings or on standalone poles disguised (unconvincingly) as trees.

The new 5G cells are different. They provide more reliable voice service and extremely high-speed data transfers for smartphones, but they broadcast effectively over a much shorter distance than the old cells.

That means there must be many more of the 5G cells, much closer together, and even deep within residential neighborhoods. City staff in a recent report advised the City Council that just within Santa Monica as many as 600 small cell sites may be applied for over the next two to three years.

City governments enjoy local control over most land use matters, but the federal government has claimed sovereignty over telecommunications infrastructure, telling cities like Santa Monica that we must accept 5G cells without any meaningful ability to mitigate their impacts.

Let's be clear we're not talking about radiation hazards — if only because we're not allowed to. Starting with the Communications Act of 1996, the federal government has whittled away local control over radiation impacts, saying only "trust us."

The entity in charge of cell towers and their safe operation is the Federal Communications Commission, or FCC. They have long held that if a cell transmitter has been certified by their engineers as in compliance, local governments cannot restrict their location or operation based on concern over radiation. Any appeal of a 5G "small cell" siting based on radiation concerns must be summarily denied.

Just over a month ago, your City Council heard three such appeals. We certainly sympathized with the residents who made convincing cases that the 5G sitings in question were too close to their bedrooms, for instance, but the cells were FCC certified, and thus we, outranked by federal law, could do nothing about the radiation concerns.

However, at that time, cities still retained some local control over the aesthetics of cell sitings, in terms of how the intrusive appearance was mitigated with camouflage and concealment elements, and whether the cell siting would interfere with other uses of the public right-of-way.

Our local cell control law had been written for the older, larger cell phone towers, not the relatively less intrusive appearance of small cell 5G transmitters. The City Council on August 28th asked staff to return as soon as possible with an updated ordinance that might give us more control over these new 5G installations.

I thought we'd be ready with a local law, for local control, to protect Santa Monica residents from unreasonable intrusions and impacts.

Then, last Wednesday, the Federal Communications Commission issued a harsh new regulatory declaration, further usurping local control over rapidly proliferating small cell installations.

Under the new rules, cities like Santa Monica have even less time to process small cell applications, no matter how many are filed at one time. If the municipality fails to completely review and process the application before the deadline, the application is deemed approved by default, granted by federal fiat.

Who pays for this? You do, because the new FCC rules limit the application fee the telecomm company must pay to $100. That makes any real study or public outreach a cost to taxpayers, subsidizing the telecomm company.

Most troubling, the new ruling further narrows the already limited grounds on which we are allowed to exert control over a small cell siting.

The telecomm industry and business media claim these restrictions on local control are needed because you, through your local government, are obstructing progress. The morning of the FCC vote on the new ruling, the Wall Street Journal claimed in an editorial that "U.S. cities are throttling deployment (of 5G technology) with extortionist fees... (and) self-serving behavior from local politicians."

As a resident concerned for your home and your neighborhood, you may feel differently. You can share your dismay over forced small cell deployment with our Congressman, Ted Lieu, or our Senators, Diane Feinstein and Kamala Harris.

The City of Santa Monica, even with its hands tied by the audacious FCC pre-emption, fights above its weight. I will support the strongest possible new local ordinance when it comes back to the Council.

The National League of Cities likely will fight this latest FCC. over-reach, by lobbying Congress and by litigation if necessary. Almost inevitable is an appeal of the FCC ruling to one or more circuit courts, and it's possible that the little not-birdhouse outside your bedroom window will make it all the way to the Supreme Court.

Kevin McKeown is a City Councilmember, and prior to that served on the Santa Monica Telecommunications Task Force.

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Kill good for perfect?

The trouble with politics — is people.

And the trouble with government is that politics determines which people run our governments. National, state, county, city.

Politics is corrupt because many people are. Or would be, given the opportunity. Too many of the people who desire the power, prestige and monetary rewards that politics can provide do so for less than noble reasons. Pretty bleak.

Hey, I don't mean to bring you down! I'm sure it's a beautiful sunshiny Wednesday as you read this. You still have sky to see the sun and feel its warmth as you go about your business because, count your blessings, you are living in the era just prior to when all the 4- to 40-story concrete canyons were approved by our City Council and constructed, and we're not yet limited to our own small corner of our little city, traveling only by foot, bike, walker, wheelchair, scooter, skates or skateboard (look out, grandpa, you're not ready for a skateboard!) because we long ago achieved our goal of —

ZERO CARS!

We also will have achieved our housing goals, with our Santa Monica population now approaching 700,000 (up from 2018's 94,000).

Affordable housing? Well, somehow, that didn't work out. As we built more units the prices only went up, as well as for existing housing. Seems there was an almost unlimited market out there for folks who would love to have a place at LA's beach and had the means to pay any price. Who knew? Why didn't someone figure that out earlier and say so?

Plenty of ocean views because of all the skyscrapers. And the luxury airBnB market went nuts. Purchased entire skyscrapers, in Palisades Park, on Ocean Avenue and Main Street, and right on the sand.

Diversity? Well, it's differently defined now. We will have Santa Monica homeowners from more than 100 nations, speaking 78 languages! Income diversity? Not so much. The average household income here will rise to seven figures, and will climb considerably as the ones who lived here all their lives and refused to be forced out, die off. NIMBYs. Shame!

We did solve the problem of dealing with the 200,000 who used to pour in every day: tourists, business people and students. All gone. Priced out.

GRIDLOCK

Of course, we will have gridlock by bike, foot, scooter and so on (look out, grandma, don't trip over those scooters on the sidewalk!) because our city government rarely thinks ahead and proceeds with caution and planning, it mostly just reacts.

We did have that hip, progressive, transportation trendsetting image our leaders lusted after for a short time, though, before the alt-auto gridlock set in. Then it got even more crowded as all the world's media and their crews and trucks descended on Santa Monica to record their Can You Believe This? segments.

Like global warming, we kept delaying what needed to be done 50 years ago. The faint voices called out, it may already too late. It doesn't seem too late today. Santa Monica is still a desirable place to live (we should take a vote on that, I guess) and the Annenberg isn't under water yet. But both nationally and locally, the prospects for change of direction do not seem good.

I do believe every one of our City Council members would say the right things about those issues. But they are not doing the right things, and that's the only thing that counts. That's why I have called, for years, to turn them out, every one, because despite all the good things they may have done, all that counts is results. Look around you. Look at what's already approved and coming at you in the very near future. You OK with that?

SUE & SCOTT

I have certainly gotten some grief for supporting those two for City Council.

Sue Himmelrich is of course completely tied in to SMRR and the Democratic Party. Business and politics as usual. But — she is not beholden to developer or other outside money (having a fat enough bank account to finance her own campaigns, which raises other issues but is ultimately a plus for her loyalties and independence). And, despite often falling in line with the political wisdom that says you have to get along with your fellow legislators to get your own good stuff done, she is by far the only one on our current Council who usually takes the side of residents. That's worth a lot. And indicates that if she got a little help on the Council, some like-minded allies, she could do more of the good she would like to do.

That help could have been Phil Brock, or Mary Marlow, or even Armen Melkonians or Kate Bransfield (all flawed candidates, but who isn't?), but all dropped out just before the filing deadline. Leaving us with…?

Some unknowns. I talked at length with three of them and came away very impressed only with Scott Bellomo.

Bellomo is catching criticism for his stand on dealing with the homeless problem, but I suggest you find out exactly what he's saying. I think it makes a lot of sense, and is not insensitive.

THE REST

I spent more than an hour each with Greg Morena and Ashley Powell. Morena is widely regarded as more of the same, being backed by all the organizations that back overdevelopment in Santa Monica. His financial perspective on local issues, to my mind, ignores the human consequences for residents. I doubt he would rise up against his backers once elected.

Powell has all the right stances on social issues, but stunning ignorance of Santa Monica politics and history. She also seems to regard running for Council as just a step in her career. But if she won — and she is quite a networker and fundraiser — she would probably vote "the right way" much of the time, after a bit of schooling (a lot of schooling). Still, not the right person for the job.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What possible reason would you have for not voting for term limits (Measure TL)? 12 MORE years isn't enough for any designated royalty now on the Council? It is so entertaining to hear them try to justify being against TL. Not a single good reason except maintaining the status quo, their own power and electability. That's why SMRR is against it — don't be fooled.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "In a society governed passively by free markets and free elections, organized greed always defeats disorganized democracy." —Matt Taibbi

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4 men arrested in connection with violent Virginia rally

DENISE LAVOIE AND MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
Associated Press

Four members of a militant white supremacist group from California were arrested on charges they traveled to Virginia last year to incite a riot and attack counterprotesters at a white nationalist rally that turned deadly, federal authorities said Tuesday.

The defendants — Benjamin Drake Daley, Michael Paul Miselis, Thomas Walter Gillen and Cole Evan White — are part of the Rise Above Movement, which espouses anti-Semitic views and meets regularly in public parks to train in boxing and other fighting techniques, according to an affidavit written by an FBI agent.

The affidavit alleges the four were "among the most violent individuals present in Charlottesville" in August 2017 during a torch-lit march on the University of Virginia campus and a larger rally in downtown the following day. It says photos and video footage shows they attacked counterprotesters, "which in some cases resulted in serious injuries."

The men have also taken part in "acts of violence" at political rallies in Huntington Beach and Berkeley, California, and other places, the affidavit alleges.

"This is a group that essentially subscribes to an anti-Semitic, racist ideology, and then organizes, trains, and deploys to various political rallies, not only to espouse this particular ideology but also to engage in acts of violence against folks who are taking a contrary point of view," U.S. Attorney Thomas Cullen said at a news conference in Charlottesville held to announce the charges.

All four men were arrested early Tuesday morning, Cullen said.

Gillen, of Redondo Beach, appeared in a Los Angeles court Tuesday afternoon. He chewed gum and yawned several times as his detention hearing was waived until Thursday.

When Judge Jean Rosenbluth asked him if he understood what the government was accusing him of, Gillen said, "For the most part, yeah."

Daley, of Redondo Beach, and Miselis, of Lawndale, were also expected to make initial court appearances later Tuesday, while White, of Clayton, was due in court Wednesday, he said.

Attempts to reach the suspects' relatives to comment on their behalf were not immediately successful.

Cullen said each defendant faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted on the two counts they each face: traveling to incite riots and conspiracy to riot. However, defendants often get less than the maximum under federal sentencing guidelines.

The arrests come more than a year after hundreds of white nationalists descended on Charlottesville in part to protest the planned removal of a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Clashes erupted Aug. 11, 2017, as a crowd of white nationalists marching through the University of Virginia campus carrying torches and chanting racist slogans encountered a small group of counterprotesters.

The following day, more violence broke out between counterprotesters and attendees of the "Unite the Right" rally, which was believed to be the largest gathering of white nationalists in at least a decade. Street fighting exploded before the scheduled event could begin and went on for nearly an hour in view of police until authorities forced the crowd to disperse.

Cullen said investigators sifted through "an incredible volume" of video and still photographs to review the movements of the four men and determine whether they could claim they were only defending themselves after being attacked by others at the rally. He said prosecutors believe there was "no provocation" for them to engage in violence that day.

The four, he said, went to the rally with their hands taped, "ready to do street battle."

Then they engaged in punching, kicking, head-butting and pushing, assaulting an African-American man, two women and a minister who was wearing a clerical collar, Cullen said.

"In our view, these four committed particularly violent acts in Charlottesville. Secondly, they committed violent acts in California at other rallies. Therefore, in our view, they were essentially serial rioters," Cullen said.

According to The Anti-Defamation League, Rise Above Movement members believe they are fighting against a "modern world" corrupted by the "destructive cultural influences" of liberals, Jews, Muslims and non-white immigrants. Members refer to themselves as the mixed martial arts club of the "alt-right" fringe movement, a loose mix of neo-Nazis, white nationalists and other far-right extremists.

"They very much operate like a street-fighting club," said Oren Segal, director of the ADL's Center on Extremism.

The group has roots in the racist skinhead movement in southern California, Segal said.

Daley figures "prominently" in the organization, according to the affidavit, which also cites news organization ProPublica's efforts to identify Rise Above Movement members involved in the violence by reviewing video footage of the clashes. The news outlet reported in July that the group was founded in early 2017 and had a relatively modest core membership of 15 to 20 young men.

ProPublica and Frontline also reported in July that Miselis was a member of RAM, worked as an aerospace engineer at defense contractor Northrop Grumman's facility in Redondo Beach and held a government-issued security clearance. A company spokesman later said Miselis was no longer employed by the company but didn't say whether Miselis was fired or resigned.

After authorities forced the rally to disband Aug. 12, a woman was killed when a car that prosecutors say was driven by a man fascinated by Adolf Hitler plowed into a crowd of peaceful counterprotesters.

The suspected driver, 21-year-old James Fields Jr., of Maumee, Ohio, has been charged with federal hate crimes in the death of Heather Heyer, 32. Fields also faces state murder charges; his trial is scheduled to begin Nov. 26.

The death toll rose to three when a state police helicopter that had been monitoring the event crashed, killing two troopers.

President Donald Trump sparked a public outcry after he blamed both sides for the violence.

An independent report released three months later found serious police and government failures in responding to the mayhem.

Kunzelman reported from College Park, Maryland. Associated Press writer Sarah Rankin in Richmond, Virginia, contributed to this report.







Angel Carreras

ORANGE: The new scooters have a splash of orange but are otherwise similar to others.

SCOOTERS

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the scooters.

Aside from being colored a blazing sunset orange, Jump scooters operate much the same as their competitors — download the app, reserve a scooter, scan the QR code on the handlebar and scoot away.

Unique to Jump is a free, five minute grace period. The company says this gives customers time to get to their scooters without being charged. Additionally, if a customer walks to your chosen scooter and sees another, closer scooter that is available, customers can choose that scooter without having to cancel and get charged for the reservation.

Uber's app will also show scooter parking zones within the app's map, a method Uber hopes will clear a citywide problem of scooters being left in the public right of way.

While the City's selection of Bird and Lime caused some controversy, Jump was a favorite throughout the process for the pilot program.

"The selection committee reviewed the application submittals and scored each based on the seven categories prescribed by SMMC Section 3.21.060. These include experience, operations, ability to launch, education strategies, compliance record, financial viability and safety compliance," said David Martin, Director of Planning and Community Development in his official selection of the companies. "Based on these categories, the committee recommended the selection of the top two ranked operators in each category, which are Jump and Lyft in the bike category and Jump and Lyft in the scooter category. Because Jump and Lyft submitted applications in both categories, and in part because their applications for ebike and e-scooters were nearly identical, Jump and Lyft were the highest ranked in both categories."

With Jump providing non-car transport options, Uber now dominates many modes of travel within the city, which the company says is by design. In a press release, the company said they're aiming to "work towards having your phone replace your car", with the goal of "ultimately creating less congestion, less stress, and less pollution" in cities.

Jump will offer free rides on its e-bikes and scooters until Sunday, October 7 to celebrate the launch. Customers will be limited to 30 minutes each ride and five rides per day.

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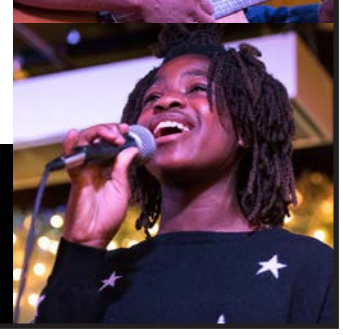
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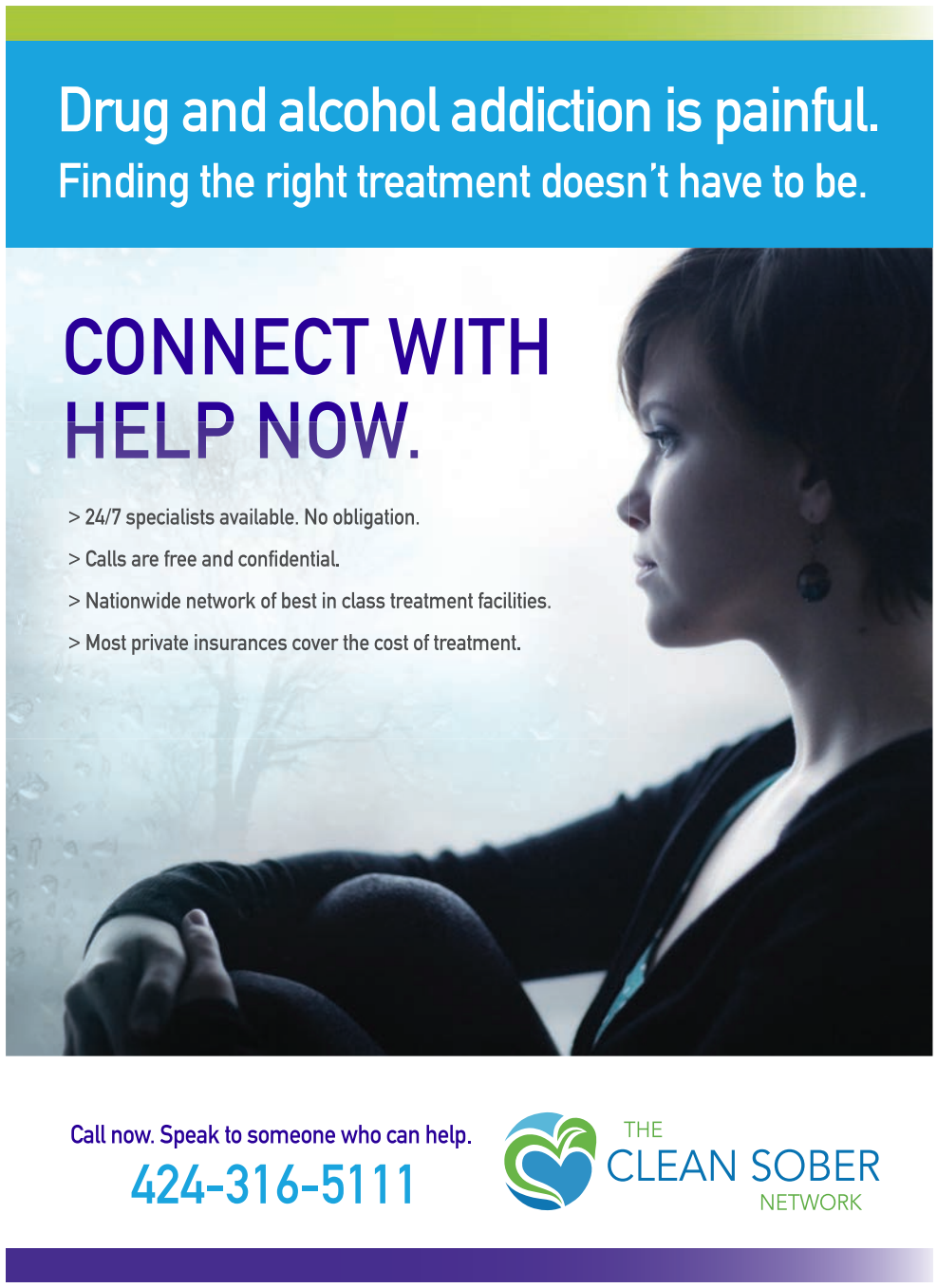


SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 68.9°

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4 ft waist to shoulder high occ. 5 ft
S swell lingers. Leftover SSE Rosa swell drops.

THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3 ft waist to stomach high
Leftover S swells. New, mid-period WNW swell shows.



CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 AT ABOUT 9:39 P.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service regarding a male subject causing a disturbance at the 100 block of Santa Monica Blvd. As officers arrived, several witnesses flagged them down and pointed out the suspect that was now fighting with security at "Ye Olde Kings Head" Restaurant/Bar - 116 Santa Monica Blvd. Officers saw the security guard fighting with subject and attempting to take control of him. Officers attempted to take the suspect into custody. The subject resisted and attempted to break away from officers. The subject was ultimately controlled and placed under arrest. Donnell Fonta Green, 29, homeless, was charged with forcibly resisting arrest. Bail was set at $10,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 379 Calls For Service On Oct. 1.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Death investigation 700 block Westwood Plaza 12:33 a.m.
Fight 300 block Arizona 12:42 a.m.
Shots fired 400 block Colorado 12:50 a.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 4th 01:08 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1800 block Lincoln 01:23 a.m.
Grand theft auto 3rd Prom/Broadway 01:38 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 300 block Arizona 01:46 a.m.
Encampment 400 block Santa Monica Pier 06:36 a.m.
Vandalism 3300 block Ocean Park 06:57 a.m.
Petty theft 1000 block Wilshire 06:28 a.m.
Encampment 1500 block The Beach 07:16 a.m.
Animal related incident 1200 block Franklin 07:44 a.m.
Encampment 2400 block Barnard 08:06 a.m.
Person down Ocean/Wilshire 08:37 a.m.
Encampment 900 block Pacific Coast 08:37 a.m.
Rape Berkeley/Colorado 08:46 a.m.
Petty theft 700 block Broadway 08:53 a.m.
Vandalism 3300 block Ocean Park 08:55 a.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block 2nd 09:23 a.m.
Burglary 1600 block 5th 09:30 a.m.
Vandalism 2500 block Virginia 10:19 a.m.
Encampment 200 block Santa Monica Pier 10:25 a.m.
Burglary 800 block Broadway 10:29 a.m.
Encampment 22nd/Michigan 10:35 a.m.
Overdose 1400 block 4th 11:15 a.m.
Animal related incident 223B/Broadway 11:36 a.m.
Person down 1700 block 16th 12:10 p.m.
Burglary 900 block 18th 12:18 p.m.
Encampment 1000 block The Beach 12:22 p.m.
Lewd activity 17th/Ocean Park 12:24 p.m.
Medical emergency 300 block Santa Monica Pier 12:45 p.m.
Encampment 2800 block The Beach 12:53 p.m.
Animal related incident 1300 block 26th 1:57 p.m.
Family disturbance 800 block Maple 2:01 p.m.
Overdose 1000 block Pico 2:08 p.m.
Person down 300 block Montana 2:11 p.m.
Rape 200 block Santa Monica Pier 2:44 p.m.
Battery 1000 block 3rd 3:48 p.m.
Stalking 31st /Ocean Park 4:29 p.m.
Fight 1900 block Lincoln 4:34 p.m.
Medical emergency 300 block Santa Monica Pier 4:38 p.m.
Animal related incident 2200 block Virginia 5:37 p.m.
Battery 300 block Pico 6:03 p.m.
Senile person found 2900 block Lincoln 6:07 p.m.
Fight 1500 block 11th 6:10 p.m.
Medical emergency 1600 block Ocean 6:27 p.m.
Family disturbance 1300 block Pico 6:28 p.m.
Burglary 2200 block 28th 6:45 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block Pacific Coast 7:27 p.m.
Auto burglary 1900 block Ocean 7:32 p.m.
Strong-arm robbery 600 block Wilshire 7:48 p.m.
Rape 600 block San Vicente 8:10 p.m.
Family disturbance 1200 block Pico 9:09 p.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 700 block Pico 10:22 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 37 Calls For Service On Oct. 1.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Emergency Medical Service 2000 block Euclid 12:24 a.m.
EMS 300 block Arizona 12:45 a.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 03:43 a.m.
EMS 1200 block Oak 05:17 a.m.
EMS 2900 block Main 05:33 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 7th 06:01 a.m.
EMS 1800 block Lincoln 06:08 a.m.
Automatic alarm 700 block Georgina 08:32 a.m.
Automatic alarm 600 block Pico 09:26 a.m.
EMS 2200 block 5th 10:41 a.m.
EMS 1700 block 16th 10:53 a.m.
Wires down 2200 block 26th 11:25 a.m.
EMS 1500 block California 11:49 a.m.
EMS 1100 block 7th 11:55 a.m.
EMS 9th/Pico 1:39 p.m.
EMS 1000 block Pico 2:08 p.m.
EMS 300 block Montana 2:11 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Wilshire 2:15 p.m.
EMS 14th/Santa Monica 2:26 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Wilshire 2:36 p.m.
Traffic collision w/injury Centinela/Interstate 10 2:49 p.m.
EMS 5th/Olympic 3:13 p.m.
Traffic collision w/injury Lincoln/Cedar 3:28 p.m.
Automatic alarm 900 block 7th 4:02 p.m.
Odor of natural gas 1200 block 24th 4:07 p.m.
EMS 2500 block Wilshire 4:22 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 17th 4:49 p.m.
EMS 500 block Colorado 5:24 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Ocean 6:25 p.m.
EMS 1000 block 4th 6:39 p.m.
EMS 1600 block 26th 7:19 p.m.
EMS 1900 block 20th 8:27 p.m.
EMS 800 block Pico 8:34 p.m.
EMS 2900 block Exposition 9:44 p.m.

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Jackpot: 229M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 9/28
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Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 367M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 9/29
7 11 23 25 37
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 10M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/1
3 6 28 30 32

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 10/2
MIDDAY: 8 7 1
Draw Date: 10/1
EVENING: 1 1 6

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 10/1
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 09 Winning Spirit
3rd: 01 Gold Rush
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WORD UP!

rewild
1. to return (land) to a more natural state: rewilding an unpopulated island for use as an animal preserve. 2. to introduce (animals or plants) to their original habitat or to a habitat similar to their natural one: proposals to rewild elephants to the American plains.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Mania of the Week
■ Sophomania: the delusion that one is incredibly intelligent (Not contagious, but there seems to be a lot of it going around.)

Never Say Diet
■ The Major League Eating record for birthday cake is 14.5 pounds in 8 minutes, held by Matt Stonie. Stonie broke the record on Feb. 14, 2015, which happens to be Valentine's Day and also the birthday of celebrities like Simon Pegg, Meg Tilly and Freddie Highmore, none of whom were present at the event.

Observation
■ "Freud: If it's not one thing, it's your mother."

MYSTERY PHOTO

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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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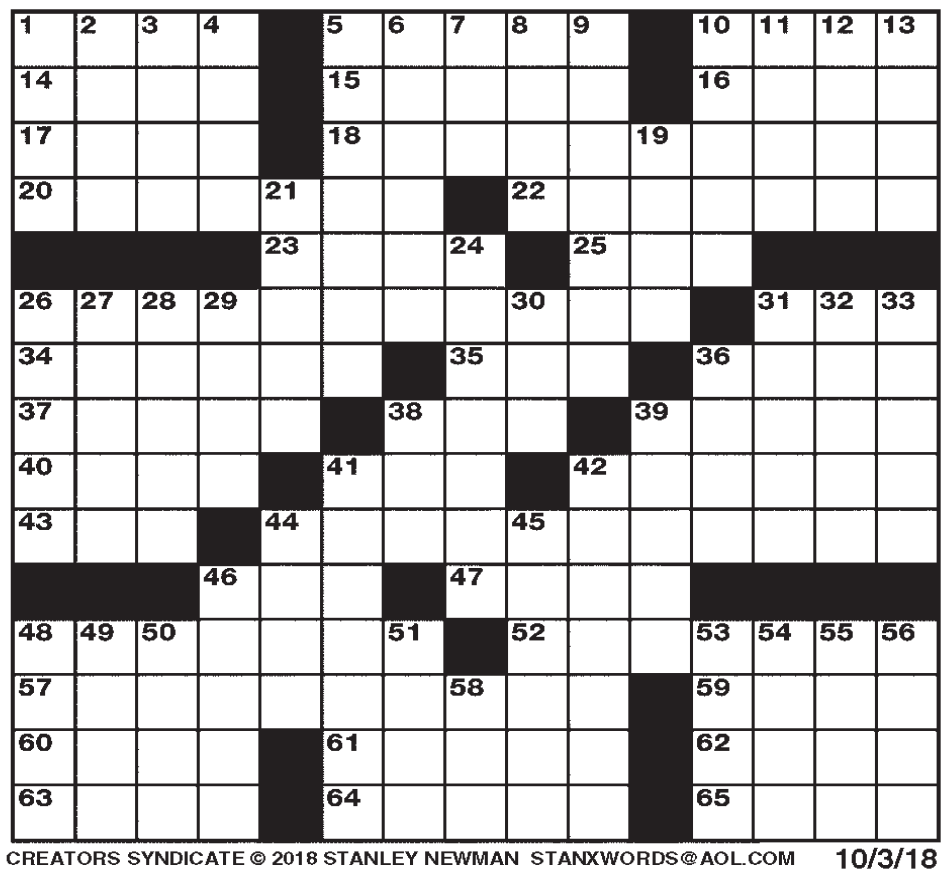
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14 Neck of the woods
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18 Typeface gradations
20 Beethoven piano pieces
22 Patronizes a diner, say
23 Tops with frosting
25 Bit of body art, in brief
26 Factory supervisor, for example
31 Walgreens rival
34 Maxims
35 "My country, __ of thee"
36 Whole bunch
37 Mexican mister
38 Violin knob
39 Fifth tire
40 Brown shades
41 "Finder's" charge
42 Turn sharply
43 Crafty
44 Air traveler's purchase
46 Pub serving
47 Takes to court
48 Large, inexact number
52 Paraphrase, perhaps
57 One-toned
59 Very dedicated
60 Israeli airline
61 Wed on the run
62 Rip to pieces
63 Fender ding
64 Went out with
65 Mice, to owls

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3 Low in fat
4 The Dalai __
5 Camel cousins in the Andes
6 Ease up on
7 Montréal assent
8 Largest sudoku digit
9 Homes on many acres
10 Number on a pants tag
11 Rice-shaped pasta
12 In __ of (replacing)
13 Fleet of foot
19 Headliner
21 Countdown device
24 Glossy fabrics
26 Is durable
27 Model of excellence
28 Live-in babysitter
29 Swelled heads
30 Band's job
31 Explorer with Lewis
32 Vigor
33 Sugary or considerate
36 Risky activity, for short
38 Potpie morsel
39 Cheddar alternative
41 Swindled
42 Took the wheel
44 Answered a charge
45 Where Italy is
46 Leaning slightly
48 No longer new
49 Burrowing beast
50 Make arrangements
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53 Waterproof cover
54 State confidently
55 Fork prong
56 Whirling current
58 Whole bunch



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CRIME

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Sen. Nancy Skinner of Berkeley, the bill's author, said in a statement. California is now "reserving the harshest punishment to those who directly participate in the death."

Brown also barred 14- and 15-year-olds from being tried as adults.

"We're concerned about public safety and about the rights of victims in these cases," said Jennifer Jacobs, a spokeswoman for the California District Attorneys Association, which opposed both laws. "These are people with violent criminal pasts who will be allowed out of jail."

Other bills in a package by Los Angeles-area Democratic Sens. Ricardo Lara and Holly Mitchell remove those 11 and younger from juvenile court jurisdiction entirely unless they are accused of murder or certain violent sex crimes, and another gives judges discretion over whether to impose what were mandatory five-year additional prison sentences for repeat serious offenders.

The bills "make rehabilitation and community recovery the focus of our criminal justice system," said Lara. "Thirty years of harsh sentencing laws resulted in overcrowded prisons without improving public safety."

Brown has long acted to help reverse some of the tougher criminal penalties, including those adopted when he was first governor in the 1970s and 1980s. He most recently promoted a 2016 ballot measure allowing earlier parole for thousands of inmates while keeping more juveniles out of the adult system.

"There is a fundamental principle at stake here: whether we want a society which at least attempts to reform the youngest offenders before consigning them to adult prisons where their likelihood of becoming a lifelong criminal is so much higher," Brown wrote in signing one of the bills.

Other new laws allow prosecutors to ask judges to shorten prison sentences and extend an existing law that allows nonviolent offenders between 18 and 21 to serve sentences in juvenile facilities and eventually have their charges dismissed.

He also made it easier for about 220,000 Californians to erase old marijuana convictions that already were eligible to be stricken since California eased drug laws and approved recreational cannabis. The new law requires state officials to find pot convictions that can be removed or reduced and allows judges to remove them automatically unless prosecutors object.

The measure will create "a simpler pathway for Californians to turn the page and make a fresh start," said the law's author, Democratic Assemblyman Rob Bonta of Alameda.

Brown also rolled back a law he approved earlier this summer that vastly expanded the number of criminal suspects who can be diverted to mental health treatment programs and have their charges dismissed. The revision excludes those charged with murder, rape and other sex crimes, among other changes.

He approved two laws responding to nationwide concern over the killings of civilians — primarily young black men — by police.

One opens a California law considered among the nation's most secretive in protecting investigations of police. It allows public access to internal investigations when police officers use force causing death or serious injury, commit sexual assaults on the job, or are dishonest in their official duties. The other requires law enforcement agencies to release audio or video recordings of serious use of force within 45 days unless the release would interfere with an investigation.

Peter Bibring, director of policing practices for the American Civil Liberties Union of California, said the bills will "help address the current crisis in policing."

Peace Officers Research Association of California president Brian Marvel called the investigation disclosure law "reckless" and overbroad. He said the video release law could imperil witnesses to crimes.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (OCT. 3)

A surprising turn of events happens this month. You'll be mentored by one who sees your enormous potential and can help you realize it. More highlights: a spontaneous trip that leads to love, a bargain catered just to you and the chance to perform before your colleagues and raise your position. Capricorn and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 33, 38, 25 and 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You're really good at processing what's offered to you. You do it quickly, based on priorities you've established and re-established along the way. But don't go on automatic mode today. Something will need more attention.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

The others came in at a different time, an earlier time, and they have the advantage of already knowing the space. Other than that, they don't have anything extra that you don't have. Don't be intimidated. Go for it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Emotionally healthy people don't often find themselves in the middle of drama. Though you're a fan of excitement, you'll take the peace of health over the cheap thrill of drama any ole' day.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Trust, hope and passion. These are the things that you'll be cultivating, building on and banking on in the weeks to come. See them as the important commodities they are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Stars smile on your negotiations. Better arrangements can be hashed out with very little compromise because each party needs the same kind of change. How fortuitous!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

It's never "just business." Business and finance are woven with emotional threads. It's never "not personal" either, if it's a person who is acting or a person who is affected. Today calls for extra sensitivity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

What rituals are involved in your daily life that keep you on the path you want to be on? And what rituals take you off of the path? That second question may be a harder one to answer, but the answer is worth more than gold.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

You care, and you believe. It will lead you to an exclusive and coveted position. It will help you understand what needs to happen next and why it matters.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Inactivity is not always the same thing as rest. Sometimes it's just being stuck. Anyway, this is no day for it either way. Move. You'll find the excellent route soon after you start walking.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

People who have already decided are not very good candidates for hearing what's new and exciting. It's why you'll put off a decision in favor of first hearing all that's being offered.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You have a gift for putting yourself in the other person's place and really understanding what it's like to be there. That's why you'll sort out the conflict that others couldn't seem to unravel.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You are loyal by nature and it's why you need to do more research up front to make sure you're getting into a situation where you're going to be loyal to the right people.

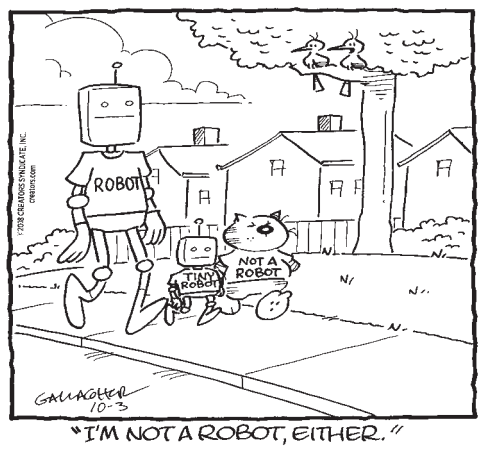
STORYTELLING MOON

The story changes the experience. If the experience isn't what you want it to be, maybe there are actions that could alter it, moving things in the environment, using different people, cutting ties, making new deals... but before you go drastic, the entertaining Leo moon suggests you change your story about it and go from there.

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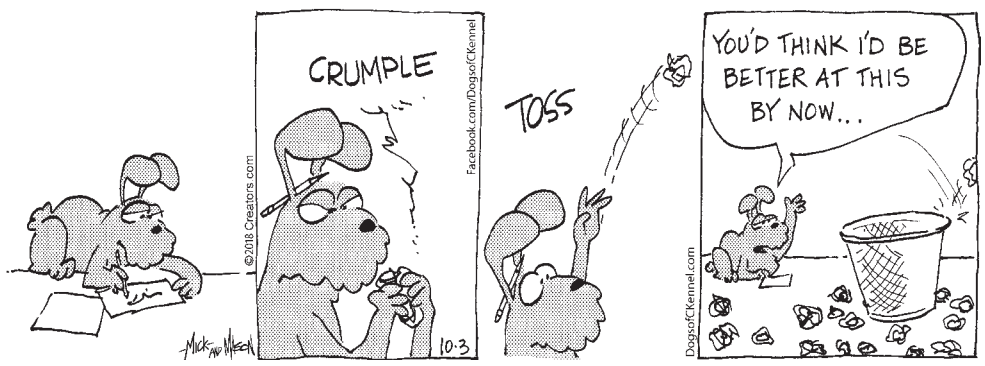
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Gospel Choir – non-credit (no grades)

I have also taken college classes at CSUN, UCLA Extension, UCLA Graduate School of Education, West LA Community College, Antioch College, and Salisbury University.

WHAT CLASSES ARE ESSENTIAL OFFERINGS TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THE MODERN JOB MARKET?

Students must learn to express themselves effectively through speaking and writing; be competent in using technology; understand quantitative reasoning; think critically; and most importantly, become confident lifelong learners.

Depending on the students' goals, different classes — ideally all classes — will contribute to preparedness for the job market and life.

HOW MANY ARTS EVENTS (PLAYS, CONCERTS, ART SHOWS) FEATURING SMC STUDENTS HAVE YOU ATTENDED IN THE PAST TWO YEARS?

No idea. Many. The quality of our SMC student performances and exhibitions is amazing and inspiring!

WHAT MORE CAN BE DONE TO BRING STUDENTS TO CAMPUS WITHOUT THE USE OF A CAR?

This is an area where SMC is exceptionally innovative and effective, creating Any Line, Any Time; successfully advocating for the Expo 17th Street/SMC Station; encouraging ride-share pools, bikes, scooters, walking; and offering robust distance ed. We also advocate for student transit subsidies in Sacramento. We must keep working all fronts.

IS THE SMC BOARD MORE ACCOUNTABLE TO STUDENTS (WHEREVER THEY MIGHT LIVE) OR RESIDENTS (REGARDLESS OF THEIR SMC AFFILIATION)?

I don't think this is a question of "more." The Board is accountable to the local community — those are the voters who elect us and whom we represent — but we are elected by them to serve all of our students. That is SMC's mission!

IS THE CAMPUS A NEVER-ENDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT OR CAN YOU FORESEE AN END TO EXPANSION?

The current main campus construction replaces old, shoddy facilities. As facilities age and technology, safety requirements, and learning needs change, there will always be a need for maintenance and upgrading facilities. New construction makes SMC a better, greener college, with better services, facilities, and opportunities for students and the community.

HOW MUCH TIME AND ENERGY SHOULD BE PUT INTO CONTINUING ADULT EDUCATION VS. UNDERGRAD?

There is no competition between continuing adult education and credit undergrad. Both are funded by the state. Both are part of the community college mission and part of SMC's mission. Both serve students — meeting different needs — and both serve the community. I totally support both!

DOES THE FUTURE OF COLLEGE EDUCATION STILL FOCUS ON THE CAMPUS EXPERIENCE OR WILL EDUCATION BECOME MORE VIRTUAL?

The benefits of students meeting on campus, developing friendships, and building personal connections with faculty, are such valuable experiences that I expect the campus experience to remain in demand. Here too the development of extraordinary facilities supports the student experience and the unique opportunities offered on campus.

WHAT QUALIFIES YOU TO LEAD A MAJOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION LIKE SMC AND HOW WILL/DO YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE BOARD?

I am committed to student-centered, community-serving, fiscally responsible stewardship of Santa Monica College. I am fully engaged in the community; have deep knowledge of the community college and public education systems; work collaboratively and constructively with others; have a deep commitment to SMC's mission; and I'm effective. With my leadership, SMC is:

- #1 in transfers to the UCs
- A sustainability leader in facilities, transportation, and curriculum
- A model of diversity and inclusion
- An extraordinary educational and cultural community asset with exceptional programming — that includes The Broad Stage and KCRW!

My passion to advance student success and equity locally lead me to spend time in Sacramento, attending to and influencing state legislation that supports or diminishes SMC's mission. Through my work on the SMC Board and/or in Sacramento, I've helped SMC achieve.

- Priority enrollment for Santa Monica and Malibu residents
- Free tuition for high school students and better college/school partnerships
- SMC Promise – free enrollment for first-time, full-time students
- Protection of Emeritus College from state budget cuts
- Stronger community-serving partnerships with Santa Monica, Malibu, and SMMUSD
- Perfect audits for the past 11 years

Local and statewide colleagues recognize my record as an effective trustee. Elected President of the California Community College Trustees in 2014, I have learned from and learn with community college leaders and researchers throughout the state. I use these opportunities to influence policy and funding to better serve our students.

For example, I facilitated or advocated for additional resources for mental health services, food insecurity, open educational resources to reduce textbook costs, subsidized student transit passes, expanded dual enrollment opportunities for high school students, expanding the law degree pathway, support for DACA and other undocumented students, increased financial aid for community college students, and protecting Emeritus College. All of these efforts benefit SMC.

WHY IS SMC AND THEREFORE THIS ELECTION RELEVANT TO RESIDENTS WHO HAVE NOT ATTENDED SMC?

All residents have a shared common interest in ensuring that they, their family members, friends, neighbors, and all students have the educational opportunities they need to advance in their personal and professional lives. Education strengthens the fabric of our daily lives and enhances equity as well of course as being essential in today's economy. Everyday I meet people working in Santa Monica — at the bank, at the grocery, at the physical therapist, at the schools, in shops and restaurants, everywhere! – that attended SMC. Everyone in Santa Monica benefits, indirectly or directly, from Santa Monica College.

And many community members do take classes. Fifty-five percent of residents say that they or someone in their family has taken classes at SMC!

SMC also provides community members with other direct benefits beyond classes — KCRW, The Broad Stage, the Civic Swimming Pool, access to the track, the football (and soccer) fields and stadium, the Main Stage, and non-stop performances, lectures, and events throughout the year. We also partner with the City of Santa Monica, the City of Malibu, and the School District to leverage our combined resources and expertise on behalf of residents.

In short, whether they are self-interested or altruistic, or both, every resident is positively impacted by SMC. It is in their interest to ensure that SMC continues to be the wonderful student-centered, community-serving, environmentally friendly, fiscally healthy, collaborative, inclusive institution that it is today.

California sets record as voter registration tops 19 million

Associated Press

California's voter registration has hit an all-time high ahead of the November election, with more than 19 million people on the voting rolls, Secretary of State Alex Padilla reported Tuesday.

Nearly 76 percent of those eligible to vote were registered as of Sept. 7, the largest share in September since the 1996 presidential election, which had 77 percent.

Californians are increasingly turning away from political parties and registering as "no party preference" voters, a trend that has gained steam over the past two decades.

Republicans and Democrats both saw their ranks shrink between May — before the primary — and September, while the number of unaffiliated voters rose. Just under 44 percent of registered voters were Democrats, 27 percent were unaffiliated and 25 percent were Republicans.

Paul Mitchell, head of the bipartisan firm Political Data Inc., attributes much of the rise in both registered and unaffiliated voters to a new California program that automatically signs people up or updates their address at the Department of Motor Vehicles, unless they opt out.

The computerized form allows people to select a political party from a drop-down menu or check a box declining to join a political party.

Mitchell's data, including surveys of people who have registered this way, suggest many don't realize they are the updating their voter registration. Rather than reading the form closely, they are checking boxes to get out of the DMV more quickly, and many aren't bothering with the drop-down box, he said.

"They're treating their voter registration like I treat the form at the car rental place," Mitchell said.

The major parties have lost members between May and September in every election cycle since 2002. Still, Democratic registration is up since the 2016 election, while Republican registration is down.

Padilla said people can still sign up until Oct. 22.

"The next step for our registered Californians is turning out to vote," Padilla said in a statement. "The general election is next month, so it's time for voters to make a plan to vote, either in person or by mail."

While top-of-the-ticket races for governor and U.S. Senate have been relatively sleepy, California has several hotly contested races being watched nationally that could determine which party controls the U.S. House of Representatives.

Nearly 835,000 more people were registered 60 days before the election than two years ago, a sizable jump even though presidential years like 2016 generally see higher levels of engagement. Registration is up by almost 1.5 million people since the last election for governor in 2014.





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