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New leasing rules in effect today but revisions are coming

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

New regulations regarding medium-term leases go into effect Tuesday, but concerns from local homeowners and students have prompted City Council to consider revisions during next week's meeting.

The practice of entities renting out units between 31 and 365 days is defined as medium-term leases, and city staff believes it removes valuable rental housing from the market. As a result, Santa Monica councilmembers adopted an ordinance in September requiring leases to be longer than 365 days. The new rules also state rental housing units cannot be furnished and advertising any lease of a residential rental unit that does not comply with these requirements is prohibited.

Mayor Kevin McKeown said Tuesday the ordinance adopted weeks ago was necessary because "it will stop the abuses cold."

As somebody who helped write the city's previous, "corporate housing" ordinance nearly 15 years ago, McKeown said he has witnessed large, well-known developers exploit loopholes and eventually evict long-time tenants, which is why he felt city leaders had to urgently pass a new ordinance.

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Venice Family Clinic celebrates 50 years of fighting for health and racial justice



Courtesy photos

ANNIVERSARY: The Venice Family Clinic is marking its 50th year with an online fundraiser.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

In Oct. 1970 the Venice Family Clinic opened as a small nighttime center offering free healthcare to the poor and largely Black and Latino community in Venice. Now the clinic has 14 locations, 19 programs and services, and works with around 28,000 patients annually. In 2020, as America undergoes another reckoning with race, the clinic is celebrating 50 years of fighting for justice in healthcare through a Zoom party fundraiser and a week of volunteer activism.

At 6 p.m. on Oct. 11, the 'Health, Justice, Action Kickoff Party' will go live on Zoom and YouTube, featuring appearances by Whoopi Goldberg, Billy Crystal, Ray Romano, Jennifer Hudson, and several more celebrities. Then, from Oct. 11 to 17, the clinic will host a 'Week of Action' where volunteers can contribute to the clinic in several ways like creating hygiene kits, distributing meals, donating supplies, and helping register patients to vote.

"At Venice Family Clinic our goal is to provide care that is of such high quality that everyone in the community wants it, but it's only for people who have no other access or who have difficulty getting access. And, hopefully one day everyone will throw their doors open to all of the people," said Elizabeth Benson Forer, CEO of Venice Family Clinic.

The clinic was founded by Dr. Philip Rossman and Dr. Mayer Davidson on Oct. 14, 1970 to provide free quality healthcare to the many local residents who had no health insurance. In the early days, the facility operated at night in a borrowed dental office and relied

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Rent Control Board budget up for debate

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica's Rent Control Board will gather this Thursday for the first time in nearly a month to adopt its final budget report for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

In June of 2019, the board adopted an operating expense budget around $5.3 million, but a staff report states the total revenue received for the fiscal year was $164,720 more than staff had previously anticipated in the adopted budget.

"The additional revenue is due to greater than expected registration fee payments and interest earnings," according to staff, who detailed expenditures for the year totaled $5.1 million, which was $124,221 less than projected.

The budget report allocated $3,650 for overtime during the fiscal year but, "by year-end, expenditures for this line were $35,583 more than budgeted," staff said in the report. This is largely because several staff members have been fully engaged in the database replacement project while continuing to perform their normal job duties so overtime was required to complete all regular job duties and to keep the database replacement project on track.

Despite the nearly 1,000% increase in overtime wages, expenditure reductions were realized in two of the three budget categories — Salaries and Wages ($55,082) and Supplies and Expenses ($101,241) — and a net revenue of $41,888 resulted once all revenue and operating expenses

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the Text of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to Create a Use Classification for Restaurant, Fast Food; Revise the Use Classification for Restaurant, Limited-Service and Take-Out; and Prohibit Restaurant, Fast Food in Establishments with Frontage on the Third Street Promenade

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider a Resolution recommending to the City Council the adoption of an Ordinance recommending amendments to the text of the Zoning Ordinance to create a use classification for Restaurant, Fast Food; revise the use classification for Restaurant, Limited-Service and Take-Out; and prohibit Restaurant, Fast Food in establishments with frontage on the Third Street Promenade.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020 AT 5:30 PM**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Planning Commission and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but participants may also join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/atujkxcq or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 6380796 #).

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give written public comment shall email comments to planningcomment@smgov.net. Comments received prior to 12 PM on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

Additionally, public comment can be made by telephone by pre-registering on the link provided on the posted online agenda no later than 2:30p.m. on the day of the meeting. Remarks from the public made by telephone will be limited to up to 3 minutes per item.

Address your comments to: Tony Kim, Principal Planner
Re: Promenade Fast Food Prohibition

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Tony Kim by e-mail at tony.kim@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. 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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Automatic Alarm 800blk Lincoln Blvd 3:44 a.m.
Ladder Request W/Ems Component 1200blk Lincoln Blvd 4:33 a.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Pl 5:08 a.m.
EMS 700blk 9th St 7:43 a.m.
EMS 800blk 10th St 7:44 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200blk 15th St 8:02 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 8:22 a.m.
EMS 1800blk 7th St 8:47 a.m.
Smoke Investigation 800blk Ocean Ave 9:16 a.m.
EMS 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 10:15 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 2nd St 10:25 a.m.
EMS 1000blk 19th St 11:22 a.m.
EMS 100blk Kinney St 11:47 a.m.
EMS 1100blk Euclid St 12:47 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Delaware Ave 1:08 p.m.
EMS 2700blk Barnard Way 1:10 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 6th St 2:05 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 600blk Pico Blvd 2:35 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Wilshire Blvd 3:02 p.m.
Lock In/Out 1100blk 9th St 4:19 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500blk Stanford St 4:56 p.m.
EMS 2600blk Main St 5:09 p.m.
EMS 3rd St / Marine St 6:04 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 12th St 6:06 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Main St 6:18 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 3rd St 6:18 p.m.
EMS 17th St / Ocean Park Blvd 6:40 p.m.
EMS 2000blk 11th St 6:46 p.m.
EMS 800blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:36 p.m.
EMS 800blk 7th St 8:57 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 9:00 p.m.
EMS 700blk Ocean Ave 10:21 p.m.
EMS 1600blk 5th St 11:47 p.m.

CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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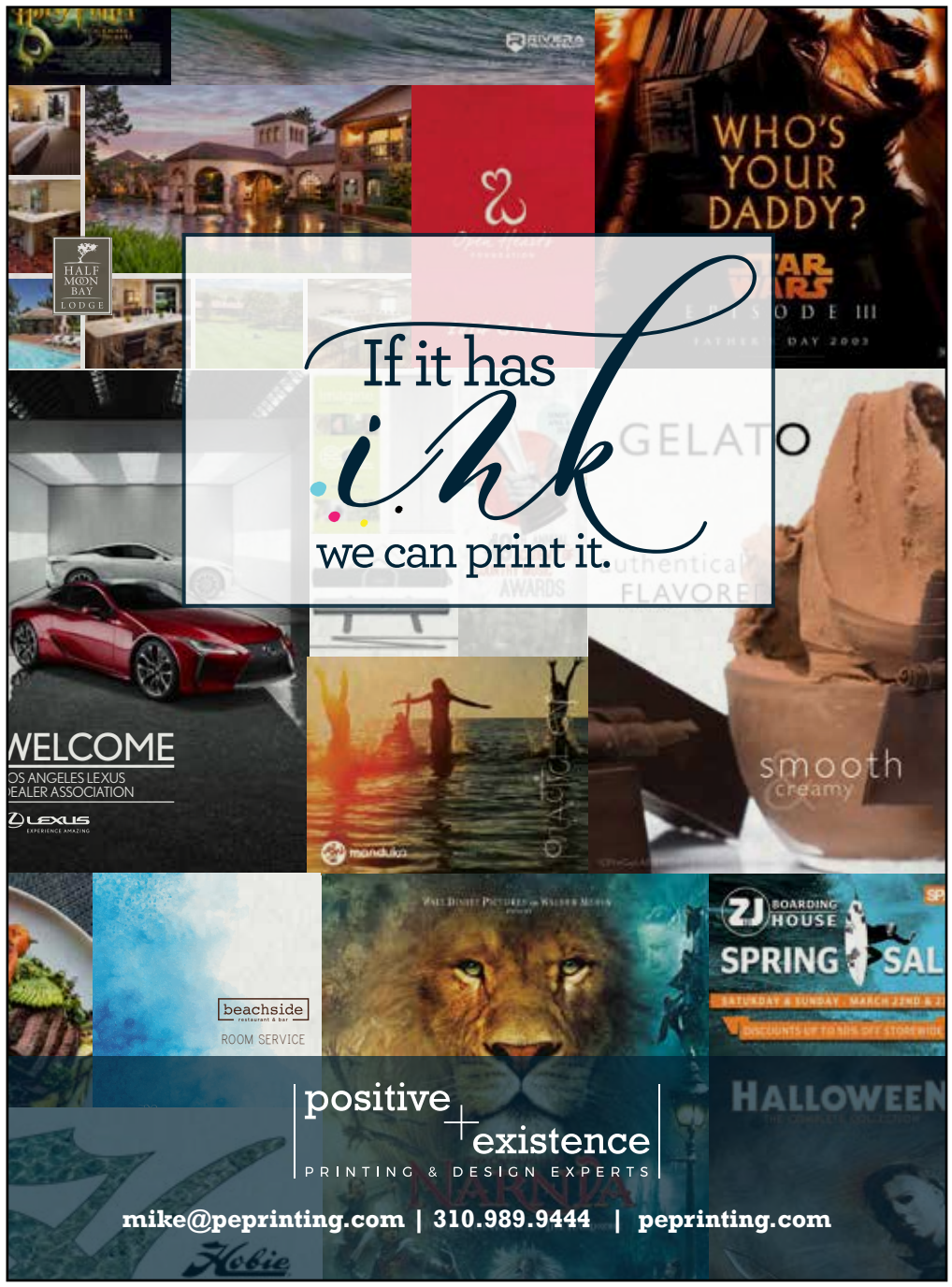
ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 AT APPROXIMATELY 2:12 A.M.
SMPD Officers were dispatched to the Bank of America on the 1300 block of 4th St. regarding a Strongarm Robbery just occurred. Once on scene, the officers spoke to the victim who relayed that he was walking down the street and stopped at a light where two males were standing at about a 6-foot distance from him. The two males approached the victim who displayed a "rock and roll" gesture with his hand. The males interpreted this as a possible gang sign and began to threaten the victim. The victim then ran toward the nearby Bank of America, as it was well lit and could potentially have cameras. The two males ran after him, physically assaulted him, and stole a bag he was carrying. Officers surveilled the area and arrested Jullian Christopher Cook and Harvey Michael Robertson for a 211 PC- Robbery and are being held on a $50,000 bail.

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Encampment 1800blk Ocean Front Walk 12:29 a.m.
Loud Music Ocean Ave / Bay St 12:39 a.m.
Grand Theft 700blk Wilshire Blvd 12:43 a.m.
Burglary 1300blk 2nd St 12:48 a.m.
Prowler Just Left 1900blk 22nd St 2:23 a.m.
Prowler 2000blk 17th St 3:27 a.m.
Loud Music 1000blk 6th St 3:31 a.m.
Petty Theft 1300blk 9th St 5:51 a.m.
Auto Burglary Just Occurred 3000blk 16th St 6:46 a.m.
Encampment 1800blk Ocean Front Walk 7:11 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1200blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:14 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 10th St / Pine St 7:19 a.m.
Encampment 1800blk Ocean Front Walk 8:00 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1800blk 9th St 8:05 a.m.
Petty Theft 1500blk The Beach 8:12 a.m.
Found Property 1600blk 5th St 8:12 a.m.
Burglary 900blk 15th St 8:19 a.m.
Arson 1400blk Yale St 8:32 a.m.
Burglary 300blk 19th St 8:57 a.m.
Encampment 2700blk Ocean Front Walk 9:07 a.m.
Encampment 1900blk The Beach 9:20 a.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:27 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1800blk Michigan Ave 9:43 a.m.
Petty Theft 2000blk The Beach 9:52 a.m.
Construction Noise 1500blk 11th St 9:56 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 9:57 a.m.
Attempt Armed Robbery Just Occurred Appian Way / Pico Blvd 10:05 a.m.
Construction Noise 100blk Georgina Ave 10:08 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 300blk Montana Ave 10:29 a.m.
Loud Music 2700blk Barnard Way 10:46 a.m.
Bike Theft 1100blk 9th St 10:54 a.m.
Found Person 300blk Santa Monica Pier 11:12 a.m.
Critical Missing Person 300blk Santa Monica Pier 11:17 a.m.
Stalking 300blk Olympic Dr 11:24 a.m.
Encampment 17th St / Colorado Ave 11:45 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2600blk Highland Ave 12:02 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2500blk Wilshire Blvd 12:09 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1300blk Franklin St 12:21 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 700blk California Ave 12:22 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1900blk 18th St 12:43 p.m.
Grand Theft Now 1000blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:44 p.m.
Missing Person 2100blk Neilson Way 1:16 p.m.
Fight 4th St / Interstate 10 1:18 p.m.
Petty Theft 200blk Wilshire Blvd 1:23 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 2700blk Main St 1:24 p.m.
Encampment 400blk California Ave 1:34 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Just Occurred 4th St / Broadway 2:02 p.m.
Speeding 6th St / Wilshire Blvd 2:24 p.m.
Fraud 2200blk Colorado Ave 2:31 p.m.
Found Property 1600blk Ocean Ave 2:58 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper 1500blk Ocean Ave 3:00 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 4th St / Broadway 3:03 p.m.
Fraud 2200blk Colorado Ave 3:57 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1100blk 4th St 4:02 p.m.
Missing Person 2100blk Neilson Way 4:06 p.m.
Rape 1100blk 9th St 4:07 p.m.
Loud Music 300blk Arizona Ave 4:22 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1300blk 2nd St 4:43 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:24 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 5:30 p.m.
Person With A Gun 11th St / Michigan Ave 5:32 p.m.
Domestic Violence Now 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:14 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 6:22 p.m.
Bike Theft 300blk Colorado Ave 6:26 p.m.
Missing Person 1700blk Ocean Ave 6:45 p.m.
Loud Music 2900blk Pico Blvd 8:06 p.m.
Speeding 24th St / Santa Monica Blvd 8:11 p.m.
Speeding 3rd St / Strand St 8:12 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 8:13 p.m.
Loud Music 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 8:31 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 8:58 p.m.
Person With A Gun 200blk Ocean Ave 9:04 p.m.
Loud Music 3300blk Barnard Way 9:16 p.m.
Loud Music 2000blk Ocean Ave 9:20 p.m.
Speeding 17th St / Pico Blvd 9:37 p.m.
Loud Music 1300blk 2nd St 9:44 p.m.
Fight 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 9:55 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 1300blk Euclid St 10:11 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 700blk Broadway 10:49 p.m.
Construction Noise 800blk Montana Ave 11:04 p.m.
Domestic Violence Now 600blk Ocean Ave 11:10 p.m.
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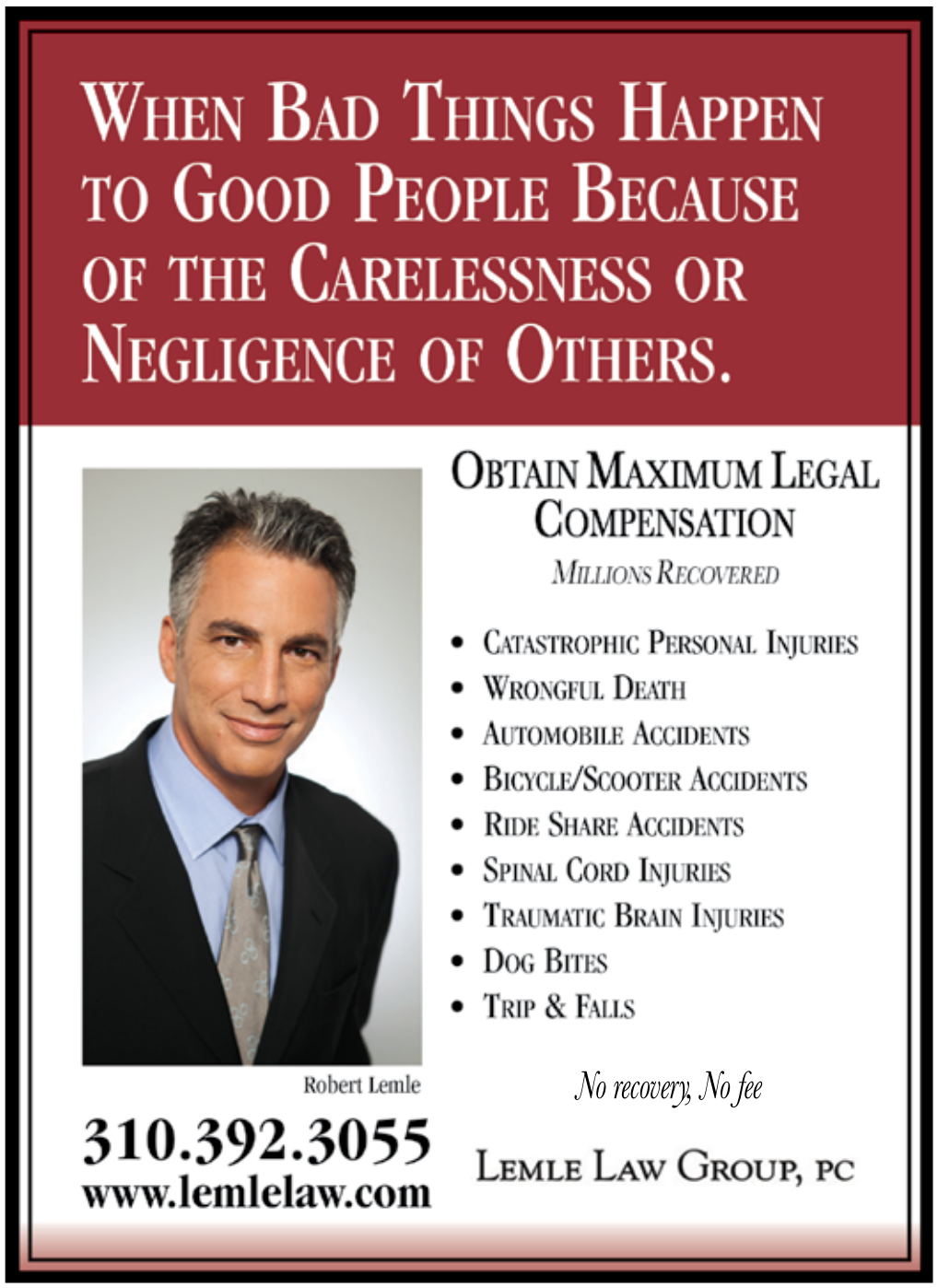




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2 California ballot measures would expand voting rights

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

Early voting in California began Monday and a pair of propositions on the Nov, 3 ballot would expand voting rights in California — restoring the vote for some felons and allowing 17-year-olds to vote in primaries if they turn 18 before the general election.

Currently, California felons who have completed their state or federal prison sentences are denied the right to vote until they finish their parole. Proposition 17 would amend the state constitution to give the vote to an estimated 50,000 people who supporters say have paid their debt to society and should be able to choose their representatives and shape the policies that affect their daily lives.

Among Prop 17's opponents is Republican state Sen. Jim Nielsen, who says restoring rights early to felons is a slap in the face to their victims, who should have the assurance that criminals are punished fully.

"The victims cannot so blithely put the crimes behind them," Nielsen said. "The rest of society deserves to know that the just consequences of the sentence has been duly served. And that does include serving a parole period."

John Windham, who's on parole after serving 30 years behind bars for second-degree murder, insists that parole should not be punitive.

"The punitive part of my sentence ended when I walked out of prison," Windham said. "Parole is to help me reintegrate into society."

Windham, 51, said he's committed to making amends for mistakes he made when he was 19. That includes becoming civically engaged within his community in Sacramento by voting on the issues that matter to him.

"I pay my taxes. If you're going to take my check, I'm going to need to represent myself. You're saying I'm at the table, but right now I don't have a voice," he said.

The advocacy group Yes On 17 says research has found that felons are less likely to re-engage in criminal activity if they "feel that they are valued members of their community, and that their voices matter and concerns are addressed."

In addition, advocates say there's a racial inequity to the issue of parole. They say three of four men leaving prison in California are Black, Latino or Asian American. As the U.S. grapples with its history of racial subordination, suppressing the votes of former inmates who are minorities is especially troubling, they say.

The civic engagement of young people is part of the reason supporters are urging the passage of Proposition 18, which would allow 17-year-olds to vote in primaries and special elections provided they turn 18 by the November general elections. At least 18 states and Washington D.C. have adopted laws that let people younger than 18 vote in certain circumstances.

Advocates say any chance to get people in the habit of voting should be encouraged. Besides, they say, young people whose birthdays fall between the primary and the general election are at an unfair disadvantage.

"Without full exposure to the election process they are unable to submit their most educated vote in the general election," said the California Association of Student Councils.

The Election Integrity Project California, the main opponent to Prop 18, says that 17-year-olds are still considered children under the law and have no business deciding elections.

"They are almost all still living at home and under the strong influence of their parents. This is not conducive to independent thought and voting without undue pressure from their immediate superiors," the group said.

And since most 17-year-olds are still in high school, they'd also be under the influence of their instructors, many of whom would push the agendas of powerful teachers unions, opponents say.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Downbeat 720 Launches Virtually, Providing Supportive Connections for Teens through the Arts

Downbeat 720, the City's long-running open-mic for high school performers, returns for its nineteenth year in a new all virtual format beginning Tuesday, October 13. Students are invited to perform their music, poetry, comedy or art for participating students and professional artist mentors. Performers will receive positive constructive feedback to help strengthen their performances.

Due to the current health crisis, and current restrictions on gathering to reduce the spread of COVID-19, it's a time of isolation for everyone, including young adults. Downbeat 720 offers them a safe and supportive space for creative self-expression. All Santa Monica high school students are invited to join this supportive community of aspiring artists!

Downbeat 720 will run every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, from October 2020 to June 2021. Participants can join at 7 p.m. for a virtual meet-and-greet, with the official program running from 7:20 to 9 p.m. The first session will be Tuesday, October 13, 2020. Participants must register in advance.

For more information and to register, visit santamonica.gov/arts/downbeat720.

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Citywide

Clean Power Alliance Doubles COVID-19 Customer Relief Commitment

As COVID-19 related financial hardship continues across Southern California, Clean Power Alliance (CPA) will extend its COVID-19 Relief Program. On October 1, CPA's Board of Directors doubled the previously approved $1 million program to $2 million of bill credits for struggling residential and small business customers.

"Clean Power Alliance stands with our communities in these challenging times," said Diana Mahmud, Board Chair, Clean Power Alliance. "Our board is committed to boosting funding for financial assistance programs and extending our electricity bill relief to families and small businesses in need."

The program has been very popular to date. As of September 11, 2020, CPA authorized bill credits of $1,326,025 to 51,556 residential and small business customers, representing more than 5% of CPA's total customer base. CPA has mounted an aggressive multilingual marketing campaign since April across its 32 communities, including social media, bus ads, and radio and digital ads in local and ethnic media.

CPA's bill assistance program provides direct bill credits to customers in need while also providing them with an incentive to take advantage of other available financial assistance programs. These include the state CARE, FERA and Medical Baseline programs administered through Southern California Edison (SCE) and bill payment plans that help customers manage their utility bills during times of financial stress.

CPA's relief program provides a one-time $25 bill credit to residential customers who sign up for CARE, FERA, or Medical Baseline assistance on or after March 16. For customers already enrolled in these programs, Clean Power Alliance will also give them a one-time $25 bill credit if those customers sign up for an SCE bill payment plan on or after March 16.

Small business customers who are facing cash flow issues due to COVID-19 can also get up to a one-year partial extension on their electricity payments. Clean Power Alliance will give a one-time $50 bill credit to small business customers who sign up for a payment plan through SCE on or after March 16.

"As a locally-controlled non-profit energy provider with a diverse customer base, we are dedicated to helping our most vulnerable customers," said Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, Clean Power Alliance. "We are pleased to be able to do this immediately through bill credits and over the long term by continuing to combat the unequal impacts of climate change."

Clean Power Alliance will issue COVID-19 relief bill credits on a first-come, first-served basis until the funds are exhausted. Customers interested in signing up for a financial assistance program and/or payment plan should call SCE Customer Service at 800-655-4555. More information is available on Clean Power Alliance's website: cleanpoweralliance.org/covid19 (English), cleanpoweralliance.org/es/covid19 (Spanish), and cleanpoweralliance.org/zh/covid19 (Chinese).

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Downtown

Fifth Vote By Mail box installed in Santa Monica

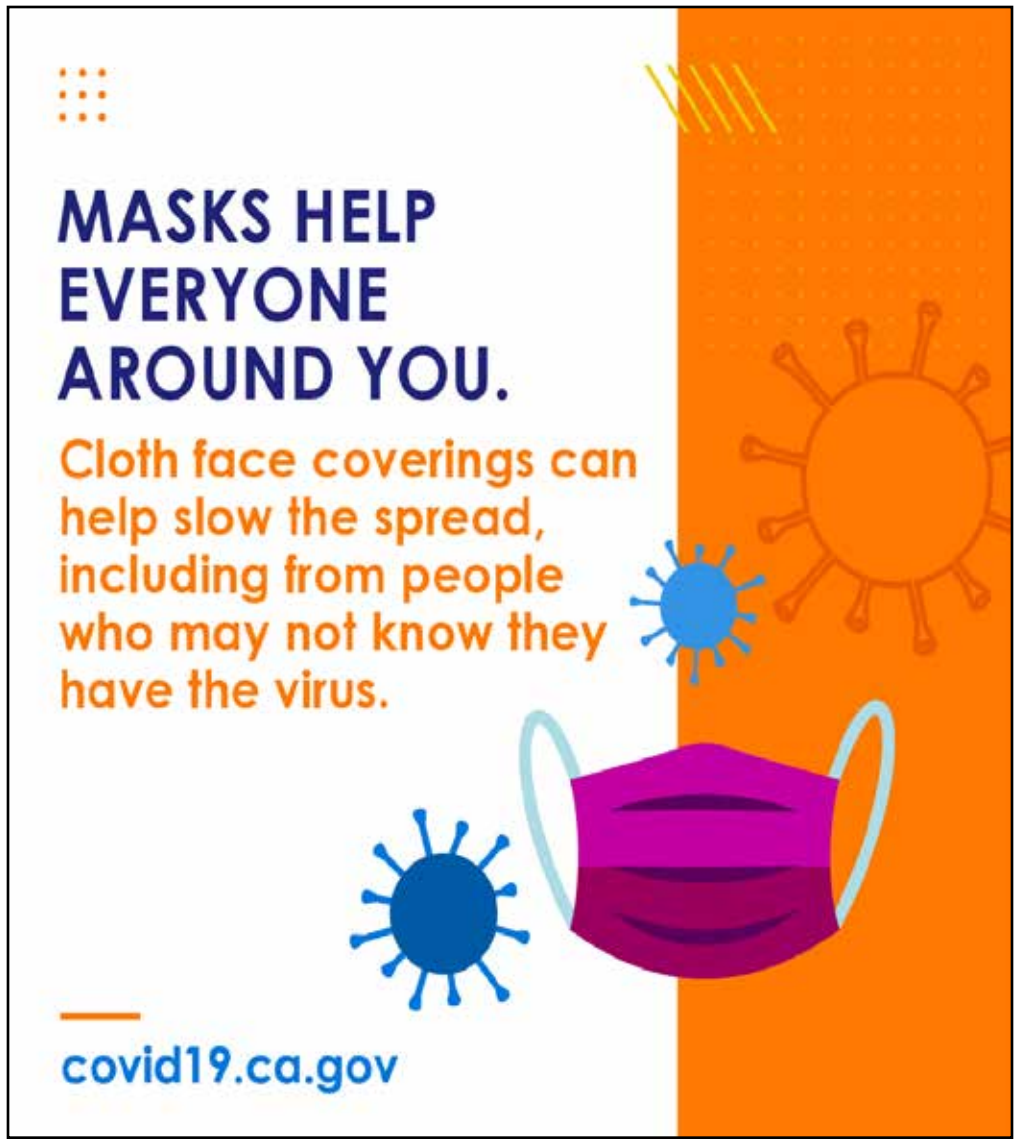
The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk has added a fifth mail drop box for returning ballots. Residents who want to drop their ballots off before November can do so at:

Montana Ave Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue.
Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard.
Expo/Downtown Santa Monica E Line Station, 402 Colorado Avenue.
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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Governor Expands The Meaning Of Domestic Violence

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and I traditionally do a series of columns on this very important but often misunderstood part of the law and society.

Six years ago I wrote about the murder of Bell Gardens Mayor Daniel Crespo by his wife, she did less than 42 days in jail for his murder. This year I could write about former Dodgers pitcher Charles Haeger who killed his girlfriend by gunshot in Arizona last week and then committed suicide. The death of Travis Alexander still reverberates in my soul, his killer is in a prison in upstate New York serving her life sentence. I've visited his grave in Riverside and occasionally there are still new flowers there – I assume from his family.

When it comes to high profile domestic violence cases there's a lot of content, from Johnny Depp being accused of it by his then wife Amber Heard and his then suing her for libel and slander and mutilation – he lost part of a finger due to her actions allegedly. And of course there is the most high profile of cases – the O.J. Simpson and Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman murder trial that I describe as a turning point in our societal awareness of domestic violence and our response to it.

Prior to the "Trial of the Century" domestic violence, or Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) as it is now referred to, was a 'family matter' and the courts and the police ran from taking any responsibility in these cases. But the graphic murder, the 24 hour a day coverage of the trial on the cable channels and the celebrity killer element all came together to raise an awareness and change a consciousness of what had been happening, and continues to happen, in homes across the globe.

At the time of the Brown/Gold murders, IPV was ignored, minimized and swept under the carpets, as it had been for millennia. In my own home, as a child, my parents were incomprehensibly violent with each other. Yes my father was an angry drunk, but my mother had her moments as well.

The professionals in the IPV world say you can't make someone mad enough to hit you – I call BS on that. I saw it in both of them. I was taught to knife fight by my mom when I was young lad of 6 or 7. To this day I have a crystal clear memory of her showing me that when you knife fight, you keep the knife blade side up, so if they go to knock it out of your hands they cut themselves.

Yes, I was steeped in a violent, abusive home. But not all abuse is violence. Some of it, most of it probably, is verbal, sexual, financial, ego destroying and controlling. The cycle of abuse is very dependent on the power dynamic, one person is exerting power and control over another, usually psychological, to the point that it becomes physical after the frustration builds and boils over, then there is a remorse and reconciliation phase and it starts all over again.

In an effort to put a breaker in the cycle the legislature has just updated the definition of domestic abuse to include coercive control language. The idea of coercive control is that one party is dominating the other in ways that are not obviously abusive – there are no bruises from keeping you from your family and friends. There is no third party to be a mandated reporter if your movements are tracked by your phone or email or texts. If you have to constantly report your whereabouts and get approval to meet with certain friends – that presents as someone is just concerned about you – that's love isn't it? No, not it's not.

So the legislature added new language, and the Governor just signed it at the end of September and this expansion is important for everyone to know about so that they can stop it, if it's happening to them, or spot it, if it's happening to a friend. In my family law practice I see a particular form of this often.

The isolation of the man from his friends when he gets into a relationship is a form of coercive control that happens when he abdicates his responsibility for planning events and keeping his social network vibrant. It's usually couched in terms of "happy wife, happy life" – that is an unhealthy reaction to the control being exerted.

Everyone needs to have their own circle of friends and a healthy marriage is dependent on each person being healthy. The converse I see is when the overly protective husband makes his wife account for all her movements from work to home, and calls in every hour to make sure she's still at work. Yes, I've had that case, and at first she thought it was because he loved her and was worried, it was only years later when she was an emotional wreck that it was no longer seen as 'nice that he cares so much.'

I am hopeful that this new language will help defuse those relationships like the Crespo's, Alexander's, and Simpson's – the quicker people realize what coercive control is, the quicker they can set boundaries and see that they need to leave an unhealthy relationship.

Here are the examples used in the definition: "Examples of coercive control include, but are not limited to, unreasonably engaging in any of the following: (1) Isolating the other party from friends, relatives, or other sources of support. (2) Depriving the other party of basic necessities. (3) Controlling, regulating, or monitoring the other party's movements, communications, daily behavior, finances, economic resources, or access to services. (4) Compelling the other party by force, threat of force, or intimidation, including threats based on actual or suspected immigration status, to engage in conduct from which the other party has a right to abstain or to abstain from conduct in which the other party has a right to engage."

Too often IPV results in death of at least one, if not both parties in an unhealthy relationship. We as a society are making progress on increasing awareness, and preventing the lifetime impact that IPV has on children. Thank you to our legislature and our Governor for pushing forward.

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It's in the mail: California sending ballots to all voters

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Associated Press

The Nov. 3 election will test Californians' commitment to voting by mail as the nation's most populous state offers far fewer in-person polling places, hoping that during a pandemic voters will choose to cast ballots from the safety of their mailboxes.

If it doesn't work, the state could see long lines and frustrated voters on Election Day compounded by coronavirus protocols that will make voting in-person slower in a year expected to draw a big turnout.

Californians have been voting by mail for years, each election showing a steady increase of participation. In March, more than 72% of votes cast in the state's primary came through the U.S. Postal Service.

But voting by mail has not been embraced everywhere, most notably in Los Angeles, where more than 5.6 million people are registered to vote. And this year public confidence in voting by mail has been shaken, with Republican President Donald Trump publicly criticizing the process while some Democratic leaders have worried financial troubles at the U.S. Postal Service could delay delivery of ballots and disenfranchise voters.

Still, California has gone all-in on voting by mail in 2020. For the first time, county election offices are sending a ballot to every active registered voter. Plus, the state Legislature changed the law to say that, as long as ballots are postmarked by Nov. 3, they can arrive at county election offices up to 17 days after the election and still be counted.

"Nov. 3 is technically Election Day, but we have to start thinking about this as simply the last day to vote," Secretary of State Alex Padilla said. "We need to vote early."

But will it be enough to convince more people to vote by mail?

California has more than 21 million people registered to vote, the most ever. Polls show voters from both major parties are energized about the election, featuring the pivotal presidential contest and, in California, a dozen statewide ballot initiatives on hot-button issues including affirmative action, property taxes, workers' rights, rent control and harsher penalties for criminals.

"This is the most enthusiastic electorate we've ever seen," said Paul Mitchell, vice president of Political Data Inc., a bipartisan voter data company based in California.

All of that points to more people voting in this election. But the pandemic means many traditional polling places — community centers, retirement homes, and in some cases people's garages — won't be available this year.

To accommodate large crowds of voters and follow public health guidelines on physical distancing voters in big cities will be able to cast ballots at sports arenas, including Dodger and SoFi stadiums in Los Angeles, the Oakland Coliseum, Levi's Stadium in San Jose and the Golden One Center in Sacramento.

Early voting started Monday and in the runup many smaller counties struggled to find suitable sites. Santa Barbara County has had as many as 86 in-person polling places. This year, it will have 35. And for the first time taxpayers are having to pay to rent some facilities — up to $6,000 to convert hotel ballrooms into voting centers.

"We're going to have to, obviously, wipe down everything after they vote," Santa Barbara Registrar of Voters Joe Holland said. "If they don't want to wear a mask, we'll allow them to vote outside and we'll assist them with that."

James Gallagher, a Republican state assemblyman from Yuba City, said he expects Republicans to continue voting by mail as they have for years. But he's worried a new state law that lets counties merge polling precincts will create confusion and could contribute to longer lines on Election Day for the people who vote in person.

"It really drastically changes the process for people," he said.

State Sen. Tom Umberg, a Democrat and chairman of the Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee, said he thinks the changes won't cause a problem.

"I personally think that most people recognize that this is a different election year," said Umberg, whose district straddles LA and Orange counties.

Padilla, the state's top election official, said what concerns him are the "baseless attacks on vote by mail." Last month, officials in Sonoma County said a photo circulating on social media showing empty vote-by-mail envelopes in a recycling bin was being used as "evidence of ballots for the Nov. 3 election 'being dumped' in California."

"This is not true. Those ballots haven't even been mailed out yet," the county posted on its official Facebook page, saying the photo actually showed ballot envelopes from 2018 that were properly disposed of after the election. "Please help us spread the word."

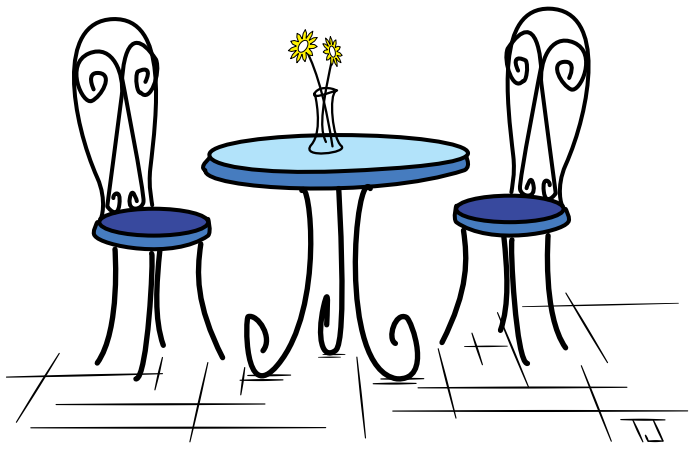
California is letting voters track their ballots this year. People who sign up can get a text message, email or phone call when the county receives their ballot and counts it.

"They should have confidence in our free and fair elections," Padilla said.

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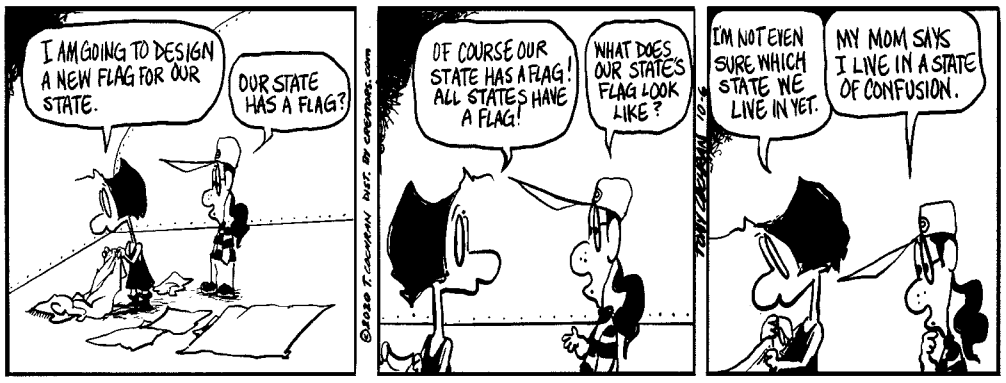
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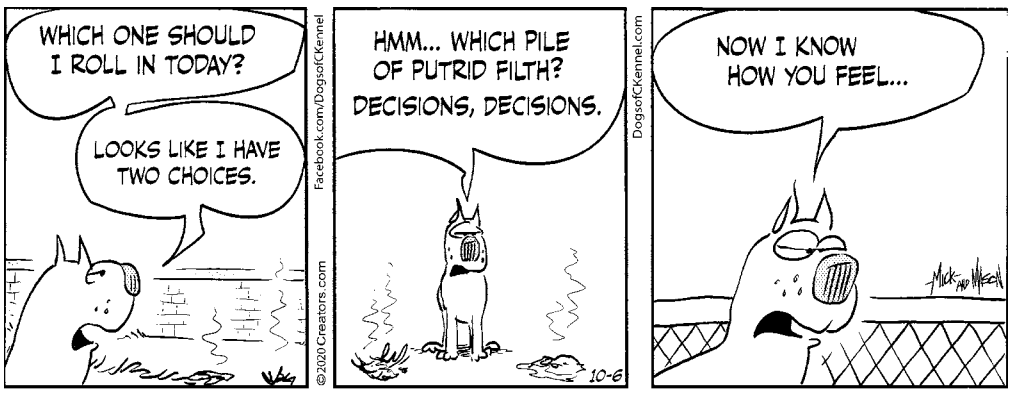
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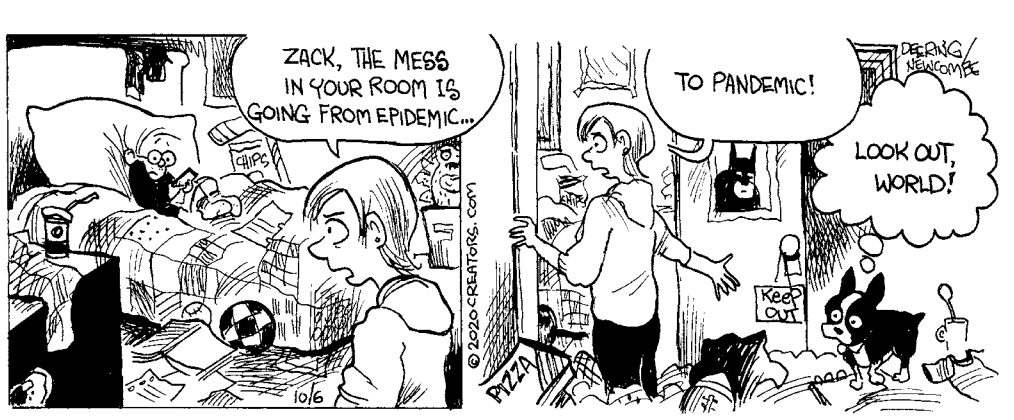
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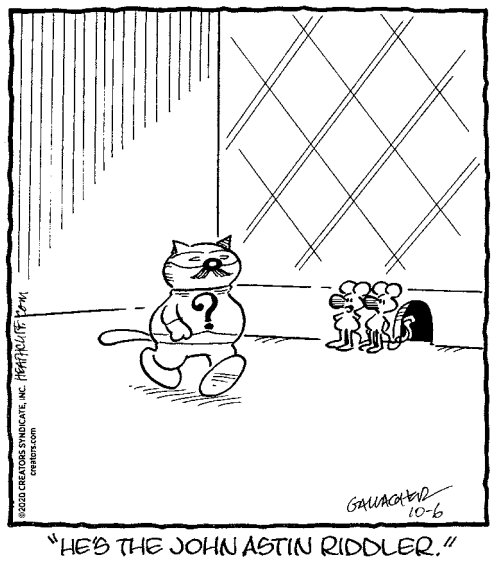
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Strange Brew

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 69.3°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
SSW/SW swell from Marie should fade. Smaller leftovers from the WNW. Still some fun peaks around. Clean in the AM with onshores and bump at exposed breaks in the PM.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Smaller, leftover swell mix. Mid-period WNW energy fades. Tropical swell drops out. Clean in AM and should still be rideable/decent. Some onshore wind bump PM.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 75.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.
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Wednesday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 72.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 60.
Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 68.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2020/10/06	Tue	11:43 AM	5.09	H
2020/10/06	Tue	7:02 PM	1.02	L
2020/10/07	Wed	01:35 AM	3.21	H
2020/10/07	Wed	05:34 AM	2.72	L
2020/10/07	Wed	12:17 PM	4.90	H
2020/10/07	Wed	8:09 PM	1.16	L
2020/10/08	Thu	1:07 PM	4.69	H
2020/10/08	Thu	9:46 PM	1.14	L
2020/10/09	Fri	2:33 PM	4.53	H
2020/10/09	Fri	11:12 PM	0.86	L
2020/10/10	Sat	07:10 AM	3.69	H
2020/10/10	Sat	10:38 AM	3.44	L
2020/10/10	Sat	4:18 PM	4.62	H
2020/10/11	Sun	12:07 AM	0.49	L
2020/10/11	Sun	07:18 AM	4.01	H
2020/10/11	Sun	11:56 AM	2.98	L
2020/10/11	Sun	5:35 PM	4.95	H

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Mega#: 25
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Mega#: 11
Jackpot:15 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/04
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Daily 3
Draw Date: 10/04
Evening: 7 0 0
Draw Date: 10/04
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2nd: 10 - SOLID GOLD
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (OCTOBER 06)

You'll stumble onto happiness by simply going where you're needed and believing, when you get there, that you have and are more than enough to make things better. Honest people are drawn to you. Relationships thrive under your watch. A fortuitous exchange in December begins a new trajectory. Pisces and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 4, 44, 41 and 16.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Unfortunately, sometimes groups bring out the worst in people. They can gang up against those they perceive as weaker. There's someone that the others are discounting. You'll listen carefully to what this person has to say.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Beware of those who speak like they have the key to all knowledge. Most likely, they are clueless, as there is no such key. Those who know a lot are usually humbled by what they've learned.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Those who advertise transformation will steal a little of your love of who you are now and sell it back to you in the form of a promise. But maybe you don't need to change. If you believed that, then you'd be richer.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you like someone a lot, you want to know that they like you, too. So, you test the waters. You push buttons. You watch their reaction and determine whether you're deep enough under their skin to have an effect.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Solitude recharges you. It may feel like you're hiding out because if others knew you were alone, they'd have other ideas for your time. But the fact is that you shouldn't need to make up an excuse to get the solo time you need.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). While sharing similarities with someone makes a relationship more convenient, the ways in which you are different make the relationship strong.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's an urge to lavish attention on someone, though it's an approach that could backfire. Stay observant. Look for the sweet spot between what you want to give and what the other person wants to receive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your win of the day will come with a prize -- independence. You'll be accountable when you need to be, but you'll also revel in the freedom to come and go as you please.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's time to air a problem you've been thinking about for a while now. You can't get support for something no one knows about. But once it's out, wisdom and help will come from many directions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Whatever you do, you'll do it with more gusto today because you're coming at life with a new sense of purpose. Your enthusiasm is catching, and it's so attractive that you'll gain fans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You already have all the raw materials, and you know how to put it together. Now all you need is for someone to say, "Go." Don't wait for that. You can say "go" with the best of 'em.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's no such thing as a perfect course of action. Making your mark on the world isn't about doing all of the right things. It's the overall impact of your presence that will matter.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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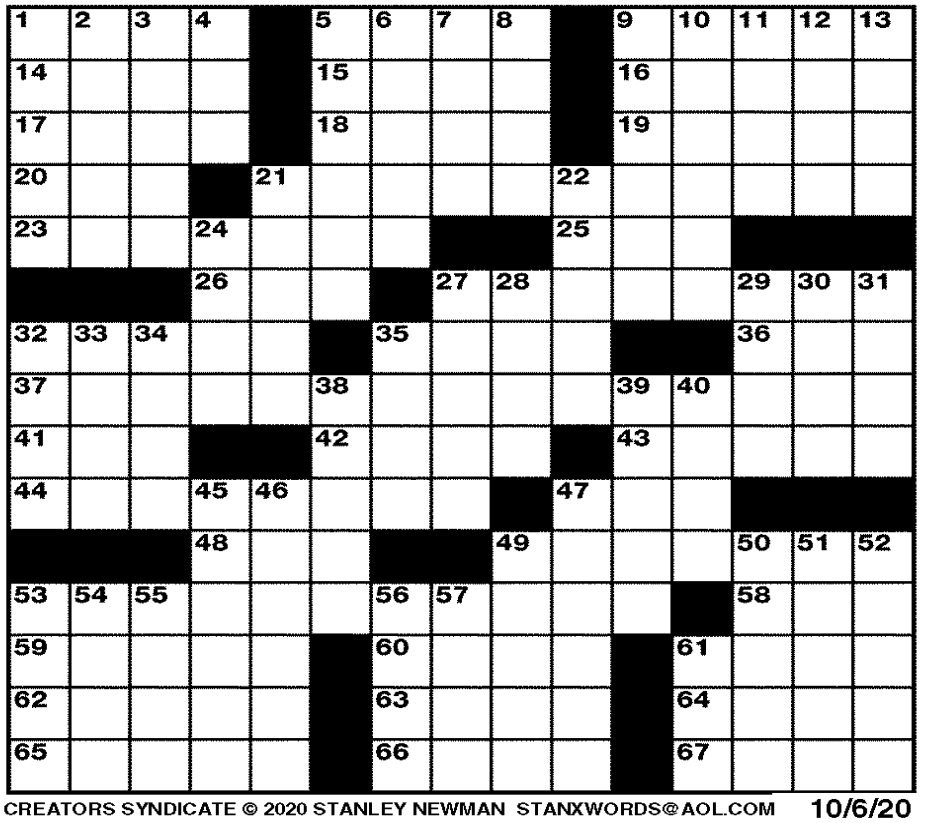
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Newsday Crossword

IN MOTION by Billie Truitt
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ACROSS
1 Thick hunk of bacon
5 Rower's implements
9 Fragment of paper
14 Give as an example
15 Applaud
16 Caribbean resort island
17 Poker pot starter
18 Dog in Oz
19 Became hard to see
20 Hawaiian necklace
21 Landbound "Bon voyage"
23 Cast a spell on
25 Historical period
26 Sailor's assent
27 Person from a French Pacific island
32 Back of a ship
35 Glass in a window
36 Lowest denomination paper currency
37 First batters' big hits
41 Batteries for TV remotes
42 Clickable image
43 Ten Commandments recipient
44 False appearance
47 Small taste of soup, say
48 Letter before zee
49 Try
53 Job changes
58 "Pale" pub serving
59 Jack-__-trades
60 At any time
61 Not quite closed
62 Place a meal on the table
63 Insignificant
64 Rollaway beds
65 Twitter message
66 Not fooled by
67 Spot for a bird's nest

DOWN
1 Machine for weighing
2 Fancy napkin fabric
3 House's high storage area
4 Spelling contest
5 Gas pump number
6 High in the air
7 Evaluate
8 Small stain
9 African wildlife tour
10 Fancy necktie
11 Impolite
12 Eve's second son
13 Small notebooks
21 Refuse a request
22 Shorten again, as a skirt
24 Challenging to figure out
27 California/ Nevada lake
28 Author unknown: Abbr.
29 Promissory notes
30 Actress Hathaway or diarist Frank
31 Loch __ monster
32 Open-handed hit
33 Rip apart
34 Make simpler
35 One-stripe soldiers: Abbr.
38 More elegant
39 Gives off
40 Lariat
45 Midnight or noon
46 Hole for a shoelace
47 Two-speaker audio system
49 Ward off
50 Collegian's principal study
51 Dish that holds a dinner
52 Brief in one's words
53 Price paid
54 Not very many
55 Very seldom seen
56 Note from the boss
57 Bakery appliance
61 Perform a stage role



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Binary Puzzle

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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Off for a jog

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Abdomen	Easy	Lean	Size
Ache	Fast	Legs	Slog
Agile	Fibre	Limits	Spotting
Apparatus	Floor	Mind	Squat
Arms	Focus	Obese	Steep
Back	Fruit	Pain	Time
Ball	Goals	Pelvis	Triceps
Burpee	Hard	Plateau	Weights
Centre	Hats	Push	Winner
City	Help	Relax	Yoga
Company	Hills	Rural	
Cool	Hips	Scales	
Core	Keen	Shorts	

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entirely on volunteers and donated medicine.

"The clinic started in response to healthcare and racial injustice. In Venice there was a very poor population back in the late sixties, and there was one doctor who saw Medicaid patients once a week. If you got sick on that day that was great and if you didn't, you tried to get care at an emergency room," said Davidson, Co-founder of Venice Family Clinic. "When we opened in the evening of Oct. 12, there were long lines stretching around the corner."

While demand never faltered, the clinic's funding did several times over its first eight years of operation. According to Davidson, the clinic first gained its financial footing through its Art Walk fundraiser in 1978, which has continued every year since including through a virtual event this year.

Year after year the clinic has continued to expand to provide robust and holistic healthcare services to the neediest populations. Today the clinic offers primary care, dental, vision, behavioral health, substance abuse treatment, health education, street medicine for those experiencing homelessness, HIV prevention and treatment, free food, and several more services.

"We are unique in the way we have integrated all of our care. Frequently one person will pass a patient off to another person in the course of their visit here based on the needs of that patient. It could be that our provider calls in the health educator to spend more time around diabetes care or that the provider recognizes depression and links the person up with a social worker who they will continue to see on a regular basis," said Forer.

Seventy-five percent of the clinic's patients are below the federal poverty line, 36 percent speak Spanish as their primary language, and 16 percent are homeless. Over half of the Board members are patients and their input plays a primary role in determine how the clinic expands to meet the needs of the community.

"The medical care we provide there is really outstanding. The providers who work there are really dedicated to these patients and really go out of their way to engage them. To provide such good and engaging and loving care to a patient population that is so much in need of it, that's the tremendous feedback of doing all this," said Davidson.

The public is invited to register for the Kickoff Party and Week of Action as well as learn more about the Clinic's 50th Anniversary by visiting VeniceFamilyClinic.org/50years. School supplies and hygiene kits can be delivered to Venice Family Clinic's Santa Monica site, Simms/Mann Health & Wellness Center, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 15. It is located at 2509 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405.

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"It sent an unmistakable message with a clear and enforceable law," McKeown said in an email, which detailed how one company immediately began advertising the last chance to secure a short-term furnished lease.

During the second reading of the ordinance, councilmember Ted Winterer directed staff to look at the "potential pitfalls of this ordinance" after homeowners reached out to him with a few concerns.

Residents have only continued to voice a need for changes to the rules in the weeks since though as some locals have headed online to share they will no longer be able to support themselves without the added income. Others reached out to share they weren't aware of the changes until they read about it in the Daily Press.

Winterer said in an interview Tuesday, "I heard a couple of weeks ago from a professor who lives in town, and he said plans to take a sabbatical next summer. He planned to rent his home while he was away so he was unhappy that he would be precluded from doing that."

That's just one example, Winterer added as he detailed the story of a senior, who has rented out a furnished guesthouse for years.

"A tenant, in the middle of the night, moved out with all of the furniture so they spent a lot of money to replace the furniture but now they're precluded from renting out a furnished guesthouse," he said. "They're greatly distressed and wondering if they'll be able to hang onto their property without that income."

McKeown noted council specifically directed staff to return with amendments that would allow homeowners to rent during sabbaticals and other situations.

But the trick is to draw clear lines on uses, "such that the ordinance remains enforceable," McKeown said before adding, "The amendments will be heard next Tuesday, October 13th."

A staff report detailing the proposed amendments is expected to be available on Wednesday, but Winterer already has a few discussion points in mind after spending the last few weeks talking with residents.

"I think what we have to do — if we do make changes — is clearly balance the intent of the ordinance, which is to stamp out the abuse of single-family housing and short-term rentals," Winterer said. "That's very important. But we also have to balance that against the fact that we are deep in the recession and there may be seniors who are depending on some of the rentals to stay afloat. So, we have to figure out the appropriate response."

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were totaled.

As a result, the report states, "The net increase to the Agency's reserves at the end of the fiscal year is $157,424, bringing the total fund balance to approximately $1.7 million."

The Board will consider a resolution that would permit hearings by written declaration during the COVID-19 public health emergency in limited situations in which a party cannot meaningfully participate in the hearing by electronic means.

While most meetings have moved from in person to online, the staff report said some people lack the ability to participate in digital meetings and authorization to accept written arguments is necessary.

The Board will also consider amendments to several regulations to bring those regulations into conformity with recent changes to the state law Ellis Act, made by the 2019 Assembly Bill (AB) 1399, which became effective on January 1, 2020.

The Board is also expected to bid farewell to retiring General Counsel Stephen Lewis.

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