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OUTRAGE OVER ILLEGAL TREE TRIMMING UNLIKELY TO YIELD PROSECUTION

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TREES: Without evidence, officials say it will be hard to enforce municipal codes against prohibit illegal work on the damaged trees.

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The residents suspected of organizing unauthorized and damaging work to nine city ficus trees on Georgina Avenue earlier this month are unlikely to face consequences. A spokesperson for the City of Santa Monica said that with lack of evidence there is little they can do to enforce the municipal code which states that "no person shall cut, trim, prune" a tree on public land without a city permit.

Residents of three houses on Georgina Avenue are believed by city officials to have hired a private contractor to cut the tops off of the trees to prevent them from dropping small fruits, which they produce several times a year. Urban Forest Supervisor Peter Provenzale said he received multiple complaints from these residents about the trees in the weeks prior to the incident. However, beyond this, the city has no evidence to prove that they actually did it, making it difficult for any form of action to be taken, despite public concern.

"I think it's just an appallingly egregious kind of disregard for civic order," said Douglas Spencer, a Santa Monica resident who lives several blocks away from where the incident occurred.

Even if the city were able to confirm its suspicion, Provenzale said the fine the residents could face would be no more than $1,000 per tree, which, especially in a neighborhood where the average home value is north of $4 million, he said doesn't amount to much more than a minor inconvenience.

Danilo Bach, vice chair of the North of Montana Association (NOMA), the neighborhood where the incident occurred, said he is disheartened by the lack of accountability.

"I'm disappointed in the fact that it's just sort of a hand slap to the people responsible for this," he said. "[Especially] because it's not as though this has taken place in a city that has not been conscious of

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Quake study is a reminder to be prepared

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This year's upcoming Great Shakeout earthquake preparedness drills in Santa Monica will be informed by the fact that the Palos Verdes fault off the city's coast is capable of producing up to a 7.8 magnitude quake, significantly larger than previously thought.

Santa Monica Emergency Services Administrator Steven Torres says that while the city continuously evaluates and incorporates new information into emergency response plans and practices, like the Shakeout, the

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New state laws will make waves in Santa Monica

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The dust settled on this year's legislative session last Friday, when the deadline passed for California Gov. Gavin Newsom to sign or veto what was left of a tall stack of bills placed on his desk in 2022.

Newsom had through September to make final judgments on a wide range of measures approved by the Assembly and state Senate this

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Amid end to COVID help, homelessness surging in many cities

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In California's capital, massive tent encampments have risen along the American River and highway overpasses have become havens for homeless people, whose numbers have jumped a staggering nearly 70% over two years.

Among the 9,300 without a home is Eric Santos, who lost his job at a brewery and was evicted from his apartment in July. Now he carries a list of places where free meals are available and a bucket to mix soap and water to wash his hands, and to sit on.

"The bucket is part of my life now," the 42-year-old said, calling it his version of Wilson, the volleyball that becomes Tom Hanks' companion in the film "Castaway."

Cities big and small around the country are facing a similar experience to Sacramento.

Fueled by a long-running housing shortage, rising rent prices and the economic hangover from the pandemic, the overall number of homeless in a federal government report to be released in coming months is expected to be higher than the 580,000 unhoused before the coronavirus outbreak, the National Alliance to End Homelessness said.

The Associated Press tallied results from city-by-city Point in Time surveys conducted earlier this year and found the number of people without homes is up overall compared with 2020 in areas reporting results so far.

Some of the biggest increases are in West Coast cities such as Sacramento and Portland, Oregon, where growing homelessness has become a humanitarian crisis and political football. Numbers are also up in South Dakota, Prince George's County, Maryland, and Asheville, North Carolina.

Research has shown places seeing spikes in homelessness often lack affordable housing. Making matters worse, pandemic government relief programs — including anti-eviction measures, emergency rental assistance and a child tax credit that kept people housed who may have been on the streets otherwise — are ending.

In Sacramento, where rents are soaring and officials disagree on how best to deal with the problem, homelessness has jumped 68% from 2020 to 2022 — the most among larger cities reporting results so far.

The surge has been driven in part by the city's legacy of being more affordable than other California cities, which has attracted new residents, overwhelming the housing market.

A Zillow analysis found the average rent in July was $2,300 — a 28% increase since July 2019, before the pandemic began. Sacramento County's median income was about $70,000 in 2020, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg has made reducing homelessness a priority since he took office in 2017. But so far, it hasn't been enough.

"People are becoming homeless much faster than we are getting them off the street," Steinberg told the AP.

Steinberg has advocated for adopting a legal right to shelter and a legal obligation for people to accept it when offered. The approach has drawn some criticism from advocates who say it's just a means of taking the problem out of the public eye, without providing meaningful help for those who need it.



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VENICE: The Westside is no stranger to homeless encampments.

County officials voted in August to ban camping along Sacramento's American River Parkway, with a misdemeanor charge for people who don't comply. City voters will decide in November on a ballot measure requiring the city to open hundreds more shelter beds. But it would only take effect if the county agrees to pony up money for mental health and substance abuse treatment.

Still, the rise in homelessness is not uniform across the country.

In Boston, the number of people sleeping on the streets and in shelters has dropped 25% over two years as advocates focused on finding permanent housing for those on the streets the longest.

In some cities, "housing first" policies intended to move the homeless into permanent homes have paid off. And while the pandemic brought economic chaos, an eviction moratorium, boosted unemployment payments and family tax credits prevented

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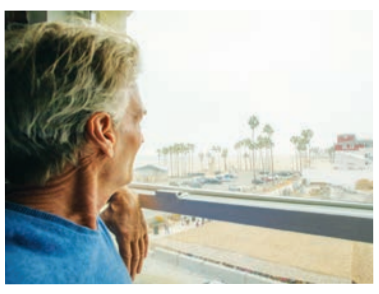
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DAILY POLICE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 279 CALLS ON OCTOBER 5

Loud Music 2700Blk Main St 12:28 a.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 900Blk California Ave 12:36 a.m.
Battery Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 12:46 a.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals 4th St / Colorado Ave 3:28 a.m.
Attempt Burglary 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 4:51 a.m.
Silent Burglar Alarm 200Blk Santa Monica Pier 5:34 a.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 500Blk Pacific St 6:01 a.m.
Person With A Gun 1500Blk 2nd St 7:23 a.m.
Encampment 500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:50 a.m.
Burglary 2400Blk The Beach 8:31 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2300Blk 2nd St 8:41 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 3300Blk Barnard Way 8:43 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 1200Blk Harvard St 8:50 a.m.
Grand Theft 800Blk Pacific St 8:51 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300Blk Olympic Dr 9:03 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2800Blk The Beach 9:05 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1600Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:06 a.m.
Death Notification 2500Blk 4th St 9:12 a.m.
Burglary 100Blk Hart Ave 9:27 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2300Blk 28th St 9:31 a.m.
Encampment Ocean Ave / Olympic Dr 9:33 a.m.
Encampment 1700Blk The Beach 9:36 a.m.
Fight 2000Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:42 a.m.
Speeding 6th St / Santa Monica Blvd 9:47 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1100Blk Harvard St 9:56 a.m.
Fraud 2200Blk 29th St 10:00 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1400Blk Olympic Blvd 10:05 a.m.
Encampment 2800Blk 21st St 10:16 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1200Blk 25th St 10:17 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 300Blk San Vicente Blvd 10:20 a.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 900Blk 16th St 10:21 a.m.
Encampment 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:41 a.m.
Petty Theft 1900Blk 19th St 10:54 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1000Blk 25th St 11:11 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500Blk Franklin St 11:50 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 600Blk Euclid St 12:01 p.m.
Battery Lincoln Blvd / Marguerita Ave 12:09 p.m.
Encampment Ocean Ave / Olympic Dr 12:11 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1700Blk 14th St 12:18 p.m.
Petty Theft 300Blk Arizona Ave 12:18 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 800Blk Lincoln Blvd 12:19 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1300Blk Arizona Ave 12:19 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 800Blk Lincoln Blvd 12:20 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2800Blk The Beach 12:39 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1400Blk 4th St 12:47 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2000Blk Ocean Ave 12:54 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 300Blk Colorado Ave 1:13 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 800Blk 5th St 1:23 p.m.
Encampment 2000Blk Ashland Ave 1:23 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1800Blk 17th St 1:36 p.m.
General Parking Problem 700Blk California Ave 1:49 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1200Blk 5th St 1:55 p.m.
Petty Theft 2400Blk Olympic Blvd 1:58 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 100Blk Broadway 2:03 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 700Blk Washington Ave 2:03 p.m.
Loud Music Ocean Ave / Bicknell Ave 2:10 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 2900Blk 4th St 2:30 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1600Blk Broadway 2:34 p.m.
Expired Registration 1200Blk 2nd St 2:36 p.m.
Identity Theft 1500Blk 6th St 2:50 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2000Blk Euclid St 2:59 p.m.
Petty Theft 600Blk Georgina Ave 3:12 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1900Blk Cloverfield Blvd 3:16 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:38 p.m.
Petty Theft 2600Blk Lincoln Blvd 3:39 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2000Blk 14th St 3:42 p.m.
Grand Theft 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 3:43 p.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 1600Blk 12th St 4:06 p.m.
Grand Theft 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 4:08 p.m.
Petty Theft 2300Blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:08 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 900Blk 16th St 4:34 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 700Blk Broadway 4:36 p.m.
Found Property 1400Blk 4th St 4:49 p.m.
Lewd Activity 1300Blk 14th St 5:07 p.m.
Person Down Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 5:17 p.m.
Fraud 1700Blk 17th St 5:25 p.m.
Petty Theft 1200Blk 3rd Street Prom 5:42 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1400Blk Lincoln Blvd 5:43 p.m.
Found Person 4th St / Palisades Ave 5:44 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 200Blk Wilshire Blvd 6:09 p.m.
Encampment 1700Blk The Beach 6:13 p.m.
Encampment 1800Blk The Beach 6:13 p.m.
Person Down 1100Blk Block Of Palisades Park 6:19 p.m.
Arson 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 6:19 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 600Blk Euclid St 6:33 p.m.
Found Senile Person 2700Blk Main St 6:50 p.m.
Loud Music 3000Blk Ocean Front Walk 7:09 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 3000Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:09 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 11th St / Santa Monica Blvd 7:18 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 5th St / Arizona Ave 7:28 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 300Blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:45 p.m.
Battery 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:48 p.m.
Assault 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 8:33 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Lincoln Blvd / Wilshire Blvd 8:39 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 2nd St / Broadway 9:01 p.m.
Lewd Activity Ocean Ave / Bay St 9:30 p.m.
Person Down 1200Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:35 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 700Blk 18th St 9:42 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1300Blk 4th St 9:47 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 800Blk 7th St 9:47 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 1300Blk 20th St 9:48 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 16th St / Grant St 9:55 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:55 p.m.
Fight 1400Blk Ocean Ave 10:13 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery 6th St / Santa Monica Blvd 11:29 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1200Blk 2nd St 11:33 p.m.
Construction Noise Ocean Ave / Bicknell Ave 11:45 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 32 CALLS ON OCTOBER 5

Structure Fire 900Blk Euclid St 6:17 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk 10th St 12:25 a.m.
EMS 2100Blk Delaware Ave 1:59 a.m.
EMS 1500Blk 4th St 2:49 a.m.
EMS 700Blk Euclid St 3:22 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1700Blk 4th St 6:14 a.m.
EMS 4th St / Colorado Ave 8:26 a.m.
EMS 1900Blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:34 a.m.
EMS 500Blk Colorado Ave 8:49 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400Blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:03 a.m.
EMS 2400Blk 5th St 11:18 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk 7th St 11:44 a.m.
EMS 1000Blk 14th St 12:14 p.m.
EMS 3100Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:43 p.m.
EMS 2300Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:08 p.m.
Structure Fire 2900Blk 4th St 2:28 p.m.
EMS 1700Blk Sunset Ave 1:27 p.m.
EMS 500Blk 20th St 1:49 p.m.
EMS 2100Blk Ocean Ave 2:13 p.m.
EMS 2400Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:25 p.m.
EMS 2400Blk 20th St 3:27 p.m.
EMS 800Blk 2nd St 3:54 p.m.
EMS 2300Blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:10 p.m.
EMS 2600Blk Main St 5:53 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk Arizona Ave 5:57 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 6:19 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk 6th St 6:48 p.m.
Wires Down 2600Blk 6th St 8:42 p.m.
EMS 1200Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:35 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1800Blk Michigan Ave 9:41 p.m.
Flooded Condition 1700Blk 11th St 12:31 p.m.
EMS 500Blk 21st Pl 6:25 p.m.

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some people from becoming homeless at all.

Along with Boston, numbers have fallen sharply in Houston, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. Even in California, homeless counts are down in San Francisco, and growth has slowed significantly in Los Angeles.

In Boston, Steven Hamilton moved into a new apartment in September after decades staying on a friend or relative's couch or in a homeless shelter.

With the help of a program run by the Boston Medical Center, he was able to get a subsidized apartment in a public housing development. His portion of monthly rent is $281 — or about 30% of his Social Security payments.

"I'm grateful," he said. "I am not looking to move nowhere else. I am going to stay here until eternity. I lost a lot of stuff. I'm not going through that again."

Hamilton's studio apartment is the result of a Boston strategy whereby the city and area nonprofits use extensive outreach to get people who've been on the streets for over a year into apartments and then provide services such as drug treatment and life-skills training like budgeting with the help of case managers.

Those efforts were bolstered last year by a city program that pulled together a list of homeless individuals to target for housing and other services. The city also moved to shut down one of its biggest homeless encampments, going tent-to-tent to assess the needs of those living there and referring more than 150 to shelters and other housing.

The city has been able to reduce the number of homeless people to about 6,000, down 25% since 2020.

Boston's shelters have become less crowded even as Zillow found the city's average rent rose to $2,800 this summer — up 13% from three years earlier.

Housing advocates say prioritizing chronically homeless people ensures funds have the greatest impact, since the long-term homeless spend so much time in shelters. It also costs less to provide permanent housing than to provide temporary shelter.

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LEGISLATIVE

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year, with many affecting the lives of Santa Monicans. Newsom, like many governors before him, waited until the 11th hour to sign some pieces of legislation, making for an exciting cap to the 2022 session.

SIGNED: ALL-GENDER RESTROOMS

On Thursday, Sept. 29, Newsom signed Senate Bill 1194, which will "authorize a city, county, or city and county to require, by ordinance or resolution, that public restrooms constructed within its jurisdiction be designed to serve all genders, as specified, instead of complying with the plumbing standards set forth in the California Building Standards Code." That means that cities and/or counties may choose to provide all-gender restrooms, so long as they meet other state codes.

Authored by Santa Monica's representative in the California State Senate, Sen. Ben Allen, the bill was co-sponsored by the City of Santa Monica as well as the City of West Hollywood.

"We are thrilled to have this bill signed into law so that we can deliver on more inclusive public facilities that serve people of all genders and gender identities, while supporting families and those who need the help of a caregiver," Mayor Sue Himmelrich said in a statement provided by the City of Santa Monica. "Santa Monica was proud to join West Hollywood and Senator Allen in advancing this meaningful step forward for equity and inclusion."

SIGNED: CARE COURT

Newsom's controversial suggestion for issuing court-mandated treatment plans for severely mentally ill individuals — particularly those experiencing homelessness and psychotic illnesses — was signed into law in September.

With support from Assemblymember Richard Bloom, SB 1338 (authored by Santa Ana Senator Thomas Umberg) will authorize interested parties such as family members, first responders and mental health care providers to request a judge implement a legally binding care plan for California residents in need.

Opponents of the bill included major civil rights organizations including the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union), who called it "coerced mental health treatment" that would disproportionately harm Black and Native American individuals.

"I have seen first-hand the good that can come when our judicial, executive, and legislative branches work together to address delicate populations and nuanced issues like mental health, veterans, at-risk youth, and substance use," Umberg said in a statement provided by the Governor's office. "The individual frameworks and best practices for collaboration exist here – and we pulled them together in SB 1338 for something new and revolutionary in California."

SIGNED: INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR MOBILITY DEVICES

Despite organized objections from bicycle and pedestrian advocates, including local nonprofit Santa Monica Spoke, Newsom signed a bill requiring shared mobility devices to carry $10,000 of commercial general liability insurance to cover any potential injury or death caused by each device. Bicycles, including e-bikes, are exempt from the new law.

> "The reasoning — to protect the public — is something that we don't disagree with. This just was not the way to do it - Cynthia Rose"

"Existing law requires a shared mobility provider to hold liability insurance when obtaining a permit or entering into an agreement with the local entity with jurisdiction over the area. However, existing liability coverage is not extended to cover a pedestrian injured by a shared mobility device due to negligent conduct," according to the bill's authors.

"AB-371 ensures existing protections will cover pedestrians injured by a shared mobility device, whether in use or parked inappropriately," the authors' statement later continued.

Both Bloom and Allen declined to cast a vote for or against the bill, with both marked "no vote recorded."

Santa Monica Spoke Director Cynthia Rose said that while she considered it a victory on the part of mobility advocates to have bicycles removed from the final version of the bill, it was still a "disappointing" outcome to see it become law.

"The reasoning — to protect the public — is something that we don't disagree with. This just was not the way to do it," Rose said. "This is going to create an undue [financial] burden. And, as I say, a level of insurance and culpability that's not even required by gun manufacturers that kill thousands of Americans every year, and are not required to carry insurance that would cover their customers' reckless behavior." Rose predicted that the law could affect less affluent communities the most.

SIGNED: THE 'OMNIBIKE' BILL

Newsom signed the omnibus bicycle bill AB 1909, nicknamed the "omnibike bill," in mid-September. New rules in the bill include a stipulation that vehicle drivers overtaking cyclists riding in traffic must change lanes to avoid bikes when an empty lane is available. As part of the new law, municipalities may not require bike licenses and a state law prohibiting class 3 electric bicycles on bike paths was removed. In addition, cyclists may cross intersections using pedestrian walk signals, rather than traffic lights — what Rose called "leading pedestrian intervals."

"I'm really excited to have that as part of this new bill, and then the other safety aspects," Rose said. "It's going to improve safety for all people walking and biking. So, we're happy about it — super happy."

Santa Monica Mobility Manager Jason Kligier said some of the rules would directly impact cyclists and pedestrians inside Santa Monica, but was quick to point out the new rules do not go into effect for more than a year, on Jan. 1, 2024.

Santa Monica Municipal Code blocks class 3 electric bikes on the beach path, so that change at the state level will not be seen here in town. As for bikes crossing on pedestrian signals (rather than waiting for green street lights), Kligier said Santa Monica Police still enforce current road rules and will continue to do so until the new law goes into effect in 2024.

"Until AB 1909 takes effect on January 1, 2024, this is not allowed and violators will be subject to a citation from SMPD," Kligier wrote in an email. "I have heard of citations being issued for this violation, so be cautious."

Kligier also stated that Santa Monica has not had a bike license program for several years, so the new license rules will not impact the city.

SIGNED: CONSERVATORSHIP REFORM

Ventura County resident Britney Spears became the face of California's conservatorship law when she launched a public campaign to resume making her own life decisions in 2021. The law is designed to protect vulnerable adults who are not capable of making wise decisions about their own health, finances or other affairs, but cases like Spears' have highlighted the need for reform in the system.

On Friday, Newsom signed Assembly Bill 1663, enabling older and disabled people to advocate for more freedom within the conservatorship model or petition to end conservatorship.

> "Our state is committed to protecting civil rights and lifting up every Californian with the supports they need to thrive in their community — Gov. Newsom"

"Our state is committed to protecting civil rights and lifting up every Californian with the supports they need to thrive in their community," Newsom said in a statement provided by his office. "This measure is an important step to empower Californians with disabilities to get needed support in caring for themselves and their finances, while maintaining control over their lives to the greatest extent possible."

SIGNED: WATER BOTTLE REFILL STATIONS AT SCHOOLS

In an effort to go green, Bloom authored a bill requiring schools being modernized to include water bottle refill stations in plans. Since 2011, schools have been required to provide drinking fountains; the new law adds water bottle refill stations to requirements, as well as a requirement allowing students and employees to carry and use reusable water bottles.

VETOED: EV CHARGING

Newsom vetoed a bill authored by Allen that would have asked the state Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to research, develop and consider mandatory EV charging infrastructure in parking lots constructed for new multifamily dwellings.

"I agree with the author's intent to increase access to EV charging technology for Californians living in multifamily housing, which is necessary to increase the number of zero emission vehicles on the road," Newsom wrote in his veto message. "However, I believe this issue is best addressed administratively in order to balance our charging objectives with our efforts to expand affordable housing." According to Newsom, HCD was already working to "aggressively expand mandatory EV requirements in new housing developments."

VETOED: LOANS TO FACILITATE MANAGED RETREAT

For the third session in a row, Allen's bill proposing a state revolving loan program to fund government purchases of coastal property failed to get final approval.

Senate Bill 1078 would have created a program to help provide low-interest loans to jurisdictions "for the purchase of coastal properties in their jurisdictions identified as vulnerable coastal property, as defined, located in specified communities, including low-income communities, as provided. The bill would require the council in consultation with other state planning and coastal management agencies, as provided, to adopt guidelines and eligibility criteria for the program."

Nothing in the bill's language refers to "managed retreat" by name, but it is designed to provide a pathway for the government to purchase property to allow property owners to "relocate" to higher ground.

In a letter issuing a veto last Thursday, Newsom wrote that the bill "does not comprehensively address the cost, likely to be carried out over decades."

Newsom said that his administration appreciated Allen's work crafting the bill but said it did not capture a "comprehensive framework" including stakeholder cooperation and approval from various levels of government.

The veto message is similar to the letter he signed vetoing the previous version of the bill, SB 83, in 2021.

In response to that veto, senate analysis published alongside the bill counters: "There are numerous efforts at the national, state, regional and local levels to develop the tools to address sea level rise. No single tool or approach will work in all vulnerable location [sic] given the diversity of the state. Further, successful innovation often takes more than one iteration of a new approach, and the fundamental step is to try and see what works."

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OPINION **LAUGHING MATTERS**

Jack Neworth

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Climate Deniers: Hurricane Ian Was Rigged?

During Hurricane Ian, I inadvertently saw Tucker Carlson on Fox say, "You hate to hype hurricanes because everyone's kinda on to that scam." I immediately turned off the TV and went back to folding my laundry.

Tucker knows "scam" is a MAGA trigger word like "fake" or "hoax." I don't doubt many QAnon followers believe Ian was connected to the "deep state" including "Madam Maga," Marjorie Taylor Greene. (Sadly, MGT's husband filed for divorce but there's no truth that the reason he gave was, "Because I married Marjorie Taylor Greene!")

QAnon originated in 2017 by an anonymous individual known as "Q" who either lives in a heavily guarded compound in the Philippines or in his mother's basement in Pacoima. He adamantly predicts JFK Jr. will run as the VP in 2024 with a guy whose last name rhymes with rump.

Tucker's 5 million viewers, Sean Hannity's 3 million and Alex Jones' 2.43 million, not counting his defamation court appearances, are the leaders of the Denier Delegation. But my fave is Jim Inhofe, the retiring GOP Senator from Oklahoma.

In 2015, Inhofe brought a snowball to the Senate floor to prove that climate change science was bogus. That "logic" is exactly that of the current GOP Georgia Senate candidate Hershel Walker who asked, "If man descended from the apes, how come there are still apes?"

It's clear, however pro-life proponent Hershel paid for an ex-wife's abortion. (And also a get well card.) Hershel had one child with four different women and was an absent father to each kid. Hershel has admitted to twelve different personalities but it's unclear which signed the abortion check.

Meanwhile, Mehmet Oz lives in New Jersey but is running for the U.S. Senate in Pennsylvania. He says he has two houses but actually has ten. (Hershel doesn't know how many kids and Mehmet doesn't know how many houses.)

Among the original pioneers of the Deleterious Deniers were those who insisted the moon landing in 1969 was staged. They have videos on their phones "proving" the whole thing was less believable then than O.J.'s still looking for Nicole and Ron's real killers now. (Constantly on golf courses, obviously The Juice thinks the murderer was a caddy.)

Others are convinced that, in 1993, Bill and Hillary Clinton murdered lawyer Vince Foster because he "knew too much," But Foster's autopsy confirmed he had shot himself with the .38 caliber gun found at the scene. I'm just wondering when they sneaked out of the White House were Bill and Hill wearing ski masks?

In 2017 Hillary was accused of running a child sex ring in Washington, D.C. To exact revenge, Edgar Madison Welch fired a rifle into the Ping Pong Pizzeria. Thankfully no one was hurt and Madison was sentenced to prison.

In 2012, Todd Aiken GOP Missouri Senate candidate, denied rape could cause pregnancy. "Doctors tell me, if it's a legitimate rape, the female body has ways to shut the whole thing down." He lost but today he'd might be presidential material.

One of Holocaust Deniers' heroes is Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's Propaganda Minister and creator of the "Big Lie." His theory was the bigger the lie and the more often repeated, the more it would be believed by the misinformed masses. Sound familiar?

Hitler loved the Big Lie, as does that guy whose last name also rhymes with "dump," and "schlump." Whereas Hitler hated Jews, gypsies, homosexuals, communists, and, reportedly, gefilte fish, Dump's hate list is perfectly simple: Anyone who doesn't agree with him 1000%!

Election Deniers are so dangerous they almost caused a coup and the hanging of Mike Pence. Schlump literally said, "Maybe he deserved it." Schlump's latest target is Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell who merely delivered him three conservative Supreme Court Justices.

Schlump also said, "McConnell has a death wish for compromising with Democrats!" (My fingers are crossed that Edgar Welch is still locked up.) Schlump's vile racism evidenced itself again when he called McConnell's wife, Elaine Chao, "A China loving Coco Chow."

At another rally Schlump either had a Freudian slip or a brain f*rt when he yelled, "We have to keep our country gay!" That must have been news to Rue Paul. But remember Schlump's bizarre comment about Kim Jong-un, "And then we fell in love!"

And what about his dancing at rallies to the Village People's "YMCA?" Assuming you can call that dancing. (I call it worse than Elaine's from "Seinfeld.")

I sigh in despair because we didn't elect Al Gore in 2000 or even praise enough his prescient documentary "An Inconvenient Truth." And now the planet and democracy are in terrifying jeopardy. At infinitesimal comfort, at least my clothes are finally hanging neatly in my closet.

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Council Candidate: Armen Melkonians

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WHAT IS YOUR JUSTIFICATION FOR USING GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS TO SUBSIDIZE INFLATION, FEES, UTILITIES AND OTHER COSTS FOR RENT CONTROLLED TENANTS?

Rent Control is the law in Santa Monica. Santa Monica Rent Control was adopted by the voters in April 1979 in response to a shortage of housing units, low vacancy rates, and rapidly rising rents. Because Rent Control was adopted in Santa Monica by a vote of the people, only a vote of the people can change our rent control law. Unfortunately, our Renters Rights Advocates scare renters during election years by falsely claiming that rent control is under attack. The reality is that only voters can change rent control, no one else.

DO GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES OF HOMELESS SERVICES DO MORE TO GET PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS OR ATTRACT MORE INDIVIDUALS TO THE CITY? DEPENDING ON YOUR ANSWER, WHY SHOULD THAT MONEY CONTINUE TO FLOW TO SERVICE PROVIDERS OR BE REASSIGNED TO OTHER NEEDS?

Last year the city spent $15.1 million in homeless services on 807 people experiencing homelessness. That's $18,700 per person living on our streets. These figures do not include operating costs attributable to homelessness in the community from other city departments such as Police, Fire, City Attorney's Office, Library, or Public Works which are estimated at another $30 million annually, or another $37,200 per person.

These numbers do not include state, county, or private monies raised by the service providers. And how many people were helped in a significant way or received permanent housing? Virtually none. We need an audit, tracking, and accountability before investing more money.

WHY HAS SANTA MONICA BECOME A HUB OF TRANSIT INNOVATION INCLUDING SCOOTERS, SELF DRIVING CARS, DELIVERY DRONES AND ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES AND IS THIS INDUSTRY ONE THAT SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO GROW HERE?

We should continue to encourage technological innovation for all businesses in Santa Monica. Encouraging a business-friendly attitude allows for a healthy economy which is needed to fund city services.

WHAT SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGICAL, POLICY OR REGULATORY IDEAS DO YOU HAVE TO ADDRESS RESIDENT CONCERNS ABOUT A DECLINING QUALITY OF LIFE IN SANTA MONICA?

The decline in public safety in our streets and parks is the biggest contributor to the declining quality of life issues experienced by residents. If residents don't feel safe going outside, then nothing else matters. Virtually every resident has either been or knows someone who has been a victim of crime over the last four years now. This is unacceptable and signals a failure of our entire government. Public Safety is job number one, yet somehow leaders in the past have allowed this to slip and even suggested that a little grime is ok in our city. It is not. The fight to keep Santa Monica livable has never been more urgent.

I am proud to join Council Member Lana Negrete as the only other Candidate for City Council to have received the endorsement from both the Santa Monica Firefighters Local 1109 and the Santa Monica Police Officers Association. I recognize the trust they have put in me to place public safety at the top of my job responsibility and once elected I will go to work hour one of day one to not let them or the residents of Santa Monica down.

WHAT ROLE DOES TOURISM PLAY IN SANTA MONICA'S CULTURE, ECONOMY AND GOVERNMENT?

Tourism has always played a significant role in Santa. Tourism is starting to rebound; however, we are also seeing some loss of tourism based on the levels of crime and uncleanliness in our streets. Our Downtown Santa Monica needs to be revitalized before we lose our goose that lays our golden eggs.

DOES SANTA MONICA'S APPROACH TO LAW ENFORCEMENT NEED TO CHANGE AND IF SO, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO ALTER THE DEPARTMENT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CITY?

The city's public safety demands have skyrocketed since the authorized sworn force levels were set around 20 years ago. Today's authorized sworn force size does not reflect the huge increases in organized criminal, transient and unstable demographics that are the key characteristics of the more dangerous threats facing the city and its residents, business owners, employees and visitors.

It is long past time that the sworn force levels be significantly, and permanently, expanded to appropriately address these greatly increased, and inherently more dangerous, public safety threats.

We need a highly visible police presence in our business and residential districts as a deterrent to crime.

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HOW DO STREET VENDORS IMPACT THE EXPERIENCE OF USING SANTA MONICA'S PUBLIC SPACES?

I personally love the fruit vendors. I eat much more fruit as a result of seeing them spread across the city. No Jicama, extra Tajin and extra lime, and I'm in heaven.

DO YOU THINK RESIDENTS FUNDAMENTALLY TRUST LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND WHAT CAN BE DONE TO ADDRESS THE FEELINGS MANY RESIDENTS HAVE REGARDING LOCAL POLITICS?

I believe that residents have lost trust in our local government. Our city council is elected to run our small 8 square mile city, but for far too long now, elected officials have concentrated on lofty pie in the sky policies which go beyond our city's boundaries. There needs to be a balance brought back to Santa Monica wherein our elected officials place current resident interests at the forefront of decisions that are made at City Hall. Once the current Santa Monica resident becomes the primary stakeholder in the decisions being made at City Hall, the trust in our local government will be restored.



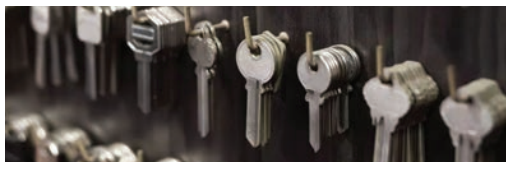
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My justification for using government authority to require landlords to subsidize costs for rent controlled tenants is that housing is a human right. Renters are the landlords' customers, and the customer is always right. Renters are not asking for anything unreasonable, just assistance during this tough time. Meanwhile property owners can leverage their rising property values…an advantage renters don't have. Government's role is to enable its community to thrive so it must enforce controls to ensure that private property owners help renters.

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Government subsidies can do a great deal of help getting people off the streets, and in a working system they do. I believe people in poverty lose hope in their communities and governments because instead of truly being helped, they get ignored. But if we truly help, people will regain their confidence and turn to help themselves. The money should continue to go to service providers who show proven results because people are devastated, need the community's help and the services are the outlet—once they recover, they will contribute to society to help people, who any day could be me or you.

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Transportation innovation is born in Santa Monica because of a happy coincidence of traffic congestion, bright minds and well-designed city infrastructure. In the spirit of helping solve the world's problems, entrepreneurs knew dense cities like Santa Monica and Los Angeles need to have more ways to transport ourselves and the things we need. Startup companies were able to leverage technology improvements in phones, location tracking, battery sizes as well as having a network of other companies nearby and production ensued. Since there is a grid system of straight streets that are wide and flat, Santa Monica is an ideal place to test products. Since people provide the best marketing, taking photos of yourself using the product in a beautiful city with beautiful friends only helps grow the business.

WHAT SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGICAL, POLICY OR REGULATORY IDEAS DO YOU HAVE TO ADDRESS RESIDENT CONCERNS ABOUT A DECLINING QUALITY OF LIFE IN SANTA MONICA?

Addressing the quality of life is my top priority. I would decrease crime through hiring police and advocating to repeal Props 47 and 57. We need more social workers in the field to identify and treat mental illness. Santa Monica was ranked the number two most stressed-out suburb in America and the top reason was high rent costs. I believe we need to manufacture affordability by creating housing and offering subsidies to renters, so they don't become homeless. DIGS, Demerits In addition to Gold Stars, my policy idea to address homelessness is an innovative way to invest in people who invest in themselves. We should enact more Blue Zone policies that nudge people into living healthier, happier lives.

WHAT ROLE DOES TOURISM PLAY IN SANTA MONICA'S CULTURE, ECONOMY AND GOVERNMENT?

I cannot emphasize the role of tourism enough. Tourism is very important because people are coming to our city with money to spend and then leaving to tell their friends about it. Therefore, we must use tourist money to invest in residents as well as maintain an attractive place where tourists will want to continue coming. Our amenities such as parking and sales tax are the same for tourists and residents but only our residents are here to stay. Let's give some of that money back to the residents in the form of rent vouchers and decreased parking placard costs. Our number one priority should be our safety so let's take our number one export, tourism, and invest in safety as well.



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TROY HARRIS: Harris is a small business owner.

DOES SANTA MONICA'S APPROACH TO LAW ENFORCEMENT NEED TO CHANGE AND IF SO, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO ALTER THE DEPARTMENT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CITY?

Santa Monica's approach to law enforcement is just fine. We have a self-sustained law force, and we should take pride in that. You hear rumblings of getting help from the region but it's not the police who need help from the region. Rather, it's human services. There should be LA resources helping serve homeless populations between Lincoln and Centinela and there should be more beds around West LA that can rehabilitate homeless people in Santa Monica.

HOW DO STREET VENDORS IMPACT THE EXPERIENCE OF USING SANTA MONICA'S PUBLIC SPACES?

Street vendors are an iconic part of Santa Monica culture. When I first started my journey in LA, I saw a depot of cart vendors renting carts full of food to go sell in other parts of LA. Some of them were undoubtedly headed to Santa Monica. This is hard work and people make a sacrifice to put food on their families' tables. This should be rewarded with the space to enable this very important part of our culture to continue.

DO YOU THINK RESIDENTS FUNDAMENTALLY TRUST LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND WHAT CAN BE DONE TO ADDRESS THE FEELINGS MANY RESIDENTS HAVE REGARDING LOCAL POLITICS?

I don't feel that residents trust local government because residents have lost trust in government across the board. But on the local level, this can be changed much easier by just one person because each person is a bigger percent of the population. That is what will build trust in local politics, electing people who have earned the people's trust by demonstrating their willingness to serve, delivering on their promises and doing it in a way that builds people up, which is exactly what I intend to do!

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ecological and tree canopy issues."

For years Santa Monica has been viewed as the "gold standard" for urban forestry, said Edith de Guzman, a Phd candidate at UCLA's Institute of the Environment and Sustainability who has extensive experience in the field.

"The practices that [Santa Monica] has institutionalized in their urban forest management approach is far and beyond what most other cities in the region have done," she said.

While Public Landscape Manager Matthew Wells said the city does everything it can to promote the health of the urban tree canopy (UTC), only about 53% of Santa Monica's trees are on public land, meaning the rest are at the mercy of private landowners.

From 2014 to 2020, UTC on private land in the city decreased by close to 33 acres. During the same time period, public UTC increased, but only by about 6 acres – resulting in a net loss of 27 acres of canopy. Wells estimates this is equivalent to about 2,897 trees. Santa Monica currently has no protections in place for trees on private land, which Wells and Provenzale say limits what the city can do to maintain and grow tree cover. They said the city only has enough space on public land to plant around 2,000 more trees.

"That's not really going to offset if we're losing thousands of trees, which we suspect, in the private realm," Wells said. "We can't out plant poor tree preservation on private land."

The main cause of tree loss on private land, according to a study by the city, is development on residential single family lots to expand houses or add accessory dwelling units (ADUs).

"The rate of development with private property trees disappearing is pretty alarming," Provenzale said. "Single family homes are just being built out on the entire parcel."

Even if new trees are put in to replace those lost to construction, it takes time before they are able to provide benefits to the same extent as older, mature trees. De Guzman said that while planting new trees is important, this makes it just as important to protect existing ones.

"The really wonderful thing about trees is that they're a kind of infrastructure that actually appreciates in value as they get older," she said. "Even if you plant four small trees to try to replace the benefits that one of those trees provides… there's no comparison."

Prior to COVID, Wells said an ordinance that would allow for regulation of trees on private property was in the process of receiving consideration from the City Council. It was put on hold when the pandemic broke out, but Wells said it could be brought back if there is enough interest, which Bach of NOMA believes there is.

"NOMA and the board, from what I gather, would be very supportive of it and I think others would too," he said.

In the meantime, City officials say it is especially important to protect public trees, like the ones along Georgina. Wells urges residents to report any work that they suspect may not be permitted and take photos as evidence so that the municipal code can be enforced if it is found to be a violation.

"Treat it as though you saw someone smashing a bench or breaking glass in public buildings; it's the same thing in my opinion," he said.

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QUAKE

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new study doesn't change much in regards to the city's general earthquake preparation.

"The way the city plans for earthquakes is more of an all hazards approach," he said. "So, what we like to do is make sure that we don't single out a specific fault because we understand that seismic impacts can happen from hundreds of miles away versus ones that are just right off the coast."

One of the measures the city has in place to respond to emergencies like earthquakes is a wireless alert system that sends notifications to people's phones in the case of a significant event. The system is similar to Amber alerts and sends notifications based on their location, which Torrence said is important in a tourism destination like Santa Monica.

"So what we do is looking at our residents number one, but also our businesses and our tourists," he said. "We know that during an emergency if there's an earthquake, we're going to have to take care of those people who find themselves in our town as well, so we've basically automated all of our operations to take into consideration upwards of 250,000 people in the city."

Torrence added that new buildings in the city are being constructed with earthquake resilience in mind and that many older ones have undergone or are in the process of receiving a seismic retrofit to allow them to be better prepared for larger earthquakes, including the Main branch of the public library.

"The Main Library has been up-fitted with an early earthquake warning system," he said. "So in the event that a seismic wave is being detected, that building would get a notification prior to the actual earthquake or seismic event actually hitting that location."

In addition to the City's efforts, Torrence stressed the importance of individuals taking emergency prep into their own hands and taking measures to ensure they are equipped to deal with a potential earthquake and the fallout.

"We'd like to make sure everyone is prepared in a personal manner, meaning having access to functional needs," he said. "Like myself, I wear glasses, so I take those things into consideration when I'm preparing for any type of emergency.

He added that with heavy dependence on technology to store information, it's important to write important things down and keep them in a secure location so, in the case of a power failure following a disaster, that information is still accessible.

Torrence said it's also important to remember that an earthquake could happen at any time and the new study is not cause for additional concern, but should serve as a reminder to take precautions.

"There is no panic that should ensue because of this new fault," he said. "The fault could have given a 7.8 even before this report… These are things that we always need to be prepared for and just make sure we're ready no matter where we are."

The Great Shakeout will be on Oct. 20 this year during which earthquake drills will take place across the state. More information on earthquake preparedness in Santa Monica can be found on the city's Office of Emergency Management website: https://www.smgov.net/Departments/OEM/WhatToDo/Earthquake.aspx.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 7)

Every beautiful thing you build for yourself will be beautiful in the lives of others. You'll venture boldly and be in a position to risk more than you have in the past. Education figures prominently. You'll streamline your business, possessions and relationships in the name of efficiency. It won't be lost on you: efficiency equals power. Gemini and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 3, 33, 38 and 17.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your effervescence makes the whole scene sparkle. You have a way of making people think that they're the reason you're smiling, and often it's true. You enjoy people and bring out the lighter, brighter side in all.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If success were easy, everyone would be reveling in spectacular results. Expect it to be hard sometimes and push through. To keep your stamina up, don't waste a single moment in doubt. You have what it takes. Believe.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). No group is ideal, though you can imagine yours being a little better than it is. Keep in mind that organizational change tends to happen very slowly. Changing yourself can happen fast, and the change in you will affect the group.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Rather than pondering what to do, just do it. If you're in action mode, so much more becomes possible, and once you're moving, you won't want to stop. Fellow water signs (Pisces, Scorpio, Cancer) figure into the action.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Seize the opportunity to hang out with that silly person you know. You two have your own language and an endless stream of inside jokes that the rest of the world will probably never understand.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). As inclined as you may be to stick within comfortable boundaries, your curiosity will get the best of you. Nothing makes you more curious than people. The social aspects of your life will sparkle. You'll make new friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your attractions are information to be curious about, not impulses to squash. Just because you don't know the purpose of wanting to do a thing doesn't mean there isn't one. Nothing is a waste. Reasons will be revealed in time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What you're involved with has an interesting history. It wasn't a competition until someone approached it that way and now it's "game on." Is there a way to bring it back to its roots? Could competitive forces unite as one team?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Shopping isn't necessarily buying. You use the same principle in social scenarios. You'll enjoy getting to know people and you'll go carefully forward from there, mindful of what's exchanged and the investment you're making.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Anyone can seem huge while sitting on a high horse. There are those who would love to remain perched, although at some point everyone must come down and do the things humans do on the ground.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Changes must happen. You see the need and take responsibility for it too, but this isn't all up to you and nor will you have to do it by yourself. You are a part of a natural evolution that is already in motion — a wave involving many.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Do you believe in angels? Either way, you will experience an act of heavenly grace, delivered by an angel of great beauty. In the future you will repay this kindness by intervening to save the day.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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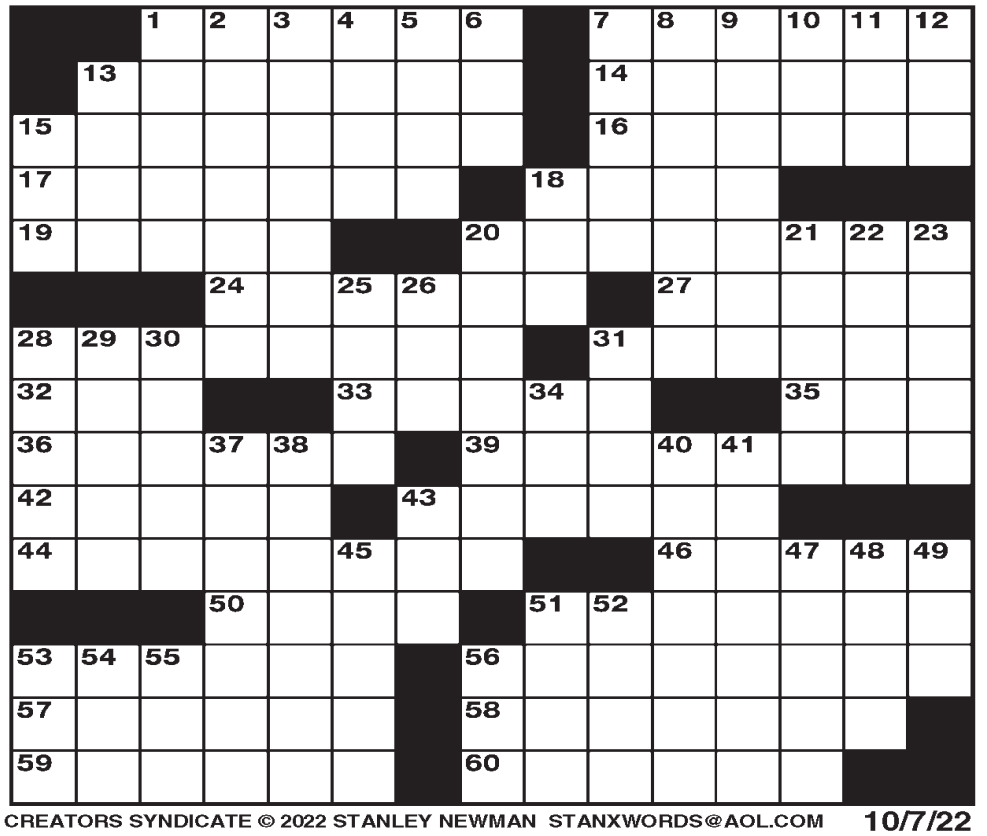
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Newsday Crossword

ALL OF IT by S.N.
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ACROSS
1 Makeup mishap
7 Novelist friend of Thoreau
13 Stacked up
14 Expanse slightly smaller than the US
15 All of it, part 1
16 Eased off
17 Eager, so to speak
18 Abbr. like *sras.*
19 How many prefer their penne
20 All of it, part 2
24 What surrounds Rhodes
27 Only inanimate sign
28 All of it, part 3
31 City near Apache Jct.
32 Saver of fable
33 Maestro Ozawa
35 __-Thérèse, QC
36 Spread stories
39 All of it, part 4
42 Guys paid for pitches
43 It's on you
44 All of it, part 5
46 Nail smoother
50 Arise (from)
51 Leavings
53 Boulevard divider
56 All of it, part 6
57 Keels over
58 Close at hand
59 An adolescent no longer
60 Heckle

DOWN
1 Tiptoed about
2 Ken Jennings book on geography
3 Profit potentials
4 Canadian song superstar
5 Water cooler sound
6 Escape artist of similes
7 "Same here"
8 "Godmother of Soul"
9 Auto frame
10 Bagel flavor
11 *Numero di* acts in *La Traviata*
12 Modicum
13 Modicum
15 Clipped kin
18 Versailles "my"
20 Cruel ones
21 Belittle
22 All worked up
23 Vegged out
25 Inhale suddenly
26 Compass reading
28 Sweeping tales
29 Booster cable connection
30 Arrival announcement
31 Pint-size
34 Shoot forth in a stream
37 Convention gathering
38 No time at all
40 With ranch on top
41 Original and influential
43 You can bank on it
45 Very small
47 Coax forth
48 First-year Cooperstown inductee
49 "Just what I hoped for!"
51 Glass artisan Lalique
52 Start of a Hamlet *soliloque*
53 What 31 Across is on year-round
54 Reaction opposite of 49 Down
55 Female rabbit
56 Literary diarist for 60+ years

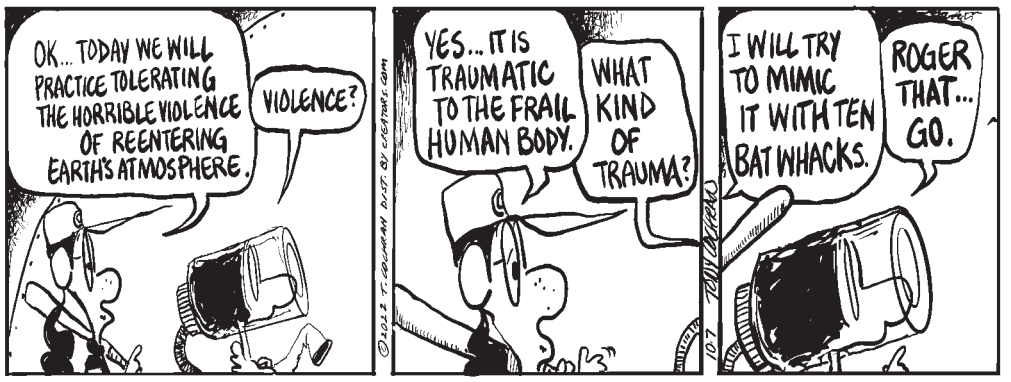


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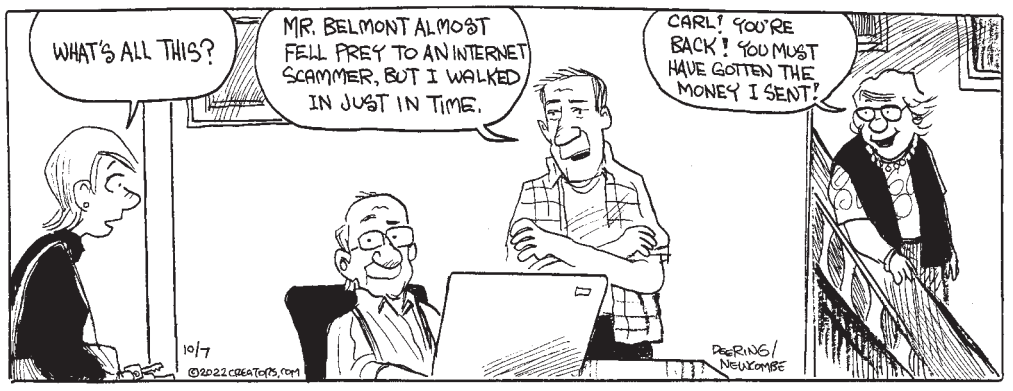
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Zack Hill

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By PETER GALLAGHER



"HE KNOWS I LOVE GNOMES."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 14 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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And they're racing

B	D	U	T	S	U	R	T	A	K	C	S	D	D	O
N	O	R	W	E	G	I	A	N	B	L	I	S	S	B
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R	A	W	A	Y	U	G	A	T	E	C	G	C	M	L
I	N	Y	L	L	G	B	P	O	L	O	K	A	N	M
C	P	O	S	T	U	R	F	E	L	L	L	A	F	E
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Action	Club	Gogol	Odds	Sore
Away	Colt	Gray	Pays	Speed
Bale	Debts	Guide	Photo	Stable
Bets	Diet	Gunsynd	Polo	Stud
Blanket	Enjoy	Hats	Post	Tote
Boots	Ethereal	Helmet	Price	Trot
Bridle	Fall	Hock	Punt	Trust
Cart	Fancy	Lame	Race	Turf
Caulfield	Fast	Loser	Shoe	Value
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FRIDAY | OCTOBER 7

GALLERY OPEN
Open daily on a walk-up basis, no reservations or admission fee required. Schedule subject to change with short notice, check calendar or call (310) 458-4904 to confirm. Annenberg Community Beach House. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

TOURS OF THE MARION DAVIES GUEST HOUSE
Santa Monica Conservancy docents share the rich history of the Beach House site from the 1920s onward. Free 20-minute visits docent tours are available on a walk-up basis, for groups of up to six people on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 12pm – 2pm. Just head to the Marion Davies Guest House where you will be greeted by a docent. Please note masks are required while indoors. Schedule subject to change, check the website calendar or call 310-458-4904 to confirm dates and hours. Annenberg Community Beach House. 12 - 2 p.m.

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 8

NATIVES AND EDIBLES IN YOUR GARDEN
Join Santa Monica Community Gardeners for their Second Saturday open house and Workshop on Saturday, October 8 at the Main Street Garden. Learn how best to combine natives and edibles in the home or community garden. Get the details of the Santa Monica Lawn to Native Rebate Program and convert your lawn into a place that supports biodiversity by providing native plants for pollinators.
Sponsored by City of Santa Monica Community Gardens Program with the support of Santa Monica Roots santamonicaroots@gmail.com. 9 - 11 a.m. Workshop begins at 10 a.m. 2318 Main Street, Santa Monica

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 9

GLASS PUMPKIN SALE
SALE 1: 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Simon Meadow, Sunset blvd. at Temescal Canyon Rd. Pacific Palisades.

MONDAY | OCTOBER 10

CANCELLED: LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES
An ongoing series of citizenship classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. The classes help students complete and submit their U.S. citizenship applications, and prepare them for the official review. Enrollment is through the SMMUSD Adult Education Center (310) 664-6222, ext. 76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org. Pico Branch Library. 12:45 - 3:15 p.m.

TUESDAY | OCTOBER 11

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
The Zoning Administrator issues land use permits that are minor in nature and may adopt specific findings of fact to support the resulting decision, or require specific conditions. Some Zoning Administrator permits are administrative determinations, while others require a noticed public hearing. https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Zoning-Administrator/ 10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY TALES AT YOUR LIBRARY
An engaging and fun storytime with stories, songs and rhymes. For ages 2-5. The storytime series travels to a different library every month. Pico Branch Library. 10:30 - 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 12

LGBTQIA+ SANTA MONICA - GOING FORWARD TOGETHER
In honor of LGBTQIA+ History Month, hear from local voices on the upcoming year's goals and challenges. Mixed media presentation and discussion. Main Library. 6 - 7:45 p.m.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS - REGISTER AND ASK QUESTIONS
The League of Women Voters of Santa Monica will offer voter registration and answer your questions. Main Library. 3 - 4 p.m.

HOLIDAY JOB FAIR AT SANTA MONICA PLACE
Santa Monica Place will host a center-wide holiday job fair for job seekers interested in a variety of employment opportunities on October 12 from noon to 6pm. Participating stores and restaurants will have a table displayed at their storefronts to meet candidates, accept applications and conduct interviews as desired. Please visit the Concierge Desk in Center Plaza for a list of participating retailers, where to apply and for more information regarding Santa Monica Place's job fair. 12 - 6 p.m. Santa Monica Place, 395 Santa Monica Place. https://www.santamonicaplace.com/Events/Details/571413

TRAVELING STORYWALK(R)
Read each page of Aaron Reynolds' Creepy Carrots, while you walk by the library. All ages. Find its current location on social media: follow us on Facebook (smpublib), Instagram and Twitter (@SantaMonicaLibr), or visit smpl.org. All Santa Monica Public Library Branches.

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **70.5**

FRIDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	SSW swell drops out. New S/SSE swell builds at exposures west of Dume. Morning looks clean before rising onshore flow in the afternoon — will probably be a few little corners for the small wave gear..
SATURDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	S/SSE swell picks up and peaks — selective but nice energy for the spots that pull it in west of Dume. Watching for a new NW pulse to help shape for the combo breaks. Wind light for the morning.

WEATHER

Friday: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 76.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 76. Light and variable wind becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2022/10/07	Fri	08:37 AM	5.27	H
2022/10/07	Fri	2:24 PM	1.10	L
2022/10/07	Fri	8:25 PM	5.86	H
2022/10/08	Sat	02:50 AM	-0.15	L
2022/10/08	Sat	09:05 AM	5.62	H
2022/10/08	Sat	3:07 PM	0.61	L
2022/10/08	Sat	9:10 PM	5.65	H
2022/10/09	Sun	03:20 AM	0.22	L
2022/10/09	Sun	09:32 AM	5.87	H
2022/10/09	Sun	3:48 PM	0.26	L
2022/10/09	Sun	9:53 PM	5.29	H
2022/10/10	Mon	03:49 AM	0.69	L
2022/10/10	Mon	09:59 AM	6.00	H
2022/10/10	Mon	4:29 PM	0.09	L
2022/10/10	Mon	10:36 PM	4.82	H
2022/10/11	Tue	04:16 AM	1.22	L
2022/10/11	Tue	10:26 AM	5.99	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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26 30 33 37 62
Power#: 6
Jackpot: 378 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 10/4
15 18 25 33 38
Mega#: 25
Jackpot: 410 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 10/5
2 8 9 28 43
Mega#: 14
Jackpot: 31 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/5
6 15 27 35 37

Daily 3
Draw Date: 10/5
EVENING: 8 9 7
Draw Date: 10/5
MIDDAY: 2 8 7

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Draw Date: 10/5
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