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# School District plans to purchase new office headquarters near Samohi

**CLARA HARTER**
SMDP Staff Writer

In Thursday's School Board meeting, members are expected to approve SMMUSD's plan to purchase a building at 1717 4th Street to become the new District headquarters. The space is adjacent to the Doubletree Suites and next to Santa Monica High School and the Civic Center. The $21 million purchase will not impact the General Fund, but will be financed through redevelopment agency funding and by leasing the District's current office space at 1651 16th St.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District believes the new space will better serve the community by creating a more visible and publicly accessible headquarters, which will place all District departments under one roof increasing efficiency and collaboration. The deal has been negotiated privately with the consultation of real estate and economic experts in order to achieve the best possible deal, according to the District.




Courtesy image

**OFFICE:** The building on 4th Street will house the SMMUSD offices after they move from their current home.

"Most of what we do happens on the school campuses, but everything that happens on the school campuses can't happen without a District office and so the District office being able to work more clearly, more collaboratively, and more creatively together really allows us to help the public," said Carey Upton, SMMUSD Chief Operations Officer.

The new building has 31,000 square feet of space compared to 22,000 square feet in the existing office. Due to limited space at the current headquarters, the District rents additional space for

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# 2020 ballot measures

*Editor's Note: There are 12 state propositions and two local measures on the November ballot. Below you'll find a brief summary of each. Download the Inside The Daily Press Podcast for additional interviews with candidates running for local positions.*

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**MEASURE SM**

Measure SM would increase the one-time real estate transfer tax paid on each sale of property for $5 million or more by $3 per $1,000 of sales price, exempting affordable housing projects. It is estimated to provide $3 million annually for local services including addressing homelessness, public safety, small business recovery, and after school programs.

Supported by: Kevin McKeown, Mayor of Santa Monica, Danny Zane, Co-Chair of Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, and Natalya Zernitskaya, President of League of Women Voters of Santa Monica.

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## Woman killed on Pico

A woman was killed Tuesday morning when she was hit by a car at Pico and Stewart.

According to SMPD, officers were called to the scene at about 8 a.m. Upon arrival, they found a woman in the roadway suffering from severe head trauma. Officers rendered immediate medical aid to the pedestrian. Santa Monica Fire Department Paramedics responded to provide additional medical treatment. Unfortunately, the pedestrian succumbed to her injuries as she was being

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## Man charged for burning SMPD vehicle

An Irvine man was taken into federal custody Tuesday on charges alleging he set fire to a Santa Monica Police Department car during civil unrest that accompanied widespread protests in late May.

Nathan Wilson, 27, is charged in a federal criminal complaint with malicious damage to property owned by an institution or organization receiving federal financial

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## Woman Admits Price Gouging in Sale of Scarce N95 Masks

A Santa Monica day spa owner was charged today in federal court with accumulating N95 respirators in anticipation of the COVID-19 pandemic and then price gouging by selling the scarce masks at vastly inflated prices

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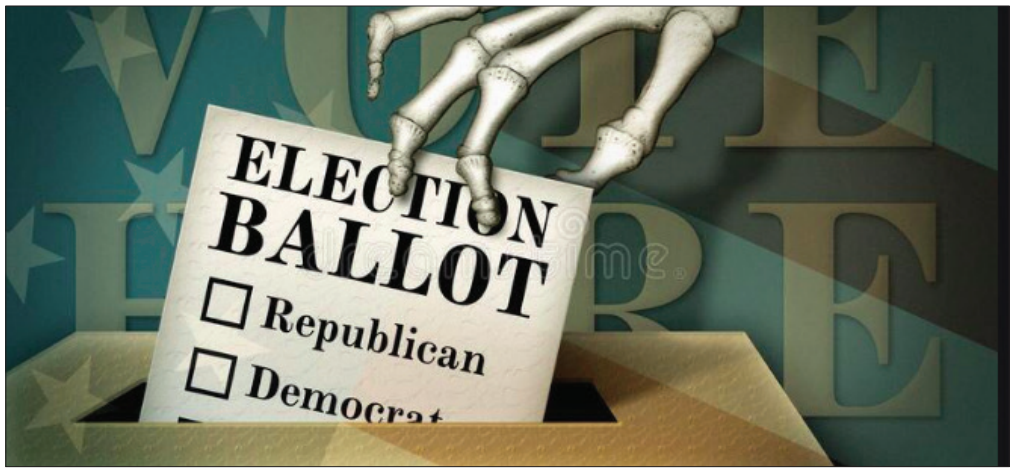

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## Curious City

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# Vote!! But Who, What?




James Larkin

**VOTE OR DIE: Voting is among the most important actions we can take as citizens.**

Editor's Note: Endorsements by columnists are their personal opinions and do not constitute and endorsement by The Santa Monica Daily Press.

**CONFUSED, BUT WANT TO VOTE SMARTLY?**

People picks are easy because incumbents have a record, challengers have a plan. Compare. The facts, not the hype. Propositions, not so easy. Often written to confuse.

I'll address both here, with my outright personal endorsements, about the people and props I know very well, and my recommendations, from research I consider thorough and trustworthy.

**CITY COUNCIL** — PHIL BROCK, CHRISTINE PARRA, MARIO FONDA-BONARDI, OSCAR DE LA TORRE.

They are running as a slate, to replace the four full-term incumbents. Are you and SM are better off now than you were four years ago? This slate has detailed, common sense platforms of how they will govern and fix what is so wrong, and they have long proven records of public service and governance.

But if you want just one issue, how about Sunday, 5/31/2020, when gangs of looters announced they were coming to Santa Monica and the police chief left town and the City Council (including incumbent candidates Gleam Davis, Terry O'Day, Ana Jara, Ted Winterer) did not take responsibility to handle it, and our police force then used illegal force on peaceful protesters — sometimes-lethal rubber bullets, and tear gas, which is outlawed globally even during war — while letting the looters run free just a couple of blocks away, trashing more than 100 of our businesses. They should all have resigned, along with the Acting City Manager Lane Dilg. After years of across-the-board malfeasance, this one huge, traumatic failing is more than enough reason to remove them all.

Only three incumbent Council members have been voted out of office in the City's history. Now is the election to break that incestuous cycle. I have never in my 35 years here seen so much dissatisfaction and anger with the way things have deteriorated, and with the politicians who caused it.

**CITY COUNCIL** — unexpired two year term: Incumbent Kristin McCowan was placed on Council in a proscribed process that was a charade of democracy, and she immediately started voting in lockstep with her benefactors, minutes after appointment. Ana Jara gained her seat that way. Only Ted Winterer, of the four incumbents, was elected first, not appointed.

**SMMUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION** — I endorse NO INCUMBENTS (no on Jon Kean and Maria Leon-Vazquez, see my previous two columns), with recommendations for ESTHER HICKMAN, JASON FELDMAN, STEVEN JOHNSON. These three parents promise to bring transparency and a students-first perspective to this prestige-oriented, maneuvering behind the scenes school board, and they are running as a "slate of 8" with the four challenging Council candidates I endorsed above.

**SMC BOARD OF TRUSTEES** — I recommend only BRIAN O'NEIL, the final member of the slate of eight. Our beloved "community college" has grown into a huge near-university, a political force wielding more than a billion dollars of our school bond funds. Witness the unconscionable heist from our pockets, from the early learning center they forced inappropriately onto our Civic Center grounds despite wide community opposition.

**RENT CONTROL BOARD** — I recommend either no vote, or the two incumbents, CAROLINE TOROSIS and ANASTASIA FOSTER, more from not having heard anything terrible about them. The RC Board does some good but could certainly use a remake. I do hear lots of stories of their delays or failure to help. Just don't let your pen slip and vote for Kronovet.

**STATE ASSEMBLY** — do NOT vote for Richard Bloom, developer-funded and instigator of our downward spiral of overdevelopment while he was on our City Council. He's now pushing bills in Sacramento that will screw the whole state. Unless you are in the building industry. But don't revenge vote his opponent, who is absolutely awful. Alex Jones acolyte. No opportunity for a write in. Just give him a zero, a much higher grade than he deserves.

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE** — TED LIEU.

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# California GOP considers adding more disputed ballot boxes

**ADAM BEAM AND AMY TAXIN**
Associated Press

California's Republican Party no longer will label its ballot drop boxes as "official" to avoid confusion with those used by county registrars, but may expand their use even as state officials say they're illegal, a party official said Tuesday.

California GOP spokesman Hector Barajas said the party started using the boxes in three of the most hotly contested congressional districts and now may use them more widely.

"It gives voters another opportunity to be able to turn in their ballots if they choose to do so," he said. "This is just another option."

California's top elections and law enforcement officials, both Democrats, on Monday said the boxes are illegal, threaten election security and must come down. Those behind the GOP effort could face criminal prosecution, Attorney General Xavier Becerra said.

Rick Hasen, an election law expert at University of California, Irvine, said he believes it's unclear whether the unofficial drop boxes are legal and the courts will have to decide. But he doesn't recommend them.

"I think it's a very bad idea. They are not as secure as government drop boxes, which are put in well-lighted places and are tamper-proof," he said. "I worry about third parties interfering with these privately run drop boxes."

California has sent every active registered voter a mail-in ballot for the Nov. 3 election and greatly reduced the number of polling places to limit crowds during the pandemic. President Donald Trump and other Republicans have raised questions about the security of mail-in voting, which has been used for many years but will be done at a record level around the country this election.

The California GOP drop boxes are a new version of "vote harvesting," which is legal in California and allows party volunteers to collect multiple ballots and deliver them to election officials.

California's election officials say anyone who delivers ballots for others must put their name on those ballots and sign them. But a 2018 state law bars ballots from being disqualified if they fail to include these signatures.

Republicans say that means their volunteers can collect ballots in boxes and turn them in without signing their names.

Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez, a San Diego Democrat, authored the law and disputed that notion. She said it calls for a voter to give their ballot to a person, "not to put it in an unofficial box sitting outside somewhere."

As for the signature, she said: "I'm happy to rewrite the law so they will be punished for their behavior."

The fight over how votes should be submitted has raged between Republicans and Democrats in California for years, with the GOP generally calling for stricter rules and Democrats looking to loosen them to encourage greater turnout. The Democratic majority in the state Legislature has expanded voting options to include casting ballots by mail, putting them in an official secure drop box or giving them to a friend or family member to return to the county election office.

Republicans have opposed some of those efforts, including allowing voters to give their ballots to others, warning it will lead to fraud. But now Republicans are using those laws to defend collecting ballots in these unofficial boxes.

"We are just working with the rules that Democrats put in front of us," Barajas said. "We're basically playing on the chessboard they laid out."

State election authorities and county registrars are urging voters to avoid the GOP boxes, saying they aren't secure, and to instead send ballots by mail or place them in official boxes that have their counties' logos.

The state GOP rolled out its boxes in conjunction with the start of early voting last week. Barajas wouldn't divulge how many were deployed or specify locations, other than to say they were at party and candidates' offices, churches and gun shops in three congressional districts — one in the Central Valley, another north of Los Angeles and a third in Orange County. All three districts saw Democrats defeat Republican incumbents in 2018.

Barajas said a staff member or volunteer has been designated to take any ballots collected to the county registrar about three times a week.

Some of the party's drop boxes were labeled as "official," even though they are not authorized by county election officials. Barajas said those will be relabeled.

Jessica Levinson, an election law professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles said labeling the boxes official clearly was illegal. It's a closer call for drop boxes that don't carry that label, but Levinson said ultimately she believes those are illegal too because the law covers voters giving their ballots to someone they know, not placing them into a non-government box.

Levinson said she worries the real strategy is for Republicans to create such a stir that it causes voters to doubt the legitimacy of all ballot drop boxes, possibly discouraging them from voting.

"I just really worry that voters will be left thinking, 'I just don't want to take part in the process, it's just too hard,'" she said. "It's effective just to create chaos and confusion."

Santa Barbara Registrar of Voters Joe Holland said he warned local Republican leaders not to use the boxes.

"Any voter that gives their ballot to some other random person, they are putting a lot of faith in someone that they are going to get their ballot returned," Holland said.

Mario Mainero, a law professor at Chapman University who previously worked as a Republican chief of staff for an Orange County official, said Democrats have effectively used vote harvesting by picking up ballots from individuals' homes and turning them in.

"I'm assuming they decided on less labor-intensive ways of trying to get at it," he said of the Republican drop boxes. But, he added, "I just don't see this being very effective."

Taxin reported from Orange County, California.

## DAILY POLICE LOG

### SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 270 CALLS ON OCT. 12

Battery Just Occurred 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 12:12 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 1600blk 10th St 12:17 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:51 a.m.
Lewd Activity Centinela Ave / Broadway 5:24 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2000blk Wilshire Blvd 7:10 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 2400blk The Beach 8:14 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 2600blk Highland Ave 8:30 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 1100blk 10th St 8:49 a.m.
Battery Report 1200blk 16th St 9:04 a.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 9:06 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1100blk 10th St 9:07 a.m.
Burglary Report 1000blk 12th St 9:24 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 2000blk Broadway 9:35 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 9:37 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1300blk 22nd St 10:05 a.m.
Burglary Report 2000blk Wilshire Blvd 10:18 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1400blk 26th St 10:22 a.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 10:35 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 800blk Bay St 10:50 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 500blk Ocean Park Blvd 11:02 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 11:52 a.m.
Attempt Burglary Just Occurred 1400blk 14th St 11:54 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 11:59 a.m.
Person Down Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd W 12:26 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 2300blk Pearl St 12:44 p.m.
Burglary Report 1000blk 11th St 12:51 p.m.
Stalking Report 1400blk 26th St 12:55 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1900blk 22nd St 12:57 p.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 1400blk 15th St 12:59 p.m.
Found Property 1200blk Euclid St 1:02 p.m.
Encampment 1000blk Colorado Ave 1:04 p.m.
Found Property 26th St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:06 p.m.
Found Person 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:12 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1500blk 7th St 1:28 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2600blk 6th St 1:46 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1600blk Appian Way 2:02 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 500blk Colorado Ave 2:07 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1600blk Colorado Ave 2:15 p.m.
Burglary Report 1000blk 11th St 2:23 p.m.
Encampment 1400blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:47 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 700blk Ozone St 2:50 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 500blk 9th St 2:58 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 300blk 15th St 3:00 p.m.
Person Down 1200blk Princeton St 3:03 p.m.
Identity Theft 300blk 11th St 3:22 p.m.
Burglary Report 1000blk 11th St 3:23 p.m.
Auto Burglary Now 200blk Bicknell Ave 3:24 p.m.
Identity Theft 800blk 21st St 3:24 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 100blk Alta Ave 3:44 p.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 2600blk Kansas Ave 4:09 p.m.
Fraud Report 3100blk 5th St 4:40 p.m.
Battery Report 900blk 12th St 4:41 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1300blk Pine St 4:50 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:56 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1300blk 18th St 5:01 p.m.
General Parking Problem 900blk Montana Ave 5:05 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1200blk 14th St 5:57 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:08 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 6:14 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 800blk Palisades Park 6:19 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1500blk Ocean Ave 7:01 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 1100blk 3rd St 7:02 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Now 2700blk Ocean Front Walk 7:16 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Just Occurred 2700blk Ocean Front Walk 7:17 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:43 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Yale St / Santa Monica Blvd 7:55 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 2900blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:56 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 2600blk Highland Ave 8:14 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Just Occurred 600blk Broadway 8:34 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1600blk Ocean Ave 8:49 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 200blk Santa Monica Pier 9:39 p.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 20th St / Montana Ave 10:22 p.m.
Living In A Vehicle 1300blk 18th St 11:13 p.m.
Encampment 1800blk Washington Ave 11:16 p.m.
Found Property 1100blk 12th St 11:53 p.m.

## DAILY FIRE LOG

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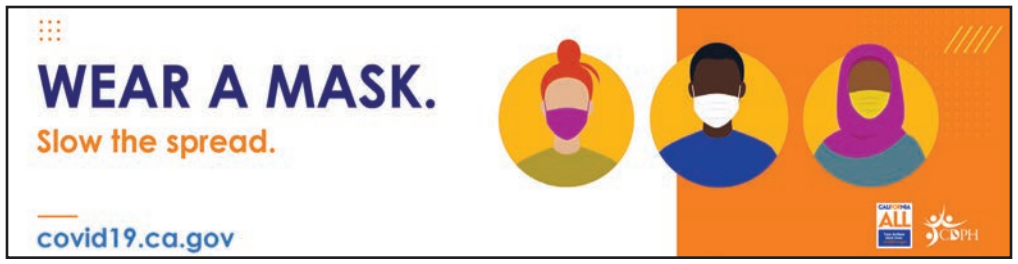
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Automatic Alarm 600blk Pico Blvd 10:00 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Wilshire Blvd 11:29 a.m.
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EMS 1200blk 15th St 4:08 p.m.
EMS 2300blk 4th St 4:34 p.m.
EMS 5th St / Colorado Ave 5:11 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Pico Blvd 5:33 p.m.
EMS 200blk Ocean Ave 7:01 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 1100blk 3rd St 7:02 p.m.
EMS 300blk Olympic Dr 8:53 p.m.
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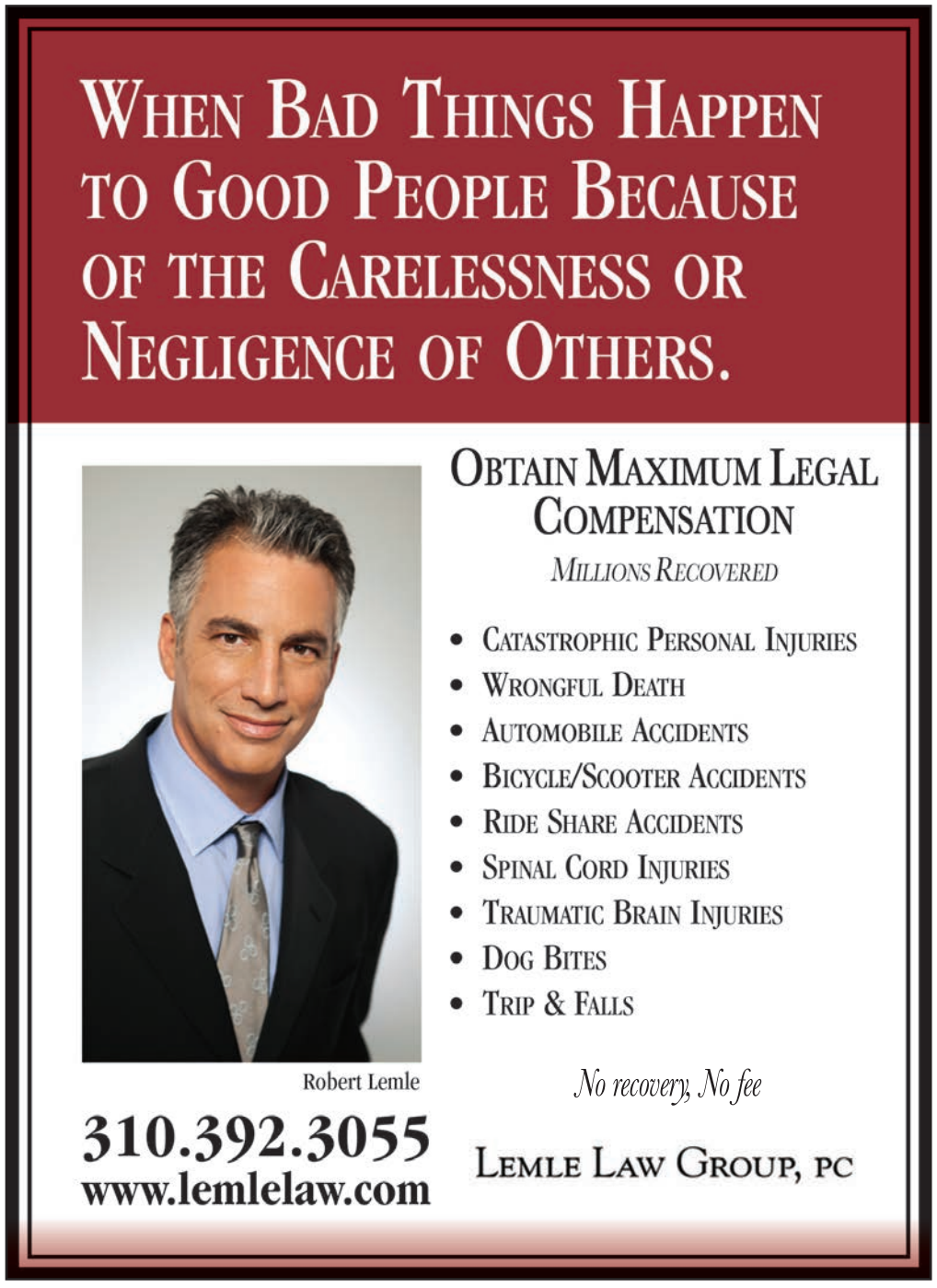
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## Your column here

By Marielle Kriesel

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# Increasing Workplace Equity Through Access and Opportunity

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Approximately 1 million U.S. workers with disabilities have lost their jobs since the World Health Organization proclaimed the outbreak a pandemic in March, according to the New Hampshire University Institute on Disability. This means 1 out of 5 workers with disabilities have been dismissed from employment, compared with 1 out of 7 workers without disabilities according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

California Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 979 into law on Wednesday, September 30, compelling public corporations headquartered in California to appoint people from underrepresented racial, ethnic and LGBTQ+ communities to their boards of directors. It expands legislation signed by former Governor Jerry Brown in 2018 requiring women be appointed to corporate boards of directors. "When we talk about racial justice, we talk about empowerment, we talk about power and we need to talk about seats at the table," Newsom said before signing the bill. When disability advocates talk about social justice however, their vision of social justice includes intersectional, cross-disability Californians at the table as well. This law is incomplete because intersectional, cross-disability Californians are not included at the table. Having a seat at the table is essential to providing meaningful professional opportunities for people with disabilities to advance workplace equity. It also advances the same social and economic justice goals being advanced with other unrepresented communities.

This year marks not only the 75th observance of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), but also the 30th anniversary of the ADA. Both milestones are acknowledged with the theme "Increasing Access and Opportunity."

"People with disabilities are experienced problem solvers with a proven ability to adapt," said Office of Disability Employment Policy Deputy Assistant Secretary, Jennifer Sheehy. "Now more than ever, flexibility is important for both workers and employers. National Disability Employment Awareness Month celebrates the ingenuity people with disabilities bring to America's workplaces."

Implicit biases that existed before the pandemic such as fears of expensive reasonable accommodations and low expectations eliminate people with disabilities from the workplace. People with disabilities should have the right in a free-market economy to build a career and contribute their talents and achievements to the workplace. According to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, persons with a disability were less likely to work in management, professional, and related occupations than those without a disability, 34.1%, compared with 41%. Amending AB 979 to include intersectional, cross-disability Californians at the corporate board of directors table increases access and opportunity to the workplace. Giving people with disabilities equitable access to work and the chance to succeed – that is empowerment!

Marielle Kriesel is a Systems Change Advocate and a Santa Monica Disabilities Commissioner

## CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

### ON OCTOBER 3 AT APPROXIMATELY 9:10 P.M.

Officers were flagged down by employees at Casa Martin Restaurant near the 1600 Block of Ocean Avenue regarding an assault. An employee reported that a female suspect arrived at the location intoxicated and requesting service. When refused by staff, the suspect began throwing restaurant items an ultimately assaulted an employee. Video evidence of the altercation was collected by SMPD staff and the suspect, Karmiya Amarise, was arrested and booked for 245(a)(1) - Assault with a deadly weapon (other than a firearm), 243(a) PC - Battery, 584(b)(2)(a) PC - Vandalism and 647(f) PC - Drunk in Public.

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# 10 California counties see restrictions eased, risks remain

**CHRISTOPHER WEBER**
Associated Press

Ten California counties were cleared to ease coronavirus restrictions Tuesday, including some in the Central Valley that saw major case spikes over the summer, but the state's top health official warned that upcoming Halloween celebrations pose a risk for renewed spread.

Dr. Mark Ghaly, the state health secretary, said no counties moved backwards in California's color-coded, four-tiered system for reopening, but Riverside was on the verge of reverting to the most restrictive purple tier. The county of about 2.5 million residents has asked for a review of its data and will stay in the red tier until the state makes a decision on its status later this week.

"Moving back a tier is important," Ghaly said. "We don't want to do it without a significant degree of conversation and understanding."

Riverside County Public Health Officer Dr. Cameron Kaiser said the county hopes to persuade the state that it can maintain its current status while still slowing the spread of the virus. A slip back to the purple tier would adversely affect small businesses like restaurants and gyms, which could be forced to shut down indoor operations again, the county said in a statement.

Two San Francisco Bay Area counties, Alameda and Santa Clara, will advance to the less-restrictive orange tier, which allows for increased capacity at restaurants, movie theaters and houses of worship — all with modifications to require face coverings.

The lifting of some restrictions in counties that have shown improvement comes as California sees a continued drop in COVID-19 cases. The seven-day positivity rate was down to 2.7%, Ghaly said. The number of hospitalizations is about 2,225 — a significant drop from a peak of around 7,000 over the summer, he said.

Ghaly said overall trends are moving in the right direction, thanks in part to Californians' increased willingness to wear masks and avoid large gatherings.

"The more that becomes widespread around the community, we're going to see these numbers stabilize and come down," Ghaly said.

But he added "we're not out of the woods, and we're seeing a number of increases across the country, and across the world in terms of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths."

Officials are urging families to skip trick-or-treating this Halloween and instead have costume contests and pumpkin carvings online.

"The whole act of going door-to-door in groups ringing doorbells, digging into buckets of delicious candy, create a risk of spreading COVID-19," Ghaly said. But he stressed that it was a recommendation, not a rule, and trick-or-treaters will not see any enforcement.

California on Friday night also eased restrictions to allow up to three households to socialize outdoors, an expansion of rules aimed at people tempted to have even larger gatherings around Halloween, Thanksgiving and end-of-year holidays.

Meanwhile Tuesday, Fresno County stayed in the red tier and four other counties in the central part of the state — Kern, Colusa, Sutter and Stanislaus — advanced from purple to red. Those improvements were particularly gratifying after those counties experienced worrying trends just months ago.

"It's great news to see some of the Central Valley counties continue to move forward with their reductions in transmission," Ghaly said.

The state is moving more slowly than the reopening last spring that brought with it a dramatic spike in cases, hospitalizations and deaths. California, the most populous state, leads the nation with more than 852,000 confirmed cases and has the third-highest number of deaths at about 16,500, according to state data.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia and death.




## SCHOOL DISTRICT

FROM PAGE 1

Educational Services in the back of the building and Child Development Services works in a separate building at 4th St. and Ashland Ave.

"This is an opportunity for putting people together, having us be able to speak and communicate. It's those casual times when you see folks that builds the team and helps us to communicate," said Upton. "Right now with half of educational services here (16th St.) and child development services far away we don't see each other and don't make connections."

The new location is next to Santa Monica High School, where a quarter of the District's students are enrolled. The District believes this new location will make it easier for the public to locate and access the Board meeting room, human resources area, and Child Development Services.

If approved, the $21 million purchase will be financed through the sale of Certificates of Participation, which will operate similar to a mortgage. The COPs will be paid back by leasing the existing office space on 1651 16th St. and through Redevelopment ("RDA") Facility Pass Through Funds. The District receives around $4.2 million in these RDA funds annually. They can only be used for capital development and cannot be applied toward the General Fund.

Despite the current economic situation, the District is confident that they will be able to broker a commercial lease for the 16th St. office, which is predicted to eventually add revenue to the General Fund to support teachers, staff and operations.

"I've got real estate professionals, a financial advisor, and an economist all looking at this question and we did a clear appraisal of all of the facilities understanding what could happen. We are being very conservative about it and yet we are in Santa Monica, there will still be needs for offices," said Upton.

While the public will be hearing about this office purchase for the first time in Thursday's Board meeting, it has been discussed by Board members several times in closed sessions. The current owners of the office building, the Doubletree Hotel, approached the District with the offer around a year ago.

"We've been talking in the last few days with a number of our stakeholders and they are very supportive," said Upton. "I know we will have some detractors and there will be some people who ask 'what are we doing and why haven't we talked about it, what were we thinking and shouldn't we use this money for teachers?', so we are trying to be as clear as we can about why the decision was made and what a great benefit it is."

The Board meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom this Thursday. Members of the public who wish to make a public comment can do so by completing a Google survey sign up at tinyurl.com/y23abntq, which will open 30 minutes prior to the meeting.

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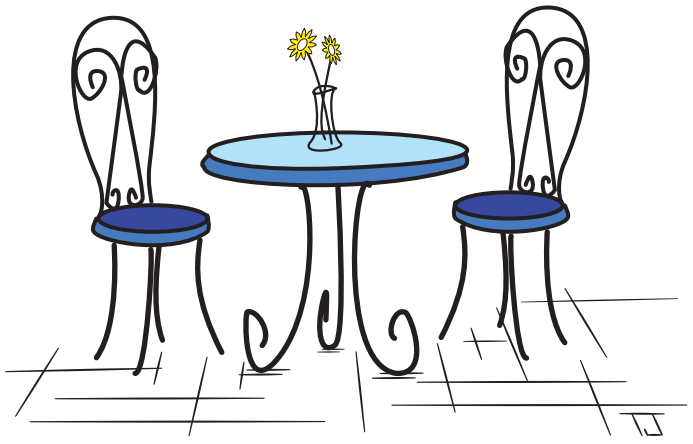
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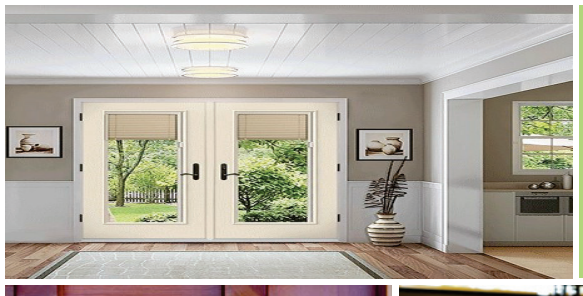
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## CURIOUS CITY

FROM PAGE 2

I'd vote for him 10 times if I could. I don't know of a better Congressman, period. Hard working, constituent oriented, unflinching truth teller, sans the mud slinging.

**MEASURE SM** — YES. Maybe doesn't go far enough. Raises $3M for essential services from small extra tax on properties sold for more than $5M.

**MEASURE AB** — I recommend NO. Codifies crony hiring for City jobs.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY** — GEORGE GASCON. Yes, he's a Bay Area carpetbagger, but current DA Jackie Lacey has completely lost favor, for good reasons. Gascon will come in as a promised reformer.

**JUDGES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT** - I recommend MYANNA DELLINGER, KLINT JAMES MCKAY, DAVID DIAMOND.

**COUNTY MEASURE J** — I recommend YES. Allocates no less than 10 percent of county revenue to fight racial injustice, investing in health, housing, jobs and alternatives to jail.

**STATE MEASURE 14** — I recommend NO. Stem cell research - good. But this mess was concocted by a real estate developer, seemingly crafted to prevent oversight, transparency and accountability. Revenue from patents will not go to the public, and there is no commitment to make medical gains available to the public at reasonable cost. The $5.5B price tag will balloon to $7.8B. We don't need this.

**STATE MEASURE 15** - I recommend YES. This one's great. Essentially eliminates Prop 13 for commercial properties valued above $3M, will add billions to pandemic-depleted state coffers.

**STATE MEASURE 16** — I recommend YES. Allows state government to take diversity into account in hiring and funding.

**STATE MEASURE 17** — I recommend YES. Restores right to vote to prisoners who have served their time.

**STATE MEASURE 18** — I recommend YES. Allows 17-year-olds who will turn 18 by the next election, to vote in primaries and special elections.

**STATE MEASURE 19** — I recommend NO. Reads good, and does offer some benefits to all, but it's designed to most benefit the wealthiest families, who may flip expensive homes for tax benefits or even make them rentals, furthering gentrification.

**STATE MEASURE 20** — I recommend NO. Ham-fisted scare tactics that turn 51 misdemeanors into "violent" felonies, could easily set back effective prison reform. Allows police to collect DNA on misdemeanors, like shoplifting. Backed big time by grocery conglomerates and prison guard unions.

**STATE MEASURE 21** — I recommend YES. Allows local governments to expand rent control.

**STATE MEASURE 22** — I recommend NO. Exempts companies like Uber, Lyft, DoorDash, who have dumped a record $180M into this campaign, from following state laws to provide drivers with fair wages, healthcare, unemployment insurance, sick leave, and other basic rights. Don't believe the ads: drivers are emphatically NOT in favor of this. Would also dramatically weaken anti-discrimination and anti-harassment protections for drivers, and requiring a shocking 7/8ths majority to undo.

**STATE MEASURE 23** — I recommend YES. Could go further, but does offer better protections for dialysis patients, besieged by a predatory industry.

**STATE MEASURE 24** — I recommend NO. This one's close. Does offer some privacy benefits to consumers, but there are giveaways too, and it will cost the state and small businesses billions,.

**STATE MEASURE 25** — I recommend NO. Replaces cash bail with a worse system, handing enormous power to judges, probation departments, and racist/classist "risk assessment" algorithms, to imprison defendants before trial, which essentially automates racial profiling and coercion of guilty pleas. It would render Measure J ineffectual.

**PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT** - JOE BIDEN, KAMALA HARRIS - duh.

VOTE. VOTE-VOTE-VOTE. Please VOTE!

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# BALLOT

FROM PAGE 1

Opposed by: Matt Neco, Attorney & Mediator, and Stanley H. Epstein, Attorney, who believe it fails to close tax loopholes and may have created some new ones.

### MEASURE AB

Measure AB would remove two provisions from the City Charter that establish rules for appointing officials and promoting employees. The measure would remove the requirement of competitive examinations for promotions and the requirement that three candidate names are listed for City promotions or appointments.

Supported by: All members of City Council, who believe these revisions would improve equity, transparency, inclusiveness, and diversity in the hiring process.

Opposed by: Several community members who see it as a power grab to give councilmembers more authority over promotions and appointments.

### PROPOSITION 14: MORE BORROWING FOR STEM CELL RESEARCH

Prop 14 would authorize $5.5 billion in funding for the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine to continue stem cell research. The money would come from government bonds, with no more than 7.5 percent of funds going towards administrative fees, and $1.5 billion going towards research on diseases of the brain and central nervous system.

Supported by: A coalition of patient advocates, scientists, and doctors who believe this funding is essential to continuing life-saving stem cell research.

Opposed by: Individuals who believe the institute's present research has not lived up to its promises and who seek legislative oversight of the institute.

### PROPOSITION 15: REVISING COMMERCIAL PROPERTY TAXES

Prop 15 would allow market rate values to be used as the basis for property taxes on commercial properties worth over $3 million. It is estimated to yield $12.5 billion a year, with 60 percent slated for local governments and 40 percent for schools and community colleges.

Supported by: a coalition of teachers, small businesses, healthcare workers, and mayors who believe it will only affect a small group of wealthy landlords and support community services statewide.

Opposed by: a coalition of homeowners, taxpayers, and businesses who believe the tax increases will be passed on to tenants in the form of rent increase and will hurt businesses already struggling during the pandemic.

### PROPOSITION 16: REPEALING THE BAN ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Prop 16 would repeal the ban on affirmative action, which was passed in 1996, and prevents the use of quotas or race based point systems for university and job applications.

Supported by: Elected officials including Kamala Harris, Gavin Newsom, and Eric Garcetti who believe affirmative action is an effective way to level the playing field for Black and Latino applicants.

Opposed by: Several Asian American organizations and Students for Fair Admissions, Inc, who believe preference based on race is inherently discriminatory.

### PROPOSITION 17: VOTING RIGHTS FOR FELONS ON PAROLE

Prop 17 would allow felons who are released from prison on parole to vote, which would enfranchise approximately 40,000 Californians.

Supported by: Gavin Newsom, ACLU, League of Women Voters, and Brennan Center for Justice, who believe those who have completed their sentences should reenter society and participate in our democracy.

Opposed by: People who believe parolees are not finished making full restitution for their crimes and should not have access to voting.

### PROP 18: ALLOW SOME 17 YEAR OLDS TO VOTE IN PRIMARIES

Prop 18 would allow 17 year olds who will be 18 by the general election to vote in primary and special elections.

Supported by: Assemblymember Kevin Mullin and those who believe allowing 17 year olds to participate in primaries will allow them to be more informed about their vote in the general election

Opposed by: Those who believe 17 year olds have no right to vote before they are legal adults

### PROP 19: ADDING AND LIMITING PROPERTY TAX BREAKS

Prop 19 would expand tax breaks to homeowners over 55 and Californians who lose their homes to a wildfire or other natural disasters. It would remove tax breaks from transfer of a home from a parent to an adult child, which often results in no change to the property tax.

Supported by: The California Association of Realtors and a coalition of firefighters, seniors, and community leaders, who believe prop 19 closes unfair tax loopholes and supports family homes and seniors.

Opposed by: Those who think the proposition is bad substitute for meaningful property tax reform and believe limiting property tax would decrease revenue to schools and local governments

### PROP 20: TOUGHER ON PAROLE CRIMINAL SENTENCING

Prop 20 would increase penalties for crimes including vehicle theft, firearm theft, serial theft, organized retail theft, and unlawful use of a credit card. It would reclassify 17 crimes as violent crimes, including felony domestic violence and child trafficking, making offenders ineligible for early parole. It would also expand what crimes require DNA collection.

Support: Those who believe the proposition addresses flaws in the justice system and recent justice reform legislation

Opposed by: A coalition of justice reform groups including the ACLU of California who are opposed to a tough on crime approach and believe Prop 20 would increase incarceration unnecessarily.

### PROPOSITION 21: EXPANDING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' RENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

Prop 21 would allow local governments to apply new stricter rent control measures on buildings that are at least 15 years old, excluding single-family homes, if they decide to do so.

Supported by: A coalition of elected officials and community organizations, including the City of Santa Monica, who believe this proposition will allow cities to strengthen tenant protections

Opposed by: Governor Newsom and a coalition of affordable housing advocates who think rent control isn't the answer to the housing crisis and believe Prop 21 will hurt landlords and city tax revenues.

### PROPOSITION 22: JOB CLASSIFICATION FOR THE GIG ECONOMY

Prop 22 would reclassify drivers for Uber, Lyft, Postmates, and other app-based companies as independent contractors, affecting an estimated 300,000 to 400,000 Californians. Prop 22 would entitle drivers to benefits including 120% of local minimum wage, accident insurance, and health care subsidies. It would not give drivers sick leave, unemployment benefits, or workers' compensation.

Supported by: App-based companies, around 116,000 app-based drivers, and numerous business organizations who believe drivers are independent workers and prefer to choose their work schedule over being a scheduled employee.

Opposed by: Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, Elizabeth Warren and several labor organizations who feel this proposition was written by app-based companies for the economic benefit of app-based companies.

### PROPOSITION 23: ON-SITE PHYSICIANS AT DIALYSIS CENTERS

Prop 23 would require there always be a physician on-site at dialysis clinics, which provide an essential blood filtering treatment for people whose kidneys do not function properly. It also requires infection reporting, equal treatment regardless of insurance, and requires the government approve clinic closures.

Supported by: California Democratic Party, California Labor Federation, and labor union SEIU-UHW West who believe the proposition will improve patient care and access.

Opposed by: Major dialysis corporations DaVita and Fresenius Medical Care who say an onsite physician isn't necessary and would increase treatment costs.

### PROPOSITION 24: NEW CONSUMER PRIVACY RULES

Prop 24 would strengthen consumer privacy by expanding the businesses that are subject to privacy rules, granting consumers new rights to limit sharing their personal information, increasing penalties for companies that break consumer privacy rules, and creating a new consumer protection agency in state government.

Supported by: NAACP of California, Andrew Yang, and Common Sense Media, who believe the additional restrictions will protect consumers.

Opposed by: Santa Monica Democratic Club, ACLU California, and other organizations that believe the additional restrictions are unnecessary and think the new penalties and agency would come at a great cost to businesses and taxpayer dollars.

### PROPOSITION 25: REPLACE CASH BAIL WITH RISK ASSESSMENT

Prop 25 would end cash bail and replace it with a risk assessment system where a judge decides whether a suspect is safe to be released until trial or should await trial in jail. In 2018, the California legislature passed this proposition as a bill but a PAC worked to push the law to a November ballot initiative.

Supported by: Karen Bass, Ted Lieu, and the California Democratic Party who believe bail discriminates against poor people and minorities and keeps thousands of people in jail unnecessarily.

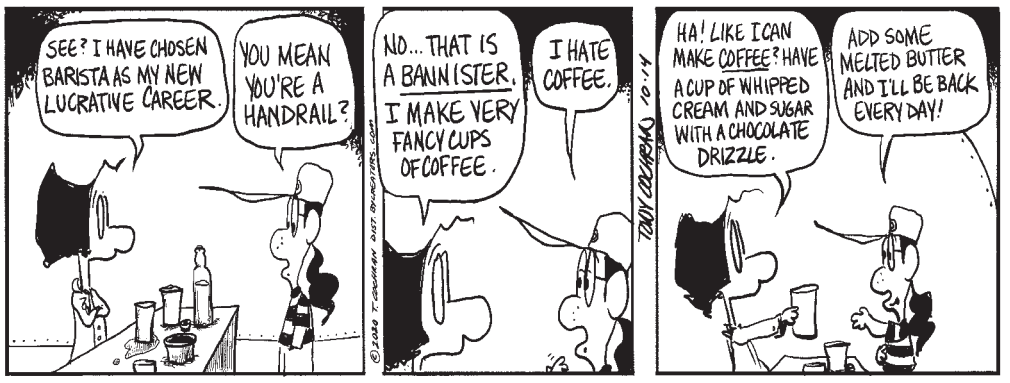
Opposed by: Those who believe ending cash bail removes the incentive for people to return to court for their trial and may lead to an increase in crime. Other organizations, such as Human Rights Watch and the ACLU, support ending cash bail but believe risk assessment gives too much power to judges who could be racially biased.






## Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN



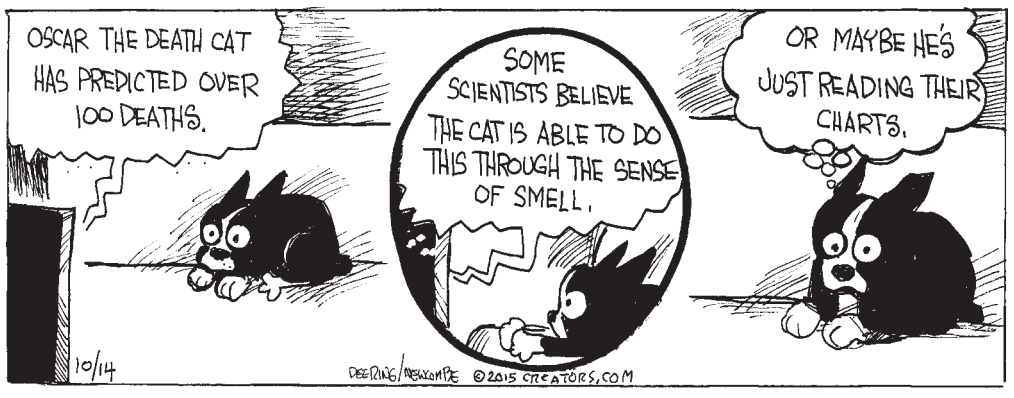

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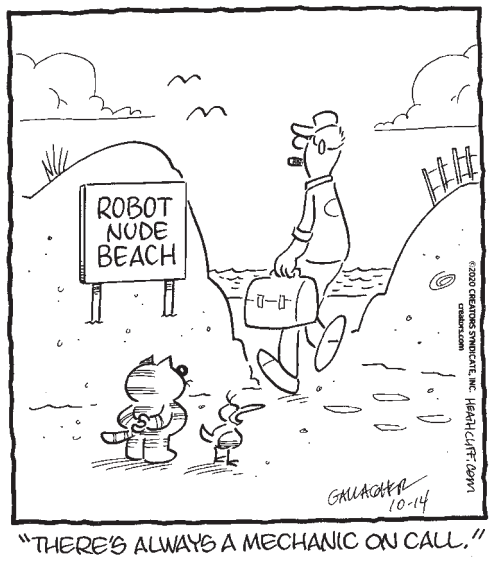

## Zack Hill

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## Strange Brew

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## SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 69.1°

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Modest run of shorter to mid period NW swell lingers. SSW swell creeps in late. Should be rideable on the right gear. Light AM offshore flow and groomed clean conditions. Afternoon wind remains light.

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Modest SSW swell creeps up through the day. Little run of NW swell drops off. Not much energy but could be enough for a few worthy little peaks at combo spots out west. Points are rideable.

## WEATHER

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 81.
**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 63.
**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 83.
**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 65.
**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 83.
**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 65.

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Draw Date: 10/12
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## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (OCTOBER 14)

You have a relentless drive, best applied to your own projects as most teams and people would be hard-pressed to match your intensity. So you'll be gentle with the others while you turn this focus to milestones you'll reach in January and April. Blossoming relationships will seem to add breadth to your soul. Gemini and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 13, 20, 21 and 4.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). People try to show one another the best parts of themselves. Just remember that others, no matter how polished they may seem, have ridiculous, embarrassing and insecure sides that they hide, just like you do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). At the heart of innovation is a desire to understand what others need and align with what they want. For problem-solvers, seeing a problem in action is an opportunity and a gift.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There you go again, striving to exceed any expectations that others may have of you. Stop and consider what's being asked. Also, what's the least you could do to fulfill this? Less is more today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It is impossible to be kind without knowing what the other person needs in the moment. Sometimes, kindness is hands-on help; other times, it's looking away, giving others a chance to save face.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). No one is good at everything. You, like the others, win in certain areas and lose in other areas. Value the ways in which you are winning, especially if they do not fall into a highly visible category that is celebrated by the world.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). For many, articulating an argument is easier than trying to understand the other side's point of view. But without some degree of willingness to understand, formulating arguments is pointless.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Relationship building is about trust and creating an environment that tolerates failure. There's more fun and innovation happening where people feel safe enough to relax, be creative and offer out-there ideas.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Perhaps this fear of commitment you're experiencing is wisdom. You don't want to chain yourself to a schedule or goal without first considering what you really need to flourish.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll find it hard to like things that lack glamour. You're conscious of a need to either find a glamorous light in order to view the scene or to create glamour where there was none.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People may not share your vision, or may not share it with the same amount of passion that is coming so readily to you. It's not something to get hung up about. They'll catch up later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People you love don't have to do anything in particular to inspire you. You've been known to make beautiful things for loved ones for no reason at all. The creative mood will strike.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Before you agree to plans, self-questioning to discover what's in it for you might keep you from wasting your efforts on endeavors that are not worthwhile and will not tie into what fuels or fulfills you.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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## Sudoku

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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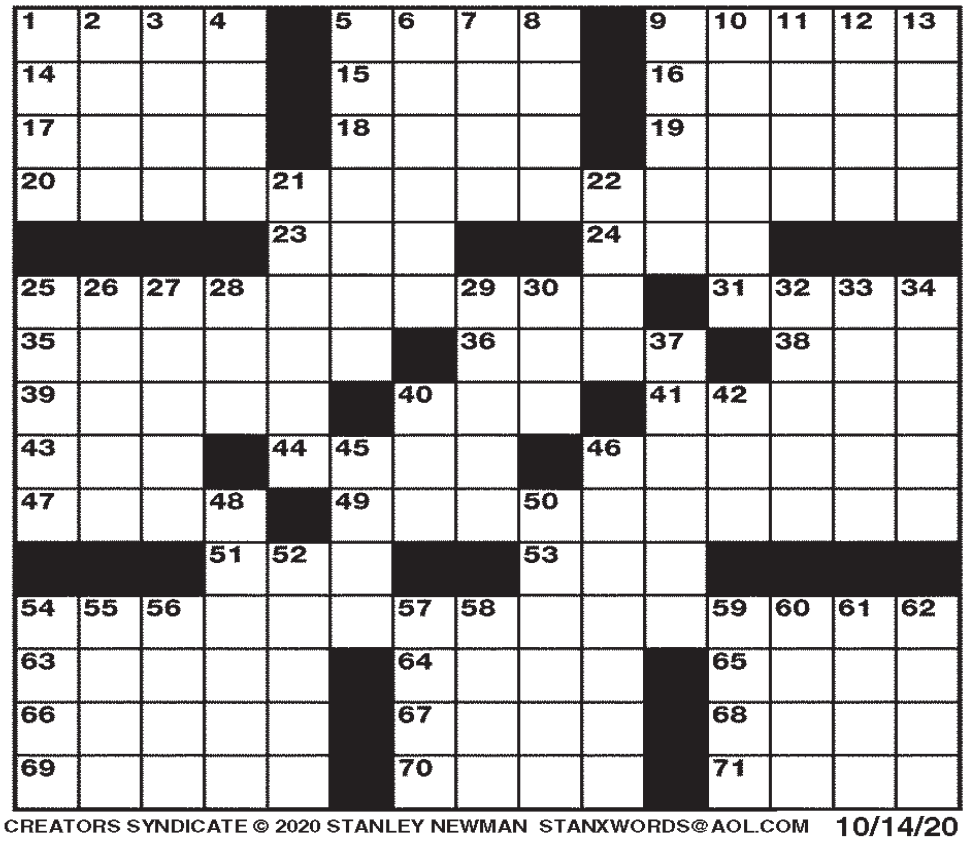
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## Newsday Crossword

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**ACROSS**
1 Hard to see because of fog
5 Up to a task
9 Not illuminated
14 Plant with a soothing gel
15 Ball on a necklace
16 Residence
17 Much-admired figure
18 Uttered
19 Theater walkway
20 What small red fruits are harvested from
23 A, in Paris
24 Spanish cheer
25 Small, stylish group
31 Drains of energy
35 Make a comparison
36 Doctor's or lawyer's charges
38 Take a load off your feet
39 Silly
40 Had a meal
41 Spud
43 Perform in a play
44 University of Notre __
46 South Pacific resort spot
47 Proof of home ownership
49 Dr. Dre's music
51 Earth-friendly prefix
53 Luau neckwear
54 What jet lag messes with
63 Yoga's __ position
64 Pop singer __ Amos
65 Woodwind instrument
66 Between, in poems
67 Nile queen, for short
68 Extremely
69 Return-postage enclosures: Abbr.
70 Possess, in the Bible
71 What visors shade

**DOWN**
1 Horse's mane, for instance
2 Star of *M*A*S*H*
3 Animal parks
4 Dog's squeal
5 Attendance record spoiler
6 Burden carrier
7 Wild animal's den
8 Whirlpool
9 Ryder truck rental rival
10 Unpleasant sounds
11 Poshly furnished
12 The Emerald __ (Ireland)
13 Golfer's pegs
21 Tapped a ball with a bat
22 Be an omen of
25 Three-note chord
26 From now on
27 Make very happy
28 Actor McKellen
29 Quite a lot
30 Tiny
32 Just waking up
33 Michelangelo's Madonna and son sculpture
34 Rectangular piece of cloth
37 Radio interference
40 Org. for physicians
42 "Now I get it!"
45 Extremely eager
46 *Cats* inspiration
48 Extremely elegant
50 Angry looks
52 Expenses
54 Crunchy sandwiches, familiarly
55 State north of Missouri
56 Big brand of elevators
57 Poison-ivy symptom
58 Brown soft drink
59 Valentine sentiment
60 Follow the rules
61 Apple discard
62 Pianist's targets



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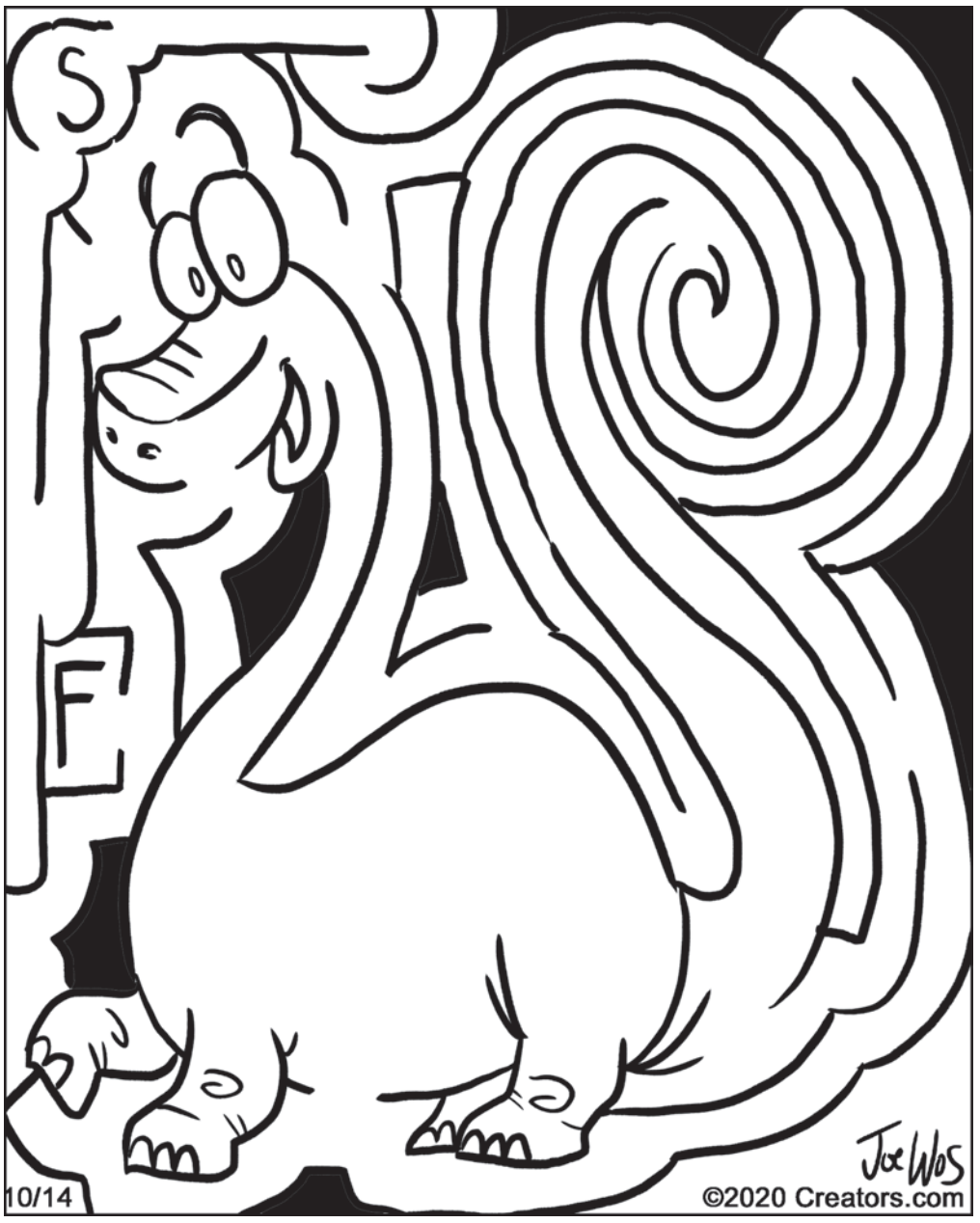
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## MASKS

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– sometimes nearly 1,100 percent over list price.

Niki Schwarz, 55, of Santa Monica, the owner of Tikkun Holistic Spa, was named in a criminal information charging her with one count of hoarding and price gouging. In a plea agreement also filed Tuesday, Schwarz agreed to plead guilty to the misdemeanor offense.

In the plea agreement, Schwarz admitted that in February she began accumulating N95 respirators in anticipation of a shortage that would be caused by a global pandemic resulting from the spread of the novel coronavirus. From the beginning of February until the end of June, Schwarz accumulated nearly 20,000 N95 masks that had been manufactured by 3M (list price ranging from $1.02 to $1.27) and Alpha Pro (list price of 86 cents).

In March, the United States government designated N95 respirators as "scarce materials" under the Defense Production Act of 1950 due to the overwhelming need of health care providers dealing with COVID-19 patients to use personal protective equipment.

Schwarz admitted that she obtained the N95 respirators for the purpose of reselling them at above-market rates, and that she sold the masks for up to $15 each.

Schwarz "accumulated and resold the masks at prices in excess of the prevailing market prices willfully, that is, with knowledge that masks had been designated as scarce materials and with knowledge that accumulation of the designated materials to resell in excess of prevailing market prices was unlawful," according to the plea agreement.

On March 1, an associate informed Schwarz that the associate was going to stop selling N95 masks because she believed it was crime – and that price gouging could result in one year in prison – but Schwarz continued to sell the masks at inflated prices.

The hoarding and price gouging offense that Schwarz admits in the plea agreement carries a statutory maximum sentence of one year in federal prison.

Schwarz will receive a summons directing her to make an initial appearance in United States District Court, likely in early November.

This matter was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jeff Mitchell of the Major Frauds Section, who is a regional coordinator of the Justice Department's COVID-19 Hoarding and Price Gouging Task Force.

Submitted by Thom Mrozek, USDOJ Director of Media Relations

## BURNING VEHICLE

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assistance.

Wilson was linked to the May 31 fire that destroyed the unmarked Santa Monica Police car when a witness told law enforcement they had driven Wilson to Santa Monica on that day and they believed he had set fire to a police car.

Publicly available social media posts show that the person who set fire to the police car parked at the loading dock of the Santa Monica Civic Center was wearing certain clothing and accessories, had an American flag bandana over his face, and had a distinctive tattoo of a rifle on his left arm, according to an affidavit filed with the complaint. The witness directed authorities to one of Wilson's social media accounts – an Instagram account under the handle "yup_i_eat_crayons" – where Wilson had posted a "selfie" taken in Santa Monica on May 31. In his Instagram selfie, Wilson appeared exactly like the person seen in other social media posts who stoked the fire that destroyed the police car, the affidavit alleges.

In early June, the FBI and the Santa Monica Police Department issued a wanted poster for the person later identified as Wilson. After receiving tips and conducting investigations, law enforcement was not able to identify the perpetrator who caused the fire that destroyed the police car.

That changed when Wilson became a suspect in a September 28 vehicle arson that occurred in Irvine, according to the affidavit. Following a domestic dispute that culminated with a fire in a vehicle owned by Wilson's live-in partner, authorities obtained information that linked Wilson to the May 31 fire in Santa Monica.

Wilson was taken into custody on October 9 when Santa Monica Police officers, in conjunction with the Irvine Police Department and the FBI, executed a search warrant at the Irvine residence and found Wilson hiding in a mattress box spring in the bedroom. During that search, authorities recovered items of clothing that appear to be the same seen on Wilson in the various photos taken near the destroyed police car.

After Wilson was taken into custody by Santa Monica Police officers, the federal criminal complaint was signed by a United States magistrate judge late on October 9. Wilson was taken into federal custody this morning, and he is expected to make his initial appearance this afternoon in United States District Court in downtown Los Angeles.

A criminal complaint contains allegations that a defendant has committed a crime. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

If convicted of the malicious damage offense alleged in the complaint, Wilson would face a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison and a statutory maximum sentence of 20 years.

This matter was investigated by the SAFE LA Task Force, which includes representatives of the FBI and the Santa Monica Police Department. The Irvine Police Department and the Orange County Fire Authority provided substantial assistance.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sara B. Milstein of the Violent and Organized Crime Section.

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## ACCIDENT

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transported to a local hospital.

SMPD's Major Accident Response Team responded to the collision to investigate. A preliminary investigation revealed a vehicle travelling southbound along Stewart Avenue struck the pedestrian while making an eastbound turn onto Pico Blvd. The pedestrian was struck as she was walking in a crosswalk at the intersection. The driver remained at the scene, is cooperating with the investigation and there are no preliminary indications the driver was impaired.

The investigation is ongoing, and Investigators are interested in speaking with anyone who was in the area near the time of the collision. Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact Investigator Scott Pace at (310) 458-8954, Sergeant Boyd at (310) 458-2180 or the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8495.

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