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Supervisors to pick-up debate on beach front scooters



MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The great scooter surge of 2018 continues to reverberate through local politics with the County Board of Supervisors taking up a discussion of allowable devices on county



Angel Carreras

RULES: The local beach bike path is supposed to be for pedestrians or bikes only.

bike paths, including the beach trail at their Oct. 16 meeting.

Los Angeles County has over 100 miles of Class 1 bike path reserved exclusively for pedestrians and non-motorized travel. Supervisors Sheila Kuehl and Janice Hahn are asking the Board as a whole to direct

staff to work on revised rules governing the Marvin Braude Bike Path and any other bike paths that run along flood control channels or County roads.

"Right now we don't have a consistent set

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CANDIDATE PROFILES 2018 Rent Control Board



NICOLE S. PHILLIS

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

NAME: NICOLE S. PHILLIS
AGE: 33
OCCUPATION: ATTORNEY
NEIGHBORHOOD OF RESIDENCE: NOMA/WILMONT LINE
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Ballot measure would lock lower taxes for older homeowners

ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press

Recently divorced and raising a teenager on her own, Vicky Campbell moved to San Diego

because of the weather but it didn't hurt that she could bring her low property taxes with her.

Campbell's house in the San Francisco suburb of San Ramon was taxed based on the \$220,000

she paid 26 years earlier, well below the \$729,000 that her new house cost in the San Diego suburb of Chula Vista. As a result, her annual tax bill stayed below \$3,000 instead of jumping to about \$8,000.

"It wasn't a deciding factor, but it sure made me happy," says Campbell, a 68-year-old real estate broker.

Proposition 5 on the Nov. 6

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This year, we have voted on the following endorsements after hearing from each candidate for local office and weighing the pros and cons of each ballot measure. We are confident that this voter guide represents the best direction forward for the future of Santa Monica.

ENDORSEMENTS LIST - NOVEMBER 6, 2018

US Senator: Kevin de León
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State Assembly: Richard Bloom

Governor: Gavin Newsom
Attorney General: Xavier Becerra
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Greg Morena

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Nancy Greenstein
Sion Roy
Barry Snell

SMMUSD School Board:
Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein
Oscar de la Torre
Laurie Lieberman



Local Ballot Measures:
YES on TL
YES on SMS
YES on SM
YES on RR
YES on W

Statewide Ballot Measures:
Prop 1 - YES
Prop 2 - YES
Prop 3 - NO
Prop 4 - YES
Prop 5 - NO
Prop 6 - NO
Prop 7 - YES
Prop 8 - YES
Prop 10 - YES
Prop 11 - NO
Prop 12 - YES

Judicial Office #4: A Veronica Saucedo
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Oct. 16

Squirm Night

The Daily Press and the Chamber of Commerce will host a forum for City Council candidates at the MLK Auditorium at the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Forum from 6 - 8 p.m.

Ocean Park Mystery Book Group: The Devotion of Suspect X by Keigo Higashino

Join organizers as they discuss the latest authors in the mystery genre. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Emphasis on international authors and locations. All are welcome. No registration required. Discussion Title: The Devotion of Suspect X by Keigo Higashino. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St. 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Gentle Yoga at Fairview

In a class that is safe for seniors and beginners, as well as relaxing and stress-releasing for pros, veteran instructor Raghavan guides you through a gentle session of yoga and meditation. Space is limited. Please bring a mat or towel to the program. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 6:30 p.m.

Paws to Read

Practice reading with a therapy dog from Paws 4 Healing. Limited space; registration preferred. Ages 5 - 10. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 17

Hospital fundraiser

John Wayne Cancer Institute Auxiliary Annual Membership Luncheon & Boutique at the Beverly Hills Hotel, Beverly Hills. Luncheon honors Jane Seymour with the Public Service Award. Boutique, 10 a.m.; luncheon and awards, 12 p.m. Tickets are \$150. For information, please email jwciaevents@gmail.com or visit www.jwciauxiliary.com.

Soundwaves Concert

New music concert. Main Library, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting

The Santa Monica Planning Commission normally meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month in the City Council Chamber. 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

Montana Book Discussion Group: Moonglow

A tale inspired by long-buried family history imparts the deathbed revelation of an ancestor's involvement in a mail-order novelty company famed for ads in mid-20th-century periodicals and the family's experiences around World War II and the space program in culturally divided regions of America. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 18

Housing Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Housing Commission. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th Street, 1st Floor. 4:30 p.m.

Author & Illustrator Talk with Matt de la Peña and Christian Robinson

Please join the multiple award-winning team of author Matt de la Peña and illustrator Christian Robinson for a presentation and drawing demonstration of Carmela Full of Wishes. Book signing to follow. Limited space; tickets will be available 30 minutes before the program. Co-hosted by Children's Book World. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Back Pain Remedies

Dr. Michael Sinel, a nationally recognized expert in back pain and spinal disorders, as well as the author of Back Pain Remedies for Dummies and Win the Battle Against Back Pain- An Integrated Mind Body Approach, discusses how to help avoid and remedy back pain. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SAN FRANCISCO

Jurors: Don't throw out \$289M weed killer cancer verdict

Jurors who found that agribusiness giant Monsanto's Roundup weed killer contributed to a school groundskeeper's cancer are urging a San Francisco judge not to throw out the bulk of their \$289 million award in his favor, a newspaper reported Monday.

Juror Gary Kitahata told Judge Suzanne Bolanos in a letter that the jury was convinced by the evidence, the San Francisco Chronicle said.

"I urge you to respect and honor our verdict and the six weeks of our lives that we dedicated to this trial," he said.

Juror Robert Howard wrote to the judge that the jury had paid "studious attention" to the evidence and any decision to overturn its verdict would shake his confidence in the judicial system.

Bolanos said last week she is inclined to throw out \$250 million in punitive damages in favor of DeWayne Johnson. She is also considering dramatically reducing the remaining award. Her final decision is due by Oct. 22.

Johnson sprayed Roundup and a similar product, Ranger Pro, at his job as a pest control manager at a San Francisco Bay Area school district, according to his attorneys. He was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2014 at age 42.

His lawsuit is among hundreds alleging Roundup caused cancer, but it was the first one to go to trial.

Many government regulators have rejected a link between glyphosate – the active ingredient in Roundup – and cancer. Monsanto has vehemently denied such a connection, saying hundreds of studies have established that glyphosate is safe.

The jury in August determined that Monsanto should have provided a label warning of a potential health hazard.

In a tentative order last week, Bolanos said Johnson's attorneys had failed to show Monsanto acted with "malice or oppression" – a prerequisite for punitive damages.

Howard told the Chronicle testimony at trial showed there were "serious questions" about the safety of Roundup when the company gave it to Johnson's employer.

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MEASURE

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ballot would sharply expand the tax benefit for homeowners over 55 years old, the severely disabled and natural-disaster victims. According to findings of the state's nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office, it would also be a big drain on schools and local governments, which depend heavily on property tax revenue.

Under current law, seniors and near-seniors can transfer tax assessments if their new homes are worth the same or less than the ones they sell, and they can only do it only once. Also, counties can decide whether to accept out-of-county transfers; only 10 of 58 do.

The ballot measure would allow over-55 homeowners to transfer their assessments to any new home — no matter what it costs — anywhere in the state and as many times as they wish. It would also increase the tax break for homeowners who move to less expensive homes, like Campbell.

The Legislative Analyst's Office concluded that schools and local governments would each probably lose more than \$100 million in property tax revenue a year initially and that, over time, those losses would reach about \$1 billion a year for each. About 85,000 homeowners over 55 who move every year without the tax break would pay much less.

Supporters say passage will end a "moving penalty" on older people and encourage more to sell, helping alleviate California's housing shortage. The Legislative Analyst's Office estimates home sales would increase by tens of thousands a year.

The California Association of Realtors, the measure's main proponent, funded a

consultant's report that contends Proposition 5 would have much less impact on state and local governments, resulting in annual losses of \$120 million to annual gains of \$200 million.

Opponents challenge the assertion that Proposition 5 will spur construction and warn about a hit to public services.

"We're not being chicken little by saying the sky is falling," said Dorothy Johnson, legislative representative for the California State Association of Counties.

As a result of Proposition 13 passed in 1978, a home is typically taxed at 1.1 percent of the purchase price and increases no more than 2 percent a year. Prices have risen much more, sticking many homeowners with much higher taxes when they move.

Ann Throckmartin, a 76-year-old real estate broker whose husband is retired, said passage of Proposition 5 would be a deciding factor in whether to sell the couple's San Diego home of the last 45 years for one in a more expensive neighborhood downtown or closer to the beach.

"I wish this would hurry up," she said. "We want to move."

Supporters raised \$13.2 million as of Sept. 25, mostly from the Realtors, whose members would benefit from more sales commissions. Opponents raised \$1.7 million, mostly from the Service Employees International Union and California Teachers Association.

The Realtors recently filed notice with authorities that it will try again on the November 2020 ballot. Chris Carlyle, its legislative advocate, said it was "just to signal to our opponent we are not going away. If we lose this time, we will be back in 2020."

Associated Press writer Sophia Bollag in Sacramento, California, contributed.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra

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Uber Hosted Westside Toastmasters Like A Good Neighbor

Last week there was a meeting of the Westside Toastmasters at the Ocean Avenue offices of UBER. It turns out that UBER has some beautiful meeting spaces and Toastmasters has some amazing training programs in public speaking and leadership that UBER was interested in for their employees.

At 6:30 p.m. I perambulated across Ocean Avenue from the Loews Santa Monica Beach hotel to the hip and swanky UBER offices. Making it past security on the first floor I was immediately greeted by round two of security where I was asked to sign a waiver that probably gives them any children I may have, and all my digital data in perpetuity. Once signed in, with a bad photo to go on my printed ID card, I was told to head up the stairs past the shuffleboard table.

Entering a dining area / meeting room there was a tremendous amount of food spread out that had been provided by Benny's Taco's on Wilshire Blvd. Trays of guacamole, veggie quesadillas, chicken and beef fajitas and fresh churros were laid out for the 25 or so people who would be attending this club meeting.

UBER reached out to the Westside Toastmasters to see about working together and having us bring a meeting in to their offices to demonstrate for their employees what Toastmasters is all about. It's a forward thinking move on their part, and a great way to develop their employees speaking and leadership skills. By hosting us in their offices it makes it easy for their team members to attend a meeting. This was the first time that we were there, and the turnout was about 5 employees.

I have seen the changes in people when they regularly attend an organization like Toastmasters and work to improve their skills. I think it's one of the great failings of society today that we don't encourage more young people to develop their interpersonal and communication skills. I think the reliance upon texting and email is a profound mistake, because so much of what makes for true effective leadership is the ability to look someone in the eye, share a story and be able to gauge their reaction.

Texting and email are marvelous tools

and I rely upon them immensely. However, I am also very aware of just how difficult it is to know how what I wrote was received. The written word can be exceptionally motivating, but also can be so easily misunderstood. The lack of a punctuation mark can dramatically change a meaning. For example: "Let's eat! David!" versus, "Let's eat David!" I have been on both sides of the misinterpreted text and email, which is why I value the in person chats, even on the phone, as more valuable and informative than an email. We can all tell in a second when a loved one calls if something is wrong, if they're happy, sad, upset. Those nuances are what are lost in the written word.

I was very encouraged when the five employees of UBER attended the club meeting for Westside Toastmasters - it tells me that they are interested in bettering their skills, and more importantly that they have the backing of their company in improving themselves. It's that level of investment in today's youth and workforce that will continue to move us forward as a state, a nation and the human race.

UBER has changed lives for many people, all across the globe, and I know this is true as I have used Uber in New Zealand, South Africa, England and all across our country. The drivers I have met and spoken with, have shared their hopes and dreams. I've driven with Muslims in Auckland, and wanna be travellers in Johannesburg, I've had conversations with hustling entrepreneurs in the United Kingdom and busy parents in Florida who were doing UBER so they could be at home parents when their children were young.

The world is an amazing place and we can learn much from our fellows if we stop texting and start talking, and more importantly, listening. I want to thank UBER for opening up their offices to the Westside Toastmasters, but also for opening up the world to me, and those who want to build a better life for themselves and their families.

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City Council Approves Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan

The Santa Monica City Council unanimously approved the Local Coastal Program (LCP) Land Use Plan at last night's meeting – the first update to the plan since its adoption in 1992. The update is an important step toward aligning the LCP with current City policies related to mobility, sustainability and adaptation to sea level rise, as required by Coastal Commission guidelines.

"We have been working for more than two years with Coastal Commission staff to ensure that our updated LCP Land Use Plan will support a coastal development permit process that aligns with our sustainability and mobility goals," said David Martin, Director of Planning and Community Development. "In addition, our planning process utilized the Coastal Commission's guidelines and the latest sea level rise science and modeling to develop policies to prepare Santa Monica for the advent of sea level rise. The Land Use Plan outlines policies for hazard zone properties as well as a roadmap for adaptation to make our City more resilient as measurable sea level rise occurs."

The Land Use Plan consists of seven policy areas that address State Coastal Act requirements. Two of the most important policy areas address access to the beach and sea-level rise. The access policies ensure beach visitors have many options to access the coast, including management of shared parking resources and a comfortable pedestrian and active transportation environment. The sea level policies will prepare Santa Monica to plan strategically to protect beach infrastructure and coastal assets. Sections of the California coast are already experiencing destruction from wave run-up and storms. While Santa Monica has not yet experienced effects of sea level rise, adopting these policies now makes Santa Monica one of the first Southern California cities to begin this preparation.

The LCP Land Use Plan adoption follows two years of broad outreach and careful analysis. Residents may remember the OWL visualization tool on the Pier in late 2016 depicting the impacts of sea level rise. Community feedback from the OWL as well as from public meetings and other outreach tools informed the Final Draft LUP adopted by Council.

The LCP Land Use Plan will now move forward to the Coastal Commission for certification for conformance with the Coastal Act. The next step will be development of an Implementation Plan, including an update of the Low-Cost Lodging Mitigation Fee. Until full certification including the Implementation Plan, the Land Use Plan will serve as a basis for Coastal Commission's review of Santa Monica's Coastal Development Permits. The combined process in the future under City authority will integrate coastal sensitivity unique to Santa Monica and streamline the review process for projects in the Coastal Zone.

SUBMITTED BY CONSTANCE FARRELL

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Santa Monica College to Stage "The Real Inspector Hound" and "DieVersions in Murder"

The Santa Monica College Theatre Arts Department will stage double-feature performances of the one-act plays "The Real Inspector Hound" and "DieVersions in Murder" October 19-28 at the Theatre Arts Studio Stage on the SMC main campus, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica.

In "The Real Inspector Hound," by Tom Stoppard, two theatre critics attend a murder-mystery event they are reviewing, and unwittingly get caught up in the action. In the bonus second play – "DieVersions in Murder," written by SMC Theatre Arts Professor Terrin Adair-Lynch – everyone is at risk, and 'who gets it?' is the real question.

Show times are 8 p.m. on Friday, October 19 and October 26, and on Saturday, October 20 and October 27. Early shows are at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 25, and Sunday, October 28. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 21, Saturday, October 27, and Sunday, October 28. No late seating. No video feed offered in lobby area.

Advance tickets are \$10 plus a service charge, and can be purchased by going to www.smc.edu/studiostage or by calling 310-434-4319 or 310-434-3005 Monday through Friday. Tickets are \$3 higher at the door. Parking is free on Friday evenings and weekends.

SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH

Citywide

Santa Monica Joins National Coalition Challenging the Federal Communications Commission's Ruling Regarding Wireless Facilities

On Tuesday, October 9, the City Council authorized the City of Santa Monica to join a national coalition of local governments challenging a September 26 order by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC). The FCC's order curtails local municipalities' ability to regulate small cell wireless facilities in the public right-of-way. The ruling limits local control over aesthetics and reduces wireless permitting timelines that will require cities to modify permitting processes. Los Angeles, San Jose and Portland are among the coalition of participating cities.

The City of Santa Monica is currently in the process of modifying rules for wireless facilities in the public right-of-way. The recent FCC ruling will dramatically reduce the City's ability to control future wireless facilities in the public right-of-way. For more information about small cell wireless facilities in Santa Monica, visit www.santamonica.gov/wirelessinfo.

SUBMITTED BY MIRANDA IGLESIAS, PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR

Venice

Venice Man Sentenced for Deadly PCH Pursuit

A 23-year-old man has pleaded no contest for leading police on a pursuit and later crashing into a landscaper walking on Pacific Coast Highway, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Melissa Oppen said Kevin James Hicks of Venice entered his plea yesterday to one felony count each of fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle causing death, driving or taking a vehicle without consent with a prior, assault with a deadly weapon and DUI causing injury.

Hicks also admitted causing great bodily injury. He was immediately sentenced to 14 years and four months in state prison.

On Nov. 29, 2017, the defendant drove a stolen car on PCH and led police on a pursuit after initially pulling over near Ramirez Mesa Drive. Police stopped pursuing the defendant as he drove at a high rate of speed soon before he struck Juan Castillo, 28, who was walking on the right shoulder, the prosecutor said.

Case LA087357 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lost Hills Station.

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of rules that apply to bicycles, rollerblades, and scooters on the beach bike path,” said Supervisor Sheila Kuehl. “If someone ‘scoots’ from Venice to Santa Monica, they scoot from one set of rules to another. That’s not smart or safe for people using the bike path or for pedestrians who may be crossing the bike path, so we’ve asked the County to lead a process to create a guiding document that will help lead to a unified set of recommendations.”

Regulation of the beach trail falls under multiple jurisdictions as the County-owned path passes through multiple cities. Each municipality along the 22-mile trail has the ability to enforce its own regulations within their borders.

Further adding to the confusion has been a discussion over how to classify the new class of electric-assisted devices because while they have a motor, they can also be powered by a kick or pedal.

Existing county documents say the beach path is reserved for non-motorized use but it does allow “electric-assist and electric-powered mobility devices.” Those definitions apply generally, but not exclusively, to electric bicycles and wheelchairs. However, there are exemptions to those exemptions with a notation that electric bicycles with a top speed of more than 28 mph are banned

from the path.

In Santa Monica, officials refined their local definitions to classify e-scooters as vehicles which makes them subject to a preexisting ban on all vehicles along the beach path. Council eventually expanded their concept of “vehicles” to prohibit all motorized devices from the path, including electric scooters, some electric bikes, Segways and motorized skateboards.

“Considering the recent emergence of electric motor-assisted bicycles and scooters, and their increased availability to the public through bike-share and scooter-share systems, there is potential for numerous modes of travel on these bike paths. As a result, there is a need to review the rules related to safety and whether there is continuity for all users,” said the staff report.

According to the letter submitted to the board, other cities are also working on their own rules.

“An evaluation of current bike path safety regulations promulgated by the various jurisdictions would allow for the development of best practices to enhance continuity of regulatory and advisory signage and ground markings to better inform users as well as enhance enforcement mechanisms,” said the report.

The Board of Supervisors will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 9:30 a.m. at 500 West Temple Street in Los Angeles.

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 65.8°

TUESDAY - FAIR - SURF: 3-4 ft waist to chest high
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WEDNESDAY - FAIR - SURF: 3-4 ft waist to chest high
Long period SW swell.

CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 AT ABOUT 10:40 A.M.

Officers were dispatched to a multi-level office building located in the 1400 block of 7th street to take a burglary report of a stolen bicycle. A witness of the incident was able to provide a video of the theft and also added that the suspect had returned, with the bicycle, and therefore the victim was able to get the bicycle back from him. On October 2, 2018, an officer recognized the suspect from this incident standing in the area of 3rd and Arizona. The officer subsequently arrested the suspect for the offense. Leo Valenzuela, 40, from San Jose, was arrested for burglary. Bail was set at \$20,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 319 Calls For Service On Oct. 14.

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

Shots fired 2200 block California 12:12 a.m.
Battery 100 block Wilshire 12:21 a.m.
Family disturbance 2200 block 29th 12:25 a.m.
Sexual assault 1500 block Ocean 12:48 a.m.
Battery 100 block Wilshire 12:51 a.m.
Strong-arm robbery 1900 block Wilshire 01:49 a.m.
Person down 500 block Broadway 01:58 a.m.
Public intoxication 2900 block Airport 02:10 a.m.
Auto burglary 1100 block 20th 04:02 a.m.
Battery 26th/Carlyle 04:22 a.m.
Encampment 400 block Santa Monica Pier 06:07 a.m.
Drunk driving 1600 block 4th 06:47 a.m.
Animal related incident 2600 block Main 07:55 a.m.
Encampment 2300 block Ocean Front Walk 09:10 a.m.
Civil dispute 1400 block Santa Monica 09:56 a.m.
Domestic violence 400 block Broadway 10:27 a.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 1800 block 14th 10:39 a.m.
Bike theft 300 block Colorado 11:56 a.m.
Battery 14th/Michigan 11:57 a.m.
Animal related incident 11:58 a.m.
Burglary 1800 block 18th 12:05 p.m.
Burglary 2000 block Oak 12:18 p.m.
Battery Lincoln/Pico 12:39 p.m.
Injured person 00 block Pico 12:59 p.m.
Animal related incident 400 block Palisades Beach 1:40 p.m.
Auto burglary 2500 block 5th 1:58 p.m.

Family disturbance 26th/Broadway 2:00 p.m.
Indecent exposure 700 block California 2:51 p.m.
Animal related incident 2400 block Santa Monica 3:09 p.m.
Indecent exposure 700 block California 3:10 p.m.
Sexual assault 2700 block Lincoln 3:16 p.m.
Animal related incident 400 block Santa Monica Pier 4:01 p.m.
Animal related incident 900 block 15th 4:11 p.m.
Public intoxication 00 block Pico 4:24 p.m.
Vandalism 900 block 2nd 4:25 p.m.
Encampment 1200 block Palisades Beach 4:42 p.m.
Encampment 1100 block 4th 5:38 p.m.
Drunk driving Ocean/Pico 5:45 p.m.
Domestic violence 1700 block Ocean Front 5:59 p.m.
Public intoxication 1400 block 10th 6:11 p.m.
Person w/gun 2000 block Main 6:18 p.m.
Auto burglary 100 block Hollister 7:21 p.m.
Shots fired 1100 block Stanford 7:41 p.m.
Encampment 1100 block The Beach 7:53 p.m.
Indecent exposure 2nd/Broadway 8:13 p.m.
Vandalism 1100 block Lincoln 8:29 p.m.
Battery Ocean/Broadway 8:35 p.m.
Public intoxication 3rd Prom/Santa Monica 8:37 p.m.
Battery 2600 block Lincoln 9:06 p.m.
Family disturbance 800 block 9th 10:35 p.m.
Animal related incident 1500 block 6th 10:47 p.m.
Shots fired 1300 block 17th 10:48 p.m.
Shots fired 1000 block 17th 10:48 p.m.
Domestic violence 800 block 4th 10:52 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 33 Calls For Service On Oct. 14.

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

Automatic alarm 2600 block Broadway 12:41 a.m.
Emergency Medical Service 1500 block Broadway 01:12 a.m.
EMS 400 block Colorado 01:49 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Wilshire 02:02 a.m.
EMS 700 block Palisades Beach 03:03 a.m.
EMS 500 block Broadway 03:51 a.m.
EMS 1500 block Harvard 03:58 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 9th 04:45 a.m.
EMS 1200 block 9th 07:25 a.m.
EMS 900 block 7th 08:43 a.m.
EMS 400 block Broadway 10:52 a.m.
EMS 1700 block Cloverfield 11:01 a.m.
EMS 1000 block Broadway 11:24 a.m.
EMS 14th/Michigan 11:58 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 21st 12:46 p.m.
EMS 0 block Pico 12:57 p.m.

EMS 1400 block 15th 2:52 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Centinela 3:22 p.m.
EMS 1100 block Lincoln 3:24 p.m.
Collision w/injury 2600 block Barnard 4:02 p.m.
EMS 500 block Olympic 4:10 p.m.
EMS 1900 block Pico 4:12 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1500 block 6th 4:33 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1200 block 15th 5:18 p.m.
EMS 200 block Santa Monica 7:07 p.m.
EMS 2700 block Nielson 7:29 p.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 7:53 p.m.
EMS 500 block Olympic 8:30 p.m.
EMS Ocean/Broadway 8:36 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1700 block Ocean 8:57 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Ocean 9:00 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Ocean 9:47 p.m.
EMS Cloverfield/Michigan 11:12 p.m.

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Draw Date: 10/12
4 24 46 61 70
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 654M



Draw Date: 10/13
3 23 30 38 40
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 14M



Draw Date: 10/14
9 11 15 16 38



Draw Date: 10/14
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Draw Date: 10/14
EVENING: 4 5 7



Draw Date: 10/14
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2nd: 10 Solid Gold
3rd: 12 Lucky Charms
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1. a casual, amateurish chess player.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LALEE

Never Say "Diet"
■ The Major League Eating record for cheese curds is 5 pounds, 2 ounces, in 6 minutes, held by Darron Breeden. Cheese curds are moist pieces of curdled milk. Whey to go, Darron.

Best Medicine
■ A woman in labor suddenly shouted, "Shouldn't! Wouldn't! Couldn't! Didn't! Can't!"
■ "Don't worry," said the doctor to the worried husband, standing nearby. "Those are just contractions."

Observation
■ "A natural death is where you die by yourself without the aid of a doctor." – Mark Twain (1835-1910)

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sports squad
5 Push
10 Affectionate greeting
14 In an aimless fashion
15 Competitive personality
16 Reason to scratch
17 Revise
18 Prophetic signs
19 Entryway
20 At the perfect moment
22 Confident
23 Had a hunch
24 Placed in a schedule
26 Two-purpose
29 Health club
30 Degs. in finance
34 Experts, for short
36 Monk's home
40 Extra effort, informally
42 Shirt or blouse
43 Camel's South American cousin
44 Backyard barbecue spot
45 Short satirical piece
47 Simple to do
48 Navy noncom: Abbr.
50 What blizzards are made of
52 Bug-blocking window inserts
56 Cooks in a barbecue
61 Animal's den
62 Place for a wallet or handkerchief
65 Karenina of fiction
66 Without assistance

- LET'S PLAY POOL** by Billie Truitt
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- 67 Add to the payroll
68 Variety of pear
69 Sturdily constructed
70 "So, what __ is new?"
71 Try to find
72 Put an __ (stop)
73 Snow coaster
- DOWN**
- 1 Stadium levels
2 __ Bauer (clothing store chain)
3 Adjust, as car wheels
4 Ancient legends
5 Got off the sofa
6 Church choir song
7 Oil cartel
8 The second planet
9 Flip-chart stands
10 Thanksgiving seating for youngsters
11 "Cut __!" ("Stop that!")
12 Cross home plate
13 Destroy, as documents
21 Turner who founded CNN
25 Milky gemstone
27 __ and crafts
28 Takes a peek
30 Floor-washing implement
31 Constricting snake
32 Qty.
33 Holder of basil and oregano
35 *Wheel of Fortune* turn
37 Sheep's sound
38 Three letters in "mommy"
39 "That's great news!"
41 Optimistic wish
46 Submarine weapon
49 At first, second or third
51 Try to win over
52 Thick slices
53 Summer camp boat
54 Laundry cycle
55 Beauty parlor
57 Feels sore
58 Expertise
59 Wasting no words
60 Spirited horse
63 Cooler than cool
64 Make a sweater, say

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (OCT. 16)

You'll gain greater control over your own mental state this solar return and often be able to change it to suit the opportunity at hand. Other exciting events include attending a party that will be legendary, the celebration of your growing family and being entrusted with an honorable responsibility. Aries and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 50, 14, 20 and 11.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Melodramatic people will avoid you (they thrive on theatrics and therefore don't want problems to end), freeing your time for maximum positive productivity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

It turns out that a few of your tangents were unnecessary, but no regrets. Your story is better for journey, even though, as Glinda the Good Witch once said, "You've always had the power."

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

When everyone does the assigned job, things go smoothly. The trouble occurs when jobs haven't been assigned. Who isn't working and could be a great asset to the cause? Put everyone to work.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

While you'd love to help everyone who asks, some of the requests you'll get are out of your jurisdiction or just don't feel right to you. Your intuitive response will be correct. Set limits.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Your lion heart will lead you around today. You'll give generously of yourself. Also notable is your access to excellent teachers. Take advantage of the opportunity to learn.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Explore the nature of a problem, goal or objective. Analyze what has been tried, what worked and what didn't. Take a straight-forward, scientific approach to making things better and you'll succeed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

When you concern yourself with getting to higher levels of rapport and trust with the people around you, you'll skip over a lot of other kinds of problems that could arise to engage with what really matters.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

You have a holistic view that allows you to see the entirety of people to whatever extent is actually possible. You'll be appreciated for your clear, honest feedback.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You're sensitive to a wide range of social styles, and you will match your approach accordingly as a gesture of goodwill. This also happens to be an excellent way to build rapport that will serve you well later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Don't get snared into the myth of confidence. Any fool can be confident, and many are, while the wiser and smarter may be riddled with doubt. Take confidence out of the equation. Strive to do what's right.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

People will support what they create, not necessarily what they are paid to support, and of course not what's been forced upon them. Co-creations will be much easier to float than solitary plans.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

To form the bonds of loyalty, humans need to connect on many levels including the emotional, intellectual and physical. Usually that is complicated, but today it will seem to happen naturally and effortlessly.

CELEBRITY, POWER AND THE CAPRICORN MOON

It's the same in popular culture as it is in high school, families or any social group, really: The spotlight swings around the room. No one can be the star indefinitely; that would be too boring. The focal shift is coming again. Who will get the fresh glow of attention? The Capricorn moon presents an opportunity to leverage celebrity into power.

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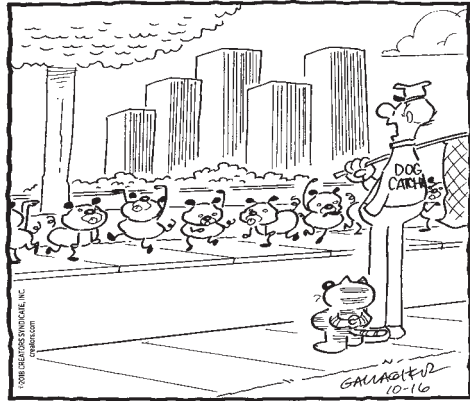
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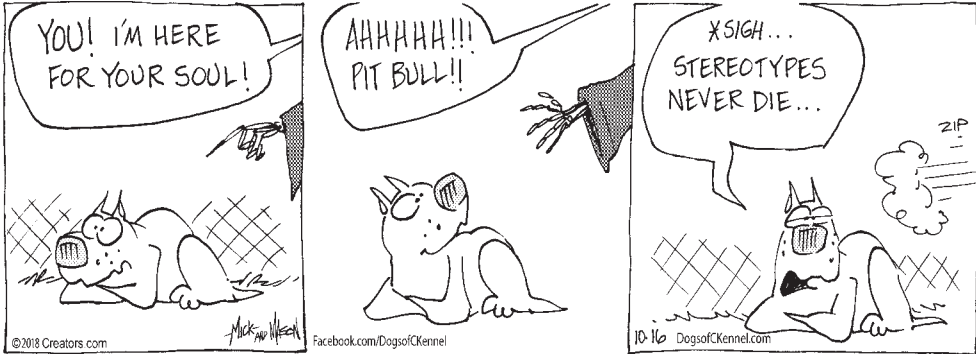
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one is wealthy enough to own property.

HOW MANY RESOURCES ARE AND SHOULD BE PUT INTO ENSURING TENANTS ADHERE TO RENT CONTROL RULES VS. PURSUING LANDLORDS WHO BEHAVE BADLY?

The purpose of the Rent Control Board is to protect our rent-controlled housing stock. Our resources must be devoted, first and foremost, to remedy threats to rent-controlled housing – regardless of the source. We must act fairly and without bias to address every case and issue on the unique facts presented.

HAVE YOU WATCHED ANY REAL-ESTATE BASED TV SHOWS? IF SO WHICH ONES?

Yes! Although, it's hard to watch TV during election season. I like to watch House Hunters, Flip or Flop, Trading Spaces (reboot and original), Love It or List It, Flipping Out, and Million Dollar Listings. And, our Rent Control Board meetings on CityTV, of course.

DO YOU THINK LANDLORDS ARE CURRENTLY GETTING A "FAIR RETURN" ON THEIR INVESTMENTS VIA THE ANNUAL RENT ADJUSTMENT FORMULA?

Yes. Landlords currently enjoy vacancy decontrol, which has proven very lucrative in this rental market. In addition, if landlords believe they are not making a fair return, the Board provides a specific procedure to apply for rent increases on a case-by-case basis.

WHAT QUALIFIES YOU TO LEAD AN ORGANIZATION WITH THE BUDGET AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RENT CONTROL BOARD?

First, my record in my first term in office, which I believe demonstrates fiscal responsibility, accountability, and fidelity to the law. Second, my experience as an attorney and a former Ninth Circuit law clerk equips me with the ability to interpret and apply the law fairly and without bias.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU KEPT A HOUSEPLANT ALIVE AND WHAT DOES THAT KIND OF PLANT SAY ABOUT YOUR PERSONALITY?

I don't have any houseplants, but I do have a 9.5 year old Golden Retriever. We've been through law school, a cross-country, move, six different apartments and two major dog surgeries. Our bond shows that when I commit to something, I am in it for the long haul (and I put my money where my mouth is).

IS THERE ANYTHING THE RENT CONTROL BOARD CAN OR SHOULD DO TO ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS TO BUY INTO THE SANTA MONICA REAL ESTATE AND OPERATE RENT CONTROLLED BUILDINGS?

I would focus on helping landlords keep their buildings, including through pre-Ellis counseling. I would also like to see the City of Santa Monica provide low cost financing programs to support the acquisition of rent controlled buildings at risk of being Ellised and also for required maintenance, like seismic retrofitting.

DOES THE CITY HAVE A HOUSING CRISIS, AFFORDABILITY CRISIS, NEITHER OR BOTH?

Both. The issue is that the types of housing we are primarily building are ultra-luxe, non-rent controlled, expensive units. We cannot solve the housing and affordability crises with more housing for the rich. Rather, protecting and expanding rent control, including passing Prop 10, is one piece of that puzzle.

WHICH TELEVISION CHARACTER HAS THE LEAST REALISTIC LIVING SITUATION?

Tough question. Maybe, the cast of Friends, who can somehow afford a massive NYC apartment on the salary of a chef, a barista, and a singer/masseuse. The Kardashians paint a pretty unrealistic picture of life in Southern California. Most Americans do not have the benefit of being born into such extreme wealth and privilege; we make many trade-offs to make ends meet.

WHAT ROLE DOES RENT CONTROL PLAY IN ESTABLISHING THE CULTURE OF THE CITY?

Rent control is more than a policy – it is a core Santa Monica value. Santa Monica is 73% renters so it makes sense that our political culture revolves around questions of housing equity. Part of what makes Santa Monica so amazing is that you can be a stakeholder here, even if you do not own your home.

TENANT EVICTIONS WERE ALREADY INCREASING BEFORE PROP. 10 BECAME PART OF THE DISCUSSION. IF NEW LIMITS ARE IMPOSED ON MARKET RATE RENTS, WHAT'S TO STOP ELLIS ACT EVICTIONS FROM EXPLODING IF LANDLORDS FLEE THE MARKET?

This question is incredibly important. But to address it we need to use hard numbers. According to the 2017/2018 Annual Consolidated Report, 2017 Ellis evictions were actually down from 2016. Below is a chart from the Rent Control Board's Consolidated Report that shows the fluctuations in Ellis Activity since Ellis was passed in 1986.

So while any Ellis eviction is one too many, the trends actually show that Ellis evictions are not "exploding" but rather, that they are lower than they were in both 2016 and 2015.

Moreover, contrary to what many opponents of Proposition 10 are spinning, the passage of Costa-Hawkins in 1995 did not result in a reduction of Ellis activity – it was the exact opposite. Between 1995 (when Costa-Hawkins passed) and 1999 (when Costa-Hawkins went into effect), Ellis evictions increased, significantly. In fact, the year 2000 (the year after Costa-Hawkins went into effect) was the second highest year on record for Ellis evictions since the law was passed. The hard numbers simply do not support the idea that vacancy decontrol stops Ellising.

We do know, however, that the passage of Costa-Hawkins has drastically reduced housing affordability in Santa Monica. In 1998, the year before vacancy decontrol went into effect, 96% of rent controlled units were affordable to extremely low, very low, low and moderate income people. That means that people could actually afford to live in Santa Monica on the salaries of teachers, nurses, and hotel workers. By 2017, less than 13% of all rent controlled units in Santa Monica were affordable to those same populations, while the percentage of units affordable to higher income tenants increased over 2000%.

Proposition 10 because what Proposition 10 does is return local control over our rent control law to Santa Monica. And I think Santa Monicans know best about how to govern our City in accordance with our shared community values and political history.

WHAT IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT THREAT TO THE STABILITY OF HOUSING FOR RENTERS, AND WHAT ARE YOUR SOLUTIONS?

The most significant threat to the stability of housing for renters is a lack of long term, permanent affordability. Rent control as permitted under California law addresses part of that problem by stabilizing rents to ensure that renters have predictability in terms of annual rent increases. But that is only part of the solution. We also need to address skyrocketing market pressures, speculation and stratospheric initial rents.

From a policy perspective, I believe that if a property is Ellised, the City should regulate post-Ellis use of the property to require a 1:1 ratio of housing to replace the number of units we have lost (instead of permitting large 20-30 unit apartment buildings to be replaced by 3 condominium units). I have also directly lobbied and advocated for City Council to increase Ellis Act relocation benefits so that tenants who are displaced through no fault of their own can actually afford to move to another rental unit within Santa Monica.

Fig 17 | Affordability of Market-Rate Rental Units by Income Category, 1998 versus 2017

Income Category	1998		2017		Change (+/-)
	Units	%	Units	%	
Rent Level Affordability					
Extremely Low (30%)	1,220	6.4	8	0	-99.3%
Very Low (50%)	3,682	19.3	109	0.6	-97.0%
Low (60%)	4,485	23.5	165	0.9	-96.3%
Low (80%)	6,492	34.1	453	2.4	-93.0%
Moderate (110%)	2,417	12.7	1,591	8.3	-34.2%
Higher (>110%)	761	4.0	16,731	87.8	2,098.6%

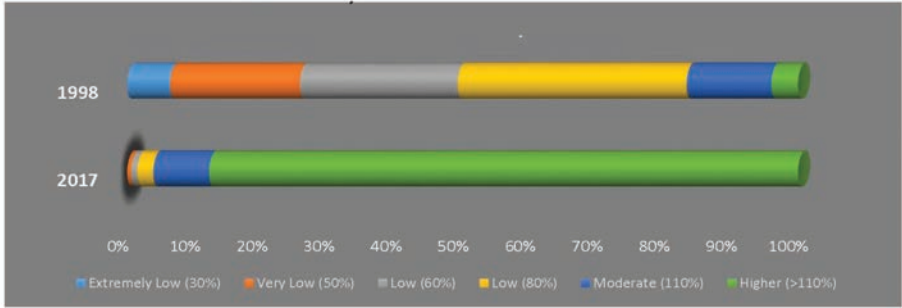
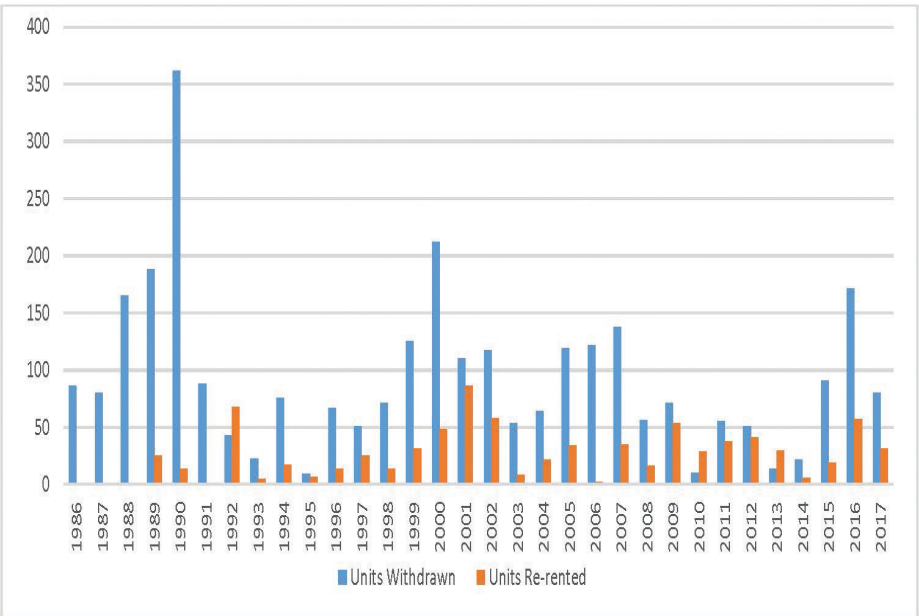


Fig 21 | Controlled Rental Units Withdrawn and Renterals Returned to Controlled Status



So what the hard numbers actually show is that while Ellis activity was not really stopped by the passage of Costa-Hawkins, what did drop, staggeringly, was the number of affordable rent controlled apartments in Santa Monica. And that was not the only effect of Proposition 10, which also created perverse market incentives to harass long term tenants out in order to raise rents under vacancy decontrol.

At day's end, I strongly support YES on

I have also advocated for increase tenant harassment protections and enforcement by our City Attorneys' office, to protect our most vulnerable tenants from losing their units through abuse, intimidation, or gross neglect. And lastly, I support a strong YES on Proposition 10, because it will allow the City of Santa Monica to reassert local control over our rent control law, including potentially controlling aging buildings constructed after 1978 to help replenish our rent controlled housing stock.

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