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Santa Monica College gunman found dead after standoff with Hawthorne police



Thomas Leffler

TERRIFYING: The gates at the entrance of the Center for Media & Design at Santa Monica College remained closed and locked throughout Tuesday.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

The suspect wanted in connection to a shooting at Santa Monica College on Monday night has died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound following a brief pursuit with police in Hawthorne, according to the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD).

Investigators had been tracking the suspect since the incident on Monday night. According to Lieutenant Erika Aklufi of the SMPD, Hawthorne Police Department got a hit on the suspect's vehicle and attempted to pull it over, at which point a brief pursuit began at about 3pm on Tuesday afternoon. Not long after, a pursuit intervention technique was used to bring the suspect's black sedan to a standstill on Aviation Boulevard, north of El Segundo Boulevard.

The driver refused to cooperate or exit the vehicle and despite the efforts of the Hawthorne PD's Crisis Negotiations Team, the suspect was found deceased inside his vehicle from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The Los Angeles County Coroner will be responding.

Detectives identified Davon Durell Dean (DOB 01/08/1985) an SMC employee as the suspected shooter. Durell has a history of arrests including for attempted murder in 2011 and an assault with a deadly weapon, a firearm, in 2019. However, his only convictions were for misdemeanor property crimes.

The incident began at Santa Monica College (SMC) when a long-time employee was critically wounded on Monday night in what authorities say is an incident of workplace violence. The campus was closed Tuesday following the shooting of an employee at the Center for Media & Design (CMD) late Monday evening.

The victim, shot around 9:50pm, was transported to a local hospital in critical condition. The CMD facility, located at 1660 Stewart Street, is one of SMC's satellite campuses and is also home to the KCRW radio station.

"This was a workplace violence incident, not a random act," said a statement from the college. "The College is fully cooperating with authorities, and all Santa Monica College campuses will be closed on Tuesday to prioritize the safety and well-being of our community."

SMC Superintendent Kathryn E. Jeffery expressed sorrow in a statement, noting the victim is a long-time employee. She urged the campus community to unite in support of the victim's loved ones.

"Here at SMC, we frequently refer

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Bills passed protecting renters on screening fees, security deposits

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

Out of the more than 1,200 bills that landed on Gov. Gavin Newsom's desk from the 2023-2024 California legislative session, two in particular are godsends to renters' wallets.

Newsom recently signed both AB 2493 and AB 2801, aiding renters in both their search for a new abode and departures from current apartments. AB 2493, introduced

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Another 370 residential units submitted for Bergamot area

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

Another mixed-use residential project has been submitted around the Bergamot Station area, a growing trend for submissions in what has been a housing-averse portion of the city.

Last month, developer Holland Partner Group submitted an application to the city seeking approval to redevelop a site at 1633 26th Street. The proposed development, designed by AC Martin, calls for 370 apartments, 2,400 square feet of ground floor commercial space, and a two-level subterranean parking garage that would hold 527 spaces for cars.

Plans for the project would

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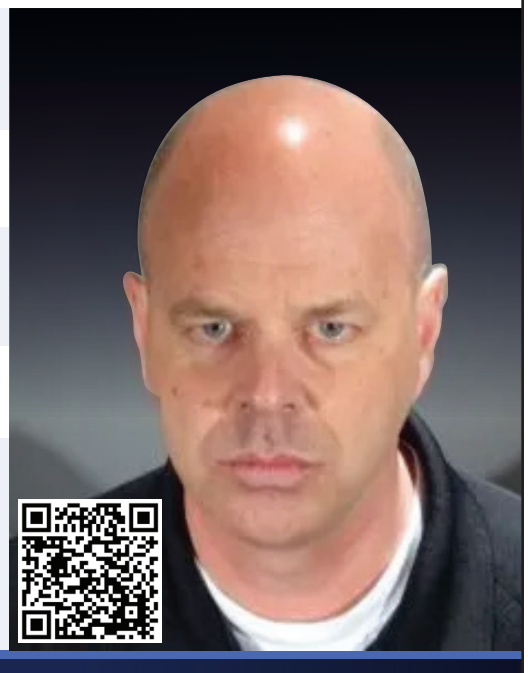
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Members of Congress call on companies to retain DEI programs as court cases grind on

CATHY BUSSEWITZ
AP Business Writer

A group of Democrats in Congress appealed to the largest U.S. companies Tuesday to hold onto their diversity, equity and inclusion programs, saying such efforts give everyone a fair chance at achieving the American dream.

The 49 House members, led by U.S. Rep. Robert Garcia of California, shared their views in a letter emailed to the leaders of the Fortune 1000. The move follows several major corporations saying in recent months that they would end or curtail their DEI initiatives.

"Inclusion is a core American value, and a great business practice," the lawmakers wrote. "By embracing this value, you create safer and fairer workplaces without sacrificing quality or financial success."

A handful of U.S. companies, including Ford, Harley-Davidson, John Deere, Lowes and Molson Coors, dialed back their DEI initiatives over the summer. The retreats came in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court outlawing affirmative action in college admissions and after conservative activists targeted the prominent American brands over their diversity policies and programs.

DEI policies typically are intended as a counterweight to discriminatory practices. Critics argue that education, government and business programs which single out participants based on factors such as race, gender and sexual orientation are unfair and the same opportunities should be afforded to everyone.

"They create toxic environments. They divide people," Ilya Shapiro, director of constitutional studies at the Manhattan Institute, said of diversity, inclusion and equity initiatives.

The opponents have had several legislative and legal victories, and dozens more cases are working their way through the courts.

"These efforts to roll back rights are happening everywhere. They're happening at the workplace. They're happening in state legislatures," Garcia told The Associated Press. "And it needs to stop. And we've got to push back and be vocal. We can't just sit by and allow this to happen."

The lawmakers' letter states that growing numbers of American consumers spend their money with businesses that champion inclusion and are unlikely to continue supporting companies that they see backing down on commitments to bring people together.

"Continual progress towards more equal policies and benefits decreases the risk that anyone - employees and consumers - will experience discrimination, bias, and other threats to their safety and well-being," the letter says.

The letter comes on the heels of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission announcing that it filed 110 lawsuits in the past year alleging that employers sexually harassed teenagers, discriminated against workers based on sexual orientation and gender identity, engaged in patterns of discrimination and violated the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, among other violations.

The lawsuits represent a small fraction of the complaints lodged with the EEOC. The agency received more than 81,000 charges of workplace discrimination in fiscal year 2023, which was a 10% increase over 2022, EEOC Chair Charlotte Burrows said.

For every complaint, the EEOC notified the employer and launched an investigation. Many involved allegations of racial harassment or religious discrimination, Burrows said.

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>
> - Charlotte Burrows, EEOC Chair

"Most people don't even report internally, much less to the federal government, when they experience discrimination, so unfortunately, it's the tip of the iceberg," Burrows told the AP.

She and other commissioners strongly support diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility programs "because it is in so many ways an antidote to the kinds of practices that lead us to have to go to court," Burrows said.

The Manhattan Institute's Shapiro counters that DEI programs have little to do with civil rights law.

"The pushback against it is not a pushback against anti-discrimination laws or anything that existed really before 10 years ago or so," he said. "DEI is divisive. It views people and issues through lenses of identity, classifies people based on privilege hierarchies and intersectional matrices, and is antithetical to a productive working environment."

Meanwhile, lawsuits claiming reverse discrimination may be gaining momentum. The U.S. Supreme Court recently decided it would hear a lawsuit filed by Marlean Ames, who claims she was discriminated against in her job at the Ohio Department of Youth Services because she was straight.

"It's a case that people are expecting will open the courthouse doors to more reverse discrimination suits," said Jason Schwartz,

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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What's behind all the political theater over California's high gasoline prices?

DAN WALTERS

California's governors and legislators often do things that defy real world rationality and can only be explained, if not justified, in political terms. This month's exercise in political theater over gasoline prices is an extreme example.

California's gas prices are, as every motorist knows, much higher than those of other states. Just driving into Nevada and Arizona for a fill-up will likely cost a dollar per gallon less than it would in California — even though the fuel probably came from a California refinery.

The vast majority of that differential is explained by California's unique gasoline blend, mandated to fight smog, and its highest-in-the-nation direct and indirect taxes.

In a 2023 paper, Severin Borenstein, a UC Berkeley economist regarded as the state's leading expert on the issue, pointed out that California's direct and indirect taxes on fuel amount to nearly $1 per gallon — 70 cents higher than the national average of such taxes — and the unique fuel blend adds another dime. Borenstein has also called for a deeper review of what he's dubbed a "mystery gasoline surcharge," which two years ago averaged 65 cents.

Despite those high prices, gasoline is still a relatively small segment of what it costs to live in California. Driving 240 miles a week in a car that gets 20 miles to the gallon might cost $12 more than it does in another state.

Nevertheless, gas prices command an inordinately high level of public attention as a symbol of anxiety about living costs in general, and therefore are ripe for political exploitation.

Gov. Gavin Newsom has been gaslighting Californians about gas prices for the last couple of years, bypassing the simple fact that taxes and other mandated costs are key factors in high prices and insisting that refiners are gouging motorists.

He never offered proof — nor have legislators insisted that he provide it — before enacting new laws that he says will prevent price spikes. The latest, finalized on Monday, requires refiners to hold more fuel in reserve to ease the impacts of maintenance shutdowns.

At best, having more gas in reserve might shave a few pennies from a gallon of gas, but it could also increase prices, as the California Energy Commission conceded. In a recent analysis, several commissioners wrote that Newsom's proposal could "artificially create shortages in downstream markets" and "increase average prices."

So is there more to Newsom's demand that the Legislature convene a special session on gas prices than just election-year grandstanding?

There is a noteworthy back story: The state has vowed to completely wean itself off carbon-based energy, eventually shutting down its remaining nine refineries but still maintaining a supply of gasoline during the transition.

Last year, the California Air Resources Board published a report on the interim step of adopting a so-called Low Carbon Fuel Standard to provide "the economic incentives to produce cleaner fuels like electricity, hydrogen and biofuels that are needed to displace fossil fuels and reduce transportation sector emissions."

The report said that adoption could immediately increase gas prices by 47 cents a gallon and then, "on average, from 2031 through 2046 the proposed amendments are projected to potentially increase the price of gasoline by $1.15 per gallon, potentially increase the price of diesel by $1.50 per gallon and fossil jet fuel by $1.21 per gallon."

The report generated a flurry of adverse media and political attention and CARB backed off somewhat. It now refuses to put a number on the program's effect on gas prices. Nevertheless, it's apparent that the transition from gasoline-powered automotive travel will hit consumers hard.

Perhaps the performative legislation adopted Monday is aimed at diverting attention from the larger effects of transition or portends ever-increasing state micromanagement of refineries to avoid sudden closures that would lead to shortages and serious price spikes.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.8**

WEDNESDAY
FAIR
SURF: Waist to chest 3-4FT

Another day to target for more quality combo surf. SSW swell is easing but still has nice size and a fresh shot of mid period NW swell is on the cards. Clean early and wind stays pretty light/manageable into the afternoon.

THURSDAY
FAIR
SURF: Thigh to stomach 2-3FT+

Probably down from the previous couple days but still enough SSW/NW swell mix to be rideable still kinda fun. Full high tide for much of the AM, with surf potentially better in the PM with the lower tide.

Weather

Wednesday: Patchy drizzle and fog before 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 62. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday Night: Patchy drizzle after 11pm. Patchy fog before 11pm. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 58.
Thursday: Patchy drizzle before 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 64. East wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of rain before 11pm. Partly cloudy, with a low around 56.

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2024/10/16	Wed	9:22 PM	5.37		H
2024/10/17	Thu	03:11 AM	0.57		L
2024/10/17	Thu	09:24 AM	6.61		H
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2024/10/17	Thu	10:13 PM	4.97		H
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2024/10/19	Sat	04:17 AM	1.62		L
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Agreeing to disagree

Editor:

When Jon Kean decided to pen the letter to the editor entitled 'A Damning Statement' in which he attributed off color anti Semitic remarks to long time community activist and POL Oscar DeLatorre, I must admit that I had to think about what was being alleged?

Not because I necessarily accepted what Kean claims, or did not believe it for that matter? So I decided to read on and I am glad that I did.

And based on what I read, what we all may have read? I still don't know what to make of it all still and here's why? Please indulge me the opportunity to respond?

In the first place both individuals, Kean & DeLatorre, are players in the political arena of our time? A time of unusual sharp elbows and hyperbole, rancor and discord of claims and counter claims, would you agree?

In this example the small town local geographical and political demarcation lines dynamics cited by Kean are framed in the veiled oblique terms of North of Montana,

Versus south of the McMansion lifestyles of the presumed rich and famous and not so rich and famous that I would argue prevail North of Ocean Park and even west of Lincoln blvd as well?

The point that I'm trying to illustrate is that we are an inherently marginalized small town to begin with which whose potential conflicts are multiplied in this instance by the frictions of religion, or even no religious pre disposition and it's influences or lack thereof at all, and dare I say with a heaping ladle of hyphenated heritage identities and supercharged political party persuasions.

So much so are the socio, politico, economico, racial, and even gender differences that it's a wonder to me that we even co exist in any semblance of harmony, peace, comity, sense of community and common purpose sometimes?

Here and now in this singular example of hearsay, damning innuendo, and character assassination is one such time?

Wherever the truth exists in this he said, he said, they said what was said in which context it was allegedly said, none of it serves to achieve much, if anything towards the ultimate common good for which we all yearn for and are called to strive for our community.

So let us once again re dedicate ourselves to the imperative to agree to disagree without being disagreeable because I do believe there is more that binds us than should be allowed to divide us in the time in which we live?

Stewart Resmer, Los Angeles

A corroborating account

Editor:

I am writing to corroborate the account shared by School Board member Jon Kean in his letter dated October 11th, 2024 and printed in the Santa Monica Daily Press regarding (then Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School Board member) Councilmember Oscar de la Torre.

I can confirm that Jon Kean's account of this incident is true and accurate. I have not spoken about this publicly until now for fear of retaliation against the School District, myself, and any others I am affiliated with by (then Santa Monica-Malibu School Board member) Councilmember Oscar de la Torre.

On July 1, 2019, the School Board engaged the services of Maniker Associates, a government improvement firm, to facilitate a comprehensive evaluation of the Board's challenges and strengths. Each School Board member participated in individual meetings with the facilitator. On August 6, 2019, (then School Board member) de la Torre met with the facilitator, Marci Maniker, to share his perspectives.

As Board President at the time, I was later informed by the facilitator Ms Maniker, who is Jewish, she could no longer continue her work with the Board due to antisemitic comments made during her meeting with de la Torre. According to her, de la Torre remarked that the Board was "controlled by Jews."

Following this alarming revelation, Superintendent Ben Drati and I met with de la Torre to discuss the matter. Mr. de la Torre did not deny making the comment(s) but explained that he was referring to what he perceived as a problematic "power dynamic" on the Board. Ironically, he admitted that he assumed I was Jewish and considered me among the "four" individuals who, in his view, wielded excessive influence over the Board.

I am not Jewish. However, I understand how remarks like those made by Mr. de la Torre are deeply hurtful to Jewish people and perpetuate a dangerous stereotype that fuels antisemitism. At a time when so many Americans are subject to all kinds of hateful "isms", we must not tolerate this kind of behavior in our elected officials.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Facts about public safety

Editor,

A recent letter ("The Great Santa Monica Public Safety Debate, October 12, 2024) attempted to defend the public safety bona fides of a city council slate—Dan Hall, Ellis Raskin, Barry Snell, and Natalya Zernitskaya—that unanimously supports LA County DA George Gascon and his failed policies. (California Department of Justice statistics reveal both violent crime and property crime increased in LA County since Gascon took office.)

Beyond their full-throated support of DA Gascon, here is a sampling of documented facts about these candidates' stance on crime here in Santa Monica:

i) All four are endorsed by an organization, the Santa Monica Democratic Club, whose president called for defunding SMPD.

ii) Hall and Zernitskaya are members of that very same defund-the-police organization. Zernitskaya is a current officer, while Hall served as a Vice President alongside the organization's defund-the-police president.

iii) Raskin offered two policy-priority statements that didn't name "reducing crime" as even a top-three issue in Santa Monica.

iv) Snell chaired Downtown Santa Monica (DTSM), piloting security strategy for our downtown area and Promenade, which continue to be among the most crime-ridden sections of the city.

v) In a Daily Press interview, Hall stated he supports staffing and equipping SMPD, "balanced in priority with other safety investments." Elsewhere, Hall enumerates a dozen other "safety" investments to fund besides policing, including "after school programs" and "climate resiliency," while Zernitskaya argues "public safety" includes building maintenance and mobility programs.

vi) Zernitskaya, in a display of mental acrobatics worthy of a circus act, also stated she believes Santa Monica should "reduce crime" by building "more affordable housing," and supporting "food giveaways," but dismissed a recent proposal to fund more police officers as "ridiculous."

vii) Hall claims that supporting anti-smash-and-grab legislation authored by Assembly member Rick Chavez Zbur burnishes his crime-fighting credentials. But that legislation was widely viewed as a political stunt intended to stop Proposition 36, which allows voters to reform penalties for retail theft and drug crimes. In addition to Hall, slate-mates Raskin and Zernitskaya, as well as County DA Gascon, oppose allowing voter weigh-in on those reforms.

Despite such glaring facts, these four candidates and their supporters now try to gaslight voters on the candidates' crime positions as the election nears, bringing to mind a songwriter's observation that we don't need a weatherman to tell us which way the wind is blowing.

Public safety is on the ballot in this election and November's choice is clear: a criminal-friendly crew of double-talkers who apparently just realized crime will be a voting issue vs. a competing slate—Phil Brock, John Putnam, Vivian Roknian, and Oscar de la Torre—persistently committed to a Safer Santa Monica.

Which do you trust?

Sincerely,

Peter DiChellis, Santa Monica

Anti-Renter Politics

Editor:

The principal officer of a Political Action Committee wrote a letter ("Misinformation Targeting Candidates for SAFER SANTA MONICA," 10/14) claiming Phil Brock and Oscar de la Torre would protect rent control as passionately as their opponents, who are endorsed by Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights. Should you believe that PAC's claim?

Reality check: Phil and Oscar are both landlords.

In 2020, Phil Brock told the Santa Monica Democratic Club he wanted to make rent control more profitable for landlords, asking, quote, "How do you also be fair to apartment owners?" He failed to get the Democratic Party endorsement, then or in this election.

Just last week, Oscar de la Torre boasted on a public Zoom call that his wife's lawsuit to force district elections would reduce decades of renters' political influence.

Two years ago, Phil and Oscar supported a stealth proposal to undermine the legality of rent control — only to back away after a thousand renters mobilized and forced them into a dramatic 2am reversal.

Make no mistake. The principle of rent control is in our City Charter, but enforcement and implementation are very much under City Council influence. I know. I was on Councils that made renters safer, with increased housing security.

The renters' champions in this Council election are Dan Hall, Ellis Raskin, Barry Snell, and Natalya Zernitskaya. I'll value their commitment as I cast my vote.

Kevin McKeown, Retired former Mayor

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DEVELOPMENT

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require the clearing of the existing three-story structure and surface parking lot at the site, part of an entertainment-heavy 26th and Colorado sector that also includes the adjacent Lionsgate Entertainment headquarters and Amazon Studios across the street.

The proposal would also utilize density bonus incentives via setting aside 37 apartments as a mix of moderate, low and very low income housing. The 370 apartments are a mix of studio, one-bedroom, two-bedroom and three-bedroom units.

Kilroy Realty is currently the owner of the project site, but authorized Holland Partner Group to pursue the redevelopment. Kilroy paused development of a 44,000 square foot office building at the site in 2022, along with development of a 600,000 square foot office and life science campus in San Diego, citing a struggle to lease projects and high construction costs. Kilroy acquired the San Diego and Santa Monica plots for $25.2 million in 2014.

The development would be another in the pipeline of Bergamot area projects, including recent submissions for a 33-story multifamily building at 3025 Olympic Blvd. and a 34-story mixed-use building on Nebraska Ave.

Submitted by boutique land use law firm Rand Paster Nelson on behalf of property owner Madison Realty Capital, two parcels of 3025 Olympic would combine for 797 units, 120 of those being affordable, along with 33,140 square feet of office space on one parcel and 340 parking spaces in total.



Graphic Courtesy AC Martin

DEVELOPMENT: A submission to redevelop the site at 1633 26th St. was recently given to the city by Hollard Partner Group.

Two mixed-use endeavors submitted for 3030 N. Nebraska Ave by the law firm would combine for 795 residential units, 118 affordable, including a 34-story building at the location that would also house 5,921 square feet of retail space. If moved forward, the 34-story Nebraska projects would become the city's tallest building at 365 feet.

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Menu

FOOD 10

Arancini alla mozzarella
Crispy rice balls, mozzarella, San Marzano tomato purée (vegetarian)

Arancini di carne e mozzarella
Crispy rice balls, mozzarella, beef ragout San Marzano tomato purée

Crostini con burrata
Toasted ciabatta bread, burrata, honey almonds (vegetarian)

Truffle fries
Truffle frice, grated Parmigiano, truffle zest (vegetarian)

Crocchette di pollo
Chicken croquettes, parmigiano

Bruschetta
The classic, tomatoes, basil and garlic (vegan)

Calamari fritti
The classic, Calabrian chili aioli

COCKTAIL 10

Spicy Margarita
House tequila, agave, organic lime

Old fashioned
House bourbon, maraschino cherry, organic sugar

Classic Martini
House vodka or gin, twist or olives

WINE 10

Pinot Grigio Valdadige, Veneto
Dry and crisp white wine

Chardonnay Maddalena, Monterey
Oaky and aromatic white wine

Chianti Classico, Clemente VII
Dry and medium body red wine

Cabernet Sauvignon Scotto, California
Aromatic and full body red wine

Classic Spritz

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RENTERS

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by State Assembly member Gail Pellerin (D-Santa Cruz), prohibits a landlord from charging a prospective tenant a screening fee to applicants not selected for a vacancy. AB 2801, introduced by State Assembly member Laura Friedman (D-Burbank), makes a number of changes to law governing the return of security deposits.

In giving legislative updates to the Santa Monica Rent Control Board, legislative advocate Brian Augusta stated that application fees are a barrier that tenants face "almost everywhere they go," paying the fees despite typically not being picked for a unit. AB 2493 remedies this, as fees will be returned to any applicant not selected to an occupancy.

Alternatively, a landlord must have a screening fee policy "under which they review applications in the order received, the first qualified applicant gets the unit, and fees are not charged to any applicant who is not considered."

"Hopefully (the bill is) a useful improvement for folks who are paying multiple fees at every property to try and find a unit," Augusta added.

Also signed by Newsom, AB 2801 changes security deposit regulation to require the landlord to provide photographic evidence of necessary repairs and proof they were completed. Landlords taking chunks, or the entirety, of a security deposit for unspecified repairs or damages is something Rent Control Board Commissioner Anastasia Foster called "downright fraud," stating the bill will "change lives of everyday people."

In a legislative update earlier this year, Augusta stated there was "a lot of abuse" with security deposits, adding that landlords "assume that they're going to get most of the security deposit back."

AB 2801 also states that landlords cannot require a tenant pay for professional carpet cleaning or other post-tenancy professional cleaning services "unless reasonably necessary to return the premises to the condition it was in at the inception of the tenancy." The bill also prohibits deposit money from being taken under the area of "ordinary wear and tear" of an apartment.

Augusta pointed to other signed bills of note, including AB 846 introduced by Mia Bonta (D-Oakland) and AB 2347 introduced by Ash Kalra (D-San Jose). AB 846 requires the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (CTAC) to adopt a rent cap via regulations that applies to existing Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program properties. Earlier this year, CTAC adopted regulations to impose a rent cap similar to the Tenant Protection Act on newly-constructed LITHC properties, with AB 846 adding the application to existing LITHC properties.

AB 2347 is something Augusta said has been "long discussed," extending the time tenants facing an unlawful detainer eviction action have to file proper paperwork to respond in court. The bill extends the period from 5 to 10 days, which Augusta stated gives tenants more time to "seek advice, marshal their defenses, get to the courthouse, file the right paperwork and have their day in court."

The story of the 2023-2024 legislative session was seeing a high surplus in the state budget fall to a significant deficit in a short period of time, forcing housing advocates to invest time on actions that won't cost much state money. That said, the Governor's office and state legislature agreed on another $500 million increase in the LITHC program, which Augusta says provides "some investment" even in a lean year.

"We went from dreaming big about how could we invest some of these public resources to really trying to hold onto what we have," Augusta said.

The legislative advocate also previewed proposition votes in the Nov. 5 election, including Prop 5 which would allow approval of local infrastructure and housing bonds for low and middle-income residents with a 55% vote, rather than the current two-thirds vote needed.

Looming large is also the vote over Prop 33, which would repeal the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act of 1995 and allow for more local control in rent control laws. An action that has failed to pass in several previous election cycles, Prop 33 is unique in adding a provision that if voters enact it, opposition cannot "come back to the legislature and re-enact Costa-Hawkins," according to Augusta.

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> - Brian Augusta

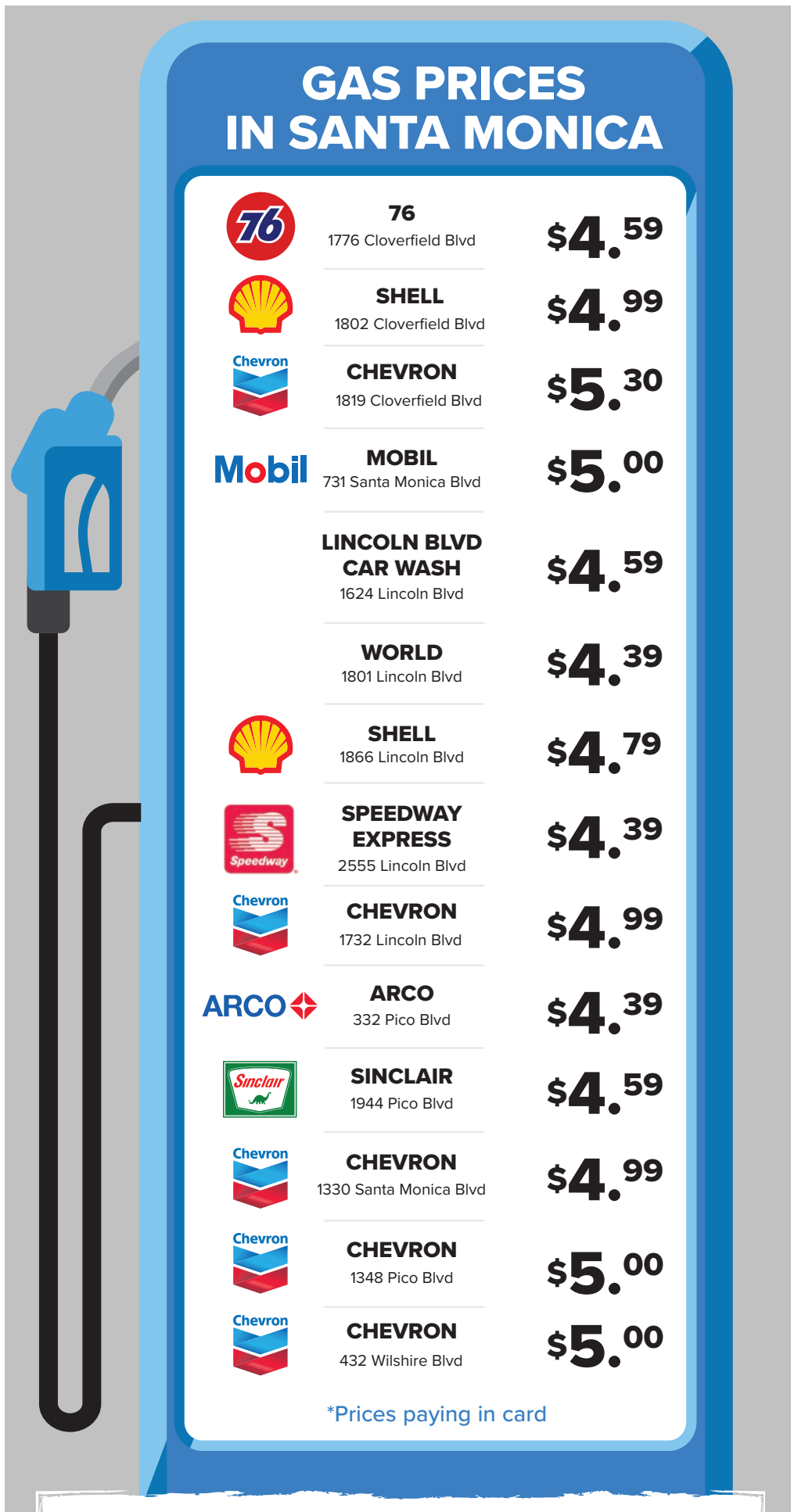
He added that opponents use that provision to say Prop 33 will repeal more housing laws than just local rent control, creating "confusing" messaging for voters, as well as the fact the proposition isn't adding legislation, just repealing it.

"It's not creating anything other than an opportunity for local governments to restore their authority to regulate rents in ways that Costa-Hawkins prevents them from doing," Augusta said.

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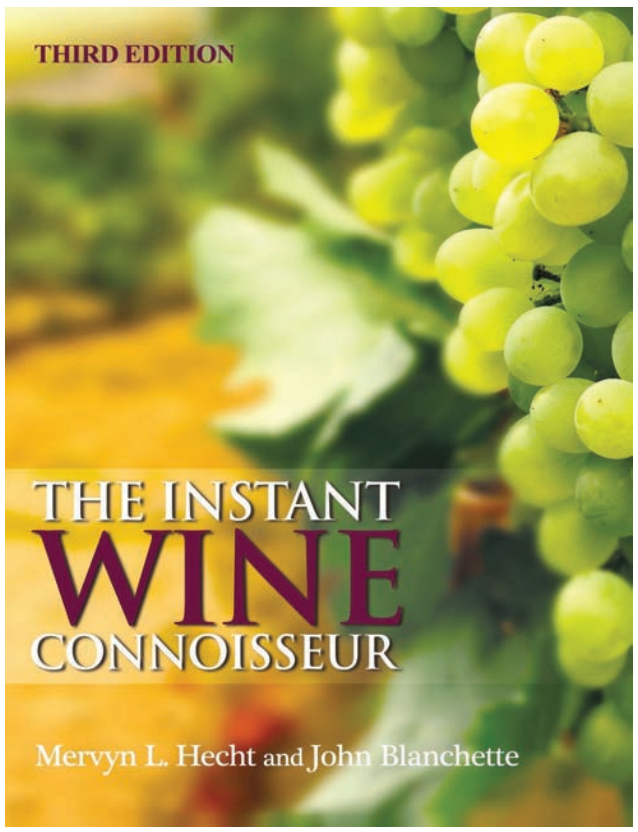
Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have risen 2.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $4.52/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 3.0 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 126.5 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has declined 3.4 cents in the last week and stands at $3.57 per gallon- the lowest level since January, 2022, over 900 days ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $3.89/g yesterday while the most expensive was $5.49/g, a difference of $1.60/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was $3.69/g while the highest was $6.79/g, a difference of $3.10/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 3.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.16/g today. The national average is unchanged from a month ago and stands 41.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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COLLEGE SHOOTING

FROM PAGE 1

to each other as family. At this heartbreaking time, I urge us all to come together in kindness and compassion as we navigate this unspeakable tragedy," she said.

Early on Tuesday morning, Santa Monica and Malibu Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton issued a statement that said, "The shooting is believed to be between two people who know each other … SMPD will have additional patrols around our campuses today. All SMC campuses will be closed today. The safety and well-being of our students and staff are our top priorities."

One student, who has asked to be referred to as John, was sitting at a hallway desk located one level up in the open plan building layout, a short distance from where the incident unfolded.



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"I was on the second level and I was in the hallway study, working on my computer on a table, and just before 10pm, I heard a very loud noise and to me it didn't sound like a gunshot, it sounded more like a bag that had been popped, or maybe if something fell down, like a very loud sound," John told the Daily Press.

"Within maybe another second or two, I hear another one of these big sounds, but [because] I was on the second floor and the concept is like a big, open plan design … the sound bounces around and can echo through the corridors. I didn't think much of it again, but immediately after, I heard screaming from one or two female voices."

John says that he was alone on the upstairs level hallway, but he later found out there was also a professor in his office on the same floor. Less than 30 seconds later after he heard the screaming, he says he could hear someone on their phone calling 911 at which point he realized the full seriousness of the situation and that there was an active shooter in the building.

"I hear her calling 911 and she's scared, like scared for her life and so I immediately understand, okay, there's a shooter in the building … and I didn't know which way to go, because I was worried for my own life, so I thought I should go into maybe a bathroom or somewhere, some kind of closet I can hide myself in, but at the same time, the way the building is designed, there's only three ways of getting downstairs," he says.

Before he had a chance to decide on a course of action, a custodian of the college was running through the upper level corridor and told John to evacuate the building immediately, leave everything behind and make his way out into the parking lot.

"I run to the parking lot again, and I'm very scared, because I thought maybe the shooter could be on the second level, he could shoot us like a sniper … I get to my car and I've all of my things upstairs, my wallet, even my shoes, I was running in my socks. I left my laptop upstairs, my cash, everything."

Once outside, John says the College Police arrived on scene in a matter of minutes and then a few minutes later, SMPD arrived.

"There were maybe three cars at the very beginning and then within four minutes, I counted seven police cars, and then one minute later, I counted a total of 12. Plus an ambulance and a fire truck and a helicopter that was circling overhead with a big spotlight … And then all of these police officers running out of their cars with really, really big guns, I want to say three or three-and-a-half foot long guns and they're all entering the building from one entrance," John says.

He says that while the ordeal was harrowing and the temperature somewhat chilly, he and the others from inside the building were well looked after. He gave his statement to the police and was provided with coffee and donuts by the college, but he had to remain at the scene until about 1:30am.

SMC remains gated and closed and a statement made by SMPD on Monday morning said, "We will be providing extra patrols around our schools to further our connection with our students and their parents."

This ongoing story is being constantly updated on the Daily Press website as new information is released.

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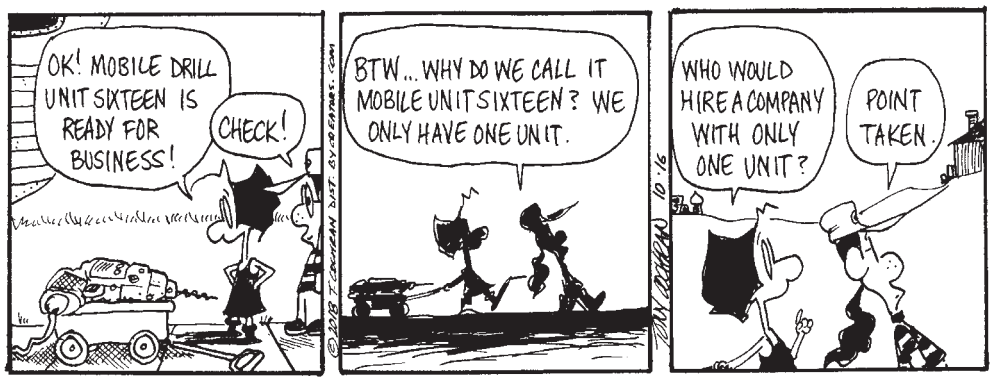
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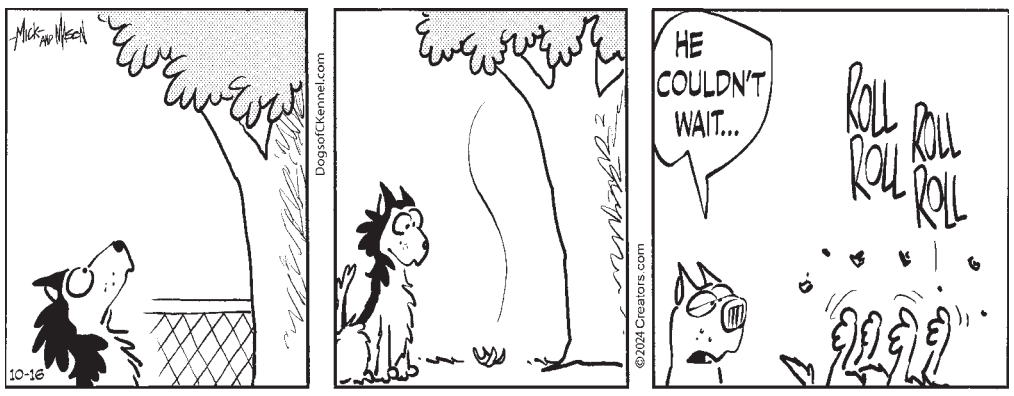
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Your heart fire reaches record temperatures, and you'll burn with new motivation. You'll powerfully command a role, you'll make goals materialize and you'll help loved ones thrive. More highlights: Greater self-awareness lifts your social life and affects confidence at work and in your community service. Taurus and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 29, 4, 16 and 33.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). They act; take a moment before you react. Your first interpretation might not be the most accurate assessment of the other person's intentions, but even if it is, you're going to want to give yourself a minute to assess.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's good that you don't expect people to understand what you're doing, and even better that you don't feel pressure to explain. It's too soon to effectively impart your vision. There's power in keeping it to yourself at this stage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Brooding over past insults and slights could be considered a useless and negative rumination. Then again, your mind goes there for a reason. Could injustices be set right? Are there new rules for the future? What would it take to feel better?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A mental fog lifts and the flickering flame of clarity lights up a vision of your future. It doesn't mean you know the next move, but at least you can see where you need to go, and the rest will come from that.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're so used to your way of dealing with the world that you don't see how your daily life particularly remarkable. It really is though. You're creating something special. You'll soon fascinate a crowd.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are those who readily default to a stance of competition. But people addressing individual needs are not automatically adversaries. There's enough to go around. Many needs can be met at the same time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The energy of the day is as orderly, organized and rhythmic as a team of synchronized swimmers. This kind of energy pattern is truly powerful. You will focus it and move heavy things quickly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are uniquely yourself. Some days it means you experiment, follow different people, even imitate others as a way of trying things on to see how they feel. The spirit of play is alive in you, and you land in a place all your own.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may not be consciously aware of your priorities until they do something strange - they order themselves. Then you figure out what you want the most because all your energy goes to it until you have it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Don't assume to know what credence to give events. People feel different ways about what happens. A small accomplishment can be a life-changing moment, and a big one can be just another day at the office.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A state of mutual ease and relaxation can develop over the course of months, years and even decades. This is one of many reasons why old friendships are precious and worthy of great care and maintenance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People shield what they're trying to protect, and they protect what they feel vulnerable about. A defensive posture will be a "tell" that you notice and use as a cue to help people feel safe and comfortable.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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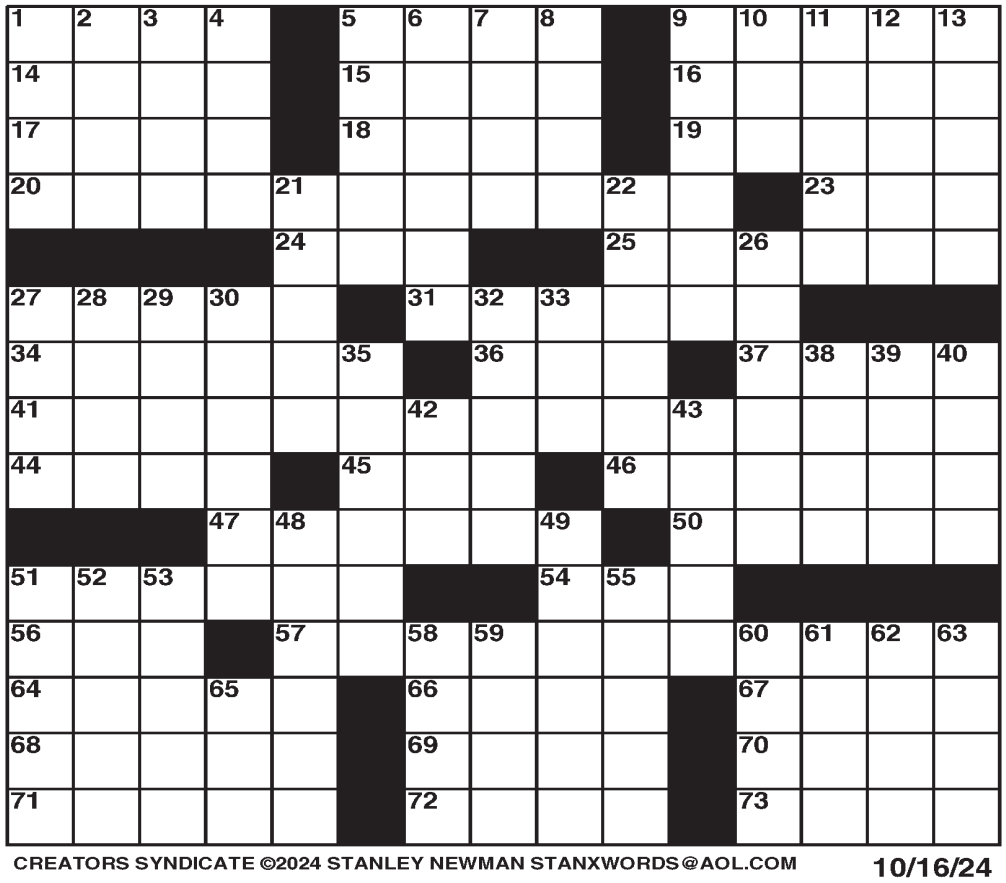
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ACROSS

1 Hawaiian coffee region
5 Short swims
9 Ne'er-do-well
14 Lendl of tennis
15 Goofing off
16 British singing star
17 Mardi Gras follower
18 Emblem "of approval"
19 Great courage
20 It keeps garbage in
23 Salon stiffener
24 "You've got mail" company
25 Courtroom break
27 Onset
31 Walked briskly
34 Baby foods, often
36 Coop dweller
37 Musical syllables
41 Large frozen region
44 Harvard U.'s state
45 Opposite of "neath"
46 First Stephen King novel
47 Groups of eight
50 Austin Powers portrayer
51 With a great view
54 Deploy
56 Washroom, for short
57 Any #1 song
64 Amalgamate
66 Tart-tasting
67 Gushing review
68 Olympics distance measure
69 Sponge opening
70 Bid first
71 Madrid museum
72 Ladled-out dinner
73 Huff and puff

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1 Bagpiper's attire
2 All finished
3 Grandma
4 Pantry invaders
5 '70s fad music
6 High standards
7 Blueprint
8 Find a buyer for
9 Arrived, as a flight
10 Praiseful poem
11 Woolen suit fabric
12 North Pole workers
13 Fishing spools
21 What "-phobe" means
22 Wryly humorous
26 Salad stalk
27 Annoying email
28 Sushi fish
29 Part of MA
30 Motive
32 Bronze medalist's place
33 DVR button
35 From Edinburgh
38 Ranch measure
39 Hideaway
40 Monkey cousins
42 Drink with crumpets
43 Walk-on role
48 Roman orator
49 Medical stitch
51 Have poor posture
52 Chair repairer
53 Lloyd Webber musical
55 Scatter about
58 African snakes
59 Ultimate cause
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co-chairman of the labor & employment practice group at Gibson Dunn.

Circuit courts have disagreed over whether to hold reverse discrimination cases to a higher standard. Some have ruled that if a person from a majority group brings a discrimination case, they have to show more evidence of discrimination than a person from a minority group who files a similar case.

"The Supreme Court's interest in that case signals some potential that they're going to lower the bar," Schwartz said. "We already see a really massive uptick in these reverse discrimination cases."

Groups such as the American Alliance for Equal Rights have pushed back on affirmative action policies at universities and diversity, equity and inclusion policies run by corporations.

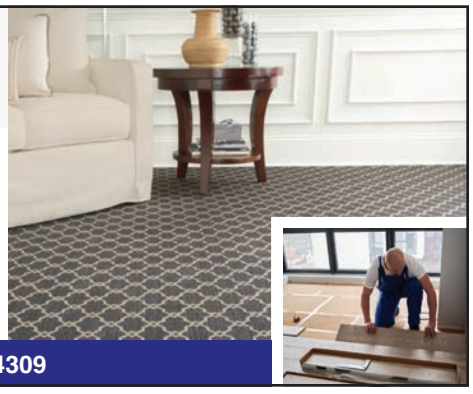
Recently, the Atlanta-based Fearless Fund had to shut down a grant contest for Black women business owners as part of a settlement with the American Alliance for Equal Rights, which argued that race-based programs should be open to everyone, regardless of race.

"There's been such an intense focus on all of the risk emanating from the anti-DEI side," said David Glasgow, executive director of the Meltzer Center for Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging at the NYU School of Law. "But I do worry sometimes that organizations may be over-correcting for that or worrying a little bit too much about that at the expense of the other side of the equation."

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WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 16

ALL YOU CAN CARRY PUMPKIN PATCH
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Downtown Farmers Market, intersection of Arizona Ave. and Second St. The All You Can Carry Pumpkin Patch is set during the Downtown Farmers Market. For $10 per person, kids and adults can take home all the pumpkins that can be carried in one trip. No helpers, no carts, no bags, just a bit of muscle, some luck and tons of fun. All are invited to try to beat last year's record of six pumpkins.

ANGELENO HOUR
4 - 7 p.m. The Georgian Hotel, 1415 Ocean Ave. Angeleno Amaro, California's celebrated amaro, will host its signature event series Angeleno Hour, a one-night-only event that offers attendees a unique opportunity to savor Angeleno Amaro in a stunning setting overlooking the Pacific Ocean. At Angeleno Hour, guests will enjoy three expertly crafted cocktails: Angeleno Spritz, The Rodriguez and MexiCali. For more information, visit https://angelenoamaro.com/.

FREE WALK-IN LEGAL CLINIC
4:30 - 7 p.m. Park Center, Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica residents can meet one on one with a lawyer from Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles for help with housing issues. Immediate assistance is available by calling LAFLA directly at 800-399-4529 or visit lafla.org/gethelp.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS NEWCOMERS MEETING
5:45 - 6:15 p.m. Colorado Center Community Room, 2500 Broadway. Overeaters Anonymous is a Fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience, strength, and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating. We welcome everyone who wants to stop eating compulsively. For more information, contact Becky at itspossibleLAW@gmail.com.

PLANNING COMMISSION
6 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. Established in 1946, the Planning Commission envisions Santa Monica as a city of wellbeing, sustainability, and equity, and seeks to balance the many needs and priorities within our community in accordance with the City's General Plan and Specific Plans. The Commission acts through open and civil discourse that is informed by public input, impartial analysis, and best practices in land use and planning.

LITERARY LOUNGE
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Tutoring Center, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Discover the joy of social reading at the Literary Lounge, a space for bibliophiles to bond over books, with music and refreshments. Bring your own book or choose one from a collection of staff favorites.

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 17

CURIO POP-UP
10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Viceroy Santa Monica, 1819 Ocean Ave. CURIO, Miami Beach's premier fashion destination, is partnering with the luxury hotel brand Viceroy for an exclusive pop-up event. Discover a curated selection of prestigious fashion in the stunning setting of the Viceroy Santa Monica Lobby Library Lounge. Whether you're looking to update your wardrobe, find unique gifts, or simply enjoy a day of browsing premium brands, this pop-up is the perfect opportunity.

LEGO CLUB
4 -5 p.m. Youth Activity Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Join us for our popular LEGO club! Explore the limits of your building imagination or try one of our suggested builds. All materials provided. For ages 18 months - 11 years old.

THIRD THURSDAYS AT THIRD STREET
5 - 8 p.m. 1200 Block, Third Street Promenade. Free block party, bring your friends and family for an evening of fun. Enjoy live music, interactive art, outdoor dining and community booths.

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
6 - 8 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the City Council and Director of Community Services in all matters pertaining to public recreation including playgrounds, music and entertainment. The Commission will consider the budget of the Community and Cultural Services Department and make recommendations to the City Manager and the City Council. The Commission will also assist in the planning and promotion of a recreation program for residents and solicit the cooperation of school authorities and other public and private agencies.

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
6 - 7 p.m. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. This community-led, monthly book discussion group currently meets in-person at the Montana Branch Library. This month's title is "The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams" by Stacy Schiff.

BREAST CANCER RESEARCH FUNDRAISER
6 - 9 p.m. Sogno Toscano Cafe & Wine Bar, 1512 Montana Ave. Experience the enchanting ambiance of Sogno Toscano while supporting the crucial cause of breast cancer research. Perkies invites you to an unforgettable evening of fine wine, live music, delectable italian cuisine and heartfelt giving. Tickets $125, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/perkies-fundraiser-for-breast-cancer-research-sogno-toscano-santa-monica-tickets-1007934207347.

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 18

BITCOIN PEER TO PIER
12 - 6 p.m. 1200 Block, Third Street Promenade. Explore the many facets of Bitcoin in a casual and interactive setting. Whether you're a seasoned Bitcoiner or new to Bitcoin, join the community at the 1200 block of the Third Street Promenade to learn about the ins and outs of Bitcoin at thie free and open-source street festival, coordinated by the Proof of Workforce Foundation.

LIVE MUSIC FRIDAYS
6 - 9 p.m. The Surfing Fox, 120 Colorado Ave. Erinn Alissa performs acoustic folk pop with her guitar Friday nights at The Surfing Fox. Enjoy a night of live music, tasty bites and Foxtails.

SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF A PLAYWRIGHT
7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Theatre Arts Complex Studio Stage, Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd. Organized by the Santa Monica College Theatre Arts Department, adapted from the play by Luigi Pirandello. Tickets $15-$20, purchase at: https://www.smc.edu/calendar/tickets.php

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