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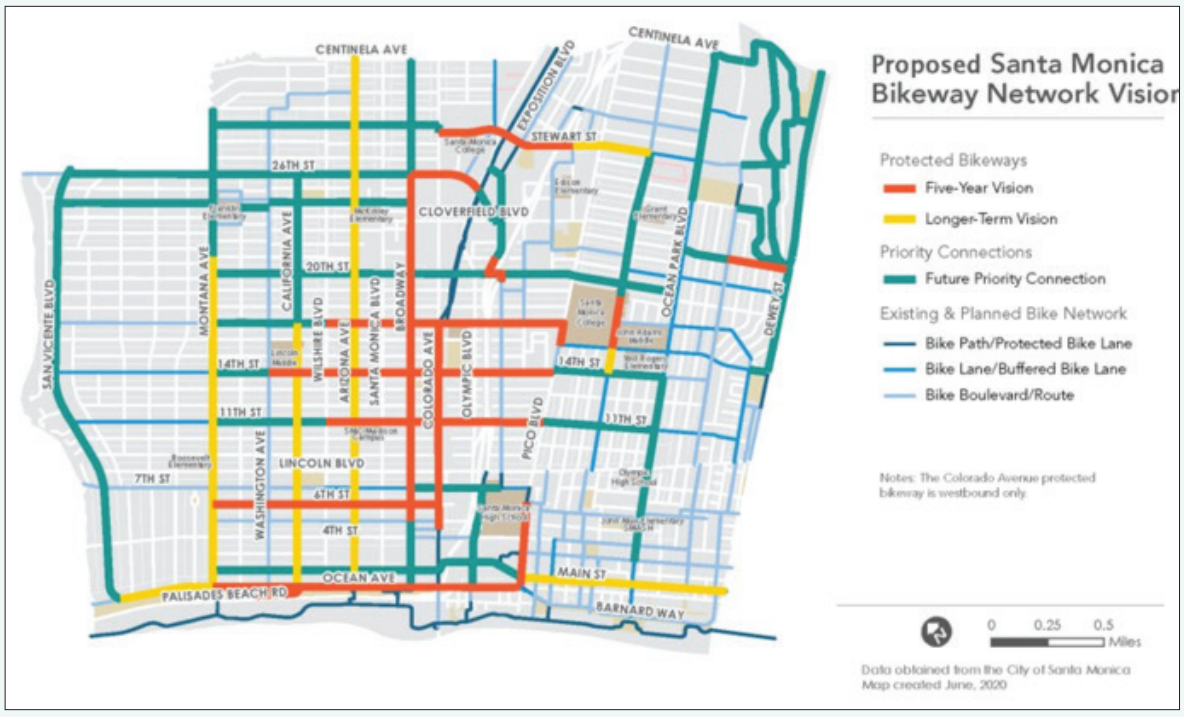
Bike Action Plan to include more safety lanes

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Nearly 20 miles of new protected bike lanes are planned for Santa Monica streets after local City Councilmembers approved an update to the city's Bike Action Plan earlier this week.

Originally passed 2011, Santa Monica's Bike Action Plan allowed the creation of more than 100 miles of bike lanes and bike-friendly corridors throughout the city. At the time of its passing, city leaders said the plan would position the city as a leader in multi-modal transportation, and the plan can be considered a success since the majority of the original 5-year plan has been implemented. Staff noted the number of people taking to cycling has increased to now represent more than six percent of all functional trips, which is well above regional bike mode share.

This week's amendment calls on the city to add a total of 19 more miles of protected bike lanes as part of the City's 20-year Bike Action Plan Vision. The new lanes will add 15 new miles over the next five years and 4 miles are programmed for construction in the next year.



Courtesy image

BIKES: Santa Monica will install an additional 20 miles of protected bike lanes as part of an updated plan.

Using data, 17 corridors were identified for protected bike lanes, which add separation between people bicycling and people driving, staff said, stating studies show a 45 percent to 90 percent reduction in collisions where protected bike lanes have been implemented.

Earlier this year, Santa Monica launched a pilot on Broadway from 16th to 20th Street that serves as a model for future lanes. Next month, construction is slated to begin on a protected bike lane on Ocean Avenue from California to Colorado that connects to the California Incline and Colorado Esplanade. The project is scheduled to open for community use in December, according to city staff.

"This is an exciting next step to creating a bike network that enables residents of all ages and abilities to move more safely outdoors while also helping us make progress on our long-term climate, safety, and mobility goals," said Chief Mobility Officer Francie Stefan. "Protected bike lanes are a proven way to entice biking for both recreation and everyday use and we're excited to get to work on 19 miles of protected bike lanes in Santa Monica."

Great strides have been made while implementing the bike plan but safety remains the primary public concern that prevents people from using a bicycle as a primary

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California jobless rate dips as jobs added despite pandemic

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

California has regained more than a third of the 2.6 million nonfarm jobs the most populous state lost to the coronavirus pandemic in March and April, state officials said Friday.

The leisure and hospitality sector accounted for half the overall gain of 96,000 jobs, after experiencing the largest month-to-month loss in August, as restaurants, hotels and other hospitality businesses benefited from the state's easing of

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Santa Monica Police Chief Cynthia Renaud to Retire October 25

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica Police Chief Cynthia Renaud will depart the city in just over one week.

Interim City Manager Lane Dilg and Police Chief Cynthia Renaud jointly announced the Chief's retirement, effective October 25, in an email sent out on Oct. 16. Renaud will be replaced by former chief Jacqueline Seabrooks who will return as Interim Chief.

"Chief Renaud is a skilled law enforcement leader who has served Santa Monica with dedication during her tenure," said Interim City Manager Dilg in a statement.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

SMMUSD Requests Community Input as Elementary, Middle School Projects Move Forward

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will hold a series of online community meetings in October and November to gather feedback on nine campuses from parents, school neighbors and community members. The meetings are part of the district's campus assessment process as the district continues to align its instructional programs and environments to the way students learn and the jobs of the 21st-century and to make those environments adaptable for future changes in coming decades. The online presentations will take place as follows:

Franklin Elementary School: Oct. 20, 6-7:30 p.m.
Will Rogers Learning Community: Oct. 21, 5:30-7 p.m.
Lincoln Middle School: Oct. 22, 6-7:30 p.m.
Edison Language Academy: Oct. 27, 5:30-7 p.m.
Roosevelt Elementary School: Oct. 28, 6-7:30 p.m.
John Adams Middle School: Oct. 29, 5:30-7 p.m.
McKinley Elementary School: Nov. 4, 6-7:30 p.m.
Grant Elementary School: Nov. 10, 6-7:30 p.m.

Those interested in attending can find meeting login information prior to each meeting at: https://www.smmusd.org/campusassessments.

A campus assessment is the first step in planning changes to campuses and classrooms to align with the district's educational specifications, which were finalized in 2019. The district has hired architects to assess and propose projects for nine campuses. The final assessments will recommend changes and improvements to address where the current campus environment needs alignment with the goals of using 21st-century teaching and learning methods.

The district is completing Phase 3 of the campus assessments. Based on feedback from community meetings in the spring (Phase 2) and other information, architects have been working with district staff to refine their plans to include phasing, or a suggested order of projects (for instance, removing portable classrooms, relocating parking and then erecting a new classroom building). They are also obtaining estimates of costs for each item in a proposed construction phase.

The upcoming meetings are part of Phase 4, during which refined plans will be shared with educators and community members for more feedback.

After ensuring alignment with educator and community input, Phase 5 will see district staff work with the Facility District Advisory Committees to make project recommendations to the Board of Education to approve funding and choose which projects move forward.

Design would begin in January 2021 with construction scheduled to begin in 2022 and 2023 depending on the complexity and ability to schedule the project.

Projects that result from these assessments will be paid for with approximately $100 million in funds from the voter-approved Measure SMS, which raised $485 million in school construction bonds for Santa Monica schools in 2018.

SMMUSD Chief Operations Officer Carey Upton has cautioned that not all projects can be funded. "There will be real, tangible projects that come out of this process, but this process will not address all needs of all campuses," he said.

Questions can be directed to Carey Upton at cupton@smmusd.org. Schools in Malibu are making progress as part of the Malibu Campus Plan, funded by bond measures.

SUBMITTED BY GAIL PINSKER



Trump on defense, courting voters in two must-win states

STEVE PEOPLES, DARLENE SUPERVILLE AND BILL BARROW
Associated Press

Backed into a corner and facing financial strains, President Donald Trump went after his opponent's family and defended his own struggle to contain the pandemic on Friday as he fought to energize his sagging reelection bid in the nation's Sunbelt. With Election Day looming, Democrat Joe Biden pushed to keep voters focused on health care in the Midwest.

Trump was campaigning in Florida and Georgia, neighboring states he carried four years ago and must win again to extend his presidency. His decision to devote Friday evening's prime-time slot to Georgia in particular highlighted the serious nature of his challenge in the 2020 contest's closing days: Far from his original plan to expand into Democratic-leaning states, he is laboring to stave off a defeat of major proportions.

No Republican presidential candidate has lost Georgia since George H.W. Bush in 1992. And earlier this week, Trump had to court voters in Iowa, a state he carried by almost 10 points four years ago.

In Florida on Friday, the president derided the Bidens as "an organized crime family," renewing his daily claims about the candidate's son, Hunter, and his business dealings in Ukraine and China.

More to the point for Trump's Florida audience, he spoke directly to seniors who have increasingly soured on his handling of the pandemic.

"I am moving heaven and earth to safeguard our seniors from the China virus," Trump said, using his usual blame-shifting term to describe the coronavirus. He also offered an optimistic assessment of the pandemic, even as a surge of new infections spread across America.

"We are prevailing," the president said, promising to deliver the first doses of a vaccine to seniors when it's ready.

Despite the tough talk, Trump's actions on the ground in Florida underscored the conflicting messages his administration has sent throughout the pandemic. All of the president's security personnel and support staff were wearing face masks when Air Force One touched down, but Trump and Florida's Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis were bare faced.

Crowds gathered at the president's subsequent events, many without masks as well.

It was just the opposite as Biden opened his Michigan swing at a suburban Detroit community center. In keeping with his usual protocols, Biden and all of the participants wore masks throughout the event, except when they were speaking, and a small crowd of dozens of reporters and supporters watched from folding chairs separated by circles to ensure social distancing.

"He's living in a dream world," Biden said of Trump's rosy predictions of the pandemic. The former vice president then turned to the Trump administration's court fight to overturn the "Obamacare" health coverage law — including its protection for people with pre-existing conditions — without having a replacement plan.

"Mishandling the pandemic isn't enough for Trump," Biden charged. "On top of that he's still trying to take away your health care."

Meanwhile, the president's campaign released new numbers suggesting he's likely the first incumbent president to face a financial disadvantage in the modern era.

Trump's campaign, along with the Republican National Committee and associated groups, raised $247.8 million in September, well short of the $383 million raised by Biden and the Democratic National Committee. To open October, the Trump effort officially had $251.4 million in the bank, according to a campaign spokesman, compared to $432 million for Biden.

The president was seeking momentum on the campaign trail a day after he and Biden squared off in dueling televised town halls that showcased striking differences in temperament, views on racial justice and approaches to the pandemic.

On NBC, Trump was defensive about his administration's handling of the coronavirus, which has claimed more than 217,000 lives in the United States, and evasive when pressed about whether he took a required COVID-19 test before his first debate with Biden. Angry and combative, Trump refused to denounce the QAnon conspiracy group — and only testily did so regarding white supremacists.

The Republican president also appeared to acknowledge revelations from a recent New York Times report that he was in debt and left open the possibility that some of it was owed to a foreign bank. But he insisted that he didn't owe any money to Russia or any "sinister people" and suggested that $400 million in debt was a "very, very small percentage" compared to his overall assets.

Speaking in Florida on Friday, Trump sarcastically called the NBC event "a nice pleasurable evening" and jabbed moderator Savannah Guthrie for "going totally crazy."

On ABC, Biden suggested he would offer clarity on his position on expanding the Supreme Court if Trump's nominee to the bench is seated before Election Day. And as he did Friday in Michigan, he denounced the White House's handling of the virus, declaring that Trump's administration was at fault for closing a pandemic response office established by the Obama administration in which he served.

"It's getting worse, as predicted," Biden said in Michigan of the rising coronavirus numbers. "The president knew and lied about knowing."

Ahead of Biden's Michigan appearance, his campaign confirmed that both Biden and his running mate, California Sen. Kamala Harris, had tested negative for the coronavirus.

While decidedly on the defensive on the ground in key states, Trump released a scathing new ad on Friday attacking Biden's record on race. Specifically, the ad seizes on Biden's support for a criminal justice law that disproportionately punished people of color.

"He insulted us, jailed us, we must not elect him president," the narrator declares.

It's unclear whether the attack ad will break through the saturated airwaves. Biden and his allies are outspending Trump and his allies on paid advertising more than 2 to 1 through Election Day, according to the advertising tracking firm Kantar/CMAG.

Peoples reported from New York. Barrow reported from Detroit. AP writer Kevin Freking in Washington contributed.

DAILY POLICE LOG

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Living In A Vehicle 800blk Pine St 12:01 a.m.
Found Property 1400blk Ocean Ave 4:16 a.m.
Lewd Activity 1500blk 2nd St 5:51 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 1500blk Ocean Front Walk 6:46 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2000blk 20th St 7:23 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:27 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 1400blk 5th St 8:07 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1600blk The Beach 8:08 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk The Beach 8:58 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2400blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:14 a.m.
Person With A Gun 00blk Pacific Ter 9:51 a.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:06 a.m.
Assault 1500blk 4th St 10:12 a.m.
Prowler 900blk 22nd St 10:44 a.m.
Petty Theft 2000blk Lincoln Blvd 10:45 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 800blk Palisades Beach Rd 10:46 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk Appian Way 10:55 a.m.
Identity Theft 1500blk Ocean Ave 11:04 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:07 a.m.
Burglary 2000blk Ocean Ave 11:17 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1400blk Euclid St 11:39 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 500blk San Vicente Blvd 11:59 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:00 p.m.
Burglary 1700blk California Ave 12:07 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1600blk 12th St 12:15 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 20th St / Arizona Ave 12:16 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 12:19 p.m.
Petty Theft 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 12:24 p.m.
Identity Theft 2400blk Virginia Ave 12:31 p.m.
Fraud 200blk Bicknell Ave 12:47 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2000blk Ocean Ave 12:59 p.m.
Found Property 2800blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:07 p.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 1:09 p.m.
Petty Theft 1700blk The Beach 1:20 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 200blk Bay St 1:26 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 700blk California Ave 1:30 p.m.
Petty Theft 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 1:38 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 2400blk 33rd St 1:39 p.m.
Bike Theft 3000blk Nebraska Ave 1:56 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 600blk Navy St 1:58 p.m.
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Threats Report/Investigations 100blk Wilshire Blvd 2:13 p.m.
Fraud 1700blk Wilshire Blvd 2:14 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1800blk Arizona Ave 2:19 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1000blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:45 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 1300blk 16th St 2:57 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 700blk Ozone St 3:22 p.m.
Petty Theft 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 3:30 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 4th St / Pico Blvd 3:43 p.m.
Petty Theft 2000blk Ocean Front Walk 3:52 p.m.
Fight 1600blk Ocean Ave 3:54 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1200blk 17th St 4:00 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 4:07 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 17th St / Wilshire Blvd 4:10 p.m.
Petty Theft 1100blk 12th St 4:17 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1500blk 7th St 4:27 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1100blk 26th St 4:35 p.m.
General Parking Problem 400blk 10th St 4:44 p.m.
Found Property 700blk Montana Ave 4:48 p.m.
Found Property 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:53 p.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals 26th St / Olympic Blvd 4:53 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 600blk Euclid St 5:24 p.m.
Battery 1500blk 2nd St 5:25 p.m.
Petty Theft 1000blk The Beach 5:43 p.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 2200blk Ocean Ave 5:48 p.m.
Public Intoxication 2nd St / Colorado Ave 5:48 p.m.
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Lost Property 3200blk Airport Ave 6:30 p.m.
Assault Ocean Ave / Broadway 6:41 p.m.
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Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 500blk 9th St 8:12 p.m.
Encampment 4th St / Broadway 8:52 p.m.
Fight 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 9:00 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Lincoln Blvd / Broadway 9:17 p.m.
Petty Theft Ocean Ave / Wilshire Blvd 10:47 p.m.
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DAILY FIRE LOG

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EMS 2000blk Ocean Ave 9:33 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk 2nd St 10:24 a.m.
EMS 2900blk Neilson Way 10:28 a.m.
EMS 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:30 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Stanford St 10:37 a.m.
EMS 700blk Grant St 10:55 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Pico Blvd 12:33 p.m.
EMS 3rd Street Prom / Wilshire Blvd 12:50 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Colorado Ave 2:44 p.m.
EMS 1000blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:45 p.m.
EMS 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 5:24 p.m.
EMS 2nd St / Colorado Ave 5:54 p.m.
EMS Main St / Pacific St 7:23 p.m.
EMS 7th St / Pico Blvd 7:25 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 9:01 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 7th St 9:07 p.m.
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EMS 1400blk Franklin St 11:45 p.m.

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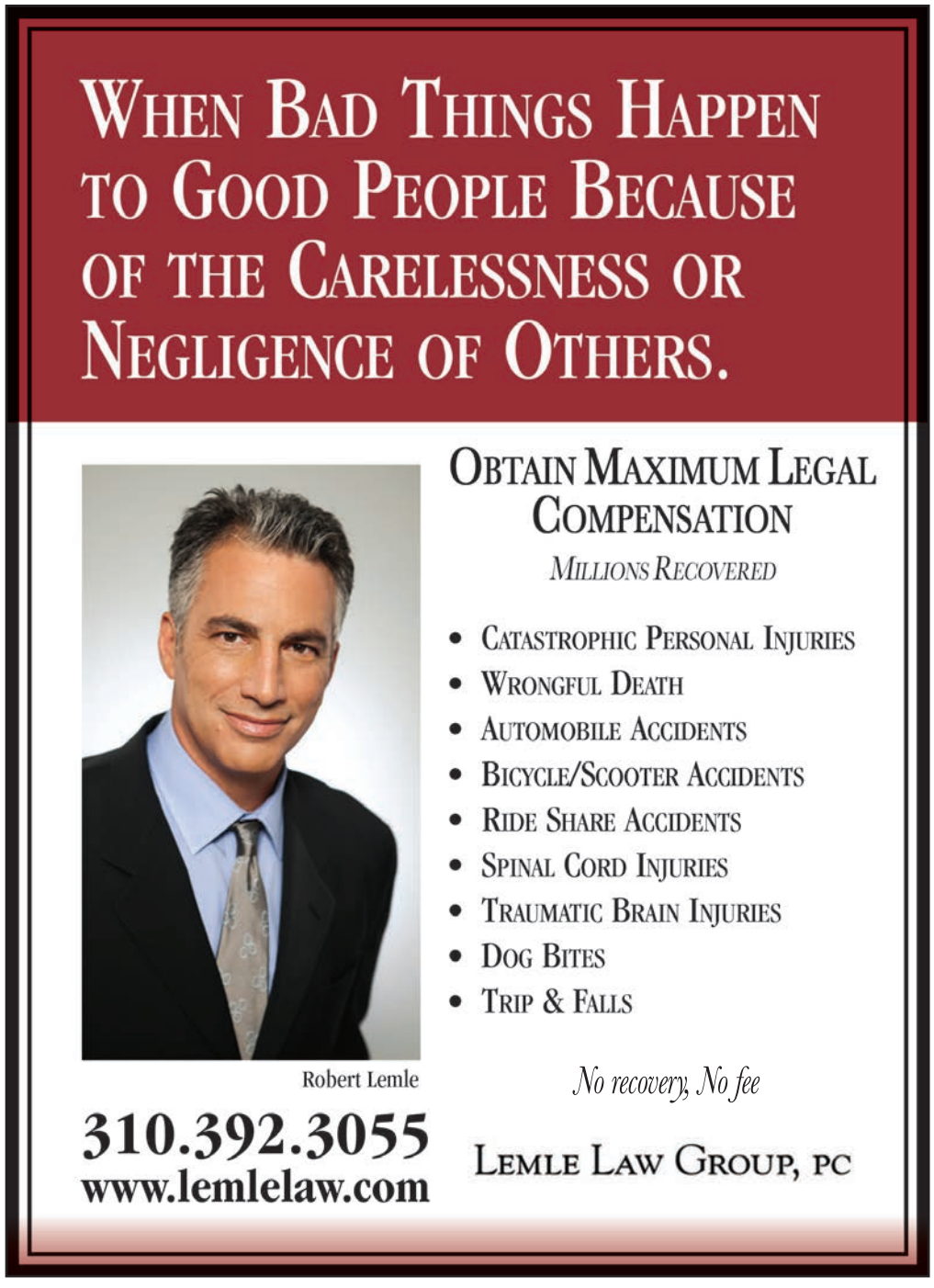
ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT AROUND 3:28 A.M.

Officers responded Code 3 (lights and siren) to a "Hot Prowl Now" call on the 2000 block of 17th St. Dispatchers relayed that the reporting party had the suspect cornered inside his living room. Upon arrival, Officers discovered that a husband and wife were woken from their sleep to the sight of a man standing at the threshold of their front door. The husband took action by directing the man out of his living room and making sure he kept him there until police arrived. Isaac Nshimiyimana was arrested on a 459 PC- Burglary and is being held in custody awaiting his next court date.



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restrictions designed to slow the virus' spread.

Retail trade also rebounded, spurred by more jobs in clothing and clothing accessory stores.

All told, seven of the 11 industry sectors improved in September, dropping the jobless rate to 11%, the California Employment Development Department reported.

The department revised its August figures to add another nearly 12,000 jobs to what it previously said were about 100,000 jobs added then. It had previously reported the August unemployment rate at 11.4%, but on Friday revised it to 11.2%.

The gains particularly in the restaurant, hospitality, retail and construction sectors are all welcome news, indicating that at least some jobs are returning, said Michael Bernick, former director of the state Employment Development Department and an attorney with Duane Morris. It's further good news that the gains were reported statewide, he said.

But Bernick said the "very positive" reports run counter to the economic tracker by Harvard and Brown universities that showed no improvement since Aug. 1, and that local workforce boards are reporting very little new hiring. He suspects the answer is that "California employers are slowly bringing back some of their previous workers, but are not engaging in new hires."

The biggest September loss was in government jobs, mainly as the U.S. Census shut down temporary jobs. Thursday was the last day for people to fill out their census forms. However, state and local governments have so far largely avoided layoffs.

September marked the second consecutive month since March that the jobless rate was back below the 12.3% high-water mark set in 2010 during the Great Recession.

The state's nearly 16 million payroll jobs were about 1.5 million fewer than a year ago, before the virus derailed the economy. California's 8.5% decline from a year ago exceeds the 6.4% decrease for the nation as a whole. The state's leisure and hospitality sector is still down nearly 580,000 jobs from a year ago, by far the largest year-over-year loss.

The recent increase is encouraging, said Sung Won Sohn, a professor of finance and economics at Loyola Marymount University, but he noted that most of the job gains were in relatively low-paying service jobs, "indicating that the economic impact of the job gains is not as large."

However, the technology sector added 15,700 new jobs, and he predicted California "will be a big winner" as the economy in general continues to shift to remote working, online shopping and digital streaming. But the pandemic is also speeding a migration to other states with lower taxes and fewer regulations, and he said the state's economic outlook remains uncertain.

Los Angeles County, the nation's most populous with more than 10 million residents, continued to lag the rest of the state with a 15.1% jobless rate, given its outside dependence on the service and entertainment industries and large number of minority-owned small businesses.

California, home to nearly 40 million people and the world's fifth largest economy, lost more than 2.6 million jobs in March and April as the government ordered businesses to close and people to stay home to slow the spread of the coronavirus, which has killed nearly 16,800 Californians.

The state's unemployment system has been beleaguered by month-long delays, unanswered phones and fraudulent claims, forcing the state to impose a two week "reset" in late September. It stopped processing all new claims while it installed a new identity verification system by ID.me, a Virginia-based company.

The department said it has since reduced that backlog by about a third for initial claims and about a quarter for continued claims, but officials previously said it may be January before the backlog is eliminated.

The state has paid $101 billion so far in unemployment benefits to workers affected by the pandemic. About half of that is in regular state-provide benefits, which are now more than double what the state paid in the three worst years of the Great Recession combined.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Malibu

Halloween Drive-In Movie Series Hosted by the Malibu Film Society and Sponsored by the City of Malibu

The City of Malibu is sponsoring two Halloween drive-in movie nights hosted by the Malibu Film Society on October 30 and October 31. The fun, family-friendly, COVID-19 safe movie screenings will take place outdoors at the Chili Cookoff site located on the corner of Stuart Ranch Road and Civic Center Way. Advanced registration is required.

Both movies begin at 7 p.m. and will be shown on a three-story outdoor movie screen.

Friday, October 30: The Nightmare Before Christmas, 1993 rated PG.

Saturday, October 31: Ghostbusters, 1984 rated PG.

Attendees are encouraged to support local restaurants by pre-ordering boxed dinners. Sweet Bu Candy Company will also sell pre-ordered customized Halloween movie night treats. There will not be any food or beverages sold on site.

Attendees must adhere to posted COVID-19 safety guidelines, including requirements of wearing face coverings and maintaining a 6-foot physical distancing from others.

For additional information or to register for the event, visit MalibuFilmSociety.org.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Malibu

Malibu Unanimously Votes to Move Forward with the City's Petition for Unification of a Malibu Unified School District

On October 12, the Malibu City Council voted unanimously to reinstate the City's petition for unification of a Malibu Unified School District to the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) Committee on School District Organization.

"Having sent our children to local Malibu schools, this issue could not be more dear to our hearts. We are disappointed in the SMMUSD negotiations but are encouraged by the work that has been done and are very excited to be moving the City's petition for unification of a Malibu Unified School District forward," said Councilmember Karen Farrer and Councilmember Rick Mullen, members of the City's School District Separation Ad Hoc Committee.

Malibu families have long advocated for separation from the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) citing inequities between the educational opportunities offered in Santa Monica and Malibu and an overwhelming desire for local control over their children's education among other concerns.

To address residents' concerns and support the community's efforts for local control, the City Council has established school district separation as one of the Council's top three priorities under public safety and Woolsey Fire Rebuild for the last two years.

On August 28, 2017, the Council directed the City Manager to submit the petition to the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization as authorized by City Council Resolution No. 15-60.

On April 9, 2018, after communication with SMMUSD, the Council directed staff to send a letter to LACOE requesting formal acceptance of the City's petition and suspension of the petition pending the outcome of negotiation efforts with SMMUSD.

Councilmembers Karen Farrer and Rick Mullen who currently serve on the City's School District Separation Ad Hoc Committee and have been overseeing the negotiations with SMMUSD presented an update on the status of the negotiations along with the City's financial consultants at the October 12 Council Meeting.

The Ad Hoc Committee reported that negotiations on the financial arrangements of the separation have stalled. Councilmember Mullen explained how the City diligently pursued special legislation to secure the continuation of the existing Measure R parcel tax as SMMUSD asserted that successful negotiations were contingent upon its continuance. Despite the City's best efforts to secure the parcel tax that SMMUSD had identified as a prerequisite to the successful negotiation, the SMMUSD Board of Education considered and rejected a formal declaration of its support of the special legislation in support of the parcel tax funding measure at its Board Meeting on March 5, 2020.

The City's consultant team, who have been analyzing SMMUSD's financial proposals, presented a summary of their findings. Their findings show that SMMUSD's proposal that a portion of Malibu's property tax base be permanently redistributed to the proposed Santa Monica School District is not necessary to make both the Santa Monica Unified School District and the Malibu Unified District whole nor is it within the state guidelines on school district separation.

At the recommendation of Councilmembers Farrer and Mullen, the City Council voted unanimously to move forward with the City's petition. As Council directed, the City will begin to prepare the reports necessary to advance the City's petition through the LACOE Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) process. If approved by the County Committee, the City's petition will have to be ratified by the State Department of Education.

The School District Separation Ad Hoc Committee will continue to provide updates on the City's petition for school petition for unification of a Malibu Unified School District at future Council Meetings. Video of the October 12 Meeting is available online at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ildumXb_kqM.

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Pet of the week: Penelope



Martin Hernandez

PET: The Adoptable Pet of the Week is available from the Santa Monica Animal Shelter.

Hi, I'm Penelope, a five-year-old female Calico. To spend time with me is to have a lesson on the rules of etiquette. The instant you catch my eye, docile and in perfect posture, I will eagerly prance towards you, greeting you with only the sweetest meows and purrs. My hospitality includes being the first to invite you to pet me, to which I repay with gentle face rubs and headbutting. Without hesitation, I love to share my toys so we can play together. And when the fun ends, I will look upon you in humble gratitude for your time. Plus, I'm incapable of complaining! Even if you awaken me, interrupting a perfect nap, in my slumber I'm forgiving and kind, and always open to spending quality time with you again. Of course, my exceptional manners are bound to make you question your own. But I will never boast my superiority, and always make you feel like you are the most perfect person to me. Penelope, ID#A060258, is available for adoption at the Santa Monica Animal Shelter located at 1640 9th Street, Santa Monica CA, 90404. The shelter is closed to the public and adoptions are by appointment only by calling the shelter at 310.458.8595.

PET TIP OF THE WEEK: KEEPING DOGS ON LEASH

Many love the idea of their dogs being able to roam free outside. But in Santa Monica and many other cities, it's illegal for dogs to be off-leash in the public, and it's unsafe.

Penalties for being in violation of leash laws include hefty fines, and court appearances. If your dog bites another animal or person, this may lead to serious financial and legal ramifications, and animal control can confiscate your dog.

You are also putting your dog and the public at risk. Off-leash dogs have increased chances of getting into and eating dangerous things. Triggers on walks can cause dogs to run away, even into busy streets. Off-leash dogs can antagonize other dogs on-leash, provoking dog fights. If your dog is not socialized with people or animals, it greatly increases the chances dog attacks, serious injury, and even death.

Having your dog on-leash offers many opportunities! You can give your dog training cues to help them practice their obedience skills, discouraging leash pulling and reactivity. When your dog is focused, physical exercise and mental stimulation by the environment is more consistent, promoting socialization.

Since your dog is in close proximity to you, if your dog is triggered or you encounter danger, having your dog on-leash gives you better timing to address and manage their behavior, and the opportunity get you and your dog to safety more quickly.

A leashed dog is happy, healthy, and safe dog! And one that can revel in a lovely stroll with you!

Pet of the Week is provided by Carmen Molinari, a long-time volunteer at the Santa Monica Animal Shelter and founder and CEO of Love At First Sit, a pet care and dog training company in Santa Monica. Learn about her, pet tips, and Love At First Sit services at loveatfirstsit.net

Trump administration denies California relief for 6 fires

DON THOMPSON AND JOHN ANTCZAK
Associated Press

President Donald Trump's administration this week rejected California's request for disaster relief funds aimed at cleaning up the damage from six recent wildfires among the siege of deadly and destructive blazes that have scorched the state.

The dispute surfaced as a representative of one fire-stricken area warned that time was running out to clean up debris before rain and snow arrived, bringing the threat of mudslides and toxins being washed into a river watershed.

Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom formally submitted a letter to the White House on Sept. 28 asking for a major disaster declaration, said Brian Ferguson, with the governor's Office of Emergency Services.

"The state plans to appeal the decision and believes we have a strong case that California's request meets the federal requirements for approval," Ferguson said in an email to The Associated Press on Friday.

The 30-page request described the disasters and pointed out that damage assessments were incomplete because the fires were still raging and access was difficult.

White House spokesman Judd Deere said Friday that California's request "was not supported by the relevant data" needed for approval and that Trump agreed with a recommendation from the Federal Emergency Management Agency administrator.

Ferguson said that in the meantime, the state is pursuing other avenues for reimbursement and support to help individuals and communities recover. He said the costs won't be known for some time, but could be hundreds of millions of dollars.

Federal major disaster declarations allow for cost-sharing for damage, cleanup and rebuilding between the state and federal governments. They also activate relief programs led by FEMA.

Denials of relief are rare and Newsom has previously praised the Trump administration for approving aid related to the fires and the coronavirus pandemic. The White House said Trump quickly approved wildfire relief that was supported by damage estimates.

Among the fires listed in the rejected aid application is the Creek Fire, which erupted in the Sierra Nevada on Sept. 4 and is 60% contained after burning 850 homes and more than 537 square miles in Fresno and Madera counties.

Republican state Assemblyman Jim Patterson of Fresno said he has been in consultation with area congressional offices since the denial of the aid request.

"I have gotten encouraging response that FEMA is beginning to understand that they may have made a mistake here," he said.

Patterson said, however, there was no time to waste on bureaucratic finger-pointing and lauded the state Office of Emergency Services for pushing ahead with funding from a California disaster law in which the state will pay 75% and counties pay 25%.

"Obviously, the problem is our clock is ticking and time is running out, and we're going to see rain pretty soon, snow pretty soon," he told an online briefing. "If we don't get into those areas quickly we're going to miss this window and we're going to end up seeing mudslides where this toxic debris goes into the San Joaquin River watershed."

No major new fires were reported statewide early Friday, but warnings of dangerously hot, dry and gusty conditions that can fan fires were expected to remain in effect until the evening. Nearly 9,000 firefighters remain on the lines of 21 fires.

Numerous studies have linked bigger wildfires in America to climate change from the burning of coal, oil and gas. Scientists have said climate change has made California much drier, meaning trees and other plants are more flammable.

It has been a disastrous wildfire season in California, with more than 8,500 blazes burning more than 6,400 square miles since the start of the year. Thirty-one people have died and some 9,200 buildings have been destroyed.

Thousands of Northern California residents remained without electricity Friday after a utility cut off service to prevent the latest round of powerful winds from damaging equipment and sparking wildfires amid a fall heat wave.

Power restorations began Thursday afternoon and by evening Pacific Gas and Electric said about 30,000 customers were still in the dark — down from about 45,000 the previous night.

All electricity was expected to be restored by late Friday, PG&E said.

The utility better targeted outages this time after it was criticized in 2019 for cutting power to about 800,000 customers and leaving about 2 million people in the dark for days.

Most of this year's fires have occurred since mid-August, when an unusual siege of thousands of lightning strikes ignited huge blazes.

The causes of two fires that broke out in September remain under investigation. PG&E equipment is being examined in connection with the Zogg Fire in Northern California, and Southern California Edison equipment is under scrutiny in the Bobcat Fire near Los Angeles.

Antczak reported from Los Angeles. AP reporter Kevin Freking contributed from Washington, D.C.

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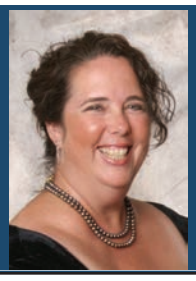
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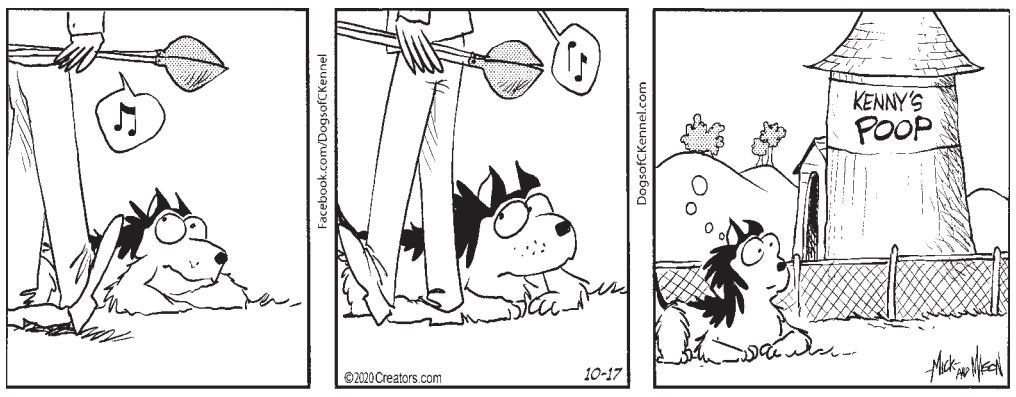
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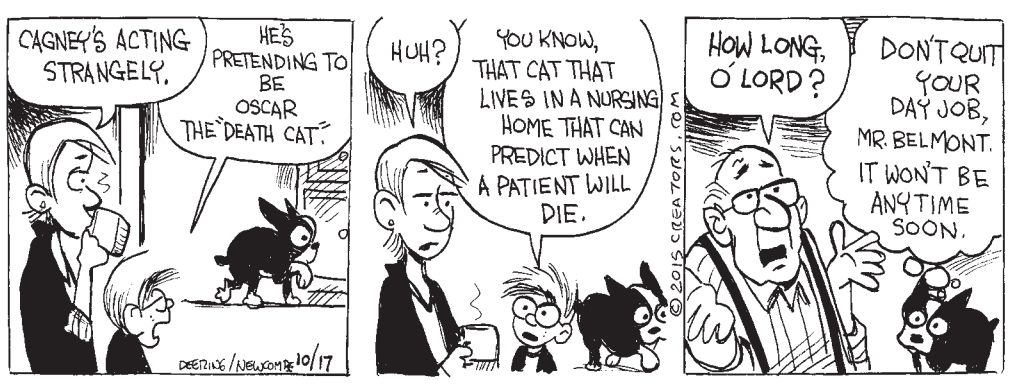
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 70.7°

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Smallest day of the weekend. Modest SSW swell continues before a better one builds Sunday. NW swell drops to traces.

SUNDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
New SSW swell creeps up through the day. Minor NW energy so areas with structure like points/reefs will be best.

WEATHER

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 79.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 62.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74.
Sunday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.
Monday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 72.
Monday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2020/10/17	Sat	4:34 PM	-0.58	L
2020/10/17	Sat	10:44 PM	5.06	H
2020/10/18	Sun	04:20 AM	1.03	L
2020/10/18	Sun	10:34 AM	6.58	H
2020/10/18	Sun	5:26 PM	-0.68	L
2020/10/18	Sun	11:42 PM	4.54	H
2020/10/19	Mon	04:57 AM	1.60	L
2020/10/19	Mon	11:14 AM	6.45	H
2020/10/19	Mon	6:23 PM	-0.56	L
2020/10/20	Tue	12:49 AM	4.02	H
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2020/10/20	Tue	12:00 PM	6.11	H
2020/10/20	Tue	7:26 PM	-0.30	L
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2020/10/21	Wed	06:25 AM	2.73	L
2020/10/21	Wed	12:55 PM	5.63	H
2020/10/21	Wed	8:42 PM	0.00	L

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Power#: 5
Jackpot:82 M

calottery MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 10/13
11 44 45 46 70
Mega#: 25
Jackpot: 77 M

SuperLotto PLUS calottery
Draw Date: 10/14
4 13 25 34 46
Mega#: 15
Jackpot:18 M

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calottery Daily 3
Draw Date: 10/14
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Draw Date: 10/14
Midday: 1 1 7

calottery Daily Derby
Draw Date: 10/15
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3rd: THIRD: 06-WHIRL WIN
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (OCTOBER 17)

While you're known for your taste and "cool" there will be several times over this journey when excitement gets the best of you. Your effervescence will attract the people who make things even more magical. Stay with one goal at a time, though the temptation to diversify will be strong. Lucrative deals close in February. Leo and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 28, 16, 4 and 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When your name comes up in conversation, what do you hope they're saying? Let this principle guide your action in the days to come. How can you move things toward the outcome that gets talked about in this way?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your mastery of a skill is an attractive thing to show off, though you can stand to be a little coy in this reveal. You can wait for the perfect moment, or perhaps you can have a friend casually pave the way for you?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). On the one hand, it's your life and surely you're entitled to some privacy. On the other hand, some people want to know everything. The question is, how much do you owe them? Only you know the answer.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're the best at being you, and also the most critical when you do the things you consider off-brand. No one else is paying as close attention or would punish you nearly as severely. Consider taking it easy on yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What if someone considered you to be a fun distraction? Maybe you'd like a more substantial role, but would a bit part really be so bad right now? A lot of good relationships start like this.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). While it will help to spend time in your head working out different scenarios and exploring your general stance, most of what you need to do has to happen in real-time action.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've been known to strategically accept blame that wasn't yours. Accepting blame can sometimes make a problem quickly go away. Accepting credit is scarier. It's usually the start of something unknown.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can sometimes feel disrespected where no disrespect was meant. But whether they meant it or not might be irrelevant. The fact is, people could be better educated as to the treatment you'd prefer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In situations where everyone is just trying to do the same thing, the extremely self-centered will make it seem like their needs are more important than those of the others. Let this be a red flag.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Even if love goes as well as could possibly be expected, someone will get their feelings hurt. This is the nature of love. Embracing this could help you be less defensive. So, who are you willing to let hurt you?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Just because you're cast in one role, doesn't mean you won't move to another. Initial placements are temporary. Also, you'll learn so much by taking on different roles instead of staying pigeonholed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Just because a thing is not for you doesn't mean you don't appreciate, admire or maybe even envy it sometimes. And yet, you remain confident in your knowing of where your focus is best invested these days.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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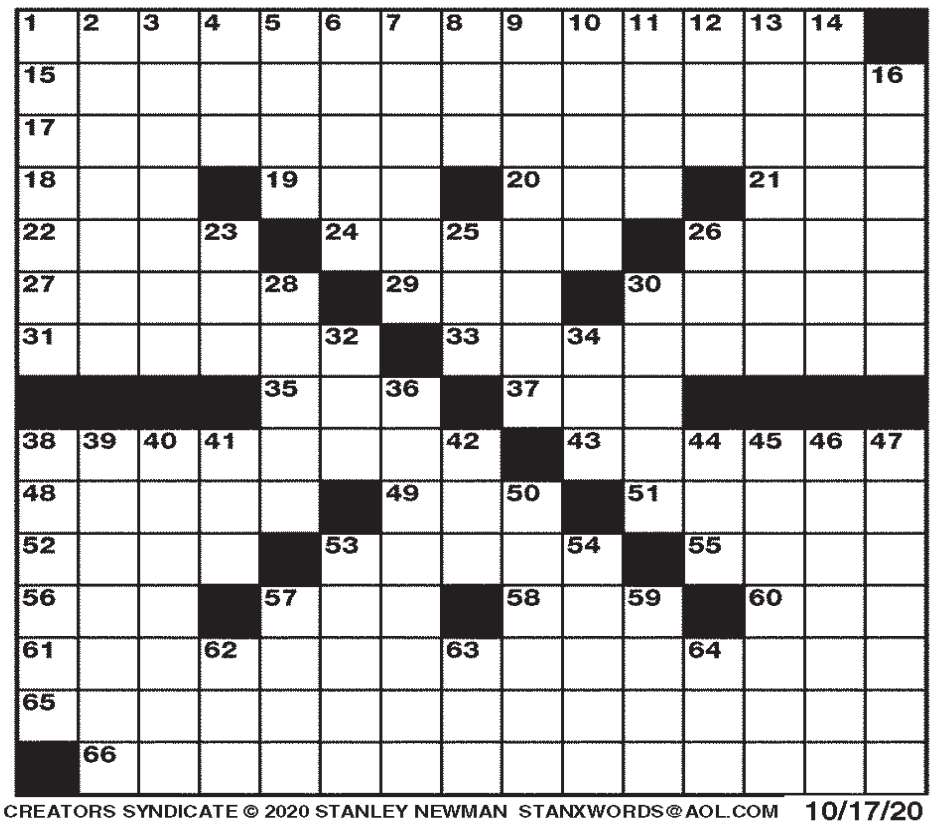
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Anna Stiga
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ACROSS
1 Spa service
15 Payment for back bacon
17 Iraq, in summer 1990
18 Lentil cousin
19 Didn't act
20 Bear's tail
21 Its blog has many travel tips
22 Internal motivation
24 Malory magician
26 World leader called a "grey-bunned grandmother"
27 UK's #2 financial center
29 Sports __
30 Create for oneself, with "out"
31 Piles on
33 OK to drive
35 Name atop a *. . . Pi* poster
37 Onetime title for DDE
38 Misleading
43 Very far from fine
48 Iron clothing
49 Auxiliary
51 Asia's highest major city
52 What a mattress may be made of
53 Symbol of Big Apple baseball
55 Up
56 Biopic with Malcolm X and Dr. King
57 Clear away
58 Get close to, in quantity
60 Something seen on the road
61 Secret thing since the '50s
65 Call for help
66 Rhea and some relatives

DOWN
1 Latin word for "shoulder"
2 Put at risk
3 Busy
4 Its DC museum had a 2020 Gilded Age Fashions exhibit
5 Day cited in *The Lives of the Twelve Caesars*
6 Baler twine
7 Cause precipitation
8 Cell letters
9 Border of the Balkans
10 "Listen here, kid . . ."
11 Glasslike stuff in concrete
12 "Something different" starter
13 Equestrian garments
14 Apt to wear
16 Caught through craftiness
23 Line workers, for short
25 -able cousin
26 "Oh, brother!"
28 Step down
30 Daniel Day-Lewis' Poet Laureate pop
32 Grant for Peace presenter since 2002
34 UK detective group
36 Low-tech security device
38 *Out of Africa* scene
39 Antonym of "abbreviate"
40 Marketing software
41 Letters on a log-in keyboard key
42 Cell activator
44 Restraining order
45 Tiki culture mainstays
46 With skepticism
47 Hamlet's fencing opponent
50 Put to the test
53 Capital northeast of Warsaw
54 Late spring/ early summer tag phrase
57 Went on
59 Cause to expect
62 Man or woman into renewable energy
63 Confessional numbers
64 Cruise America rentals



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Binary Puzzle

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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POLICE CHIEF

FROM PAGE 1

"During a time when our City, our nation, and our law enforcement communities have faced unprecedented challenges, Chief Renaud has served this community tirelessly. We are grateful for her service in these historic times."

Her departure comes after significant criticism of the department's response to protests and looting in the city. Large groups of criminals flooded Santa Monica in May following a peaceful protest for racial justice. While significant looting occurred in the Downtown area, SMPD deployed officers to confront ongoing protests including the use of tear gas and rubber bullets. Eventually, National Guard troops were called in to restore order.

The Santa Monica Police Department, city leaders and the chief in specific have been criticized for focusing on the protests while criminals ransacked local businesses on May 31 of this year.

Santa Monicans were initially promised two reports about the incident. The first would be an after-action report listing the timeline and facts. The second would provide analysis of the facts. City officials said publicly that the first report would be finished in August of this year but the police department said it was unable to prepare the document and handle regular police work. In response, council authorized staff to hire a third party company to combine both reports into a single document.

The OIR group was recently selected for the role.

Chief Renaud came to Santa Monica in April 2018. After several years of increases in crime, SMPD reported a 16% decrease last year and the city's announcement of her departure praised her work here.

"Chief Renaud led the Santa Monica Police Department through regional changes and adapted operations, including increasing the number of specially trained officers who support citywide efforts to address regional homelessness, leading the Department during COVID-19 and taking the first steps to advance public safety reform," it said. "However, recognizing that recent events both here in Santa Monica and around the nation have strained community-police relations, Chief Renaud has made the decision to step aside so that the Santa Monica Police Department can continue to move forward."

Chief Renaud will assume the presidency of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) on October 23. She was chosen to lead that organization from among its 31,000 members in 165 nations.

"Serving as Chief in Santa Monica has been one of the highlights of my career," Chief Renaud said. "I am proud of our record over the past two years in times of unprecedented scrutiny and challenge for law enforcement. In my role as President of the IACP, I will be focused on rebuilding the relationships of trust on which all successful law enforcement is based. I am grateful to the men and women of the Santa Monica Police Department for the honor of leading them and to the City of Santa Monica for choosing me for this opportunity."

"The Chief's resignation may leave unanswered questions about May 31st, but we remain committed to a thorough and transparent accounting of that day's events," said Mayor McKeown. "We have a contract with the OIR Group, and they are already at work. Meanwhile, Santa Monica is fortunate to welcome back Jackie Seabrooks, under whose interim leadership our police reform work will continue."

Councilwoman Kristin McCowan had pushed for the independent review of May 31 and said it has been a challenging time.

"With the news of the Police Chief's retirement, I hope we can collectively seize this opportunity to begin anew and start the healing process," she said. "I thank Chief Renaud for her service to our community, and I am sure that her decision required a great deal of soul-searching. I hope that during this interim period with Chief Seabrooks at the helm, we can look to our community for guidance on how best to move forward."

Chief Renaud's last day will be October 25. Seabrooks will start on October 26 as Interim Chief of Police.

"No one knows the Santa Monica community and Santa Monica Police Department like our friend and longtime leader, Jackie Seabrooks," said Interim City Manager Lane Dilg in a statement. "This is a critical moment for Santa Monica. I have every confidence in Chief Seabrooks and look forward to working together to provide for community safety and wellbeing, as well as to advance public safety reform work underway."

Seabrooks retired from Santa Monica in September 2017, where she began her career in 1982, and spent 30 of her 36 years in law enforcement.

"I am certainly humbled at being asked to once again serve the Santa Monica community," said Seabrooks. "I am equally excited to begin working alongside the women and men of the Santa Monica Police Department as we continue to focus our attention on all facets of community safety during these unprecedented times."

City Hall has scheduled a special meeting to approve Renaud's retirement on Oct. 17. According to the staff report, she will receive four months of her base salary provided she works to assist in the transition and participates in the OIR Group's investigation. Renaud was paid $290,000 last year.

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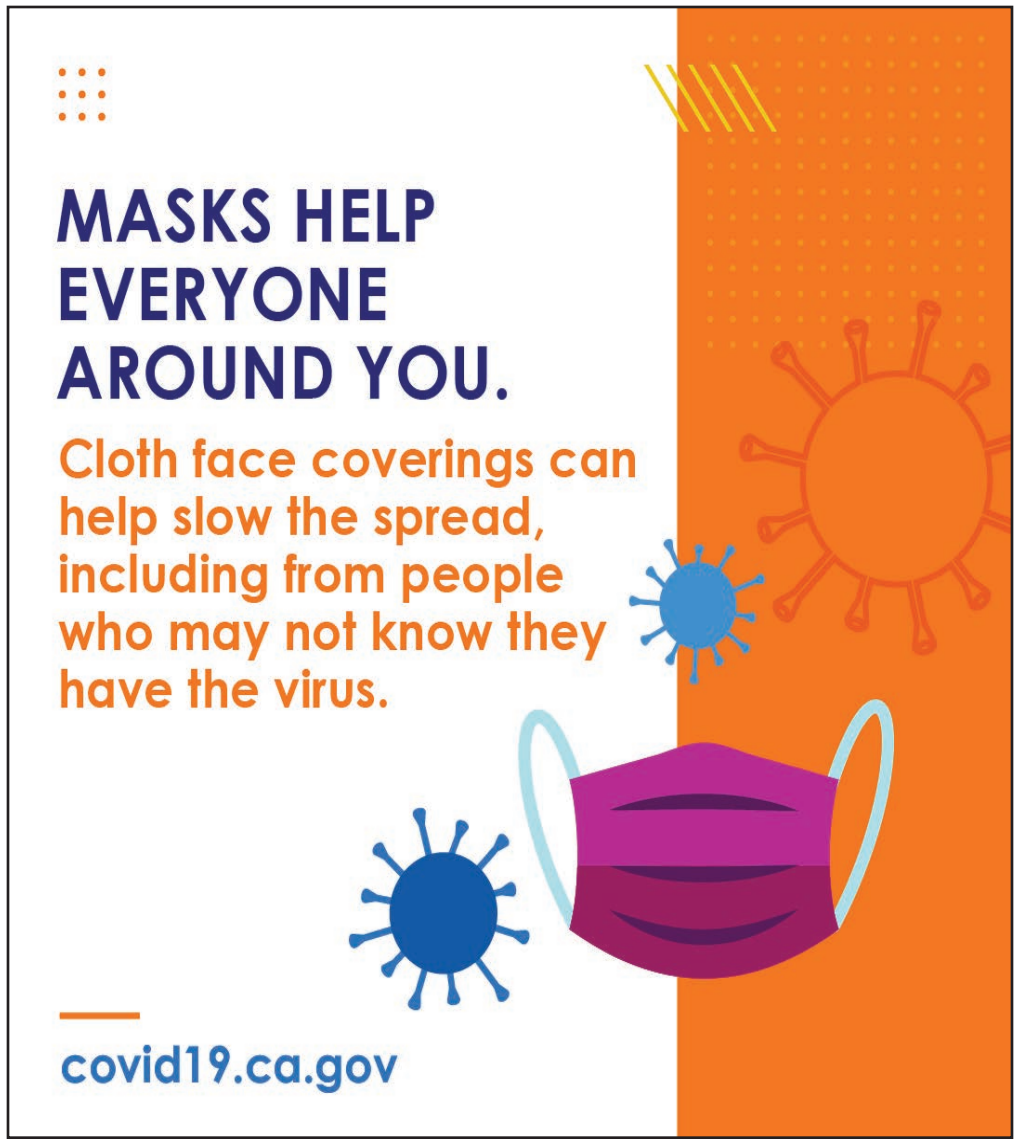
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means of transportation, a staff report states. "Several community-wide surveys reveal a general sentiment that people would feel safer biking and scooting if the bicycle facilities featured some form of separation from vehicle traffic," so the hope is more people will soon have the protection they need to make biking their main form of transportation.

"Knowing safety is a key concern for residents who wish they felt comfortable bicycling more around our city, we've grabbed the safety issue by the handlebars," said Mayor Kevin McKeown. "If you like our 19 miles of green-painted bike routes, you'll love 19 miles of safer protected bike lanes along key bicycling corridors."

Costs for the $7 million plan could be cut by up to 90 percent if work is combined with existing street repaving work and staff said money is available from grants to help fund the work.

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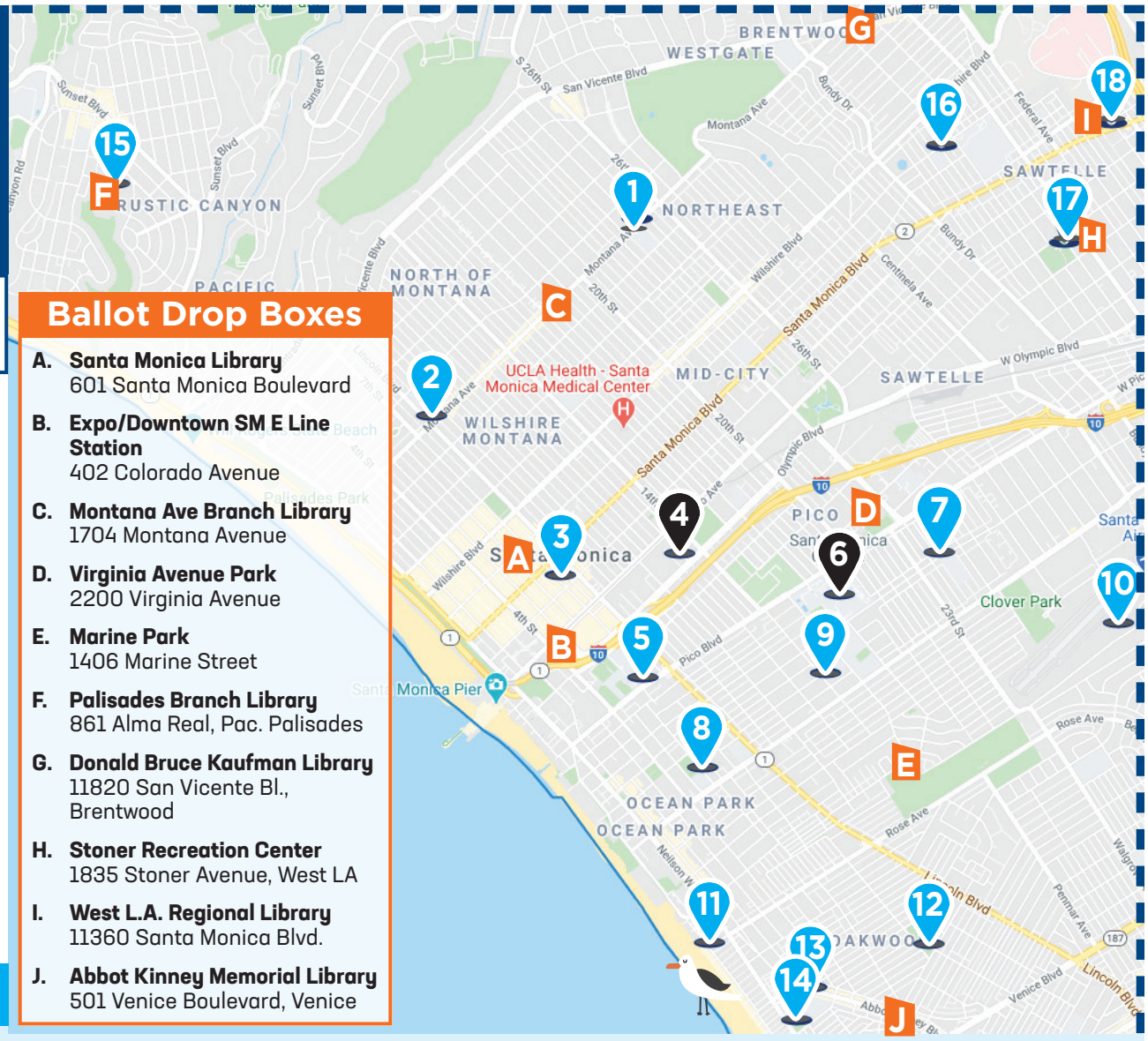
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Registered voters were sent a Vote By Mail ballot earlier this month and they can be returned via the USPS, to a designated **ballot drop box** or in person at a **vote center**. Ballots postmarked by election day and received within 17 days will be counted in the election.

Alternatively, voters can safely vote in-person at any Vote Center in the County. Two local Vote Centers will be available beginning Saturday, October 24. All Vote Centers will be available beginning Friday, October 30.

Vote Centers will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the early voting period. On Election Day Vote Centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Ballot Drop Boxes

A. **Santa Monica Library**
601 Santa Monica Boulevard

B. **Expo/Downtown SM E Line Station**
402 Colorado Avenue

C. **Montana Ave Branch Library**
1704 Montana Avenue

D. **Virginia Avenue Park**
2200 Virginia Avenue

E. **Marine Park**
1406 Marine Street

F. **Palisades Branch Library**
861 Alma Real, Pac. Palisades

G. **Donald Bruce Kaufman Library**
11820 San Vicente Bl., Brentwood

H. **Stoner Recreation Center**
1835 Stoner Avenue, West LA

I. **West L.A. Regional Library**
11360 Santa Monica Blvd.

J. **Abbot Kinney Memorial Library**
501 Venice Boulevard, Venice

Voting Centers

1. **Franklin Elementary School**
2400 Montana Ave, Santa Monica 90403
Additional Info: Cafetorium

2. **Roosevelt Elementary School**
801 Montana Ave, Santa Monica 90403
Additional Info: Auditorium

3. **Former Fire Station 1**
1444 7th St, Santa Monica 90401
Additional Info: Apparatus Roo

4. **National Typewriter Company**
1666 Euclid St, Santa Monica
1st Floor Gathering Room.
Open 10/24

5. **Santa Monica High School**
601 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica 90405
Additional Info: Cafeteria

6. **Santa Monica Community College**
1900 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica
Corsair Gymnasium.
Open 10/24

7. **Grant Elementary School**
2368 Pearl St, Santa Monica 90405
Additional Info: Auditorium

8. **John Muir Elementary School**
2526 6th St, Santa Monica 90405
Additional Info: Multi-Purpose Room

9. **Will Rogers Learning Community**
2401 14th St, Santa Monica 90405
Additional Info: Cafeteria

10. **Barker Hangar**
3021 Airport Ave Suite 203, S.M. 90405
Additional Info: Hangar

11. **The Rose Room**
6 Rose Ave, Venice 90291
Additional Info: Rose Room and Entry Room

12. **Oakwood Recreation Center**
767 California Ave, Venice 90291
Additional Info: Gymnasium

13. **Westminster Avenue Elementary School**
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice 90291
Additional Info: Auditorium

14. **Westminster Senior Center**
1234 Pacific Ave, Venice 90291
Additional Info: Lobby and Auditorium

15. **Palisades Recreation Center**
851 Alma Real Dr, Pacific Palisades 90272
Additional Info: Small Gymnasium

16. **Brockton Avenue Elementary School**
1309 Armacost Ave, Los Angeles 90025
Additional Info: Auditorium

17. **Stoner Recreation Center**
1835 Stoner Ave, Los Angeles 90025
Additional Info: Gymnasium

18. **Felicia Mahood Multipurpose Center**
11338 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles 90025
Additional Info: Auditorium

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