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Historic church catches fire







Michael Bravo

FIRE: The First Baptist Church of Venice has called Venice home for 100 years but a fire this week threatened to destroy history. Residents on-scene said a quick response by fire officials helped prevent a greater tragedy.

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

For 100 years, The First Baptist Church of Venice has called Venice home but a fire this week threatened to destroy a century's worth of history. And residents believe it wasn't accidental.

Los Angeles Fire Department officials responded to a fire near the location after receiving reports of a structure fire, LAFD spokesman Brian Humphrey said. "Our units arrived quickly to find fire at the rear of the structure. It was described as rubbish from part of a homeless encampment. There were no reports of any injuries, and firefighters had the flames extinguished fully at 1:26 a.m."

Miguel Bravo is a local Venice resident who has spent the last few months organizing clean-ups and rallies at the local church alongside others who are part of the SaveVenice collective, which was formed shortly after the building was sold in 2017 to publishing entrepreneur Jay Penske.

"Obviously, we've been battling the Penskes for the last two-and-a-half years to hold them off from building a mansion here because we feel the sale of the church properties here was done unscrupulously, so there's been a lot of controversial and political shenanigans here recently," Bravo said, detailing how developers will often leave a property in disrepair so they have an excuse to tear it down. "So, we did a major cleanup to the front areas of the property a couple weeks ago and we've done it a few times

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11-Day Vote Centers Now Open



City of Santa Monica

VOTE: Voters also have the option of casting ballots in one of the County's officials Ballot Drop Boxes, which are located throughout Santa Monica.

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

A pair of 11-Day Vote Centers opened in Santa Monica Saturday, meaning local residents now have the ability to safely cast their ballots in-person.

Voters will be welcomed at Santa Monica College's Corsair Gym and the National Typewriter Company beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday.

More details are available online at LAvote.net or flip this newspaper around for a complete list and map of voting locations in the area.

Santa Monica Target opens

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica's Target is celebrating its official grand opening this Sunday, and store officials said they are excited to meet the surrounding community.

Located at 1610 Wilshire Boulevard, the store has already begun welcoming shoppers earlier this week while construction was still occurring out front. Word first spread about a new Target opening in the location back in January when the building's previous occupant, Staples, announced it would be closing.

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Trump, Biden lawyer up, brace for White House legal battle

BY ALANNA DURKIN RICHER AND ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

President Donald Trump's and Democratic rival Joe Biden's campaigns are assembling armies of powerful lawyers for the possibility that the race for the White House is decided not at the ballot box but in court.

They have been engaging in a lawyer's version of tabletop war games, churning out draft pleadings, briefs and memos to cover scenarios that read like the stuff of a law school hypothetical more than a real-life case in a democracy.

Attorneys for the Republicans and the Democrats are already clashing in courts across the U.S. over mailed-in ballot deadlines and other issues brought on by the coronavirus pandemic. And as Trump tries to sow doubt in the legitimacy of the Nov. 3 election, both sides have built massive legal operations readying for a bitterly disputed race that lands at the Supreme Court

"We've been preparing for this for well over a year," Republican National Committee Chief Counsel Justin Riemer told The Associated Press. "We've been working with the campaign on our strategy for recount preparation, for Election Day operations and our litigation strategy."

On the Democratic side, the Biden campaign's election protection program includes a special national litigation team involving hundreds of lawyers led by Walter Dellinger, acting solicitor general in the Clinton administration, and Donald Verrilli, a solicitor general under President Barack Obama, among others. Bob Bauer, a former White House counsel to Obama, and Biden campaign general counsel Dana Remus are focused on protecting the rights of voters, who have been enduring long lines at polling places around the country on the belief that the presidential election will be decided by their ballots.

Both sides are informed by the experience of the 2000 election, which was ultimately decided by the Supreme Court in Bush v. Gore. But this year, because Trump has pushed unsubstantiated claims about the potential for voter fraud with increased voting by mail, sowing doubt about the integrity of the result, lawyers are preparing for a return trip before the high court.

And, in an extraordinary twist, the president has pushed for his nominee to the Supreme Court, Judge Amy Coney Barrett, to be seated as soon as possible if she is confirmed as expected on Monday, saying it's important to have a ninth justice to decide any election disputes.

The race is already thought to be the most litigated in American history, with some 260 lawsuits arising from the coronavirus by one tally.

Behind the scenes, Trump and Republicans have been putting together a legal team that includes Jay Sekulow, one of the president's lead attorneys during the impeachment trial and the special counsel's Russia investigation and an experienced litigator before the Supreme Court. Republicans have hired dozens of attorneys and retained prominent national firms to challenge Democratic efforts to expand ballot access in key battleground states.

Thousands of volunteer lawyers are prepared to assist with Election Day operations and poll watching and other issues, Riemer said. A group called Lawyers for Trump, whose advisory board includes Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and Trump attorney Rudy Giuliani, is recruiting retired lawyers and law students. Jones Day is among the prominent global law firms expected to play a role. Attorney Will Consovoy, who has represented Trump in such cases as his long-running fight to prevent a top New York prosecutor from getting his tax returns, is also likely to be a key player in any election legal fights.

Riemer said it's not as though the party is going to call up a random attorney on Election Day and say, "Hey, are you busy? Do you want to litigate a recount?"

That's close to what happened in 2000. Barry Richard, who represented Bush in the 2000 Florida recount, got a call the morning after the election asking if he could help and had to scramble to quickly pull a team together, he said.

"Things were much different then. We had no history of candidates lawyering up for presidential elections, so everything hit the fan the night of election night," Richard said.

Another team that's fighting voter access issues in courts across the country is headed by well-known election lawyer Marc Elias of the law firm Perkins Coie, who is prominent in Democratic circles and has become a bête noire of Republicans.

"When Democrats want to tilt elections in their favor outside the ballot box, who do they call? Marc Elias and Perkins Coie," an RNC website says.

Republicans accuse Elias and Democrats of trying to use the coronavirus pandemic to rig the election by doing away with safeguards against fraud.

Elias and his team at have filed lawsuits seeking to force states to extend mailed-in ballot collection deadlines and other things. In one case, the Supreme Court this week allowed Pennsylvania to count mailed-in ballots received up to three days after the Nov. 3 election, rejecting a Republican bid to block the extension.

Elias has long been the public face of Democratic legal contests, serving as general counsel to Hillary Clinton's campaign in 2016 and John Kerry's in 2004. He pushes regular updates about developments in his lawsuits to nearly 150,000 followers on Twitter, as well as guidance for voting and the occasional jibe at the president and his Republican counterparts.

"Being called a 'partisan hack' by a lawyer for Donald Trump is a badge of honor I will wear proudly for a lifetime," he wrote in a tweet this week.

But lawyers on both sides say they are preparing to be ready for much more than a fight on Twitter.

Richer reported from Boston.

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SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 270 CALLS ON OCT. 22

72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300blk Santa Monica Pier 1:46 a.m.
Trespassing 300blk Santa Monica Pl 2:41 a.m.
Trespassing 3100blk Main St 4:07 a.m.
Battery Report 26th St / Santa Monica Blvd 4:17 a.m.
Identity Theft 1700blk 14th St 5:52 a.m.
Trespassing 1400blk 7th St 7:09 a.m.
Encampment 2400blk Barnard Way 7:11 a.m.
Transport Prisoner 300blk Olympic Dr 7:50 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1800blk Main St 7:59 a.m.
Fight 2000blk Lincoln Blvd 9:25 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2800blk 4th St 9:36 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:47 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1400blk 7th St 10:04 a.m.
Burglary Report 2800blk Main St 10:17 a.m.
Trespassing 1700blk Stanford St 10:22 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300blk Olympic Dr 11:02 a.m.
Trespassing 500blk Wilshire Blvd 11:18 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk Stanford St 11:34 a.m.
Burglary Report 2600blk Barnard Way 11:40 a.m.
Trespassing 500blk Wilshire Blvd 11:52 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1200blk 4th St 11:52 a.m.
Trespassing 1500blk 4th St 12:28 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Wepaon Just Occurred 2100blk Main St 12:50 p.m.
Encampment Lincoln Blvd / Ozone St 1:00 p.m.
Fraud Report 2000blk Wilshire Blvd 1:13 p.m.
Sexual Assault 300blk Pico Blvd 1:21 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 200blk Arizona Ave 1:42 p.m.
Encampment 1700blk The Beach 1:55 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 900blk Lincoln Blvd 2:02 p.m.
Trespassing 800blk Grant St 2:03 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1500blk Franklin St 2:14 p.m.
Trespassing 800blk Pico Blvd 2:17 p.m.
Civil Dispute 3200blk 21st St 3:00 p.m.
Municipal Code Violation 1300blk 10th St 3:06 p.m.
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Malicious Mischief Report 1500blk 4th St 3:22 p.m.
Municipal Code Violation 200blk Santa Monica Pier 3:23 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2300blk 20th St 3:34 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 3200blk Highland Ave 3:38 p.m.
Encampment 500blk Broadway 4:05 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1100blk 2nd St 4:15 p.m.
Burglary Report 1100blk California Ave 4:17 p.m.
Person Down 700blk Palisades Beach Rd 4:36 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Just Occurred 2400blk Ocean Front Walk 4:57 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 20th St / Colorado Ave 5:17 p.m.
Trespassing 400blk Broadway 5:37 p.m.
Trespassing 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 5:53 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1100blk Wilshire Blvd 5:58 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 300blk Santa Monica Pier 5:59 p.m.
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DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 24 CALLS ON OCT. 22

EMS 1300blk 17th St 1:05 a.m.
EMS 11th St / Olympic Blvd W 2:57 a.m.
EMS 1500blk Palisades Park 3:39 a.m.
EMS 1000blk Ocean Ave 5:24 a.m.
EMS 1400blk Ocean Ave 5:57 a.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 6:19 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 8:00 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1600blk Montana Ave 9:08 a.m.
EMS 400blk Expo Line 9:14 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2900blk Pennsylvania Ave 9:55 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 5th St 10:22 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 600blk Broadway 11:15 a.m.
EMS 3400blk Pearl St 12:59 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 5th St 1:33 p.m.
EMS 2900blk Main St 1:58 p.m.
EMS 2900blk Lincoln Blvd 2:38 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 2:42 p.m.
EMS 6th St / Pico Blvd 5:22 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 7:20 p.m.
EMS 2nd St / Washington Ave 8:06 p.m.
EMS 26th St / Wilshire Blvd 10:40 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 1500blk 4th St 11:45 p.m.

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CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

SMPD Officers were dispatched to Hotchkiss Park regarding a call about an arsonist. A Witness spotted a small fire during his exercise routine and quickly extinguished it. He then noticed an individual walking away from a pile of pine needles that were also lit on fire. The Witness attempted to extinguish it and called SMPD. Lucas P Payton was arrested on a 451 (d) PC- Arson to property and is awaiting his next court date on a $75,000 bail.

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Man who bought guns used in 2015 massacre gets 20 years

BY STEFANIE DAZIO
Associated Press

The man who bought two rifles that terrorists used to kill 14 people in a 2015 attack in San Bernardino, California, was sentenced Friday to 20 years in prison.

Enrique Marquez Jr. supplied the weapons that Syed Rizwan Farook and Farook's wife, Tashfeen Malik, used on Dec. 2, 2015, to open fire on a meeting and holiday gathering of San Bernardino County employees who worked with Farook. Minutes later, a post on a Facebook page associated with Malik pledged allegiance to the leader of the Islamic State terror group. The couple fled and died later that day in a gunbattle with authorities.

Marquez, 28, showed no emotion during the federal court hearing as relatives of the victims asked the judge to give him a lengthy sentence. Gregory Clayborn, whose daughter Sierra was killed, said Marquez should be held responsible for the massacre though he wasn't the gunman.

"He's a terrorist, your honor," Clayborn told the judge. "And if you let him out, he's going to do it again."

Prosecutors sought a 25-year sentence for Marquez, arguing he should be held responsible for giving semiautomatic weapons and explosives to Farook though he knew Farook was inspired by violent extremists and had plotted with him years earlier to kill large numbers of people in attacks on a highway and college campus.

Federal prosecutor Melanie Sartoris said Marquez has a high IQ and the mental capacity to understand the likelihood of an attack occurring once he had bought the weapons.

"He knew all along that this would happen," but he did nothing, she said.

The defense had asked for a five-year term, according to court filings. Defense attorney John Aquilina said his client had been manipulated by Farook since he was 13, when they met as neighbors.

Marquez was desperate to socialize with others and needed to escape abuse at home. He had stopped speaking to Farook years before the attack and didn't know it was going to happen, Aquilina said. He had bought the guns years earlier.

"Mr. Marquez's sentence should not be reflective of what happened in San Bernardino," he said.

In determining the sentence, U.S. District Judge Jesus Bernal said he took into account that Marquez had called 911 and cooperated with authorities.

"In a legal sense, I cannot punish Mr. Marquez for your loss," Bernal told the families in his courtroom. "He is not responsible for the murders."

Several years before the massacre, Marquez and Farook had plotted terrorist attacks on Riverside City College and a highway, State Route 91, federal authorities said.

Marquez abandoned the idea and distanced himself from Farook in 2012 after three other Southern California men were arrested on suspicion of planning to go to Afghanistan to kill U.S. troops. Eventually, the three and a fourth man were sentenced to federal prison for conspiracy.

To carry out the shooting, Farook and Malik left their 6-month-old daughter with Farook's mother, saying they were going to a doctor's appointment. Afterward, police chased the pair through San Bernardino, which is 60 miles (97 kilometers) east of Los Angeles. Soon after they were killed, Marquez called 911 to say the shooter was his neighbor and had used his gun.

The next day, Marquez went to a hospital emergency room and was placed in a psychiatric ward. He was later arrested, and in FBI interviews, described his research into terror attacks, purchase of explosives and the plans he had made with Farook, the government said.

Marquez pleaded guilty in 2017 to conspiring with Farook to provide material support to terrorists and making false statements regarding the rifles he had purchased in his name using Farook's money. He later tried to withdraw his plea to one of the counts, but the request was denied by the court.

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Letter to the Editor

By Jason Islas

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Editor,

After many years, I've grown used to people like Charles Andrews being given free rein to write half-truths or outright lies about anyone he disagrees with. His most recent column is just another in a long history of him using his privileged position to attack local activists he disagrees with. I suppose that is his right -- as long as the people who are the subjects of his irrational ire are public figures -- but given the closeness of the election, it's frankly irresponsible to let him -- or anyone else -- spread misinformation in what is Santa Monica's paper of record.

For one thing, my claim against Phil Brock -- that he had not properly disclosed his financial interests -- was not dismissed by the FPPC. I sent the reporter who was working on this story confirmation I received from the FPPC that they will, in fact, be investigating it. Additionally, and this is more a personal frustration, his constant berating me for being a paid outside agitator when I grew up here, live here, and, despite his claims, don't get paid for much of my political work (yes, I got paid to work to defeat the regressive, anti-change Measure LV four years ago, but that was no secret), is demeaning, disrespectful, and, more to the point, undermines the credibility of the paper in my eyes and the eyes of the many who know me. I am no more a lobbyist than any resident of this city who advocates for candidates and policies they believe will be best for our community.

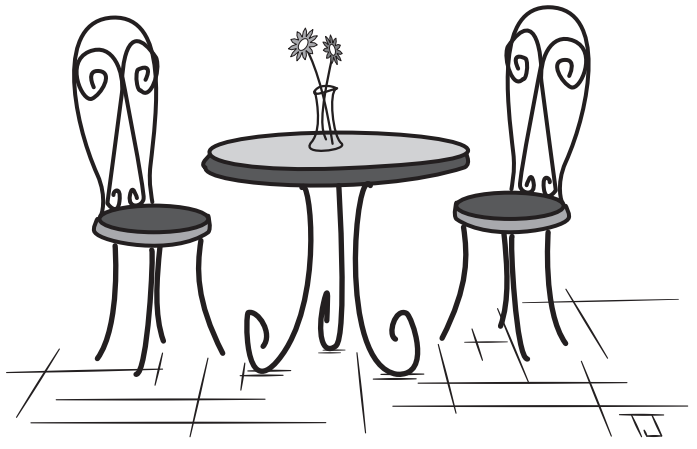
Honestly, that this newspaper continues to print, unquestioned, Charles' increasingly unhinged and conspiratorial ramblings, with their tangential (at best) relationship to reality, actively calls into question the editorial rigor the Daily Press applies to all its content. I say that as a former journalist.

Please do better; my home town deserves a real local newspaper and it is frankly depressing that this type of content, more suited to Fox News than any reputable newspaper, continually finds its way onto your pages.

Jason Islas

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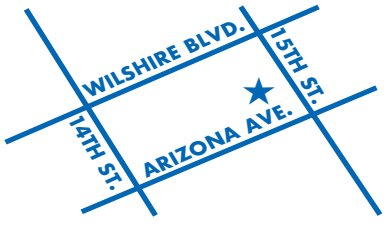
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CHURCH

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since. We've really been fighting for this church and we are actually starting to get some traction going."

The church and the efforts of local residents were recently profiled by National Geographic, "and it's just sad because the way it's looking — what we know so far — is there was a homeless guy in the back. He's relatively new in the area, according to the guys who usually stay around there, and they say he deliberately started a fire in the back."

Bravo arrived to the scene of the church around 5 a.m. Thursday to notice the church didn't suffer any critical damage. "If the fire department hadn't been there so quickly to put it out it, then it would definitely have been a lot worse," he said.

"You can make a case for arson but the department said we'd have to wait as more information comes in. But we know there was this guy who came in the last week or two and set the fire up and now he's gone," Bravo said, mentioning he found a gas canister while he walked the property shortly after the fire.

"We've had some rallies here and had a lot of momentum for racial justice as we've tried to tie it into city policy. As I said, we were just getting momentum in the last seven, eight months or whatever it's been now," Bravo said, "so I don't get why someone would try to kind of do something to sabotage that momentum."

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Woman sought in 2 Los Angeles kidnapping attempts

By Associated Press

Los Angeles police have released surveillance video in an attempt to identify a woman who allegedly tried to kidnap two children in back-to-back incidents last weekend.

The first victim was carrying her 1-year-old brother to her car outside a restaurant on Oct. 18 when the suspect demanded that she hand over the boy and then tried to grab him, claiming he was her child, police said in a statement.

The victim ran back to the West Manchester Avenue restaurant.

The suspect then turned up on South Main Street and entered a gated apartment courtyard where several children were playing.

The suspect grabbed a 5-year-old boy and tried to leave with him but was stopped by several family members.

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TARGET

FROM PAGE 1

The Wilshire store opening comes on the heels of an application to open another Target store at 5th Street and Broadway, which would occupy one of the former Fred Segal buildings and is listed as approximately 24,000 square feet. The store would be located at 420 Broadway.

"We're excited to start serving and getting to know our community," said Marissa Steel, director of the Wilshire location.

Brennon@smdp.com







Brennon Dixson

NEW RETAIL OPENING: Santa Monica residents now have a Target of their own to enjoy now that the store on Wilshire Boulevard is open for business. Store officials said the store's soft opening has been successful and they eagerly await the location's grand opening this Sunday.

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- ☑ Ted **WINTERER**
- ☑ Terry **O'DAY**

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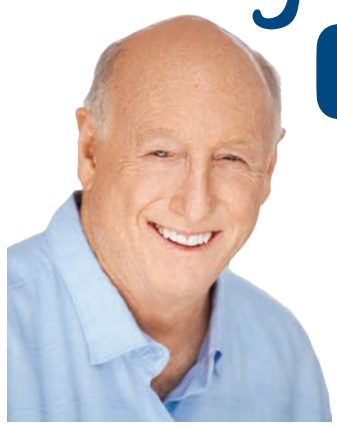
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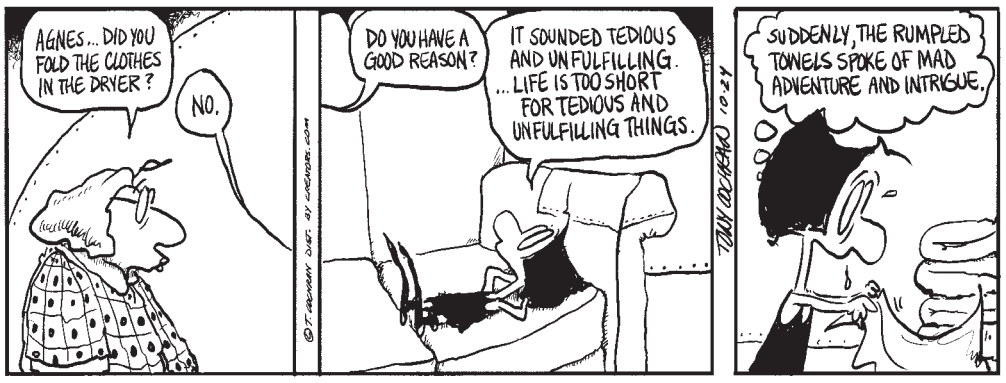
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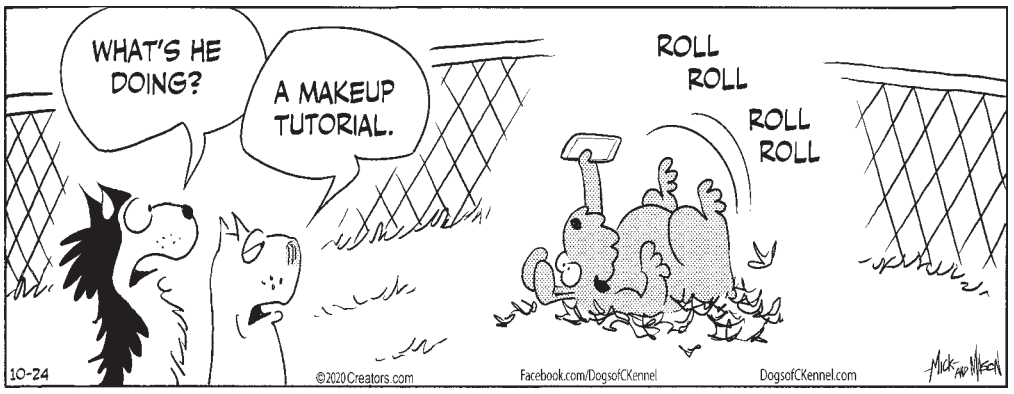
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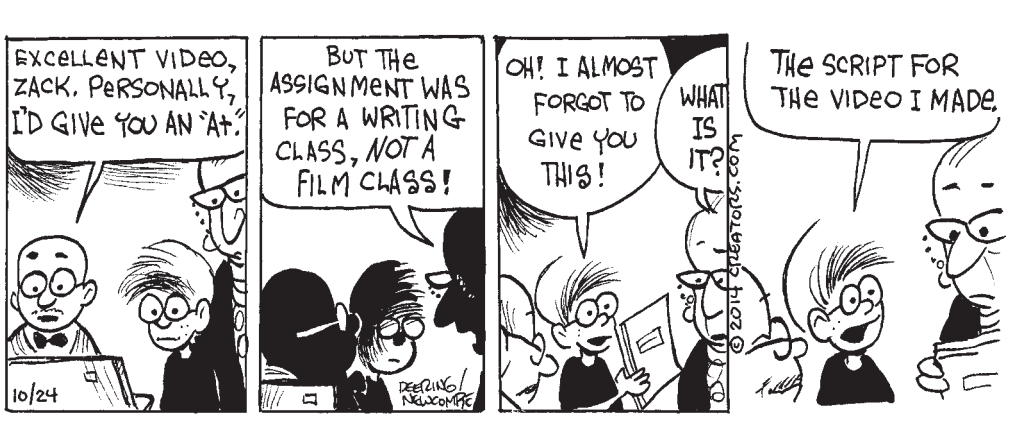
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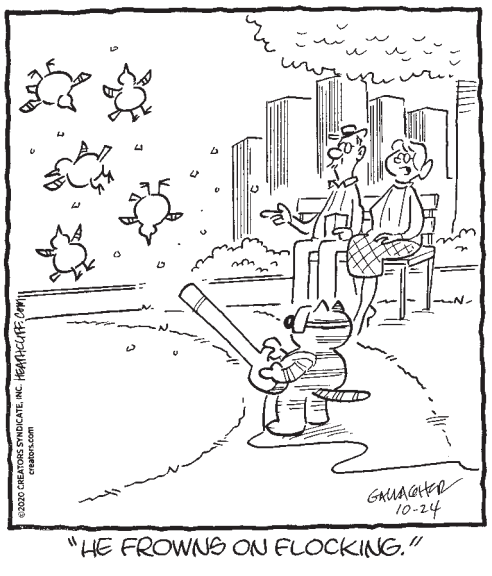
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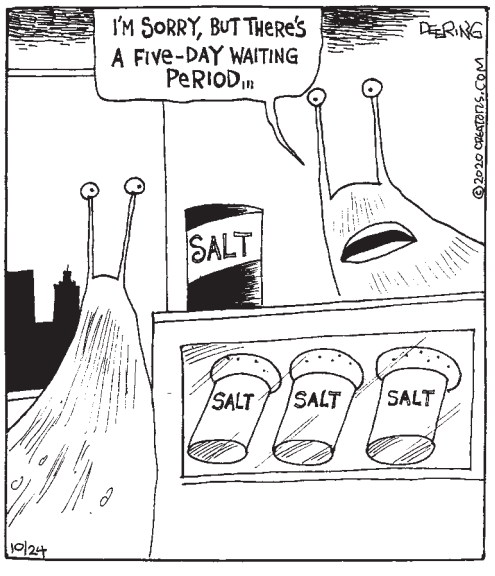
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 66.0°

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
S swell eases through the day. Dropping tide through the morning should help out shape - Get it before it's gone.

SUNDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Small S swell leftovers. Stronger onshore W wind in the afternoon. Best suited for a big board and cleanest in AM.

WEATHER

Saturday: A 10 percent chance of rain before 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 63.
Saturday Night: A slight chance of rain after 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56.
Sunday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Partly sunny, with a high near 67.
Sunday Night: A chance of rain, mainly before 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52.
Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/10/24	Sat	06:36 AM	4.25	H
2020/10/24	Sat	11:46 AM	2.90	L
2020/10/24	Sat	5:11 PM	4.67	H
2020/10/25	Sun	12:20 AM	0.20	L
2020/10/25	Sun	07:13 AM	4.57	H
2020/10/25	Sun	12:47 PM	2.37	L
2020/10/25	Sun	6:20 PM	4.72	H
2020/10/26	Mon	01:04 AM	0.27	L
2020/10/26	Mon	07:42 AM	4.83	H
2020/10/26	Mon	1:32 PM	1.86	L
2020/10/26	Mon	7:14 PM	4.77	H
2020/10/27	Tue	01:39 AM	0.41	L
2020/10/27	Tue	08:06 AM	5.05	H
2020/10/27	Tue	2:08 PM	1.41	L
2020/10/27	Tue	7:58 PM	4.77	H
2020/10/28	Wed	02:08 AM	0.62	L
2020/10/28	Wed	08:27 AM	5.25	H
2020/10/28	Wed	2:39 PM	1.01	L
2020/10/28	Wed	8:35 PM	4.71	H

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date:10/17
1 3 13 44 56
Power#: 26
Jackpot:102 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 10/20
46 54 57 58 66
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: 97 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 10/21
9 10 16 31 46
Mega#: 27
Jackpot:20 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/22
25 28 29 30 31

Daily 3
Draw Date: 10/21
Evening: 0 0 1
Draw Date: 10/21
Midday: 1 0 4

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 10/22
1st:03 - HOT SHOT
2nd: 07 - EUREKA
3rd: 02 - LUCKY STAR
RACE TIME: 1:47.23

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (OCTOBER 24)

Your charisma and popularity grow in the weeks to come. You'll like having all kinds of social bonds -- some cemented, others tied with paper streamers, colorful and easy to break free of. You'll get top buyers for what you're selling, especially in November and February. Promises will be made and kept in May. Aquarius and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 22, 31, 9 and 16.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Early on, distractions abound, and it feels impossible to get anything accomplished. Don't fight the flow. Relax and wait for the productive hours that open up in the evening.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't always get a choice in the company you keep, but today, you absolutely have control over the social lineup, and your preference will make the day most enjoyable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You wanted it to be one way, and therefore, you saw it that way for a time. Delusion is a natural stage of the learning process. Then came an awakening, and now you're in the readjustment.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Something comes up to remind you of honor's role in day-to-day life. Your personal honor code is unique, but what's not unique is how living by it is absolutely crucial to your sense of self.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll have a degree of control over people's perceptions. Avoid talking about yourself. Think of a way to get others to do the talking for you. Is there something akin to promotional material that you can send ahead?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Happiness is an off-menu item and can't be ordered up. So just order something likely to fortify you, and, if you're lucky, the chef will send out a surprise side dish of happiness on the house.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Be careful what you wish for, as you'll get it quickly -- especially if a Leo has anything to do with it. Social stars are on the rise. New people add a flirtatious excitement to the mix.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Something you tucked away will now have a perfect use. It makes you think that you're a bit psychic, and indeed, you have an excellent sense of what you'll need in the future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're in a rebellious mood, but don't rebel against your own better angels. You can go off in the direction of freedom and do the righteous thing all at the same time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you try to tame that wild part of you, you meet yourself with stubborn opposition. No one can resist you like you! Counterintuitively, the way to get yourself in line is to allow more leeway.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). All your searching ends back at you. You journey to reach this destination and that, but the prize is always the same: a deeper knowing of who you are and always were.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your enthusiasm is omnidirectional. You don't choose a target on which to place your support. Rather, you stand in the middle and give something to anyone who needs it.

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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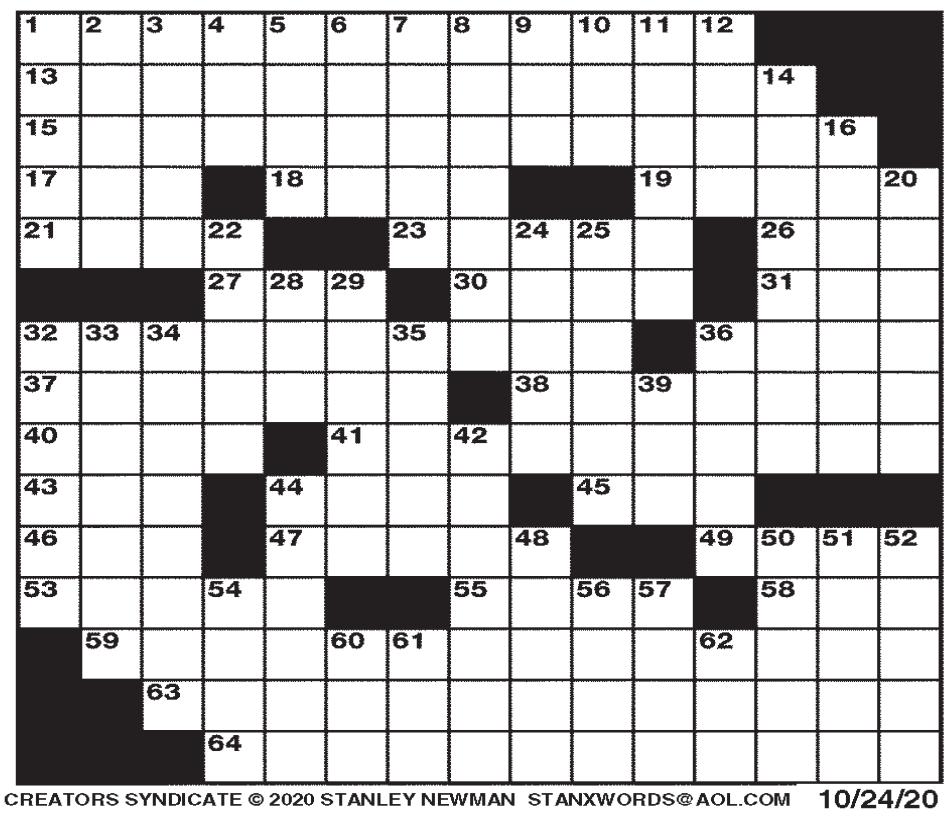
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Greg Johnson
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Low-altitude airborne pollutant
13 It's stalked in the kitchen
15 Oxymoronic appliance
17 "Sorry, that's __"
18 One often stuck in traffic
19 Beret balancers
21 Stopped working
23 Address properly
26 Fabled ready-for-winter creature
27 Toon from West Bengal
30 "Enough of that!"
31 Pontiac clubber's pride
32 "Enough of that!"
36 Alsace/Lorraine separator
37 Sports score symbolized by a vowel
38 Propeller in the water
40 What a bulb may become
41 They fall close to the ground
43 Only one?
44 Rattle
45 Guy making author's alterations
46 Archaeo- antonym
47 Harsh word in a performance review
49 It's done
53 Site of Egypt's Nubian Museum
55 Certain Y volunteers
58 59 Across major user, once
59 Transatlantic crossing completed in 1956
63 Got ticketed
64 Urban survival skill

DOWN
1 *Silas Marner* exclamation
2 Correct what's wrong
3 Instigate
4 Gathered intelligence, in a way
5 "Power to the pro" computer
6 Power move
7 They're heavenly
8 Chase-scene sound effect
9 "Whatevs"
10 Quaint, quaintly
11 #21 of AFI's male Screen Legends
12 Met Museum's gift shop's ___ Collection
14 Another time, unfortunately
16 Urban residential legislation
20 They have big food bills
22 Shade derived from "tan"
24 *Ratatouille* glutton
25 Alaskan iconography
28 What Huck calls his dad
29 Bryce Canyon local
32 Capital due north of Bryce Canyon
33 Supremely beastly
34 Time's role in the book business
35 Hairpin stealing, circa 1885
36 Viking Age versifier
39 Recruiter's concern
42 Correct with kindness
44 *World's __ Comics* (where Luthor and the Joker teamed up)
48 Professional position
50 Camper's night light
51 Big splash
52 Reduced-fare programs
54 Brooklyn Brown and Fuller's London Pride
56 Witness protection programmers
57 Cellphone alert subject
60 __ hour
61 Thousand-yr. domain
62 Parallel line part



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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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FIND THE WORDS

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At the races

L	A	M	E	L	Z	Z	U	P	A	I	D	E	M	S
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Unemployment fraud concerns prompt action in California

BY ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

At least 350,000 debit cards filled with money for unemployment benefits in California have been frozen because of suspected fraud, state officials said, revealing how prevalent the problem has become now that the state has paid more than $105 billion in benefits since March.

The Employment Development Department said the debit cards were frozen for several reasons, including "a high number of claims at a single address." The agency said the claims were part of the federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program, which offers unemployment benefits to people who would not normally be eligible to receive them, including independent contractors.

Fraud has been a concern at the agency for months as it was hit by an overwhelming number of claims after Gov. Gavin Newsom ordered most businesses to close to slow the spread of the coronavirus. The agency has processed 15.2 million claims since March, or about four times the 3.8 million claims processed in 2010, the worst year of the Great Recession.

More than 1.1 million people are still waiting to receive benefits, a backlog that agency officials say won't be cleared until January. The agency has had to balance pressure from lawmakers and the public to process claims faster while still taking time to root out fraud.

The fraud appears to be concentrated on PUA claims filed in the state. In one week in August, California had more than 400,000 PUA claims — accounting for more than half of all such claims in the country. Experts said that was a sign of a spike in fraudulent claims because, even though California is the nation's most populous state, it shouldn't account for that much of the total.

In Beverly Hills, police have arrested 100 people for fraud and recovered 200 debit cards and more than $500,000 in cash. And in Los Angeles, Fontrell Antonio Baines — better known as the rapper "Nuke Bizzle" — has been arrested on federal charges related to allegations he used stolen identities to apply for more than $1.2 million in unemployment benefits.

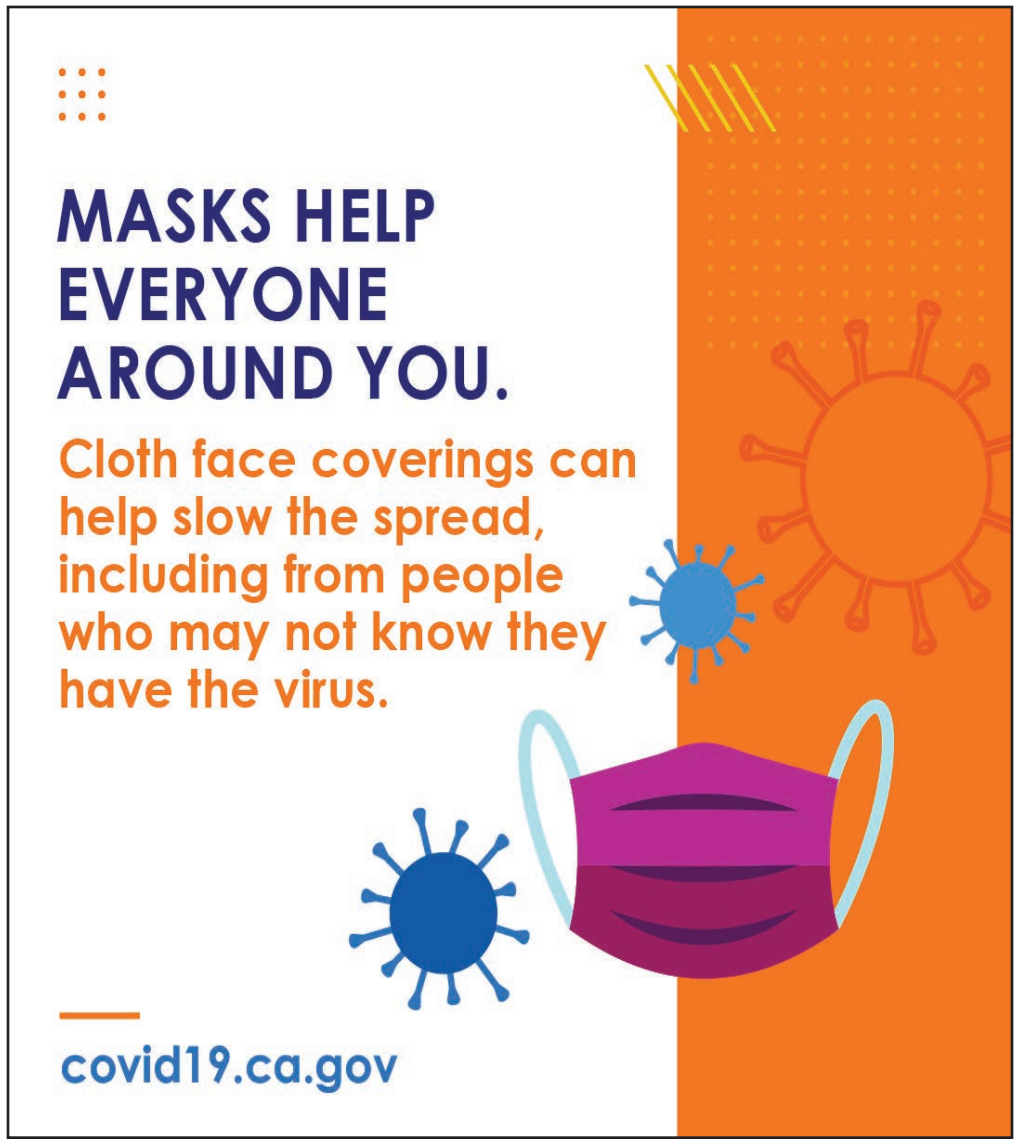
The U.S. Attorney's Office said Baines boasted about the scheme in a music video uploaded to YouTube that included the lyrics: "Unemployment so sweet."

States across the country have struggled with fraud as unemployment claims have soared.

"The numbers that we saw in August and September that were so high for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance now turn out to be riddled with fraudulent claims," said Michael Bernick, a former director of California's Employment Development Department and an attorney with the Duane Morris law firm. "This is what we see with other large government programs, especially ones like that that were put together rapidly and without a lot of good safeguards."

But recently, the number of PUA claims in California have fallen dramatically. The state processed 25,168 PUA claims last week. That's after California stopped accepting new claims for two weeks so it could upgrade its software.

The Employment Development Department says it is working with national, state and local partners "to expose, identify, and prosecute offenders to the fullest extent of the law."



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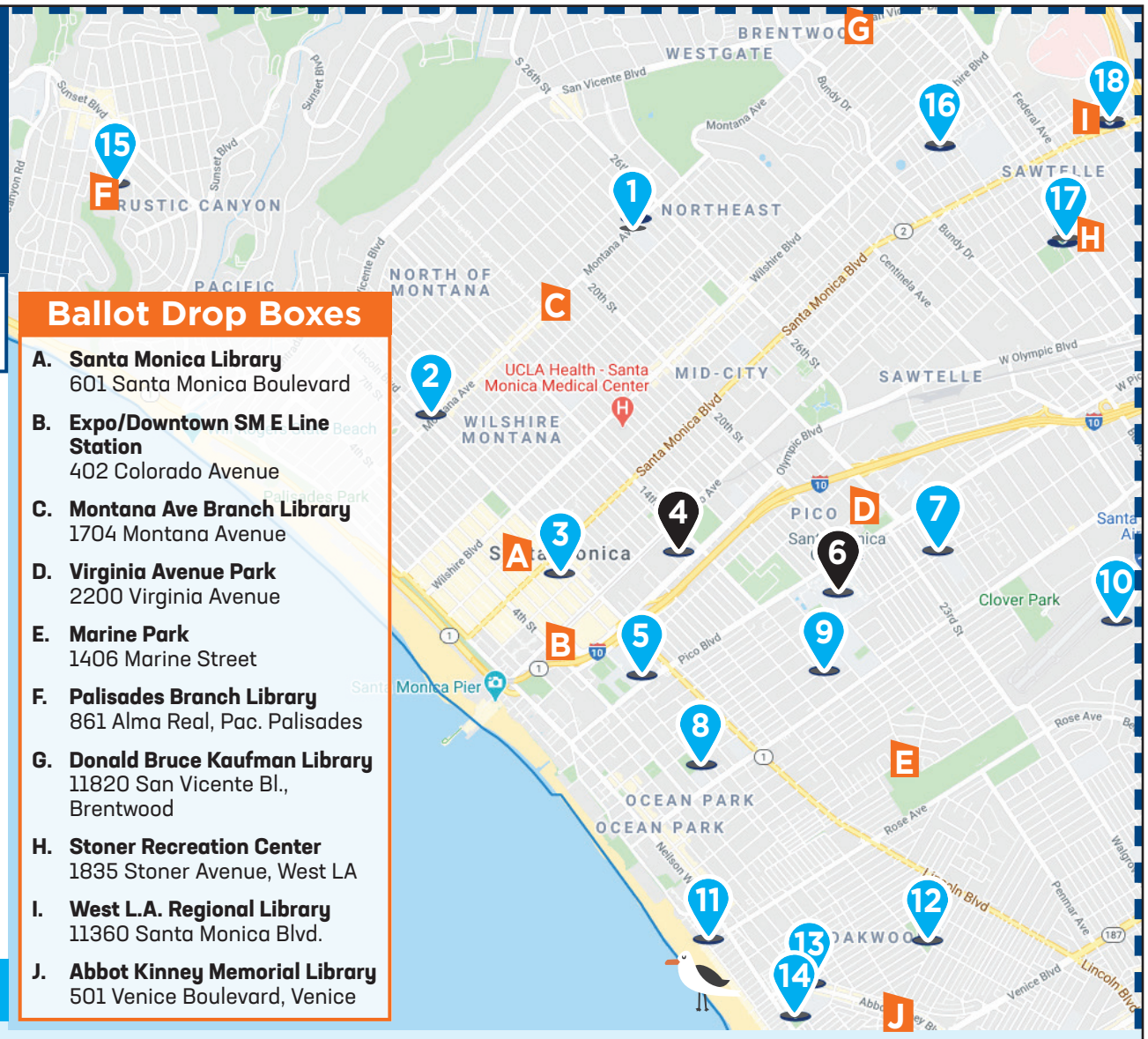
Registered voters were sent a Vote By Mail ballot earlier this month and they can be returned via the USPS, to a designated **ballot drop box** or in person at a **vote center**. Ballots postmarked by election day and received within 17 days will be counted in the election.

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.

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  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**
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  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**
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   Additional Info: Auditorium
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   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

