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$4 million judgment for crosswalk crash

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A woman has been awarded $4 million in damages after being struck in a crosswalk at Montana and 15th in 2018.

Brittany Friedstein was walking northbound in the crosswalk at about 7 p.m. on March 12, 2018 when she claims Lisa Stilson struck her while driving a 2016 Fiat while traveling at about 25 mph. As a result of the accident, Friedstein's attorneys said she was thrown 30 feet forward and suffered severe, permanent injuries that impair her ability to work and lead a normal life.

Friedstein sued for medical costs, economic damages, non-economic damages, interest and prejudgment interest.

This month a jury awarded Friedstein a total of $4,005,551 million including $2,305,551 for medical expenses, $200,000 for past noneconomic losses (including physical pain, mental suffering, loss of enjoyment of life, disfigurement, physical impairment, inconvenience, grief, anxiety, humiliation and emotional distress) and $1,500,000 for future noneconomic losses.

The jury split responsibility for the accident saying Friedstein bore responsibility for 25% while assigning the remaining 75% to Stilson.

Friedstein's attorney, Khail A. Parris of the Parris Law Firm, said the defense had argued the plaintiff chose to walk in front of the car in an attempt to take her own life to dispute liability.

"We're talking about a car

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Sheriff visits Santa Monica









Grace Inez Adams and Emily Sawicki

TRAIN: Metro riders at the Downtown Santa Monica E Line (Expo) Station Tuesday were offered coffee provided by the LA County Sheriff's Department (LASD) as part of ongoing outreach efforts. LA County Sheriff Alex Villanueva, who is currently running to retain his role, and LASD Transit Services Bureau Captain Shawn Kehoe were both present at the event. LASD manages security on platforms at the three Metro stations in Santa Monica; the Department's contract to provide Metro security services, alongside Los Angeles Police Department and Metro Transit Security, has become a point of contention with the County Supervisors.

"Right here in Santa Monica is one of our busiest platforms and we're here just to interact with the community, to hear anybody's concerns, hear anybody's compliments, have a good cup of coffee with folks," Kehoe said. "Public safety on Metro is our job; that's what we're here for and the best part of our job is being able to interact with ridership."

"Interacting with the public in every which way possible is good," Villanueva added. "Unfortunately, our line of work always puts us in conflict, you know 'bad things are happening here come the cops,' and this is a way to disassociate from that and just realize that no, we're a part of the community, an integral part of the community and we're here to help and I see a lot of smiling faces and happy people, so this is a very positive event."

Two fires damage homes in Venice

SANDRA CLARK
Special to the Daily Press

A pair of residential fires in Venice have set residents on edge following the recent destruction of a home on the Canals.

For the second time in less than a week, firefighters were called to 657 East Flower Avenue for fire. This time the home was destroyed by the flames.

On Tuesday morning, firefighters were sent to the vacant home at 5:32 a.m. and extinguished the flames in 23 minutes, according to the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD).

According to LAFD, the 1922 house had previously been the site of a fire on Friday, Oct. 21.

Firefighters said the home was bordered up, but there was visible evidence that occupants had been staying there. Neighbors confirmed on Monday that squatters had been staying in the home and that they had reached out multiple times to get them removed including last Tuesday when residents in the area called the Venice Neighborhood Council to express their growing frustration.

The home is in the same area where a growing encampment has taken over at the corner of Flower and Lincoln Blvd.

Several hours after the first fire, a second Venice home was destroyed in a fire around 1:20 p.m. Tuesday on the 800 block of Brooks Avenue.

Upon arrival, the bulk of the fire was burning in the attic. Firefighters extinguished the flames in 22 minutes, without injury.

Six fire trucks and an ambulance were on the scene, along with the homeowner and her adult son who

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Gavin Newsom's reelection campaign looks more like a run for president

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Special to the Daily Press

The prospect of an eventual presidential campaign has trailed Gavin Newsom like a shadow for decades — even before he ever became a politician.

In his senior yearbook at Santa Clara University in 1989, his family published a congratulatory message with an eye to the White House: "Gavinsy by George you did it! The next step the Presidency?"

As Newsom runs this fall for a second term as governor of California, a lot more people are asking that question.

With his re-election on Nov. 8 all but assured by an overwhelmingly Democratic electorate and a massive fundraising advantage, Newsom has practically ignored his Republican opponent for months, turning his attention instead to passing abortion protections, defeating a tax on the wealthiest Californians and picking fights with the GOP governors of Texas and Florida.

His increasingly national profile, which includes an appearance last month at a political festival in Texas and helping to raise money for embattled Democratic candidates across the country, has fanned speculation that Newsom is laying the groundwork to run for president — at some point, anyway — despite his repeated protestations that he has "sub-zero interest" in the job.

It has become a favorite line of attack for state Sen. Brian Dahle, the Republican gubernatorial hopeful fighting an uphill battle against Newsom, who couldn't stop bringing it up during their sole debate on Sunday.

"You all know he's running for president of the United States. It's obvious," Dahle told reporters following the event. "He's spending money in other states. He's not focused on California, and Californians are suffering. And I think it's going to hurt his campaign."

While Newsom pledged during the debate to serve the full four-year term if reelected, he brushed past Dahle's swipes and ignored a question about them during a brief gathering with reporters afterwards.

So all that's clear at this point is that Newsom's intentions remain unclear. His political aides and advisors continue to insist that his forceful pronouncements of disinterest in the presidency are entirely genuine, though some privately acknowledge that the notion he could credibly run is becoming more real to him.

And his frequent diversions beyond California's borders in recent months — airing a television ad in Florida in July warning that "freedom is under attack" by Republican leaders, publishing newspaper ads in Texas weeks later to criticize Gov. Greg Abbott's policies on abortion and guns, renting billboards in six conservative states last month to publicize California's new government-funded abortion access website — have begun to catch the attention of party activists and political consultants whose support Newsom would need to build out a national campaign.

Bob Shrum, director of the USC Dornsife Center for the Political Future, said that Newsom has emerged as a national leader for Democrats, positioning himself well should he ultimately want to run for president.

"You don't build a brand overnight. You build it over time," said Shrum, a veteran adviser of numerous presidential campaigns, including Democratic nominees Al Gore in 2000 and John Kerry in 2004. "You can't time any of this perfectly, because you can't know what the future is going to bring. So when you have an opportunity to assert a degree of national leadership, then you assert it."

A CAMPAIGN BEHIND THE CAMPAIGN

Of course, Newsom still has another gubernatorial election to win first.

But running now for the third time in four years, Newsom is barely breaking a sweat, displaying little concern for his chances of holding onto the governor's office for a second term. Since the June primary, when he received 56% of the vote, Newsom has hardly even acknowledged Dahle outside of their Sunday debate, a low-wattage affair that aired on the radio opposite NFL football.

A year after he decisively defeated a recall attempt by more than 20 percentage points, the same margin by which he was first elected in 2018, polls show Newsom cruising to another easy victory in November. A survey released earlier this month by the UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies found Newsom leading Dahle 53% to 32% among likely voters.

So the governor's attention and campaign resources have, perhaps understandably, been elsewhere.

Newsom went on TV in September as the face of the opposition to Proposition 30, an initiative that would tax income above $2 million to fund electric vehicle incentives and infrastructure. He also recently paid for an ad promoting Proposition 1, a measure to add a guaranteed right to abortion into the state constitution.

Mostly, Newsom seems far more engaged with national issues and audiences, particularly since May, when a draft of the U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning the constitutional right to abortion leaked. His complaint about a lackluster Democratic response — "Where the hell is my party?" he asked at the time — immediately made Newsom a voice for frustrated liberals who want their leaders to stand up more forcefully against Republicans. He has leaned into that indignation ever since.

In one week in September, Newsom attended a climate conference in New York, where he bashed Texas' GOP Gov. Abbott for "doubling down on stupid" with his commitment to fossil fuels, and then spoke at the Texas Tribune Festival in Austin, where he slammed Florida's Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis as a "bully" for threatening to fine the Special Olympics for its coronavirus vaccination requirement.

Newsom and his aides insist that he is merely trying to shift attention to issues that are critical to Democratic voters and to put the Republican Party on the defensive, rather than raise his own profile to bolster a future presidential bid.

No one seriously expects Newsom to challenge President Biden should he seek re-election in 2024. But their relationship has appeared to cool in recent months. After reports that Biden allies were irked by

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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LAX RESPONSE

In her recent Letter to the Editor "Proposal to Reroute LAX Jet Traffic over Santa Monica" 10/5/22 – Santa Monica Daily Press Eve Lopez worries that if a proposal to slightly change the route of incoming LAX-bound airliners takes effect, the noise of planes passing overhead at an altitude of 7,000 to 9,000 feet will impact 700 additional Santa Monica residents.

That worry seems ludicrous given that Ms. Lopez, a recreational pilot, flies her noisy Grumman piston-propeller plane a few hundred feet over thousands of homes in Sunset Park, Ocean Park, and other Santa Monica and Los Angeles neighborhoods — for fun.

She also claims that the city is remaining "mum" on this proposed minor route change for LAX-bound airliners, even though that topic was included in an Airport Commission agenda at a City Hall meeting that was open to the public.

If Ms. Lopez were truly concerned about the proposed route change, and actually knew about it before it was brought to the Commission by city staff (since she seems to think that pilots automatically know what's happening at the LAX Community Noise Roundtable), she could have brought it to the attention of the Commission herself. Instead, she chose to write a letter to the editor.

Ms. Lopez also repeats the long-debunked meme that Santa Monica Airport (SMO) space provides a protective bubble against LAX-bound air traffic. This is simply false.

Commercial airliners flying into LAX from the north cross the shoreline over Santa Monica, head east over Downtown LA, and then make a U-turn and merge into the westbound landing approach to LAX.

Their descent follows a Continuous Descent Approach (CDA). The aircraft remain at their normal cruising altitude of about 35,000 feet to save fuel in the thinner air until they near the airport. With engines idling and the help of gravity, the aircraft descend gradually, using less fuel to minimize costs. The standard CDA is along a 3-degree decline, descending about 1,400 feet per 5 miles.

Following this trajectory, the aircraft are at least 25 miles away from touchdown at LAX when they pass over Santa Monica at altitudes of about 7,000 feet. Thus, the SMO airspace below, at just 2,500 feet, has no impact, and they would still fly over at 7,000 feet even if Santa Monica Airport were closed.

See https://itsourland.org/debunking-the-protective-bubble-myth/ for details.

As for the makeup of the Airport Commission, it has a long history of having both men and women members. Currently serving is a retired Air Force Major. A recent member was a decades-long military flight instructor and airfield manager.

The Commission's focus is on the airport's relation to the city and its residents, including the overwhelmingly negative impacts of noise, the physical danger to homes, and pollution from both leaded fuel and jet fuel.

Zina Josephs, Santa Monica

PTA RESPONSE

Recently, in a letter to the editor, it was erroneously stated that PTA is meant to be apolitical. We appreciate the opportunity to educate our community about the history and mission of the National Parent Teacher Association, and of our local Santa Monica-Malibu Council of PTAs, made up of our elected Executive Board, and the Presidents elected by each association, the community of PTA members, at each school site.

PTA is the largest volunteer children's advocacy group in the nation; National PTA, California State PTA (CAPTA), and the Santa Monica-Malibu Council of PTAs (SMMPTA) have long histories of effective political engagement. National PTA has established programs and called for legislation that improves our children's lives — the creation of kindergarten classes, child labor laws, mandatory immunizations for preventable diseases, juvenile justice system reform, public health service, hot and healthy lunch programs, arts in education, and school safety. In recent history, advocacy efforts by the California State PTA led to later school times with the signing of Bill SB 328, which was sponsored by CAPTA.

SMMPTA is non-partisan, which means that it does not endorse candidates, but PTA Councils and Units may take positions on state and local measures. SMMPTA must follow PTA's standard procedures if interested in making a study of an issue or ballot measure. Because many of our parents have children or youth who have benefited from Dual Enrollment, Concurrent Enrollment or regular courses at SMC, or grandparents who have attended Emeritus College, there was interest in having a committee prepare a study. Measure SMC fits within the Purposes of PTA and CAPTA's legislation platform and affects the well-being of children and youth. "PTA Authorities" (including PTA's legislative platform; CAPTA resolutions; position statements adopted by CAPTA's Board of Managers; National PTA positions and resolutions; and previous PTA action on the same issue) would be documented, providing a lens through which the Measure would be studied, and information on all sides of the issue would be included.

The study committee led by our Legislation team worked independently and spent a great many hours to make sure SMMPTA officers and Presidents understood the Measure, the supporting California State PTA Authorities, and the potential value or impact to our communities, and to the children, youth and families. Study committee members came in fresh, with no pre-conceived biases. The study committee was open to their findings leading to a recommendation of "Support", "Oppose", or "Take No Position."

In contradiction of the disinformation spread through that recent Letter to the Editor, the committee had no interaction with School Board members during the study, nor has SMMPTA spent any money lobbying in support of Measure SMC. No advertising was purchased. These assertions are demonstrably incorrect and do a disservice to SMMPTA, our students, our district, and its leadership.

Based upon SMMPTA's study of Measure SMC, (together with the strength of the relevant organizational authorities listed above), and with our longstanding advocacy centered around the education and wellbeing of children and youth from cradle to career in mind, SMMPTA's officers and unit presidents voted unanimously to support Measure SMC. As California PTA (CAPTA) Board of Managers supported California Proposition 28, the Arts and Music K-12 Education Funding Initiative, SMMPTA also voted to support Proposition 28. Following CAPTA's lead, to protect the health of California kids, SMMPTA voted to support California Proposition 31, Flavored Tobacco Products Ban Referendum. All three measures are on the ballot of California's statewide election on November 8.

In addition, SMMPTA and the League of Women Voters once again co-hosted a Candidates Forum for SMMUSD Board of Education on Wednesday, October 19, as we have done many times in the past, to support the Santa Monica-Malibu communities in informed decision-making.

SMMPTA strives to be a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education. To learn more about the history and impact of PTA's advocacy efforts for children and families, please utilize these links

- The History of the National PTA: https://www.pta.org/home/About-National-Parent-Teacher-Association/Mission-Values/National-PTA-History
- CAPTA Advocacy for Children and Families: https://www.pta.org/home/About-National-Parent-Teacher-Association/Mission-Values/National-PTA-History
- CAPTA Current Legislation: https://capta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/current-legislation/
- Thirty-Third Advocacy for Children and Families: https://www.33rdpta.org/advocacy/
- SMMPTA Advocacy: https://smmpta.org/advocacy/
- SMMPTA Measure SMC Study: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zc-D9fxlYVaGWlkFTENsz4pCnbLp8e2V/view

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CRIME WATCH

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

ON OCTOBER 24, AT ABOUT 9:30 P.M.

SMPD Officers responded to a call of a possible stabbing that occurred in the area of Ocean Ave. and Colorado Blvd. Officers made contact with the Reporting Party / Witness who explained an unknown male approached him and asked for directions to the nearest hospital. The witness noticed the male had what appeared to be a stab wound to his stomach. The injured male walked away out of sight. SMPD personnel checked the area and local hospitals, however the injured person was not located. The victim was described as a Hispanic male, 40-50 years old, long goatee and wearing a black hooded sweater, black pants and black beanie.

During the investigation, as SMPD Officers were searching for the outstanding victim, they located an injured male at the rear of the Ken Edwards Center (1547 4th ST). The male had two small stab wounds to his torso area. The victim has been uncooperative with SMPD Officers and refused to provide them with details about what had occurred. This victim was transported to a local hospital and was listed in stable condition with non-life threatening wounds. It has not been confirmed if these are related incidents, however investigating officers believe that this male is not the same stabbing victim that was initially reported at Ocean Ave and Colorado Blvd.

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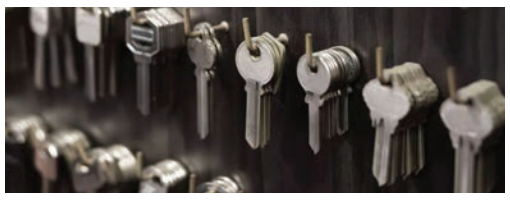
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California's inexcusable resistance to stronger opioid overdose treatments

In April 2020, I found my 16-year-old son, Daniel, unconscious in his bed.

He had overdosed on a counterfeit Oxycodone pill that he purchased on Snapchat. It was spiked with fentanyl. A few days later, Daniel's mother and I were forced to make a decision that no parent should ever face: we removed our son from life support.

There are no words to describe the agony that I and far too many other parents have experienced.

America's opioid epidemic is more deadly than ever. Spurred by the proliferation of fentanyl and other highly-potent synthetic painkillers, more than 100,000 people died from an opioid overdose over a one-year span after Daniel's death, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Sadly, overdose deaths surged 48% percent over a similar period statewide, representing the fifth-highest increase in the country.

The mounting toll demands swift and decisive action from our government. So far, California is not doing enough to prevent overdose deaths.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration last year approved a double-strength naloxone product, Kloxxado, to help counteract stronger drugs like fentanyl, which is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. Naloxone is a medicine that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose, and has helped revive countless overdose victims by restoring their breathing. Double-strength naloxone is administered in the exact same way as traditional nasal spray naloxone, and carries the same warnings and precautions.

Helped in part by federal grants, California distributes free naloxone to first responders, community organizations, schools and health care providers. Many reportedly use multiple doses to revive someone, spurring efforts to expand overdose reversal treatments to include Kloxxado. A wide array of stakeholders have launched a letter-writing campaign, hosted educational forums and even testified at the Legislature to raise awareness.

Unfortunately, the California Department of Health Care Services and state leaders have declined to include stronger naloxone treatments in their programs, needlessly putting the lives of Californians at greater risk. It is inexcusable that government officials refuse to utilize every tool available to confront this epidemic.

Since my son's unfathomable death, I have dedicated my life to ensuring that other parents do not have to go through the same type of tragedy that my family has experienced. Through this work, I have met and worked with countless other parents who lost children to fentanyl, which has been an unfortunate blessing.

An important piece of our work is ensuring that the state officials do their part to get the right overdose reversal tools into the hands of those that need them most. I know all too well that this is truly a matter of life and death.

California must make double-strength naloxone available before more families experience the unspeakable tragedy that mine lives with every day. The state's inaction in the face of a historic epidemic is unconscionable.

This article was originally published by CalMatters. Jaime Puerta is a Marine veteran and CEO of Puerta & Associates Inc., a small language interpreting business. Puerta founded VOID and cofounded Facing Fentanyl to reduce overdose deaths in California and honor his son's memory.

LAWSUIT

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traveling on a city street in a pedestrian-friendly neighborhood – the likelihood of someone jumping in front of a Fiat going less than 35 miles per hour to take their own life is slim to none," said Parris.

Stilson has filed an appeal objecting to part of the settlement, specifically the awarding of interest payments saying they have been calculated incorrectly.

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Renters face charging dilemma as U.S. cities move toward EVs

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Associated Press

Stephanie Terrell bought a used Nissan Leaf this fall and was excited to join the wave of drivers adopting electric vehicles to save on gas money and reduce her carbon footprint.

But Terrell quickly encountered a bump in the road on her journey to clean driving: As a renter, she doesn't have a private garage where she can power up overnight, and the public charging stations near her are often in use, with long wait times. On a recent day, the 23-year-old nearly ran out of power on the freeway because a public charging station she was counting on was busy.

"It was really scary and I was really worried I wasn't going to make it, but luckily I made it here. Now I have to wait a couple hours to even use it because I can't go any further," she said while waiting at another station where a half-dozen EV drivers circled the parking lot, waiting their turn. "I feel better about it than buying gas, but there are problems I didn't really anticipate."

The great transition to electric vehicles is underway for single-family homeowners who can charge their cars at home, but for millions of renters like Terrell, access to charging remains a significant barrier. People who rent are also more likely to buy used EVs that have a lower range than the latest models, making reliable public charging even more critical for them.

> "We have a really large challenge right now with making it easy for people to charge who live in apartments - Jeff Allen"

Now, cities from Portland to Los Angeles to New York City are trying to come up with innovative public charging solutions as drivers string power cords across sidewalks, stand up their own private charging stations on city right-of-ways and line up at public facilities.

The Biden administration last month approved plans from all 50 states to roll out a network of high-speed chargers along interstate highways coast-to-coast using $5 billion in federal funding over the next five years. But states must wait to apply for an additional $2.5 billion in local grants to fill in charging gaps, including in low- and moderate-income areas of cities and in neighborhoods with limited private parking.

"We have a really large challenge right now with making it easy for people to charge who live in apartments," said Jeff Allen, executive director of Forth, a nonprofit that advocates for equity in electric vehicle ownership and charging access.

"There's a mental shift that cities have to make to understand that promoting electric cars is also part of their sustainable transportation strategy. Once they make that mental shift, there's a whole bunch of very tangible things they can — and should — be doing."

The quickest place to charge is a fast charger, also known as DC Fast. Those charge a car in 20 to 45 minutes. But slower chargers which take several hours, known as Level 2, still outnumber DC fast chargers by nearly four to one, although their numbers are growing. Charging an electric vehicle on a standard residential outlet, or Level 1 charger, isn't practical unless you drive little or can leave the car plugged in overnight, as many homeowners can.

Nationwide, there are about 120,000 public charging ports featuring Level 2 charging or above, and nearly 1.5 million electric vehicles registered in the U.S. — a ratio of just over one charging port per 12 cars nationally, according to the latest U.S. Department of Energy data from December 2021. But those chargers are not spread out evenly: In Arizona, for example, the ratio of electric vehicles to charging ports is 18 to one and in California, which has about 39% of the nation's EVs, there are 16 zero-emissions vehicles for every charging port.

A briefing prepared for the U.S. Department of Energy last year by the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory forecasts a total of just under 19 million electric vehicles on the road by 2030, with a projected need for an extra 9.6 million charging stations to meet that demand.

In Los Angeles, for example, nearly one-quarter of all new vehicles registered in July were plug-in electric vehicles. The city estimates in the next 20 years, it will have to expand its distribution capacity anywhere from 25% to 50%, with roughly two-thirds of the new power demand coming from electric vehicles, said Yamen Nanne, manager of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's transportation electrification program.

Amid the boom, dense city neighborhoods are rapidly becoming pressure points in the patchy transition to electrification.

In Los Angeles, the city has installed over 500 electric vehicle chargers — 450 on street lights and about 50 of them on power poles — to meet the demand and has a goal of adding 200 EV pole chargers per year, Nanne said. The chargers are strategically installed in areas where there are apartment complexes or near amenities, he said.

The city currently has 18,000 commercial chargers — ones not in private homes — but only about 3,000 are publicly accessible and just 400 of those are DC Fast chargers, Nanne said. Demand is so high that "when we put a charger out there that's publicly accessible, we don't even have to advertise. People just see it and start using it," he said.

"We're doing really good in terms of chargers that are going into workplaces but the publicly accessible ones is where there's a lot of room to make up. Every city is struggling with that."

Similar initiatives to install pole-mounted chargers are in place or being considered in cities from New York City to Charlotte, N.C. to Kansas City, Missouri. The utility Seattle City Light is also in the early stages of a pilot project to install chargers in neighborhoods where people can't charge at home.

Mark Long, who lives in a floating home on Seattle's Portage Bay, has leased or owned an EV since 2015 and charges at public stations — and sometimes charges on an outdoor outlet at a nearby office and pays them back for the cost.

"We have a small loading area but we all just park on the street," said Long, who hopes to get one of the utility's chargers installed for his floating community. "I've certainly been in a few situations where I'm down to 15, 14, 12 miles and ... whatever I had planned, I'm just suddenly focused on getting a charge."

Other cities, like Portland, are working to amend building codes for new construction to require electrified parking spaces for new apartment complexes and mixed-use development. A proposal being developed currently would require 50% of parking spaces in most new multi-family dwellings to have an electric conduit that could support future charging stations. In complexes with six spaces or fewer, all parking spaces would need to be pre-wired for EV charging.

Policies that provide equal access to charging are critical because with tax incentives and the emergence of a robust used-EV market, zero-emissions cars are finally within financial reach for lower-income drivers, said Ingrid Fish, who is in charge of Portland's transportation decarbonization program.

"We're hoping if we do our job right, these vehicles are going to become more and more accessible and affordable for people, especially those that have been pushed out of the central city" by rising rents and don't have easy access to public transportation, Fish said.

The initiatives mimic those that have already been deployed in other nations that are much further along in EV adoption.

Worldwide, by 2030, more than 6 million public chargers will be needed to support EV adoption at a rate that keeps international emissions goals within reach, according to a recent study by the International Council on Clean Transportation. As of this year, the Netherlands and Norway have already installed enough public charging to satisfy 45% and 38% of that demand, respectively, while the U.S. has less than 10% of it in place currently, according to the study, which looked at electrification in 17 nations and government entities that account for more than half of the world's car sales.

Some European cities are far ahead of even the most electric-savvy U.S. cities. London, for example, has 4,000 public chargers on street lights. That's much cheaper — just a third the cost of wiring a charging station into the sidewalk, said Vishant Kothari, manager of the electric mobility team at the World Resources Institute.

But London and Los Angeles have an advantage over many U.S. cities: Their street lights operate on 240 volts, better for EV charging. Most American city street lights operate on 120 volts, which takes hours to charge a vehicle, said Kothari, who co-authored a study on the potential for pole-mounted charging in U.S. cities.

That means cities considering pole-mounted charging must also come up with other solutions, from zoning changes to making charging accessible in apartment complex parking lots to policies that encourage workplace fast-charging.

There also "needs to be a will from the city, the utilities — the policies need to be in place for curbside accessibility," he said. "So there is quite a bit of complication."

Changes can't come fast enough for renters who already own electric vehicles and are struggling to charge them.

Rebecca DeWhitt rents a house but isn't allowed to use the garage. For several years, she and her partner strung a standard extension cord 40 feet from an outlet near the home's front door, across their lawn, down a grassy knoll and across a public sidewalk to reach their Nissan Leaf on the street.

They upgraded to a thicker extension cord and began parking in the driveway — also a violation of their rental contract — when their first cord charred under the EV load. They're still using their home outlet and it takes up to two days to fully charge their new Hyundai Kona. As of now, their best alternative for a full charge is a nearby grocery store which can mean a long wait for one of two fast-charging stations to open up.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

West L.A. Man Sentenced to 18 Years in Federal Prison for Harassment Campaign Targeting Female Doctors at VA Facilities

A West Los Angeles man who engaged in a harassment campaign targeting two female doctors at the West Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and two other female doctors working at the VA's Loma Linda facility in San Bernardino County, was sentenced today to 216 months in federal prison.

Gueorgui Hristov Pantchev, 51, was sentenced by United States District Judge John F. Walter, who said Pantchev "is a menace to society – a description that I don't think I have ever used in describing a criminal defendant."

A federal jury on July 18 found Pantchev guilty of four counts of stalking. According to evidence presented at his five-day trial, Pantchev's conduct with respect to two of the doctors began in 2011 with numerous threatening communications sent to West L.A. VA doctors identified in court documents as Victim C and Victim D. As a result of this harassment, Pantchev was charged by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office and was convicted in 2014 of seven counts of stalking and witness intimidation.

After serving a state prison sentence, Pantchev was paroled in 2017, and he was barred from the West L.A. VA Medical Center. Pantchev then began seeking medical services at the VA's Loma Linda facility, where he started stalking, harassing, and intimidating Victims A and B.

Notwithstanding the parole conditions that prohibited him from going to the West L.A. facility, Pantchev sought care there in 2020 and began sending harassing and intimidating communications to colleagues of Victims C and D.

Pantchev deluged Victims C and D and their colleagues with hundreds of lewd, sexually explicit and defamatory fliers bearing large pictures of Victim C and Victim D. Pantchev repeatedly distributed these flyers around the West L.A. VA facility and numerous other locations in the Los Angeles area.

"This defendant earned a lengthy prison sentence by terrorizing his victims for years," said United States Attorney Martin Estrada. "The women subjected to his attacks suffered severe emotional distress, including constant fear for their physical safety and the safety of their families. Protecting victims is critical to the mission of our office, and I hope today's sentencing brings them a sense of justice and security."

On the morning of Pantchev's arrest in January 2021, he drove to Victim D's home and her child's elementary school and distributed more sexually explicit flyers that included the victim's home address and contact information. During a search of Pantchev's residence, law enforcement found more copies of the same flyers, along with printed copies of some of the letters and emails Pantchev sent to victims.

Prosecutors wrote in court documents filed in relation to the sentencing that Pantchev's "conduct was manifestly harmful and specifically designed to terrorize the victims and their families."

Pantchev has been in federal custody since his arrest in January 2021.

During today's sentencing hearing, Judge Walter said Pantchev's "extreme anti-social behavior puts him in the top five to 10 defendants among the thousands that I have seen in over 20 years on the bench."

The FBI and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs investigated this matter. Assistant United States Attorneys Khaldoun Shobaki and Lauren Restrepo of the Cyber and Intellectual Property Crimes Section prosecuted this case.

SUBMITTED BY THOM MROZEK, DIRECTOR OF MEDIA RELATIONS U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Citywide

Committee for Racial Justice Presents: Who Is Running This Town?

The November 6 monthly workshop sponsored by the Committee For Racial Justice (CRJ) is entitled WHO IS RUNNING THIS TOWN? That's the question the leadership of CRJ and the Coalition For Police Reform (CPR) in Santa Monica have been asking for a while. Many may be asking that same question in preparation to vote for city council members, school board members, and a number of other offices. It's not just an inquiry into individual personalities and their priorities. Answering the question, "Who is running this town?" involves knowing something about the roles of culture and power and fear in our community.

CRJ's monthly workshops are open to any interested person and are usually on the first Sunday evening of the month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. still on zoom for now. To attend this zoom, folks will need to preregister at this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvdumvrDIpHN3ZNxXwDP8It1yJrs_u1MXD in order to be sent the zoom link for entry.

There will be a panel to address issues raised by this provocative question of who runs our town. Two of its members will be George Brown, Executive Director of the Stanford Center for Racial Justice, and Angela Scott, member of the CRJ Steering Committee & a SM Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commissioner.

More information about these and other panel members will be forthcoming. In a non-partisan way, organizers said they will call out some inaccuracies that have appeared in local papers and explore what kind of community organizing can help put the city on a road to the transformation of some of the toxic systems and policies that influence the culture of the town.

This will be an important conversation with plenty of time for Q & A and input from participants. Come join on Nov. 6 and learn more about how you can participate in building a stronger, more equitable, and more secure future.

For more information, call (310) 422-5431

SUBMITTED BY JOANNE BERLIN

VENICE

FROM PAGE 1

had lived at the property for more than a decade.

The cause of both fires are under investigation and they come within three weeks of a fire that torched homes in the Venice Canals on Oct. 2.

It took over 100 firefighters to put out the blaze and the fire damaged five homes, including a three-story home under construction.

Neighbors said the under construction home where a fire began had become a fixture for transients since building at the location started and the sprawling structure housed an unlocked porta-potty that many people used.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Beach

Santa MoniCARES Announces Inaugural "Volley-Ween" Volleyball Tournament Fundraiser and Costume Contest

Santa MoniCARES, Tourism Supporting the Community is excited to host its inaugural "Volley-Ween" volleyball tournament, costume contest and mixer on Wednesday, October 26, at Perry's Café and Beach Rentals. "Volley-Ween" will raise much needed funds to support local Santa Monica nonprofits this holiday season.

Competitions will run from 2-5 p.m., local businesses and residents are welcomed and encouraged to sign up or attend and watch the action. Teams of two, four and six at all skill levels will be evenly matched and the friendly competitions could get spooky! There's a rumor that the Santa Monica Police Department and Santa Monica Fire Department will be going head-to-head along with many community partners taking a shot including Loews Santa Monica Beach, Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, The Pierside Santa Monica and Le Meridian Delfina – all showing up with fully stacked teams.

"There's nothing like bringing the community together for a good cause mixed in with some friendly competition on the sand that we plan to hold annually. We are proud that one of our biggest impacts is strengthening other nonprofits in Santa Monica," said Misti Kerns, President and CEO of Santa Monica Travel & Tourism. "With Santa Monica being the birthplace of beach volleyball, we think it's a very fitting way to unite, show support and raise money for local nonprofits as we near the holiday season and to support those who work tirelessly for our community."

In addition to nail-biting final scores and amazing costume contest prizes, there will also be a DJ, delicious food, drinks, games and more. There is a $75 entry fee per person or in lieu of payment participants can volunteer for eight hours at a future Santa MoniCARES event in 2023.

Santa MoniCARES is a coalition of representatives from Santa Monica Travel & Tourism and community partners. The mission of Santa MoniCARES is to harness the hospitable nature and generosity of Santa Monica's tourism industry to provide support to our local nonprofit agencies. Santa MoniCARES will engage employees of hotels, restaurants, attractions, retailers and more to provide volunteer hours, funding and in-kind support to the incredible organizations that are tackling homeless issues, environmental protection, hunger, workforce development, cultural programming, at-risk youth and elderly assistance, among others.

Santa Monica Travel & Tourism (SMTT) is a non-profit organization designed to increase visitor expenditures, tourism revenues and local employment opportunities through the promotion of Santa Monica as a travel destination. For more information visit santamonica.com, email info@santamonica.com, or follow SMTT on Instagram (@SeeSantaMonica), Twitter (@GoSantaMonica) or Facebook (@VisitSantaMonica).

RSVP is required to play. For more information and to sign up, please email cares@santamonica.com.

SUBMITTED BY MANDI PRINCE, SANTA MONICA TRAVEL & TOURISM

Malibu

Don't Miss Malibu's Bu-Bash Halloween Carnival on October 28

The City of Malibu invites all the goblins and ghouls ages 2 – 9 to enjoy an afternoon of family-friendly, Halloween fun at the City's Halloween Bu-Bash Carnival on Friday, Oct. 28, 2 to 4 p.m. at Malibu Bluffs Park.

Bluffs Park is located at 24250 Pacific Coast Highway at Malibu Canyon Road. The event is open to the public. A $5 Event Pass is required to participate. Pre-registration is recommended at MalibuCity.org/Register. If Event Passes are still available, they can be purchased on-site at event.

Event highlights will include carnival games and prizes, bounce houses, an art activity with the Malibu Library, interactive S.T.E.A.M demonstrations with MakMo Mobilemaker, and a costume parade on the "Cat Walk." Face painting with Fancy Pantz and food from D'Amores Pizza Truck will be available for a fee.

Attendees are invited to donate new, unused socks to support the "Sock-tober" charitable drive to benefit homeless shelters and those in need. Everyone who donates a pair of socks will receive a raffle ticket for the chance to win a great prize. Please be sure to tag the Malibu Community Services Department on social media and use #socktober and #halloweeninthebu.

For more information, visit MalibuCity.org/Halloween or call (310) 317-1364.

SUBMITTED BY MATT MYERHOFF

Malibu

Best-Selling Author David Grann In-Person at the Malibu Library

The final event of the 2022 Malibu Library Speaker Series continues with best-selling true crime author David Grann on Tuesday, November 29, 7 p.m. at the Malibu Library. This event is expected to reach capacity quickly, so RSVP early.

David Grann is a writer for the "New Yorker" magazine and author of the bestsellers "Killers of the Flower Moon" and "The Lost City of Z. Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI."

"Killers of the Flower Moon" unravels one of the most sinister crimes and racial injustices in American history. With more than 49 weeks on the New York Times nonfiction bestseller list, it was a finalist for the National Book Award.

In his talk, Grann will explore his creative process — from what initially inspires him to investigate a story to his painstaking research and then links the often-forgotten histories to their relevance to today.

Known for his compelling stories, Grann has been called "The man Hollywood can't stop reading," with four of his "New Yorker" articles adapted for the screen, including "Trial By Fire," "The Old Man & The Gun," and "The White Darkness." His next book, "The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder," is a page-turning story of shipwreck, survival, and savagery, culminating in a court martial that reveals a shocking truth.

The Series is in partnership with the Malibu Library and the City of Malibu. It features experts, authors, and other notable figures discussing a wide range of subjects, including the entertainment industry, literature, science, motivation, the arts, education, sports, travel, food and the environment.

The free event includes a reception with a Q&A. Space is limited. RSVPs are required. The Malibu Library is located at 23519 West, Civic Center Way. For more information or to RSVP, visit www.MalibuCity.org/Speakers or call the Malibu Library at (310) 456-6438.

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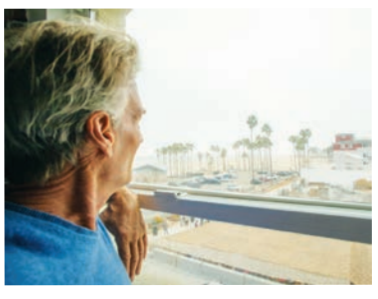
The Santa Monica City Councilmembers that put Measures GS and DT on the ballot don't want you to know the FACTS about their giant tax increase measures:



Measures GS and DT would raise rents on small businesses that are still recovering from the pandemic and are struggling with the cost of inflation.



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Measures GS and DT will increase residential rents throughout Santa Monica, which our residents cannot afford.



Measure GS adds a new layer of bureaucracy that the City does not need.



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For more FACTS about Measures GS and DT, visit NoNewSMTaxes.org

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NEWSOM

FROM PAGE 2

Newsom's leap into the culture wars over the summer, the president endorsed a farmworker unionization bill that Newsom opposed, helping to jam the governor into signing it anyway. Newsom was noticeably absent when Biden visited California this month.

Speaking to reporters in Sacramento in early October, a rare session with the Capitol press corps this year, Newsom said that his experience with the recall election, when state and national GOP figures rallied around the attempt to oust him, had uniquely equipped him to push back on what he characterized as Republicans' divisive politics.

"So I understand the toxicity of the national discourse, in a way perhaps a lot do but in a more personal way, perhaps, than many," he said. "I think it's incredibly important to assert ourselves and to push back and to meet this moment head-on and not be naive about how ruthless the other side is."

'THE INTRODUCTION TO THE DANCE'

There is an enduring pull toward the White House for California governors, even as none besides Ronald Reagan, who won in 1980 on his second try, has ever come close.

In the past century, Hiram Johnson, Earl Warren and Pat Brown each made multiple unsuccessful bids for president. Arnold Schwarzenegger coveted the job, but was ineligible because he was not born in the United States. The last California governor to run, Pete Wilson in 1995, dropped out before the first primary, hamstrung by poor fundraising and a throat surgery that left him unable to speak for months.

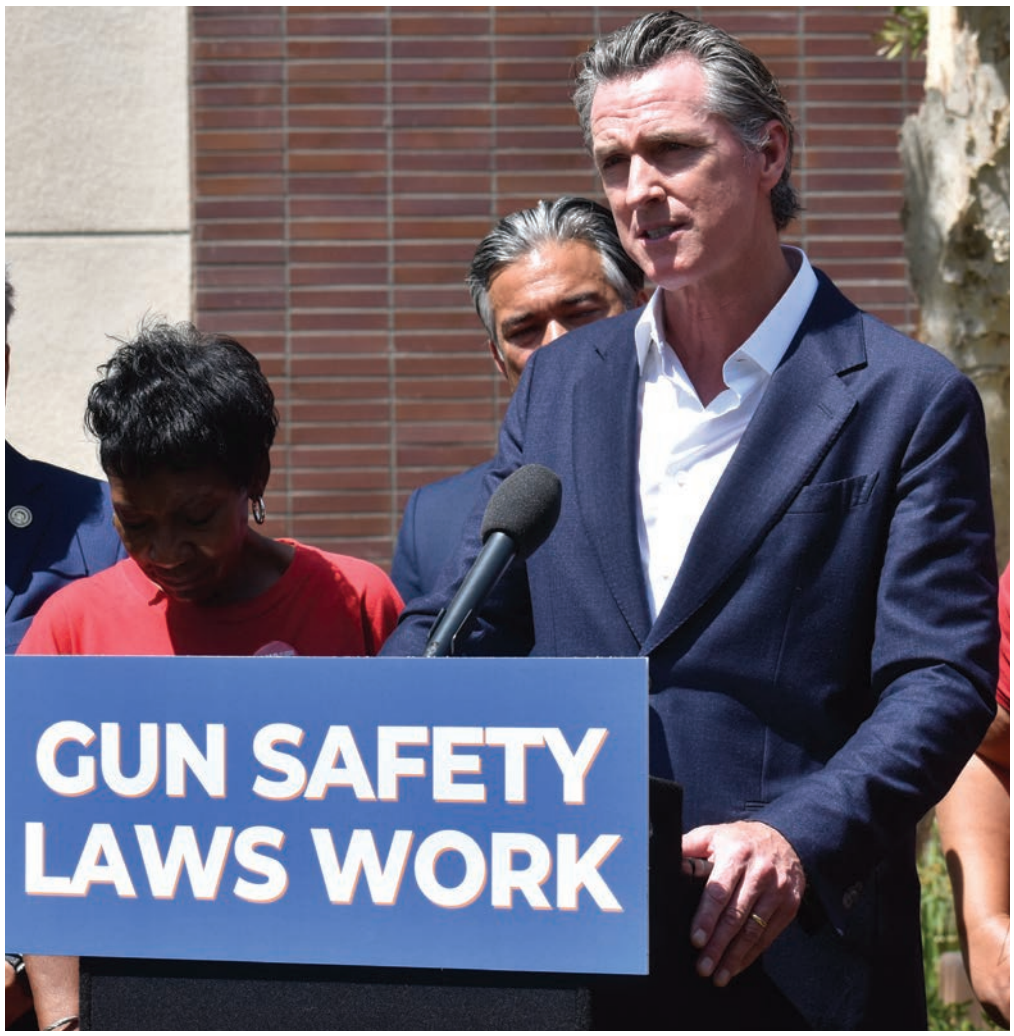
"That's what politicians do. They're always moving, in one form or another," former Gov. Jerry Brown, who made three unsuccessful bids for the Democratic nomination between 1976 and 1992, said in a 2020 oral history of his career. "Anybody who's running for governor is thinking about being president. Why not?"

Brown said that running from California was a challenge, because candidates need to be relevant to the East Coast, where so many voters are located. One of his mistakes, he said, was not taking more of a national orientation during his first governorship and not selling his story harder to the media outside California.

"If you want to be their leader, you've got to be around and familiarize yourself," he said. "You can spend a lot of money, but the belief that resides in the voters, the pre-existing belief, determines a great deal."

But Sean Walsh, a veteran Republican political consultant who worked on Wilson's presidential campaign, said there are potential advantages for a California governor who plays it right. Politicians, their staff and their donors are constantly coming to the state to raise money, he noted, an opportunity to create connections and loyalty with people across the country who could aid a future run.

"You need to have relationships with the movers and shakers in those states," Walsh said. "That's the introduction to the dance. It's the ticket."



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NEWSOM: Newsom came to Santa Monica this year to talk about gun control and took a swipe at the way other states have used regulations to address national issues.

Like many Newsom observers, Walsh believes the governor has maneuvered himself well to quickly jump into the presidential race if Biden decides not to seek a second term for health or political reasons. But Walsh said the timeline for the 2028 election, when there is likely to be an open Democratic primary, couldn't be better for Newsom, who would be positioned to launch a campaign immediately after leaving the governor's office.

"The calendar favors you. So be a good guy, don't get arrogant," Walsh said. "As long as you are the good soldier for the party," helping raise money and supporting Democratic policies, he added, "let people speculate about what you want. Let all the talk flourish."

'PEOPLE WANT A FIGHTER'

One Newsom adviser, in denying his presidential ambitions, said taking up the national culture wars benefits the governor just as much with his California constituents, who want Newsom out there fighting against former President Donald Trump and his brand of politics.

For many others, it seems like an obvious ploy to appeal to the Democratic activists who make up the party base in a presidential primary. Notably, Texas and Florida — Newsom's most frequent targets — not only have two of the most prominent Republican governors in the country, with rumored presidential ambitions of their own, they are also two of the most delegate-rich states for an aspiring Democratic nominee, after California and New York.

"I think a lot of this is for audiences like me," said Michael Kolenc, a Democratic political consultant based in Houston. "It's a really important audience to play to."

Kolenc said Newsom's meddling in Texas, which has drawn some return fire from Abbott, is a "sales pitch" to the local Democrats whom he will need to endorse, staff, fund and volunteer for a future presidential campaign and a chance to lock up the best people for his team early. He said Newsom has done a good job getting on their radars and distinguishing himself from other possible contenders with an approach that turns his potential weakness — stereotypes about liberal California — into a strength to troll Republicans.

> "I think it's incredibly important to assert ourselves and to push back and to meet this moment head-on and not be naive about how ruthless the other side is — Gov. Newsom

"You're taking it to the guy who's taking it to you," Kolenc said. "People want a fighter."

Though there is a political risk that Newsom's presence in these Republican-leaning states could backfire by giving conservatives another boogeyman to run against, many Democrats give him credit for talking about the issues they yearn to hear about from their leaders, such as abortion rights and gun safety.

"We're Democrats stuck in Florida. We long to be California," said Wes Hodge, chairperson of the Orange County Democratic Party, which organizes Democrats in the Orlando area.

Newsom made a minor ripple in Florida with his advertisements over the summer, Hodge said, and though it has since been overshadowed by the state's own heavily contested races and the response to Hurricane Ian, "it's never a bad thing to reach out if you want to build your brand."

Kim Olson, the Democratic nominee for Texas agriculture commissioner in a close 2018 race, said Newsom is "wise to reach out to a red, rural state … and test-drive his messaging here." If he runs for president, she said, Newsom will need to figure out how to overcome perceptions that he is a progressive San Francisco elitist and appeal to voters beyond the coasts.

"If he can cut into here, he can probably do it in the rest of the country," said Olson, who ran unsuccessfully this summer to lead the Texas Democratic Party with the backing of many rural county party officials. "If Gavin can capture that, that'll kill the elite stuff."

Kim Olson, the then-Democratic candidate for Texas Agriculture Commissioner, addresses supporters following the Texas primary election in Austin, Texas on March 6, 2018. Photo by Eric Gay, AP Photo

Olson, who criticizes the national party for not doing enough to support Texas Democrats, said she appreciated Newsom coming to Texas and feuding with Abbott because "it shows he gives a s–t."

"No one pays attention to Texas. No one helps Texas. We are on our own," she said. "If you want to come in and bitch-slap some of our Republican guys, knock your socks off."

In Hidalgo County, the most populous along the border between Texas and Mexico, Samuel Reyes said he is grateful that Newsom, who has called for a federal investigation into Abbott and DeSantis busing and flying migrants to Democratic communities in the north, is providing a missing counterpoint to right-wing narratives.

Reyes, chief of staff for Hidalgo County Democrats, said Republicans have exploited a complicated situation at the border to unfairly portray his entire community like a war zone. While Newsom's comments may turn off some of Texas' more conservative Democrats, Reyes said they also help reframe the discussion in a way that gives local party officials more space to push back themselves.

"We don't want to make it more ugly, but if we do believe in what we're saying and we do believe that our message is right, then we do have to get it out there," Reyes said. "I personally like that he's doing that."

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GET IT DAILY...

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 26)

Whatever the task, you approach with the intention of excellence. People feel it, and your star quality gets recognized. A manager or mentor smooths your way, helping you with logistics and the financial end, too. More highlights include working with a well-matched team and a heart connection that sends you on an adventure. Gemini and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 5, 39, 12 and 9.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You strive to give more than you get, but it backfires. Not only is giving its own reward, but people want to heap unexpected and additional generosities on you. Even when you give anonymously, you still come out ahead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have a choice about who to hang out with, sit next to and generally spend time with. Compassionate, curious and open-minded people will not steer you wrong. The more astute your associates are, the better off you'll be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Trust yourself. Your instincts are solid. If you wait until you're sure, the moment will move on and leave you behind. Instead, act quickly when the impulse to do so is upon you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have fantastic ideas, but you also realize that you can only go so far with them. To make it all the way to your goal, you'll need to inspire others to come up with solutions, too. That's true leadership.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The time you spend with a cynic causes a little of their thinking style to rub off on you — not entirely wrong, but unhelpful all the same. Offset the influence putting time in with an optimist, a realist and someone in a state of neutrality.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're climbing to a higher destination. It feels like you've still got a long way to go, but where you currently stand has vistas and views, too. Enjoy them. Think of all you've seen because you made the simple choice to embark.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can tell when you're in a peak state of mind and mood, but do you know how you got there? Figure this out and your productivity will soar. Keep track of what you do and how it makes you feel.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Every endeavor has an arc — a beginning, middle and end. Early stages are the best times to plan the ending. If you wait until it just happens, you'll miss the opportunity to build toward it. The end is what people remember.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are smart, motivated, unique and inspired. Believe it. When the world sees that you value yourself and your contributions to others, they will follow suit and value you highly, too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Blame keeps people stuck. You take responsibility for your part in how things are. Someone will follow your lead, perhaps not meeting you halfway exactly, but if they meet you at all, you'll be able to solve it together.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Mental knots need time to unravel. The benefits of daydreaming may seem vague, but giving yourself the time and space to let your mind wander will have a restorative effect. Imagination opens the door to later breakthroughs.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Everything may look right, but if it doesn't also feel right, listen to the instinct. Use it to decide whether to get closer or distance yourself. It may defy reason, as you're reacting to vibes below your consciousness.

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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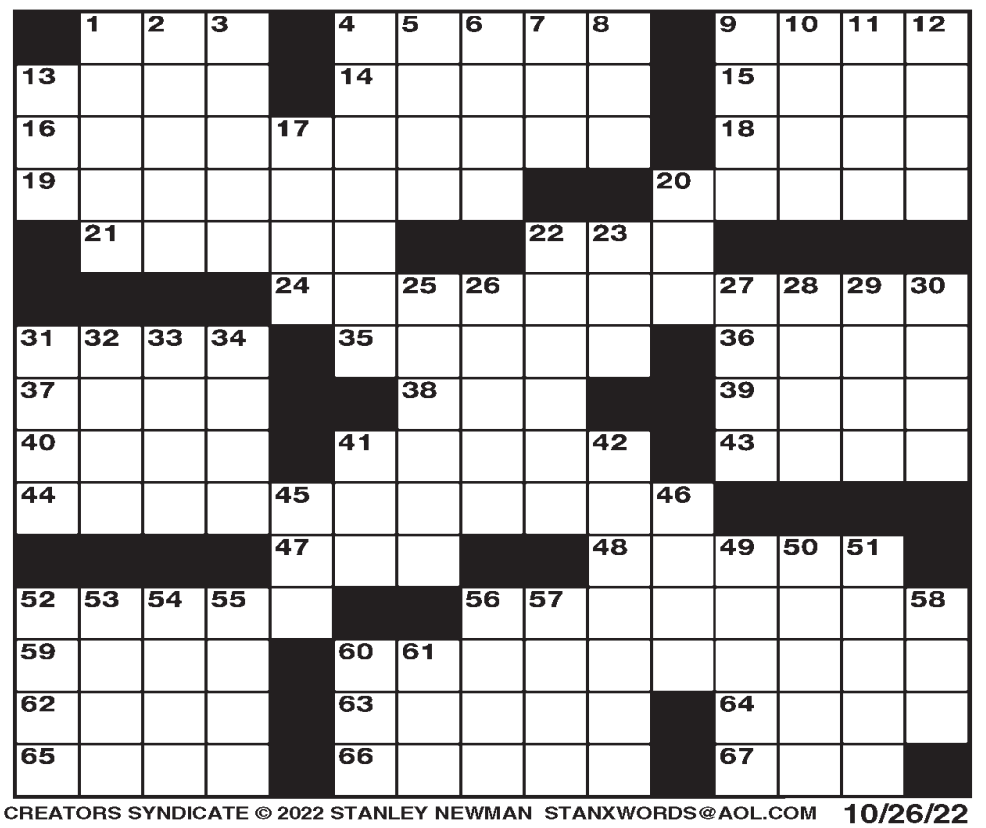
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Actor Hanks or Cruise
4 Like Santa or Humpty Dumpty
9 Neighbor of Chile
13 Paper puzzle with a winding path
14 Rattan artisan
15 What a planet spins on
16 Construction worker with a torch
18 Stack of stuff
19 Highest-ranking army officers
20 In a little while
21 Family car
22 Sailor's affirmative
24 Green slice with a sandwich
31 Stalk for a rose
35 Lobster's cousins
36 Parkland measure
37 Volcanic outflow
38 Angry emotion
39 Vacation excursion
40 Loggers' tools
41 Begin
43 Detergent's lather
44 Substitute facing the pitcher
47 __ room (play area)
48 Diet-drink term
52 Denim pants
56 Japan's region
59 Try to persuade
60 Informal jazz performance
62 Groucho, or one of his brothers
63 Gives off, as light
64 Novelist Ferber
65 Exam for HS sophomores
66 Fortune-teller's deck
67 __ Moines, IA

DOWN
1 Sticky cellophane rolls
2 Upper-atmosphere layer
3 Distributed, with "out"
4 Of the Atlantic or Pacific
5 Tennis racket target
6 Concludes
7 Get a look at
8 Make a blunder
9 Biggest of the Three Bears
10 Path off a highway
11 Make angry
12 __-friendly software
13 Food additive initials
17 Prepare, as a present
20 __ *Miz* (musical play)
22 Dr. Einstein
23 "That's correct"
25 Restaurant reviewer
26 Gold purity measure
27 Portions of butter
28 Brown hosiery shade
29 Getting little rainfall
30 Workout counts, for short
31 High-five sound
32 Car with a meter
33 Get __ (retaliate)
34 Opposite of fem.
41 That woman
42 Least relaxed
45 Many mins.
46 Goes bad, as an apple
49 Placed in a crate
50 Set __ (nullify)
51 Roaring beasts
52 Downward journey with a parachute
53 Historical periods
54 Taj Mahal city
55 "Better luck __ time"
56 Mideast ruler
57 Regarding, in a memo
58 Get __ for effort
60 Typical passenger plane
61 Physicians' org.

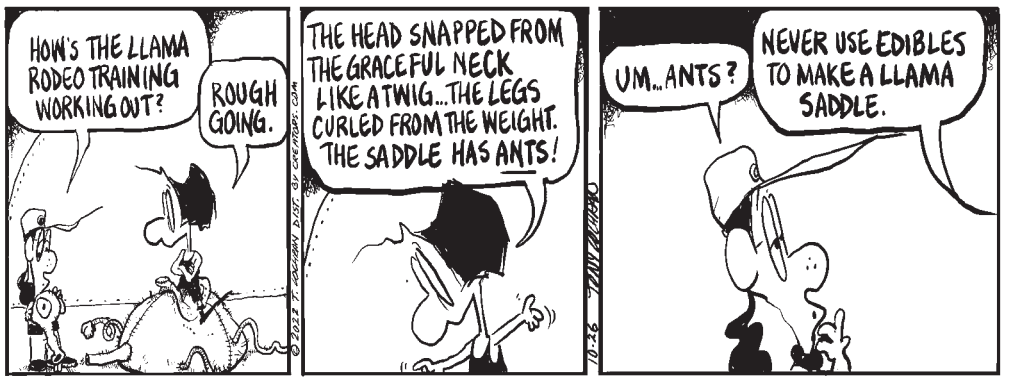


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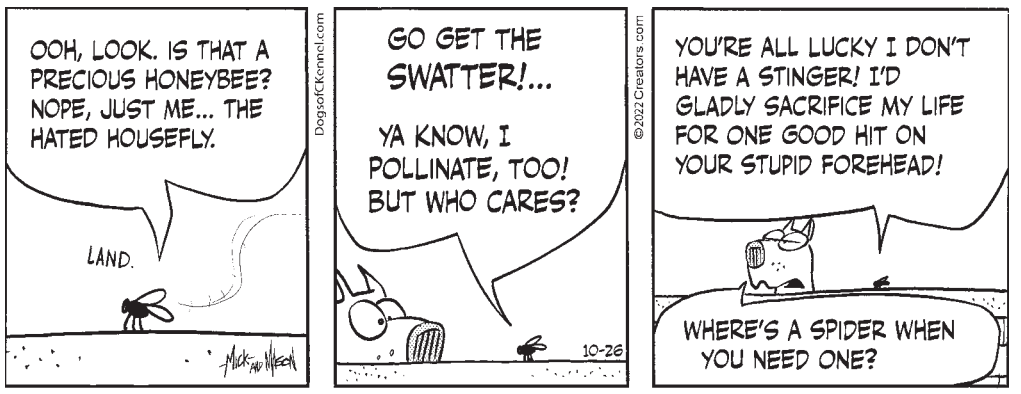
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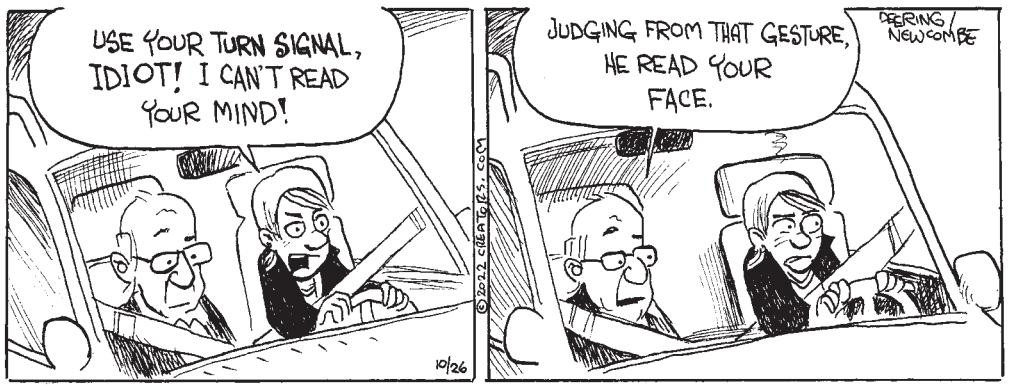
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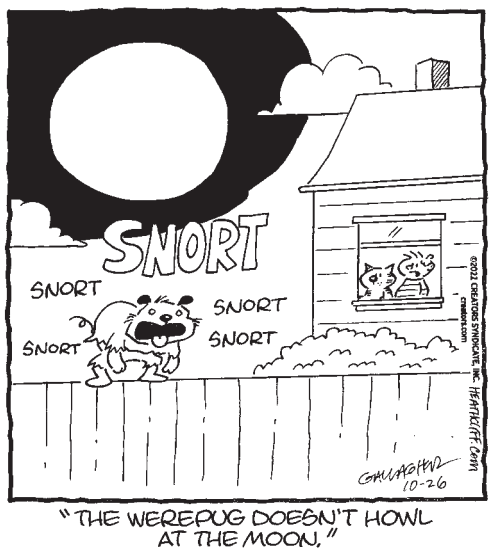
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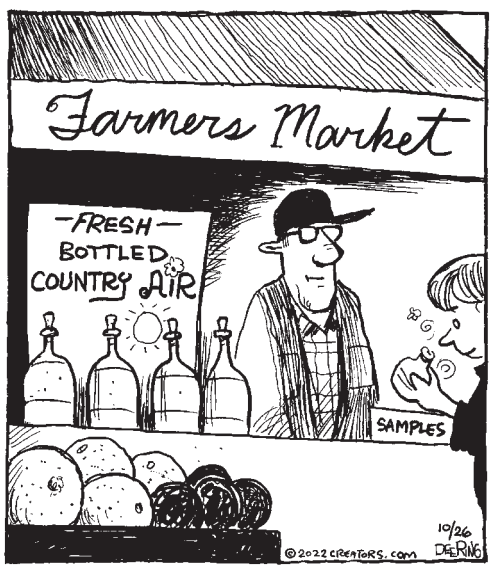
Heathcliff

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Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 18 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 26

VOLLEY-WEEN
Join Santa MoniCARES and give back at the inaugural volleyball fundraising event of the Halloween season, "Volley-Ween"! Santa MoniCARES, Santa Monica Travel & Tourism, Perry's Café and Beach Rentals along with local businesses and residents will host a Volleyball Tournament Fundraiser. Come out for a ghoulish good time on the beach with tournament play, food, games, ghosts, vampires, music and more! Gather your team of two, four or six people and sign up today. All skill levels welcome and matchups will be designated by skill level. Did we mention it's a costume party? Come dressed in your best costume and win a prize! This is the event of the season you won't want to miss. from 2-5 p.m. at Perry's Café and Beach Rentals, 2400 Ocean Front Walk cares@santamonica.com

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 27

ADULT TUTORING
Santa Monica Main Branch Library presents walk-in tutoring for adults and seniors. Volunteer tutors provide help with basic reading and writing skills, using the Internet, filling out online forms, using email, resume writing, and job searches. 1-3 p.m. at Tutoring Center, second floor of the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

STORYTIME AT THE MUSEUM
Babies to Preschool can enjoy storytime & free entrance to Cayton Museum. For ages 2-5. 10:30 - 11 a.m. Cayton Children's Museum, 395 Santa Monica Place.

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 28

GEORGE ORWELL'S '1984'
Samohi Theatre is thrilled to present George Orwell's 1984, a cautionary tale of a dystopian world that is eerily relevant today. Shows are scheduled for October 28, 29, November 4 and 5 at 7 p.m. and November 6 at 2 p.m. in the Santa Monica High School Humanities Center. Reserved seating is available at www.samohitheatre.org. Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for students and seniors. At Samohi, 601 Pico Blvd.

OUTPOST - DMZ
Opening night of Santa Monica College Theatre Arts' latest stage production: "Outpost- DMZ." A piercing theatrical piece that transcends the generations, giving voice to the many brave souls who have risked altogether everything. This play is humbly presented in honor of our veterans. Also 29, November 4, 5 at 7:30 p.m. and October 30, November 6 at 2 p.m. $10 general admission. 7:30 p.m. at Theatre Arts Studio Stage, 1900 Pico Boulevard www.smc.edu/calendar/tickets.php

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 29

BIG DEAN'S GRAVEYARD BASH
Gathering all goblins and ghoul-friends for Big Dean's Graveyard Bash! Enjoy costume contests, prizes and food and drink specials to sink your fangs into! Contest categories include: Scariest, Most Creative, Best Couples/Group, and Funniest. 4-8 p.m. Winners will be announced at 7:30 p.m. and must be present to collect prizes. Free. 1615 Ocean Front Walk.

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 30

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS FERRIS WHEEL LIGHTING AT SANTA MONICA PIER
If you visit the beach in Santa Monica this Halloween you might see a spooky ghost fly across the 90 ft. face of the Pacific Wheel. The Ferris wheel's 174K LEDs will be all dressed up for Halloween; the Pacific Wheel may appear as an orange ghost, a green Frankenstein monster or a smiling vampire. The seasonal light program will repeat nightly all week long, through Dia de los Muertos, and the weekend following Halloween. The Ferris wheel lights can be seen from dusk until 11:35 p.m. each evening.

MONDAY | OCTOBER 31

TRICK OR TREAT AT MAIN LIBRARY
Arrive in your Halloween costume at the library for something fun and frightening! This event is for kids and teens ages 0-17. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

HALLOWEEN HOP ON MONTANA AVENUE
Returning after its two-year hiatus, Montana Avenue is proud to welcome goblin and ghoul friends to celebrate Halloween! Join this free event for fun activities, photo booths and more, and sink your fangs into eerie-sistibly delicious food and drink. Open stores will offer a variety of special activities and spook-tacular fun. Come in costume and get ready to celebrate the spookiest day of the year along Montana Avenue! 3 - 8 p.m.

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION AT SANTA MONICA PIER
Join Santa Monica Pier as they pay tribute to the cultural tradition of Dia de Los Muertos – Day of the Dead – with a two-day public art installation taking place from November 1 through November 2. The second annual Santa Monica Pier's Dia de Los Muertos Celebration honors people, places, and ideas that are important to Santa Monican's through free, family-friendly programming. Santa Monica Pier's Dia de Los Muertos Celebration is a community-oriented space located inside the Merry Go-Round building, inviting Pier-goers to contribute to the community altar made by local artists, Sylvia Sanchez and Daniel Alonso.

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **64.2**

WEDNESDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 3-4ft Waist to chest	Getting smaller as SSW swell continues to fade with easing NW energy also in the mix. Smaller wave gear is likely going to be in play and there could be a touch of texture from southerly wind in the AM.
THURSDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	Getting small as SSW swell drops to leftovers but there is the potential to see a rebound in NW swell mix that would make for some modest peaks for combo spots out west.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 67. Light and variable wind becoming west southwest 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 57. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 69. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/10/26	Wed	03:39 AM	1.42	L
2022/10/26	Wed	09:55 AM	6.33	H
2022/10/26	Wed	4:53 PM	-0.46	L
2022/10/26	Wed	11:06 PM	4.17	H
2022/10/27	Thu	04:07 AM	1.81	L
2022/10/27	Thu	10:27 AM	6.39	H
2022/10/27	Thu	5:42 PM	-0.53	L
2022/10/28	Fri	12:05 AM	3.77	H
2022/10/28	Fri	04:38 AM	2.23	L
2022/10/28	Fri	11:05 AM	6.28	H
2022/10/28	Fri	6:38 PM	-0.44	L
2022/10/29	Sat	01:19 AM	3.44	H
2022/10/29	Sat	05:13 AM	2.65	L
2022/10/29	Sat	11:52 AM	6.00	H
2022/10/29	Sat	7:44 PM	-0.25	L
2022/10/30	Sun	03:01 AM	3.32	H
2022/10/30	Sun	06:01 AM	3.05	L
2022/10/30	Sun	12:52 PM	5.60	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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18 23 35 45 54
Power#: 16
Jackpot: 700 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 10/21
34 36 43 45 68
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 45 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 10/22
5 8 12 14 16
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 36 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/24
12 19 32 34 35

Daily 3
Draw Date: 10/24
EVENING: 6 4 9
Draw Date: 10/24
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Daily Derby
Draw Date: 10/24
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2nd: 02 - Lucky Star
3rd: 11 - Money Bags
Race Time: 1:43.81

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