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GEOFFREY NERI

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

NAME: GEOFFREY NERI
AGE: 48
OCCUPATION: ATTORNEY
NEIGHBORHOOD OF RESIDENCE: SUNSET PARK
OWN OR RENT: OWN
MARITAL STATUS/KIDS: MARRIED WITH ONE CHILD
PARTY AFFILIATION: NONE, INDEPENDENT

WHO HAS THE BEST CHEESEBURGER IN SANTA MONICA?
Tie: Shaka Shack and Father's Office

WHAT IS THE CITY DOING TO ANCHOR PROMISING STARTUP COMPANIES TO SANTA MONICA AND SECURE LOCAL JOBS?
The city is underperforming in this effort when compared to neighboring communities like Playa Vista, Venice and Culver City. We need to increase our outreach and provide greater incentives to promising start-ups. Santa Monica is not a "hard sell", it just needs to be more effectively promoted and marketed.

HAVE YOU BEEN THE VICTIM OF A CRIME IN SANTA MONICA IN THE PAST TWO YEARS AND WHAT HAPPENED?

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Council backs new measures to protect hotel workers

MADELINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Hotel employees in Santa Monica will soon have a way to call for help when they experience sexual harassment or assault while working.

City Council voted unanimously Oct. 23 to create legislation to protect hotel workers from sexual violence and unreasonable workloads, as well as train them to

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Voting rights trial now in the judge's hands

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The fate of Santa Monica's election system is now in the hands of a judge following the final

deadline for arguments in the California Voting Rights Act lawsuit filed this year. After a several weeks

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City Council



GREG MORENA

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NAME: GREG MORENA
AGE: 40
OCCUPATION: SMALL BUSINESS OWNER
NEIGHBORHOOD OF RESIDENCE: SUNSET PARK
OWN OR RENT: RENT
MARITAL STATUS/KIDS: MARRIED, 2 KIDS
PARTY AFFILIATION: DEMOCRATIC

WHO HAS THE BEST CHEESEBURGER IN SANTA MONICA?
HiHo Cheeseburger for sure.

WHAT IS THE CITY DOING TO ANCHOR PROMISING STARTUP COMPANIES TO SANTA MONICA AND SECURE LOCAL JOBS?
Right or wrong, the city has earned a reputation for being hard to navigate when trying to establish a new business here and I'd like to remove those roadblocks. City programs like Buy Local need to be better utilized expand their reach to create more local jobs for the 21st century.

HAVE YOU BEEN THE VICTIM OF A CRIME IN SANTA MONICA IN THE PAST TWO YEARS AND WHAT HAPPENED?
Recently I was the victim of a car burglary.

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Pioneer Magnetics decouples from Santa Monica
Last vestige of City's manufacturing history will close next year




SHUTTING DOWN: The Santa Monica Company has been bought and will close entirely in 2019.

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica's last factory will close early in 2019 after battling parking issues, rising rent and labor costs.

Pioneer Magnetics has manufactured power suppliers for six decades in Santa Monica.

Television and radio stations, financial institutions, flight simulators, ultrasounds, and computers around the world all use technology manufactured on Berkeley Street.

"We power up the world," said owner Jerry Rosenstein.

The manufacturing plant's customers tell Rosenstein they

don't know where they will buy such critical equipment once Pioneer shuts down. All he can do is point them to United States Technologies, an engineering and manufacturing company based in New Jersey that acquired Pioneer late last year.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Oct. 27

Song, Dance and Story for all with Aparna Sindhoor

Aparna Sindhoor, her students and company members lead you this workshop is designed for people from different walks of life trying to find their creative voice and express their inner artist. Free. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonica/recreation/Activity_Search/68217 or call (310) 458-2239. 1450 Ocean. 2 - 3 p.m.

Cyber Security Awareness Seminar

The Women's Society of Cyberjutsu (WSC) shares knowledge of basic security practices, including creating strong passwords, securing your digital devices, keeping your information private, and other powerful practices. Choose an hour-long session: 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., or 2 p.m. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

A Reading Celebration of the SM Review

Join the editor and founder of one of the West Coast's leading literary journals for an afternoon of short readings by three of its most beloved frequent contributors: Rhoda Huftey, Brian Ingram, and Lisa Alvarez. Published twice yearly, Santa Monica Review is a project of Santa Monica College and is distributed nationally. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Spooks & Spoofs

2 p.m. - "Spooks & Spoofs," adaptive, dramatic readings of six classic short stories by film and TV actor, Arnold Weiss, at the Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Boulevard. 310-575-8273

Sunday, Oct. 28

Guest House

Free tours begin at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. No reservations needed. 415 PCH.

HOWLoween on Main Street!

Sponsored by Paws and Whiskers Pet Spa, furry friends and humans are invited to participate in a costume contest with local vendors, food truck, pet friendly exhibitors and raffle opportunities with prizes from Main Street restaurants & retailers. 2 p.m. mixer, 4 p.m. costume contest, 5 p.m. raffle, 5:30 costume winners, 6 - 7 p.m. after party at Ashland Hill. Pacific Street Dog Park, Pacific and Main.

Monday, Oct. 29

Affording College

Diana Hanson of Magellan College Counseling talks about the importance of merit aid, scholarships, and selecting a college that's both a good fit and a good value. Grades 9 - 12. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 - 8 p.m.

L.E.A.R.N.: Learn, Excel, Achieve and Read Now

One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. Mondays and Wednesdays. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3:30 - 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 30

Nosferatu with Live Score by Jack Curtis Dubowsky Ensemble

The Jack Curtis Dubowsky Ensemble returns with its third annual Halloween silent movie screening with live score. The 1922 German Expressionist horror film, directed by F.W. Murnau and starring Max Schreck as the vampire Count Orlok, is an unauthorized adaption of Bram Stoker's vampire classic, Dracula. (Runtime: 94 min.) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 - 9 p.m.

Skin and Paper with Catherine Coan

Join organizers for Writer-in-Residence Catherine Coan's introductory event at the Annenberg Community Beach House. In 'Skin and Paper,' Coan draws connections between narrative and the craft of taxidermy. As a multidisciplinary artist and author, her work crosses a variety of worlds and art practices, and she posits that taxidermy, writing, and the other arts are connected in ways both natural and surprising. Noting that many of those who create at these intersections today are women, Coan shows slides of her work, and discuss historical background and her own experiences as a taxidermist, poet, and fine artist. Register at <http://annenberg-beachhouse.com/beachculture>. 1450 Ocean, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Write Away

Gain feedback and encouragement in your writing efforts from fellow writers in this supportive writer's meet-up. Fairview Branch Library 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 12 - 2:30 p.m.

For help submitting an event, contact us at **310-458-7737** or submit to events@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Pico Blvd.
SMC Presents “Voices of Hope”
Performances at Studio Stage November 1-4

The Santa Monica College Theatre Arts Department will present five performances of “Voices of Hope: Breaking the Silence of Relationship Violence” November 1-4 at the Theatre Arts Studio Stage on the SMC main campus, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica.

Written by Pamela Lassiter Cathey, “Voices of Hope” is a docudrama that is based on true stories, and breaks through the silence surrounding the many casualties of domestic violence, sexual abuse, and Title IX abuses with startling, honest, and powerful personal encounters. The SMC production is directed by Terrin Adair, with music direction by Karen Benjamin.

The performances are sponsored by the City of Santa Monica and the SMC Associates (www.smc.edu/associates), a private organization that funds speakers and special programs on the Santa Monica College campus.

A panel discussion and audience Q&A follow each performance. Panel members will include representatives from the Rape Treatment Center, SMC Title IX Office, SMC Center for Wellness and Wellbeing, Santa Monica Police Department, SMC Police Department, Santa Monica City Attorney’s Office, Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office, and Center for the Pacific-Asian Family.

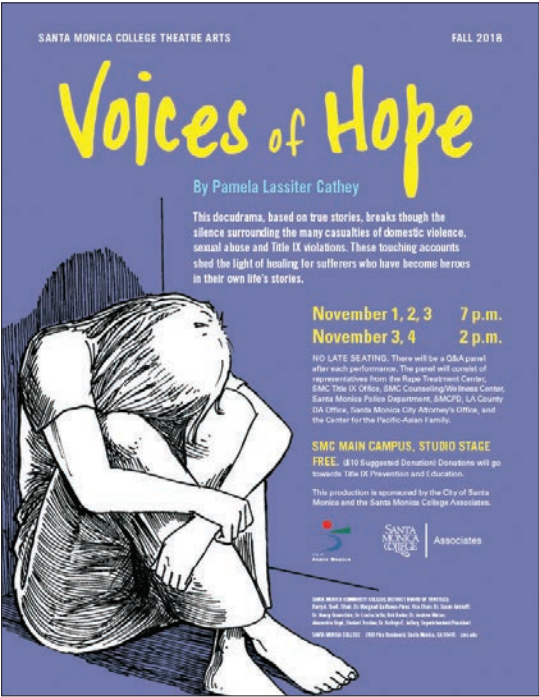
Show times are 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 1, Friday, November 2, and Saturday, November 3, with a matinee at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 3, and on Sunday, November 4.

Admission is free (\$10 donation suggested). Donations will go toward Title IX education and training.

Seating is on a first-arrival basis, with no late seating. No video feed offered in lobby area. Parking is free on Friday evenings and weekends.

For more information, contact Johnnie Adams, Chief of the SMC Police Department at (310) 434-4302 or Adams_Johnnie@smc.edu.

SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH



Oregon
David Ogden Stiers Remembered With Theatre Naming

Oregonian, David Ogden Stiers, celebrated and admired screen and television actor, who passed away on March 3, 2018 will be remembered for years to come for his contributions to the Newport performing arts community.

Stiers was the Associate / Resident Conductor of the Newport Symphony Orchestra (NSO), as well as one of its founders and supporters. His leadership helped transform the Yaquina Chamber Orchestra into today’s professional NSO, with Adam Flatt, Music Director.

While music was David’s avocation, theatre was his life-long vocation. Stiers was also an active and passionate supporter of Oregon Coast Council for the Arts (OCCA), serving as one of its Honorary Co-Chairs on the Capital Campaign Committee for many years. However, it was the Summer Theatre Camps and Shakespeare Camps for youth that sourced David’s soul.

Over the years, he generously mentored young thespians in workshops that trained and encouraged Oregon coastal youth in the art of character development, vocal projection, and emotional commitment.

In his own words, speaking about the Performing Arts Center (PAC), David often remarked, “it so delights me to see the theatre camps and dance recitals involving kids. They think they own this place, and of course they do!”

Catherine Rickbone, OCCA Executive Director, recalls members of the community inquiring months in advance for tickets to David’s holiday readings of Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol and Dylan Thomas’ A Child’s Christmas in Wales. “We miss him. We miss his baritone voice and, of course, his sense of humor,” reminisced Rickbone.

“David would always surprise us. When he learned of our needs, he would donate a refrigerator, a microwave, chair or equipment,” continued Rickbone. “It was the meaningful little things he did for OCCA and the PAC that still bring tears to our eyes.”

Stiers’ philanthropic good works carried him beyond the halls of the theatre. Many nonprofit organizations in Newport including My Sister’s Place and the Newport Library benefitted from David’s contributions. In the minds and hearts of Newport residents, David left a lasting impression.

Citizens and members of David Stiers’s theatrical family are spearheading a fundraising effort to raise \$250,000 of the total \$1.6 million required for renovations to the 30 year old venue. The new David Ogden Stiers Theatre enhancements include a new seating system, new lighting, enhanced sound and acoustics, and improved HVAC for the theatre as part of the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts (OCCA), Newport Performing Arts Center (PAC) Capital Campaign, Entertain the Future!, Phase VII Studio Theatre Enhancement.

The David Ogden Stiers Theatre will be home for experimental theatre premiering original plays, literary readings, storytelling, piano performances, dance recitals, cabaret-style jazz ensembles, international musical events, and a broader youth theatre. It will also enable simultaneous programming with the adjacent Alice Silverman Theatre.

Contributions, large and small, are tax deductible. Pledge forms are available at the Performing Arts Center or on line at: <http://www.coastarts.org>.

For additional information and details of how impactful your gift will be, please contact Catherine Rickbone, OCCA Executive Director at (541) 574-2652, crickbone@coastarts.org or Bonnie Prater at 541-574-2655, bprater@coastarts.org.

SUBMITTED BY ANDI SPIRTOS



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Public Hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following:

1659 Ocean Front Walk, 17ENT-0158, Zoning: R3 (Medium Density Residential) district, Beach Overlay. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior improvements including but not limited to the replacement of existing (non-original) windows, modification to the existing (non-original) building colors, and replacement of entry gate. The subject multi-unit residential building is known as the Purser Apartments, a designated City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission reviewed the proposed project at the August 13, 2018 Landmarks Commission meeting and continued the item to allow the applicant to clarify the proposed building color. Applicant & Owner: 1659 Ocean Front in Santa Monica, LLC

227 Beach Street, 18ENT-0295, Zoning: OP2 (Ocean Park Low Density Residential) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness application for site improvements including but not limited to new landscape material and landscape lighting, central courtyard fencing, and gates. The subject property is a Contributing building within the Third Street Neighborhood Historic District. Applicant: Isabelle Duvivier. Property Owner: Beach Street Partners, LLC

11th Street between Wilshire Boulevard & Arizona Avenue, 18ENT-0166, Zoning R3 (Medium Density Residential) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider a proposed Historic District consisting of certain properties located along the east side of 11th Street, between Wilshire Boulevard and Arizona Avenue (1221-1253 11th Street), and properties along the north side of Arizona Avenue between 11th Street and 11th Court Alley (1107-1115 Arizona Avenue). The Landmarks Commission will be conducting a hearing to discuss the proposed Historic District and provide a recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposal. Applicant: Santa Monica Mid-City Neighbors. Owners: Various Property Owners.

WHEN: Monday, November 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

Questions/Comments

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Steve Mizokami, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Mr. Mizokami by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at steve.mizokami@smgov.net.

More Information

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation requests, please contact (310) 458-8431 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three days prior to the event. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines 1, 2, 3, Rapid 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 18 serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

ESPAÑOL

Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar aplicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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SMC Presents Variety of Concerts in November

The Santa Monica College Music Department will present a variety of concerts in November, including a benefit to support the SMC Applied Music Program. All events are held in performance spaces at the SMC Performing Arts Center, located at 1310 11th Street (at Santa Monica Boulevard), Santa Monica.

THE PERFORMANCES ARE:

■ Friday, November 2, at 7:30 p.m. in The Broad Stage: SMC Applied Music Showcase: A Benefit Concert, with a Guest Performance by the SMC Emeritus Gospel Community Choir: Some of SMC's most gifted music students will perform a concert under the direction of Brian Driscoll to support the SMC Music Department's distinctive Applied Music Program, dedicated to fostering the development of outstanding instrumentalists, vocalists, and composers. The SMC Emeritus Gospel Community Choir is directed by William Bryant. (Tickets are \$10.)

■ Friday, November 9, at 7:30 p.m. in The Broad Stage: SMC Jazz Vocal Ensemble: "Every (Other) Day I Have the Blues - Remembering Joe Williams." Andreas Preponis will direct SMC's award-winning jazz vocal ensemble in a performance that pays tribute to master jazz singer Joe Williams, with featured guest artist Dave Tull. (Tickets are \$10.)

■ Friday, November 16, at 1 p.m. in the Music Hall: SMC Percussion Ensemble Recital. Conductor Megumi Smith will lead the ensemble in a creative, unique performance of percussion music, covering a variety of styles. (Free. Complimentary tickets are available at the SMC Music Office in Room 211 of the Performing Arts Center.)

■ Friday, November 16, at 7 p.m. in The Edge: Fall Jazz Concerts: Carl Allen. SMC will wrap up its Fall Jazz Concerts with a special event featuring legendary drummer Carl Allen - who has performed with Freddie Hubbard and George Coleman - in a rare Los Angeles appearance. (Tickets are \$10)

■ Sunday, November 18, at 4 p.m. in The Broad Stage: SMC Wind Ensemble Winter Concert. The SMC Wind Ensemble Winter Concert, under the direction of Kevin O. McKeown, will feature six movements of Julie Giroux's "Bookmarks from Japan," inspired by the artwork of Hiroshige Ando and Hokusai Katsushika. All ages are welcome. (Tickets are \$10.)

■ Saturday, November 24, at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.; Sunday, November 25, at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.; and Friday, November 30, at 7 p.m. in The Broad Stage: Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" Ballet. The SMC Symphony will once again partner with the Westside Ballet for its annual holiday extravaganza featuring falling snow and a Christmas tree that grows. The production - in a theater where every seat provides visual and audio delights for all ages - is produced with support from Santa Monica College, the SMC Public Policy Institute, and the City of Santa Monica. Part of the SMC Public Policy Institute's Annual Fall Arts & Cultural Affairs Symposium. (See westsideballet.com/nutcracker for ticket details and information on December performances.)

■ Thursday, November 29, at 11:15 a.m. in The Edge: SMC Guitar Showcase. SMC's advanced guitar students will perform an epic concert featuring classical, rock, pop, blues, and reggae music. (Free. Complimentary tickets are available at the SMC Music Office in Room 211 of the Performing Arts Center.)

For tickets and information (unless otherwise noted), please go to www.smc.edu/eventsinfo or call (310) 434-3005 or 310-434-4323.

All programs are subject to change without notice, and new performances may be added. Up-to-date details are posted at smc.edu/eventsinfo and available by calling 310-434-4100.



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Many Thanks

Many thanks to everyone who came to the Santa Monica Lions Club pancake breakfast to eat pancakes, catch-up with friends, watch the Cabeza de Vaca Cultural Dancers and participate in the raffle. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will be used to support many organizations that serve in the Santa Monica Community. We would like to also give special acknowledgment to Casa Escobar, Gilbert's El Indio, Fromin's, Carlthorp School, OP Café, Bob's Market and Pacific Youth Foundation. Each of them helped to make our event successful.

If you are interested in applying for a SM Lions grant, the deadline for grant applications has changed and is now is FEBRUARY 1st. For more information, to see qualifications and to download an application, go to the SM Lions website and click Club Projects. You can also contact Susan DeRemer at santamonicalion@gmail.com with any questions.

November is National Diabetes Awareness month. As Lions we are working to increase everyone's awareness of this deadly disease. In the past 20 years, the number of US adults diagnosed with diabetes has more than tripled. More than 30 million people in the US have diabetes with 25% of them not aware they have it. An additional 84 million US adults—over a third—have prediabetes, and 90% of them don't know they have it.

Diabetes puts you at risk for kidney failure, heart disease, stroke and blindness, so the earlier it is diagnosed the better chance you have of controlling it. Early symptoms can include increased thirst and urination, increased hunger, fatigue, weight loss, blurred vision and slow healing wounds. If you experience any combination of these symptoms, please make an appointment for a diabetes screening.

One of the many programs the Santa Monica Lions support is the Santa Monica YMCA's diabetes prevention program, Redefine Your Health - Transform Your Life. The year-long program helps those at high risk of developing type-2 diabetes adopt and maintain healthy lifestyles by eating healthier, increasing physical activity and losing a modest amount of weight to reduce their chances of developing the disease. More information can be found at www.ymcasm.org.

To learn more about Lions Clubs International and the Santa Monica Lions, you are welcome to attend a lunch meeting on the 1st or 3rd Thursday of each month. However, with the holidays fast approaching our schedule may be modified. Please contact to Yoriko Fisher at santamonicalion@gmail.com before attending a lunch. Our meetings are held at the Elks Lodge on Pico, between 10th and 11th Streets at 12:15 p.m.

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TRIAL

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of verbal presentations, both sides submitted written closing statements in recent weeks. The final rebuttal was filed with the court on Oct. 25, officially closing the argument phase of the trial.

In their documents, both sides reiterated their trial arguments. Lawyers representing the plaintiffs (the Pico Neighborhood Association and Maria Loya) said at large elections disenfranchise minority voters.

“The experts’ respective analyses of racially polarized voting leave no doubt – Defendant’s city council elections violate the CVRA,” said the Plaintiff’s closing. “Defendant has refused to remedy that violation, or even propose a remedial plan, so it is now incumbent upon this Court to do exactly that. The undisputed evidence presented at trial shows that district-based elections should cure the problem, and is the most effective remedy available to this

court. Regardless of the particular remedy, one thing is abundantly clear – Defendant’s discriminatory election system violates the CVRA and must change.”

Lawyers defending the city said the evidence simply doesn’t support the accusation.

“Latinos are just over 13% of Santa Monica’s eligible voters (and well under 10% of its actual voters), yet have consistently elected candidates of their choice to City Council under the current at-large system,” said the City’s closing. “Notwithstanding this record of electoral success, plaintiffs ask the Court to ignore case law and common sense to conclude that, for Latino voters, present-day Santa Monica is the equivalent of what African-American voters faced ‘in the late ‘60s in the Deep South.’”

Both sides maintain an absolute belief in their position.

“As the closing briefs make clear, the trial in this case demonstrated that Santa Monica’s at-large elections are fair, inclusive, and comply fully with California and federal law,” said Kahn Scolnick with

the firm Gibson Dunn. “The reality is that Latinos have consistently been able to elect candidates of their choice to the City Council and other positions in Santa Monica. And two of the seven current City Council members are Latino, even though Latinos make up only 13% of the City’s voting population. Plaintiffs’ closing briefing confirms what was evident throughout the trial: Their efforts to condemn Santa Monica’s at-large electoral system reflect a distorted view of the facts and the law. We remain confident that the City will prevail.”

Plaintiff attorney Rex Parris praised the judge for her deliberate analysis of the case.

“She’s going to be careful and she’s going to write a very good opinion,” he said. “I’m 90 percent sure that we were successful.”

Parris said he thought the defense made several tactical and legal errors that will tip the scales in the Plaintiff’s favor, including a lack of expert testimony disputing the notion of polarized voting and a failure to



adapt to the evolving nature of a trial. He said the opposing attorneys were doomed from the start given what he feels is the open and shut nature of the case.

“Most people feel elections should be fair and you shouldn’t employ procedural means of rigging the outcome and that’s what Santa Monica is doing and they know they’re doing it,” he said. “I think you’re going to see huge changes in Santa Monica after this case is decided.”

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US: ‘Everything on table’ to block migrants at border

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Associated Press

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said Friday that “everything is on the table” as the administration considered new measures to stifle immigration at the U.S.-Mexico border and send a message that a slow-moving migrant caravan bound for the United States will not be welcome.

Nielsen addressed the Trump administration’s efforts to fortify the border while standing next to a newly constructed 30-foot fence in California. Before she spoke, two workers wearing welding masks affixed a plaque to the barrier with the names of President Donald Trump and several high-ranking officials to commemorate what the administration calls the completion of the first phase of his border wall.

Nielsen’s trip to the border came after the Pentagon approved a request for additional troops at the southern border, expected to total at least 800 and possibly more than 1,000. And the White House is looking at new border security measures, including one plan that would use the same mechanism as Trump’s

travel ban to block migrants from seeking asylum in the U.S, according to two people familiar with the discussion. They spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the idea, which they stressed was still in the early planning stages and had yet to be decided.

“We are looking at every possible way within the legal construct that we have to make sure that those who don’t have the legal right to come to this country do not come in,” Nielsen said.

The president has stepped up his focus on immigration in the days leading up to the Nov. 6 elections that will determine which party controls Congress, focusing on a caravan of migrants heading north through Mexico that is about 1,000 miles away but dwindling in size.

“I called up the military,” Trump said at a meeting of young black conservative leaders. “We’re not letting them in, they ought to go back now because we’re not.”

Any attempt by Trump to curtail the rights of migrants to seek asylum is bound to draw legal challenge.

Andrea Guerrero, executive director of Alliance San Diego, said it would be

“a very drastic action that would have disastrous practical implications for our asylum obligations, for our moral and legal obligations.”

“We know that civil rights attorneys are preparing to litigate right now,” she said. “They’re preparing to litigate right away. I don’t know if (Trump) cares if he wins the litigation. He wants to score political points ... it’s all part of the same political ploy to stoke fear for political reasons and build more walls.”

The federal government recently completed construction on a two-mile section of fencing that’s 30-feet tall. Nielsen called it a significant accomplishment to keep immigrants out. The structure is separate from a concrete wall prototype that the government has built near San Diego as part of Trump’s signature campaign promise during his 2016 White House campaign.

“Let me be clear: Walls work,” Nielsen said. New details also began to emerge Friday about the military deployment on the border.

A Defense Department official said the mission is authorized from Oct. 30 to Dec. 15 and will operate in border areas of California, Arizona and Texas. The official,

who spoke on condition of anonymity to provide details that have not yet been publicly announced, said the troops will not be involved in detaining migrants.

In a brief written statement the Pentagon gave several examples of assistance they would provide. These include barricades and fencing; helicopters and airplanes to move Border Patrol personnel, and medical teams to triage and treat patients and prepare them for commercial transport. It also will provide personal protective gear and temporary housing for Border Patrol personnel.

Trump earlier this year ordered the deployment of National Guard members to the U.S.-Mexico border to respond to a spike in illegal border crossings. But those members remain under the control of the governors of the states where they’re positioned, and their activities are limited to supportive roles, such as providing surveillance.

There already are about 2,000 National Guard troops on the border.

AP Writers Bob Burns and Colleen Long contributed to this report from Washington.

A short-lived call for unity shelved for political barbs

BY JONATHAN LEMIRE AND KEN THOMAS

Associated Press

It didn’t last.

With the country on edge over a widening pipe-bomb scare, talk of national unity quickly gave way to finger-pointing. President Donald Trump cast blame on the media for fomenting anger in society, while candidates across the country traded partisan broadsides.

Less than two weeks before midterm elections, the discovery of pipe bombs sent to prominent Democrats — an episode that might have prompted national reflection in another era — hardly made a ripple on the campaign trail. Attack ads remained on the air. Attack lines stayed in stump speeches. The president did not deliver a speech from the Oval Office or reach out to his predecessor, one of the targets of the threat. He did return to his favorite punching bag.

“A very big part of the Anger we see today in our society is caused by the purposely false and inaccurate reporting of the Mainstream

Media that I refer to as Fake News,” Trump wrote on Twitter Thursday. “It has gotten so bad and hateful that it is beyond description. Mainstream Media must clean up its act, FAST!”

Trump continued the rhetoric overnight, tweeting just after 3 a.m. Friday that CNN and others were blaming him, saying they were “ridiculously comparing this to September 11th and the Oklahoma City bombing, yet when I criticize them they go wild and scream, ‘it’s just not Presidential!’”

CNN was among the targets of the mail bomb plot. While stopping short of blaming Trump’s rhetoric for inspiring the attacks, Jeff Zucker, the president of CNN Worldwide, contended there was a “total and complete lack of understanding at the White House about the seriousness of their continued attacks on the media.”

Trump’s reaction was more evidence of the politics of the moment, in which unity is overrated, a news cycle moves on fast and there seems to be little incentive for either major political party to seize the high road.

Instead, what might have been a moment for a deeply divided country to come together becomes the latest fodder for Democrats and Republicans to blame each other for America’s shortcomings.

Aides at the national Democratic and Republican Senate campaign arms said they were seeing nothing to suggest candidates were adjusting their messages or schedules because of the explosives scare. But many candidates were beginning to move into their closing election messages, which are typically more positive.

Indiana Republican Senate candidate Mike Braun was airing a new ad equating Democratic Sen. Joe Donnelly to one of the inflatable dancing devices used to attract attention at car dealerships, describing him as a “say-anything, do-nothing senator.”

Other candidates, such as Wisconsin’s Republican Senate candidate Leah Vukmir and the Democratic senator she’s trying to unseat, Tammy Baldwin, were plowing ahead as well. Vukmir linked Baldwin to Hillary Clinton on Wednesday amid chants

of “Lock her up!” at an evening rally with Trump. Baldwin was planning to go ahead with an event Friday with former President Barack Obama in Milwaukee.

Some Trump critics have blamed him for setting a harsh tone and not taking responsibility for contributing to the poisonous political atmosphere.

“Nobody else is being as divisive and inciteful as Donald Trump and so to suggest otherwise is completely wrong,” said former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro, who is considering a 2020 Democratic presidential campaign. “We wouldn’t even be having this conversation with any other president, Republican or Democrat, because they would be big enough to avoid this kind of hateful and inciteful rhetoric.”

Trump on Thursday had yet to call Obama or Clinton about the packages sent their way, but he had spoken to Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo of New York, the state

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“United States Technologies has all our documentation, so with the necessary effort (they) can learn how to build our product and support our customers,” he said.

Rosenstein would like to keep his plant running, but different factors over the last several years have made it impossible.

The lack of parking near his business was particularly difficult, as it hurt employee morale and drove away some potential new hires, he said. Rosenstein offered to pay the City of Santa Monica for parking on Franklin Street but could not secure any new parking spaces, and many of his employees had to park miles away from the company’s four designated spaces. About 100 people worked at the company for the last few years, and it employed as many as 650 before rising domestic labor costs and rent took their toll.

Rosenstein paid his Santa Monica workers about \$15 an hour, not including benefits or overhead costs, and it was difficult for him to justify keeping the plant open when the cost of production was \$4.25 an hour in China or \$7 to \$10 an hour in Mexico.

The cost of rent became more and more expensive, he said, and eventually the property value of the company’s single remaining building – it once owned three in Santa Monica – exceeded the value of the company.

“You put everything together, and we’re fighting an uphill battle,” Rosenstein said.

About 15 to 20 people are still working at Pioneer as it winds down its operations and sells its stock. He estimates two or three of them will be able to work part-time for United States Technologies or one of their contract manufacturers.



Madeleine Pauker

OWNER: Jerry Rosenstein is closing down Pioneer Magnetics.

Azed Sheth, who has worked at Pioneer for 38 years, hasn’t yet thought about where she will work after Pioneer closes.

“I’m glad I’m here til the last,” she said. “It’s like a family here.”

Rosenstein said most of his employees have worked at the company for 20 to 40 years, and many, including himself, are second-generation employees.

“We all grew up together,” he said. “Employees came to me and said ‘Try to buy another company. We don’t care what it is, we’ll for work it because we want to keep together.’”

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An Open Letter to Residents of Santa Monica

–Vote NO on Proposition 10–

Don’t Make a Bad Situation Worse

Dear Santa Monica resident,

As a former president of the Santa Monica Democratic Club, former Rent Board and Planning Commissioner, current Santa Monica Renters Rights member and property owner, I think **Proposition 10 is a disaster for Santa Monica tenants and property owners.** It is poorly written and is almost impossible to change if passed. It will harm tenants, condo and single family homeowners, multifamily property owners and taxpayers and will impact your rights, finances and the city housing landscape.

Governor candidates Gavin Newsom and John Cox, Antonio Villaraigosa, State Treasurer John Chiang, the NAACP, seniors and veteran groups plus the Building Trades Councils are all opposed to Proposition 10 which would repeal the statewide Costa-Hawkins Vacancy Decontrol/Recontrol Law.

Since vacancy decontrol/recontrol was fully implemented in 1999, approximately 7,200 apartments (26% of all controlled units) have never had a vacancy increase. The rent for these units is based on 1978 rents and are at 25% to 35% of the market (\$550-\$750 for one bedrooms). In the LA area, only Santa Monica has 26% of the units at these low rents. Property owners are unlikely to rent these units when vacant at the same low rent. The Rent Control Board agreed to freeze these rents on November 8 with all other controlled rentals if Proposition 10 is passed and certified.

Vote NO on Proposition 10. Here’s why:

- The rent freeze and Proposition 10 will result in units being held off the market, used for short-term vacation rentals or demolished for new condo construction, which will increase the shortage of apartments available.
- There is no benefit to low and middle income tenants if low rent affordable units are likely going to high income renters. Owners may rent to tenants subsidized by the City Housing Authority since it pays double or triple the historically low rent units. Many low/ middle income tenants will be hurt.
- Proposition 10 will not lower rents for existing tenants. Only high-rent units will be advertised.
- Proposition 10 would give the Rent Control Board authority to control the rents for your single family home or condo.
- If condo or single family homeowners rent their residence, and want to return, they could be required to pay the relocation fee of \$22,000 or more to reoccupy their own home.
- Improvements, repairs and earthquake retrofits will be cancelled or delayed.
- Earthquake retrofit may not be affordable for many seniors and small property owners due to the rent freeze and Proposition 10.
- There will likely be an increase in building removals from rent control due to a lack of fair return to the property owner.

- The State estimates potentially billions in reduced property values statewide.
- Reduced property values means less taxes for schools, police and city services.
- There will likely be higher Rent Board expenses and increased tenant registration fees.
- Property owners will be reluctant to take roommates making it even less affordable to renters.
- Proposition 10 may lead to a constitutional “taking” issue going to the Supreme Court, which could outlaw rent control altogether.

We support programs that create more affordable housing for seniors, families and low and middle income residents. We can help solve the housing problem with increased subsidies and new affordable housing. Proposition 10 (along with the Rent Control Board freeze) worsens the affordable housing shortage and may create a housing crisis for middle income tenants and senior owners who own many of the 26% (7200 units) that have never been increased on vacancy for 40 years.



Vote NO on 10!

Respectfully submitted: Jay P. Johnson
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Yes. I was randomly assaulted in broad daylight while walking into my office building (which is in West L.A., but on the border with Santa Monica). The perpetrator ran up to me yelling incoherently, cold-cocked me on the side of the head with a large cell phone and then ran away.

WHAT SANTA MONICA SERVICE OR PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DO YOU BELONG TO? HOW MANY HOURS PER WEEK DO YOU VOLUNTEER INSIDE SANTA MONICA?

I am member of the Santa Monica Bar Association. I do pro bono legal work when I can, although not on a weekly basis. My last pro bono assignment involved interviewing and providing legal assistance to immigrant detainees separated from their children and confined at Victorville federal prison.

DO YOU HAVE AN ACCOUNT WITH BIRD, LIME, JUMP, LYFT, UBER AND/OR BREEZE FOR SCOOTERS AND BIKES? WHICH ONE DO YOU USE MOST FREQUENTLY?

I have accounts with Uber and Bird. I use Uber frequently, but have discontinued my use of Bird. Its operator has not proven capable of adequately regulating usage of their scooters. I believe that they have become a public nuisance and safety concern for many residents of our city.

WHAT, IF ANY, IS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN CRIME AND HOMELESSNESS?

There is a strong connection between crime and homelessness, as evidenced from the grisly homicides and numerous aggravated assaults that have occurred in Santa Monica over the past year. In the majority of cases, either the victim or perpetrator or both were

homeless individuals.

WHICH THREE LOCAL BUSINESSES KNOW YOU BY NAME?

Bob's Market, Vito Restaurant and Starbuck's on Ocean Park.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR THE CITY'S TRAFFIC MITIGATION EFFORTS IF BBB IS CONSIDERING REPLACING BUSES WITH CARS ON SOME ROUTES?

More vehicles means more congestion and gridlock. We must incentivize residents and commuters to take public transportation by making it a quicker and more convenient option than driving cars. We can do that by prioritizing buses on city streets through restricted "bus-only" lanes and traffic signal priority.

HOW WILL THE CITY'S ECONOMY SURVIVE THE CONTINUED DECLINE IN RETAIL SALES?

We need to encourage owners of commercial properties to transform and reposition their properties for mixed uses. The demand for creative office space and mixed-use properties has increased and will continue to increase as a result of the "Silicon Beach" boom and Santa Monica must meet that demand.

SEVERAL DOWNTOWN PROJECTS (THE FAIRMONT, THE GEHRY PROJECT AND 4TH/5TH AND ARIZONA) ARE STILL WORKING THROUGH THE CITY PROCESS. WHAT DOES THE FINAL BUILDOUT OF DOWNTOWN LOOK LIKE?

The final buildout of downtown needs to look less like a shopping center and more like a truly public space. I oppose development of the 4th/5th and Arizona project into a bloated 12-story retail/hotel center. The highest and best use of this property would be a grand green-space park.

WERE THE CHANGES TO THE PIER CONCERTS A POSITIVE FOR THE SHOWS, THE PIER AND THE COMMUNITY?

The changes were positive for all. Better crowd management, increased security and a greater focus on local and diverse acts all represent positive trends to ensure that the pier concerts continue to thrive.

HOW DO YOU DEFINE PROGRESS FOR A COMMUNITY LIKE SANTA MONICA?

Progress for Santa Monica means adapting to and meeting the needs of our growing and increasingly diverse population without sacrificing the traditional, close-knit and small-town feel of the city. Unchecked development threatens to destroy the local character of Santa Monica. Regression on development is progression for the community.

SANTA MONICA RESIDENTS FEEL BESIEGED HOMELESSNESS AND MANY ARE TIRED OF BEING TOLD SOLUTIONS ARE COMING OR NEED TO BE AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL. WHAT WILL YOU DO FROM THE COUNCIL DAIS TO DIRECTLY IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR CITIZENS CONCERNED ABOUT THIS ISSUE?

WE KNOW THE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO HIRE MORE PEOPLE AND STATE LAWS HAVE PUT MORE CRIMINALS BACK ON THE STREETS BUT WHAT WILL YOU DO TO AT THE LOCAL LEVEL MITIGATE THE INCREASE IN CRIME?

Like most residents of Santa Monica, my patience is also worn thin when it comes to these issues. I am running for Santa Monica City Council because I am not willing to idly stand by as our city rapidly succumbs to rampant crime, homelessness and general lawlessness. Our parks should be playgrounds for our children, not campgrounds for a swelling homeless population.

I am an attorney by profession and as a candidate for office my number one priority is law and order. If elected to city council, I

will work towards empowering our police to enforce the laws that already exist and to be proactive rather than reactive when it comes to crime. We need a constant, vigilant presence of public and private safety officials in the areas of our city that our leaders have allowed to be taken over by drug dealers, criminals and dangerous transients.

Yes, we need to hire more police officers for the vacancies that currently exist, but we also need more "eyes and ears" on the street, not necessarily more "guns and badges". In many, if not most, instances, petty and even violent crime can be deterred when there is simply someone present with a semblance of authority.

To that end, I will move our leadership to explore some of the private security measures that neighboring communities such as West Hollywood have implemented. I have been encouraged by discussions I have had with members of the West Hollywood City Council and its office of public safety. They have committed a significant budget to outsourcing some of the public safety work to private security firms, who can provide a security presence at a small fraction of the cost. To be more concrete, the annualized cost of a private "Safety Ambassador" is approximately 1/5th of that for a police officer. This is not, of course, a perfect solution and none exists. However, I understand that the crime deterrent and prevention effect of these private security programs have been substantial for the communities that have implemented them.

When it comes to the homeless, I am sensitive to the plight of those individuals who are truly "down on their luck" and victims of circumstances. However, we cannot become victims of our own tolerance.

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WHAT SANTA MONICA SERVICE OR PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DO YOU BELONG TO? HOW MANY HOURS PER WEEK DO YOU VOLUNTEER INSIDE SANTA MONICA?

I'm on the City's Audit Commission, GoSamo Transit and Chamber of Commerce Boards, and serve on the Santa Monica Pier Lessees Association. I'm a volunteer organizer and mentor for Santa Monica High Career day. I have worked with Chrysalis to create a program that gets homeless back on their feet.

DO YOU HAVE AN ACCOUNT WITH BIRD, LIME, JUMP, LYFT, UBER AND/OR BREEZE FOR SCOOTERS AND BIKES? WHICH ONE DO YOU USE MOST FREQUENTLY?

I have accounts with Bird, Lime, and Uber but I don't use any of them much at all.

WHAT, IF ANY, IS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN CRIME AND HOMELESSNESS?

Of course there is a connection when people don't make a living wage, can't find affordable housing, and can't afford to feed themselves as a result of lack of living wage jobs.

When people don't make a living wage, they sometimes steal to feed their families. When people don't make a living wage and there is no affordable housing, they often end up living on the street or in their cars. There is a rise of homelessness because of the economy, but many of those people are law-abiding citizens.

WHICH THREE LOCAL BUSINESSES KNOW YOU BY NAME?

Cafe Bolivar, Parking and Maintenance on the Pier, and Lunetta.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR THE CITY'S TRAFFIC MIT-

IGATION EFFORTS IF BBB IS CONSIDERING REPLACING BUSES WITH CARS ON SOME ROUTES?

I have not seen the numbers myself, but if BBB is considering that swap, there are evidently some routes that do not get enough use to justify a full size bus. While traffic mitigation is a huge aspect the BBB, reducing our carbon footprint is just as important.

HOW WILL THE CITY'S ECONOMY SURVIVE THE CONTINUED DECLINE IN RETAIL SALES?

As online shopping increasingly becomes the norm, the City's retail economy needs to shift to continue to attract customers and sales by encouraging experiential retail environments involving art displays, interactive media, and mixed-use community spaces. Santa Monica Place has tried this. 3rd Street Promenade should too.

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The City is still waiting on Environmental Impact Reports on these projects, and no final decisions can even be considered until these reports are received. The final buildout must reflect the needs and wishes of our community.

WERE THE CHANGES TO THE PIER CONCERTS A POSITIVE FOR THE SHOWS, THE PIER AND THE COMMUNITY?

These changes brought a smaller, more community-oriented crowd to the pier this past season. Local businesses took a hit as a result of the downsizing, losing sales in the tens of thousands. We must find a sweet spot between crowd control and boosting the local economy.

HOW DO YOU DEFINE PROGRESS FOR A COMMUNITY LIKE SANTA MONICA?

For me, progress means maintaining the city's diversity, equity and sustainability

by constantly introducing new, forward-thinking ideas that address every new challenge our city – and country faces. Twenty years ago we introduced recycling. Today we are making progress through our zero emissions policy. The world is changing and our city must change too.

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People will not feel less besieged until they feel there are less homeless. There is no silver bullet. Anyone who says so misunderstands the complexity of the problem. So what can be done differently to get people into permanent housing situations? We need better interagency efforts, more mental health services, living wage jobs and more affordable housing. Plain and simple. But we also need better support for people to encourage them to get off the streets and stay off the streets. As a Councilmember, I will make certain that the City is working with developers to maximize the number of new affordable units added to Santa Monica.

Mental illness is also a factor in an estimated 25% of homeless individuals. I will continue the Santa Monica City Council's long standing partnership with the School Board and SMMUSD to ensure that our schools have the resources to identify signs of mental illness early, so that we can offer preventative treatment – and keep people off the street in the first place.

There are concrete, uncomplicated steps that we can take to get people off the street and into housing and services. Studies have shown that it takes between 50-150 engagements to get a homeless person off

the streets and into housing. We need to make sure we have fully-staffed and well-trained public safety employees to ensure that these engagements occur consistently and positively. Our public safety employees are currently short fifty sworn and unsworn officers, as well as firefighters and other first responders. The funds needed to correct this deficit have already been allotted in the City's budget. Our City desperately needs these staff members to help address the homelessness issue in Santa Monica and as a Councilmember, I will hold staff accountable to make sure that this hiring process is handled swiftly and efficiently.

We need more innovative, yet simple programs like the one I created with the non-profit Chrysalis to offer homeless individuals a stable, full time, living wage job. Income and job stability have proven to be a remarkable catalyst to getting homeless people into housing. In fact, just a few weeks ago we were able to place another young person into housing after working in my restaurant. Programs like these that provide homeless people with employers who are compassionate and understand the realities of homelessness must be expanded. They show great potential for success.

WE KNOW THE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO HIRE MORE PEOPLE AND STATE LAWS HAVE PUT MORE CRIMINALS BACK ON THE STREETS BUT WHAT WILL YOU DO TO AT THE LOCAL LEVEL MITIGATE THE INCREASE IN CRIME?

Now that we have established that the department needs to hire more people to keep up with the influx of criminals on the street as a result of statewide criminal justice policies, it is important that we take that conversation a step further to understand what in particular we can do at the local

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Councilmember Sue Himmelrich In her 2014 election campaign, Sue Himmelrich promised a more transparent government, protection for renters and homeowners, and preserving Santa Monica's character. In her four years as Councilmember, Sue Himmelrich has backed those promises by introducing new ideas and programs, including the creation of an audit committee overseeing the City's budget, Section 8 housing protections, as well as supporting smart growth.



Councilmember Pam O'Connor has a long-standing track record of supporting public safety by allocating the necessary resources to maintain the highest level of emergency services in Santa Monica, while also sustaining and improving the community, by protecting residents and neighborhoods, supporting the City's commitment to education, and exploring clean transportation alternatives.



Candidate Greg Morena As a lifelong Santa Monican, local business owner, and community leader and volunteer, Greg Morena has demonstrated that he has the leadership necessary to prioritize the public safety needs of Santa Monica, while preserving the character of the Santa Monica community and searching for solutions to affordable housing. He will work steadfastly to preserve and improve the quality of life in Santa Monica.

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level to combat this rise, and keep our community safe. I have a couple of ideas that tackle this issue from multiple angles, which I believe will result in a more thorough mitigation of the increase in crime.

First, I think we need to think about how our law enforcement officers are spending their time. What policies can we implement as a city that will allow our staff to focus their energy and resources on serious crime? I believe we need to shift some of the responsibilities currently assigned to our police department onto other entities. An example of this would be with the electric scooters. The technology exists that would allow for companies operating electric scooters to better enforce the law on their users. Holding the companies accountable to enforcement of our traffic laws frees up valuable time for law enforcement officers to spend tackling the rise in serious crime in Santa Monica. Given the rise in crime Santa

Monica experienced in 2017, I think we have reached a place where we need to consider non-traditional alternatives to the traditional public safety model. Are there better ways that residents can be the eyes and ears to help our first responders? Additionally I believe we need to do more than just fight back against the statewide changes to the criminal justice system. We need to understand when a petty criminal is released back into society with nowhere to go, and only a few dollars to their name, they may feel that a return to crime is their only option. This of course is not the truth. We can help by connecting these small time criminals with resources to get back on their feet and start making money and sustaining themselves legitimately and legally. These resources already exist. I know it is controversial to say that criminals can be rehabilitated or deserve another chance, but in my own business and many others I've seen how they can. We are obligated to find progressive and more permanent solutions to keep our city safe – especially by tackling the reasons people fall into crime in the first place.

GEOFFREY

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Increasingly the homeless individuals we are encountering on the streets are aggressive, drug-addled and prone to lewd and anti-social behavior. Again, there is no perfect solution, but proactive measures at security in our parks and other public spaces need to be taken. We need to have a constant security presence at places like Tongva Park, Reed Park and Chess Park, where aggravated assaults, drug-dealing and even homicides have become increasingly commonplace.

Increased security measures cost money, of course, but I find it inexcusable when we are told by our leadership that we do not have enough money in the budget to address these public safety issues. If Santa Monica has the money to build a \$2.3 million restroom at Clover Park (already approved), the issue is not that we do not have the money, but rather that our financial resources are not being properly deployed and allocated. If elected, I will insist that all other budget priorities are subordinated to the number one priority of any governing body, which is to provide a safe, clean and livable environment for the people it governs.

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CIUDAD DE SANTA MONICA
NOTIFICACIÓN DE LOS CANDIDATOS
PARA CARGOS PUBLICOS
ELECCIONES MUNICIPALES, 6 DE NOVIEMBRE, 2018

POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO de que se han designado las siguientes personas para los cargos que han de ser cubiertos en la Elección Municipal General que se llevará a cabo en la Ciudad de Santa Monica el martes, 6 de noviembre, 2018.

Miembro del Concejo Municipal (periodo de 4 años) Vote por no más de Tres

Sue Himmelrich
Ashley Powell
Geoffrey Neri
Kevin McKeown
Greg Morena
Pam O’Connor
Scott Belomo
Nathaniel Isaac Jones Jr. (Candidato por escrito)

Miembro de la Junta de Control de Alquileres (periodo de 4 años) Vote por no más de Tres

Steve Duron
Nicole Phillis
Jon Mann
Naomi Sultan
Lori Brown

Miembro de la Junta Administrativa del Colegio (periodo de 4 años) Vote por no más de Cuatro

Patrick Acosta II
Louise Jaffe
Sion Roy
Barry A. Snell
Nancy Greenstein

Miembro de la Junta de Educación (periodo de 4 años) Vote por no más de Cuatro

Laurie Lieberman
Craig Foster
Oscar de la Torre
Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein
Ann Maggio Thanawalla

Medidas sometidas a votación:

MEDIDA SM: ¿Debería enmendarse sección 615 de la Carta Constitucional de la ciudad para exigir, por un período de diez años, los votos de cinco miembros del Consejo para enmendar (a) el elemento de uso y circulación de tierras o (b) el plan comunitario del centro, donde esa enmienda aumentaría el límite máximo de altura o superficie del piso relación en cualquier designación de uso del suelo, con excepciones para el 100% de los proyectos de vivienda asequible y propiedad del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Santa Mónica-Malibu?	Sí No
MEDIDA TL: ¿Debería enmendarse la Carta Constitucional de la ciudad de Santa Mónica para prohibir que cualquier persona sirva como miembro del Concejo Municipal por más de tres términos, sean consecutivos o no, donde un término incluye cualquier término completo de cuatro años así como cualquier término parcial de más de dos años?	Sí No
MEDIDA RR: ¿Debería enmendarse la Carta Constitucional de la ciudad para cambiar el requisito de elegibilidad para el servicio en la Junta de la biblioteca de la ciudad, la Junta de personal, y la Comisión del aeropuerto, de "elector calificado" de la ciudad a "residente" de la ciudad y para asegurar el cumplimiento de las leyes aplicables relacionadas con la compensación y el reembolso?	Sí No
MEDIDA SMS: BONO DE REPARACIÓN DE LAS AULAS Y EDUCACIÓN DEL SIGLO 21 DE SANTA MONICA: Para mejorar, reparar y modernizar las aulas anticuadas, los laboratorios de ciencia, las bibliotecas, la tecnología de instrucción y otros establecimientos escolares de Santa Monica; y mejorar los sistemas de seguridad/vigilancia de las escuelas; ¿debe el Distrito No. 1 de Mejoramiento de Establecimientos Escolares del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Santa Monica-Malibu (Escuelas de Santa Monica) emitir bonos por \$485 millones a tasas de interés legal, promediando una recaudación anual de \$27.4 millones para reembolsar los bonos emitidos al vencimiento final, a partir de gravámenes estimados en cuatro centavos por cada \$100 del valor fiscal, con supervisión ciudadana, auditorías anuales y que todos los fondos beneficien a las escuelas de Santa Monica?	Sí No



CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE OF NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE
NOVEMBER 6, 2018, MUNICIPAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have been nominated for the offices designated to be filled at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Santa Monica on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

For Member of the City Council (4-yr term) Vote for no more than Three

Sue Himmelrich
Ashley Powell
Geoffrey Neri
Kevin McKeown
Greg Morena
Pam O’Connor
Scott Belomo
Nathaniel Isaac Jones Jr. (Write-In Candidate)

For Member of the Rent Control Board (4-yr term) Vote for no more than Three

Steve Duron
Nicole Phillis
Jon Mann
Naomi Sultan
Lori Brown

For Member of the College Board of Trustees (4-yr term) Vote for no more than Four

Patrick Acosta II
Louise Jaffe
Sion Roy
Barry A. Snell
Nancy Greenstein

For Member of the School Board of Education (4-yr term) Vote for no more than Four

Laurie Lieberman
Craig Foster
Oscar de la Torre
Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein
Ann Maggio Thanawalla

Measures to be Voted On:

MEASURE SM: Shall City Charter Section 615 be amended to require, for a period of ten years, the votes of five Council members to amend (a) the Land Use and Circulation Element or (b) Downtown Community Plan, where that amendment would increase the maximum height limit or floor area ratio in any land use designation, with exceptions for 100% Affordable Housing Projects and property owned by Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District?	Yes No
MEASURE TL: Shall the Santa Monica City Charter be amended to prohibit any person from serving as a member of the City Council for more than three terms, whether consecutive or not, where a term includes any full term of four years as well as any partial term of more than two years?	Yes No
MEASURE RR: Shall the City Charter be amended to change the eligibility requirement for service on the City’s Library Board, Personnel Board, and Airport Commission from that of “qualified elector” of the City to “resident” of the City and to ensure compliance with applicable laws related to compensation and reimbursement?	Yes No
MEASURE SMS: SANTA MONICA CLASSROOM REPAIR AND 21st CENTURY EDUCATION BOND: To improve, repair, and modernize outdated Santa Monica classrooms, science labs, libraries, instructional technology and other school facilities; improve school safety/security systems; shall Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District’s School Facilities Improvement District No. 1 (Santa Monica Schools) issue \$485 million of bonds at legal interest rates, averaging \$27.4 million raised annually to repay issued bonds through final maturity, from levies estimated at four cents per \$100 assessed value, with citizens’ oversight, annual audits, and all funds benefitting Santa Monica schools?	Yes No

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 67.6°

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3 ft knee to waist high occ. 4 ft
SSW swell eases as new, long period SW swell slowly builds. WNW/NW swell tops out.
Peak shape at combo beach-breaks.

SUNDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3 ft waist to stomach high
Slow rise in new SW swell. Overlapping NW/WWN swells. Peak shape at combo beach-breaks.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 365 Calls For Service On Oct. 25.

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

Fight 2500 block Kansas 12:32 a.m.

Traffic collision 11th / Wilshire 1:54 a.m.

Overdose 3000 block Santa Monica 3:12 a.m.

Person down 20th / Olympic 3:20 a.m.

Traffic collision 11th / Wilshire 5:31 a.m.

Encampment 600 block the beach 6:09 a.m.

Encampment 1000 block the beach 6:39 a.m.

Auto burglary 2500 block Main 7:23 a.m.

Petty theft 1300 block 4th 7:44 a.m.

Threats 300 block Olympic 8:13 a.m.

Vehicle parked in alley 200 block San Vicente 8:55 a.m.

Vehicle parked in alley 1800 block Euclid 8:55 a.m.

Threats 2000 block Cloverfield 9:01 a.m.

Fight 1700 block Ocean Front Walk 9:04 a.m.

Prowler 1300 block 20th 9:14 a.m.

Petty theft 300 block Olympic 9:17 a.m.

Traffic collision 1600 block Pico 9:21 a.m.

Threats 1900 block Pico 9:42 a.m.

Fraud 1400 block Ocean 9:53 a.m.

Auto burglary 2000 block Ocean 9:55 a.m.

Vehicle parked in alley 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 10:58 a.m.

Stolen vehicle recovered 800 block Centinela 11:10 a.m.

Vehicle parked in alley 1400 block 2nd 11:30 a.m.

Elder abuse 3100 block 4th 12:02 p.m.

Battery 600 block Santa Monica 12:54 p.m.

Vehicle parked in alley 2200 block Wilshire 1 p.m.

Auto burglary 300 block 9th 1:04 p.m.

Fraud 1500 block Princeton 1:13 p.m.

Assault w/deadly weapon 15th / Michigan 1:57 p.m.

Hit and run 23rd / Pico 2:12 p.m.

Grand theft 1400 block Santa Monica 2:33 p.m.

Traffic collision Cloverfield / Broadway 3:40 p.m.

Fraud 1500 block Princeton 4:03 p.m.

Auto burglary 2000 block Ocean 5:07 p.m.

Grand theft 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 5:11 p.m.

Traffic collision 300 block Olympic 5:40 p.m.

Petty theft 1600 block Ocean 6:03 p.m.

Battery 1400 block 16th 6:10 p.m.

Speeding Yale / Arizona 6:12 p.m.

Fight 2000 block Ocean Front Walk 6:18 p.m.

Fight 1900 block Ocean Way 6:20 p.m.

Burglary 1200 block 12th 6:32 p.m.

Identity theft 2400 block 18th 6:38 p.m.

Grand theft 1200 block Hill 7:06 p.m.

Assault 6th / Wilshire 7:11 p.m.

Encampment 1300 block the beach 7:11 p.m.

Petty theft 1100 block 5th 7:38 p.m.

Encampment 1500 block 15th 8:22 p.m.

Prowler 2200 block 29th 9:04 p.m.

Arson 2700 block Santa Monica 9:53 p.m.

Traffic collision 19th / Pico 11:15 p.m.

Grand theft 2400 block oak 11:25 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 35 Calls For Service On Oct. 25.

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

Emergency Medical Service 1000 block 12th 1:12 a.m.

Traffic collision with injury 11th / Wilshire 1:54 a.m.

EMS 3000 block Santa Monica 3:12 a.m.

Automatic alarm 800 block 9th 5:37 a.m.

EMS 100 block Ocean Park 5:51 a.m.

EMS 1300 block 15th 7:02 a.m.

EMS 1800 block Lincoln 8:24 a.m.

EMS Moomat Ahiko Way / Ocean 8:41 a.m.

Traffic collision with injury 17th / Pico 9:21 a.m.

EMS 800 block Ozone 9:36 a.m.

Wires down 500 block 14th 9:49 a.m.

EMS 600 block Pico 10 a.m.

Automatic alarm 2000 block Main 10:04 a.m.

EMS 1900 block Pico 10:26 a.m.

Commercial vehicle fire 2700 block Pennsylvania 10:43 a.m.

EMS 1800 block Pico 11:00 a.m.

EMS 1100 block 11th 11:30 a.m.

Assist LAFD 700 block Rose 12:11 p.m.

EMS 100 block Wilshire 12:49 p.m.

Automatic alarm 1400 block 7th 1:08 p.m.

EMS 800 block Ocean 1:33 p.m.

EMS 1400 block Michigan 2:16 p.m.

EMS 1900 block Pico 2:50 p.m.

EMS 1400 block Olympic 3:19 p.m.

Traffic collision with injury Cloverfield / Broadway 3:40 p.m.

EMS 1300 block Ocean 5:03 p.m.

EMS 1900 block 17th 5:22 p.m.

EMS 1400 block Broadway 6:45 p.m.

EMS 1700 block Ocean Front Walk 7:27 p.m.

EMS 1400 block Ocean Park 7:32 p.m.

EMS 300 block Santa Monica Pl 7:56 p.m.

EMS 900 block Colorado 8:58 p.m.

Trash/dumpster fire 2700 block Santa Monica 9:54 p.m.

TRUMP

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where many of the packages were delivered.

Trump has insisted that those on the right have been victims of harassment as well, pointing to high-profile incidents in which conservatives have been accosted in restaurants and public spaces by political critics. A number of his allies, including his eldest son, Donald Jr., and conservative commentator Lou Dobbs, have used social media to promote the idea that the bombs may be a Democrat-run hoax.

Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina tweeted in Trump’s defense: “I didn’t blame Bernie Sanders when a Bernie supporter shot Congressman Steve Scalise. And I’m not going to blame President @realDonaldTrump for this nut job.”

That was a reference to the 2017 shooting that badly injured Scalise and others. The

gunman, James Hodgkinson, had posted social media messages suggesting he targeted Republicans.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders called it “disgraceful” to suggest the president bears any responsibility for the packages sent to his opponents. She told reporters Thursday that there’s a big difference between “comments made and actions taken.” She, too, cited the Scalise shooting.

Asked whether the president intended to tone down his rhetoric and personal attacks, she said the president would “continue to lay out the case in the differences between Democrats and Republicans” ahead of the midterm elections next month.

Associated Press writers Jill Colvin and Juana Summers in Washington, Thomas Beaumont in Des Moines, Iowa, Brian Slodysko in Indianapolis and Brendan Farrington in Tallahassee, Florida, contributed to this report.

DAILY LOTTERY



Draw Date: 10/24
3 21 45 53 56
Power#: 22
Jackpot: 750M



Draw Date: 10/23
5 28 62 65 70
Mega#: 5
Jackpot: 40M



Draw Date: 10/24
1 2 6 34 44
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 17M



Draw Date: 10/25
3 17 20 23 39



Draw Date: 10/26
MIDDAY: 8 1 8
Draw Date: 10/25
EVENING: 8 1 7



Draw Date: 10/25
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 11 Money Bags
3rd: 05 California Classic
RACE TIME: 1:46.40

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WORD UP!

timorous
1. full of fear; fearful: The noise made them timorous.
subject to fear; timid.
2. characterized by or indicating fear: a timorous whisper.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LALEE

Taking Aspirin with a Grain of Salt
■ A new large study suggests that a daily dose of aspirin does not lower risk of having a heart attack or stroke for the first time. A randomized trial of more than 12,500 people considered to be at moderate risk for cardiovascular disease found that the rate of heart problems didn't differ between those who took a preventive aspirin pill daily and those who took a placebo.
■ On the other hand, other studies have shown that aspirin appears to lower risk of a second heart attack or stroke.
■ One note: The study was funded by Bayer, which makes aspirin.



Robert Ward correctly identified the photo as Stone Candle Bar on Lincoln Blvd.

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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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Greg Johnson
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS

1 Goals for candidates
5 Operatic mishap
10 Counter
14 California Perfume Company, today
15 Hammer home
16 Focus of early genetics experiments
17 For worst cases
20 Pitch
21 Digs in the dirt
22 Dispatcher to many distress calls
23 Ward (off)
25 Deals with
27 Pension plan accumulation
33 Theater art since the 1400s
34 Implement used for cave-painting
35 ___ engineer (hydrodynamics specialist)
36 Security guard at a dock
38 Spanish word for "weights"
40 Take back, for short
41 Kosher
43 Attraction at St. Peter's
45 Secessionist, for short
46 Best-seller
49 Facility owned by Massport
50 Aural-but-unspoken "Hey!"
51 Pro whom Canadians call "Chartered"
53 In distress no longer
56 Always near a beach?
59 Fighting words
62 Plane measurement
63 "...___ as hard as lips can make it": Keats

DOWN

1 Fixes, or needs fixing
2 Speed-skating venue
3 It may hold many paper cups
4 Certain Marine Corps school graduate
5 Smartphone essential
6 Pair for a basketball game
7 Brewer's building
8 Many Nicholson portrayals
9 Cuisine with much cabbage
10 First *Star Trek: Voyager* ailer
11 Written regrets
12 Big ___
13 Agency concerned with noise exposure
18 Burden for servers
19 It's about 20 minutes from Düsseldorf Airport by train
24 Ichabod Crane in *Sleepy Hollow*
26 Fan's possible vantage point
27 Horse: fetlock :: human : ___
28 Like some waffles
29 Likely to benefit from restructuring
30 Meant for children
31 Stakeout evidence
32 Exasperating roommates
37 Alternative nickname for Tony
39 Presentation to valet parking
42 They covered the Senate long before C-SPAN
44 Achieve perfection
47 It's served in Elvis' *Blue Hawaii*
48 Onetime general-aviation "Big Three" member
51 Fight desperately
52 *Patriarche*, often
54 Extraordinary
55 No-longer-used auxiliary
57 Polish, perhaps
58 Slimmed-down version of prepared food
60 Wasn't playing
61 What one might hang in the street

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (OCT. 27)

You go into this new era playfully, a state that's only possible because your conscience is clear and your stress is low. This state is hard won. It's happening because you've mastered much of what used to stress you. Celebrate your luck; pay it forward. A sweet connection will keep on giving you gifts as it continues. Virgo and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 3, 26, 5 and 40.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

It's better not to get too deep into why people behave as they do. It could have something to do with you, but likely not. You won't regret staying within your own boundaries and letting others do the same.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You know someone really likes you when that person tries to be an all-around improved and heightened version around you. And when it's you doing this, it's a fair indication that you're the one smitten.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Stop putting it off! (And don't pretend like you don't know what this horoscope is about.) Not to live the life you want to live is an abuse of the present.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Whether or not you feel that you've been adequately loved, you are able to offer this to others. The big question is if you can you give it to yourself. Not everyone capable of self-nurturing. Hopefully you are. It will be essential to growth.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Communication gets tricky. If no one cares to try harder, conversation might devolve into people droning on about what they know instead people connecting with one another. You can steer it into better outcomes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Though other value systems may different from yours, that doesn't make them wrong. Stars illuminate your humanitarian instincts. And people are attracted to your instinct for tolerance and inclusion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

You came here to learn. So did they, although they might not be as in touch with their original intent. Embrace imperfection and open yourself to the lesson.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Inconvenient happenings can be fortuitous and seemingly lucky happenings can turn out to be a major pain. So don't be quick to judge. What happens will be pretty funny regardless of the ultimate outcome.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You sometimes question what people want from you, and this is only smart. You don't have to be a cynic to be on guard against the darker inclinations of human nature.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Blood is thicker than gossip. When it comes to your family, you're fiercely protective regardless of whether they are in the right or not. And, if necessary, they would be similarly protective of you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Pretending to be confident isn't the same as being confident. But the people who act like they have it all together don't fool you. You'd much rather see the confidence that comes from admitting the struggle.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Thoughts have power, so take control before they take control of you. And don't be surprised if your feelings are all over the place today. Ecstasy, jealousy, agony and boredom could all happen in the span of an hour.

MIXED COSMIC BAG

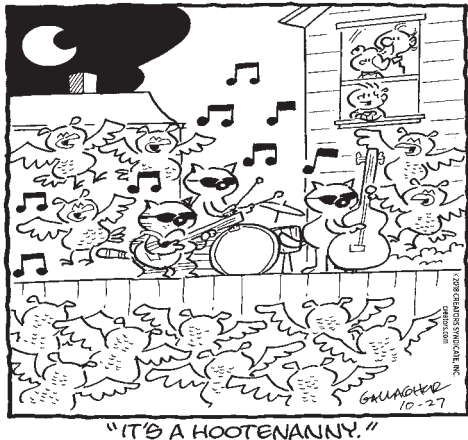
The omens are mixed today, fortuitous, cautionary, neutral. Choose your fate because it's anyone's game. If you've the daring to peer inside, you'll get an eyeful. And if you also have the guts to shake awake the sleeping desire, and the reflexes to dodge the secret wish ready to pounce, well, then this is where things should get very interesting.

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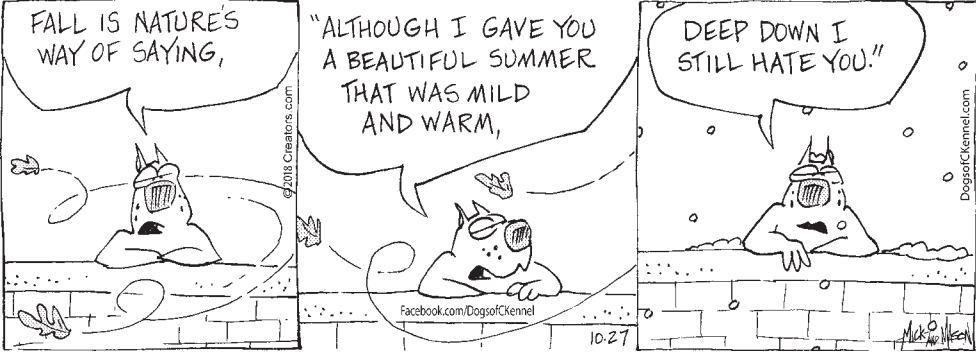
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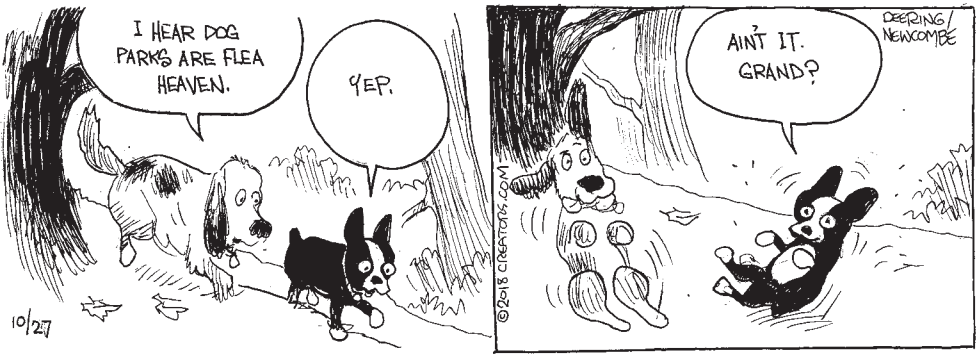
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MEASURES

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identify human trafficking when it occurs in their workplaces. The City's Commission on the Status of Women called on council to introduce the legislation in a letter that was written in conjunction with UNITE HERE Local 11, a union representing hotel workers in Southern California and Arizona.

Commission chair Sylvia Ghazarian asked council to require employers to provide hotel workers with panic buttons they can use to report misconduct and remove themselves from dangerous situations. She also recommended the City ensure workers are compensated fairly for burdensome workloads and create protections for mandatory overtime.

"Women in these jobs are at a higher risk of sexual assault because they are often isolated and rely on tips," Ghazarian said. "Sexual harassment policies are good, but do little to keep women safe in hotel rooms with no cameras. Women need a quick and easy way to summon emergency help."

The Center for Union Facts, an anti-union organization, obtained emails through a public records request that show Commissioner Madeleine Brand asked the commission to submit a letter to council using language the union had drafted outlining the proposed legislation to protect hotel workers. Brand also said a representative of Local 11 told her that council asked the union to present a plan to them to address discrimination against hotel workers.

"I have spoken with Daniel (sic) Wilson from UNITE HERE Local 11 and she shared that City Council has asked that they work quickly to get something to them," Brand wrote in one of the emails. "The Union is asking that our Commission submit a letter to City Council asking them to support Common Sense Legislation for Santa Monica hotels."

Charyce Bozzello, a spokesperson for Union Facts, said the organization believes Local 11 presented the legislation to council in a non-transparent manner.

"The Council has chosen to move forward with this controversial proposal — a proposal copied directly from Local

11's recommendations — without any of the careful analysis or independent study that typically accompanies major policy initiatives," she said. "The workload restrictions in particular could have unintended consequences for both employers and employees."

Local 11 representative Danielle Wilson said she thinks the union should make policy recommendations to council because it has extensively studied the issue of sexual discrimination against hotel workers. The union is pursuing similar legislation through ballot measures in Long Beach and Palos Verdes.

"The fact that the Commission received and credited input from the hotel workers union about an issue that vitally affects hotel workers' safety is hardly surprising," she said.

Wilson added that Union Facts President Richard Berman, a lobbyist based in Washington, D.C., has a history of creating nonprofit groups financed by corporate donors that aim to undermine Berman's political opponents, such as labor unions or animal rights groups.

Councilmember Kevin McKeown said City boards and commissions often form policy recommendations with the help of interested parties outside City government.

"For instance, our excellent Task Force on the Environment has repeatedly taken statements from sustainability stakeholders and brought that to the Council, helping us shape not only our Sustainable City Plan but any number of local environmental ordinances and policy initiatives," McKeown said.

At the Oct. 23 meeting, McKeown motioned council to prepare an ordinance to address discrimination against hotel workers rather than further study the issue.

"The Commission's concern and the testimony about women worker experiences were compelling, and informed my motion to pursue the issue by preparing an ordinance, not merely holding a study session," he said. "Santa Monica has long believed that we owe our hospitality workers dignity, respect, and protection."

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