

3&4
Letters to the Editor
Election priorities.

8
Three charged
In loan scam.

11
What's Up Westside
Upcoming events.

FRIDAY
10.28.22

smdp
Santa Monica Daily Press

Volume 21 Issue 292

smdp.com

Volley-Ween event encouraged friendly competition to support local businesses









Grace Inez Adams

BEACH: Clad in fish-scale pants and pelican hats, employees of local Santa Monica businesses went head to head this week in a beach volleyball tournament as part of a fundraiser for Santa MoniCares, an organization that brings together members of the city's tourism industry to support local non-profits. Dubbed "Volley-Ween," the event was the first of what the organization plans to make an annual occurrence. "We see it as a community-driven way to give back," said President and CEO of Santa Monica Travel and Tourism Misti Kerns, who helped organize the inaugural event. In addition to being treated to friendly - but still competitive – volleyball, attendees at the event also participated in a costume contest and enjoyed food and drinks at Perry's Cafe and Beach Rentals between matches. Participating teams including representatives from Loews Santa Monica Beach, Pierside Santa Monica, Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows and the Santa Monica Police Department.

Three stabbings in Downtown over four days

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica Police Department has responded to three stabbings and a total of five knife-related crimes in the past four days with police saying they are already planning to increase patrols in the area.

The first incident occurred on Monday, Oct. 24 at about 9:30 p.m.

A witness said an unknown man with what looked like a stab wound to his stomach area had approached him at the corner of Ocean and Colorado asking for directions to the nearest hospital. The injured man walked away from the witness and officers began searching the area.

Eventually, officers found a man outside the Ken Edwards Center on 4th Street who had two small stab wounds to his torso area. That victim was uncooperative with SMPD and refused to provide any information on his situation. He was transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening wounds but is not believed to be the same man who had initially asked for help.



Paige Prodonovich

VICTIM: A man was cut on his hand Thursday.

Then on Tuesday, Oct. 25, SMPD Officers were dispatched to Capital One Cafe (401 Broadway) at about 4:45 p.m. regarding a man brandishing a weapon. Officers immediately arrived on scene and detained, Steve Allen Wilson a 56-year-old homeless man, that was holding scissors. SMPD officers learned, prior to their arrival, Wilson went into the business and threaten to stab the security officer and the patrons inside. Wilson was arrested for criminal threats and the knife was recovered and booked as evidence.

On Wednesday, October 26, at about 12:50 p.m., SMPD Officers were dispatched to what originally was reported as an armed robbery at 332 Santa Monica Blvd.

A suspect entered the T Mobile store on the Promenade and began "acting hysterical and asking for help." When contacted by officers, the suspect pulled out two knives and barricaded himself in the back of the store. Members of the Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) responded and were able to talk the man into surrendering.

In that case, the man did not threaten to harm anyone other than

SEE **STABBING** PAGE 6

Welcome back, Hot Dog on a Stick

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

After being closed for the better part of 2022, Santa Monica's iconic beachfront snack shack Hot Dog on a Stick reopened Thursday without much fanfare. The prior 1940s-era building was fully demolished and replaced with a bright new version in its exact location but 50% larger, expanding from a tiny 440 square feet up to 680.

Despite its designation as a historic landmark, the Santa Monica Landmarks Commission approved the demolition, agreeing that the new version would retain landmark status.

"It'll still have the same signature red and white, still be primarily rectangular and shape, [still have] the windows in the front — all of those sorts of things," project architect Michael Riley described as his team was securing final permits late last year. "So, you know, there was a lot of thought [put] into making the building as close as possible to the existing building."

The project was a long time in the making. First proposed in 2009, the remodel was first paused due to a company bankruptcy declaration in 2014. More announcements came soon after in 2015, but by late 2021, the demo was still on hold.

Demolition finally began in early 2022, with an ambitious announced opening date of Memorial Day this year. That was eventually revised to Labor Day, but various delays kept the remodel from being complete

SEE **HOT DOG** PAGE 6



Gary Limjap
(310) 586-0339
In today's real estate climate ...
Experience counts!
garylimjap@gmail.com
www.garylimjap.com
COLDWELL BANKER
CalRE # 00927151

Buy Local SANTA MONICA
buylocalsantamonica.com
Support your community!

BACK OR UNFILED
TAXES?
ALL FORMS • ALL TYPES • ALL STATES
SAMUEL B. MOSES, CPA
(310) 395-9922
100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1800 • Santa Monica 90401

What to know about California's possible new tax on gas companies

GRACE GEDYE
Special to the Daily Press

Few things agitate drivers — and make politicians sweat — like rising prices at the pump.

Gas prices in California are consistently higher than the rest of the country, thanks to state taxes, a cleaner fuel blend, an isolated gas refining market and more. But in September, California prices jumped even higher and that gap grew wider.

Gov. Gavin Newsom pointed the finger at the gas industry when he talked to reporters in early October, saying companies were "fleecing" drivers and called for a new "windfall profit" tax on oil companies.

Valero, an international oil company that owns refineries in California, saw its profits from July to September increase 500% over the same period last year. And profits on West Coast gas operations increased dramatically in April through June, compared to the same time last year, at companies that own some of the state's largest refineries, an analysis by Consumer Watchdog found.

With Newsom planning to convene a special legislative session in early December to focus on the new tax, CalMatters spoke to experts about how the idea has worked in the U.S. and abroad.

WINDFALL PROFIT TAX'S CHECKERED PAST

This isn't something states have done often.

No state has done a windfall profit tax before, said David Brunori, a visiting professor of public policy at George Mason University and an expert on state-level tax policy. The one debatable exception: In 2006, Alaska began taxing net revenues on oil production, with a tax rate that increased as the price of a barrel of oil increased. After some tweaks in 2007, the tax brought in billions of dollars for the state, some of which was used to issue $1,200 payments to residents to help with high gas prices, according to the Seattle Times.

After the tax was imposed, however, drilling decreased and the amount oil companies invested in developing new oil dropped, according to the Alaska Journal of Commerce. But, Brunori said, it wasn't really a windfall profit tax because it wasn't a direct tax on profits. It's also not clear whether Newsom's proposal will look anything like Alaska's tax.

A windfall tax isn't likely to raise or lower gas prices, says Severin Borenstein, an energy economist at UC Berkeley, but it would be "very difficult to actually implement."

Policymakers have to decide exactly how much profit constitutes a windfall. "Above what level do we say, 'That's too much profit and we're going to tax it away?'" he said.

> These taxes, more than most, really are dependent on a moral argument, a moral justification, to exist, and when that starts to get picked apart by these fairness failures it really makes it a problem — Joe Thorndike

The United States temporarily embraced excess profit taxes during World War I, World War II and the Korean War, with mixed results. When the U.S. government massively ramped up spending during WWI, some companies saw their profit margins balloon. So, the government began taxing all industries' profits above a certain return on investment, which wound up bringing in about 40% of the tax revenue raised for the war.

But, because the taxes were complicated, well-paid attorneys at large companies could use "creative gamesmanship" to reduce their employers' tax bill, while small companies without a phalanx of lawyers shouldered more of the burden, said Joe Thorndike, director of the Tax History Project at Tax Analysts.

"These taxes, more than most, really are dependent on a moral argument, a moral justification, to exist, and when that starts to get picked apart by these fairness failures it really makes it a problem," said Thorndike.

The idea was revived in 1980, as the federal government prepared to relax price controls on oil produced in the U.S. That year, Congress passed what it dubbed a windfall profit tax, aimed at oil industry profits. The thinking, said Thorndike, was that companies would profit massively as crude oil rose to the market price, and the process would be expensive and painful for consumers. The tax, however, was not a tax on profits, but rather a system of excise taxes on oil, according to a Congressional Research Service report.

It wasn't a resounding success. During the eight years it was in effect, it brought in $80 billion — far lower than the $393 billion it was projected to generate, according to congressional researchers. Because the tax only applied to oil produced in the U.S., it likely decreased domestic production while increasing the country's reliance on foreign oil, congressional researchers found. It was also difficult for the Internal Revenue Service to administer, and difficult for the oil industry to comply with. So, in 1988 it was repealed.

EUROPE EMBRACES THE WINDFALL TAX

As energy prices have spiked in Europe and the United Kingdom, leaders there have also turned to windfall taxes. Greece, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Spain and the U.K. have all implemented their own, and six other countries have shown intentions to impose similar taxes, according to a September analysis by the Tax Foundation. In late

SEE TAX PAGE 8



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Election priorities

Editor:

As we vote for City Council and the other elected offices, I hope that we all are paying attention to candidate platforms, their statements in the many video events they have been involved in, and to where the money is coming from to support each candidate. The events of the past couple of years, and the recent goings on at our City Council should have us all sitting up and taking notice.

We must do our best to vote for representatives who will exemplify the Santa Monica we want to live in – not looking back, not complaining about, but moving forward. We are lucky to live here, and even as we deal with the challenges of today and tomorrow, we can commit to helping make our own town embody the community we want to live in – starting with who we elect to represent us.

Here is what I am looking for as I decide who to vote for:

First, I am looking for a commitment to civility, mutual respect and promotion of community. I expect our local representatives to embody what is best about Santa Monica, a community of people who care. The tone of how we treat people, our neighbors, our businesses, the people who work here and who visit here must be kind and respectful. I am looking for city council candidates who pledge to:

- Treat one another, as well as city employees, with courtesy and respect
- Hold discussions, especially those around controversial topics, with civility and honesty
- Are honest and straightforward, whether in agreement or disagreement

The best decisions are made by leaders and groups who seek out, welcome and hear differences of opinion and viewpoint; who make decisions transparently, and with respect; who negotiate compromises and consider alternatives openly.

Second, I'm looking for candidates who commit fully and honestly to justice for all, including finding a path forward that includes truth and reconciliation around newer and older injustices. Yes, all. We are a city that is part of a bigger metropolitan region – we are not a gated community for the 'haves' – if we want to benefit from money coming in, we must welcome everyone and provide amenities and services to all, no matter what their circumstances.

Tell the truth about May 31, 2020. Both the protesters who were attacked and brutalized by our own police, and the businesses and people who were impacted by the looters need to be acknowledged and heard officially. A substantive and genuine truth and reconciliation process is needed.

The Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission (PSROC) needs to be supported fully and chaired by someone who understands and hears from people of color and our own young people. We need to acknowledge that our very own Santa Monica Police Department is not perfect, and does need continual improvement. Even the best agency needs to commit to getting better, or else it will inevitably get worse. The PSROC is there to represent us – the voters of Santa Monica – not the Police Department, or the Police Union. The police work for us, and not the other way around. Let's engage together to make Santa Monica, including our Police Department, better. Let's think together and holistically about public safety.

Recognize and acknowledge that we are a part of the housing crisis, and that, as a wealthy city, we must be part of the solution. Homelessness is a multifaceted issue – caused and exacerbated by the lack of mental health services (including addiction care), and by the housing affordability crisis. As a city that increasingly exemplifies the extreme inequality of wealth in this country, we need solutions – if you don't agree with the ballot measure proposed by Mayor Himmelrich, what are your solutions? Don't create false equivalencies or false tradeoffs – be honest. It is not fair or effective to expect the police to be responders to mental health, drug addiction and related behavioral issues. We need to bolster our mental health and wrap-around services, bring in more resources and find ways to develop and ever more integrated approach.

Stop fighting state laws on housing construction and start working on solutions that will fulfill state laws in a way that promotes development that improves Santa Monica for everyone. We need more housing, especially affordable housing, if we want our children and those who work here to have any chance of living here. I want our representatives to stop waxing nostalgic for a mid-20th Century Santa Monica and focus on creating the 21st Century Santa Monica that we aspire live in.

Third, I'm looking for forward-looking elected representatives who will:

Invest in the infrastructure and services that make Santa Monica a wonderful place to live. These were gutted by the budgetary decisions that were made to deal with the catastrophic revenue losses of the early pandemic. Our libraries, farmers markets, after school programs, recreational programs and community events are what gives Santa Monica its community feel. We need them back, probably not exactly as they were, but in ways that move us forward. Fund the city so that staff can respond to and prioritize community needs and wants.

Fund our libraries fully. All of them need to be fully open and fully staffed – and we may need more staff that before, more childrens' librarians and some social services staff as well.

The children growing up in Santa Monica today are missing the ability to go to the library any or every day after school, or in the evening with their parents. Our toddlers and preschoolers are missing the early literacy programs, the love of books and of reading that our libraries and librarians offered my daughter and so many others. Our kids have lost so much, and our libraries can help get them back. We need more library hours and programs than ever.

Our libraries are a lifeline and a refuge for many of our unhoused or barely housed,– we have to give our libraries the resources and support to serve everyone in a way that makes the libraries comfortable for all.

Focus on transportation - not just traffic – but public transportation, biking and walking infrastructure and safety expansion. Ask Departments to require that everyone involved in biking and public transport planning, oversight and work utilize public transportation, bike and walk regularly.

Fourth: I'm looking for elected representatives and commissioners who are in it to improve the community and not to gain power or to give themselves a platform.

Hire staff well, pay them well, expect the best, treat them with respect and let them do their jobs.

Review and update the city charter to look for ways to streamline the way the city works. There may be no magic bullet, but perhaps there are some things we can do by allowing staff to do their jobs, and by asking the City Council and the Commissions to focus more on Strategic Direction and not on micromanaging (we the voters may also need to ask ourselves whether discussion of our particular issue belongs at city council or somewhere else).

Prioritize workforce housing, and creative ways to make it possible for city workers to live here. Require that city staff above a certain level do live here – we are a community, we need our staff to be part of the community 24 hours a day.

Finally: If you run for office, please make sure that you actually have the time, energy and personal bandwidth for the job. It's a lot of work. I dream of being able to attend a city council meeting without having to hear city council members be rude to one another, or to city staff, or to see a council member who clearly has not prepared, or is too exhausted to follow what is going on, or another who feels the need to lecture or pontificate rather than just move the business forward.

Our City Council represents us, setting policy and strategy, and hiring our leadership staff, and overseeing staff to make sure the city is run responsibly and professionally. The City Council sets the tone for how our city is governed and run. Let's make sure its members are worthy, committed, and honest people committed to making Santa Monica better, more welcoming, compassionate - friendly to business, children, tourists, staff, and yes, the unhoused. We are a very small city, and we are all essentially neighbors, so let's act that way.

These are my priorities, what are yours? Please use your vote to make choices that reflect your priorities for the city – not looking backwards or fighting for or against a single project you happen to care about. Think bigger, for our shared future.

Karen Wise, Santa Monica



PUBLISHER
Ross Furukawa
ross@smdp.com

PARTNER
Todd James
todd@smdp.com

EDITOR IN CHIEF
Matthew Hall
matt@smdp.com

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS
Charles Andrews,
Jack Neworth,
David Pisarra.

CIRCULATION
Guadalupe Navarro
ross@smdp.com
Keith Wyatt
ross@smdp.com

STAFF WRITERS
Emily Sawicki
emily@smdp.com

Grace Inez Adams
grace@smdp.com

DIRECTOR OF ADVERTISING
Cindy Moreno
cindy@smdp.com

ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE
Dina Araniva
dina@smdp.com

PRODUCTION
Esteban Inchaustegui
production@smdp.com

Julio Davalos
julio@smdp.com

AWARD WINNER

AWARD WINNER

Santa Monica Daily Press

1640 5th Street, Suite 218
Santa Monica, CA 90401
OFFICE (310) 458-PRESS (7737)
FAX (310) 576-9913

The Santa Monica Daily Press publishes Monday - Saturday with a circulation of 8,200 on weekdays and 8,000 on the weekend. The Daily Press is adjudicated as a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Los Angeles and covers news relevant to the City of Santa Monica. The Daily Press is a member of the California Newspaper Publisher's Association, the National Newspaper Association and the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce. The paper you're reading this on is composed of 100% post consumer content and the ink used to print these words is soy based. We are proud recipients of multiple honors for outstanding news coverage from the California Newspaper Publishers Association as well as a Santa Monica Sustainable Quality Award.

PUBLISHED BY NEWLON ROUGE, LLC

© 2019 Newlon Rouge, LLC, all rights reserved.

Sustainable Quality Awards WINNER

OPINIONS EXPRESSED are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the Santa Monica Daily Press staff. Guest editorials from residents are encouraged, as are letters to the editor. Letters to the Editor can be submitted to letters@smdp.com. Receipt of a letter does not guarantee publication and all content is published at the discretion of the paper. All letters and guest editorials are subject to editing for space and content. All submissions must include the author's name, address and phone number for the purposes of verification.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Condemn Antisemitism

Editor:

The Santa Monica Interfaith Council stands in unity with those mourning the 2018 Tree of Life synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh, commemorated on October 27, which took the lives of 11 souls.

Hateful words can lead to violent actions. The Santa Monica Interfaith Council condemns acts of prejudice and hate in all forms. During these challenging and divisive times we invite the people of Santa Monica to join us in pursuing peace, respect and understanding. May we all be partners in service to higher ideals.

Submitted by Kathleen Benjamin on behalf of the Interfaith Council

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to AB361

SUBJECT: **22ENT-0187, 3014 4th Street**
ZONING: OP2 (Ocean Park Low-Density Residential) District
APPLICANT: Jeff Appel, United Property Management, Inc.
OWNER: Jeff Appel, 4th Street Hacienda, LLC

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED: The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation application 22ENT-0187 for the property located at 3014 4th Street to determine whether the multi-family structure in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark and, if so designated, whether an associated Landmark Parcel should be defined and described in order to preserve, maintain, protect, or safeguard the Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will consider the application based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented demonstrates that the building meets one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation pursuant to SMMC Section 9.56.100(A).

DATE/TIME: **MONDAY, November 14, 2022 AT 7:00 PM**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Landmarks Commission and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The public may join the teleconference https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/sdcvvwkz or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 6739648 #).

HOW TO COMMENT: The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give public comment must make that request via email to planningcomment@smgov.net. Written information received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Landmarks Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. Written information received after 12 p.m. on the day of the hearing will be read aloud at the meeting for a total of three minutes.

Additionally, public comment can be made by telephone by calling 1-408-740-7256 (Meeting ID: 328601408 and Passcode: 2457 followed by #) when the caller queue opens for the item on which you wish to comment. Remarks from the public made by telephone will be limited to up to 3 minutes per item. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

QUESTIONS regarding the project may be addressed to Stephanie Reich, AIA, LEED AP, Design and Historic Preservation Planner at stephanie.reich@santamonica.gov

MORE INFORMATION: For disability-related accommodations, please contact planning@smgov.net or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. 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: Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica sobre una solicitud para remodilar un edifecio que tiene valor historico importante. Para más información: planning@smgov.net

CEPS responds

Editor:

In response to Wade Major's letter "SMMUSD Problems" dated 10/25/22, we at Community for Excellent Public Schools (CEPS) offer these observations.

1. Mr. Major denigrates data about district and student achievement, asserting that a litany of personal grievances trump facts. Can you imagine likewise disregarding data about crime or traffic congestion? Maybe in a post-truth era data has become meaningless?

2. Of course, Mr. Major has a proclivity for breathless hyperbole. The decrepit History Building, long viewed by Samohi students as an undesirable facility for classes, was in countless movies? We count one. And isn't creating a healthier learning environment for our children more important than any legacy to James Dean?

3. Major cites "unsupported teachers." So it's curious that Laurie Lieberman, Alicia Mignano and Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein are endorsed by the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association. Perhaps our teachers actually feel supported by these two incumbents and Ms. Mignano, a Latina who has been deeply engaged at Edison Elementary?

4. The candidates Major touts are endorsed by a PAC called A Brighter Future. These dissident candidates have faulted the current school board members for a lack of transparency and accountability and have at times leveled accusations of illegal activity. Yet since the end of June, A Brighter Future has not disclosed its donors and expenditures despite a clear legal requirement to do so. There's no transparency, no accountability and a clear violation of campaign finance law. To be affiliated with such an opaque organization shows a clear lack of ethics and judgment by these four candidates.

There's a lot of scurrilous rumors and outright lies circulating around town in all of the contested races. We at CEPS have taken a look at some of the gripes espoused in the SMMUSD Board contest and have addressed them on our website.

We invite readers of the Daily Press to visit www.cepssm.org to take a look at our FAQ page and urge them to vote for Lieberman, Mignano and Tahvildaran-Jesswein for school board.

Nicole Faries, Co-Chair of Community for Excellent Public Schools (CEPS)

Classifieds

Notice

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Margaret Davidson CASE NUMBER: 22STPB10609 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of Margaret Davidson A Petition for Probate has been filed by Donald Davidson & Daniel Davidson in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles-Stanley Mosk Courthouse. The Petition for Probate requests Donald Davidson & Daniel Davidson be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: December 12th 2022 Time: 8:30 a.m Dept. 4 Room - Address of Court: I Stanley Mosk Courthouse 111 N. Hill St Los Angeles, CA 90012 If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney or Party without Attorney: THE LAW OFFICES OF ROBERT A. WEST 2515 Park Marina Drive, Suite 102 Redding, CA (530) 242-0410 Published In The Santa Monica Daily Press 10/28/22, 11/04/22, 11/11/22

Help Wanted

IT
GumGum Inc. has an oppty for a Sr Data Engr. May wrk from our HQ office in Santa Monica, CA or reside anywhere in the US and wrk remotely from home. May wrk at other US locatns not prsntly known. Email resume w/Ref# SMVCH to hiring@gumgum.com. Must be legally auth to work in the US w/o spnsrshp. EOE

Opponents clash as California aims to force diesel trucks off the road

NADIA LOPEZ

Environmentalists and trucking industry groups sparred with clean air regulators today over a contentious proposal to phase out California's big rigs and other trucks with internal combustion engines and force manufacturers to speed mass-production of electric trucks.

The California Air Resources Board held its first public hearing on rules that would ban manufacturers from selling any new fossil-fueled medium-duty and heavy-duty trucks by 2040. The new rules would also require large trucking companies to convert their fleets to electric models, buying more over time until all are zero-emission by 2042. The move is part of the state's wider strategy to end its reliance on fossil fuels and cut planet-warming emissions.

"California is leading the transition to wide-scale electrification of trucks and buses," said board chair Liane Randolph. "These actions can show the world how to simultaneously address the climate crisis, improve air quality and alleviate key concerns identified by communities."

The proposed regulation received widespread criticism from both sides, as 167 members of the public lined up to speak at today's hearing. Environmentalists and public health groups called for a tougher rule that would speed up the 100% electric truck sales requirement to 2036 instead of 2040, while trucking companies said the proposal ignores concerns about electric vehicle costs and technology, lack of infrastructure and the loss of good-paying jobs.

The Air Resources Board is expected to hold a second hearing on the proposal and vote in the spring.

Jeff Cox, a truck driver of 24 years and owner of the Madera-based trucking company Best Drayage, worries the rule could drive many family-owned fleet operators out of business – especially those with certain types of trucks that the regulation would affect first.

"Obviously we all want cleaner air, but this would be catastrophic to the industry," he said. "We're operating in an already challenging environment. To add something else that is this drastic would be very harmful."

California often leads the country in passing stringent emission reduction standards. The new rule would lead to a transformation of the trucking industry, affecting about 1.8 million trucks on state roads. It builds on other mandates to reduce emissions in the transportation sector, including the gas-powered car ban adopted earlier this year and clean trucks regulation passed in 2020.

But environmental groups often say that while the air board's regulations on the transportation industry are well-intentioned, they don't go far enough to reduce the production or use of fossil fuels.

Andrea Vidaurre, a policy analyst at the People's Collective for Environmental Justice, said the effects of toxic diesel emissions from big rigs and other heavy-duty trucks in heavily polluted communities underscores the need for California to accelerate the transition. Diesel exhaust can lead to several health problems, including asthma and other respiratory illnesses, and increase the risk of hospitalization and premature death, according to air board staff.

"Families all across California are suffering," Vidaurre said in a statement. "The California Air Resources Board has a responsibility to maximize and accelerate the benefits identified in this report to those families to ensure that the rule reflects this critical need across the state."

The gradual conversion of existing fleets would apply only to federal agencies and "high-priority fleets," which are owned or operated by companies with 50 or more trucks or $50 million or more in annual revenue. Also affected: trucks weighing 10,001 pounds or more and package delivery vehicles of 8,500 lbs or more, including U.S. Postal Service, FedEx, UPS and Amazon fleets.

These companies and federal agencies could comply in one of two ways. They could choose to purchase only zero-emission trucks beginning in 2024 while retiring diesel trucks at the end of their useful life, or decide to phase in zero-emission trucks as an increasing percentage of their total fleet. The second option would require starting with 10% of delivery trucks and other types that are the easiest to electrify in 2025, then ramping up to 100% between 2035 and 2042.

The transition to electric trucks for many fleet operators would begin as early as 2024. These trucks have the strictest timeline since they are among the easiest to electrify, including delivery and drayage trucks, which transport cargo at railways and ports in Los Angeles and Long Beach. New models would need to be zero-emission in 2024, while diesel and gas drayage trucks must retire after 18 years.

Drayage trucks are among the most suitable for electrification because they may not need a long range to transport cargo to and from their destinations, and may have more down time for fueling, according to air board staff's analysis.

But Cox, of Best Dayage, said the rule fails to consider drayage companies with daily haul ranges of 200 to 400 miles that don't just operate at ports or railyards, such as those that transport goods within the Central Valley. Cox said the high upfront cost of electric trucks and lack of available models also worry drivers, who may not feel confident that the technology can improve before the mandate goes into effect.

"Getting the cart before the horse isn't going to help matters by forcing the purchase of a vehicle that doesn't exist today," he said. "This is both impractical and impossible to comply with."

Chris Shimoda, a senior vice president at the California Trucking Association, which represents truck drivers, said the heavy weight of electric truck batteries could force trucks to forgo around 8,000 pounds of their load capacity, increasing the need for more trucks and drivers to transport cargo at a time when the industry is already facing a worker shortage.

Just 1,943 zero emission medium and heavy duty vehicles are on the state's roads, and nearly all of them are buses. About 300 are zero-emission commercial trucks, and less than 90 are electric semi-trucks. The rule would add about 510,000 carbon- free medium and heavy-duty vehicles to roads and highways in 2035, increasing to 1.2 million in 2045 and nearly 1.6 million in 2050.

To meet that demand, Shimoda said the state would need to install as many as 800 chargers per week to power truck fleets, representing anywhere from 64 to158 megawatts of new charging capacity, or enough to power 118,000 households.

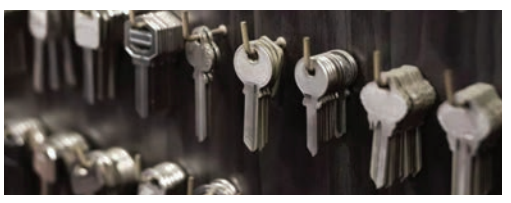
"We don't even know that chargers are going to be in place in the next two years to have somewhere to plug in the trucks," he added. "We can't even lose time to charging if there's nowhere to charge."

Some board members questioned whether the California Public Utilities Commission was prepared to build out the necessary infrastructure and power grid improvements under the proposed timeline.

"This is really a very large undertaking," said board vice chair Sandra Berg. "I'm trying to understand where the grid problems are going to be and how they can be resolved. How much time do we really need here?"

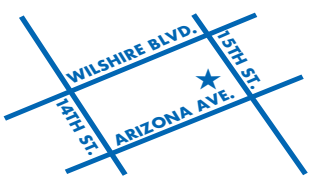
Air board member Daniel Sperling, who is also the director of the Institute of Transportation Studies at UC Davis, echoed

SEE **TRUCKS** PAGE 7

Bundy's Lock & Safe Co.
Since 1929
HOUSE LOCKOUT | 93 YEARS OF KEYING
REKEYING SERVICES | FAMILY BUSINESS
RESIDENTIAL SAFES | LICENSED & INSURED

CALL US (310) 473-8951
COME SEE US AT OUR NEW LOCATION 11662 W. PICO BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA, 90064

Southern California SCD Disposal & Recycling Co.
PUBLIC DUMP
IN SANTA MONICA
Family Owned & Operated Since 1913
COMMERCIAL | RESIDENTIAL | RENT-A-BIN
ROLL-OFF | LOW-BOY RENTAL | CITY APPROVED

Construction Credit (310) 828-6444 www.SCDisposal.com

FINDING A NEW DENTIST IS TOUGH!!!
(BUT WE MAKE IT EASY!!!)
YOUR CHOICE
If you don't like what we have to say we will give you a copy of your x-rays at no charge
DENTAL CARE WITHOUT JUDGEMENT!
WE OFFER UNIQUE SERVICES
*Nitrous Oxide available
*No interest payment plans
*Emergencies can be seen today
*Our dentists and staff members are easy to talk to
TRY OUR NO OBLIGATION
$20 EXAM
INCLUDES FULL XRAYS
*Offer to non insured patients
OR
TRY OUR NO OBLIGATION
$99 EXAM AND CLEANING
For New Patients
INCLUDES FULL XRAYS
*Offer to non insured patients
AND OF COURSE WE DO
• Invisalign • Periodontist on Staff • Oral Surgeon on Staff
• Cosmetics and Implants • Zoom bleaching • and more
SANTA MONICA FAMILY DENTISTRY
DR. ALAN RUBENSTEIN
1260 15th ST. SUITE #703
(310) 736-2589
WWW.ALANRUBENSTEINDDS.COM


HOT DOG

FROM PAGE 1

until this week.

"The Hot Dog on a Stick Muscle Beach location is where our brand's history began, and we are forever grateful to the locals in the area for giving us such an amazing start," Jenn Johnston, President of Hot Dog on a Stick, said in a statement provided by spokespeople following the demolition earlier this year. "For over 75 years, it has been our pleasure to serve up smiles with our fresh, hand-stomped lemonade and signature stick offerings. We built a unique experience that people seek out, all while not losing our authenticity."

The reopening was a low-key affair. The day it opened, the new and improved Muscle Beach Hot Dog on a Stick saw a steady stream of customers including young couples, families and workers on lunch break.

A spokesperson for Hot Dog on a Stick confirmed there was no celebration planned to kick off the reopening, but wrote in an email that "We plan to have a big celebration next year. Right now, we were focused on being open again and serving our amazing fans!"

The storefront, located at 1633 Ocean Front Walk between the Santa Monica Pier and Chess Park, is open each day from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

emily@smdp.com



Emily Sawicki

LEMONADE: The new building looks very similar to the old but is a little larger.

STABBING

FROM PAGE 1

himself and he was transported for a mental health evaluation.

Another stabbing occurred on Thursday, October 27 at about 2 p.m. on 4th street between Colorado and Broadway during a robbery. A man was lying on the sidewalk holding a bag when a second man approached him and tried to steal the bag. During the altercation, the victim was cut on his hand and the suspect fled on foot. Officers were on scene within a couple of minutes and were able to arrest the suspect at the corner of 5th and Colorado.

SMPD Sgt. Erika Aklufi said the department already has plans to increase patrols in the area.

"We're already going to be increasing our number of officers in the downtown area for the holiday deployment that starts in a few weeks," she said. "We're also going to be permanently increasing the number of officers assigned to the downtown unit with our next deployment that starts in January.

SMPD has deployed other additional officers downtown in recent months including a bike patrol deployed in the area to support officers already stationed there, reassigning the neighborhood resource officer to the Promenade and a transit detail to address safety concerns at bus stops.

In August, Chief Ramon Batista said those efforts had reduced overall calls for service downtown while increasing arrests by about 30 percent.

Sgt. Aklufi said the department continues to see an impact from its increased patrols despite the recent rash of incidents.

"We're noticing it's made a positive change having more officers down in the area, everyone down there has noticed a positive difference."

Crime rates have been on par with last year according to figures released by SMPD.

Serious crimes, decreased by nine calls year on year for the first six months of 2022. Less serious crimes, increased by 8 percent or just over 100 calls with almost all of that accounted for in simple assaults.

editor@smdp.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

LOS ANGELES

2 dead in Southern California shopping center stabbing

Two people were fatally stabbed Thursday at a Los Angeles County shopping center, authorities said.

A woman was pronounced dead at the scene at the shopping center in Palmdale. A man was taken to the hospital, where he also died, according to the Sheriff's Department.

Detectives were called to Palmdale around 1:15 a.m. to investigate the double-stabbing. The victims' identities were not released, the sheriff's department said.

Other details were not immediately available, including whether authorities have a suspect in custody.

SUBMITTED BY ASSOCIATED PRESS



TRUCKS

FROM PAGE 5

many of the concerns raised by the trucking industry about installing charging stations and making rapid grid improvements.

"I'm having the same whiplash experience that so many fleets have been talking about —the challenges they're having and getting hooked up to the infrastructure," he said. "Why are we hearing from these fleets —some of them are saying that they're not even being given a timeline for when the infrastructure will be in place."

Yulia Shmidt, an analyst for the Office of Ratepayer Advocates at the California Public Utilities Commission, assured the board that the agency was making significant investments in grid upgrades.

"That is certainly a concern that we are deeply thinking about and that is why we're looking at the forecast to see where the new load may come from so that we can trigger upgrades in those areas if they're needed,"she said.

Many truck drivers at the hearing called the proposal unfair due to the high costs of purchasing an electric truck compared to that of a traditional diesel truck.

Air board staff estimate that truck drivers and companies would pay higher upfront vehicle prices now but expect those costs to go down as more models enter the market, eventually bringing the cost down to that of a conventional truck.

When comparing diesel and electric trucks in 2035, staff project that buying and operating an electric semi-truck over its lifespan, for example, could range between $765,000 and $1.1 million compared to a gas or diesel truck, which could cost between $919,000 and $1.2 million. These totals exclude state and federal subsidies that some companies could receive to help them pay for a truck.

Staff also said lower maintenance and operational costs would save fleet operators money over time.

Though trucks represent just 2 million of the 30 million registered vehicles in the state, they are the largest single source of air pollution from vehicles. Heavy-duty trucks spew 70% of the state's smog-forming gases and 80% of carcinogenic diesel pollutants, according to the air board.

Sam Wilson, a senior vehicles analyst with the Union of Concerned Scientists, a science advocacy organization, said the air board needs to tighten the rule to get more emission reductions from the most polluting trucks to avoid the damaging effects of diesel exhaust.

The proposal has different deadlines for phasing in new sales of electric models, varying based on the size and type of truck, until all are electric by 2042. In addition, the requirements for converting fleets would not apply to smaller companies that operate less than 50 trucks, unless they were using a larger company's trucks. They could keep their trucks as long as they want under the proposal, although their new purchases would have to be zero-emission by 2040.

Wilson said the requirement for fleet operators who manage some of the largest and most polluting trucks — such as long-haulers, big-rigs and semis — should be put on a faster electrification timeline, with a phase-in starting date in 2027 rather than 2030.

He also said the proposal threshold of 50 trucks should be lowered to 10 trucks for these fleet operators, given the outsized role large trucks have in emitting deadly soot pollution. A fleet of 10 tractor trucks emits about three times as much nitrogen oxide – a smog-forming pollutant – and about the same amount of fine particulate pollution as a fleet of 50 delivery vans, according to air board staff's estimates.

"There's a difference in the amount of pollution that is emitted between a plumbing company that has 50 vans, for example, and a hauling company that has 50 tractor trucks," he said. "In order to account for this, a fleet of tractor trucks should have a compliance threshold of 10 rather than 50 just to account for the extremely disproportionate impact that they have."

A coalition of representatives from several states, including New York, Washington, Wisconsin and Connecticut, urged the board to adopt the rule and said they would move to implement it in their states too.

"The board's approval of the advanced clean fleet regulations will enable New York and other states to adopt those regulations to support the needed transition to zero emission transportation and cleaner, healthier communities," said Jared Snyder, the deputy commissioner for Air Resources, Climate Change and Energy at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Although California legislators have no direct say over whether the board adopts the rule, dozens of lawmakers weighed in on the proposal — and vastly disagreed about it.

In a letter to the air board, a group of state legislators, including Democratic Sens. Nancy Skinner of Berkeley and Josh Becker of Menlo Park, and Assemblymember Cristina Garcia of Bell Gardens, agreed with environmentalists. They note that these changes are achievable due to this year's massive $54 billion climate investment, which includes $10 billion in state funding to rapidly deploy electric vehicles and charging stations.

The climate package allocates billions for electrifying medium- and heavy-duty trucks, including $1.1 billion for zero-emission trucks, buses, off-road equipment and fueling infrastructure and $400 million for charging stations at ports. Truck drivers and companies could receive additional benefits through the federal Inflation Reduction Act, which includes a 30% tax credit for zero-emission commercial vehicles and charging stations.

But in a separate statement, some legislators including Democratic Assemblymembers Blanca Rubio of Baldwin Park, Carlos Villapudua of Stockton and Rudy Salas of Bakersfield — especially those from rural areas or with high concentrations of fleet operators in their districts — sided with the trucking industry, saying the proposal is too "aggressive" and places many financial burdens on fleet operators. They also said the plan fails to address many technical challenges, such as the toll electric trucks will have on the grid as power demand grows, and the fast-charging needs of heavy-duty rental vehicles like water and dump trucks that operate in remote locations.

This article was originally published by CalMatters.

SEND YOUR NEWS TO THE EDITOR

Santa Monica Daily Press editor@smdp.com

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.



Measure DT would raise funds that go directly to the City Council's pocket. The taxes from Measure DT are for unrestricted use by the City Council.



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.



Measures GS and DT could increase taxes by 800% on seniors who have lived in Santa Monica for decades and are looking to sell their homes for retirement. Our seniors cannot afford this tax increase.

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

Ad paid for by No on Measures DT & GS, Santa Monicans Against Ridiculous Taxes, sponsored by Santa Monica business property owners
Committee major funding from
California Business Roundtable
California Association of REALTORS®

Vote NO on Measures DT & GS!

City of Santa Monica
WOODLAWN
Cemetery
Mausoleum
Mortuary
FD #2101

Helping families honor, remember, and celebrate life.



• Traditional Burial • Green/Natural Burial • Cremation
• Funeral Planning & Mortuary Services
ALL IN ONE LOCATION

1847 14th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404 ▪ (310) 458-8717 (on-call - 24/7)
woodlawn.cemetery@santamonica.gov ▪ www.woodlawnsm.com

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to AB361

SUBJECT: **22ENT-0179, 325 Georgina Street**
ZONING: R-1(Single-Unit Residential) District
APPLICANT: Katherine Shank Holtz
OWNER: Shank Family Trust, Eugene F. Shank Trustee

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED: The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation application 22ENT-0179 for the property located at 325 Georgina Street to determine whether the single-family structure in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark and, if so designated, whether an associated Landmark Parcel should be defined and described in order to preserve, maintain, protect, or safeguard the Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will consider the application based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented demonstrates that the building meets one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation pursuant to SMMC Section 9.56.100(A).

DATE/TIME: **MONDAY, November 14, 2022 AT 7:00 PM**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Landmarks Commission and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The public may join the teleconference https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/sdcvvwkz or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 6739648 #).

HOW TO COMMENT: The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give public comment must make that request via email to planningcomment@smgov.net. Written information received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Landmarks Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. Written information received after 12 p.m. on the day of the hearing will be read aloud at the meeting for a total of three minutes.

Additionally, public comment can be made by telephone by calling 1-408-740-7256 (Meeting ID: 328601408 and Passcode: 2457 followed by #) when the caller queue opens for the item on which you wish to comment. Remarks from the public made by telephone will be limited to up to 3 minutes per item. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

QUESTIONS regarding the project may be addressed to Stephanie Reich, AIA, LEED AP, Design and Historic Preservation Planner at stephanie.reich@santamonica.gov

MORE INFORMATION: For disability-related accommodations, please contact planning@smgov.net or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. 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: Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica sobre una solicitud para remodilar un edifecio que tiene valor historico importante. Para más información: planning@smgov.net

TAX

FROM PAGE 2

September, the European Union agreed to a windfall tax on oil and gas profits.

Different countries have taken different approaches. Hungary, for example, is taxing a wide range of sectors, from petroleum producers to renewable energy companies to pharmaceutical companies, while the U.K. is taxing oil and gas companies within the country. Italy has seen much less revenue than expected, seemingly caused by Italian energy companies not complying with the tax.

Because these taxes in Europe are so recent — and because they are temporary — it's hard to tell what impact they will have, said Sean Bray, the EU tax policy analyst at the Tax Foundation.

Here in California, Borenstein, the energy economist at Berkeley, hopes the Legislature will use the special session to discuss what he sees as the Golden State's "fundamental problem" when it comes to gas: figuring out how to maintain adequate supplies while the state is using its cleaner blend and is trying to phase out fossil fuel usage.

"We ignore this issue entirely, until there's a big price spike," said Borenstein. "And then everybody runs around yelling about how outrageous this is, instead of actually having a serious policy discussion of what's the right way to deal with this."

SO HOW WOULD THIS WORK?

Details are spare at this point. But the basic idea is that companies that extract, produce and refine oil would pay a higher tax rate on their earnings above a set amount each year, a spokesperson for the governor said. The money raised by the tax would be sent via refunds to "California taxpayers impacted by high gas prices," said a spokesperson for the governor in an email.

The logic behind windfall profit taxes is to tax a company at a higher rate when they're making giant profits — a "windfall" — for some reason not of their own making.

Often there's a moral dimension to the thinking as well, said Kirk Stark, a tax law professor at UCLA. Theoretically, taxing extra high profits at an extra high rate should make companies less likely to capitalize on circumstances like war and natural disasters to jack up prices — like a shopkeeper who raises the price of bottled water from $2 to $40 following a hurricane. "There's almost a kind of moral judgment that, in some situations, market prices can be immoral," said Stark.

Getting the incentives right is tricky, said Borenstein, as is preventing companies from evading the tax. If, for example, the state taxes profits at California refineries, those refineries — owned by companies including Chevron and Valero — could start buying oil from another division of their parent companies at higher prices.

By doing that, they could reduce their profit. And if they're no longer making large profits, their tax bill would go down.

"The devil is in the details," said Borenstein.

This article was originally published by CalMatters.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Trio charged in $3.4 million home improvement loan scam

Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón has announced that three people have been charged in a 159-count complaint with identity theft, grand theft and residential burglary in a home improvement loan scam that cost lenders $3.4 million.

"This alleged scheme preyed on low-income homeowners, many of whom were elderly and did not speak English. They thought they were getting a deal on home improvements, but they ended up living in fear of losing their homes," District Attorney Gascón said. "Let these charges serve as a warning to anyone thinking about scamming consumers in Los Angeles County: we will work tirelessly to stop your schemes and hold you accountable.

I thank the team of investigators in my office and the Contractors State License Board and the prosecutors in my Economic Justice and Notario Fraud Unit for their hard work on this three-year investigation. If you or someone you know believes they were victims of this scheme, please call CSLB at (916) 255-4161."

Norbertas Sinica of Thousand Oaks (dob 12/27/84), Selena Garcia of Riverside (dob 8/19/95) and Kelliams S. Chavistad of Long Beach (dob 06/27/80) are named in case BA510001.

Sinica is charged in 159 felony counts. The charges include 10 counts of residential burglary, 32 counts of identity theft, nine counts of financial elder abuse, 32 counts of false personation, 32 counts of causing a forged instrument to be recorded and 34 counts of grand theft.

Garcia is charged in 102 felony counts. The charges include six counts of residential burglary, 16 counts of identity theft, 16 counts of false personation, six counts of financial elder abuse, 22 counts of causing a forged instrument to be recorded and 23 counts of grand theft.

Chavistad is charged in 91 felony counts involving 20 victims. The charges include six counts of residential burglary, 20 counts of identity theft, 20 counts of false personation, three counts of financial elder abuse, 20 counts of causing a forged instrument to be recorded and 21 counts of grand theft.

The three were arrested today and are expected to appear for arraignment Friday in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Sinica owned and operated Eco Technology, which advertised tankless water heaters and other energy-efficient products. Garcia and Chavistad were employed by the company to solicit customers.

While on in-home sales calls in 2018 and 2019, the company representatives allegedly would tell customers that the energy efficiency upgrades would cost them nothing. The representatives would allegedly collect personal information from the homeowners and use it to apply for loans through the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program for Eco Technology's benefit. PACE allows property owners to finance energy improvement projects as a tax assessment on their property tax bills.

In most instances, the homeowners were not aware that an assessment had been recorded against their property until they received their tax bills, which had increased significantly. There are 32 homeowner victims cited in the complaint.

Most of the tax levies were later discharged by the lenders, costing PACE $1.3 million and the energy trading company Energy Efficient Equity, Inc. (E3) $2.1 million.

SUBMITTED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S MEDIA RELATIONS DIVISION

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 28)

Ending up where you started can be wonderful or terrible. It's wonderful if you traveled far and wide, like Dorothy down the yellow brick road to Oz. It's terrible if you never left. This year, you'll leave, explore, make friends, have adventures, face danger, produce magic, see the sights and love with your whole heart. Gemini and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 38, 8, 19 and 42.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Day holds golden potential, particularly in the morning hours. Even if you don't mean to create beauty, you will. Because you can't resist making things and once you get involved, your taste and preferences make the rest inevitable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You can save yourself hundreds, if not thousands, of wasted hours by doing your research before setting your aim. Start with someone who already has what you're after. Are they happy with it? Ask for tips.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Remember when you couldn't get motivated? But you made it easy for yourself, pushed for one tiny step, then a little more and more... now you're well on your way. You can use your experience to help someone else.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Kindness is your rule. It doesn't always work out that way but as you set the intention repeatedly, you work toward a state of being in which the kind thing to do is your automatic default.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You may notice yourself seeking validation from someone. You don't need this, especially since it gives that person the chance to invalidate you as well. If anyone is going to give you points for good behavior, let it be you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Long ago you got in the way of your own success. This time around, you'll do it differently. It's not an identical situation, but it's alike enough to give you the satisfaction of directly applying what you learned to good effect.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). For some, it's not having love, but getting love that drives them. You enjoy the chase too, and there is much excitement to be had in this regard. But you will wisely cherish your catch.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your attitude is upbeat and confident. Because you care more about helping others than you do about forwarding your own interests, you'll forge bonds of trust and land easily in situations of mutual admiration and promotion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In the thick of a learning process, it's totally normal to get worse at it before you get better. But if the trend continues, get some space between you and the project. Perspective is needed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). "Location, location, location..." is not just the mantra for business success, it's a consideration for all. The crucial step to getting what you want will be showing up at the location where what you want is happening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You wonder if someone thinks of you. They do, although less than you hope or fear. If thoughts had any mass at all, if they could be seen like clouds or weighed like pennies, you'd find this math both intriguing and liberating.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Having to learn a thing can be humbling, certainly a worse feeling than simply learning what's being taught. But the mandatory lesson lands with more emphasis and staying power. The hard way cuts to the quick.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

P	O	I	S	E	■	I	G	O	R	■	P	R	A	M
A	S	W	A	N	■	M	O	N	A	■	R	O	L	E
W	H	O	L	E	W	H	E	A	T	T	O	A	S	T
N	A	N	A	■	R	O	S	T	E	R	■	D	O	E
■	■	■	M	I	I	■	■	I	D	I	O	■	■	■
■	S	K	I	M	T	H	E	P	R	O	F	I	T	S
T	O	N	■	P	E	A	R	■	■	■	A	D	A	M
A	L	A	■	■	S	T	U	N	G	■	■	A	G	O
L	A	V	A	■	■	■	P	A	R	E	■	H	U	G
C	R	E	A	M	O	F	T	H	E	C	R	O	P	■
■	■	■	H	E	R	O	■	■	T	O	E	■	■	■
S	P	A	■	G	A	L	O	R	E	■	A	D	D	S
H	A	L	F	A	N	D	H	A	L	F	D	E	A	L
U	S	E	R	■	G	E	N	T	■	R	U	B	L	E
N	O	S	Y	■	E	R	O	S	■	O	P	T	E	D

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

2	3	1	5	6	9	7	8	4
5	8	4	2	7	1	9	6	3
7	9	6	4	8	3	2	5	1
1	6	9	7	2	4	5	3	8
3	5	2	8	1	6	4	7	9
4	7	8	9	3	5	6	1	2
8	1	5	6	4	2	3	9	7
6	4	3	1	9	7	8	2	5
9	2	7	3	5	8	1	4	6

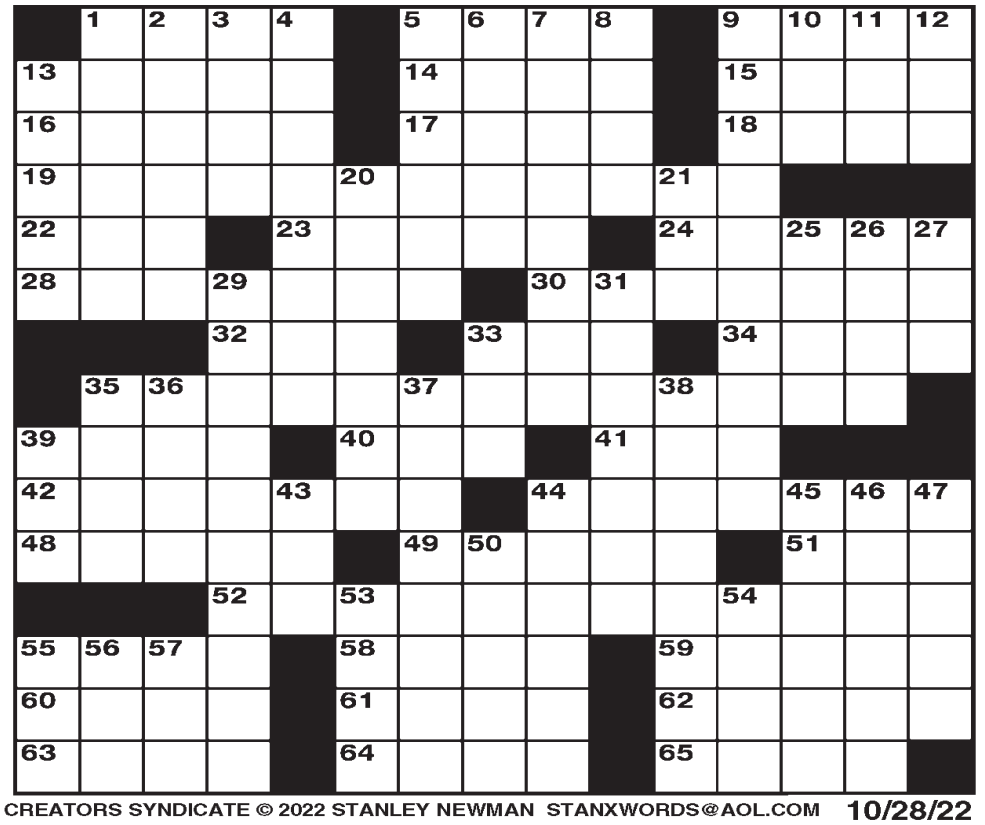
	5	9	2				7	
3			6		9			
	6	4		3				8
	3	1		4		7		
				9				
		7		2		8	6	
6				7		1	2	
			8		2			7
	4				5	3	8	

Newsday Crossword

ON PROLIFICITY by S.N.
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS
1 "I didn't mean that at all!"
5 Venerable soda brand (it's still around)
9 Multitude
13 Overly pricey
14 Stumblebums
15 Tolkien inspiration for Gandalf
16 Under-the-sink pipe
17 Move away from the gate
18 Scriptures reading
19 Source of quote
22 Fleecing candidate
23 Giraffe's head
24 Nickname like Kiki
28 With cheek
30 Percussion patterns
32 When the French fry
33 Fleecing complaint
34 Protective ring
35 First half of a quote
39 Unadorned
40 Country quarters
41 Pastoral place
42 Something to burn for your ears
44 Some 49 Across
48 Weapon for the Normans
49 Some NHLers
51 Middle of a medieval century
52 Second half of quote
55 Absolute ruler
58 Freshly
59 Kind of semiconductor
60 Unadorned
61 Director Dunham
62 Pair of sixes
63 Spots with springs
64 Proposal prologue
65 Scoundrels

DOWN
1 Parliament Hill city
2 *Fines* __ (haute cuisine seasoning)
3 Country singer McCoy
4 Left, to right
5 Send word to
6 To the penny
7 Figure of concentric triangles
8 Ancient Nile goddess
9 Breakfast staple
10 Literary homage
11 Volleyball team complement
12 Rock blaster
13 Opera extras
20 Hostile argument
21 Plane domain
25 Multi-Commandment starter
26 Common interfaith forum speaker
27 Imprecise no.
29 What a straight may be taken from
31 Prepare to punch
33 Proscribe
35 Festive function
36 Land led by a 26 Down
37 Tennis court boundaries
38 One with a coastal condo
39 42-gal. measure
43 Range of understanding
44 Knighted flutist
45 Cry for help
46 Passes over in pronunciation
47 Venues
50 Court selection after Sonia
53 Contemporary of 19 Across
54 Senator Murkowski
55 *Sunday Morning* airer
56 Sci-fi sound effect
57 Styled after



CREATORS SYNDICATE © 2022 STANLEY NEWMAN STANXWORDS@AOL.COM 10/28/22

MORE OF STAN'S CROSSWORDS! Play FREE from Stan's archives of Easy, Hard and Sunday puzzles at: tinyurl.com/stan-newman-crosswords

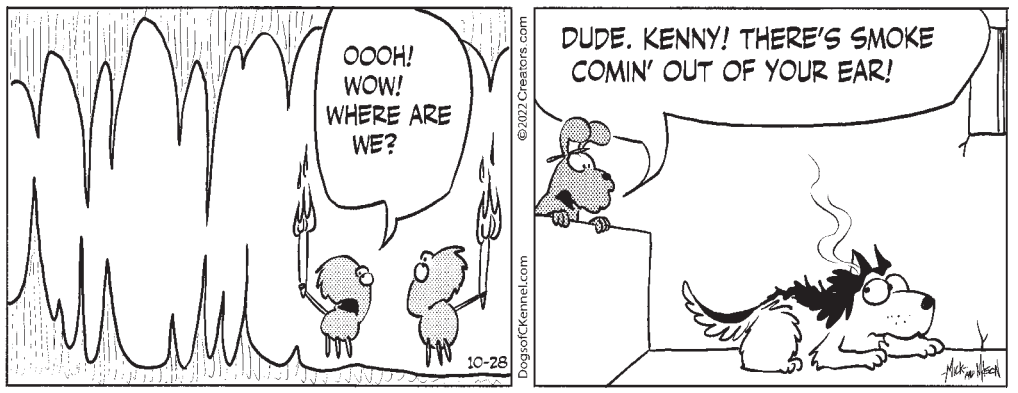
Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN



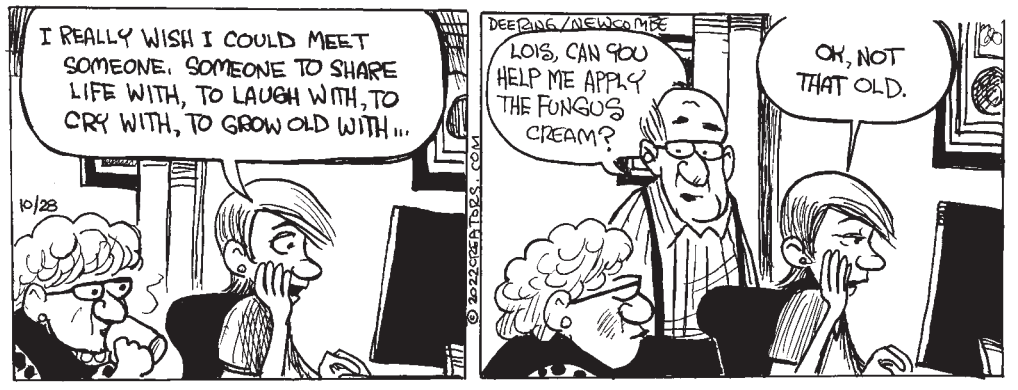
Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



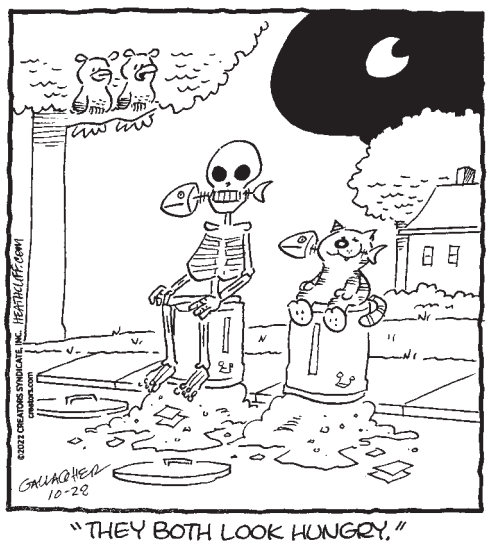
Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



Heathcliff

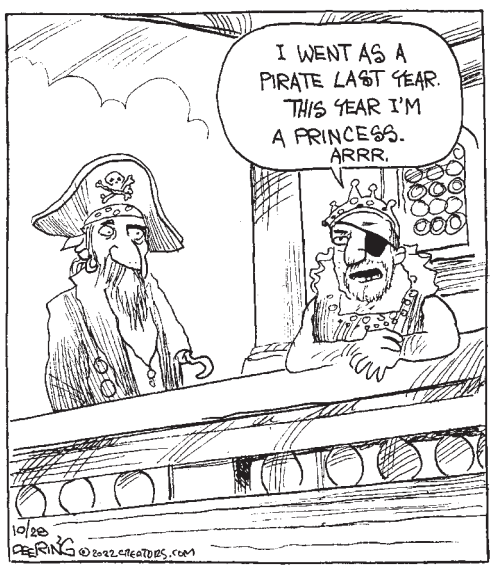
By PETER GALLAGHER



"THEY BOTH LOOK HUNGRY."

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 13 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

© australianwordgames.com.au 5646

Popular destinations

F	L	S	K	R	A	P	U	B	R	O	N	T	E	W
K	O	A	L	A	M	A	Y	A	N	C	O	A	C	H
L	W	U	K	K	O	R	O	R	A	O	S	F	R	A
O	G	E	S	E	R	Y	A	S	S	O	L	O	A	L
O	N	E	S	E	S	L	C	M	O	G	O	O	B	E
K	A	D	R	T	P	O	S	Z	P	E	R	E	C	S
E	R	Y	E	S	T	E	D	E	N	E	Y	L	M	R
M	E	R	V	T	I	O	L	G	A	S	L	D	U	O
P	N	T	I	R	V	C	R	I	U	E	T	O	W	N
S	K	A	R	I	D	E	I	B	C	X	T	N	S	Y
E	H	E	E	P	U	N	E	B	E	A	T	I	L	T
Y	H	W	R	C	E	T	W	R	M	G	N	N	S	I
C	I	K	L	T	O	R	S	N	A	V	A	R	A	C
I	K	A	D	O	T	A	T	O	P	M	H	S	I	F
F	E	E	D	B	U	L	L	U	S	H	E	L	L	S

Alps	City	Koala	Olgas	Shell
Arid	Coach	Korora	Omeo	Site
Ascot	Colo	Lakes	Ouse	Tour
Axes	Coogee	Look	Oyster	Town
Beat	Crab	Lost	Parks	Trek
Bega	Eden	Lush	Pelican	Trip
Bronte	Eldon	Manly	Potato	View
Bull	Eucla	Maps	Ramp	Weir
Busy	Feed	Maree	Rivers	West
Caravans	Fish	Maya	Roma	Whales
Central	Hike	Nerang	Ryde	Yass
Cherries	Kempsey	Ocean	Sail	Zoos

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.

Love every part of it

Covering the city by the bay since 2001.
To advertise, email cindy@smdp.com or call 310.458.7737
smdp Santa Monica Daily Press

What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

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.

MONSTER DASH
It's time for the Monster Dash! Sign up to walk or run on the 5K, 10K, 15K, and Half Marathon race on Sunday, October 30th starting at 7:30 a.m. Participants will meet along the beach path off of Bay Street & Ocean Avenue, near Crescent Bay Park and run a course consisting of counter clockwise loops around a marked beach path. All participants will receive a time and place and pictures for download following the race. 2000 Ocean Avenue, 7:30 a.m. Sign up online at https://www.raceplace.com/events/120547/santa-monica-monster-dash-5k-10k-15k-half-marathon-2022

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.

TRAVELING STORYWALK(R)
Read each page of Aaron Reynolds' Creepy Carrots, while you walk by the library. All ages. Find its current location on social media: follow us on Facebook (smpublib), Instagram and Twitter (@SantaMonicaLibr), or visit smpl.org. Santa Monica Public Library Branches

TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 1

MEDICARE 101
Elka Soussana of Simpler Horizons Insurance Solutions discusses current Medicare options:
*The four parts of Medicare
*Eligibility and enrollment
*How to transition to Medicare with minimal disturbance to your current care
Any and all questions welcome!
Montana Avenue Branch Library, 3 - 4 p.m.

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



SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **65.8**

FRIDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	Small mix of southerly swells with a bit of NW energy in the mix. Conditions looking favorable at this point but the late morning high tide will likely flatten most spots.
SATURDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	Watching for potential round of NW swell to move in as small mix of SSW swells also blends in. Likely a smaller day of surf but there could be a couple of tiny peaks to pick off at times. AM wind looks like, okay tide out of the gates.

WEATHER

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 69. Calm wind becoming west southwest around 5 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 55. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 72. North wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 55.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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
2022/10/30	Sun	9:04 PM	-0.10	L
2022/10/31	Mon	04:53 AM	3.56	H
2022/10/31	Mon	07:38 AM	3.38	L
2022/10/31	Mon	2:16 PM	5.17	H
2022/10/31	Mon	10:26 PM	-0.07	L
2022/11/01	Tue	05:53 AM	3.97	H
2022/11/01	Tue	10:18 AM	3.25	L

DAILY LOTTERY

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the winning number information, mistakes can occur. In the event of any discrepancies, California State laws and California Lottery regulations will prevail. Complete game information and prize claiming instructions are available at California Lottery retailers. Visit the California State Lottery web site at http://www.calottery.com

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 10/26
19 36 37 46 56
Power#: 24
Jackpot: 800 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 10/25
21 30 35 45 66
Mega#: 21
Jackpot: 64 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 10/26
5 8 31 46 47
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 37 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/26
5 9 18 19 28

Daily 3
Draw Date: 10/26
EVENING: 4 5 3
Draw Date: 10/26
MIDDAY: 0 2 7

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 10/26
1st: 11 - Money Bags
2nd: 04 - Big Ben
3rd: 06 - Whirl Win
Race Time: 1:46.77

ADVERTISE WITH US TODAY!
Santa Monica Daily Press

FREE DELIVERY

NOW AVAILABLE DAILY 9AM - 9:30PM

STORE OR CURBSIDE PICKUP
DAILY 8AM -9:50PM



Lockdown got you low?
Let ERBA DELIVERED
get you HIGH!
www.erbadelivered.com

12320 WEST PICO BLVD

VENICE | MARINA DEL REY | WEST LA
CENTURY CITY | SANTA MONICA
CULVER CITY | BEL AIR | MAR VISTA
BEVERLY HILLS | BRENTWOOD
MALIBU Now Delivering! | PACIFIC PALISADES Now Delivering!





DAILY SPECIALS

ErbaMarkets.com

Thank you to all Medical Personnel &
Essential Service Providers

THOUSANDS OF CANNABIS PRODUCTS TO CHOOSE FROM

CLAYBOURNE CO. · LEVEL · BLOOM FARMS · CANNDESCENT CALIFORNIA · CRU · HENRY'S ORIGINAL
kurvana · SMARTY PLANTS · Select · POTTERS CANNABIS CO · wana Enhance Your Life · Space Coyote · myhi

OBSERVING ALL CDC CONTROLS ERBAMARKETS | P. 310.207.1900 ERBAMARKETS.COM