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BOARDS: Some businesses spent Monday boarding up their windows in anticipation of trouble on election night.

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SMDP Staff Writer

Across Santa Monica stores are boarding up and ballots are going in. As the City prepares for the possibility of unrest, here is everything you need to know to navigate Election Day.

There are ten local vote centers that will be open until 8 p.m today. Residents can register to vote, drop off a ballot, or vote in-person at any center.

Polling locations and estimated waiting times can be found at www.locator.lavote.net. Wait times this weekend were at most 15 minutes, but are expected to be longer today.

Residents can also mail in a ballot via USPS today or bring it to a drop-off box by 8 p.m. Drop-off boxes are located by the Santa Monica Main

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Courtesy photos

ALTAR: Santa Monica residents who stopped by the Third Street Promenade and Santa Monica Pier this Halloween weekend spotted this year's Día de los Muertos Art Installation by artist Ricardo Soltero. Locals visiting the larger-than-life La Catrina sculptures also spotted Santa Monica High School students' own altars, which sought to celebrate the life and death of friends and family.

Santa Monica works to feed those in need

BRENNON DIXON
SMDP Staff Writer

Due to the challenges brought forth by COVID-19, more families than usual may find themselves food insecure this holiday season. But a number of local organizations are looking to partner with the community to feed more than 1,000 families this Thanksgiving.

More than half of Santa Monica College's 31,500 students have been identified as food insecure, meaning they lack reliable access to a sufficient amount of affordable, nutritious food. And SMC President Kathryn E. Jeffery recently noted that even the most conservative estimates predict the number of households without dependable access to nutritious food has, at the very least, doubled.

"Behind those numbers are real people, members of our communities," Jeffery added. But thanks to the "We are Santa Monica"

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Courtesy photo

PANTRY: Mt. Olive church has a small pantry outside.

'Raw exposed nerves': Anxious nation awaits Election Day

CLAIRE GALOFARO
AP National Writer

She could have dropped her ballot at the post office, but she wasn't sure if she should trust the mail. She considered slipping it into the secured ballot box just outside of City Hall, but what if something happened? A fire maybe; or theft.

This year has delivered so many shocks that anything seemed possible. So 58-year-old Diane Spiteri trudged up three flights of steps to place her absentee ballot straight into the hands of the clerk in this critical battleground suburb of Detroit.

As the traditional Election Day closes in, Americans are exhausted from constant crises, on edge because of volatile political divisions and

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anxious about what will happen next. Their agony is not in deciding between President Donald Trump or his Democratic challenger, Joe Biden. Most made that choice long ago. Instead, voters arriving in record numbers to cast early ballots say basic democratic foundations feel suddenly brittle: Will their vote count? Will the loser accept the result? Will the winner find a way to repair a fractured, sick and unsettled nation?

"I just can't wait until the whole thing is over. And I think it's long from over, even after Tuesday. There's just so much anxiety," said Spiteri, who voted last week for Biden. "I am hoping that there wasn't too much damage done in the last four years that it can't be undone."

Here in Macomb County and across the country, some say the stress has made them physically ill. Others have obsessively tracked polls to soothe their nerves, or bought guns, or researched moving abroad, or retreated to a cabin in the woods. Tension has ratcheted up, sometimes within families, as each side believes the other is threatening to usher in the end of America as we know it.

"Our country is in a state of chaos," said Roberta Henderson, as she deposited her ballot in Sterling Heights, Michigan. She voted for Trump in 2016. But she grew tired of his willingness to divide people for his own political gain, no matter the cost to the country.

This time, she voted for Biden.

A nation already uncertain about its future amid a worsening pandemic, an economic sucker punch and series of police killings that forced a national reckoning on racism is now contemplating the added threat of possible clashes in the wake of Election Day.

Caravans of Trump supporters clogged traffic around the New York metropolitan area this weekend. In Texas, cars and pickup trucks festooned with Trump flags swarmed a Biden campaign bus, sometimes boxing it in. Trump criticized the F.B.I. for investigating the incident, calling the drivers "patriots." Weeks ago, a group of men were arrested for allegedly plotting to kidnap the Democratic governor of Michigan. Gun sales are through the roof. Last week, Walmart announced it removed ammunition and firearms from displays, citing "civil unrest." Trump has refused to promise a peaceful transfer of power. He told a far-right group to "stand back and stand by."

About 7 in 10 voters say they are anxious about the election, according to an AP-NORC poll last month. Only a third are excited. Biden supporters were more likely than Trump voters to be nervous — 72% to 61%.

But Trump's supporters, too, said they feel a sense of dread. The president has warned them that if he loses the country would lurch toward socialism, crime would consume the streets, freedom would buckle under political correctness.

"If we let that other guy in, all hell is going to break loose," said Dan Smith, 53, who is retired from law enforcement in Norfolk, Virginia. He said he's supporting Trump because he's concerned about "law and order."

As the coronavirus crisis surges to more than 9 million infections and 230,000 dead, the election for many is a referendum on how Trump has handled the pandemic. In the final days of the campaign, he has continued to downplay the toll it has taken, and many of his supporters say they find no fault in his response.

In New Albany, Ohio, Jason Baker, a 44-year-old real estate agent, said that despite the fact that he and his family all had COVID-19 two months ago, he cast his ballot for Trump. He believes the pandemic has "been highly politized to the point where it's disgusting." He described his vote as "a chess move" toward protecting the issues most important to him: law enforcement and the economy.

But Theresa McGarity in Mount Clemens, Michigan, lost her mother to COVID in April at 76 years old. She was a God-fearing woman and had been teaching her 8-year-old great-granddaughter how to crochet. On Friday night, McGarity brought the child to an art installation: they filled a lawn with shoes, each representing one of Macomb County's approximately 1,000 dead from the virus. A raucous pro-Trump demonstration down the street could be heard as they read the age and hometown of each of their dead.

"I guess because it hit home, it's not political anymore. It's a plain, simple right and wrong," said McGarity, who already cast a ballot for Biden. "When someone in leadership is aware of something that could flip your whole world upside down and they don't inform you. And you have the right to vote to change that, shame on you if you don't."

Early voting numbers — nearly 90 million by Saturday morning — suggest 2020 will shatter voter turnout records. Trump has alleged that widespread absentee voting will lead to fraud, though there is no evidence to support that claim.

In Topeka, Kansas, Roger Randel, a 48-year-old pastor and Trump supporter, voted early in person, citing stories of mail-in ballots found in trays of mail discarded in a Wisconsin ditch — a case the White House seized on to cast doubt on the election's integrity. The Wisconsin Elections Commission later reported that no election ballots from that state were among the discovered parcels.

"If there are honest and fair elections, yes, I think they will be respected, but if there's a lot of fraud that's been caught and seen, I think it throws a damper on the election integrity," Randel said.

And in Wichita, 51-year-old Michael Long, a former civil engineer, also voted for Trump in person early instead of mailing his ballot, then planned to later check online to be sure it was counted. Long said he's had "a falling out" with friends and family because of the "elevated emotional tension."

In Macomb County, Terry Frandle hung Trump banners outside his house and noticed that neighbors who used to stop to chat crossed to the other side of the street, not even offering a "hello." Some drivers wave, some flip the bird. He doesn't blame Trump for the discord — he blames Democrats and the media for failing to give Trump a fair shake, he said. He plans to vote in person on Election Day.

"I just don't trust anything anymore," he said — except for what he hears directly from Trump.

On the other side of the aisle, too, people are grappling with emotional political tension.

In the Chicago suburbs, Phyllis Delrosario, 73, said her mood vacillates from excitement to depression. She researched moving to another country if Trump is reelected because she thinks democracy will "cease to exist."

She worries she's taking her emotions out on her husband. Delrosario said she has a short fuse, and she blames Trump.

"I just feel like I'm this raw exposed nerve all the time, and the anxiety of all this and the chaos of 'what's he going to destroy next?' What thing is he going to step on next?' It's horrible," she said.

In Dunedin, Florida, Charles Oppermann dropped his ballot for Biden off Thursday then retreated to a mountain cabin in North Carolina to disconnect.

Oppermann, 55, spent 11 days in the hospital battling coronavirus. A few week ago, he was lying in bed, scrolling through Twitter and came across an altered photo of Trump, his skin pockmarked with red, spiky coronavirus blobs. Panicked, he got out of bed and turned on the TV to try to get that image out of his mind. He believes his intense reaction was a combination of trauma from his infection and anxiety about the election.

In the Pittsburgh suburbs, Carla Dundes, a retired 66-year-old, has settled into a nervous pre-election routine. Each day, she checks the county website's tally of mailed ballots, monitors COVID infection numbers and scrolls the latest polls. That doesn't calm her nerves, so she centers herself behind her Steinway piano to play.

"I want my life back," she said. "I want to be able to have my evenings where we read and we watch frivolous TV shows and I don't have to listen to the news obsessively."

She, and other Democrats, said favorable polls for Biden bring back bad memories from Election night 2016, when they thought Hillary Clinton was cruising to victory then Trump eked out a win.

Back then, Meghan Iliesiu, a 32-year-old stay-at-home mother in Oakland County, Michigan, voted third-party. She never thought Trump would win. Now she believes he's made the country more hateful and divided.

She decided long ago to vote for any Democrat who ran against him, but her husband was still leaning toward voting third-party. They went out for a drive this summer, saw lots of Trump yard signs and he changed his mind. They both cast their ballots for Biden.

Now the wait is excruciating, Iliesiu said.

"I feel really helpless," she said. "Because I feel that there's just no good outcome. If Trump wins, that's the worst outcome. And if Biden wins, is the transition going to go smoothly? And what's going to happen with the approximately 50 percent of Americans who do vote for Trump?"

Shahin Nazmul Hassan, founder of the Bangladeshi American Democratic Caucus in Michigan, said the message Trump has sent to his community is that they are not welcome. He said Trump's anti-immigrant acts have motivated groups to band together in this election — Chinese, Middle Eastern, African and other immigrants gathered virtually to try to energize people to the polls because the stakes seem higher now than they've ever been.

"Thirty years ago, when I came to this country, it was so beautiful, so warm and welcoming, so accepting. But that is not the culture anymore," he said. "What we've seen in the past four years is division, putting people down. There's no decency and respect."

Trump at a recent debate declined to clearly condemn white supremacy.

As a Black woman, Charlotte Moss, 64, of Oakland County, Michigan, decided not to live in fear. She had become increasingly concerned about emboldened militant racist groups. It had once seemed outrageous that leaders would stoke racial tensions to pit Americans against each other, maybe even violently. But that doesn't seem so outrageous anymore, she said.

She had never owned a gun, but about a month ago, bought one. She took a class at the Detroit chapter of the National African American Gun Association. Chad King started the club in 2017, and it's grown to 210 members. In the weeks before the election, he scheduled two courses on deescalating tense situations. They sold out in three days.

"For the Black community, there are so many things at stake right now," said Linnea Pace, 57, in the Atlanta suburb Decatur. Trump, she believes, wants to erode civil rights measures and turn back the clock to a darker time.

She voted on the first day of early voting in Georgia.

Michelle McDonald got chills when she submitted her early ballot for Biden in Macomb County last week. As a Black woman, she hadn't experienced that sensation since voting for Barack Obama. It felt like that monumental of a moment.

She was anxious as she walked into the clerk's office, but as she walked out she felt something different: hope.

"I did my part," she said. "I have faith that no matter what happens things are going to get better. God has us all."

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 237 CALLS ON NOVEMBER 1

Party Complaint 500blk Broadway 12:15 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries Ocean Ave / Bicknell Ave 12:37 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries Barnard Way / Ocean Ave 12:38 a.m.
Party Complaint 21st St / San Vicente Blvd 12:52 a.m.
Party Complaint 300blk 21st St 1:01 a.m.
Party Complaint 1400blk 6th St 1:05 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Berkeley St / Nebraska Ave 1:11 a.m.
Missing Person 2000blk Ocean Ave 1:11 a.m.
Party Complaint Lincoln Blvd / Marine St 1:18 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1700blk Appian Way 1:32 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1200blk 16th St 1:37 a.m.
Party Complaint 1200blk 12th St 1:40 a.m.
Party Complaint 1800blk 18th St 1:55 a.m.
Party Complaint 1400blk 6th St 2:09 a.m.
Party Complaint 600blk Broadway 2:12 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 900blk Euclid St 5:21 a.m.
Lost Property 200blk Santa Monica Pier 6:21 a.m.
Encampment 1200blk 14th St 6:44 a.m.
Found Property 1700blk Franklin St 6:52 a.m.
Fight 6th St / Broadway 7:12 a.m.
Panhandling 100blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:16 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 8:14 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now Cloverfield Blvd / Michigan Ave 8:24 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 100blk Hollister Ave 9:01 a.m.
Encampment 1000blk 2nd St 9:02 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 3200blk Airport Ave 9:21 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now Cloverfield Blvd / Interstate 10 9:23 a.m.
Found Property 2200blk 21st St 9:51 a.m.
Encampment Princeton St / Santa Monica Blvd 9:54 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 2200blk 5th St 10:12 a.m.
Petty Theft 900blk 2nd St 10:27 a.m.
Burglary 3200blk Olympic Blvd 10:33 a.m.
Prowler 2600blk 4th St 10:44 a.m.
Petty Theft 500blk Wilshire Blvd 10:57 a.m.
Petty Theft 900blk 17th St 10:58 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1800blk 10th St 11:45 a.m.
Keep The Peace 800blk Pico Blvd 11:47 a.m.
Encampment 2000blk Ocean Ave 11:56 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1800blk 19th St 12:01 p.m.
Attempt Burglary 1300blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:06 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2400blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:13 p.m.
Found Property 1200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:14 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1700blk Idaho Ave 12:25 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 12:30 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1000blk Wilshire Blvd 12:49 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 4th St / Ocean Park Blvd 1:13 p.m.
Auto Burglary 900blk 17th St 1:27 p.m.
Burglary 300blk Ocean Ave 1:32 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2000blk Ocean Ave 1:41 p.m.
Burglary 500blk Palisades Ave 2:00 p.m.
Burglary 900blk 4th St 2:05 p.m.
Fraud 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:13 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 2:15 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1100blk 4th St 2:17 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 800blk 10th St 2:37 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 2:54 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1800blk Michigan Ave 3:04 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Michigan Ave 3:07 p.m.
Armed Robbery In Progress 300blk Santa Monica Pier 3:08 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1900blk Michigan Ave 3:29 p.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 3:31 p.m.
Lewd Activity 1600blk Ocean Ave 3:33 p.m.
Grand Theft 3100blk Urban Ave 3:38 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1500blk 7th St 3:43 p.m.
Petty Theft 700blk Broadway 3:50 p.m.
Grand Theft 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:50 p.m.
Battery Now 4th St / Pico Blvd 4:09 p.m.
Panhandling 4th St / Interstate 10 4:09 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 4th St / Pico Blvd 4:25 p.m.
Burglary 1100blk 18th St 4:45 p.m.
Drinking In Public 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 4:45 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 4:48 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:58 p.m.
Fight Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 5:07 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 18th St / Delaware Ave 5:13 p.m.
Petty Theft 1900blk Wilshire Blvd 5:15 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 800blk 2nd St 5:19 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 00blk Pico Blvd 6:02 p.m.
Fight 300blk Santa Monica Pier 6:06 p.m.
Grand Theft 1700blk Euclid St 6:10 p.m.
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NOTICE OF PREPARATION/NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING FOR A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE 6TH CYCLE 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT

DATE: October 30, 2020

TO: State Clearinghouse, Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: City of Santa Monica
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The City of Santa Monica (City) intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed 6th Cycle 2021-2029 Housing Element of the City's General Plan. In accordance with Section 15082 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the City has prepared this Notice of Preparation (NOP) to provide the public, Responsible Agencies, and other interested parties with information describing the proposed project and its potential environmental effects. The EIR will address the proposed project's potentially significant effects in the following environmental issue areas:

- Air Quality
- Population/Housing
- Cultural Resources
- Public Services
- Energy
- Transportation/Circulation
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Tribal Cultural Services
- Land Use and Planning
- Utilities
- Noise
- Mandatory Findings of Significance

PROJECT APPLICANT: City of Santa Monica

PROJECT LOCATION: The City of Santa Monica is located in Los Angeles County along the coast of the Pacific Ocean. The City is surrounded on three sides by the City of Los Angeles, including the westside communities of Brentwood, Mar Vista, Pacific Palisades, Venice and West Los Angeles. The City comprises approximately 5,280 acres (approximately 8.25 square miles).

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Since 1969, California has required that all local governments (cities and counties) adequately plan to meet the housing needs of everyone in the community. One of the required elements of a General Plan is the Housing Element. California State law requires that communities prepare and update the Housing Element every eight years. The Housing Element serves as the City's guide for addressing the housing needs of all segments of Santa Monica's population. Housing needs are determined by the California Housing and Community Department (HCD), who decides what the numerical housing targets should be for each regional council of governments. Each council of government across the state then further allocates the regional housing number (known as the Regional Housing Needs Allocation – or RHNA) to every city and county within its jurisdiction. The RHNA is a targeted housing number - Cities and counties do not have to build this number of units, but rather they must plan for them and show that under current land use and development standards, there is capacity to accommodate for this number of housing.

For the proposed 6th Cycle 2021-2029 Housing Element, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has determined that the City's draft RHNA allocation is 8,874 units, more than 5 times than the last cycle. The significant increase in the City's RHNA housing number is indicative of the severity of the current housing crisis. As part of the proposed 2021-2029 Housing Element, Santa Monica must demonstrate to the State that there is available capacity within its jurisdictional boundaries to meet its targeted RHNA number. Per State requirements, the City's proposed Housing Element would include the following components:

- A detailed analysis of the City's demographic, economic and housing characteristics.
- An analysis of the barriers to producing and preserving housing.
- A review of the City's progress in implementing current housing policies and programs.
- An identification of goals, objectives, and policies, in addition to a full list of programs that will implement the vision of the plan.
- A list of sites (aka the Suitable Sites Inventory) that could accommodate new housing, demonstrating the City's ability to meet the quantified housing number established in the RHNA.

The proposed 6th Cycle Housing Element must be certified by the State Department of Housing and Community Development no later than October 2021.

REVIEW PERIOD: State CEQA Guidelines requires circulation of a NOP for a minimum 30-day review period. In consideration of the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the City will be circulating the NOP for the proposed Housing Element for an extended 60 days. Please go to the City's webpage https://www.santamonica.gov/housing-element-update for the NOP and associated info on the Housing Element Update (including background on the Housing Element, State requirements, anticipated project schedule, notification lists). The City welcomes agency and public input during this period regarding the scope and content of environmental information that must be included in the Draft EIR. **Comments may be submitted, in writing, by 5:30 p.m. on December 31, 2020** and addressed to:

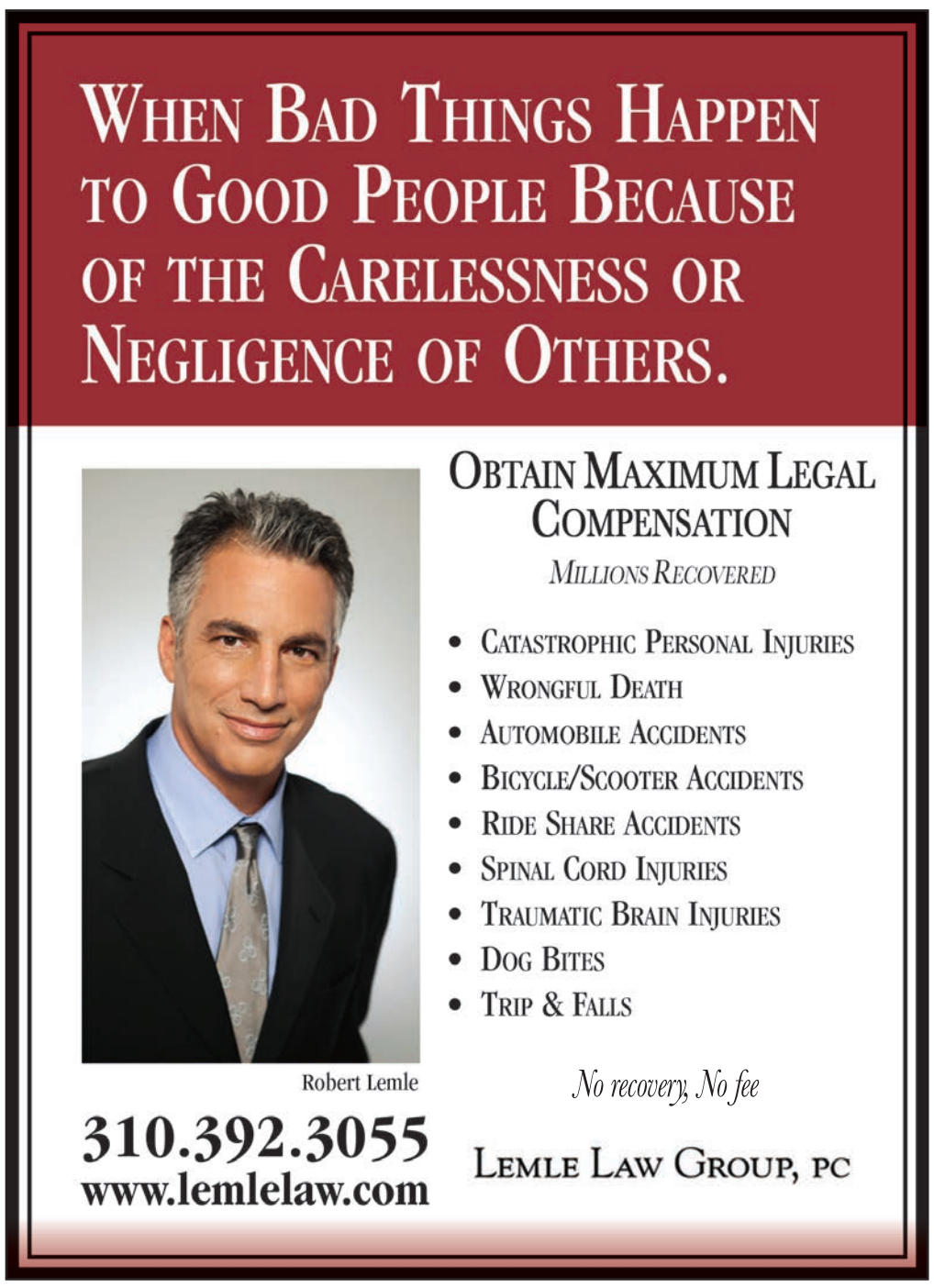
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PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING: In an effort to reduce the risk of COVID-19, the City will hold a scoping meeting via teleconference on December 10, 2020 at 5:30 PM to describe the proposed project, the environmental review process, and to receive public comments on the scope of the EIR. City staff and the City's EIR consultant will participate via teleconference. Participants may join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/bxxeeakf or by dialing in at +1 (415) 466-7000 PIN is: 4050914#

Those wishing to give public comment for the meeting must make that request via email to Rachel.Kwok@smgov.net prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting and will be posted online on the project's webpage. Written information received after 12 p.m. will be read aloud at the meeting for a total of three minutes. The City will consider all comments, written and oral, in determining the final scope of the evaluation to be included in the EIR.

ESPAÑOL: Este es un aviso de que la Ciudad está preparando un informe que describe los posibles efectos ambientales de un plan de vivienda, que puede ser de su interés. Para más información, llame a Carmen Gutiérrez al 310 458 8341.





Election could move California further left on taxes, race

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Associated Press

Tuesday's election will test the boundaries of California's left-leaning politics as a new generation of state voters is being asked to roll back affirmative action and property tax laws put in place decades ago.

California is one of the nation's most Democratic states — the party holds every statewide office, dominates the Legislature and congressional delegation, and outnumbers registered Republicans by nearly 2-to-1.

The state is famous — or notorious — for liberal-minded policies that have established some of the nation's highest taxes, pumped billions of dollars into the homeless crisis that appears only to worsen and cut greenhouse gases to fight climate change, which critics blame for higher energy costs.

The 12 propositions on the state ballot provide many issues to motivate voters and influence California's direction on worker protections, crime and punishment, voter rights and rent control.

But the signature questions involve taxes and affirmative action.

Voters are being asked to unspool part of landmark Proposition 13, the 1970s law that set strict limits on property tax increases and fueled a national tax revolt. A ballot proposal being pushed by public worker unions would peel back protections for commercial and industrial property and impose as much as $12.5 billion in new taxes to benefit schools and local governments.

Voters are also being asked to overturn a 1996 law that made it illegal for state and local governments to grant preferential treatment, or discriminate against people, based on race, ethnicity, national origin or sex. It was put on the ballot by the Legislature following the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

"These are part of a fight between political generations in California," said Thad Kousser, a political science professor at the University of California, San Diego.

California's electorate has changed significantly since the laws were enacted, growing more racially and ethnically diverse and Democratic. Hispanics are now the largest single demographic group, though white homeowners tend to predominate among likely voters.

Republican registration in the state has dwindled to about 24%, and a Republican hasn't carried the state in a presidential election since George H.W. Bush in 1988. The state's newest voters, mostly Hispanics and Asians, tend to be liberal-minded. Sen. Bernie Sanders, a democratic socialist, won the state's Democratic presidential primary in March.

Proposition 13, which limits tax increases to 2% a year until a property is sold, has had enduring popularity in a state known for ever-increasing taxes. However, it also creates inequities and similar properties can have vastly different tax bills, depending on when they were purchased.

Supporters argue the law has become a massive giveaway for big companies — the change would apply to businesses with $3 million or more worth of commercial property.

If approved, residential property and home-based businesses would remain sheltered under the 1978 rules. Opponents say the increased taxes would raise costs for small businesses that rent those properties, and they see the proposal as an stalking horse that will lead to an effort to roll back protections on homeowners.

Meddling with Proposition 13 has long been known as the third rail in state politics and the election will test if that rail is "still electrified" with voters far different from those who supported it in the 1970s, said Bill Whalen, a research fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution.

Despite the reshaped electorate, polls have indicated the effort to overturn the ban on racial and ethnic preferences is struggling to gain sufficient voter support to win. The U.S. Supreme Court has long outlawed racial quotas, but it has ruled that universities may use tailored programs to promote diversity.

Supporters say a change is needed to dismantle structural racism and sexism, and backers include Gov. Gavin Newsom and Kamala Harris, California's first Black U.S. senator and the Democratic vice presidential nominee. Asians have disproportionately high representation on many college campuses and there is strong opposition among some in that group who fear it will cut those numbers.

The state's direction on crime issues also is in play.

At a time when crime has been ticking up in Los Angeles and elsewhere, voters will consider if the state has grown too lenient in criminal justice, after initiatives lowered penalties for drug and property crimes in 2014 and allowed the earlier parole of most felons in 2016.

Proposition 20 would roll back some of those changes, and a provision would allow repeated thefts of property worth $250 or more to be prosecuted as felonies, after business owners complained thieves are stealing with impunity since the punishment was reduced to a misdemeanor.

Also, Proposition 25 could overturn a 2018 law that eliminates cash bail.

The election arrives in anxious, unsteady times.

Joe Biden is expected to trounce President Donald Trump in the state Trump lost to Hillary Clinton by over 4 million votes in 2016. Republicans are trying to claw back at least some of seven U.S. House seats the party lost to Democrats in 2018. Republicans now hold only seven of California's 53 House seats.

Other ballot proposals will also send signals about the political direction of the

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5 things to know about the California election

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Turnout has been heavy during the early voting period as Californians cast ballots for president, the state Legislature, local offices and on a dozen statewide propositions. Here are five things to know about the Nov. 3 election:

HISTORIC TURNOUT EXPECTED

A record 22 million people have registered to vote in California, and it's widely expected the turnout for the election will hit another historic mark.

"It undeniably will be a record turnout, with more voters casting ballots than in any election in California history," said Paul Mitchell of Political Data Inc., a nonpartisan research firm.

About 14.6 million votes were cast in the 2016 presidential election in the state. By Monday, more than 11 million people already had returned their ballots.

While the total number of people casting votes appears head for a milestone, another record is unlikely to fall: the percentage of registered voters who cast ballots. That mark is 88.4% and was set when Democrat Lyndon Johnson defeated Republican Barry Goldwater in 1964.

A RECORD LOSS FOR PRESIDENT TRUMP?

Everyone knows heavily Democratic California and President Donald Trump don't mix well. The nation's most populous state is the home of the so-called Trump resistance, and he lost California by more than 4 million votes to Hillary Clinton in 2016.

The contest Tuesday will be decided in battlegrounds like Wisconsin and Pennsylvania — the most interesting question in California might be the size of Trump's expected defeat.

A recent Berkeley IGS Poll found Biden holding a 36-point lead over the president in the state. If that comes to pass on Election Day, it would be the largest victory margin in a California presidential election since 1920, when Republican Warren Harding defeated Democrat James Cox by 42 percentage points, as well as the largest Democratic victory in California history, poll director Mark DiCamillo said.

FEARS OF UNREST AT POLLS

The election arrives with America deeply divided by politics. In a memo in early October, California warned local officials to prepare for disruption at polling places and potential cases of voters being intimidated or blocked from casting ballots.

The Sacramento Police Department will have officers available in case of any disturbances that might happen in connection with the election. The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office said it will provide extra patrols at polling locations. In the San Francisco Bay Area and Los Angeles and surrounding communities, governments and businesses boarded up windows and had emergency plans ready in case of violent protests.

California Secretary of State Alex Padilla, a Democrat, has said he expects a safe election but has urged the state's 58 counties to be ready for potential trouble, including efforts to threaten or harass voters.

WILL CALIFORNIA GOP SEE A COMEBACK OR MORE ELECTION DAY MISERY?

There are 5.3 million registered Republicans in California, but the party has been in a tailspin for years.

Democrats hold every statewide office, dominate the Legislature and congressional delegation and outnumber Republican voters nearly 2-to-1. Even Orange County, once a nationally recognized Republican stronghold known as "Reagan Country" has a Democratic registration edge.

Could 2020 turn things around?

It will be a challenge with Trump leading the ticket He is broadly unpopular outside his base. But Republicans hope to claw back at least some of seven U.S. House seats the party lost in 2018, including four wholly or partly in Orange County.

And there are a list of ballot proposals involving property taxes, affirmative action and criminal punishments that, depending on the outcome, could show the state isn't the one-dimensional, liberal bastion often portrayed.

LOCAL RACE TO WATCH

The closely fought contest for Los Angeles County district attorney challenges easy assumptions.

Some of the harshest critics of District Attorney Jackie Lacey, the first Black woman to run the nation's largest local prosecutor's office, come from the Black Lives Matter movement, who have assailed her for failing to prosecute police involved in fatal shootings.

Her opponent, George Gascon, who is Hispanic, is a former police chief and San Francisco district attorney who is loathed by police unions because of his strong support for criminal justice reforms.

The race has become a showcase for progressives trying to reshape criminal justice, in this case within the nation's largest county, home to 10 million people.

Gascon's financial supporters include billionaire George Soros and Netflix CEO Reed Hastings, while most of Lacey's funding has come from law enforcement groups.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 34 CALLS ON NOVEMBER 1

Flooded Condition 800blk Ocean Ave 12:38 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 5th St 1:03 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Marguerita Ave 2:26 a.m.
EMS 1000blk 10th St 4:43 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 6:59 a.m.
EMS 100blk Georgina Ave 8:26 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk 21st St 8:46 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 8:51 a.m.
EMS 1000blk Centinela Ave 10:45 a.m.
EMS 900blk 5th St 10:47 a.m.
EMS 200blk 18th St 10:59 a.m.
EMS 2200blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:15 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 12:30 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 4th St / Ocean Park Blvd 1:13 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 1:14 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 6th St 1:33 p.m.
EMS 11th St / Grant St 2:10 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 2:12 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Lincoln Blvd / Michigan Ave 3:07 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk 20th St 3:18 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Lincoln Blvd 3:30 p.m.
EMS 800blk 2nd St 4:08 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1000blk Wilshire Blvd 4:19 p.m.
EMS 700blk Kensington Rd 4:20 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 5:10 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 4th St / Interstate 10 5:24 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Pearl St 6:57 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 400blk Wilshire Blvd 7:17 p.m.
EMS 700blk Ashland Ave 7:21 p.m.
EMS 500blk Ocean Ave 8:25 p.m.
Transformer Fire 2000blk Wilshire Blvd 9:16 p.m.
Arcing Wires 2700blk Arizona Ave 10:31 p.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 10:52 p.m.
EMS 3000blk Main St 11:02 p.m.

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CLARE|MATRIX Celebrates 50 Years Of Saving Lives

What began in 1970 as an act of decency by a group of recovering alcoholics handing out blankets and coffee to those still suffering from the disease of alcoholism, has grown into a multi-disciplinary campus of services saving people's lives. The Clare Foundation heard the call to help others 50 ago, and today is now CLARE | Matrix, a full service residential, outpatient, research and training campus that continues, and expands upon the work of the founders.

This November, CLARE | Matrix will host a virtual 50th anniversary celebration honoring one of my friends, Wendy Adamson, author of Mother Load. You may recognize her name from a column I wrote about her journey from the insanity of drug addiction to recovered addict as told in her memoir. Wendy turned her life around due to the efforts of CLARE and the many donors and supporters who make their mission possible.

Each year hundreds gather to raise funds for the services that CLARE provides. This year, with no in person events allowed for large crowds, the 50th Celebration is going virtual thanks to Champion Sponsors Chuck Lorre and the Werner Family Foundation.

The community of Santa Monica has supported CLARE all these years, "because of the work they do that saves lives. I've seen many people go from unhappy, very sad people to successful mothers and fathers. It's a great thing to watch" said CLARE donor Anne Pearson.

I spoke with Dr. Lisa Steele, the current CEO of CLARE | Matrix on the purpose of this big gala virtual event. "It's not about the money for us, our number 1 priority is to raise awareness about the fact that recovery can and does happen, and we want to help the people who need it. Our success comes from our core values and what we are trying to do as an organization, helping people that no one else wants to help. Others don't have the hope for these people that we do. We want to help them see that they're more than their addiction, and to see a new journey for themselves."

This dedication to a greater purpose is echoed throughout the conversations I've had with people about CLARE and its role in our community. CLARE board member Debra Feinberg said, "I have three big reasons for wanting to help, 1) I believe that addiction is a public health crisis, and the continuing stigma is crushing lives I understand it historically, but it's pure devastation all the way around. Addiction as a brain disease – I believe in trying to educate people on the fact that it's a disease, not a moral failing on the part of the addict. Two, I think people should get services to open the opportunity for them to come into recovery and stay alive even if they can't pay for it, and 3) it's about saving lives, I can only do so much if I do 1:1 work, but supporting CLARE | Matrix is the stone into the pond where I can impact a lot of other people I would not otherwise be able to impact."

In these dark days of "what's in it for me" and pointing the finger of accusation at so many who are suffering through no fault of their own, it is a pleasant change to see that an organization like CLARE |Matrix is providing services to those in need. As their funding faces a near constant threat from the cuts that are being imposed by the Federal government and the state government, now is the time for our community to come together again and support this organization that provides so much to so many.

On Sunday November 15th the virtual 50th anniversary party will go live with special guests Alonzo Bodden, Russell Brand, Josh Brolin, Susan Burton, Jamie Lee Curtis, Billy Gardell, Craig T. Nelson, Courtney Thorne-Smith, and Danny Trejo. There will be a Silent Auction with the opportunity to have one on one time with Jamie Lee Curtis, Russell Brand and other amazing auction items. And yes, there will be the ever popular Swag Bags for those who register early and want the experience of a surprise bag of goodies!

You can register at https://www.clarematrix.org/event/50th-anniversary-virtual-event/ and support one of our community's great non-profits that is tackling the twin problems of addiction and mental health.

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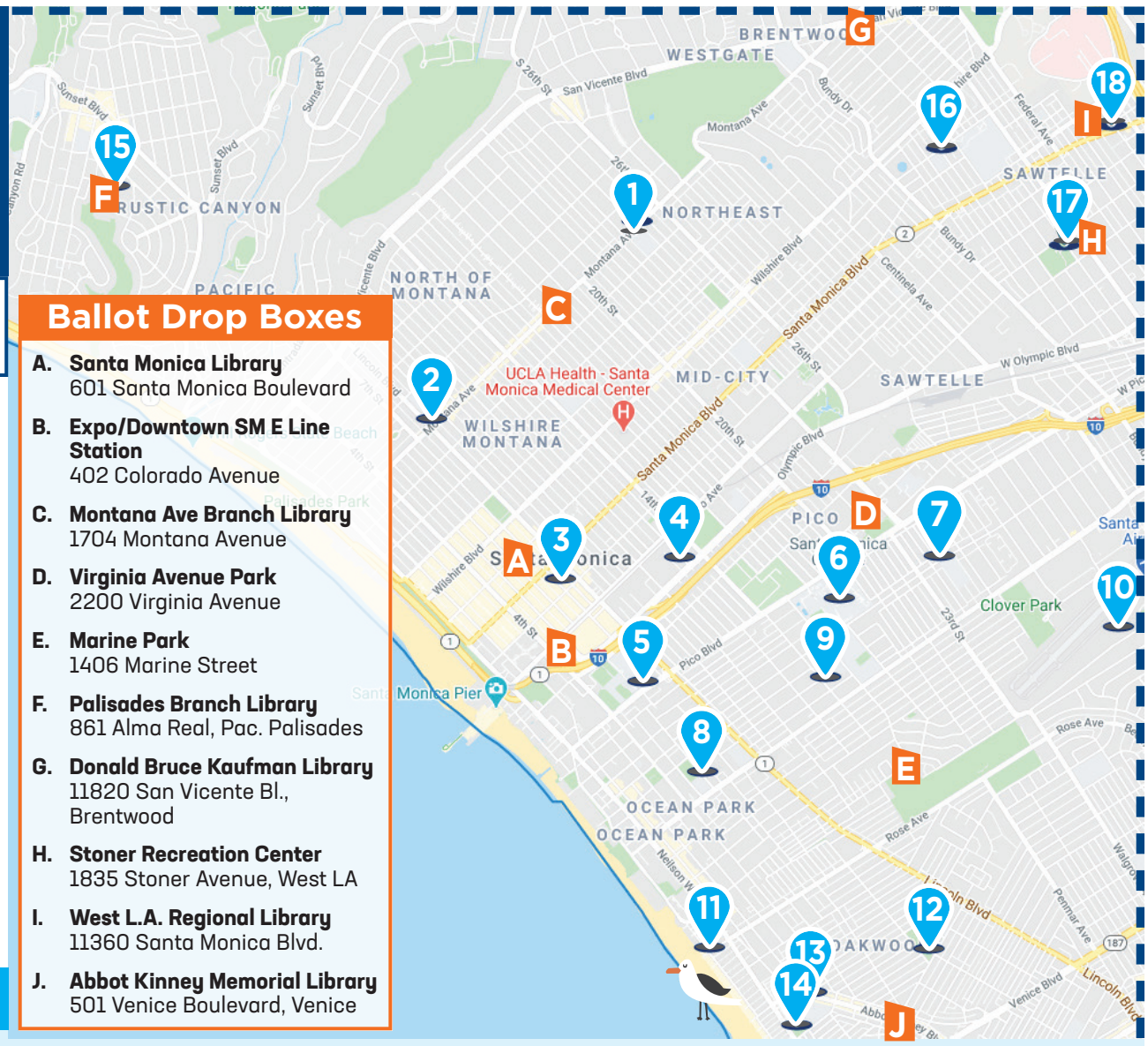
Early Voting Centers & Ballot Drop Boxes

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

Alternatively, voters can safely vote in-person at any Vote Center in the County.

Vote Centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. today.



Ballot Drop Boxes

- **A. Santa Monica Library**
  601 Santa Monica Boulevard
- **B. Expo/Downtown SM E Line Station**
  402 Colorado Avenue
- **C. Montana Ave Branch Library**
  1704 Montana Avenue
- **D. Virginia Avenue Park**
  2200 Virginia Avenue
- **E. Marine Park**
  1406 Marine Street
- **F. Palisades Branch Library**
  861 Alma Real, Pac. Palisades
- **G. Donald Bruce Kaufman Library**
  11820 San Vicente Bl., Brentwood
- **H. Stoner Recreation Center**
  1835 Stoner Avenue, West LA
- **I. West L.A. Regional Library**
  11360 Santa Monica Blvd.
- **J. Abbot Kinney Memorial Library**
  501 Venice Boulevard, Venice

Voting Centers

1. **Franklin Elementary School**
   2400 Montana Ave, Santa Monica 90403
   Additional Info: Cafetorium
2. **Roosevelt Elementary School**
   801 Montana Ave, Santa Monica 90403
   Additional Info: Auditorium
3. **Former Fire Station 1**
   1444 7th St, Santa Monica 90401
   Additional Info: Apparatus Roo
4. **National Typewriter Company**
   1666 Euclid St, Santa Monica 90404
   1st Floor Gathering Room.
5. **Santa Monica High School**
   601 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica 90405
   Additional Info: Cafeteria
6. **Santa Monica Community College**
   1900 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica 90405
   Corsair Gymnasium.
7. **Grant Elementary School**
   2368 Pearl St, Santa Monica 90405
   Additional Info: Auditorium
8. **John Muir Elementary School**
   2526 6th St, Santa Monica 90405
   Additional Info: Multi-Purpose Room
9. **Will Rogers Learning Community**
   2401 14th St, Santa Monica 90405
   Additional Info: Cafeteria
10. **Barker Hangar**
    3021 Airport Ave Suite 203, S.M. 90405
    Additional Info: Hangar
11. **The Rose Room**
    6 Rose Ave, Venice 90291
    Additional Info: Rose Room and Entry Room
12. **Oakwood Recreation Center**
    767 California Ave, Venice 90291
    Additional Info: Gymnasium
13. **Westminster Avenue Elementary School**
    1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice 90291
    Additional Info: Auditorium
14. **Westminster Senior Center**
    1234 Pacific Ave, Venice 90291
    Additional Info: Lobby and Auditorium
15. **Palisades Recreation Center**
    851 Alma Real Dr, Pacific Palisades 90272
    Additional Info: Small Gymnasium
16. **Brockton Avenue Elementary School**
    1309 Armacost Ave, Los Angeles 90025
    Additional Info: Auditorium
17. **Stoner Recreation Center**
    1835 Stoner Ave, Los Angeles 90025
    Additional Info: Gymnasium
18. **Felicia Mahood Multipurpose Center**
    11338 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles 90025
    Additional Info: Auditorium

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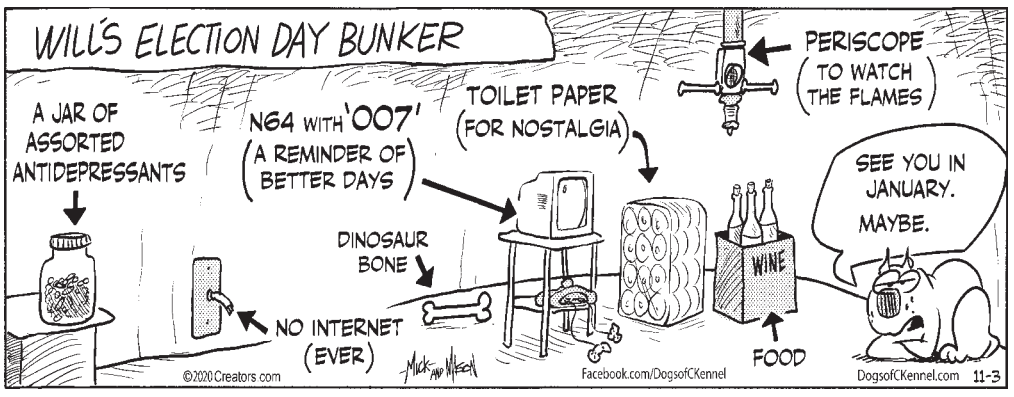
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Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING





SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 63.1°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high occ. 5 ft
Fresh SSW swell tops out and holds. Small NW swell in the mix. AM wind looking more favorable across the board.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high
SSW swell starts to ease as next pulse of SW-SSW swell builds underneath.

WEATHER

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 78.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 62.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 73.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 75.
Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low around 61.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2020/11/02	Mon	4:18 PM	0.12	L
2020/11/02	Mon	10:41 PM	3.66	H
2020/11/03	Tue	03:19 AM	2.32	L
2020/11/03	Tue	09:37 AM	5.60	H
2020/11/03	Tue	4:59 PM	0.20	L
2020/11/03	Tue	11:35 PM	3.40	H
2020/11/04	Wed	03:40 AM	2.62	L
2020/11/04	Wed	10:06 AM	5.43	H
2020/11/04	Wed	5:46 PM	0.34	L
2020/11/05	Thu	12:49 AM	3.20	H
2020/11/05	Thu	04:01 AM	2.91	L
2020/11/05	Thu	10:42 AM	5.18	H
2020/11/05	Thu	6:43 PM	0.49	L
2020/11/06	Fri	11:32 AM	4.89	H
2020/11/06	Fri	7:56 PM	0.58	L
2020/11/07	Sat	12:49 PM	4.59	H
2020/11/07	Sat	9:13 PM	0.52	L

DAILY LOTTERY

Powerball
Draw Date:10/24
11 28 37 40 53
Power#: 13
Jackpot:127 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 10/23
18 34 44 60 69
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 109 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 10/24
2 7 9 14 46
Mega#: 19
Jackpot:22 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/29
11 13 20 23 26

Daily 3
Draw Date: 10/30
Midday: 9 0 0

Draw Date: 10/29
Evening: 6 2 3

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 10/29
1st:12 - LUCKY CHARMS
2nd: 06 - WHIRL WIN
3rd: 09 - WINNING SPIRIT
RACE TIME: 1:44.12

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (NOVEMBER 03)

Love is a creation. It has to be built. You do this intentionally this year, ordering your priorities to make relationships first. You'll get a deeper connection to the ones who have always been there. You'll get fantastic news in January and happy developments thereafter. May will bring a particularly satisfying sort of relief. Leo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 4, 11, 3 and 13.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your interpretation of events is absolutely accurate though also limited to but one point of view. Were you to step over even a foot, you would see different possibilities. And so you will, and so you shall.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will travel a short distance to deliver a message that seems, for all intents and purposes, to be necessary to the dailiness of life. And that will be, given your take, an art form.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). In any given household, the pressures exerted upon one person may greatly outweigh the pressures on another, and this is in no way predictable based on age, profession or otherwise.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you get close enough to them, toxic people can dust you with their poison. This is why you stay away. You get a sense of what's going nowhere fast.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are like a professional student of life today. You can learn from anything and anyone -- your boss, your assistant, a child, a dog, a desk lamp, a piece of gum... you'll absorb whatever lessons there are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The culture does not exist in a bubble outside of you. You are inside of the bubble, and you are a main contributor to the atmosphere whether or not you say a word or make a move. Your being there is enough.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In movies, representations of life, there are editors who get to say what goes in and what stays out. Your brain also has editors. Today, they will be less strict. The limits of awareness will expand.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As a creature, you require comforts. Know what they are, and don't judge -- that's the challenge of the day. Seem self-indulgent? The fact that you are even worried about that is a sign of selflessness and self-awareness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People around you are more tuned in to you than you think. You'll manage your life gracefully, balancing the many elements required to keep you in good spirits.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To be too strict on yourself is a problem for your overall discipline. There's not a creature alive who thrives in bondage. What if you were to do what you naturally want to do for a day?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). With a little expressed appreciation, you'll be able to squeeze more information out of a simple conversation. Even so, keep in mind that what people don't say will be more revealing than what they do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Today, you'll put your mouth where your money is. There's something you believe in, are wild about, have invested in, and you'll back all of that up by talking about it.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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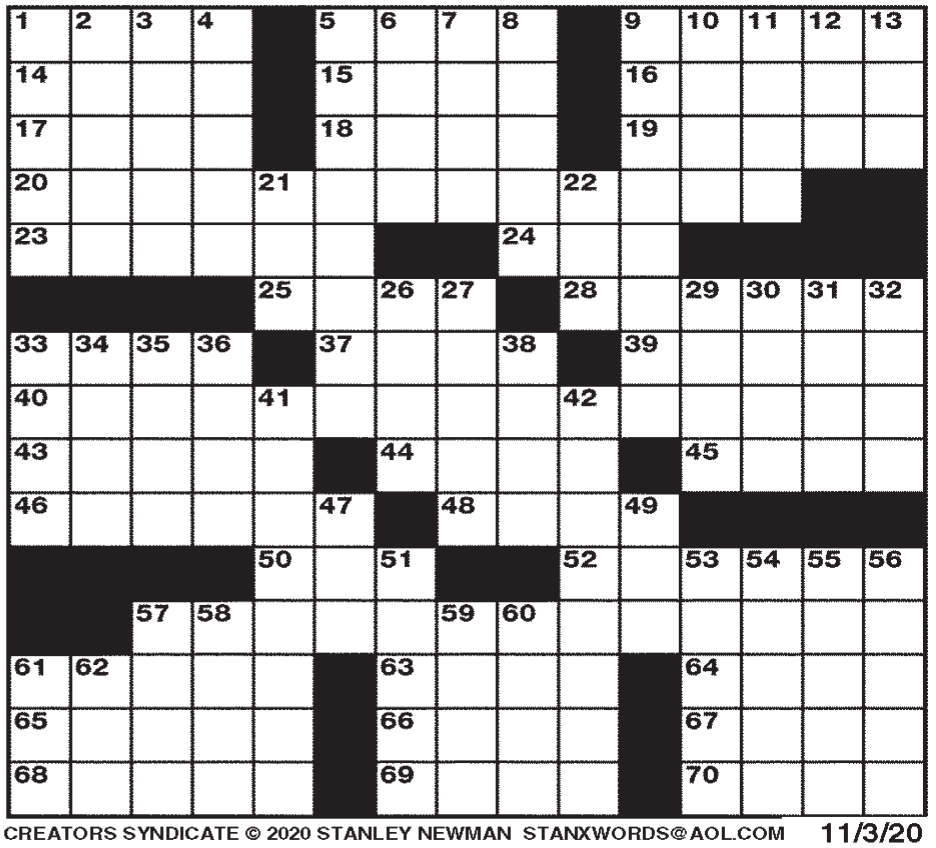
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Rung of a ladder
5 Silent street performer
9 Tortilla chip
14 Strong affection
15 Neighborhood
16 Stared at
17 Person downloading apps
18 Main point
19 Rolled into a coil
20 Knockwurst or bratwurst
23 States something as fact
24 Pea container
25 Thin cut in an envelope
28 Remove, as a tree branch
33 Wilted, as lettuce
37 "What's ___ for me?"
39 "Whoopee!"
40 Oil-and-vinegar salad topping
43 Concentrate on a task
44 Leak slowly
45 Soup-making vessels
46 Minor earthquake
48 Omit from consideration
50 Small boy
52 Large African desert
57 Dark green spheres on a relish tray
61 Approximately
63 Frog's cousin
64 Back muscles, for short
65 Any literary category
66 "Tall" story
67 Auto wheel
68 Double-___ sword
69 Chooses (to)
70 Mail-drop opening

DOWN
1 Fake coins
2 Go ___ (set sail)
3 ___ now and then (occasionally)
4 Long-lasting hairdos, for short
5 Pink flower symbol of Mississippi
6 Colorful part of the eye
7 Flat-topped hill
8 Consume eagerly
9 In these times
10 Wildly excited
11 Bit of help for a sleuth
12 Bird in a coop
13 Peculiar
21 Stubborn beast
22 Distress signal
26 Quaint lodgings
27 Oceans' rises and falls
29 Stinging insect
30 Cleveland's state
31 Typeface
32 Clouds (up)
33 Elevate
34 "Believe ___ not!"
35 Self-defense spray
36 Fruit that becomes a prune
38 Difficult journey
41 Away from other people
42 Installments of a TV show
47 Dashed off on foot
49 Good friend
51 "Me too"
53 Sword handles
54 To no ___ (useless)
55 Back-in-style fashion
56 Item of value
57 Anthem or ballad
58 Not diluted
59 Source of bath bubbles
60 Sergeant's "Stop!"
61 Become ripe
62 Cradle or crib



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Binary Puzzle

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

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FOOD INSECURE

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initiative, Santa Monica families and SMC students will have one less thing to worry about this Thanksgiving.

The newly launched initiative — which is sponsored by the City, SMC, SMC Foundation, Boys and Girls Club of Santa Monica, and Community Corporation of Santa Monica — calls on residents to donate to the cause by visiting santamonicacollegefoundation.org/thanksgiving. Every $50 donated equates to a Thanksgiving feast for one family, and the goal is to raise $50,000.

"This Thanksgiving, we have an opportunity to lift up local families in need and remember the joy that generosity and gratitude bring," Interim City Manager Lane Dilg said. "Santa Monica thrives when we help each other. This is one of many chances to give in a year when we must, more than ever before, come together as a community."

The drive-thru Giving Thanks holiday pantry will take place Tuesday, Nov. 24, on SMC's main campus, but the event is not open to the general public so families and individuals are required to make advanced reservations through the various participating organizations.

It is expected that up to 1,500 families and students will be served fresh turkey, produce, dinner rolls, non-alcoholic beverages, and a pumpkin pie, which is a similar combination to the meals that will be provided at Mount Olive Lutheran Church's own drive-through dinner event that's set to happen on Thanksgiving Day.

"We've always hosted a Thanksgiving Day dinner but since we can't have dinner in-person with COVID, we're instead doing a drive through hot-food carry out," Rev. Eric C. Shafer said. "It begins at 11 a.m. and will go until we run out. We expect to have 150 meals that are a full dinner complete with turkey and all the servings. It'll be hot and ready to take home and eat."

Shafer added the church also launched a "Little Pantry" program about a week ago to provide free goods to neighbors who find themselves in need of a regular meal as well as Thanksgiving dinner.

"This is a thing happening across the country. They're like the little libraries you'll see around town, and we fill it every day," which is kind of a bad news, good news situation, Shafer said. "The good news is we can always refill it but the bad news is there is obviously a huge need in the area."

The Little Pantry is located at the church's property on Maple Street near 14th Street, and families are welcomed to grab anything they need at any time. "I think that's one of the best things about it — the fact that it's anonymous. So, if you're feeling embarrassed, you can come in the middle of the night and that way nobody has to see you," Shafer said.

Because only certain foods fit in the box, Mt. Olive is asking residents to donate cash that could then be used to purchase different food. "However, there is a red barrel outside the church office and we're always taking donations of food, water and blankets for the homeless," Shafer said, stating residents who wish to donate to the church can do so online at mtoliveltheranchurch.org.

"If there ever was a time to give, it is now," said Margaret Sohagi, SMC Foundation's Board chair. "It is hard—nearly impossible—for those among us who may not suffer from food insecurity to imagine just how painful and demoralizing it is."

Sohagi added, "It behooves us to come together to help our neighbors."

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WHAT TO EXPECT

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Library, the Montana Branch Library, Virginia Avenue Park, Marine Park and the Downtown Santa Monica Expo Station.

The County had received ballots from 59 percent of Santa Monica's registered voters as of midday on Monday. National, state, and county election results will be shared at www.results.lavote.net.

The City will release local election results from all votes counted prior to Election Day at 8 p.m. on www.smvote.org, and will update the website continuously as today's ballots are counted. This website also contains information on candidates for City Council, School Board, Rent Control Board, and College Board.

The SMPD does not have any evidence to suggest there are threats to Santa Monica, but will have an increased police presence across the City today.

"We are closely monitoring regional activities to keep our community safe and to support the election process essential to our democracy. All City departments are engaged to plan for and preempt any potential threats to community safety," said City spokesperson Constance Farrell.

Storefronts across the City have boarded up their windows in anticipation of civil unrest or criminal activity. Many of these businesses were damaged by the May 31st looting and are not taking any chances on Election Day.

The Santa Monica Police Officers Association has partnered with the Peace Officers Research Association to assist local businesses who wish to board up their storefronts.

"We don't have any specific intelligence to suggest that we should expect criminal activity associated with the election here in Santa Monica," said Erika Aklufi, Santa Monica Police Officers Association President. "What we do know is that our business community is still recovering from the vandalism and looting that occurred on May 31st and that they can't afford to be hit again. Many of them have also indicated that they can't afford to board up their storefronts and so our officers felt compelled to help," said Aklufi.

This free service was offered by volunteers from SMPOA, Santa Monica Firefighters, IAFF Local 1109, CT West Construction of Los Angeles and McCarthy Construction of Newport Beach.

Interim Chief of Police Jacqueline Seabrooks will share community updates through SMPD social media. Anyone with information about a potential threat should email smtips@santamonica.gov.

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TAXES

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state, including Proposition 22, which is asking voters to decide if Uber, Lyft and other app-based drivers should remain independent contractors, or be eligible for the benefits that come with being company employees. There has been record-pace spending so far — about $220 million and climbing — in the fight between the titans of the so-called gig economy and labor unions, including the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Recent polling by the Public Policy Institute of California pointed to an unsettled electorate. Likely voters were about equally divided over whether the state was headed in the right direction – and most felt the nation was headed the wrong way. The poll also found most Californians believe the state is cleaved by economic division.

Former state Republican Party Chairman Ron Nehring said if either affirmative action or tax hikes fail, it would confound easy stereotypes about the state and its politics.

The outcome could show "the state has not moved in a way that easily fits into anyone's cookie-cutter perspective," Nehring said.

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