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# Voters battle stress on anxiety-ridden Election Day





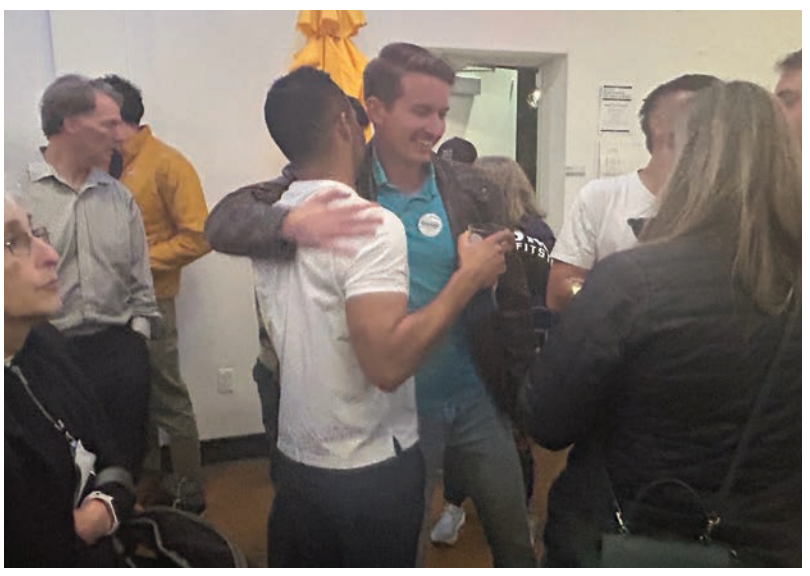





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**ELECTION:** Voters were out on Tuesday casting ballots at sites like Lincoln Middle School. Early results favored the Unity Slate with all four candidates (Dan Hall, Ellis Raskin, Natalya Zernitskaya and Barry Snell) taking the top spots for City Council as of about 9 p.m. Visit www.smdp.com for updated results.

**THOMAS LEFFLER**
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica has not been sheltered from the most anxiety-ridden day to hit America in years, as both the nerves and excitement were palpable at polling places Tuesday.

Santa Monica's Election Day saw elongated lines at multiple sites as voters cast ballots in local, state and national elections. There were a total of six voting centers in Santa Monica to choose from, including lines ranging from 50-70 people deep at Lincoln Middle School and Santa Monica College (SMC) in the late morning hours.

For the local races, candidates in the Santa Monica City Council race were seen helping voters with information, including Unity Slate candidate Dan Hall at Lincoln and Safer Santa Monica candidate John Putnam at SMC's main campus.

On Tuesday evening, the Unity Slate of Hall, Natalya Zernitskaya, Barry Snell and Ellis Raskin held a party at Santa Monica Brew Works as soon as polls closed. The Safer Santa Monica Slate of Putnam, Vivian A. Roknian, Councilmember Oscar de la Torre and Mayor Phil Brock held its own soiree at Margo's at 16th and Montana Ave.

At press time, early results had the Unity Slate in the top four spots (visit smdp.com for updated result information).

The SMC campus' Cayton Center Faculty Lounge was the site of voting at the school, but much of the action was outside in a quad area, with a group of students conducting a Pro-Palestinian protest. The leader of the student group refused a statement to the Daily Press, with another member stating they were just "students who care" about the ongoing Israel-Palestine conflict which has turned into a massive issue for Generation Z voters.

With the race for SMC Board taken off the ballot, and the lone challenger for School Board, Christine Falaguerra, withdrawing her candidacy; voters had more time to pay attention to local and state ballot measures. Local early voter Brian Hires said voting for local Measure QS (the Santa Monica school improvement bond) and state Proposition

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# Bay St fire would have been much worse had the wind direction been different

**SCOTT SNOWDEN**
SMDP Staff Writer

Early Monday morning at about 1:37am, a fire was reported in the 200 block of Bay Street, spreading to multiple palm trees and one nearby structure. Despite experiencing high winds, the Fire Department was able to extinguish the flames and contain the fire.

Thankfully, no injuries were reported as all occupants in the nearby structures had already self-evacuated. One family in the building have a six-day old baby and there were initial fears of injury through smoke inhalation, but the Fire Department have since reported that fortunately this is not the case.

A number of neighbors, who spoke to the Daily Press on the condition of anonymity, said that car alarms had been set off because the bang was so loud and there was even visible fire damage to the trees on the other side of the street.

And everyone remarked on how lucky residents had been that the Santa Ana winds weren't blowing any stronger — or even in just a slightly different direction. Even a slight change in the direction could've caused adjacent buildings to catch fire along with parked vehicles and trees.

Moreover, the fate of the Mexican Fan Palm trees, not only on the street, but also the enormous one that's in the front yard of 227 Bay Street, the property affected by the fire, is in question and some residents are fearful that they may have to be cut down.

A video uploaded to Reddit by YetiPie shows how close the fire came to spreading to property up and down the street.

"I don't think anyone saw who did it but I hope they catch them too, it was insane how fast it spread. Palm trees are CRAZY flammable turns out, and then turn into these giant fire dispersers that drop flaming vegetation from 50 feet high," YetiPie said in the post, adding, "The Santa Ana winds carried some Palm fronds to the adjacent street and onto another roof and there were smaller fires all over from that. It could have been so much worse, we're so grateful to the firefighters."

The Daily Press also spoke to Jesus Gastelum, the owner of the Star Liquor store, on the corner of Bay Street and Main Street, as it's hoped that their exterior CC TV cameras might have captured the suspects in action or fleeing the area. He said that they were working on isolating and identifying the relevant footage and that they were communicating closely with the Santa Monica Police Department.



YetiPie via Reddit

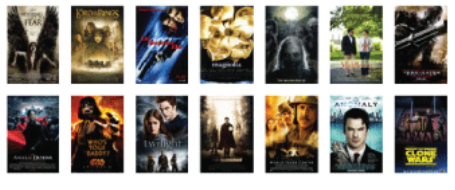
**FIRE:** The blaze in the 200 block of Bay Street caused a commotion early Monday..

Until the Police Department have collected and reviewed all the video footage available — there also ring camera footage believed to have captured the alleged act of arson — it's hard to separate rumor from fact. But one thing is abundantly clear, the neighborhood surrounding 227 Bay Street is pulling together, offering support and determined to ensure that the perpetrators be bought to justice.

The Police Department has said that this is being assigned to a detective for follow-up. Witnesses at the time reported a firework (unsure as to exactly what kind) and possibly a white hatchback fleeing the scene. Anyone with information about the incident should contact the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8491.

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# Is the election making you feel adrift and wobbly? That's 'zozobra' – and Mexican philosophers have some advice

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Ever had the feeling that you can't make sense of what's happening? One moment everything seems normal, then suddenly the frame shifts to reveal a world on fire, struggling with war, climate change and political violence and upheaval.

That's "zozobra," the peculiar form of anxiety that comes from being unable to settle into a single point of view, leaving you with questions like: Is it a lovely autumn day, or an alarming moment of converging historical catastrophes?

During a general election in which the outcome – and aftermath – is unknown, it is a condition that many Americans may be experiencing.

As scholars of this phenomenon, we have noted how zozobra has spread in U.S. society in recent years.

Now, in 2024, as crisis fatigue and disorientation are eroding many people's capacity to believe that life will ever return to "normal" again, we believe these insights from Mexican philosophy are more relevant than ever.

Ever since the conquest and colonization of the valley of Mexico by Hernán Cortés, Mexicans have had to cope with wave after wave of profound social and spiritual disruption – wars, rebellions, revolution, corruption, dictatorship and now the threat of becoming a narco-state. Mexican philosophers have had more than 500 years of uncertainty to reflect on, and they have important lessons to share.

## ZOZOBRA AND THE WOBBLING OF THE WORLD

The word zozobra is an ordinary Spanish term for "anxiety" but with connotations that call to mind the wobbling of a ship about to capsize. The term emerged as a key concept among Mexican intellectuals in the early 20th century to describe the sense of having no stable ground and feeling out of place in the world.

This feeling of zozobra is commonly experienced by people who visit or immigrate to a foreign country: the rhythms of life, the way people interact, everything just seems "off" – unfamiliar, disorienting and vaguely alienating.

According to the philosopher Emilio Uranga (1921-1988), the telltale sign of zozobra is wobbling and toggling between perspectives, being unable to relax into a single framework to make sense of things. As Uranga describes it in his 1952 book "Analysis of Mexican Being":

"Zozobra refers to a mode of being that incessantly oscillates between two possibilities, between two affects, without knowing which one of those to depend on … indiscriminately dismissing one extreme in favor of the other. In this to and fro the soul suffers, it feels torn and wounded."

What makes zozobra so difficult to address is that its source is intangible. It is a soul-sickness not caused by any personal failing, nor by any of the particular events that we can point to.

Instead, it comes from cracks in the frameworks of meaning that we rely on to make sense of our world – the shared understanding of what is real and who is trustworthy, what risks we face and how to meet them, what basic decency requires of us and what ideals our nation aspires to.

In the past, many people in the U.S. took these frameworks for granted – but no longer.

The gnawing sense of distress and disorientation many Americans are feeling is a sign that at some level, they now recognize just how necessary and fragile these structures are.

## THE NEED FOR COMMUNITY

Another Mexican philosopher, Jorge Portilla (1918-1963), reminds us that these frameworks of meaning that hold our world together cannot be maintained by individuals alone. While each of us may find our own meaning in life, we do so against the backdrop of what Portilla described as a "horizon of understanding" that is maintained by our community. In everything we do, from making small talk to making big life choices, we depend on others to share a basic set of assumptions about the world. It's a fact that becomes painfully obvious when we suddenly find ourselves among people with very different assumptions.

In our book on the contemporary relevance of Portilla's philosophy, we point out that in the U.S., people increasingly have the sense that their neighbors and countrymen inhabit a different world. As social circles become smaller and more restricted, zozobra deepens.

In his 1949 essay, "Community, Greatness, and Misery in Mexican Life," Portilla identifies four signs that indicate when the feedback loop between zozobra and social disintegration has reached critical levels.

First, people in a disintegrating society become prone to self-doubt and reluctance to take action, despite how urgently action may be needed. Second, they become prone to cynicism and even corruption – not because they are immoral but because they genuinely do not experience a common good for which to sacrifice their personal interests. Third, they become prone to nostalgia, fantasizing about returning to a time when things made sense. In the case of America, this applies not only to those given to wearing MAGA caps; everyone can fall into this sense of longing for a previous age.

And finally, people become prone to a sense of profound vulnerability that gives rise to apocalyptic thinking. Portilla puts it this way:

"We live always simultaneously entrenched in a human world and in a natural world, and if the human world denies us its accommodations to any extent, the natural world emerges with a force equal to the level of insecurity that textures our human connections."

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## Surf report

WATER TEMP: **58.3**

**WEDNESDAY** *POOR TO FAIR* | **SURF:** Knee to thigh 1-2FT

Gusty day of Santa Ana wind — offshore flow will likely overpower the small swell mix. Refresh in NW swell should keep the surf rideable for the right gear through the AM tide push. SSW swell drops out so most size out west of Pt dume.

**THURSDAY** *POOR* | **SURF:** Shin to knee 0-1FT

Smaller wave gear kind of day with lingering Santa Anas. NW swell mix and SSW swells are on the way down and the tide will favor mid/inner bars.

## Weather

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 65. North northeast wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 51. North northeast wind around 15 mph.
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**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 50.

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Jackpot: 303 M

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# Election Day voting unfolds generally smoothly with some scattered issues and delays

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Associated Press

Election Day voting unfolded largely smoothly across the nation Tuesday with only scattered reports of delays from extreme weather, ballot printing errors and technical problems.

Most of the hiccups occurring by midday were "largely expected routine and planned-for events," said Cait Conley, senior adviser to the director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, in a press briefing. She said the agency was not currently tracking any national, significant incidents impacting election security.

In swing-state Pennsylvania, early reports that Republican poll watchers were not allowed into some polling sites were soon resolved. A Pennsylvania state judge ordered polls to remain open for two extra hours in Cambria County, which voted 68% for former President Donald Trump in 2020. The county sought the extension after a software malfunction affected ballot-scanning machines, though county officials confirmed no one was turned away from the polls and said all ballots would be counted.

> We'll be like post office workers: in rain or snow or sleet
> - Mary Roszkowski

A technical malfunction in Champaign County, Illinois, and challenges with e-pollbooks in Louisville, Kentucky, also delayed voting, but those issues were soon fixed and voting was back up and running. In Arizona's Maricopa County, one voting location was slightly delayed when a worker forgot to bring a key.

In Missouri, flooding made one St. Louis area polling site hard to reach and knocked out power to another, requiring poll workers to turn to a generator to continue election operations. Still, in various states affected by rain, voters were enthusiastically huddling under umbrellas as they lined up to cast their ballots.

"We'll be like post office workers: in rain or snow or sleet," voter Mary Roszkowski said after she cast her ballot in windy Racine, Wisconsin, wiping raindrops off her face.

In Maine, at least three high schools that served as polling places were subjected to false reports of shooters, but voting continued uninterrupted as police confirmed the calls were hoaxes. In Georgia, Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger said there were some reported bomb threats to polling places, but all were deemed non-credible and authorities were investigating.

The FBI on Tuesday afternoon said it was aware of multiple non-credible bomb threats to polling locations in several states and said many of them appeared to originate from Russian email domains.

Helping voting run relatively smoothly on Election Day was the fact that tens of millions of Americans had already cast their ballots. Those included record numbers of voters in Georgia, North Carolina and other battleground states that could decide the winner.

As of Tuesday, Associated Press tracking of advance voting nationwide showed more than 82 million ballots already cast — slightly more than half the total number of votes in the presidential election four years earlier. That's driven partly by Republican voters, who were casting early ballots at a higher rate than in recent previous elections after a campaign by Trump and the Republican National Committee to counter the Democrats' longstanding advantage in the early vote.

Early in-person and mail voting proceeded without major problems, besides some typical glitches expected in any election. That included in the parts of western North Carolina hammered last month by Hurricane Helene. State and local election officials, benefiting from changes made by the Republican-controlled legislature, pulled off a herculean effort to ensure residents could cast their ballots as they dealt with power outages, lack of water and washed out roads. That appeared to continue on Tuesday, with the North Carolina Board of Elections reporting no voting issues.

Besides the hurricanes in North Carolina and Florida, the most worrisome disruptions to the election season so far were arson attacks that damaged ballots in two drop boxes near the Oregon-Washington border. Authorities there were searching for the person responsible.

The absence of any significant, widespread problems has not stopped Trump, the Republican nominee, or the RNC, which is now under his sway, from making numerous claims of fraud or election interference during the early voting period, a possible prelude to challenges after Election Day.

Trump and Republicans also have warned about the possibility that Democrats are recruiting masses of noncitizens to vote, a claim they have made without evidence and that runs counter to the data, including from Republican secretaries of state. Research has consistently shown that noncitizens registering to vote is rare. Any noncitizen who does faces the potential of felony charges and deportation, a significant disincentive.

One case of noncitizen voting was caught during early voting last month and resulted in felony charges in Michigan after a student from China cast an illegal early ballot.

This is the first presidential vote since Trump lost to Joe Biden four years ago and began various attempts to circumvent the outcome and remain in power. That climaxed

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## ELECTION

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33 were his top concerns, particularly voting for the latter that would repeal the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act of 1995.

"I would say the ability and freedom for rent control, that was my biggest (concern) because we should all be able to have flexibility with our rent as prices continue to go up," Hires said. "I just thought it would be (for) the best."

Dropping off his ballot on Oct. 22, Hires was thankful for living in an area where the task only took a handful of minutes.

"I thought it was more accessible, and also, it was easier with my schedule ... I just voted ahead of time because I had the time to do it, it gave me time to think about my vote," Hires added.

Though vote-by-mail numbers won't be as astronomical as the 2020 General Election (3.42 million in Los Angeles County), local voters still like having the reassurance of knowledge alongside them as they vote.

"With all the props and judges I usually know nothing about, the mail-in ballot allows me to treat it like an open-book test, and then once it was filled out, it was making me anxious to have it around," early voter Heather Maggi said. "I had the time to drop it off and it was a lovely day for a walk."

Anxiety has been the election buzzword this year, with a May poll done by the American Psychiatric Association finding that 73% of United States adults were feeling anxious about this year's elections. To help manage stress of SMC students, mental health practice Octave sent a street team to the campus to provide support and resources.

The team took part in a "ballot box breathing" exercise with voters, a therapist-approved technique to reduce present stress.

"The election can raise concerns about the future, causing uncertainty, stress and anxiety," Octave Head of Clinical Care Golee Abrishami, PhD told the Daily Press. "It can also increase the likelihood of uncomfortable conversations, which can impact relationships."

Abrishami added that "being intentional and actively engaged with yourself" can help manage the stress, while Hires said on a personal level that he is "doing anything" he can to avoid election news.

"Whether that's not being on my phone as much, going out for a walk, having conversations about it with other people that are on the same page as you, I think is helpful too," Hires said.

Election results will be updated on the Daily Press website throughout Wednesday.

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**VOTING:** Lines bended around the block at Lincoln Middle School on Tuesday.

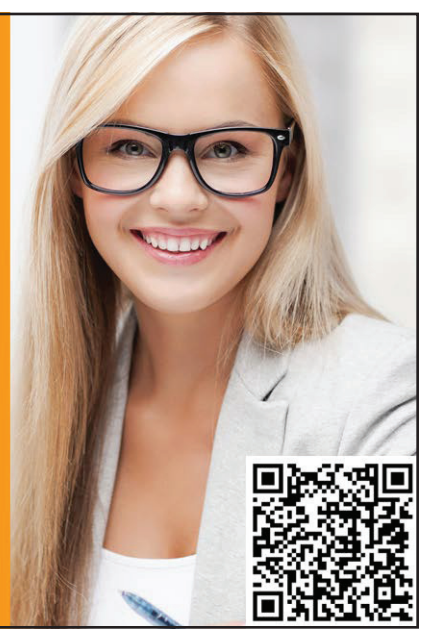

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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have fallen 3.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $4.44/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 8.7 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 80.5 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has declined 1.3 cents in the last week and stands at $3.52 per gallon- the lowest level since 2021.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $3.79/g while the most expensive was $5.59/g, a difference of $1.80/g. The lowest price in the state was $3.49/g while the highest was $8.09/g, a difference of $4.60/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 2.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.05/g. The national average is down 11.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 34.5 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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# November at the Market

As we embrace this month of bounty with gratitude, it's that time of year when it's especially important to us to thank all our wonderful farmers market customers who have supported us over the years rain, fog or shine and to honor all the amazing local farmers who are dedicated to serving the community they love. Make the Pico and Main Street Farmers Markets your trusted go to for local, fresh healthy food and fun and make this the most incredibly delicious holiday season ever! We love you, Santa Monica!

Preparing for holiday feasting? Whether you are looking for a turkey to roast or fish to grill or mushrooms and nuts for a vegan loaf, we have everything you need for an amazing holiday meal. And those incredible mouthwatering farm fresh fruits and veggies, sweet potatoes and winter squashes. I mean, really, why would you want to shop anywhere else? Don't forget pomegranates and persimmons to dress up your favorite holiday salad! And, for the spinach, brussels sprout and green bean lovers, yes! They are in season!!

Don't feel like cooking? Check in with your favorite prepared food vendors for pre-holiday ordering options!

**NOVEMBER BLOG CALENDAR 24**

**Pico Farmers Market**

November 9 - Teddy Bang Trio
Hands only CPR, NAMI
November 16 -East of Lincoln,
Master Gardeners
November 23 -Megan Ukoh
LA County Dept. of Mental Health
November 30 - Cadahlay

**Main Street Farmers Market**

November 10 – Sophia Vandenberg – 9am
The GM Jazz Quintet – 10am-1pm
YARI, Youth Animal Rescue Initiative
November 17 – Cadre Scott – 10am-1pm
The Laura Jean Music Academy at 11am and noon
Hands Only CPR
November 24 – Chloe Resler and Friends – 10am-1pm
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# Early election takeaways: Next president will lead fractured nation

**STEVE PEOPLES AND BILL BARROW**
Associated Press

Even with the outcome uncertain Tuesday night, the 2024 presidential election already has exposed the depths of a fractured nation as the candidates navigated a political realignment based on gender, class and age under the near-constant threat of misinformation and violence.

Not since the 1968 election, when the nation was torn over racial strife and the Vietnam war, has the divide seemed so apparent.

But the biggest conclusions so far may be the most obvious.

The United States is poised to elect either its first female president in Vice President Kamala Harris or its first president with a felony conviction in former president Donald Trump, whose enduring political strength through chaos — much of it his own making — has carried few political costs so far.

With votes still being counted across the country, here are some early takeaways:

### THERE IS A NEW BATTLEGROUND MAP AND SCRAMBLED COALITIONS

White college educated voters, even in metropolitan areas, once leaned Republican. Working-class white voters, especially in union households, were key parts of Democrats' coalition. Black voters — men and women — were the bedrock of the party, and they also had a strong pull for Latino voters. So did young voters.

Preliminary data from AP VoteCast, an expansive survey of more than 115,000 voters nationwide, suggested that some groups may have shifted.

One potential trend could be among younger voters, whose political lives have been shaped by the presence of Trump. Voters under age 30 represent a fraction of the total electorate, but about half of them supported Harris. That's compared to the roughly 6 in 10 who backed Biden in 2020.

Slightly more than 4 in 10 young voters went for Trump, up from about one-third in 2020.

The broad shifts have helped reorder the presidential battleground map. Florida and Ohio, traditional battlegrounds, are now firmly Republican. Yet other states in the Great Lakes region — Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin — remained tossups as votes were being counted. And the Southern Sun Belt state of North Carolina — once reliably in the GOP presidential column — remained close as well.

Trump boasted throughout the fall that he would get more support from Black men and Latino men than Harris usually does.

Harris, meanwhile, went after more educated voters — including moderate Republicans — repelled by Trump.

It may turn out that the Trump era is not a permanent realignment of the major party coalitions. But it's clear that old coalitions and longstanding understandings of how to win the White House simply do not apply with Trump in the mix.

### A NEW PRESIDENT WILL TAKE CHARGE OF A NATION WITH DEEP FISSURES

Whether Harris or Trump ends up behind the Resolute Desk, the 47th president will lead a nation with deepening political and cultural fissures and a worried electorate.

AP VoteCast found that about 4 in 10 voters considered the economy and jobs the most important problem facing the country. Roughly 2 in 10 voters said the top issue is immigration, an anchor of Trump's argument, and about 1 in 10 picked abortion, a pillar of Harris' campaign.

In a reminder of just how unusual this election has been, about 1 in 4 Trump voters said the assassination attempts against him were the most important factor in their vote.

But when asked what most influenced their vote, about half of voters cited the future of democracy. That was higher than the share who answered the same way about inflation, immigration or abortion policy. And it crosses over the two major parties: About two-thirds of Harris voters and about a third of Trump voters said the future of democracy was the most important factor in their votes.

That's not surprising given the realities of the Trump era and the rhetoric of the campaign.

Trump refused to acknowledge his 2020 defeat and watched his supporters ransack the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, as Congress convened to certify Democrat Joe Biden's victory. Trump even mused two days before Election Day that he "shouldn't have left" the White House after repeatedly promising retribution to his political enemies.

Harris, by the end of the campaign, joined other critics — including some of Trump's former White House chief of staff — in describing the former president as a "fascist." Trump, meanwhile, labeled Harris a "fascist" and a "communist."

He then told voters that the multiple criminal prosecutions against him prove that Democrats are the true "threat to democracy" and in the final days of the campaign stepped up his debunked claims that U.S. elections are rigged against him.

### QUESTIONS ABOUT 'ELECTION INTEGRITY' PERSIST — THANKS TO MISINFORMATION

Trump spent the closing days of the election aggressively promoting baseless claims about the integrity of the election, insisting that would lose only if Democrats cheat. Not long after, he claimed on social media, without evidence, that there was "a lot of talk about massive CHEATING in Philadelphia."

There is no credible information pointing to significant fraud in this election — or the last one, despite Trump's claims to the contrary. A broad coalition of top government and industry officials, many of them Republicans, found that the 2020 election was the "most secure" in American history.

At the same time, a misinformation campaign promoting false instances of election fraud is spreading online.

The FBI on Tuesday issued a statement highlighting two examples of its name and insignia being misused in election-related videos. One of them featured a fabricated press release alleges that the management of five prisons in Pennsylvania, Georgia, and Arizona rigged inmate voting and colluded with a political party.

"This video is also not authentic, and its contents are false," the FBI said.

### MARS AND VENUS: ABORTION, 'BRO' POLITICS ILLUMINATE GENDER VOTING DIFFERENCES

It was the first presidential election after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade and ended a woman's national right to terminate a pregnancy. It was also the first time that a Republican presidential candidate overly courted males with a hypermasculine approach.

And it appears to have mattered. Both Harris' and Trump's advisers expected a historic "gender gap" between the two candidates, with women making up a clear majority of Harris' supporters and men providing the clear majority of Trump's total.

AP VoteCast, meanwhile, found that about 1 in 10 voters said abortion is the top issue facing the country, reinforcing the newfound salience of an issue that barely registered for voters four years ago.

About one-quarter of voters said that abortion policy was the single most important factor for their vote, while close to half said it was an important factor, but not the most important.

To be sure, women have trended more Democratic in national politics for years, while men have trended more Republican. But the widening gap simply underscores how fractured the American electorate has become.

### THE YEAR OF BILLIONAIRES UNDERSCORES THE POWER OF MONEY IN POLITICS

Elon Musk, one of the world's wealthiest men, became Trump's favorite campaign sidekick in the closing weeks. Musk relished the spotlight, as he has since he bought Twitter, changed its name to X and shaped the social media platform's political identity toward his own.

Musk plowed tens of millions of dollars — a fraction of his fortune — into a turnout operation intended to help Trump. The former president promised to make Musk a key part of his would-be second administration, potentially giving him sweeping control over federal regulations and bureaucracy.

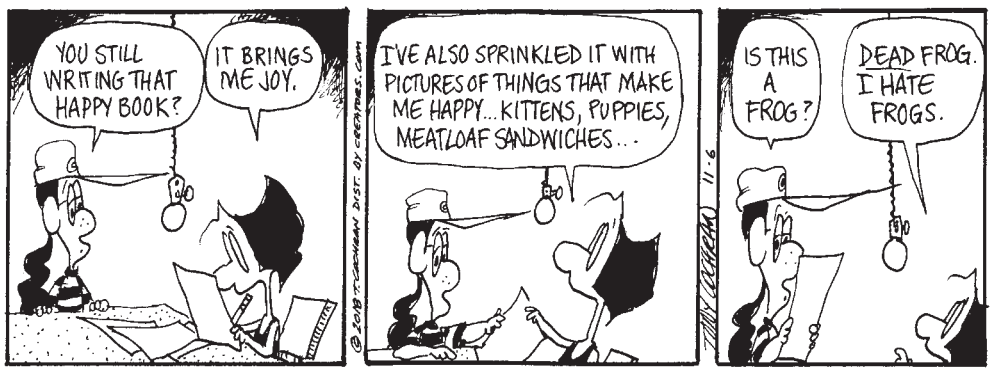
On the Democratic side, Bill Gates and Michael Bloomberg each gave a pro-Harris super PAC $50 million, according to the New York Times.




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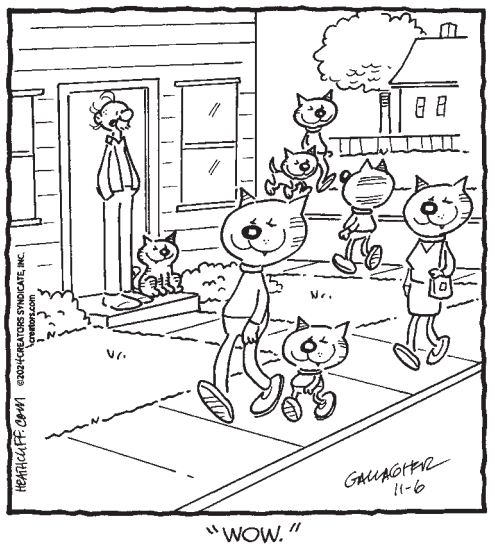

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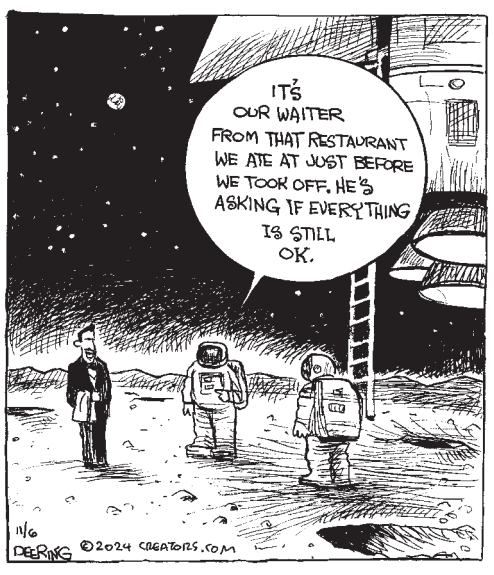

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# FIND THE WORDS

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

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This year is a hot air balloon flight over territory you used to have to climb step by step. And though there was honor in that work, it's your turn to lift off into some beauty you've only seen from the ground until now. More highlights: Legendary hospitality and social grace, the resolution of old conflicts, and a new grasp of financial concepts that leads to savvy investments. Sagittarius and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 18, 27 and 50.

## HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Many believe being right is what matters most, but they're mistaken. Letting go of the need to be right invites peace and intellectual freedom. An open mind is your gateway to more enriching, enjoyable connections.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your inner treasure shines. Among your greatest riches are modesty, compassion and a genuine desire for collective well-being. These values will draw the right people to your side.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Who do you lean on when you feel fragile? Reach out to that person today. There's a balancing act in this relationship, and when one of you feels weak, the other finds strength.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Strange challenges figure into work and play alike. Psychology will triumph over tangible resources. Don't be swayed by how impossible things may seem materially. Your mind is the key to victory.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Have you noticed fortune smiling on your relationships? You owe the thriving to your keen sense for how to build rapport, nurture trust and create a place where people feel free to be themselves.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When the path gets tricky, you'll naturally gravitate to the good questions: Who's got this figured out? What's the better way? You're never afraid to ask because you know learning from others is part of the adventure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Talk out your process. Express your feelings. Share your joy and your worry. This will keep your internal world from being a lonely, narrow space. You need more than just internal conversations to truly see things as they are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Knowing the decision-making process can be taxing, you're careful not to give too many options to others. You're good at narrowing down the vision and offering but a few options.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Perspective will liberate you. Go big — as big as the whole sky. For instance, when you consider the airless surface of distant planets, it reminds you that everything, even your next breath, is a gift.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Life is like a carnival game. Whether it's landing the ring on the bottle or hitting the target with a dart, success is about considering a number of factors and then forgetting them all before taking your aim.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Keep reaching and believing because you have even more of the magic than you did in your most magical year. One friend will open your social life wider.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Take care of your own needs first. This is not a day to help others at your own expense. That would be very expensive indeed! Helping shouldn't hurt quite so much.

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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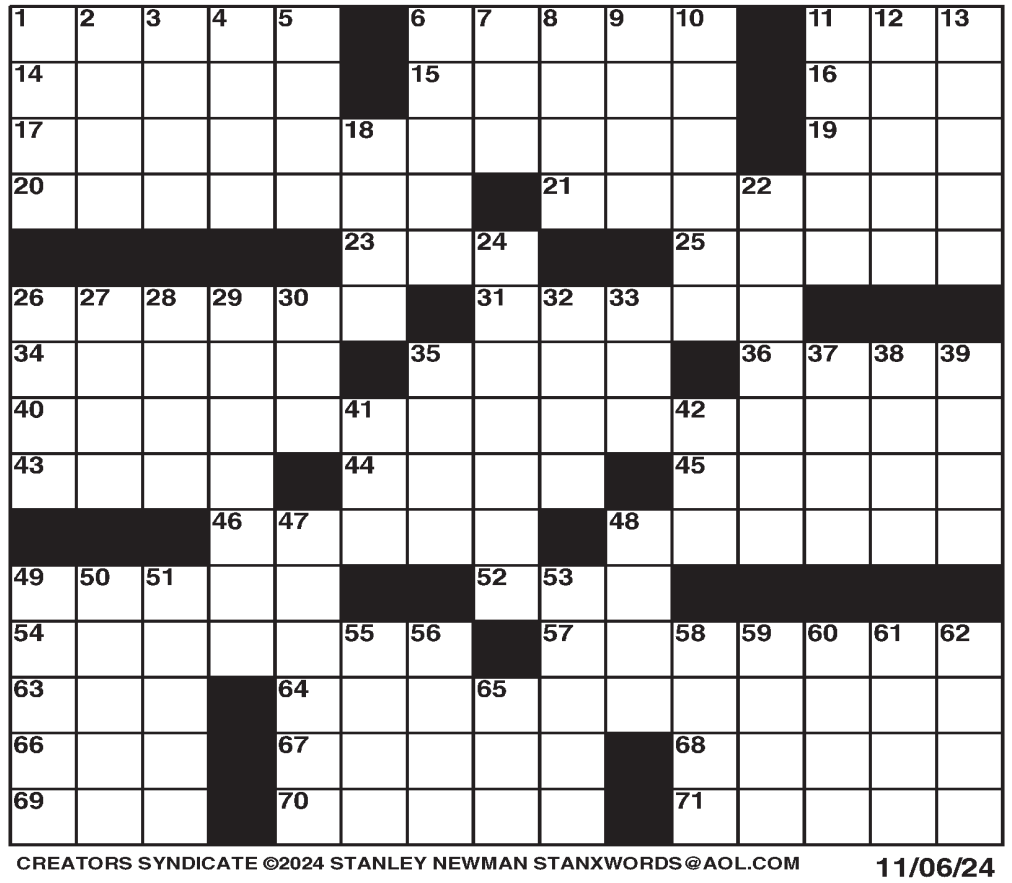
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**ACROSS**

1 Snap-together kid's bricks
6 Blend with another company
11 Dallas coll.
14 Samuel of the Supreme Court
15 Walled Spanish city
16 Toy that spins
17 Airport Internet connection
19 December 24th or 31st
20 Starts a journey
21 Decline to say "aye" or "nay"
23 Ruby's hue
25 Prepared for battle
26 Waistline measurements
31 Join together
34 Nebraska city
35 Actor Penn or Connery
36 Mosquito net material
40 Tot's question while looking up
43 Airplane's front
44 Webster of dictionaries
45 Colonial patriot Ethan
46 Casts a ballot
48 Canary sounds
49 Easygoing personality
52 Golf starting point
54 What's belted in for a tot
57 Repeated from memory
63 Shade tree
64 Bit of male heredity
66 Untruth
67 Stuck, as in mud
68 Get the ball rolling
69 Spy novelist Deighton
70 Coax forth
71 Outdoes in competition

**DOWN**

1 What police enforce
2 Peace Nobelist Wiesel
3 Any present
4 Big name in elevators
5 London neighborhood
6 Non-glossy snapshot finish
7 Teslas, for instance: Abbr.
8 Kelly of morning TV
9 Lump of clay
10 Annoys a lot
11 Radiator heat source
12 Cinema showing
13 Topple over
18 Shared by you and me
22 Shake with fear
24 Precisely right, on a map
26 Graduation Day rental
27 Texter's "I believe..."
28 Beams of light
29 Ali Baba's adversaries
30 Owns
32 Humorous poet Ogden
33 Fountain pen filler
35 Place for a lace
37 French fashion mag
38 Bird feeder food
39 Cluckers in coops
41 Explosive letters
42 Swerve off course
47 "Do as I say!"
48 Abound (with)
49 Immune-system element
50 Connecticut Ivy Leaguer
51 Publicity guys, for short
53 Wear away over time
55 Etcher's liquid
56 Drive-__ window
58 Baseball great Ty
59 "Makes sense to me"
60 Clothes, informally
61 Send forth, as heat
62 Family rooms
65 DVR remote button



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## ZOZOBRA

FROM PAGE 3

In other words, when a society is disintegrating, fires, floods and tornadoes seem like harbingers of apocalypse.

### COPING WITH THE CRISIS

Naming the present crisis is a first step toward dealing with it. But then what is to be done?

Portilla suggests that national leaders can exacerbate or alleviate zozobra. When there is a coherent horizon of understanding at the national level – that is to say, when there is a shared sense of what is real and what matters – individuals have a stronger feeling of connection to the people around them and a sense that their society is in a better position to deal with the most pressing issues. With this solace, it is easier to return attention to one's own small circle of influence.

Uranga, for his part, suggests that zozobra actually unifies people in a common human condition. Many prefer to hide their suffering behind a happy facade or channel it into anger and blame. But Uranga insists that honest conversation about shared suffering is an opportunity to come together. Talking about zozobra provides something to commune over, something on which to base a love for one another, or at least sympathy.

## ELECTION

FROM PAGE 4

with the violent Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol to halt certification of the results after Trump told his supporters to "fight like hell."

Even now, a solid majority of Republicans believe Trump's lie that Biden was not legitimately elected, despite reviews, audits and recounts in the battleground states that all affirmed Biden's win. A survey last month from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research showed Republicans remain much more skeptical than Democrats that their ballots will be counted accurately this year.

Seeking to rebuild voter confidence in a system targeted with false claims of widespread fraud, Republican lawmakers in more than a dozen states since 2020 have passed new voting restrictions. Those rules include shortening the window to apply or return a mail ballot, reducing the availability of ballot drop boxes and adding ID requirements.

On the last weekend before Election Day, Trump continued to falsely claim the election was being rigged against him and said a presidential winner should be declared on election night, before all the ballots are counted.

Vice President Kamala Harris urged voters not to fall for Trump's tactic of casting doubt on elections. The Democratic nominee told supporters at a weekend rally in Michigan that the tactic was intended to suggest to people "that if they vote, their vote won't matter." Instead, she urged people who had already cast ballots to encourage their friends to do the same.

Through four years of election lies and voting-related conspiracy theories, local election officials have faced harassment and even death threats. That has prompted high turnover and led to heightened security for election offices and polling sites that includes panic buttons and bullet-proof glass.

While there have been no major reports of any malicious cyberactivity affecting election offices, foreign actors have been active in using fake social media profiles and websites to drum up partisan vitriol and disinformation. In the final weeks, U.S. intelligence officials have attributed to Russia multiple fake videos alleging election fraud in presidential swing states.

On the eve of Election Day, they issued a joint statement with federal law enforcement agencies warning that Russia in particular was ramping up its influence operations, including in ways that could incite violence, and likely would continue those efforts well after the votes have been cast.

Jen Easterly, the nation's top election security official, urged Americans to rely on state and local election officials for information about elections.

"This is especially important as we are in an election cycle with an unprecedented amount of disinformation, including disinformation being aggressively peddled and amplified by our foreign adversaries at a greater scale than ever before," she said. "We cannot allow our foreign adversaries to have a vote in our democracy."

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## WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 6

### ACCELERATE 2050

8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Expert Dojo, 395 Santa Monica Pl. #308. This is the 19th national event hosted by Sustainatopia with a focus on climate, impact and more. Tickets $799-$1,199, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/accelerate-2050-los-angeles-tickets-1030797341597.

### DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

4:30 - 6 p.m. Youth Activity Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Join the adventure for one-shot sessions with characters you have created or pick up a readymade character for the day's journey. All materials provided. For ages 10-14.

### PLANNING COMMISSION

6 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. Established in 1946, the Planning Commission envisions Santa Monica as a city of wellbeing, sustainability, and equity, and seeks to balance the many needs and priorities within our community in accordance with the City's General Plan and Specific Plans. The Commission acts through open and civil discourse that is informed by public input, impartial analysis, and best practices in land use and planning.

### FUROSHIKI GIFT WRAPPING WORKSHOP

6 - 7:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. KUMI of The Art of Japanese Gift Wrapping presents a hands-on workshop on the Japanese art of sustainable gift wrapping with fabric. Class limited to 25 participants. Email library@santamonica.gov to register.

## THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 7

### HOUSING COMMISSION

6 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The Santa Monica Housing Commission is a city advisory body whose mission is to protect and improve the quality of life of all Santa Monicans by listening to input from city residents and staff, publicly deliberating, and providing recommendations to both the Santa Monica City Council and Santa Monica Housing Authority Board on issues related to housing in Santa Monica.

### SPEED DATING AGES 26-35

7 - 9 p.m. Kavahana, 306 Pico Blvd. Eliminate online matches you never meet in person, dead-end first dates and boring small talk with this event that creates a welcoming and inclusive environment for all attendees. Tickets $30, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/speed-dating-santa-monica-ages-26-35-tickets-1050002304157

## FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 8

### CALVARY CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 701 Palisades Drive, Pacific Palisades. The Calvary Christmas Boutique featured unique gifts, seasonal decor and more while enjoying the festive spirit. Vendors include Adventuretown Toys, Lady Jane Jewels, Sweet Lady Elena and The Closet Trading Co.

### ICE AT SANTA MONICA GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

5 - 11 p.m. Ice at Santa Monica, Corner of 5th St. and Arizona Ave. The Ice at Santa Monica presented by Disney+ grand opening is an enchanting evening of free ice skating after the ceremony. Free skate during the 5:30, 7, 8:30 and 10 p.m. sessions based on a first come basis. Groove to live DJ sets and enjoy captivating on-ice performance featuring Olympic hopeful skaters Katie McBeath and Daniil Parkman. RSVP at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ice-at-santa-monica-presented-by-disney-grand-opening-tickets-1057716571739.

### TRIO BOHÉMO

8 - 10 p.m. First Presbyterian Church Santa Monica, 1220 2nd St. The Da Camera Society presents an evening of Schubert and Brahms with the celebrated Czech ensemble Trio Bohémo. The celebrated ensemble performs two shining stars of the piano trio repertoire: Schubert's Op. 100 and Brahms' Op 8. Tickets $35-$85, to purchase visit: https://dacamerasociety.org/concerts-upcoming/trio-bohemo-plays-schubert-and-brahms/

## SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 9

### LITTLE BLUE DOG RUN GRAND OPENING

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Big Blue Bus Headquarters, 1660 7th St. Join for music, food trucks, a blue ribbon cutting, pet training demonstrations, pet adoptions and the Doggie Fall Fashion Show. To enter your dog into the fashion show, visit: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JGL3KKS.

### A JOURNEY THROUGH INDIGENOUS CULINARY TRADITIONS

2 - 3 p.m. Multipurpose Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Join Dr. Claudia Serrato as she discusses Indigenous culinary traditions. This interactive lecture will explore cultural food history, cultural nutrition and contemporary food movements.

### THE UNRAVELING

2 - 3:30 p.m. The Getty Villa, 17985 Pacific Coast Hwy., Pacific Palisades. Getty Villa Theater Lab presents "The Unraveling," a new plan inspired by Greek mythology exploring the "banishment" of women of a certain age in our society. Conceived and directed by Katharine Noon, artistic director of The Ghost Road Company. Free reservations available at: https://tickets.getty.edu.

### BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

2 - 3:30 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St. It's the 30th anniversary production of the celebrated Rudie-DeCarlo original musical, an excitingly heart-warming, and definitely un-scary, adaptation of the original French tale, proving beyond the shadow of any doubt that true beauty isn't in your appearance, but in your heart. Tickets $15, $12.50 for kids 12 and under. To purchase, visit: https://www.showclix.com/event/beauty-and-the-beast-2024-the-musical.

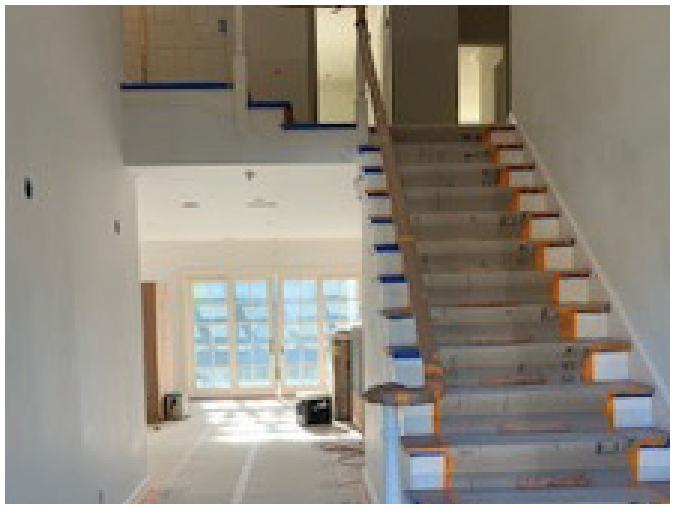
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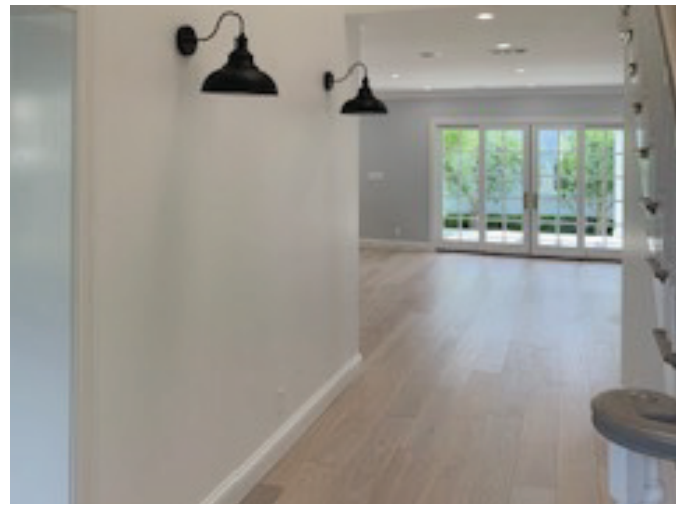
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