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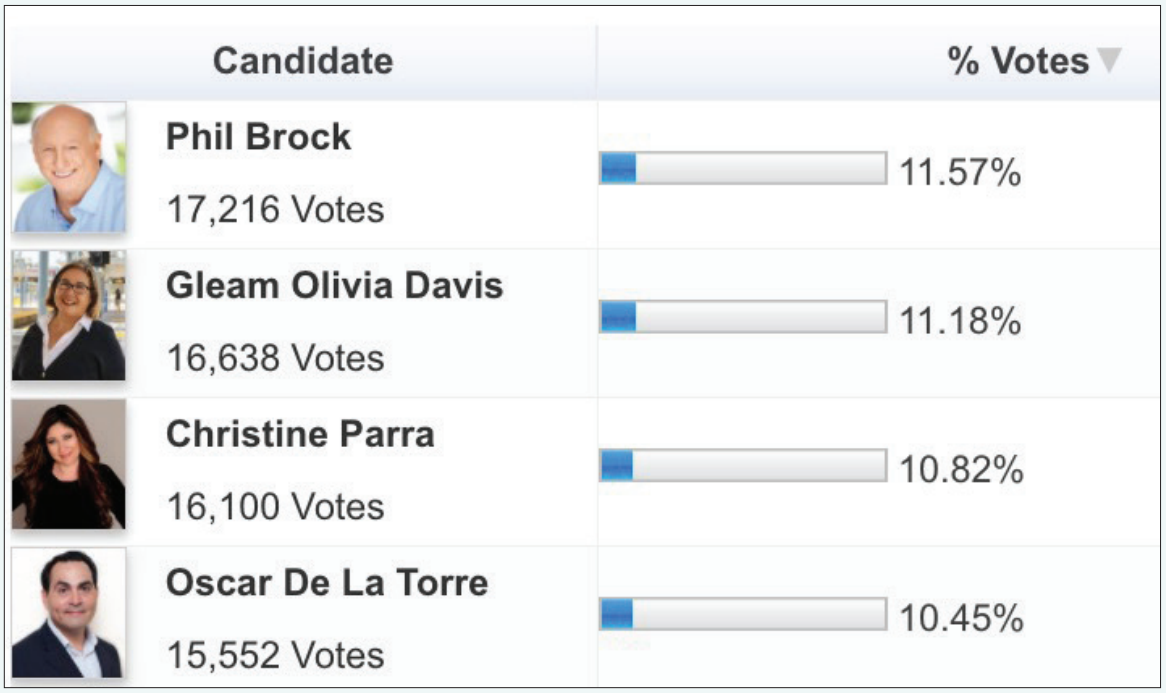
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Change Slate celebrates successful City Council challenges



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WINNERS: While the county continues to count ballots, the top four candidates have only grown their leads with each subsequent update.

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

The race for Santa Monica City Council is headed for a major upset with an unprecedented number of incumbents losing their seats.

Friday's updated totals show Phil Brock, Gleam Davis, Christine Parra and Oscar De La Torre in the top spots out of the 21 candidates who entered the race this year. The race between incumbent Terry O'Day and de la Torre was initially close but de la Torre has grown his lead to 578 votes as of Friday.

Brock has managed to increase his lead while incumbents Ted Winterer and Ana Maria Jara Members have failed to advance their rank.

De la Torre said earlier this week

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Saint Monica's lot could be converted to housing



Clara Harter

LOT: The lot across from Reed Park could become housing if the City makes a deal with St. Monica's church.

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

An underutilized parking lot located on Seventh Street could soon be turned into a multi-unit residential development.

The parking lot located at 1140 7th Street previously served as an overflow parking for Saint Monica's but following the completion of its Community Center and 154 subterranean spaces in 2013, the parking demands for the local church were sufficiently provided on the campus, so the overflow parking is no longer needed.

In 2010, City Council approved the Saint Monica's Catholic Community Development Agreement, which governs Saint Monica's Campus and the parking lot on 7th Street. The DA allowed Saint Monica's to guarantee its development rights with an extended time frame as long as the applicant agreed to provide community benefits like a Transportation Demand Management Program and allowed neighborhood use of 15 parking spaces in the off-site lot.

Saint Monica's Catholic Community submitted an application on Nov. 8, 2018, to amend and restate the DA in order to remove the shared use of 15 parking spaces at 1140 7th Street so officials could gain the ability to sell the underutilized site.

However, a staff report for Tuesday's council meeting states, "In exchange for the requested

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Malibu rebuts SMMUSD's claims in ongoing school separation debate

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Malibu is continuing to pursue a separation from the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and, as is often the case in divorce, relationships are becoming strained, in this instance through an argumentative letter exchange.

On Nov. 2, Malibu City Manager Reva Feldman sent a letter to SMMUSD Superintendent Ben Drati rebutting his claims that Malibu abandoned collaboration with the District and does not support educational equity.

Malibu has sought local control of its schools for around 20 years, but the debate was reignited on Oct. 12 when Malibu City Council voted to reinstate a separation petition to L.A. County Office of Education. On Oct. 28, Drati sent a letter to Feldman criticizing this decision and asking Malibu to return to the negotiation table.

The concept of educational equity is at the crux of the separation debate. It is agreed that if the District splits, Malibu will need to redistribute some of its property taxes to fund a new Santa Monica school district, but SMMUSD does not support Malibu's proposed redistribution model.

"Malibu has chosen to move forward with an approach that would separate SMMUSD into two very unequal districts," said Drati in his Oct. 28 letter. "Equity and fairness appear to have disappeared from the formula."

Malibu's proposed plan results in both newly created Districts ending up better funded, but while the Santa Monica district would have incremental financial gains, the

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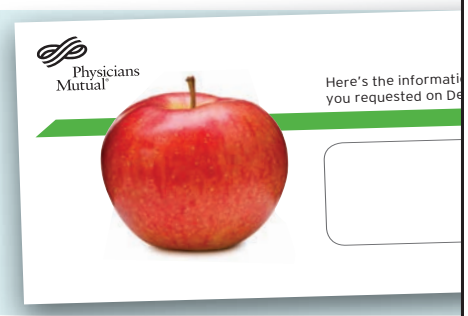
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Criminal justice reformer wins LA district attorney's race

BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

Advocates for criminal justice reform who have elected a wave of progressive prosecutors nationwide captured the crown jewel Friday as former San Francisco District Attorney George Gascon defeated Los Angeles DA Jackie Lacey.

The bitter race to run the nation's largest prosecutor's office was seen as a referendum on whether LA voters wanted to reform policies after a summer of activism over police brutality and racial inequality ignited by George Floyd's death by Minneapolis police.

The election created an unusual dynamic in which Gascon, a former beat cop and police chief, was opposed by law enforcement unions, while Lacey, the first woman and Black person to run the office, was criticized by Black Lives Matter activists.

Gascon had nearly 54% of the 3 million votes counted when an emotional Lacey conceded, saying that even though votes remained to be counted, her consultants concluded she could not make up the difference.

"Our nation is going through a reckoning, and what happened in my election may one day be listed as a consequence of that," Lacey said about the discussion over racism and criminal justice reform. "It may be said that one day the results of this election is a result of our season of discontent and a demand to see a tsunami of change."

Gascon, who co-authored statewide criminal justice reforms, promised to remake the office and hold law enforcement accountable for unjustified killings.

Lacey was seeking a third term on a platform more focused on traditional law-and-order issues like public safety, though she also highlighted her own reform credentials.

She nearly won reelection in a three-way primary in March but fell just shy of the majority of votes needed to avoid a runoff. Gascon, the more moderate of two reform challengers, was able to advance to the general election with less than 30% of the vote.

His message gained traction after activists took to the streets following the death of Floyd, a Black man who cried out that he couldn't breathe as a white Minneapolis officer pinned him to the street in May. Protesters across Los Angeles rallied to defund police and amplified calls to oust Lacey for failing to prosecute officers in police shootings.

Lacey has only brought one manslaughter case against an officer in more than 340 fatal shootings during her two terms, saying she's repeatedly declined to file charges because the law makes it difficult to prosecute a police officer. She's filed two dozen excessive force cases against officers.

Critics said she was too cozy with police, whose unions provided the vast majority of the $7 million supporting her campaign.

The political winds had shifted and Lacey got caught in the slipstream of the reform movement, said Raphael Sonenshein, executive director of the Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs at California State University, Los Angeles.

He noted that Lacey and Sen. Kamala Harris, who was once San Francisco district attorney and is now the Democratic vice presidential nominee, had both defied the odds as Black women elected at a time when a prosecutor had to be tough on crime and needed support from police.

"The notion that elected officials went from burnishing their public safety credentials by taking campaign donations from public safety unions and then deciding it would be better not to take that money, that's a change," Sonenshein said. "And it's a rapid change."

Lacey's harshest critics were Black Lives Matter demonstrators who have protested outside her office once a week for three years. They held a jubilant celebration Wednesday outside the Hall of Justice, confident they had driven her from office.

Demonstrators said they would hold her successor accountable and keep fighting for racial justice.

Gascon, who immigrated to LA from Cuba as a teen, was a longtime member of the Los Angeles Police Department before becoming chief in Mesa, Arizona, and then San Francisco, where he was later named DA.

Lacey criticized Gascon for not prosecuting police officers in killings in San Francisco. He defended his decisions because all of the victims were armed and the law strongly favored police. Gascon co-authored a bill to make it easier to prosecute officers, which got watered down before passing in the Legislature.

Lacey had criticized Gascon as a failure in San Francisco, where thefts increased under his watch. She said crime would increase in Los Angeles if he's elected.

Gascon pulled in $12 million, mainly from wealthy donors bent on criminal reform. Billionaire George Soros gave $2.25 million, and philanthropist Patty Quillin, who's married to Netflix CEO Reed Hastings, gave $1.6 million, according to the Los Angeles Times. Hastings gave $500,000.

Lacey, who has spent almost her whole career at the DA's office, highlighted her reform credentials, such as creating a conviction review unit and seeking treatment rather than punishment for the mentally ill. Gascon said they were ineffective and he would do more.

Her campaign was overshadowed the morning before the primary election when her husband pointed a gun at Black Lives Matter protesters who showed up before dawn on the couple's doorstep.

David Lacey, who is also Black and was an investigative auditor with the DA's office until his 2016 retirement, was charged by the state attorney general with three misdemeanor counts of assault with a firearm. His attorney entered not-guilty pleas on his behalf.

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Construction Noise 11th St / Pico Blvd 2:50 a.m.
Living In A Vehicle 2200blk Delaware Ave 3:51 a.m.
Grand Theft 1500blk 6th St 3:51 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 400blk Santa Monica Pier 4:15 a.m.
Construction Noise 2200blk Broadway 5:25 a.m.
Person Down 1600blk The Beach 5:38 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 900blk 3rd St 6:36 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1100blk 11th St 8:07 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1900blk Colorado Ave 8:14 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 1400blk 7th St 8:17 a.m.
Loitering 900blk Lincoln Blvd 8:20 a.m.
Bike Theft 3000blk Olympic Blvd 8:34 a.m.
General Parking Problem 300blk Olympic Dr 9:05 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1200blk 23rd St 9:24 a.m.
Grand Theft 4th St / Ashland Ave 9:34 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1000blk Pico Blvd 9:51 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 00blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:55 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 20th St / Interstate 10 10:08 a.m.
Fight 1800blk Stewart St 10:17 a.m.
Burglary 1000blk 6th St 10:20 a.m.
Missing Person 1100blk 12th St 10:56 a.m.
9-1-1 Hang Up 1300blk 2nd St 11:12 a.m.
Burglary 3100blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:21 a.m.
Encampment 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 11:56 a.m.
Encampment 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:15 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 2400blk 3rd St 12:26 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:31 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1200blk 18th St 12:38 p.m.
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Grand Theft 400blk Pier Ave 1:17 p.m.
Grand Theft 1700blk Oak St 1:24 p.m.
Burglary 100blk Montana Ave 1:25 p.m.
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Turner will not be disciplined by MLB for return to field

RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

Justin Turner will not be disciplined by Major League Baseball for coming onto the field last week to celebrate the World Series title with his Los Angeles Dodgers teammates after testing positive for COVID-19.

The third baseman was removed after seven innings of Game 6 against Tampa Bay on Oct. 27 after MLB informed the Dodgers of the test result, which was received during the sixth inning. He returned to the field after Los Angeles won 3-1 to earn the title, took off his mask and posed for a photograph with teammates.

"Our investigation revealed additional relevant information that, while not exonerating Mr. Turner from responsibility for his conduct, helps put into context why he chose to leave the isolation room and return to the field," baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred said Friday. "First, Mr. Turner's teammates actively encouraged him to leave the isolation room and return to the field for a photograph. Many teammates felt they had already been exposed to Mr. Turner and were prepared to tolerate the additional risk.

"Second, Mr. Turner believes that he received permission from at least one Dodgers employee to return to the field to participate in a photograph. Although Mr. Turner's belief may have been the product of a miscommunication, at least two Dodgers employees said nothing to Mr. Turner as he made his way to the field, which they admitted may have created the impression that his conduct was acceptable.

"Third, during the somewhat chaotic situation on the field, Mr. Turner was incorrectly told by an unidentified person that other players had tested positive, creating the impression in Mr. Turner's mind that he was being singled out for isolation. Finally, Major League Baseball could have handled the situation more effectively. For example, in retrospect, a security person should have been assigned to monitor Mr. Turner when he was asked to isolate, and Mr. Turner should have been transported from the stadium to the hotel more promptly."

Manfred said he spoke with Turner and "I am closing this matter by applauding Justin for accepting responsibility, apologizing and making a commitment to set a positive example going forward."

Turner said he watched the final two innings with his wife Kourtney in a doctor's office in the clubhouse and he assumed there was no objection by Dodgers officials to his returning to the field. He also said that when he returned to the field, he thought few people would be there and his plan was to take a quick photo with his wife.

"However, what was intended to be a photo capturing the two of us turned into several greetings and photos where I briefly and unwisely removed my mask," Turner said in a statement. "In hindsight, I should have waited until the field was clear of others to take that photo with my wife. I sincerely apologize to everyone on the field for failing to appreciate the risks of returning to the field. I have spoken with almost every teammate, coach, and staff member, and my intentions were never to make anyone uncomfortable or put anyone at further risk."

Turner, who turns 36 on Nov. 23, became a free agent after completing a $64 million, four-year contract. This was the seventh season with the Dodgers, who won their first title since 1988, and the red-haired, bearded third baseman was a key component.

"No player was more instrumental in allowing the Dodgers to overcome the adversity created by the pandemic than Justin Turner, as he set an example for his teammates and advocated for enhanced safety measures that went above and beyond league requirements," Dodgers president Stan Kasten said in a statement. "Justin's leadership played a large part in helping the Dodgers safely complete the entire season."

Turner became MLB's first player to test positive in 59 days. The Dodgers spent the Division Series, League Championship Series and World Series at the Four Seasons Dallas at Las Colinas as part of a postseason bubble environment, and MLB has not explained the factors surrounding the positive test.

"While the events following the conclusion of the World Series were unfortunate, there is no question about who Justin Turner is, and what he means to his teammates, the Dodger organization and the City of Los Angeles," Kasten said.

Manfred said MLB is making its COVID-19 testing laboratory available during the offseason for underserved areas in communities where major league teams are based.

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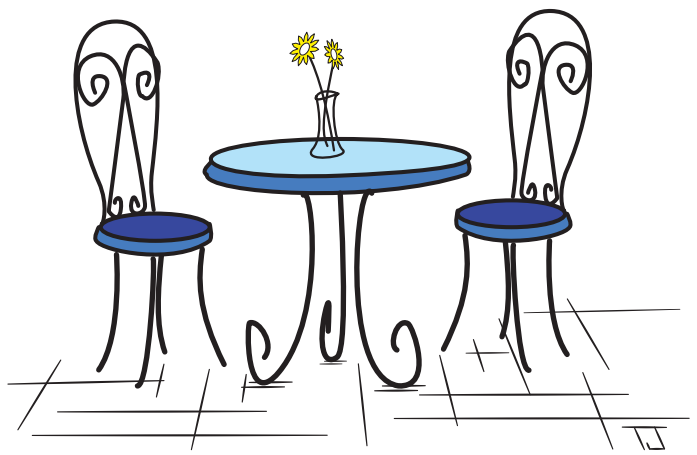
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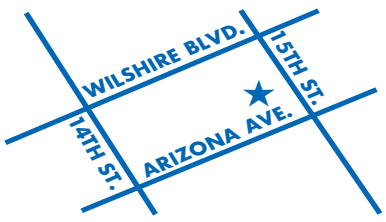
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Uber's food delivery business outshines core rides service

CATHY BUSSEWITZ
Associated Press

Uber's food delivery business brought in more money during the third quarter than its signature rides business , showing just how much consumer behavior has changed — and how far the company has adapted — since the pandemic struck.

The San Francisco-based ride-hailing company lost $1.09 billion in the third quarter as many customers continued to stay out of shared vehicles.

Uber brought in $3.13 billion in revenue, down 18% from the same time last year. Its mobility business, which includes ride-hailing, scooters and bikes, brought in $1.37 billion during the quarter, down 53% from the same time last year. Despite the decline, the rides business showed improvement from the second quarter, when it brought in just $790 million.

Its Eats business generated $1.45 billion in revenue, up 125% from a year ago as restaurants relied on Uber for delivery and the trend of people ordering in instead of dining out during the pandemic continued.

Uber's food delivery business also brought in more revenue than its rides business in the second quarter, when demand for rides was even lower due to the pandemic.

"Despite an uneven pandemic response and broader economic uncertainty, our global scope, diversification, and the team's tireless execution delivered steadily improving results," said Dara Khosrowshahi, Uber CEO, in a prepared statement.

Uber Eats continued to add restaurants to its app, and its partnerships with restaurants grew by more than 70% compared with last year. It also added a contactless payment feature to allow customers who are dining in restaurants to pay using their Uber Eats app.

Uber also expanded its grocery delivery service, which is now operating in 10 countries outside the U.S. It also launched a prescription drug delivery pilot program in Dallas and Seattle.

The quarterly figures were released a day after Uber scored a major victory in California. Voters there passed Proposition 22, granting Uber, Lyft, Doordash and others an exception to a law that sought to classify their drivers as employees, an expense that analysts thought would have pummeled Uber's business in California.

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Hiring held last month but signs of caution as virus worsens

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Defying fears of another slowdown, U.S. businesses kept hiring at a solid pace in October, yet there are signs they remain cautious about the economy's future as the pandemic worsens.

The Labor Department said Friday that employers added 638,000 jobs and the unemployment rate tumbled a full percentage point to 6.9%, extending what has been a faster recovery than many economists expected in the spring.

But the pace of hiring isn't robust enough to rapidly soak up the millions of Americans who were thrown out of work by the pandemic recession.

The job gains were little changed from September's 672,000 and less than half August's 1.5 million. Yet the increase was stronger than it appears: It was held down by the loss of about 150,000 temporary Census jobs. Excluding governments at all levels, private businesses added a healthy 906,000 jobs. Hiring has held at that level for three months.

Overall, the latest jobs report suggests the tentative recovery remains intact, for now, and that the economy is continuing to adapt to the pandemic.

"It was a pleasant surprise to see that the pace of the recovery hasn't slowed down," said Nick Bunker, an economist at Indeed, the job search website. "But we all need to keep in mind the huge hole that we're in, in terms of jobs and unemployment."

Hiring rose in retail, including in online retail, where many Americans have turned during the viral outbreak. Warehousing and courier services have both added jobs in every month since the pandemic, including last month.

But in a sign of the uncertainty clouding the economy as the virus surges, companies also added more than 100,000 temporary workers. That suggests they are seeing more demand from customers but aren't sure how long it will last and are reluctant to make permanent job offers. The length of the average work week also rose, evidence that employers pushed their current staff to work more rather than take on new workers.

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell and Wall Street economists have urged Congress to approve more government aid to support families and businesses, particularly as the pandemic rages and colder weather threatens recent hiring gains among restaurants and bars, which had been able to serve customers outdoors.

But the prospects for more stimulus have been scrambled by the election, which appears likely to result in a victory for former Vice President Joe Biden, the Democrat, while possibly preserving a Republican majority in the Senate. That could mean any additional aid will be postponed until at least next year.

The job market and the overall economy remain under intensified pressure from the accelerating pandemic. On Thursday, the nation broke another record in the seven-day rolling average for new cases, hitting nearly 90,000. Daily new cases were also on track to top 100,000 again, with surging numbers reported all around the country, including a combined nearly 25,000 in Texas, Illinois and Florida.

The nation still has 10.1 million fewer jobs than it did before the viral outbreak intensified in March. At the current pace of hiring, it would take until February 2022 to regain all those jobs. Still, that would be faster than the 2008-2009 Great Recession, when it took more than five years to recover the jobs lost.

The gradual recovery of the job market has affected Americans in uneven ways and widened inequalities. Lower-paid workers in industries like restaurants, hotels, and health care have seen their jobs and incomes recover much more slowly than white-collar workers who have largely worked from home. Many of them have also benefited from a surge in home equity and from the Federal Reserve's ultra-low-rate policies, which have fueled gains in the stock market.

Women have been more likely to leave the workforce than men since the pandemic began, particularly since school started, with many schools operating only online. That has forced some working mothers to quit jobs.

And the unemployment rate for Black workers, at 10.8%, fell sharply in October but remained much higher than for whites, which dropped to 6%. Hispanic unemployment fell to 8.8% from 10.3%.

Some companies have benefited from the ways the pandemic is reshaping the way Americans work and live. With one-fifth of the employed working from home, the government's report showed, spending on services such as cleaning, painting and remodeling has jumped.

That's kept Premium Service Brands busy. The Charlottesville, Virginia, company owns seven home service businesses, including Maid Right, 360 Painting and Handyman Pro.

"As far as hiring goes, we're in full swing," said Paul Flick, founder and CEO. "People are investing more money in the place they're spending their time in."

Flick said his company's franchises have increased hiring roughly 25% since the pandemic struck. Some of their new hires used to be cleaners at hotels or lost jobs in other service businesses.

Yet other firms are still struggling. JMBrennan Inc., a third-generation mechanical engineering firm in Milwaukee, has had to lay off some employees since March. The company installs and fixes plumbing, heating and air conditioning systems, but demand has fallen as office buildings and schools remain empty.

And with the pandemic worsening, few businesses are thinking of expanding.

"Does anybody need a brand new office tower?" Brennan asked. "Does anyone need a new hospital?" His firm finished work in June

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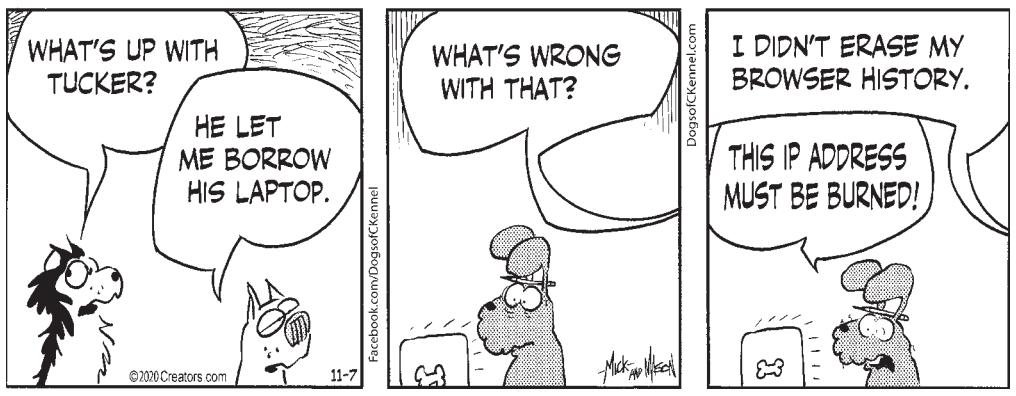
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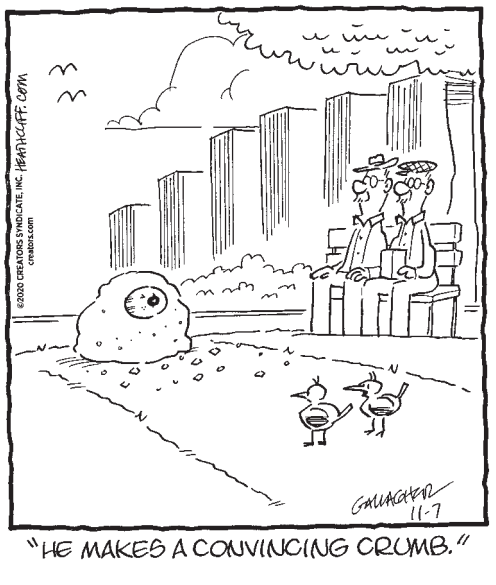
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WATER TEMP: 63.9°

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 4-5ft Chest to head high occ. 6 ft
Decent size mix of long period SSW and short period NW swell. Wind expected to be onshore much of the day. Wind protected spots the best bet.

SUNDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-5ft Waist to head high
Decent size SSW swell should continue. Shorter to mid period NW mix may trend down. Onshore WNW/NW wind likely to continue -- find some wind blockage.

WEATHER

Saturday: Rain likely and possibly a thunderstorm between 10am and 4pm, then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 58. Breezy, with a west southwest wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%.
Saturday Night: A slight chance of showers before 10pm, then a slight chance of showers after 4am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. West southwest wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

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2020/11/09	Mon	05:23 AM	4.24	H
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2020/11/11	Wed	6:11 PM	4.83	H
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Think more often about what you have than what you don't have, and with great affection at that. It's a level of gratitude that few achieve. The ones who do are among the happiest people on earth.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Superior talent and true merit -- that's the magic success combination. If you can only have one of these, then let it be merit. With work, the job is learned. Arguably, the real talent is a desire to put in the work it takes to be good.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The natural is more pleasing than the artificial and yet if everything existed in its natural state, what would creative people do? They need something to change, heighten and improve. Artifices can be marvelous!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). While valor and respect for self and others are generally qualities of excellence, there is also a time and place for rebellion and mockery of corrupt systems. One tone doesn't cover all times.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Maybe you'd rather have all the episodes of a television show available so that you are not waiting for the next airing. Love is different. There's no way to binge-watch it. You'll just have to wait.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You used to love the work, and now you're not so sure, but it's only because you've become so familiar. A rest, some time away or, better yet, a nice dose of competition, and then it's back to true love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are those who make gossip and drama out of absolutely anything. Happenings of the day will get more news than they deserve. You always have the option to direct your attention elsewhere.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Here you go, building a consensus. You'll include others in the decision-making process. You'll go out of your way to make sure that no one feels marginalized or ignored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The problem shows up like a flare in the night, but won't be nearly as dramatic to solve. Turning to the internet, a video tutorial or a book will be so much easier than turning to a real person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Try not to take any news you hear as good news or bad. It is all neutral if you see it that way. Then you have the option to feel empowered to use this news to your greatest advantage.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll knock yourself out for love. Keep in mind: If you are working for the attention of the room, you've already lost. When you give what they need, you will have their full attention, no extra work necessary.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are always more ways to observe a thing. The cat and dog and spider see your domestic life very differently than the way you do. Channel them for a moment, and you'll have a breakthrough.

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.

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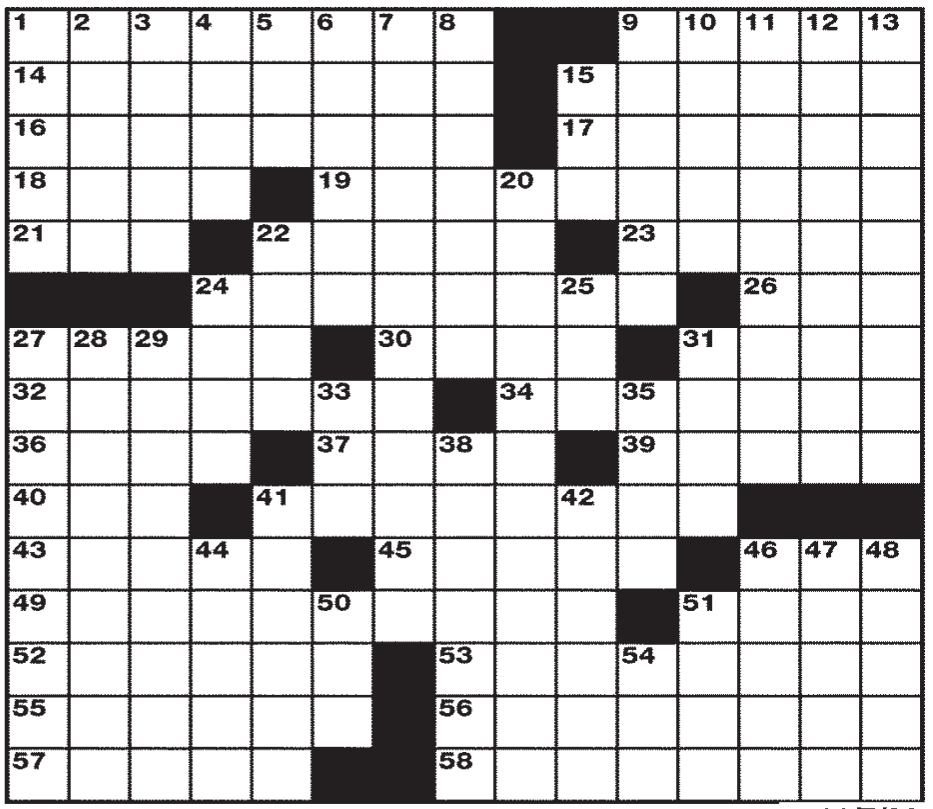
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Newsday Crossword

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1 App used by MLB for player evaluation
9 Dubbed
14 Chicago IMAX theater site on the Lake
15 Presidential summit, today
16 Plot lacking development
17 Vocational groups
18 Once acted as
19 Query suggesting irony
21 Parts of some library call nos.
22 Have words
23 Instruction in a book of Liszt's
24 "Be cool," rhetorically
26 One at Oktoberfest
27 Small, influential clique
30 Ivy climber, for short
31 Walk all over
32 *Publisher's Weekly* review category
34 Misses surfing, perhaps
36 St. Elias, in Alaska
37 Online "Free Picks" offerers
39 "Time is ___ of trouble": Dickinson
40 Unfunny from overfamiliarity
41 Southeastern urban nightlife nickname
43 Lip ___
45 Power center
46 Common street sign compound
49 Ultimately balance
51 Devil's doing in *Faust*
52 An official language of West Bengal
53 Incitement
55 Teem members?
56 Confirmation presentation
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58 Came around

DOWN
1 *Nevada*, in Nicaragua
2 Get progressively thinner
3 Insists
4 English coal port
5 One with capital ideas
6 In a deigning way
7 Game with much head turning?
8 Entryway feature at 10 Downing Street
9 Displaying finesse
10 Steffi's same-sport spouse
11 Aircraft first used in 1957
12 What you don't have to take
13 Shady
15 Medieval century starter
20 Surprises
22 Serving with samosas
24 Sensibility, so to speak
25 What American Marconi became (1919)
27 Notes
28 Culture vultures
29 Appliance needing good food release
31 Dove into verse
33 Certain second-in-command
35 Metaphor for roles
38 Something caught in a reel
41 Doc
42 Staple of Chinese cuisine
44 Crème brûlée ingredient
46 Type of 56 Across
47 "Conquering" nickname
48 Kept in
50 Dojo duds
51 Arabian Peninsula port
54 First 11 Down passenger, for short



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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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Bitter	Evil	Lonely	Sure
Blue	Fury	Love	Sweet
Bold	Gay	Lows	Tender
Callous	Glee	Mad	Wary
Clever	Hope	Mean	Weird
Cool	Hunch	Meek	Wise
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PARKING LOT

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flexibility and deviation from the original agreement, Staff has negotiated that the applicant restrict the future use of the 1140 7th Street property to a multi-unit residential development to ensure that much needed housing units be constructed in the future."

The state of California previously mandated Santa Monica to build 9,000 new units between 2021 and 2029, which is almost double what the city would have been required to accommodate prior to last year's Regional Housing Needs Assessment.

"Additionally, the applicant proposes to strengthen other components of the Development Agreement public benefits by enhancing public meeting space options and new shared parking opportunities for City-sponsored events at Christine Emerson Reed Park and the Miles Playhouse," the staff report reads, mentioning the proposed amendments will not result in any additional construction or development on the Saint Monica Campus.

"Staff believes that the above enhanced community benefits are an appropriate replacement for the requested flexibility pertaining to the future sale and residential development at 1140 7th Street," the report concludes. "In particular, the applicant would continue to provide the shared use of 15 parking spaces until multi-unit residential housing Planning approvals are obtained. Until such time, Saint Monica's would continue to provide the shared parking benefit for the remainder of the DA which would sunset in 2030."

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DEBATE

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Malibu district would have immense gains.

"It is correct that per pupil funding for the two future school districts will not be the same, but that is the case across all of the school districts in the State," said Feldman in her Nov 2. response. "On a per pupil basis, the new school districts will end up with higher funding than the current SMMUSD."

Financial analysts project that in 2023 the current joint district would have $14,264 in per pupil funding, whereas under Malibu's separation plan a Santa Monica district would have $14,554 and a Malibu district would have $25,998.

"For SM to use "equity" as their argument is narcissistic and hypocritical," said Craig Foster, president of Advocates for Malibu Public Schools and SMMUSD board member. "Either/both/all of these scenarios begin and end with Santa Monica/SMMUSD/Malibu all having 30%+ more per pupil revenues than 99.9% of California's school districts, the vast majority of which have far more challenging student populations that, if we truly believed in "equity," deserve/need the money far more than either/both of these wealthy towns."

The District previously proposed a separation agreement where Malibu would redistribute over $250 in property taxes yearly to Santa Monica for the next fifty years. Malibu City Council unanimously rejected this plan.

Aside from the issue of equity, Malibu also took issue with Drati's claim that Malibu abandoned collaboration with District negotiations.

Feldman's Nov. 2 letter points to letters sent to the District on April 21 and June 21 as evidence Malibu was trying to continue negotiations. These letters asked the District to clarify its position on parcel tax legislation and the redistribution of Malibu property taxes.

"We never heard back from the District about either issue, so it seems a bit disingenuous to claim that the City (of Malibu) 'abandoned our collaboration'," stated Feldman.

Some Malibu residents feel the District was the first party to abandon negotiations back in 2017 when they rejected a separation proposal that the Malibu Unification Negotiation Committee spent almost two years developing.

"By creating the MUNC, filling it with the most respected local residents chosen evenly along the district divide, letting them work around 14 months toward a specific predefined vision of what a "fair" financial split looked like, for those six people to unanimously find a solution they strongly believed achieved their stated goal, and then for SMMUSD to walk away from that solution (and that goal) unilaterally is the definition of bad faith," said Foster.

The parties appear to be at a deadlock where the District wishes to return to the negotiation table and Malibu is set on continuing to pursue a separation through LACOE.

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HIRING

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on the new 25-story BMO Bank Tower in downtown Milwaukee that he estimates has maybe 35 people in it. Workers are unlikely to return if the pandemic continues, he said.

"We're not shutting down the economy, but the fact that COVID is still there leaves a lot of uncertainty," he said. "You don't need to expand if no one is in your building."

The economy, which had rebounded sharply in the July-September quarter as businesses reopened from virus-related shutdowns, is now expanding more slowly. Many businesses may struggle as the weather turns colder. Consumers could also pull back again on shopping, traveling and other activities to avoid contracting the virus.

Still, some parts of the economy are recovering steadily. Manufacturing output is still rebounding, with Americans stepping up their purchases of cars, homes and housing-related goods like appliances and furniture. Home sales have also risen as the Fed has pushed mortgage rates to nearly record lows.

CHALLENGES

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that residents have made it clear they are ready for real change in the city. He echoed the calls for change Friday, when he shared how honored he is to be entrusted with the responsibility to carry out an ambitious agenda for a better Santa Monica.

"I couldn't stand on the sideline seeing the city that raised me being destroyed," de la Torre said. "This new city council is being formed with the power of a clear resident mandate to strengthen public safety and our economic activity."

If the standings hold through the final count, de la Torre would have to step down from his position on school board. The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will appoint a new School Board member to fill the seat vacated by de la Torre within 60 days of his letter of resignation. This process is directed by Education Code and will include announcing the opening, accepting applications, interviewing, and making the appointment during a board meeting. The District will release details about the timing and application process in the coming days.

De la Torre, who campaigned alongside Parra and Brock as the "Change Slate," said he and his peers will also look to effectively address homelessness, promote responsible development, and protect green and public spaces. "Most importantly," he said, "we want to prioritize the needs of our residents over special interest to protect renters and our city's diversity."

Phil Brock added he is also humbled by the confidence of residents, "and honored to be able to work on their behalf."

"Together with all of you I look forward to restoring the safety and soul of our city. Most importantly, residents now have a seat at the table in City Hall," Brock said. "I am overjoyed that Christine Parra and Oscar de la Torre will be working alongside me to support all Santa Monicans."

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