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Hall, Raskin, Zernitskaya and Snell remain in top spots for City Council race



SANTA MONICA CITY GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION Member of the City Council

N	DAN HALL	13.21%	14,877
N	ELLIS RASKIN	13.20%	14,870
N	NATALYA ZERNITSKAYA	12.53%	14,113
N	BARRY A. SNELL	12.53%	14,109
N	PHIL BROCK	11.59%	13,051
N	OSCAR DE LA TORRE	10.74%	12,096
N	VIVIAN A. ROKNIAN	10.25%	11,544
N	JOHN PUTNAM	8.96%	10,087
N	ERICKA LESLEY	5.64%	6,350
N	WADE KELLEY	1.35%	1,521

Vote for no more than four

Photo Courtesy Dan Hall, Jon Katz; Courtesy Graphic

ELECTION: Dan Hall, part of the City Council election-leading Unity Slate, enjoyed the slate's Election Night party with the Santa Monica Democratic Club's Jon Katz as results rolled in.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Unity Slate backed by Santa Monica's progressive establishment appeared to win all four seats on City Council Tuesday night and the group has only increased its margin of election victory with subsequent vote counts.

As of Wednesday afternoon, the results for City Council were:

Dan Hall, 14,877 (13.21%)
Ellis Raskin, 14,870 (13.20%)
Natalya Zernitskaya, 14,113, (12.53%)
Barry A. Snell, 14,109, (12.53%)
Phil Brock, 13,051, (11.59%)
Oscar de la Torre, 12,096, (10.74%)
Vivian A. Roknian, 11,544, (10.25%)
John Putnam, 10,087, (8.96%)
Ericka Lesley, 6,350, (5.64%)
Wade Kelley, 1,521 (1.35%)

Hall, Raskin, Zernitskaya and Snell ran as a slate as did Brock, de la Torre, Roknian and Putnam.

"It was really exciting to see the fruition of such a long campaign, or the support of the different organizations and the people and the volunteers who have been out there knocking on 12,000 doors this cycle for me and for our slate," said Hall after seeing the first wave of results. "I hope the results hold, but so far, it looks promising and just really grateful for all the work that everyone's done, because we know Santa Monica needs to change, and we're excited that things are looking good so far."

Raskin was also cautiously optimistic after seeing the early election results.

"It's promising, but still very preliminary," he said. "I think one of the things that we saw in 2022 was that the very first round of returns was really the high water mark for progressive candidates, and so I'll be curious to see if there's a similar trend as results continue to come through."

He said the results reflected the fact that voters desperately want progressivism and candidates who really stand for the values that voters search for in the race.

"And I hope that we can get back to a sense of ending this divisiveness that's really come over us for the last few months. And I hope we can turn a corner and start a new day in Santa Monica, no matter what, no matter what the end result is."

While there was some minor rearranging of candidates as vote totals increased, the Unity Slate's dominance in the election has not changed and the fifth place candidate, Brock, has remained about 1,000 votes behind the fourth place candidate, Snell, throughout several result updates.

Outside the Council race, voters approved a pair of local tax increases, one on parking lots and the other on business licenses. Voters also approved new school bonds for both Santa Monica and Malibu.

BEYOND CITY COUNCIL

The election for Santa Monica's Measure QS, needing 55% of the vote to authorize $495 million for facility work like repairing and replacing leaky school roofs, had 62.51% of the vote as of Wednesday morning. While less than the 72% approval for 2018's Measure SMS, the bond's likely passage (along with 60.33% of the vote for Malibu's Measure MM) was greeted enthusiastically by Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School Board officials.

"These strong results not only demonstrate the community's trust in our mission, but also affirm their understanding of the critical need for improved facilities that will directly benefit our students' academic success and overall well-being," SMMUSD Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton said.

Michael Dubin, co-chair of the Measure

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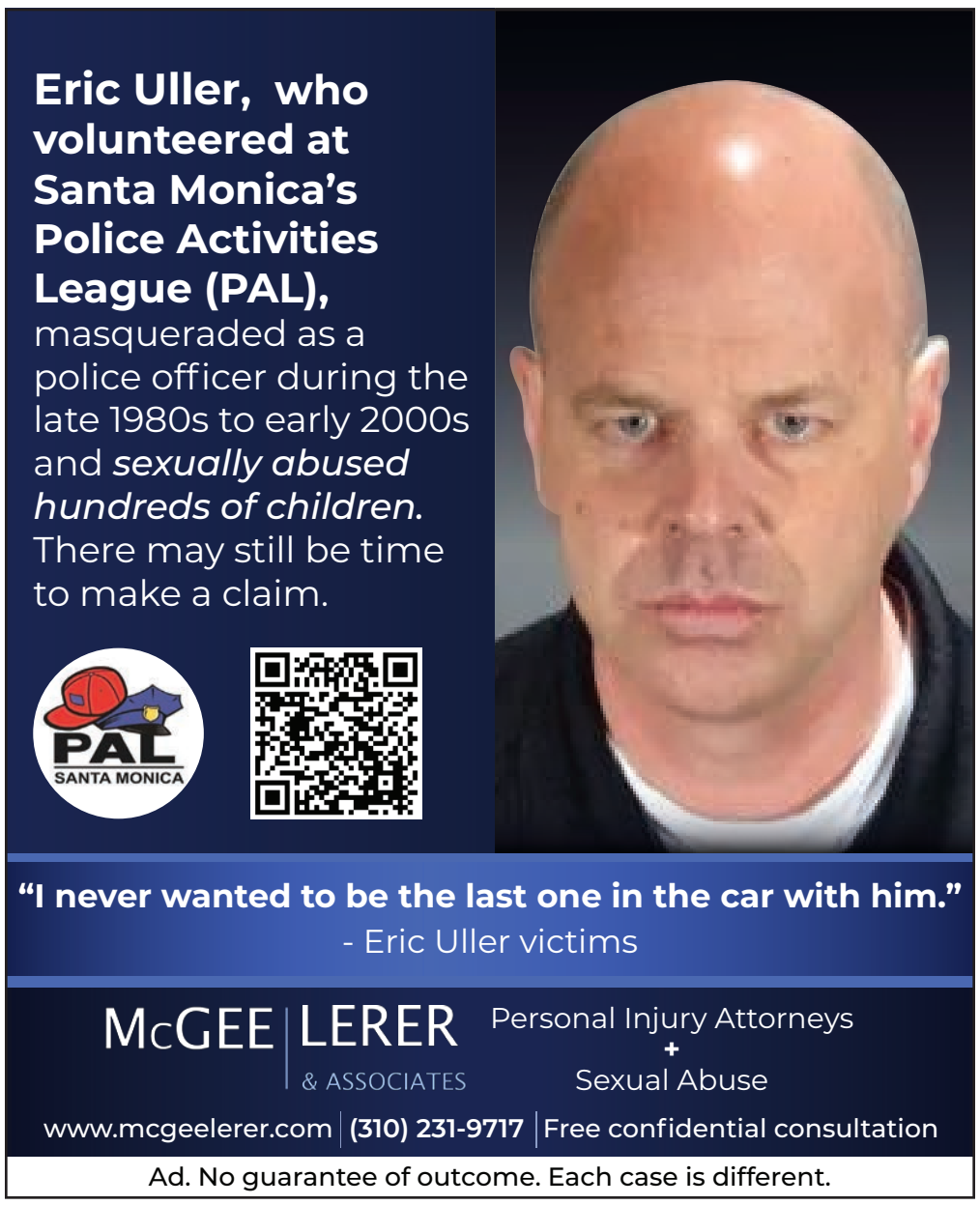
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Why Californians got tougher on crime: Bleak downtowns and attention-getting retail thefts



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PROP 36: Attendees at an event in support of Proposition 36 in Downtown Sacramento on Nov. 5, 2024.

NIGEL DUARA AND JOE GARCIA
Special to the Daily Press

From their phones and their television screens and sometimes out their windows, Californians saw their state change quickly in the pandemic. Homelessness grew then and continued to grow. Fatal fentanyl overdoses soared. Brash daytime smash-and-grab robberies floated from TikTok to nightly newscasts.

A constellation of law enforcement, prosecutors and big-box retailers insisted the cause was simple: Punishment wasn't harsh enough.

They put forward a measure that elevated some low-level crimes to felonies and created avenues to coerce reluctant people into substance abuse treatment. That measure, Proposition 36, passed overwhelmingly Tuesday night. It led 70% to 30% early Wednesday.

It undoes some of the changes voters made with a 2014 ballot measure that turned certain nonviolent felonies into misdemeanors, effectively shortening prison sentences. Amid the pandemic's visible changes to California, in its growing homeless encampments, its ransacked Nordstroms and its looted rail yards, critics of that previous initiative finally found the right climate to turn back the law.

The strategy at the center of Prop. 36 is still a matter of debate. Its opponents say harsher sentences will never be an effective deterrent to crime. Much of the science, some of it funded by the U.S. Justice Department, backs them up.

But the victory of Prop. 36, despite opposition from the governor and most of the state's Democratic leadership, was not about what people know, it's about what they saw.

An IT technician was afraid to walk five blocks to work in downtown Los Angeles, so he bought a parking pass and drove. A big-box retailer moved all of its goods to its second floor because people kept stealing from the ground floor. The fentanyl crisis had police on body camera videos panicking and fainting when exposed to the substance.

The Prop. 36 campaign ran on images like those, and it promised to make them go away.

That Prop. 36 would pass has been fairly clear since late summer, when Gov. Gavin Newsom's last-ditch attempts to preempt the measure with other retail crime bills failed to siphon funding from Prop. 36 or to keep it off the ballot. So how did Californians, who supported more lenient sentences under 2014's Proposition 47, come to support a tougher crime measure a decade later?

"What we might be seeing is evidence of a course correction of a long path of criminal justice reform efforts," said Magnus Lofstrom, criminal justice policy director at the Public Policy Institute of California. Prop. 36 "targets crime and social problems that people can see: retail theft, more merchandise locked up, more viral videos (of thefts) and then the media talking about all of it."

It's those visible problems, Lofstrom said, that can quickly change voters' minds. That also includes growing sidewalk encampments of the unhoused, paired with public drug consumption.

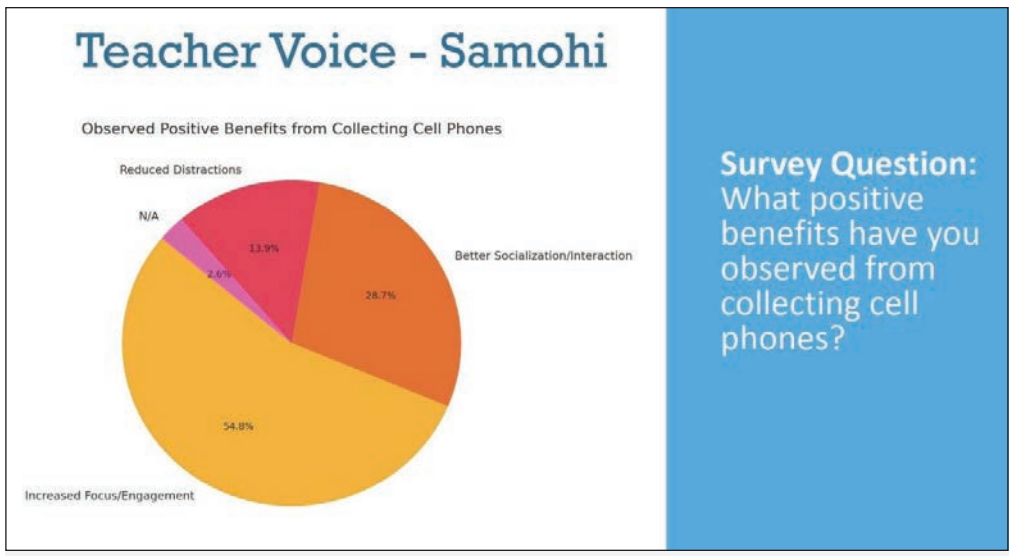
During the pandemic, the rate of shoplifting and commercial burglaries skyrocketed, especially in Los Angeles, Alameda, San Mateo and Sacramento counties. Statewide, the institute found that reported shoplifting of merchandise worth up to $950 soared 28% over the past five years. That's the highest observed level since 2000.

Combining shoplifting with commercial burglaries, the institute's researchers found that total reported thefts were 18% higher than in 2019.

"California voters have spoken with a clear voice on the triple epidemics of retail theft, homelessness and fatal drug overdoses plaguing our state," said San Jose Mayor

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Proposed school district phone policy hits board discussion agenda



Courtesy Graphic

PHONES: A cell phone device policy in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) has been a discussion point for staff, including a recent survey with Samohi teachers.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

After much discussion in the past year on the subject, a student smartphone use policy has reached the agenda of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) Board of Education.

Thursday's board meeting will include a discussion item considering the revision of Board Policy and Administrative Regulations 5131.8, entitled Mobile Communication Devices. The current district policy will potentially be replaced by language recommended by the California School Boards Association (CSBA), as well as implementing an "Away for the Day" policy when it comes to smartphones.

To give a sense of how much technology has changed in the past decade-plus, the last update of policy and administrative regulation was in 2009, when it was entitled "Beepers, Pagers, Cellular Phones, and Other Electronic Signaling Devices." The proposed new policy adapts to the smartphone age, with updates reflecting California Assembly Bill (AB) 272, which became effective on Jan. 1, 2020.

AB 272 authorizes boards to limit or prohibit student use of smartphones while at school or while under the supervision and control of a district employee. The bill has its exceptions, such as in an emergency, with permission of a teacher or administrator, when directed by a student's health care provider, or when required by a student's Individualized Education Plan or Section 504 plan.

The proposed policy reflects this, while also updating reasonable search of students' mobile devices, employees' authority to confiscate a device, and discipline for off-campus use of a device "which poses a threat of danger to the safety or students, staff, or district property" or "substantially disrupts school activities."

Proposed Administrative Regulations follow the "Away for the Day" initiative for grades K-8, something SMMUSD Elementary Schools Executive Director Dr. Steve Richardson said earlier this year had success in its short-lived run at John Adams Middle School.

At the beginning of a day at elementary schools, the proposed policy has students turning off mobile devices like smartphones, securing and stowing away devices in a personal carry bag or container assigned to them for the duration of the school day. In middle school, students will do the same, with bags either staying with students or stored in a classroom for a class period in a location determined by a teacher.

"(Students phones were) in a backpack turned off, it was not in (their) back pocket ... they had to be put away and turned off," Richardson said during a mobile device discussion panel at Grant Elementary School in March. "That was probably our most successful year. Of course, it was 2019-20 that we did it, and then that didn't quite get restarted so quickly (due to the COVID-19 pandemic). But it was by far (a success), teachers were feeling that it was a more positive thing, kids were more present."

Violating the proposed policy would have the confiscation of a device for a first offense, with a parent or guardian required to retrieve the device. A student may use the school phone to inform their parent/guardian, and a teacher or a designee determined by a Principal will log a student's first offense.

A second offense will have the same, plus have a device stowed securely in a location determined by a principal. A third offense would have the same consequences, with an option for site administration to bar a student from bringing a device to school for a set amount of time.

This year has been encompassed by school staff and community concerns about student use of smartphones, including communication by the group Santa Monica Parents for Slow Tech. The district sent a survey to 687 Samohi teachers and students as part of outreach, as well as focus groups with parents, principals and teachers. Samohi teachers observed that collecting cell phones in class would increase student focus and engagement, among other benefits.

After Thursday's discussion, the board will return for action on the Board Policy on Nov. 21, and will return for an information item on the Administrative Regulations at the same meeting.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **58.6**

THURSDAY
POOR
SURF: Shin to knee 0-1FT

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

FRIDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: Shin to knee 0-1FT

Waves continue to wind down as old NW and SSW swell mix tapers off. Light winds due through the morning.

Weather

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 71. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west in the afternoon.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51. North northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 65. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest in the afternoon.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51.

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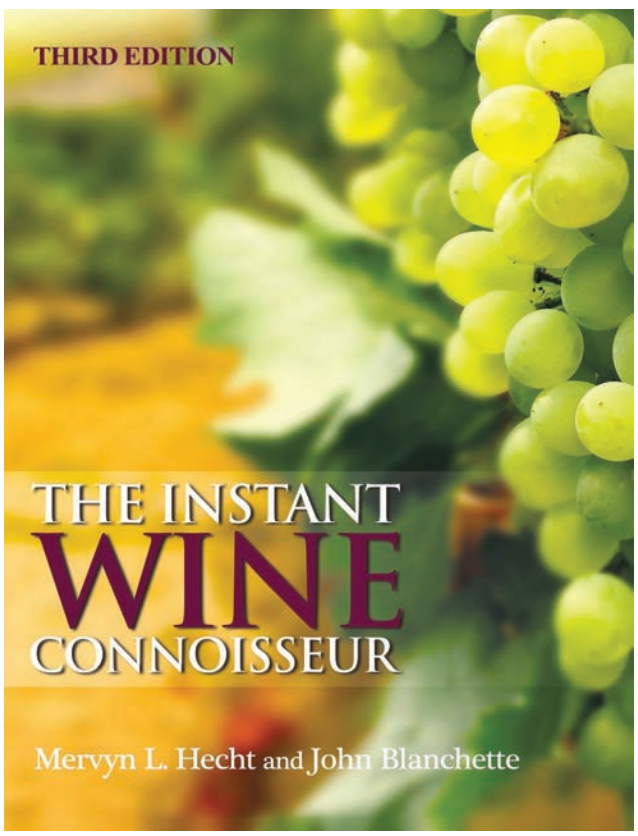
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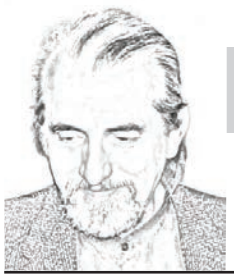
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STING 3.0: The Police legend returns to Los Angeles, remaining experimental and relevant.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES — You can go to the Cinema Bar any Monday night, 9-11:30, for more than a decade now, and hear these hot players run through Django Reinhart-style '30s jazz. This amazing ensemble is a treasure. Don't take them for granted and put your rolickin' Monday night off. Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, free.

RECOMMENDED:

Tonight -"KOOZA," CIRQUE DU SOLEIL – Now you don't have to drive to Vegas! This is a good bet as HIGHLY RECOMMENDED, and hopefully I will be able to report back on that, but a couple of friends gave it high marks. No one else really does what they do, on this scale. They invented it. I've only seen a few of their shows but they seem to have retained their high standards all these years, ever since I saw their first one also here on SM Beach, by the Pier, 37 years ago, that launched them to great international success. I think they know they have a rep to maintain with Santa Monicans. Thurs, Fri, Sat, next Thurs 8 p.m., Sat 1, 4:30 p.m., Sun 2, 5:30 p.m., Santa Monica Pier, $69-310.

MICHAEL MAYO – LA native Mayo has been knocking them out from London to the White House to Monterey to the Hollywood Bowl, with a "commanding and other-worldly vocal style." (You hooked me right there.) Sat 8 p.m., Jazz Bakery, Santa Monica, $45.

RICHARD THOMPSON – If you don't know of Richard Thompson – where have you been for the last 60 years? It's impossible to describe his career in less than a few pages, but he remains a master musician whose rendering of the alphabet could make you weep. Sat 8 p.m.,The Bellwether, LA, $55.

JON COWHERD-JOHN PATITUCCI-BRIAN BLADE – You may as well just bring a sleeping bag to Saturday's show and be first in line for this one. The Jon Cowherd Trio is three of the most imaginative and wide-ranging artists in modern jazz: pianist and Hammond B3 player Cowherd, bassist John Patitucci, and drummer Brian Blade. Their individual awards are numerous, but their intertwined roots go back 25 years. I've seen Blade and Patitucci before, in other combos; this should be a memorable evening. Sun 7:30 p.m., Jazz Bakery, Santa Monica, $50.

LIBRARY GIRL, "I Had Too Much to Dream (Last Night)" – Curated by LG founder Susan Hayden with Darrell Larson, with readings by Debbon Ayer, Jane Cantillon, Cory Cofer, Michael C Ford, Darrell Larson, Barry Michels, Aram Saroyan and Romaine Washington, and music by Great Willow. LG usually has some musical theme or hook, and this show is titled after one of my favorite songs in the universe, by The Electric Prunes. Bless you, Susan. Sun 7 p.m., Ruskin Group Theatre, SM Airport, $20 (includes free parking, free dessert). Such a deal.

TOLEDO DIAMOND – His decades-

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AROUND TOWN

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SaMo Ice Opening, New Dog Run Party, and More!

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes the SaMo Ice opening, a new dog run opening event, the Artists Fair, some tasty food events, and much more!



Courtesy Graphic

DOG RUN: Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus will be introducing its new off-leash dog run, Little Blue Dog Run, to the community on Saturday.

LITE-BRITE: Worlds of Wonder: This is a reimagining of the iconic Hasbro toy, featuring 11 interactive rooms across three unique worlds—Underwater, Prehistoric and Outer Space. Visitors can dive into larger-than-life, glowing artwork, explore sensory play stations, and engage with dynamic, gamified experiences. Launches Nov. 7 at Santa Monica Place https://litebriteimmersive.secretlocation.com/los-angeles/

Ice at Santa Monica Grand Opening: From Nov. 8, to Jan. 20, the corner of Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue will be transformed into a winter wonderland, offering a magical ice-skating experience in the heart of downtown. The festivities kick off with the Grand Opening Celebration on Friday, Nov. 8, 5:00 - 11:00 p.m. Visitors can enjoy FREE ice skating during the 5:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. sessions, groove to live DJ sets and enjoy captivating on-ice performances featuring Olympic hopeful skaters Katie McBeath and Daniil Parkman. https://iceatsantamonica.com/

Santa Monica Pups and Pottery: Get ready to unleash your creativity! In this class you and your dog can craft custom toys and a paw-print ceramic tile together. It's a blend of fun and artistry— Start the class with a welcome glass of Champagne on the house to let the pawsitive vibes flow! Friday, Nov. 8, 7:00p.m., ARTime Barro, 302 Pico Blvd. https://www.dogfriendlytour.com/event-details/pup-and-pottery

Little Blue Dog Run Grand Opening: You're invited to the grand opening celebration of Little Blue Dog Run, Big Blue Bus's new off-leash dog run! This project aims to transform an underutilized landscape alongside Big Blue Bus's headquarters into a vibrant open green space for our community. Little Blue Dog Run amenities include fenced exercise areas for dogs of all sizes, drinking fountains, trees, and a picnic area with seating. Join us for music, food trucks, a blue ribbon cutting, pet training demonstrations, pet adoptions, and enter your pup in the Doggie Fall Fashion Show and walk the run(way) to win amazing prizes from our local partners. Saturday, Nov. 9, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., 1660 7th St. https://www.santamonica.gov/press/2024/10/29/big-blue-bus-hosts-grand-opening-celebration-for-new-off-leash-dog-run

Santa Monica Pier Pressure Hunt: This breezy adventure takes place on the pier and in Palisades Park, where you'll hunt for fun quirks and surprising secrets you never knew you never knew. Highlights include a local landmark that pretends to be from Miami, a surprising message in a faraway park, the magical mind of Zoltar, a devastating storm, oddball art, a theater that sells shoes, great views from the little-known Observation Room, and more. Save $5 on tickets using the promo code THANKSLA during checkout. Saturday, Nov. 9, 2:00 p.m. https://watsonadventures.com/hunt/the-pier-pressure-santa-monica-scavenger-hunt/

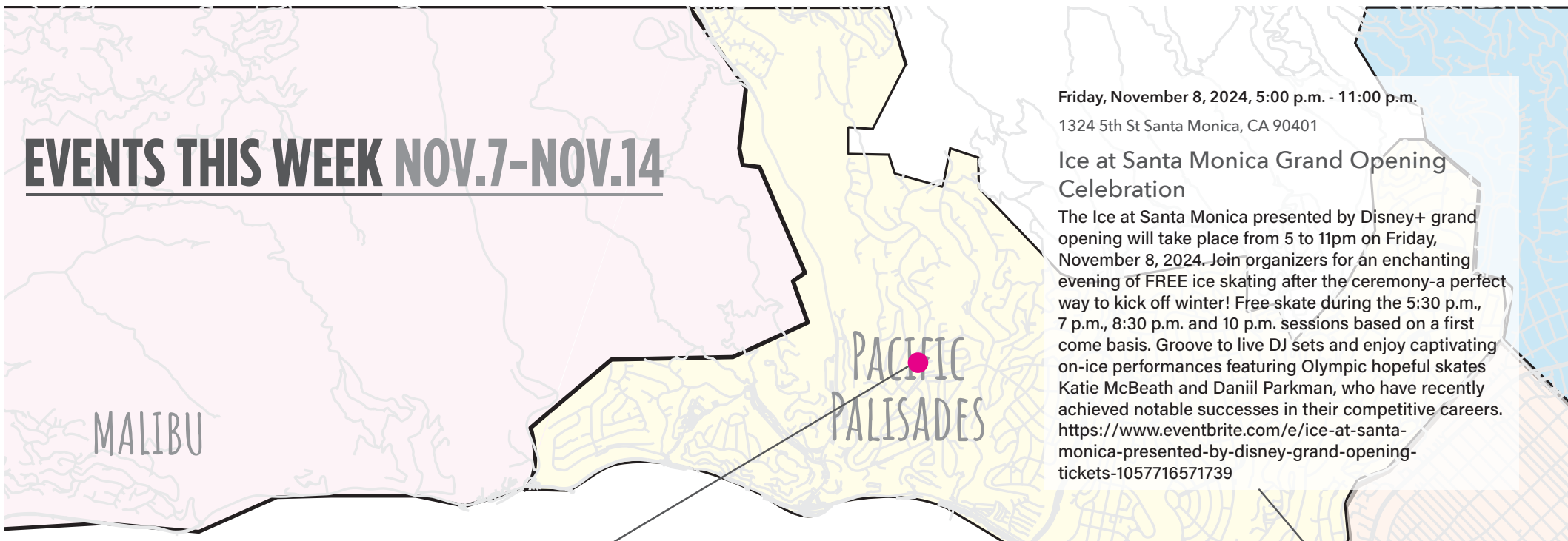
The Artist's Fair: This outdoor gallery market showcases all different types of

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Friday, November 8, 2024, 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

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Ice at Santa Monica Grand Opening Celebration

The Ice at Santa Monica presented by Disney+ grand opening will take place from 5 to 11pm on Friday, November 8, 2024. Join organizers for an enchanting evening of FREE ice skating after the ceremony-a perfect way to kick off winter! Free skate during the 5:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. sessions based on a first come basis. Groove to live DJ sets and enjoy captivating on-ice performances featuring Olympic hopeful skates Katie McBeath and Daniil Parkman, who have recently achieved notable successes in their competitive careers. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ice-at-santa-monica-presented-by-disney-grand-opening-tickets-1057716571739

Friday, November 8, 2024, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

701 Palisades Drive. Pacific Palisades, CA

Calvary Christmas Boutique

The Calvary Christmas Boutique is on Friday, November 8th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop unique gifts, seasonal décor, and more while enjoying the festive spirit! Our 2024 so far vendors include the following and more: Adventuretown Toys Beach Trees Beignet Box Belafit Candace Kelly Cason Couture Coly Los Angeles* Cynde's Jewels Daily Candy by Malibu Sugar Danielle Morgan Jewelry David Tishbi Fine Jewelry* Elliot Young Fine Jewelry Gifted Gini and Albert Jef Anderson Fine Art* Justine McGregor Jewelry Kathryn McCarron Cashmere* Kathy Kamei Kellie Anne Logsdon LA Native Florals* Lady Jane Jewels Laura Elizabeth Jewelry (LE Jewelry) Lavender Blue Link X Lou Malibu Road Moment Maps Custom Illustration Not Rational Not Too Shabby Palisades Gift Shop Paliskates Rock Goddess Jewelry Saint Jane* Shine Candle Co. Sweet Lady Elena* Sweet Laurel* Teressa Foglia The Closet Trading Co The Texas Tinsel Trendy Tagz Your Reformer

Saturday, November 9, 2024

Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A

Konamon Fest

Join organizers at Konamon Fest 2024, where we celebrate Japanese street food culture, famous for its savory flour-based dishes. Held at the Santa Monica Pier, Konamon Fest showcases food, sake, and cultural experiences. Whether you're a food enthusiast, a fan of Japanese street food culture, or just looking for a fun day out with friends and family, Konamon Fest has something for everyone. Explore the bustling food vendors, enjoy stage content, and soak up the MATSURI atmosphere!
November 9-10, 2024
9th 11am-8pm (SAT)
10th 10am-5pm (SUN)
$12-15
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/konamon-fest-tickets-1015974215227

Friday, November 8, 2024, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Santa Monica Airport 3233 Donald Douglas

WHIPLASH: Art In The Ever-Changing Now

Santa Monica Cultural Affairs, in collaboration with Art at the Airport, is proud to announce the opening of WHIPLASH: Art In The Ever-Changing Now, a groundbreaking exhibition that explores the profound and dynamic shifts shaping our world today. Curated by Rebecca Youssef, Alexandra Dillon, and April Banks, this exhibition offers a reflective exploration of our times, showcasing the ways contemporary artists interpret and respond to the rapid transformations that affect societal norms, cultural identities, environmental crises, and political divisions. Open gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., and every other Saturday (10/26, 11/9, 11/23, 12/7, 12/21, and 1/4) of exhibition 12 - 4 p.m.

Saturday, November 9, 2024, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Westminster Elementary School 1010 Abbot Kinney Los Angeles, CA

Artists & Fleas: Venice Marketplace

Artists & Fleas in Venice is located in the vibrant, artistic heart of Venice at the corner of Abbot Kinney and Westminster Avenue in the outdoor lot of Westminister Avenue Elementary School. Join 50+ merchants every Saturday (rain or shine!) for a fabulous lineup of art, design, food trucks and vintage. Date: Every Saturday Time: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Location: Westminster Elementary School - 1010 Abbot Kinney

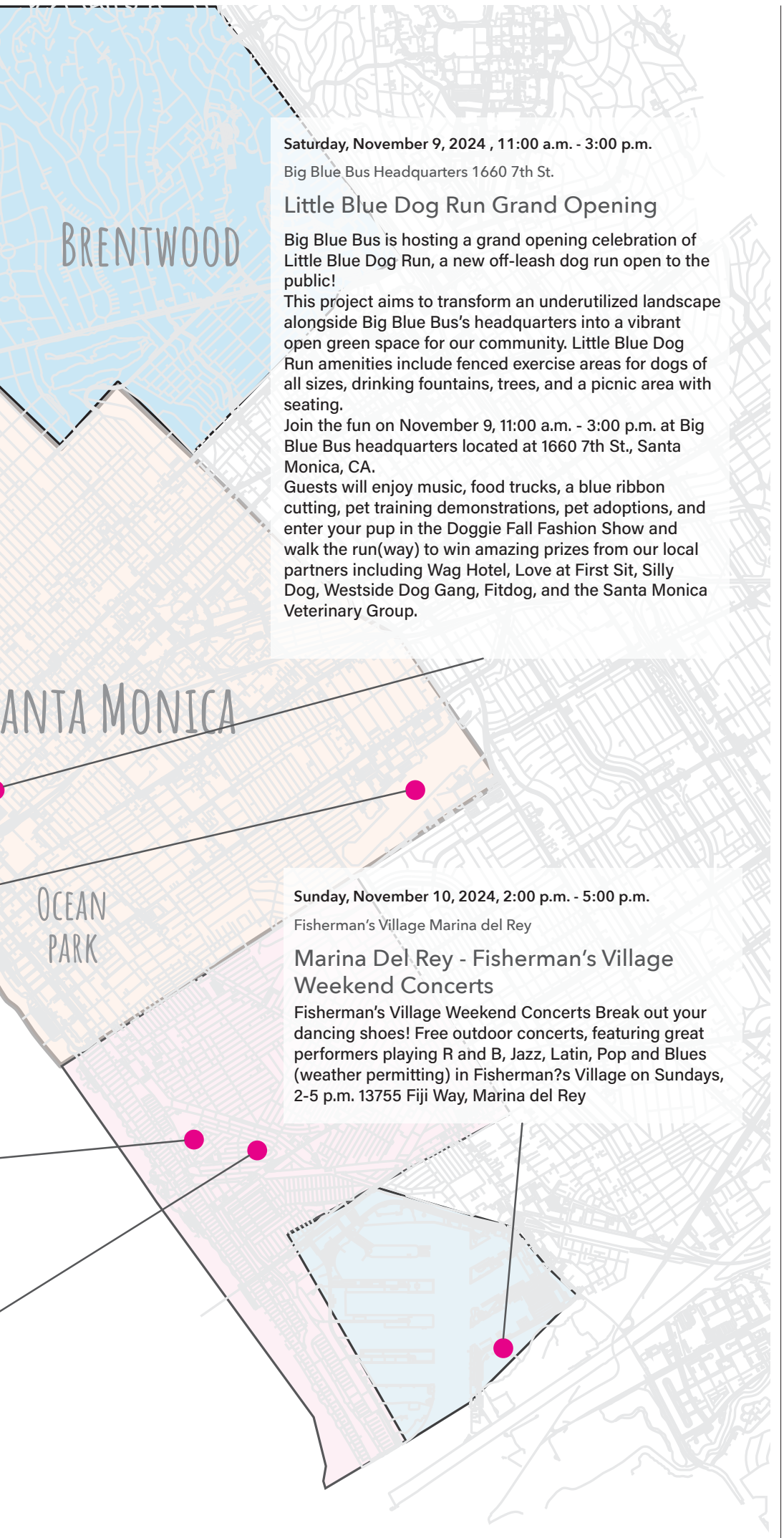
Friday, November 8, 2024, 8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Electric Lodge Theatre 1416 Electric Avenue Venice, CA

E=mc2 | Einsteins meet Charlie Chaplin

$33.00 —All ages theatre
QUESTION: Did you know Einstein and Chaplin were friends?
This play, E=mc2 | Einsteins Meet Charlie Chaplin, set in 1932 Berlin, Germany, tells the story of the night The Einsteins hosted Charlie Chaplin in their humble flat that impacted the lives of these three historical figures (and their legacies).
While everything told on stage is factually accurate to what transpired at that time and beyond, the night's dialogue was not on record. From the heart and mind of first-time playwright, Boise Thomas, these characters (and friends) are brought back to life in a reimagining of the conversation had at Haberlandstrasse 5, that night in August 1932.
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/emc2-einsteins-meet-charlie-chaplin-tickets-1034523667137

Check out more events at: smdp.com/events



Saturday, November 9, 2024 , 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Big Blue Bus Headquarters 1660 7th St.

Little Blue Dog Run Grand Opening

Big Blue Bus is hosting a grand opening celebration of Little Blue Dog Run, a new off-leash dog run open to the public!
This project aims to transform an underutilized landscape alongside Big Blue Bus's headquarters into a vibrant open green space for our community. Little Blue Dog Run amenities include fenced exercise areas for dogs of all sizes, drinking fountains, trees, and a picnic area with seating.
Join the fun on November 9, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Big Blue Bus headquarters located at 1660 7th St., Santa Monica, CA.
Guests will enjoy music, food trucks, a blue ribbon cutting, pet training demonstrations, pet adoptions, and enter your pup in the Doggie Fall Fashion Show and walk the run(way) to win amazing prizes from our local partners including Wag Hotel, Love at First Sit, Silly Dog, Westside Dog Gang, Fitdog, and the Santa Monica Veterinary Group.

Sunday, November 10, 2024, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Fisherman's Village Marina del Rey

Marina Del Rey - Fisherman's Village Weekend Concerts

Fisherman's Village Weekend Concerts Break out your dancing shoes! Free outdoor concerts, featuring great performers playing R and B, Jazz, Latin, Pop and Blues (weather permitting) in Fisherman?s Village on Sundays, 2-5 p.m. 13755 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey



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.

MICHAEL MAYO ALBUM RELEASE SHOW
8 - 9:30 p.m. Moss Theater at New Roads School, 3131 Olympic Blvd. Michael Mayo, a veteran international jazz performer, will be joined by Andrew Freedman (keys), Nick Campbell (bass) and Robin Baytas (drums) to celebrate the release of his new album "Fly." Tickets $40, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/michael-mayo-fly-album-release-show-tickets-1021822698197.

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 10

FALL FAMILY HEALTH DAY
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. The SoCalMoms Fall Family Health Day is a day at the beach filled with family-friendly experiences, unique activations, musical performances, gifting, well family resources from the community, plus expert sessions on timely family health topics like nutrition, childhood anxiety, and a family health panel with the Pump Station. Performances by Stories by Music with Kira, the Beat Buds and Chudney Ross of Books & Cookies. Tickets $10, $20 for family pass, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fall-family-health-day-presented-by-socalmoms-registration-1014991325377.

LOOK WHAT FELL OUT DE MANGO TREE
4 - 5:30 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St. Debra Ehrhardt of "Jamaica, Farwell" fame is back with acclaimed performer Christopher Gossett and iconic Hall of Fame Paul Williams as director. A true story about the importance of forgiveness and the power of vulnerability. Tickets $30, $25 for students, teachers, seniors and military. To purchase visit: https://www.santamonicaplayhouse.com/de_mango_tree.html.

ELECTION RESULTS

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QS committee, added that the likely passage shows "continued support from the community for public education in Santa Monica."

"Obviously, people know that we need upgraded facilities," Dubin said. "Some of it, the facilities are 60, 70 years old and haven't been upgraded to the point of replacement which they need."

Elections for Rent Control Board and Santa Monica City College were canceled due to a lack of candidates and while there was an election for School Board, the lone challenger pulled out of the race after qualifying leaving the three incumbents (Jennifer Smith, Maria Leon Vazquez and Jon Kean) functionally unopposed.

At the County level, the proposal to expand the Board of Supervisors remains too close to call Wednesday morning. Incumbent District Attorney George Gascon lost his seat to challenger Nathan Hochman.

Statewide, voters rejected efforts to expand rent control, but supported a proposition to tighten criminal penalties.

REACTIONS

Speaking to the Daily Press on Wednesday afternoon, Mayor Phil Brock said, "We don't have any idea what the final results of the election in Santa Monica will be at this point. So Election Day returns have not been posted, so there's, there's a large number of votes still to count, so I have no idea how it will turn out.

"If I am ultimately defeated, I'll hold this memory of the honor of being the mayor of the city of my birth, near and dear to me the rest of my life, If I'm able to continue on the city council, I will stand firm and my support for all the residents of our city."

If de la Torre had been successful in his re-election bid, he would have become Mayor in 2025. If he is not re-elected, Vice Mayor Lana Negrete will become Mayor.

"What I'm looking forward to is bringing together people and running a smooth meeting," Negrete said, adding, "I'm looking forward to working together, on whatever we can, and allowing people to have their space, to have that conversation without it devolving into a [late night] catastrophe."

She stressed that the role of Mayor carries no additional power over any other councilmember, "except for the fact that we attend a lot of more ceremonial things and there are a few more meetings involved," she said.

"My only concern is that there won't be as much of a diversity of voices, but I hope that I can help engage young people in our meetings and engage parts of the community that haven't been paying very much attention to our city council meetings, get them involved in our boards and commissions and get them involved in local politics.

"I can tell you that really late meetings, arguing over non-related issues and needlessly diving down irrelevant rabbit holes, is not how you get people excited to engage in civic duty," Negrete said, adding, "I do hope so very much that we don't lose the opportunity to have civic engagement and political discussions that are robust and still include a variety of voices from the community."

Matthew Hall, Thomas Leffler and Scott Snowden



Hundreds flee homes as powerful winds feed wildfires in Southern California

CHRISTOPHER WEBER AND STEFANIE DAZIO
Associated Press

California was lashed by powerful winds Wednesday that fed one fast-moving wildfire near multimillion-dollar properties along the Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu while hundreds of residents fled another fire further north as forecasters warned of the potential for "extreme and life-threatening" blazes.

Los Angeles County Fire Department crews scrambled to contain the wildfire near Malibu's Broad Beach as authorities shut down the famous seaside roadway. Residents were urged to shelter in place while aircraft dropped water on the 40-acre (16-hectare) Broad Fire. It was 15% contained and fire officials said two structures burned.

Meanwhile, northwest of Los Angeles, the rapidly expanding Mountain Fire prompted evacuation orders for multiple communities in an agricultural area near Santa Paula in southern Ventura County. Video footage from KTLA-TV showed horses trotting alongside evacuating vehicles and golf carts as people fled the blaze.

Andrew Dowd, a county fire spokesperson, said he did not have details of how many structures had been damaged.

"There are a number of homes that have been impacted by fire," he said. "It's a rapidly moving fire."

Gov. Gavin Newsom's office, in a statement posted to the social platform X, said multiple state agencies are "all in close communication to coordinate and support needs in Ventura County."

Tens of thousands of people had their power shut off across the state as a precaution.

The National Weather Service office for Los Angeles amended its red flag warning for increased fire danger with a rare "particularly dangerous situation" label.

With predicted gusts between 50 miles (80 kph) and 100 mph (160 mph) and humidity levels as low as 8%, parts of Southern California could experience conditions ripe for "extreme and life-threatening" fire behavior into Thursday, the weather service said.

Officials in several counties urged residents to be on watch for fast-spreading blazes, power outages and downed trees amid the latest round of notorious Santa Ana winds.

"Those in canyon, mountain, and foothill communities should be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice," the LA County Office of Emergency Management said on X. Some canyon roads were closed as a precaution and fire departments positioned resources in areas prone to fires.

The Mountain Fire was mapped at just under 250 acres (100 hectares) around 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, and by 11:30 a.m. it was more than five times larger at over 2.3 square miles (6 square kilometers).

The extreme wind conditions grounded fixed-wing aircraft because of "very dangerous" conditions caused by gusts topping 61 mph (98 kph), said weather service meteorologist Bryan Lewis. He said pilots could face turbulence that could bring a plane down, as well limited visibility from the massive smoke plume.

Several people were injured and taken to hospitals, the Ventura County Fire Department said. However, it was not immediately clear how they got hurt. The blaze crossed State Route 118 and spread to the Camarillo Heights neighborhood, prompting additional evacuations.

To the south in Orange County, fire officials said ash and debris were being kicked up from the Airport Fire, which tore through the area earlier this year due to high winds, but no active fires were reported there Wednesday. Gusts whipped through coastal cities, bringing down tree branches and toppling large trash bins.

Forecasters also issued red flag warnings until Thursday from California's central coast through the San Francisco Bay Area and into counties to the north.

Sustained winds of 30 mph (48 kph) are expected in many areas, with possible gusts topping 55 mph (88 kph) along mountaintops, according to the weather service office in San Francisco.

More than 20,000 customers in 17 Northern California counties were without electricity Wednesday morning after Pacific Gas & Electric shut off power to prevent its equipment from sparking fires amid dry and windy conditions.

Southern California Edison also preemptively shut off power for more than 46,000 customers, including more than 12,000 in Los Angeles County on Wednesday. Power shutoffs are being considered for more than 200,000 customers due to the risk, the company said on its website.

Utilities in California began powering down equipment during high winds and extreme fire danger after a series of massive and deadly wildfires in recent years were sparked by electrical lines and other infrastructure.

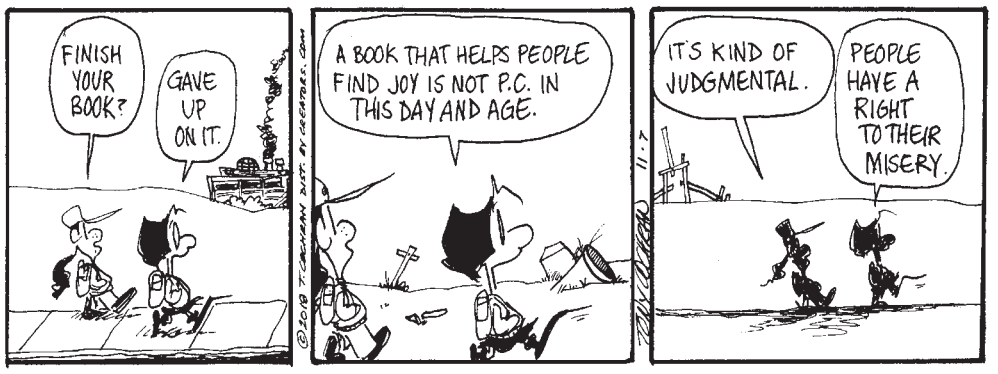
The Broad Fire was burning in the same area where in 2018 the Woolsey Fire killed three people and destroyed 1,600 homes. That blaze was sparked by Edison equipment that scorched dry grasslands and burned across the Santa Monica Mountains all the way to the Malibu coast.

Associated Press journalists Amy Taxin in Orange County, California, and Olga Rodriguez in San Francisco contributed to this report.

GET IT DAILY...

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By TONY COCHRAN



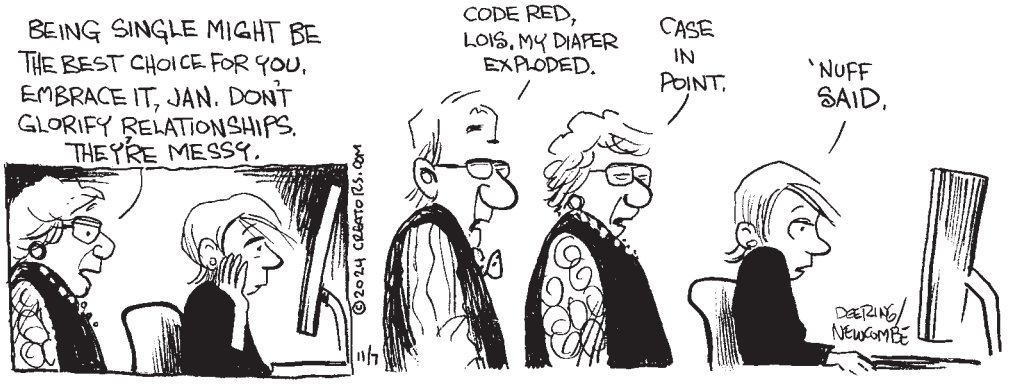
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FIND THE WORDS

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

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 7)

Your year ahead, in a word, will be wonder-filled. You'll learn and discover exciting things that could only happen in this time. More highlights: Your tastes will expand because you see new places and experience different styles. Your needs for comfort, novelty and friendship will be abundantly met. Discipline, an excellent plan and a stellar team will bring cash rewards. Gemini and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 10, 14, 35 and 7.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Ambition takes a back seat to something even sweeter: contentment. The big wins are the small wins. Check off tasks and savor the feeling of accomplishment, one tiny triumph at a time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Life is in a constant state of flux. Instead of clinging to an idea of permanence, you'll see the scene for what it is - momentary, fluid and ripe with opportunity. With this mindset, you'll be adaptable and powerful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A whimsical energy surrounds you now, encouraging you to enjoy the people around you without any agenda. The fun isn't about what others can do for you; it's about enjoying what you can get up to together in the playground of the world.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Luck is a fickle fairy who resists capture and hates to be chased. So as much as you'd like a little luck, you learned long ago that it's better to do your work diligently and ignore her. She'll come fluttering by when you least expect it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Isn't it funny how the smarter someone is, the more fascinated they are by the so-called "mundane"? Today, it's the simple things that will captivate you; this is your brilliance at play.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your surroundings reflect who you are, and who you are is shaped by your surroundings. Today, it seems like everyone around you is on your side, supporting your mission to make everything beautiful and functional.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Fun is in the air, and there's more of it to go around than you had in years past. You're like the poker pro who keeps playing your cards right and winning ever more pots.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your personal growth is a DIY project. You get inspiration from the world, but ultimately you act on your own accord, putting it all together in a way no one else would have thought to. The result will be tremendously satisfying.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The pond is murky, but stirring the water only makes it worse. Let it be. Clarity comes from stillness. When things settle, you'll see what's been there all along.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). After repeatedly losing and finding yourself, you'll realize that neither state is inherently better than the other. "Lost" or "found" is just a fleeting opinion about your relationship to your surroundings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Though no one wants to hear unwanted advice, there's something good in hearing it out today. It's not about the wisdom of words but in the opportunity to understand how another person thinks. That's information you can use.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Confidence doesn't come from pretending to be flawless; it's the opposite. The truly confident fall in love with their quirks, missteps and flat-out fails; in short, that's the process of learning.

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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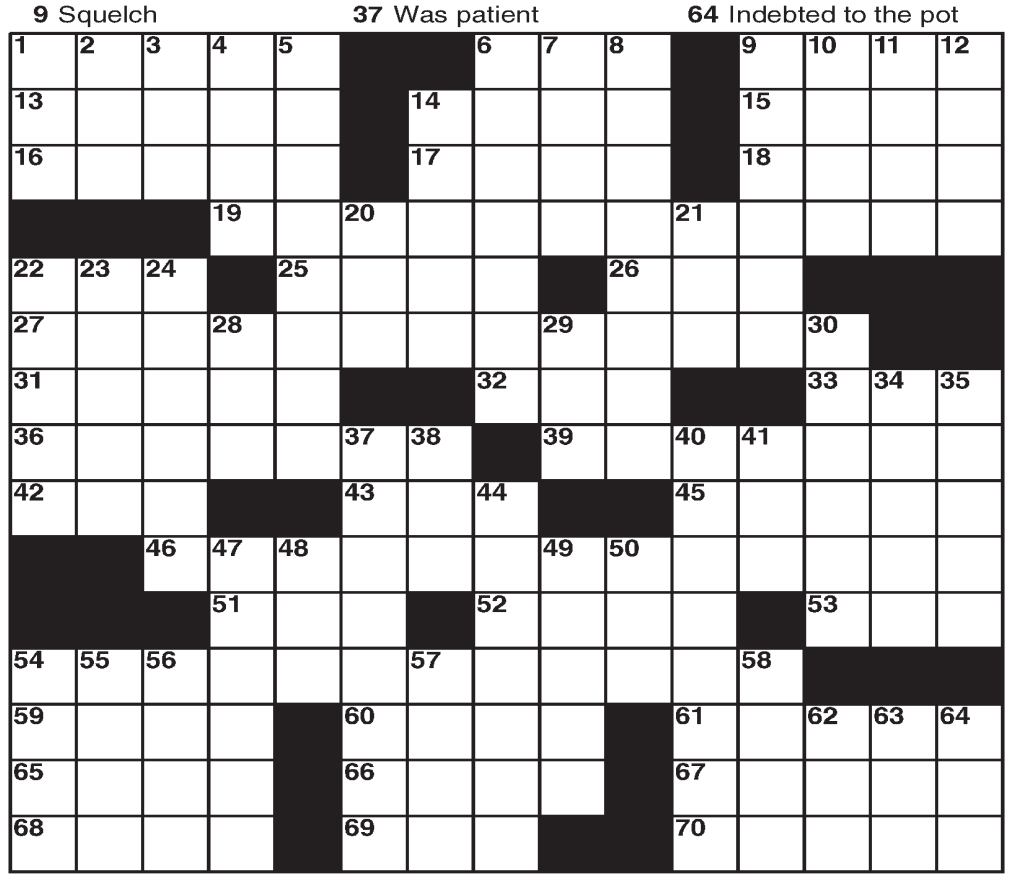
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49 They'll curl your hair
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long Sunday night residency at Santa Monica's Harvelle's, the oldest blues bar in LA (almost a century!), is a treasure that you shouldn't assume will always be there.Toledo choreographs (literally) a truly unique show, a blend of '50s hipster jazz and his dancing dames and a most modern smokin' hot band that gets better all the time. Every Sunday 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's Santa Monica, $12.

STING 3.0 – It's been nearly 50 years since The Police busted out in a big way, and you may think the old cop is old news, but he has remained experimental and relevant (as has bandmate Stewart Copeland - Andy Summers never did matter) and while I haven't the foggiest idea what he is up to now, he's a pretty solid bet, to entertain you and maybe even open your mind some. Tues, Wed 8 p.m., Wiltern Theatre, LA, $194-1,492.

COMING ATTRACTIONS (also recommended): "KOOZA," CIRQUE DU SOLEIL, Santa Monica Pier, 11/7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 29, 30; LIBRARY GIRL, Ruskin Group Theatre, 11/10; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 11/10, 17, 24; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 11/11, 18, 25; MICHAEL MAYO, Jazz Bakery, 11/9; RICHARD THOMPSON, Bellwether, 11/9; JON COWHERD-JOHN PATITUCCI-BRIAN BLADE, Jazz Bakery, 11/10; CARLA OLSEN GENE CLARK TRIBUTE, McCabe's, 11/16; "Noon to Midnight: Field Recordings," Disney Hall, 11/216; SUN RA ARKESTRA, Lodge Room, 11/25; BRAHMS with ZUBIN MEHTA, Disney Hall, 12/6, 7, 8; ZUBIN MEHTA Conducts SCHOENBERG'S "Gurrelieder," LA PHIL, LA Master Chorale, Disney Hall, 12/13, 15; STING 3.0, Wiltern, 11/12, 13, 15, 16, 17; BILLIE EILISH, Kia Forum, 12/15, 16, 17, 20; KY-MANI MARLEY, Lodge Room, 12/17.

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AROUND TOWN

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artists like painters, woodworkers, jewelry, clothing, sculptures and music! Bringing the community together to enjoy the park in this family dog friendly event! Come enjoy some cool tunes and meet the artists. FREE. Sunday Nov. 10, 9a.m. - 5p.m., near Tower 25 in Ocean Park (2410 Ocean Front Walk)

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Multiple SaMo Spots on The Infatuation's Best Patios in LA List: Fia, The Great Outdoor, Michaels and Big Deans all make the latest version of the list. https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/the-patio-power-rankings

Xuntos Presenta Chef Sandra & Amigas: Join multiple James Beard Foundation WEL Alums "who get together whenever we can to talk shop, swap stories & crack up. The seafood-driven tasting menu reflects our passions: pristine & sustainable seafood, zero-waste cocktails, natural wines & next-level pastries. We like to make noise, so expect a party." The $115 menu includes 12 tapas, welcome cocktail, and wine pairing. Thursday, Nov. 14 6:30p.m., 516 Santa Monica Blvd. https://www.opentable.com/booking/experiences-availability?experienceId=364895&restref=1316665&rid=1316665

Garrison Brother's Whiskey Dinner: Enjoy a night of flowing whiskey with the Garrison Brothers, paired with flights and bites. Thursday, Nov. 14, 7:00p.m., Marina del Rey Hotel, 13534 Bali Way https://www.eventbrite.com/e/garrison-brothers-whiskey-dinner-at-the-marina-del-rey-hotel-tickets-769978525497

Jersey Mike's Subs Opening on Main St.: Franchise owner Juancarlos Chacon will hold a grand opening and fundraiser from Wednesday, Nov. 13 to Sunday, Nov. 17 to support the Friends of Westminster Elementary School and Broadway Elementary School. Wednesday, Nov. 13, 245 Main St., Venice https://www.jerseymikes.com/20417/venice-ca

The Butter End Bakery Opens in Downtown SaMo: This is the first retail location for Kimberly Bailey, renowned celebrity chef, artist, and Food Network judge. Expect a variety of options, such as cupcakes in flavors like Coconut Passion Fruit, old-school cookies with modern twists, such as lemon ricotta rosemary, freshly baked scones, macarons with flavors like raspberry goat cheese, and indulgent butterscotch budino. 512 Wilshire Blvd. www.thebutterend.com

Further Afield: Democracy Sessions at MOCA: This Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, The Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) and orchestral collective Wild Up present Democracy Sessions, a free three-day arts event exploring democratic and cooperative practices amid a pivotal moment in U.S. political history. Following the 2024 Presidential election, Democracy Sessions invites the public to engage with themes of creativity, justice, and liberation through music and social gatherings. Nov. 8, 9 and 10, the Warehouse at The Geffen Contemporary at MOCA, 152 N. Central Ave., https://www.moca.org/program/democracy-sessions-presented-by-moca-and-wild-up

Looking Ahead: Ice at Santa Monica (11/9 - 1/20); Annual BroadStage Gala (11/15); 16th Annual Santa Monica Pub Crawl (12/14); Main St. Holiday Party & Tree Lighting (12/8); Meet Me Under The Fig Tree (12/15)

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com. Let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: SaMo Ice Opening, New Dog Run Party, and More!

PROP 36

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Matt Mahan. "In supporting Proposition 36, they said yes to treatment. They said yes to accountability. And they said yes to putting common sense before partisanship, so we can stop the suffering in our communities."

CALIFORNIANS STILL WANT REHABILITATION FOR PRISONERS

The measure's opponents say that Prop. 36 was a clever way to reintroduce the war on drugs in a way that will be palatable to voters in 2024. They argue that no studies on criminal justice or homelessness support the idea that harsher punishment — or the threat of harsher punishment — prevents crime or gets people off the street.

Prop. 36 will expend hundreds of millions of dollars in court and prison costs, they say, without measurably reducing crime or poverty.

"We are aware that there's been a shift in terms of the vibe around criminal legal reform," said Loyola Law School professor Priscilla Ocen, a former special assistant attorney general at the California Department of Justice.

"I don't agree with the premise that California is swinging more rightward when it comes to the bad old days of mass incarceration," she said. "I think on certain issues, yes, the electorate is frustrated with feelings of insecurity — despite the fact that those feelings are often not grounded in data in terms of your likelihood of being victimized, either by a property crime or a crime against a person."

The Yes on 36 campaign focused on "a sense of insecurity and uncertainty" highlighting the most visible elements of pandemic-era crime, Ocen said. Despite overall violent and property crime rates far closer to their historic lows than their peaks, certain visible crimes such as burglaries and car break-ins have risen year-over-year since the pandemic until at least 2023, the last year for which statistics are available.

"There's a frustration that in addition to seeing unhoused people routinely on the streets, there's just feelings of unease, even if it's not born out in the data," Ocen said.

Late September polling showed that just as many likely voters favored expanding treatment and rehabilitation as those who advocated for harsher sentences.

The measure's backers insist the changes will not require the kind of mass incarceration that led to California's massive prison overcrowding problem of the 1990s and 2000s.

WHAT CALIFORNIANS SEE IN DOWNTOWNS

Claudia Oliveira, chief executive of the Downtown Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, said businesses in the city's commercial center have had to make adjustments since the pandemic to combat retail theft — a Burlington Coat Factory, she said, moved all of its merchandise to the store's second floor for a while because of repeated thefts on the ground floor.

"It's not something that we should be angry about, but more sad that we are in a place where people are not healthy and people are still living in scarcity where they have to steal," she said.

"Sometimes people say 'It's just property crime, so why do you care, they have insurance.' Which is not always true. They have deductibles. I've seen small businesses closed after being looted. And it's not always true that they have the resources to get back on their feet, especially downtown."

Oliveira said she could not vote on Prop. 36 because she is undocumented. But she said she supported the measure because she expects it to connect people with substance abuse or mental health issues to social services, while preventing theft on the scale California has seen since the start of the pandemic.

Jeff Ashook, 48, said his life in downtown Los Angeles has changed for the worse.

"I started working here in downtown Los Angeles, before the pandemic, and I was living in Glendale at the time, and, yeah, I parked about, maybe, oh, about a half mile away from where I work," he said. "And I felt safe walking to work. I did.

"Post pandemic — the homeless people came back, but the police officers never did."

Ashook said he now lives downtown but drives the five blocks to work, out of fear for his safety.

"And I've had coworkers who were actually, like, physically assaulted. A few coworkers that ended up having to go to the hospital during that short distance that I was walking," he said. "So yeah, like I said, it's made me a bit more jaded."

Ultimately, Ashook said he could not support Prop. 36 because of the projected costs.

"I don't like that the fiscal impact (is) ranging from several tens of millions of dollars to a low hundreds of millions," he said. "That's a lot of money. And it doesn't say where that money's coming from."

VOTERS CHANGING PRIORITIES ON CALIFORNIA CRIME

Ultimately, Lofstrom said, it's not really a contradiction to have voted for Prop. 47 in 2014 and also for Prop. 36 this year.

In 2014, the state urgently needed to reduce its prison population, for practical reasons and because of a judicial order to keep the population no higher than 137.5% of the prison system's capacity.

Today, the urgency is pushing in the other direction, he said. But the underlying causes for the increases in shoplifting and overall property crime are still unclear, he said.

"We don't know what's contributing to the increases in retail theft. We don't know how much of this is driven by economic and social challenges that leads to shoplifting," he said.

Even with Prop. 36 on the books, Lofstrom said much about the measure's implementation is still to be determined.

"Will cops arrest for it?" he asked. "Will prosecutors pursue these charges? It's uncertain how all this will play out."

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