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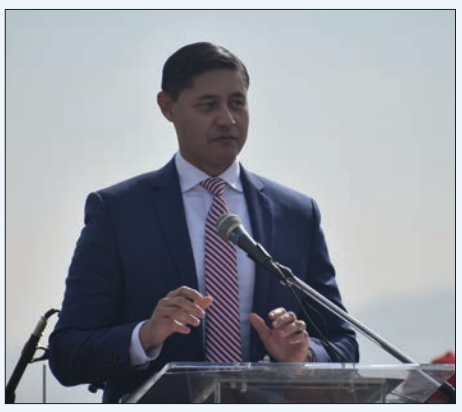
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Pier ceremony celebrates Veterans Day in style










Photos by Thomas Leffler

HONORING VETERANS: The Santa Monica Pier was more packed than usual on Nov. 10, as the city joined representatives of the United States Army for a fourth-annual Veterans Day ceremony. Attended by veterans and military families, the ceremony featured a host of distinguished speakers and special demonstrations. Speakers included Santa Monica Mayor Gleam Davis, Deputy Under Secretary of the Army Mario Diaz and U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits Michael Frueh. A demonstration was given by the West Point Drill Team, a flyover graced the Santa Monica skies with Blackhawk and Chinook helicopters, and various musical performances serenaded the Pier, including by the 300th Army Band. While honoring veterans, the event also looked toward the future with a soldier swearing-in ceremony by Major General Dianne Del Rosso. As part of the event, free meals were given out for veterans and active military members courtesy of Meals on Wheels, while Pacific Park gave free ride tickets to the same groups.

Two weeks after fatal crash, second bicyclist injured at 19th and Idaho

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A second bicyclist has been injured at the same location where a bike rider was killed two weeks ago. According to the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD), the second crash occurred on Friday, Nov. 10 and while the bicyclist survived, a similar crash on Oct. 27 killed a woman.

In the most recent accident a car was traveling westbound on Idaho and the bicyclist southbound on 19th. The vehicle broadsided the rider, hitting his left side, and knocking him to the ground. The injuries were minor (abrasions, some soreness, bruising) and the driver remained at the scene. No impairment is suspected at this time, but SMPD said the accident is under investigation and no information regarding fault is available at this time.

That intersection, like many in the neighborhood, is a two-way stop sign, not a four way stop. Traffic traveling east/west has a stop sign but traffic going north/south does not.

On Oct. 27, Tania Mooser was killed at that intersection when

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I-10 fire has closed a vital part of a Los Angeles freeway indefinitely, officials warn

JOHN ANTCZAK, JULIE WATSON AND JEFF MCMURRAY
Associated Press

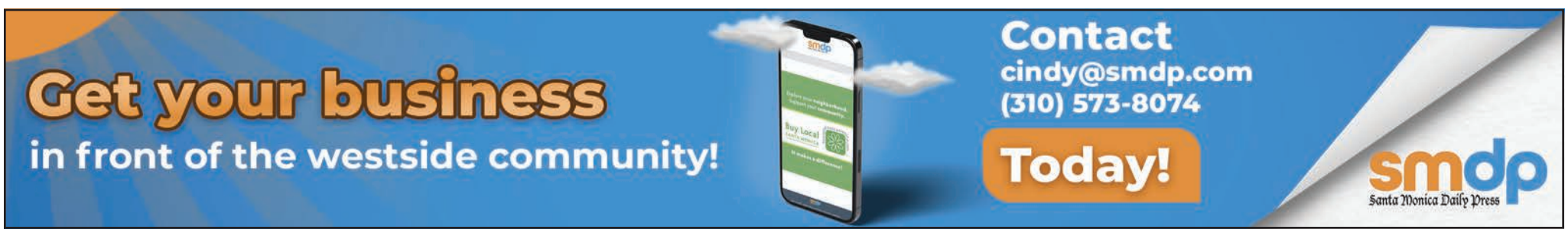
Los Angeles will be without a section of a vital freeway for an uncertain amount of time following a massive weekend fire that caused damage reminiscent of the 1994 Northridge earthquake that flattened thoroughfares, officials warned Monday.

After the quake, it took more than two months to repair Interstate 10 and that was considered significantly fast.

LA Mayor Karen Bass acknowledged the havoc another closure of I-10 will have.

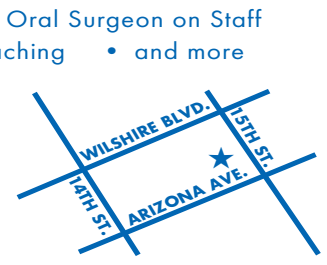
"It's disrupting in every way, whether you are talking about traveling to and from work or your child care plans and the flow of goods and commerce, this will

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Burglary arrest

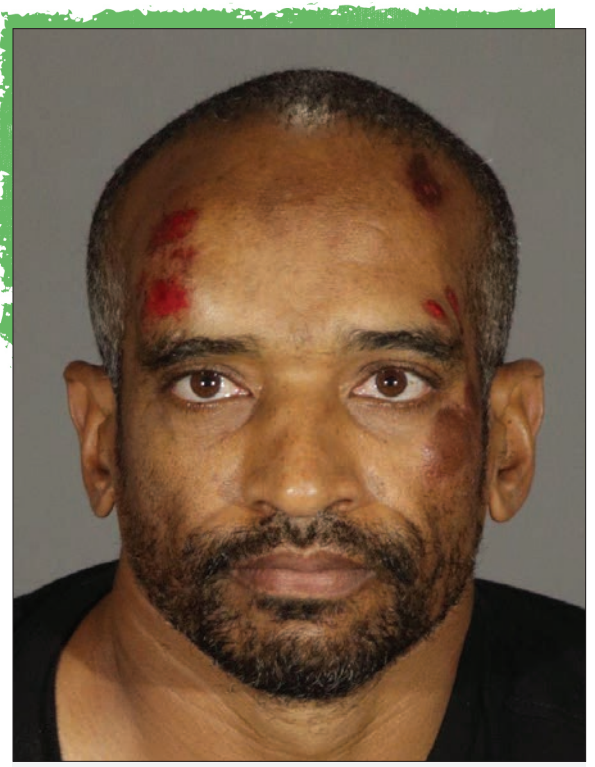
On Wednesday, November 8, at 3:27 a.m., Santa Monica Police Department officers responded to a call of a Prowler Now in the 200 block of 24th Street. The reporting party for the incident was one of two off-duty law enforcement officers providing private security services for the homeowner. They observed the subject of the call in the backyard of the home trying to gain entry. When officers arrived they found the subject being detained by security in the driveway of the residence.

The subject was identified as Charles Marcell Newman, DOB: 04/27/1977, currently experiencing homelessness. He is a parolee at large and an out-of-compliance sex registrant. Newman is also under investigation for burglary and trespassing in Los Angeles.

Newman was the subject of several prowling calls at the same Santa Monica residence in September and October. He was captured on surveillance video trying doors and windows around the perimeter of the home as well as trying car door handles. During an incident on October 31st of this year Newman was seen on camera in the backyard trying to open windows. Detectives were able to identify him from the video and place a WANT in the system for his detention and questioning.

Newman has been arrested by the SMPD for similar crimes (burglary, resisting arrest, violation of parole and probation) in 2012 and again in 2019. Newman was convicted in both prior incidents and served prison time.

SMPD detectives will present the case to the LA County District Attorney's Office requesting that he be charged with a completed burglary, multiple attempted burglaries, and a violation of his sex offender registration conditions. He is currently being held without bail for the parole violation. His first court appearance will be on November 13th.



CHARLES MARCELL NEWMAN

Anyone with information related to this individual or incident is encouraged to contact Detective Zamfirov at Peter.Zamfirov@santamonica.gov, Detective Sergeant Lozano at Alfonso.Lozano@santamonica.gov, or the Watch Commander (24 hours) at 310-458-8427.

SUBMITTED BY LIEUTENANT ERIKA AKLUFI

Los Angeles

L.A. Metro Encourages Motorists to #GoMetro, Use Public Transit to Get Around I-10, East L.A. Interchange Closures, Traffic Congestion

Due to the recent fire that has led to the closure of I-10 in Downtown Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), in partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), reminds motorists and commuters to consider public transportation to reach their destinations near the impacted area.

LA Metro will continue to operate normal service on its bus routes and rail lines. Motorists and commuters should consider travelling on Metro's E Line - a 22-mile rail line that parallels I-10 and has 29 stations between East Los Angeles and Santa Monica. The A Line, which has 44 stations along 48.5 miles from Azusa to Long Beach, is another alternative to the I-110 and I-210 freeways. Metrolink is adding six roundtrips between Covina and Union Station and is adding cars on the San Bernardino line.

For motorists who plan to visit or work in Downtown Los Angeles from the Inland Empire, Metro suggests taking Metrolink's San Bernardino and Riverside lines into Union Station and transitioning to Metro's A, B and D rail lines. Metrolink is increasing capacity and adding temporary roundtrip service on the San Bernardino Line from LA Union Station to the Covina Station, with three extra weekday trains in the morning and three in the afternoon in each direction. The agency will monitor the potential impact on its other lines and may increase capacity on heavily traveled trains as necessary. Schedule updates can be found at: Service Updates | Metrolink (metrolinktrains.com).

Several Metro bus lines provide service that can also assist riders in reaching their destination around Los Angeles County. Metro's Silver Line (910/950) and Line 487/489 operate along I-10 ExpressLanes. Additionally, commuters should consider Line 76 on Valley Boulevard north of I-10 and Line 70 on Garvey Boulevard south of I-10.

Metro's transit partners also have alternate bus options, including Foothill Transit, which has multiple lines that serve Downtown Los Angeles, including their Silver Streak Express from Montclair to Downtown L.A. using the I-10 ExpressLanes. Foothill Transit also offers other Downtown L.A. express bus lines 490, 493, 495, 498, 499 and 699 from communities throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

In the immediate area of the closure, there are multiple Metro bus line options, including Line 18 on 6th Street and Line 66 on Olympic Boulevard.

Motorists and commuters can find additional information about Metro parking lots, maps and schedules and specific route planning tools on metro.net or call 5-1-1 and visit Caltrans' quickmap.dot.ca.gov for freeway traffic conditions.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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It will take big, costly solutions for homelessness to overcome decades of bad policy

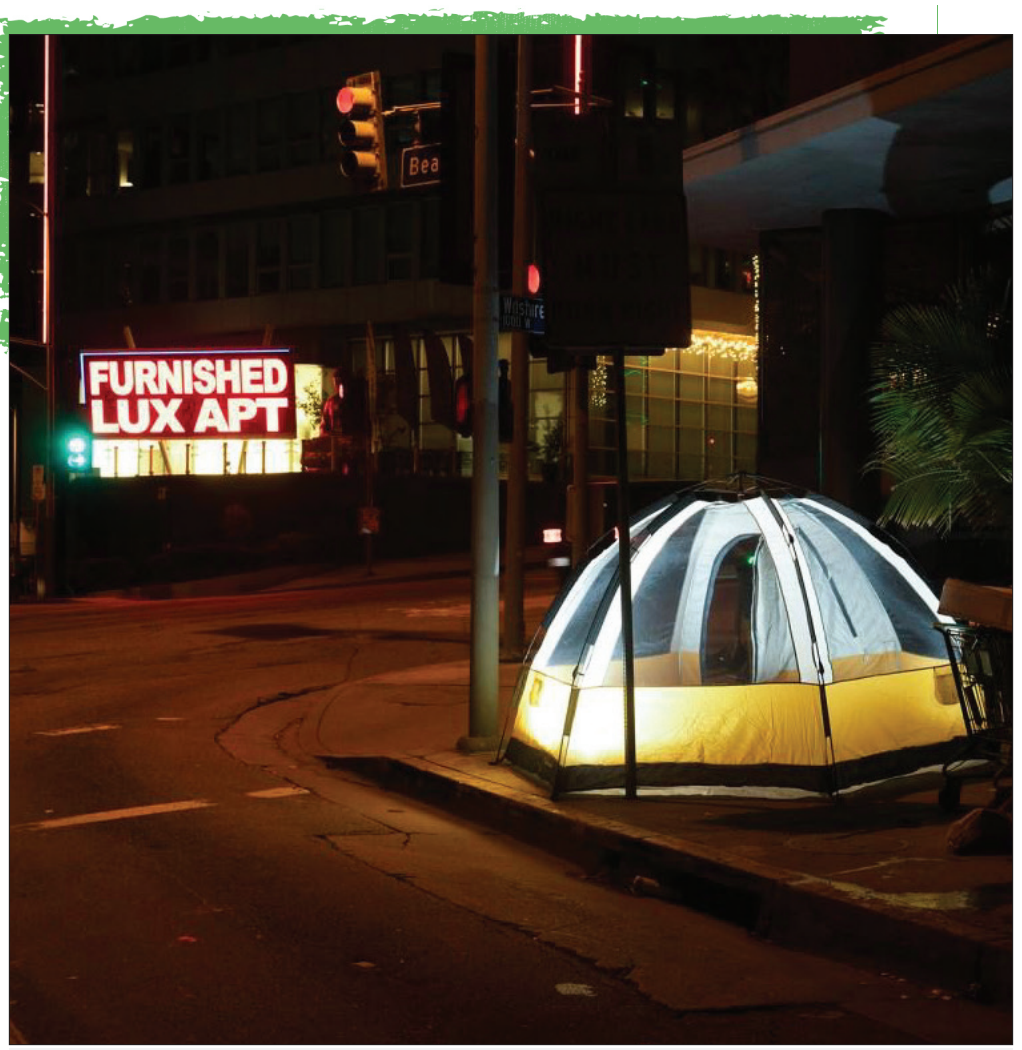


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LA: In this photo illuminated by an off-camera flash, several homeless people stand next to their tents across the street from a luxury apartment building in Los Angeles on Jan. 17, 2023.

No matter what we look like or how much we earn, everyone needs a safe place to call home. Home is a foundation for a good life and a building block for thriving communities. That's why the daily suffering of our neighbors who have been pushed into homelessness is so upsetting.

Earlier this year, California lawmakers requested a statewide audit of homelessness spending to answer the question many Californians have asked: Why isn't the money we're spending yielding more results?

We can answer that question without a costly audit. What we're doing is wholly insufficient given the depth of the problem. As a state, we are taking aspirin to cure a broken leg and then demanding answers for why it didn't work. Too often we blame the solutions – or the people experiencing this crisis – instead of the systems that perpetuate it.

The roots of homelessness run deep, stretching back through generations of exclusionary, exploitative and shortsighted housing and employment policies. For every 100 extremely low-income households in California, 24 homes are available and affordable to them. The problem is reinforced every day by how difficult California's laws and regulations – and often our neighbors – make it to build deeply affordable housing.

Persistently low wages and weak protections for the lowest income workers make matters worse.

Our systems aren't broken, they're working exactly as they were designed – further privileging homeowners, corporations, whiter and wealthier neighborhoods over Black, brown, Indigenous and poor people. These communities are consistently left out.

While most Californians' values have evolved over the years, our society remains rigged for exclusion. We're not programmed to share a seat in a game of musical chairs. We hold zero-sum beliefs instead of realizing everyone can win.

Decades of bad policy means it will take bigger, more expensive solutions to

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **62.4**

TUESDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Some more S swell to gradually move in as steep-angled NW swell mix lingers. Early AM winds look favorable, but a 6'+ mid AM high tide does not.

WEDNESDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Worth watching. A storm just off the CA coast brings a bump in WNW swell and some potential weather. Modest new S swell on the rise, likely making for some little peaks through the day. Conditions dicey at this point, AM looking best.

Weather

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest in the afternoon.
Tuesday Night: A 10 percent chance of showers after 4am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55.
Wednesday: A slight chance of showers before 10am, then a chance of rain after 10am. Cloudy, with a high near 66.
Wednesday Night: Rain. Low around 57. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2023/11/14	Tue	08:43 AM	6.32	H
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2023/11/14	Tue	10:32 PM	3.59	H
2023/11/15	Wed	02:49 AM	2.36	L
2023/11/15	Wed	09:16 AM	6.29	H
2023/11/15	Wed	4:52 PM	-0.62	L
2023/11/15	Wed	11:33 PM	3.39	H
2023/11/16	Thu	03:20 AM	2.63	L
2023/11/16	Thu	09:55 AM	6.13	H
2023/11/16	Thu	5:45 PM	-0.51	L
2023/11/17	Fri	12:48 AM	3.28	H
2023/11/17	Fri	04:00 AM	2.90	L
2023/11/17	Fri	10:43 AM	5.83	H
2023/11/17	Fri	6:46 PM	-0.34	L
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disrupt the lives of Angelenos," Bass said. "So I will not settle for anything other than a rebuilding plan and a timeline that becomes a new model for speed."

The highway's columns were charred and chipped, guardrails along the deck were left twisted and blackened, and crews had shored up the most damaged section for the safety of workers clearing the debris. It's still unclear what structural damage, if any, the blaze caused to the freeway. Engineers were assessing the situation Monday.

"This isn't going to be resolved in a couple of days, and it's not going to take a couple years," Federal Highway Administrator Shailen Bhatt told The Associated Press. "But whether it's weeks or months, we're still too early to tell."

The closure is expected to be felt well beyond the city. The twin ports of LA and Long Beach are among the nation's largest and handle more than half the goods coming into the U.S., he said, adding that President Joe Biden had been briefed.

"The ports are still open and the goods will still flow, but when you remove a section of the interstate that carries 300,000 vehicles a day, there's going to be spillover impacts," Bhatt said. "The concern there is the quicker we can get this open, the faster we can remove an impediment."

Bhatt said the fiery June 11 crash of a tractor-trailer hauling gasoline in Philadelphia that collapsed an elevated section of Interstate 95, snarling traffic and hurting area businesses, highlights what such disasters can do to not only a city but the nation. It reopened less than two weeks later due to a quick rebuild.

LA drivers were tested Monday during the first weekday commute following the raging fire beneath an elevated section of I-10. Some freeway exits backed up as drivers were forced to use crowded surface streets to bypass the damaged freeway stretch south of downtown.

Some routes, however, had lighter traffic, suggesting drivers heeded warnings from the city to make alternate plans. Cellphones were blasted with a predawn reminder for residents to plan different routes or expect significant delays.

Downtown LA seemed "more quiet than usual" on Monday, said Blair Besten, director of LA's Historic Core business improvement district. She said she worried about another hit to businesses just emerging from the economic downturn due to the coronavirus pandemic lockdowns.

"I hope folks aren't listening to leadership calling them to work from home!" Besten said. "Our businesses are just bouncing back from the Covid shutdowns. Business was just getting good."

The cause of the fire Saturday is under investigation.

Flames reported around 12:20 a.m. Saturday ripped through two storage lots in an industrial area beneath the highway, burning parked cars, stacks of wooden pallets and support poles for high-tension power lines, city fire Chief Kristin Crowley said. No injuries were reported.

At least 16 homeless people living underneath the highway were evacuated and brought to shelters. Officials said there was no immediate indication that the blaze began at the encampment.

More than 160 firefighters responded to the blaze, which spread across 8 acres (3 hectares) and burned for three hours.

LA residents have a history of responding well to warnings of traffic troubles. Warnings of "Carmageddon" for a full freeway closure in 2011 resulted in a widespread reduction in traffic. A predicted "Jamzilla" in 2014 proved not to be monstrous, and fears of massive traffic snarls failed to materialize during the 1984 Olympics.

California Secretary of Transportation Toks Omishakin told a news conference Monday that two contractors have been hired — one to work on cleaning up the hazardous material under the freeway and the other to shore up the freeway.

Core samples were being tested from the superstructure, decks and columns to determine next steps but officials warned it was uncertain how long the repairs could take.

Repairs will require environmental waivers and federal funding, officials said.

In 2011, a fire from a poorly maintained fuel tanker that burst into flames damaged a stretch of State Route 60 — a key freeway connecting LA with its eastern suburbs — and took six months to reopen at a cost of $40 million.

"Please know that we're determining the best course of action for getting this bridge back open as quickly and as safely as possible," Omishakin said.

Omishakin said storage yards under highways are common statewide and across the country. He said the practice would be reevaluated following the fire.

Ertugrul Taciroglu, chair of the civil and environmental engineering department at the University of California Los Angeles, said "the unique challenge for these kinds of urban bridges is real estate is really expensive and hard to come by."

"Every piece of land is being utilized, so I can see the pressure or the incentives for making use of these spaces under these highways," he said.

Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency Saturday afternoon and directed the state Department of Transportation to request federal assistance.

The governor said Sunday that California has been in litigation with the owner of the business leasing the storage property where the fire started. The lease is expired, Newsom said, and the business had been in arrears while subleasing the space. "This is a site we were aware of, this is a lessee we were aware of," he said.

Homeless encampments are also common sights near Southern California highways. In 2020, the city and county of Los Angeles agreed to provide housing for almost 7,000 people who lived under freeways and near exit and entrance ramps. In approving the deal, a federal judge said unhoused residents in those areas face particularly deadly hazards including pollutants and passing cars.

Watson reported from San Diego. Associated Press writer Christopher Weber in Los Angeles contributed to this report. McMurray reported from Chicago.

Olympic sports bodies want talks with IOC after cricket and others were added to 2028 LA program

GRAHAM DUNBAR
AP Sports Writer

Olympic sports bodies want urgent talks with the IOC about possible cuts in their revenue shares and athlete quotas at the 2028 Los Angeles Games because cricket and other newcomers were added to the program.

The International Olympic Committee last month approved cricket, baseball/softball, flag football, lacrosse and squash for 2028 and kept boxing, modern pentathlon and weightlifting — three sports whose status had been in doubt.

The umbrella group of current Summer Games sports, known by the acronym ASOIF, said Monday the decision to increase to a record 36 sports "has raised several questions" among its members, who collectively shared $540 million of IOC-allocated money at each of the past two Olympics.

Most Olympic sports got $13 million to $17.3 million from the pandemic-delayed Tokyo Games in 2021. For some, that was about half of their total income over four years.

Adding four team sports in 2028 also will push the IOC to extend its preferred limit of 10,500 athletes at a Summer Games and likely will put pressure on the core Olympic sports to cut their allowed number of athletes. The IOC has set a target of early 2025 to confirm final quotas.

ASOIF's ruling council agreed Monday "to raise these urgent matters with the IOC leadership" after meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The council includes the presidents of World Athletics and the International Gymnastics Federation, two of the three top-tier Olympic sports. The third is aquatics.

Track and field got $38.5 million after the Tokyo Games, while gymnastics and swimming each got about $31.4 million of the IOC's total revenue from broadcasters and sponsors of $7.6 billion from 2017-21. Adding cricket is expected to raise the IOC's broadcast deal in India by at least $100 million.

Key issues for Olympic sports as the games keep expanding are "revenue share, athlete quotas, Olympic qualification systems and games optimization," ASOIF president Francesco Ricci Bitti said. Optimization is the current Olympic buzzword for trimming costs and services to help organizers control spending.

"These are the issues that hugely impact (international federation) operations and have far-reaching effects on the entire Olympic movement," Ricci Bitti said in a statement.

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In a scheduled speech later Monday in Lausanne, IOC President Thomas Bach told sports officials he was "well aware" of their concerns about the LA program.

"I would like to reiterate that the federations of the new sports proposed by the (Los Angeles) organizing committee do not have to be included in the ASOIF revenue sharing model," Bach told them.

The IOC is not due to confirm the total revenue-sharing funds from the 2024 Paris Olympics until late next year.

"We should always know that these new sports on the Olympic program for LA will only add to the overall value of the Olympic Games — and from this added value we all will benefit," Bach said.

With Russia planning to stage a World Friendship Games weeks after the closing ceremony in Paris, ASOIF cautioned its members Monday about their involvement in a potential rival to the Olympics. Moscow and Yekaterinburg are set to host the games in September.

The Russian multi-sport event "is not conducive to dialogue within the sports world during these challenging times," ASOIF said.

The Russian Olympic Committee remains suspended by the IOC but individuals can still be invited by some sports to compete as neutral athletes in international events if they don't publicly support the war in Ukraine and don't have ties to the military or state security agencies.

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Why Newsom's Senate appointment gives California voters more power in the 2024 election



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SENATE: Oct 3, 2023; Washington, DC, USA; Vice President Kamala Harris swears in Laphonza Butler to the U.S. Senate on Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2023, on Capitol Hill in Washington. California Gov. Gavin Newsom appointed Emily's List president Laphonza Butler to fill the vacant U.S. Senate seat left by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who died Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023 at age 90.. Mandatory

Dianne Feinstein's death, and the subsequent decision to fill her U.S. Senate seat with Laphonza Butler, led to criticism by other possible claimants. While Butler has announced that she will not be seeking a full term, the fact that the governor has the sole appointment power is viewed by some as a negative, undemocratic feature of politics.

U.S. Rep. Kevin Kiley proposed an easy solution to this problem: A constitutional amendment which would strip governors of the right to appoint senators and just have a special election on an accelerated schedule.

While all states have a special election to fill the remainder of a term, 37 of them, including California, time that election with the next statewide general election. In this case, that will take place on the same day as the regular election for the Senate seat (so the winner of the special election would only serve a few months).

Nine states require an accelerated special election, while four states completely bar appointments by governors altogether. Kiley's legislation would force every state to use special elections instead.

Using an accelerated special election may seem more democratic, but paradoxically, it may be that a special election may actually lead to a less democratic outcome. Instead, appointing a replacement until the next regularly scheduled election may end up giving voters a greater long-term say in the process.

The numbers tell the tale. Over the last 60 years, 63 senators were appointed to their position after the death or resignation of their predecessor. Thirteen senators currently serving in office were originally appointed, rather than elected to the job – a number that includes both of California's current senators. Some of these appointments were noteworthy figures, such as eventual Vice President Walter Mondale or Majority Leader George Mitchell.

But as a group they share a different distinction than most senators: They are vastly less likely to get elected to a full term.

Only 23 of the 61 Senators managed to win a term of office after their appointment, a 37% re-election rate, and 18 of them did not seek election (two, including Butler,

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Give blood, celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the film "Elf"

For many, watching the classic holiday movie "Elf" has been a heartwarming tradition for 20 years. This November, the American Red Cross is encouraging people to add a new tradition as the holiday season begins: Spread cheer with a blood or platelet donation.

Donations are critical to the blood supply as the holiday season draws near – a time when blood donations often decline. Donors of all blood types are urged to give, especially type O blood donors and those giving platelets.

To celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the film "Elf," and create holiday cheer, all who come to give Nov. 10-30 will receive an exclusive pair of "Elf" + Red Cross socks, while supplies last. For more details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/Elf.

It feels good to give a gift to someone else that truly means something. Those wishing to help patients receive lifesaving transfusions can book a blood or platelet donation appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Nov. 10-30:

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11/20/2023: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St
11/27/2023: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St
11/28/2023: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., YMCA, 1332 6th St
11/29/2023: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., St Monica's High School, 1030 Lincoln Blvd
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Volunteers can also serve as transportation specialists, playing a vital role in ensuring lifesaving blood products are delivered to nearby hospitals. For more information and to apply for either position, contact or visit redcross.org/volunteertoday.

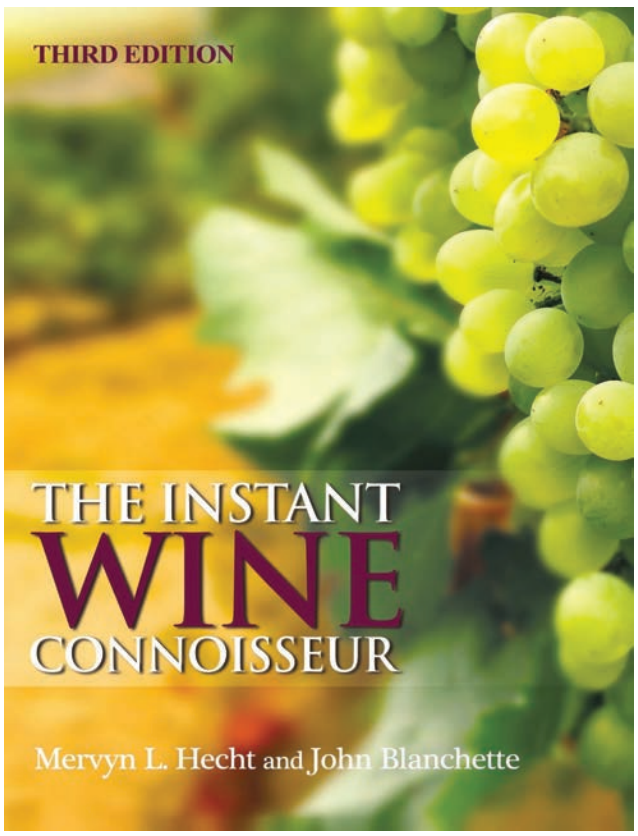
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GUEST COMMENTARY

FROM PAGE 3

deliver the results on homelessness that our struggling neighbors need and the public demands.

Yes, a few billion dollars a year is insufficient for a state with a shortfall of 1.2 million affordable homes. We have to reject the scarcity mindset that rationalizes inaction and half-measures. And we actually came close to doing that recently.

During the pandemic, eviction moratoria and emergency rental assistance programs prevented millions of households from being forced into homelessness across the country. Monthly payments of the federal Child Tax Credit cut child poverty in half in a matter of months. But instead of sustaining and refining those investments for the long term – which were actually needed before the pandemic and still are today – we've gone back to business as usual.

For example, Homekey is a pandemic-era state program that buys underutilized motels and other properties for conversion into interim and permanent supportive housing. Homekey is getting results. It is creating more than 6,800 desperately needed homes that will – over the course of their lifetimes – serve more than 75,000 households. Homekey showed that with resources, flexibility and creativity we can quickly house more people.

With sufficient resources and political will, we could build and acquire more affordable homes across the state with the urgency this crisis demands.

Real solutions are at our fingertips. We must make simultaneous investments, at scale, in multiple strategies to rapidly reduce unsheltered homelessness. Adequately resource the supportive services that end homelessness. Provide targeted financial assistance to stop homelessness before it happens. Build the affordable homes in each community's state-approved housing plans and streamline processes to allow that to happen faster and cheaper. Raise the minimum wage. Ensure all our solutions reach the Black, Indigenous, disabled, LGBTQ and other people disproportionately affected.

Elected leaders have the power to make sweeping changes. But they aren't going to lead this charge as long as they are worried about political cycles and getting re-elected. California needs broad coalitions that push for racial and economic justice and demand change together.

Everyone has to be willing to get involved, speak up and maybe even give up a perk we get from current government policy, or show up to support a new affordable housing development in our neighborhood.

Change is possible but only when we choose it together.

The homelessness conversation by California Voices features authors involved with the issue to help Californians grasp the solutions and areas of consensus. Read more voices on homelessness. Tomiquia Moss is the founder and CEO of All Home.

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ELECTION

FROM PAGE 5

have not yet faced voters). Twenty of them lost a re-election run, including eight who were defeated when they sought their party's nomination.

This 54% re-election rate among those who are actually running is a striking contrast to what most senators face. In 2022, every single Senate incumbent running for re-election won. The rate of re-election has not dropped below 75% since 1980.

The problem with a special election is that frequently, though not always as California showed in both gubernatorial recalls, turnout may drop precipitously. The result is that only a fraction of the voters may actually weigh in on the Senate choice, giving the eventual winner a stranglehold on the position. As Feinstein and many other senators have shown, winning that first election can be a lifetime pass to success.

Other candidates are unlikely to mount a primary challenge against an elected official, but as history shows, an appointed senator is a much different picture.

An appointment is not a long-term salve – hence the need for a special election at the next date. One change that several states have made to limit shenanigans is requiring the governor to appoint a senator from the same party, which seven states currently require. This will at least prevent major policy changes simply due to a death.

Strange as it may seem, the poor re-election rate suggests that voters may have a better chance at making a long-term choice after a gubernatorial appointment.

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Vikings siege Troy, football team advances to CIF semis

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SMDP Staff Writer

The Samohi Vikings were more than comfortable taking its playoff push on the road, using a balanced performance to take down the Troy Warriors 35-20 in Fullerton Friday night. Now 8-4 on the season, the Vikings will use this week to prepare for the CIF Southern Section Division 9 semifinals against Kaiser.

Both the offensive and defensive units scored touchdowns at Troy, highlighted by three scores from senior running back Caden McCallum. Transferring his considerable workload into the postseason, McCallum now has 207 yards and 6 touchdowns in two playoff contests, finding the endzone three times in consecutive games. The senior also shined on defense, roaming the field for a career-high 16 tackles, topping a 14-tackle performance earlier this season against Mira Costa and counting as his 8th game with at least 10 tackles.

McCallum got the scoring started for the Vikings with an 11-yard touchdown run in the second quarter, after a missed Troy field goal kept the game at a 0-0 tilt in the first period. Later tied 7-7, McCallum broke the score in favor of Samohi with a 14-yard scamper to the endzone.

Just before halftime, the Vikings defensive unit produced points of its own. A Troy drive was erased by senior David Solis-Valdovinos, who snatched an interception from the arm of Troy quarterback Rudy Alcala and returned the ball 78 yards for a touchdown.

Up 21-7 at halftime, the Vikings were in lead protection mode throughout the third and fourth frames. After the team gave up a touchdown on Troy's opening second-half drive, sophomore quarterback Wyatt Brown captained another scoring drive, eventually finding Charles Cravings on a 33-yard touchdown strike to push the lead to 28-13. Brown was once again brilliant in the pocket for the Vikings, completing 15 of his 23 attempts for 231 yards. The Samohi record holder for regular-season passing yards, Brown has thrown for over 230 yards in consecutive contests while keeping his trademark accuracy intact.

A final Troy push came with a touchdown on the first play of the final quarter, making the score 28-20 in favor of the Vikings. To ice the contest, Samohi embarked on a methodical 15-play, 75-yard scoring drive that required both passing and rushing excellence to maintain. Keeping the drive alive was a 17-yard connection from Brown to Cravings on a fourth down in Troy territory, eventually leading to a 4-yard touchdown from McCallum to finish the evening's scoring.

The Vikings defense again stifled the Warriors late, as the last two Troy possessions ended in a turnover. First, a fumble forced and recovered by senior Ryland Hawkins stopped a possession within the Vikings redzone. Then, the final offensive Warriors play ended in Alcula being intercepted by Griffin Seals, who had another tremendous two-way performance, adding 6 receptions for 95 yards on offense. According to MaxPreps, Seals' 1,116 receiving yards through the Troy contest is a top 30 mark in all of California.

The Vikings will have little time to celebrate the Troy victory, as the team is looking forward to its first CIF Semifinals matchup since a 37-6 loss to Culver City on December 2, 2011. Waiting over a decade for this deep of a playoff run, Samohi will head to Fontana to face the Kaiser Cats beginning at 7 p.m. Friday. The Cats are 9-3 on the season after winning a Friday shootout with Los Osos 50-49, and feature a deep running game that produced over 3,000 yards on the ground thus far in 2023. The team's top running back is senior Kiyel Tyler, who has averaged nearly 8 yards per carry en route to 1,438 yards through 12 games.

SAMOHI FOOTBALL:

Vikings at Troy
Vikings win 35-20

Passing:

Wyatt Brown (#7, Sophomore): 15-23, 231 yds, 15.4 YPC, TD, INT

Rushing:

Caden McCallum (#5, Senior): 18 carries, 72 yds, 4.0 YPC, 3 TD

Wyatt Brown (#7, Sophomore): 8 carries, 16 yds, 2.0 YPC

Receiving:

Griffin Seals (#15, Senior): 6 rec, 95 yds, 15.8 YPC

Charles Cravings (#3, Junior): 3 rec, 61 yds, 20.3 YPC, TD

David Solis-Valdovinos (#9, Senior): 2 rec, 44 yds, 22.0 YPC

Caden McCallum (#5, Senior): 3 rec, 18 yds, 6.0 YPC

Isaiah Fernandez (#22, Sophomore): 1 rec, 13 yds, 13.0 YPC

Defense:

Caden McCallum (#5, Senior): 16 tackles (6 solo, 10 asst), 0.5 Tackles For Loss

David Solis-Valdovinos (#9, Senior): 13 tackles (6 solo, 7 asst), 1 INT, TD

Charles Cravings (#3, Junior): 8 tackles (1 solo, 7 asst)

Jayden Montanez (#71, Senior): 6 tackles (1 solo, 5 asst), 2.5 Tackles For Loss, Forced Fumble

Maui Williams (#51, Freshman): 5 tackles (2 solo, 3 asst)

Ryland Hawkins (#75, Senior): 4 tackles (1 solo, 3 asst), 0.5 Tackles For Loss, Forced Fumble, Fumble Recovery

Amir Jahromi (#57, Senior): 4 tackles (4 asst), 0.5 Tackles for Loss, Pass Deflection

Darian Hawkins (#20, Sophomore): 3 tackles (3 asst)

Aaron Heirigs (#49, Sophomore): 3 tackles (3 asst)

Theo Naessens-Dowling (#4, Senior): 2 tackles (1 solo, 1 asst)

Isaiah Fernandez (#22, Sophomore): 2 tackles (1 solo, 1 asst)

Griffin Seals (#15, Senior): 2 tackles (1 solo, 1 asst), INT

Manny Lares (#24, Junior): 2 tackles (2 asst)

Samuel Reynoso (#45, Junior): 2 tackles (2 asst)

Payton Seals (#14, Sophomore): 2 tackles (2 asst)

Jeremy Guerrero (#10, Junior): 1 tackle (1 solo)

Brandon Valdovinos (#11, Senior): 1 tackle (1 asst)

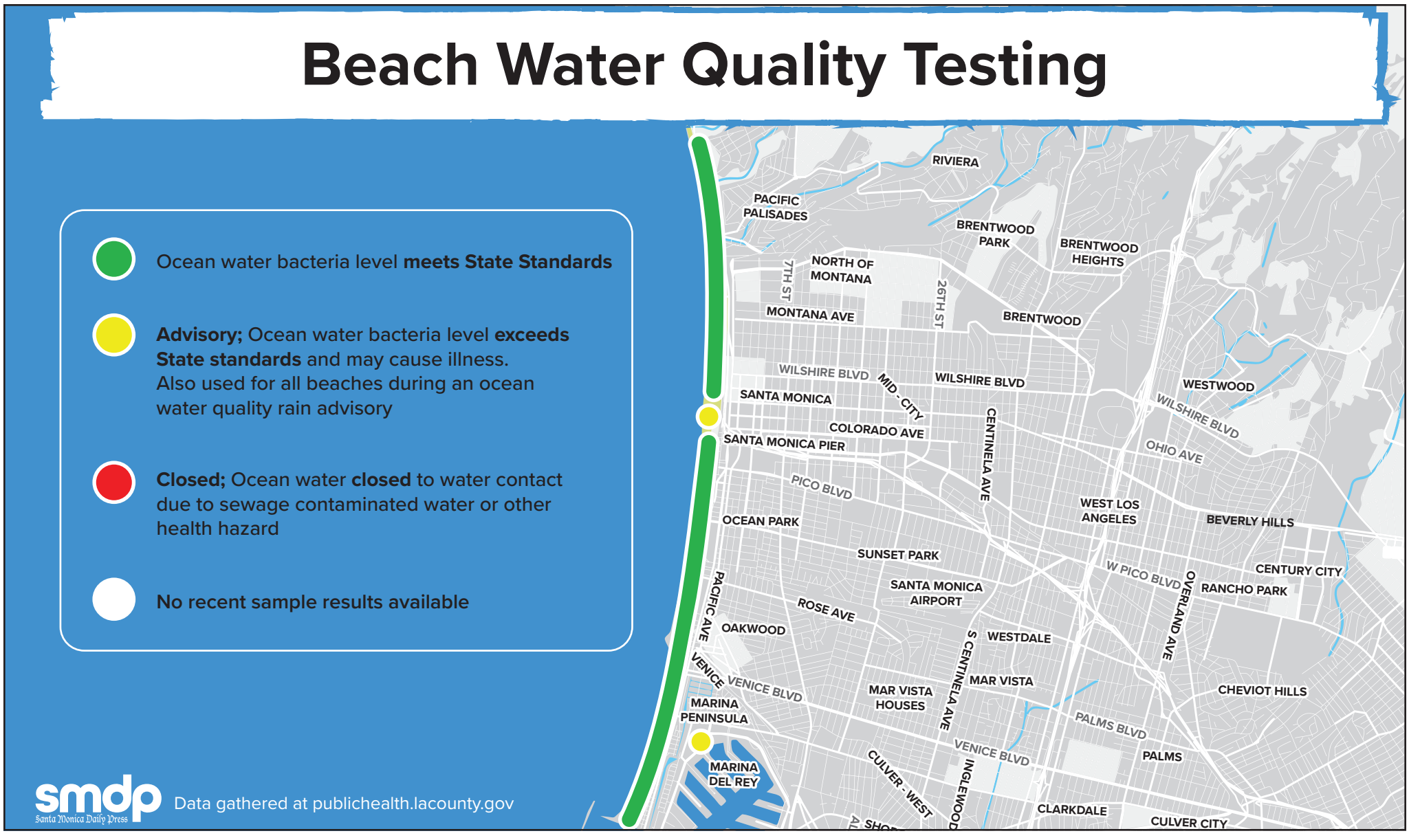
Carlos Gonzalez-Melchor (#44, Senior): 1 tackle (1 asst)

Special Teams:

Osbaldo Rivera (#18, Junior): 5-5 PAT

Wyatt Brown (#7, Sophomore): 3 Punts, 107 yds, 35.7 YPP

Jeremy Guerrero (#10, Junior): 3 Kickoff Returns, 77 yds, 25.7 YPR



CRASH

FROM PAGE 1

she was traveling west and was hit by a southbound car.

Council is expected to discuss the problem on tonight after Councilmembers Jesse Zwick, and Caroline Torosis, together with Mayor Gleam Davis asked for a discussion to strengthen the City's Vision Zero commitment to eliminate all fatal and severe-injury crashes from Santa Monica's roads in light of the recent tragic fatal crash

THE COUNCILMEMBERS ARE ASKING FOR:

• Immediately initiate engineering analysis of outstanding community requests to upgrade intersections to all-way stops, with the intersections on Idaho Avenue to be prioritized.

• Develop and publish locally tailored City of Santa Monica guidelines for upgrading non-signaled intersections to all-way stop controlled intersections that further our City's adopted goal of zero fatal and severe-injury crashes.

• Upgrade the portal through which residents can report a dangerous intersection, allowing for staff to determine a variety of possible safety interventions, including all-way stops, traffic circles, and diverters. In all such analyses, the determination that furthers our City's adopted goal of zero fatal and severe-injury crashes shall be recommended whenever possible.

• Establish criteria for the use of "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" warning signs at two-way stop-controlled intersections that are not recommended for conversion, and develop an installation plan and timetable for such signage on intersections that meet the criteria.

• Establish a regular meeting series between the SMPD and Department of Transportation to review traffic safety enforcement priorities, including locations and violations of highest concern, and capacity for reallocation of enforcement resources to priority areas and violations.

• Refresh the City's popular "Take the Friendly Road" roadway safety messaging campaign and initiate a new push of community messaging, including, but not limited to, bus ads, public service announcements, digital media efforts, and physical collateral.

• Develop and submit a proposal in the upcoming biennial CIP process that evaluates and proposes safety countermeasures including the creation of "daylighting" zones to address illegal parking that obstructs lines of sight, with a focus on priority non-signaled intersections as identified in the 2022 Local Roadway Safety Plan.

• Identify shortfalls in resources, if any, required to implement these vital safety measures, and consider possible sources of funding needed beyond any CIP dollars requested per the above item, including, but not limited to, transportation impact fees, administrative fines for parking violations, the parking facilities tax, and any available grants.

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Matthew Hall

CRASH: A memorial was already in place for the cyclist killed at 19th and Idaho when the second biker was hit.

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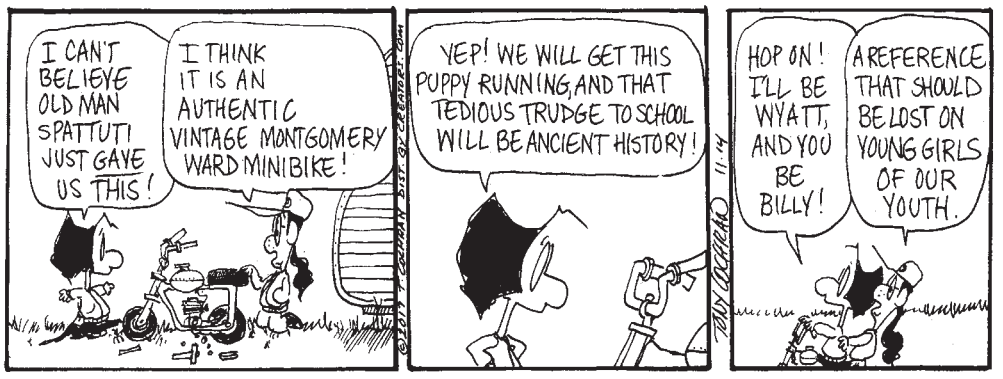
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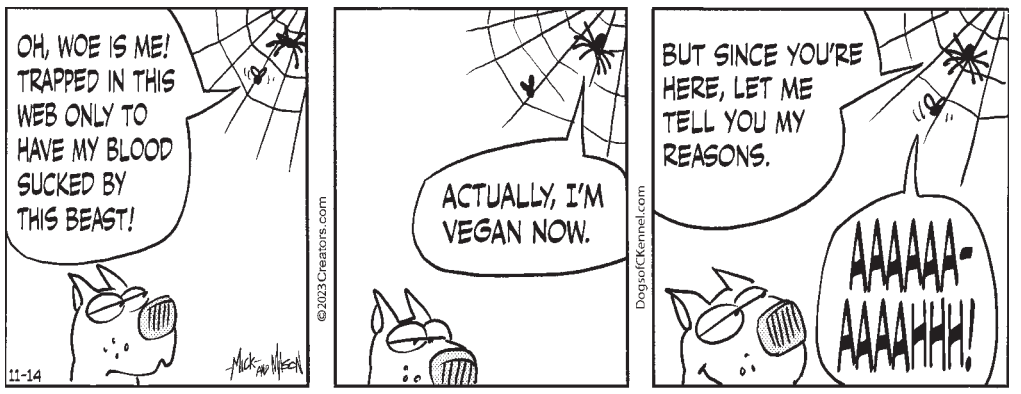
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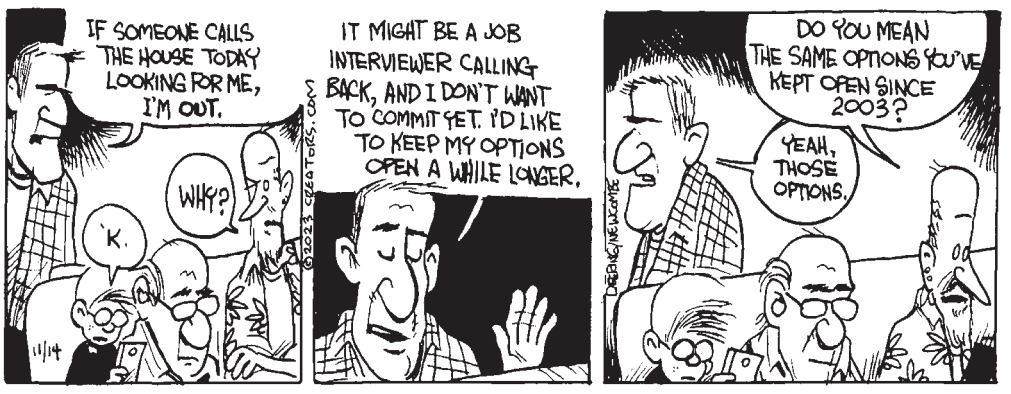
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6028

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Arvo	Conk	Gold	Pash	Twits
Bail up	Daks	Hick	Pubs	Uluru
Beach	Ditch	Hobo	Rest	Urger
Booze	Duds	Hooroo	Rort	Yarra
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's not what you do so much as how you do it that will change the course of the day. People will feel your love, your goodwill and your commitment to work, and this will favorably affect your plot.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Since you're not sure what you want to do yet, keep your options open. Stay free so you can play around and see what impresses you. You'll know when you've hit something worth investigating because your joy will surge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll shine at the center of your scene and still be plenty generous with your co-stars, realizing that, like you, they are the main characters of their own story. You'll be happy with how those storylines pleasantly overlap.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have something to communicate that hasn't quite come together yet in your head. Speak and write what you're thinking about. With practice you will hone this so, when the time is right, all will have clarity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your heart makes impractical requests, as it's not tasked with logistics. Planning, managing the details and otherwise sorting things out is the head's job. Conflict ensues, but usually, the head finds a way to give the heart what it wants.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Be on the lookout for opportunity. Stay aware, ready and open-minded. Your reflexes are at their quickest when you haven't already decided who you are and what you're good at. You have talents you haven't discovered yet.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Responsibilities are like the bars of a cage. Don't take on so many that you're trapped. Your projects can only advance if you push ahead on what matters to you instead of saying yes to all requests from others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Lost souls look more like free spirits to you, and you could be right. Nontraditional thinkers will draw you in. You're starting to amass an eclectic group of friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Even though your feelings are real, they may not correlate so directly to the present reality and may instead be more related to triggers from the past. Explore what exactly you are reacting to.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Doing what you tell yourself you'll do can be a big challenge or an easy action, depending on how well-matched your instructions are to the reality of your circumstances. Today, it's all about the right-sized request.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll suddenly realize that your situation calls for a different level of commitment than you first believed. You will apply yourself with full respect and attention to the task at hand. This is your best, and it's all you can do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You go through with an action while part of your mind hangs back, taking it all in. After the fact, call a meeting between you and your observant self because there is intuition to heed here.

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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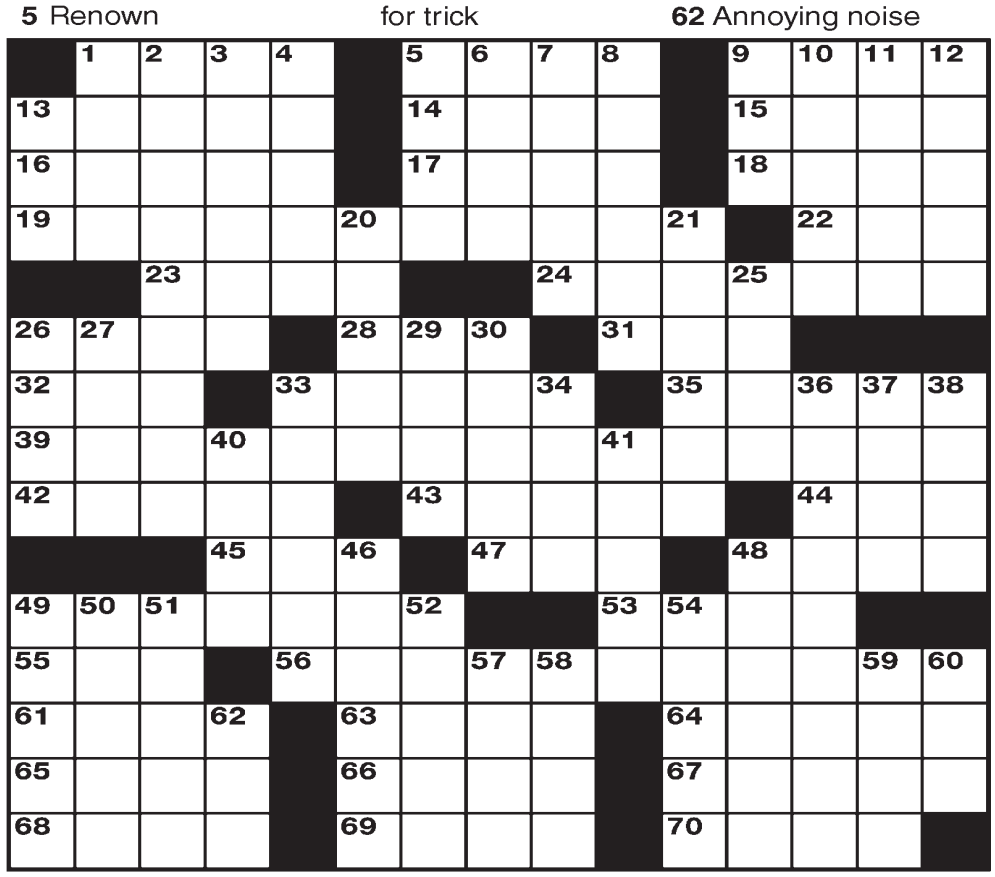
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13 . . . __ the iceberg" (see 9 Across)
14 Enthusiastic, as a fan
15 Most populous continent
16 State known for potatoes
17 Netlike material
18 Seeks elective office
19 GREEN stuff, as dollar bills
22 Lab maze animal
23 Office assistant
24 Dessert with a Nabisco cookie crust
26 Mix with a spoon
28 French male pal
31 Large antlered beast
32 Play on words
33 Reads, as a bar code
35 Angry
39 GREEN, in life experience
42 100 to 1, for one
43 Songs for two people
44 "You're it!" kids' game
45 Pecan or cashew
47 3-D medical device
48 "__ we go again!"
49 Metal-cutting tool
53 Surprise greatly
55 100 percent
56 GREEN, environmentally
61 Drove fast
63 Factual
64 Pathway between floors
65 Bangkok resident
66 Speck of land in a lake
67 Allows to borrow
68 Be worthy of
69 Mobile phone, for short
70 __ and crafts

DOWN

1 __ dish (fries or coleslaw)
2 Go __ (come into conflict with)
3 Fine wool
4 Days __ (yore)
5 Renown
6 All tied, as a score
7 Make a mess of
8 Cling (to)
9 Pickle container
10 Take over by force
11 Ten Commandments mountain
12 Small food sample
13 No later than, for short
20 Instruct
21 Artifacts of the past
25 Gumbo vegetable
26 Urge (on)
27 __ fish sandwich
29 Cleaner of hotel rooms
30 "To recap . . ."
33 Wife or husband
34 "Person who" suffix for trick
36 Parking lot employee
37 Rip (apart)
38 Outer border
40 Pig's sound
41 "Who's there?" reply
46 Strategy
48 Pursuer of prey
49 Reckless speed
50 First Greek letter
51 With no clouds in the sky
52 For better or for __
54 Electric car make
57 Jam-packed
58 Spool for fishing line
59 Teapot covers
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62 Annoying noise



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WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 15

COMPUTER CLASS - HOLIDAY E-CARDS WITH CANVA
Learn the basics of Canva, a free design tool, and make a holiday e-card. An email address is needed to set up your own account (optional). Intermediate level. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

'TIS THE SEASON: COPING WITH HOLIDAY STRESS & GRIEF
Visit the NAMI Westside Los Angeles information table for resources and referrals to help you and your family cope with the stresses of the holiday season. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 - 6 p.m.

FREE WALK-IN LEGAL CLINIC
Santa Monica residents can meet one on one with a lawyer from Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles for help with HOUSING issues. Third Wednesday of the month 4:30PM-7:00PM at Virginia Avenue Park- Park Center. Immediate assistance is available by calling LAFLA directly at 800-399-4529 or visit lafla.org/gethelp Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. 4:30 - 7 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION
Agenda and information available at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Planning-Commission/ City Hall, 1685 Main Street, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 16

EAST PICO SAFETY PROJECT POP UP AT SANTA MONICA MOBILE FOOD PANTRY
The East Pico Safety Project Team will be at the Santa Monica Mobile Food Pantry at Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave., collecting feedback about people's lived experiences on East Pico Boulevard between 28th Street/Stewart Street and Centinela Avenue. The project will explore improvements to maximize safety by implementing quick build improvements along the corridor. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

SANTA MONICA BEACH DUNES RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE
On Thursday, November 16th SAMOCAN will be welcoming Nico Predock, from the City of Santa Monica, and Alexandra Tower, from the Bay Foundation, to speak about Santa Monica's Second Dune Restoration Project to the Beach with a brief presentation by CASM's Climate Jobs Corp member Jasmine Contreras. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-the-santa-monica-beach-dunes-restoration-project-tickets-747492990657, 12 - 1 p.m.

LA LAW LIBRARY OFFICE HOURS
A LA Law Library legal research specialist helps patrons find answers to legal questions, learn about the law, or prepare to go to court. Legal research specialists are not attorneys and cannot provide legal advice, help fill out forms, or interpret the law. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 - 6 p.m.

JOB HUNTING WITH CHRYSALIS
Representatives from local nonprofit Chrysalis provide drop-in resume assistance, job search tips, and on-the-spot orientations for their employment programs. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 3 - 5 p.m.

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
This community-led, monthly book discussion group currently meets in person. October's selection is A Thousand Steps by T. Jefferson Parker. November's is MAUS I: A Survivor's Tale: My Father Bleeds History by Art Spiegelman. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue, 6 - 7 p.m.

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 17

L.A.'S LANDMARK RESTAURANTS & ICONIC CALIFORNIA FOODS
Author, chef and culinary educator George Geary discusses the iconic eateries and national restaurant chains featured in his books L.A.'s Landmark Restaurants and Made in California. A book sale and signing follows. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

COUNTDOWN TO KINDER CLUB: FOOD & NUTRITION
Learn about the best foods to fuel your body, with Providence St. John's and the Farmers Market of Santa Monica. Refreshments provided. For ages 2-5. Limited space; registration is required. Email library@santamonica.gov to register. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 10:30 - 11 a.m.

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 18

FRIENDSGIVING AT ISHIHARA PARK LEARNING GARDEN
A day to thank each other for being supportive, and perhaps get a little peek into the life of a Worm Bin !! Maybe its time to Start your own! Have extra gently used toys or Childrens' books lying around? They are preparing for the Annual Toy Swap in December. Help help make the Holidays special for everyone. Don't have kids toys/books? They are also accepting donations of New Socks to help keep feet warm for those experiencing permanent housing challenges. Ishihara Park, 2909 Exposition Blvd 9 - 11 a.m.

UC MASTER GARDENERS AT PICO FARMERS MARKET
Visit with the UC Master Gardeners at the Saturday Pico Farmers Market. he booth is filled with free advice on how to care for plants, how to troubleshoot a gardening problem, and much more. Free seeds and seedlings are available on a limited basis. Market attendance is subject to change based on weather and holidays. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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NOTABLE FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Join a community-led discussion of award-winning current and classic fiction, held via Zoom. Contact library@santamonica.gov for the link. October's selection is 10 Minutes, 38 Seconds in This Strange World by Elif Shafak. November's is The Space Between Us by Thrity Umrigar. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

MULTIMEDIA SALE
Marvelous Multimedia Sale of DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, graphic novels, manga, and books inside the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Central Courtyard on Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Can't make it to the sale, visit the Bookstore on Mondays & Saturdays from noon - 3 p.m. and Thursdays from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. We're on Instagram & X @friendsofsmpl. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

AUTHOR TALK WITH STUART GIBBS
Stuart Gibbs, author of several best-selling middle grade series, debuts his two newest books, Spy School Goes North and The Quest of Danger. A book sale and signing follows. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 2 - 3:15 p.m.

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 19

SMC WIND ENSEMBLE
Kevin McKeown, Director. Don't miss an exciting concert with a focus on living composers on the 'best' coast, centering on modern works for the Wind Ensemble. SMC Performing Arts Center, The Eli & Edythe Broad Stage $10, https://www.smc.edu/calendar/index.php#event-details/bed530ce-1a48-48aa-8778-2d3cdc9aa7a5

GLOBAL MOTION WORLD DANCE COMPANY PERFORMANCE
Raquel Ramirez and Sri Susilowati, Artistic Directors. Come experience the excitement and learn about other cultures through performances by SMC dancers showcasing world dance styles — including West African, Flamenco, Ballet, Asian, Hawaiian, Mexican Folklórico, Salsa, and more! The performance includes works by guest artists, faculty, and student choreographers. See smc.edu/dance for details. Broad Stage, $20, https://www.smc.edu/calendar/index.php#event-details/a9be4ee9-52d0-4dc3-a473-77211d0a4709

MONDAY | NOVEMBER 20

SANTA MONICA ARTS COMMISSION
Agenda online at https://santamonica.granicus.com/boards/w/70e8bee24c0dcfd9/boards/9995 Brentwood Art Center, 1625 Olympic Boulevard 6:30 - 8 p.m.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
Agenda online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/ City Hall, 1685 Main Street, 7 p.m.

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND THE ENVIRONMENT
Civic Center Parking Structure, 333 Civic Center Dr, 7 - 10 p.m.

VIRGINIA AVE PARK ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Agenda online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/CCS/content.aspx?id=52743. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. 7 - 8:30 p.m.

COMMUNICATION & DEMENTIA
Beginning with a basic understanding of Alzheimer's disease and its effect, Alzheimer's Los Angeles will explore communication principles necessary to maintain meaningful connections. They will also use scenarios and offer tips and useful strategies to help with communication issues over the course of the disease. Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

20 QUESTIONS TRIVIA @ O'BRIEN'S
20 Questions Trivia is like no other trivia show, because you're a part of the show. Wrong answers count for partial credit if they're funny. Every week the show has a theme, and all the questions and/or answers revolve around that theme. That makes it possible to figure out the answer even if you don't know it. And every question is followed by a song, which is usually an additional clue to the correct answer. O'Brien's Irlsh Pub & Restaurant, 2226 Wilshire Blvd, 8 - 10 p.m.

SANTA MONICA PAL'S

Best Gift Ever Toy Drive



Accepting new unwrapped toys, gift cards and monetary donations for local youth ages 6-17

by

Monday, December 11th

Drop off sites:

PAL Youth Center - 1401 Olympic Blvd
Police Community Affairs - 333 Olympic Drive

For more information: 310-458-8988



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