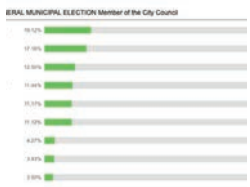


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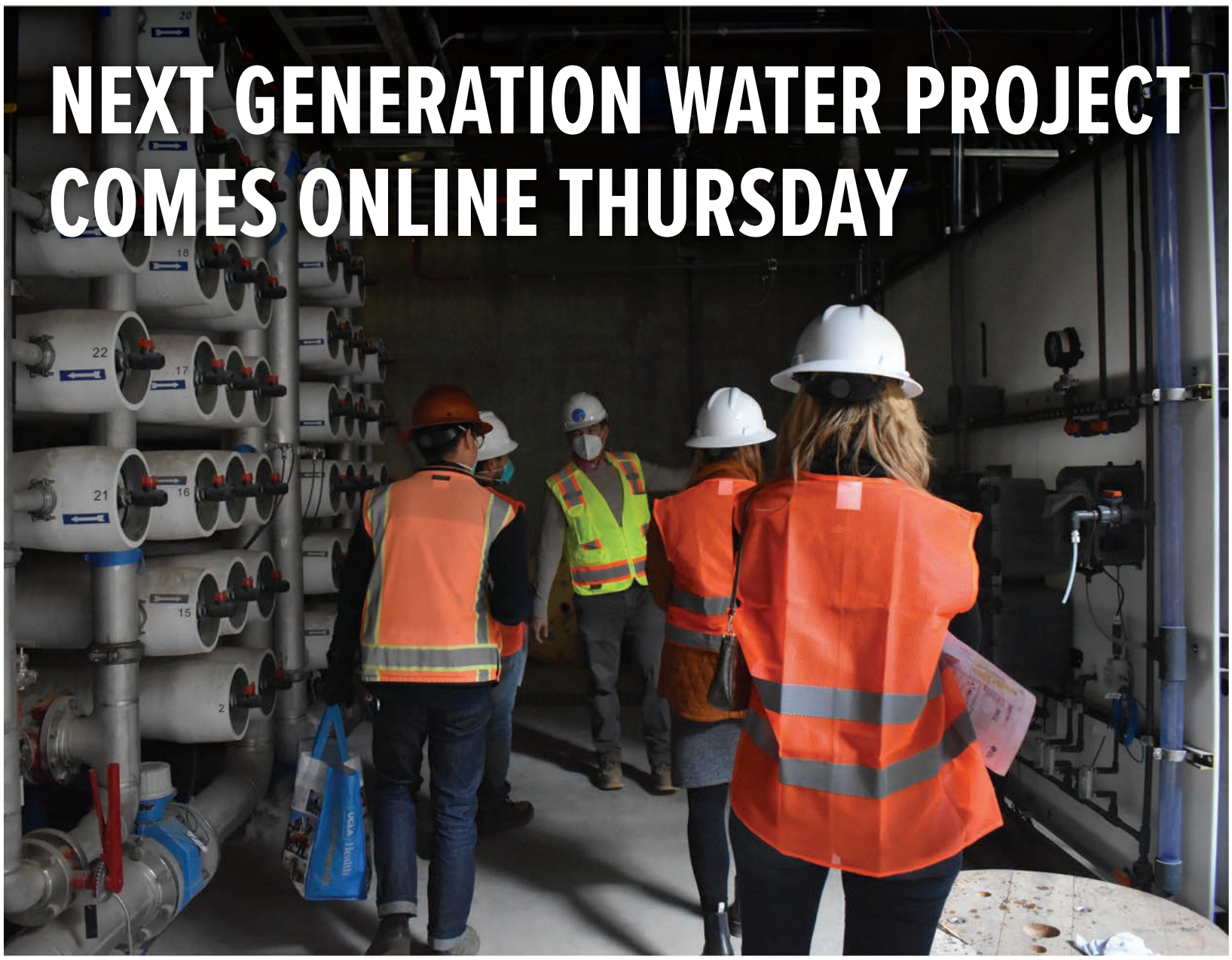
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NEXT GENERATION WATER PROJECT COMES ONLINE THURSDAY



Emily Sawicki

WATER: The Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project (SWIP) is part of ongoing efforts to reduce the amount of water imported into the city.

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SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica has found itself on the cutting edge of modern water infrastructure in California, and the latest example of that innovation is SWIP, the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project (SWIP), four years in the making, that is set to open with a community celebration on Thursday morning, Nov. 17.

The project features some key innovations: a massive, 1.5-million gallon stormwater harvesting tank that stores water prior to treatment (meaning the city is far less limited in the amount of water it can process during storm events); can simultaneously treat stormwater runoff and wastewater generated in Santa Monica; is enabled to provide water for irrigation, dual-piped buildings and groundwater replenishment; and is poised to convert to potable water supply if and when state regulations permit.

SWIP is ecologically sound not only because it reduces the city's reliance on imported water by

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School Board to affirm existence of Ocean Park 'neighborhood school'

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Parents and community members concerned about the future of the currently-shuttered John Muir Elementary School and Santa Monica Alternative School House (SMASH) site in Ocean Park could soon have a written commitment from the District that the campus will reopen and a

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Police reform back in the spotlight

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

On Saturday evening, Nov. 12, just before 6 p.m., Santa Monica Police Department (SMDP) officers were filmed struggling to restrain a man in the courtyard of the Pacific Plaza Santa Monica apartment complex at 1431 Ocean Avenue.

A video posted on social media shows two officers attempting to subdue a third man; in the course of the skirmish one officer draws a baton and forcefully hits the third man in the legs several times. The

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Across the US, a return to democratic order. Will it last?

STEVE PEOPLES
AP National Political Writer

There was no violence. Many candidates who denied the legitimacy of previous elections lost and quietly conceded. And few listened when former President Donald Trump tried to stoke baseless allegations of electoral fraud.

For a moment, at least, there's a sense of normalcy in the U.S. The extremism that has consumed political discourse for much of the last two years has been replaced by something resembling traditional democratic order.

The post-election narrative was instead focused on each party's electoral fate: Republicans were disappointed that sweeping victories didn't materialize, while relieved Democrats braced for the possibility of a slim House GOP majority. At least for now, the serious threats that loomed over democracy heading into Election Day — domestic extremist violence, voter intimidation and Republican refusal to respect election outcomes — did not materialize in any pervasive way.

"What we saw was the strength and resilience of American democracy," President Joe Biden said Monday at the Group of 20 summit in Indonesia, even as the White House acknowledges that Democrats might lose one chamber of Congress.

New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu, a Republican, said midterm voters were concerned about Biden's leadership but that they had a more urgent message: "Fix policy later, fix crazy now," he told CNN.

Yet the "crazy" that consumed Sununu's party this fall still looms.

Even as many GOP leaders blame Trump for elevating weak and extreme candidates who struggled, the former president sought to undermine the midterm results from his low-profile social media platform. Trump posted no fewer than 20 messages since Tuesday afternoon raising the false prospect of electoral fraud in the 2022 election, increasingly focusing on Nevada and Arizona as vote counting there continued into the weekend.

His expected announcement on Tuesday of a third presidential campaign could give Trump another high-profile platform to advance lies about the election.

Of the high-profile candidates on the 2022 ballot, only Arizona's Republican candidate for governor, Kari Lake, has been aggressive in promoting Trump's unfounded concerns about the extended vote-counting process, which is typical in some states. Lake is locked in a tight race against Democrat Katie Hobbs that hasn't been called.

> "What we saw was the strength and resilience of American democracy - President Joe Biden"

In Pennsylvania, the Trump-backed candidate for governor, Doug Mastriano, was soundly defeated. Mastriano's senior legal adviser, Jenna Ellis, a former Trump aide, stated unequivocally there was no sign of serious voting irregularity.

"There isn't this kind of concern like we had in 2020," Ellis said on her podcast. "We can't just say, 'Oh, my gosh, everything was stolen.' I mean, that's ridiculous for this election."

And in Michigan, Trump-backed Republican Tudor Dixon, a leading 2020 election denier, quickly conceded to Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer after The Associated Press called the race.

A leading progressive, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who has raised concerns about far-right threats to democracy since before his own 2020 presidential bid, suggested that the GOP has begun to act more rationally.

"I think that a number of Republicans now understand that Trump's desire to undermine American democracy is not only wrong, but it is bad politics," Sanders told the AP. "For all of those people who want to maintain the lies that Trump actually won in 2020, Tuesday was a bad day for them and a good day for the rest of the American people."

Indeed, across the country, so-called election deniers lost some of the nation's most important races.

Just one of 14 self-described "America First" secretary of state candidates, Indiana's Diego Morales, won his race. The group of would-be chief election officials, which included candidates in swing states Arizona, Michigan and Nevada, was defined by Trump's baseless claims that the 2020 election was stolen. Candidates who embraced such beliefs also lost races for governor in the Midwestern battlegrounds of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin and in the Northeastern battleground of Pennsylvania.

Republicans who denied the legitimacy of the last election did prevail in Senate contests in North Carolina and Ohio. In Georgia, Republican Brian Kemp won reelection outright after fighting Trump's conspiracy theories, but Senate candidate Herschel Walker, who has promoted lies about the last election, proceeded to a runoff election in December.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Newsom resumes his homelessness crusade

BY DAN WALTERS

As he was celebrating his landslide re-election last Tuesday night, a reporter asked Gavin Newsom what his most important issue would be during his second term.

He quickly replied that it would be confronting homelessness and the state's chronic shortage of housing.

It was a déjà vu moment. Nearly three years earlier, Newsom had devoted virtually all of his second State of the State address to those issues, particularly the many thousands of people camped on the streets and sidewalks of California's major cities.

"Let's call it what it is, a disgrace, that the richest state in the richest nation — succeeding across so many sectors — is failing to properly house, heal and humanely treat so many of its own people," Newsom told legislators, while outlining a series of proposals he wanted them to enact.

"The biggest risk is not taking a risk on homelessness," Newsom later told reporters. "The biggest risk is denying the reality that we see on the streets and sidewalks across the state. The biggest risk is abdicating responsibility, pointing fingers."

However, just a few weeks after Newsom delivered that speech, he declared a state of emergency as the murderous COVID-19 pandemic hammered the state. He shut down much of the state's economy to limit spread of the disease and the pandemic became his preoccupation for the next two years while the state's worst-in-the-nation homelessness crisis deepened.

A few days before winning re-election last week, Newsom stepped back into the homelessness crisis in a big way — harshly criticizing local government officials for failing to write aggressive and effective plans to spend state funds to reduce the number of unhoused people.

"Californians demand accountability and results, not settling for the status quo," Newsom said in a statement as he suspended distribution of the funds. "As a state, we are failing to meet the urgency of this moment. Collectively, these plans set a goal to reduce street homelessness 2% statewide by 2024. At this pace, it would take decades to significantly curb homelessness in California — this approach is simply unacceptable. Everyone has to do better — cities, counties, and the state included. We are all in this together."

Newsom was even more pointed in a Los Angeles Times interview, saying, "Deliver damn results. ... It's a crisis. Act like it. Everybody step up. I'm not the mayor. You want me to come in? I'll do the job. I'll do it. Happily. I've been going into cities cleaning up encampments. Has anyone gotten the hint? If someone did that to me when I was mayor, I'd be like, 'OK, I got it.'"

Newsom's action touched off angry reactions from local officials, who complained that he was seemingly "pointing fingers" in violation of his 2020 injunction.

"Now is not the time to play politics when people's lives are at stake," Carolyn Coleman, CEO of the League of California Cities, replied to Newsom. "Failing to release state funding will not put roofs over the heads of Californians or deliver desperately needed supportive services."

Polls tell us that homelessness — or at least its squalid visibility — looms large in the public's consciousness and it was a significant factor in this year's elections. Newsom didn't have to worry about his own re-election, but it was the pivotal issue in the hard-fought battle for the Los Angeles mayoralty and figured in other local campaigns.

If Newsom does run for the presidency despite his current denials of interest, one can be certain that homelessness would be a weapon for his opponents — unless he can point to significant reduction, or blame someone else for the failure.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Former MLB player agrees to plead guilty to felony charge for lying to federal agents investigating illegal gambling operation

A former Major League Baseball (MLB) player has agreed to plead guilty to a federal charge for lying to federal law enforcement officials about bets on sporting events that he placed with an illegal gambling operation, according to court documents unsealed this week.

Yasiel Puig Valdés, 31, who currently plays professional baseball in South Korea, has agreed to plead guilty to one count of making false statements, a crime that carries a statutory maximum sentence of five years in federal prison.

Puig, who formerly played for the Los Angeles Dodgers and two other MLB franchises, has agreed to pay a fine of at least $55,000. Puig has agreed to make his initial appearance on November 15 in United States District Court.

"Under our system of justice, no one is above the law," said United States Attorney Martin Estrada. "The integrity of our nation's criminal justice system depends on people telling the truth, and those who fail to abide by this simple principal must face consequences."

"When given the opportunity to be truthful about his involvement with Nix's Gambling businesses, Mr. Puig chose not to," said IRS Criminal Investigation Los Angeles Field Office Special Agent in Charge Tyler Hatcher. "Mr. Puig's lies hindered the legal and procedural tasks of the investigators and prosecutors."

According to his plea agreement, which was filed on August 29, in May 2019, Puig began placing bets on sporting events through a third party – identified in court documents as "Agent 1" – who worked on behalf of an illegal gambling business run by Wayne Joseph Nix, 46, of Newport Coast.

Puig called and sent text messages to Agent 1 with wagers on sporting events. Agent 1 then submitted the bets to the Nix gambling business on Puig's behalf. By June 2019, Puig owed Nix's gambling business $282,900 for sports gambling losses.

Agent 1 and another person identified in court papers as "Individual B" instructed Puig to make a check or wire transfer payable to a Nix gambling business client – identified in court papers as "Individual A" – to whom the business owed at least $200,000 in gambling winnings.

On June 25, 2019, Puig withdrew $200,000 from a Bank of America branch in Glendale then purchased two cashiers' checks for $100,000 each that were made payable to Individual A. Puig did not immediately send the checks due to a dispute over the balance and access to Nix-controlled websites used to place sports bets. Nix refused to allow Puig access to the betting websites until Puig's gambling debt was paid.

After Puig paid the $200,000, Nix provided Puig direct access to the betting websites. From July 4, 2019 to September 29, 2019, Puig placed 899 additional bets on tennis, football and basketball games through the websites.

In January 2022, federal investigators interviewed Puig in the presence of his lawyer. During the interview, despite being warned that lying to federal agents is a crime, Puig lied several times. During the interview, he falsely stated that he only knew Agent 1 from baseball and that he never discussed gambling with him, when in fact Puig discussed sports betting with Agent 1 hundreds of times on the telephone and via text message.

After agents showed Puig a copy of one of the cashiers' checks he purchased on June 25, 2019, Puig falsely stated that he did not know the person who instructed him to send $200,000 in cashiers' checks to Individual A. Puig also falsely stated that he had placed a bet online with an unknown person on an unknown website that resulted in a loss of $200,000.

In March 2022, Puig sent Individual B an audio message via WhatsApp in which he admitted to lying to federal agents during the interview two months earlier.

Nix pleaded guilty on April 11 to one count of conspiracy to operate an illegal sports gambling business and one count of filing a false tax return. His sentencing hearing is scheduled for March 8, 2023.

Federal prosecutors today also filed a plea agreement for former MLB player Erik Kristian Hiljus, 49, of Panorama City, who agreed to plead guilty to two counts of subscribing to false tax returns and will face up to six years in federal prison upon entering his guilty plea. Hiljus was an agent for Nix's illegal gambling business but did not work with Puig.

Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and IRS Criminal Investigation are investigating this matter. The HSI agents are part of the El Camino Real Financial Crimes Task Force.

Assistant United States Attorneys Jeff Mitchell of the Major Frauds Section and Dan Boyle of the Asset Forfeiture and Recovery Section are prosecuting these cases.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Man pleads guilty to federal charges for stealing nearly $5.5 million in COVID jobless relief and for drug trafficking

A downtown Los Angeles man pleaded guilty to federal drug trafficking and fraud charges, admitting, among other things, that he fraudulently obtained nearly $5.5 million in COVID-related jobless benefits by using the identities of California state prison inmates and other third parties.

Edward Kim, 36, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and fentanyl, one count of distribution of methamphetamine, one count of conspiracy to defraud the government with respect to claims, two counts of mail fraud, and two counts of possession of 15 or more unauthorized access devices.

Kim has been in federal custody since his arrest in this case in March 2021.

According to his plea agreement, from May 2020 to March 2021, Kim and his co-conspirators submitted approximately 459 fraudulent unemployment insurance claims to the California Employment Development Department (EDD), using the names, Social Security numbers, dates of birth and other personal identifiable information of California state prison inmates and other people. Kim received the inmates' information from various sources, including by purchasing PII from the dark web.

Kim and his accomplices submitted to the EDD online applications for UI benefits that falsely represented the inmates and others were unemployed because of the economic crisis brought by the COVID-19 pandemic. Kim knowingly listed on the applications false mailing addresses, including his current and former apartments, to which the bank sent the EDD-approved debit cards containing UI funds. Kim then made cash withdrawals at bank branches.

In total, Kim and his co-conspirators received approximately $5,458,050 in fraudulently obtained UI funds.

Kim further admitted that in November 2019 he sent two packages – one containing nearly one pound of methamphetamine, the other containing over 300 fake oxycodone pills containing fentanyl – from a FedEx store in West Covina to the address of a UPS Store in Hawaii. Kim's co-conspirator in Hawaii arrived at the UPS Store to pick up the packages, but law enforcement arrested him before he could do so.

In July 2020, Kim began renting a warehouse in La Habra where he stored equipment and materials for the manufacture and distribution of narcotics, including pill presses and dies, pill bottles, scales, and various binding agents. He also maintained a marijuana grow operation at the La Habra warehouse.

Kim also admitted that beginning in March 2020, he conspired with others to defraud the United States by using stolen identities to file false and fraudulent income tax returns to fraudulently claim tax refunds. The tax returns included false information designed to qualify for COVID pandemic-related Economic Impact Payments (EIP), which the federal government provided on three occasions in 2020 and 2021. Together with his co-conspirators, Kim caused at least 297 fraudulent tax returns to be filed with the IRS which sought more than $356,400 in fraudulent EIP from the United States.

During a traffic stop in La Habra in November 2020, law enforcement found approximately 22 grams of methamphetamine in Kim's car, along with a digital scale, and 16 debit cards in the names of other people.

Another search in March 2021 at Kim's luxury apartment near L.A. Live resulted in law enforcement finding nearly 35 grams of methamphetamine, dozens of EDD letters and mailings, and a notebook marked "stimulus scheme," which contained approximately 405 different identities.

A search of the La Habra warehouse in April 2021 led to the discovery of more EDD paperwork, ATM withdrawal receipts, and nearly 296 grams of methamphetamine. A 9mm Polymer80 handgun with no serial number – commonly referred to as a "ghost gun" – also was found at the La Habra warehouse.

United States District Judge James V. Selna scheduled a March 6, 2023 sentencing hearing, at which time Kim will face a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison and a statutory maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

Homeland Security Investigations, IRS Criminal Investigation, the United States Department of Labor's Office of Inspector General, the California Employment Development Department - Investigation Division, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation - Special Service Unit, the La Habra Police Department, and the Hawaii Police Department are investigating this matter.

Assistant United States Attorney Andrew M. Roach of the Cyber and Intellectual Property Crime Section and Julia Hu of the Major Frauds section are prosecuting this case.

Anyone with general information about allegations of attempted fraud involving COVID-19 can report it by calling the Justice Department's National Center for Disaster Fraud Hotline at (866) 720-5721 or via the NCDF Web Complaint Form at: https://www.justice.gov/disaster-fraud/ncdf-disaster-complaint-form.

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48,000 University of California academic workers on strike

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Tens of thousands of academic employees across the University of California's 10 campuses walked off the job Monday, demanding better pay and benefits in what union leaders say could be the largest work stoppage the prestigious public university system has ever faced.

The unions representing some 48,000 teaching assistants, researchers, postdoctoral scholars, tutors and graders say the vast majority of members turned out at picket lines starting at 8 a.m. They say they are seeking significant pay increases and child-care subsidies to afford the cost of living in cities such as Los Angeles, San Diego and Berkeley, where housing costs are soaring.

> "The strike will end when UC ends its unfair labor practices and starts bargaining in good faith - Neal Sweeney

The strike threatens to disrupt classroom and laboratory instruction across the statewide university system just weeks ahead of final exams in December. Some instructors were already telling some students classes were on hold indefinitely.

Organizers from the United Auto Workers, which represents the employees involved, say they have set no end date for the work stoppage.

"The strike will end when UC ends its unfair labor practices and starts bargaining in good faith," said Neal Sweeney, president of the UAW Local 5810, representing about 12,000 UC postdoctoral and academic researchers.

He said the unionized workers, represented by four bargaining units, are seeking pay that will lift workers out of "rent burden," which is defined by the federal government as having to pay at least a third of your salary toward rent.

The average current pay is about $24,000 annually for student employees including teaching assistants and tutors who "collectively do the majority of instruction," at UC schools, he said.

They are seeking minimum annual base salaries of $54,000.

UC has offered a salary scale increase of 5% in the first year and 3% afterward, but workers say that is not adequate.

In a statement, UC said it had entered the talks with a "genuine willingness to compromise," adding that "many tentative agreements" on issues such as health and safety had been reached.

"UC's primary goal in these negotiations is multiyear agreements that recognize these employees' important and highly valued contributions to UC's teaching and research mission with fair pay, quality health and family-friendly benefits, and a supportive and respectful work environment," the statement said.

Ally Cara, 32, a postdoctoral researcher in endocrinology at the University of California Los Angeles, spends half of her income on rent, paying $2,000 for a one-bedroom apartment.

"Most of us are severely rent burdened and some of us are having to choose between paying rent and buying groceries and medication," said Cara, who moved from Michigan and has been in Los Angeles just over a year. Rents are increasing everywhere but she said "California is uniquely higher."

According to the UAW, the strike is the largest to occur at the University of California and could be the largest academic strike in higher education in U.S. history.

James Boocock, a postdoctoral scholar in human genetics at UCLA, joined one of six pickets on campus. He said striking "was a tough decision to make" given he loves his research but added salaries are unsustainable and the university doesn't provide enough support.

Besides pay raises, the unionized workers are demanding child care subsidies, enhanced health care for dependents, public transit passes, lower tuition costs for international scholars and greater accessibility for workers with disabilities.

Demonstrators were out in force at UC campuses in Los Angeles and Berkeley, Santa Cruz, Merced, Santa Barbara, and Irvine. Some 300,000 students attend the 10 schools that make up the University of California. On some campuses, students joined in solidarity.

Lex Von Klark, a 22-year-old political science student at UCLA, was among several hundred people on campus holding signs and participating in picket lines Monday.

"I am out here primarily because these people are my teachers, and their working conditions are my learning conditions," he said. "Basically if my teachers are getting paid less than a living wage and have to work multiple jobs, it makes it hard for me to get a high-end education."

A group of 33 state lawmakers sent a letter last week to UC President Michael Drake in support of the student employees.

"The UC is one of the top public university systems and research institutions in the world, in no small part because of its ability to attract the most talented scholars from a wide array of backgrounds, the letter said. "But the UC system cannot live up to its mission and reputation if its own employees do not feel respected."

The lawmakers urged the university to bargain in good faith with the workers: "By failing to do so, UC is risking mass disruption and losing the talent that has earned UC its prestigious reputation."

Gecker and AP writer Janie Har contributed reporting from San Francisco. Julie Watson contributed from San Diego.

Last-place Rams still lacking solution to offensive problems

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AP Sports Writer

Nine games and exactly nine months after winning the Super Bowl at SoFi Stadium, the Los Angeles Rams found themselves in a new position in their home arena Sunday.

Last place in the NFC West.

The Rams' half-decade of success under coach Sean McVay has come unraveled this year with a 3-6 record and little reason to think they can turn it around in time to make the playoffs, let alone defend their title.

After a 27-17 defeat at the hands of a three-win Arizona team playing its backup quarterback, Los Angeles is at the lowest point in McVay's tenure, with five losses in six games and a series of long road trips upcoming.

"This team has a lot of fight," receiver Van Jefferson said Monday. "This team is resilient. We would have loved to have got the win, but we just need to execute better. ... We're going to continue to fight, continue to play and let the chips fall where they fall. Nothing is over until it's over, so we're just going to keep playing, and hopefully everything falls in our favor."

Jefferson's optimism is reflected across the roster, yet the reasons for the slide are the same almost every week: McVay's offense doesn't have the talent, the depth or the game plans to perform at the level to which it has become accustomed.

That was obvious while both of Matthew Stafford's backups managed little production behind another makeshift offensive line against the Cardinals, and it is likely to be even more obvious if AP Offensive Player of the Year Cooper Kupp misses time with what looked like a significant ankle injury incurred late against the Cardinals.

Stafford seems likely to return to practice this week, but John Wolford led an offensive effort that was only marginally worse than the ones produced by the Rams with Stafford in uniform. The Rams are 31st in the NFL in yards per game (282.7), 29th in scoring (16.4) and last in yards rushing (68.1).

Until the offense raises its game, the defense's solid season won't matter much. The Rams are still sticking together in hopes of finally getting on a roll that will salvage something from this season — even if time is running out.

"A lot of the guys on this team were on the Super Bowl team, so we know what complementary football looks like," edge rusher Terrell Lewis said Monday. "Championship-type teams and championship-type cultures, there's never room to finger-point. That's never going to solve anything. ... Nobody plays the perfect game."

WHAT'S WORKING

The defense continues to play well enough to win, a few minor quibbles aside. Los Angeles allowed only three drives longer than 35 yards by the Cardinals, who scored 10 of their 27 points on short fields created by the Rams' turnovers. Coordinator Raheem Morris' unit is sixth in the NFL with 310.8 yards allowed per game, and new linebacker Bobby Wagner is playing tremendously.

WHAT NEEDS HELP

The backup quarterback position. McVay's abiding faith in Wolford over the past four seasons is remarkable, but Wolford didn't play well enough against the Cardinals until the final drive. His arm strength and accuracy both looked shaky, and his athleticism wasn't exploited enough. The Rams might consider getting a tested NFL quarterback soon to back up a starter who will be 35 next season.

STOCK UP

Jefferson finally made an impact after two offseason knee surgeries, catching three passes for 27 yards and a late score despite playing only 17 snaps. He tried to give the game ball from his scoring catch to Wolford in honor of the QB's first NFL TD pass, but Wolford told Jefferson to give it to his father, Cardinals receivers coach Shawn Jefferson. The Rams desperately need playmakers if Kupp is out, and Jefferson will get as many touches as he can handle.

STOCK DOWN

The Rams' defensive backs held Arizona to 238 yards passing but still gave up a handful of important receptions at big moments. David Long Jr., who largely took the job of rookie Derion Kendrick this week, and Troy Hill both lost key matchups. Los Angeles clearly doesn't have as much talent in its secondary as in previous seasons, which makes the defense's success even more remarkable.

INJURED

The Rams didn't provide an update on Kupp or Stafford early Monday.

KEY NUMBER

28 — The number of three-and-out drives by the Rams' offense this season. Los Angeles had only 25 in all 17 games last season.

NEXT STEPS

A visit to New Orleans to face another three-win team. This meeting with the Saints is a chance to get back on track in a matchup that is eminently winnable — but so was the Rams' visit from the Cardinals.

GET IT DAILY...

D-line becomes latest Chargers position plagued by injuries

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AP Sports Writer

Just when Brandon Staley and the Los Angeles Chargers thought things couldn't get worse with injuries, along came the loss to the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday night when the defensive line became the latest group to be decimated.

Otito Ogbonnia hurt a knee and Christian Covington suffered a pectoral injury during the 22-16 loss that dropped the Chargers to 5-4.

Los Angeles was down to only three defensive linemen during the fourth quarter as the Niners scored the go-ahead touchdown on Christian McCaffrey's 2-yard run with 7:54 remaining.

Los Angeles has had difficulty stopping the run this season, even at close to full strength. With top run-stopper Austin Johnson lost for the year with a knee injury last week and the release of 2019 first-round pick Jerry Tillery, the Chargers went into the game already thin on the defensive line.

Add in the two injuries that happened during the game, and San Francisco was able to dominate the line of scrimmage.

Two of the three Niners' scoring drives in the second half were at least 12 plays and they had the ball for 21:38. San Francisco had 106 of its 157 rushing yards after halftime.

The Chargers' offense — down their top two receivers and a right tackle — didn't help with only three first downs and 62 yards on five second-half drives.

Justin Herbert passed for 196 yards, the fourth-lowest total of his three-year career.

"In the second half, we had to play a lot of plays," Staley said. "There were a couple of third downs in there that were tough, that we missed a tackle, were tight in coverage, and they made a couple of good throws and catches."

Los Angeles enters Sunday's game against Kansas City allowing 5.39 yards per carry, one of the highest in the league.

With Staley and general manager Tom Telesco likely to make moves to shore up the defensive line, the rest of the locker room and coaches will not use injuries as an excuse. They nearly bristle at being asked if coming close on the road should count as a moral victory.

"If you're on the field, you're getting paid to play. You have to step up and make your plays," running back Austin Ekeler said. "We got some of our guys that are down, but that doesn't matter. The opponent doesn't care. We have to play hard, but we also have to make plays. We can't just do the minimum."

WHAT'S WORKING

The kicking game. Cameron Dicker — the team's third kicker this season after

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POLICE REFORM

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video, shared on local television news and across social media platforms, comes at a time when public safety reform is back in the forefront of minds in Santa Monica.

The incident brought renewed attention to the local police department just days before the Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission was scheduled to present a series of reports and recommendations concerning public safety in Santa Monica during the Tuesday, Nov. 15, Santa Monica City Council meeting.

The reports focus on implementation and status of the May 2021 after-action report on the events of May 31, 2020 — the protests and simultaneous looting of downtown. The report, compiled by police oversight specialists OIR Group, included 44 recommendations, of which 29 had been completed as of September, according to the latest report; the remaining 15 were underway.

A 26-page report included in the staff report for the Tuesday council meeting lists the status of each recommendation. Some were easy to execute, like ensuring "read receipts" are included in intelligence briefings to ensure they are received or incorporating reminders for officers to turn on body-worn cameras during crowd incidents. Others had a longer lead time, like developing a mechanism to track the number of less-lethal munitions used by individual officers and revising the use of force policy as it applied to less lethal crowd control situations.

"We appreciate the progress that SMPD has made in implementing the 44 recommendations and look forward to receiving additional information regarding implementation of the outstanding recommendations as it becomes available," the September OIR report states.



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REFORM: A new report questions police reform efforts in Santa Monica.

Further details from an October update detailing the ways SMPD handles complaint investigations indicated OIR felt the department was responsive to queries and willing to work with the Oversight Commission so far in the process. The report "noted a mix of strengths and limitations," and concluded that the group's "review of the most recent completed SMPD investigations showed them to be fundamentally sound in ways that correspond to achievement of those positive results"; however, they also "noted recurrent – and readily fixable – issues that merit the Department's attention."

Among the handful of improvements the reform and oversight commission requested was a change in the body-worn camera policy that currently directs officers to shut off cameras at their discretion to avoid filming witnesses and victims without their consent. The commission would like to see that policy eliminated and only have cameras turned off in private moments such as while officers are meeting with their families or using bathroom facilities.

While written indications prior to the Tuesday meeting seemed to indicate a trend toward compliance and collaboration between the oversight commission and the SMPD, the relationship remained strained.

City Council was set to meet behind closed doors on Tuesday to discuss pending litigation the Santa Monica Police Officers Association filed against the City. The Association is bent on the removal of several commissioners whom it claims have not completed necessary training (the members in turn complained that training was not made available to them).

In addition to the legal proceedings, the meeting is also happening days after Stanford Law School Center for Racial Justice released a scathing review of police oversight activities in Santa Monica, under the direction of former Commission Chair George Brown.

Brown, along with Santa Monica residents Robbie Jones, Nat Trives, Craig Miller, Angela Scott, Mark Morgenstern and Michele Wittig, contributed to a series that purports to examine "how the city's move toward embracing civilian oversight and police reform started with promise, only to be met with immediate, intentional resistance." Miller and Scott are current Commissioners on the oversight body.

Alongside several written essays, the Stanford series also includes a nearly-15-minute-long video entitled "Why Can't Police Reform Work in Santa Monica?"

That video appeared on YouTube not long before local TV news station KTLA re-posted a social media video onto the site, featuring two SMDP officers attempting to subdue and repeatedly striking a third man, whom the Department later said was believed to be homeless and had been attempting to fight security and police officers and refusing to leave private property.

In a statement following the release of the video showing the altercation, SMDP spokesperson Rudy Flores wrote the department was dispatched on a call "regarding a male who was being disruptive and refused to leave the property multiple times." Prior to police arriving at the Pacific Plaza apartment complex, Flores wrote, the suspect, later identified as 29-year-old Aren Kehind Taylor, had allegedly attempted to fight a private security officer on duty at the complex.

"SMPD Officers made contact with Taylor. During the contact, Taylor attempted to walk past the officers and back into the property," Flores wrote. "Taylor approached the officers in an aggressive manner and spat at one of the officer's face before throwing a cup with liquid, striking the officer on his chest and taking a fighting stance."

Flores then went on to detail the scene that played out on the video, stating that after several moments of grappling, "officers were becoming fatigued and opted to pin Taylor down until additional officers arrived and were able to help take him into custody."

The SMDP statement also claims Taylor made several seemingly incriminating statements as he was walked to an SMPD transport vehicle, including saying, "I tried to fight the police intentionally."

The department was not able to provide body worn camera evidence showing the incident, including the statements SMPD says Taylor made, by Daily Press deadline; a public records request was pending with the City of Santa Monica.

LA County Sheriff's Department database information lists Taylor as a 27-year-old Black male with black hair and brown eyes. Taylor was charged with a felony and scheduled to appear in Superior Court on Tuesday; he is held on $50,000 bail. Details on Taylor's charges were not immediately available.

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EDUCATION

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chance to weigh in on what it will look like.

At the Nov. 17 Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board meeting, members are expected to vote on a resolution affirming that there "will be a neighborhood school" at the Muir/SMASH location "following necessary water intrusion repairs" and that a committee of parents and staff will be convened to discuss "programs and opportunities for the renewed campus."

Following the closure of the campus due to the discovery of mold and extensive water damage, some parents and community members have expressed concern and anger over the district's handling of the situation.

At a special meeting in June, the board decided to relocate all approximately 330 SMASH students to the Michelle and Barack Obama Center for Inquiry and Exploration, at Ocean Park Boulevard and Lincoln Boulevard) and disperse John Muir's close to 230 students between other elementary schools in the district, primarily Will Rogers Learning Community and Grant Elementary.

Last month, a group organized in part by several School Board challenger candidates gathered outside District headquarters prior to an Oct 6. Board meeting with signs that read "save our neighborhood school."

While SMMUSD Superintendent Ben Drati has continuously reassured parents, staff and students that there will "always be a neighborhood school" at the site, the district has provided no specific guarantee as to what that will look like and if it will take the form of what has been John Muir.

What Drati and the District have committed to is involving the community in the discussion about the future of the campus, as stated in the upcoming resolution.

According to District officials, construction work is on schedule at the site and the repair process is on track for the campus to reopen in Fall 2024.

The Nov. 17 public meeting will begin at 6 p.m. Those wishing to comment virtually must submit an online form and those in person must turn in a request to speak card. The form and full agenda can be found on the SMMUSD website: https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SB_Meetings/ViewMeeting.aspx

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SPORTS

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injuries to Dustin Hopkins and Taylor Bertolet — was 3 for 3 on field goals and has made all five the past two games. The Chargers have made 16 straight field goals and 17 of 18 on the season.

WHAT NEEDS HELP

Getting off the field on third down. The Chargers were the worst in the league when stopping teams on third down last season. After doing a solid job the first six games, opponents are 19 of 37 on third down the past three games, which is the fifth-highest conversion rate. San Francisco was 9 of 17, including 3 of 4 on third downs of 7 yards or more.

STOCK UP

DeAndre Carter has nine receptions for 117 yards in the past two games. Carter beat 49ers safety Talanoa Hufanga on a corner route for a 32-yard touchdown during Sunday's opening drive.

STOCK DOWN

The right side of the offensive line. Right guard Zion Johnson and right tackle Foster Sarell allowed a combined two sacks, two quarterback hits, and eight QB pressures. Sarell got the start in place of the injured Trey Pipkins.

INJURIES

TE Gerald Everett (groin) is likely to be questionable after being injured in the first half. ... Staley remains hopeful WR Mike Williams (ankle) can return to the practice field.

KEY NUMBERS

24 — Dropped passes by Chargers receivers, according to Sportradar, which is among the league leaders. They had three against San Francisco, including one by tight end Tre McKitty during the second quarter that might have gone for a 35-yard touchdown and extended the Bolts' lead to 17-3.

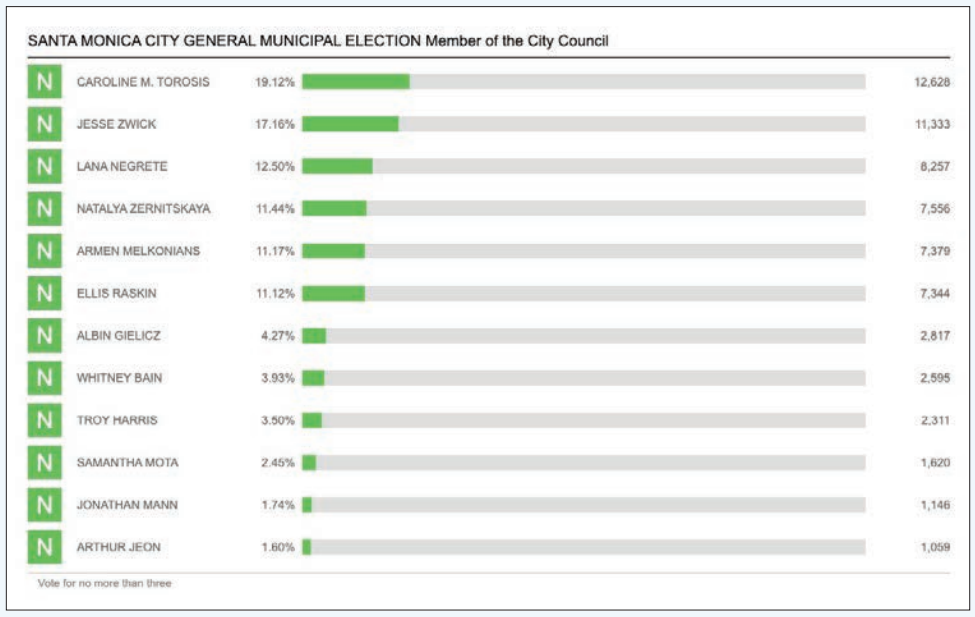
NEXT STEPS

If the Chargers have any hopes of getting back into the AFC West division race, they need to defeat Kansas City this week. The Chargers have not won at home against the Chiefs since 2013 and have dropped the past two in overtime.

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Election results



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VOTES: The latest available vote counts from the Los Angeles County Office of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk continued to cement prior results that appeared as votes came in earlier last week following Election Day. In local races, Caroline Torosis, Jesse Zwick and Lana Negrete were still in the lead for three open city council seats; for school board, Laurie Lieberman, Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Stacy Rouse and Alicia Mignano were in the lead for four open School Board seats; Sion Roy, Nancy Greenstein, Tom Peters and Barry Snell were still in the lead for four Santa Monica College trustee seats; rent control-strengthening ballot measures were both poised to pass; cannabis and hotel taxes were both passing; and the $375 million school bond was still poised to pass, as was Measure GS (the property transfer tax imposing $56 fees per $100,000 assessed value over $8 million). Lindsey Horvath maintained her narrow lead over Bob Hertzberg for the third district supervisor seat and in the LA mayor race, Karen Bass was holding out ahead of Rick Caruso. The Sheriff's race was essentially settled for Robert Luna, unseating incumbent Alex Villanueva. In Venice, Traci Park was still holding her lead over Erin Darling for LA city council's 11th District.



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SWIP

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purifying water that would otherwise run into the ocean, but also because it diverts dirty urban runoff (which contains plastics, oil, paint and other icky stuff) out of the Santa Monica Bay.

On Thursday, City staff, City Council members and State Senator Ben Allen will be among those on hand to celebrate the $95 million project with a ribbon cutting ceremony on the top side of the underground facility.

As a city press release describes it, "At the surface, SWIP looks like a parking lot at the City's Civic Center, but beneath the surface is an example of water resiliency." That parking lot is located between the Civic Auditorium and the Courthouse, at 1771 Main Street.

Planters on the surface level of the site mask air vents releasing filtered air up from the treatment plant, meaning SWIP is designed to not be odorous.

The free ribbon cutting event is open to the public, with visitors asked to register through Eventbrite at www.eventbrite.com/e/ribbon-cutting-event-sustainable-water-infrastructure-project-tickets-428798356427. Visitors who elect to drive to the ribbon-cutting ceremony are asked to park in the parking structure off 4th Street at Olympic Drive. City staff will be on hand to escort spectators to the ribbon cutting area.

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ELECTION

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Before Election Day, NAACP President Derrick Johnson said he was "extremely concerned" that Black people would be disenfranchised by voter intimidation or other voter suppression tactics — especially as hundreds of pro-Trump activists signed up to serve as GOP election watchers across the country.

U.S. intelligence agencies issued a bulletin less than two weeks before the election warning of a heightened threat of domestic violent extremism that might target elected officials, election workers or voting places.

But days after polls closed, Johnson said the voting process largely went well. He noted, however, that it's impossible to know whether the threat of intimidation or violence may have had a "chilling effect" on voter participation.

"It was frustrating that we have to operate in our democracy from a fear posture," Johnson said. "We should be making it easier to vote."

Meanwhile, world leaders noted the relatively smooth election in discussions with Biden during a weekend summit in southeast Asia. National security adviser Jake Sullivan said the outcome established "a strong position for him on the international stage."

"I would say one theme that emerged over the course of the two days was the theme about the strength of American democracy and what this election said about American democracy," Sullivan told reporters aboard Air Force One. "So, the president feels very good about — obviously, about the results."

On Election Day, Trump tried and failed to sow disorder in multiple states — especially in regions with large minority populations.

Trump posted a message on social media Tuesday afternoon falsely claiming that voters were being refused the right to vote in Detroit. "Protest, Protest, Protest!" the former president wrote.

The message inspired no protests or even visible tension outside the Detroit convention center where votes were being counted. Two years earlier, scores of Trump supporters screamed and beat on the glass during the tabulation process.

At Milwaukee's central count facility, several election observers heckled election commission members as roughly 250 workers tabulated the city's absentee ballots Tuesday evening. Republican Commissioner Doug Haag, who stood witness as the flash drives with vote totals were sealed in envelopes, was among those who scolded the hecklers. They quieted down after receiving a final warning and were allowed to stay for the remainder of the process.

In Arizona's pivotal Maricopa County, there were calls early on from far-right groups, including some known to attract Proud Boys, Oath Keepers and other extremists, for protests in front of the building where the ballots were being counted to demand a hand count of the vote. Police responded with a heavy presence on Election Day, bringing in mounted officers and helicopters. But not even a handful of protesters showed up. Two years earlier, a large group of armed protesters gathered outside the same tabulation center.

And in Nevada, local officials were prepared for disorder, but bad weather more than voter intimidation marked Election Day.

In populous Clark County, a Democratic stronghold, one man walked into a polling place and raised his voice at poll workers, saying the machines were rigged, according to the Clark County School District Police Department. Poll workers told him to quiet down before he walked outside, where he tried to pull down the "vote here" sign.

In the Reno, Nevada, area, where voters braved snow and ice on Election Day, Washoe County interim registrar Jamie Rodriguez said there was only one case of voter intimidation. Two men threatened poll workers and were "aggressive" toward voters, before a poll manager escorted them out. The Washoe County Sheriff's Office said it was investigating.

"It was a lot of comments about them not being patriots, not doing the right thing," Rodriguez said.

Associated Press writers Michael Balsamo and Chris Megerian in Washington, Harm Venhuizen in Milwaukee, Corey Williams in Detroit and Seung Min Kim in Nusa Dua, Indonesia, contributed to this report.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 15)

Quite simply, there's something you need to accomplish, and you'll do it. Political success will be yours and will come together through a number of efforts. There's the sense that you are part of an elegant design. More highlights: a work trip that expands your reach and tender moments with someone younger who looks up to you. Pisces and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 10, 22, 14 and 17.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Maybe you overlooked someone who wanted more attention from you. It happens. Even if you don't have an opportunity to correct this with the same individual, you'll pay it forward.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This is a good day to accept invitations, regardless of the details. What you do will end up being much more interesting than what brought you there in the first place.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When a thing doesn't feel right, you'll step back and leave it alone for a moment. You'll carefully separate your identity from another person's idea of who you should be.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are portals that bring you back to the place and time where a feeling was born — symbols, images, smells... Suddenly, you're transported back to your first experience of the thing and all the promise wrapped inside it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Before you put too much energy into solving problems, you make sure they're worth the effort. Negativity will pass. Play the long game. If you're unlikely to care about a thing in an hour or a week, then why care now?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your love of routine will lead you back to the activities, meals, people — and it works until it doesn't. You realize when the restlessness sets in that it's time to introduce new elements. Don't wait until it's a rut.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You and a friend will occupy the same moment and have a vastly different experience of it. Investigate. Push your empathy into the scene. Words are inferior indicators of all you're learning through silent observation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As you tune into the people around you and take in all the humor, interest and beauty that's going on in your surroundings right now, you'll get the very accurate sneaking suspicion that these are the good ol' days.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't understand why someone did what they did, but you're willing to consider that these actions might make perfect sense from a different point of view. No one can completely know all circumstances at work in the lives of all.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your teamwork is impressive and effective. What you accomplish in the group will be more satisfying and meaningful than what you accomplish alone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Many things can be bought with various currencies, but love will not be one of them. You shouldn't and don't have to earn love with accomplishments. You were not born to serve another person's agenda.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There is no guarantee that after you've checked, double-checked, asked around and read the fine print that you'll make a better decision. But at least you'll have the peace of knowing you did all you could to make the right choice.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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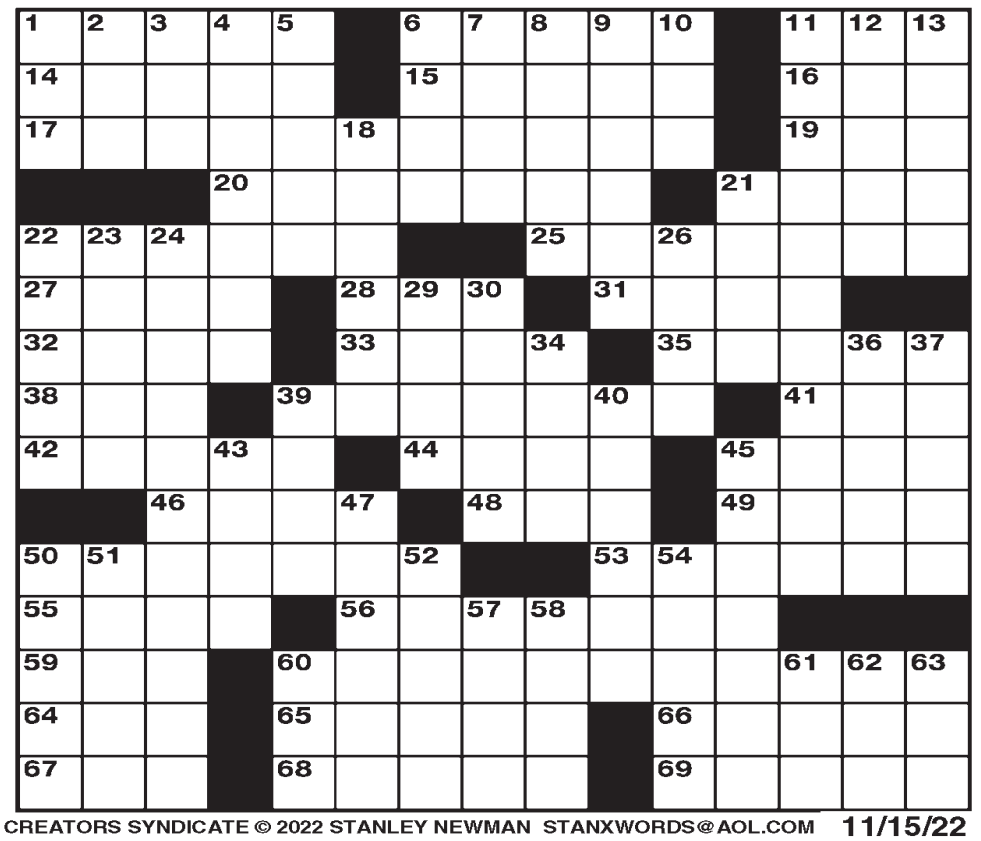
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Camel's South American cousin
6 Macaroni or ziti
11 FedEx rival
14 Book of maps
15 Song superstar __ John
16 Fruity dessert with a crust
17 Expands a business
19 Log-splitting tool
20 Figure skater's jump
21 Scissors sound
22 Tampa neighbor, for short
25 Solves, as a secret message
27 Fabric from sheep
28 Chop down
31 British noble below a duke
32 Downloadable programs
33 Natural skin soother
35 Retains
38 Avocado center
39 Shrink in size slowly
41 Motorists' org.
42 Luckless guy
44 Wise person
45 Enthusiastic
46 Lack of difficulty
48 Midmorning hour
49 Blab a secret
50 Woman on stage
53 Suitable for a formal occasion
55 Just slightly cooked, as a steak
56 In disarray
59 College in Columbus: Abbr.
60 Modern music's ancestors
64 Grownup boys
65 Oven setting
66 A tough row __
67 Inquire
68 "__ be expected"
69 Have a fainting spell

DOWN
1 Chemist's workroom
2 Env. contents
3 __ carte menu
4 Fireplace shelves
5 Wide necktie
6 Lemon rind
7 "Not to mention . . ."
8 Got to one's feet
9 Man's hairpiece
10 Hill-building insect
11 Departs abruptly
12 Mischievous fairy
13 Leaks slowly
18 Donkey's sound
21 Feeling annoyed
22 Makes a trade
23 Subject being discussed
24 Open a car's storage area
26 Birthday party dessert
29 Yale students
30 Was victorious in
34 Boundary line
36 Buckets for water or milk
37 "Sorry to say . . ."
39 Amount of medicine taken
40 Provide with temporarily
43 Female horse
45 Admitted one's mistake
47 Accompany to an event
50 Enticing smell
51 Detective's jobs
52 Chases away
54 Disagreements
57 Keep __ (don't quit)
58 Norway's capital
60 Slugger's stat: Abbr.
61 Taunting shout
62 Pigeon sound
63 Barbie's boyfriend



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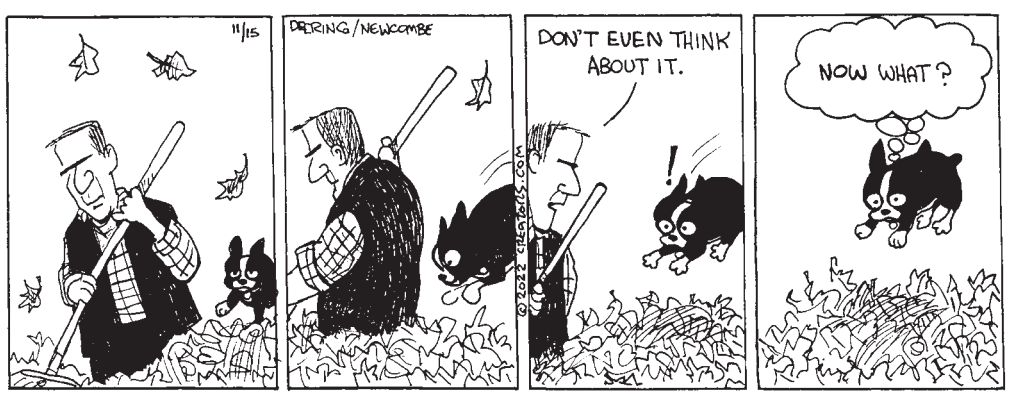
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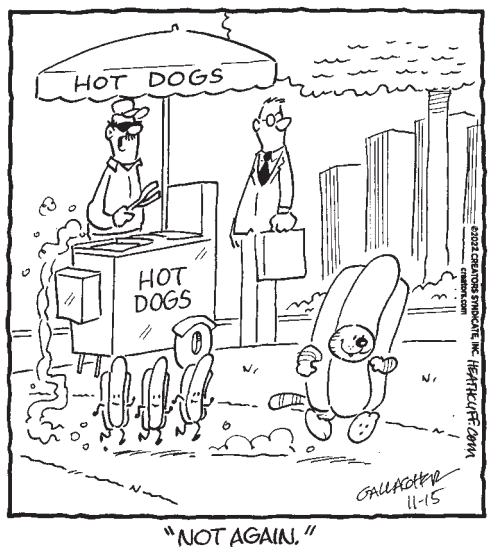
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"NOT AGAIN."

Strange Brew

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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 5664

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Adamas	Chain	Gems	Onyx
Akoya	Choker	Geode	Pave
Amber	Clasp	Gold	Pearl
Amulet	Cloisonne	Inlay	Pendant
Ankh	Collection	Jade	Pins
Artisan	Cost	Link	Pure
Badge	Crown	Locket	Ring
Bangle	Drop	Love	Ruby
Bezel	Emerald	Lustre	Topaz
Cameo	Ethnic	Morganite	Watch

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TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 15

THE ART OF SELLING IN THE DIGITAL AGE
In this interactive workshop from Youthful Savings, teens will learn how to harness the power of the internet and use digital tools to market their creations, and economically empower themselves and their communities. For ages 13-18 only. Pico Branch Library, 5 - 6 p.m.

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION
Join a community-led discussion of an exciting mystery novel each month. Currently held on Zoom. Email library@santamonica.gov to join. 7 - 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 16

ICE GRAND OPENING
Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM) brings the holidays to the downtown district with the return of Winterlit, which includes the grand opening of the Ice at Santa Monica skating rink now rescheduled for Wednesday, November 16 from 6 - 10 p.m. After a two year hiatus, the 8,000-square-foot rink will once again transform the corner of Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue into a winter wonderland and bring a little ice to the beachside community. The grand opening event includes free skating, a live DJ, delicious bites and freebies. Rescheduled from Nov. 10.

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, delicious foods, live music and more. Arizona Avenue (between 4th & Ocean) 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

UNDERSTANDING THE EVICTION PROCESS: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS WEBINAR
With COVID-19 eviction protections changing and/or expiring, it can be confusing to understand current tenant protections under the law. Keep yourself and your family in your home by understanding your rights as a tenant.
Richard Bloom has partnered with Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles and Tenant Power Tool Kit, to bring you a webinar to cover the basics of the eviction process, how tenants can best respond to legally protect themselves, and how protections differ in different cities throughout Los Angeles County. 5 - 6:15 p.m. Register for This Event at https://caasm.zoom.us/webinar/register/7916679450175/WN_OOvXXr4KQHaQ2fB75CIEcg

THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 17

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION
Join a community-led monthly book club, centered in the Montana neighborhood. The group currently meets on the Montana Branch Patio. This month's book is "Hedy's Folly: The Life And Breakthrough Inventions Of Hedy Lamarr, The Most Beautiful Woman In The World" by Richard Rhodes. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 6 - 7 p.m.

APPY HOUR' DEVICE WORKSHOP
Main Library, 2nd Floor Tutoring Center. Bring your smartphone or tablet and receive small group help to get you started with using your device. 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION
Attend a lively discussion on current events, every Thursday 1 to 2:30 p.m. Formerly at the Fairview Library, now conveniently on Zoom. Excellent facilitator, Marsha, sends an email list on Wed. night of topics to discuss which is informative in itself. There is never a lack of interesting material or opinions. For information and to receive a Zoom link for the next meeting, email to mushcb@gmail.com.

LOCALS NIGHT AT SANTA MONICA PIER
Join organizers at the Santa Monica Pier once a month for a curated series for locals. Gather your friends and family and head down to the Pier for amazing entertainment including live music from the Santa Monica Music Center, DJ grooves from KCRW and Pico Youth and Family Center, Pier business local discounts, local artist installations, and so much more! You really won't want to miss out on this incredible and unique outdoor setting to unwind with friends and loved ones all while celebrating Santa Monica. 3 - 10 p.m. https://www.santamonicapier.org/localsnight

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 18

TOURS OF THE MARION DAVIES GUEST HOUSE
Santa Monica Conservancy docents share the rich history of the Beach House site from the 1920s onward. Free 20-minute visits docent tours are available on a walk-up basis, for groups of up to six people on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 12 – 2 p.m. Just head to the Marion Davies Guest House where you will be greeted by a docent. Please be advised that wearing masks are required while indoors. 12 - 2 p.m.

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 19

NOTABLE FICTION DISCUSSION GROUP
A community-led book club, focusing on books which have won major prizes or are otherwise notable. This month's selection is Native Speaker by Chang-rae Lee. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the Zoom link. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com



SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **59.5**

TUESDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Modest scale, long-period NW swell due to be nudging up. Mid to higher tide all day will slow most of the region. Expecting light to moderate offshore flow in the morning.
WEDNESDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Easing NW swell and some modest SSW swell in the mix. Not much but should be a few little peaks to track down — just account for the relatively full tide. Increasing potential for a moderate Santa Ana event with breezy offshore flow.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 66. North northeast wind around 10 mph, with gusts as high as 15 mph.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 70. Breezy, with a north wind around 20 mph.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50.h.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/11/15	Tue	05:11 AM	3.67	H
2022/11/15	Tue	07:23 AM	3.62	L
2022/11/15	Tue	1:01 PM	4.17	H
2022/11/15	Tue	9:30 PM	0.76	L
2022/11/16	Wed	05:21 AM	3.92	H
2022/11/16	Wed	10:08 AM	3.29	L
2022/11/16	Wed	2:46 PM	3.96	H
2022/11/16	Wed	10:20 PM	0.77	L
2022/11/17	Thu	05:36 AM	4.21	H
2022/11/17	Thu	11:07 AM	2.73	L
2022/11/17	Thu	4:09 PM	3.94	H
2022/11/17	Thu	10:58 PM	0.79	L
2022/11/18	Fri	05:52 AM	4.56	H
2022/11/18	Fri	11:49 AM	2.09	L
2022/11/18	Fri	5:12 PM	4.00	H
2022/11/18	Fri	11:30 PM	0.86	L
2022/11/19	Sat	06:10 AM	4.96	H
2022/11/19	Sat	12:26 PM	1.40	L

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 11/12
16 20 44 57 58
Power#: 6
Jackpot: 59 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 11/11
1 5 17 37 70
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 207 M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 11/12
2 5 17 40 46
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 7 M

FANTASY 5
Draw Date: 11/13
16 17 23 27 37

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 11/13
EVENING: 1 7 5
Draw Date: 11/13
MIDDAY: 7 6 9

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Draw Date: 11/13
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2nd: 04 - Big Ben
3rd: 05 - California Classic
Race Time: 1:49.15

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