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Victories and concessions pour in as vote count continues



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ZWICK: Jesse Zwick (center) has clinched a spot on city council.

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In a rambling, emotional and self-congratulatory speech on Tuesday afternoon, outgoing LA County Sheriff Alex Villanueva conceded the race to retain the office, which he held for one term, finally congratulating incoming sheriff Robert Luna on his successful campaign.

Throughout vote reporting, Luna has consistently held a double-digit lead over the incumbent Villanueva; as of the latest update from the LA County Office of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Luna had secured 60% of votes to Villanueva's 40%.

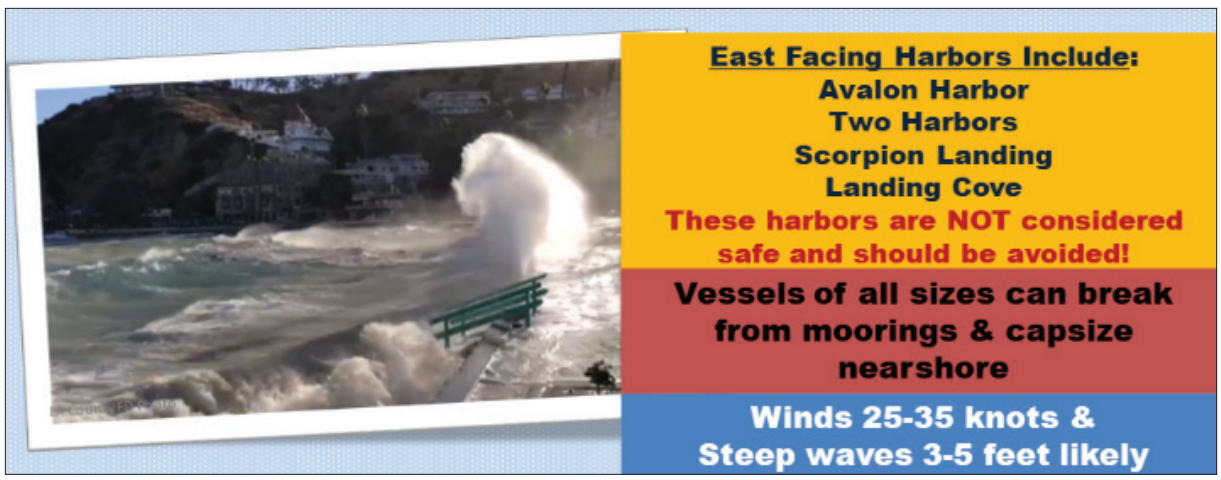
"I want to wish the incoming sheriff well," Villanueva said. "I want him to succeed for a simple reason: The safety of the community depends on him succeeding; the welfare of every single person in the department depends on succeeding."

Villanueva's concession — which occurred in full uniform, in front of the LA County Sheriff's Department seal and was broadcast through official LASD channels — was the latest in a string of local candidates acknowledging defeat or declaring victory that has occurred as results have solidified.

Some races were never

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Los Angeles braces for strong Santa Ana winds



National Weather Service

WIND: The National Weather Service has issued warnings for boats due to high winds.

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Forecasters warned of critical fire danger and potentially damaging gusts as Santa Ana winds developed in Southern California on Tuesday.

Pressure gradients were trending strongly offshore and "all systems appear to be a go for a strong Santa Ana event" Tuesday night into Wednesday," the National Weather Service said.

The first strong Santa Anas of the season will be supported by high pressure building into the Great Basin, meteorologists said.

Santa Anas increase fire danger through the combination of powerful gusts and very dry air sweeping in from the northeast, flowing down through wind-prone mountain passes and canyons and out to sea.

California is deep in drought, but recent heavy rains are expected to help mitigate the fire weather concerns, forecasters said.

Localized gusts were predicted to continue Thursday morning, followed by more Santa Ana winds on Friday and Saturday. Forecasters said they might be equally as strong.

Fight against fentanyl continues locally

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With overdose deaths due to the highly potent synthetic opioid fentanyl up 3,917% from just five years ago, the substance has been the focus of recent outreach and education efforts in the school district, city and county.

Members of Santa Monica High School's Wellness Advisory Group (SWAG) club spent the days leading up to homecoming preparing a presentation on the dangers of fentanyl to share with their classmates. The presentation was shared with all of the school's teachers to show in class and included information about how counterfeit pills laced with the drug are frequently sold through social media and what to do in the case of an overdose.

In addition to the SWAG presentation, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District hosted a parent education night titled 'Fentanyl Explained' last week and the City of Santa Monica's Cradle 2 Career program discussed the topic at a Nov. 10 meeting.

"The ultimate goal is to keep kids safe," Santa Monica Housing and Human Services Division Administrator Natasha Kingscote said. "And educating them and educating parents is the way to keep kids safe."

Fentanyl is up to 50 times as potent as heroin and 80 to 100 times stronger than morphine, according to the CDC. This makes it attractive to illicit drug manufacturers because it allows them to use smaller amounts while achieving

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USC, UCLA may cause Big Ten schools to expand recruiting map

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Southern California and UCLA's pending moves to the Big Ten could give the league's existing members the opportunity to expand their recruiting maps and pursue more West Coast prospects.

It will take some time for these moves to have that kind of impact.

"I think ultimately it's probably going to be a little bit of a slow burn," said Andy Frank, who oversees Penn State's recruiting department as the Nittany Lions' director of player personnel.

The numbers bear that out.

Twelve high school juniors or seniors from states with Pac-12 programs have verbally committed to play football at one of the Big Ten's 14 current member schools. Only four made their decisions after the June 30 announcement that USC and UCLA would join the Big Ten in 2024.

Zack Marshall, a tight end from Carlsbad (California) High School, committed to Michigan in mid-August but said the news about USC and UCLA didn't impact his decision.

"It wasn't much of a consideration thinking, 'Oh, I'm going to come home and play once in a while,'" Marshall said. "The consideration was more, 'Do I want to leave in the first place?'"

Other prospects from states with Pac-12 schools to commit to Big Ten programs since June 30 are Wisconsin quarterback recruit Cole LaCrue of Broomfield, Colorado; Michigan athlete Collins Acheampong of Rancho Santa Margarita (California) and Indiana-bound wide receiver Orlando Greenlow of Lawndale, California.

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"I think It's probably more of a long term (change)," Ohio State coach Ryan Day said. "You'll see it over time."

Day's team already is awaiting one huge addition from Pac-12 territory: Chandler (Arizona) junior quarterback Dylan Raiola, the nation's No. 1 overall prospect in his class according to composite rankings of recruiting sites compiled by 247Sports, committed to Ohio State in May.

Charles Collins, the coach at Oaks Christian in Westlake Village, says he's noticed more Big Ten schools visiting the West Coast lately.

"It used to be the bigger schools – Ohio State here or there and Michigan," said Collins, whose school's long list of alums to play college football includes former Michigan running back and current UCLA star Zach Charbonnet. "Now the other Big Ten schools are definitely making a little push, for sure."

Big Ten schools generally have recruited other prospect-rich areas more than the West Coast. The list of high school juniors and seniors verbally committed to Big Ten programs includes 40 prospects from Florida but only four from California.

Patrick Embleton, Illinois' executive director of personnel and recruiting, said it's more convenient for prospects and their families to arrange flights from places like Florida, Atlanta or Texas to campus. He said California recruits visiting Illinois generally fly to Chicago and then go from there to Champaign.

"It's got to be the right kid," Embleton said. "Long story short, it's got to be the right situation for us to really go all-in on a recruit from the West Coast."

Nebraska interim coach Mickey Joseph, whose team has three California players on its roster, offered a similar assessment. He said Nebraska wouldn't go that far to pursue just any type of player.

"If we're going to go out there, we're going out there to get a draft pick," Joseph said.

Frank said the limited numbers of days coaches are permitted to visit schools forces them to be strategic in where they go, though he believes Penn State staffers will start heading to the West Coast more often.

Greg Biggins, the California-based national recruiting analyst for 247Sports, offers a couple of other reasons for the Big Ten's Florida-California discrepancy.

Biggins said the Big Ten style of play prioritizes controlling the line of scrimmage and that Florida is better than California at producing quality offensive linemen. Biggins also indicated Florida prospects traditionally are more receptive to out-of-state programs.

"For a lot of years, in Southern California, no matter how bad (USC) and UCLA were doing or if they were a little down, a lot of kids wanted to stay local or stay out west," Biggins said. "Florida kids, they're very open to leaving home."

Of course, that reputation doesn't necessarily apply to everyone, nor does it mean that trend will continue.

Patrick Walsh, who coaches Bay Area power Junipero Serra High School in San Mateo, says prospects at his school have become more open to considering programs outside the West Coast.

"The world has shrunk now," Walsh said. "It's shrunk even more when it comes to college sports. The concept of going to a Big Ten school and leaving California is definitely on the minds of a lot of kids."

The idea could become even more intriguing in the next five or 10 years. By then, USC and UCLA may have established

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World Population hits 8 billion, creating many challenges

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Associated Press

The world's population will likely hit an estimated 8 billion people on Tuesday, according to a United Nations projection, with much of the growth coming from developing nations in Africa.

Among them is Nigeria, where resources are already stretched to the limit. More than 15 million people in Lagos compete for everything from electricity to light their homes to spots on crowded buses, often for two-hour commutes each way in this sprawling megacity. Some Nigerian children set off for school as early as 5 a.m.

And over the next three decades, the West African nation's population is expected to soar even more: from 216 million this year to 375 million, the U.N. says. That will put Nigeria in a tie for third place with the United States after India and China.

"We are already overstretching what we have — the housing, roads, the hospitals, schools. Everything is overstretched," said Gyang Dalyop, an urban planning and development consultant in Nigeria.

The U.N.'s Day of 8 Billion milestone Tuesday is more symbolic than precise, officials are careful to note in a wide-ranging report released over the summer that makes some staggering projections.

The upward trend threatens to leave even more people in developing countries further behind, as governments struggle to provide enough classrooms and jobs for a rapidly growing number of youth, and food insecurity becomes an even more urgent problem.

Nigeria is among eight countries the U.N says will account for more than half the world's population growth between now and 2050 — along with fellow African nations Congo, Ethiopia and Tanzania.

"The population in many countries in sub-Saharan Africa is projected to double between 2022 and 2050, putting additional pressure on already strained resources and challenging policies aimed to reduce poverty and inequalities," the U.N. report said.

It projected the world's population will reach around 8.5 billion in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050 and 10.4 billion in 2100.

Other countries rounding out the list with the fastest growing populations are Egypt, Pakistan, the Philippines and India, which is set to overtake China as the world's most populous nation next year.

In Congo's capital, Kinshasa, where more than 12 million people live, many families struggle to find affordable housing and pay school fees. While elementary pupils attend for free, older children's chances depend on their parents' incomes.

"My children took turns" going to school, said Luc Kyungu, a Kinshasa truck driver who has six children. "Two studied while others waited because of money. If I didn't have so many children, they would have finished their studies on time."

Rapid population growth also means more people vying for scarce water resources and leaves more families facing hunger as climate change increasingly impacts crop production in many parts of the world.

"There is also a greater pressure on the environment, increasing the challenges to food security that is also compounded by climate change," said Dr. Srinath Reddy, president of the Public Health Foundation of India. "Reducing inequality while focusing on adapting and mitigating climate change should be where our policy makers' focus should be."

> "We are already overstretching what we have — the housing, roads, the hospitals, schools. Everything is overstretched - Gyang Dalyop"

Still, experts say the bigger threat to the environment is consumption, which is highest in developed countries not undergoing big population increases.

"Global evidence shows that a small portion of the world's people use most of the Earth's resources and produce most of its greenhouse gas emissions," said Poonam Muttreja, executive director of the Population Foundation of India. "Over the past 25 years, the richest 10% of the global population has been responsible for more than half of all carbon emissions."

According to the U.N., the population in sub-Saharan Africa is growing at 2.5% per year — more than three times the global average. Some of that can be attributed to people living longer, but family size remains the driving factor. Women in sub-Saharan Africa on average have 4.6 births, twice the current global average of 2.3.

Families become larger when women start having children early, and 4 out of 10 girls in Africa marry before they turn 18, according to U.N. figures. The rate of teen pregnancy on the continent is the highest in the world — about half of the children born last year to mothers under 20 worldwide were in sub-

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COMMUNITY NEWS

LOS ANGELES

Day 2 of academic workers strike at University of California

Thousands of academic workers walked picket lines again Tuesday at all 10 University of California campuses in a statewide strike calling for better pay and benefits.

Contract talks produced "good progress" on Monday, the first day of the walkout, but then the university system informed the union that bargaining won't resume until Wednesday, according to Rafael Jaime, a local union president.

"Workers are really frustrated by the slow process so far," Jaime said while demonstrating at UCLA, where he's a teaching assistant. "They're willing to be out here for as long as it takes."

In a statement before the strike, 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.

The unions representing some 48,000 teaching assistants, researchers, postdoctoral scholars, tutors and graders say the vast majority of members have turned out at picket lines. 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.

Workers 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 the unions say that is not adequate.

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

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Citywide

Update on Parking on Parkways and Driveway Aprons and Sidewalks

City staff have been evaluating community feedback and looking at potential options in response to re-codified sections of Santa Monica's municipal code that prohibits parking on parkways and driveway aprons in order to ensure safe and accessible sidewalks.

Pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 22500(f), vehicles blocking the sidewalk continue to be subject to citation enforcement and enforcement will continue to ensure safe and accessible sidewalks.

However, regarding parking in driveway aprons and parkways as outlined in 3.12.380 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code, City staff will evaluate this section of the code to determine what changes are necessary to ensure sidewalks remain accessible and parking does not occur on green spaces (parkways).

In order to provide staff the opportunity to consider and bring forward alternatives, beginning immediately:

Issuance of tickets and financial penalties associated with parking on driveway aprons and parkways is suspended.

Tickets and financial penalties associated with enforcing the current ordinance issued on or after November 1 will be dismissed. For citations issued on or after November 1, a dismissal letter will be sent to the registered owner. If the citation was paid, instructions will be provided in the letter for obtaining a refund.

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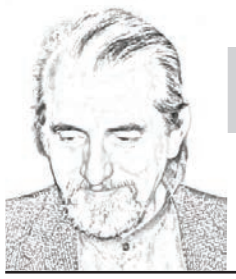
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Does Money, Machines = Electoral Evil?

You don't have much of a chance without it, and where does that leave us?



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ELECTION: Money and the machine are driving local races.

WHAT JUST HAPPENED?!

You may not know the final election result when you read this, and I don't as I write it. What I do know is that the Democrats pulled off a miracle by increasing their majority in the Senate and had a shockingly good night given the expectations.

That reminds me of a joke. Hungarian-American beauty queen, socialite and actress, Zsa Zsa Gabor was not much on comedy (or acting, for that matter), but this line was a good one. She married nine times! A Turkish intellectual, Conrad Hilton, British actor George Sanders, an investment banker/philanthropist, the Mattel president responsible for Barbie, Hot Wheels and Chatty Cathy, and she ended with a Prince (of sorts). But her biggest headline was for slapping a Beverly Hills cop who stopped her (she also had an open flask of… Jack Daniels, please!), and then drove off in her $200,000 Rolls Royce convertible while he was writing the ticket. She lost her conviction appeal and spent three days in the slammer but refused to do the community service part. She lived to be two months shy of 100.

So, her best line was, adjusting her mink stole around and fiddling with her jewels, "I am a mah-velous housekeeper. Every time I leave a man, I keep his house."

WE COULD USE A LITTLE LEVITY

After this grueling campaign season. Season? It goes on at least two years – some would say it never ends. And that's one of the big problems. A U.S. Representative, with a two-year term, has to start fundraising and campaigning for the next election the day after they're certain they've won this one. That's a lot of time spent NOT taking care of the people's business. Not to mention the consideration needed towards contributors' desires when they do conduct that business. We should do it like a lot of European nations: call for an election and count the votes six weeks later. And go back to the "equal time" provision in media that Reagan got rid of. He knew what he was doing– right wingers were all over talk radio, and he probably anticipated it on TV (Faux News). And how about media rules/licensing (of the public's airwaves) that some countries have that prohibit the dissemination of lies? Gosh, what a concept. Next thing you know we won't have the fun of yelling "FIRE!' in a crowded theater.

Absolutely, get rid of Citizens United, the absurd Supreme Court decision that declared corporations to be individuals deserving the right to contribute unlimited amounts to campaigns, on the basis of "free speech rights." Let's just call any campaign contribution above a minimum level what it is: a bribe.

THE $$$$$$!

Good Gawd what a waste and embarrassment. More than $9B on federal elections campaigning but nearly twice that overall, on this midterm election, topping the previous election – a presidential year. $375M in PA, $275M in GA, so far. It is predicted that figure may rise another $80M in the six weeks of the runoff election campaign. AZ, WI and OH all exceeded $200M spent. It always disturbs me during election "season" when predictions about who might win are based entirely on how much money they've raised. So, it doesn't matter if your candidate spreads the lie about the "steal" of the last election, refuses to say they will accept results this year if they lose, supports taking away a woman's right to choose and an abortion ban with no exceptions for rape, incest, age (10 years old, fine, it's the Will of God), or the health of the mother – oh, except for themselves, of course – took part in the Jan. 6 insurrection in DC, has numerous credible allegations of sexual misconduct or even assault (even with minors), believe that their religion takes precedence over the Constitution (that they swore an oath to uphold), has close ties to white supremacist groups, DOES NOT BELIEVE IN DEMOCRACY, only in power for their side, by any means, or has no more experience or qualifications than as a bestselling book author, snake oil "doctor," TV news person or long ago football star.

I mean, think of it. All that matters is how much money you've raised? That's who gets to make our laws, to run our lives? Because with enough lies out there, you can convince enough people of anything. Whatever happened to policies and beliefs?

IN SANTA MONICA

Money talks, for sure – Sue Himmelrich spent $160,000 of her own money to get elected to City Council (demolishing the previous record of $25,000 by Kennedy-family-megamillions backed Bobby Shriver) and she spent another $400,000 from her own bank account this election to (barely) pass her transfer tax measure, put together by her and three other insiders, without community input.

But what really matters here is the backing of "the machine," and I don't know how to describe what anyone who pays attention knows about, without sounding like a tin foil conspirator. I would say it is a loose coalition of the similarly aligned, like the SM Democratic Club, SMRR, Democratic Party tool Unite Here 11 labor union, developer-funded Forward, CLUE (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice), who believe they are progressive (I'm completely disavowing that label now, especially since seeing it in print applied to people I consider no more progressive than Mussolini) and have a vision for the future good of all and are willing to push for that without any attempt at community consensus. That description sounds to me like the GOP and even the MAGA sect,

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Weinstein attorney cross-examines accuser Siebel-Newsom

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AP Entertainment Writer

Jennifer Siebel Newsom, a documentary filmmaker and the wife of California Gov. Gavin Newsom, faced cross-examination from one of Harvey Weinstein 's attorneys Tuesday about why her description of a 2005 encounter during which she says the filmmaker raped her has expanded since she first spoke with prosecutors.

The testimony came three weeks into the Los Angeles rape and sexual assault trial of Weinstein, and on the same day that the judge dismissed four of the 11 counts against him at the request of prosecutors.

Weinstein lawyer Mark Werksman pressed Siebel Newsom about what she said were frequent nightmares she'd been having about the encounter with Weinstein in a Beverly Hills hotel suite.

> “As we've gotten closer to this, and it's gotten more real, my need to clarify and be more detailed - Siebel Newsom

“Have you had a difficult time actually discerning what happened in a nightmare and what actually happened in a bedroom at the Peninsula Hotel?” Werksman asked.

“No, no,” Siebel Newsom responded.

She explained that the new elements of her testimony, some of which she said under oath for the first time on Monday, were a result of having more time to process what happened.

“As we've gotten closer to this, and it's gotten more real, my need to clarify and be more detailed” has increased, Siebel Newsom said. “I had everything in a box, and I've been slowly sharing a little bit at a time, because this is so painful.”

As Werksman kept returning to transcripts of her initial conversations with prosecutors in 2020, Siebel Newsom said that she did not think her initial conversations with police and prosecutors would lead to charges.

“I offered to talk to detectives initially to support other women, not to be up here on the witness stand,” Siebel Newsom said.

She then teared up as she did occasionally Tuesday, though she was not nearly as emotional as she was during her intense and dramatic testimony a day earlier.

“You're the wife of the governor of California at the time and you're about to meet with the police and a deputy DA,” Werksman said, “and you didn't think that the consequence of what you said was that you would be a victim in an indictment in a criminal indictment?”

Siebel Newsom said she thought her allegations were likely to be beyond the statute of limitations.

“I honestly was just telling my truth and I didn't know what the outcome was going to be,” she testified.

Werksman, who says Siebel Newsom had consensual sex with Weinstein to advance her career, said during his questioning that her testimony showed she had not made her lack of consent clear during the encounter. He also showed her many friendly emails she sent to Weinstein in the years that followed that Werksman said would not have been sent by someone who had been raped.

She responded that she had set aside the assault in her mind, and the communications were an unfortunate necessity as a young actor like she was at the time.

“I was just surviving,” she said.

Siebel Newsom is going by the name Jane Doe #4 at the trial, and like the others Weinstein is charged with raping or sexually assaulting, her real name is not being spoken in court. But both the prosecution and the defense have identified her as the governor's wife during the trial, and Siebel Newsom's attorney confirmed to The Associated Press and other news outlets that she is Jane Doe #4.

The governor, who last week sailed to a second term, was not in the courtroom for his wife's testimony.

She will now be the last of four women Weinstein is charged with assaulting to testify at the trial after Judge Lisa Lench dropped charges involving a fifth accuser.

Lench dismissed two counts of forcible rape and two counts of forcible oral copulation against the 70-year-old Weinstein.

The move had appeared likely since the trial's opening statements, when prosecutors only mentioned four women Weinstein was charged with assaulting, leaving out the accuser identified in an indictment as Jane Doe #5.

The prosecutors at first kept the charges in place and left open the possibility that the woman would testify. But Deputy District Attorney Paul Thompson told the judge before testimony began Tuesday they would no longer pursue the Jane Doe #5 counts.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has not provided an explanation for why they opted to leave the woman out of the trial.

The remaining charges against Weinstein, who is serving a 23-year sentence for a conviction in New York, are two counts of rape and five other sexual assault counts.

He has pleaded not guilty and has said he didn't engage in nonconsensual sex.

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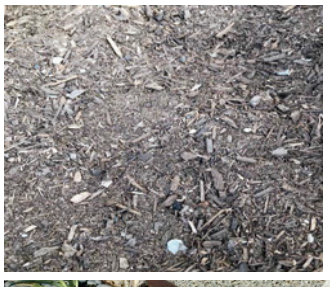
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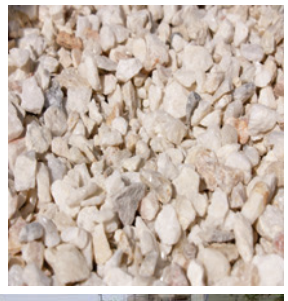
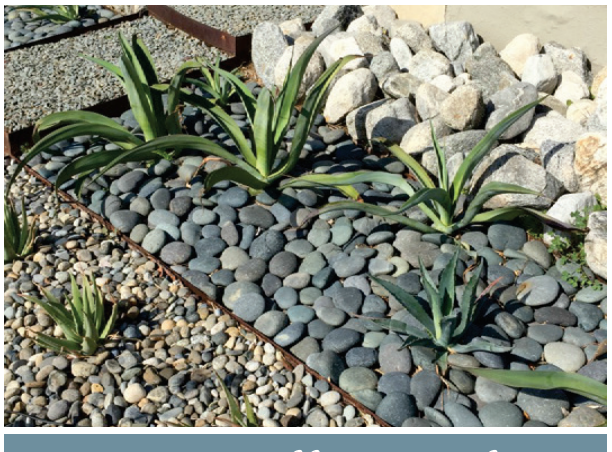
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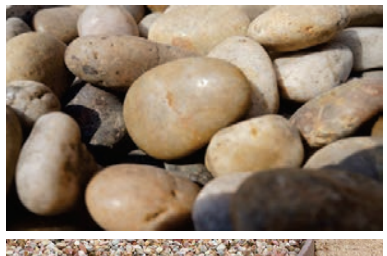



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FENTANYL

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the same effects, making it more profitable and leading to a surge in counterfeit versions of other drugs actually containing fentanyl – which can be deadly in quantities as small as a few grains of sand.

A Santa Monica teenager died in February 2021 after he ingested a pill he believed to be Xanax, but actually contained fentanyl, which he had purchased from a dealer on Snapchat. Early this year, three SMMUSD students were hospitalized after reportedly taking fentanyl laced drugs.

SMMUSD Coordinator of Mental Health Counseling Shuli Lotan, who also serves as the advisor for the SWAG club, said these incidents raised awareness about the issue among local students but also revealed the need for education. Lotan advocates for what she calls a "harm reduction approach," which she said means discussing the risks of drugs like fentanyl frankly with students and "not shying away from information that kids really need."

"Talking to kids about drugs is not going to make them do it or condone it, we just want to give them information so they can make a choice," she said.

She added that while it is important for adults to participate and facilitate this type of education, there is extra value in students learning from each other.

"Adults can talk until we're blue in the face and sometimes it goes in one ear and out the other, it's just another grown up talking at them," she said. "But when it comes from your peers, it's a different view and it has a different landing, so I think there's a lot of value in training youth to be peer educators and peer mentors."

Ivy Chang, a senior administrative analyst for the City said fentanyl is an issue that the City, District, County and community partners will continue working collaboratively to address.

"I think everybody's wanting to be very proactive around this issue to make sure that the information is out there for both parents and students," she said.

The LA County Department of Public Health is hosting ongoing informational sessions about fentanyl. Students can register for a training today at tinyurl.com/obsatraining

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DRUGS: Organizations like SMMUSD have been trying to provide information to parents and students about the dangers of fentanyl in the local illicit drug market. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has issued multiple health alerts related to adolescents overdose involving the purchase of counterfeit pills containing fentanyl.

UCLA

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themselves in their new league and West Coast recruits consequently will have grown more accustomed to watching Big Ten football on television.

"If you're 40 years old, you know the tradition and history of college football with those schools in the Pac-12 and Pac-10," Frank said. "But fast-forward to several years from now. There's going to be a 15-year-old you're recruiting, and he doesn't remember those two schools playing in the Pac-12."

Biggins does believe that switching conferences will enable USC and UCLA to have more success landing recruits from the Midwest. That should cause the Big Ten's current members to realize they must look more closely at prospects in the West Coast.

That already might be happening. Walsh said Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh recently attended one of Junipero Serra's games while visiting the area for a reunion of the San Francisco 49ers' 2012 NFC championship team.

"He mentioned to me that Michigan definitely has to recruit the Bay Area more," Walsh said. "I think that'll be the plan for Michigan and the rest of the Big Ten."

AP Sports Writer Larry Lage and Mitch Stacy and AP College Football Writer Eric Olson contributed to this report.

VOTE

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contentious; U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu and state Senator Ben Allen declared victory almost immediately.

Allen tweeted about "what looks like a strong victory" around 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 9, just 12 hours after polls closed. Lieu was not close behind.

"Today I express my sincerest gratitude to the residents of Los Angeles County who have continued to trust me as their representative in Congress," Lieu was quoted as saying in a statement published the afternoon following Election Day. "Serving my constituents in the House of Representatives is the honor of my lifetime."

> "After all of our hard work together these last 8 months, Santa Monica voters showed that they support inclusive leadership and a vision for Santa Monica that prioritizes economic recovery, a more affordable city, and a housing-first approach to solving homelessness - Caroline Torosis

But many other races were contested. There remain an estimated 562,524 ballots left to be counted countywide, as of the latest update provided by the RRCC on Tuesday evening, but even tighter races are now being declared.

Caroline Torosis, the top vote-getter in the Santa Monica City Council race, declared victory late last week.

"After all of our hard work together these last 8 months, Santa Monica voters showed that they support inclusive leadership and a vision for Santa Monica that prioritizes economic recovery, a more affordable city, and a housing-first approach to solving homelessness," Torosis wrote in an email to her supporters on Friday, Nov. 11. "I am optimistic that when the final votes are tallied, we will have built a broad citywide coalition ready to tackle our city's biggest challenges."

On Tuesday morning, incoming City Councilmember Jesse Zwick formally declared victory, earning one of three city council seats on the ballot. Zwick has consistently sat at second place as results have been tallied.

Zwick similarly declared victory in an email to his supporters.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to serve my city, and thankful to all of you who donated, volunteered, and voted in this race," Zwick wrote. "Most of all, however, I am heartened by the broad support that Santa Monicans showed for a more compassionate and inclusive city."

Incumbent Lana Negrete — who was appointed to council in 2021 — was still holding onto the third seat in her election bid, but with the race still too close to call, Negrete had yet to come out with a formal statement following Election Day.

None of the four school board members poised for victory provided statements about the race as of Tuesday.

In the contest to replace Councilmember Mike Bonin for LA City Council District 11 representation, Traci Park remained around 53.5% to fellow candidate Erin Darling's 46.5%, but Park had yet to declare victory as of Tuesday.

Rick Chavez Zbur, an establishment Democratic Party candidate who successfully campaigned to succeed outgoing Assemblymember Richard Bloom, declared victory Monday. Zbur later posted a photo from Assembly orientation in Sacramento, writing, "Really excited to start my orientation in Sacramento today as Assembly District 51's new Assemblymember!"

Results up to this time have come in slow and steady — three updates on Election Night followed by subsequent data dumps on Thursday, Nov. 10; Friday, Nov. 11; Saturday, Nov. 12; Monday, Nov. 14; and Tuesday, Nov. 15. The next update was anticipated for Thursday, Nov. 17.

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POPULATION

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Saharan Africa.

Still, any effort to reduce family size now would come too late to significantly slow the 2050 growth projections, the U.N. said. About two-thirds of it "will be driven by the momentum of past growth."

"Such growth would occur even if childbearing in today's high-fertility countries were to fall immediately to around two births per woman," the report found.

There are also important cultural reasons for large families. In sub-Saharan Africa, children are seen as a blessing and as a source of support for their elders — the more sons and daughters, the greater comfort in retirement.

Still, some large families "may not have what it takes to actually feed them," says Eunice Azimi, an insurance broker in Lagos and mother of three.

"In Nigeria, we believe that it is God that gives children," she said. "They see it as the more children you have, the more benefits. And you are actually overtaking your peers who cannot have as many children. It looks like a competition in villages."

Politics also have played a role in Tanzania, where former President John Magufuli, who ruled the East African country from 2015 until his death in 2021, discouraged birth control, saying that a large population was good for the economy.

He opposed family planning programs promoted by outside groups, and in a 2019 speech urged women not to "block ovaries." He even described users of contraceptives as "lazy" in a country he said was awash with cheap food. Under Magufuli, pregnant schoolgirls were even banned from returning to classrooms.

But his successor, Samia Suluhu Hassan, appeared to reverse government policy in comments last month when she said birth control was necessary in order not to overwhelm the country's public infrastructure.

Even as populations soar in some countries, the U.N. says rates are expected to drop by 1% or more in 61 nations.

The U.N. report put the current U.S population at 337 million, reaching 375 million in 2050. The population growth rate in 2021 was just 0.1%, the lowest since the country was founded.

"Going forward, we're going to have slower growth — the question is, how slow?" said William Frey, a demographer at the Brookings Institution. "The real wild card for the U.S. and many other developed countries is immigration."

Charles Kenny, a senior fellow at the Center for Global Development in Washington, says environmental concerns surrounding the 8 billion mark should focus on consumption, particularly in developed countries.

"Population is not the problem, the way we consume is the problem — let's change our consumption patterns," he said.

Asadu reported from Abuja, Nigeria. Associated Press writers Krista Larson in Dakar, Senegal; Sibi Arasu in Bengaluru, India; Wanjohi Kabukuru in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt; Christina Larson in Washington; Rodney Muhumuza in Kampala, Uganda, and Jean-Yves Kamale in Kinshasa, Congo, contributed.

CURIOUS CITY

FROM PAGE 4

and I have to say the actions are similar. If you try to run a campaign without their blessing, your chances diminish considerably. That, to me, is a machine

There are long-established political machines everywhere, geared up and practiced to win elections. LA Mayoral candidate Karen Bass is certainly part of one. But even though her opponent Rick Caruso spent more than $100,000,000 of his own money, it looks like he came up short. He should have checked over his machine more thoroughly before hitting the road.

The results are not yet in for City Council, and it could wind up being a total loss for independents claiming to represent the residents. The School Board race was a similar disaster (from my perspective). The two longtime incumbents and their acolyte won, with only the Malibu representative from the A Brighter Future organization winning which will make her totally ineffective.

And yes, we must always follow the $$$, mustn't we? Santa Monica College got their school bond to pass, another $375M, on top of more than $1B we have granted them over the last decade. If you pay property tax in Santa Monica, you are paying for these. Renters? Oh sure, vote for the bond, I don't pay for it. And with SMMUSD politics steamrolling ahead as usual, they will be adding for another several hundred million too, on top of their $1B.

Isn't this the definition of corruption? Where everything has dollar signs and the power goes to the richest and most organized, not to the people and their representatives? Sen. I'm hardly naive. This has been going on for time immemorial. But we evolve, hopefully. Bernie Sanders and a handful of others (Rep. Katie Porter in Orange County, God bless her) are still right: we need to rethink the way we do things.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 16)

You love seeing good things happen for your colleagues and family; it fortifies your belief that it can also happen for you, and so it will. You're open to the world and its influence and yet you've an unchanging core of strength inside you. Among this year's amazements: a prayer is answered and a wish is delivered, too. Scorpio and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 22, 28, 30 and 14.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You expect challenges -- some logistical, some communication-related and some inherent to the work at hand. Your sporting attitude should make this a lot of fun!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sometimes, as you follow your intuition, you wonder which internal voice is the right one. Note that intuition often comes in the form of curiosity or interest. Follow that and you'll be psychically connected.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're protective of your loved ones and will, in your own calm, controlled way, leap to their defense at the slightest sign that it's needed. Do the same for yourself. Teach the world how to treat you and yours.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Even though the demands on you are not difficult, they are still abundant. You have to draw the line somewhere. You're clear about why you're making efforts. Rule out what goes against your "why" and you'll be left with the best answers.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll get another chance at a project that didn't quite work out the first time around. Your creativity is flowing. Don't worry about how much sense a thing makes. It's the impractical ventures that lead to exciting and lucrative developments.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You notice and speak to what you observe in others. Your kind words set you apart. Compliments like the ones you give are rare. They might catch people off guard, but you can be sure that later they'll think about what you've said.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sometimes an act of conformity is the polite thing to do, but if you have to ignore your intuition in the process, it won't be worth it. You value politeness, but there are many more important virtues that will come to bear on today's situation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Though the broad strokes my seem to be lining up just fine, it's what you pick up in the small details -- your nearly subliminal understanding of things -- that will have the biggest effect on your energy. You can trust your sense of things.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't believe that anyone's time is more or less valuable than yours, and you prove this point by being punctual. It will take special planning to pull this off with today's challenges.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When being around people is draining, you find energy in other kinds of connections. For instance, through your special connection with animals, you appreciate nature and praise its beauty.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your good taste will be called on as you host or assist a friend in hosting. It is not lost on you that the one who controls details like music and lighting is also controlling the mood, which you'll manage to do to excellent effect.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Environments matter. It's easier to study in a clean room or sing in a quiet room. You don't always have the correct space to do the activities you most enjoy, but you will make moves to remedy this and build a life more to your liking.

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Sudoku

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

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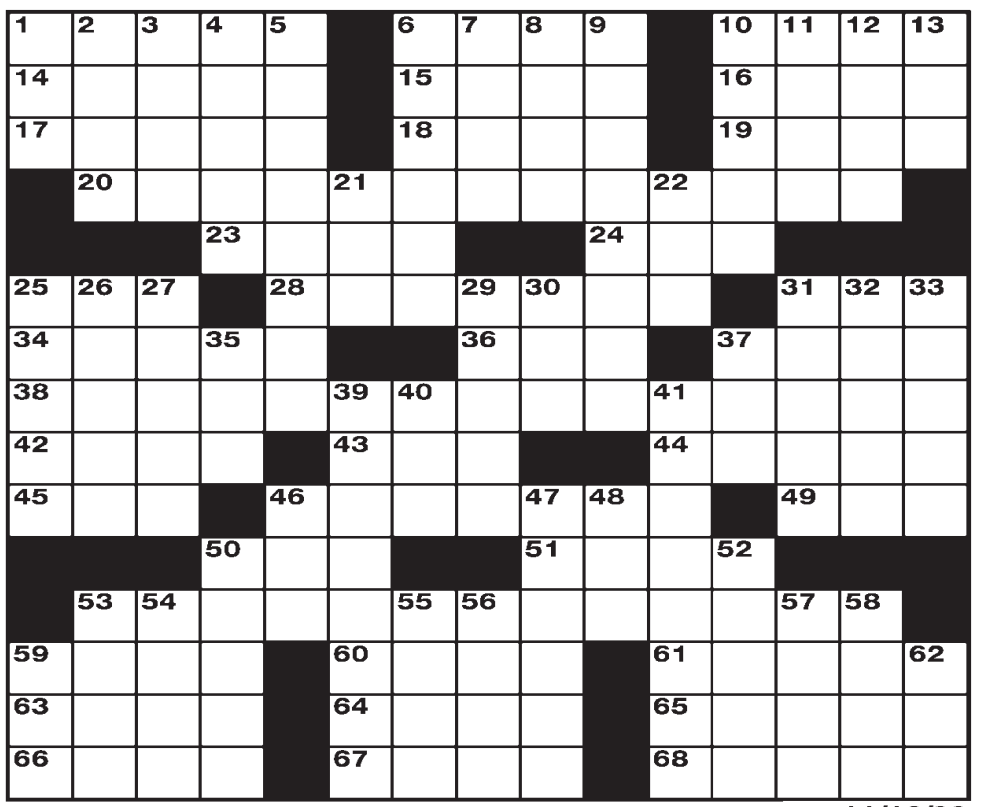
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ACROSS

1 Inert gas in the atmosphere
6 Middle of the Three Bears
10 Great achievement
14 Southeast Florida port
15 Place to "worship from"
16 Land measure
17 Divide evenly
18 Metric weight
19 __ Mountains (Europe/Asia range)
20 Group discussing comets and galaxies
23 Bottom of a shoe
24 Brewery's large container
25 Victories in boxing, for short
28 Settle the score
31 "Steady as __ goes"
34 Give a speech
36 Peach seed
37 Molecule component
38 Very docile
42 Batch of laundry
43 Sailor's assent
44 River's flood barrier
45 __ Arbor, MI
46 Far in the past
49 Make a blunder
50 Distinctive period
51 Regretted
53 May, as in "I may go"
59 Transition point
60 Tot's boo-boo
61 Poet Dickinson
63 Nabisco cookie
64 Shows approval by moving one's head
65 Rascal
66 The Red Planet
67 Pesky little fly
68 Something of value

DOWN

1 Times before noon: Abbr.
2 Kelly of daytime TV
3 Women at a hoedown
4 Fails to include
5 Main element in air
6 Fridge message holder
7 Puffy hairdo
8 What cowboys call ladies
9 Former soldiers
10 Pin the blame on
11 Brown hosiery color
12 Typical Jordanian
13 __ Aviv, Israel
21 Spanish cheer
22 Is able to
25 Bearlike Aussie beast
26 Film legend Welles
27 Star gazer Carl
29 Sporting swords
30 Going by way of
31 __ off (avert)
32 Bases-clearing hit
33 Bonfire remnant
35 Danson of TV
37 Ginger __ (soft drink)
39 Accompany someone
40 Drain-clearing chemical
41 Natural burn balm
46 The Diamondbacks, on scoreboards
47 Take into custody
48 Dude
50 Trade shows, for short
52 Dealership's floor models
53 Uncanny glow
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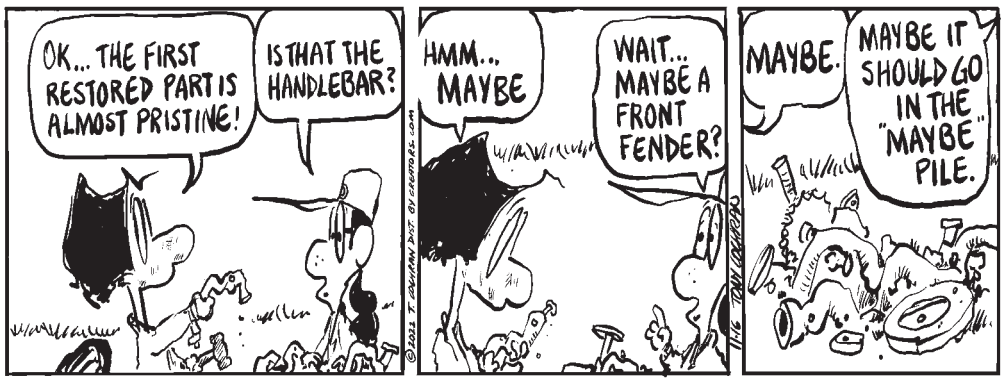


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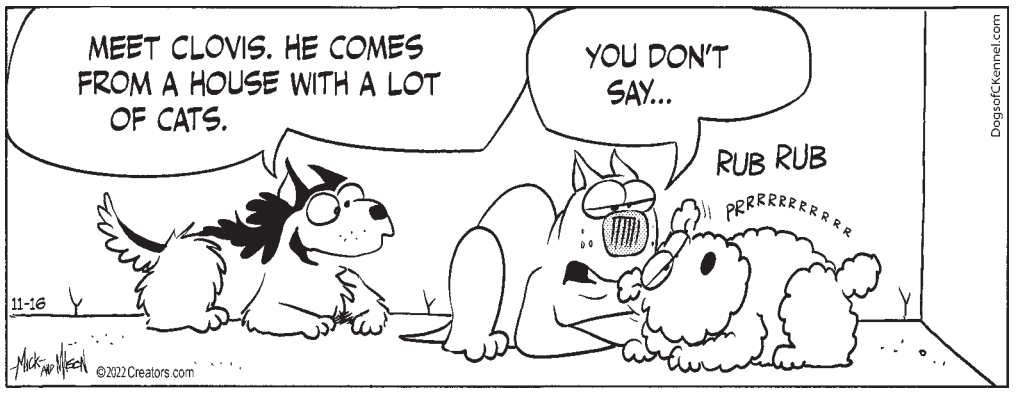
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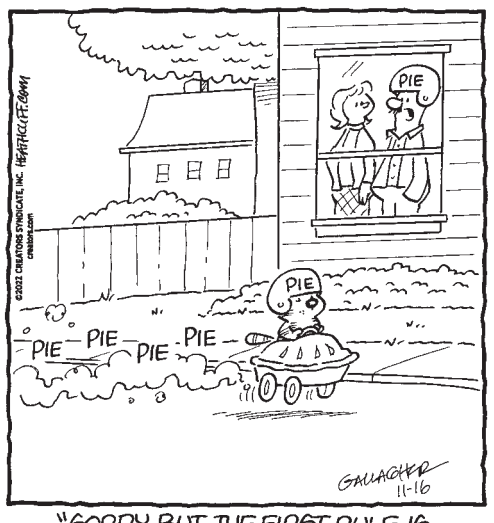
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FIND THE WORDS

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

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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.

NOTHIN' BUT SAND BEACH CLEAN-UP

Join MLB and Heal the Bay this Saturday to help make Santa Monica Beach sparkle. This MLB Green Team Event is part of the league's continued efforts to promote sustainability and environmental awareness while also giving opportunities to take direct action through volunteerism. People of all ages are encouraged to register, sign a waiver and show up with their own buckets, garden gloves and a reusable mask and water bottle to make the event zero waste. After the clean-up, participants can join the fun at MLB All-Star Oceanfront event taking place along Santa Monica Beach. Register online at https://healthebay.org/events/category/heal-the-bay/nothin-but-sand/list/

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



SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **59.9**

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. Moderate Santa Ana event with breezy offshore flow.
THURSDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Fresh, longer period NW swell builds through the day as modest SSW swell blends in. Offshore flow for the morning.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 72. Breezy, with a north wind around 20 mph.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50. North northeast wind around 15 mph.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 71. North northeast wind around 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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
2022/11/19	Sat	6:07 PM	4.08	H
2022/11/20	Sun	12:00 AM	0.98	L
2022/11/20	Sun	06:31 AM	5.42	H
2022/11/20	Sun	1:02 PM	0.68	L

DAILY LOTTERY

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the winning number information, mistakes can occur. In the event of any discrepancies, California State laws and California Lottery regulations will prevail. Complete game information and prize claiming instructions are available at California Lottery retailers. Visit the California State Lottery web site at http://www.calottery.com

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 11/14
19 35 53 54 67
Power#: 21
Jackpot: 76 M

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

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 11/12
2 5 17 40 46
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 7 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/14
2 6 7 11 28

Daily 3
Draw Date: 11/14
EVENING: 2 2 5
Draw Date: 11/14
MIDDAY: 9 2 4

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 11/14
1st: 05 - California Classic
2nd: 06 - Whirl Win
3rd: 03 - Hot Shot
Race Time: 1:41.73

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