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The Undecideds: They're out there, and so very conflicted

BY NANCY BENAC
Associated Press

After all the sound, fury, fact, fallacy, bluster and blarney of the 2016 presidential campaign, there still are undecided voters out there. Really. And they're not just people who've buried their heads in the sand. Some thoughtful people just do not know what to do with the choices they've been given, yet are determined to exercise their right to vote.

pletely think this through," says Peter Schroeder, a fulltime student and tech startup worker in Erie, Pennsylvania.

"I have a mail-in ballot and I change my mind every day about what I should do," says Lori Perez, a stay-at-home mom in Lehi, Utah. "Let me have a moment of silence to think about this, OK?" asks Moshe Sherizen, a digital marketer from Southfield, Michigan.

Polls suggest the undecideds make up a small slice of the electorate — perhaps just 2 percent at

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Big Blue Bus gives free money to almost 9,000 people

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Big Blue Bus (BBB) gave away transit fares worth \$392,794 during its inaugural Buy One Get One (BOGO) promotion.

The BOGO program ran for 17 weeks starting in May and was designed to capitalize on excitement surrounding the opening of the Expo line in Santa Monica. The program had a total budget of \$575,000 and used a total of \$474,266.

The program allowed users to get up to \$110 worth of BBB passes and \$20 in stored value per week on a TAP card. A special 30-Day Youth pass was also available for \$10. Including youth pass purchases (\$29,150), expenses (\$35,442.21) and the cost of providing free bus rides during Expo's opening day (\$16,879.54), the program ended with \$100,733.91 in the bank and that money will be used to continue to subsidize the Youth Pass.

According to a report form City

Staff there were 15,965 unique transactions by 8,927 unique customers. The two numbers differ as customers were able to make purchases on behalf of youth and other special circumstances.

"The average BOGO customer received \$40 of free value," said the report. "More than 39.9% of customers were Santa Monica residents and more than 70.7% of total customers lived inside the BBB Service Area by zip code. In

SEE BBB PAGE 5



PLAQUE

Metro honored U.S. Army Private Joe Gandara, a World War II hero who perished in combat, with a plaque at the 26th St/Bergamot Station of the Expo Line on Friday. He was a Santa Monica native who grew up in the nearby Pico neighborhood. Private Gandara enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942 and was deployed to Europe. In June 1944, his detachment came under devastating fire and was pinned down for four hours. Private Gandara voluntarily advanced alone toward the enemy position, destroying three machine guns before he was fatally wounded. Due to his Hispanic heritage, Private Gandara was passed over for medals, awards and recognition during World War II and the decades that followed. Only in 2014 was Private Gandara's heroism, valor and sacrifice in defense of freedom recognized when he was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by President Barack Obama. Speakers included representatives from Metro, the armed forces, local politicians and Gandara's family.

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On Saturday November 5, the Resource Recovery and Recycling Division will be hosting a Free Compost Giveaway Event. Residents may fill up to 5 bags with compost. Compost is a nutrient rich soil that is great for gardens. For more information visit www.smgov.net/r3events. City Yards, 2500 Michigan Ave. 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Ocean Park Branch Book Group

November title: "A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier" by Ishmael Beah. A Monthly Meeting of the Ocean Park Book Group. Meets the 1st Saturday of the Month. Open to All. No Registration Required. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 6

IDF Walk for Primary Immunodeficiency

Fundraising campaign to support the thousands of individuals who live with this disease. Tongva Park, 1615 Ocean Ave. 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Los Angeles Liver Life Walk

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Sunday, November 6

Lessons Learned from the Justin Palmer Case

The Committee for Racial Justice will examine key issues that arise from the recently concluded trial in Federal Court in which a Santa Monica police officer was found liable for using excessive force against Justin Palmer, an African American resident of Santa Monica who was trying to charge his electric car at Virginia Avenue Park. Mr. Palmer's attorney, Justin Sanders, will present his perspective on the case. Eyewitnesses to the incident and members of CRJ, NAACP and the Coalition for Police Reform who monitored the trial will share their insights. Virginia Avenue Park, Thelma Terry Bldg., 2200 Virginia Ave., 6 - 8:30 p.m. For more information, call (310) 422-5431.

Monday, November 7

Architectural Review Board Meeting

The ARB generally meets on the first and third Mondays of each month unless there is a holiday. Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall unless otherwise noted. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m.

Disabilities Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Disabilities Commission. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 6:30 - 9 p.m.

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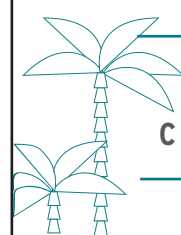
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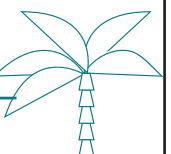
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Follow the money supporting "No on LV"

AS A FORMER MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT with clients that ranged from small companies to large Fortune 500 companies, and the largest company in Canada, one principle stood out when trying to understand a business: Follow the money!

So, let's unwrap the "No on LV" package: First some basics: Increased height, plus density, equal higher land values; this often translates into what is called economic rents, that is, profits beyond what is needed to justify a project. Another basic is that most low-density projects create less traffic than higher density ones.

Investment in "No on LV" has a Return on Investment, otherwise why spend the money? The financial statements of the "No on LV" supporters show companies headquartered in Nevada, Georgia, Rhode Island, state of Washington, and Beverly Hills, to name a few, spending money to influence a vote in Santa Monica. The total "No" contributions exceed \$1.2 million. Trust me, companies don't spend that amount of money unless they expect to receive a substantial return.

Pro-growth City Council members over the years relied on "pay to play", using developer money to finance their campaigns. The Transparency Project studied this and reached the same conclusion. Why did many of these candidates receive a majority/significant share of their contributions from outside interests? Who were their constituents? The residents, or developers living outside of Santa Monica?

Finally, why did the pro-growth Council members support the explosion of office construction that left the City with traffic gridlock and little additional affordable housing? Pay to play? It should be noted that office buildings are high yielding investments without the headaches of residential

housing. Another developer win?

Look no further than the voter cancelled Hines project and the shenanigans of the Village Trailer Park (VTP). These developers made money on both projects: VTP tossed out seniors from their homes in order to enrich the developer, and Hines sold the property, which is currently being renovated under "by-right" zoning that limits height. Both the original Hines and the VTP were "sold" on the basis of providing more "affordable housing". But, at what cost to the community? And, who profited? The VTP developers made a reported \$50 million on their \$5 million investment.

A brief side note: If you are receiving your mail delivery much later than normal, think about all the "No on LV" mailers. I get about half a dozen a day. Multiply that times other residents on your postal workers route and you get the picture. Do the people sending these mailers think you are so stupid as to need a half dozen reminders a day in order for you to vote "No"? They are mocking your intelligence!

What's worse, the "No on LV" folks are spreading unwarranted, false fears about the future. If, as the "No" folks claim, there were any impediments to rebuilding after a major earthquake, it would take about three nanoseconds for the residents to fix that. But, there is no fix for an overbuilt City that is straining its infrastructure, shaped by traffic gridlock. Enough of this nonsense!

BOTTOM LINE:

Vote "YES" on LV if you believe that Santa Monica residents should control the destiny of our future growth, not outside entities seeking economic "rents"!

ROGER SWANSON is an Ocean Park Resident

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Downtown mess

Editor:

Long ago, Santa Monica citizens put 2-3 story restrictions on development, knowing Santa Monica doesn't have the street capacity for anything larger.

Several years ago, we had Measure T on the ballot (low rise/no high rise) – volunteer led. We were swamped by mega bucks developers (with very duplicitous ads) led by Shiela Kuhl. We lost.

Now we have Measure LV – same scenario with Measure T. We wouldn't have lost the trailer park, Norm's and other businesses. There are 40 more projects waiting for Measure LV to fail, projects of 6 - 20 stories.

Are you willing to gather signatures to stop the 40?
Yes on LV.

Vote for Armen Melkonians and don't vote for the incumbents who have facilitated the downtown mess.

M. Gale Elton
Santa Monica

Yes on LV

Editor:

I am writing to urge the residents of Santa Monica and readers of the Santa Monica Daily Press to vote "Yes" on LV.

All affordable, moderate-income, and market-rate housing required by our state Housing Element, including developments over 32 feet in height, are exempt from the voter approval requirement. Only when the state benchmarks are achieved, and these production numbers are significant, is voter approval of individual market-rate projects required.

LV, in fact, will make improvements in our affordable housing. LV will require more pre-planning, prioritize developments that provide deeper affordability, and helps to slow down excessive growth. LV for the first time defines affordable housing, by ensuring that only household incomes up to and no greater than 120 percent moderate-income qualify.

Please join me on November 8 by voting "Yes" on LV.

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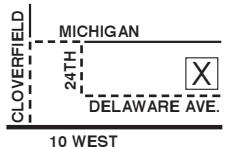
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Gardening and Community

By Talia Tinari

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Herb Profile: Sage

IT'S THIS TIME OF YEAR, WHEN THE LIGHT is changing, the air in the early morning is cool and soft, and the noonday sun not so penetrating, that I crave the tastes of autumn; crisp apples, cider, cinnamon, and savory spices, especially sage.

The tomato vines are brown skeletons of the lush plants they were a couple of months ago. They will be dug up and winter crops will be planted in their place. In the meantime, I will harvest sage from my plot in Santa Monica Community gardens and cook as many recipes as possible.

Common Sage (*salvia officinalis*), from the Latin meaning 'to heal' is a member of the Lamiacea family of plants or the mint family. They are herbaceous, perennial, flowering plants. Mint, basil, rosemary and oregano are all members of the Lamiacea family. But sage, to me at least, seems to stand out less in this class of very fragrant herbs. It imparts the herbaceous savory element present in foods like sausage and bread stuffing. When you're preparing peppermint (*menthe piperita*), or basil (*ocimum basilicum*), the aroma is so obviously mint or basil. But sage is subtle in its musky savory-ness.

The leaves of the sage plant are oblong, grayish-green with a light 'fuzz' and contain phenolic compounds such as cineole (*eucalyptol*), and camphor, giving the plant its scent. The essential oils contained in its leaves are antioxidant, anti-inflammatory and antibacterial.

Sage is native to Mediterranean countries and the ancient Greeks and Romans used it medicinally. Modern clinical studies have shown that sage improves memory and mental function, has glucose lowering effects in diabetes, slows metastasis of cancer cells, helps in reducing obesity, and eases symptoms of menopause.

In many cultures, from the ancient Greeks and Romans to Native Americans, sage is burned as a ritual for spiritual cleansing and to positively balance energy. With all of its medicinal properties, it's not a far leap to believe that it would remedy metaphysical imbalances.

Uncooked sage can be used to make a tea,

but as a culinary herb it is much better cooked than eaten raw. The simplest way to prepare it is frying. Wash and dry the leaves, pinching them off from the woody branch. Heat 1/2 cup of very good extra virgin olive oil over medium-high heat. When the oil is hot, drop in the leaves for a few seconds or until they are crisp. Drain the leaves on paper towels and sprinkle them with sea salt.

Butternut squash, harvested in autumn, pairs well with sage, especially in that favorite fall dish, butternut squash ravioli in sage butter sauce. This is an easy way to combine the two flavors. Pre-made butternut squash ravioli can be purchased in the grocery store (try Trader Joe's or Whole Foods). While the ravioli is cooking, heat a few tablespoons of butter and as soon as it starts to brown, drop in the sage and remove from the heat. Toss the sage butter over the ravioli, add Parmesan cheese and, if you like, a bit of lemon zest.

My favorite recipe for butternut squash soup is an adaptation of Thomas Keller's version and can be found on the New York Times Cooking website www.cooking.nytimes.com.

In this recipe, the sage is placed inside the halved butternut squash while it's roasting. The squash roasts cut side down, the moisture of the pumpkin creates steam, cooking the sage and imparting its essential oils, flavors and aromatics. The sage is discarded but no matter, it's left its mark.

Non-vegetarians will find that sage is excellent paired with sausage. Crisp the sage in olive oil as above, squeeze Italian sausage (hot or sweet depending on your taste), from its casing, sauté until no longer pink, remove meat with a slotted spoon into a bowl. Drain all of the drippings, save for a couple of tablespoons. Add about a cup of dry white wine, deglazing the pan and reducing the wine by a third. Return the sausage and sage to the pan. Toss on your favorite pasta and enjoy!

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Huge Success for Westside Food Bank's Hunger Walk



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WALKING: The Westside Food Bank held its annual Hunger Walk in October.

The Hunger Walk was a big success for Westside Food Bank! More than 600 walkers participated in the walk along Santa Monica Beach and the event set a new fundraising record for the food bank by bringing in more than \$110,000 in donations. The event featured dance performances by The Pretenders Dance Studio and a musical performance by musician Sam Shaber. The event also featured a Beach Bash After Party sponsored by Banc of California and hosted at Perry's Café. The After Party was attended by 85 walkers, the majority of whom received free entry for raising over \$250 in donations.

Westside Food Bank will use the funds raised from the Hunger Walk to provide more than 440,000 meals for local individuals and families in need. With the numbers of individuals and families seeking emergency food continuing to match record high levels, the generous contributions will sustain thousands of local families for whom

financial recovery has been especially slow. Westside Food Bank works with more than 65 social service agencies in West Los Angeles County to distribute over 4.5 million pounds of food per year. The wide variety of nutritious food they distribute from their warehouse in Santa Monica reaches more than 105,000 people every year, nearly half of whom are children.

Even though the Hunger Walk is over, the fight to end hunger is not. Westside Food Bank welcomes all members of the community to continue aiding in this fight by making a donation of food or funds. Since Westside Food Bank can translate each donated dollar into five pounds of nutritious food, donors can be assured that their gifts will have a powerful impact. To make a donation to Westside Food Bank or learn more on how to help, please visit their website at www.wsfb.org.

— Submitted by Michael Girsback
Development Associate, Westside Food Bank

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addition, 4.7% of BOGO customers were international visitors. The most popular product purchased during the promotion was Stored Value, accounting for 66% of total sales."

Stored value is equivalent to cash for use anywhere that accepts a TAP card including Metro buses, Expo and the Big Blue Bus.

The BBB 30-Day Pass and BBB 13-Rides Pass were also popular.

As the promotion could only be applied to TAP cards, sales of the card increased dramatically during the program. According to the report, 5,582 TAP cards (1,177 per month) were sold as part of the program compared to an average of 181 cards sold per month during the five months prior to the program.

The report said high demand for the program created a few problems.

"Customers were frustrated with the complexities of the promotion, especially when combined with existing complexities

of TAP and regional transit in general. Customer inquiries about the BOGO promotion and about using TAP added considerable time to each transaction, increasing the wait time for all customers present," said the report.

Staff also said the program was implemented without a fixed end date and the lack of certainty frustrated customers and staff.

"Another aspect that challenged customers was not having a program end date from the launch of BOGO. Customers routinely inquired about when the promotion would end and BBB customer service representatives were only able to provide them with "when supplies run out" and an estimate of "will end sometime in September." Having a date-certain program end would be helpful to both customers and staff."

A survey of BOGO users is underway to gather more information on the program and the report said it would take several months to fully realize the impact of the promotion on BBB ridership.

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Are Housing Policies in California Effective?

IS THE CURRENT HOUSING POLICING IN CALIFORNIA really having an effect upon society? There needs to be awareness on the issue and the impact upon those individuals in vulnerable situations.

One policy in particular was designed to address the issue of the housing epidemic. The California Department of Housing and Community Development has developed the California Statewide Housing Plan 1997-2020. This policy addresses the needs of vulnerable populations and their access to housing through an evaluation of program designs (Department of Housing and Community Development).

In addition, the policy advances affordable and sustainability in equity properties (Department of Housing and Community Development). This policy also provides funding to allow investment in community development and strategies to assist individuals in homeownership (Department of Housing and Community Development). The use of this policy will promote the well-being of individuals living in California and assist in solving the housing epidemic.

The California Statewide Housing Plan (CSHP), has faced challenges in regards to the reality of society. There

must be a collaboration of local governments, businesses, environmentalists, advocacy groups and the building industry that want to better the living conditions within society (Department of Housing and Community Development). If there is not full support among these parties, it will not allow the advancement of less expensive housing. The high cost of living in California has caused many middle-income households to be forced to make decisions about the quality of neighborhoods and schools to benefit their families (Department of Housing and Community Development). As a result, many individuals must locate to suburbs, which may be far away from their place of employment. If California plans to build enough housing to meet the demands of future residents, housing must be at the forefront of State policy efforts. State agencies must recognize the need to work in partnership with the local governments, lenders and non-profits to ensure the productivity of new developments.

There are approximately 587,000 low income California renters that are living in overcrowded conditions (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities). Research states, a person per room is a valid measurement of overcrowding and that overcrowding leads to a lack of privacy, excessive social demands and poorer child care (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities). Additionally, it has been found that there were poorer social relationships within and outside the home (American Sociological Review). As a result, these contributing factors effect society's economic stability. A Community Mental Health Journal observed group homes for psychiatric patients and found that settings with fewer residents lead to less anxiety, which create a more positive view of the social environment. Furthermore, it is essential to recognize overcrowding within homes.

The housing crisis in California and the consequent overcrowding is leading to poorer mental health and physical issues (American Sociological Review). The physical health issues, which include respiratory illness can have a major impact on a person (Journal of Social and Social Welfare). According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, housing security has been linked as one of the two most important social determinants of health. Housing instability or specifically overcrowding can lead to deleterious outcomes such as psychological distress and insufficient sleep (Center for Disease Control and Prevention). In addition, there is a possibility of earlier mortality due to housing instability (Annual Review Public Health). To deal with the housing crisis, the federal government must provide sufficient funds for the construction of more affordable and adequate housing. Renters may receive additional benefits and incentives for moving to less attractive or more central regions of the state. Ultimately, it is essential that there is more social support for those living in overcrowded conditions.

The California Statewide Housing Plan (CSHP) policy, has illustrated the challenges that it faces. One of these challenges is that government, businesses, building makers, environmentalists and advocacy groups must work and collaborate together. This collaboration can improve the lives and health of many. The current reality of California is that housing is too expensive and people are living in overcrowded conditions. It is clear that this leads to pathological mental health conditions, such as depression. One solution proposed, is that there are incentives to move to other parts of the state other than on the coast.

Daniel Barrera and Elena Burdick are students from the USC School of Social Work

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Santa Monica Voters,

As you are very aware, the election season is well under way; and many are seeking your vote for a variety of measures in our great city, county and nation. I am sure that you are torn by all of the ads, commercials, yard signs and mind blowing information that has been advertised, all to gain your trust and acquire your vote. Most of us are still not sure whom to believe.

I am here to tell you, as the President of the Santa Monica Firefighters, IAFF, Local 1109, that your active, Santa Monica Firefighters, **stand united in our strong opposition to measure LV.** As your first responders, we cannot allow developers to tell us how to protect our citizens, nor can we allow for a measure with so many unintended consequences be passed into law. Sure, there are many reasons to voice our opinion regarding the growth of our city, and the Santa Monica Firefighters would never want to silence your voice; but, your local firefighters cannot sit back and allow a risky and poorly written measure, one that will certainly be subject to legal battles, put our citizens at risk, while being fought in the court system. Our number one concern is the safety and well being of you, our residents!

By now you are being told the many reasons that slow or no growth is needed in our city. As a lifelong resident of the Westside, I remember Santa Monica in its youth. I love Santa Monica so much that I have chosen to raise my family on the Westside, with my children educated through Santa Monica schools, so I too am concerned. I can tell you that Measure LV will not solve the issues that its proponents say it can. As an example, your Firefighters have serious concerns over the inability to rebuild hospitals in our city or even the inability to rebuild our own fire stations without it going to an election. If our fire stations cannot safely house your firefighters, then that may very well effect our response to the citizens we care about, we simply cannot risk this in order to solve other concerns. I truly hope you understand our concerns regarding measure LV and choose to stand with us.

I also hope that you will join your current Santa Monica Firefighters in opposing the risky and poorly written measure LV. **Vote NO on LV!**

James Altman, President
Santa Monica Firefighters, IAFF, Local 1109



FILM REVIEW LOVING

Rated PG-13
123 Minutes
Released November 4th

The film *Loving* covers a critical piece of our country's history involving an interracial couple in Virginia who were sentenced to prison in Virginia in 1958 simply for getting married. It is also a skillfully made film, one of the best of 2016. The direction, the camera work, the acting, the editing, and the construction of the story are superb.

A ten-second flash of a face, every item, every action in this movie reveals volumes. The props crew scoured rural Virginia antique shops for genuine items from the time and location. Scenes that provide information essential to the story are created with understated dramatic impact. Every scene flows into the next, and imparts neither too much nor too little information. A conversation between "Richard Loving" and "Sheriff Brooks" unveils generations of racial tension within minutes. Sheriff Brooks is played with exceptional skill by Martin Csokas. His eerily calm delivery hints at seething anger and self-righteousness hidden underneath a placid countenance as he describes an area under his jurisdiction that has become a melting pot of diverse races.

Most of the lead actors in *Loving* are from outside the US – perhaps this allows them to perceive their characters with a clear vision. Ruth Negga, who is compelling as "Mildred Loving" was born in Ethiopia and raised in Limerick, Ireland. Australian Joel Edgerton is one of those actors who can steal a scene with his intensity even without dialogue. He truly brings "Richard Loving" to life, and looks uncannily similar to the real

individual. This production also took a chance on actors who are just getting started on their careers. Kudos to veteran casting director Francine Maisler for recognizing uncharted talent! Will Dalton ("Virgil") had done just a handful of low budget films, a couple of roles on minor television series' and several commercials. Sharon Blackwood, who endows Richard's mother "Lola Loving" with enormous life in very little screen time, is an opera singer. As an actress her resume lists small roles in ten little-known films. Nick Kroll, known for his comedy series "The Kroll Show" is spot on as the eager and inexperienced civil rights attorney who handles the case. Michael Shannon has an impressive cameo as a life magazine photographer.

Director/writer Jeff Nichols directed and wrote *Mud*, a striking film from 2012, so I wasn't surprised at the great job he did with *Loving*. The filmmakers got almost every detail right, from the rhythm of the scenes to the natural flow of the narrative, the landscapes, the faces, the casting. Nichols even uncovered documentary footage of the Loving's from the mid-60's that allowed his team to "go into their home and see them and watch them".

If you are an aspiring filmmaker you should see this film to find out how to make use of the camera as a tool to make the screen come to life. The simple country landscapes, the faces, even the objects, have radiance in *Loving*.

KATHRYN WHITNEY BOOLE has spent most of her life in the entertainment industry, which is the backdrop for remarkable adventures with extraordinary people. She is a Talent Manager with Studio Talent Group in Santa Monica. kboole@gmail.com. For previously published reviews see <https://kwboole.wordpress.com>



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YES on 61

YES on 62

YES on 63

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Kamala Harris

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NO on 65

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NO on 66

YES on 67

ASSEMBLY

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UNDECIDED

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this late date.

The campaigns have largely them written off, placing their emphasis instead on boosting turnout among the much larger bloc of voters they've already identified as supporters.

But in a close race, the undecideds still could be decisive, especially since pollsters say they're more likely to cast ballots if they live in competitive states than in noncompetitive ones.

Spend some time talking to undecided voters and a clear theme of dissatisfaction quickly emerges.

"It's not a choice between two goods," says Democratic pollster Peter Hart, who conducts focus groups. "It's a choice between two deplorables, from their point of view."

Texas Danielle Inman, who works for a cellular provider, shows the conflicting emotions that are roiling undecided voters, who can talk themselves in and out of multiple candidates in a single conversation.

In a 10-minute chat, the 47-year-old single mother from Plano says Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary

Clinton would "screw things up equally — just in different ways." She says there's "no way in hell" she'd vote for Trump. She says the third-party candidates don't have a chance of winning, so she'll definitely pick a major-party candidate. That leaves Clinton. But she's not sure she can vote for her. And maybe she can vote third-party after all.

So she'll be "praying very heavily on my drive to my polling place" for the right answer.

Pennsylvania millennial Schroeder says he's been to a Trump rally but has gotten most of his information about the campaign from friends and family who depict the Republican as a "dirty, nasty scathing type of person" and Clinton as "a hero who is straight as an arrow." But he's also heard people criticize Clinton's secret email server and call her a "felon."

"I'm just stuck in the middle," says Schroeder, 23. "I don't know what I'm looking for."

Beth Keehn, a 39-year-old medical center marketing official from Columbus Grove, Ohio, says she's voted Republican since age 18 but Trump appalls her and Clinton is too

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VOTERS

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liberal.

"While I'd love to see a woman in the White House, I don't agree with the policies," she says of Clinton. Keehn feels a tug to vote for a third-party candidate but "the fear is that if you don't vote for Clinton, you're just giving a vote to Trump. But I do feel like if we do that forever, we'll never have the opportunity to have a third-party voice."

The undecideds make up such a small portion of the electorate that it's hard to get a fix on where they're coming from politically.

But Republican pollster Micah Roberts analyzed data on a sizeable chunk of undecided voters in early October and found them to be leaning heavily Republican. Some of them may be gravitating to the GOP nominee in the campaign's final days, he says.

"You're seeing that juice getting injected into the Trump side," says Roberts.

Sherizen, 32, might — or might not — fall into that category. He considers himself a Democrat but also a risk-taker and likes Trump's pledge of tough immigration poli-

cies to keep out potential terrorists.

"So I'm sort of inclined to vote for Trump," he says.

"But then I picture myself driving to vote and I'm like, 'Really? No, I'll vote for Hillary.'"

New York comedian Dan Nainan, too, likes Trump's tough talk about limiting the influx of refugees to combat terrorism. But Nainan, a 35-year-old independent, sees Trump as unpredictable, doesn't like Clinton's tax policies, and thinks a vote for a third-party candidate "is like not voting."

"I wish Michael Bloomberg had run," he laments.

Perez, the mom from Utah, says she typically votes Republican but thought about just not voting this year. She likes many of Trump's policies, but doesn't think he's trustworthy or presidential. Clinton, she says, is too liberal and connected to too many scandals. Then there's independent candidate Evan McMullin, who she says offers the idea of a new conservative movement but can't win outright.

"We are stuck between a rock and hard place," Perez wrote on Facebook. "This election sucks!!!"

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ON OCTOBER 26, AT ABOUT 10:30 A.M.

Officers were dispatched to the area of Ocean and Colorado regarding a group of subjects fighting and throwing things into the street. When officers arrived, there were several subjects walking away from the area. Two officers contacted one of the subjects who was seen walking with a large stick. He was asked if he was involved in the fight which he said he was not. The subject consented to letting the officers check him for anything illegal in his possession. As the subject emptied his pockets onto the ledge of a wall, the officers noticed he had business checks from "ICONMOBILE" (a local business at 820 Broadway) that were addressed to two other people. The subject said his friend gave him the checks and that the police could have them if they wanted. The checks appeared to be issued for corporate reimbursement purposes. The officers called the business and spoke to the Office Manager. The Office Manager stated she placed the two checks into a manila envelope and in their office mailbox. No one had permission to take the checks and she did not know the subject. The subject later said someone gave him the checks and he was going to deposit them into "Megan's" account. He could not provide any further info on Megan. The subject was arrested for Receiving Stolen Property and Probation (Theft) Violation. Bradley Mark Kowalski, 34, transient, bail was set at \$10,000.

ON OCTOBER 29, AT APPROXIMATELY 7:25 P.M.

Public Service Officers from the Santa Monica Police Department were patrolling Tongva Park and heard what sounded like two people inside one of the male public restrooms. The officers asked the subjects to open the bathroom door, but they refused. Police officers arrived shortly afterward to assist the PSO's. A female suspect exited the bathroom first, so the officers detained her for violating the municipal code that prevents people from using public bathrooms not assigned to their gender. While questioning the woman, she admitted she had syringes in her backpack. Officers searched the backpack and found four empty syringes, as well as one that appeared to be filled with liquid methamphetamine. The male suspect then exited the restroom and was detained by the officers as well. While searching him, officers found three empty syringes and a credit card belonging to another person. Both suspects were then taken into custody for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of lost property. Vincent Samuel Boyer, 27, homeless, was arrested for appropriation of lost property. Bail was set at \$500. Tyaira Lenora Gonzales, 21, homeless, was arrested for possession of methamphetamine. Bail was set at \$2,000.



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Yes on Prop 54 – Voters First, Not Special Interests

THIS ELECTION, CALIFORNIANS WILL find Proposition 54 on their ballot, an initiative dealing with “legislation and proceedings.” This may sound like a remote topic to everyday Californians concerned with taxes, jobs, and other issues that just seem more relevant.

But once voters understand how the State Legislature is so often gamed to benefit special interests at the expense of everyday Californians, voting “yes” on Prop. 54 may just be your most enthusiastic vote this election. That’s because Prop. 54 will give power back to the voters by enacting proven, commonsense reforms.

California’s Legislature wields enormous power over its constituents. It passes laws impacting jobs, safety, education, the environment, vital public services, and a countless range of other issues that affect California’s families and economy.

That’s why the process of passing laws is supposed to be deliberate, inclusive, and transparent. To become a law, a bill must be heard by legislative committees in open public meetings. It must be passed by the full membership of both houses of the Legislature. And at every step, legislators should have an opportunity to fully review the bill and hear from their constituents, so when they cast a vote, they understand what they are voting on, and can be held accountable by the voters.

But in practice, bills are routinely passed by the Legislature before most legislators even have a chance to read them – a deceptive practice which benefits special interests at the expense of voters.

Here’s how it works: A bill can go through the entire ordinary process of being heard and passed by committees, until it makes it to the floor of the Assembly or Senate, where special interests sneak new language into the bill – sometimes adding hundreds of new pages. The revised bill is then dropped onto lawmakers’ desks and put to an immediate vote before anyone has time to read it.

This happens dozens of times every year. And it gets worse. The committee meet-

ings where bills are heard are supposed to be open to the public. But few Californians can afford to travel to Sacramento every time the Legislature takes up an issue they care about. Cities solved this problem years ago by putting their meetings online.

But the State Legislature still only puts some meetings online, while others go completely off-the-record. So in many cases, only the special interest groups that can afford lobbyists attend the meetings.

Prop. 54 would enact several reforms to shed light on the legislative process and empower the voters to participate and hold their elected representatives accountable.

First, Prop. 54 would require the Legislature to post a new bill online for at least 72 hours before a final vote on the floor of the Assembly or Senate. This “waiting period” would give all legislators time to read the bill and hear from their constituents.

Prop. 54 would also require the Legislature to video-record every public committee meeting and post the videos online within 24 hours so constituents can follow what’s happening with the issues they care about. This won’t cost taxpayers a dime in new taxes since the minimal costs to upgrade must come out of the Legislature’s existing budget.

And Prop. 54 would guarantee the right of any individual to make their own videos of an open public meeting and post them online, ensuring your right to expression and promoting full transparency.

Prop. 54 is a well-crafted and reasonable reform that more than fifty nonprofit, taxpayer, and local business groups throughout the state have carefully reviewed and endorsed. We believe it will bring greater transparency and accountability to the California Legislature. Prop. 54 deserves a “yes” vote this Election Day!

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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LALEE

No More Measles, with an Asterisk

■ The Pan American Health Organization, part of the United Nations, has declared that measles, a highly contagious viral illness, has been eliminated in all of the countries of North, South and Central America, plus the Caribbean region.

■ The United States officially eliminated measles in 2000.

■ But that doesn't mean measles cases in the U.S. have vanished. It just means that, at least for now, measles cases originating in the Americas aren't expected. In 2015, there were 189 measles cases in the U.S., many tied to an outbreak that started at Disneyland. That outbreak was linked to a visitor from a country where measles are still problematic.

■ It's possible measles can make a comeback in the Americas or become endemic if vaccine rates for the disease drop too low. Health experts say countries should strive to have at least 95 percent of their population vaccinated to maintain overall protection.

MYSTERY REVEALED



Dennis Tommasino correctly identified this image as part of the wall adjacent to the City Yards on Michigan Ave. He wins a prize from the Santa Monica Daily Press.

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Place to put trash

5 Jazz great portrayed by Beyoncé

9 Quiet down

14 Air-pressure measure

15 Metaphor for density

17 Grapelike so-called superfood

18 Hardly enlightening

19 Work done in bars

20 Bit of wizardry

21 Sonnet sections

22 Offers less

24 Pipsqueak

25 Topped by

26 Flexible fliers?

30 Process, as some letters

31 Unfurnished

32 1 Infinite ____ (Apple's address)

33 Thing on some stalks

34 Coming out with

37 ____ effect

38 Ones at the top of their game

40 Musical with "Another Pyramid"

41 Far from stylish

43 *Dancing with the Stars* step since 2009

45 Former name for northern nomads

46 Part of some plots

47 Julius Caesar's second

49 Boeing military copter

52 Half-barrel, e.g.

53 Embattled Mideast capital

54 Rapper on *Time's* 2016 "most influential" list

- DOWN
- 1 Keep in hiding

2 Home of Alan Shepard Park

3 Source of citrus

4 Emulate eels

5 Don't use

6 Contents of a Hawthorne collection

7 Chicken's ancient ancestor

8 Mouthguards course offerer

9 "Feel Better Fast" sloganeer

10 Most close one

11 Maker of anvils, birdseed, rocket sleds, etc.

12 Having no play

13 Split ____

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- DOWN
- 35 It's about an hour by car from Monaco

36 Nutrition Facts standard

39 Have more play

42 Political power structure

44 Oldest of the Chinese classics

45 Progress inhibitor

47 Minister who mentored Schuller

48 Admission fees of a sort

49 Small six-footers

50 First name in an apt "I paint modern" anagram

51 Longtime free-speech advocate

52 Martial arts weapon

55 Lines with liquids

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DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 329 calls for service on Nov. 3.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Trespassing 2300 block of Broadway 1:18 a.m.
Traffic collision 300 block of Olympic 3:39 a.m.
Person down 100 block of Wilshire 4:01 a.m.
Trespassing 1700 block of Ocean 4:07 a.m.
Drunk driving 2400 block of Euclid 5:56 a.m.
Trespassing 600 block of Santa Monica 7:21 a.m.
Petty theft 400 block of Raymond 7:31 a.m.
Encampment 2000 block of Ocean 7:32 a.m.
Burglary 2300 block of Arizona 7:54 a.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block of Franklin 8:17 a.m.
Trespassing 1400 block of 11th 8:20 a.m.
Burglary investigation 500 block of Santa Monica 8:26 a.m.

Audible burglar alarm 1600 block of Montana 8:54 a.m.
Alcohol & beverage code violation 2000 block of Main 9:06 a.m.
Trespassing 1400 block of 16th 9:07 a.m.
Burglary 2300 block of Arizona 9:52 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 100 block of Hart 10:14 a.m.
Encampment Moomat Ahiko/ Ocean 10:24 a.m.
Critical missing person 6th/ Wilshire 10:36 a.m.
Indecent exposure 800 block of Broadway 10:46 a.m.
Death investigation 500 block of Broadway 10:50 a.m.
Trespassing 1500 block of 6th 11:10 a.m.
Public intoxication 11th/ Washington 12:07 p.m.
Grand theft 2500 block of Pico 12:40 p.m.
Traffic collision PCH/ California Incline 12:49 p.m.
Prostitution 300 block of Olympic 1:21 p.m.
Traffic collision 800 block of PCH 1:23 p.m.
Person down 700 block of Wilshire 1:40 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 51 calls for service on Nov. 3.

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EMS 2900 block of Urban 2:32 a.m.
EMS 600 block of 21st PI 2:40 a.m.
EMS 900 block of 3rd 3:38 a.m.
EMS 1700 block of Cloverfield 3:47 a.m.
EMS 100 block of Wilshire 4:03 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Olympic 4:18 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 6th 4:49 a.m.
Automatic alarm 200 block of Wilshire 7:11 a.m.
Transformer fire 1400 block of 7th 7:12 a.m.
Automatic alarm 400 block of Wilshire 7:13 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of Santa Monica 8:05 a.m.
EMS 3100 block of Neilson 9:53 a.m.

Smoke investigation 800 block of 5th 9:54 a.m.
EMS 400 block of Colorado 10:06 a.m.
Automatic alarm 900 block of 3rd 10:13 a.m.
EMS 2300 block of Pico 10:15 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of 7th 10:21 a.m.
EMS 500 block of Broadway 10:47 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Ocean 11:38 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of 7th 11:41 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 17th 11:55 a.m.
Haz Mat- Level 1 7th/ Wilshire 12:04 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1500 block of Ocean 12:18 p.m.
EMS 700 block of Wilshire 1:40 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2100 block of Santa Monica 1:53 p.m.
EMS 2900 block of Pico 2:03 p.m.
EMS 1900 block of Pico 2:06 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1100 block of Wilshire 2:23 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Santa Monica 2:28 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 2:53 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 16th 3:08 p.m.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 5)

Exaggerated circumstances will bring out your best at the end of the year. There will be a confetti "Bang!" feeling to the beginning of 2017. Freedom will come in the form of financial luck. Adorable influences come to your realm in April and your nurturing instincts take over. You're so productive in May. Gemini and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 50, 3, 25 and 16.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

If you pretend that it's your job to help the other person express himself, you will have a transcendent conversational experience (with someone you may not agree with, or even like).

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

If only you could be a fly on the wall where she works or a shadow that follows him through his day, you'd know more about what matters to a certain someone. Casual and gentle interest will gradually open the relationship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

It takes courage to let another person help you with a problem. If you go into it pretending you have no problems, you're wasting time. There's something to be gained from handing over the flaw. Be brave.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

What fits the occasion today may not suit you at all next season, but that's something to consider later. Speak your mind. Live this moment. Better to do what you'll regret than to regret what you didn't do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

There are times when forgiveness is harder. You're not holding a grudge exactly, but there's a bit of justice to be served here, and it feels you'd be doing all a disservice if you were to simply let it go.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You prize yourself on being useful in a crisis, but you're even more useful in avoiding such things. They may never know or appreciate what you do to steer clear of the drama today, but you should feel really good about it!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

There's a difference between listening to what others are saying so you can use it and build on it with your own story and listening to help another person articulate what's on his or her mind and heart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

The way you're acting -- they'll swear you have a secret. Of course you do! And no matter how badly they want to know, they'll have to settle for reveling in the delicious air of mystery around you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Before you endeavor to resolve a discrepancy, settle a dispute or dispel a doubt, first consider why you need so badly to fix it. Also, is it yours to fix? Lastly, might there be a benefit to leaving it broken?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Whatever a quality lifestyle is to you, you can bet there are others who share enough common elements in the Venn diagram to warrant you making a serious go at combining your efforts and forming a relationship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You seek greater control over your life and feel driven to start with your body. Be gentle and kind in this regard. Doing too much or restricting too much will be counterproductive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Those who support you best may turn a blind eye to the things you do to sabotage your own success, instead focusing on all the things you do right. Get on your own support team. This method may just work.

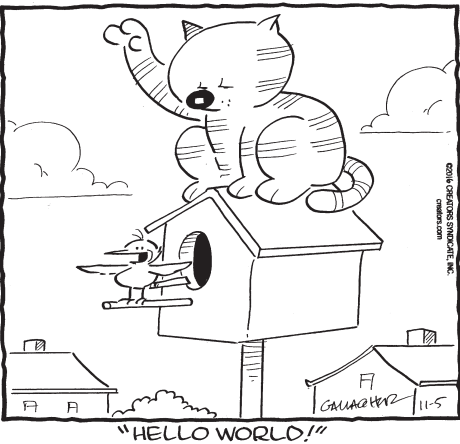
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