

Los Angeles Times

\$2.75 DESIGNATED AREAS HIGHER © 2018 WSCE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2018

latimes.com

DECISION CALIFORNIA

The pivotal battles for control of the House



MARK BOSTER For The Times

JARED MATHIS, left, and Scott T. Barnes stand off the trail in the Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness in Laguna Beach, looking over the 22,000 acres of land that their great-grandparents Lewis and Nellie Gail Moulton purchased in the 1890s.

2018 MIDTERM ELECTION

WHICH VOTERS WILL SHOW?

Poll still indicates a Democratic edge for House, but it's hard to tell which factions will be most motivated.

By DAVID LAUTER

WASHINGTON — With the final polls finished, the last ads cut and well over 35 million people already having voted, political operatives in both parties expect Democrats to win back control of the House on Tuesday and make significant gains in state capitals even as Republicans keep narrow control of the Senate.

But as President Trump's victory in 2016 showed, upsets do happen. And in this election, several factors exist that could change the expected results — in either direction.

Among the big question marks:

How badly will Democrats lose among blue-collar white voters, the group that forms the base of Trump's support?

What will turnout look like among Latinos, who are key to Democratic hopes to win Senate seats in Arizona, Nevada and several House seats in California and elsewhere in the Southwest?

"The question is, have we engaged the Latino community enough to generate turnout?" Democratic pollster Mark Mellman said. "It's going to vary from place to place."

And in an election where partisans on both sides seem fired up to vote — witness the early voting that has broken records in many states — how will those with weaker partisan ties divide?

About 4 in 10 partisans on each side said they were closely following the election campaign, according to the final USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll.

That's a big shift from 2010, when the Republicans won the House majority that they've held for the last eight years. In the run-up to that election, a lot more Republicans than Democrats took an interest in the campaign, and that correctly forecast a poor Democratic turnout. Four years before that, it was Republicans who were demoralized and Democrats who took the most interest, leading to a Democratic wave.

Earlier this year, Republican strategists worried that Democrats once again had the sort of enthusiasm edge they enjoyed in 2006. But in the closing weeks of this campaign, that concern has diminished.

"It's clear that, in most places, Republicans have [See Voters, A7]

Where conservatism evolves

In Orange County, land of reinvention, politics as usual is being redefined

By JOE MOZINGO

In La Palma Park Stadium in Anaheim, a month before the Bay of Pigs invasion, 7,500 students and parents skipped school or work and gathered to learn about communist plans to take over the United States.

"Right now, we have a 50-50 chance of defeating the communist threat," Herbert Philbrick, a former FBI agent, told the crowd on March 8, 1961. "Each day our chances grow less."

Walter Knott, of berry-farm fame, sponsored the five-day "Christian Anti-Communist School" to help Orange County see the world that he saw, one where big [See Orange County, A10]



ACTOR John Wayne, shown in 1978 at the airport that would be named in his honor, came to embody a new brand of conservatism for America that was firmly rooted in Orange County.

ANALYSIS

For an idea of the state's GOP base, look at Trump's job approval number

By JOHN MYERS

SACRAMENTO — From all corners of the California political world — Democrats and Republicans, campaign consultants and researchers — a hearty thanks may be in order to President Trump. Just a day away from a decisive election, the polarizing chief executive has provided a simple shorthand for measuring GOP relevance in the Golden State.

To calculate the size of the Republican base, just look at the president's job approval number. Find that loyal Trump supporter, goes the logic, and you're looking [See GOP base, A9]

Affluent residents in Georgia fight to split from city

Secession proposal stirs debate over race, class and voting rights.

By JENNY JARVIE

HENRY COUNTY, Ga. — When Vikki Consiglio exits her subdivision next to the Eagle's Landing Country Club, leaving behind a neighborhood of neatly manicured lawns, circular drives and golf fairways, she cannot help feeling a wave of disappointment.

"I see the Waffle Houses and the McDonald's, the Walmart and the dollar stores," she said. "I'm thinking, 'Is this all I can have?' There's no fresh farm-to-table, no parks, no entertainment."

In what she says is a bid to attract more upscale amenities to this rapidly developing suburb about 20 miles southeast of downtown Atlanta, Consiglio has come up with a controversial plan: to form a new city, Eagle's Landing, by combining unincorporated pockets of the county with the most affluent parts of the existing

city of Stockbridge.

The proposal to form a city, up for a vote on Tuesday, has roiled Henry County, raising tense debate about racial and economic disparity and voting rights. Once a sleepy rural, predominantly white region, the county has seen an influx of minorities and a solidification of black political power as its population has exploded in recent years. In 1980, whites made up more than 80% of Henry County's population, but now they have dwindled to less than 50%.

While the thousands who live within the proposed city boundaries of Eagle's Landing will vote in Tuesday's referendum, those who would be left behind, in Stockbridge, will not get to vote, as a result of legislation approved by the Republican-dominated state Legislature.

Stockbridge officials complain the city, which is predominantly black and has a population of about 29,000, would have no say in losing its most bustling commercial corridor and about a third of its residents.

[See City, A14]



China Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda

CAO CAO, who was raised in captivity, gave birth to the first twin giant panda cubs born to a wild male panda and a female sent back into the wild to mate.

By ROBYN DIXON

BEIJING — The panda cub snuffles, stretches out a tiny paw and snuggles with his mother, Cao Cao. She stirs, sniffs him gently and gives him a lick as they rest in her maternity enclosure at the Hetaoping Wilderness Training Base in the mist-

wreathed mountains of southwestern China.

The cub, 2 months old and too small to be named, is the size of a house cat. He and his sister are rare genetic treasures, the first twin giant panda cubs born to a wild male panda and a female sent back into the wild to mate.

In the last two years, Cao

Cao, a mother of nine, has given birth to the only three progeny of an ambitious return-to-nature program that Chinese scientists hope will save the species from extinction. Cao Cao, 16, was born in the wilds herself before being taken into captivity in Sichuan when she was about 13 months old.

[See China, A4]

Saints hand Rams their first defeat

The Rams went into New Orleans with an 8-0 record. They're no longer perfect after a 45-35 loss. SPORTS, D1

Sense of urgency at Visalia temple

Pittsburgh shooting has tiny Congregation B'Nai David thinking more about security.

CALIFORNIA, B1

Weather Coastal clouds, then sunshine. L.A. Basin: 77°/57°. B6

Printed with soy inks on partially recycled paper.

7 85944 00200 5


ROLEX

OYSTER PERPETUAL
ROLEX DEEPSEA



Fredric H. Rubel

Fine Jewelers Since 1928

246 Forest Ave. • Laguna Beach • CA

The Shops at Mission Viejo • Mission Viejo • CA

949.415.5801

ROLEX® OYSTER PERPETUAL AND DEEPSEA

ARE ® TRADEMARKS.



MARK BOSTER Los Angeles Times

LYNETTE DUNCAN is in Santa Ana in 2015 after opposing parole for the killer of her father and sister. Her effort was backed by the man behind Marsy's Law, a victims' rights measure on several state ballots this year.

A wave of criminal justice reform on state-level ballots

Voters will consider ex-felon voting rights, split jury verdicts and more

BY JAWEED KALEEM

At recent campaign rallies, President Trump has said that "law and order" is a key issue in Tuesday's midterm election, declaring to his fervent supporters that his administration is tough on crime. But Trump's rhetoric doesn't necessarily match the type of referendum questions that will be on ballots. In states across the U.S., major criminal justice reform will be up for votes, with several that polls show have a high chance of passing.

The proposals include measures that would restore voting rights of ex-felons in Florida, eliminate non-unanimous criminal juries in Louisiana and make it easier to prosecute police shootings in Washington state. Many races, including those for governor in Florida and Georgia, have also pitted pro- and anti-criminal-justice-reform candidates against each other.

"There is really a dissonance between the rhetoric on the federal level and what is actually happening in the states," said American Civil Liberties Union deputy national political director Udi Ofer. "What we are seeing is a buildup from many years of criminal justice reform making a breakthrough locally."

Here are a few of the major criminal justice measures due to be decided

Tuesday, mainly through ballot initiatives.

Republicans.

Washington

Washington is one of three states where nearly all people convicted of felonies lose the right to vote even after they have completed parole or probation. In most other states, those convicted of felonies have voting rights restored after leaving prison or completing periods of parole and probation. Florida's Amendment 4, which needs 60% of votes to pass, would give voting rights to as many as 1.5 million ex-felons in the state. The law would not apply to people convicted of murder or sex crimes. Polls indicate it will pass.

Louisiana

In federal courts and 48 states, juries in felony cases must reach unanimous verdicts. Not in Louisiana, where criminal juries can come to non-unanimous decisions. The state enacted the law in 1880 after the passage of the 14th Amendment, which gave freed slaves the right to vote and serve on juries. At the state's 1898 constitutional convention, lawmakers wrote the rule into the state constitution to "perpetuate the supremacy of the Anglo-Saxon race in Louisiana."

If Amendment 2 passes, it will leave Oregon as the only state in the country that allows split juries in criminal trials. The amendment has drawn wide support from Democrats and

ers say it would decriminalize addiction and allow the state to use its budget to treat addicts instead of sending them to prison. Opponents say it's too lax on drugs. They say the possibility of a felony conviction is a good deterrent for drug use.

Marsy's Law

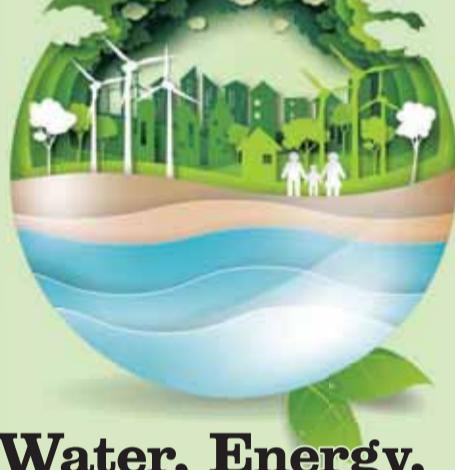
This victims' rights proposal will be voted on in Nevada, Oklahoma, Florida, Kentucky, Georgia and North Carolina. The law would expand the definition of a victim to include "any spouse, parent, grandparent, child, sibling, grandchild or guardian" of a person targeted by a crime. Proponents say it would improve the treatment of victims' families by allowing them to receive fuller information on criminal proceedings. Opponents say it would take away resources from criminal investigations and victims more directly affected by crimes.

Marijuana

The national trend of marijuana legalization could continue Tuesday as voters in Michigan, North Dakota, Utah and Missouri decide on marijuana-related measures. In Michigan and North Dakota, recreational legalization is on the ballot. Utah and Missouri voters will decide on legalization for medical uses.

jaweed.kaleem
@latimes.com
Twitter: @jaweedkaleem

Fall 2018 Times in Education Classroom Study Program



Water, Energy, the Environment and You

LA DWP

Los Angeles Department of Water & Power

For students in grades 4-12, the Los Angeles Department of

Water and Power and the Los Angeles Times have developed a study program that takes today's breaking news and turns it into a timely and relevant lesson plan about water and energy conservation. There's no cost to teachers. Los Angeles city schools and select ZIP codes only.

Program also includes an art contest!

Los Angeles Times

IN EDUCATION

VISIT nieonline.com/latimes TO ENROLL

Sponsored by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.
ALL SCHOOLS IN LA DWP'S SERVICE AREA ARE ELIGIBLE. ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS CAN BE CONFIRMED BY ENTERING THE SCHOOL'S STREET ADDRESS INTO THE DATABASE AT neighborhoodinfo.facility.org/index.cfm

LA18-CR0061

Los Angeles Times

SUBSCRIBERS

Get the eNewspaper every morning.

Activate your Unlimited Digital Access to receive a daily edition of the newspaper on all of your devices. Plus, it's included in your subscription!



Just call Or visit
213.550.3953 latimes.com/activate

1,000 WORDS: ISLA, Mexico



SPENCER PLATT Getty Images

GRUELING JOURNEY

Members of the Central American caravan moving through Mexico leave Isla early Sunday on the next leg of their trip. Thousands of bone-tired travelers set their sights on Mexico City after undertaking a difficult journey through a part of Mexico that has been particularly treacherous for migrants seeking to get to the United States. An estimated 4,000 were in the gulf state of Veracruz, where hundreds of migrants have disappeared in recent years, falling prey to kidnappers. The day's 124-mile trek was one of the longest yet, as the exhausted migrants tried to make progress walking and hitching rides toward the U.S. border still hundreds of miles away. So far, townspeople along the route have handed out food, water and fresh clothing. The migrants aim to regroup in the capital, seeking medical care and rest while they await stragglers.

THE WORLD

Iranians rally against U.S. sanctions

Many marking 1979 takeover of American Embassy express support for theocracy.

By SHASHANK BENGALI AND RAMIN MOSTAGHIM

TEHRAN — Iranians in dozens of cities marked the 39th anniversary of the takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran with government-organized rallies Sunday that doubled as a show of defiance against the renewal of American sanctions.

Thousands of civil servants, high school students, members of the security forces and others gathered near the embassy site in central Tehran chanting slogans against the United States, Saudi Arabia and Israel.

The heavily choreographed annual demonstrations took on an added edge with the Trump administration reintroducing U.S. sanctions starting Monday against Iran's oil, banking and shipbuilding industries.

The oil sanctions in particular are expected to significantly reduce Iran's revenue. The U.S. has granted exemptions for eight countries and territories to continue importing Iranian crude but in reduced quantities.

Some demonstrators carried placards that read, "We welcome sanctions," and said they would be less punishing than those the Obama administration had imposed in concert with in-



IRANIANS demonstrate outside the former U.S. Embassy in Tehran on the eve of sanctions against their oil and other key industries.

ternational allies before the 2015 agreement on Iran's nuclear program.

"It is more a psychological war and bluff waged against the Iranian people," said Mohammad Nouri, a 26-year-old cleric.

Others said Iran's economic problems were due more

to domestic corruption and mismanagement than unilateral U.S. measures.

President Trump "is saber-rattling and wants to maximize pressure on the people so there will be a gap between the people and our

rulers. No way — it is impossible," said Saeed Biagi, 40.

"We have to brace for bad days and get rid of our incompetent managers," Biagi said. "Unfortunately, people from the poorer walks of life will suffer more

than ever [because of sanctions], but we have no option but to resist and rely on ourselves."

The demonstrations mark the day that Iranian students raided the U.S. Embassy and held 52 Americans hostage for 444 days in retaliation for U.S. support of the deposed monarch, Mohammed Reza Shah Pahlavi.

Speaking from a platform, the commander of the Revolutionary Guard, the paramilitary force close to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said the U.S. sanctions were part of "40 years of failed plots of American administrations."

"God willing, these new sanctions, which are part of the soft war against the Iranian nation, will fail too," said the commander, Maj. Gen. Mohammad Ali Jafari.

Iran's leaders accuse the Trump administration of reneging on the nuclear deal even after United Nations inspectors said Tehran was complying with its obligations to curb uranium enrichment in exchange for relief from international sanctions.

The Trump administration has said it wants to punish Iran for its other activities in the Middle East, including sending fighters to support Syrian President Bashar Assad and Houthi rebels battling Saudi forces in Yemen.

The sanctions have sent the Iranian currency plummeting to an all-time low against the dollar and caused shortages of goods, including diapers and medicines.

But it is unclear they will accomplish the administration's stated goal of driving a wedge between the Iranian people and their rulers.

"We are suffering from the painful sanctions, and possibly we will suffer more ... but honestly speaking, we will tolerate and support our Islamic Revolution," said 40-year-old Masoumeh Khodaverdi.

Her 7-year-old son held a flag bearing the revolution's favorite slogan: "Death to America."

Watching from a sidewalk, a young man who works as a motorcycle courier refused to join the crowd and criticized Iran's establishment for failing to tackle its economic challenges.

"All the speakers on the platform are jerks, and what they say is a joke," said the man, who declined to give his name because he did not want to be identified while criticizing the theocracy. "I think these sanctions will be more painful and these politicians can't do anything to reduce our pain."

shashank.bengali@latimes.com
Twitter: @SBengali
Special correspondent
Mostaghim reported from Tehran and Times staff writer Bengali from Mumbai, India.

In Ukraine, one minority walks fine line

Ethnic Hungarians with dual citizenship risk being blacklisted as separatists.

By MANSUR MIROVALEV

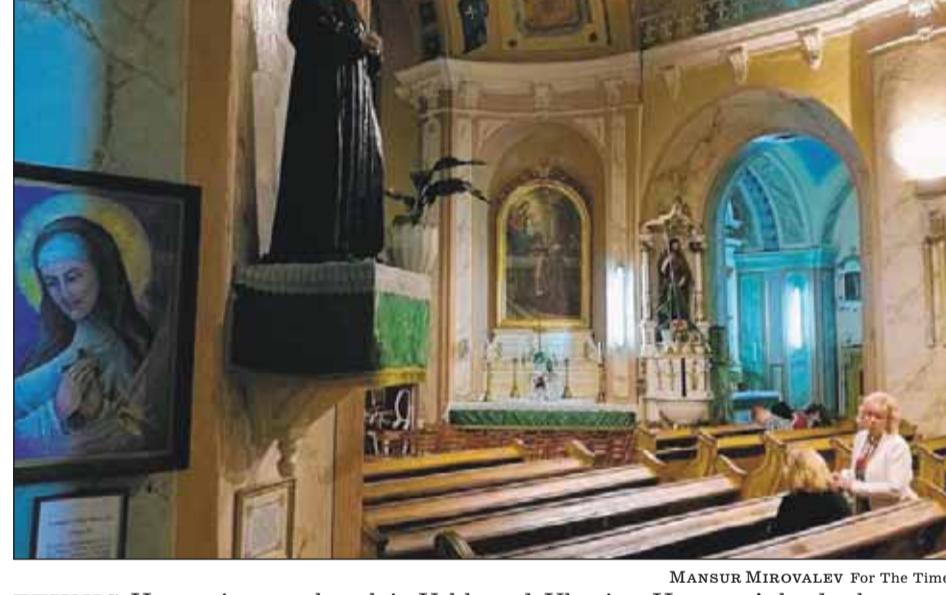
UZHGOROD, Ukraine — In early October, Andriy Minchuk found himself blacklisted, right alongside Ukraine's enemies.

His personal information was leaked online by Peacemaker, a publication that boasts ties to the Ukrainian security services. It posts personal information about the "Kremlin's agents," including separatists in southeastern Ukraine and turncoat officials and servicemen in Russia-annexed Crimea.

This was no small matter. A pro-Russia publicist and a former lawmaker were shot dead in April 2015, days after Peacemaker disclosed their addresses. Other blacklisted people have faced threats, harassment and travel bans.

But Minchuk, who lives in Transcarpathia, an impoverished western region of Ukraine, insists that he did nothing to warrant inclusion on the list. His transgression, it appears, was being one of about 100,000 ethnic Hungarians in Ukraine who hold Hungarian passports.

Peacemaker published his personal information, including the number on his Hungarian passport, in a list of about 500 public servants and state employees who had obtained Hungarian citizenship — making them "separatists" and "traitors."



ETHNIC Hungarians at church in Uzhhorod, Ukraine. Hungary's leader has called for autonomy for ethnic Hungarians in Ukraine's Transcarpathia region.

The steps of the Hungarian government seem to be promoting Russia's foreign policy interests.'

— PETER KREKO,
director of the Political Capital Institute in Budapest

far-right and Euroskeptic leader who said that Putin "has made his nation great again," is Moscow's staunchest ally in the European Union.

Orban also champions the "integration" of the 2 million-plus Hungarian diaspora that remained in Slovakia, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine after a 1920, post-World War I treaty deprived Hungary of two-thirds of its territory.

Since 2011, Orban's government has issued more than 1 million passports to diaspora Hungarians. They, in turn, were allowed to vote in Hungary's elections — and most supported Orban's Fidesz party.

Orban has long urged Ukraine to give autonomy to Transcarpathian Hungarians. There are about 150,000 ethnic Hungarians in Transcarpathia, or about one-eighth of the region's population.

"They must be granted dual citizenship, must enjoy

all of the community rights and must be granted the opportunity for autonomy," he said in 2014, days before pro-Russia separatists in southeastern Ukraine agreed to secede and unleashed a war that killed thousands.

Weeks earlier, Russia annexed Crimea, which had been part of Ukraine, after violent protests toppled Kiev's pro-Russia President Viktor Yanukovich. Citing oppression of ethnic Russians, Moscow demanded that Ukraine become a decentralized, federal state with broader rights for minorities.

Orban's demands echoed Putin's — perhaps not surprising, since their interests in Ukraine largely coincided.

"The steps of the Hungarian government seem to be promoting Russia's foreign policy interests more than those of Hungary," Peter Kreko, director of the Political Capital Institute, a Budapest think tank, said in an interview. "These steps don't help ethnic Hungarians in Transcarpathia, they isolate Hungary within [Europe] and help Russia hamper Ukraine's Euro-Atlantic integration."

Meanwhile, under its new president, Petro Poroshenko, Ukraine passed a law that limits education in minority languages. Intended to curb the use of Russian, the law affected other minorities — Hungarians, Romanians, Poles and Ruthenians — who see education in native languages as a pil-

lar of preserving their identity.

Orban's government funds Hungarian-language schools in Transcarpathia, and it threatened to block Ukraine's push to join the European Union and NATO if Ukraine did not withdraw the legislation.

The EU and North Atlantic Treaty Organization reprimanded Kiev for violating minority rights, but 11 NATO member states concluded that Orban's ultimatum puts "the strategic interests of the alliance in jeopardy."

In response, Ukrainian nationalists marched with torches to the Hungarian Consulate in Berehove, a border town known as Ukraine's Little Hungary. A Hungarian cultural center was firebombed twice, and the faces of its members appeared on billboards signed, "Let's stop separatists."

Ukraine said the bombers were Polish far-right nationalists with ties to Russia.

Poroshenko complained, without providing evidence, that the region "has become an object of attack of Russian intelligence services to complicate our nation's relations with Western partners."

One of his ministers deplored the weakness of Poroshenko's policies in Transcarpathia and compared the region to annexed Crimea and the separatist Donbas region, which is under the control of pro-Russia rebels.

Transcarpathia has not been lost yet, but I absolutely agree that we're losing territories where the central government has no policies," said Heorhiy Tuka, who is the Ukrainian minister for territories that include Crimea and Donbas, in televised remarks.

Tuka helped found the Peacemaker website in 2014.

In September, a video surfaced online showing ethnic Hungarians receiving passports at the Berehove consulate as diplomats offer them Champagne and urge them to keep their new citizenship secret from Ukrainian authorities.

Prosecutors said they would investigate the distribution of passports as "high treason," and Kiev pledged to build a military base in Transcarpathia in an apparent step to counter a hypothetical military threat from Hungary.

Ukraine's main security agency, SBU, began investigating a Budapest-funded charity that spent tens of millions in Transcarpathia on infrastructure projects such as construction of schools, roads and hospitals for "separatism."

Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto accused Ukraine of starting a "state-assisted hate campaign," and in early October, Hungary blocked the annual meeting of the NATO-Ukraine Joint Commission, which works toward including Kiev in the bloc. It was the second time Hungary had done so.

Then the Peacemaker blacklist brought the conflict to a boil.

For many Transcarpathian Hungarians, their burgundy-red passports are not political statements but open tickets to work and study in the EU.

"There is no future in Ukraine," said Olga Nemesz, whose husband works in Germany while she raises their two children in Berehove. "It's really hard to survive here."

After the blacklisting, several public officials and state employees quit their jobs. Minchuk's family has not been affected, but has a simple solution if things go wrong.

"If there is a danger for my family, we will go to Hungary," he said.

Mirovlev is a special correspondent.

An endeavor to save pandas from extinction

[China, from A1]

One of her male cubs, Tao Tao, was released in 2012 and has since been recaptured twice for health checks and so he could be fitted with a new tracking collar. Researchers believe Tao Tao may have sired a cub, but they will have to wait until the cub is an independent adult to do DNA testing.

Wild pandas, once found in 17 provinces, now survive in just three. Their habitat is fragmented, with 73% in groups so small there is a strong chance they will not survive, according to a 2017 report from Beijing Forestry University.

Back in the 1970s, the overall panda population dipped to about 1,000. In response, the Chinese government spent tens of millions of dollars to establish training centers, and forest reserves, helping the numbers recover to roughly 2,200. Of those, roughly 25% reside in the scientific centers, zoos or other such facilities.

The roly-poly celebrities are replete with political and cultural significance, and economic value as a tourism drawing card. So to ensure their long-term survival, China has initiated a make-or-break experiment sending captive pandas into the wild permanently to boost fragile populations scattered in six isolated mountainous regions.

Equally vital is a plan for a 5-million-acre conservation park — twice the size of Yellowstone National Park — that is to include 67 cur-

rent reserves and be financed by the Bank of China at a cost of \$11 billion. Researchers hope the park, due for completion by 2023, will ensure the successful release of dozens of captive-bred pandas to reestablish wild populations in areas that have not seen them for decades.

The Hetaoping base, where Cao Cao usually resides, has released four captive-bred females since 2016 in hopes they would mate with wild males. Cao Cao is the only one with a confirmed pregnancy.

At Hetaoping, cubs are prepared for release largely without human contact. They are raised by their mothers in large bushy enclosures until independent, then moved together to larger isolated compounds. Their only interaction with humans is with the keepers who deliver bamboo daily, dressed in panda suits liberally soaked in panda urine to cover the human smell. Anyone visiting the center must don the urine-soaked suits. Training to survive in the wild is left to the mothers.

The base is silent apart from the stirring of wind, with not a whisper of traffic. Thirty observation cameras transmit images to 16 screens in the base, watched around the clock by panda keepers.

A second center — Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding in the Sichuan capital, Chengdu — has taken the opposite approach.

FOR THE RECORD

Lexus LC500 review: In the Nov. 3 Business section, an information box accompanying a review of the Lexus LC500 listed the vehicle as a two-passenger car. The coupe seats four, as stated in the review.

Volleyball championship: In the Nov. 4 Sports section, an article about high school volleyball said Birmingham defeated Maywood in the Division III final. Birmingham defeated Maywood CES in the championship; it defeated Maywood in the

semifinals.

If you believe that we have made an error, or you have questions about The Times' journalistic standards and practices, you may contact the readers' representative by email at readers.representative@latimes.com, by phone at (877) 554-4000 or by mail at 2300 E. Imperial Highway, El Segundo, CA 90245. The readers' representative office is online at latimes.com/readersrep.

IS MEMORY LOSS AFFECTING YOU OR SOMEONE YOU LOVE?

People aged 50-85 with memory loss or early Alzheimer's disease may be eligible for a local research study.

For more information, call

1-877-838-7597

Qualified participants must have a study partner and may receive study-related care, study drug, and compensation for travel.

MISSION AD

MISSIONAD_v1.0_Print ad_15Oct2018_English



AT HETAOPING base in China, keepers wear panda suits soaked in panda urine to mask the human smell.

At Chengdu, operated in collaboration with Virginia-based Global Cause Foundation, humans train the bears to eat, climb trees and find water, making it easier to intervene when they are injured or sick. The base is a major tourist attraction, with up to 100,000 visitors daily and thousands filing past the panda nursery, furiously snapping photos while guards shout at them to move along.

The problem is that whatever the approach, the release of pandas can prove physically dangerous (for the pandas) and politically delicate (for the humans), since the public reacts with outrage to any sort of panda suffering or fatalities.

Of 11 pandas thus far released permanently by the two centers, three have died and a fourth, Qian Qian (pronounced Chen Chen), got sick and would have perished had she not been rescued, her story the focus of a recent IMAX movie, "Pandas."

"In some places the wild population is less than 30, in some less than 20," said Zhang Hemin, deputy director of the China Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda, which runs the Hetaoping base, as well as another facility in Dujiangyan. "If we don't help them, they'll be extinct within the next 30 to 50 years. That's why we are training the captive-bred pandas for release."

But for Zhang, the lifelong mission has at times proved heartbreaking. He recalls desperate experiments — based on guesswork — back in the 1990s, when the survival rate of captive-born cubs was only 33%. In those days, cubs frequently died of malnutrition as researchers tried milk from cows, goats and even humans, before determining that panda milk alone keeps panda cubs alive.

Now, virtually all captive-bred cubs at Hetaoping survive to adulthood, even the twins, which mother pandas do not support on their own. Cao Cao's keepers must switch her cubs every two



China Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda
KEEPERS switch a pair of twin cubs every two days so both get equal care and milk from their mother.

days to ensure both get equal amounts of maternal care and milk. Nursery staffers feed the switched cub panda milk, and swab it with cotton wool dipped in warm water to provide warmth and contact.

When they are 2 years old, cubs are deemed ready for release. But the life of wild pandas is extremely difficult. Sensitive and solitary creatures, they reside in rough mountainous terrain, spending much of their time chomping 20 to 40 pounds of fibrous bamboo daily in order to survive. They don't hibernate because bamboo doesn't allow them to gain enough fat.

Captive-bred male pandas also face challenges in the wild from aggressive, territorial males, not to mention other species. Females are less likely to face issues with wild pandas, but stress, as well as bites from feral dogs and leopards pose a mortal threat.

Zhang, known in China as the Father of Pandas, says one of his worst moments came when the first captive-bred panda released after years of research and training died just a year later. That panda, a male named Xiang Xiang, was attacked by other animals and either fell to his death from a cliff or a tree, perhaps cornered or fleeing in confusion.

"We heard the sounds of chasing and fighting," Zhang said of Xiang Xiang's demise. "It was not a success."

Zhang says he was devastated because the bear's training evidently left it ill-equipped for life in the wild. At the time, Zhang said, researchers were basically making things up as they went along.

"We used our human ideas as on how to survive in the wild," he said. "So he died."

Hetaoping panda keeper He Shengshen agrees.

"We trained the panda with humans directly involved step-by-step," said He. "We trained him how to climb trees and find water and food. We thought Xiang Xiang had mastered everything he needed to live in the wild, but obviously we were wrong."

From then on, Hetaoping researchers have sought to avoid human training and contact.

The panda release project resumed four years later, and it took an additional two years of training for Tao Tao (Cao Cao's cub) to be prepared. A top Communist Party official opened the cub's cage and he wandered up a track, clambered into the forest and disappeared.

The issue of whether he is now a father will be determined when the possible offspring is an adult and DNA in stool samples can be tested.

Training by humans didn't help He Sheng, a male from the Chengdu base released about the same time. He died of infection a few months later after he was attacked — possibly by feral dogs.

Zhang Zhihe, director of the Chengdu center, shudders visibly when asked about the stories and names of Chengdu pandas being trained for release. After He Sheng died, critics accused the center on social media of "murdering" pandas, Zhang recalls.

"Pandas are so famous, politically, economically and culturally," he said. "The public maybe will not understand the importance or the difficulty. Maybe they will think it's very easy. They will not allow any failure."

When Cao Cao was released temporarily to breed with a wild male, a team of panda trainers and keepers followed her closely, checking for signs of injury or hunger.

"We know Cao Cao very well so we know when she's in heat. It takes a week before a wild panda approaches, so we leave her to do her thing," He said. They monitored the mating through recordings and she was returned to the base.

"She has a really mild, easygoing nature and it's very easy for us to look after her. When we wanted to build a bond, her trusting personality really helped," said He.

He calls Cao Cao a "hero mother," having given birth to three sets of twins and three others.

Three young pandas from multiple mothers are now being prepared for release from Hetaoping.

The reintroduction plan cannot be considered a success until pandas not only survive, but also reproduce and raise wild cubs that survive and reproduce.

"That is the biggest challenge for us," said Zhang, of the Chengdu base. "We spent almost 50 years to successfully breed pandas in captivity. Maybe it will take another 50 years to reintroduce captive pandas into the wild."

robyn.dixon@latimes.com
Twitter:
@RobynDixon_LAT

Gaochao Zhang in The Times' Beijing bureau contributed to this report.

ENTERPRISE FISH COMPANY

established 1977

LIVE MAINE LOBSTER SPECIAL

\$37.95

2 LB. STEAMED MAINE LOBSTER
CHOICE OF 2 SIDES | SERVED WITH HOT DRAWN BUTTER



MONDAY & TUESDAY

* APPROXIMATE WEIGHT

Since 1977
ENTERPRISE FISH CO.
174 Kinney St., Santa Monica • 310-392-8366
225 State St., Santa Barbara • 805-962-3313
www.enterprisefishco.com

How to contact us

(800) LA TIMES

Home Delivery and Membership Program

For questions about delivery, billing and vacation holds, or for information about our Membership program, please contact us at (213) 283-2274 or membershipservices@latimes.com. You can also manage your account at myaccount.latimes.com.

Letters to the Editor

Want to write a letter to be published in the paper and online? E-mail letters@latimes.com. For submission guidelines, see latimes.com/editors.

Readers' Representative

If you believe we have made an error, or you have questions about our journalistic standards and practices, our readers' representative can be reached at readers.representative@latimes.com, (877) 554-4000 or online at latimes.com/readersrep.

Advertising

For print and online

Los Angeles Times

Founded Dec. 4, 1881
Vol. CXXXVII No. 337

LOS ANGELES TIMES (ISSN 0458-3035) is published by the Los Angeles Times, 2300 E. Imperial Highway, El Segundo, CA 90245. Periodicals postage is paid at Los Angeles, CA, and additional cities. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the above address. Home Delivery Subscription Rates (all rates include applicable CA sales taxes and apply to most areas)
Print + unlimited digital rates: Seven-day \$16/week, \$632 annually; Thursday-Sunday \$11.50/issue, \$598 annually; Thursday-Sunday \$16/issue, \$56 annually; Saturday & Sunday \$5/week, \$260 annually; Sunday \$5/issue, \$34.60 annually.
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the above address. Home Delivery Subscription Rates (all rates include applicable CA sales taxes and apply to most areas)
Print + unlimited digital rates: Seven-day \$16/week, \$632 annually; Thursday-Sunday \$11.50/issue, \$598 annually; Thursday-Sunday \$16/issue, \$56 annually; Saturday & Sunday \$5/week, \$260 annually; Sunday \$5/issue, \$34.60 annually.
Monday-Saturday \$13.80/week, \$717.60 annually (also includes Sundays, except 4/1, 5/27, 9/2, and 10/28); Monday-Friday \$715 annually. Pricing for all subscriptions includes the Thanksgiving 11/22 issue. All subscriptions may include up to four premium issues per year. For each Premium issue your account balance will be charged an additional fee of \$4-49, in the billing period when the section is published. This will result in shortening the length of your billing period. Premium issues currently scheduled: NFL 2018 Gift Guide 11/4/18 and Jonathan Gold's 101 Best Restaurants 12/9/18. Dates are subject to change without notice.

Printed with soy-based ink on recycled newsprint from wood byproducts.

USE IT or LOSE IT!

COMMUNICATION OCCURS IN THE BRAIN

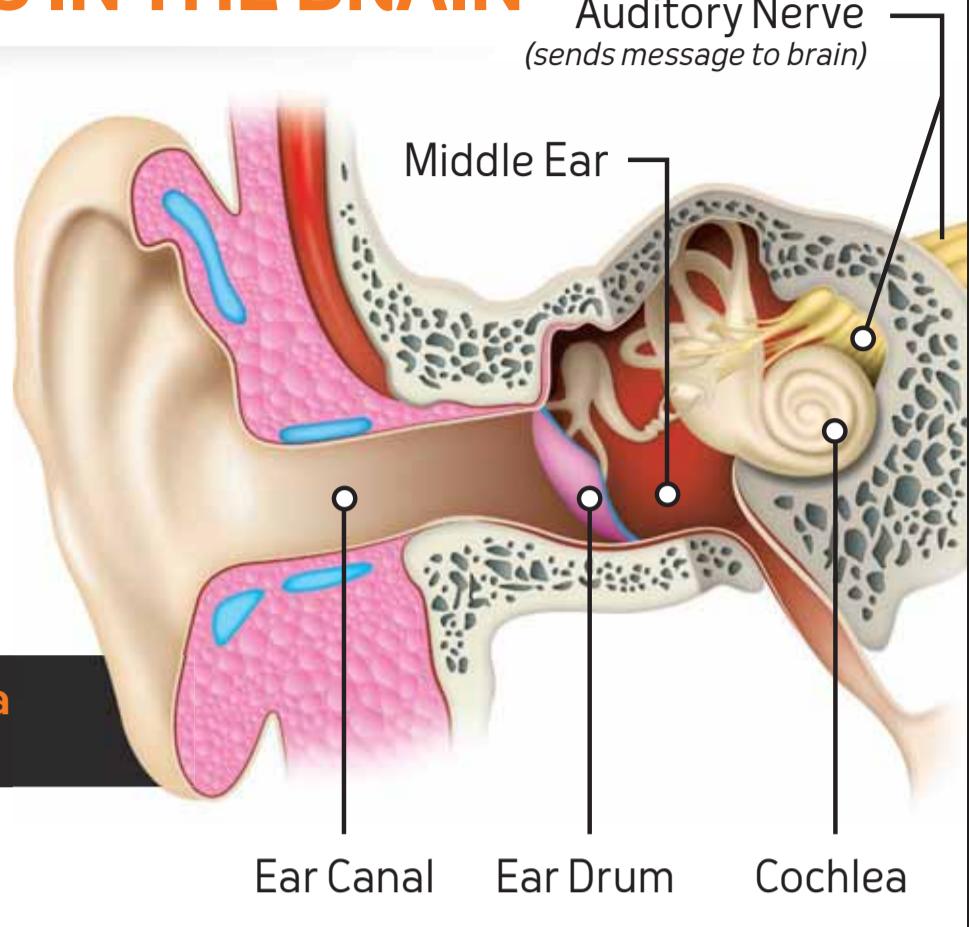
When we **lose our ability** to hear, the ear stops sending needed information to the brain, which effects our ability to understand what is being said. This is called **Auditory Deprivation**.

Auditory Deprivation may impair the way the brain processes sound.

The **solution** may be **hearing aids**. Hearing aids may help send the correct information to the brain and may **protect the brain from atrophy**.

Untreated Hearing Loss May Lead to Dementia

Read the Johns Hopkins study online at www.accuquest.com/dementia



*MSRP may not be the price at which this product is sold in this trade area.

FREE TECHNOLOGY DEMO

▶ HEAR FOR YOURSELF the difference AccuQuest hearing technology can make!

- Many Styles to Choose From
- Easy to Use
- Fits Almost Every Type of Hearing Loss

- Invisible-In-Canal Design or Receiver-In-Canal Design
- 3-Year Warranty (includes loss and damage coverage)

**SPECIAL HEARING EVENT
THESE 5 DAYS!**



By Appointment Only

Wells Fargo Health Advantage™ financing — 0% Interest for 18 months + other flexible plans!

Only \$750 EA.

STANDARD IIC™

The STANDARD IIC™ is a hearing aid that sits virtually invisibly in your ear canal. It's the hearing solution that's both virtually invisible AND affordable.
Not meant for all hearing loss ranges.
Cannot be combined with any other offers.



A free hearing test** will show if you are a candidate for the Standard IIC™.



AccuQuest®
Hearing Aid Centers



Bluetooth®

Bluetooth is a registered trademark owned by Bluetooth SIG, Inc., USA.

CALL TODAY TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT

(888)247-1889
ARCADIA
301 W. Huntington Dr., Ste. 615

(888)434-1611
NORTHRIDGE
8944 Tampa Avenue

(888)515-2948
THOUSAND OAKS
321 S. Moorpark Rd.

(888)498-5231
VENTURA
5700 Ralston St., Ste. 312

(888)342-1365
BURBANK
2031 West Alameda, Ste. 340

(888)534-4123
SANTA MONICA
2730 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 101

(888)303-8978
TORRANCE
23440 Hawthorne Blvd., Ste. 265

(888)326-2261
CITY OF INDUSTRY
17800 Castleton Street, Ste. 264

(888)436-1390
TEMECULA
27699 Jefferson Ave, Suite 301

PROMO CODE N-LAT-364-FP-C

**Testing is used to determine whether fitting a hearing aid is the proper course of action.

www.accuquest.com

THE NATION

Voter ID law has Native tribes scrambling

North Dakota statute requiring residential addresses — rare for those on reservations — is allowed to stand.

BY JENNI MONET

FORT YATES, N.D. — It was less than a decade ago when street signs with names such as Buffalo Avenue began sprouting in reservation communities across North Dakota like Fort Yates, where Terry Yellow Fat lives.

Yellow Fat, a great-grandfather who has raised his family on the trust lands of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, never had a reason to identify his government-issued home by what he considered colonized standards, a distinction spelled out with numeric addresses.

When his mail arrives, it's delivered to a post office box about a mile down the road, a circumstance typical of reservation life.

Now, with election day nearing, that's become problematic for many reservation-based Native American voters in North Dakota.

Under a law the Supreme Court allowed to take effect last month, voters here cannot vote without a residential address. A post office box — once good enough to secure a ballot in this state — just won't cut it anymore.

Election officials and tribal governments are scrambling to figure out a workaround for a voter ID law that critics say is untested and unplanned. One last-minute solution involves so-called 911 coordinators who have been quickly assigning addresses to would-be voters based simply on a physical description of where they live.



STANDING ROCK SIOUX citizens Elizabeth Standing Crow, left, and Phyllis Young are worried their votes won't be counted as officials try for a workaround.

But tribal members said that fix has been uneven at best and that election officials fail to appreciate the day-to-day realities of life on a reservation, where people don't need addresses to find neighbors and those without cars see no need to go through the bureaucratic hassle of getting a driver's license.

On Thursday, a North Dakota federal judge denied a challenge of the voter ID law by the Spirit Lake Nation and six individuals, including Yellow Fat. The judge said that, although the suit raised serious questions about the law, it would create only greater confusion to grant an injunction this close to the election.

The lawsuit argued that many Native Americans living on reservation lands do not have addresses or were assigned invalid addresses, while some streets have

been given multiple names and sometimes multiple ZIP Codes.

"This problem threatens hundreds if not thousands more on election day," the suit said.

The litigation argued that the voter ID law, introduced by Republican legislators in the name of preventing voter fraud, is actually aimed at disenfranchising Native American voters. It is among a handful of cases unfolding in the U.S. — from a rigid voter ID law in Georgia to a tough-to-reach polling station in Kansas — in which marginalized communities claim their votes are at risk.

North Dakota Secretary of State Alvin Jaeger denies that the law was intended to deprive any person of the right to vote.

Even before the law was upheld by federal courts, Jaeger said, he sent a memo

to tribal leaders directing voters to contact the 911 coordinators in each of North Dakota's 53 counties to obtain an assigned residential street address. He said it would be a quick and easy process.

However, it has been anything but easy for some would-be voters.

For Yellow Fat, the process has been, in a word, confusing. Less than a week before election day, he was issued not one, but two different addresses. The first one came from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. The second from the state. Neither, however, reflects where he actually lives.

"What have they done to us?" said Yellow Fat. "It makes me not even want to vote."

The voter measure was first introduced after Democratic Sen. Heidi Heitkamp's 2012 victory in a

tight race determined by roughly 3,000 votes. Many ballots for Heitkamp were cast by Native Americans. When the voter ID law took effect in 2013, critics saw it as an attempt to suppress the Native American vote and filed a lawsuit, which ultimately was rejected in the courts.

The North Dakota Legislature was debating the issue again in early 2017 when President Trump was preparing to sign an executive order to resume construction of the Dakota Access pipeline, the controversial oil project that tribal members and others had protested.

According to committee minutes, legislators raised questions at the time about suspected voter fraud in the 2016 general election by those living "on the other side of the bridge" — a reference to the months-long road blockade enforced by a militarized police force guarding the pipeline construction.

In the final weeks ahead of the election, the state's five federally recognized tribal nations have been utilizing the 911 coordinator system to print their own ID cards with addresses for tribal citizens at no cost, while the state has offered free IDs to eligible voters provided by the North Dakota Department of Transportation.

But verifying the addresses — so that every vote counts — may be difficult.

Calls made to county auditors supervising midterm elections in reservation-based precincts say they have been trained to verify addresses at the polls using a system different from the 911 list that Native American voters were encouraged to use by the secretary of state.

Auditors in three of the

counties — Benson, Rolette and Sioux — said they will use state databases, or printed poll books, that list past voters whose residential street addresses match those from the North Dakota Department of Transportation.

Addresses that do not appear in the file will be added as write-ins, according to auditors. If required, they said, verification could also include cross-referencing with the state's 911 coordination system.

Ballots requiring further address verification will be placed in a "set aside" pile, and it will be up to voters to validate their ballot by presenting supplementary documentation — such as utility bills, bank statements or employment pay stubs.

But the problem for tribal citizens, once again, is that many of these documents won't reveal physical addresses because they use postal boxes.

"It's a silent war," Phyllis Young said of the process.

Young, a former tribal councilwoman of the Standing Rock Sioux, said she does not have a driver's license or a state-issued ID. The election law, she said, was not implemented with people like her in mind.

Parked outside a get-out-the-vote command center down the street from where Yellow Fat lives is a bright yellow school bus that will be used to transport Standing Rock citizens to the polls. Painted on one side is an image of one of the tribe's most revered resisters, Sitting Bull — a symbol of the kind of duty that voters say they feel to turn out to the polls.

"We have been challenged," Young said.

"And yes, we are going to vote like never before."

Monet is a special correspondent.

BEST
TimesOC
2018



NEXGEN AIR

X-PERFORMANCE

RESTORE YOUR SYSTEM TO FACTORY FRESH CONDITIONS

CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

FOR AS LOW AS

\$2,995!*

*Cannot be combined with any other offers. Some restrictions apply. Plus Tax. Financing options available on approved credit. Lic. #1011173.

EXPERIENCE THE NEXT GENERATION IN HOME COMFORT

(844) 582-8943

NE~~X~~GENAIRANDHEAT.COM

Proud Sponsor of  Angels Baseball

*Angels, Angels Marks, and Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim are registered trademarks of Angels Baseball LP.

**\$129
VALUE**

ONLY \$68*

**+ FREE DUCT
INSPECTION**

**+ FREE HIGH EFFICIENCY
AIR FILTER**

**+ FREE SAFETY
INSPECTION**

**26 POINT X-PERFORMANCE
HEATING TUNE UP +**

Eat, Speak and Smile Naturally.



We hear from a lot of denture wearers that tell us stories about having a lot of difficulty eating the foods that they want and need to eat, in speaking clearly and with their appearance.

To solve these problems, we use a more involved denture technique called the Branching Technique. Fewer than 1% of dentists in the United States use this technique because of the great amount of training required to learn it, as well as the need to spend more time working with the patient. The Branching Technique differs from the traditional method by use of a "trial denture" to treat the inflamed gum tissue, establish the bite, develop the esthetics and make an impression that perfectly fits the gums before the final denture is made.

The "trial denture" is a temporary denture that contains a soft, conforming material inside that is worn for several days or weeks while chewing food, smiling, talking, etc. The impression is much more accurate and makes an ideal and more practical impression of the gums and surrounding tissues. It basically provides a perfect blueprint for your final denture. Dentures have to fit the gums properly, the bite must be flawless and the teeth must look and feel natural.

This method has been tremendously successful for our patients. We spend a great deal of time designing the teeth for their overall look. Patients tell us their friends think that they have had a smile makeover or a face lift rather than thinking they are now wearing dentures. Call us today at (310) 275-2220 to schedule your consultation.

**Custom Denture Technique
(with or without implants)**

Fewer than 1% of dentists in the United States use this technique because of the great amount of training required to learn it, as well as the need to spend more time working with the patient.

All Aspects of Adult Dentistry

We are a contemporary dental

practice with experience in solving dental problems from the simplest to the most complex for patients with natural teeth, partial or full dentures.

SECURESMILES®

WE REPLACE MISSING TEETH

310.275.2220

414 North Camden Drive, Suite 925 • Beverly Hills, CA 90210

WWW.SECURESMILES.COM

LAA5377941-1

2018 MIDTERM ELECTION

Questions remain after all the polls

[**Voters**, from A1] solved our September enthusiasm problem," Glen Bolger of Public Opinion Strategies, a leading Republican polling firm, said on Twitter last week.

But that cleared up only one of the big problems the Republicans face, he noted.

"What's not clear is whether we've solved our problem with independent voters," he said. "That will be the difference between winning and losing in close races."

The USC/Times poll found self-described independents favoring Democratic control of Congress this year by 62% to 38%.

Overwhelmingly, that's because the election has turned into a referendum on Trump.

"The central issue is him," said Robert Shrum, the co-director of USC's Center for the Political Future, which cosponsored the poll. "He's not managed to substitute" other issues.

The poll found about 1 in 4 voters saying that their views of Trump outweighed their views of the individual candidates. Among those with that view, Trump's opponents outnumbered supporters by roughly 3 to 2.

Trump's political approach has never been to win over detractors. Instead, he has sought to boost turnout among supporters. In the campaign's final weeks, his main approach has been to pound away at what he describes as the threat to security from immigrant caravans moving north through Mexico and Central America.

Republicans hope that approach may pull their candidates to victory in a few key Senate races and help as well in House races, especially in more conservative areas.

There's precedent. In 2004, strategists for President George W. Bush correctly predicted that he would do well in his reelection campaign by emphasizing a tough response to the threat of international terrorism. Women in particular would respond to Bush's argument, they argued, and "security moms" became a mantra for the Republican campaign.

In his final rallies this time, Trump has said much the same.

"Border security is very much a woman's issue," he said during a rally in Montana on Saturday. "Women want security," he said. "They don't want that caravan."

Of course, Bush's campaign came in the aftermath of a devastating terrorist attack that killed more than 2,700 Americans.

By contrast, the caravan Trump has inveigled against consists of a few thousand people, including many women and children, who remain hundreds of miles south of the U.S.-Mexico border.

In the poll, about 1 in 6 voters said they saw the caravan as "potential terrorists who should be turned away as a threat to the United States." That share rose to about 1 in 3 among those who said they would vote for a Republican for Congress this year.

Many more, however, about 4 in 10 voters, said they saw the caravan as mostly "asylum seekers in need of humanitarian assistance," while about 3 in 10 said they thought the group was likely a mix.

Another contrast between Bush's approach and Trump's could prove key: Bush couched tough talk about a "global war on terror" with exhortations against religious prejudice. Trump almost never makes such appeals. Instead, he denounces perceived enemies, including parts of the news media whom he has dubbed "enemies of the people."

By roughly a 3-2 ratio, voters said they saw such comments by Trump as "dangerous language that could incite violence." Independents took that view by 2 to 1, the poll found.

As violent attacks punctuated the closing weeks of the campaign, polls have found signs of movement against the Republicans in a number of races.

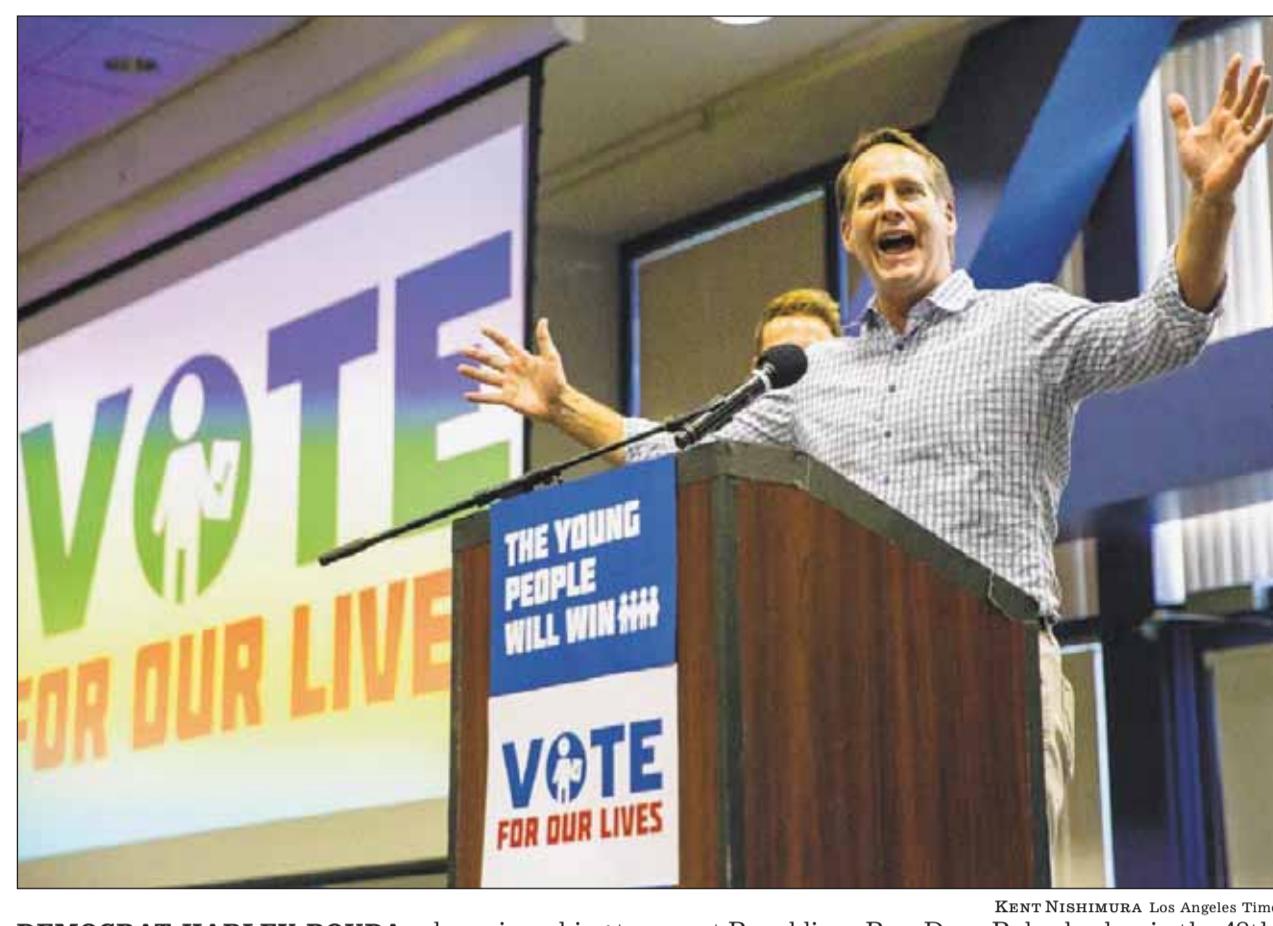
The backlash against Trump carries the biggest political punch in suburban areas. There, anger toward the president from minorities and college-educated whites, especially women, has endangered dozens of Republican candidates, and once-reliably Republican districts from Orange County to the outskirts of Philadelphia and New York have turned into electoral battlegrounds.

But the resistance to Trump has failed to enlist most non-college white voters. Their support has kept Republicans in the fight in more blue-collar congressional districts from northern Los Angeles County, where Republican Rep. Steve Knight and his Democratic challenger, Katie Hill, have been locked in a tight contest, to downstate Maine, where a similarly close fight pits first-term Republican Rep. Bruce Poliquin against his Democratic challenger, Jared Golden.

The USC/Times poll shows near-perfect symmetry between the two groups of white voters: Those with college degrees side with the Democrats by nearly 2 to 1, while those without side with Republicans by an identical ratio.

Those figures, however, represent an average of voters from across the country. The breakdowns in individual districts vary widely.

In the most contested districts, whites without a college education will end up on the Republican side, "but by how much, that's the question," said Mellman, the

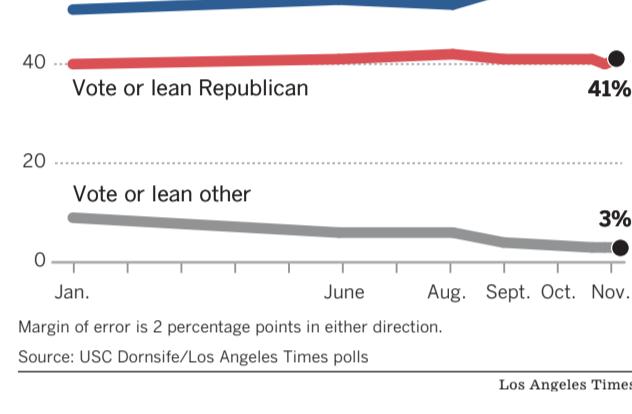


KENT NISHIMURA Los Angeles Times

DEMOCRAT HARLEY ROUDA, above, is seeking to unseat Republican Rep. Dana Rohrabacher in the 48th District. The national USC Dornish/Los Angeles Times poll shows likely voters prefer Democrats.

Democratic advantage as vote nears

Likely voters were asked which party's candidate they would vote for in the midterm election.



Source: USC Dornish/Los Angeles Times polls

longtime Democratic pollster.

"The margin by which we lose them will make a lot of difference in many races."

While Trump has emphasized security from outside threats, Democrats have campaigned consistently on security of a different sort: protection against the threat of ruinous medical bills. They have saturated the airwaves with advertisements highlighting Republican votes to end insurance protections for people with preexisting medical problems.

Almost 1 in 5 voters listed healthcare as the most important issue in the election, up several percentage points from September, when the poll last asked voters to rank issues. The share listing healthcare as the top issue outnumbered those listing illegal immigration by roughly 3 to 1.

Republicans have insisted that they too want to protect people, but they have not gained much traction.

By 55% to 31%, likely voters said they trusted Democrats more to protect people with preexisting health conditions.

Even a significant share of Republican voters expressed doubts about their party on that issue. While 91% of Democratic voters said they trusted Democrats more on the issue, only 72% of Republicans said they trusted their party more.

About 1 in 5 Republican voters said they weren't sure.

factors in voters' estimates of how likely they are to vote, puts the Democratic lead at 10 percentage points, 52% to 42%.

That so-called probabilistic measure should in theory offer a better forecast because it takes into account information from all voters, not just those deemed most likely to vote.

The probabilistic measure weights voters according to how likely they say they are to vote: A person who is 50% likely to vote, for example, has half as much impact on the outcome as one who is 100% likely. The poll is testing both approaches to see which more accurately forecasts the actual vote, said survey director Jill Darling.

Other polls released Sunday forecast similar results. The NBC/Wall Street Journal poll, for example, pegged the Democratic advantage at 7 points, 50% to 43%, and the ABC/Washington Post survey found Democrats with a 51%-44% lead among likely voters.

The USC/Times poll, overseen by Darling, was

conducted Oct. 28 to Saturday among 3,936 adult Americans, including 3,499 registered voters of whom 2,521 were considered likely to vote and 1,091 already voted.

Respondents were drawn from a probability-based panel maintained by USC's Center for Economic and Social Research for its Understanding America Study. Responses were weighted to accurately reflect known demographics of the U.S. population. The margin of error is 2 percentage points in either direction. A full description of the methodology, poll questions and data and additional information about the poll are posted on the USC website.

david.lauter@latimes.com

Twitter: @DavidLauter

latimes.com/politics/elections

Go online for earlier articles in this series looking at issues and voter groups key to the midterm election.

axelbloom MADE IN AUSTRIA
german schlafsysteme

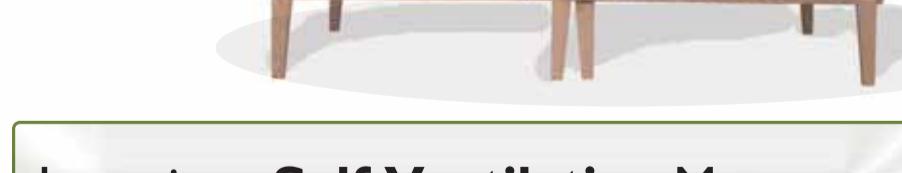


German Luxury Adjustable Beds Starting at \$898!

ALLES
Day Bed-Sofa



Luxurious Self-Ventilating Mattresses



Senior, Veteran & Combo Specials

1.866.696.8387
www.AxelBloom.com

1105 Gayley Ave.
Los Angeles, CA. 90024

**QUALITÄT
GERMAN
technologie**

Save \$100! Make an Appointment!

Mon - Thurs: 10:30am - 5:30pm | Fri: Closed | Sun: 12pm - 4pm

TERMITES are "NO PROBLEM!"

MOVING OUT - Non-Tenting Termite Treatments* **NO PROBLEM**
Stay in your home while we safely treat your home - **NO PROBLEM**
Free 2 Year Warranty on all services - **NO PROBLEM**

Trusted since 1992 CALL 310-256-2220 TODAY TO SCHEDULE A FREE TERMITE INSPECTION

ADDITIONAL KILTE OFFERS:

SCHEDULE A "FREE" TERMITE INSPECTION AND RECEIVE **\$200 OFF** ANY KILGUARD SERVICE Must present coupon at time of inspection. New customers only. Some restrictions may apply. Expires 11/30/18.

RULE TODAY TO SCHEDULE A FREE RODENT INSPECTION AND RECEIVE **\$100 OFF** RODENT CONTROL + FREE 2 YEAR WARRANTY Must present coupon at time of inspection. New customers only. Some restrictions may apply. Expires 11/30/18.

\$95 QUARTERLY PEST CONTROL Must present coupon at time of inspection. New customers only. Size restrictions may apply. Expires 11/30/18.

TERMITES "NO PROBLEM"

FREE Home Inspection
310-256-2220

Fumigation estimates available upon request

www.kiltertermiteandpestcontrol.com

KILTER TERMITE & PEST CONTROL

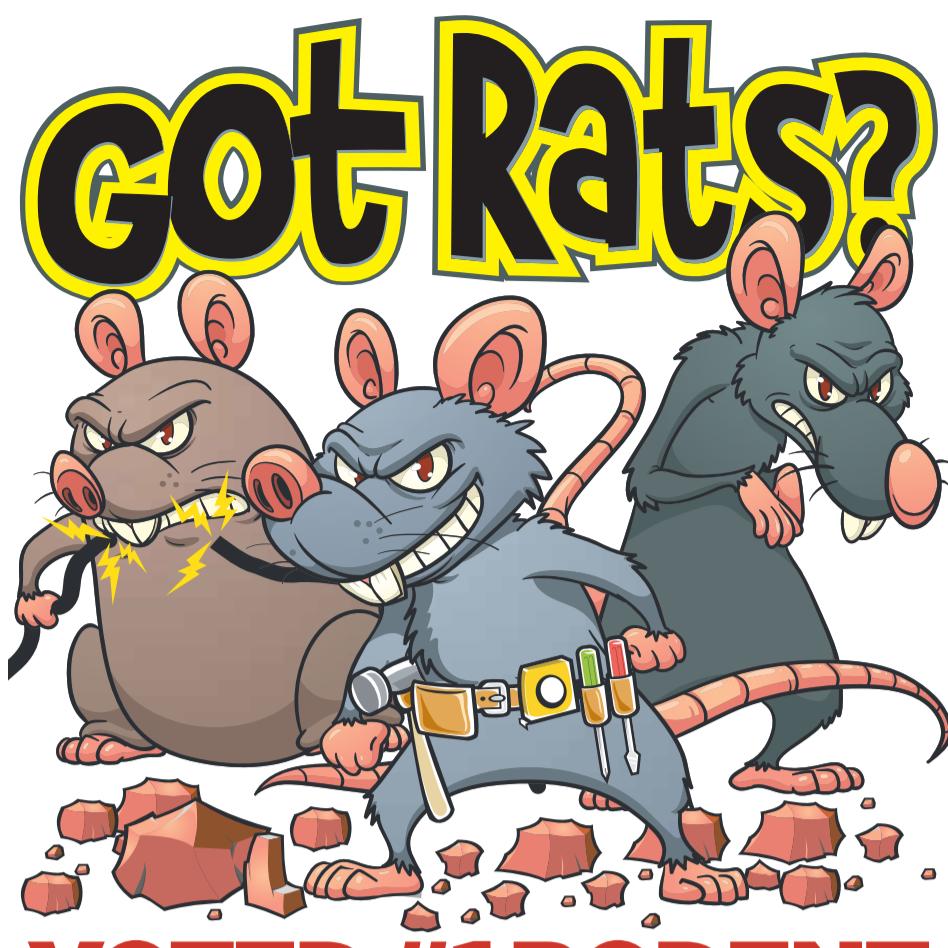
PCT THE PEST CONTROL TECHNOLOGY IN THE NATION

KILTER TERMITE & PEST CONTROL

PCT THE PEST CONTROL TECHNOLOGY IN THE NATION

FREE Home Inspection
310-256-2220

*Fumigation estimates available upon request



VOTED #1 RODENT TREATMENT!

OUR TREATMENT INCLUDES:

NO CONTRACTS!

1. We identify and seal all rat entry points
2. We spray our Rodents Stop trademark spray to neutralize any attracting pheromones and sanitize the attic and crawl space
3. We remove and replace all rat nest infested attic insulation
4. We trap and remove all rats and mice
5. We provide a LIFETIME GUARANTEE - if the problem ever comes back - so do we - AT NO CHARGE

Senior Discounts Available!

If you have
Rats or
Mice in
your house
or business



Call for a Free Inspection

800-292-3807



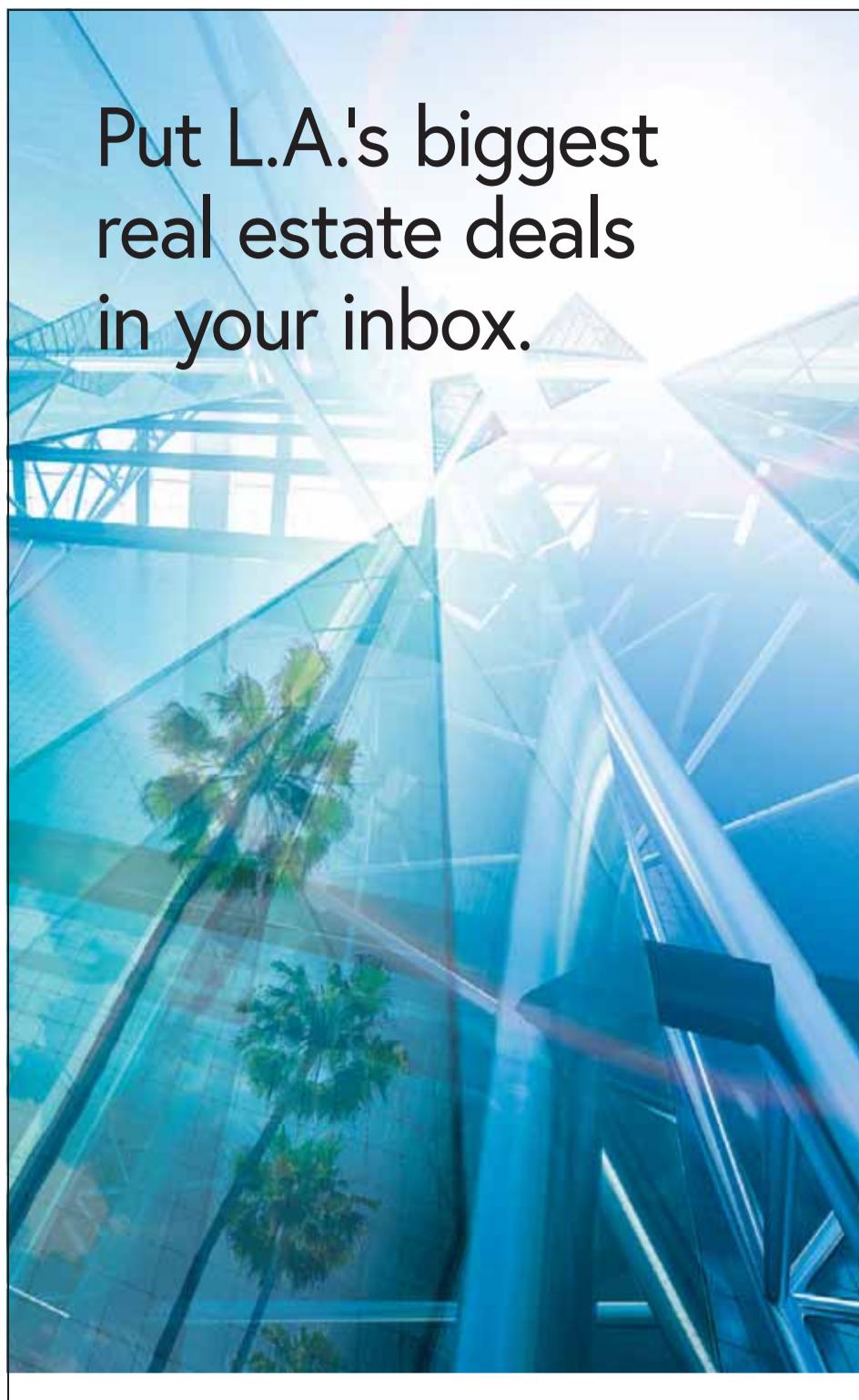
See what our
Happy customers
have to say!

LIC #12050

LIFETIME
Guarantee

Been In Business
for Over 25 Years

Put L.A.'s biggest
real estate deals
in your inbox.



The Hot Property Newsletter

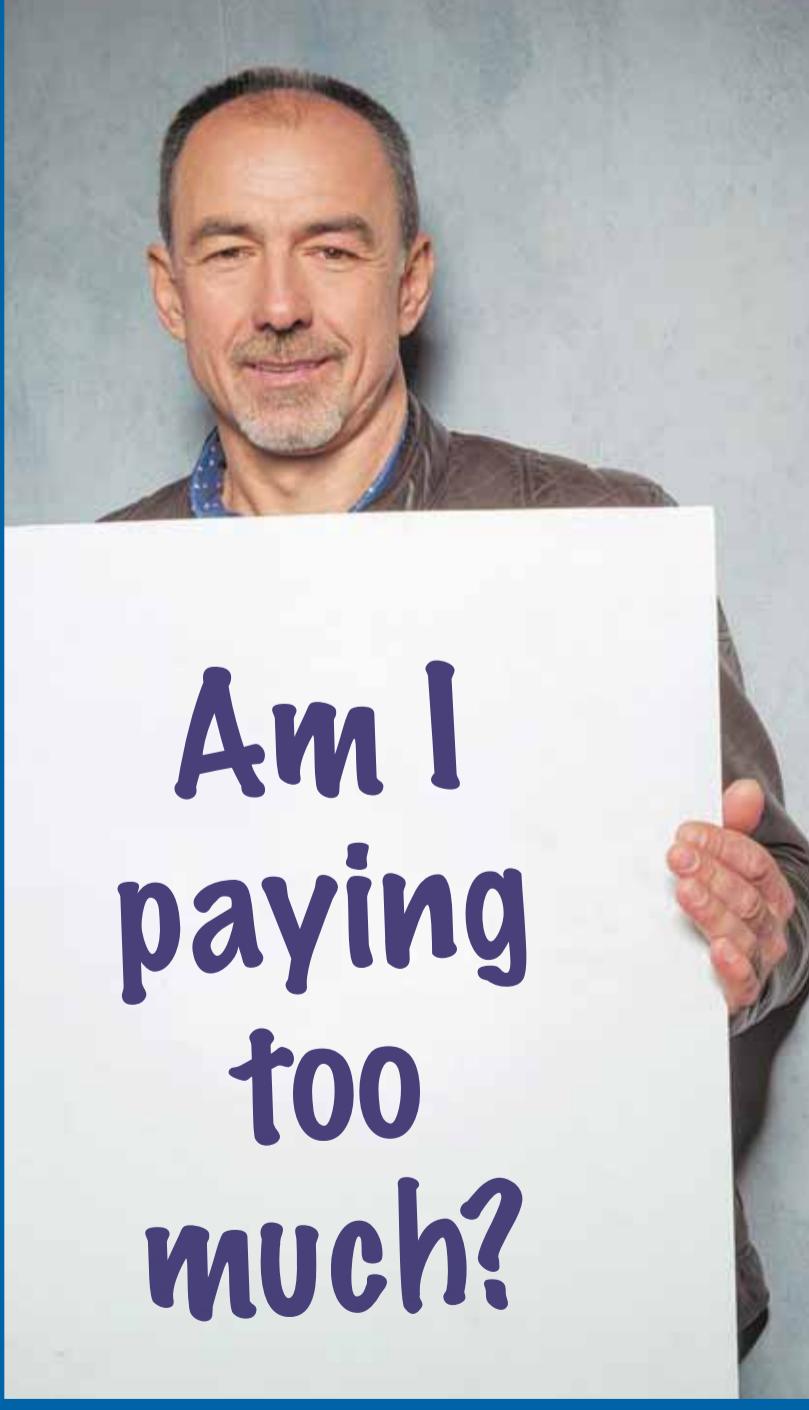
delivers a roundup of celebrity home sales and luxury transactions. We'll bring you over-the-top amenities, moguls' mansions and stunning photos.

Sign up

latimes.com/hotprop

Los Angeles Times

What Concerns You Most About Medicare Enrollment?



Now there are three ways to get Medicare answers:

- 1 **Call the Medicare.com Help Line** 1-844-707-0993 (TTY 711), Monday-Friday, 5am-5pm, Saturday, 6am-3pm PST. Speak with a licensed Medicare.com insurance advisor to help choose a plan.
- 2 **Visit Medicare.com/providenceca to shop plans side-by-side 24/7.** See which plans can save money on your out-of-pocket health care expenses.
- 3 **Attend a FREE workshop** and learn about your Medicare options.

Call now to reserve your spot at an upcoming workshop:
RSVP at 1-866-909-DOCS (3627) (TTY/TDD 1-866-660-4288).

Find more workshops near you at california.providence.org/medicare

Torrance

Providence Little Company
of Mary Medical Center Torrance
4101 Torrance Blvd.

Wed. Nov. 7th 10 a.m.
by BlueShield of CA

Tues. Nov. 13th 10 a.m.
by CHM Insurance (Broker)

FREE Valet Parking in Torrance, next to Outpatient Diagnostic Center entrance (cross street Earl). Meetings in the Center for Health Education.

PROVIDENCE
MEDICAL ASSOCIATES
+ PROVIDENCE

 **Medicare.com**
A non-government site powered by eHealth®

■ ■ ■ DECISION CALIFORNIA ■ ■ ■
The pivotal battles for control of the House

High hurdles despite a coalition of party faithful

[GOP base, from A1]
 at a voter who will stick with Republican candidates through hell or high water.

That number, according to a recent poll, is about 39% of statewide likely voters.

The nonpartisan Public Policy Institute of California found that this core group of GOP voters is centered among the ranks of white male voters. Many live near San Diego or in the Central Valley. Most are registered Republicans, though some are unaffiliated independent voters. Many attended college but didn't leave with a degree.

Given the animus of the state's elected officials toward Trump's policies, 39% support for the president among likely California voters is a reasonably strong showing. (And it's worth noting that the president's job approval is much lower among all adults — another example of how the electorate doesn't accurately reflect the state as a whole.) It's less uplifting, though, for a Republican who's trying to win statewide office.

Trump may have helped reveal the contours of the party's base, but his reputation could also create a shatterproof ceiling come election day.

John Cox, the GOP businessman gubernatorial candidate who moved to California from Illinois in 2011, is running neck and neck with Trump. PPIC's recent survey found 38% of likely voters back Cox over Democratic Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, essentially tied with the president's approval rating. Last week, two additional polls — one from UC Berkeley, another from the nonpartisan research firm Gravis — pegged Cox's support between 35% and 40%. Gravis found that 36% of California voters who were surveyed like Trump.

There's historical precedent to the idea that the Republican base is close to 40% of voters who cast ballots. While its share of registered voters has fallen to just 24%



IRFAN KHAN Los Angeles Times

A SURVEY found 38% of likely voters back Republican John Cox, center, essentially tied with President Trump's approval rating.

— less than independent voters — the GOP continues to cobble together a coalition of party faithful and conservative nonconformists in numbers that can eclipse the larger liberal but more disengaged parts of the state's electorate.

"Even with declining Republican registration in the state, it seems to be staying at that 40%," said Kevin Spillane, a GOP strategist.

The percentage may be the California political version of baseball's "Mendoza line," the boundary between a respectable and a ridiculed batting average in the major leagues, nicknamed for retired infielder Mario Mendoza. Being above it isn't exactly a sign of success, but below it almost always means failure.

Cox's predecessor as the state GOP gubernatorial pick, Neel Kashkari, was spot-on perfect on this count: In the 2014 election against Gov. Jerry Brown, he won 40% of the vote.

Kashkari was a newcomer to California politics who served as an assistant Treasury secretary under Presidents George W. Bush

and Obama. Like Cox, he stepped forward when better-known GOP politicians decided against running. After losing to Brown, he left California to become president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

That 40% mark in general election votes — let's call it the "Kashkari line" — offers a marker by which to track statewide Republican campaigns. In races for governor since 1990, it's a rung on the ladder that only one candidate has failed to reach: Dan Lungren, who in 1998 as California's attorney general garnered only 38% of the vote against Democrat Gray Davis.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger was the most successful, winning reelection in 2006 with 56% of the vote. Former Gov. Pete Wilson also pushed far past the line to win a second term in the GOP's historic landslide election of 1994.

Others barely crossed the line, though, even when they had plenty of money for their effort. Meg Whitman, the billionaire candidate who spent \$178.5 million, captured only 41% of the vote

in 2010. Bill Simon, the GOP's wealthy hopeful eight years earlier, maxed out at 42%.

Republicans running for statewide offices other than governor, in so-called down-ticket races, have also hovered around the line. Two GOP candidates four years ago — Ashley Swearengin for state controller and Pete Peterson for secretary of state — topped out at 46% of the vote in losing efforts that November.

But the hurdles are especially high now, at the height of the national Republican brand's toxicity to millions of moderate California voters. Even tougher is a top-two primary system that excludes third-party and write-in candidates from the fall ballot. Twice in the last three decades, a fractured electorate allowed the winner in the governor's race — Davis in 1998, Wilson in 1990 — to claim victory with less than 50% of the vote.

For Cox to have a chance in these final days of the 2018 election, he has to win almost all the undecided voters in recent polls while siphoning off lukewarm New-

som voters. He would also need to escape Trump's shadow, which probably felt more like shelter when the president endorsed Cox during the primary campaign in May. Newsom is trying to make the governor's race a referendum on Trump, with television ads that call out the president, not Cox.

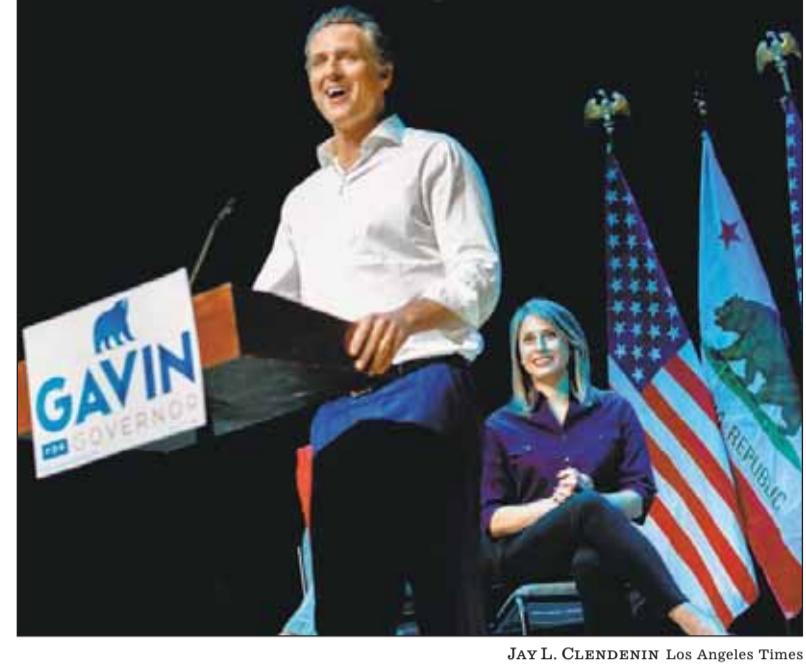
to Kashkari's candidate committee from 2014 who have given money to Cox's 2018 effort.

"A number of them, frankly, think it's just futile," Spillane said.

Wealthy backers have instead been urged to spend their money on California's hot congressional races in which Republicans are fighting for survival. Or they're trying to win enough GOP seats in Sacramento to keep Democrats from a legislative supermajority.

But Tuesday's election could face the most significant test to the size of the Republican base of any in modern history, as the electoral typhoon wrought by Trump hits just as the state continues moving to the political left. And at a time when all of the campaign metaphors are weather-related — surges, waves, floods — Cox and the other severely underfunded statewide GOP hopefuls may soon be left to board up the windows and try to ride out the storm.

john.myers@latimes.com
 Twitter: @johnmyers

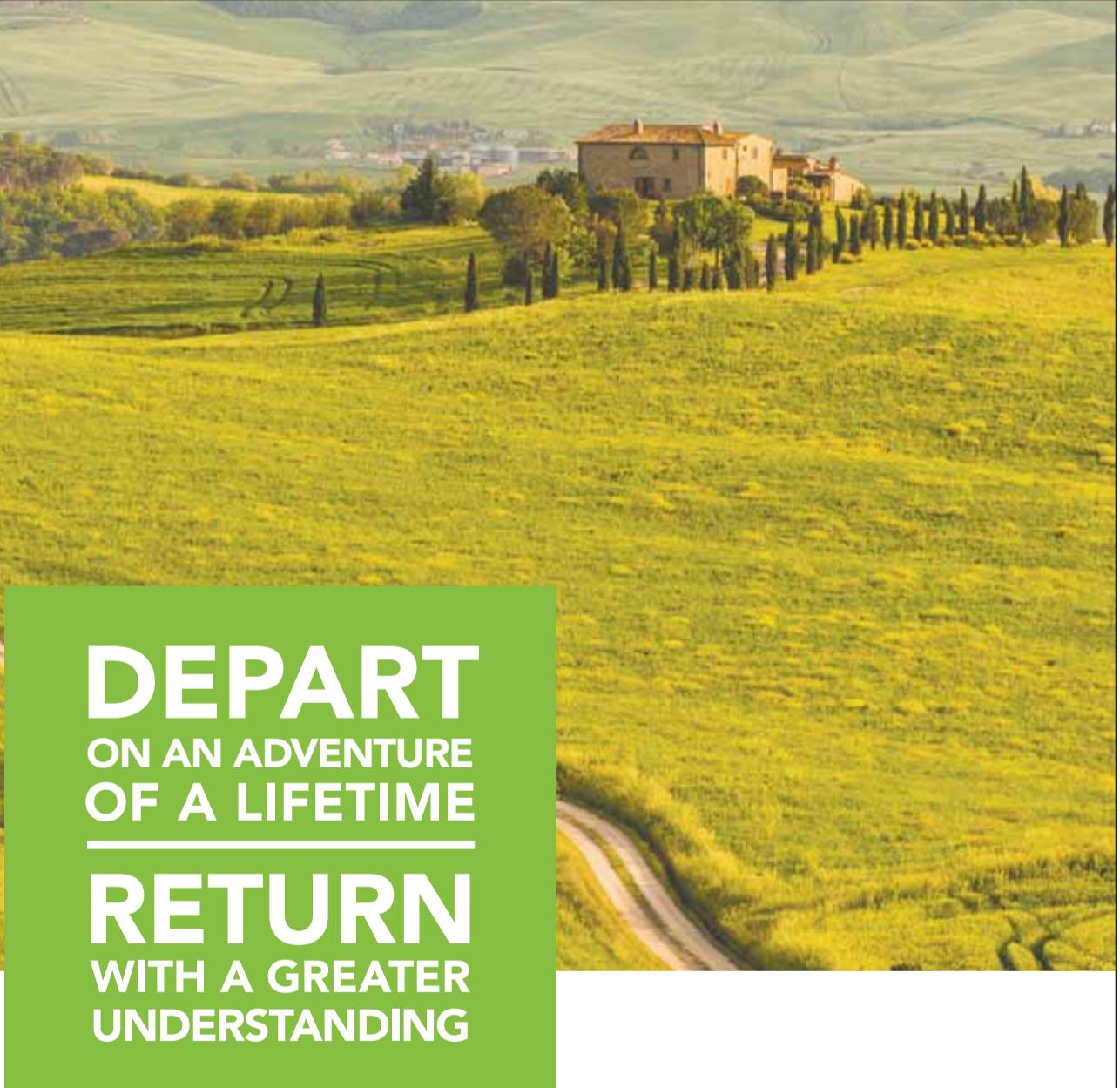


JAY L. CLENDENIN Los Angeles Times

LT. GOV. Gavin Newsom is trying to make the governor's race a referendum on Trump, with ads that call out the president, not Cox.

**DEPART
ON AN ADVENTURE
OF A LIFETIME**

**RETURN
WITH A GREATER
UNDERSTANDING**



Let our reporters, editors and photographers take you on a journey of discovery.

Los Angeles Times
expeditions

855-890-5298

(Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. PT)

LATexpeditions.com/explore

■ ■ ■ DECISION CALIFORNIA ■ ■ ■
The pivotal battles for control of the House



MARK BOSTER For The Times

LAWYER Stephen Rios, whose family worked for the Moultons and O'Neills, stands in the doorway of the adobe house in San Juan Capistrano built by his family in the 1780s. The Rios Adobe is the the oldest continuously inhabited home in California and a huge part of the history and culture of Orange County.

Conservative bastion evolves again

[Orange County, from A1] government and liberalism led to Soviet domination.

The message stuck. Within the decade, Orange County would have 38 chapters of the conspiracy-minded, ultra-right-wing John Birch Society, which called Republican President Dwight D. Eisenhower a "communist tool." Knott and actor John Wayne were members, as was the county's congressman.

The rightward mobilization during the suburban explosion of the 1960s gave Orange County a national reputation for hard-line conservatism with a crackpot edge — "nut country," in the words of Fortune magazine.

The county's deep pockets funded right-wing candidates and movements throughout the nation. At home it spawned popular but ultimately doomed measures such as the Briggs Initiative in 1978 to ban gays and lesbians from working in public schools, and Proposition 187 in 1994, which would have denied public services to immigrants in the country illegally.

The Republican Party reached its peak in the Reagan era and has been slowly losing its membership edge since 1990, as the diversity of Los Angeles and the world at large started to bleed through the so-called Orange Curtain.

Registered Republicans today outnumber Democrats by only 2 percentage points, down from 22% at the peak, with a large contingent of self-declared independents positioned to swing elections either way. The GOP has a chance of losing four congressional seats in the county in Tuesday's midterm election. If so, it would be the first time since the 1930s that Orange County would be without Republican representation in the House.

A GOP loss of even one or two seats would be significant, not as a turning point so much as a powerful sign of change — hastened by dislike for President Trump — in this one-time heart of American conservatism.

..

Orange County seceded from its northwestern neighbor, Los Angeles, in 1889, led by fiercely independent ranchers, sheepherders, beekeepers, citrus growers and crop farmers who had bristled under the control of a rich city 30 miles up the rail line.

The county then was a constellation of small farm and dairy towns in the north and scattered resort towns along the coast. In the south,

has it that natural gas seeps were so rich in some spots that, as he camped, he would light them to cook his breakfast.

After two decades of renting land, he and a Basque shepherd, John Pierre Daquerre, had enough money to buy Rancho Niguel, which they eventually expanded to 22,000 acres. It was rugged, isolated country, good mostly for grazing. The cheapest land was the steep part near the coast, between what would become Laguna Beach and Dana Point — about \$15 an acre. Today, small fractions of an acre go for double-digit millions.

In the second half of the 20th century, these backwater ranchers and farmers, the Moulton family, the O'Neills, Floods, Irvines, Segerstroms, would physically and culturally shape Orange County into the suburban giant it is today.

But there was always an underclass that made their dreams work.

Tenant farmers — often with roots in Mexico, the Basque country or in California before the American conquest — rented spots on these ranches to graze and grow barley. Others toiled as hands for the landowners.

In the north, they lived in segregated barrios in Santa Ana, Westminster, Anaheim and Garden Grove — where their children attended separate "Mexican schools" until a federal appeals court ruled them unconstitutional in 1947. In the south, they made up smaller communities in El Toro and San Juan Capistrano.

"My tata got killed right there by the train when he was 93 years old," Stephen Rios said of his grandfather, an American Indian named Mochanai, as he sat in his front garden across from the Mission San Juan Capistrano. "He was a vaquero, a well-known horse trainer."

Rios' family worked for the Moultons and O'Neills and lived in the adobe house built in 1794 for their ancestor Feliciano Rios, who came to California as a Spanish soldier and married an American Indian woman.

Rios, an attorney, inherited the home from his father and lives there today. His son's bedroom has the ceiling boards that the famed bandito Joaquin Murrieta, a family friend known as the Robin Hood of El Dorado, would lift to hide in the attic in the 1850s. A flat-screen TV sits below them now.

The American Indian, California and Mexican residents of their dirt street — the oldest neighborhood in California — were conservative. "They loved their fam-

ilies, their church," he said. "They loved their pieces of land. They were strong, religious, independent people."

Republicans reigned during the rural era. The land barons did not want labor organizers anywhere near their field hands.

When orange pickers walked out of the orchards in 1936, the strikers were arrested and beaten by police and mobs. The Times reported "old vigilante days were revived in the orchards of Orange County yesterday as one man lay near death and scores nursed injuries."

Changes in Orange County's 948 square miles — physical, demographic and political — have always rolled from north to south. While the Rios family was still living in the cowboy era, World War II brought rapid transformation to the northern part of the county.

The military needed more West Coast bases to fight the Japanese, and the open space between Long Beach and San Diego was perfect. The government built bases in Seal Beach, Los Alamitos, Santa Ana and El Toro.

Defense contractors and other big manufacturers followed: Hughes Aircraft, Rockwell, Ford Aeronutronic, Boeing, American Electronics, Beckman Instruments.

The farmers and ranchers became developers, or sold their land to other builders, creating vast tracts of homes across the northern end of the county from Huntington Beach to Fullerton. In this era of big cars and backyard barbecues, houses turned inward. Garages replaced porches and picture windows; neighborhoods were quiet.

The newcomers, many from the South and Midwest or white-flighters from Los Angeles, converged at church.

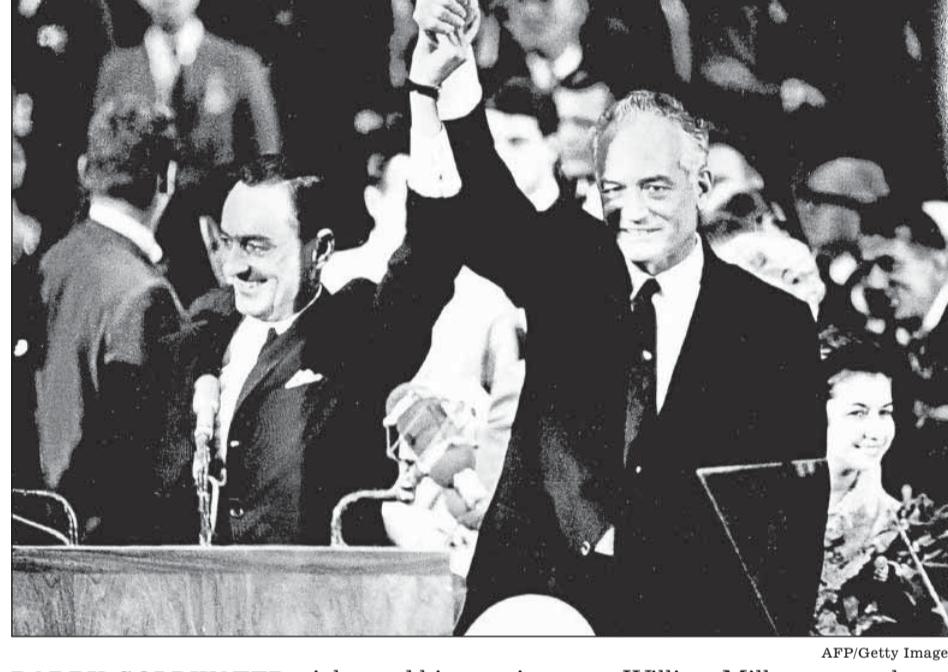
..

At its core, Orange County held a tension between Midwestern traditionalism and California's drive for reinvention.

The midcentury suburbs in the north were libertarian-leaning enclaves, yet living on Washington defense spending, and listening to a sunny California-bred gospel of self-empowerment and prosperity.

An Iowan named Robert Schuller put out a newspaper ad in 1955, "Come as you are... In the family car!"

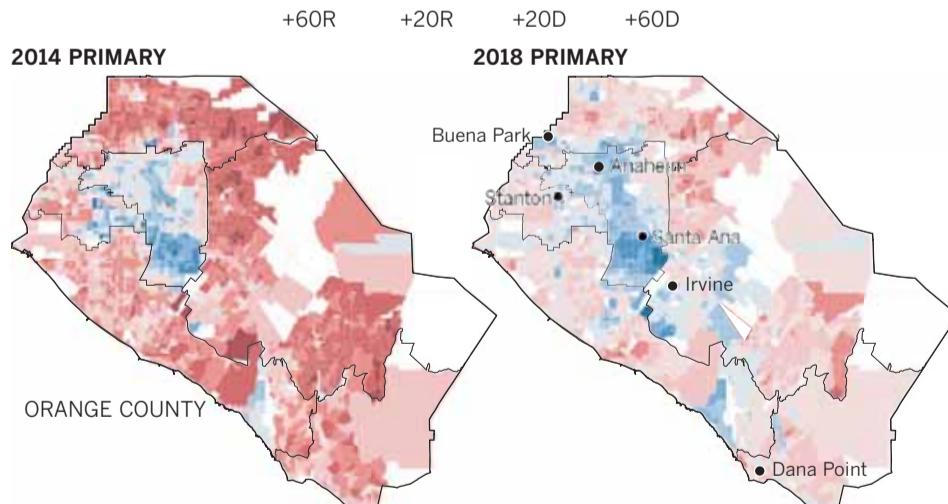
He preached from the roof of the snack bar at the Orange Drive-in theater, not about fire and brimstone, but about "possibility think-



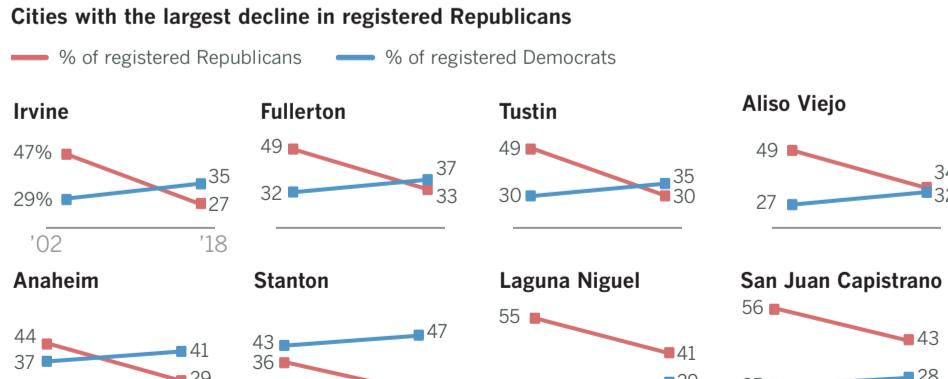
BARRY GOLDWATER, right, and his running mate William Miller accept the Republican Party's nomination in San Francisco in July 1964.

Democrats gaining ground

In Orange County, once a Republican stronghold, Democrats have made significant inroads in vote share and party registration in recent years.



Cities with the largest decline in registered Republicans



Sources: California secretary of state, Political Data Inc.

P. KRISHNAKUMAR Los Angeles Times

the basin tapered off into a narrowing valley between the Santa Ana Mountains and the coastal San Joaquin Hills, where sheep and cattle ranches had thrived since California was part of Spain

and Mexico.

Americans had taken over the ranchos in the late 19th century after a devastating drought left many old landowners of Spanish ancestry, the Californios,

broke.

Lewis Moulton was one of the Yankee migrants. He came from Boston in 1874 and grazed sheep on the open range from Oceanside to Long Beach. Family lore

■ ■ ■ DECISION CALIFORNIA ■ ■ ■
The pivotal battles for control of the House

ing" with catchphrases like "Turn your scars into stars."

Schuller's congregation boomed, becoming one of the nation's first megachurches. His "Hour of Power" television sermon beamed across the country. In 1980, he built a glass church longer than a football field, the Crystal Cathedral.

Orange County birthed hugely influential ministries that mixed God with conservative politics: Chuck Smith's Calvary Chapel, Greg Laurie's Harvest Crusade, Paul and Jan Crouch's Trinity Broadcasting Network and Rick Warren's Saddleback Church.

"The megachurches reinforced and marinated the conservatism coming out of the defense plants," said Fred Smoller, associate professor of political science at Chapman University.

Orange County's open space and space-age technology, coupled with fervent entrepreneurship and an edge-of-the-continent mentality, let tinkerers and visionaries experiment with minimal regulation.

This was a suburban county that, like no other, reached deep into popular culture.

Knott's Berry Farm was the nation's first theme park. Disneyland became one of the world's biggest destinations. The ministries reached millions. South Coast Plaza shopping mall would draw more people from around the world than Disneyland. The Irvine ranch grew into the largest planned city in America. Leisure World became the first retirement community.

In new coastal towns such as Dana Point and San Clemente, Hobie Alter, Gordon "Grubby" Clark and John Severson (living next door to Orange County native Richard Nixon in his "Western White House") helped create a whole new culture around an ancient Polynesian sport that would become a multibillion-dollar surf industry.

In Laguna Beach, Tom Morey, a Douglas Aircraft composites engineer, invented the bodyboard. In Anaheim, the Van Doren brothers opened the first Vans store.

And the likes of Knott and Anaheim's Carl Karcher, the founder of Carl's Jr., would help give America a new brand of conservatism, with their friend John Wayne in Newport Beach to embody it.

With the Cold War at its peak in the 1960s, families in Orange County, so many of them in the military or defense industry, heeded their call.

"At living room bridge clubs, at backyard barbecues, and at kitchen coffee klatches, the middle-class men and women of Orange County 'awakened' to what they perceived as the threats of communism and liberalism," wrote Lisa McGirr, a professor of history at Harvard, in "Suburban Warriors: The Origins of the New American Right." "They became the cutting edge of the conservative movement in the 1960s."

The lack of a large organized working class and the near absence of racial minorities made it likely that Orange County's political rainbow would consist of relatively few colors."

The quiet homogeneity of the walled and gated communities allowed politicians to exploit fears of the outsider — whether they be African Americans from Los Angeles, immigrants from Mexico, or gays, Muslims and Koreans.

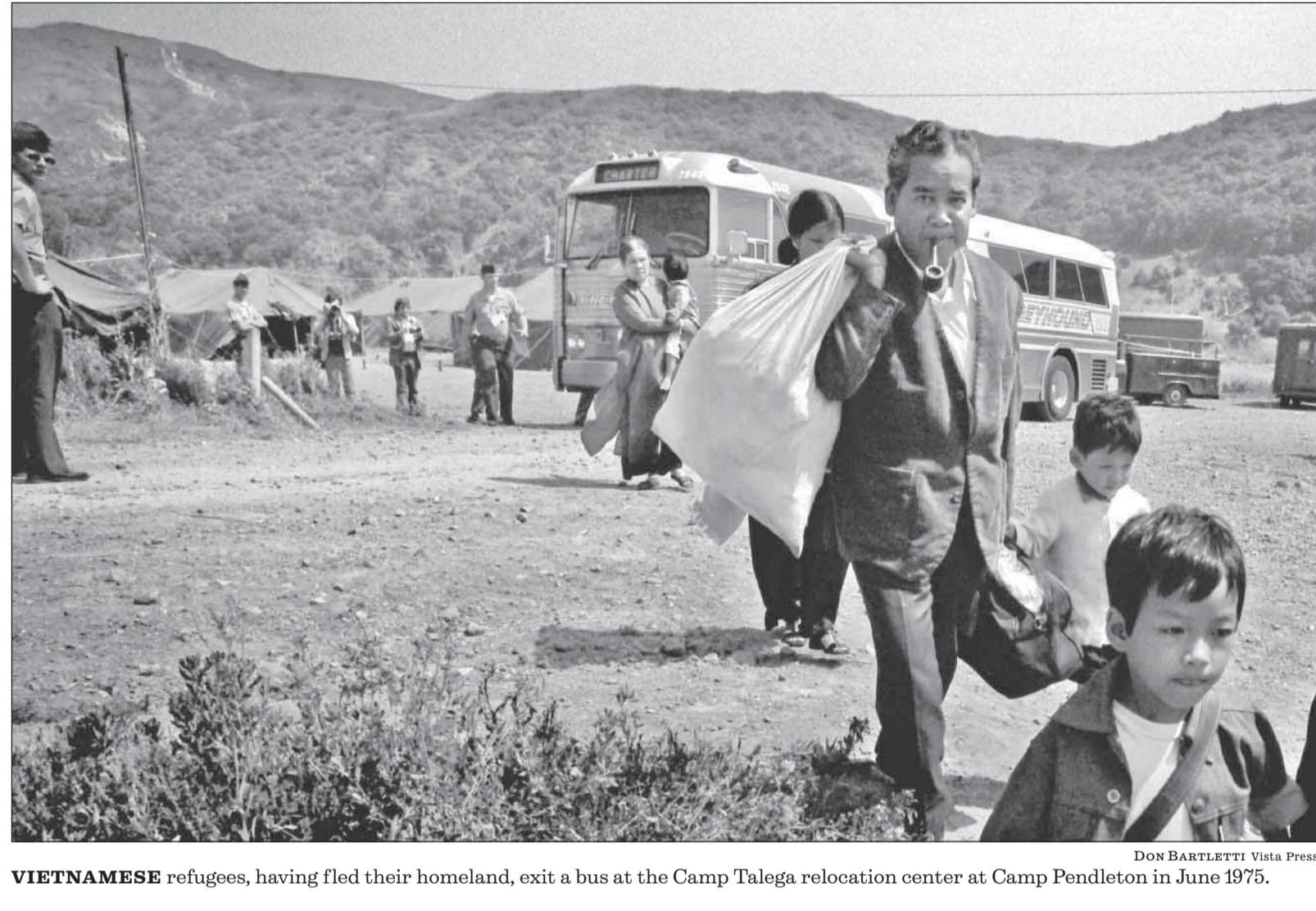
"The anti-minority stuff accelerated political careers here," said Smoller, the political scientist. "We have a history of sending some real oddballs to Congress."

An early one was Rep. James Utt, who in 1963 warned about the United Nations training "a large contingent of barefooted Africans" in Georgia to take over the country.

Cementing this conservatism: its daily newspaper, the Register, and its libertarian owner Raymond C. Hoiles. He had once waged war against a measure to improve mental health care in Alaska because he said it was a communist plot to brainwash Americans in concentration camps.

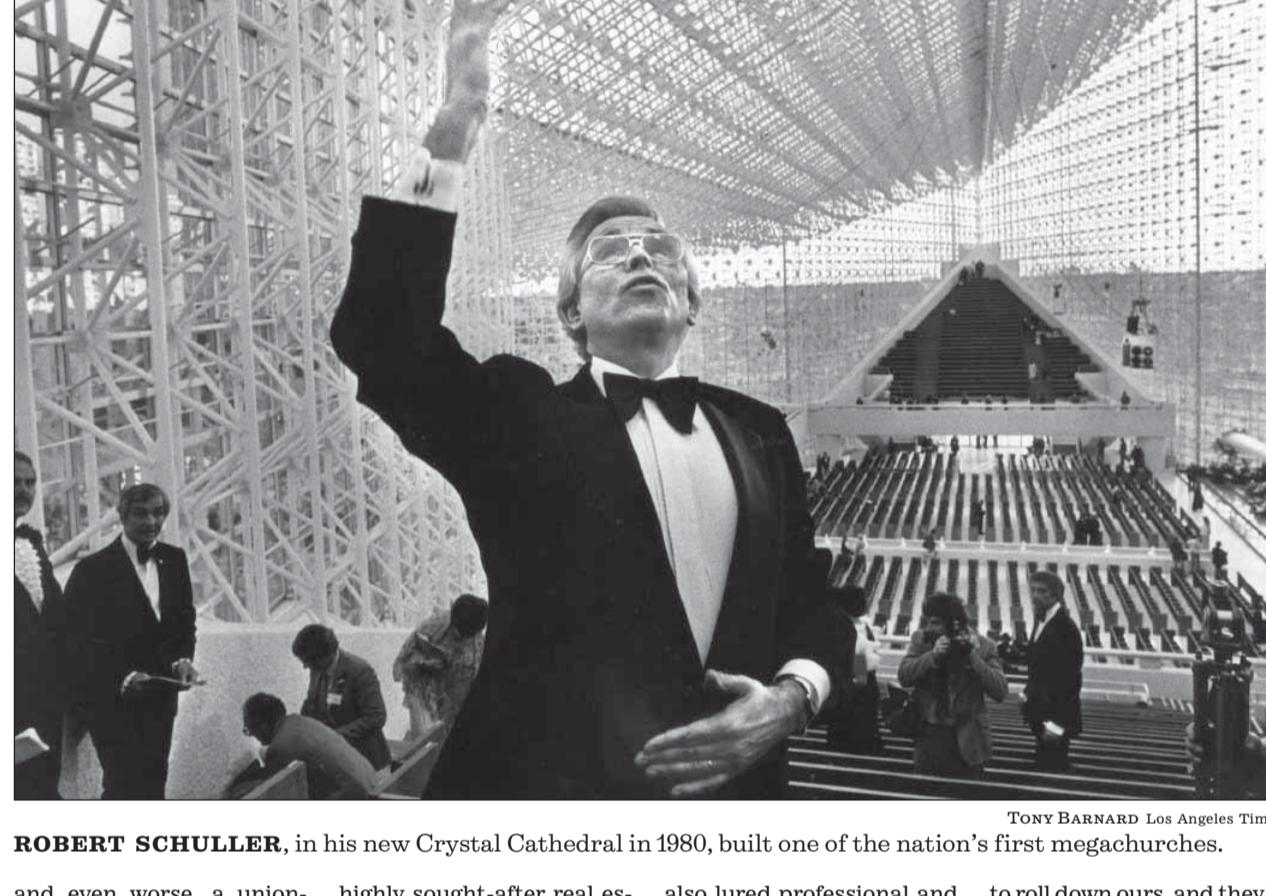
In 1964, Pat Donnelly, a young aerospace engineer working at McDonnell Douglas, bought a small home in Buena Park for \$18,500. His neighbor's first admonition to him: They must help ensure no blacks, Mexicans or Catholics moved in.

Donnelly was a Catholic,



DON BARTLETTI Vista Press

VIETNAMESE refugees, having fled their homeland, exit a bus at the Camp Tulega relocation center at Camp Pendleton in June 1975.



ROBERT SCHULLER, in his new Crystal Cathedral in 1980, built one of the nation's first megachurches.

and even worse, a union-card-carrying Democrat who once played guitar and banjo in a touring folk band. He and his wife had two girls and joined the St. Pius V Church on Orangethorpe Avenue and started a choir.

With his own slice of suburbia, he became more concerned about taxes and grew more conservative.

"I didn't like some of the stuff I was seeing in the cities, the drugs and crime. It seemed like people were abusing welfare. I was paying for that."

He switched parties and never looked back.

After Orange County's favorite candidate Barry Goldwater lost to President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964, Republican rainmakers turned their attention to Reagan's run for governor.

His first political fundraiser

was at a home in Anaheim, and the county would nurture his ambitions the rest of his career.

By the 1970s, developers

had reached deep into south

Orange County. The Irvine Co.

had wound down its cattle

operations and was

parceling out its 185 square

miles of land. Some 1,500

acres near Newport Beach

would become UC Irvine.

The company developed a

master plan for a city to grow

around the university, which

would incorporate in 1971.

The Moultons sold their

land soon after to developers

who would build Laguna

Hills, Laguna Woods, La-

guna Niguel and Aliso Viejo.

In their yards, homeowners

would find rattlesnakes that

wandered out of the wild

canyons and steep hillsides

between subdivisions.

To the east and south,

the O'Neills' vast scrubby

land would give way to even

newer, posher cities such as

Rancho Santa Margarita,

Ladera Ranch and the com-

munity of Coto de Caza —

the setting for the "Real

Housewives of Orange

County."

With all this construc-

tion, Stephen Rios' 225-year-

old adobe home is hemmed

in by suburbia.

The "Los Rios District" is

now on the National Regis-

ter of Historic Places and is

highly sought-after real estate for its quaint atmosphere.

Most of the old California families sold and moved on.

"Everyone else wants to live here now," Rios said.

Lewis Moulton's great-grandson, Jared Mathis, came back from a job back east to Laguna Hills to manage the family's remaining holdings. A few years ago, he took his dad — who moved away in the 1970s — for a drive to look at the old ranch where he grew up.

But his father couldn't

get his bearings. All the landmarks were gone, the hills

terraced, new trees and

houses blocked once wide

views. "They say they moved

more dirt building Aliso Viejo than they did digging the Panama Canal," Mathis said.

Mathis drove his father to

the ridgeline of Laguna

Beach. From there, you

could see the whole ranch

area, smell the laurel sumac

in Aliso Canyon, glimpse

some old corrals in the dis-

tance, get a grip of the topo-

graphy. The white striations

of terraced neighborhoods

faded in the haze. The twin

peaks of Modjeska and San-

tiago, called Old Saddle-

back, framed the view, as

they did in most of the

county, one thing that never

changed.

"He could see where they

had the old roundups," he

said. "That was a powerful

image for him."

As development moved

south, the older, northern

parts of the county lost some

of their luster. The affluent

white Republicans drifted to

the shinier places depicted

in TV shows such as "The

O.C."

The explosion in South

County home construction

created thousands of jobs.

"The people building all of

those houses were Latino,"

said Smoller, the political

science professor. Like the

old tenant farmers, they

helped families such as the

Irvines realize their dreams.

Thousands of other Lat-

inos would follow to work in

service jobs in these wealthy

new areas.

The "Los Rios District" is

now on the National Regis-

ter of Historic Places and is

also lured professional and middle-class Latinos to the northern neighborhoods that Anglos were leaving in their migration south.

In Santa Ana in the 1970s, the population of Latinos went from 40,000 to 90,000.

Today, Latinos account for 78% of Santa Ana's popula-

tion. Northwest Orange

County looks a lot like Southeast L.A. County. La

Habra is 57% Latino; Ana-

heim, 52%; Buena Park, 40%;

Garden Grove, 37%.

The other big factor that

brought demographic change was seeded 53 years ago, when the federal government removed racist quotas on immigrants from Asia, and Greater Los Ange-

les became a major destination for Koreans and Chi-

nese.

In 1975, after Saigon fell,

50,000 South Vietnamese landed in nearby Camp Pendleton, and conservative Orange County stepped up to take the anti-communist refugees.

The Register called on

churches and citizens to

sponsor these newcomers.

They were put up in apart-

ments in neglected parts of

Westminster and Garden

Grove still surrounded by

bean fields.

Soon the fields and dilapi-

dated commercial strips

gave way to bustling places

such as Saigon Market and

Hoa Binh Market, ushering

in a wave of new Vietnamese

businesses that would revi-

talize the area.

Frank Jao started off in

the U.S. selling Kirby vac-

uum cleaners in Whittier.

<p

Utah mayor is killed in Afghanistan

Army National Guard Maj. Brent Taylor is shot by a commando he was training.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NORTH OGDEN, Utah — A Utah mayor who was also a Utah Army National Guard major training commandos in Afghanistan was fatally shot by one of his Afghan trainees, officials said Sunday.

Brent Taylor, 39, had taken a yearlong leave of absence as mayor of North Ogden, north of Salt Lake City, for his deployment to Afghanistan.

He was a military intelligence officer with Joint Force Headquarters and was expected to return to his mayoral job in January. Another U.S. military member whose name was not immediately made public was wounded in Saturday's attack that killed Taylor, who died from wounds from small arms fire, military officials said.

Maj. Gen. Jefferson S. Burton, the adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, told reporters that Taylor's mission was to help

train and build the capacity of the Afghan national army.

"He was with folks he was helping and training. That's what's so painful about this. It's bitter," Burton said. "I do believe that Maj. Taylor felt he was among friends, with people he was working with."

Utah news outlets cited a statement from NATO saying that Taylor was shot by one of the commandos being trained and that the attacker was killed by Afghan forces.

Taylor leaves behind a wife and seven children. His remains are scheduled to arrive at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware on Monday evening.

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert said Taylor "was there to help. He was a leader. He loved the people of Afghanistan. This is a sad day for Utah, for America."

"Brent was a hero, a patriot, a wonderful father, and a dear friend," U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah said on Twitter.

"News of his death in Afghanistan is devastating. My prayers and love are with Jennie and his seven young children. His service will always be remembered."

Taylor served two tours in Iraq and was on his sec-



FRANCISCO KJOLSETH Salt Lake Tribune
SOLDIERS at a Draper, Utah, news conference react to news of North Ogden Mayor Brent Taylor's slaying.

ond tour in Afghanistan.

Taylor told local media in January when he was being deployed that he was as-

signed to serve on an advisory team training the staff of an Afghan commando battalion.

Hundreds of residents of North Ogden lined the streets to see him off as police escorted him and his family around the community of about 17,000.

Taylor became mayor in 2013.

Town mourns 3 Girl Scouts and 1 adult killed by truck

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAKE HALLIE, Wis. — A western Wisconsin community on Sunday was grieving the deaths of three Girl Scouts and an adult who were collecting trash along a rural highway when police say a pickup truck veered off the road and hit them before speeding away.

Authorities had not released the names of the girls or the woman who were struck by the truck on Saturday in Lake Hallie, including the name of a fourth girl who survived but was in critical condition at a hospital.

The hearts are broken for the girls and families of the Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes, Chief Executive Sylvia Acevedo of Girl Scouts of the USA said in a statement Sunday. "The Girl Scout movement everywhere stands with our sister Girl Scouts in Wisconsin to grieve and comfort one another in the wake of this terrible tragedy."

Lake Hallie police Sgt. Daniel Sokup said the pickup, a black Ford F-150, crossed a lane and veered into a roadside ditch, striking the victims. Other members of the troop were picking up trash from the opposite shoulder.

The 21-year-old driver, Colten Treu of Chippewa Falls, sped off but later surrendered and will be charged with four counts of homicide, Sokup said.

It was unclear Sunday whether Treu had retained an attorney.

Sokup said it was not immediately known whether there were other factors that might have led the driver to

leave the road.

Cecily Spallees, a personal care attendant at a group home near the crash site, told the newspaper that drivers regularly speed on that stretch of road, which quickly changes from a 55-mph to a 35-mph zone.

"I'm always telling one of my residents that he shouldn't walk this strip at night," Spallees said. "It's not safe."

Troop 3055's regional council, the Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes, expressed its condolences on Facebook and said a vigil would be held Sunday evening at the girls' school.



JEFF WHEELER Star Tribune
A RELATIVE of the adult struck and killed by a pickup looks at the truck's path in Lake Hallie, Wis.

Thinking of Remodeling? Learn From The Pro's...

KITCHEN & BATH REMODELING SEMINAR

Saturday, November 10, 2018 • 10am-2pm • Registration starts at 9:30

**WIN
\$20,000**

— in Prizes! —

Home Makeover Sweepstakes

Attend & You're Entered!

Live cooking tips!

Here's what they say about our seminar...

- "Reface vs. New Remodel Explained"
- "I learned so much about lighting and plumbing"
- "Now I know what to look for when hiring a contractor"
- "Now I understand the difference between euro and frame cabinets"
- "The lunch and prizes they gave away are fantastic!"
- "What a wonderful learning experience!"



Learn from the Pros...

Our seminar is filled with industry-leading tips and perspective on important topics such as cabinet construction, signature refacing, tub to shower conversions, walk-in tubs, and what you need to know before hiring a contractor!

Live demonstrations, prizes and great snacks!

Of course, we'll have exclusive promotions for our attendee's. And remember, it's FREE!

Reborn®
CABINETS INC.
kitchen & bath remodeling specialists Est. 1983

Call Today
888-753-8910

Hurry Seating is Limited!

Seminar Location!

MANUFACTURING & DESIGN CENTER

2981 E. La Palma Ave.

Anaheim, CA 92806

Open 7 Days a Week 9am-5pm

Additional Showrooms

SOUTH BAY

24667 Crenshaw Blvd., Suite A

Torrance, CA 90505

Mon-Fri: 10am-7pm / Sat & Sun: 10am-6pm

SOUTH OC

23626 El Toro Rd., Suite B

Lake Forest, CA 92630

Mon-Fri: 10am-7pm / Sat & Sun: 10am-6pm

Come and Browse! Showrooms Are Open 7 Days a Week



www.reborncabins.com



Made in Anaheim • Licensed General Contractors Since 1983 • www.csfb.ca.gov - CA Lic # 443682, NV Lic # 0080026



VIKKI CONSIGLIO, a leader of the Eagle's Landing city proposal, says its aim is to attract more upscale amenities to the developing suburb southeast of Atlanta.

JENNY JARVIE Los Angeles Times

Affluent residents want to split town

[City, from A1]

"This is about the haves and the have-nots," said Anthony S. Ford, who was elected last year as Stockbridge's first African American mayor. "If this goes ahead, it will disenfranchise more than half of the residents of Stockbridge who don't get a chance to vote. It will devastate the city and cut it in half."

If Eagle's Landing manages to wrestle away the southern portion of Stockbridge — a section that includes its most affluent residential pockets as well as its main commercial corridor that brings in nearly \$5 million of the city's \$9-million annual revenue — Ford has warned the city would be forced to impose a new property tax on remaining residents.

Opponents say a successful referendum drive could have repercussions far beyond the Atlanta metropolitan area.

"This is much bigger than the city of Stockbridge," said Arthur Christian, 49, a financial project manager who runs the ballot committee, Citizens to Keep Stockbridge Together. "It would end up being a tool to wrestle political and economic power from communities in general and African American communities in particular."

Christian, who is originally from Chicago but settled with his wife, Yvette, in Stockbridge 15 years ago, is among the critics who think the secession movement is born of a desire to hold on to white political power. He

also worries that the creation of Eagle's Landing would raise the cost of Stockbridge city services and make it harder for him and his neighbors to sell their homes.

"Southerners don't like things to be ugly out in the open, but the intent is ugly on the inside," he said.

Backers of Eagle's Landing counter that their aim is nothing more than to lure new fine dining and retail to a freshly coined community with a median household income of about \$128,000 — more than double that of Stockbridge.

Imagine, they tell their neighbors, a Whole Foods or a Trader Joe's, a California Pizza Kitchen or a Capital Grille.

They also push strongly against accusations that they are seeking racial separation, pointing out that whites will hardly control Eagle's Landing. The proposed city, population 17,000, would be 47% black, 39% white, 8% Asian and 6% Hispanic.

"I don't look at this as a black or white issue; I look at it as an issue that would benefit all," said Charles Marshall, an African American resident of the Eagle's Landing subdivision who supports the creation of a new city. With minority residents the majority, the 68-year-old district manager of an automotive company said he was confident of a diverse council board.

A new city branded around the community's exclusive country club and golf course, he says, might at-

tract corporate headquarters and high-end retail, spurring growth across south metropolitan Atlanta — an area traditionally neglected as growth concentrates in the northern suburbs.

At the same time, Marshall said he understands why many other African Americans are wary: Many supporters of cityhood are white, they have higher incomes and the initiative was pushed through the Georgia Legislature by Republicans who do not represent the district.

"It's gotten a little tribal," Marshall said. "I'm trying to get everyone to look beyond that."

For more than a decade, rich, white pockets of metro Atlanta have led a national movement to form new cities out of unincorporated land in an effort, they say, for greater control, more efficient government and lower taxes. But this could be the first time a new city would take an existing city's land without all the residents of the existing city having a vote.

"People will be voting on how to pull out a big knife and cut this city in half," said Michael Leo Owens, associate professor of political science at Emory University. "If you're going to break apart a city, if you're going to put it to a vote, the fair way to do that is to allow everyone affected to participate."

That was one reason the San Fernando Valley did not break away from the city of Los Angeles in 2002. While just over 50% of Valley voters

approved secession, an overwhelming majority of voters elsewhere in the city voted no.

Georgia's law is different. This year, the Legislature passed two bills that would amend the charter of Stockbridge and create a charter for the city of Eagle's Landing, allowing about 9,000 residents in the southern end of Stockbridge to vote to break away from the 100-year-old city and join forces with residents of unincorporated Henry County. Voting is limited only to those within the boundaries of the proposed city.

Although proponents of Eagle's Landing dismiss the idea that race has anything to do with their new city, Owens said the collective voice of the white electorate in the more affluent city would be much stronger than it would be in Stockbridge.

"This is the South still," he said. "One could argue what you heard out of people's mouths is exactly what is going on: It has nothing to do with race, and is about class and growth. But given that class and race intersect, particularly in a place like Stockbridge, it's hard to think this is not about race at all."

Attorneys for Stockbridge have filed a flurry of state and federal lawsuits, claiming the new city would prevent Stockbridge from paying back millions of dollars of debt it took on to build a new City Hall, which opened in 2009, as well as violate the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the equal protection clause of the 14th

'If this goes ahead, it will disenfranchise more than half of the residents of Stockbridge who don't get a chance to vote.'

— ANTHONY S. FORD, mayor of Stockbridge

jolt.

"If we have a city, we can control our destiny and control what comes in and what it looks like," she said. "We felt we didn't have that. We wanted an economic boost for our area."

Not everyone who lives in the proposed city, though, agrees.

Marilyn Flynn, a retired speech therapist who lives in the Windsong Plantation, a subdivision within the boundaries of Eagle's Landing, said she would vote against the new city because she did not trust the motives of those spearheading the project, whom she suspected of being in cahoots with real estate developers.

"It's greed," said Flynn, who is white. "Now that blacks are in the majority, they've lost control of the money, the power. They want to get back political control."

As a retiree on a limited income, Flynn, 84, worried the new city would make it too expensive for her to remain. Some of her neighbors, she said, seem to believe creating a new city would bolster their status, regardless of the plight of their neighbors.

"They like the white linen tablecloths and better stores; they think that will make them better people," she said. "They think that's their goal — to increase the value of their houses without any consideration of the people they're going to hurt."

jenny.jarvie@latimes.com
Twitter: @jennyjarvie

Regenerative Medicine Seminar Wednesday Lecture

FREE local lecture reveals new, non-surgical Joint Regeneration Treatment technique.

Successful treatments can avoid surgery for knee, back, hip, shoulder, neck, wrist, ankle, and more!

All attendees receive a consultation.

"My back pain was so severe I could not stand or sit over 5 minutes. I remember having to lay on my back in a parking garage it was so bad. I had Regenerative Medicine Amniotic Allograft injections into the joints of my back. What a difference! It has given me my life back! I can stand or sit for as long as I want now with NO PAIN! I recommend this to anyone! It works!!!"

-- Leni, 77 years old

"I was told I needed hip replacement surgery. It was very scary. I heard about this new Regenerative Medicine injection and it is just wonderful! Now, after only one week I have almost full motion back in my hip and NO PAIN! I couldn't even get out of a chair before. This is amazing. I recommend this to anyone wanting to avoid hip replacement surgery"

-- Mel, 66 years old

Register Today by calling

(323) 412-5001

Wednesday, November 7th, 11am

Hilton Garden Inn, Salon A & B

199 N. Second Ave., Arcadia, CA

©2018 South Lake Medical Center Inc.

SEMI ANNUAL SALE

SAS

**\$40 OFF Two Pair
\$15 OFF Single Pair**

*See Store for Details

Now Through November 11, 2018



STYLE
FEELS
GOOD



JADE for women



ISABEL for women



SIDE GORE for men

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

SAS

San Antonio Shoemakers™

11071 W. Pico Blvd.,

West Los Angeles

(310) 235-1986

Free Parking

MADE IN USA

SAS Shoestore

405 FWY

Sepulveda

Pico

N

E

W

S

Store Hours

Mon-Sat 10am-6pm

Sun 10am-5pm

LAA5958598-1

CSULB 2019
WINTER SESSIONS
focus forward finish



Two Sessions

Entirely Online

December 20–January 18

On Campus and Online

January 02–January 18

Register Now!

(800) 963-2250

info@ccpe.csulb.edu

ccpe.csulb.edu/winter

@CSULBInterSessn

#csulbsessn

OPINION

EDITORIALS

O.C. officials take a step on homelessness

Several cities in the county get started on shelters, but they still need plans for permanent housing.

AFTER MONTHS of stalling and whining, officials in Orange County have finally developed plans to provide shelter for hundreds of homeless people, many of whom were removed from encampments along the Santa Ana River trail earlier this year. That's a meaningful step forward; at the time the robbing began, officials had no plan for where people should go. There were not enough emergency shelters available, and the largest of them was a converted bus terminal that looked and felt more like a refugee camp.

Under pressure, Orange County cities eventually began proposing sites for more shelters, but they were then cowed by angry residents and dropped their plans. Or they proposed sites in remote, inaccessible locations — including a forest and a canyon. Spurred by several lawsuits and a federal judge who threatened to bar the city governments from enforcing their anti-camping ordinances, however, a number of cities in the county submitted some feasible plans to the court last Monday.

Anaheim is working with the Salvation Army on a roughly 200-bed project that will be constructed out of modular units. An additional 125 beds will be provided in a warehouse on private property that will be converted to a two-story shelter, offering some private bedrooms and some shared quarters. The city of Tustin will be opening a 50-bed shelter. The city of Costa Mesa is planning a shelter for a similar number. Thirteen cities in the northern part of the county are working together to open two shelters with a total of 100 to 200 beds next June.

The shelter that will open the soonest — and that has earned praise from the U.S. District Court judge handling the Orange County cases, David Carter — is a 200-bed facility being constructed in a large commercial building in Santa Ana. The shelter, which is expected to open before Thanksgiving, will be funded by the city of Santa Ana and run by a service organization called Mercy House. It will offer common rooms for gathering and dining, accommodations for pets, space for some belongings, a separate area for families and couples, and what officials have described as men's and women's "dormitories." In fact, that just means open areas with beds, according to a Santa Ana spokesperson.

Orange County officials should keep this in mind: They can't simply force homeless people off the streets and into shelters. The more warehouse-like the shelter, the less privacy it offers and the less safe it seems, the less homeless people will want to live in it and work with the service providers there, and thus the longer the homelessness problem will endure.

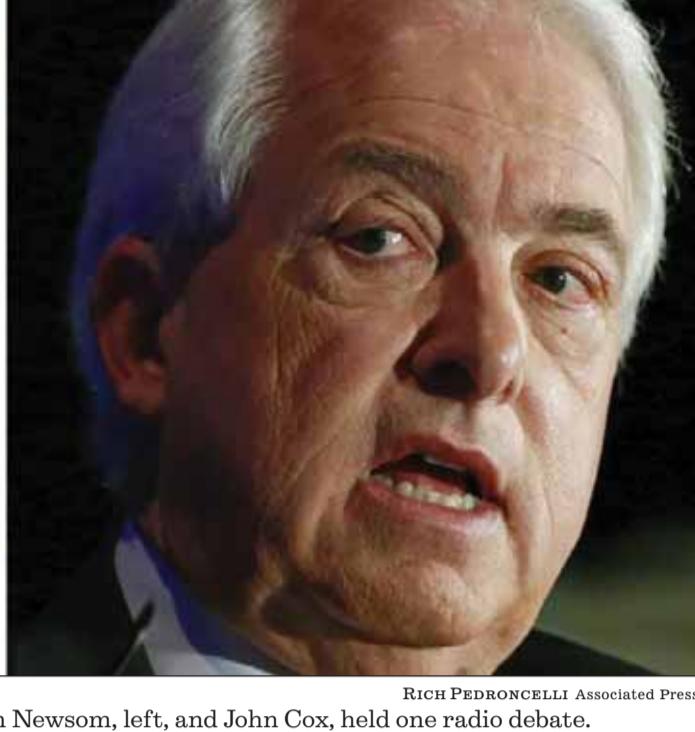
The one bridge shelter in L.A. that has already opened has only 45 beds, each of them shielded to some degree by partitions. Most of the bridge shelters in L.A. will be larger than that — the proposed shelter for an expansive bus yard in Venice will have 154 beds — but the plan is to offer some semblance of sleeping cubicles, not an armory filled with beds. Officials should think about that as they design more shelters.

Going forward, elected officials still must prove that they can stand firm in the face of whatever uproar may come from residents. Most of the locations of the planned shelters are undisclosed, but that won't stay the case for long. And so far, no cities in the southern part of the county have submitted plans for shelters in their areas. That's untenable. All parts of the county have to contribute to sheltering its homeless population.

Also, even as they continue to expand the number of emergency shelter beds, it is imperative that county officials focus on building or finding enough permanent housing for its estimated homeless population of nearly 4,800, about 2,600 of whom are unsheltered. To their credit, most of the cities proposing new shelters have said the goal will be not just to get people out of the rain (or whatever the coming winter brings) but to get them into services and ultimately into permanent housing.

But that promise of a more stable life means more than just connecting people to counselors. Orange County officials estimate that they need 2,700 units of supportive housing for homeless individuals and families. The county should take the sense of urgency it is now showing toward shelter beds and focus it on creating permanent housing as well.

OP-ED



RICH PEDRONCELLI Associated Press

Make debates the rule

By Larry N. Gerston

YOU MAY NOT have noticed, but there were no televised debates between the candidates running for the two most important elected offices in California this year.

Gavin Newsom, the Democratic lieutenant governor and gubernatorial nominee, finally agreed to one debate with his Republican challenger, John Cox, which took place in early October on KQED, a public radio station in San Francisco.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who is seeking a fifth full term in the U.S. Senate, also agreed late in the game to a "conversation" with her challenger, state Sen. Kevin de León, that was moderated by the Public Policy Institute of California and made available by live stream.

But otherwise, the leading candidates in both races, Newsom and Feinstein, managed to avoid any major debates with their opponents, citing scheduling difficulties and previous commitments and offering just about every excuse for minimizing their exposure to voters.

As a result, most California voters did not get a chance to observe the candidates engage each other side by side. We didn't get a real opportunity to compare the nuances of their

body language, their facial expressions and, most important, their less scripted views on a host of issues about which a television debate moderator would have asked.

This might fly in Rhode Island. But California is nearly 1,000 miles long, and home to some 40 million residents. Our state does not lend itself to retail campaigning, where candidates go door to door or meet with voters in small groups.

Between continuous fundraising events and rallies, there's simply not enough time to conduct enough of these parochial activities for a significant portion of the state's voters to meet the candidates in person.

With no TV debates, voters are left to rely on press coverage. And though newspapers, radio news, local TV news and even social media cover some distance, they do not offer the same kind of exposure and opportunity to compare candidates that televised debates do.

There's a simple fix to this problem: When it reconvenes in December after the midterm election, the state Legislature should create a California Debate Commission.

The body could be composed of several members, perhaps five to seven, who have experience in politics. In election years when the governorship or

U.S. Senate seats are on the ballot, the commission should plan and carry out three post-primary televised debates, to be held in different locations throughout the state. These debates ought to be broadcast live on TV across the state, but they should also be available for streaming any time thereafter.

Scheduling the debates should be done early in the year, which would allow the candidates sufficient time to clear their calendars. The commission should determine the debate lengths, formats, topics, moderators and any other elements related to the meetings.

All these things should be done independent of candidate demands in order to protect the independence and integrity of the commission.

This idea is not new, by the way. Several states — including Utah, Washington and Ohio — have their own versions of debate commissions.

To those who would argue that the state should not be in the debate business: Why not?

California has seemingly endless rules for its political parties, for political campaigns and for financial reporting around such campaigns. These matters pertain mostly to the candidates for elected office in California and their election campaigns. Televised debates

would benefit California's voters. It's only reasonable that the state meet this critical need.

We can also expect resistance to creating a debate commission from candidates who happen to be incumbents or just comfortably ahead in the polls. Such candidates could retain the right to refrain from participating in televised debates — but they would do so at their political peril, especially if the commission places an empty chair bearing his or her name on stage.

California is not a typical state. It's the largest in the country, with the fifth-largest economy in the world. It's an incubator of new ideas that go on to transform the entire world, and which therefore warrant serious discussion.

Given California's role domestically and abroad, its elected officials have outsize power to shape policy and lives. Californians deserve sufficient exposure to the individuals who seek those elected offices.

We should not have to ask. The candidates are asking for something far more precious, after all: our votes.

LARRY N. GERSTON is an emeritus professor of political science at San Jose State and the author of "Reviving Citizen Engagement."

Coming around on Obamacare

By Harold Meyerson

WHAT A difference eight years make. On the eve of the 2010 mid-term election, career-ending defeat loomed over dozens of

Democrats who'd voted for the Affordable Care Act, derisively branded "Obamacare" at the time. In 2018, Republicans, the target of voter rage, are scrambling to reassure constituents that they'll save — even extend — key features of the ACA.

For example, last week Idaho's right-wing Republican Gov. Butch Otter endorsed a ballot measure that would extend Medicaid coverage to more than 60,000 of his state's low-income residents. The federally funded expansion of Medicaid, let us recall, was one of the ACA's most contentious components. And, in the end, every single Republican congressman and senator voted against the final bill. Now a Republican governor in Idaho is all for it.

As Barack Obama's presidency has begun to recede into the mists of time and the deliberate misrepresentations about the ACA have subsided, a majority of Americans have warmed to the healthcare law, and a supermajority to some of its particulars. That took some time.

In 2015, when the Supreme Court upheld the act's constitutionality, Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. consoled his fellow conservatives by inserting a proviso in the court's decision that said states didn't have to extend Medicaid eligibility. In near lockstep, Republican-controlled states refused the Medicaid extension — and the federal funds that went with it.

Tuesday, three of those red states are voting on initiatives to do an about-face: Idaho, Utah and Nebraska. There hasn't been public polling in Nebraska, but surveys in Idaho and Utah show the measures well ahead. Also on Tuesday, Montana will vote on whether to continue the Medicaid expansion it adopted in 2015. If all four measures pass, that would leave just 11 states where Republican leaders have denied federally funded medical insurance to their fellow citizens.

Medicaid expansion isn't the only piece of Obamacare that Americans have come to support. Democratic candidates across the nation are pounding the drum on protecting people with preexisting conditions. The issue appears to be working. Polling from the Kaiser Family Foundation this summer found that 63% of Americans — and 49% of Republicans — said a candidate's position on guaranteeing coverage for pre-

existing conditions was either "the single most important factor" or a "very important factor" in determining their vote.

The poll also showed that a majority of Americans (including 58% of independents) didn't want the Supreme Court to strike down the ACA either. (Earlier this year, a group of Republican attorneys general, led by Ken Paxton of Texas, revived their efforts to have the ACA declared unconstitutional.)

There are three lessons to draw from this. The first is that when right-wing media and opportunistic Republicans aren't filling the public's heads with endlessly repeated lies, the American people can figure out what's good for them. When the ACA was still before Congress, the right's allegations that it would create "death panels" to determine who should live and die were constantly polluting the airwaves. Eight years later

— with no death panels in sight and with the right now directing its falsehoods at refugees from Central America — the merits of Medicaid expansion and the preexisting condition guarantee have become obvious to most Americans.

The second lesson is that it was never the "care" part of Obamacare that really roused the right's anger. It was the "Obama" part. An African American Democratic presi-

dent was an affront to the right's sense of national identity, so all of Obama's handiwork came to be viewed as an affront as well. And if Americans were insufficiently outraged, the Murdoch empire and its ilk were there to stoke their anger with deceitful allegations.

And third, left to their own devices, Americans support progressive economic ideas such as an adequate safety net, guaranteed access to medical care, affordable college and living wages. That's why the right has abandoned its old fever dreams of repealing Social Security and Medicare. That's also why some Republican members of Congress are about to learn that voting to repeal Obamacare over and over again is about to speed them to an early retirement after election day.

Voters, it appears, are convening a political death panel of their own.

HAROLD MEYERSON is executive editor of the American Prospect. He is a contributing writer to Opinion.

HOW TO WRITE TO US

Please send letters to letters@latimes.com. For submission guidelines, see latimes.com/letters or call 1-800-LA TIMES, ext. 7451.



FOUNDED DECEMBER 4, 1881

EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN DR. PATRICK SOON-SHIONG
EXECUTIVE EDITOR NORMAN PEARLSTINE
MANAGING EDITOR SCOTT KRAFT
SENIOR DEPUTY MANAGING EDITOR KIMI YOSHINO
DEPUTY MANAGING EDITORS SEWELL CHAN, COLIN CRAWFORD
ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITORS LEN DE GROOT, SHELBY GRAD, MARY McNAMARA,
ANGEL RODRIGUEZ, MICHAEL WHITLEY
Opinion
NICHOLAS GOLDBERG EDITOR OF THE EDITORIAL PAGES

latimes.com/opinion

ENTER THE FRAY BLOG

Gun suicides far outpace gun homicides. Here's why that statistic matters.

No shady super PACs or dog whistles required. Trump owns his Willie Horton moment.

20 years after his murder, Matthew Shepard is still under attack.

Find these posts at latimes.com/Opinion.

MIDTERM ELECTION

Visit latimes.com/endorsements.

STAY CONNECTED

■ facebook.com/latimesopinion
■ twitter.com/latimesopinion

PAID POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT



**EACH YEAR THE
CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE
VOTES FOR A BUDGET THAT
AUTHORIZES SCHOOL SPENDING.**

**YEAR AFTER YEAR, THE LEGISLATURE
HAS VOTED TO SPEND**

**\$1,635
MORE**

**IN PER PUPIL FUNDING THAN STUDENTS
IN LA'S SOUTH BAY**

Our current Assemblymember, Mr. Muratsuchi, has voted four times (2013, 2014, 2017, 2018) for state budgets that dictate that more of our tax dollars go to schools across the state than stay here in the South Bay and Los Angeles benefiting our kids.

In survey after survey, SF Bay Area employers list the quality of local schools as the reason for locating good career paying jobs there...While many employers have left the South Bay.

**On November 6, use your vote to improve our schools and make our
tax dollars work for our kids, our community, and our economy.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CANDIDATES

WWW.SOUTHBAY2018.COM

WE NEED LEADERS WHO REPRESENT OUR CONCERNS.

FRANK SCOTTO FOR ASSEMBLY

PAID FOR BY SOUTH BAY RESIDENTS FOR JOBS SUPPORTING FRANK SCOTTO FOR ASSEMBLY 2018
Committee major funding from
JR Inland Investments

Not authorized by a candidate or a committee controlled by a candidate.
PAID POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2018 :: LATIMES.COM/CALIFORNIA



Photographs by GARY KAZANJIAN For The Times

CLARK ROLLIN is held by his mother, Krista, during a celebration of Shabbat at Congregation B'nai David in Visalia, Calif. The temple has been defaced with anti-Semitic graffiti twice through the years.

Pittsburgh resonates in the Central Valley

Security takes on new urgency at tiny B'Nai David in Visalia

BY BENJAMIN ORESKES

VISALIA, Calif. — With only 65 members, Congregation B'nai David is so small that it doesn't have a full-time rabbi.

Once a month, a student rabbi drives up from Los Angeles, but more often than not members of the community lead the services, and make sure the lights stay on and the buildings don't fall into disrepair.

Members of the congregation's executive board gathered in the temple's library Wednesday to set the agenda for the next meeting. Vice President Norm Goldstrom led the discussion, which was mostly devoted to who would be responsible for bringing food to future gatherings.

Then the conversation turned to a subject that had suddenly gained new relevance and urgency: security.

Days earlier, a gunman had killed 11 worshipers in a synagogue in Pittsburgh's Squirrel Hill neighborhood, the historic hub of the city's Jewish community. The mass killing is believed to be the deadliest anti-Semitic attack in U.S. history.

"This guy walked in there with a couple of pistols," said Treasurer Phil Appelbaum, who arrived here in the 1980s. The suspect, Robert Bowers, pleaded not guilty last week to multiple counts of murder, hate crimes and other federal charges that could put him on death row.

"What could it hurt to have an extra pair of eyes?" Appelbaum said.

Goldstrom had already been planning a larger discussion about security and was even considering applying for a grant from the Department of Homeland Security. With the events of the last week, a vigil planned for

[See Temple, B6]



LEON ADLER, center, recites prayers with others at the temple, which counts only 65 members and doesn't have a full-time rabbi.



KEREN FRIEDMAN teaches Hebrew at the Sunday school. She spent more than a decade living in Israel before making her way back to Visalia.

CAPITOL JOURNAL

Latinos, youths need to get loud

Voices of usually silent groups must be heard for 'blue wave' to build

GEORGE SKELTON

IN SACRAMENTO

In lawmaking, politicians listen to the people first. Yes, they really do. But people need to speak up to be heard. And too often they're mute.

Then big money talks. That's the most common influence on lawmaking



because citizens usually aren't pressing politicians and threatening their careers. Unless that happens, lawmakers automatically yield to labor unions or oil companies or any interest that's a friendly bankroller at election time.

Citizens have an opportunity to speak up Tuesday when U.S. House and legislative seats are filled on the California ballot, along with openings for the U.S. Senate, governor and other

statewide offices.

For added oomph to their voices, voters should follow up by constantly badgering the politicians after they take office.

People always possess the most potent political power — if they use it.

This came to mind last week as I called veteran political operatives to ask what they were looking for in the California elections.

There was skepticism about a spectacular "blue

wave" of Democratic strength emerging in California. Anyway, how would it be detected? A blue wave rolled on shore a decade ago and has gotten steadily stronger.

"California doesn't need a blue wave. It's already underwater," says Republican consultant Richard Temple.

For the wave to intensify,

certain things must happen. First, Latinos finally need to

[See Skelton, B5]



TOM STEYER, who created the political action committee NextGen America, talks to students at Cal State Fullerton as his group tries to register voters.

DECISION CALIFORNIA

The pivotal battles for control of the House

For many, the election battle on healthcare is personal

Voters dealing with serious medical issues are galvanized by the Affordable Care Act.

BY VICTORIA KIM

A few short years ago, Kim Adams couldn't have told you the name of her representative in Congress.

That changed last year, when Republican Rep. Mimi Walters voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act as Adams watched live on C-Span from her home in Tustin.

News cameras showed a smiling Walters taking a celebratory selfie in the White House Rose Garden after the vote on the Obama-era healthcare law.

That, Adams said, made things personal. After she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1999, Adams lost her small business as her health deteriorated and

eventually could no longer afford her health insurance premiums. For three years, the single mother was uninsured and unable to get treated for her MS — until the Affordable Care Act kicked in. And her congresswoman had voted to take it away.

"I told people, she's got a bull's-eye on her back now from me," Adams recalled.

In this midterm season with the control of the House and the fate of the Affordable Care Act at stake, Adams is telling her story to everyone who will listen. She's told it in online videos, in a newspaper op-ed and in front of crowds. She spoke at [See Healthcare, B4]

latimes.com/politics/elections

Go online for earlier articles in this series looking at issues and voter groups key to the midterm election.

In final hours, a campaign blitz

House hopefuls rev up supporters, run 5Ks and canvass districts as election draws near.

BY CHRISTINE MAI-DUC AND MICHAEL FINNEGAN

Gil Cisneros didn't just amble into the final weekend of the midterm election. He ran.

The Democratic congressional hopeful, vying in a tight contest for an open Orange County seat, began a final flurry of get-out-the-vote activities by participating in the O.C. Pumpkin Run, a 5K charity race in Fullerton.

Immediately after, still in running clothes, Cisneros raced to a Buena Park union hall to address more than 100 supporters gathered to make phone calls and knock on doors on his behalf.

"I'm a little underdressed," the 47-year-old Cisneros said, "but right now we're in the fourth-quarter, two-minute drill. It's about getting people out to vote."

Democrats need a gain of 23 seats to flip control of the House on Tuesday, thrusting California — with at least a half-dozen strongly competitive races — to the fore of the political fight.

In a final dash across the

Central Valley and Southern California, rival candidates focused the waning hours of their campaigns on the most rudimentary of chores: ensuring supporters cast their ballots.

The candidates — or most of them, anyway — walked precincts, manned phone banks, revved up coffee- and pizza-fueled volunteers and stood in front of TV cameras urging anyone within earshot to vote for their party and its slate of candidates, of course.

"Can you imagine Gavin Newsom being our governor," Young Kim, who is running against Cisneros, said at a Saturday rally in Rowland Heights alongside John Cox, the GOP gubernatorial hopeful. "Can you imagine Gil Cisneros being your representative?"

The crowd responded with loud boos and cries of "Nooooo!"

In Simi Valley, Katie Hill turned to actress Kristen Bell in her bid to oust Republican Rep. Steve Knight of Palmdale.

The star of "The Good Place" and "Veronica Mars" told a crowd of 150 Democratic volunteers that she'd known Hill for more than a decade through her support for PATH, a Los Angeles nonprofit that provides

[See Flurry, B5]

CAPITOL JOURNAL

Latinos, youths need to get loud

Voices of usually silent groups must be heard for 'blue wave' to build

GEORGE SKELTON

IN SACRAMENTO

In lawmaking, politicians listen to the people first. Yes, they really do. But people need to speak up to be heard. And too often they're mute.

Then big money talks. That's the most common influence on lawmaking

because citizens usually aren't pressing politicians and threatening their careers. Unless that happens, lawmakers automatically yield to labor unions or oil companies or any interest that's a friendly bankroller at election time.

Citizens have an opportunity to speak up Tuesday when U.S. House and legislative seats are filled on the California ballot, along with openings for the U.S. Senate, governor and other

statewide offices.

For added oomph to their voices, voters should follow up by constantly badgering the politicians after they take office.

People always possess the most potent political power — if they use it.

This came to mind last week as I called veteran political operatives to ask what they were looking for in the California elections.

There was skepticism about a spectacular "blue

wave" of Democratic strength emerging in California. Anyway, how would it be detected? A blue wave rolled on shore a decade ago and has gotten steadily stronger.

"California doesn't need a blue wave. It's already underwater," says Republican consultant Richard Temple.

For the wave to intensify,

certain things must happen. First, Latinos finally need to

[See Skelton, B5]

KENT NISHIMURA Los Angeles Times

Attorney general, rival talk priorities

Becerra and Bailey agree safety is crucial but diverge on suing Trump administration.

PATRICK MCGREEVY

SACRAMENTO — California Atty. Gen. Xavier Becerra has become a prolific litigator against the policies of Republican President Trump, suing the administration 44 times since the Democrat was appointed as the state's top lawyer nearly two years ago.

Now, in his first statewide contest, Becerra faces a challenge in Tuesday's election from Republican Steven C. Bailey, a retired judge.

Becerra, 60, represented a Los Angeles-area district in Congress for 24 years before Gov. Jerry Brown appointed him in December 2016 to fill the vacancy created when Kamala Harris was elected to the U.S. Senate. He lives in Sacramento.

The son of immigrant parents, Becerra is the first Latino to serve as attorney general in California history. One of his major court battles with the Trump administration has been over the president's attempts to step up enforcement of federal immigration laws.

Bailey, 67, served more than eight years as a Superior Court judge in El Dorado County before retiring from the bench. He lives in South Lake Tahoe. He was previously an attorney in private practice handling criminal and administrative law for 19 years, and served as deputy director in charge of legislation for the state Department of Social Services during the administration of Gov. George Deukmejian.

Becerra received 45.8% of the vote in the June primary and Bailey won 24.5% in a field of four candidates.

Though candidates met to debate before the primary, there is no forum



LUIS SINCO Los Angeles Times

STATE ATTY. GEN. Xavier Becerra, center, with retired Judge Steven Bailey, left, and attorney Eric Early at a candidate forum in May. Becerra, a Democrat, will face Bailey, a Republican, in Tuesday's general election.

planned before the general election. The Times asked the two contenders in separate interviews to talk about their priorities and how they would tackle the various issues facing the state and its Department of Justice.

If elected, what would your top priorities be as state attorney general?

Bailey: My No. 1 priority is focused strictly on California's public safety. We need to have an attorney general who is focused on ensuring that gangs and traffickers and those elements in the criminal establishment are suppressed in this state.

And as attorney general my focus is going to be on those gangs, those individuals who are preying on Californians generally, who are taking advantage of our neighborhoods and are attacking our kids and our grandkids.

Becerra: We're going to continue to make public safety No. 1, going after lawbreakers, whether it's crime on the street or the crime emanating from Washington, D.C.

We're going to go after those who try to violate the law and prevent California from being No. 1. We'll continue that.

What is the appropriate role of the state attorney general in responding to the many policy actions taken by the Trump administration? What standard should be used in determining whether to sue the federal government?

Bailey: It's not the Trump administration necessarily that the attorney general ought to be focused on. What the attorney general needs to be focused on are issues that are critical to California.

The federal government doesn't do everything right. And there are times when it is appropriate to bring suit on behalf of the people of California. And I will aggressively defend California law in those areas. But there are other issues that have cropped up with this attorney general that what he is looking for is an appropriate soundbite.

They are political lawsuits that have little value to

California, such as the lawsuit on the border wall. Congress had previously exempted that wall from the environmental regulations that he is suing on. As such, that lawsuit is borderline frivolous. I don't intend to waste California taxpayer money on frivolous lawsuits.

Becerra: We work with the federal government when it's in defense of the people of our state and our country, where the interests of California are being defended. And defend California against federal overreach when the federal government tries to get us to do their job or deny us our taxpayer dollars that we paid into the treasury.

We will continue to work with the federal government on any number of public safety activities. We have been doing gang takedowns together. We have been pursuing the illegal growing of marijuana together. We have continued our work together against those who fraudulently prescribe opioids. We will continue to work together to keep California safe.

And we will stand up to the federal government when it tries to take away our healthcare under the Affordable Care Act, when it tries to prevent a woman from accessing birth control, when it tries to keep a transgender young man or woman from serving in the military and when it comes to trying to deport the "Dreamers" in California and throughout the country. We are going to stop any federal overreach because California under the Constitution has a right to do so.

What do you see your role being in addressing the Trump administration's efforts to change and scale back environmental laws?

Bailey: The first thing

you need to do is sit down with the federal government and attempt to resolve the issue before you file a lawsuit. With this current attorney general it's, "[See] a tweet out of the White House — file a lawsuit."

My approach to Washington will be to go back, sit down with the appropriate parties and see if we can't negotiate a solution. For example, I am opposed to offshore drilling here in California.

The state of Florida successfully negotiated themselves out of the [federal offshore] leases, and I think California could do the same thing if it didn't take the stance that we are going to sue the federal government every time there is a proposed policy change. In fact, I think that does harm to California's environment when the first response is a lawsuit.

Becerra: My job is to protect the people and the values and resources of this state. On the issue of the environment, there is no doubt that California has been the leader in protecting the air we breathe, the water we drink and making sure that we leave this place in a condition so that our kids can prosper as well.

We are not interested in backsliding. So when it comes to clean car standards, we're going to defend those, even though they are nationwide. We will protect our interests on the coast of California from any offshore oil drilling. We will make sure that we continue toward clean power plants and reduce our dependence on fossil fuel.

And so far we have had pretty much nothing but victories against the federal government when it comes to the environment. Of our 44 or so lawsuits, more than half have been on the environment and we've had a couple of dozen victories so far in rulings.

The attorney general's office has been active on the issue of immigration, including defending the state's "sanctuary" law, which restricts local law enforcement cooperation with federal immigration agents. Should the state attorney general continue that legal posture? Why or why not?

Bailey: Frankly I think the "sanctuary state" law is unconstitutional. It's provided a sanctuary for no one but criminals. It doesn't protect immigrants to this state, legal or illegal.

And in fact, it has had the unintended consequence of creating an environment where ICE [Immigration and Customs Enforcement] and the federal authorities are forced into the neighborhoods picking up people that weren't intended to be picked up, who were just attempting to function as law-abiding individuals in this state.

Obviously, not citizens, but they are trying to be law-abiding individuals.

By virtue of sanctuary state, some of those people are the unintended victims of the policies of Sacramento. And I for one am going to fight to protect the citizens of California.

I don't want our neighborhoods to become more dangerous than they already are, and sanctuary state is putting our citizens at risk.

Becerra: We have proved in federal court that our state laws are constitutional and so we'll continue to protect them.

We recently won victories against the federal govern-

ment. Federal courts are now requiring the federal government to send us some \$29 million in funds that they were withholding from California because they didn't like that we weren't doing their job of federal immigration enforcement for them.

And so we are absolutely going to continue to defend our state laws every opportunity that we have because we have that right under the Constitution to protect the general welfare and the public safety of the people of California.

The state attorney general's office has faced criticism over the backlog of more than 10,000 Californians who possess guns despite having been disqualified from doing so because of criminal convictions or serious mental health issues. What will you do to eliminate or significantly reduce the backlog?

Bailey: I would make it a priority. This attorney general has not made it a priority. The Legislature appropriated \$32 million and he got 300 names off the list. That is a sign of no prioritization of that particular list. It's going to be a No. 1 priority for me.

Becerra: We are going to continue to work with the Legislature to give us the resources to continue to bring down the number of folks who populate the Armed and Prohibited Persons System database because what we are finding is that when we have the resources, we can equip the teams that it takes to go out there and remove guns from people who don't have a right to possess them.

When you can say that you have removed 18,000 weapons from people who are dangerous in the last five years, that's pretty good work, and without one incident where anyone's been harmed. But we need the resources to get out there and do it throughout the entire state.

Voters legalized growing and selling marijuana for recreational purposes, but industry officials and law enforcement officers have said complex regulations, high taxes and insufficient enforcement against illegal growers and sellers have allowed the black market to prosper. What will you do as state attorney general to reduce the black market?

Bailey: Until the black market is forced out of the state we are not going to have a viable, legal business in this state.

What's happened is, apparently there are people in Sacramento that can't figure out human nature. And human nature is if you have been selling dope illegally you are going to continue to sell dope illegally.

All we are doing is making money right now for the cartels, and [that will continue] until the attorney general makes it a priority to go after the drug gangs and force them out of this state. Which means those people bringing in large quantities need to be arrested, need to be prosecuted and need to be, frankly, put in prison. The cartels know they are going to lose a certain number of people. We have got to have as our No. 1 priority an effort to drive those drug gangs out of California.

Becerra: We've been working with our federal law enforcement partners — the FBI, the DEA [Drug Enforcement Administration] and others — along with our local law enforcement partners, to try to crack down on those who would try to plant and harvest marijuana illegally, often times on national or state land.

We're going to go after those who are dispensing marijuana or other drugs — as I mentioned, opioids.

Part of what we need to do is make sure enforcement is vigorous so we can have a regulatory framework where people who do it the right way get rewarded, and it doesn't make it uncompetitive for the people who do it the right way watching those who do it the wrong way make massive profits. We want to make sure we give people incentive to do it the right way.

patrick.mcgreevy@latimes.com

Los Angeles Times THE ENVELOPE LIVE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

SKIRBALL CULTURAL CENTER, MAGNIN AUDITORIUM



COSTUME AS CHARACTER: SETTING THE SCENE IN FILM

Live panel with designers:

Erin Benach
(*A Star Is Born*)

Caroline Eselin
(*If Beale Street Could Talk*)

Ruth Carter
(*Black Panther*)

Sandy Powell
(*Mary Poppins Returns/The Favourite*)

Colleen Atwood
(*Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald*)

Mary Zophres
(*First Man*)

Moderated by **Adam Tschorn**, Los Angeles Times writer

Guild members: Hear from six of this year's top costumers about their award-winning looks for the big screen. At this unique roundtable discussion led by the L.A. Times' Adam Tschorn, you'll gain deep insights into the costumer's craft from panelists Colleen Atwood (*Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald*), Erin Benach (*A Star Is Born*), Ruth Carter (*Black Panther*), Caroline Eselin (*If Beale Street Could Talk*), Sandy Powell (*Mary Poppins Returns/The Favourite*) and Mary Zophres (*First Man*). After the talk, enjoy a hosted reception with beverages, hors d'oeuvres and The Times for talking shop with fellow industry insiders. You'll leave equipped with the confidence you need to cast your vote.

11/10 | 3:00 PM
Guild Member Priority Seating

RSVP NOW at latimes.com/EnvelopeLive

Lottery results

For Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018

SuperLotto Plus
Mega number is bold

14-21-31-33-39—**Mega 18**

Jackpot: \$19 million

Winners per category:

No. of winners	Amount of prize(s)
5 + Mega	0 —
5	\$39,022
4 + Mega	12 \$1,625
4	314 \$103
3 + Mega	515 \$56
3	13,555 \$10
2 + Mega	7,005 \$11
1 + Mega	34,573 \$2
Mega only	54,701 \$1

Powerball

Powerball number is bold

15-21-24-32-65—**Powerball 11**

Jackpot: \$53 million

California winners per category:

No. of winners	Amount of prize(s)
5 + P-ball	0 —
5	0 —
4 + P-ball	1 \$30,688
4	34 \$451
3 + P-ball	105 \$151
3	2,237 \$8
2 + P-ball	2,034 \$8
1 + P-ball	15,827 \$5
P-ball only	37,893 \$3

Winning jackpot ticket(s) sold in other states: None

For Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018

Fantasy Five: 1-14-28-29-36

Daily Four: 9-2-5-6

Daily Three (midday): 8-1-8

Daily Three (evening): 1-2-5

Daily Derby:

(3) Hot Shot

(11) Money Bags

(7) Eureka

Race time: 1:49.19

Results on the internet:

www.latimes.com/lottery

General information:

(800) 568-8379

(Results not available at this number)

CITY & STATE

■ ■ ■ DECISION CALIFORNIA ■ ■ ■
The pivotal battles for control of the House

Power of incumbency takes a beating

For many politicians, first-time candidates are posing first major challenge in years.

BY TARYN LUNA

ROSEVILLE, Calif. — The only formal office Jessica Morse has ever held is president of her high school Key Club.

Now the 36-year-old Democrat is in the final days of a campaign to unseat U.S. Rep. Tom McClintock, a Republican from Elk Grove who's spent decades in elected office.

Morse, a former national security consultant, is going up against an incumbent with a reputation as an anti-tax, limited-government conservative in a district with the highest concentration of Republicans in California.

Although McClintock, 62, won reelection handily in his last race, this contest is rated "likely Republican" as opposed to solidly Republican by the nonpartisan Cook Political Report. And Morse has raised \$3.2 million, double the funds pulled in by McClintock.

Morse isn't the only green and relatively unknown candidate going after an entrenched incumbent. Many of the first-timers trying to flip long-held Republican seats to the Democrats are giving incumbents their first significant challenges in years.

"It has become the norm in this election cycle," said Paul Mitchell, whose firm Political Data tracks the state's electoral trends. "Every one of the congressional districts in California is being headed by Democratic challengers who have not run for anything, not even as much as a school board race."

In coastal Orange County, polls suggest real estate entrepreneur Harley Rouda is in a virtual tie with 15-term Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-Costa Mesa), who won his last race by 16 percentage points. Just inland, UC Irvine law professor Katie Porter is leading Rep. Mimi Walters (R-Laguna Beach), who won in 2016 by 17 points, according to recent polling.

And some of the novices are pulling in eye-popping sums of campaign cash — in some districts, dwarfing Republican incumbents' war chests — in a state that sits center stage in the Democratic Party's push to flip the House on Tuesday. Nine first-time candidates challenging Republican members of Congress in California have raised nearly \$60 million.

In the 25th Congressional District past the northern edge of Los Angeles, Katie Hill, a 31-year-old former executive director of a nonprofit providing housing for the homeless, has raised more than \$7.3 million as of mid-October, according to federal elections filings. That's nearly triple the contributions incumbent Rep. Steve Knight (R-Palmdale) received in the same period, about \$2.4 million.

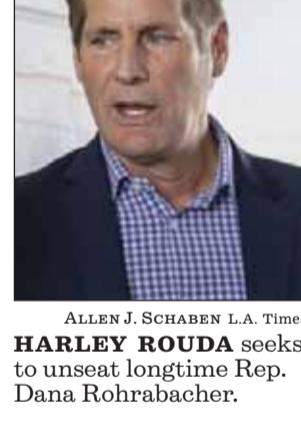
In another close race,



JESSICA MORSE, a former national security consultant, is challenging Rep. Tom McClintock in Northern California's 4th Congressional District. Above, Morse speaks at a barbecue and rally in Roseville in May.



KATIE HILL, a former executive director of a homelessness nonprofit, meets a visitor at a rally for the 25th Congressional District in Palmdale.



ALLEN J. SCHABEN L.A. Times
HARLEY ROUDA seeks to unseat longtime Rep. Dana Rohrabacher.



MAX WHITTAKER For The Times
JOSH HARDER, a former Silicon Valley venture capitalist, greets voters at a home in Modesto as he bids to represent the 10th Congressional District.

Central Valley Democrat Josh Harder, a former Silicon Valley venture capitalist, had raised more than \$7 million compared with Rep. Jeff Denham's \$4.5 million as of Oct. 17.

The cash boom is because of, in part, an influx of money to ActBlue, an online fundraising tool for progressives. Outside groups often reach out and identify targeted races for Democratic donors from all over the country, who might have otherwise been unfamiliar with the candidates, and use the system to direct funds to their campaigns, Mitchell said.

"It allows nobody candid-

ates to get resources that wouldn't be traditionally available to candidates who don't have some sort of spark or celebrity," he said.

In the 4th Congressional District, Democrats will be watching Morse's longshot bid to turn a largely rural GOP stronghold blue.

The district stretches from Sacramento's northeastern suburbs up to the Nevada border at Lake Tahoe, down through the Yosemite Valley and the Sierra Nevada and south to Kings Canyon National Park. Roseville, a prosperous suburb of interconnected strip malls and far-flung megachurches, is the

most populous city in the district.

Democrats have never won the seat with its current boundaries. Sen. Kamala Harris is the party's only candidate the district has ever favored in a statewide race. McClintock won more than 62% of the vote in 2016.

Kathleen Steinkamp of Roseville says she was born a Republican in a family that doesn't cross party lines. But the 27-year-old teacher says she's fed up with President Trump and will buck the GOP — McClintock included — at the ballot box this year.

"We all love America, but we're kind of ashamed of it

promptly left," McClintock said.

When the congressman served as a warm-up act for conservative provocateur Dinesh D'Souza at the Placer County Fairgrounds last month, he was asked for a prediction on a blue, red or purple wave.

McClintock drew a comparison to the widely held expectation that Hillary Clinton would win the presidential race two years ago: "I can tell you the final two weeks of this campaign feel an awful lot like the final two weeks of the 2016 campaign."

Heather Arvin asked McClintock for a selfie after he walked off the stage. Arvin, 40, often stands outside McClintock's Roseville office in opposition to a group of liberal protesters.

McClintock received a 96% rating for his voting record last year by the American Conservative Union, a 93% rating from the National Rifle Assn., 5% from the AFL-CIO and a zero from Planned Parenthood. Arvin said she supports McClintock because she's "seen him actually say things and get them done." She couldn't vote for Morse, she said.

"She's a good gal, but I'm just red all the way," the Republican said. "No matter what, I'm going to be red."

Morse, who says her conservative family has lived in Northern California for five generations and owns land in a former mining town in Placer County, rarely mentions her own party affiliation on the campaign trail.

In one television ad, she appears seated in a canoe, rowing on a lake and demonstrating that paddling only left or right — a metaphor for national partisan fights — creates no forward progress, only spinning in circles. She talks about working for Republicans and Democrats and about taking oaths during her career to protect the Constitution, not one party over another.

Morse, casting herself as a middle-of-the-road public servant, needs disenchanted voters such as Steinkamp to turn things in her favor. A count of absentee ballots, tallied by Mitchell's firm, gave Republicans a 14-point advantage as of Friday afternoon.

Morse has repeatedly slammed McClintock for voting to repeal the Affordable Care Act, among other key votes. She suggests the veteran congressman, a longtime resident of a city some 30 miles away from the heart of the 4th District, is a political hack who's out of touch with his constituents.

McClintock, a tea party Republican who served 22 years in the California Legislature and unsuccessfully ran for statewide office four times, says Morse isn't in a place to criticize.

She grew up about half an hour outside the district and recently moved back to Northern California from Washington, D.C. Now she lives in one of the district's Sierra foothill communities.

"This is now the third election where I've faced a candidate who's moved in from another state, campaigned against me for being a carpetbagger, been handily defeated and then

taryn.luna@latimes.com

Times staff writer Victoria Kim contributed to this report.

Teacher arrested after fight with student

Caught in viral video, man lashed out after teen used slur, threw basketball at him.

BY HAILEY BRANSON-POTTS

A 14-year-old student stood next to his high school music teacher, repeatedly used a racial epithet and threw a basketball at him.

The teacher, who is black, punched the boy in the face and kept swinging as other students recorded the incident with their cellphones.

The fight Friday in the Maywood Academy High

Riley.

"Why you wisecracking, my ... ?" he asks.

Riley walks away as the student continues to insult him, then walks back to the front of the classroom where the student is standing. He calmly tells the student several times to leave, then suddenly starts punching.

The two trade punches as other students scramble around them, some shrieking. Riley hits the student numerous times, and a woman in a yellow safety vest tries to intervene.

The boy was pulled from the room by campus staff.

The student was taken to a hospital where he was treated for moderate in-

juries and released, according to the Sheriff's Department.

Riley was arrested and booked at the East Los Angeles sheriff's station. He was released Saturday morning after posting \$50,000 bail, according to Sheriff's Department inmate records.

He is scheduled to be arraigned Nov. 30, authorities said.

Riley could not be reached for comment.

In a statement, officials with the Los Angeles Unified School District said they were "extremely disturbed" by reports of the fight.

"We take this matter very seriously and do not con-

done violence or intolerance of any kind," the statement read. "Los Angeles Unified is cooperating with law enforcement in investigating this incident."

Crisis counselors and additional school police patrols will be at Maywood Academy High on Monday, the district said.

On social media, scores of people defended Riley, saying that he was pushed to the brink and that the student was out of line for using racial epithets. A GoFundMe page for him had raised more than \$20,000 by Sunday night.

Some students stood by their teacher. One student, who did not give his name,

told KTLA that he had Riley as a teacher in the past and "had no problem with him."

"He was a really nice teacher," the student said. "I always respected him. He always had a really good relationship with every student."

Several parents gathered outside the school Friday night to express their anger over the incident, NBC Los Angeles reported.

"Just the fact that he's hitting a child — it's not right," one woman told the station.

hailey.branson@latimes.com
Twitter:
@haileybranson

■ ■ ■ DECISION CALIFORNIA ■ ■ ■
The pivotal battles for control of the House

Healthcare law now a GOP liability

[Healthcare], from B1] a healthcare roundtable in Florida and flew to Pennsylvania to work on a congressional campaign.

She's one of the many people taking part in the changing conversation over the healthcare issue. As the Affordable Care Act's provisions have become reality and the GOP repeal effort threatened to take insurance away from people benefiting from it, the law has gone from a political hot potato for Democrats to a Republican liability. Polls have shown voters nationwide care deeply about healthcare.

"The threat of this law being repealed crystallized in some people's minds how valuable it really is," said Gerald Kominski, a professor of health policy and management at UCLA.

Kominski, who worked on the rollout of the healthcare exchange in California, said that until last year's GOP effort, "the debate and the discussion about repeal and replace was all kind of hypothetical. Now it's become a real possibility that this law is going to be repealed."

Democrats, targeting vulnerable Republican members of Congress, are making healthcare the centerpiece of their effort to take control of the House. Republicans in competitive races are no longer trumpeting their efforts to repeal Obamacare, even professing support for popular parts of the law they had demonized for years.

Many voters in hotly contested congressional districts in California say they know, or know of, someone who would be bankrupt, ill or dead were it not for the law. Those people are speaking up — at rallies, in campaign videos and to neighbors — in these battleground districts, putting a face to what was once an abstract, amorphous government bureaucracy with unknown consequences.

Brandon Zavala of Antelope Valley is one of those faces. He was 12 when his mother died of a heart condition he says routine tests could have caught. He says he didn't connect the dots as a teenager but came to realize that if she had been able to afford insurance, she



FRANCINE ORR Los Angeles Times

DORYCE CABALLERO, 59, left, of Lancaster, Dwyn Valdriz, 35, of Palmdale and Carole Lynn Valdriz, 35, of Palmdale protest against Rep. Steve Knight, a Republican who voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

could have lived far past the age of 37.

Now, 13 years later, Zavala is on doorsteps and phone lines, telling the story of how his parents decided to forgo their own health insurance to save money, while keeping their two sons' coverage. About a year after she went without visits to the doctor, his mother collapsed in the family's living room.

"I started realizing it wasn't an accident, it wasn't a mistake, it wasn't God calling her home," he said. "No. We didn't have health insurance and she couldn't get the bloodwork she needed."

This election cycle, Zavala has organized rallies, trained volunteers and launched canvasses to get Rep. Steve Knight (R-Palmdale) booted out of office for his vote to repeal the healthcare law. Zavala supports Democrat Katie Hill, who has talked about the importance of affordable healthcare. Hill also has firsthand experience — her husband had a medical emergency while he was uninsured be-

tween jobs and ended up \$200,000 in debt.

"I will never forgive the Republican Party for creating an environment where more 12-year-olds have to bury their mother," Zavala said.

Just before the 2010 midterm election, when the healthcare overhaul was a hot-button issue fueling the rise of the tea party, Obamacare was viewed unfavorably by slightly more Americans than those who approved, and a third of Republican ads mentioned healthcare. Now opinions have flipped and more than half of Democratic ads tout candidates' positions on healthcare, according to the Wesleyan Media Project.

Republicans are scrambling to shore up their healthcare platforms by vowing to protect people with preexisting conditions, embracing a marque protection of the health law they have been trying to get rid of for years.

In September, Knight sponsored a bill to maintain

protections for preexisting conditions, joined by a slew of vulnerable House Republicans including Walters and Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-Costa Mesa). The website GovTrack gives the bill a 4% chance of being enacted.

Shana Charles, an assistant professor of public health at Cal State Fullerton, said the shift in attitudes toward healthcare was most apparent in how Republicans are now echoing some selling points of the Affordable Care Act. Charles lives in Orange County's 39th Congressional District, where Democrat Gil Cisneros is locked in a tight battle with Republican Young Kim for the job of her former boss, Rep. Ed Royce. Kim voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

"Someone like Young Kim, when you listen to her campaign commercials, she sounds like someone who always loved the ACA," Charles said. "That's the language that they've moved to."

Charles said that in the

early days of the healthcare law, the prevailing sentiment was one of fear and confusion, without a clear counter-narrative against Republican attacks. Now people are publicly calling attention to their personal healthcare stories, she said.

Leonard Musgrave, a 76-year-old retired test engineer and full-time political junkie, might as well be saying "I told you so."

The longtime registered Republican — the only Democrat he remembers voting for is John F. Kennedy — wrote a letter to the editor of the Orange County Register when the GOP repeal effort gathered steam: "Republicans are going to commit political suicide by trying to repeal and replace Obamacare."

"They should just wait until it collapses on its own," Musgrave, who lives in Orange, wrote in March 2017.

Musgrave, who spends his days listening to political talk radio as he does woodworking in his garage, said he's sensed the change in

how people talk about the Affordable Care Act. "It's probably got to the point where people are living with it and it's maybe working out for them. I don't hear a lot of people complaining about it," he said.

That hasn't changed his mind — he fears the healthcare law has made the national debt worse. As for which side has it figured out on what to do about healthcare, he has little confidence in the whole lot. "I don't think either one of them know what to do to solve the problem," he said. "It's something they can talk about and throw around."

Musgrave lives in California's 45th District, a long-time Republican stronghold where Walters' challenger, Katie Porter, is championing a government-funded universal healthcare system.

At a healthcare town hall in Irvine last month, Porter, a consumer protection attorney, said that when she worked in bankruptcy courtrooms in the early 2000s, she saw families whose lives had changed overnight after a health emergency.

"If you have unlimited money, you already have universal healthcare in this country," she told the crowd of medical students and voters.

"Make no mistake — this election is about the future of our healthcare system."

Adams sees it that way. The 56-year-old is healthier now but lives with reminders of the three years her disease went untreated — permanent nerve damage in her right eye, leg and foot. More devastating to her is the thought of what her daughter went through.

"I lost three years of being able to care for my daughter, worrying the whole time, living in constant panic," she said. "I lost those years of my life."

In December, she went to Washington to lobby Walters; she met with an aide instead and didn't believe her message got through. Now she's focused on talking to those with the power to vote Republicans out of office.

"The only thing I can do is tell my story," she said.

victoria.kim@latimes.com
Twitter: @vickim

MARKETPLACE

JOB • REAL ESTATE • MORE

ANNOUNCEMENTS / ENTERTAINMENT
500

General Announcements

DO YOU KNOW Newspaper-generated content is so valuable it's taken and repeated, condensed, broadcast, tweeted, discussed, posted, copied, edited, and emailed countless times throughout the day by others? Discover the Power of Newspaper Advertising. For a free brochure call 916-288-6011 or email cecelia@cnpa.com (CDCN)

EVERY BUSINESS has a story to tell! Get your message out with California's PR MEDIA Release - the only Press Release Service operated by the press to get press! For more info contact Cecilia @ 916-288-6011 or http://prmediarelease.com/california (CDCN)

Los Angeles Times Classified
Los Angeles Times

Rentals San Fernando/Antelope Valley

Sylmar Fully Remodeled, SFH 4 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom, Central Air, Double Car Garage, Very Nice View, near Shopping & Schools. \$3000 Rent. Rent to Own Available
Call: 951-675-0202

love is...



...getting the band to play Happy Birthday.'

TM Reg. U.S. Pat. Off. — all rights reserved
© 2018 Minikim Holland B.V.

Financial Services

Water Damage to Your Home? Call for a quote for professional cleanup & maintain the value of your home! Set an aptt today! 1-855-266-6904 (CDCN)

SERVICE DIRECTORY

600

Financial Services

Unable to work due to injury or illness? Call Bill Gordon & Assoc., Social Security Disability Attorneys! FREE Evaluation. Local Attorneys Nationwide 1-888-440-7263. Mail: 2420 N St NW, Washington DC. Office: Broward Co. FL (TX/NM Bar.) (CDCN)

LA Times Real Estate Classified
Los Angeles Times

Rentals San Fernando/Antelope Valley

Sylmar

Fully Remodeled, SFH 4 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom, Central Air, Double Car Garage, Very Nice View, near Shopping & Schools. \$3000 Rent. Rent to Own Available
Call: 951-675-0202

love is...

...getting the band to play Happy Birthday.'

TM Reg. U.S. Pat. Off. — all rights reserved
© 2018 Minikim Holland B.V.

Services For Seniors

A PLACE FOR MOM. The nation's largest senior living referral service. Contact our trusted, local experts today! Our service is FREE/no obligation. CALL 1-855-711-0382 (CDCN)

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

DID YOU KNOW that not only does newspaper media reach a HUGE Audience, they also reach an ENGAGED AUDIENCE. Discover the Power of Newspaper Advertising. For a free brochure call 916-288-6011 or email cecelia@cnpa.com (CDCN)

AT&T High Speed Internet Starting at \$40/month. Up to 45 Mbps! Over 99% Reliability! Bundle AT&T Digital TV or Phone Services & Internet Price Starts at \$30/month. Call 1-855-758-6055 (CDCN)

DIRECTV CHOICE All-Inclusive Package. Over 185 Channels! ONLY \$45/month (for 24 mos.) Call Now - Get NFL Sunday Ticket FREE! CALL 1-800-000-0000 Ask Us How To Bundle & Save! (CDCN)

DISH TV \$59.99 for 190 Channels \$14.95 High Speed Internet. Free Installation, Smart HD DVR Included, Free Voice Remote. Some restrictions apply. Call 1-855-977-7951 (CDCN)

DISH TV \$59.99 for 190 Channels \$14.95 High Speed Internet. Free Installation, Smart HD DVR Included, Free Voice Remote. Some restrictions apply. Call 1-855-977-7951 (CDCN)

LA Times Real Estate Classified
Los Angeles Times

Rentals San Fernando/Antelope Valley

Sylmar

Fully Remodeled, SFH 4 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom, Central Air, Double Car Garage, Very Nice View, near Shopping & Schools. \$3000 Rent. Rent to Own Available
Call: 951-675-0202

love is...

...getting the band to play Happy Birthday.'

TM Reg. U.S. Pat. Off. — all rights reserved
© 2018 Minikim Holland B.V.

Antiques

** WANTED ** Old Oriental Rugs ANTIQUES, 800-531-7233

Miscellaneous Merchandise

WANTED! Old Porsche 356/911/912 for restoration by hobbyist 1948-1973 Only. Any condition, top \$ paid! PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE (707) 965-9546. Email: porscherestored@yahoo.com (CDCN)

WANTED! Old Porsche 356/911/912 for restoration by hobbyist 1948-1973 Only. Any condition, top \$ paid! PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE (707) 965-9546. Email: porscherestored@yahoo.com (CDCN)

DONATE YOUR CAR, TRUCK OR BOAT TO HERITAGE FOR THE BLIND. Free 3 Day Vacation, Tax Deductible, Free Towing, All Paperwork Taken Care Of. CALL 1-877-573-9104 (CDCN)

LA Times Classified

Los Angeles Times

Real Estate Classified

More detailed listings, in all price ranges, leading to your new front door.

To advertise, call (800) 234-4444

Los Angeles Times

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES 900

Business Opportunities

Secured Loan Property

Industrial Short Term Sx, Generous Pay Back, \$25 M; Owner Direct. Call: 949-707-6114

MEDICAL DISPOSABLES FIRM FOR SALE

Owner retiring. San Diego County. Movable. Call Ken 714-398-9409

Los Angeles Times

Automotive Classified

Los Angeles Times

Real Estate Classified

To advertise, call (800) 234-4444

Los Angeles Times

Out of State

FOR SALE

NORTHERN AZ WILDERNESS RANCHES NORTHERN AZ WILDERNESS RANCHES -\$193 MONTH - Quiet very secluded 37 acre off grid ranches. Many bordering 640 acres of uninhabited State Trust woodlands, at cool clear 6,100' elevation. No urban noise & dark sky nights amid pure air & AZ's very best year-round climate. Blends of evergreen woodlands & grassy wild flower covered meadows with sweeping views across scenic wilderness mountains and valleys. Abundant clean groundwater at shallow depths, free well access, loam garden soil, maintained road access. Camping and RV use ok. Near historic pioneer town & fishing / boating lake. From \$22,500, \$2,250 down, \$193 mo. with no qualifying seller financing. Free brochure with photos, property descriptions, prices, terrain map, lake info, weather chart/area info: 1st United Realty 1-800-966-6690. (CDCN)

10/29, 11/14/18

Bids Wanted

The County of Los Angeles Department of Registrar-Recorder/Court Clerk is issuing RFP #18-005 to solicit proposals for an Appointment and Customer Flow System that is a Software as a Service (SaaS) solution. More information can be found here: <http://camisvr.cola.ca.us/lacobids/BidLookUp/BidOpenStart.asp>. Deadline for receipt of proposals is 3:00 P.M. PT on January 9, 2019.

Los Angeles Times Classified

Los Angeles Times

Real Estate Classified

To advertise, call (800) 234-4444

Los Angeles Times

Automotive Classified

To advertise, call (800) 234-4444

■ ■ ■ DECISION CALIFORNIA ■ ■ ■
The pivotal battles for control of the House

Candidates fighting all the way to the finish line

[Flurry, from B1] services to the homeless. Hill, 31, was one of PATH's top executives before launching her congressional bid.

"I actually said to myself at one point, I was like, 'Oh my goodness, is she the real-life Veronica Mars?'" Bell joked from a platform outside a bustling Hill campaign office. "Because truly she's always fought for the underdog."

Knight's only public event over the weekend was a sunrise visit Saturday to the starting line of the Santa Clarita Marathon. The main point he's trying to get across to voters, the 51-year-old incumbent said during a speed-walking interview, is constituent service.

"We worked very hard to make sure that the needs of this district are being taken care of," Knight said.

Another embattled GOP incumbent, Jeff Denham, stumped with Cox in Modesto on Sunday, making little mention of President Trump in an area where Democrats hold a slight edge in registered voters.

Denham's most passionate pleas were to bring water to Central Valley farmers and to build not a wall along the border with Mexico but greater storage capacity. "We need to have our water, and we need to make sure that we have a candidate that will fight for the Valley," Denham said.

His Democratic rival, Josh Harder, stressed healthcare, citing Denham's vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

"Every person you will be talking to today has a loved one who would be affected and hurt by that vote," Harder told more than two dozen people gathered at a Turlock home for a canvass kickoff.

A gusher of campaign cash and geyser of boiling anti-Trump passions have made Democratic candidates viable in places such as the Central Valley and Orange County that, normally, would offer little hope.

In Mission Viejo, Katie Porter appeared alongside Jon "Bowzer" Bauman of the 1950s tribute band Sha Na Na, who delivered a pitch focused on issues affecting seniors — retirement, Social Security — before delivering a custom-tailored version of the Spaniels' "Goodnite,



IRFAN KHAN Los Angeles Times

GIL CISNEROS, a Democrat running in a tight congressional contest for an open seat in Orange County, speaks at a campaign rally last month in Buena Park.

Sweetheart, Goodnite."

"Good night, Mimi Walters," Bauman crooned, a reference to Porter's opponent, the two-term Republican incumbent.

Porter, a UC Irvine law professor and first-time candidate, urged supporters to campaign without letup. "This election is going to be close," she said. "If we don't fight all the way to the finish line, until 8 o'clock on Tuesday, this could slip away."

At one point, pro-Trump hecklers could be heard shouting from a nearby hillside. "We love Trump," a voice cried out.

"We love him, too. He makes great fodder," retorted Bauman's nephew, California Democratic Party Chairman Eric Bauman.

While Porter attended raucous rallies, Walters took a quieter approach.

"We've been staying on the phone, turning out the vote," Walters said during a brief break at her Irvine campaign headquarters as she contemplated her pizza choices before settling on pepperoni and sausage.

The Republicans are enthused, the Democrats are enthused. We have to get the independents."

Nearby, Democratic hopeful Harley Rouda exhorted his battalion of volunteers not to surrender to fatigue. "When you're out

there knocking on doors and getting tired," Rouda told canvassers packed into his Costa Mesa office, "your democracy is at stake."

His rival in the coastal Orange County district, incumbent Republican Dana Rohrabacher, brought an In-N-Out food truck to the parking lot of the local GOP headquarters to thank volunteers. The congressman told a crowd of about 50 supporters that outsiders were trying to undermine local sentiment.

"They are shipping people in from Los Angeles County," Rohrabacher said. "They've got mercenaries that they've hired to come down and try to steal this election from the patriots who actually live here."

As suspense shrouds several contests, Republicans have all but conceded the contest to fill the seat being vacated by retiring GOP Rep. Darrell Issa of Vista.

Still, Democrat Mike Levin rallied about 200 people before they set out to canvass neighborhoods around Oceanside.

A majority of the casual and youthful attendees at the event just blocks from the beach were women.

They wore T-shirts promoting the Sierra Club, defending legalized abortion and celebrating civil rights icons.

Levin moved through the

crowd, posing for photographs with volunteers.

"You can see from all the people here there is a lot of enthusiasm for the campaign in the last few days," he said. "I put my faith in the turnout over the polls."

His rival, Diane Harkey, has been orphaned by the Republican Party, which is being vastly outspent by Democrats and forced to defend a number of candidates whose prospects, in the estimation of GOP strategists, appear far better.

In an interview, Harkey said she's gotten "zip" from the party and its leaders. "If you really thought it was an important seat, don't you think you'd be here?" Harkey said, questioning the GOP.

But she wasn't giving up. Addressing a small crowd of supporters in the parking lot of her Carlsbad campaign office, Harkey sounded an ominous note for Republicans. "If the seat goes," Harkey warned of her contest, "so goes Orange County."

christine.maiduc
@latimes.com
michael.finnegan
@latimes.com

Times staff writers Mark Z. Barabak, Victoria Kim, Dakota Smith, Maya Sweedler and Jazmine Ulloa contributed to this report.

four years ago. "So it's too early to jump to huge conclusions," he says.

Once again, Latinos have been voting in small numbers. Although they received 23% of the mail ballots, only 14% of all those returned were from Latinos entering the weekend.

Young adults were looking even more apathetic: They received 25% of the mail ballots and had returned just 10% of the total, Mitchell says. Their votes certainly will be needed to create a blue wave.

Among millennials — ages 22 to 37 — 51% are registered Democrats, according to PPIC. Nearly one-third are Latinos.

"Will the youth turnout be as bad as usual or will it increase?" government professor Jack Pitney of Claremont McKenna College asks rhetorically.

"I'm Irish, so I'm pessimistic. It's something people hope for that never happens. It's the 'Great Pumpkin' of electoral politics."

The professor explains: "Younger people aren't as engaged with civic life, they're not paying taxes, they don't have kids in school and they move a lot so they need to re-register."

But everyone votes in one manner or another. Those who cast ballots are telling politicians that they care. Those who sit it out are saying they don't — and the pols won't care much about them either.

george.skelton
@latimes.com

[Skelton, from B1] vote in numbers closer to their population size. The so-called sleeping giant needs to wake up.

Latinos are 34% of the state's adult population but account for only 21% of likely voters, according to the Public Policy Institute of California. Even worse, they amounted to just 14% of the June primary voters.

A solid majority of Latino likely voters, 60%, are registered as Democrats. The party badly needs them to cast ballots.

Why don't they?

"It's a matter of priorities," Secretary of State Alex Padilla told me last year. "When you're trying to put a roof over your head and food on the table, you're not tuning into the political debate."

But Latinos have to be hearing President Trump trying to rouse his voter base with anti-immigrant bellowing — attacking birthright citizenship and the "invasion" by asylum-seeking migrants from Central America. Last summer his administration was yanking children from their migrant mothers' arms and separating them at the border. And that wall.

The state Legislature has spent the last two years trying to galvanize Latinos by attacking Trump's immigration policies. What else do Latinos require to coax them to vote?

"Trump gets them halfway there, but it's going to take something more aspirational," says Daniel Zingale, senior vice president of



IRFAN KHAN Los Angeles Times

ELIZABETH VALDIVIA, program manager at the League of Women Voters, says her organization is focused on improving Latino voter participation.

the California Endowment, which promotes expansion of affordable healthcare for poor people.

Someone has to offer them a more positive stake in the future. I run into people who say, 'Yeah, he's terrible. He's terrorizing my people. But give me something to vote for.'

The implication is that California Democrats haven't been offering positive, realistic ideas, only lambasting Trump, a valid gripe against the party heard around the country.

Zingale has worked for three governors and was a senior advisor to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. For 10 years, he has been trying to inspire habitual nonvoters to cast ballots.

"The same groups that don't vote — the poor, rural residents, immigrants, Latinos — get the worst health services," Zingale says. "They have unclean

water, toxic wastes, no clinics, no parks. They have more asthma and more diabetes and less insurance.

"If they don't vote, they don't have a voice. They're on the short end, the last in line in Sacramento for resources. Two things influence that: political money and votes. Latinos are not big political givers like Chevron. Their only chance for a voice is their numbers. And they have not discovered that."

As of Friday, a record number of mail ballots had been turned in from all kinds of voters. But it's guesswork whether that means a heavy turnout.

Paul Mitchell, who heads Political Data Inc., says 3.2 million ballots had been recorded, surpassing the early vote numbers of the last midterm election in 2014. But 13 million ballots were mailed out this time, compared with 9 million

OBITUARY NOTICES

Place a paid Notice: latimes.com/placeobituary

Search obituary notice archives: legacy.com/obituaries/latimes

TABACCHI, Jo Worthy

January 21, 1930 - November 19, 2018



KULL, Sarah Miller

January 6, 1929 - October 27, 2018

Sarah (Sally) Miller was born in Mankato, Minnesota, to Herman and Kathryn (Howe) Miller. She graduated from Stephens College and attended the University of Missouri and Mankato State University.

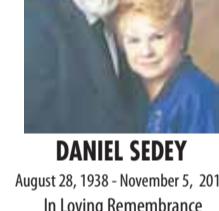
Sarah married William Max Kull in 1956 and during their more than 62 years of marriage they moved throughout California according to Bill's USMC postings, eventually settling in Corona del Mar, where they raised their three daughters, Linzee, Marcia, and Carolyn.

Sarah was an accomplished seamstress, gardener, and cook. She spent summers at her Minnesota cabin, transforming wild blueberries into her famous pies. She was the first president of the Sherman Library and Gardens' volunteer association, and for 65+ years was an active member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Sarah is survived by her husband, Bill; her daughters Linzee (Paul) and granddaughters Rebecca and Maggie (El); and great-granddaughter Freya; Marcia (Gary) and grandchildren Anna and Karl; Carolyn (Jeff) and grandchildren Russell and Lindsey (Sean); and great-granddaughter Sabrina; sister Marcia Miller Dimmel; and sister-in-law Marie Higginbotham. She was preceded in death by her parents and by her brothers-in-law, John R. Dimmel and Bill Higginbotham.

A celebration of Sarah's life will be held beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 8, at the Oasis Senior Center, Corona del Mar, with a service beginning at 1:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations in Sarah's name may be made to the Semper Fi Fund or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

In Memoriam



DANIEL SEDYE

August 28, 1938 - November 5, 2013

In Loving Remembrance

Thou we love are always with us in gifts that they have shared—their laughter, warmth, wisdom and the special way they cared.

My beloved, I thought of you today, yesterday, and all the days before that. I think of you in silence. I often speak your name. Your memory is my lasting keepsake.

I have you in my heart always and forever, for you are a part of me.

-- Annette

To place an obituary ad please go online to:

latimes.com/placeobituary

or call
1-800-234-4444

Los Angeles Times



Elwood Len Doughty

October 2, 1925 - October 31, 2018

Elwood Len Doughty passed away at 93 years of age of natural causes. He was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Mary Joan Doughty, on October 16, 2018.

Born in Malvern, Arkansas, Len enlisted in the Navy in 1943 during World War II. He had distinguished service earning several medals. After honorable discharge, Len earned his high school diploma and joined his father in the L.A. County Medical Center Ambulance Service.

During this time, Len met the love of his life, Mary Joan Clanton who was in the Los Angeles County Medical Center School of Nursing. They married in 1956. In 1957 Len joined the L.A. County Sheriff's Department where he served honorably for 27 years. During his career as a Deputy Sheriff Len was a part of the Special Enforcement Bureau and Internal Affairs. He retired from the department with the rank of Sergeant.

Len enjoyed camping and road trips across the USA, Canada and Mexico with family and friends. He and Mary were active members of the Wally Byam Airstream Caravan Club, each becoming presidents of the local chapter and attending many international rallies where Len was the official photographer. He and Mary traveled abroad to Asia and enjoyed cruises to Alaska, Hawaii, US Pacific Coast, Panama Canal and South America with wonderful friends. Len also enjoyed his hobbies, including gardening, landscaping and photography.

Len was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, brother and friend. He is loved and will be missed by his family including children, Len Jr., Ron, Susan, James, Steven, along with 16 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a multitude of friends.

Services to be held November 9, 2018, 3:00 PM (arrive 2:30 PM) at Forest Lawn-Hollywood Hills.

Share a memory

To sign a guest book please go to latimes.com/guestbooks

Los Angeles Times

THE WEATHER

Today in Southern California

Coastal clouds, then sunshine: Several weak troughs of low pressure will swing southward through Southern California through the middle of the week. This will bring widespread low clouds and fog to the coast and inland valleys through Wednesday. As an area of high pressure builds into the Great Basin by the end of the week, it will turn much warmer with Santa Ana winds developing.

5-day forecasts

High/low temperatures are average forecasts for entire zone.

L.A. Basin	Valleys	Beaches	Mountains	Deserts
Today 77/57	79/55	73/59	65/32	89/62
Patchy fog, then sun	Mostly sunny	Patchy fog, then sun	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
Tuesday Sunny 75/56	Sunny 77/53	Partly sunny 71/58	Sunny 62/31	Sunny 88/61
Wednesday Partly sunny 73/55	Sunny 76/53	Partly sunny 71/56	Sunny 61/28	Sunny 87/62
Thursday Sunny 79/54	Windy 79/55	Sunny 75/55	Windy, cooler 54/20	Sunny 83/57
Friday Sunny 84/57	Very windy 79/53	Sunny 81/55	Very windy 55/21	Sunny 81/54

Los Angeles Basin:

Sunshine and a few clouds. Marine clouds along the coast early. Coastal clouds return late tonight.

Valleys/canyons:

Sunshine and remaining warm. Mostly clear tonight.

Orange County:

Coastal clouds and fog early. Mostly

sunny and warm across the interior. Low clouds return late tonight.

Ventura/Santa Barbara:

Patchy low clouds and fog early; otherwise, mostly sunny. Low clouds and fog return late tonight to the coast.

San Diego County:

Patchy

low clouds and fog along the coast early. Mostly sunny and warm across the interior.

Local mountains:

Sunshine and a few clouds, warm. Mainly clear tonight. Mostly sunny Tuesday.

High desert:

Sunshine and a few clouds. Mainly clear

tonight. Sunshine Tuesday.

Low desert:

Sunshine and very warm. Mainly clear

tonight. Mostly sunny and warm Tuesday.

San Francisco Bay Area:

More sunshine than clouds. Mainly clear tonight. Mostly sunny Tuesday and Wednesday.

Air quality

Good

Moderate

Unhealthy for:

Sensitive people

All

Not Available

South Coast Air Quality Management District forecasts air quality



Surf and sea

POINT CONCEPTION TO MEXICO

Inner waters: Wind variable, becoming southwest 10-15 knots. Wind waves 1-4 feet; west and south swells of 2 feet.

Surf zone: The risk for strong rip currents will be moderate today at all area beaches, except for those in Santa Barbara and San Diego counties, where the risk will be low.

Wind speed in knots; wave heights in feet/intervals in seconds; temperatures for sea/air

Tides

L.A. Outer Harbor, in feet.

Station	Time	Wind	Waves	Temp
Morro Bay	4p	NNW6	6/9	62/66
Santa Barbara	4p	SSW4	0/14	66/67
Ventura	4p	SSW4	0/14	65/67
Zuma Beach	4p	SSE4	1/14	66/67
Marina del Rey	4p	SSW4	1/14	68/68
Hermosa Beach	4p	SSW4	1/14	68/67
Cabrillo Beach	4p	S4	1/14	67/69
Hunt'n. Beach	4p	SSW4	1/14	67/68
Newport Beach	4p	SSW4	1/14	66/67
Dana Point	4p	SSW4	1/14	67/65
San Clemente	4p	SW4	1/14	67/66
Oceanside	4p	SW4	1/14	66/67
Solana Beach	4p	SW4	1/14	67/69
Mission Beach	4p	SW4	1/14	66/68
Avalon	4p	S4	1/14	67/67

Wind speed in knots; wave heights in feet/intervals in seconds; temperatures for sea/air

Almanac

Sunday downtown readings

Temperature	Los Angeles	Fullerton	Ventura
High/low	82/59	84/57	80/61
High/low a year ago	72/57	75/54	67/54
Normal high/low for date	76/55	75/53	72/50
Record high/date	96/2010	97/2010	95/1949
Record low/date	44/1923	47/2003	41/1994

Precipitation

24-hour total (as of 4 p.m.) 0.00 0.00 0.00

Season total (since Oct. 1) 0.57 0.85 0.14

Last season (Oct. 1 to date) 0.10 Trace 0.02

Season norm (Oct. 1 to date) 0.77 0.98 0.95

Humidity (high/low) 69/28 77/33 90/31

UV index

Minutes to burn for sensitive people

Las Vegas, 45

Los Angeles, 45

Phoenix, 45

San Francisco, 45

Sun and moon

Today's rise/set

Los Angeles County Sun 6:16a/4:57p Moon 4:04a/4:11p

Orange County Sun 6:15a/4:56p Moon 4:03a/4:10p

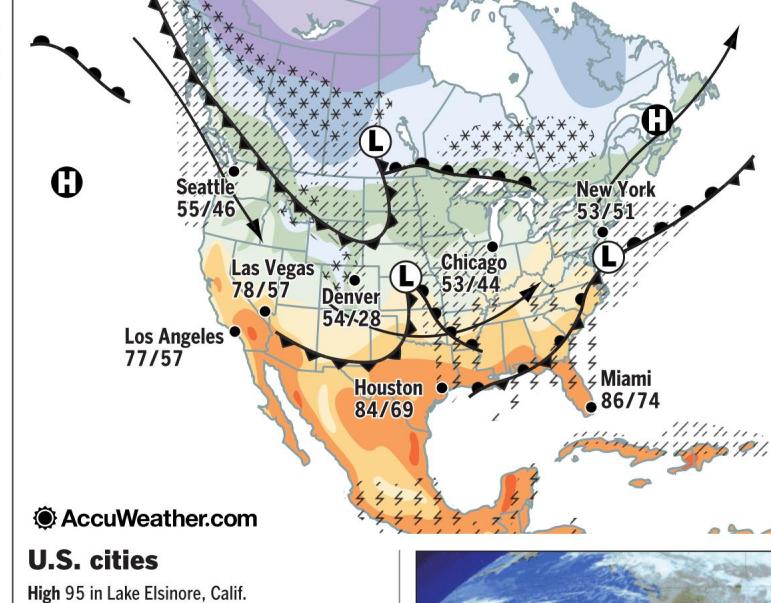
Ventura County Sun 6:21a/5:00p Moon 4:08a/4:15p

Today in North America

Damp Northeast: Rain, some of which may be heavy, will return to the Northeast. Another storm will cause rain and thunderstorms across the nation's midsection. Rain and mountain snow will continue across the Northwest.

Pressure: (L) Low (H) High Warm Front Cold Front Jet Stream Trough

Temps -0 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s Rain T-storm Snow Ice



AccuWeather.com

U.S. cities

High 95 in Lake Elsinore, Calif.
Low 13 in Angel Fire, N.M.

City	Sunday			Today		
	Hi	Lo	Prcp.	Hi	Lo	Sky
Albuquerque	58	33	--	65	41	Pc
Amarillo	60	35	Tr	68	38	Pc
Anchorage	30	15	--	29	18	Su
Atlanta	66	43	--	70	62	Cy
Atlantic City	54	43	--	61	57	R
Austin	73	58	.51	81	58	Pc
Baltimore	56	34	--	57	52	R
Billings	50	37	.06	46	24	Sh
Birmingham	68	48	.02	74	67	R
Boise	60	48	Tr	53	34	Cy
Boston	56	43	--	51	49	R
Brownsville	86	71	.31	87	74	Pc
Buffalo	49	30	--	56	49	R
Burlington, Vt.	44	38	Tr	48	44	R
Casper	45	26	.01	46	23	Cy
Charleston, S.C.	75	48	.28	77	67	Ts
Charleston, W.Va.	62	32	--	68	57	Cy
Charlotte	64	38	--	67	61	Cy
Chicago	54	45	.54	53	44	Pc
Cincinnati	62	44	.04	62	54	Cy
Cleveland	58	35	--	59	52	Cy
Colo. Springs	48	28	Tr	54	29	Pc
Columbia, S.C.	69	37	--	73	65	Cy
Columbus	60	38	--	63	55	Cy
Concord, N.H.	49	33	--	45	41	R
Dallas/Ft.Worth	65	50	.32	79	53	Cy
Denver	56	26	Tr	54	28	Pc
Des Moines	46	44	.46	49	37	R
Detroit	54	37	--	56	47	Cy
Duluth	40	33	.35	42	35	Cy
El Paso	70	45	--	79	53	Pc
Eugene</td						

SPORTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2018 :: LATIMES.COM/SPORTS

NFL :: WEEK 9
NEW ORLEANS 45, RAMS 35



RAMS QUARTERBACK Jared Goff is caught in a New Orleans celebration after an interception by linebacker Alex Anzalone, second from left, late in the second quarter, leading to a touchdown by the Saints only 33 seconds later for a 35-14 advantage.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

With pass coverage like this, it will be open season on L.A.

SAM FARMER
ON THE NFL

NEW ORLEANS — Facing the NFL's all-time leading passer, the Rams were a well-rounded defense.

Absolutely no corners.

Drew Brees picked them apart, leading New Orleans to a 45-35 victory that not only scuffed the pristine record of the 8-1 Rams — they'll get over that — but also tilted the balance of power in the NFC, as the Saints would have home-field advantage if both teams were to run the table.

The more pressing issue for the Rams is their weakness in pass coverage that was exposed by Brees, and Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers the Sunday before. That's troubling with Seattle's Russell Wilson and Kansas City's Patrick Mahomes in the pipeline, and no obvious solution in sight. The league is set up for quarterbacks to put up astronomical numbers, yet the best teams find a way to slow that roll.

Yes, the Rams can score like crazy. They were unfazed by an 18-point halftime deficit against the Saints and roared back to tie the score 35-35 in less than 1½ quarters. But if you can't stop a good passer, the odds are heavily against you making it very far in the postseason.

The signature

[See Farmer, D6]



ALVIN KAMARA of the New Orleans Saints scores over Rams safety John Johnson on an 11-yard run in the first quarter.

Fake field-goal try a downer

Johnny Hekker can't get the first down but TV replays show another story. D6

Rams don't sweat losing a possible perfect season

BY GARY KLEIN

NEW ORLEANS — The Rams' locker room was devoid of long faces. No exclamations of frustration pierced the quiet.

If anything, after Sunday's 45-35 loss to the New Orleans Saints, it seemed as if a long exhale had calmed the room. The crucible of trying to complete a perfect season was over.

"This game right here might be a blessing in a disguise," defensive lineman Michael Brockers said.

It did not play out like one, not on a day when quarterback Drew Brees stayed to form as a future Hall of Famer and torched the Rams for 346 yards and four touchdowns in front of a delirious 73,086 at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

The Rams rallied from a 21-point deficit to tie the score in the fourth quarter, but the Saints kicked a field goal and Brees sealed the victory with a long touchdown pass.

After eight victories to start the season, the Rams learned a hard lesson in reality.

And they apparently welcomed it.

"We love it," coach Sean McVay said. "You find out about yourself when you have a little bit of adversity ... Sometimes setbacks can be set-ups for comebacks."

"That's how we look

[See Rams, D7]

CHARGERS 25, SEATTLE 17

Chargers making some noise

Gritty team wins in loud Seattle for fifth straight, its longest spate since 2014.

BY JEFF MILLER

SEATTLE — He talked about his players wanting this game, needing this challenge not necessarily to make a statement but more to make a point.

To themselves.

"We knew this was going to be a test, a four-quarter football game," coach Anthony Lynn said. "They passed the test."

The Chargers certainly did Sunday, holding on to beat Seattle 25-17 in thunderous CenturyLink Field, the boldest stride yet for a team bent on proving it belongs in the NFL's upper echelon.

The victory was the Chargers' fifth in a row, their longest such streak since 2014. They also stopped a run of five consecutive road defeats against opponents with winning records, and began the season 6-2 for the first time since 2006.

"Honestly, that's a playoff team, right?" offensive tackle Russell Okung said of the Seahawks. "To come on the road in this environment and win, shows a lot about our character. I think this was a big step forward."

A four-quarter football game? Actually, it was

more than that, the [See Chargers, D8]



CHARGERS DEFENSIVE TACKLE Corey Llueget, right, sacks Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson in the fourth quarter at CenturyLink Field in Seattle.

LUIS SINCO Los Angeles Times

KINGS FINALLY MAKE A SWITCH

Off to a 4-8-1 start, they fire Stevens and bring in Desjardins as the interim coach.

BY CURTIS ZUPKE

What amounted to an 11th-hour win wasn't enough to save John Stevens' job as coach of the Kings.

General manager Rob Blake has been concerned about his team's lack of emotional investment and inability to play a faster style. With the Kings sinking fast at 4-8-1, Blake fired Stevens and assistant coach Don Nachbaur and named Willie Desjardins interim coach on Sunday, about 12 hours after a 4-1 win against the Columbus Blue Jackets.

"It hasn't gone the way we expect it to, and we haven't played the way we expected to," Blake said. "What Willie will bring — what we want to bring back — is we want to get the compete level up in our players. We've got to get the passion back in the game. We expect fully that he can right that and take us in the right direction."

[See Kings, D3]



HARRY HOW Getty Images
JOHN STEVENS is the season's first coach fired.

Lakers' shame starts at the top

BILL PLASCHKE

I was standing in a Staples Center hallway with two Times colleagues late Sunday afternoon, smack in the middle of another torrential Lakers drama, when we were suddenly greeted by the eye of the storm.

Out of nowhere, here came Magic Johnson.

He wanted to explain. He wanted to defend.

"Everything is just fine in Lakerland," he said, and of course he was smiling.

It was not a scheduled interview. It was barely an interview at all. Johnson mostly spoke on background. But he clearly wanted to send a message through myself, Broderick Turner and Tania Ganguli about last week's infamous scolding of coach Luke Walton.

He wants everyone to

[See Plaschke, D11]



TORONTO 121, LAKERS 107
Heated argument was 'no big deal'

Magic Johnson says his meeting with Luke Walton had no bearing on coach's job security. D10

PRO CALENDAR

	MON. 5	TUE. 6	WED. 7	THU. 8	FRI. 9
 RAMS					
	NEXT: SUNDAY VS. SEATTLE, 1:15 P.M., CH. 2				
 CHARGERS					
	NEXT: SUNDAY AT OAKLAND, 1 P.M., CH. 11				
 LAKERS			MINN. 7:30 SpecSN, ESPN		
 CLIPPERS	MINN. 7:30 Prime			at Portland 7 Prime	
 KINGS		DUCKS 7:30 FSW, Prime		MINN. 7:30 FSW	
 DUCKS		at Kings 7:30 Prime, FSW	CALGARY 7:30 Prime		MINN. 7 Prime

Shade denotes home game

TODAY ON THE AIR

TIME	EVENT	ON THE AIR
5 p.m.	New Orleans at Oklahoma City	TV: NBATV
7:30 p.m.	Memphis at Golden State	TV: NBATV
7:30 p.m.	Minnesota at Clippers	TV: Prime R: 570, 1330
6 p.m.	Philadelphia at Arizona	TV: NBCSN
5:15 p.m.	Tennessee at Dallas	TV: ESPN, ESPND

Angels shortstop Simmons receives another Gold Glove

By MARIA TORRES

LAS VEGAS — For a second consecutive season and the fourth time in his career, Angels shortstop Andrelton Simmons is a Gold Glove winner, it was announced Sunday night.

Simmons led American League shortstops with 21 defensive runs saved and tied for the second-most among all major league players. He also had an MLB-best ultimate zone rating of 19.7, according to FanGraphs.

Simmons, 29, is the eighth player to win multiple Gold Gloves in each league — he won with the Atlanta Braves in 2013 and 2014 — and joins 11-time Gold Glove winner Omar Vizquel as the only shortstops to do so.

The Angels had two other nominees in center fielder Mike Trout and right fielder Kole Calhoun, but they lost out to Boston Red Sox center fielder Jackie Bradley Jr., who led AL counterparts with a UZR of 7.4, and right fielder Mookie Betts, whose 16.8 UZR topped all major



ALEX GALLARDO Associated Press

FIELDING awards keep coming to Andrelton Simmons of the Angels.

league outfielders.

Second baseman Ian Kinsler, who started the season with the Angels and was traded to the Red Sox in July, also won.

In the National League, St. Louis Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina won his ninth Gold Glove. Hall of Famers Ivan Rodriguez (13) and Johnny Bench (10) are the only catchers with more than nine.

maria.torres@latimes.com
Twitter: @maria_torres33

THIS WEEK IN UCLA ATHLETICS
POWERED BY UNDER ARMOUR

TUESDAY, NOV. 6
MEN'S BASKETBALL
VS. PURDUE FORT WAYNE @ 6:00 PM
PAULEY PAVILION presented by WESCOM

THURSDAY, NOV. 8
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
VS. WASHINGTON STATE @ 6:00 PM
PAULEY PAVILION presented by WESCOM

MEN'S SOCCER VS. SAN DIEGO STATE @ 8:00 PM
WALLIS ANNENBERG STADIUM

FRIDAY, NOV. 9
MEN'S BASKETBALL
VS. LONG BEACH STATE @ 8:00 PM
PAULEY PAVILION presented by WESCOM

SATURDAY, NOV. 10
SWIM & DIVE VS. UC SANTA BARBARA @ 11:00 AM
SPIKEK AQUATICS CENTER

BASEBALL VS. PEPPERDINE @ 12:00 PM
JACKIE ROBINSON STADIUM

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
VS. WASHINGTON @ 7:00 PM
PAULEY PAVILION presented by WESCOM

SUNDAY, NOV. 11
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. RICE @ 2:00 PM
PAULEY PAVILION presented by WESCOM

(310) UCLA-WIN
UCLABRUINS.COM/TICKETS
TICKETS@ATHLETICS.UCLA.EDU

Ucla | **Under Armour**

Harper is a star Dodgers absolutely need to reach

DYLAN HERNANDEZ

Andrew Friedman is a magician. Not because he built teams that reached the World Series in consecutive seasons. There are other executives who could produce similar results if given similar budgets and equally downtrodden competition.

The real miracle is the degree to which Friedman has changed the conversation about what the Dodgers should do at this time of the year. He has conditioned the city of stars to not dream about stars.

So as Friedman and his small army of assistants head to Carlsbad for the general managers' meetings that start Monday, Los Angeles isn't expecting the Dodgers to land Bryce Harper this offseason.

How weird. How unnatural. How un-L.A.

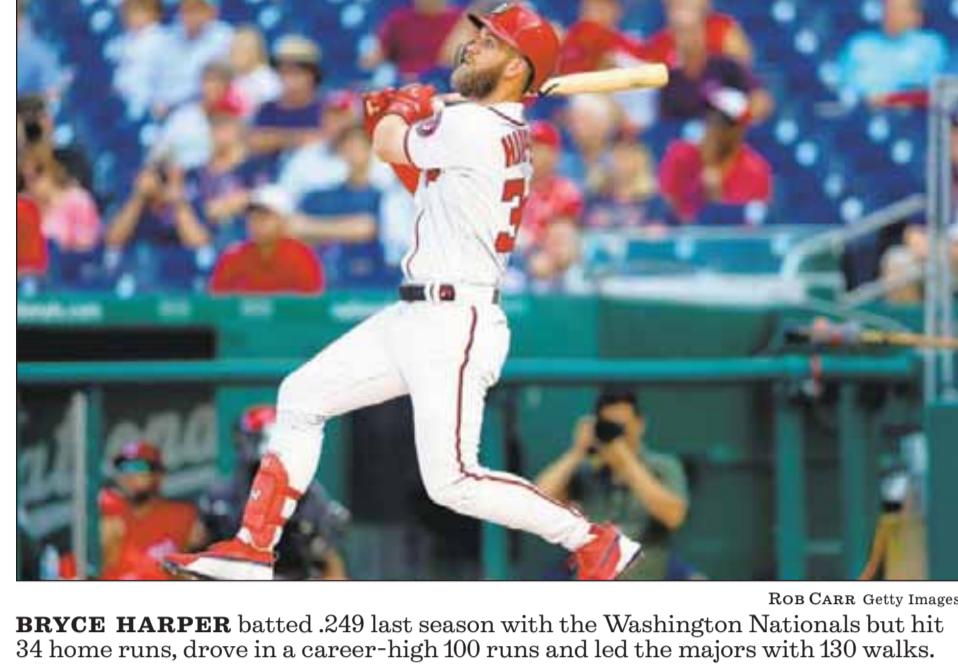
This is the same city that spent the last couple of years counting down when LeBron James would become a free agent. This is the town that had visions of Alex Rodriguez in a Dodgers uniform, and that was when the team was owned by Frank McCourt, who was broke. And this is the same market that convinced the present-day owners of the Dodgers to spend more than \$260 million to acquire Adrian Gonzalez from the Boston Red Sox.

The Dodgers again have to embrace the responsibility that comes with playing in this market. They can't use the luxury-tax threshold as an excuse anymore. They have to reinvest the money they are earning from their disastrous but nonetheless lucrative television contract, as well as the sales of tickets that continue to escalate in price. They should absolutely pursue Harper, who is not only the most talented free agent of his generation but also a personality capable of representing the franchise.

Harper is already a six-time All-Star and former National League most valuable player, but still 26. He has the highest offensive ceiling of any player in baseball and that includes Mike Trout. At a time when the majority of America's most popular athletes are basketball or football players, he's as close to a superstar as there is in baseball.

"He has that 'it' factor," Steve Garvey said.

The sometimes outspoken Harper can be divisive, but that kind of character



ROB CARR Getty Images

BRYCE HARPER batted .249 last season with the Washington Nationals but hit 34 home runs, drove in a career-high 100 runs and led the majors with 130 walks.

plays well here. That's more than can be said for fellow free agent Manny Machado, who repulsed nearly the entire city over the last three months of the season with his casual arrogance.

Said Garvey about the Dodgers: "We don't have that star. We have a lot of nice players, but we really don't. Nobody's Bryce Harper."

The Dodgers' signature player of the 1970s, Garvey once had the "it" factor, too. Garvey has known Harper since the Las Vegas native played on a Southern California-based travel team with his son as a 15-year-old. The Garveys have remained close to Harper and his family, enough to where Harper helped Garvey's youngest son ask a girl to his high school prom last year.

Like James, Harper was on the cover of Sports Illustrated when he was in high school. And like James, he was selected first overall in the draft.

"Who comes to L.A.?"

Garvey said. "The big stars. LeBron's here. L.A. has the best path for the remainder of his career. He can make a difference with his personality and who he is."

And with how he plays.

The best of his seven seasons for the Washington Nationals was in 2015, when he hit .330 with a career-high 42 home runs and was selected NL MVP as a 22-year-old. Harper posted an on-base-plus-slugging percentage of 1.09 that year. No other player has posted a single-season OPS of 1.00 in the 2010s.

Trout has never produced as much offensively, but is considered the better player because of his superior consistency. Whereas Trout has finished in the top four in MVP voting in each of previous six seasons,

Harper is prone to down seasons. He had one such season this year. Still, even after his batting average remained under .220 until the final days of July, he played well enough over the final months to finish with 34 home runs and 100 runs batted in. He also led the major leagues with 130 walks.

The widespread presumption is that Harper's relative youth offers him a chance to improve as a player. Harper's agent, Scott Boras, made the case some of Harper's abilities are age resistant, in particular that of reaching base. Boras said his research showed players who had on-base percentages of .400 or better from the ages of 22 to 25, as Harper did, had an average on-base percentage of .383 as a 40-year-old.

Securing Harper's services could require a contract more expensive than the record-setting, 13-year, \$325-million deal Giancarlo Stanton signed with the Miami Marlins after the 2014 season.

Friedman has never signed a player to even a nine-figure contract. The most lucrative deals he has struck were to Dodgers who had the options of departing as free agents: Clayton Kershaw (\$93 million over three years), Kenley Jansen (\$80 million over five) and Justin Turner (\$64 million over four).

With Friedman overseeing the baseball operations department, the Dodgers have avoided the more expensive end of the free-agent market. This manifested itself on the field with a team that is more dependent on its depth than it is on high-level performers.

The limitations of that strategy became evident in the World Series, when they

encountered a team with equal, if not greater, talent in the Red Sox. The problem wasn't that the Dodgers switched their lineup every day. The problem was that they were forced to switch their lineups because Turner and Machado were the only players capable of hitting left-handed and right-handed pitchers.

His personal relationship with Harper aside, this is one of the reasons Garvey wants him to sign with the Dodgers this offseason. Garvey said he would like to see the Dodgers field lineups with five or six regulars, with Harper, Turner and Corey Seager serving as the foundation.

"I think that every team that is looking for that final piece, like the Dodgers, I think Bryce is that final piece," Garvey said.

And it's not as if the Dodgers never had stars in Friedman's time in L.A. They did, only Friedman inherited them from the previous regime. And what the team's inconsistency exposed was what happens when frontline performers such as Kershaw, Jansen and Turner decline in form.

Mind you, a change in approach will increase costs. And don't for a second think it's by accident the Dodgers are run by former small-market general managers who specialize in bargain-hunting. This is a business. Whatever the owners say publicly about spending whatever it takes to win, they would prefer to limit costs.

Except these are the Los Angeles Dodgers, not the Tampa Bay Dodgers. The city should demand more. The market should demand Harper.

dylan.hernandez@latimes.com
Twitter: @dylanhernandez

Keitany claims fourth N.Y. Marathon

Ethiopia's Desisa wins the men's race; eight Americans — four men, four women — finish in the top 10.

BY LANCE PUGMIRE

NEW YORK — The onslaught of four American women finishing seventh or better and four U.S. men finishing in the top 10 in Sunday's New York City Marathon was impressive and encouraging.

What truly captivated was the dominating, victorious rush from Kenya's Mary Keitany over the second half of the race.

Keitany won the marathon for the fourth time, returning with a vengeance after last year's runner-up showing behind American Shalane Flanagan to win in 2 hours 22 minutes 48 seconds — the second-fastest women's time in history.

"I missed the record [of Margaret Okalo] by 17 seconds, but it's OK. Winning is good enough for me," Keitany said. "Last year was not my day. ... Today, everything was OK and I ran my race."

"I didn't want to rush at the beginning and suffer at the end. I wanted to be comfortable, run a nice race, try to win."

"I knew my kids had been praying for me in the morning and were at the finish line."

She headed into her fam-



ELSA GARRISON Getty Images

MARY KEITANY of Kenya celebrates her New York City Marathon win in the second-fastest time ever.

ily's arms after closing with a startling time of 1:06:58 over the final 13 miles. Keitany's winning margin was 3 minutes 13.52 seconds better than countrywoman Vivian Cheruiyot.

Flanagan paced the impressive American showing by finishing third, ahead of upstate New York's Molly Huddle (fourth), this year's Boston Marathon champion Desiree Linden (sixth) and Allie Kieffer (seventh).

"It's become a glamorous event for us, a challenge we all want to take on," Huddle, 34, said of marathoning for U.S. women. "We'll be sending a [2020 Olympic] team to Tokyo in which we can all do something, and that's exciting."

Linden added, "It's a

great group of runners continually pushing the bar for the others."

Two-time Boston Marathon winner Lelisa Desisa of Ethiopia won the men's race in 2:05:59, beating countryman Shura Kitata, by two seconds.

"I was thirsty to be a champion. I had the training, everything controlled," Desisa said.

Last year's men's champion Geoffrey Kamworor of Kenya finished third at 2:06:26 — the fourth-fastest time in race history.

Then came the Americans, with Utah's Jared Ward (sixth at 2:12:24) followed by Arizona's Scott Fauble (seventh), Folsom's Shadrack Biwott (ninth) and Stanford product Chris

Derrick (10th).

Keitany, who won the marathon three consecutive times from 2014 to 2016, began her blaze in the 14th mile and followed later with three straight sub-five-minute miles by the start of the 20th mile, stretching her lead over Ethiopia's Rahma Tusa from 26 to 53 seconds.

Flanagan, 37, repeated the grit she showed in becoming the first American in 40 years to win the New York marathon last year by running down Tusa under the colorful fall foliage after the 24-mile mark.

"The thought, as I was feeling sorry for myself, was finding motivation. When I got dropped from Mary, I thought, 'You never know what's going to happen in front of you.' I put my head down, kept fighting," Flanagan said.

She mouthed "I love you" to the racing community at the finish line.

In the wheelchair divisions, American Daniel Romanchuk, 20, of Maryland won in 1:36.21 to become the first American and youngest winner of the event, edging defending champion Marcel Hug by one second.

Switzerland's Manuela Schar, 33, won the women's wheelchair race in 1:50.27.

lance.pugmire@latimes.com

HOCKEY

Roster not built for success

HELENE ELLIOTT

It was April 23, 2017. The abrasiveness of two-time Stanley Cup-winning coach Darryl Sutter had become toxic and he was fired after the Kings missed the playoffs, to the regret of none of his players. General manager Rob Blake replaced Sutter with associate coach John Stevens, the only person who was extensively interviewed for the job.

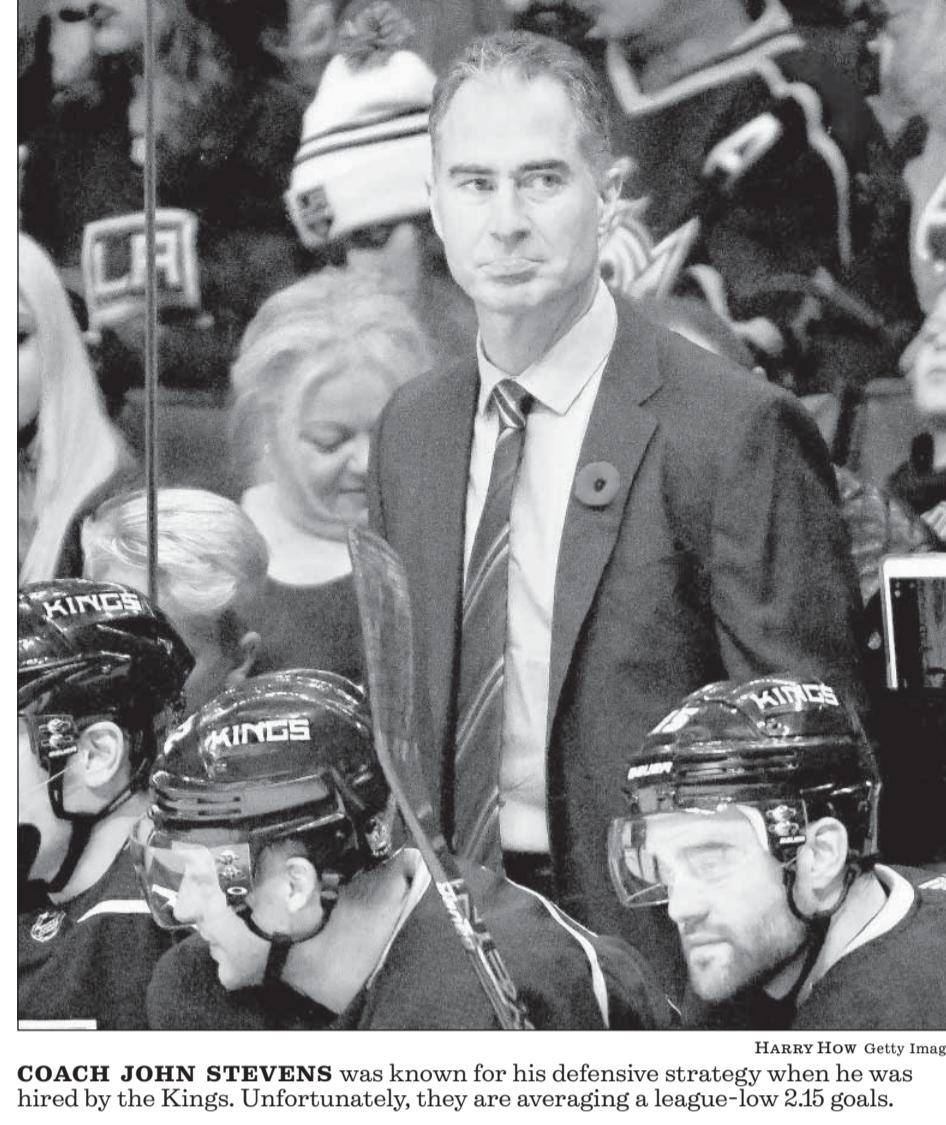
Stevens was a guru of defense strategy but club President Luc Robitaille said the soft-spoken Stevens had proposed "innovative and creative ideas" on how he'd squeeze more goals out of a tediously low-scoring team. The shackles on their skilled players would be lifted. The days of stale, joyless hockey were about to end.

"We believe John has the ideal qualities to lead our hockey club," Blake said that day. "His wide array of coaching experience, including success as an NHL head coach and his inherent knowledge of our players and those in our development system, is very appealing to us. We are confident he is the best person to lead our hockey club forward."

As it turned out, Stevens couldn't lead the Kings forward. They've actually regressed. But it wasn't entirely his fault they were swept out of the playoffs last spring or that they ranked last in the NHL in points, goals per game, and goal differential when he and assistant Don Nachbaur were fired Sunday and replaced by Willie Desjardins and Marco Sturm.

The Kings' big mistake wasn't hiring Stevens. Their miscalculation was — and remains — stubbornly clinging to the belief that the aging core players from their 2012 and 2014 Cup-winning teams are capable of winning another championship in a faster, youth-dominated NHL. That wasn't remotely true last season and there has been little reason to believe it this season, no matter that they had stemmed the bleeding of a six-game slide by winning two of three before Stevens was dismissed.

They're slow, especially on defense, too easily rattled in their own zone, and too panicky when teams close on them quickly. Dustin Brown's return from injury last week gave them a universally respected voice in the locker room and a determined presence on the ice but an experienced group like this shouldn't lose its poise or become easily flustered. Stevens wasn't fiery, and fans often and wrongly seized that as evidence he lacked passion. The best coach isn't always the loudest person in the building. The fault lies with players who should have been able to motivate themselves, not with a coach who wouldn't go against his nature to manufacture a



COACH JOHN STEVENS was known for his defensive strategy when he was hired by the Kings. Unfortunately, they are averaging a league-low 2.15 goals.

All the Kings' men

A look at the team's coaching history:

With Team	Coach	Yrs	W-L-T-OTL	Pts
2012, 2017-2018	John Stevens	3	51-39-0-9	111
2012-2017	Darryl Sutter	6	225-147-0-53	503
2009-2012	Terry Murray	4	139-106-0-30	308
2006-2008	Marc Crawford	2	59-84-0-21	139
2006	John Tortorella	1	5-7-0-0	10
1999-2006	Andy Murray	6	215-176-58-31	519
1995-1999	Larry Robinson	4	122-161-45-0	289
1992-1995	Barry Melrose	3	79-101-29-0	187
1984-1988, 1995	Rogie Vachon	3	4-3-3-0	11
1989-1992	Tom Webster	2	115-94-31-0	261
1988-1989	Robbie Ftorek	2	65-56-11-0	141
1987-1988	Mike Murphy	2	20-37-8-0	48
1985-1987	Pat Quinn	3	75-101-26-0	176
1984	Roger Neilson	1	8-17-3-0	19
1982-1984	Don Perry	3	52-85-31-0	135
1982	Parker MacDonald	1	13-24-5-0	31
1979-1981	Bob Berry	3	107-94-39-0	253
1978	Ron Stewart	1	31-34-15-0	77
1973-1977	Bob Pulford	5	178-150-68-0	424
1972	Fred Glover	1	18-42-8-0	44
1971-1972	Larry Regan	2	27-47-14-0	68
1970	Hal Laycoe	1	5-18-1-0	11
1970	Johnny Wilson	1	9-34-9-0	27
1967-1969	Red Kelly	2	55-75-20-0	130

public and phony display of temper. He carried himself with class during the worst of slumps and the best of win streaks. That, and his work in making defense the foundation of their Cup titles, shouldn't be forgotten.

Despite the high expectations held by Blake and Robitaille, the Kings figured to be a borderline playoff team at best. They haven't been close to that. Even with the addition of \$6.25-million man Ilya Kovalchuk, whose play has picked up recently, the Kings averaged 2.15 goals per game and allowed 3.46 per game. Their power play has worked only

sporadically, converting 14.9% of its chances. Not until the last few games did the coaches maximize Kovalchuk's blazing shot and fine passing ability, but they were handicapped by the forwards' overall lack of skill and speed. Stevens tried to get the team to play at a fast tempo but with rare success. There's little reason to believe a new coach will have better luck with the current roster.

It's relatively easy to change coaches although Blake, no doubt sincerely, said firing Stevens was "awful... terrible... very difficult." It's far tougher to acknowledge an entire

roster is built on a flawed premise and that the organization's drafting and development efforts haven't produced a steady flow of kids who can be impact players and eventually become the next core.

Blake said he's evaluating the players "just as much as we were the staff," and he must conduct that process impartially and without sentiment. Many of the worst decisions former general manager Dean Lombardi made late in his tenure were driven by sentiment, and those moves have had a significant cost for the Kings financially and strategically. Blake can't let emotion sway him if he determines he must change the mix, a conclusion that seems inevitable.

In the meantime, the Kings will assemble in El Segundo on Monday for their first practice under Desjardins, who is expected to mentor potential heir apparent Sturm after Sturm completes his obligations as coach of the German national team. Speaking to reporters during a conference call Sunday, Blake said he expects Desjardins will rekindle players' passion and competitiveness and take them in the right direction. "We have some real good players, we need them playing at a higher level," Blake said.

Remember, Blake also thought Stevens would do that. It's on Blake and Robitaille to give Desjardins and Sturm and anyone else who might join them the right material to win in a league that has, to all appearances, left the Kings behind.

helene.elliott@latimes.com

Twitter: @helenenothelen

Stevens fired after 4-8-1 start

[Kings, from D1] Blake said Desjardins' interim tag means "the rest of the season." Marco Sturm, who played briefly for the Kings, was hired as an assistant. Desjardins previously coached the Vancouver Canucks for three seasons and guided them to 48 wins in 2014-15 before he was fired. He's won championships in junior hockey and the American Hockey League and was head coach of Canada's 2018 Olympic team.

Blake doesn't have a close connection to Desjardins and chose him over several other candidates. One of those was believed to be Alain Vigneault, a former Canucks and New York Rangers coach. Blake has ties to former teammates-turned-coaches such as Tony Granato, but he is counting on Desjardins, 61, to breathe life into a roster that ranks among the oldest in the NHL with an average age of 29.

About his level of concern that players won't

respond to Desjardins given their start, Blake said, "Well, we're evaluating the players just as much as the staff. You're correct in that. That evaluation continues from this point on, for sure."

Stevens' tenure as head coach lasted 99 games, including the playoffs. But his imprint on the organization goes deeper. He mentored defensemen under Terry Murray and Darryl Sutter as an assistant, the latter during two Stanley Cup-winning runs, before he was promoted in April 2017 in a line of succession that was put in place during the Sutter era.

"Awful," Blake said of the decision to fire Stevens. "Terrible. Very difficult. No bones about it."

Stevens improved their offense from 2.43 goals per game to 2.89 last season. But the team reverted to its defensive posture too much in a four-game sweep by the Vegas Golden Knights, and it hasn't shown cohesiveness and the aforementioned urgency.

Maybe more concerning

was that players cited a lack of preparation. That was evident in a 5-2 loss to the Philadelphia Flyers on Thursday that likely removed any lingering doubt about upcoming changes.

"We tiptoed into a game, and they take it to us," Jake Muzzin said the next day. "I mean, we have chances to score, we have a five-on-three [power play]. You take advantages of those opportunities, it's a different game, and we don't."

Stevens ran out of answers by late October and at one point addressed the possibility of his dismissal.

"I put all my effort into trying to help these players play their best and the team perform their best, but that comes with the territory," he said. "If that happens — and it happens a lot — I knew that getting into the business."

Desjardins will be informally introduced Monday. He takes over a team that ranks last in the NHL with 2.15 goals a game and 23rd with 3.46 goals allowed.

Those numbers are after the win against Columbus, which represented only the fourth time this season the Kings scored the game's first goal. They also ended a streak of 24 straight periods in which they allowed a goal.

Blake saw red flags before that. "We need to be way more emotionally involved," he said. "Part of that is the change here today and the evaluation going forward, like I said, continues. We're going to create a desire for these players to play well here."

Blake said Sturm brings a "new generational coach's style" and is known for his player relationships. He has a commitment to the German national team until Nov. 11.

Current assistant Dave Lowry and goaltending coach Bill Ranford remain on staff, Blake said.

curtis.zupke@latimes.com

Twitter: @curtiszupke

Times staff writer Helene Elliott contributed to this report.

about his level of concern that players won't

be as good as they were last year.

He's been a good coach,

but he's not the right fit for

the Kings right now.

He's been a good coach,

but he's not the right fit for

the Kings right now.

He's been a good coach,

but he's not the right fit for

the Kings right now.

He's been a good coach,

but he's not the right fit for

the Kings right now.

He's been a good coach,

but he's not the right fit for

the Kings right now.

He's been a good coach,

but he's not the right fit for

the Kings right now.

He's been a good coach,

but he's not the right fit for

the Kings right now.

He's been a good coach,

but he's not the right fit for

the Kings right now.

He's been a good coach,

but he's not the right fit for

the Kings right now.

He's been a good coach,

but he's not the right fit for

the Kings right now.

He's been a good coach,

but he's not the right fit for

the Kings right now.

He's been a good coach,

but he's not the right fit for

the Kings right now.

He's been a good coach,

but he's not the right fit for

the Kings right now.

He's been a good coach,

but he's not the right fit for

the Kings right now.

He's been a good coach,

but he's not the right fit for

the Kings right now.

He's been a good coach,

but he's not the right fit for

the Kings right now.

He's been a good coach,

but he's not the right fit for

the Kings right now.

He's been a good coach,

but he's not the right fit for

the Kings right now.

He's been a good coach,

but he's not the right fit for

the Kings right now.

He's been a good coach,

but he's not the right fit for

the Kings right now.

He's been a good coach



MICHAEL PITTMAN JR. can't hold on to a pass while being defended by Oregon State's Jalen Moore on Saturday. Pittman left with a shoulder injury, but freshman Devon Williams came in and scored a touchdown.

USC REPORT

Freshman steps up when Pittman can't shoulder load

By J. BRADY MCCOLLOUGH

Eight games into his college career, **Devon Williams'** time for USC finally had come.

Michael Pittman Jr. had exited with a shoulder injury suffered in the first quarter of Saturday's game at Oregon State, and Pittman found the freshman Williams on the sideline and gave him a simple request.

"Fill the role," Pittman told him.

It wasn't just any role. During October, Pittman was unquestionably the Trojans' most consistent offensive weapon. No matter what was going on with the offense, they could count on Pittman to win one-on-one battles and make plays.

As much as quarterback **JT Daniels** hated to see Pittman go, he knew what kind of player Williams was, and, considering their close relationship as suite mates on campus, he also knew how hard Williams had been working to prepare for this scenario.

So on the Trojans' third series, Daniels took a shot deep to Williams. It did not work out, Williams said, because he let the defender get a hold of him and could not break away.

"It was pretty much my fault," Williams said.

Daniels could see what happened and did not think it should happen again.

"I told him, 'If anybody presses you, nobody can run with you. If it's press again, I'll quickly fake and get it out quicker than I did before,'" Daniels said.

Two plays later, Daniels found Williams on third and six for seven yards and a first down. It was Williams' first college reception. Five plays

** #TABLE# 1_0 ** USC, Oregon St. 21

USC 7 14 7 10-38

Oregon St. 0 14 7 21

First Quarter

USC-Carr 8 run (M.Brown kick), 5:38

Second Quarter

USC-Ware 57 run (B.Ware kick), 14:50

ORS-Pierce 13 run (Daniels (M.Brown kick), 7:15

ORS-Colletto 6 run (Choukair kick), 4:15

ORS-Togai 11 pass from Luton (Choukair kick), .304

Third Quarter

USC-Ware 2 run (M.Brown kick), 10:42

ORS-Luton 62 run (Choukair kick), 6:23

Fourth Quarter

USC-Ware 62 run (M.Brown kick), 11:53

USC-M.Brown 46, 4:42

STATISTICS

TEAM USC ORS

First downs 26 24

Rushes-Yards 44-332 32-38

Passing 177 301

Comp-Att-Int 14-26-0 31-46-0

Return Yards 91 67

Punts-Avg 33-33 5-42.4

Fumbles-Lost 3-1 0-0

Penalties-Yards 5-45 4-28

Time of Possession 30:49 29:11

Individual Leaders

RUSHING: USC, Ware 17-205, Malepeai 15-101, Carr 6-49,

(Team) 1-(minus 2), Daniels 5-(minus 21). Oregon St., Jefferson

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177. Oregon St., Hernandez

3-41, Sidney 1-8, Malepeai 5-39, De Williams 3-77, Vaughns

18-58, Pierce 3-14, Colletto 2-11, Luton 9-(minus 45).

PASSING: USC, Daniels 14-26-0 177.

NFL WEEK 9

STANDINGS

NATIONAL CONFERENCE										
West	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	NFC	AFC	Div.	
Rams	8	1	0	.889	299	200	5-1-0	3-0-0	3-0-0	
Seattle	4	4	0	.500	188	156	3-2-0	1-2-0	1-1-0	
Arizona	2	6	0	.250	110	199	2-5-0	0-1-0	2-2-0	
San Francisco	2	7	0	.222	207	239	1-5-0	1-2-0	0-3-0	
North	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	NFC	AFC	Div.	
Chicago	5	3	0	.625	235	153	3-1-0	2-2-0	0-1-0	
Minnesota	5	3	1	.611	221	204	4-2-1	1-1-0	1-0-1	
Green Bay	3	4	1	.438	192	204	3-1-0	1-1-0	1-1-1	
Detroit	3	5	0	.375	180	210	1-4-0	2-1-0	1-1-0	
South	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	NFC	AFC	Div.	
New Orleans	7	1	0	.875	279	218	5-1-0	2-0-0	1-1-0	
Carolina	6	2	0	.750	220	180	4-2-0	2-0-0	1-1-0	
Atlanta	4	4	0	.500	228	226	4-2-0	0-2-0	1-2-0	
Tampa Bay	3	5	0	.375	229	275	2-3-0	1-2-0	1-2-0	
East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	NFC	AFC	Div.	
Washington	5	3	0	.625	160	172	5-2-0	0-1-0	2-0-0	
Philadelphia	4	4	0	.500	178	156	2-3-0	2-1-0	1-0-0	
Dallas	3	4	0	.429	140	123	2-3-0	1-1-0	1-1-0	
N.Y. Giants	1	7	0	.125	150	205	0-6-0	1-1-0	0-3-0	

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

West	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	NFC	AFC	Div.	
Kansas City	8	1	0	.889	327	226	7-1-0	1-0-0	3-0-0	
Chargers	6	2	0	.750	220	180	4-1-0	2-1-0	1-1-0	
Denver	3	6	0	.333	205	213	1-5-0	2-1-0	1-2-0	
Oakland	1	7	0	.125	141	252	1-4-0	0-3-0	0-2-0	
North	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	NFC	AFC	Div.	
Pittsburgh	5	2	1	.688	227	188	3-2-1	2-0-0	3-1-1	
Cincinnati	5	3	0	.625	221	237	3-2-0	2-1-0	1-1-0	
Baltimore	4	5	0	.444	213	160	4-3-0	0-2-0	1-3-0	
Cleveland	2	6	1	.278	190	247	2-4-1	0-2-0	1-1-1	
South	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	NFC	AFC	Div.	
Houston	6	3	0	.667	216	184	5-2-0	1-1-0	2-1-0	
Tennessee	3	4	0	.429	106	127	2-4-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	
Jacksonville	3	5	0	.375	134	170	2-3-0	1-2-0	0-2-0	
Indianapolis	3	5	0	.375	231	213	2-4-0	1-1-0	0-1-0	
East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	NFC	AFC	Div.	
New England	7	2	0	.778	270	202	5-1-0	2-1-0	2-0-0	
Miami	5	4	0	.556	187	225	4-3-0	1-1-0	2-1-0	
N.Y. Jets	3	6	0	.333	198	213	2-4-0	1-2-0	0-2-0	
Buffalo	2	7	0	.222	96	241	1-5-0	1-2-0	0-1-0	

Thursday's game San Francisco 24, Oakland 3
Sunday's games Minnesota 24, Detroit 9
Miami 13, N.Y. Jets 6
Atlanta 38, Washington 14
Kansas City 37, Cleveland 21
Pittsburgh 23, Baltimore 16
Chicago 41, Buffalo 9

SCHEUDLE										
TONIGHT										Times Pacific
Tennessee at Dallas	5:15								
THURSDAY										
Carolina at Pittsburgh	5:15 p.m.								
SUNDAY										
Detroit at Chicago	10 a.m.								
New Orleans at Cincinnati	10								
Atlanta at Cleveland	10								
Jacksonville at Indianapolis	10								
Arizona at Kansas City	10								
Buffalo at New York Jets	10								
Washington at Tampa Bay	10								
New England at Tennessee	10								
CHARGERS at Oakland	1 p.m.								
Miami at Green Bay	1:15								
Seattle at RAMS	1:15								
Dallas at Philadelphia	5:15								
NEXT MONDAY										
New York Giants at San Francisco	5:15 p.m.								
Off: Baltimore, Minnesota, Houston, Denver										

Friday's game San Francisco 24, Oakland 3
Saturday's games Minnesota 24, Detroit 9
Miami 13, N.Y. Jets 6
Atlanta 38, Washington 14
Kansas City 37, Cleveland 21
Pittsburgh 23, Baltimore 16
Chicago 41, Buffalo 9

Monday's game New York Giants at San Francisco 5:15 p.m.
Off: Baltimore, Minnesota, Houston, Denver

TUESDAY Times Pacific

Tennessee at Dallas 5:15

THURSDAY

Carolina at Pittsburgh 5:15 p.m.

SUNDAY

Detroit at Chicago 10 a.m.

New Orleans at Cincinnati 10

Atlanta at Cleveland 10

Jacksonville at Indianapolis 10

Arizona at Kansas City 10

Buffalo at New York Jets 10

Washington at Tampa Bay 10

New England at Tennessee 10

CHARGERS at Oakland 1 p.m.

Miami at Green Bay 1:15

Seattle at RAMS 1:15

Dallas at Philadelphia 5:15

NEXT MONDAY

New York Giants at San Francisco 5:15 p.m.

Off: Baltimore, Minnesota, Houston, Denver

TUESDAY Times Pacific

Tennessee at Dallas 5:15

THURSDAY

Carolina at Pittsburgh 5:15 p.m.

SUNDAY

Detroit at Chicago 10 a.m.

New Orleans at Cincinnati 10

Atlanta at Cleveland 10

Jacksonville at Indianapolis 10

Arizona at Kansas City 10

Buffalo at New York Jets 10

Washington at Tampa Bay 10

New England at Tennessee 10

CHARGERS at Oakland 1 p.m.

Miami at Green Bay 1:15

Seattle at RAMS 1:15

Dallas at Philadelphia 5:15

NEXT MONDAY

New York Giants at San Francisco 5:15 p

NFL WEEK 9: SAINTS 45, RAMS 35

SUMMARY

RAMS	7	10	10	8	35
New Orleans	14	21	0	10	45

First Quarter

New Orleans — Kamara 11 run (Lutz kick), 9:25. Drive: 10 plays, 75 yards, 5:35. Key plays: Kamara 12 run, Brees 12 pass to Thomas, Ta.Hill 1 run on 3rd-and-2, Ta.Hill 9 run on 4th-and-1, Brees 16 pass to Thomas. New Orleans 7, RAMS 0.

RAMS — Gurley 8 run (Zuerlein kick), 6:04. Drive: 6 plays, 71 yards, 3:21. Key plays: Goff 33 pass to Higbee, Gurley 14 run. RAMS 7, New Orleans 7.

New Orleans — Kamara 16 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 1:40. Drive: 8 plays, 75 yards, 4:24. Key plays: Brees 19 pass to Smith, Brees 17 pass to Watson. New Orleans 14, RAMS 7.

Second Quarter

RAMS — Cooks 4 pass from Goff (Zuerlein kick), 1:02. Drive: 6 plays, 75 yards, 2:28. Key plays: Goff 12 pass to Woods, Goff 48 pass to Cooks. RAMS 14, New Orleans 14.

New Orleans — Smith 4 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 7:35. Drive: 10 plays, 87 yards, 5:31. Key plays: Brees 13 pass to Thomas, Brees 32 pass to Watson, Ingram 12 run. New Orleans 21, RAMS 14.

New Orleans — Watson 13 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 1:06. Drive: 6 plays, 59 yards, 2:24. Key plays: Brees 19 pass to Thomas, Kamara 12 run, Brees 11 pass to Kamara on 3rd-and-6. New Orleans 28, RAMS 14.

New Orleans — Kamara 1 run (Lutz kick), :26. Drive: 6 plays, 34 yards, 0:33. Key plays: Anzalone 2 interception return to RAMS 34, Brees 11 run on 3rd-and-10, Brees 14 pass to Thomas. New Orleans 35, RAMS 14.

RAMS — Field goal Zuerlein 56, :00. Drive: 5 plays, 37 yards, 0:26. Key plays: Goff 15 pass to Everett, Goff 17 pass to Woods, R.Saffold 15-yard unnecessary roughness penalty, Goff 20 pass to Everett. New Orleans 35, RAMS 17.

Third Quarter

RAMS — Brown 18 pass from Goff (Zuerlein kick), 9:38. Drive: 11 plays, 77 yards, 5:22. Key plays: Goff 19 pass to Woods, Goff 10 pass to Woods, Goff 15 pass to Cooks, Goff 13 pass to Everett on 3rd-and-7. New Orleans 35, RAMS 24.

RAMS — Field goal Zuerlein 34, 1:30. Drive: 9 plays, 68 yards, 3:48. Drive: 6 plays, 83 yards, 3:39. Key plays: Goff 13 pass to Kupp, Goff 15 pass to Cooks. RAMS 35, New Orleans 35.

New Orleans — Field goal Lutz 54, 6:23. Drive: 9 plays, 40 yards, 3:25. Key plays: Kamara 17 run, Brees 18 pass to Thomas on 3rd-and-10. New Orleans 38, RAMS 35.

New Orleans — Thomas 72 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 3:52. Drive: 3 plays, 75 yards, 0:58. Key play: M.Thomas 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on 3rd-and-7. New Orleans 45, RAMS 35.

Fourth Quarter

RAMS — Kupp 41 pass from Goff (Everett pass from Goff), 9:48. Drive: 6 plays, 83 yards, 3:39. Key plays: Goff 13 pass to Kupp, Goff 15 pass to Cooks. RAMS 35, New Orleans 35.

New Orleans — Field goal Lutz 54, 6:23.



WALLY SKALIJ Los Angeles Times

RAMS' Johnny Hekker extends his left arm to get the necessary yards for a first down as Saints linebacker Craig Robertson defends on the fake field-goal attempt. Officials marked it one yard short but replays show Hekker might have got the ball to the first-down stripe.

Fake field-goal try is a downer

Hekker blames himself for not getting first down but replays show another story.

BY SAM FARMER

NEW ORLEANS — The Rams rolled the dice Sunday, and the gamble backfired.

In their punch-for-punch, touchdown-for-touchdown showdown with the New Orleans Saints, the Rams came up just short on a second-quarter fake field-goal attempt, a key moment in their 45-35 defeat.

It turned out to be a 10-point swing, because not

only did the Rams not attempt a field goal, but also the Saints took over and assembled a touchdown drive.

But did Johnny Hekker actually come up short on the play?

He was the holder on the fake, picking up the ball on fourth and four from the New Orleans 16-yard line, sprinting to beat a defender to the edge, and extending his 6-foot-5 frame for the first-down marker as he dived out of bounds. He even switched the ball to his left hand so he could reach farther.

The official gave him three yards, not four.

"I thought I did what I could to reach out past the yard marker that I saw," he

said. "It's up to the refs to make that call. It's a difficult decision once they put the ball there, and the ref said, 'Hey, you can challenge it.' It is what it is, but I have to do a better job of making the extra effort."

Two aspects of the play worth noting: Officials didn't use replay to fine-tune the spot, instead leaving the ball in precisely the same position, and the official who spotted the ball was trailing Hekker, which isn't the ideal vantage in a game of inches.

Mike Pereira, officiating expert for Fox, was at the game and said it appeared to him that Hekker got the first down. Pereira later elaborated by phone.

"You look at where the

knee was down, and then he extended his arm straight forward, and I felt like there would be enough to reverse the call," he said. "But from the sidelines they very seldom do get overturned. Unless you have a shot that's right down the line — which you're not going to get in plays like that as a rule — it's hard to tell where the ball is at the exact point that it crosses the sideline. That's the hardest part."

Pereira said that's one of the most difficult places on the field to get a dead-perfect spot.

"If there's a ball in the middle of the field and you're on the sideline looking in to the middle of the field, pretty easy," he said. "When it's a

ball across the sideline, you're never on that line. You're trailing the play. That's the mechanics, so it's really a hard spot to get. Nine out of 10 times, it's never perfect."

"To me, that should have been a first down. But maybe they were right from the standpoint of not having enough to overturn it."

Hekker was disappointed, but mostly in himself.

"I don't get the ball very often," he said. "So it's a deal where I was confident with the call, we'd practiced it all week, got the look we wanted. Just came up a little short."

sam.farmer@latimes.com
Twitter: @LATimesfarmer

Rams' weakness exposed by Brees

[Farmer, from D1] memory of this game is cornerback Marcus Peters getting posterized by Saints receiver Michael Thomas, losing track of him in coverage on third down, then leaping in vain as the ball sailed over his head for a 72-yard touchdown.

"I got beat on the play," Peters said. "I can stand up. I can be better. I've been playing [poorly] these last couple weeks, and that's just being honest. With me, I just continue to fight. That's the type of player I am."

Peters has yet to live up to the lofty expectations that came when the Rams traded for him in the off-season. He was a two-time Pro Bowl selection in Kansas City whose hot temper was offset by his ability to make plays.

He was testy after the game when asked if he's still bothered by an calf injury he suffered in Week 3 against Arizona.

"How long ago was that?" he said. "That was like seven weeks ago. I'm healthy now, man. Things happen like that."

Brees completed passes all over the field — he was 25 of 36 for 346 yards and four touchdowns — but repeatedly threw Peters' way.

Thomas set a Saints single-game record with 211 yards on 12 catches.

"A lot of times, you see it on film with Marcus Peters where they say, 'All right,



WALLY SKALIJ Los Angeles Times

AARON DONALD of the Rams disrupts a pass by the Drew Brees of the New Orleans Saints. Brees passed for 346 yards and four touchdowns.

you just take their best guy, you take care of him, and we'll worry about the rest of them,' Brees said. "That's basically what happened on that [touchdown] play. Everybody's trying to match, and you kind of say, 'All right, Peters, you got Mike T.'

Asked after the game whether he was expecting Peters to be opposite Thomas on the long touchdown, he said:

"Receiving yards for Saints' Michael Thomas, a franchise record, including a 72-yard touchdown catch for the final score. He had 12 catches.

Saints coach Sean Payton was unusually candid.

"That was the plan," he said. "They were going to travel Marcus to him, and that was fine by us. We thought we really liked that matchup — a lot."

None of this happens in a vacuum. If the Rams aren't getting enough pressure up front, it's harder on the secondary. If the secondary can blanket the receivers for

half a second longer, it gives the pass rushers a blink more time to get to Brees, whose ability to elude a pass rush is among the factors that will make him a first-ballot Hall of Fame selection. The Rams never got to him.

"In the second half, we did some things to try and open it up, and we got some more pressure on him, but he was getting the ball out,"

defensive tackle Aaron Donald said. "Sometimes you have big games. Sometimes you get a bunch [of sacks], sometimes you get a couple, and sometimes you get none. We just have to watch the film, make the corrections, and fix it."

There might have been a communication breakdown on the long touchdown. Peters might have been expecting help; he declined to elaborate or even go down that path.

"Regardless of communications," he said, "I got beat."

The bottom line is, no one in the secondary played particularly well, and the Rams aren't able to get cornerback Aqib Talib back from injured reserve until after they have a week off in three weeks.

He's a five-time Pro Bowl player, but he's also 32, typically the sunset of a player's career at that position. He can't be expected to be the pass-defending panacea.

Like so many defenses before them, the Rams left the Superdome shaking their heads, marveling at the ability of Brees, and looking to put the loss behind them.

But if there were a troubling injury report from this game, it might read: Rams (exposed Achilles).

sam.farmer@latimes.com
Twitter: @LATimesfarmer

RAMS IN SPOTLIGHT

OFFENSE

Receiver **Brandin Cooks**, returning to the city where he started his NFL career, caught six passes for 114 yards and a touchdown. Cooks had a 48-yard reception to set up his four-yard scoring play in the second quarter.

DEFENSE

For the second time in three games, linebacker **Samson Ebukam** forced a fumble. Early in the second quarter, Ebukam knocked the ball from New Orleans Saints running back Mark Ingram, and the fumble was recovered by Aaron Donald.

— GARY KLEIN

211

Receiving yards for Saints' Michael Thomas, a franchise record, including a 72-yard touchdown catch for the final score. He had 12 catches.

21

Consecutive points scored by the Rams in less than 21 minutes to tie the score in the fourth quarter after they trailed 35-14 in the second quarter.

1

Number of three and out on offense, the Rams having to punt for the first and only time with 4:40 remaining. The Saints had two punts, both in the second half.

12

Franchise-record consecutive games in which the Rams' Todd Gurley has scored a touchdown. He had an eight-yard touchdown run against the Saints.

BY THE NUMBERS

NFL WEEK 9: SAINTS 45, RAMS 35

RAMS REPORT

Comeback comes up shy of complete

By GARY KLEIN

NEW ORLEANS — After outdueling one future Hall of Fame quarterback, **Jared Goff** aimed to do it two games in a row.

Goff helped the Rams overcome a 21-point deficit Sunday, but he could not outlast **Drew Brees** or the New Orleans Saints in the Rams' 45-35 defeat at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

Goff, fresh from a Week 8 victory over the Green Bay Packers and **Aaron Rodgers**, completed 28 of 40 passes for 391 yards and three touchdowns, with an interception, against the Saints.

But Brees was 25 for 36 for 346 yards and four touchdowns, including a 72-yard strike to receiver **Michael Thomas** that sealed the victory.

"We did show the ability to fight back," Goff said, adding, "We really made it a tight game at one point, and we were right there in it."

"Just came up a few plays short."

Late in the second quarter, Saints linebacker **Alex Anzalone** intercepted a Goff pass, setting up a touchdown that put the Rams behind 35-14, their biggest deficit of the season.

It was Goff's sixth interception of the season; he threw seven all of last year.

"He made a good play, and I didn't throw a great ball," Goff said.

Said Anzalone: "It was a normal cross route. It's a play that a lot of teams hit, but I was able to read the quarterback's eyes, break on the ball and make a play."

Gurley stifled

Rams running back **Todd Gurley** entered the game averaging a league-leading 100 rushing yards per game. The Saints, who boast the league's top run defense, limited him to 68 in 13 carries, and only 11 yards on six receptions.



WALLY SKALIJ Los Angeles Times

COOPER KUPP, back after missing two games with a knee injury, scores a tying touchdown in the fourth quarter at New Orleans.

Kupp returns
Receiver **Cooper Kupp** had an eventful day as he returned from a two-game absence because of a knee injury.

Kupp was an honorary captain for the coin toss,

which featured his grandfather **Jake Kupp**, a former offensive lineman for the Saints.

Cooper then caught five passes for 89 yards, including a 41-yard touchdown that tied the score, 35-35, in the fourth quarter.

"He did a great job," Goff said. "Just getting him back. I am so comfortable with him and everything he does."

Receiver **Brandin Cooks**, who began his career with the Saints, caught six passes

for 114 yards. A 48-yard reception in the first quarter set up his four-yard touchdown catch in the second quarter.

Robert Woods caught five passes for 71 yards.

Fowler's debut

Edge rusher **Dante Fowler**, acquired last week in a trade-deadline deal with Jacksonville, made a tackle for a loss and defended a pass in his Rams debut.

"Felt like I fit in perfectly," said Fowler, the third player

chosen in the 2015 draft. "Coming off the bench, sometimes it takes some time for you to get rolling."

"Against [Saints tackle **Terron Armstead**] I felt like I got him in some really good one-on-ones."

Coach **Sean McVay** and defensive coordinator **Wade Phillips** had said Fowler would not be used exclusively on third downs. Fowler entered the game on the third play after Saints running back **Alvin Kamara** ran 12 yards for a first down.

Etc.

Linebacker **Samson Ebukam** forced a second-quarter fumble when he hit Saints running back **Mark Ingram**. It was the second time in three games that Ebukam forced a fumble. He had two tackles. ... Cornerback **Sam Shields**, who did not travel with the team Friday because of illness and arrived Saturday, played on special teams.

gary.klein@latimes.com
Twitter: @latimesklein

Saints come marching through

[Rams, from D1] at it."

None of the players said they were comfortable with losing, or with giving up nearly 500 yards — 313 in the first half.

But after the fawning adoration that came with their 8-0 start, they sounded relieved to focus on the next game, against the Seattle Seahawks, rather than queries about whether they could finish unbeaten.

"No more media with, 'The great team, nobody can beat them, dah, dah, dah, dah, dah,'" Brokers said. "The pressure's off."

The loss "does relieve some of the maybe pressure to be perfect," safety John Johnson said.

"We didn't go into the week saying, 'Oh, it's pressure. We got to stay undefeated.' It's nothing like that."

"We did a good job of blocking out the noise, but it is a little bit of a relief."

For much of the first half, it looked as if McVay and Saints coach Sean Payton were competing in a game of one-upmanship to claim the title as the NFL's most clever play-caller.

The Rams appeared headed for a blowout loss after McVay made a second-quarter decision that backfired and started the Saints on a run of giving up 21 consecutive points.

With the score 14-14, the Rams faked a field-goal try. Holder Johnny Hekker took the snap and sprinted



MALCOLM BROWN scores past Saints safety Marcus Williams on an 18-yard pass from Jared Goff to cut the Rams' deficit to 35-24 in the third quarter.

toward the right sideline but was ruled short of the first down. McVay challenged the call, which was upheld on review.

Brees then drove the Saints for a touchdown, Greg Zuerlein missed a field-goal try and Brees passed for a touchdown, increasing the lead to 14 points. The Saints then intercepted a Jared Goff pass, setting up running back Alvin Kamara for a touchdown run that put the Rams behind 35-14.

"We wanted to be aggressive, that kind of embodies

the identity that we do have," McVay said of the fake field-goal try. "It didn't work out but that's not going to stop us from continuing to fight and make sure that we're making aggressive decisions that are also smart."

The Rams trailed by 18 points at halftime but remained calm and stopped Brees twice to start the second half. Goff's touchdown passes to running back Malcolm Brown and receiver Cooper Kupp, a two-point conversion pass to tight end Gerald Everett and a field

goal tied the score. But Will Lutz's 54-yard field goal gave the Saints the lead, and Brees ended the scoring by hitting Michael Thomas in stride for a 72-yard touchdown.

"Adversity is necessary in this league," safety Marcus Joyner said. "Especially games like this when it's the type of opponents you're going to see in the playoffs."

"It's good to get that adversity early and know how you can get better as a team."

Offensive lineman An-

Thomas dials up a homage to Horn

By SAM FARMER

NEW ORLEANS — After the touchdown throw, a throwback.

In a nod to a New Orleans receiver of yesteryear, Saints wideout Michael Thomas celebrated his 72-yard touchdown catch Sunday by fishing a cellphone from the base of the goalpost pad and pretending to make a call. It was a celebration Joe Horn famously performed 15 years earlier.

"You got to have fun,"

said Thomas, who had stashed the phone there and was flagged for a 15-yard penalty enforced on the ensuing kickoff. "All these guys are catching touchdowns and celebrating and having fun and getting the crowd involved. I felt like I had an opportunity to make it happen, put the game away and make the call."

The Saints couldn't have been too angry, as it punctuated a tremendous day for Thomas, who attended Taft

High in Woodland Hills and is a nephew of former USC and NFL receiver Keyshawn Johnson. Thomas, who had 12 catches, set a Saints single-game record with 211 receiving yards.

"I wasn't all fired up about the penalty," Saints coach Sean Payton said. "We'll get that figured out and handled, but he had a good game."

Horn, who played for the Saints from 2000-06 and still ranks as the third-leading receiver in club history, was touched by the celebration.

"When I saw him bring out that cellphone, I teared up," Horn told Jeff Duncan of the New Orleans Times-Picayune, who reached him by phone after the game.

"That's something that some kids don't do, to pay homage to an old soul. For him to do it on a national stage took a lot of courage. When I saw him bring out that cellphone, I teared up. I'm humbled."

sam.farmer@latimes.com

said they were not looking ahead to anything other than the next game, against the Seahawks.

"It's going to happen in this league, you go on the road against a great football team and have a bad half," Whitworth said. "What doesn't usually happen is to have it happen in the first half and do what we did in the second half."

"You could tell the energy and things changed in that building. They definitely felt us, and we definitely made an impact in the second half."

McVay and the players

had a statement.

"We ain't panicking," defensive tackle Aaron Donald said, "we ain't worried about nothing."

But the Rams know they might see the Saints again in the NFC playoffs.

"I just know if we see them a second time it's going to be way different," cornerback Nickell Robey-Coleman said.

gary.klein@latimes.com

Twitter: @latimesklein

NFL WEEK 9: CHARGERS 25, SEAHAWKS 17

CHARGERS REPORT

SUMMARY

CHARGERS 6 13 0 6 - 25
Seattle 7 3 0 7 - 17

First Quarter

Seattle — Jar. Brown 10 pass from Wilson (Janikowski kick), 6:55. Drive: 13 plays, 75 yards, 8:05. Key plays: Carson 15 run, Wilson 11 pass to Vannett, Carson 2 run on 3rd-and-1, Carson 2 run on 3rd-and-1, Seattle 7, CHARGERS 0.

CHARGERS — Ty. Williams 12 pass from Rivers (kick failed), :00. Drive: 10 plays, 94 yards, 6:55. Key plays: Allen 28 run, Rivers 10 pass to Gordon, Rivers 11 pass to Ty. Williams, Ekeler 16 run. Seattle 7, CHARGERS 6.

Second Quarter

CHARGERS — Gordon 34 run (pass failed), 11:36. Drive: 4 plays, 83 yards, 1:04. Key play: Rivers 54 pass to Allen. CHARGERS 12, Seattle 7.

CHARGERS — M. Williams 30 pass from Rivers (Sturgis kick), 1:10. Drive: 5 plays, 65 yards, 00:55. Key plays: Rivers 12 pass to Allen, Rivers 23 pass to Allen. CHARGERS 19, Seattle 7.

Seattle — Field goal Janikowski 44, :00. Drive: 8 plays, 49 yards, 1:10. Key plays: D. James 15-yard unnecessary roughness penalty, Wilson 10 pass to Mik. Davis. CHARGERS 19, Seattle 10.

Fourth Quarter

CHARGERS — D. King 42 interception return (kick failed), 6:44. CHARGERS 25, Seattle 10.

Seattle — Vannett 6 pass from Wilson (Janikowski kick), 1:50. Drive: 14 plays, 54 yards, 4:54. Key plays: C. Sturgis 10-yard tripping penalty, Lockett 34 kickoff return Seattle 46, Wilson 13 run, Wilson 11 pass to Vannett, Mik. Davis 8 run on 4th-and-4, Wilson 9 pass to Lockett, Wilson 6 run on 4th-and-4. CHARGERS 25, Seattle 17.

TEAM STATISTICS

	LAC	SEA
FIRST DOWNS	18	25
Rushing	6	11
Passing	11	10
Penalty	.1	4
THIRD DOWN EFF	2.9	4-15
FOURTH DOWN EFF	0.0	3-3
TOTAL NET YARDS	375	356
Total Plays	50	75
Avg Gain	.75	4.7
NET YARDS RUSHING	160	154
Rushes	22	32
Avg per rush	.73	4.8
NET YARDS PASSING	.215	202
Sacked-Yds lost	2-13	4-33
Gross-Yds passing	.228	235
Completed-Att.	13-26	26-39
Had Intercepted	0	1
Yards-Pass Play	.77	4.7
KICKOFFS-EndZone-TB	5-3-2	3-1-0
PUNTS-Avg	.6-43.0	6-52.8
Punts blocked	0	0
FGs-PATs blocked	0.0	0-0
TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE	81	73
Punt Returns	4-17	3-4
Kickoff Returns	2-22	3-69
Interceptions	1-42	0-0
PENALTIES-Yds	12-105	10-83
FUMBLES-Lost	1-0	1-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	24:19	35:41

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING: CHARGERS, Gordon 16-113, Allen 2-28, Ekeler 3-21, Benjamin 1-(minus 2). SEATTLE, Wilson 15-62, Wilson 5-41, Carson 8-40, Penny 4-11.

PASSING: CHARGERS, Rivers 13-26-0-228. SEATTLE, Wilson 26-39-1-235.

RECEIVING: CHARGERS, Allen 6-124, Green 2-28, Williams 2-23, Williams 1-30, Ekeler 1-13, Gordon 1-10. SEATTLE, Davis 7-45, Vannett 6-52, Baldwin 4-77, Lockett 3-22, Penny 3-13, Moore 2-16, Brown 1-10.

PUNT RETURNS: CHARGERS, King 4-17. SEATTLE, Lockett 3-4.

KICKOFF RETURNS: CHARGERS, King 2-22. SEATTLE, Penny 2-35, Lockett 1-34.

TACKLES-ASSISTS-SACKS: CHARGERS,

Brown 7-4-0, Davis 7-1-0, Hayward 5-0-0, James 4-7-0, Liugut 4-1-0,

Phillips 4-1-0, Addae 3-7-1, Perryman 2-2-0, Emanuel 2-1-0, Rochell 2-0-1,

Mebane 1-4-0, Ingram 1-3-1, King 1-2-0, Square 1-1-1, Jones 1-1-0, Nwosu 0-1-0, Wagner 5-8-0, Wright 5-2-0, Thompson 5-0-0, Stephen 2-2-0,

Hill 2-1-0, Reed 1-5-1, Flowers 1-1-0,

Jordan 1-1-0, Coleman 1-1-0, Clark 1-0-1, Griffin 1-0-0, Jefferson 0-1-0,

Mingo 0-1-0.

INTERCEPTIONS: CHARGERS, King 1-42. SEATTLE, None.

FIELD GOALS MISSED: CHARGERS, Sturgis 42. SEATTLE, Janikowski 51.

Officials — Referee Shawn Hochuli, Ump Roy Ellison, HL Ed Camp, LJ Greg Bradley, FJ Tom Hill, SJ Chad Hill, BJ Rich Martinez, Replay Carl Madson.

Attendance — 68,989.

CHARGERS IN SPOTLIGHT

OFFENSE

Keenan Allen did not score a touchdown and has only one for the season, but he was the Chargers' most productive receiver Sunday, finishing with 124 yards in six catches, including a 54-yarder that set up the team's second touchdown. Allen also had a 24-yard rush on the Chargers' opening play, the reverse helping kick-start a drive that began at their six-yard line.

DEFENSE

Tackle Corey Liuget returned to the starting lineup and finished with five tackles, including a game-high three for a loss of yardage. No other player had more than one such stop. He replaced Darius Philon in the lineup. Liuget missed the first four games of the season because of a suspension for a positive test for performance-enhancing drugs.

— JEFF MILLER

Sturgis, and poor kicks, are back

BY JEFF MILLER

SEATTLE — They tried to be supportive, but the Chargers understand the gravity of the situation.

On Sunday, that gravity weighed heavily on the shoulders of Caleb Sturgis.

The kicker missed two more extra-point attempts and a 42-yard field-goal try, forcing the Chargers to make a last-play defensive stand to hold on for a 25-17 victory over Seattle.

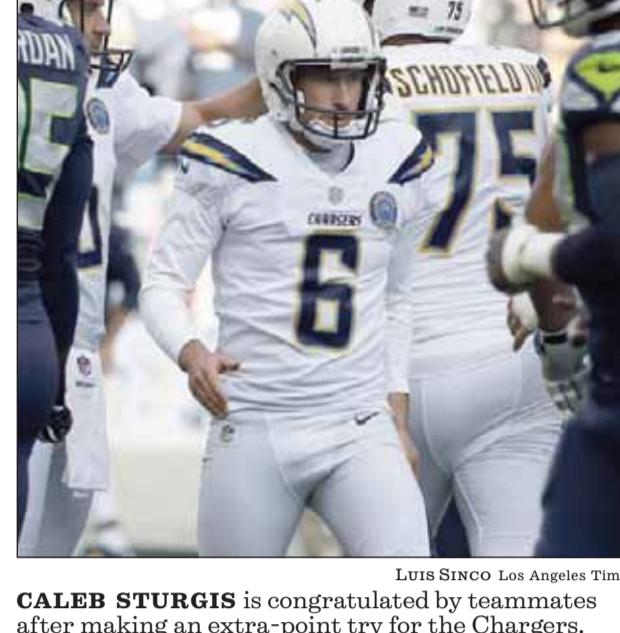
"In reality, there's no chance for the Seahawks to win that or to make a run in OT if he makes one of those PATs," running back Melvin Gordon said. "It's part of the game. Hopefully, he can regroup and get it together."

It might be too late for Sturgis. The veteran has missed six extra-point tries and is nine for 15. He is nine for 13 on field-goal attempts.

In March, Sturgis signed a two-year, \$4.45-million contract after sitting out nearly all of 2017 with Philadelphia because of a hip injury.

A quadriceps problem knocked him out of consecutive games before Sunday, with rookie Michael Badgley filling in.

Badgley was seven for seven on extra-point kicks and three for three on field-goal tries in Sturgis' absence, though his kickoffs were not as consistently



LUIS SINCO Los Angeles Times

CALEB STURGIS is congratulated by teammates after making an extra-point try for the Chargers.

deep.

Last week, after Sturgis was deemed healthy enough to return, the Chargers waived Badgley but then re-signed him to their practice squad.

"Players are like everybody else," coach Anthony Lynn said. "They have peaks and valleys. They struggle. You don't just throw them out when they're down. We try to help and bring them back."

"But he didn't kick well today, didn't kick well today. So we have to evaluate the whole situation and we'll

see."

Asked whether he thought the misses might have become a mental hurdle for Sturgis, Lynn dismissed the question.

"We won the football game," he said. "Don't really want to talk about the kicking right now."

Sunday wasn't a great afternoon for the Chargers' special teams, though they did cover kicks well.

Punter Donnie Jones didn't exhibit a particularly strong leg, averaging 43 yards on six attempts, two of which ended inside the 20-

yard line.

Desmond King averaged 11 yards on two kickoff returns and 4.3 yards on four punt returns.

New starter

Cornerback Trevor Williams lost his starting job to Michael Davis. Both signed with the Chargers as undrafted free agents, Williams in 2016 and Davis in 2017.

"We wanted to see Michael get out and play," Lynn said. "Trevor has struggled some. He knows he hasn't played at the level he played at last year. So we put Michael in the game."

Williams started 15 games last season and the first seven this year. Before the last few weeks, Davis had played almost exclusively on special teams and in certain defensive packages.

Wilson magic

Even when the Chargers went up 25-10 on Desmond King's interception return for a touchdown with 6 minutes 44 seconds remaining, cornerback Casey Hayward said he knew the game was still not decided.

"I've played here plenty of times," Hayward said. "I know it's like Russ magic here."

Quarterback Russell Wilson, a four-time Pro Bowl selection, has pulled out games for the Seahawks, particularly at CenturyLink

Field.

"I pulled the guys to the side after they scored [to make it 25-17]," Hayward said. "I'm like, 'Yo, this game is not over. This guy does this all the time. They expect to win this game.' We found a way to win and that's what it's all about."

Road warriors

Unwelcoming CenturyLink Field? The Chargers know all about such things.

"Unfortunately, we play an away game every single week," defensive lineman Damion Square said. "So, no better team to come in here and get the 'W.'"

The Chargers' home, StubHub Center, is quite famous for hosting split allegiances.

Hanging on

For consecutive games, the Chargers offense has been forced to sit in the closing seconds and hope the defense can secure a victory.

"I hate it," left tackle Russell Okung said. "I'd rather have the game in our control. But that's why they call us a team. We're fortunate to have a defense that's really doing its job."

"But I can't watch, to be honest. I just listen for the crowd to cheer or boo or whatever. I can't even stand up. It's super frustrating."

jeff.miller@latimes.com
Twitter: @JeffMillerLAT



LUIS SINCO Los Angeles Times

CHARGERS RUNNING BACK Melvin Gordon leaves Seattle Seahawks defenders in his wake en route to a touchdown in the second quarter at CenturyLink Field in Seattle. Gordon rushed 16 times for 113 yards and a score in the Chargers' 25-17 win.

Chargers making noise, win fifth in row

[Chargers, from D1] Chargers not securing this victory until Seattle failed on one final untimed down after the clock had expired.

A pass-interference penalty on cornerback Michael Davis in the end zone necessitated the additional play.

On a day when the Chargers' defense dominated during stretches, the dramatic ending was a fitting last-breath bit of misfortune to topple.

"I've never seen that call at the end of the game, but they made that call," Lynn said. "Officials, they have to do their job. You just don't see that call too often in that situation, last play of the game."

So the Chargers stood tallest at the end, winning with a late denial in their end zone for the second game in a row. They beat Tennessee

20-19 on Oct. 21 by preventing a two-point conversion in the final seconds.

This one was a triumph in the truest sense, the Chargers at one point appearing on the verge of opening a comfortable lead but then having to hold things together as obstacles arose.

They gave up seven more first downs than they gained, possessed the ball for 10 fewer minutes and were called for 12 penalties totaling 105 yards.

They also had to overcome another flustering day for Caleb Sturgis. The veteran kicker missed two more extra points — that's six for the season — and a 42-yard field goal.

Sturgis returned Sunday after being out for two games because of a quadriceps injury. He was healthy again, but his performance hurt.

The situation was such that Lynn opted to go for a two-point conversion as early as the opening four minutes of the second quarter.

"It doesn't feel the same when there's [only] six on the board," quarterback Philip Rivers said.

"You want to convert third downs and then when you still have a chance to get points [and don't], you feel, 'Ugh,' you know? So we handled that adversity and rallied."

Rivers, making his 200th consecutive start, completed 13 of 26 passes for 228 yards and two touchdowns, both coming on stellar individual efforts by his receivers, first Tyrell Williams and then Mike Williams.

Melvin Gordon returned after missing one game because of a hamstring injury.

He was healthy again, but his performance hurt.

He was healthy again, but his performance hurt.

The situation was such that Lynn opted to go for a two-point conversion as early as the opening four minutes of the second quarter.

"It doesn't feel the same when there's [only] six on the board," quarterback Philip Rivers said.

"You want to convert third downs and then when you still have a chance to get points [and don't], you feel, 'Ugh,' you know? So we handled that adversity and rallied."

Rivers, making his 200th consecutive start, completed 13 of 26 passes for 228 yards and two touchdowns, both coming on stellar individual efforts by his receivers, first Ty

NFL WEEK 9: CHARGERS 25, SEAHAWKS 17

Addae provides the finishing touch

Chargers safety dives across the end zone and gets his fingertip on Wilson's final pass.

BY MIKE DIGIOVANNA

SEATTLE — By the grace of Jahleel Addae's right middle finger went the Chargers on Sunday, their second straight game coming down to a tipped pass in the end zone with either a few seconds or no time left on the clock.

This time it was Addae who came up with the game-saving play, the free safety diving across the end zone to get a fingertip on a Russell Wilson pass that bounced off the chest of receiver David Moore to close a tense 25-17 victory over the Seattle Seahawks in the din of CenturyLink Field.

"I don't know if it affected the path of the ball, but I got a finger on it, I felt it," Addae said after the Chargers (6-2) held on for their fifth straight win. "We have a lot of hard work and God on our side."

Two weeks after Adrian Phillips tipped away a two-point conversion attempt with 31 seconds left to seal a 20-19 victory over the Tennessee Titans in London, the Chargers nearly collapsed in the final moments against the Seahawks before they survived another game of inches.

Seattle, trailing by eight, took over on its 22-yard line with no timeouts and 1:24 left. The Seahawks drove to the Chargers' one-yard line with the help of a Melvin Ingram roughing-the-passer penalty and a Michael Davis pass-interference penalty in the back corner of the end zone as time expired.

The Seahawks were awarded one play from the one-yard line but were pushed back to the six because of left guard J.R. Sweezy's false-start penalty.

From there, the elusive Wilson — who had scrambled for 16 yards on one play earlier in the drive — avoided a heavy rush, stepped up in the pocket and fired a laser of a pass that got a piece of both Addae and



LUIS SINCO Los Angeles Times

THE CHARGERS' Jahleel Addae, foreground, and his teammates celebrate after breaking up a pass in the end zone with no time left in the game and clinching the victory. "I don't know if it affected the path of the ball, but I got a finger on it, I felt it," Addae said.

Moore but careened out of the back of the end zone.

"We have a lot of great players who make big plays in big situations," Chargers strong safety Derwin James said.

"When the situation calls for a play, we're used to doing it in practice, and it transitions well into the games."

The Chargers were in zone coverage, but when it appeared Wilson might take off, each defensive back glommed onto the closest receiver. James flashed across the back of the end zone with Moore but was not in a position to make a play.

"That was a good route because he jitterbugged away from me on the baseline," James said of Moore.

"That was a great play by Jahleel. We were in a cover-

two, and he ran to another zone. That's why he was able to get a hand on it."

No one was more relieved than Davis, who made his first start of the season in place of struggling cornerback Trevor Williams.

Davis appeared to win a wrestling match with Seattle's Tyler Lockett on Wilson's 20-yard pass into the end zone as time expired, going up with the receiver and deflecting the ball away.

The elation Davis felt after what he thought was a game-ending pass breakup was doused by the yellow flag that flew his way.

"He held me," Davis said of Lockett. "I was [ticked], to be honest. I couldn't believe it. We both went up for the ball, and I came down with it."

I thought it was a clean play. I saw the flag, and I was like, 'Damn, no way!' It was super emotional. I'm just glad we came out with a win."

Davis, who was credited with eight tackles, was beaten down the left sideline on a 42-yard pass to Doug Baldwin in the second quarter, and he would have been beaten on a 61-yard touchdown pass early in the third quarter had Wilson not badly underthrown an open Jaron Brown.

But Davis did have a hand in slot cornerback Desmond King's game-turning 42-yard interception return for a touchdown that gave the Chargers a 25-10 lead with 6:44 left.

Davis was lined up opposite of Moore near the left sideline, and King appeared

to be covering Baldwin in the slot. As Wilson fired a quick out toward Moore, King left Baldwin, jumped the route on Moore and picked off Wilson for the score.

"It's a zone coverage," King said. "I got a read to my corner. [Davis] told me, 'China, China,' letting me know someone was in the flat. The first thing I thought about when he said it was just turn your head and run straight to the sideline. When I looked back, the ball was there, and I turned it into six points."

King's interception return for a touchdown and Addae's tipped pass were the highlights of a stout defensive effort that included 11 tackles each by Jatavis Brown and James, four sacks — by Addae, Ingram,

Isaac Rochell and Damion Square — and three tackles for lost yardage by lineman Corey Liugiet.

After the Seahawks opened the game with a 13-play, 75-yard scoring drive that consumed 8:05 of the first quarter, the Chargers held the Seahawks to 281 yards on 62 plays and kept them out of the end zone until the final two minutes.

"We got punched in the mouth early, but we punched back," Ingram said.

"In every fight, you're gonna get hit. We've got to hit back. We didn't really do anything different after that first drive. We just calmed down and played our game."

mike.digiovanna@latimes.com
Twitter: @MikeDiGiovanna

Chargers' catches deserved extra points

Both Williams in the receiving corps come up with dazzling plays to score touchdowns.

BY MIKE DIGIOVANNA

SEATTLE — The NFL is not figure skating or gymnastics. Points are not awarded for degree of difficulty. If they were, Chargers receivers Tyrell Williams and Mike Williams would have earned extra credit for their touchdown catches in the first half of Sunday's 25-17 victory over the Seattle Seahawks in CenturyLink Field.

Tyrell Williams capped a 10-play, 94-yard drive with a lunging catch of Philip Rivers' 12-yard, back-shoulder pass as he fell in the left side of the end zone with Seahawks cornerback Tre Flowers draped over his back. That cut Seattle's lead to 7-6 on the last play of the first quarter.

Mike Williams made a leaping catch of another back-shoulder pass from Rivers late in the second quarter, did a 360-degree spin after absorbing a lower-body hit from Flowers and tiptoed down the left sideline, somehow staying inbounds for a 30-yard touchdown that gave the Chargers a 19-7 lead.

"If we ain't got the best group of receivers in the National Football League, who does? Tell me," receiver



LUIS SINCO Los Angeles Times

MIKE WILLIAMS, with ball, celebrates with teammates after scoring a second-quarter touchdown by making a tough catch and somehow staying inbounds.

Keenan Allen asked reporters after catching six passes for 124 yards, the 21st 100-yard game of his career.

When his question was met by silence, Allen said, "That's what I thought."

Tyrell Williams' fourth touchdown catch in three games produced the same

reaction from the famously boisterous CenturyLink crowd. Silence.

The Seahawks opened the game with a 13-play, 75-yard drive capped by Jaron Brown out-jumping and out-wrestling Chargers cornerback Casey Hayward in the end zone for a 10-yard catch

en route to a 7-0 lead.

The Chargers responded with a drive that took almost seven minutes off the clock, Rivers completing all five of his passes for 45 yards and Allen and Austin Ekeler combining for 44 yards on a pair of jet sweeps.

After Tyrell Williams

caught Rivers' third-and-seven pass for a touchdown, he looked into the crowd and put his right hand to his ear.

"I was just trying to see if I could hear them still," Williams said.

"That kind of quieted them down a bit."

So did a 54-yard pass from Rivers to Allen on the Chargers' next drive, Allen using a double move to race by cornerback Shaquill Griffin and turn a third and 15 from the Chargers 12 to a first down at the Seattle 34.

Melvin Gordon — who rushed for 113 yards in 16 carries — took a pitch from Rivers on the next play and raced 34 yards around the right side, bursting through a hole created by the line and getting a block from fullback Derek Watt for a touchdown and a 12-7 lead with 11:36 left in the half.

"Phil told me to pump it. We just got the flag," Allen said of his long reception after a delay-of-game penalty.

"It was third and 15. We knew they would be playing on the sticks, they would be squatting on it, and we got them to bite."

Allen's 12- and 23-yard catches set up Mike Williams' only reception of the game, a high-wire act of a touchdown catch that was confirmed after a lengthy replay review.

On second and 10 from the Seattle 30, Rivers threw down the left sideline to Williams, who made a leaping catch at the 15. Flowers got a hand on Williams' thigh

at the 10, twirling the receiver around, but Williams managed to stay on his feet and continue to the end zone.

Four times Williams appeared close to touching the sideline with his heels, but his ability to remain on his toes and keep his heels from touching the sideline apparently swayed the replay officials.

"I don't practice that play, but I do work on my calves, and my calves probably helped me out a bit," Williams said. "I watched the replay. The last one they had up there, I thought I was out. But my heel never touched, though. They couldn't overturn it."

Rivers didn't have one of his better games, completing 13 of 26 passes for 228 yards against the Seahawks' stellar defense, but the two superb scoring catches helped push his passer rating (105.9) into triple digits.

"We had two touchdown passes on contested plays," Rivers said. "Tyrell did a heck of a job. I was afraid he wasn't going to have enough room, but he stayed in bounds."

"And then Mike's catch, I knew we were good with the completion, and then, I don't know how his heels didn't hit [out of bounds]. I'm sure some would argue that they did, but when you can't see 'em, you can't overturn it."

mike.digiovanna@latimes.com
Twitter: @MikeDiGiovanna

BY THE NUMBERS

60

Consecutive games with multiple catches for the Chargers' Keenan Allen. He had six catches for 124 yards against Seattle, including a career-high 54-yard reception.

34

Touchdowns for Chargers running back Melvin Gordon over his last 36 games. He ran 34 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter against Seattle.

113

Rushing yards for Gordon against Seattle on just 16 carries for an average of 7.1 yards per rush. He finished with 123 yards from scrimmage.

200

Consecutive starts for Chargers' Philip Rivers, the fourth quarterback to reach the milestone — Brett Favre (297), Eli Manning (211), and Peyton Manning (208).

NEXT UP



CHARGERS (6-2) AT OAKLAND (1-7)

Sunday, 1 p.m. TV: Channel 11. Radio: 640.

NBA

STANDINGS

Standings have been arranged to reflect how the teams will be determined for the playoffs. Teams are ranked 1-15 by record. Division standing no longer has any bearing on the rankings. The top eight teams in each conference make the playoffs, and the top-seeded team would play the eighth-seeded team, the seventh team would play the second, etc. Head-to-head competition is the first of several tiebreakers, followed by conference record. (Western Conference divisions: SCPs-Southwest; P-Pacific; N-Northwest; Eastern Conference divisions: A-Atlantic; C-Central; S-Southeast).

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	Rk.
1. Golden State	9	1	.900	9-1	P1	
2. Denver	8	1	.889	½	8-1	N1
3. Portland	7	3	.700	2	7-3	N2
4. San Antonio	6	3	.667	2½	6-3	S1
5. Memphis	5	3	.625	3	5-3	S2
6. Sacramento	4	4	.600	3	6-4	P2
7. CLIPPERS	5	4	.556	3½	5-4	P3
8. Oklahoma City	4	4	.500	4	4-4	N3
9. New Orleans	4	5	.444	½	4-5	S3
9. Utah	4	5	.444	½	4-5	N4
11. LAKERS	4	6	.400	1	4-6	P4
11. Minnesota	4	6	.400	1	4-6	N5
13. Houston	3	5	.375	1	3-5	S4
14. Dallas	2	7	.222	2½	2-7	S5
14. Phoenix	2	7	.222	2½	2-7	P5

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	Rk.	
1. Toronto	9	1	.900	9-1	A1		
2. Milwaukee	8	1	.889	½	8-1	C1	
3. Indiana	7	3	.700	2	7-3	C2	
4. Boston	6	3	.667	2½	6-3	A2	
5. Philadelphia	6	5	.545	3½	6-4	A3	
6. Charlotte	5	5	.500	4	5-5	S1	
6. Detroit	4	4	.500	4	4-4	C3	
8. Brooklyn	4	6	.400	5	4-6	A4	
15. Cleveland	1	8	.111	2	½	1-8	C5

TEMPTAG

9. Miami	3	5	.375	3-5	S2		
10. Atlanta	3	6	.333	½	3-6	S3	
10. Orlando	3	6	.333	½	3-6	S4	
12. New York	3	7	.300	1	3-7	A5	
13. Washington	2	7	.222	1	½	S5	
14. Chicago	2	8	.200	2	2-8	C4	
15. Cleveland	1	8	.111	2	½	1-8	C5

TODAY'S GAMES

Favorite	Line	Underdog	Time
at CLIPPERS	OFF	Minnesota	7:30 p.m.
at Indiana	1	Houston	4 p.m.
at Detroit	OFF	Miami	4 p.m.
at Orlando	3	Cleveland	4 p.m.
at New York	3	Chicago	4:30 p.m.
at Oklahoma City	4½	New Orleans	5 p.m.
at Denver	2½	Boston	6 p.m.
at Utah	OFF	Toronto	6 p.m.
at Golden State	14	Memphis	7:30 p.m.

RESULTS



Sloppy 76ers remain winless on the road

BROOKLYN 122
PHILADELPHIA 97

D'Angelo Russell snapped out of a slump with 13 of his 21 points in the second half, and the Brooklyn Nets kept the Philadelphia 76ers winless on the road with a 122-97 victory Sunday.

The 76ers had 28 turnovers, most in the NBA, leading to 39 points for the Nets.

"That is not who we are," coach Brett Brown said. "And I give credit to Brooklyn, but that is an unacceptable performance."

Rondae Hollis-Jefferson scored 21 points and Caris LeVert had 20 for the Nets. They took a small lead into halftime thanks to 17 turnovers by the 76ers, then blew it open with a 41-point third quarter. They kept pouring it on in the fourth and Brown removed Joel Embiid and Ben Simmons with a 24-point deficit.

"It's not Golden State. We shouldn't lose a game to Brooklyn by that many points," Embiid said.

at Milwaukee 144, Sacramento 109: The Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo had his second triple-double this season with 26 points, 15 rebounds and 11 assists. Milwaukee, which is off to its best nine-game start, set a season high for points in a game and set the franchise record with 22 three-point baskets.

Orlando 117, at San Antonio 110: Aaron Gordon scored 26 points and D.J. Augustin had 18 as the Magic ended a skid at four games. The Magic led by 26 points with 9:02 remaining, but the Spurs went on a 26-6 run over six minutes and forced the Orlando starters back into the game.

at Washington 108, New York 95: John Wall scored 26 points and Bradley Beal had 22 as the Wizards ended a losing streak at five games. The Knicks tied the score 82-82 in the fourth period, but the Wizards pulled away with 16-2 run.

at Phoenix 102, Memphis 100: Devin Booker's 17-foot jumper with 1.7 seconds left capped a comeback by the Suns, who ended a losing streak at seven games. Booker scored 14 of his game-high 25 points in the fourth period as Phoenix rallied from 12 points down.

at Portland 111, Minnesota 81: Jusuf Nurkic led the Trail Blazers with 19 points and 12 rebounds, and Meyers Leonard had a double-double off the bench with 15 points and 12 rebounds. Disgruntled Timberwolves star Jimmy Butler sat out because of what the team deemed "precautionary rest."

Toronto 121, at Lakers 107

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

Walton, Johnson are 'all good'

Lakers coach had heated conversation with his boss after 2-5 start, but his job appears to be secure.

By TANIA GANGULI

If there was any doubt about coach Luke Walton's job security, Lakers president of basketball operations Magic Johnson put an end to it Sunday night.

Speaking with The Times before the Lakers played the Toronto Raptors, Johnson said his conversation with Walton last Tuesday was one they needed to have and that they have all moved on from it. He emphasized that it had no bearing on Walton's job security.

"I said it, Luke took it and we're all good," Johnson told The Times. "It's no big deal."

Johnson insisted that Walton is not on a clock. He was asked if there's any chance Walton would not finish the season as the Lakers' head coach.

"He's going to finish the season," Johnson said. "Unless some-

thing drastic happens, which it won't."

The Lakers are 4-6 and have gone 2-1 since Johnson and Walton had a tense interaction Tuesday. They beat the Dallas Mavericks and broke a 16-game losing streak to the Portland Trail Blazers.

Their win Saturday night in Portland was the Lakers' first since March 2014. On Sunday they got blown out by the Raptors at home.

After a 2-5 start, though, Johnson's ire reached a boiling point.

The Lakers had gone 0-2 on a trip, losing to the San Antonio Spurs and the dysfunctional Minnesota Timberwolves, a team making headlines for its standoff with disgruntled star Jimmy Butler. The Timberwolves beat the Lakers 124-120 on Oct. 29.

The next day Johnson called Walton into his office.

During their meeting, Johnson shouted and cursed at Walton. At one point he chided Walton for interrupting him. He wanted to see an offensive system that had yet to be implemented, and made other suggestions.

Since the summer, Johnson in-

sisted he would be patient with the Lakers' early-season struggles. He and general manager Rob Pelinka have talked about having a multi-year plan for rebuilding the Lakers into a championship contending team. The first step of that was signing LeBron James in free agency.

Consequently, his outburst last week surprised some within the building.

It also led to speculation about Walton's job security from both people within the building and outside.

But in Johnson's mind that was never a question. He simply felt he was doing his job in holding Walton accountable.

His only regret is that the conversation became public when ESPN reported the interaction Friday morning.

After the story broke, Walton addressed it with his players, emphasizing that they have known all season that there would be distractions for the team. The Lakers then beat the Trail Blazers 114-110.

"It's great to win, period," James said, when asked if it felt good to win for Walton.

"Listen, coaching staff put us in a position to win and it's up to us to go up and execute. Luke can care less about what's going on outside, we could as well."

Walton echoed James' thoughts after the game, saying that the win in Portland only had special meaning because it had been so long since the Lakers had won in Port-

"That's where my focus is and where it will always be," Walton said. "It's, what can I do to make this team the best that we can be and are we getting better? And I thought tonight was a sign that we, as a team, are doing things the right way."

Since then, Walton has received messages of support from around the league.

Walton said those messages feel good whether they come from other coaches around the league or his father.

When asked what his father, Bill Walton, said, Walton replied: "He loves me and supports me no matter what."

tania.ganguli@latimes.com
Twitter: @taniaganguli



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ Associated Press

TORONTO'S OG Anunoby, left, has his shot blocked by the Lakers' JaVale McGee during the first half but it was all Raptors, who took a 71-49 halftime lead.

Sluggish Lakers put on a dismal display

TORONTO 121
LAKERS 107

By BRODERICK TURNER

As Magic Johnson peered down from his suite inside Staples Center on Sunday night, the president of basketball operations saw a dreadful display of basketball in the first quarter from the Lakers that put them in a deep hole they were unable to pull out of even when they did find their competitive spirit.

They got drilled in the first, falling into a 31-point deficit to the Toronto Raptors before the Lakers showed some fight while dropping a 121-107 game before 18,997 sometimes disgruntled fans.

The Lakers had won an emotional game in Portland on Saturday night, breaking a 16-game losing streak to the Trail Blazers. But the Lakers looked slow and sluggish in this back-to-back game, their energy lacking even while facing a Raptors team playing without star forward Kawhi Leonard.

Toronto shredded the Lakers' defense in the first quarter, making 68.2% of its shots, 50% (six of 12) from three-point range.

Once the Raptors built a 41-10 first-quarter, the Lakers were in catchup mode.

Serge Ibaka, who scored a career-high 34 points, outscored the Lakers by himself 20-17 in the first quarter.

"I don't know if we were tired from our game last night, or what, not that that's an excuse," Lakers coach Luke Walton said. "But it felt like that in the first quarter and they jumped all over us. They got

the Golden State Warriors for the best record in the NBA at 9-1.

But Toronto was playing without its best player, Leonard, who was out with a sore left knee.

"In my experience, unfortunately most of the time that a player like Kawhi sits out, that teams end up winning or at least they give a hell of a run," Walton said. "We tried to explain that's part of how this works, but it doesn't seem like we took that to heart."

The fans first voiced their displeasure at the Lakers after Ibaka did a pump fake and then blew by LeBron James for a dunk that drew a smattering of boos from the fans at seeing the Lakers go down 34-10 in the first.

"I mean, definitely gotta give them credit. Give credit

Johnson erred with Walton

[Plaschke, from D1] know he supports Walton, yet he doubled down on taking him to the woodshed.

"Luke and I are fine ... but I'm going to do my job, and I don't care what anybody thinks," Johnson told The Times.

You know about the scolding. Everyone knows about the scolding. The Lakers universe has been completely enveloped by the scolding since it was first reported by ESPN late last week.

In a meeting that remained private for about five seconds, Johnson summoned Walton to his office Tuesday to reprimand him for the team's 2-5 start. This happened even though during a preseason news conference, Johnson had publicly stated he would be patient.

That didn't last long.

According to details furnished by The Times' Ganguli and Turner, Johnson was in a rage, shouting and cursing at Walton. He asked Walton what he was doing with the team, complained about an offensive system that had not yet been implemented, and when Walton tried to explain, he was chided for interrupting.

It was a tense meeting, lacking any semblance of professional collaboration, and made anyone in earshot cringe. Then the details of the meeting were leaked to ESPN, and the entire basketball world cringed, and the narrative slowly switched from Walton's job security to Johnson's behavior.

Walton was expected to struggle early to figure out this newly composed team. Everyone knew he had a difficult job making everyone fit into the LeBron James universe; nobody was calling for his job.

But the fact that Walton's biggest early drama would be created by his boss? That was unseemly. That was a surprise.

So, shortly before the Lakers' 121-107 loss to the Toronto Raptors on Sunday, Johnson showed up in the hallway to expound.



ERIC GAY Associated Press

LUKE WALTON got a tongue-lashing from Magic Johnson last week over the Lakers' slow start, after Johnson had said he planned to be patient with the team.

"I said it, Luke took it, and we're all good," he said. "It's no big deal."

Johnson wanted everyone to know that in the meeting, he felt he was just fulfilling his role as president of basketball operations. He wanted to remind everyone that he showed this same blunt competitiveness when he was a player.

"If something needs to be said, I'm going to say it, and I don't care who gets mad," he said.

He added, "People forget that there's Earvin, and there's Magic, and back when I played, Magic knew when to get tough."

Johnson offered his support of Walton, even getting specific when I asked if he was going to allow his coach to finish the season.

"He's going to finish the year, unless something drastic happens, which it won't," Johnson said.

Walton should be safe. Even with a 4-6 start that including Sunday's embarrassing defeat to a Raptors team that did not have an injured Kawhi Leonard, Walton deserves a chance to figure this out. He showed his leadership last spring while leading a makeshift bunch to a 16-16 finish to the season.

Granted, Walton almost

certainly will be the fall guy if the Lakers don't finish well, especially since he was neither hired by Johnson nor brought in by James, but he has earned a chance to at least see if he can make it work. Remember when

James showed up in Miami in 2010 and young coach Erik Spoelstra was immediately on the hot seat? Two championships later, Spoelstra is still there. The Lakers would do well to learn from that patience.

The biggest and most important Walton supporter remains owner Jeanie Buss, who was the only Lakers executive to jump to his defense during last winter's LaVar Ball mess, and who remains staunchly in his corner today.

"I feel like I have a great relationship with management, yes," Walton told reporters earlier this week. "I feel like I'm coming down here to do my job and coach and I don't feel like I'm going anywhere, no."

To be honest, Johnson has problems bigger than Walton.

First, there is the apparent dysfunction in the Lakers' offices. Can there be any other explanation for someone leaking the story of the meeting? It makes Johnson look bad. It makes him look impetuous and unprofessional. Who preaches pa-

tience to the coach in September and is screaming at him in November?

Whoever leaked the story was clearly trying to embarrass Johnson and undermine his credibility with Buss.

Before handling his coach, Johnson needs to watch his back.

His second problem is an obvious one — himself. The meeting made Johnson look bad because it was bad. He came across as a bully. It was not a good look for the basketball boss of a team that will be trying to lure another superstar free agent to join James next summer.

Stars want stability, they do not want drama. They do not want to be in an environment where confrontations and cacophony detract from the basketball.

The Lakers surely love Johnson's passion, but probably wish he exercised a bit more perspective. He's an executive of a billion-dollar company, the face and voice and biggest asset

of the most popular sports team in the nation's entertainment capital. He needs to remember that the next time he wants to use a fancy office for a locker-room tongue-lashing.

bill.plaschke@latimes.com
Twitter: @BillPlaschke

CLIPPERS REPORT

Rivers still sizing up his tall lineup

By BRODERICK TURNER

For Clippers coach **Doc Rivers**, the risk versus reward of starting a gigantic lineup made up of 6-foot-10 **Daniilo Gallinari** and 6-9 **Tobias Harris** at forward and 7-3 **Boban Marjanovic** at center has yet to be determined.

Rivers used that lineup for the first time this season at Orlando and found some success in the victory. But in an NBA where small-ball is all the rage, he still wonders how his big guys can be an effective group.

"Don't know yet," Rivers said before the Clippers practiced Sunday at the team's facility in Playa Vista. "It doesn't change with the Gal and Tobias factor [because] it's the same. Like, it doesn't matter who you start with them."

"Every night a team has to decide who they are going to put on Gal or Tobias. Teams switch that a lot. They try to figure it out a lot. So that doesn't change that dynamic at all. It makes us a bigger team having Boban in. It makes us another factor if he rolls, so that helps."

The 290-pound Marjanovic, who had 10 points, 11 rebounds and two assists against the Magic on Friday, is as skilled as any big man in the NBA. He can score down low, deftly pass, block shots, set screens and run the offense from his position.

The multiskilled Harris

had 21 points, seven rebounds and two assists against the Magic, and the all-around play of Gallinari netted him 13 points, two rebounds and three assists.

"As I said, I don't know if I'm going to do that every night," Rivers said about using the big lineup.

"I'm going to do it at times and we'll just see. I like our five [center] as a revolving guy and we're going to do that more and more."

Essentially, Rivers said it's smart to use their best players. He just happens to

have a lot of size in the lineup that he's not afraid to use.

"We're not small," Rivers said. "We're big and so let's not try to be small, know what I mean? We can play Gal and Tobias at the five and the four [power forward]. I would rather have the versatility that we have than not having it. Some teams, the small lineups give them the advantage, where this team, our big team gives us the advantage and we should take advantage of it."

On Monday, the Clippers will face a Minnesota team at Staples Center that starts 7-0 **Karl-Anthony Towns** at center and 6-9 **Taj Gibson** and 6-8 **Andrew Wiggins** at forward. Rivers was asked if he'll stick with his big lineup of Gallinari, Harris and Marjanovic against Minnesota.

"Most likely," Rivers said. "But we haven't really talked about Minnesota yet. So I'm not sure."

Gortat benched

Marcin Gortat had started the first eight games at center for the Clippers and his last 186 straight before he was replaced by Marjanovic. Rivers said Sunday that Gortat not starting and not even playing against Orlando was "not like a controversy or anything. I decided to start Boban."

Rivers said obviously Gortat "wasn't thrilled."

TONIGHT VS. MINNESOTA

When: 7:30.

On the air: TV: Prime Ticket; Radio: 570, 1330.

Update: The Clippers are looking to break a six-game losing streak to the Timberwolves, L.A.'s longest active skid against a single opponent. ... Embattled guard Jimmy Butler, who began the season requesting a trade from Minnesota, leads the team in scoring (22.3). He also is the NBA leader in steals (2.64).

broderick.turner@latimes.com
Twitter: @BA_Turner

Lesnar, not Jones, is beef on Cormier's plate

UFC champion eyes last heavyweight fight; will he retire without final bout with rival?

By LANCE PUGMIRE

NEW YORK — Daniel Cormier manhandled a sizable heavyweight challenger Saturday, and his reward is a more imposing man, former UFC and current WWE champion Brock Lesnar.

"Can you imagine the visual? Me versus Brock Lesnar?" Cormier, who's generously listed at 5 feet 11, said of facing the 6-3 Lesnar. "I'm here to test myself. Brock Lesnar is a test."

Cormier (22-1) was basking in the afterglow of his second-round submission of No. 2-ranked contender Derrick Lewis in the UFC 230 main event at Madison Square Garden. The 39-year-old Cormier, who earlier this year announced he will retire before his 40th birthday, said he plans to face Lesnar in the main event of UFC 235 in Las Vegas on March 2, in what could be his last fight.

Lesnar, 41, reigned as UFC champion from 2008-10 but took a five-year break from mixed martial arts before returning at UFC 200 with a victory over Mark Hunt that was overturned by a positive test for performance-enhancing drugs. Lesnar hasn't fought since, but should still be a big draw.

"That could be the retirement fight for old D.C. Talk about the opportunity to go out on an all-time high ... Lesnar in Las Vegas," Cormier said. "It looks like March 2, 2019, will be my last time in the octagon. Brock is a beast, man, a real-life beast, a guy who's really going to press me."

Cormier has stopped all three beefy foes he's confronted this year, including former heavyweight champion Stipe Miocic by first-round knockout, to become

the first fighter in UFC history to successfully defend belts in two divisions. He still holds the light-heavyweight belt — for now.

"It means everything," Cormier said. "I wanted to be remembered when I left the sport. When you do things that have never been done before, doing it in Madison Square Garden, it's amazing."

UFC President Dana White praised Cormier for his startling run of success.

"The guy is all-around incredible ... he can do anything. I was so blown away and impressed," White said.

"He's a beast and is better than everybody right now ... everybody includes Brock."

That run of success, however, has coincided with the absence of Cormier's bitter rival Jon Jones, who is set to return from another drug suspension Dec. 29 in a rematch against former light-heavyweight challenger Alexander Gustafsson. White said Cormier will vacate the light-heavyweight title, given his interest in fighting Lesnar next, and Jones (22-1) will get a chance to reclaim the belt he held from 2011 to 2015.

Jones handed Cormier his only loss by unanimous decision in 2015, then stopped him with a vicious head kick last year; however that win was ruled a no-contest after Jones tested positive for drugs.

"If he wants to come back to light-heavyweight, he can fight one of the contenders. He got knocked out last time we fought," Jones said at Friday's news conference. "I wouldn't fight D.C. at heavyweight. I've beaten him twice. I have nothing to prove."

Cormier laughed.

"Giving me a shot? Seriously? When it comes to Jones, it's hard for me to take anything seriously," Cormier said. "I've always said he won that fight. ... I told him that was a heck of a kick, but 'You can't use that, dog, you were on steroids.'"

"Jacare has lost to Kelvin and Robert. Who wants to see that again? Come on," Adesanya said, pressing to face the Whittaker-Gastelum winner.

"We need something fresh," he added. "It makes so much sense. Dana said he wants to make some crazy money. What makes sense is what the people want to see, and they want to see me."

lance.pugmire@latimes.com

NEW CENTURY BMW

Ultimate Sales Event

2018 BMW 320i
MSRP \$49,095
Lease For **\$278**

2018 BMW 330e
MSRP \$48,750
Lease For **\$298**

2018 BMW 530i xDrive
MSRP \$52,395
Lease For **\$328** /mo. +tax*

2018 BMW X3 xDrive 30i
MSRP \$49,345
Lease For **\$388** /mo. +tax*

2018 BMW 440i Gran Coupe
MSRP \$54,645
Lease For **\$398** /mo. +tax*

2018 BMW 530ia
MSRP \$62,260
Lease For **\$448** /mo. +tax*

2018 BMW 540ia
MSRP \$64,235
Lease For **\$488** /mo. +tax*

*\$398 + tax per month, 36 months closed end lease on approved credit thru BMW Financial Services. Total due at lease signing \$4,995. Security Deposit: 25¢ per mile charged over 10,000 miles per year.

*\$398 + tax per month, 24 months closed end lease on approved credit thru BMW Financial Services. Total due at lease signing \$4,995. Security Deposit: 25¢ per mile charged over 10,000 miles per year.

*\$398 + tax per month, 24 months closed end lease on approved credit thru BMW Financial Services. Total due at lease signing \$4,995. Security Deposit: 25¢ per mile charged over 10,000 miles per year.

*\$398 + tax per month, 36 months closed end lease on approved credit thru BMW Financial Services. Total due at lease signing \$4,995. Security Deposit: 25¢ per mile charged over 10,000 miles per year.

*\$398 + tax per month, 36 months closed end lease on approved credit thru BMW Financial Services. Total due at lease signing \$4,995. Security Deposit: 25¢ per mile charged over 10,000 miles per year.

*\$398 + tax per month, 36 months closed end lease on approved credit thru BMW Financial Services. Total due at lease signing \$4,995. Security Deposit: 25¢ per mile charged over 10,000 miles per year.

*\$398 + tax per month, 36 months closed end lease on approved credit thru BMW Financial Services. Total due at lease signing \$4,995. Security Deposit: 25¢ per mile charged over 10,000 miles per year.

VIEW OUR PRE-OWNED INVENTORY AT
WWW.NEWCENTURYBMW.COM/INVENTORY/USED

1139 W. Main Street Alhambra

626-570-8444 or 888-300-3091

LAA5962616-1

*All advertised prices exclude government fees and taxes, any finance charges, any dealer document processing charge, any electronic filing charge, and any emission testing charge. Based on credit approval thru BMW Financial Services. Not all buyers will qualify. Subject to prior sale on approved credit. **Visit New Century BMW for exceptional offers. Ad expires close of publication.

THE DAY IN SPORTS

Rose reaches No. 1 again with playoff win

WIRE REPORTS

Justin Rose is No. 1 in the world again, and this time he goes home with a trophy.

Rose rallied from a three-shot deficit Sunday with a three-under 68, then beat **Li Haotong** on the first playoff hole with a par to win the Turkish Airlines Open in Turkey for the second straight year.

The first time Rose reached No. 1 in the world was two months ago, a bittersweet moment because he lost the BMW Championship outside Philadelphia in a playoff against **Keegan Bradley**.

The 38-year-old English star Rose has plenty to celebrate of late. He won the FedEx Cup on the PGA Tour with its \$10-million bonus, but much like getting to No. 1 in the world for the first time, it was an awkward moment because he had a chance to win the Tour Championship and instead closed with a 73 and tied for fourth.

This was the 21st victory worldwide for Rose, and the first time he had successfully defended his title. While the Turkish Airlines Open was only his second title this year, he has been at a consistently high level over the last two months.

Rose has finished no worse than eighth in his last six tournaments dating to the second FedEx Cup playoff event on the PGA Tour. Going back to his victory at the Colonial on the PGA Tour, he has finished in the top 10 in 11 of his last 13 tournaments.

Rose said it's his best golf "as a collective body of work."

"That's the exciting part — at 38, I still feel like there is improvement to be achieved," he said.

Rose kept the No. 1 ranking for two weeks the first time he reached the top. **Brooks Koepka** will have a chance to take it back in two weeks when he defends his title at the Dunlop Phoenix Open on the Japan Golf Tour.

Bryson DeChambeau holed an eagle putt from just inside 60 feet on the 16th hole and shot a five-under 66 to win the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open in Las Vegas by one shot over former UCLA standout **Patrick Cantlay**, the defending champion. DeChambeau won for the fourth time in his last 12 starts on the PGA Tour and moved to No. 5 in the world. ... **Nasa Hataoka** shot a five-under 67 to win the Japan Classic for her second LPGA title of the season.

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

Mayweather to fight kickboxer in Japan

Floyd Mayweather plans to fight 20-year-old kickboxer **Tenshin Nasukawa** on Dec. 31 in Japan.

Mayweather, 41, retired from boxing in 2017 with a 50-0 record after beating mixed martial arts star **Conor McGregor** in a bout. He's never fought under MMA rules.

Japanese promoter the RIZIN Fighting Federation on Monday said rules and the weight class for the bout have not been set.

ETC.

Djokovic upset in Paris Masters final

Unseeded **Karen Khachanov** upset a tired **Novak Djokovic** 7-5, 6-4 to win the Paris Masters title and keep Djokovic from matching **Rafael Nadal**'s record of 33 Masters titles.

Djokovic, a record four-time champion at the indoor event,

looked out of energy after an epic three-hour semifinal win against **Roger Federer** on Saturday. Djokovic still will return to No. 1 in the rankings for the first time in two years on Monday.

Khachanov, who'd won his previous three finals, won his third title of the year and fourth overall.

Kevin Harvick rocketed past pole-sitter **Ryan Blaney** in overtime, after the third restart in the final 35 laps, to win NASCAR's Texas fall race for the second year in a row and take one of the four championship-contending spots for the season finale in two weeks. ... **Marc Marquez** overcame a six-place grid penalty and took advantage of rival **Valentino Rossi**'s late crash to win the Malaysian MotoGP. With Marquez's ninth win of the season, Honda has a huge lead in the team championship.

Kansas told football coach **David Beaty**, who's 6-39 in three-plus seasons with only two Big 12 wins, he will not return next season. ... Minnesota fired defensive coordinator **Robb Smith** and replaced him with defensive line coach **Joe Rossi**. ... No. 1 Alabama, No. 2 Clemson and No. 3 Notre Dame stood pat in the Associated Press college football poll, and No. 4 Michigan, No. 5 Georgia and No. 6 Oklahoma each moved up a spot while West Virginia surged to No. 7. ... Wake Forest quarterback **Sam Hartman** will miss the rest of the season with a leg injury. He threw for 1,984 yards and 16 touchdowns.

Wayne Rooney will make his 120th and final England appearance against the U.S. at Wembley Stadium on Nov. 15. Rooney, 33, retired from international duty in 2017 as his country's leader in goals (53) and appearances. ... **Gyasi Zardes** scored his 20th goal of the season as Columbus beat the Supporters' Shield holder New York Red Bulls 1-0 in the opening game of the Eastern Conference semifinals. Other semifinal winners: Atlanta, 1-0 over New York City FC behind **Eric Remedi**'s first MLS goal, and Portland, 2-1 over Seattle. Kansas City and Real Salt Lake tied 1-1.

Bill Brown, the Minnesota Vikings fullback who was a four-time Pro Bowler, has died. He was 80. ... Former offensive lineman **Vince Manuwai**, who played eight seasons for the Jacksonville Jaguars, collapsed and died in Hawaii at 38.



JUSTIN SETTERFIELD Getty Images

C'EST LA VIE

Unseeded Karen Khachanov of Russia wins the first set on the way to a 7-5, 6-4 victory over No. 2-seeded Novak Djokovic of Serbia in the Paris Masters final.

SANTA ANITA RESULTS

22nd day of a 22-day thoroughbred meet.

719-FIRST RACE. 1 mile turf. Maiden claiming. 2-year-olds. Claiming price \$50,000-\$40,000. Purse \$30,000.

P# Horse Jockey Win Place Show

9 Saltair Quinonez 42.00 16.80 10.40

5 Red Clem Franco 14.80 10.40

10 You Must Chill Fuentes 20.00

■ Also Ran: Carbon Zero, Silent Musketeer, Indy Jones, Anvil Rock, Tanker, Thin Line, Magic Bro.

■ Time: 22.42, 46.17, 111.53, 1.24.27, 1.36.58. Clear & Firm. Trainer: Victor L. Garcia. Owner: Juan J. Garcia.

■ Scratches: Samuel Jack.

■ Exotics: \$1 Exacta (9-5) paid \$232.50, 10-Cent Superfecta (9-5-10-4) paid \$4,250.70, 50-Cent Trifecta (9-5-10) paid \$3,798.65, \$1 X-5 Super High Five (9-5-10-4-6), X-5 Super High Five Carryover \$1,339.

719-SECOND RACE. 1 mile. Maiden claiming. 3-year-olds and up. Claiming price \$20,000. Purse \$18,000.

P# Horse Jockey Win Place Show

5 Odyssey Explorer Flores 11.00 5.20 3.00

6 Blaze of Glory Cruz 4.80 3.00

1 Spend It Figueroa 2.60

■ Also Ran: Serve Me a Double, Game of Roans, Rak City, Desert Fox, Stay Golden.

■ Time: 23.93, 48.46, 1.14.19, 1.27.67, 1.41.60. Clear & Fast. Trainer: Hector O. Palma. Owner: BO Stables and Palma, Hector O.

■ Exotics: \$2, Daily Double (9-5) paid \$357.80, \$1 Exacta (5-6-10) paid \$2,200.10, 10-Cent Superfecta (5-6-1-2) paid \$21,461. \$1 Super High Five (5-6-1-2-3) paid \$979.00, 50-Cent Trifecta (5-6-1-2) paid \$20,15.

719-THIRD RACE. 1/4 mile. Starter handicap. Fillies and mares. 3-year-olds and up. Claiming price \$10,000. Purse \$20,000.

P# Horse Jockey Win Place Show

3 Princess Leia Pereira 16.60 7.60 4.20

2 Ipray Elliott 7.60 4.40

5 Bonneville Flats Espinoza 3.20

■ Also Ran: Princess Kendra, Lucky Student, Briaric Gal.

■ Time: 22.42, 48.04, 1.13.72, 1.40.58, 1.47.59. Clear & Fast. Trainer: Rafael Becerra. Owner: Martin Craig and Yamamoto, Gregory.

■ Exotics: \$2 Daily Double (5-3) paid \$102.20, \$1 Exacta (3-2) paid \$45.80, 10-Cent Superfecta (3-2-5) paid \$45.65, 50-Cent Trifecta (3-2-5) paid \$121.40, 50-Cent Pick Three (9-5-3) paid \$504.95.

719-FOURTH RACE. 1 mile turf. Goldkina Stakes. Fillies and mares. 3-year-olds and up. Claiming price \$20,000.

P# Horse Jockey Win Place Show

1 Vasiliya Prat 4.20 3.00 2.60

8 Fahan Mura Midndo 6.00 4.40

2 Madame Stripes Bejarano 8.60

■ Also Ran: Lull, Cambodia, I'm Betty G, Beau Recall (IRE), La Sardine (FR).

■ Time: 22.74, 46.20, 1.09.66, 1.21.64, 1.33.49. Clear & Fast. Trainer: Jerry Hollendorfer. Owner: All Schlach Stables LLC, Hollendorfer, LLC, Gatt Racing, LLC and Todaro G.

■ Exotics: \$2 Daily Double (3-1) paid \$47.20, \$1 Exacta (1-8) paid \$11.30, 10-Cent Superfecta (1-8-2-7) paid \$50.99, \$1 Super High Five (1-8-2-7-3) paid \$981.40, 50-Cent Trifecta (1-8-2) paid \$1,980.

720-FIFTH RACE. 5% furloins. Maiden claiming. 2-year-olds. Claiming price \$30,000-\$40,000. Purse \$30,000.

P# Horse Jockey Win Place Show

3 Mayan Warrior Figueroa 4.00 3.00 2.40

8 Violent Behavior Baze 6.20 4.20

7 Runningwincos Gutierrez 5.40

■ Also Ran: Diamond Blitz, Mo Diner, S On My Chest, Mad At Money, Empirical Data, Mr Bingley, Irish Polo, A Salute to Lt Dan, Take Charge Lucky.

■ Time: 22.16, 46.17, 58.72, 1.05.39. Clear & Fast. Trainer: Doug F. O'Neill. Owner: K T Racing, Egan, Lyle and Rodriguez, Leove.

■ Scratches: Calder Vale, Forestation.

■ Exotics: \$2 Daily Double (1-3) paid \$11.20, \$1 Exacta (3-8) paid \$10.80, 10-Cent Superfecta (3-8-11-2) paid \$25.93, \$1 Super High Five (3-8-2-11-6) paid \$27.70, 50-Cent Trifecta (3-8-2) paid \$21,730.60, 50-Cent Pick Three (3-1-3) paid \$38.15, \$1 Super High Five (3-8-2-11-6) paid \$38.15, \$1 Super High Five (3-8-2-11-6) paid \$38.15, \$1 Super High Five (3-8-2-11-6) paid \$38.15.

720-SIXTH RACE. about 6% furloins. turf. Claiming. 3-year-olds and up. Claiming price \$50,000-\$45,000. Purse \$40,000.

P# Horse Jockey Win Place Show

1 Tiz a Billy Pereira 4.40 2.60 2.40

3 Perfectly Majestic Prat 2.80 2.40

10 Castle Van Dyke 5.00

■ Also Ran: Jan's Reserve, My Man Chuckles, Hitter Park, Alabamite, K Thirty Eight.

■ Time: 23.05, 46.46, 1.11.23, 1.23.83, 1.36.79. Clear & Fast. Trainer: Bruce Headley. Owner: Barnhart, Nancy, Fox, Roxana, Headley, Bruce and Narya, Marsha.

■ Scratches: Arch Prince, Ferguson.

■ Exotics: \$2 Daily Double (8-6) paid \$20.60, \$1 Exacta (6-5-3) paid \$25.30, 10-Cent Superfecta (6-3-8-7) paid \$48.78, 50-Cent Trifecta (6-3-8-7) paid \$79.20, \$1 X-5 Super High Five (6-3-8-7-10) X-5 Super High Five Carryover \$4,419.40, 50-Cent Pick Three (6-8-6-8) paid \$25.75.

720-NINTH RACE. 1 mile. Allowance optional claiming. 3-year-olds and up. Claiming price \$40,000. Purse \$51,000.

P# Horse Jockey Win Place Show

6 Surfing Star Franco 8.40 4.80 3.20

3 Jungle Warfare Bejarano 6.00 4.40

8 Klymenko Rosario 5.00

■ Also Ran: Padlock Pick, Violent Ridge, Longden (GB), Lord Guinness, Major Cabbie, Pleasant d'Oro.

■ Time: 23.05, 46.46, 1.11.22, 1.23.83, 1.36.79. Clear & Fast. Trainer: Bruce Headley. Owner: Barnhart, Nancy, Fox, Roxana, Headley, Bruce and Narya, Marsha.

■ Scratches: Arch Prince, Ferguson.

■ Exotics: \$2 Daily Double (8-6) paid \$20.60, \$1 Exacta (6-5-3) paid \$25.30, 10-Cent Superfecta (6-3-8-7) paid \$48.78, 50-Cent Trifecta (6-3-8-7) paid \$79.20, \$1 X-5 Super High Five (6-3-8-7-10) X-5 Super High Five Carryover \$4,419.40, 50-Cent Pick Three (6-8-6-8) paid \$25.75.

720-TENTH RACE. 1 mile turf. Maiden special weight. 3-year-olds. Purse \$50,000.

P# Horse Jockey Win Place Show

8 River Boyne (IRE) Prat 5.20 3.20 2.60

1 Have At Rosario 4.60 3.60

6 Desert Son (IRE) Franco 12.00

■ Also Ran: Majestic Eagle, Platinum Warrior (IRE), Kazan (IRE), Epic, Andesh (IRE), Publius Syrus.

■ Time: 23.31, 46.64, 1.10.34, 1.34.55, 1.46.70. Clear & Fast. Trainer: Jeff Mullins. Owner: Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC.

■ Scratches: Prince Earl.

■ Exotics: \$2 Daily Double (8-6) paid \$36.80, \$1 Exacta (8-1) paid \$10.50, 10-Cent Superfecta (8-6-3-6) paid \$78.72, \$1 Super High Five (8-6-3-9) paid \$24,050, 50-Cent Trifecta (8-1-6) paid \$81.50, 50-Cent Pick Three (1-6-8) paid \$25.75.</

CALENDAR

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2018 :: LATIMES.COM/CALENDAR



KENT NISHIMURA Los Angeles Times

STRIKING a pose in Hollywood Roosevelt's Academy Room, Misty Copeland is featured in "The Nutcracker and the Four Realms."

Spreading her wings

Ballet's Misty Copeland makes her feature film debut in 'Nutcracker'

By MAKEDA EASTER >>> For Misty Copeland, life has come full circle. At 13, the prima ballerina danced in her first full-length ballet, a San Pedro production of "The Nutcracker." Her second "Nutcracker" was a Debbie Allen production, "The Hot Chocolate Nutcracker," in Los Angeles. As a company member and later principal dancer at the American Ballet Theatre, she's performed the classic ballet around the country.

And now, Copeland is making her feature film debut in Disney's epic fantasy "The Nutcracker and the Four Realms."

"This is not something I ever saw in my future," Copeland said last week, shortly before the film's premiere in Hollywood. "It's just incredible to be able to be representing ballet at this level in a movie that's going to reach so many people for so many generations to come. And the fact that I'm a brown ballerina, as a representation of ballet, is insane."

Now playing nationwide, the visually lavish adventure film is inspired by E.T.A. Hoffmann's 1816 fairy tale, "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King." In 1892, the tale was transformed into the original ballet featuring music from the Russian composer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

In Disney's whimsical rendition, Mackenzie Foy plays Clara, a young woman who stumbles upon a fantasy world where her late mother was considered a queen. Directed by Lasse Hallström and Joe Johnston, it also stars Morgan Freeman as Clara's godfather and Keira Knightley as the Sugar Plum Fairy and includes performances by classical music stars pianist Lang Lang and conductor Gustavo Dudamel on the soundtrack.

[See Copeland, E3]

Queen singer still an enigma

'Bohemian Rhapsody' glosses over Freddie Mercury's religion, roots, just like he did.

BY ASHLEY LEE

In an early scene in "Bohemian Rhapsody," we see Freddie Mercury celebrating his birthday. Rami Malek, who portrays the late Queen frontman, sits at his parents' dining-room table as his then-serious girlfriend hears Freddie's birth name for the first time. And his bandmates are informed that their lead singer was not, in fact, born and raised right there in London.

His parents' brief and bullet-pointed corrections are nearly drowned out by Mercury, who suddenly begins serenading himself on piano and informs everyone of his new last name. His announcement seems to puzzle and insult his father, who asks, "So now the family name is not good enough for you?"

Mercury's roots and religious background are two of the many (*many*) topics that the musical drama, which arrived in wide release on Friday, which took in \$50 million on its opening weekend, well above analyst predictions of \$35 million, tackles at what Times film critic Justin Chang calls a "multitasking" speed. And yet the biopic still leaves audiences wanting to know more intimate details about its subject, who was born Farrokh Bulsara.

Critics have already high-

[See Mercury, E2]

THEATER REVIEW

A night on edge in 'Son'

Kerry Washington stars in a topical drama that hits home despite some flaws.

CHARLES McNULTY
THEATER CRITIC

NEW YORK — The setting is uncertain in the opening moments of "American Son," an acutely topical new Broadway drama by Christopher Demos-Brown. But it is clear from the intense performance by Kerry Washington that Kendra, a woman waiting alone, is rifling through worst-case scenarios as she sits in a room accustomed to writhing strangers.

The windows open out onto a rainy night in Miami, but an even bigger storm is brewing inside. Whatever you might surmise about the locale, the look in Washington's eyes leaves little doubt that lives are irrevocably broken here.

Kendra's frantic phone calls clarify that "American Son," which had its official opening Wednesday at the Booth Theatre, takes place [See 'Son,' E5]

Constellation of art, film stars

Hollywood, museum worlds intermingle at LACMA's Art + Film Gala fundraiser. E4

TV grid E5

Comics E6-7

Glossing over bits of life

[**Mercury**, from E1] highlighted how the film lightly addresses Mercury's sexuality, barely hinting at relationships with men and devoting little screen time to his longtime and final partner, Jim Hutton.

Writes Chang, "There is something woefully reductive, even pernicious, about the narrative shorthand used to elide Freddie's sexual relationships with men: a glimpse of leather here, a truck-stop montage there."

That backlash even prompted a response from Malek.

"He had a beautiful relationship with Jim Hutton, and we had a finite period in which we wanted to tell this story," Malek told USA Today recently. "Believe me: There were conversations left and right about how to incorporate more of that story into this film."

"Freddie Mercury is a gay icon, and he's an icon for all of us. I hope people do not feel that the film does a disservice to the community, and if it were me, I would've loved to have incorporated more."

And what about Mercury's ethnicity and faith? Where did this enigmatic artist come from? Who are the people who raised him? And did he change his name because he was ashamed of his roots, as the aforementioned scene suggests? Although largely missing from "Bohemian Rhapsody," those facets of his life are thoroughly captured in multiple biographies.

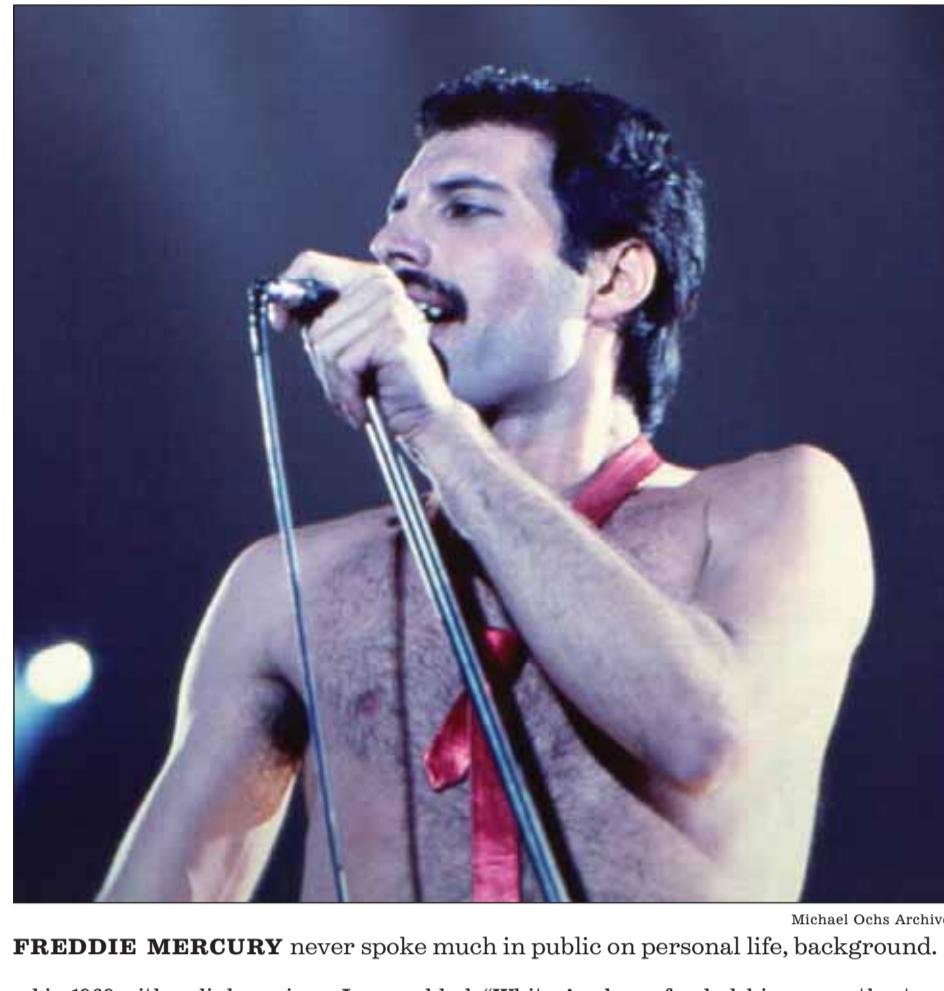
Mercury's ethnicity has been debated at length since his death at age 45 in 1991 of AIDS-related complications. "Freddie's real name was Farrokh Bulsara. Whether it's Persian or Indian or British — everyone's going to claim him," Malek, a first-generation American of Egyptian descent, recently told GQ Middle East.

But what is stated clearly and concisely in the movie is fact: Freddie Mercury and his family identified as Indian Parsi. Freddie's father, Bomi Bulsara (played in the movie by Ace Bhatti), was born in British-ruled India. Like many other young men of the Gujarat region of western India, he and his seven brothers left for the British protectorate of Zanzibar in search of work.

He found employment as a cashier for the British High Court — a job that often took him back to India, where he met his wife, Jer (who's portrayed by Meneka Das in the picture).

Their son, Farrokh, was born in Zanzibar on Sept. 5, 1946. After attending primary school in the area, he was sent to St. Peter's Church of England School, a prestigious boys boarding school in Panchgani, India. Though he was a noted athlete and a strong student, his grades slipped as his interest in music rose, and he opted instead to finish the last two years of his studies at the Roman Catholic St. Joseph's Convent School back in Zanzibar.

During the violent Zanzibar Revolution in 1964, he and his family used their British passports to flee to England. Because his parents wanted him to pursue a degree, he attended Isleworth College and Ealing Art College, and he graduat-



Michael Ochs Archives

FREDDIE MERCURY never spoke much in public on personal life, background.

ed in 1969 with a diploma in graphic art and design. He earned pocket money by working at Heathrow Airport, which is where Mercury's story picks up in the new movie.

Farrokh Bulsara became Freddie Mercury in stages. His boarding-school teachers and classmates gave him the nickname Freddie, which his parents then also adopted. The mythical Mercury the world came to know began to take shape in 1970. Queen bandmate Brian May has said that it's tied to the lyrics of their song "My Fairy King," which mentions a "Mother Mercury" in the final moments.

"He said, 'I am going to become Mercury, as the mother in this song is my mother,'" May said, according to Lesley-Ann Jones' book "Mercury: An Intimate Biography of Freddie Mercury." "And we were like, 'Are you mad?'"

According to Mark Langthorne and Matt Richards' book "Somebody to Love: The Life, Death and Legacy of Freddie Mercury," christening himself Freddie Mercury was part of crafting an onstage persona.

"I think changing his name was part of him assuming this different skin. I think it helped him be this person that he wanted to be, and the Bulsara person was still there, but for the public he was going to be this different character."

Yet the film explicitly states that Freddie Mercury was not just a stage name. The denial of his family surname could be considered a form of whitewashing, part of his broader career strategy.

Jones wrote in her biography that Queen was formed during a decade when "a rock star, by definition, was ideally American, and hailed from California (the Beach Boys), New York (Lou Reed), Florida (Jim Morrison), Mississippi (Elvis Presley), or Washington state (Jimi Hendrix)."

"Liverpool was also cool, thanks to the Beatles, as was London, courtesy of Mick Jagger and Keith Richards of the Rolling Stones,"

Jones added. "White Anglo-Saxon was favorite, black American almost as good. It was common in those days for musicians to blur the detail of their backgrounds, as this facilitated glamour and mystery."

Additionally, Queen was founded two years after Conservative Party politician Enoch Powell's infamous "rivers of blood" speech, which fueled anti-immigration sentiment throughout Britain. This subtext is referenced when other characters use the slur "Paki" to address Mercury in the film.

Even though Mercury himself wasn't formally religious, he was always fiercely protective of his parents and deeply respected that they adhered to the Parsi community's Zoroastrian faith, which traces its roots back to ancient Persia.

At age 8, Mercury took part in a Navjote ceremony, the religion's intricate coming-of-age ritual that is similar to Judaism's bar and bat mitzvah traditions and Catholicism's confirmation sacrament. Before he died, he left specific instructions for his funeral to keep with Parsi tradition and be officiated by two white-robed Parsi priests.

"Bohemian Rhapsody"

touches on Mercury's reverence for his parents' beliefs by lifting a signature line — "good thoughts, good words, good deeds" — directly from the faith's "Three Good Things" ethos, as stressed in the Avesta, the religion's sacred text.

But the strict faith also condemns homosexuality, considering it a form of demon worship. Mercury's decision to change his name might have been a way to distance himself from the guilt and shame associated with his sexuality.

Peter Freestone, Mercury's close friend and former assistant who helped execute the singer's funeral, wrote in his book "Freddie Mercury: An Intimate Memoir by the Man Who Knew Him Best": "Freddie had been far from being actively opposed to anyone's religion or faith. The things that of-

fended him were the trappings and hypocrisy involved in the various clerical and institutional aspects of established religion."

In "Freddie Mercury: A Kind of Magic," author Mark Blake noted that drummer Roger Taylor once said, "Freddie talked to me about being Parsee Indian and about his family. But it was all very private stuff. The Parsee culture was very different, and he felt that he wasn't part of that culture. His mother was always wonderful to him, but he knew there was an immense gap in lifestyles."

Because Mercury never spoke to the media in much detail about his personal life, his background or his childhood, we'll never know exactly why he felt compelled to leave Farrokh Bulsara behind.

"Bohemian Rhapsody" doesn't try to solve that mystery, either. Already so brisk, sanitized and even a little fictionalized, the movie boils the singer's ethnic and religious identities down to just a few asides in a single, speedy scene. And even then the discussion is silenced by a loud birthday ballad Mercury sings while staring at himself in a mirror.

It's not that Farrokh Bulsara was "not good enough," as his father asks in the movie. But maybe, like many people who grow up in different places than their parents did, the family name simply didn't feel like his own.

Instead, he redirected the focus to Freddie Mercury: the charismatic performer, the vocal acrobat, the trailblazer who blended genres and penned the behemoth hit song "Bohemian Rhapsody." This is not only the persona he projected to the world but also the person, after years of hopping continents and hiding his sexuality, he discovered in himself.

And when he announces his new name in the film, he declares with an immovable confidence: "No looking back."

ashley.lee@latimes.com

Twitter: @cashleeelee

BOX OFFICE

Queen biopic the champion

BY SONAIYA KELLEY

This past weekend, two films that were dogged by production troubles came out on top at the box office.

Fox's "Bohemian Rhapsody" opened in first place with \$50 million, well above predictions of \$35 million, according to figures from measurement firm ComScore. That makes it the best debut for a music biopic since 2015's "Straight Outta Compton's" \$60-million opening weekend.

The highly anticipated classic-rock drama, which cost an estimated \$52 million, stars Rami Malek as Queen frontman Freddie Mercury. With an A CinemaScore, it is the latest movie to overcome less-than-enthusiastic reviews and find box office success, joining recent hits "The Meg," "The Nun," "Night School" and "Venom."

"It's always gratifying when you know how good your film is," said Chris Aronson, the studio's distribution chief. It's "what a communal moviegoing experience is all about, because you really do feel as though you're at a rock concert, and that's pretty amazing."

Disney's "The Nutcracker and the Four Realms" debuted at No. 2, with \$20 million, on the low end of analyst predictions of \$20 million to \$25 million.

Based on E.T.A. Hoffmann's 19th century Christmas story that later inspired the ballet, "The Nutcracker" earned mixed reviews, with audiences and critics, with a B-plus CinemaScore and a 34% "rotten" rating on Rotten Tomatoes. It is a rare misfire for Disney, which leads the box office this year.

Both of the top films ex-

perienced trouble during production. Bryan Singer was originally attached to "Bohemian Rhapsody" but was fired for failing to show up to the set. He is still credited, though director Dexter Fletcher was tapped to finish the project.

Lasse Hallström was originally hired to direct "The Nutcracker" but was replaced with Joe Johnston after Hallström was unavailable for significant reshoots. Johnston was tasked with completing it in just 32 days.

In third place, Paramount's "Nobody's Fool" premiered with \$14 million.

The first R-rated comedy from director Tyler Perry came in a bit short of analyst predictions of \$15 million. The result is the third-lowest opening of his 19 films.

"Nobody's Fool" earned mixed reviews from audiences and critics, with an A minus on CinemaScore and a 25% on Rotten Tomatoes.

In fourth place, Warner Bros.' "A Star Is Born," now in its fifth weekend, added \$11.1 million. Rounding out the top five, Universal's "Halloween," now in its third weekend, added \$11 million.

In limited release, Focus Features opened "Boy Erased" in five theaters to \$220,000. The film, based on a memoir about writer Garrard Conley's experience with gay conversion therapy, is being floated as an awards contender.

This week, Universal opens the animated "The Grinch," Sony and Columbia Pictures premiere the crime thriller "The Girl in the Spider's Web: A New Dragon Tattoo Story" and Paramount debuts the horror "Overlord."

sonaiya.kelley
@latimes.com
Twitter: @sonaiyak

Estimated sales in the U.S. and Canada:

Movie (Studio)	3-day gross (millions)	Percentage change from last weekend	Total (millions)	Days in release
1 Bohemian Rhapsody (Fox)	\$50	NA	\$50	3
2 The Nutcracker and the Four Realms (Disney)	\$20	NA	\$20	3
3 Nobody's Fool (Paramount)	\$14	NA	\$14	3
4 A Star Is Born (Warner Bros.)	\$11.1	-21%	\$165.6	31
5 Halloween (Universal)	\$11	-65%	\$150.4	17
6 Venom (Sony)	\$7.9	-26%	\$198.7	31
7 Smallfoot (Warner Bros.)	\$3.8	-20%	\$77.5	38
8 Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween (Sony)	\$3.7	-49%	\$43.8	24
9 Hunter Killer (Lionsgate)	\$3.5	-47%	\$13	10
10 The Hate U Give (Fox)	\$3.4	-33%	\$23.5	31

Industry totals

3-day gross (in millions)	Change from 2017	Year-to-date gross (in billions)	Change from 2017	Change in attendance from 2017
\$143.6	-20.3%	\$9.9	10.7%	NA

Sources: Comscore

Los Angeles Times



DEPART
ON AN ADVENTURE
OF A LIFETIME | **RETURN**
WITH A GREATER
UNDERSTANDING

Let our reporters, editors and photographers take you on a journey of discovery.

Los Angeles Times
expeditions

LATexpeditions.com/explore

Marianne Faithfull rises yet again

The onetime 1960s chanteuse and Jagger muse has released a poignant new album.

By JAMES REED

Marianne Faithfull doesn't make a fuss about the cover of her new album. It's simply a flattering portrait of her. She peers into the camera dead on, regal in what appears to be a silk blouse, her ruby-red lips lightly pursed and every golden hair coiffed just so.

Then the eye scans down to her right hand holding the ornate cane she now uses at age 71.

We rarely see such a powerful display of vulnerability from an artist whose peers — Mick Jagger and Keith Richards, chief among them — have never been keen to embrace age, much less their own decay.

Faithfull, though, doesn't hide from or sugarcoat her experiences, no matter how much trauma and suffering they've inflicted on her. Forget fragility: That cane is as rock 'n' roll as it gets. Why was it important to be featured on her new album?

"What, my stick?" Faithfull asks on the phone from her home in Paris recently, her timbre spiking enough to suggest it's a stupid question.

"Because it's real," she says. "I don't have to use it when I'm in my flat, because I'm stable enough. But if I'm outside, I'm so afraid of falling. I broke my hip twice. I broke my back. Just terrible, terrible things. I don't want to fall again. So I have a stick."

Truth is what Faithfull has imparted fearlessly throughout her 50-plus years in a spotlight that hasn't always been kind to the English singer and songwriter. From her arrival in early 1960s London as a doe-eyed ingénue with a nightingale chirp to the ravaged sophistication brought on by excess (and decadence, she might add), Faithfull has always smudged the line between her life and her art.

When things got ugly, so did her music. When she was homeless and in the vice grip of drug addiction in the '70s, she made "Broken English," a blistering comeback album that introduced a new and startlingly damaged artist.

It's a surprise, then, to learn Faithfull thinks her latest album is her most honest. Released by BMG



ONE OF ROCK's great survivors, Marianne Faithfull's unflinching new album is titled "Negative Capability."

on Friday, "Negative Capability" is not exactly easy listening. It's a poignant snapshot of a lioness in winter that's already inviting comparisons to Johnny Cash's final recordings with Rick Rubin.

"We reveal more than we realize. Even if I think I'm hiding things, a lot is revealed without my knowing," Faithfull says. "It's just that with this record, I decided to be as open as I possibly could."

"I just let go and stopped trying to control or edit people's image of me. I don't do that," she adds. "I just see what happens and what comes out and don't think about whether they'll like me or not. I wish I could make a sunny, much more positive album, but they don't come out like that, do they?"

Nope, and "Negative Ca-

pability" certainly doesn't, either. Her lyrics stare down mortality and loneliness, love and hope amid tremendous loss. Some of Faithfull's closest confidantes from the '60s, including Anita Pallenberg (who was also in the Rolling Stones' orbit back then), have died in the last year.

Featuring collaborations with Nick Cave, Ed Harcourt and Mark Lanegan, the album bears some of the devastating introspection that marked the last albums by Leonard Cohen ("You Want It Darker") and David Bowie ("Blackstar"), both of whom released their swan songs mere days before they died in 2016.

Don't surmise that this is Faithfull's final album, though. She's been counted out before — starting in the early '70s, when her substance abuse nearly snuffed her out — and yet she continues to rise from the ashes of her own battles.

She bristles when asked if there's ever a disconnect between her defiant spirit and mind and a body that has failed her over the last decade after surviving breast cancer and enduring hepatitis C, on top of numerous other ailments and accidents that have left her in persistent pain.

"I'm not frail or weak," she says, summoning the aristocratic air that's always been part of her allure. Even so, she's not sure she'll be able to tour behind this new album.

"I don't know, darling. I hope so. I have been on the road now for 50 years, maybe longer, and I'm tired," she says. "And I think one of the reasons I had all these accidents was because I was working much too hard for

her out — and yet she continues to rise from the ashes of her own battles.

Indeed, Faithfull has kept busy both as a musician and actress over the last two decades. In the early 2000s, after forays into neo-cabaret torch songs, she was suddenly hailed as a muse to younger artists. (She once told this reporter that she thinks they view her as the bohemian grandmother.)

Through her pairings with musicians ranging from PJ Harvey and Beck to Rufus Wainwright and Anna Calvi, Faithfull has amassed new generations of fans who likely knew nothing about her past (beyond her romance with Jagger) but could sense in her performances that she had weathered dark passages.

For "Negative Capabil-

ity," she enlisted Warren Ellis, a composer and multi-instrumentalist known for his work with Cave's long-

time backing band, the Bad Seeds, to co-produce the album with Rob Ellis.

"It's an incredibly beautiful record, full of life," Ellis says. "It's honest in a way that we're not used to hearing from people, particularly at her age. She's looking at the truth in a really unflinching way."

Ellis says the recording sessions were often emotional, with Faithfull's performances reducing the whole room to tears. She typically did one or two takes of each song, knowing exactly what she wanted to convey.

"Throughout her life, she's confronted things head-on. What you see is what you get with her," Ellis says.

"She had a lot to say on this record, maybe more so than on other ones."

Faithfull even revisited some of her earlier work, putting sage spins on "As Tears Go By," her first hit (written by Jagger, Richards and Stones manager Andrew Loog Oldham), as well as "Witches' Song" (from "Broken English") and Bob Dylan's "It's All Over Now, Baby Blue," which she first interpreted in the '70s.

This is the third time she's recorded "As Tears Go By." In the '60s, she kept it buoyant with a baroque pop arrangement, but two decades later, she imbued it with a foreboding melancholy.

Her latest version splits the difference, turning it into more of an anthem of hard-won survival.

"I'm in a very different place. When I did the second version with Hal Willner [for 1987's "Strange Weather"], I'd just come off drugs, and I think I was mourning that," she says. "And I was very down. And now it's been a long time. I'm clean and sober, and I'm not down."

Throughout "Negative Capability," Faithfull sings in measured, conversational cadences, her signature husk of a voice burrowing deeper than ever. Her supporting musicians keep the arrangements autumnal and mostly acoustic.

Even still, Faithfull insists that the album is not as sobering as it seems on first listen.

"It's actually about love. That's what it's about," she says. "Life is suffering, but it is not unchangeable, and it's not written in stone. We can do something about it, and I do everything that I can."

james.reed@latimes.com
Twitter: @jreedwrites

Copeland as ballet's ambassador to film

[Copeland, from E1]

While "The Nutcracker and the Four Realms" isn't centered on dance, the film features two ballet sequences — one a performance within the movie and another over the ending credits — starring Copeland as simply "The Ballerina."

"If audiences were going to see 'Nutcracker' over the holiday season, we owed them some beautiful dance sequences," said Sean Bailey, president of Walt Disney Studios Motion Picture Production. "We thought, 'Who would be the No. 1 person in our minds to do this?' and Misty was immediately the name."

The film's ballet sequence is less than 10 minutes and tells the backstory of the four realms, including the Land of Flowers and the Land of Sweets, through dance rather than exposition. Wearing an elegant white bodice and tutu, Copeland turns and leaps through the realms with dizzying speed. She also shares a brief pas de deux with Ukrainian ballet "bad boy" Sergei Polunin.

Those involved recognize that simply including the sequence in the film represents an important opportunity. Copeland, devoted to increasing access to the often-exclusionary ballet world, believes that a film like "Nutcracker" — already considered a gateway ballet — opens the door for diverse audiences to experience the art form.

"[People] feel comfortable sitting in a movie theater rather than walking through the doors of the Metropolitan Opera House; you feel that 'Oh, that's not

for me.' Especially as black people, that's not a space for us," Copeland said. "Everyone goes to the movie theater, so this is an amazing way to do that."

The 36-year-old is an unlikely ballet star. Copeland grew up poor in San Pedro, sharing a motel room with her single mother and five siblings. She was discovered at 13, when she took her first ballet class through an outreach program for underprivileged youth at the San Pedro Boys & Girls Club.

A prodigy, Copeland quickly ascended the ballet ranks, earning a spot in the internationally renowned company American Ballet Theatre at age 18. In 2015, she made history as the first black woman promoted to principal dancer in the company's 75-year history.

As a black dancer with a nontraditional ballet body, Copeland redefined what it means to be a ballerina and catapulted from the exclusive world of ballet into the pop culture consciousness. The dancer was the subject of the 2015 documentary "A Ballerina's Tale," wrote an autobiography and has been on the cover of Time magazine, becoming a rare household name from the dance community.

For her role in Disney's "Nutcracker," Copeland was afforded some creative control and chose to work with the London Royal Ballet's artist-in-residence, Liam Scarlett.

"I had worked with him before, so it was nice to have someone that I was familiar with and knew my body and how I moved — [someone who] could ... say to the director, 'This angle is better

for a dancer's line,'" Copeland said. Together, they spent many hours in a dance studio creating movement for the film — although much of what made the final cut was actually improvised on set.

As a lifelong stage performer, Copeland had to learn to dance for the camera. Onstage, scenes flow uninterrupted, and dancers are continuously moving, never breaking character. In film, frequent breaks and long hours can be tough on a dancer's body.

"We can't be waiting around on a set till 2 a.m. and then they're like, 'Go, let's dance.' You get injured that way," Copeland said. "They were really good about creating a structure that works for dancers, which is a rare thing on the sets of films."

One perk to dancing on camera is the ability to give viewers an unobstructed and intimate look at the beauty of dance, a perspective that they may not experience during a live performance.

"We can put the camera in places where, if you're going to see Misty dance on-stage, you can't get those angles; you can't get that close," Bailey said. "And with the magic of what movies can do, we can obviously build certain sets or enhance certain things with computer-generated imagery that one can't do in a normal stage production."

"The Nutcracker and the Four Realms" is part of a rich history of ballet in film, said Jodie Gates, vice dean of USC's Glorya Kaufman School of Dance and founder of the Laguna Dance Festival.



Laurie Sparham/Walt Disney Pictures
MISTY COPELAND portrays the Ballerina Princess in the film "The Nutcracker and the Four Realms."

The 1948 film "The Red Shoes," starring ballerina Moira Shearer, centers on a ballerina torn between her career and love. A few years later, the 1951 musical "An American in Paris," starring Gene Kelly and French ballerina-actress Leslie Caron, features a 17-minute ballet sequence set to George

Gershwin's composition. Copeland's favorite film about dance is 1977's Oscar-nominated drama "The Turning Point," about New York City's ballet culture.

More recent films featuring ballet include 2010's psychological horror "Black Swan," starring Natalie Portman, and 2018's "Red

Sparrow" about a ballerina-turned-spy, starring Jennifer Lawrence.

"The Nutcracker" is probably the most recognized holiday ballet in America.... It's fantastical, it's exciting, it's colorful. The score of Tchaikovsky is just breathtaking," Gates said. "[Placing] ballet at the center point is not unlike the ballet sequences by Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron, and 'Red Shoes.' Those were long sequences in the movie that transformed the storytelling in such a dreamy way."

Copeland hopes to continue the tradition of ballet in film and push it forward. Several years ago, she founded her own production company dedicated to showcasing real and untold dance stories on-screen.

"A lot of people have an idea of what they think ballet is," Copeland said. "We're not all crazy people that have eating disorders and are overly sexualized and are strippers in our side gig. I just want to tell authentic stories that highlight the amazing beauty of ballet."

While it's possible that Hollywood is Copeland's next phase, the dancer prefers to stay flexible, keeping her dance career the priority for now.

"I try not to put any limits on what may be in the future and just stay open. [To] do what I feel is right in the moment and that's organic and real for me to do. I never thought I would write a book," Copeland said. "I never thought I would do a lot of things."

makeda.easter@latimes.com

Art + film hang out at LACMA gala

Catherine Opie and Guillermo del Toro are the honorees at museum fundraiser.

By MATTHEW STROMBERG

Despite Los Angeles' growing position as an international cultural hub, the art and film communities here still exist largely in parallel but separate tracks. You wouldn't know that, however, from the crowd assembled Saturday night at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art for its eighth Art + Film Gala, where artists and filmmakers mingled freely alongside luminaries from the worlds of fashion, music and architecture.

"When I came to L.A., I thought artists and filmmakers would all hang out, and they didn't really, but now they do," said LACMA Director Michael Govan. "I don't know that it's just at this gala, it's also the coming of age of Los Angeles."

As more than 850 guests entered through Chris Burden's "Urban Light" sculpture onto an orange carpet, this synergy was evident. Filmmaker Jon Favreau embraced artist and director Julian Schnabel, the two looking like they could be cousins. Klaus Biesenbach, the new director of MOCA, the Museum of Contemporary Art, could be seen chatting with Maurice Marciano, the Guess co-founder who opened the Marciano Art Foundation with his brother Paul in an old Masonic Temple on Wilshire Boulevard last year.

Jared Leto, dressed in a white suit and hat, strolled past, emulating David Bowie's Thin White Duke persona. Other notables included Ryan Murphy, the tireless creator of several popular television series; Peter Zumthor, architect of LACMA's expansion; artist Tacita Dean, who works in film; and Oscar winner Damien Chazelle.

The guests of honor Saturday night were artist Catherine Opie and filmmaker Guillermo del Toro, a pair who embody this blurring of boundaries and breaking of barriers, not only artistically but socially and politically as well. Opie is a Los Angeles-based photographer whose work focuses on both marginalized and ubiquitous groups, from the LGBTQ community to surfers and high school football players. Opie made her first foray into cinema recently, with her film of still images, "The Modernist."

"It's very much an L.A. story," told through the city's iconic modernist architecture, said Opie, dressed in jacket and slacks, with a jeweled tiger collar brooch, all furnished by Gucci, the event's sponsor.

Del Toro's career also



MATT WINKELMEYER Getty Images for LACMA
BECK serenades the crowd with a mix of his tunes and covers at Saturday night's LACMA Art + Film Gala.



CHRIS DELMAS AFP Getty Images
HONOREE Catherine Opie, left, arrives with family, including partner Julie Burleigh, second from right.



CHARLEY GALLAY Getty Images for LACMA
ALEJANDRO G. Inárritu, left, Alfonso Cuarón, Lee Daniels, Julian Schnabel and Guillermo del Toro.

manifests a sense of barrier-breaking fluidity, not only in the stunning visual style that characterizes his movies — from "Pan's Labyrinth" to "Hellboy" — but also in his collection of high and low forms of art, many of which were included in the blockbuster 2016 exhibition "Guillermo del Toro: At Home With Monsters," held at LACMA, where they were brought together with items from the museum's collection.

On the surface, the two may seem worlds apart, but Opie drew out a common thread.

"We're both really interested in the human condition," she said. "We're both incredible humanists who at times dip into tragedy and drama but also always in the realm of beauty."

Although the evening was a black-tie celebration of L.A.'s cultural commun-

ity, the current political climate and impending midterm elections seemed to hover like a cloud in the bucolic sky. The choice to honor the pair — who represent and champion groups that have been under political attack recently — seemed to send a message of solidarity.

"They've really thought carefully about who they're honoring in a long cultural arc," said Pilar Tompkins Rivas, director of Monterey Park's Vincent Price Museum of Art, which began a partnership with LACMA last year to share the larger institution's collection. "I see this commitment to inclusivity and diverse voices. Given the current political climate, it's more important than ever."

Govan noted that, although the honorees may champion various forms of otherness, they were very much at the vanguard of American culture.

"Guillermo del Toro and Cathy Opie are the mainstream of American art and film," he said. "There is a misunderstanding, not about the margins, but about the mainstream of accomplishments in the arts. The attempt to characterize them as anything but that is out of sync."

More than simply bringing people together in celebration, however, the gala's function was to raise money for the museum's programming, including exhibitions, acquisitions, education and film screenings. To that end, just over \$4.5 million was raised, a record for the gala.

Cocktail hour drew to a close, and guests were ushered inside the dinner pavilion for cheese-filled crepes with pomodoro sauce and baked orata with fennel prepared by chefs Edoardo Baldi and Joachim Splichal. After opening remarks from

Govan and LACMA trustee Eva Chow, who co-chaired the event with Leonardo DiCaprio, a moving, short film about Opie by Sini Anderson began the program.

"I have been a fan of Cathy since I was a young, little queer artist in San Francisco," said Anderson, "so when I was asked by LACMA to make this short film about her, I couldn't have been more thrilled."

Opie's remarks were brief, allowing time for a poem read by Robin Coste Lewis, the poet laureate of L.A., further expanding the cultural umbrella at hand.

After an introduction by studio mogul Jeffrey Katzenberg, Del Toro — who is working on a stop-motion version of "Pinocchio" — spoke passionately about the power of art during this politically fraught moment, "at a time when my race is vilified, and the LGBTQ community is

trying to be legislated out of existence."

"Now more than ever, stories are needed to heal us, to join us," the Guadalajara-born director added. "Stories are our most ancient path to empathy."

"We are told over and over that we have reasons to hate each other and to fear each other, and we're told that things are either black or white. I invoke the sacred right to be gray, to be polychrome," he said, followed by applause from the crowd. "Sameness is madness, difference is sanity."

Artist Alison Saar, in attendance with her mother, legendary artist Betye Saar, echoed Del Toro's sentiments.

"I don't want to say that art can cure all evils, but it can definitely help to bring things to light," she said. "Sometimes it helps to allow us to survive in some respects."

"Beyond the set of ideas and beliefs that have become filtered by religion and political ideologies, art and culture through film, through poetry, through photography, it's where we can all meet and grow," said filmmaker Alejandro G. Inárritu, a 2015 gala honoree. "Carne y Arena," Inárritu's powerful virtual-reality installation about the experience of border-crossing migrants, was on view at LACMA last year, and it recently traveled to Washington, D.C., where former President Obama visited it.

"He wrote a message in the book of visitors after he saw it: 'Thank you for reminding us of the common humanity that we all have,'" recalled Inárritu. "I thought, 'Wow. That was a president.'"

After the weighty, poignant reception speeches, actor Will Ferrell added a bit of levity, inviting everyone outside for the musical portion of the evening.

As guests shuffled out into the balmy Southern California night for a dessert of churros and tiramisu, Angeleno native Beck took the stage, backed by a band featuring none other than Dave Grohl on drums.

Opening with a rocking version of "Devils Haircut," followed by "Loser" and "Where It's At," the band went into a set of covers, including classics by the Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin, Talking Heads and Van Halen. Beck called up secret guest Anne Clark, better known as guitar goddess St. Vincent, for a version of Blondie's "Rapture," a genre-bending mix of rap, disco, pop and punk, epitomizing the evening's boundary-bashing audacity.

The assembled crowd of misfits and insiders, artists and filmmakers, collectors and creatives, was all caught up in the rhythm, seeming right at home.

calendar@latimes.com

LANDMARK THEATRES
landmarktheatres.com/los-angeles

The LANDMARK
10850 W. Pico at Westwood • West L.A.
3 Hours Free Parking. Additional 2 Hours \$5 with Validation.
Showtimes and Information: (310) 470-0492

THE LANDMARK LOUNGE HAPPY HOUR • Daily 4:00pm-6:30pm & 9:00pm-10:30pm • Enjoy Happy Hour specials on select glasses of beer and wine!

• BOY ERASED (R)
(11:00, 12:00, 1:40, 2:40, 4:20, 5:20)
7:00, 8:00, 9:35, 10:35

• A PRIVATE WAR (R)
(11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40

• BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY (PG-13)
(11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00) 7:00, 8:00, 9:55

• CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME? (R)
(12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 9:55

• A STAR IS BORN (R)
(1:20, 4:20)
7:20, 10:15

NUART THEATRE
11272 Santa Monica Blvd • West L.A. • (310) 473-8530

THE WAR AT HOME (NR)

(12:30, 2:50, 5:10) 7:30, 9:45

REGENT THEATRE
1045 Broxton Ave • Westwood • (310) 208-3250

• VIPER CLUB (R)

(3:45)

REEL TALK WITH STEPHEN FARBER

Tonight at 7pm!

Landmark strongly supports a NO TEXTING AND NO CELL PHONE policy.

Subscribe FilmClub.LandmarkTheatres.com
LandmarkTheatres.com/GiftCards



() at Discount ▲ = No Passes

= The Screening Lounge

● Closed Captioning

○ Open Captioning

■ Descriptive Video Service

■ Non-Standard Pricing

VALID MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5 ONLY

LAEMMLE
Info Line 310.478.3836

ROYAL
11523 Santa Monica Blvd. West L.A.
BURNING (NR) 1:00 PM 4:30 PM 8:00 PM
MARIA BY CALLAS (PG) 1:30 PM 4:20 PM 7:10 PM
THE GUILTY (NR) 1:40 PM
THE HAPPY PRINCE (NR) 4:30 PM
THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST (NR) 7:30 PM
TIME TRAP 9:50 PM

PLAYHOUSE
673 E. Colorado Blvd. Pasadena
HORN FROM THE HEART: THE PAUL BUTTERFIELD STORY 1:50 PM 4:40 PM
7:30 PM 10:15 PM
LIZ AND THE BLUE BIRD (NR) 1:00 PM 3:10 PM 7:40 PM
DRAGON BALL Z: SAYAN DOUBLE FEATURE 7:30 PM

MONICA
1332 Second Street Santa Monica
THE GRIEF OF OTHERS (NR) 1:00 PM 7:00 PM
MONSTER PARTY 5:20 PM 7:40 PM 10:15 PM
BORDER (NR) 1:20 PM 4:20 PM 7:20 PM 10:15 PM
A BREAD FACTORY, PART ONE 3:50 PM
A BREAD FACTORY, PART TWO 9:50 PM
CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME? (R) 1:50 PM 4:30 PM 7:10 PM 9:50 PM
THE OLD MAN & THE GUN (PG-13) 1:10 PM 3:25 PM 5:40 PM 8:00 PM
IN HARM'S WAY (NR) 1:40 PM 4:30 PM 7:20 PM 10:00 PM

AHYRA FINE ARTS
8556 Wilshire Blvd. Beverly Hills
HORN FROM THE HEART: THE PAUL BUTTERFIELD STORY 7:30 PM
BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY (PG-13) 12:50 PM 4:00 PM 7:10 PM 10:15 PM
THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WIND (R) 1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM 10:00 PM
SUSPIRIA (NR) 1:00 PM 4:30 PM 8:00 PM
HALLOWEEN (2018) (R) 1:10 PM 4:10 PM 7:20 PM 10:10 PM
MID90S (R) 1:00 PM 3:30 PM 5:45 PM 8:00 PM 10:15 PM
BLUE MIND (NR) 4:40 PM
BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY (PG-13) 1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:10 PM 10:15 PM
MARFA GIRL 2 9:55 PM
LOVE JACKED (PG-13) 1:00 PM 3:15 PM 5:30 PM 7:50 PM 10:15 PM
MID90S (R) 3:20 PM 5:30 PM 7:40 PM 10:00 PM
THE NUTCRACKER AND THE FOUR REALMS (PG-13) 1:00 PM 4:40 PM 7:30 PM 10:00 PM
CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME? (R) 1:20 PM 4:10 PM 7:00 PM 9:50 PM
DAUGHTERS OF THE SEXUAL REVOLUTION 1:00 PM 3:10 PM 5:20 PM 7:30 PM 10:15 PM
NUMBER 37 (NR) 1:30 PM 7:30 PM
WHITE FANG 1:00 PM

TOWN CENTER
17200 Ventura Blvd. Encino
WHAT THEY HAD (NR) 1:50 PM 7:10 PM
WILDLIFE (NR) 1:40 PM 4:20 PM 7:00 PM 9:50 PM
BEAUTIFUL BOY (R) 1:20 PM 4:15 PM 7:20 PM 10:10 PM
THE OLD MAN & THE GUN (PG-13) 3:10 PM 5:25 PM
COLETTE (NR) 4:30 PM
THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST (PG-13) 7:30 PM
FOREIGN LAND (NR) 1:00 PM 3:00 PM 5:10 PM 7:20 PM 9:50 PM
WILD HONEY PIE! (R) 1:00 PM 10:00 PM
MUSIC HALL (NR) 9036 Wilshire Blvd. Beverly Hills
MONROVIA, INDIANA (NR) 12:30 PM 4:00 PM 7:30 PM
THEY'LL LOVE ME WHEN I'M DEAD (NR) 12:00 PM 2:20 PM 4:50 PM 7:20 PM 9:50 PM

NOT AFRAID OF SUBTITLES

www.laemmle.com

CALL THEATRE FOR MOVIES AND SHOWTIMES

(310)478-3836

NoHo 7 5240 Lankershim Blvd. No. Hollywood

HORN FROM THE HEART: THE PAUL BUTTERFIELD STORY 7:30 PM

BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY (PG-13) 12:50 PM 4:00 PM 7:10 PM 10:15 PM

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WIND (R) 1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM 10:00 PM

SUSPIRIA (NR) 1:00 PM 4:30 PM 8:00 PM

HALLOWEEN (2018) (R) 1:10 PM 4:10 PM 7:20 PM 10:10 PM

MID90S (R) 1:00 PM 3:30 PM 5:45 PM 8:00 PM 10:15 PM

WEED THE PEOPLE 1:50 PM 4:50 PM 7:00 PM 10:00 PM

CLAREMONT 450 W. 2nd Street Claremont

BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY (PG-13) 1:10 PM 4:10 PM 7:10 PM 10:10 PM

THE NUTCRACKER AND THE FOUR REALMS (PG-13) 1:00 PM 4:40 PM 7:30 PM 10:00 PM

CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME? (R) 1:20 PM 4:10 PM 7:00 PM 9:50 PM

MID90S (R) 1:00 PM 3:30 PM

BEAUTIFUL BOY (R) 1:40 PM 4:30 PM 7:20 PM 10:15 PM

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST (PG-13) 7:30 PM

WHITE FANG 1:00 PM

FOR 11/5/2018 ONLY



'American Son' of-the-moment drama

[‘Son,’ from E1] at a police station. The desperate voicemails she leaves her son, Jamal, are the pleas not just of any worried mother but of an African American mother who knows the dangers awaiting an 18-year-old boy who shares her skin color.

Jamal hasn't come home after a night out with friends. The police have information that his vehicle was involved in an "incident." But Officer Paul Larkin (Jeremy Jordan), the rookie cop working the night shift, insists he has nothing more to tell her.

There are protocols that must be observed, Larkin asserts as Kendra vents her frustration at a system that won't even let her file a missing-person's report. She wants answers, not cluelessness, stonewalling and microaggression.

Larkin is clearly out of his depth with this psychology professor, who calls him on his racial insensitivity while demanding that he do more than politely offer her stale doughnuts. The opening scene sets the stage and also exposes some of the inexplicability of the playwright, a Miami-based trial lawyer making his Broadway debut.

Some of the delaying tactics Demos-Brown employs are intrinsic to the situation. But the playwright's rudimentary craft is evident in the hammering of the same monotonous notes and in the dribbling out of key details.

When Scott (Steven Pasquale), Kendra's estranged husband, arrives at the station, the stakes are immediately raised. Scott, an FBI agent, flaunts his badge, which confuses Larkin, who assumes this is the lieutenant sent from above to give this incensed mother an update on her son.

It doesn't occur to Larkin that this take-charge white guy is Kendra's husband and the father of the missing 6-foot-2 black teen with cornrows who had some mysterious run-in with the authorities. Kendra fumes when



PETER CUNNINGHAM

KERRY WASHINGTON, Steven Pasquale and Eugene Lee in playwright Christopher Demos-Brown's Broadway premiere.

Larkin provides Scott with a fuller picture than he offered her. She's also ticked off by Scott's nice-guy act with a star-struck officer whose ultimate dream is to join the FBI.

In ways that are sometimes a little too on the nose and sometimes right on the money, Demos-Brown shows the way the prism of race colors reality. Larkin's clumsy comment to Kendra about the historical reason there are two water fountains at the station seems heavy-handed on the playwright's part. It's also a little odd that Scott would use the word "uppity" without thinking of the effect on his wife, who is so politically fastidious about language.

I couldn't help speculating on how the author's own racial identity (he's white) may have informed his handling of the material. Blind spots and distortions

are unavoidable even with the best intentions, but Demos-Brown pursues his drama as though it were a chess match — or, to choose perhaps a more apt metaphor, a moot court on a subject that is rarely out of the news these days.

By rotating the character confrontations, the playwright illuminates the way gender, education, professional status and social class shift perspective on matters of race and justice. "American Son" isn't the most supple drama. The writing can be strained and mechanical, but it inches toward a greater complexity.

When John Stokes (Eugene Lee at full force), a black lieutenant able to report on what happened to Jamal, finally shows up, the interpersonal dynamics grow explosively complicated. And no, Kendra calling him an uncle Tom isn't

the tipping point. The production, directed by Kenny Leon, occasionally hits its marks too insistently. Intensity too often translates into monotonous shouting. Even the lashing rainstorm electrifying Derek McLane's set seems a tad overwrought.

Jordan perhaps has the toughest road, with a character whose qualities are comically bullet-pointed. But the actor gives as much because of Larkin's earnest concern as to his redneck naivete.

Lee, rescuing the production with his veteran caginess, sharply individualizes Stokes. The character might come across as a tool of the establishment, but when the moment is right, the lieutenant offers a glimpse of his hard-earned wisdom.

Pasquale has a higher-end version of Jordan's problem: how to make intermittent

obtuseness seem credible. But Scott is more dimensional than Larkin, and Pasquale fully inhabits his character's history with Kendra. Their once-burning intimacy still smolders. And for all the reflexive tension between Scott and Kendra, Jamal, their golden-boy son who's been going through a rough adolescent patch since Scott left home, is still the repository of all their hopes.

The title of "American Son" is not accidental. The fate of young men like Jamal concerns more than a single community. Indeed, the future of the country hinges on how we as a nation collectively deal with a system of justice that is shot through (tragic pun intended) with injustice.

The drama depends on the sustained pitch of Washington's portrayal of a mother ferociously battling

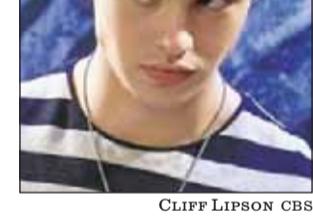
forces larger, though not greater, than herself. The "Scandal" star could use more modulation in the early going, a fault of the direction as much as the writing. But the anguish of Demos-Brown's play is coiled inside a performance rooted in one character's story but containing real-world multitudes. Washington honors all the shattered loved ones who have gone through Kendra's experience.

"American Son" isn't a play for the decades, never mind for the ages. But it speaks directly to our grievous times. If the playwright's limitations are conspicuous, his knowledge of criminal-justice realities brings an uncompromising verisimilitude to an ending that should leave Broadway audiences gasping for breath.

charles.mcnuity@latimes.com

TV HIGHLIGHTS

SERIES



CLIFF LIPSON/CBS

The Neighborhood Nothing goes as planned when Dave (Max Greenfield) sets up an anniversary celebration. Beth Behrs, Cedric the Entertainer and Tichina Arnold also star. 8 p.m. CBS

The Voice The knockout rounds continue. 8 p.m. NBC

Dancing With the Stars It's "Country Night" in this new episode of the unscripted competition. 8 p.m. ABC

The Resident Drug trial patients start suffering life-threatening side effects, and Nic (Emily VanCamp) worries that her sister (Julianne Guill) may be in danger. Matt Czuchry and Bruce Greenwood also star in this new episode of the medical drama. 8 p.m. Fox

Happy Together Cooper (Felix Mallard) wants to impress a celebrity in a new episode of "Happy Together."

The Good Doctor Morgan and Murphy (Fiona Gubelmann, Freddie Highmore) are not sure how to treat a young violinist who has an infected finger. Hill Harper also stars in this new episode. 10 p.m. ABC

Independent Lens The new episode "Dawndown" documents the first government-sanctioned truth and reconciliation commission in the U.S., which investigates the impact of Maine's child welfare practices on Native American communities. 10 p.m. KOCE

Christmas Cookie Challenge Five new bakers compete to prove their supremacy at making cookies as the unscripted competition returns for a new season. Eddie Jackson hosts with judges Ree Drummond, Aarti Sequeira and Dan Langan. 10 p.m. Food Network

Full Frontal With Samantha Bee The comedy series offers a pre-election special 10:30 p.m. TBS

Movies

This Is Congo Filmmaker Daniel McCabe's critically acclaimed 2018 documentary explores world's longest continuous war through the lives of three people caught up in the M23 rebellion in the Democratic Republic of Congo. 9 p.m. Starz

How to Train Your Dragon 2 (2014) 9 a.m. FX

Stronger (2017) 4:10 p.m. EPIX

Talk Shows

CBS This Morning Mira Sorvino. (N) 7 a.m. KCBS

Today (N) 7 a.m. KNBC

Good Morning America (N) 7 a.m. KABC

Good Day L.A. Dr. Mehmet Oz; Winnie Sun; Oliver Stark ("9-1-1") Kurtis Blow ("The Hip Hop Nutcracker"). (N) 7 a.m. KTTV

Live With Kelly and Ryan Jude Law. (N) 9 a.m. KABC

The View Gov. John Kasich (R-Ohio). (N) 10 a.m. KABC

The Dr. Oz Show Shemar Moore. (N) 10 a.m. KCOP; 3 p.m. KTTV

The Real Mario ("Dancing Shadows"); Tiffany Aliche. (N) 11 a.m. KTTV

The Talk Jamie Dornan; Francisco Cáceres; Catt Sadler. (N) 1 p.m. KCBS

Rachael Ray David Muir; Donal Skehan. (N) 2 p.m. KTTV

Dr. Phil (N) 3 p.m. KCBS

The Ellen DeGeneres Show Blake Shelton ("The Voice"); Joel Edgerton ("Boy Erased"). (N) 3 p.m. KNBC

To the Contrary With Bonnie Erbé Pre-election discussion. (N) 6 p.m. KVCR

Amanpour and Company (N) 10 p.m. KVCR; 11 p.m. KOCE; 1 a.m. KLCS

The Daily Show With Trevor Noah (N) 11 p.m. Comedy Central

The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N) 11:34 p.m. KNBC

The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Jude Law; Amy Klobuchar; chef Flynn McGarry. (N) 11:35 p.m. KCBS

The Late Late Show With James Corden Aaron Taylor-Johnson; Richard Madden; KISS; Snow Patrol. (N) 12:37 a.m. KCBS

The Late Late Show With James Corden Aaron Taylor-Johnson; Richard Madden; KISS; Snow Patrol. (N) 12:37 a.m. KCBS

Nightline (N) 12:37 a.m. KABC

Last Call With Carson Daly Dermot Mulroney; William Elliott Whitmore; Mackenzie Foy. (N) 1:38 a.m. KNBC

How to Train Your Dragon 2 (2014) 9 a.m. FX

Stronger (2017) 4:10 p.m. EPIX

Talk Shows

CBS This Morning Mira Sorvino. (N) 7 a.m. KCBS

NFL Football The Titans visit the Cowboys. 5:15 p.m. ESPN

SPORTS

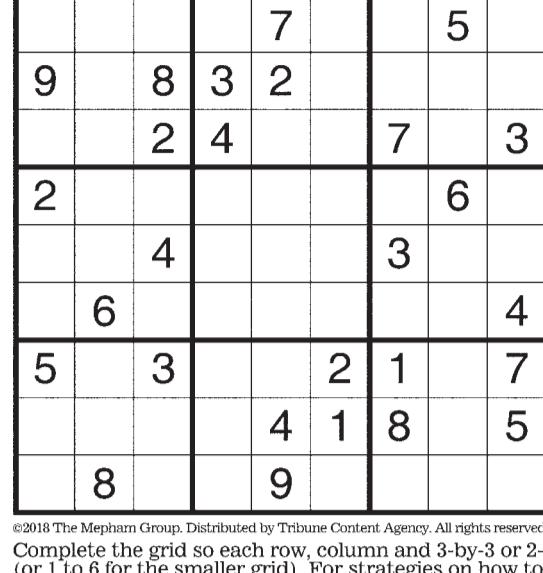
CBS This Morning Mira Sorvino. (N) 7 a.m. KCBS

Monday Prime-Time TV

Sports	News	Movies	(N) New	Closed Captioning
8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm 10:30 11 pm
CBS The Neighborhood Celebration. (N) 6:30	Happy Together A romantic gesture. (N) 6:30	Magnum P.I. (TV14) Magnum takes the case of a little girl's missing cat. (N) 6:30	Bull (TV14) Bull's former patient goes on trial for killing her brother. (N) 6:30	News (N) 6:30
NBC The Voice (TVPG) The second night of knockouts. (N) 6:30			Manifest (TV14) Cal's health is jeopardized. (N) 6:30	News (N) 6:30
KTCA Arrow (TV14) Oliver makes a drastic move. (N) 6:30	DC's Legends of Tomorrow (TV14) (N) 6:30		News (N) 6:30 Sports Final (10:45)	News (N) 6:30
ABC Dancing With the Stars (TVPG) The remaining eight couples dance to country music songs. (N) 6:30			The Good Doctor (TV14) A young violinist has an infected finger. (N) 6:30	News (N) 6:30
KCAL News (N) 6:30	News (N) 6:30		2 Broke Girls (TV14) Sports Central (6:30)	2 Broke Girls
FOX The Resident Drug trial patients suffer life-threatening side effects. (N) 6:30	9-1-1 (TV14) A couple have a car accident on their wedding day. (N) 6:30		News (N) 6:30 The Big Bang Theory (TVPG) 6:30	The Big Bang Theory (TVPG) 6:30
MyNetworkTV Law & Order: CI (TV14) 6:30	Law & Order: CI (TV14) 6:30		Seinfeld (6:30) Seinfeld (6:30)	King of Queens
KVCR Durrells in Corfu (TVPG) 6:30	Poldark (TV14) 6:30		Amanpour and Company (N) 6:30 Mind (TVG) 6:30	Amanpour and Company (N) 6:30
KCET Death in Paradise (TVPG) 6:30	Shetland (TVMA) 6:30		Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries (TV14) 6:30 Shetland (6:30)	Noticias
UNI Jesús (TV14) 6:30	Mi marido tiene más familia (TV14) 6:30		Amar a muerte (TV14) 6:30	Independent Lens (TVPG) 6:30
KOCE Antiques Roadshow (TVG) 6:30	Antiques Roadshow (TVG) 6:30		Dawnland (TVPG) 6:30	Amanpour and Company (N) 6:30
KDOC Dateline (TVPG) 6:30	The Goldbergs (TV14) 6:30		Family Guy (6:30) Family Guy (6:30)	Seinfeld (6:30)
KLCS Cause for Alarm ★★ (1951) 6:30	Holiday Baking Championship (TVG) 6:30		Ric Edelman's Mind Over Money (TVG) 6:30	The Kate (6:30)
A&E Ancient Aliens (TVPG) 6:30	Ancient Aliens (TVPG) 6:30		Ancient Aliens (TVPG) 6:30	Ancient Aliens
AMC Vacation (1983) (R) 7 (6:30)	Vegas Vacation ★ (1997) Chevy Chase. (PG) 6:30		National Lamp. (6:30)	National Lamp.
ANP North Woods (TVPG) 6:30	Into Alaska (TVPG) 6:30		North Woods (TVPG) 6:30	North Woods
BBC Star Trek: The Next Generation (TV14) 6:30	Star Trek: The Next Generation (TV14) 6:30		Star Trek: The Next Generation (TV14) 6:30	Star Trek: TNG
BET The Perfect Holiday ★ (6:30)	Meet the Browns ★★ (2008) Tyler Perry, Angela Bassett. (PG-13) 6:30		Meet the Browns ★★ (2008) Tyler Perry, Angela Bassett. (PG-13) 6:30	What Happens
Bravo Real Housewives of OC. 6:30	Real Housewives of OC (N) 6:30		Housewives: Atlanta (6:30)	What Happens
CMT Cheaper by the Dozen 2 (2005) 6:30	Steve Martin. (7:30) (PG)		Cheaper by the Dozen 2 ★★ (2005) (PG) 6:30	Cheaper by the Dozen 2 (6:30)
CNN Anderson Cooper (TVPG) 6:30	Cuomo Prime Time 6:30		CNN Tonight: Don Lemon 6:30	Cooper 6:30
Com The Office (6:30)	The Office (6:30)		The Office (6:30)	The Office (6:30)
Disc Street Outlaws: Memphis (TVMA) 6:30	Street Outlaws: Memphis (N) 6:30		Race Night at Bowman Gray (N) 6:30	Master Arms
Disn Andi Mack (6:30)	Coop & Cami (6:30)		Bunk'd (TVG) 6:30	Bunk'd (TVG) 6:30
E! Miss Congeniality ★★ (2000) Sandra Bullock. (PG-13) 6:30	Raven's Home (6:30)		Raven's Home (6:30)	Busy Tonight (6:30)
ESPN SportsCenter (8:15) (N)	NFL PrimeTime (6:30)		Sharing Christmas (2017) Ellen Hollman. 6:30</	

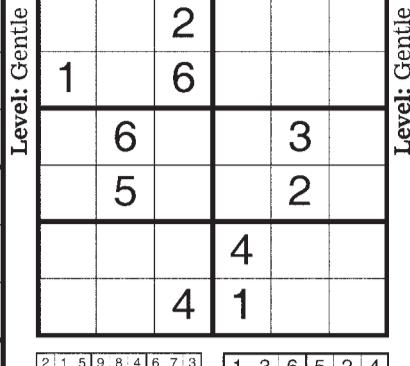
COMICS

SUDOKU

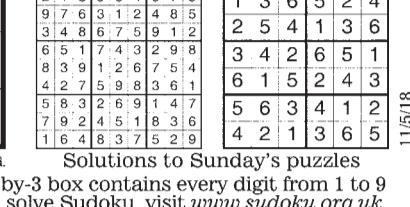


©2018 The Mepham Group. Distributed by Tribune Content Agency. All rights reserved.

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 or 2-by-3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 (or 1 to 6 for the smaller grid). For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk/.



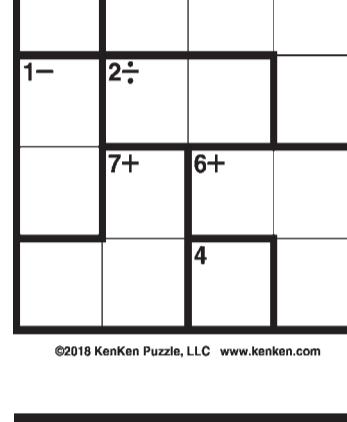
Level: Gentle



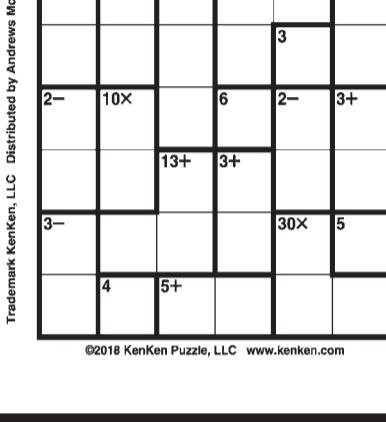
Level: Gentle

KENKEN

Every box will contain a number; numbers depend on the size of the grid. For a 6x6 puzzle, use Nos. 1-6. Do not repeat a number in any row or column. The numbers in each heavily outlined set of squares must combine to produce the target number found in the top left corner of the cage using the mathematical operation indicated. A number can be repeated within a cage as long as it is not in the same row or column.



Distributed by Andrews McMeel



Distributed by Andrews McMeel



Distributed by Andrews McMeel

HOROSCOPE

By HOLIDAY MATHIS

Aries (March 21-April 19): Inner peace will be a matter of putting things into two categories, "mine to solve" and "not mine to solve."

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Witnessing a masterful piece of work will inspire you to create something of your own. Keep your expectations reasonable and your heart light.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): People sometimes say "be honest" when they really mean "validate me." Give a softer, warmer, gentler version of the truth.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): There really is such a thing as being overprepared. It's a point at which you're cutting into the energy that could be used doing the real thing.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't be shy. When you include others in your work and fun, you'll be doing both of you a favor.

CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

By Frank Virzi

ACROSS

- 1 Gillette razor introduced several years after the Trac II
- 5 Sleety road concern
- 9 Spherical
- 14 Cook, as cavatelli
- 15 Alien-seeking org.
- 16 "SNL" producer Michaels
- 17 What "bosun" is short for
- 19 Words to the audience
- 20 God of the Quran
- 21 Minute part of a min.
- 23 Voiced
- 24 Necessities
- 27 Town mentioned in "Sloop John B"
- 30 Give permission to
- 31 CPR expert
- 32 Kind of sax
- 36 When some news shows air
- 40 Maxwell Smart catchphrase
- 44 Knee-to-ankle bone
- 45 Elevator name
- 46 A half-dozen
- 47 Cinnabar or hematite
- 49 How dishes are often sold
- 52 October holiday in Canada
- 58 Draws a bead on, with "at"
- 59 Centers of activity
- 60 Ventricular outlet
- 64 Bronze or beige
- 66 Quilt, e.g., ... and a hint to the circled letters
- 68 Sagal of "8 Simple Rules"
- 69 Vicinity
- 70 First chip in the pot
- 71 "Goosebumps" author R.L. Stine
- 72 U.K. mil. medals
- 73 "The Americans" FBI agent Beeman



- 9 Suffix with Cray-
- 10 "Goblin Market" poet Christina
- 11 "Monty Python's Life of _"
- 12 Split up
- 13 Monopoly cards
- 18 Mr. Met's former stadium
- 22 Cartoon frame
- 25 Wharf
- 26 Word after Happy or square
- 27 Politico Gingrich
- 28 Mine, in Amiens
- 29 Retained part of a paycheck
- 33 Canterbury commode
- 34 Tsk relative
- 35 Kimono sash
- 37 Hardy's " _ of the D'Urbervilles"
- 38 Songwriter Sands
- 39 Bakery call
- 41 Simba's home
- 42 Like the night, usually
- 43 Morales of "La Bamba"
- 48 Immigrant's subj.
- 50 Easy thing to do
- 51 Old Greek gathering places

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



11/5/18

BRIDGE

BY FRANK STEWART

A European sextet won the prestigious Spingold Teams at the Summer NABC. Piotr Gawrys-Michal Klukowski, Geir Helgemo-Tor Helness and Pierre Zimmermann-Franck Multon bested a mostly New York City squad led by Andrew Rosenthal in the final, 131 to 98.

Team Gawrys gained in today's early deal. At both tables, South played at three diamonds, and West cashed a high spade and the ace of trumps, then shifted to the jack of clubs. Declarer played dummy's queen, ducked East's king and also ducked the club return.

West for Team Rosenthal then tried another high spade, and declarer ruffed

and pulled off a double squeeze: He cashed all his trumps and the ace of clubs.

At the end, West had to keep a high spade, so only one heart, and East had to save a club, so only one heart. Dummy's nine of hearts won the 13th trick, making three.

At the other table, Gawrys as West found a good defense. At Trick Five, he led the king of hearts, breaking up the squeeze. South had to go down one.

Question: You hold: ♠ A K Q 6 4 2 ♥ K J ♦ A 6 ♣ J 10 9. You open one spade, and your partner responds INT. The opponents pass. What do you say?

Answer: Raise to 3NT. Your pattern is almost balanced, and if partner has a hand such as J 5, A 8 6 5, Q 7 5, 2 8 6 5, he will have nine win-

ners at no-trump and will be unlucky to lose five tricks first. The 10-trick spade game might fail.

West dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH	♦ J 10 7 5
♦ A 9 8 7 5 3	♦ J
♦ Q 6	

WEST	♠ A K Q 6 4 2
EAST	♦ 8 3
♥ K J	♦ 10 6 4 2
♦ A 6	♦ 7 5 3
♣ J 10 9	♣ K 8 7 4 2

SOUTH	♦ 9
♥ Q	♦ K 10 9 8 4 2
♦ A 5 3 2	

WEST	1 ♠ Pass
NORTH	Pass
EAST	2 ♦ Pass
SOUTH	3 ♣ Pass

Opening lead – ♠ K

Tribune Media Services

ASK AMY

Should he disclose affair?

Dear Amy: I am a father with three kids, living in a very "gossipy" town.

My family life seemed to be ideal, but then I learned that my wife was having an affair for the last two years of our 16-year marriage. I was completely blindsided.

A few years have passed. I am now in a great place. The truth freed me, and I am grateful.

A year ago, I was out to dinner with a colleague, "Bradley," a guy I know through our mutual professions, walked in with a woman who was not his wife.

They were doing shots, and the body language became intimate and very inappropriate for a married man out with a woman who is not his wife.

I left that night and never told anyone about it. But recently, I overheard from several other people that they, too, have witnessed Brad and this other woman.

I do not know Brad's wife, but I feel compelled to do something. If she knows about this and wants to stay married, or wants to divorce, that's her choice. I just don't think she should be the last to know. Like I was.

Should I tell the wife?

CHEATED UPON

Dear Cheated: If you be-

lieve these various reports amount to confirmation, and if your experience tells you that informing the wife is the most ethical choice, then you should find a way to tell her.

This is most tricky when the person in the know is a friend of one of the affected parties. You are not. You don't seem to have a stake in the outcome.

So, yes, I agree that you should inform her.

Over the years, I have heard from many people who, like you, were in marriages with unfaithful partners. All reported that in retrospect, they wished someone with awareness of the affair had told them.

I left that night and never told anyone about it. But recently, I overheard from several other people that they, too, have witnessed Brad and this other woman.

I do not know Brad's wife, but I feel compelled to do something. If she knows about this and wants to stay married, or wants to divorce, that's her choice. I just don't think she should be the last to know. Like I was.

Should I tell the wife?

CHEATED UPON

Dear Cheated: If you be-

both agreed we are still content with our physical relationship.

How do I navigate this? I know I would like to go out with her, but I don't know if this is even possible.

I don't want to get hurt. Is it better to just cut things off completely now, or should I keep having fun?

QUEER AND CONFUSED

Dear Queer and Confused: You are having a fairly typical experience for someone at your age and stage. And I'm here to tell you — it will hurt. A relationship out of balance always hurts.

You've been honest, and you are accepting the limitations your neighbor has placed on the relationship.

I can't tell you definitively to stop seeing her, but I will tell you this: Your experience with her has already peaked.

This fall I started hooking up with a girl who lives in the dorm next door.

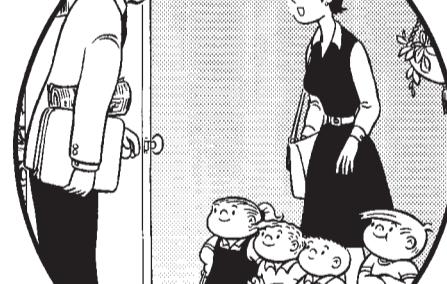
It started out as platonic — just two friends having fun — but now I am starting to feel more for her.

I've talked to her about it and she said she wasn't sure how she felt about me, and that she has always had trouble identifying how she feels about people. I told her I wouldn't press her and we

Send questions for Amy Dickinson to askamy@amydickinson.com.

FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"We're going to take a vote to see if we should all go out for pizza."

DENNIS THE MENACE

By Hank Ketcham



"WHEN I SEE YOU, CHILLS RUN UP MY SPINE."

"ARE YOU SURE IT'S NOT BED BUGS?"

ARGYLE SWEATER

By Scott Hilburn



11/5 © 2018 Scott Hilburn/Distributed by Andrews McMeel Syndication

MARMADUKE

By Brad & Paul Anderson

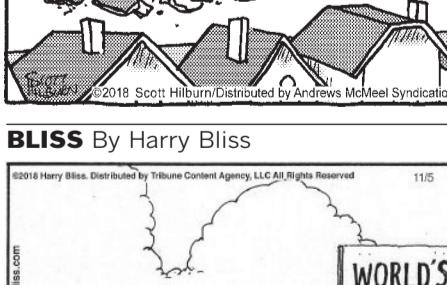


11/5 © 2018 Brad & Paul Anderson/Distributed by Andrews McMeel Syndication

"That kind of a day, huh?"

BLISS

By Harry Bliss



11/5 © 2018 Harry Bliss. Distributed by Tribune Content Agency, LLC All Rights Reserved



11/5 © 2018 Harry Bliss. Distributed by Tribune Content Agency, LLC All Rights Reserved

BALLARD STREET

By Jerry Van Amerongen



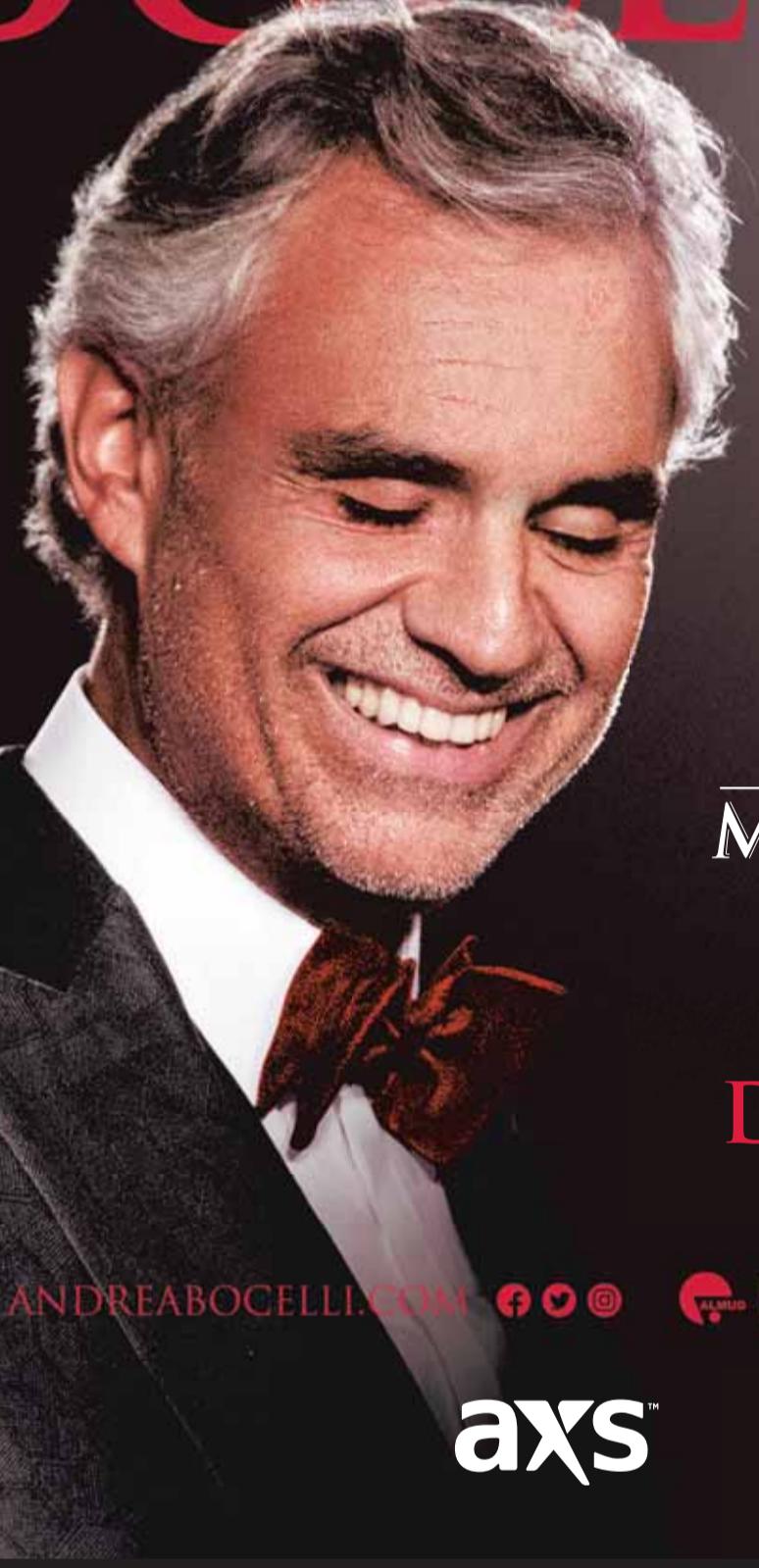
11/5 © 2018 CREATORS.COM Facebook.com/ballardstreet 11/5

So, thinks Ted, I haven't been doing all that butt-dialing after all.

Los Angeles Times

SWEEPSTAKES

ANDREA IN CONCERT BOCELLI



MGM GRAND®
LAS VEGAS

SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 1

ANDREABOCELLI.COM

KMM Klassics Music Management

axs™

GRAMMY-NOMINATED AND LEGENDARY TENOR
ANDREA BOCELLI MAKES HIS RETURN TO
MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS.

ENTER FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN:

- TWO TICKETS TO ANDREA BOCELLI ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1
- TWO-NIGHT STAY AT MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS
- \$200 VISA GAS CARD

ENTER TO WIN AT LATIMES.COM/ANDREABOCELLI

NO PURCHASE OR PAYMENT OF ANY KIND IS NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN THIS PROMOTION. Sweepstakes runs from 10/15/18 at 12:01 AM PT to 11/9/18 at 11:59 AM PT. Entrant must, as of 10/15/18, be 21+ and a legal resident of Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, San Bernardino or Riverside counties. Void outside listed counties and where prohibited. To enter, visit latimes.com/andreabocelli and complete entry form. Limit one entry per person and per email address. Odds of winning depend on number of eligible entries. One grand prize: Two-night stay for two at MGM Grand Las Vegas, \$250 food & beverage credit, \$200 Visa gas card and two tickets to Andrea Bocelli at MGM Grand Garden Arena on 12/1/18. ARV: \$1,216. Official Rules at latimes.com/andreabocelli. Sponsor: Los Angeles Times Communications LLC, 2300 E. Imperial Hwy., El Segundo, CA 90245.

Must be 21 or older to gamble. Know when to stop before you start. Gambling problem? Call 800-522-4700.

HEAR before the holidays

RECONNECT. ENGAGE.



Join us for our

**EDUCATIONAL
SEMINAR
NOVEMBER
15**

We invite you to reconnect with your family and friends this holiday season. The greatest joy you experience could be giving yourself the gift of better hearing.

Space is limited.
Call today to RSVP!
310.651.8979

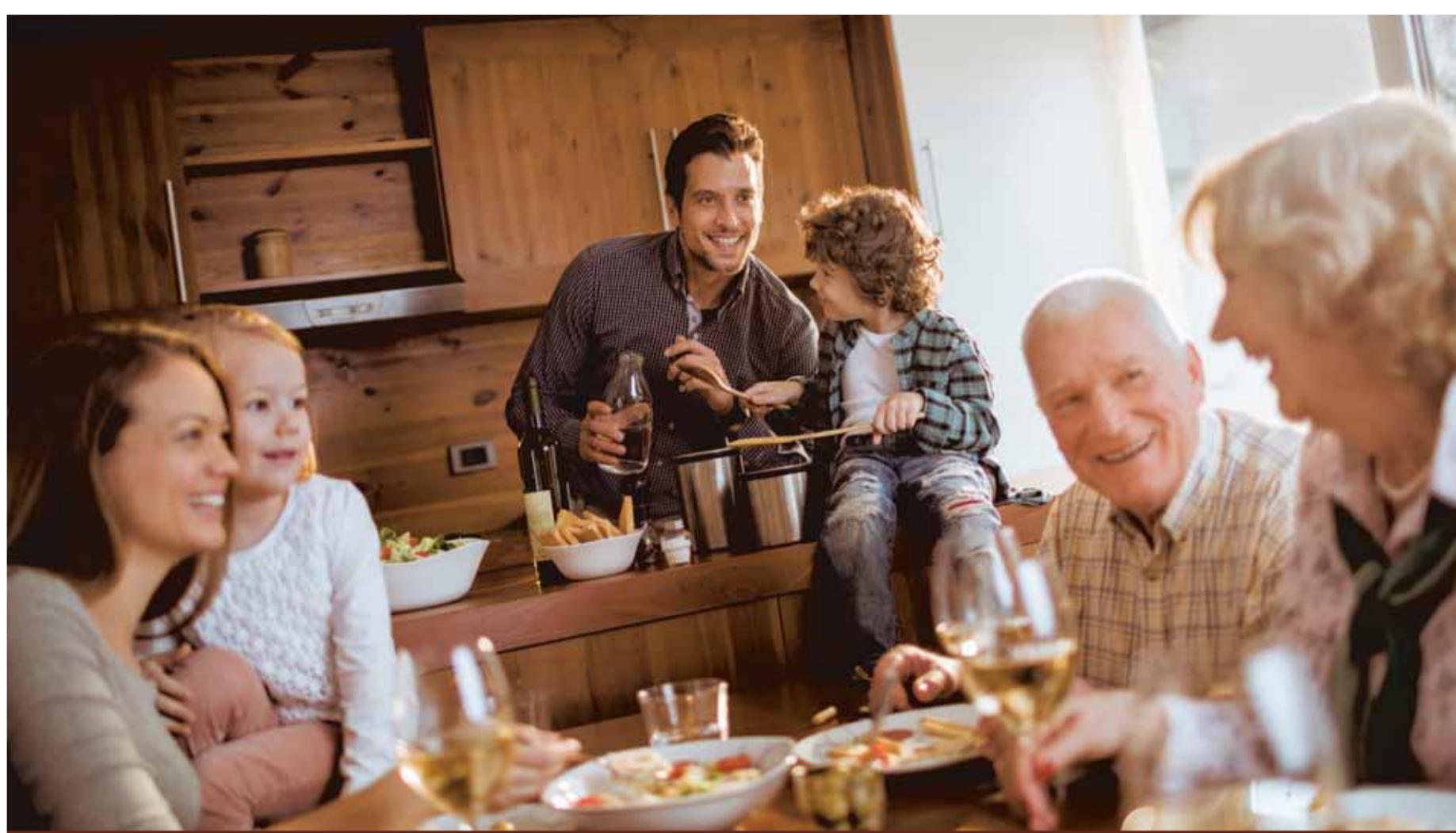
First-time attendees only. Please RSVP by October 26.

Beverly Hills
414 N Camden Dr, Ste 975
Beverly Hills, CA 90210


Pacific Coast
Hearing Care

PCHearing.com

AUDIGY
CERTIFIED



Join us for our
EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR
November 15

IL FORNAIO • 301 N BEVERLY DR • 12–2PM

Topics of Discussion:

- The relationship between hearing loss and dementia
- Understanding common hearing issues
- What to look for in a hearing care professional
- The truth about how much hearing technology costs
- Enhancing communication and listening skills

Check your hearing

YES NO

- Do people seem to mumble or speak in softer voices than they used to?
- Do you feel tired or irritable after a long conversation?
- Do you sometimes miss key words in a sentence or frequently need to ask people to repeat themselves?
- When you are in a group or a crowded restaurant, is it difficult for you to follow the conversation?
- When you are together with other people, does the background noise bother you?

YES NO

- Do you often need to turn up the volume on your television or radio?
- Do you find it difficult to hear the doorbell or telephone ring?
- Is carrying on a telephone conversation difficult?
- Do you find it difficult to pinpoint where an object is from the noise it makes (e.g., an alarm clock or telephone)?
- Has someone close to you mentioned that you might have a problem with your hearing?

HOW DID YOU DO?

Your answers to these questions can provide an early indication of whether your hearing is impacted. If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you may be experiencing some hearing loss. We urge you to attend our special event.

WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT, YOU'RE ELIGIBLE TO TRY A DIGITAL HEARING SYSTEM **for a 75-day trial period.**

We want you to experience all the benefits better hearing has to offer. Your satisfaction with your hearing technology solution and our services is important to us, so we're happy to let you try out your new technology while discovering better hearing.



There are three steps to our AGX® Protection Plan:



Verify

The first 75 days

- ✓ 75-day adjustment
- ✓ 75-day retraining
- ✓ 75-day upgrade protection program[†]
- ✓ Complimentary batteries^{**}
- ✓ Warranty coverage*
- ✓ Loss and damage insurance*



Protect

The first 3 years

- ✓ Warranty checkpoint*
- ✓ Complimentary clean and checks
- ✓ Complimentary reprogramming
- ✓ Annual hearing exams
- ✓ Complimentary batteries^{**}
- ✓ Warranty coverage*
- ✓ Loss and damage insurance*



Validate

4 years & beyond

- ✓ Technology validation procedure
- ✓ Treatment solution options

*AGX1, AGX3 = 1 year; AGX5, AGX7, AGX9 = 3 years.

**3 years, excluding AGX1.

†On AGX3, AGX5, AGX7.

.....

3 steps for **BETTER HEARING**

- 1 Call today to schedule your FREE consultation.
- 2 Meet with your local Pacific Coast Hearing Care professional to discover treatment options.
- 3 Experience better hearing through a custom plan created specifically for your needs.



Pacific Coast
Hearing Care

310.651.8979

PCHearing.com

PROVEN Hearing Care from EXPERIENCED Providers

Pacific Coast Hearing Care has been chosen as an elite private hearing care practice in North America by Audigy, LLC. Our commitment to continuing education ensures that we deliver only the most up-to-date diagnostics and technology to our patients. We are proud to have been selected and certified by an esteemed group of our peers for upholding the highest standards of patient care.

Buy a Hearing Aid, → Give a Hearing Aid

With Our 3H Hearing Aid Donation Program



We're incredibly excited to announce our Buy a Hearing Aid, Give a Hearing Aid donation program. When you invest in better hearing with us, we'll invest in someone else! For every pair of AGX5, 7, or 9 hearing technology purchased, we will donate a new pair of hearing aids to our nonprofit program, 3H. 3H stands for hearing, hands, and H₂O (water). The program provides hearing aids, prosthetic hands, and water filters to people in the Dominican Republic. Come to our event to learn more!

Join us for our
EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR
November 15

IL FORNAIO • 301 N BEVERLY DR • 12–2PM

Space is limited.
Call today to RSVP!
310.651.8979

First-time attendees only. Please RSVP by October 26.



Beverly Hills
414 N Camden Dr, Ste 975
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Monika Sharma, Au.D.
Doctor of Audiology



PC Hearing.com

AUDIGY
CERTIFIED