

MAYOR ORDERS METRO POLICE PATROLS

Bass calls for a ‘surge’ in law enforcement to increase safety amid recent violence on system’s buses, trains.

By Rachel Uranga

Mayor Karen Bass ordered a “surge” of law enforcement inside the region’s hundreds of buses and miles of subway system, saying Metro riders don’t feel safe after a spate of violent attacks that have roiled an agency already struggling to improve safety and increase ridership.

The move by Bass, who heads the board of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, marks a significant departure for the agency, which opted not to beef up law enforcement’s presence to reduce drug use, crime and disruptive behavior. Critics are coming from all sides. Some say the move is too little too late; others call the tactic doomed to fail and say it will only criminalize people who have drug addictions, serious mental illness and no housing.

“The spike in violent crime on Metro that we have recently seen against operators and riders has been absolutely unacceptable,” Bass said. “We wanted to act immediately because we understand that our No. 1

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Newsom criticizes Trump at Vatican

During a summit, he calls out ex-president’s pledge to roll back climate policies.

By Taryn Luna

VATICAN CITY — Gov. Gavin Newsom accused former President Trump of “open corruption” in a speech Thursday at a climate summit of Catholic officials and international leaders, elevating his criticism of the Republican leader in the hallowed halls of the Vatican.

The California governor referenced news stories alleging that Trump recently solicited campaign donations from oil executives and at the same event vowed to walk back climate protections if elected in the 2024 presidential contest.

“He openly asked them for \$1 billion to roll back the environmental progress of the Biden administration, environmental progress that we’ve made over the course of the last half century,” Newsom said. “Open corruption. A billion dollars to pollute our states, to pollute our country, and to pollute this planet and roll back progress.”

The governor spoke at a

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LAW ENFORCEMENT personnel from various agencies mobilize against demonstrating students, faculty and supporters at UC Irvine.

47 arrested in UC Irvine protest



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A UCI PROFESSOR is taken into custody. A campus spokesperson said most of those arrested were booked on suspicion of failing to disperse.

Hundreds of officers descend after demonstrators seize a lecture hall

By Hannah Fry, Grace Toohey and Ruben Vives

In another dramatic campus showdown, hundreds of police officers in riot gear descended on a pro-Palestinian encampment at UC Irvine in an hours-long siege that led to dozens of arrests.

University officials said they took action after a contingent of demonstrators briefly occupied and barricaded a nearby university building Wednesday, escalating a protest that had been tolerated by officials for weeks.

By nightfall Wednesday, police had herded the protesters off-site, dismantled the encampment and ar-

UC grad workers authorize strike

UAW says pro-Palestinian protesters’ rights were violated in crackdowns. CALIFORNIA, B1

rested 47 people, including some faculty members.

The move did little to ease division on campus over the protests and the university’s handling of it.

UCI joins several other California universities, including UCLA, Cal Poly Humboldt and USC, that resorted to mass police action to clear encampments. Protesters at UC Riverside and UC Berkeley agreed to remove their camps in exchange for

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Court is final frontier for starship

Lost Enterprise model from ’60s ‘Star Trek’ resurfaces in legal dispute

By Stacy Perman

In April, Heritage Auctions heralded the discovery of the original model of the USS Enterprise, the iconic starship that whooshed through the stars in the opening credits of the 1960s TV series “Star Trek” but had mysteriously disappeared around 45 years ago.

The auction house, known for its dazzling sales of movie and television props and memorabilia, announced that it was returning the 33-inch model to Eugene “Rod” Roddenberry Jr., son of series creator Gene Roddenberry. The model was kept at Heritage’s Beverly Hills office for safekeeping, the house proclaimed in a statement, shortly after an individual discovered it and brought it to Heritage for authentication.

“After a long journey, she’s home,” Roddenberry’s son posted on X (formerly Twitter).

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Heritage Auctions/HA.com

FOUND in an auctioned storage unit, the original model of the USS Enterprise from the 1960s “Star Trek” series is at the center of a lawsuit.

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Ethics measure heads to L.A. vote

By Dakota Smith

Los Angeles voters in November will weigh in on a ballot measure that would strengthen the city’s ethics oversight after a string of scandals at City Hall.

Watchdog groups were deeply disappointed, saying the measure does not go far enough after the City Council watered down a proposal that had included more sweeping changes, such as giving the volunteer Ethics Commission unilateral power to put items on the ballot.

The ballot measure passed unanimously by the council on Tuesday would increase penalties for violations of the city ethics code to \$15,000 from \$5,000. The city department that includes the commission would get a minimum annual budget of \$6.5 million, slightly more than what is now proposed for the up-

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