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In Sheriff's race, reform candidate Cecil Rhambo secures Supervisor Kuehl's endorsement



Courtesy photo

CHIEF: Cecil Rhambo is locking up endorsements to challenge Sheriff Villanueva.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Positioning himself as the polar opposite of controversial L.A. County Sheriff Alex Villanueva, LAX Police Chief Cecil Rhambo has gained the backing of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl.

The politics of the two career law enforcement officers sharply differ.

While Villanueva believes the Sheriff's department needs more authority and independence to effectively tackle crime, Rhambo feels there is a need to embrace oversight from outside the department.

Rhambo has billed himself as a pro-reform and pro-transparency candidate. He vows to produce results on crime and homelessness using community policing methods and increased collaboration with public agencies and nonprofits.

"As Sheriff, I know Cecil will work with the Board of Supervisors, the Citizens Oversight Commission and the Inspector General to root out corruption, end deputy gangs and bring real and lasting reform to the department," said Kuehl in her endorsement. "He is the absolute best choice for Sheriff."

In 2018, when Villanueva used a coalition of democratic supporters to become the first challenger to unseat an incumbent in over a century, he too touted a platform of reform and transparency.

Villanueva did take early action to end a county jail contract with ICE, but his alliance with liberal politicians and their agenda did not prove to be enduring.

The Civilian Oversight Commission and the LA County Democratic Party called for Villanueva to resign in 2020 and 2021 respectively. Both groups criticized his department for a lack of accountability and failure to introduce meaningful reforms or take action on police brutality.

Villanueva has taken an adversarial attitude to several elected democrats, including the mayor, supervisors, and city

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Murder charge for driver in hit-and-run case

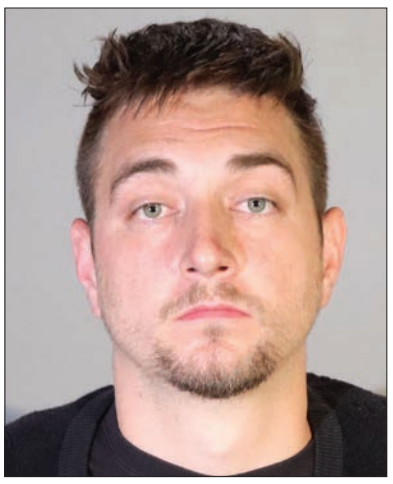
MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A Culver City man has been arrested for murder following a fatal hit-and-run incident at Busby's Restaurant/Bar on Monday.

Nicholas Ralph Sloan has been charged with murder, assault with a deadly weapon and DUI after he killed a man at about 1:05 a.m. on August 2.

According to SMPD, Sloan was asked by restaurant staff to leave Busby's on Santa Monica Blvd. before the incident. Sloan, angered by this demand, exited the establishment, and retrieved his vehicle. He then drove through the parking lot in an aggressive manner before attempting to intentionally hit a customer standing in front of the business. However, Sloan only ran over the foot of his intended target and instead struck the victim.

Lieutenant Rudy Flores said the victim knew the suspect and the two had been in the bar together.



NICHOLAS RALPH SLOAN

The victim was transported to a local hospital and later died of his injuries.

The Los Angeles Coroner's office said identification of the victim is being withheld pending notification to the family.

According to witnesses, Sloan's

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Trial begins for alleged rapist

JAIME PAIGE
Special to the Daily Press

The first day of Dylan James Jensen's trial for the alleged rape of a Santa Monica woman began Monday.

Jensen, 42, who was homeless when he was arrested, is accused of Rape, Sodomy, Sexual Battery, Burglary and Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

The alleged rape took place on June 4, 2018 at about 5:55 a.m., near 4th Street and Ashland, according to the Santa Monica Police Department.

Police say that Jensen entered the victim's apartment through an unlocked sliding door of an elevated patio, took a knife from the kitchen, and went into the victim's bedroom while she was sleeping.

During her testimony Monday, the victim said that she woke up to Jensen putting his hands over her mouth and a knife up to her face. She said she began to make noise but that Jensen had repeatedly told her to "shut up."

The victim said Jensen then began stabbing her bed multiple times. She described trying to be as still as she could so that she wouldn't get stabbed. "All I could think was that I could die, and what can I do to survive this," the victim said in tears.

While testifying about the alleged rape, the victim said that Jensen was not making a lot of sense–and, at one point, described

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CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

FRIDAY, JULY 23 6:16 P.M.

Officers responded to Memorial Park regarding the report of an "Indecent Exposure." Dispatch relayed that an individual had his pants down, while yelling at people and carrying a pipe. Upon arrival, officers observed a subject matching the description provided by Dispatchers holding a large stick. When Officers attempted to speak to the individual he became confrontational and broke the stick in half and challenged officers to shoot or tase him. Officers attempted to calm the individual down and formulated a plan with assisting units to subdue and arrest the subject. At the police station, the subject was determined to be in possession and under the influence of methamphetamine. Jeremy Elijah Martin was charged with 647(f) PC-Public Intoxication of drugs, 148(a)(1) PC Obstruct/delay/resist a Peace Officer, and 11377(a)- H&S Possession of a controlled substance.

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As required by of the State of California, Education Code Section 81363.5, the SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT is providing notification that the District intends to sell the following surplus property:

Property Description	
Jurisdiction Name	Santa Monica Community College District
Jurisdiction Type	School District
Site Address	1825 Pearl Street
City	Santa Monica
Zip	90405
County	Los Angeles
Assessor Parcel Number	4273-002-900
General Plan Designation	R2 Low Density Residential
Zoning Designation	R2 Low Density Residential
Minimum Density Allowed	1 unit
Maximum Density Allowed	5 units
Parcel Size	0.1413453 acre (6,157 sq. ft.)
Existing Use/Vacancy	Residential (2 occupied; 2 Vacant)
Minimum Sales Price	$1,300,000
Last Appraised Price	$1,300,000
Last Appraised Date	March 24, 2019

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If the District receives more than one letter of interest by November 1, 2021, it will give first priority in accordance with Government Code Section 54227. This notice is being published simultaneously with the written notice required by Government Code Section 54222.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 295 CALLS ON AUGUST 3

Battery 3400blk Pico Blvd 3:47 a.m.
Found Property 2200blk Virginia Ave 5:36 a.m.
Encampment 28th St / Ocean Park 5:45 a.m.
Encampment 1300blk Palisades Park 6:33 a.m.
Sexual Assault 2200blk Virginia Ave 7:14 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1000blk Michigan Ave 7:32 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1100blk Hill St 7:38 a.m.
Battery 1600blk 11th St 7:57 a.m.
Lewd Activity 200blk Santa Monica Pier 8:16 a.m.
Encampment 800blk Palisades Park 8:32 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1900blk La Mesa Dr 8:38 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 8:56 a.m.
Person With A Gun 1300blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:57 a.m.
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Petty Theft 400blk Broadway 9:05 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 9:12 a.m.
General Parking Problem 300blk Olympic Dr 9:14 a.m.
Encampment 2200blk Virginia Ave 9:19 a.m.
Burglary Report 800blk 25th St 9:44 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300blk Olympic Dr 9:47 a.m.
Dumping 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:56 a.m.
Death Notification 900blk 17th St 10:05 a.m.
Burglary Report 800blk 25th St 10:11 a.m.
Battery Report 2400blk Virginia Ave 10:22 a.m.
Expired Registration 2100blk Pennsylvania Ave 10:22 a.m.
Person With A Gun 300blk Santa Monica Pier 10:25 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1200blk Idaho Ave 10:34 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2000blk Navy St 10:37 a.m.
Fraud Report 3100blk 6th St 10:39 a.m.
Encampment 500blk Wilshire Blvd 10:52 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 2500blk San Vicente Blvd 11:00 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:09 a.m.
Expired Registration 3000blk 18th St 11:12 a.m.
Fraud Report 1800blk 14th St 11:41 a.m.
Petty Theft 1400blk Ocean Ave 11:45 a.m.
Lewd Activity 4th St / Wilshire Blvd 11:49 a.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper 1100blk 2nd St 11:53 a.m.
Person With A Gun 300blk Santa Monica Pier 12:03 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1200blk 10th St 12:04 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 300blk Santa Monica Pier 12:16 p.m.
Petty Theft Cloverfield Blvd / Olympic Blvd 12:34 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper 300blk Santa Monica Pier 12:37 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 5th St / Arizona Ave 12:48 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 2500blk Michigan Ave 12:58 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1800blk 7th St 1:12 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1200blk 10th St 1:13 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2700blk 7th St 1:34 p.m.
Battery Report 2600blk 11th St 1:42 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2000blk 10th St 2:02 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1000blk 10th St 2:18 p.m.
Speeding 18th St / Michigan Ave 2:18 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 800blk 18th St 2:44 p.m.
Lost Property 1500blk Ocean Front Walk 2:52 p.m.
Petty Theft 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:00 p.m.
Petty Theft 1600blk The Beach 3:07 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 1400blk 18th St 3:10 p.m.
Found Property 1400blk Wilshire Blvd 3:12 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2300blk Ashland Ave 3:24 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 800blk Palisades Park 3:39 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:48 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 700blk 4th St 3:55 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 200blk Adelaide Dr 3:59 p.m.
Encampment 2300blk 4th St 4:01 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2100blk Georgina Ave 4:18 p.m.
Battery 1300blk 2nd St 4:19 p.m.
Burglary Report 1300blk 14th St 4:19 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 900blk Harvard St 4:33 p.m.
Petty Theft 200blk Adelaide Dr 4:39 p.m.
Petty Theft 200blk Adelaide Dr 4:39 p.m.
Attempt Burglary 1100blk 11th St 4:41 p.m.
Found Property Euclid St / California Ave 4:47 p.m.
Overdose 1200blk Harvard St 4:57 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2800blk Arizona Ave 5:02 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2400blk 4th St 5:07 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1200blk 16th St 5:10 p.m.
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Stolen Vehicle Recovered 00blk Bay St 5:31 p.m.
Stalking 800blk Ocean Park Blvd 5:45 p.m.
Domestic Violence 2400blk 5th St 5:49 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 800blk 2nd St 5:50 p.m.
Petty Theft 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:56 p.m.
Found Property Main St / Bay St 6:22 p.m.
Public Intoxication Barnard Way / Ocean Park Blvd 6:29 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 800blk 2nd St 6:46 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Cloverfield Blvd / Kansas Ave 6:57 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 2000blk Cloverfield Blvd 6:57 p.m.
Person With A Gun 2300blk Wilshire Blvd 7:18 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1100blk 3rd St 7:29 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1600blk Appian Way 7:50 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1400blk Georgina Ave 8:00 p.m.
Loud Music 1400blk Montana Ave 8:02 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 7th St / Idaho Ave 8:09 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper In Progress 1400blk Ocean Ave 8:19 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 400blk Broadway 9:08 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 00blk Pico Blvd 9:08 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 9:14 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 600blk Marguerita Ave 9:16 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2100blk Lincoln Blvd 9:16 p.m.
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Lewd Activity 2900blk 31st St 9:34 p.m.
Party Complaint 2200blk 32nd St 10:08 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2600blk 34th St 10:49 p.m.
Living In A Vehicle 400blk Georgina Ave 11:49 p.m.

California spending billions to house homeless in hotels

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

When homeless outreach workers first visited her encampment under a Los Angeles highway overpass last fall, Veronica Perez was skeptical of their offer of not just a bed, but a furnished apartment complete with meals, counseling and the promise of some stability in her life.

"They said they had housing for me, but it just didn't seem real," Perez said. "When you're homeless, you become leery and you don't trust people."

Perez, 57, had been sleeping in cars or tents all over Southern California since she lost her job at a storage facility three years ago and couldn't pay her rent.

The second time the outreach team came to the camp beneath Interstate 405, Perez decided she was ready to take a chance and make a change.

She accepted the offer and took residence in one of 6,000 new units built statewide over the past year as part of Project Homekey. The program started in June 2020 is repurposing vacant hotels, motels and other unused properties as permanent supportive housing.

Homekey is the lynchpin of Gov. Gavin Newsom's $12 billion plan to combat homelessness in the nation's most populous state. California has an estimated 161,000 unhoused people, more than a quarter of the nationwide total of 580,000, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Newsom signed the funding bill July 19, calling it the "largest single investment in providing support for the most vulnerable in American history."

Newsom's office said $800 million — most of it federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act money — was spent on Homekey in 2020 to provide shelter for 8,200 people. Now the administration plans to go even bigger: California will spend $5.8 billion of state and federal funds over two years to expand the program and create an estimated 42,000 housing units.

"If you think of last year as a proof of concept, you can think of this year as taking this strategy to scale and making it a centerpiece of California's approach to housing the homeless," said Jason Elliott, senior counselor to Newsom.

Newsom has made tackling homelessness one of his top priorities. Now that the governor faces a recall election, Republican candidates have released their own plans to combat the crisis. John Cox wants to require unhoused people to receive any needed treatment for addiction or mental illness before they can get housing. Kevin Faulconer wants to build more shelters to make it easier to clear encampments.

It's not just Republicans who are exasperated. The mostly progressive Los Angeles City Council this month passed a controversial anti-camping measure to remove homeless encampments.

Other states are also grappling with the escalating crisis. This summer New York City instituted an aggressive campaign to remove encampments from Manhattan, and Mayor Bill de Blasio plans to transfer over 8,000 people from hotels where they were placed at the start of the pandemic into shelters.

And in Washington state, Seattle residents will vote on a measure that would force the mayor to take steps to combat the problem, including creating 2,000 shelter or housing spaces within a year.

In California, Homekey is an outgrowth of Project Roomkey, a temporary effort during the coronavirus outbreak to find shelter at hotels, which Elliot said provided beds for 42,000 homeless people 65 and older or others susceptible to COVID-19. It has been extended through June 2022.

Under Homekey, the state buys the properties, covers all construction and conversion costs, then hands them over to cities or counties that contract with local service providers.

The state's effort should be applauded but amounts to a "drop in the bucket," said Eve Garrow, analyst with the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California.

"This is substantial, but it's nowhere near enough to meet the needs of all the people currently displaced from housing," she said.

A Homekey site at a hotel in the small Silicon Valley city of Milpitas met with some local opposition, prompting a lawsuit accusing officials of pushing the project through without public hearings.

"We're saying, you need to ask us permission before you spend our taxpayers' money and build in our city," said Suraj Viswanathan, a member of the group Voices Of Milpitas. The litigation was settled, with the group securing regular security patrols in the hotel's neighborhood and twice-yearly meetings.

The former hotel that Perez now calls home is run by the nonprofit The People Concern, which operates three properties in LA County with a total of 162 units. All three are approaching capacity.

CEO John Maceri said the state has set up local governments for success, but it will take a combined effort of politicians and service providers to sustain the program. He estimates conversion costs will be far less than $550,000 per unit, the going rate for building from the ground up. It's also much faster than building new units, and speed is important in a crisis.

"The goal should always be to provide permanent housing solutions faster and cheaper," Maceri said.

At her new home in central Los Angeles, Perez relishes her privacy, enjoys the three meals provided daily and appreciates that she was allowed to bring her cat. She attends a weekly painting class.

"They told us, make yourself feel at home. And I do," she said. Staff helped her apply for a new Social Security card and will assist her in

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MONTH OF AUGUST

ANNUAL WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

For the month of August, the contractor will continue installation of new water main on Raymond Ave between 4th Street and 6th Street and connecting the new water main on 18th Court between Delaware Ave and Pico Blvd. The contractor will also begin utility excavation and identification work on 2nd Street between Hill Street and Ashland Ave. Traffic on 18th Court, Raymond Ave, and 2nd Street will be closed to through traffic. Please use alternate routes whenever possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carlos Rosales at carlos.rosales@smgov.net or (310) 458-2201, x2620.

ADVANCED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, PHASE 5 PROJECT

For the month of August, this project will upgrade the traffic signal equipment at four locations and install fiber optic cables along Montana Ave and 26th St.; The project will provide transit priority along the corridor, allow for real-time remote monitoring and management of the traffic signals, provide public Wi-Fi along the corridor, and connect the San Vicente Reservoir and the Montana Avenue Branch Library to the City's network. We appreciate your patience during the project, to provide this safety improvement and public enhancements. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jay Dinkins at jay.dinkins@smgov.net or (310) 458-8291.

CITY YARDS MODERNIZATION PROJECT

For the month of August, construction will impact the project area located at 2500 Michigan Ave, which will affect the side-walk and parking lane on the north side of Delaware Ave just east of 24th St. Please contact Senior Construction Manager Sebastian Felbeck at sebastian.felbeck@smgov.net or (310) 434-2675 with any questions/concerns regarding this project.

SUSTAINABLE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT (SWIP) UNDERGROUND WORK

From 7/22/21 - 9/30/21, underground pipeline work on Main Street between Pico Blvd and Olympic Drive.

1. Expect delays on northbound and southbound Main St. from Pico Blvd. to Olympic Dr.
2. Temporary loss of 4 metered parking stalls on northbound Main St.
3. Temporary loss of sidewalk on northbound Main St, please follow detour signs and cross at designated crossings.

For questions or inquiries, please contact Jason Hoang, Construction Manager, at jason.hoang@santamonica.gov or (310) 351-7913.

PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS AT 4 SCHOOLS PROJECT

For the month of August, this construction project will include striping and signage improvements, on Ocean Park Blvd, between 14th St and 17 St. Minimal parking impacts where Temporary No Parking signs are posted. Please use alternate routes when possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Saad Malim at saad.malim@smgov.net or (310) 458-2201, x5048.

ALLEY RENEWAL PROGRAM

For the month of August through December, Street Maintenance Crews will begin alley repair work as part of the Alley Renewal Program in the 200 Blk of 16th Court. The scope of this work involves alley resurfacing and water box upgrade. This project is citywide and will involve repairs across multiple locations from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please use alternate routes whenever possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tyler Brown at tyler.brown@smgov.net or (310) 458-8212.

NON-POTABLE WATER MAIN PROJECT

For the month of August, 2021 the contractor will be testing and connecting the newly installed non-potable water main on Ocean Ave, Olympic Drive and Main Street. The contractor will also performing restoration work of the newly installed non-potable water mains on Cloverfield Blvd between Olympic Blvd and Michigan Avenue, Michigan Avenue from Cloverfield Blvd to east end of Michigan Avenue and on 17th Street between Delaware Ave and Pico Blvd. The contractor will maintain one lane of traffic in the southbound direction on Cloverfield Blvd and Michigan Avenue and in each direction on Ocean Avenue, Olympic Drive and Main Street. Please use alternate routes whenever possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carlos Rosales at carlos.rosales@smgov.net or (310) 458-2201, x2620.

ANNUAL PAVING AND SIDEWALK REPAIR PROJECT

For the Month of August, contractor Excel Paving & Pavement Coatings Company will put will put down a glue type bonding material called "slurry seal" over the existing asphalt pavement to extend the life of asphalt pavement.
Street closures will take three day on August 9, August 10 and August 11.
No traffic and no vehicle access will be allowed.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Over $7 Billion in State Money is Available Now to Pay Past Due Rent and Utility Costs for Renters and Landlords

The statewide "CA COVID-19 Rent Relief" program (also commonly referred to as "Housing is Key") is now open and taking applications to help income-eligible households with 100% of rent and utilities, for both past and future amounts owed. Santa Monica renters and property owners are urged to review income eligibility and apply today at housing.ca.gov or by calling (833) 430-2122. This rental assistance program, along with the statewide eviction moratorium, is intended to keep families housed, shield tenants from eviction, and help both landlords and tenants recover from the economic impacts of COVID-19.

Here's what you need to know:

Qualifying tenants and landlords should apply to the rental assistance program as soon as possible; funds are available until the money runs out.

Rental assistance is not automatic, tenants and landlords must apply to get help.

The statewide eviction moratorium protecting tenants from nonpayment of rent expires on September 30, 2021.

"We want everyone across our community to be aware of the state funds available to tenants and landlords to pay 100% of housing and utility costs for income-eligible households impacted by COVID-19," said Santa Monica Mayor Sue Himmelrich. "These funds will support our recovery and ensure Santa Monicans can stay in their homes. Our City is committed to sharing this information with every eligible landlord and tenant. Apply today, Santa Monica!"

The City of Santa Monica is launching an outreach program to ensure that all residential tenants and landlords have an opportunity to apply for $5.2 billion in rental assistance and $2 billion in utility assistance pledged by the State of California. The outreach plan focuses on equitable access for our most vulnerable community members and is designed to reach tenants and landlords who are unaware of the rental-assistance program, or who have been unable to apply because of disability or lack of access to technology or internet service. Efforts will include print and digital outreach, including mailers, flyers, door-hangers, social media, email and more.

This builds on prior COVID-19 housing relief efforts. The City of Santa Monica has previously distributed over $2.8 million in rental assistance to over 640 Santa Monica families since March 2020 by leveraging federal funding from Community Development Block Grants and the CARES Act as well as local funding from the City's General Fund and community contributions to the We Are Santa Monica Fund.

For more information about the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program and to apply, visit housing.ca.gov or call (833) 430-2122. If you need help applying, contact 3-1-1 or 311@santamonica.gov.

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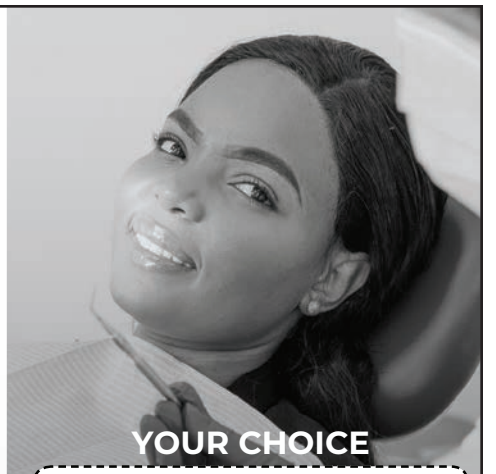
MURDER

FROM PAGE 1

vehicle, a dark colored Porsche Panamera, was last seen traveling eastbound on Santa Monica Blvd. and was later stopped by a California Highway Patrol officer for speeding near Ventura Blvd. and Corbin Ave. Sloane was originally booked for DUI at the Lost Hills Sheriff's Station and his vehicle was impounded. He was later taken into custody by Santa Monica detectives.

Anyone with additional information pertaining to this incident is strongly encouraged to contact Detective Tavera with the Criminal Investigations Division at 310-458-2201 ext. 2256, by email at ismael.tavera@smgov.net or Santa Monica Police Department's Watch Commander (24 hours) at 310-458-8427.

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Noteworthy

Charles Andrews
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Feast / Famine, A Music Scourge

WHAT CAN I TELL YOU?

That I didn't last week, about how the anti-science idiots have ruined things for us all with their needless, reckless pandemic of the unvaccinated, that requires us to wear masks again and forces the music venues that were just opening up after 15 long months, to reassess everything. It's going to slow things down tremendously, maybe even shove things two steps back. Some will not survive that.

Thanks, Donald, and your empty-headed QAnon cult cretins. It's hardly the worst of his legacy, this hard hit on live performance, but he certainly has been the Blue Meanie, decimating musicians' livelihoods and maybe their careers with the way he handled this pandemic politically and not scientifically, or humanely, and making live music venues struggle even more or even close their doors for good.

But Charles — it's only music. People are dying! Yes, we all know who is getting seriously sick and hospitalized now, and dying, in unheard of numbers, predicted to hit 1,000,000 by the end of the year. So I guess I lied in my opening statement, that I already said all I had to say about this last week, but now I am one week more annoyed. That history and reality is always the backdrop against which I write each week and it's hard not to let it intrude so if it bothers you, dear reader, I'm sorry, but I think a lot of us are going through the same process. It is hard to separate art from life sometimes.

WHERE'S THE FEAST?

Enough about the looming famine, eh? Count your blessings, even if you need only one handful of fingers, with a couple curled under.

The feast, this week, is being served at the same two places I've been writing most about lately, our own Harvelle's on 4th Street, and the magnificent mountain stage showcasing the exceptional acting, directing and writing prowess of the beat-the-black-list endeavor actor Will Geer launched more than half a century ago, carried on faithfully by his family, amidst the sylvan setting of Topanga Canyon's Theatricum Botanicum.

Yes, I do go on sometimes, but when I find something outstanding, and incredibly consistent (especially over a period of many years, or decades), and still little known by many... Well, that's my own invented job description.

THE JAZZ BAKERY

I can think of only one other LA venue that I have found to be 100 percent reliable in the quality of performances they present, over a fairly wide range of their art form, and that is the Jazz Bakery. It doesn't matter if I'm a fan of who is playing that night, and knowledgeable, or barely familiar, I have never walked out feeling anything but... really jazzed. Ruth Price, a renowned jazz vocalist of earlier days, started the JB almost 30 years ago and has curated and booked it with experience and impeccable taste the whole time. We are fortunate that it is now located in the beautiful Moss Theater space in the New Roads School right here in Santa Monica.

Their website calendar is a bit confusing and I haven't spoken with Ruth for some time, but my guess is that she, like some others, is being cautious, and that probably is the best course right now. It looks like there are some shows booked for the late fall. When she gets up and running again, you will read about it here. Also cautious, it seems, is our beloved McCabe's concert room. They have some shows scheduled for Oct. and Nov., but who knows? More likely to happen, we hope, is their coup booking of Janis Ian for next March, a stop on her The End of the Line Tour, and it likely really is, because she's not 17 any more.

YOU CAN FEAST

At Harvelle's for a while, every Sunday and Tuesday night. Sundays has seen the return of the inimitable, formidable, the always entertaining The Toledo Show. You've never caught this act? Where have you been for 30-some years? After long residencies in Hollywood, Long Beach and other parts of town, he has been ensconced here in downtown Santa Monica for... a very long time, disappeared for COVID but now is back, with his hot band and his dancing Dames.

I have heard that he may have brought the dynamic EM to the attention of the smart guys at Harvelle's, and that would make sense because she also has a dancers performance schtick to her show too. I recommend you read what I wrote about her last week — I was pretty much blown away, thanks for the tip, Ron — but you might want to run a little faster to catch her because while Toledo Diamond has found a perfect home at Harvelle's, EM is such a big talent that she begs a bigger venue. Don't say I didn't warn you.

A PICNIC FEAST IN TOPANGA

Will be available all summer, and this weekend you can stuff yourself and be bouncing off the walls with great theater.

Why not? In a COVID-compelled shortened Shakespeare season, only two plays instead of double that or more, you can revel in "Julius Caesar" this Friday (tomorrow night!) and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Sunday evening, treating yourself to the new "The Last, Best Small Town" on Saturday night. All at 7:30, various prices, generous discounts for seniors, students and teachers, veterans, and AEA. (Will would have wanted it that way.)

I'll say it again: their Shakespeare is their reputation, deservedly so. You will not hear amateurs stumbling over the Bard's luscious language, but caressing it, exploding it, giving it perfect nuance and understanding. And rarely will you see a stage with so many

SEE **NOTEWORTHY** PAGE 11

Orange County school board to sue over K-12 mask mandate

Associated Press

A Southern California school board announced plans to sue Gov. Gavin Newsom over a state mandate requiring K-12 students to wear masks in classrooms, saying face coverings are harmful to children and the governor is abusing his power.

The Orange County Board of Education, which last year unsuccessfully sued Newsom to reopen classrooms, voted 4-0 in a closed session Tuesday in favor of filing a lawsuit against the Democratic governor, The Orange County Register reported.

A statement read aloud by the board's counsel said that Newsom has abused his authority by continuing to issue coronavirus health edicts under a state of emergency and that the latest school mask rule is a burden that "compounds the harm to California's children previously caused by prior school closures and unwarranted masking requirements."

The board did not present any data as evidence of adverse effects of masking on children or acknowledge public health studies that have shown masking reduces the spread of the virus.

The board does not have the authority to implement rules over the county's 27 school districts.

Last month, state health officials announced that all teachers and students will be required to wear masks indoors, regardless of vaccination status, when classrooms reopen for the fall term.

The rules differed from the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at the time, which said fully vaccinated people didn't have to wear masks indoors. The CDC has since reversed course, saying fully vaccinated people should wear masks indoors again in places with high COVID-19 transmission rates.

The federal agency also said last month that students and staff should stay at least 3 feet (1 meter) apart to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

State officials say they worried that imposing physical distancing rules would make it harder for some schools to accommodate all students. So they dropped the distancing requirement and required masks for everyone; a tradeoff they say will enable all students to return to in-person classes.

In recent weeks, COVID-19 cases have surged in Orange County and statewide due to the highly contagious delta variant.

On Monday, Orange County reported an average of 626 new COVID-19 cases a day for the previous seven days, up from 72 new cases a day reported on July 2.

Last August, the same school board sued Newsom to reopen schools that had been closed due to COVID-19. A petition went to the state Supreme Court asking it to review the case, but was ultimately denied.

Last month, two parent groups — Let Them Breathe and Reopen California Schools — filed a lawsuit against Newsom and state public health officials seeking to end the school mask mandate.

The mask mandate and Newsom's handling of the pandemic are among the politically charged issues Republicans have seized on to fuel a recall campaign against the Democratic governor.

KBUG

FROM PAGE 4

Each street block will closed for one day between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Street closure notice! Locations are:
- Ashland Ave. between 23rd St and Lincoln Blvd.
- Pearl Ave. between 14th St and Euclid St
- Pearl Ave between 11th St and 10th St.
- Euclid St between Idaho Ave and Wilshire Ave
- Euclid St between Alta Ave and Montana Ave
- 9th St between Alta Ave and Montana Ave
- Vincente Ter North between Appian Way and Ocean Ave

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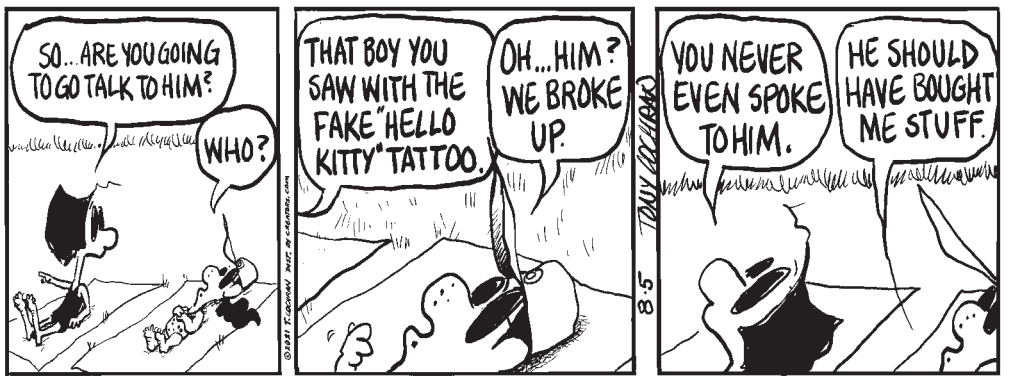






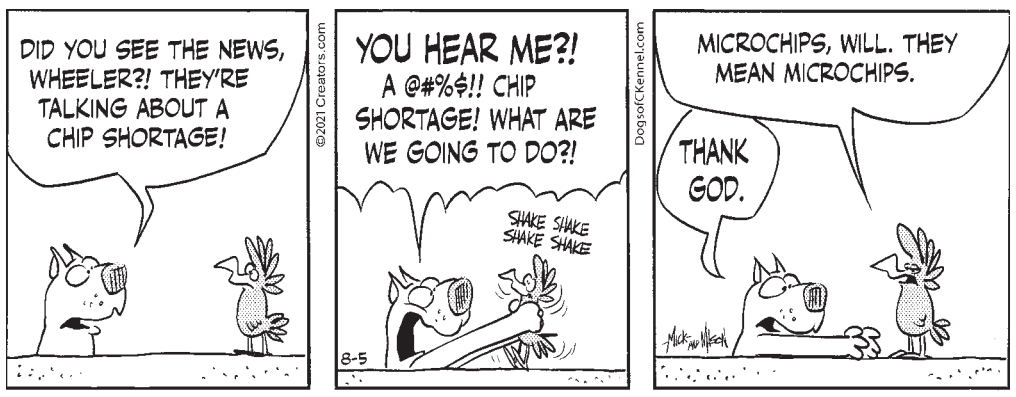
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By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



Heathcliff

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Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING





SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 68.0°

THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Continued fun SSW/S swell at the summer spots – easing SPAC surf and holding SSW swell from Hilda. AM wind looks light and conditions clean. Tide will slow some of the points again.

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
SSW/S swell mix looks to ease but NW windswell is up slightly – could be peaky and kinda fun for beachbreaks. AM wind looks light and conditions clean. Elevated tide will slow some of the points.

WEATHER

Thursday: Mostly cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 72.
Thursday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 64. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

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2021/08/05	Thu	8:03 PM	5.94	H
2021/08/06	Fri	03:25 AM	-0.28	L
2021/08/06	Fri	09:57 AM	3.88	H
2021/08/06	Fri	2:25 PM	2.52	L
2021/08/06	Fri	8:39 PM	6.19	H
2021/08/07	Sat	03:55 AM	-0.46	L
2021/08/07	Sat	10:22 AM	4.01	H
2021/08/07	Sat	3:01 PM	2.34	L
2021/08/07	Sat	9:14 PM	6.35	H
2021/08/08	Sun	04:25 AM	-0.56	L
2021/08/08	Sun	10:49 AM	4.14	H
2021/08/08	Sun	3:39 PM	2.17	L
2021/08/08	Sun	9:49 PM	6.38	H
2021/08/09	Mon	04:56 AM	-0.54	L
2021/08/09	Mon	11:19 AM	4.29	H
2021/08/09	Mon	4:19 PM	2.03	L
2021/08/09	Mon	10:25 PM	6.24	H
2021/08/10	Tue	05:26 AM	-0.40	L

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 7/31
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Power#: 4
Jackpot: 211 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 8/3
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Mega#: 5
Jackpot: 13 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/3
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Daily 3
Draw Date: 8/3
EVENING: 3 8 4

Draw Date: 8/3
MIDDAY: 7 7 4

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 8/3
1st: 09 - Winning Spirit
2nd: 08 - Gorgeous George
3rd: 12 - Lucky Charms
Race Time: 1:40.26

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You're needed! Not so much that you feel pressure, but enough to where you understand the difference you make. Helping others will be your pleasure and happiness. You become self-sufficient in new ways, too, which gives you freedoms you've been craving. A financial gain will allow you to explore a new interest. Cancer and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 30, 33, 21 and 18.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). One way to conquer fear is to learn all you can about what you are afraid of. Look at it; get involved with it; figure out its mechanics and preferences, what it needs and, most importantly, what it's afraid of.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). How you feel around people will make a huge difference. Ideally, you have people around you who help you stay loose, creative and solution-oriented.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Don't leave yourself an out. Go for the hike, not the treadmill, which can be abandoned on a whim at any moment. Once you commit to the hike, however far in you get, that's the distance you'll have to go to get back.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Praise is like food. A certain amount is required. The more nutrient-dense, the better. But praise too sweet, empty or overabundant may be gratifyingly useless or even treacherous. Be disciplined in your give and take.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). One simple principle will organize the rest. Decide what and who is important, and spend all your yeses there. Everything else is a no that you don't even have to say. Everyone will see you're busy!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll see examples of ugly entitlement, an effective deterrent. How will you keep yourself from being spoiled? Humility, gratitude, charity, duty... no need to choose one. Take a teaspoon of each virtue, and mix it into your day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you start comparing yourself to others, where will you stop? There are well over 7 billion people in the world, many of them with social media accounts. Minding your own business will pay off in healthy and productive ways.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There is no way to learn less. You can forget the lesson, rebel against it or even adopt its opposite belief, but the learning still happened, and you're still changed by it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be challenged to difficult tasks, instructionless or unpopular, cryptically laid out, requiring of your courage and ingenuity. In other words, it's just another day at the office.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Steer away from the overglorification of the intangible magic you wield. Stick with the nuts and bolts of the job. All charmed outcomes will come together through the proficient execution of tasks.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your big heart cannot be contained. It will pump joy into everything you do, beat faster for someone special and stay in perfect rhythm with your highly choreographed world.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Everyone is great in a different way. With each person you meet, you make a habit of finding out just what kind of greatness you're dealing with so you can feature and enjoy it.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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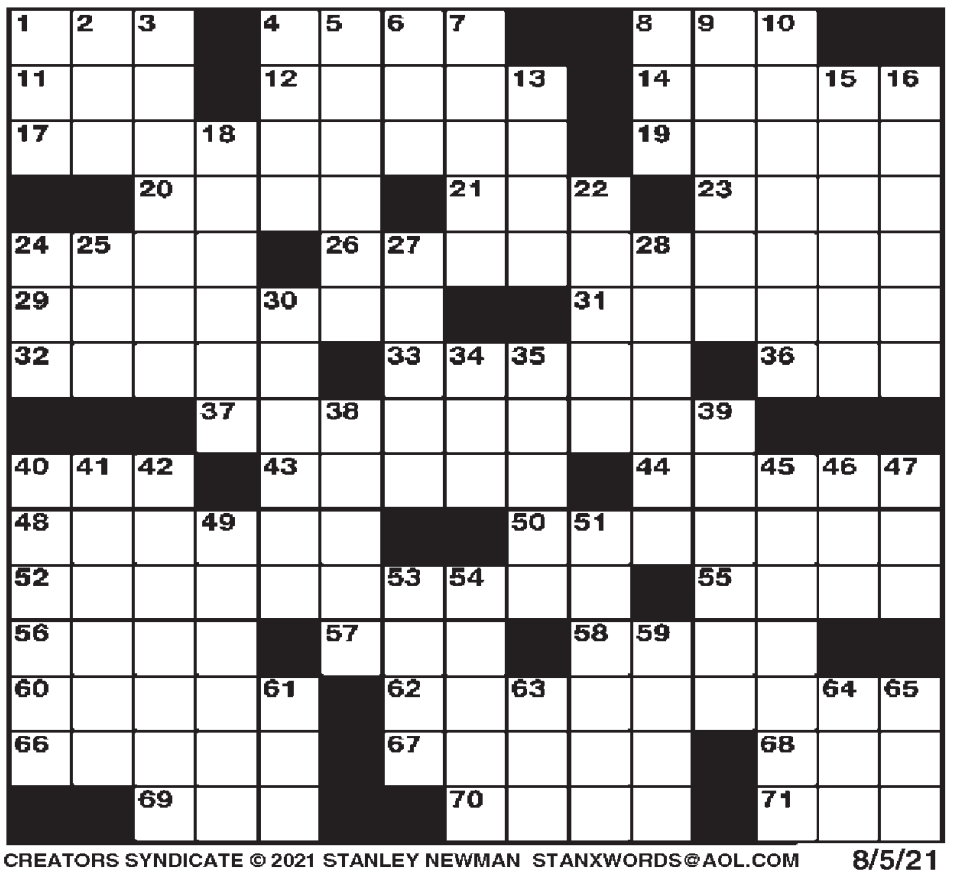
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4 Club with a house
8 Setting at the BBC
11 John in Scotland
12 Acetic citrus
14 Some Pulitzer winners
17 Consumer annoyance
19 Hold back on the blinking
20 Language related to Laotian
21 Directional suffix
23 It sounds like a duck
24 Ovid's others
26 Concept in statistics class
29 She's engaged
31 Undivided
32 Impolite exhalation
33 Teach how
36 Initials in old atlases
37 Pitching stat
40 Less-than-key worker
43 Steal or simmer
44 Gem State product
48 Cry from Juliet
50 Outdoor
52 Very slow movement
55 Lozenge containers
56 Hard to believe
57 Pencil game center
58 Tied
60 Geographical ring
62 A to B, in music
66 Name that means "born again"
67 Age-old battlers
68 Epoch
69 Common MBA prerequisite
70 Prepare for recycling
71 Dragon's retreat

DOWN
1 Criticize harshly
2 Obstruct
3 Sign, briefly
4 Tiny biter
5 Bring back on board
6 "__ dreaming?"
7 Bit of cryptocurrency
8 Rte. finder
9 "Hitsville U.S.A." label
10 Packets in pantries
13 Overenthusiastic buff
15 Chat room troublemakers
16 One on a quest
18 Possibility
22 Deferential denial
24 Frequent POTUS plane destination, for short
25 Make it all up
27 Protector named for a peak
28 Tiny
30 Wedding setting
34 DVR button
35 Impromptu
38 Birds do it
39 Brittany city
40 Spotlight sharer
41 Highly decorated
42 Acquiesce
45 No longer pure
46 Austrian article
47 People-moving cos.
49 Chaucer pilgrim
51 Utensil for a 44 Across
53 Furry feet
54 Has a yen (for)
59 Safari attire
61 Oscar director from Taiwan
63 51 Down brand
64 Homophone for "air"
65 Batter holder



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Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5197

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SHERIFF
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councilmembers. In an Aug 4. town hall meeting, Villanueva referenced supervisors 46 times, accusing them of ignoring rises in violent crime, lacking transparency, being unresponsive, lacking oversight, and failing to create rapid housing options for unhoused individuals.

Rhambo, on the other hand, is actively courting and gaining the support of democratic officials. Kuehl's endorsement comes on the heels of other notable endorsements including California State Controller Betty Yee and Los Angeles County Democratic Party Vice-Chair Sergio Carrillo.

"I am deeply encouraged by Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's confidence in my ability to restore public trust in the Sheriff's Department," said Rhambo. "She recognizes my four decades of diverse public service as the foundation needed to bring about real reform, and positive, lasting change in the Sheriff's Department that the people of L.A. County need and deserve."

According to his campaign website, Rhambo's approach to departmental change focuses on ending sheriff gangs, embracing oversight, and refusing to reinstate fired officers under any circumstances.

Rhambo is half-Black half-Korean and grew up in Compton, where he served stints as the Captain of Compton's Sheriff patrol contract and the City Manager. He has worked in law enforcement for 33 years across several roles, including assisting in creating the Shooting and Force Response Team and later leading the Sheriff's Community Oriented Policing Bureau.

Although the 2022 election is still 15 months away, the race for Sheriff is already a crowded one. Villanueva has noted his intent to run for reelection, while Sheriff's Chief Eli Vera, Sheriff's Lt. Eric Strong, Enrique Del Real, and April Saucedo Hood have also thrown their names into the ring.

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RAPIST
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him as schizophrenic or high or on drugs. She said he would speak "gibberish," and that his conversations were all over the place. She said at one point she believed he thought she was someone else. "He kept saying that I was cheating on him. Like he thought he knew me."

The prosecution went over the alleged rape in detail, often having the victim describe acts of anal and vaginal penetration. During her testimony, the victim said at one point, Jensen put his hands around her neck with a lot of pressure.

The victim said that out of an act of survival, she told Jensen that she would be late for work–and that her boss was very strict and may show up at the door knocking if she was too late. "I wanted him to be gone," she told the court.

The victim also said that at one point she tried to connect with Jensen and asked him his name. She said he had told her it was David, but she later learned that was not the case.

Throughout her testimony, the victim continued to tell the prosecuting attorney she wanted to survive the alleged rape–and do what she could do to "not die."

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NOTEWORTHY
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possibilities for setting, from troops coming down the hillside to soliloquies in the trees.

I saw the world premier of "The Last, Best Small Town," by local playwright John Guerra, directed superbly by Ellen Geer, and I foolishly worried a little for part of the first half because I had brought three guests who had never been there before, I had of course properly hyped it, and… things were moving a little slowly.

And then we got what I should have known was coming, twists and turns and so many important human issues addressed with insight through the acting and excellent writing, of home and love, race and expectations. At play's end my friends couldn't stop talking about it and asked when the next performance was.

Well, now you know, and now you know how to have a rockin' great weekend, through Tuesday actually. You can catch the Toledo Show Sunday night after you return from Topanga. No — seriously. I might.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 34 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

HOMELESS
FROM PAGE 3

finding a job when she's ready.

Perez was diagnosed with PTSD from her years on the streets and receives on-site counseling. Others with more severe mental health problems or addictions also get the treatment they require.

The goal is to make sure even the "hardest-to-house" people will come inside, said Dr. Margot Kushel, director of the Center for Vulnerable Populations at the University of California, San Francisco. To that end, Kushel said Homekey gets the most important part right: providing permanent supportive housing, not temporary shelter.

"Some people need services that go along with that housing, and some people don't. But the really essential thing is that without the housing, the services don't work," she said.

Eventually Perez will be presented with housing vouchers that will allow her to rent a subsidized apartment.

It's unclear how long those vouchers might last, however, raising concerns from advocates about the long-term success in a state with exorbitant housing costs.

A new database shows nearly 250,000 people sought housing services in 2020. About 117,000 of them are still waiting for help.

If California's goals seem ambitious, Elliott said, that's because they are: "Anything short of ending homelessness means we're setting our sights too low."

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