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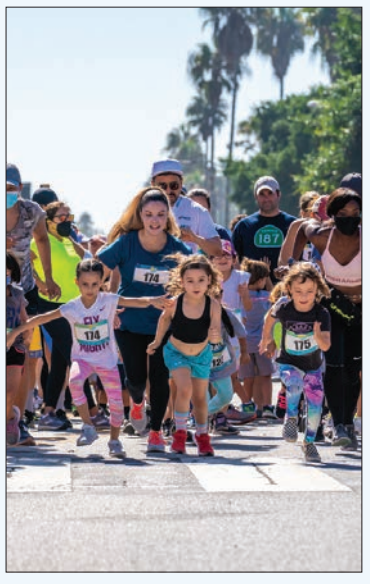
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Santa Monica Classic







Ryan W. Bethke

RACE: The Santa Monica Classic came through town over the weekend. The 5K and 10K races brought about 2,000 people to Downtown and included some post race activities. See Page 11 for more information.

Santa Monica launches Hispanic Heritage month



Courtesy photo

MUSIC: The celebration begins with an event on the Promenade.

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Hispanic Heritage month kicks off in Santa Monica with a jam-packed agenda of events organized around the themes of "Cultura, Comunidad y Comercio."

The month runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 and aims to explore Latino identities and experiences through the lens of culture, community and the economy. The Latino community has a longstanding and influential presence in Santa Monica, where currently approximately 16 percent of residents and 30 percent of staff members are of Hispanic or Latino ancestry.

"A lot of the history is recognizing that this was predominantly a Latino community, and it has changed over the last couple of years, but it still is grounded and rooted in that," said Steering Committee member Donald Zelaya. "If you look at the Pico neighborhood, in particular it's recognized nationally as one of the most diverse neighborhoods in the nation."

The month's events are intended to educate the community on this history and culture, while elevating and empowering Latino individuals and businesses. Celebrations begin with City Council presenting the Hispanic Heritage Month proclamation on Sept. 14 followed by a kick-off event with music,

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City Council agenda dominated by long-list of councilmember discussion items

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The meat and potatoes of the Sept. 14 City Council meeting lies not in the main agenda but in items that will occur behind closed doors and in discussions at the end of the meeting.

Council will begin meeting in closed session and look at several important items, including the City Attorney search, an unfair labor practice charge filed by the Santa Monica Police Officers Association (SMPOA), and negotiations with local labor unions regarding a vaccine mandate for City staff.

While members of the public will not be able to attend the closed session portion of the meeting, any actionable items taken will be reported to the public at the end of the session.

The discussion with SMPOA stems from labor complaints on the conditions imposed on the union by the creation and powers of the Public Safety Reform & Oversight Commission. Several of the Commission's activities have been temporarily frozen during this negotiation process, leading to backlash from some commissioners.

Vaccine mandate discussions are ongoing as the City considers imposing a policy requiring all municipal employees to be fully vaccinated with exceptions for medical or religious reasons.

Council is not expected to name an interim or permanent City Attorney following closed session, but the ad-hoc committee overseeing the recruitment is expected to share an update on that process during councilmember discussion items.

Discussion items are topics submitted by Council members for consideration at the end of the meeting. They do not have a staff report attached and do not always require a vote, but may return as actionable items on a future agenda if Council wishes to pursue

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What's Up Westside
out and about in Santa Monica

TUESDAY | SEPT. 14

City Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Regular meeting of the City Council. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m. Agenda available online at https://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/agendas.aspx

WEDNESDAY | SEPT. 15

MONTANA BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: THE PLAGUE, 7 - 8:30 P.M.
Read and discuss Albert Camus' iconic novel about an epidemic ravaging the people of a North African coastal town.
To register for this program, email stephanie.archer@santamonica.gov

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH KICKOFF, 6:30 P.M.
Kickoff event with music, dance, art, mercadito, and keynote speakers. While you're at the event, pick up your Hispanic Heritage Month Loteria Cards to help elevate and empower Latino owned businesses, 1300 Block Third Street Promenade (just of Santa Monica Blvd.).

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET, 8:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
The largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs! Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, delicious foods, live music and more. Arizona Avenue (between 4th & Ocean)

THURSDAY | SEPT. 16

LANGUAGE & CULTURE WITH DR. AMELIA TSENG, 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.
Dr. Tseng, Assistant Professor of World Languages and Cultures at American University, discusses how language is shaped by identity across immigrant generations. Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEufu2rqTMiGNX8jqS1Z3JyAux3bjkR603g

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING, 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.
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FRIDAY | SEPT. 17

ENGLISH AS S SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.
Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Learn more about California adult education at caladulted.org. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, CA, 90405. Visit smmusd.asapconnected.com or contact Olga Saucedo at osaucedo@smmusd.org or (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 to enroll. Classes will begin in a virtual format. If live classes become possible, they will take place at Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Register online at https://smmusd.asapconnected.com/ or call 310-664-6222 x76203

SATURDAY | SEPT. 18

COASTAL CLEANUP DAY, 9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
Join Heal the Bay for Coastal Cleanup Month 2021 in Los Angeles County during September as they embark on Healing Our Watersheds. Visit https://healthebay.org/coastalcleanup-month/ for more information.

OPEN MAIN STREET, ALL DAY
Four weekends this summer, two blocks of Main Street will become a pedestrian plaza where the community can safely enjoy al fresco dining, family-friendly activities, and other fun experiences with local businesses. Main St. between Hill & Ashland and Ashland & Kinney

SELF-CARE SATURDAYS 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.
Third Street promenade.
Two classes available:
HIIT with Double Ops Santa Monica – HIIT Sessions are a combination of: strength and resistance, functional cardio with some shadow boxing and kick boxing. For more information, see www.doptraining.com. 10 a.m.
Let That S**t Go Yoga with @nafbabes – Kari J. will lead you through a yoga asana voyage that is fun, vibrant and rooted in a deep sense of grounding + awareness to help you shake off the haters & step into your power. ALL ARE WELCOME! You don't already have to be happy, calm, peaceful or flexible to practice with us. Expect laughter and anatomical details & playful movement experience with kick-ass music. When selecting tickets, please choose General Admission 11 a.m. Class. Tickets available online at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/self-care-saturdays-tickets-148069994339

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SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 260 CALLS ON SEPTEMBER 12

Loud Music 1500blk Wilshire Blvd 12:12 a.m.
Party Complaint 400blk 21st St 12:22 a.m.
Harassing Phone Calls Report 2300blk Main St 2:37 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 3:18 a.m.
Domestic Violence Now 2600blk Highland Ave 3:33 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:02 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1900blk Euclid St 5:33 a.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 500blk San Vicente Blvd 7:00 a.m.
Sexual Assault 1700blk The Beach 7:54 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2200blk Virginia Ave 7:55 a.m.
Overdose 5th St / Colorado Ave 8:17 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Report 1600blk Montana Ave 8:46 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 700blk Marine St 9:05 a.m.
Smoking Violation 2600blk Barnard Way 9:15 a.m.
Grand Theft 1000blk Berkeley St 9:55 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1000blk 2nd St 10:21 a.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 10:31 a.m.
Grand Theft 6th St / Pacific St 10:49 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1000blk 2nd St 10:55 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1000blk 2nd St 10:55 a.m.
Found Property 1800blk 10th St 11:07 a.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:13 a.m.
Harassing Phone Calls Report 2300blk Main St 11:22 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 11:39 a.m.
Burglary Report 200blk Ocean Ave 11:52 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 11:57 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 2500blk 7th St 11:57 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 12:04 p.m.
Encampment 2600blk Main St 12:34 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 4th St / Palisades Ave 12:40 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 800blk Idaho Ave 1:01 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2300blk Virginia Ave 1:09 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 6th St / Grant St 1:13 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 2200blk 6th St 1:14 p.m.
Found Property 2200blk Main St 1:46 p.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 1:50 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 26th St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:07 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1100blk 4th St 2:19 p.m.
Panic Alarm 200blk Montana Ave 2:29 p.m.
Loud Music 3100blk 2nd St 2:33 p.m.
Loud Music 2400blk Main St 2:38 p.m.
Auto Burglary 300blk Marine St 2:45 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred Ocean Ave / Wilshire Blvd 2:51 p.m.
Lewd Activity 32nd St / Pico Blvd 3:10 p.m.
Fraud Report 2000blk 20th St 3:12 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 1400blk 4th St 3:14 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Just Occurred 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:19 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 19th St / Carlyle Ave 3:33 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 3rd Street Prom / Wilshire Blvd 3:41 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2500blk Arizona Ave 3:59 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2000blk Dewey St 4:06 p.m.
Encampment 1800blk 4th St 4:09 p.m.
Found Property 1400blk Yale St 4:17 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 25th St / Georgina Ave 4:35 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2nd St / Arizona Ave 4:36 p.m.
Drinking In Public 400blk Santa Monica Pier 4:38 p.m.
Battery 2000blk 4th St 4:47 p.m.
Loud Music 3100blk 2nd St 5:08 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred Lincoln Blvd / Michigan Ave 5:22 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2300blk 6th St 5:31 p.m.
Missing Person 400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 5:56 p.m.
Domestic Violence Now 1200blk The Beach 6:07 p.m.
Loud Music 1600blk Ocean Ave 6:15 p.m.
Fight 1100blk The Beach 6:24 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1400blk 7th St 6:30 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Moomat Ahiko Way / Ocean Ave 6:59 p.m.
Loud Music 2000blk Ocean Ave 7:05 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1800blk 20th St 7:10 p.m.
Construction Noise 1100blk Washington Ave 7:53 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 800blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:17 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 30 CALLS ON SEPTEMBER 12

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EMS 900blk 2nd St 7:28 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500blk California Ave 7:43 a.m.
EMS 5th St / Colorado Ave 8:17 a.m.
EMS 900blk 4th St 9:06 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 2nd St 10:21 a.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 10:39 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Ocean Ave 11:28 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 11:47 a.m.
EMS 1400blk Princeton St 12:59 p.m.
EMS 2100blk 7th St 1:09 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Colorado Ave 1:26 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 600blk 7th St 2:00 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 26th St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:07 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 12th St 2:15 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 4th St 3:22 p.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas 2500blk 7th St 3:31 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1900blk 6th St 3:46 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500blk 5th St 4:42 p.m.
EMS 1900blk 20th St 4:55 p.m.
EMS 2500blk 20th St 6:17 p.m.
EMS 22nd St / Wilshire Blvd 6:45 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Franklin St 7:33 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1000blk 11th St 7:55 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Montana Ave 9:00 p.m.
EMS 200blk Broadway 10:02 p.m.
EMS 2nd St / Broadway 10:05 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Ozone Ave 10:36 p.m.

Out West, Biden points to wildfires to push for big rebuild

ALEXANDRA JAFFE AND DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press

President Joe Biden on Monday pointed up close to wildfires burning through the West to argue for his $3.5 trillion rebuilding plans, calling year-round fires and other extreme weather a climate change reality the nation can no longer ignore.

Aiming to boost support for his big rebuilding plans, the president said every dollar spent on "resilience" would save $6 in future costs. And he said it must go beyond simply restoring damaged systems and instead ensure communities can withstand catastrophic weather that doesn't strike based on partisan ideology.

"It's not a Democrat thing. It's not a Republican thing. It's a weather thing," he said. "It's a reality. It's serious and we can do this."

The president's two-day Western swing comes at a critical juncture for a central plank of his legislative agenda. Lawmakers on Capitol Hill are working to assemble details of the infrastructure-plus plan — and how to pay for it, a concern not just for Republicans. A key Democratic senator said Sunday that he will not vote for a package so large.

The president issued his plea about climate change during a briefing at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, which coordinates the government's wildfire response.

He noted that wildfires start earlier every year and that this year they have scorched 5.4 million acres. "That's larger than the entire state of New Jersey," Biden said.

"The reality is we have a global warming problem, a serious global warming problem, and it's consequential, and what's going to happen is, things are not going to go back," he said.

With stops in Idaho, California and Denver through Tuesday, Biden aims to link the increasing frequency of wildfires, drought, floods and other extreme weather events to what he and scientists say is a need to invest billions in combating climate change, along with vastly expanding the nation's social safety net.

The president argued for spending now to make the future effects of climate change less costly, as he did during recent stops in Louisiana, New York and New Jersey — all states that suffered millions of dollars in flood and other damage and scores of deaths after Hurricane Ida.

Biden also praised firefighters for the life-threatening risks they take, and discussed the administration's recent use of a wartime law to boost supplies of firehoses from the U.S. Forest Service's primary supplier, an Oklahoma City nonprofit call NewView Oklahoma.

In deep-red Idaho, several opposing groups leveraged Biden's visit as a way to show resistance to his administration. GOP gubernatorial candidates, an anti-vaccine organization and a far-right group were among those urging people to turn out against the president.

More than 1,000 protesters did so, gathering in Boise before Biden arrived to express displeasure with his coronavirus plan, the election and other issues.

Chris Burns, a 62-year-old from Boise, said, "I'm against everything Biden is for." Burns was especially displeased with a sweeping new vaccine mandate for 100 million people that Biden announced last week. "He's acting like a dictator," Burns said.

Biden is on his first trip to the west in office, a visit primarily aimed at drumming up support for the $3.5 trillion spending plan.

From Boise, the president flew to California to survey wildfire damage and speak more broadly about the federal response. He was greeted at the airport by Gov. Gavin Newsom, who faces a recall vote Tuesday. Biden was set to campaign with the Democrat later Monday in Long Beach.

Biden also planned to promote his economic agenda in Denver on Tuesday.

The White House is trying to turn the corner after a difficult month dominated by a chaotic and violent U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan and the surging delta COVID-19 variant that have upended what the president had hoped would mark a summer in which the nation was finally freed from the coronavirus.

Biden acknowledged over that his polling numbers have dipped in recent weeks, but argued his agenda is "overwhelmingly popular" with the public. He said he expects his Republican opponents to attack him instead of debating him on the merits of his spending plan.

Besides the Republican opposition in Congress, Biden needs to overcome the skepticism of two key centrist Democrats in the closely divided Senate. Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona have expressed concerns about the size of the $3.5 trillion spending package.

Manchin said Sunday: "I cannot support $3.5 trillion," citing in particular his opposition to a proposed increase in the corporate tax rate from 21% to 28% and vast new social spending envisioned by the president. Manchin also complained about a process he said feels rushed.

The 100-member Senate is evenly split between Democrats and Republicans. Given solid GOP opposition, Biden's plan would fail to clear the Senate without Manchin and Sinema's support.

The climate provisions in Biden's plans include tax incentives for clean energy and electric vehicles, investments to transition the economy away from fossil fuels and toward renewable sources such as wind and solar power, and creation of a civilian climate corps.

The stop in Idaho, a state Biden lost by more than 30 percentage points last year, offered Biden a deep-red backdrop to argue that climate investments should be a priority across party lines. Idaho and California have seen wildfire season turn into a year-round scourge.

The Biden administration in June laid out a strategy to deal with the growing wildfire threat, which included hiring more federal firefighters and implementing new technologies to detect and address fires quickly. Last month, the president approved a disaster declaration for California, providing federal aid for the counties affected by the Dixie and River fires. He issued another disaster declaration for the state just before Monday's visit aimed at areas affected by the Caldor Fire.



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Disrupting Restaurants - Old Wine in New Bottles

Disruption is the word of the decade thanks to the pandemic, and in many ways it's putting old wine in new bottles. It's driving the way in which businesses are operating and changing our expectations of what service means in a service based economy. I'm not certain that every business is going to be radically changed over the next 10 years, but I do know that most of them will be and all it takes is a quick look at what has already happened to see that many pandemic driven adaptations are here to stay.

I know that the changes caused by Covid in the courts are a welcome change for many judges and lawyers while they are still grappling with the mechanics of the change, the concept of having fewer people in the courtrooms is a huge improvement in safety and ease of hearings. So far this year I've been involved in hearings in Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties – all while never leaving the comforts of my office thanks to new technology being implemented across the different courthouses.

The use of meeting technology is not eradicating the need for actual courtrooms and in-person trials – but it is reducing the load on an overly crowded system. This level of disruption is happening in other industries as well and it's sparking new businesses, which is good news for an economy that is faced with increased automation and a reduced need for workers.

Restaurants are at the forefront of this wave of techno-revival-revolution. This past week I had the opportunity to visit a "ghost kitchen" down in Long Beach. Now for those who don't know what a "ghost kitchen" is, it's a virtual restaurant. The menu exists online, the marketing is all online, and when people order food, it's made in a large industrial kitchen that is probably making food for 10 other "ghost kitchens" or virtual restaurants. The food is being delivered by the army of gig workers who drive for UberEats (they used to be across from the Loews Hotel on Ocean Ave, don't know if they're still there) and Postmates, DoorDash, GrubHub etc.

Going to one of these "ghost kitchens" is a bit of an experience. I was told to drive to an industrial area, park on the street, and walk down the alley. It felt sorta like heading to an old school speakeasy, but soon enough I saw the lights shining from the wide freight doors and inside a herd of people waiting to pick up for what they were about to deliver to their clients.

My friend and I walked up to a computer screen and picked out one of the 13 or 14 restaurants to order from, entered our choices, slid a credit card through and about 20 minutes later we were enjoying a selection of Thai food off the back of his truck gate. We had the option of order from the "Italian" or "Mexican" or "Hot Fried Chicken" places and what struck me was that this was not all that different from an old school smorgasbord or even the Automats in New York in the 30s and 40s where you would just walk along, open the door and pick what you wanted and then went to the cashier to pay up.

Everything old is new again, just fresher and more expensive. This weekend I had dinner at Bangkok Thai on Santa Monica Blvd. I have a favorite table there, in the corner behind the hostess so that I can watch the room. When I first walked in three other tables were being occupied so about 6 people in the restaurant. As I was seated at my table I looked up and under the hostess' desk were about a dozen paper bags that had receipts and menus stapled to them. For the next 40 minutes I watched people come in, show the hostess a phone with an order, pick up a paper bag or two, and leave. The bags kept coming from the kitchen and leaving through the front door minutes later. Frankly, I was getting annoyed with the constant pinging of the iPad that alerted the staff to a new delivery order.

But this is the future, at least for now. Lots more delivery Lots more selection from restaurants that don't even really exist and real restaurants adapting to the changing desires of their clients.

Old wine in new bottles – today we call it disruption – but it's just business adapting to the times.

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USC fires Clay Helton

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AP Sports Writer

Clay Helton's unlikely tenure as the head football coach at Southern California began bizarrely and lasted far longer than almost anybody expected.

The folksy Southerner won a Rose Bowl and a Pac-12 title early on, but he never won over most of the Trojans' fans.

And after one more embarrassing defeat for a school only interested in championships, USC finally moved on.

Helton was fired on Monday, two games into his seventh season in charge. Athletic director Mike Bohn made the move two days after a 42-28 home loss to Stanford that sent the Trojans plummeting out of the AP Top 25.

Donte Williams, the Trojans' cornerbacks coach and associate head coach, is taking over. Williams, a Los Angeles-area native and the first Black head coach in USC football history, joined the program in 2020 and has played a major role in the Trojans' significant recruiting advancements over the past two cycles.

USC (1-1, 0-1 Pac-12) visits Washington State this weekend for its road opener.

Helton went 46-24 during his improbable seven years in charge of a longtime West Coast college football powerhouse with 11 national championships. The career assistant coach twice took over as USC's interim coach before permanently getting his first head coaching job late in the 2015 season.

"Clay is one of the finest human beings I have met in this industry, and he has been a tremendous role model and mentor to our young men," Bohn said in a statement. "We appreciate his many years of service to our university and wish him nothing but the very best."

While Helton brought stability to a tumultuous football culture and ran a clean program that inspired loyalty and love from his players, he never won over a significant portion of the Trojans' vast fan base, even during his early success. His genteel manner didn't inspire confidence in fans used to Pete Carroll's intensity, while Helton's Texas twang and aw-shucks demeanor often seemed out of place in Los Angeles.

Almost nobody doubted Helton genuinely loved USC and cared about his hundreds of players, but the Trojans simply didn't win frequently enough to satisfy the expectations at a program synonymous with success.

"Really disappointed for that regime, because that affects a lot of people," Carroll said in Seattle. "It's not just one guy. His whole staff gets affected. ... and the families that were counting on their kids playing for them, all of that. It's a very difficult decision to make, and they're making the decision for what they feel is the right reasons."

The Trojans won the Rose Bowl after the 2016 season and the Pac-12 title in 2017 while Sam Darnold was their quarterback, but the rest of Helton's tenure was disappointing — and for many fans, even USC's three-loss seasons in 2016 and 2017 weren't good enough.

Helton was 19-14 since the 2017 season, and he repeatedly avoided vocal calls for his dismissal from fans and boosters during that stretch. After Bohn replaced Lynn Swann as USC's athletic director in November 2019, the school's aspirations for national title contention ramped up again with major infrastructure additions to all areas of the football program.

"The added resources carried significantly increased expectations for our team's performance," Bohn said. "It is already evident that, despite the enhancements, those expectations would not be met without a change in leadership."

USC appeared to be in position to make a strong run at the Pac-12 title this season with offensive coordinator Graham Harrell and defensive coordinator Todd Orlando returning to lead a roster stacked with talent — but then the Trojans were humiliated on national television by Stanford.

"I know I got beat by Stanford a couple of times, too," Carroll said. "It's hard. And like (former USC coach) John McKay always said, by far the toughest matchup we ever had was with Stanford, and it carries a lot of weight. So unfortunately, they had to make change. Clay is a good man, good ball coach, and he'll bounce right back, but it's a tough decision for the Trojan family on this day."

USC committed 109 yards in penalties, fell behind by 29 points and got shredded defensively by the Cardinal, who scored only seven points in their season opener. Thousands of fans left the Coliseum early in the second half, and many of the remaining supporters chanted "Fire Helton!" in the fourth quarter.

"I know our fans will support our players," Helton said immediately after the game. "Our fans love this university, and they love these players, and we'll do our job. We'll come back out and we'll continue to get wins and add 'em up and see where we are at the end of the season. I know it'll be a successful season at the end."

Bohn's decision means one of the most visible and most powerful jobs in college football is open just three weeks into the new season, and the AD said he is launching his search immediately.

USC fans have spent years calling for the Trojans to chase three-time national championship coach Urban Meyer, who is only one game into his tenure with the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Bohn hired successful Cincinnati coach Luke Fickell when they were both with the Bearcats, while many USC fans admire and covet Iowa State's Matt Campbell. Chris Petersen, a California native who built excellent programs at Boise State and Washington before citing stress for his decision to leave the Huskies two years ago, is currently working for Fox Sports.

Bohn has been on the job for less than two years, but he already has a track record on hiring for major jobs that will inspire optimism for Trojans football fans: Four months ago, he persuaded Lindsay Gottlieb to leave the NBA to take charge of the Trojans' underachieving program even though the successful, decorated former California coach wasn't initially seeking another job.

Helton's firing brings an end to one of the

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School vaccine campaigns targeting students face blowback

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Associated Press / Report for America

Fearing his parents wouldn't approve of his decision to get a COVID-19 vaccine but needing their signature, Andrew signed up for the appointment in secret, and then sprang it on them at the last minute.

They said no. Andrew cursed at his mother and father and called them idiots. Andrew's dad grabbed him by the shirt collar.

"He said, 'You're not getting this damn vaccine; you need to lower your voice. Watch your tone when you talk to me.' It was, it was the first time my dad had ever done something like that — he grabbed my shirt and yelled in my face," said Andrew, a 17-year-old student in Hoover, Alabama.

In most states, minors need the consent of their parents in order to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Navigating family politics in cases of differing views has been a challenge for students and organizers of outreach campaigns, who have faced blowback for directly targeting young people.

President Joe Biden has encouraged every school district to promote vaccines, including with on-site clinics, to protect students as they return to school amid a resurgence of the coronavirus. But several governments and school districts have taken more neutral stances in areas where skepticism of the vaccine remains prevalent.

In Tennessee, the health department ended vaccination events and outreach aimed at minors following criticism of advertisements that featured children and included slogans like "Give COVID-19 vaccines a shot." Republican lawmakers accused the health department of " peer pressuring " children to get the vaccine and criticized a top official who sent a memo to vaccine providers explaining that they could legally waive parental consent under Tennessee law.

Nationwide, half of people ages 12-17 have been vaccinated. That age group has been eligible for the Pfizer vaccine since May on an emergency use authorization. Trials are underway for younger children.

Full approval for the drug was granted by federal safety regulators recently for people 16 and older. Last week, the Los Angeles Unified School District school board voted to mandate vaccines for students 12 and older.

In Molalla, Oregon, the mayor pressured a high school to cancel a vaccine drive on campus this semester, citing a $50 gift card incentive he equated with bribery. Many who called for an end to the vaccine drive expressed opposition to the vaccines, although Mayor Scott Keyser said he's not against them.

Misinformation surrounding in-school vaccination efforts has also eroded trust between parents and school districts across the country.

School officials in Kettering, Ohio, received death threats in August after TikTok videos baselessly claimed the suburban Dayton district was vaccinating children without parental consent.

There was no truth to the claims — they came out before the school year began, and spring vaccine clinics required parents to be present — but they caused "huge hysteria" in the community nonetheless, according to Kettering City Schools superintendent Scott Inskeep.

"Our families really are struggling with both information and disinformation," Inskeep said. "It's like a match being put to a gasoline fire. When it starts it's hard to put out."

In a total of eight states, all in the Southeast and Pacific Northwest, providers can waive parental consent requirements — Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Arkansas, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Alabama, according to a May review by the Kaiser Family Foundation.

In some areas, there have been efforts to make it easier for kids to get vaccinated.

State legislators in New York and New Jersey introduced laws that would allow teens to consent to vaccines without parental consent, but they were never passed. D.C. passed its law and is being sued by an anti-vaccine group. In New Mexico, health officials remade consent forms so that parents could sign them and send them with their kids, instead of having to show up in person.

Elsewhere, some officials have tried to give parents more say over vaccinations for teenagers.

In May, officials in two Oregon counties barred health officials from giving vaccines to kids without parental consent. Yamhill County Commissioner Lindsay Berschauer and the mother of three teenagers defended the move saying, "Our children are not the property of the State of Oregon."

But the counties backed down after state health officials issued a legal opinion affirming consent rights for children 15 and

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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.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 2:40 P.M.

Officers reported to the area of Lincoln and Ocean Park Blvd. for a Stole Vehicle out of Northridge that was being tracked by GPS. The officers observed an unoccupied white van at a gas station and subsequently observed a male enter the van. The Officers detained the male without further incident. After contacting LAPD, Officers learned that the van belonged to a family business and that the subject, Gesler Aldair Ramos de Leon was a previous employee who had been let go and had stolen a van from the company once before. Ramos de Leon was arrested for 487(D) (1) PC- Grand Theft Auto and later cited out, per COVID guidelines.

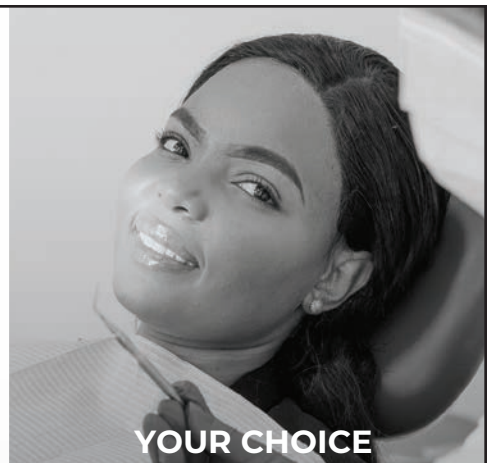
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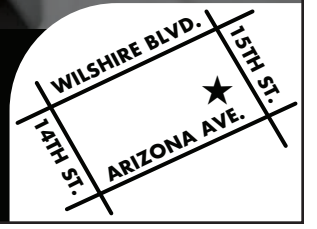
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A Shore Thing

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Swimming With Sharks

Something's not right when you get upset about seeing dolphins in Santa Monica Bay. But that's exactly what I did during a recent surf session near Tower 26. Shame on me.

A pod of three dolphins frolicked in the surf line, circling and splashing as I waited for a few mushy waves. Suddenly a set came in with some decent shape but I had to hold off paddling as the cetaceans shot toward me.

I was mildly annoyed, but the irritation soon morphed into fear as the animals torpedoed directly underneath me and my board. Dolphins may look like cute Flipper-like creatures on TV or at one of those hideous Sea World-type performances. But in real life, in the wild, they can be downright intimidating. They stretch about 8 feet in length and weight at least 300 pounds. When one starts cruising directly at you in the water, it's terrifying. You feel like a hapless NBA defender in the paint, the only thing separating LeBron James from a thunderous slam dunk.

I'm a grumpy hack surfer, so I'm used to hating on newbies and boogie-boarders. But cursing at happy dolphins is pretty pathetic. We all should be ecstatic at seeing dolphins returning in such force to the Bay. The presence of these mammals indicates a healthy marine ecosystem.

It's not unusual for frequent local beachgoers to see dolphins. That wasn't always the case. In the 1980s, sewage-related pollution and DDT dumps left many dead spots in local waters. Dolphin sightings were few and far between. And many of the poor creatures that called the Bay home suffered from lesions and tumors.

Thankfully, improved water quality has led to a resurgence in our marine life, from brown pelicans to white sharks. Local TV stations recently had a field day about a cluster of juvenile white sharks patrolling near surfers at Sunset Beach in the Palisades. Go to Youtube and search for "white sharks" and "Santa Monica" and you'll get plenty of results of juveniles circling about. The drone shots make good clickbait, but the reality is that sharks pose virtually no danger.

I've even encountered a white shark up-close-and-personal while surfing in the Bay. That may sound frightening at first. But my brush with The Landlord couldn't have been more uplifting.

My surf buddy Geoff and I bobbed one Saturday morning south of the Hammerland jetty near El Porto. As we thought about women and glasses of beer, a sinewy mass of flesh suddenly shot up from the sea, twisting and glistening in the early morning sun. It was like a mini-missile launched from the depths, spiraling through the ocean surface. Straining briefly for the sky, the fish fell back to the sea with an alarming splash. A 4-to-5-foot juvenile white shark had just breached a mere 20 feet away from us.

I'm accustomed to seeing other kinds of small sharks while surfing. I've had to dodge leopard sharks skittering in the clear, warm shallows. Looking for sand crabs, their mouths the size of a quarter, these sharks are completely harmless. But I still get the willies when my feet accidentally bump against their wriggly, squishy bodies.

But white sharks – no matter their size – are a different kettle of fish. When I tell friends about the sighting, many ask why I didn't get out of the water immediately. Seeing the pup, my mind and heart raced, but I had surprisingly little worry.

At this point of their lives, the great whites scour our sandy bottoms in search of the smaller fish that make up their diet. As they grow, the sharks see their appetite switch to larger marine mammals and they migrate up the central and northern coasts, where more seals and sea lions can be found. Some theorize that any circling and jumping done by the juvenile sharks down here is their way of practicing for the hunt that will soon dominate their lives, like a puppy playing with a soup bone.

Maybe I'm whistling by the graveyard, but the sharks don't scare me at all. I'm actually more fearful of the dolphins! The great white I saw was about as wide as my thigh. Nonetheless, as my feet dangled in the water for the rest of the session, I couldn't help but think that my toes might be tempting to my new friend.

It's a blessing to recreate in an ocean teeming with life, but great whites face tremendous pressure, despite the recent sightings. There are roughly 300-3,000 adult great whites in the Northeastern Pacific, according to varying studies. Regardless of the exact number, pollution, incidental catch by net trawlers and other stressors threaten this critical apex predator. Sharks need our protection, not our irrational fear.

Before summer ends on Sept. 22, try and get in the water. You'd be amazed at what you might encounter.

Matthew King grew up on the beaches of Santa Monica, where his father served as a County lifeguard for 30 years. He sneaks away from his communications and marketing consultancy as often as he can to surf Bay Street and other local breaks.

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CELEBRATIONS

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dance, art, mercadito and speakers on the Promenade on Sept. 15.

Programming continues throughout the month with art, music and film events held alongside activist discussions and a loyalty rewards program that encourages residents to support Latino-owned businesses. The combined offerings are greater in scope and number than any Hispanic Heritage Month in the City's recent history.

"This is really the City's inaugural Hispanic Heritage Month," said Zelaya. "We're really looking to engage the entire community and build partnerships with various groups throughout the City, so I think this is really the beginning of a new tradition for the City."

Last year's heritage month activities were dulled by the restrictions of the pandemic, but according to Zelaya the adversity of Covid-19 was a key driver behind this year's expanded events.

"I think that (the pandemic) created even more motivation and seeing how resilient the Latino community has been during all this, as being first responders, essential workers, and the impacts of the pandemic on health outcomes, and I think that really drove a collective of us city employees to make this celebration to really demonstrate who we are as a community," said Zelaya.

One of the key new events this year is the Hispanic Heritage Awards Ceremony that will recognize Latino residents who have made significant contributions to the community. Anyone can submit a nomination until Sept. 24 and the ceremony will take place on Oct. 15 and feature music, dance, a lowrider car show, a job fair and vaccination clinic.

Other notable happenings during the month include a drive-in screening of "90404 Changing" in partnership with the Rooftop Cinema Club.

The documentary-style film explores the history of the Pico Neighborhood in Santa Monica and discusses the forces that empowered and dispersed the vibrant Latino community.

Many Latinos initially came to Santa Monica to work in the Douglas Aircraft Company factories at the airport, which is where the screening will take place.

"We're going to reactivate this space, this airport, that used to be a space where a lot of Black and Brown folks used to work and now we're going to reclaim that space to make it a place where Latin families will come and enjoy the space and be brought to this movie that's about their history," said Zelaya.

A full list of Hispanic Heritage month events alongside information on registration and on submitting nominations for the awards ceremony can be found at https://www.santamonica.gov/blog/hispanic-heritage-month-2021

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COUNCIL

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them further.

Tuesday's list of discussion items is exceptionally long.

Councilmember Phil Brock leads the dais for most items submitted. He has requested that Council direct the City Manager to explore methods to reduce car speed on Neilson and Barnard Way such as the use of speed humps, in response to a resident petition. He also requested that the City Manager has staff review safety and security measures in and around Downtown garages.

In an item co-submitted by Councilmember Lana Negrete, Brock requested that Council direct the City Manager to return with a proposal for additional time and place restrictions on amplified sound in Santa Monica Parks.

Brock alongside Councilmember Oscar de la Torre requested that Council direct the City Manager to require Big Blue Bus take measures to help passengers purchase rides with cash. Brock and de la Torre also asked City Council to have staff dismiss or refund parking citations for around 3,500 tickets resulting from the resumption of weekly street sweeping.

Mayor Sue Himmelrich alongside Councilmembers Kristin McCowan and Gleam Davis are asking Council to support the denial of the City of Malibu's October 12, 2020 petition to split the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District into two separate districts based on the projected negative effect to the finances of the remaining Santa Monica Unified School District.

Outside of closed session and discussion items, there are two items to keep an eye on in the main agenda.

Firstly, Council will vote on an ordinance extending the Zero Emission Delivery Zone pilot program to Dec. 31, 2021. This program is run in conjunction with the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator and encourages the use of zero emission vehicles such as remote-control delivery robots, electric vans, e-bikes and e-scooters in a one-square mile area encompassing Main Street and the South end of Downtown.

Secondly, Council will vote on modifications to the requirements for Santa Monica tenants receiving rent relief from the City's COVID-19 Rent Abatement Program. These changes would amend the requirements to demonstrate economic hardships to make it easy for certain applicants to reach the threshold. It would also add a requirement that tenants commit to remaining in their property for a minimum of 12 months following receipt of the approved abatement.

The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 14 and can be viewed at smgov.net/video or the City's YouTube channel.

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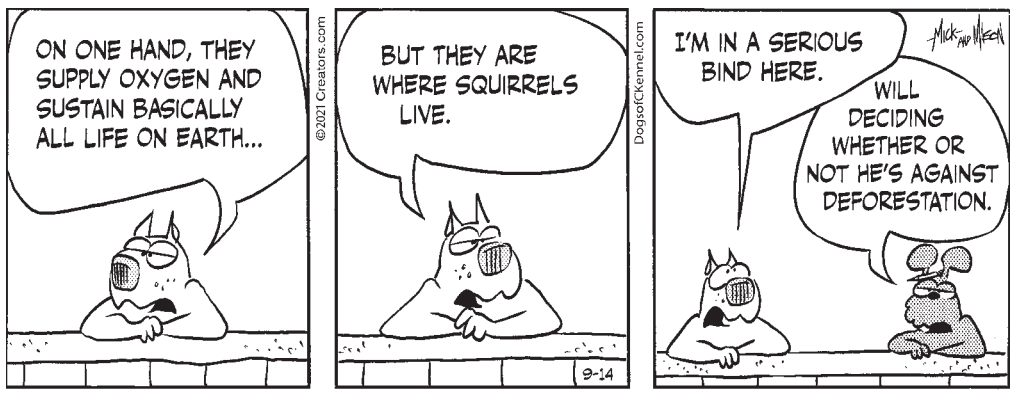
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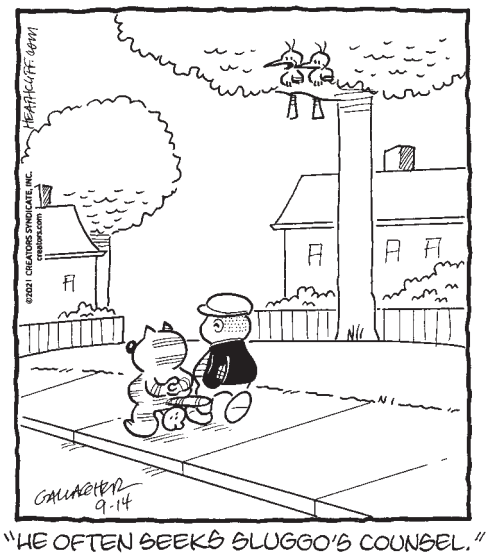
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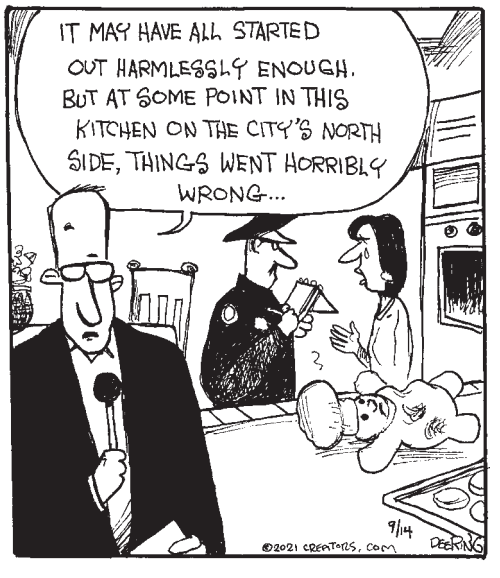
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"HE OFTEN SEEKS SLUGGO'S COUNSEL."

Strange Brew

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 65.5°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 4-6ft Shoulder high to 1 ft overhead occ. 7 ft
Long-period SSW swell holds -- another nice day of waves to target. Morning looking clean for now and the afternoon is in play for south facing points.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 4-6ft Shoulder high to 1 ft overhead occ. 7 ft
Long-period SSW swell gets a refresh from the S -- more size for focal points west of Dume. Another day to target -- morning looking clean and the afternoon is in play for south facing points.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 71.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 63.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 67.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your social skills are on point. Your casual interactions will bring just the information and connection you want. Your success secret is to keep your heart light and your conversations brief.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You might be surprised at the difference you make doing regular old things. Just showing up consistently to your various routines makes the world go around with better vibes than it would have without you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People are more fragile than they look. It's a paradox: Most need tenderness, and so few are strong enough to consistently give it to others. Deal delicately today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You assume a high level of responsibility. At first, it may be more than you can handle, but like a hermit crab with a brand new shell, you'll quickly grow into the position.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Though you'd gladly sacrifice for your loved ones, help can sometimes be a hindrance. Step back and make room for a person to find strength. Good boundaries bring the best possible outcome for all.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Just because you like a person doesn't mean you want to do everything together. You'll make subtle assertions of your autonomy so as not to hurt anyone's feelings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll meet new people. Context will matter enormously, especially how you are introduced and by whom. Put thought into this and visualize the way you want it to go.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Deciding isn't the hard part. Doing isn't that hard either once you're in motion. Most of the challenge is in that first step. Initiative takes energy, courage and, in today's case, the help of a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's distance between you and some of the people you love, but take heart. When you do connect, things like miles and years will be mere trivialities of the universe.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your parent's philosophy is not like yours, and the next generation sees it differently, too. It's useful what you learn by extending your intellect to realms you don't agree with.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The things people say will impact you, but not quite as much as what flies from your own lips, which will somehow be a complete surprise. The subconscious can be unpredictable at times.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The one who has your heart also has your schedule. There's a nervy intensity in play here. You may privately grapple with a sense of boundaries. No one likes to feel controlled, even by their favorite people.

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.

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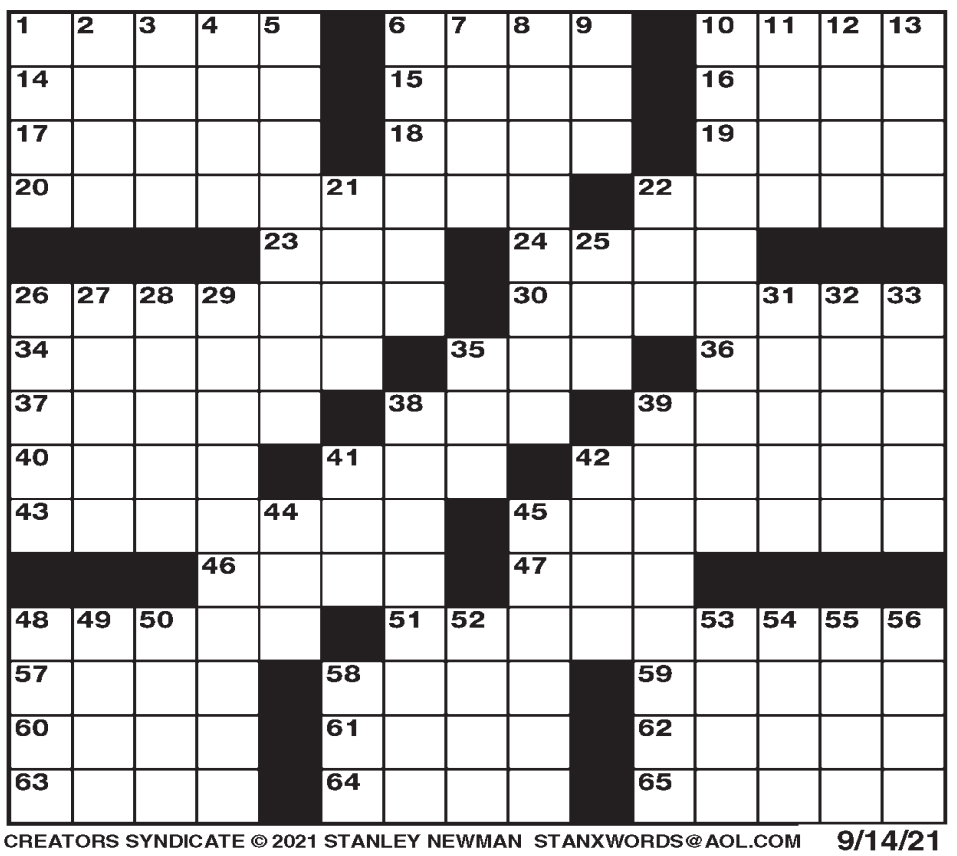
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Take place
6 Castaway's escape vehicle
10 Burrowing lawn invader
14 Nary a soul
15 German and French currency
16 Very dry
17 Puffy sight in the sky
18 Slow running pace
19 Mouthpiece for a clarinet
20 Black-and-white dog
22 Dark hardwood
23 Tell an untruth
24 Wrench or pliers
26 Student's cash allowance
30 Wealthy
34 Male voices higher than basses
35 Clumsy person
36 __ Canaveral, FL
37 Cancel a project
38 Lapel jewelry
39 Lightweight model wood
40 A __ "apple"
41 Without exception
42 Add to the payroll
43 Determine the size of
45 Places to see dinosaurs or mummies
46 *"¿Cómo __ usted?"*
47 Anger
48 High-pitched woodwind
51 Yellow-and-brown bloom
57 Sign of corrosion
58 Brief office note
59 Elude
60 Prefix meaning "everything"
61 Aroma
62 Nickname for an NCO
63 Film-rating org.
64 Chinese stir-fry pans
65 Smooth and glossy

DOWN
1 How most '90s music was sold
2 Coke or Pepsi
3 Add ice cubes to
4 E pluribus __
5 Crisis signal
6 Tightened, as laces
7 Mystical glow
8 Guy who's the lead singer
9 Little kid
10 Yellow-and-brown dessert
11 Three-layer cookie
12 Property claim
13 Small whirlpool
21 Pie pans
22 Very long time period
25 Comics sound of distress
26 Vapor from a teakettle
27 Feeling antsy
28 Taj Mahal's country
29 Red-and-white Christmas plant
31 New Haven sch.
32 __ salts (bathwater additive)
33 College officials
35 Liquid for frying
38 "By all means!"
39 With no justification
41 Sculpture or mural
42 Surf and __ (lobster/steak dinner)
44 Find a purpose for
45 People not yet 18
48 A native of
49 Sugar cube
50 Annapolis campus: Abbr.
52 Hesitant agreement
53 Racetrack shape
54 Suffix for silver or dinner
55 Slight advantage
56 Smell bad
58 Trim the lawn



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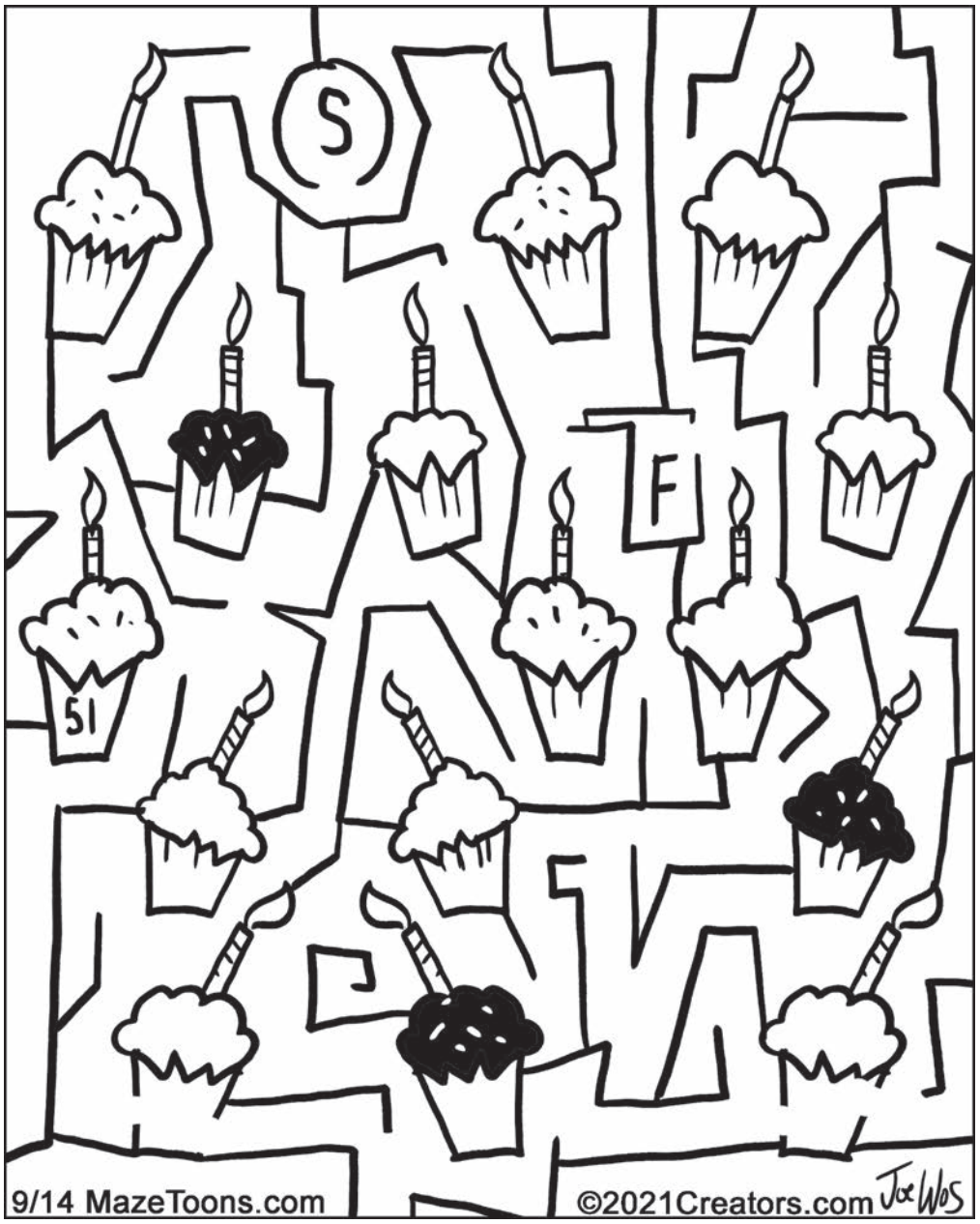
Binary Puzzle

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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FIND THE WORDS

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

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The Antarctic

M	C	D	O	N	A	L	D	Z	O	D	I	A	C	P
E	R	E	I	S	H	I	P	O	L	E	S	T	U	H
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Airstrip	Diving	Kelp	Runway
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Aurora	Fish	McDonald	Treaty
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Birds	Geology	Nilas	Water
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Brash	Huts	Plants	Zodiac
Cold	Icebergs	Poles	

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USC

FROM PAGE 4

most surprising coaching tenures at a premier football program in recent NCAA history.

Helton had been at USC since 2010, when Lane Kiffin hired the former college quarterback as his QBs coach. Helton became the Trojans' offensive coordinator under both Kiffin and Steve Sarkisian before assuming the head job when Sarkisian was suspended and ultimately fired for alcohol-related misbehavior.

Helton also served as the Trojans' interim head coach for a victory in the 2013 Las Vegas Bowl when interim coach Ed Orgeron resigned after the full-time job went to Sarkisian instead of Orgeron.

Swann gave a lucrative extension to Helton in 2018 over the objections of many fans. Helton was under contract until 2023.

Helton's continued employment put a perpetual cloud over the USC program in recent years, with rivals using his tenuous status against the Trojans in recruiting. The coach navigated this treacherous terrain with a smile and consistent optimism, never failing to express his gratitude and appreciation for his position in the sport.

VACCINE

FROM PAGE 5

older. Berschauer continues to advocate against vaccine incentives for teens, calling the programs "peer pressure."

On paper, Alabama's law is one of the more liberal, allowing minors like Andrew to get the vaccine on their own. In practice, that's nearly impossible. The Alabama Department of Public Health requires parental consent as a matter of policy, and so do major pharmacies.

The day after the argument with his parents, Andrew's father took him to the pharmacy and signed, without saying a word. Andrew's father confirmed his son's account but declined to be interviewed. Andrew asked that his last name not be used out of fear of further upsetting his parents.

Pediatricians in some cases try to facilitate conversations between children and parents and promote the COVID-19 vaccine. But it doesn't always work, even with parents who have accepted their pediatrician's recommendation on other vaccines, including for HPV and the flu.

"They look at me like I'm suggesting that they feed their childhood poison when I'm recommending a COVID vaccine," said doctor Katrina Skinner, President of the Alabama Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Andrew's Hoover High School does not promote COVID-19 vaccinations on its website or social media channels, and there's no indication the school will host a vaccine clinic. School officials did not respond to calls and emails requesting comment.

Alabama state health officials have been encouraging the vaccines among young people with a contest on the social media app TikTok that awarded $250 for the best video promoting COVID-19 vaccinations.

One of Andrew's schoolmates, Rotimi Kukoyi, 17, was one of four contest winners. He shared the video with his 18,000 followers, built over two years by making jokes.

"I showed the CDC explaining how the vaccine is safe, and how it's effective, and then I linked resources for people to sign up to get the vaccine," Rotimi said.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown

Good Times, Fast Times at 2021 Santa Monica Classic

More than 2,000 runners hit the oceanfront streets of Santa Monica in support of The McCourt Foundation's mission to build a healthier world at the 2021 Santa Monica Classic 5k & 10k.

In 2020, the pandemic prevented the event from taking place in person. Instead, it was modified into a virtual race where participants ran independently and submitted their results online. On Sunday, though, Ocean Boulevard was filled with runners and people on the sidelines showing support with waves crashing below.

It was a New England sweep in the 5k, with Providence College alum Corey Burnell and Boston-native Allison Frasier taking home top honors with a times of 15:32 and 17:58, respectively.

"This was my first 5k in two years because of the pandemic," said Fraiser, who recently moved from Boston to Venice Beach and runs locally with the Good Vibes Track Club. "It was a beautiful race, a flat and fast course, it was nice and cool starting in morning, a really great atmosphere. It's been a longtime since I've won a race and it feels amazing."

Santa Monica local Eric Bowls was the men's winner in the accompanying 10k distance with a time of 33.11. Elizabeth Ben-Ishai of Pasadena was the top woman to cross the 10k finish line, winning with a time of 37 minutes and 23 seconds. It was each of the winner's first time competing in the event.

"I've lived in Santa Monica for 13 years and I've never gotten around to doing it. It was great race, a perfect day," said Bowels, who is training for next month's Chicago Marathon. "I just tried to run my pace, nice and smooth. Everything was really well organized and there was a lot of good energy. I would definitely recommend it."

Race day also included the Surfer Shuffle Kids Run. All distances finished just steps away from the world famous Santa Monica Pier. The festivities continued throughout the morning at the post-race Finish Festival on the Pier with product demos by ASICS and Volvo and runner giveaways from Big 5 Sporting Goods.

The event featured numerous runners raising money and awareness for charities. Team TMF, which supports education and research for neurological diseases and other health causes, offered a huge presence of runners making a difference to build a healthier world.

The Santa Monica Classic was the first leg of the Conquer LA Challenge. The next race in the series will be the Rose Bowl Half Marathon on Sunday, September 26, about six weeks before the rescheduled Los Angeles Marathon presented by ASICS which will take place for the first time in the fall on Sunday, November 7.

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