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HAMILTON BABIES: Two local men will have their products in Walmart.

More than 800 small businesses from across the country pitched their products during Walmart's first-ever virtual Open Call event this month, and two local entrepreneurs recently received notice that their product was one of the 175 to receive a yes from company officials.

Co-Founders Dr. Robert C Hamilton and George Damascus started Hamilton Babies, a line of naturally-formulated skin and hair care products for children, in Santa Monica a couple of years ago, and the pair said Wednesday that the opportunity to be in Walmart is a dream come true.

Dr. Hamilton founded Pacific Ocean Pediatrics in 1996 in Santa Monica, which is how he came to meet his business partner.

"He was my children's pediatrician and I've formulated skincare lines for the past few years. So, when I noticed a lack of quality and natural products on the market, I talked to Dr. Bob and we started to develop our line," Damascus said. It's taken a couple of years to research, test, market and make the business what it is today, but the battle will be worth it when the

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WALK: Residents walked throughout the city waving flags and sporting purple outfits to raise awareness and funds through the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's last weekend. Visit alz.org or call (800) 272- 3900 for more information.

Council writes new rules for remote controlled delivery vehicles

BRENNON DIXSON
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Autonomous vehicles are banned from pedestrian pathways for the next year, but local residents could still see mini, remote-controlled bots out on the street making deliveries around town soon.

In recent months, autonomous, electrified delivery vehicles on city sidewalks and pedestrian paths of travel have prompted several members of the public to complain that the devices are obstructing sidewalks and creating difficulties for people who had to navigate around the devices. City staff recommended that council impose a year-long moratorium on autonomous delivery vehicles on pedestrian pathways so the city could study the subject and put forth regulations when the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic aren't so prevalent.

But after spending a considerable amount of time discussing economic recovery strategies Tuesday, Councilman Ted Winterer said, "I'm a little hesitant to turn to a business that just started here and might potentially hire people and stimulate our economy and say: 'Well, guess what? You got to wait for a year.'"

Councilmembers agreed with the sentiment and thought it was best to

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Battle to separate Malibu from Santa Monica school district reignites

CLARA HARTER
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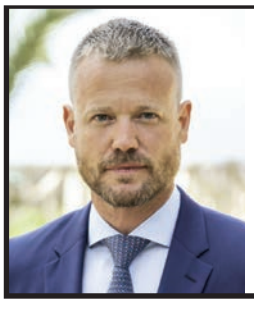
Following two and a half years of negotiations between Malibu City Council and SMMUSD, Malibu decided on Oct. 12 to reinstate its petition to L.A. County Office of Education to form a separate school district. On Wednesday Oct. 28, SMMUSD Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati sent a letter to the City of Malibu expressing disapproval of the petition and urging Malibu to return to the negotiating table for the sake of preserving educational equity.

The District letter cited financial concerns saying that a separation

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By Jacqueline Seabrooks

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Returning home to Santa Monica

I am honored and humbled to be asked to return home to the City of Santa Monica to serve as your Interim Chief of Police. I want to express my deep appreciation for retiring Chief Cynthia Renaud and her leadership of the department these past few years. As I step into this role, my primary priorities will be to provide for the safety and wellbeing of the Santa Monica community.

Although in many respects I am coming home, I realize I am returning to a very different environment. 2020 has been a tumultuous year for everyone as we've all had to adjust to a new way of life during the COVID-19 health emergency, the resulting economic uncertainties, and the national call for social justice and police reform in the aftermath of wide-ranging social unrest. In light of these issues, it's with both my heart and my head that I've agreed to come out of retirement to serve Santa Monica in this moment. My deep appreciation for the Santa Monica community and my experience leading the talented and dedicated women and men of the Police Department will contribute to a seamless transition.

I'm eager to work alongside Interim City Manager Lane Dilg as she leads our community's efforts to improve diversity, equity, and inclusion. Now, more than ever, this is important work. A central tenet of my approach to policing is strong community-police ties. The relationships between this community and its Police Department made my previous service quite rewarding. As I am sure you did, I found the events of May 31 to be quite painful. In speaking on behalf of the Police Department, I want to assure you that we are committed to pushing up our sleeves and participating in the healing work necessary to restore the trust and confidence of this community even as we intently focus our attention on crime, homelessness, and other quality of life concerns.

Looking ahead, I am committed to supporting a robust, objective, and transparent after-action review led by OIR Group. I am certain this review will be a valuable resource to promote learning opportunities that will prove beneficial as we move forward. And, in moving forward, my leadership will continue to be firmly rooted in the pillars of 21st century policing. In particular, the focus will be on fostering trust with the community and within the department, strong policy and oversight, the strategic use of technology to supplement traditional crime reduction methods, robust staff training and education, and ensuring the safety and wellness of our officers as we carry out our mission of protecting our community.

It's through the lens of healing and collaboration that I will view the ongoing work on police reform. As I familiarize myself with recent discussions with the community, the Public Safety Reform Advisory Committee, the City Council, and others, it's my hope that we can work swiftly to make impactful, yet balanced, improvements which ultimately reflect the needs of today's Santa Monica. There is no magic formula, no guarantees or quick fixes associated with this work; therefore, I will lean on those optimized practices I've identified through my involvement with the Institute for American Police Reform and other entities in addressing existing commitments.

As the election approaches in an unprecedented year, I want to be sure our community knows the women and men of the Santa Monica Police Department are here and will remain highly visible as we work to keep you safe. Our safety work will include collaborations with our fellow City departments and County partners with the goal being to support a safe and fair electoral process. As always, remember that if you have information that you believe may be useful to SMPD, please email smtips@santamonica.gov.

As your returning Chief, I am here to listen to you, learn with you, and, as always, to do the work necessary to contribute to a safer Santa Monica. I'll see you around town.

Jacqueline Seabrooks is the interim Chief of Police



Courtesy photo

CHIEF: Jacqueline Seabrooks has been sworn in as Interim Chief of Police.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

Homelessness Now Top Concern for LA County Businesses, Taxes and Fees Remain High

The Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed) shared data today from the annual Pulse Poll conducted to gauge the temperature of business and identify the most pressing business concerns and issues they'll face in the next 12 months.

Data collected by BizFed indicates that for the first time in at last 10 years, "Homelessness" was identified as the number one concern, with more than three-quarters of all respondents (76.5%) calling it "extremely critical." Another 19.6% called it "somewhat or moderately critical." Homelessness ranked number three in last year's BizFed Pulse Poll and number nine in 2018 – highlighting the issue's growing importance among Los Angeles' business community.

Although "Taxes and Fees" ranked second overall in the current survey, the issue was identified as "extremely critical" or "moderately critical" by the highest number of respondents – 97.0% vs 96.1% for homelessness.

The biggest issue that climbed up the Pulse Poll rankings was "Crime," which jumped from number twelve last year to number three this year. This issue has not ranked in the top three since the Great Recession as this poll reported in January 2008.

"One of the most concerning pieces of data highlighted in this survey is the fact that nearly 40% of businesses anticipate significantly lower hiring in the coming year" said Tracy Hernandez, BizFed Founding CEO. "The anticipated drop in hiring, compounded with the economic impact to business operations can be directly tied back to the COVID-19 pandemic and the flurry of policies that do little to assist or make it easier for businesses to reopen, rehire and recover."

"Legislative Gridlock" at the state and/or federal level climbed from ten last year to four in 2020. More than six in ten respondents (62.4%) rated it as an "extremely critical" concern, up from 43.7% last year. This concern ties directly to homelessness and crime, as BizFed and its members strive to advance anti-poverty initiatives in partnership with all levels of government that can increase local investment and employment and alleviate these growing problems.

"The significant rise in "Legislative Gridlock" speaks volumes about the challenging business conditions in Los Angeles County and statewide," added David Fleming, BizFed Founding Chair. "Businesses who collectively employ millions in the Los Angeles region continue to believe that our voices are not heard and our solutions are too often ignored at the local, state and federal levels. And, once again, we see stalemates holding our job-creating industries hostage."

This year, due to the COVID-19-driven realities facing most employers, the categories of tele-learning, tele-work and tele-health were added to the survey. These issues ranked 17th, 20th and 21st, respectively, with 73 to 78% of respondents identifying these as extremely critical or moderately critical.

The issue with the biggest decrease in terms of importance to Los Angeles County businesses was support for "Public Infrastructure – roads, rail, bridges, waterways, etc." which dropped from second in importance last year to 14th this year. Also dropping significantly was "Transportation," which was eighteenth this year and six in 2019. The drop in these two issues may be attributable to decreased use of transportation and dramatically reduced commuting by employees during the pandemic.

"Homelessness is such a visible issue in Los Angeles County, one that's only grown worse during the pandemic," concluded Sandy Sanchez, BizFed Chair. "It's clear that the region's business leaders want a solution to this pressing problem of endemic poverty – which ties directly to our region's high cost of living – and we need our decision-makers to join BizFed in investing in a better economic climate that not only boosts business but also alleviates poverty and homelessness."

The findings are based on the annual 2020 Pulse Poll completed by the Los Angeles County Business Federation from October 2, 2020, and November 9, 2020. The survey garnered 371 business responses throughout Los Angeles County. 84% of the respondents derived from small businesses with 1 – 100 employees and 14% from large business with 101 or more employees. More than 56% of respondents are CEO's, Presidents and Owners.

SUBMITTED BY PAOLA C. FLORES, COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

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.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020 AT 9 P.M.

Officers were dispatched to the 1500 block of Ocean Avenue regarding an assault with a deadly weapon call. The comments of the call stated a subject attacked the victim with a beer bottle. Upon arrival, officers learned that the victim was a security guard for a local restaurant who had observed a gentleman disturbing patrons seated in the outdoor dining area earlier in the evening. The security guard approached the suspect and asked him to leave. When the suspect turned to leave, the victim followed him a few paces away from the restaurant before the suspect suddenly turned and threw a bottle at him, striking him on the side of the chest. The suspect, Jerad Dunkin, was identified by the victim and subsequently placed under arrest and transported to the Santa Monica Jail for booking. A records check of Dunkin revealed he was a wanted person out of Arkansas for forgery. Dunkin was booked for 245(a)(1)PC -assault with a deadly weapon.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 259 CALLS ON OCT. 27

Living In A Vehicle 1300blk 10th St 12:01 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 2200blk 29th St 12:54 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 7th St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:00 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 26th St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:03 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 1000blk 2nd St 1:09 a.m.
Loud Music 2100blk Delaware Ave 2:42 a.m.
Prowler 2300blk 4th St 4:50 a.m.
Loud Music 1800blk 12th St 5:37 a.m.
Found Property 1800blk Main St 6:08 a.m.
Encampment 1800blk 9th St 6:56 a.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk Idaho Ave 7:26 a.m.
Burglary Report 1500blk Harvard St 7:41 a.m.
Found Property 900blk Palisades Park 7:55 a.m.
Loud Music 1400blk 7th St 7:59 a.m.
General Parking Problem 100blk Winnett Pl 8:28 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 2500blk Pico Blvd 8:28 a.m.
Loitering 2900blk Glenn Ave 8:37 a.m.
Burglary Report 1500blk 6th St 8:42 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk The Beach 9:10 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1900blk Washington Ave 9:12 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1100blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:32 a.m.
Family Disturbance 1400blk 10th St 9:43 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 9:47 a.m.
Burglary Report 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:47 a.m.
Encampment 900blk 18th St 9:50 a.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2600blk Barnard Way 9:50 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1400blk Palisades Park 10:15 a.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 7th St / Olympic Blvd W 10:20 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 900blk 4th St 10:50 a.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 800blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:08 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 11:10 a.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 1400blk 4th St 11:21 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 12:00 p.m.
Attempt Burglary Report 400blk California Ave 12:07 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 200blk Pico Blvd 12:20 p.m.
Public Intoxication 2200blk Pico Blvd 12:26 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1100blk 15th St 12:32 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400blk 5th St 12:45 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2500blk Lincoln Blvd 12:49 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1500blk The Beach 12:59 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1800blk 19th St 12:59 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2600blk 6th St 1:06 p.m.
Loitering 1500blk Bay St 1:10 p.m.
Burglary Report 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:49 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 200blk 14th St 1:53 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 3000blk 17th St 1:58 p.m.
Loud Music 2000blk Ocean Ave 2:15 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2600blk Barnard Way 2:15 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1900blk 12th St 2:19 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1800blk 9th St 2:24 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1800blk Michigan Ave 2:31 p.m.
Rape Report 1600blk Appian Way 2:42 p.m.
Loud Music 2100blk Delaware Ave 2:49 p.m.
Red Zone Violation 1600blk California Ave 3:15 p.m.
Fraud Report 1500blk 16th St 3:32 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1300blk Ocean Ave 3:38 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1600blk Montana Ave 3:43 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1300blk Euclid St 3:52 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Just Occurred Lincoln Blvd / Montana Ave 3:53 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 4:03 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Cloverfield Blvd / Michigan Ave 4:04 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 200blk 15th St 4:17 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1700blk Appian Way 4:33 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 3200blk Wilshire Blvd 4:33 p.m.
Burglary Report 900blk Palisades Beach Rd 4:37 p.m.
Fraud Report 500blk Pacific St 4:53 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 100blk Marguerita Ave 5:32 p.m.
Burglary Report 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:35 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 300blk 10th St 5:43 p.m.
Battery Report 1300blk 19th St 5:44 p.m.
Fight 2900blk Main St 6:41 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300blk Centinela Ave 6:50 p.m.
Construction Noise 1300blk Oak St 6:52 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 400blk California Ave 7:16 p.m.
Missing Person 1600blk Montana Ave 7:27 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 500blk San Vicente Blvd 7:28 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1300blk 14th St 7:32 p.m.
Burglary Report 1200blk 5th St 8:10 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1200blk Ozone Ave 8:12 p.m.
Attempt Strongarm Robbery Just Occurred 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 8:39 p.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 3400blk Airport Ave 8:43 p.m.
Fight 1100blk 3rd St 8:44 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2000blk 4th St 8:57 p.m.
Person With A Gun 400blk Santa Monica Pier 8:58 p.m.
Loitering 1200blk 6th St 9:06 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1400blk 15th St 9:27 p.m.
Fight 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:33 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2000blk 4th St 9:46 p.m.
Family Disturbance 500blk Montana Ave 9:57 p.m.
Loud Music 900blk Ocean Ave 11:15 p.m.
Loud Music 5th St / Colorado Ave 11:57 p.m.

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SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 41 CALLS ON OCT. 27

EMS 1500blk 2nd St 12:40 a.m.
EMS 1700blk 9th St 1:35 a.m.
EMS 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:11 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1000blk Colorado Ave 5:46 a.m.
EMS 1000blk 11th St 7:21 a.m.
EMS 1000blk 11th St 7:22 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2200blk 21st St 8:37 a.m.
EMS 2000blk 6th St 8:40 a.m.
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EMS 1400blk 17th St 9:44 a.m.
EMS 1000blk 4th St 9:59 a.m.
EMS 1400blk Palisades Park 10:17 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 9th St 10:25 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 1400blk 4th St 11:10 a.m.
EMS 7th St / Olympic Blvd W 11:47 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 11:56 a.m.
Public Assist 1700blk Expo Line 11:56 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 12:11 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 16th St 12:25 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 12:31 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 12:38 p.m.
EMS 900blk 7th St 12:40 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:23 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 2nd St 1:43 p.m.
EMS 2300blk 28th St 1:47 p.m.
EMS 300blk Olympic Dr 1:51 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 600blk Ocean Ave 2:26 p.m.
EMS 200blk 25th St 2:28 p.m.
Wires Down 2000blk Wilshire Blvd 2:30 p.m.
Flooded Condition 200blk Washington Ave 2:48 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Delaware Ave 2:49 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 800blk 14th St 3:41 p.m.
EMS 2600blk Kansas Ave 3:42 p.m.
EMS 400blk Expo Line 6:03 p.m.
EMS 200blk Bay St 7:15 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 8:12 p.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas 3000blk 3rd St 8:41 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 9:04 p.m.
EMS 800blk 7th St 9:25 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 15th St 9:30 p.m.
EMS 3300blk Virginia Ave 10:45 p.m.

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Los Angeles considers new limits on where homeless can camp

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

Los Angeles is again considering a proposal to greatly restrict where homeless people may camp in public places around the city — rules that opponents say would criminalize homelessness.

The City Council on Wednesday will debate changes to the city's code that would prevent people from bunking down near schools, parks or day care centers. Tents also couldn't be set up near shelters or other facilities to serve homeless people that have opened in recent years.

And those sleeping on the streets would still have to keep clear from right of ways such as driveways and loading docks and leave enough room for wheelchair users to pass under the Americans With Disabilities Act.

The council took up similar rules a year ago that never passed.

With more than 60,000 homeless people in Los Angeles County, tents are clustered on sidewalks throughout the city, in vacant lots and under highway bridges.

One amendment to the law could allow authorities to eventually remove homeless camps anywhere in the city if they first offer shelter as an alternative to sleeping on the street.

Councilman Bob Blumenfield, who supports the new rules and requested the amendment, said any citywide ban would only go into effect once there is a system to track shelter availability and broad agreement over what constitutes acceptable shelter.

"We have to have a system that says, 'we have the beds, and here's where they are,'" Blumenfield told The Associated Press Wednesday. He conceded it would take some time. "But down the road we can say to the people on the streets, 'here's an alternative to sleeping on concrete tonight.'"

A letter opposing the changes, and especially the amendment, was signed by more than 40 homeless services providers and advocacy groups. Opponents fear the restrictions would send the message that homeless people are criminals.

"This gives the city the chance to overreach and criminalize the vast majority of homeless people," said Andreina Kniss, an organizer with KTown for All, a grassroots group that advocates for homeless residents. "How would you even enforce it? At the end of the day it's going to mean more interaction with police, and more homeless people ending up in jail."

Kniss estimated that currently there are only about 11,000 shelter beds available on any given night in Los Angeles.

Councilman Mike Bonin is proposing an alternate approach that would instead focus on increasing housing.

"The way to get people off the streets is through housing, shelter, and services, not legislative fiats that only serve to push encampments deeper into residential neighborhoods," Bonin said. "Los Angeles consistently tries to lead with enforcement, and consistently fails. If we want to house people and keep sidewalks clear, let's commandeer vacant hotels, lease apartment units, and get people housed immediately."

Los Angeles has had a law on the books regulating sleeping on sidewalks since 1968. Much of it was negated by a 2018 federal appeals court ruling that barred municipalities from citing people for camping on sidewalks unless there is adequate shelter space available for those who are homeless.

These new regulations seek to comply with that ruling and recent orders by U.S. District Judge David O. Carter, who is presiding over a lawsuit alleging that the city and county of Los Angeles have failed to adequately address the homelessness crisis. At Carter's direction, the city and county committed to providing shelter for about 6,700 people estimated to be living near freeways.

Blumenfield said Wednesday that in his district at least 60 people have been moved away from under overpasses to either hotels or shelters.

Homelessness is a crisis statewide. Gov. Gavin Newsom has committed to spending hundreds of millions for California's Project Homekey initiative, which aims to convert hotels, motels, and other buildings into housing for the homeless.

Earlier this month the City Council in Oakland approved a contentious new policy that prohibits homeless people from setting up tents in parks or near homes, businesses, schools and some churches. Mayor Libby Schaaf said the policy, which will start being enforced in January, is "a compassionate response to an unacceptable condition."

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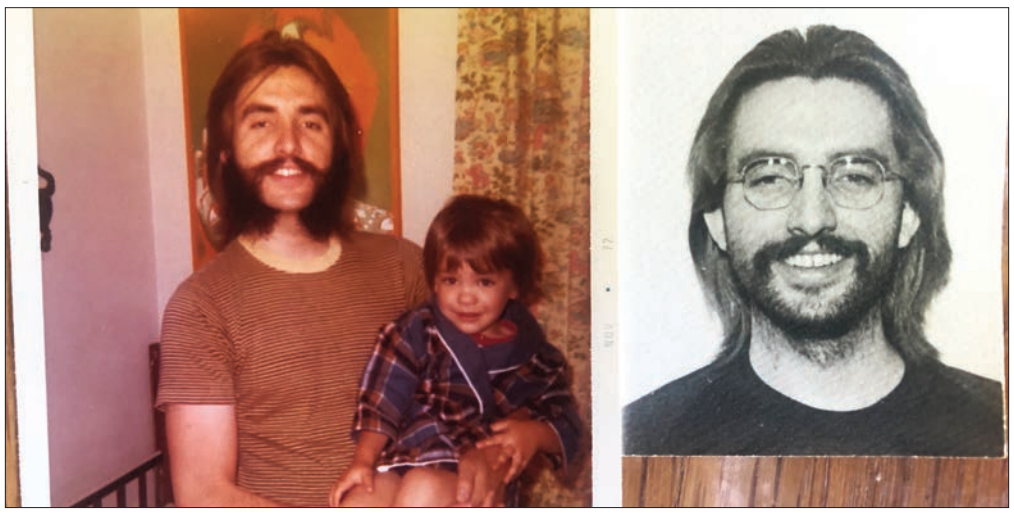
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By Charles Andrews Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Underground Radio



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RADIO: KUNM DJ Charles Andrews (& Son Chris), c. 1972.

Literally underground. That's where the student-run FM radio station was located, in the basement of the Student Union Building (SUB), when I returned to the UNM campus in the fall of '68 after serving two years in the Army (drafted).

KUNM's Kent Ian Paterson has put together another excellent radio documentary marking the station's 54th (??) anniversary. Host Scott MacNicholl guides you on this journey through the psychedelic caverns of the old studios. "KUNM: Up Against the Wall FM" features rare tapes of the era and exclusive interviews with station veterans (like moi).

I like that when they bring in a song, sometimes from an air check they dug up from that time, they play the whole track and don't cut it or fade it out. So listening to this doc is a bit like falling back in time and flipping on the radio. Only, no chance of hearing Dave Matthews or Chris Martin, Katy Perry, Iggy or Lindsay, thank you. (Oops, how many readers did I just lose?)

It began as an AM station, and hit the newly hip FM airwaves Oct. 19, 1966, with an antenna atop the SUB. They very quickly abandoned their leftover stodgy AM programming for what the students wanted to hear, all the amazing rock music blossoming at that time. (And folk and jazz and country…) Nine years later they moved that antenna to the mountaintop nearby, Sandia Crest, 10,000' up, to reach everyone in metropolitan Albuquerque.

THE GOOD HUMOR MAN

A beginning journalism student, I wandered down to the basement to try my hand at reading the news, mostly torn from the newswires, and of course I soon wandered deeper in to finagle a music show. "The Good Humor Man" (from the remarkable "Forever Changes" album by Love) provided the soundtrack for your late Saturday nights, midnight to dawn, oh yeah.

Those were freeform days in FM radio, and several of us did not censor the phrase "Up Against the Wall, _ _," figuring correctly that the FCC was not listening to us at 3 a.m. In an Albuquerque that was generally three to five years behind both coasts culturally, KUNM was nearly as progressive as some of the West Coast stations I'd heard. We had a great selection of albums at the station, but most of us brought our own LPs from home.

We all took it as a creative challenge to put together sets of diverse genres that hung together, thematically or musically. A few of us were really into segues, choosing a song whose opening fit musically with the previous song's fade out. Ideally, you wanted listeners to stick with you for a half hour and barely be able to discern when one song ended and the next began. Not easy, but using two handheld turntables at once made it possible.

ERNIE "FLASH" GILBERT

When Paterson discovered just two weeks ago that visionary music director and key architect of KUNM's underground FM sound, Ernie Gilbert, had died in February in San Pedro of a heart ailment, he decided to dedicate the show to his memory.

What a gift to hear Ernie again, on a show of his that was uncovered, and to see his young face again, the photo of him at the mic. And to hear remembrances of him. Funny how someone you knew only a little, for only a couple of years half a century ago, still seems so close.

I had been trying to track Ernie down off and on for a couple of years. I was excited to find out he might be in San Pedro, just 40 minutes from me, not London or New York or Bali. But also dispirited that there were indications he was no longer with us.

Learning from Kent for certain that he had passed was a big blow, and I am still surprisingly very sad. I would have been so happy to be able to talk with him again after so long, to catch up on our lives and talk music and probably philosophy, economics and religion. Certainly politics.

You didn't peg Ernie for greatness, or being exceptional, because you didn't expect to find really exceptional people in Albuquerque, and he was so low key. It was only the occasional remark or conversation that gave you a clue. But apparently a lot of people who worked with him picked up on it. I asked him once where the nickname "Flash" came from, and he just smiled slightly and shrugged. I suspect it was his ironic joke with himself.

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WALMART

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various shampoos, rash creams, and "Bundles of Delight" are on the shelves of Walmart's across the country.

Hamilton added all nine of Hamilton Babies products utilize a secret formula consisting of chamomile, sage, thyme and lemon and orange peel extract, which is unique because there is certainly a hole in the plant-based skincare market for children.

Having gone viral for a four-step technique that will quiet crying infants, Dr. Bob, as he's frequently called by peers, is no stranger to fame. But the local pediatrician said he still found himself nervous for the Open Call event, so he and Damascus enlisted the help of their children, who also serve as the inspiration for the various characters that grace the company's bottles.

"We're truly a family company," Damascus said as he recounted he and Hamilton had to sit in the backyard and be coached by their young ones.

And with more grandkids on the way, the pair said they have at least three new products that are currently in the works.

"We'll have to come up with some new characters," Hamilton said, but there's time for that because the Walmart investor will be reviewing his shelf space so more news is to come from them in November.

"In the meantime," he added, "we are so happy. And this is really a great step because there's been a lot of work behind this brand. And obviously, it's hard, even in the retail market, to get a break so we're very excited — and there is certainly more on the way."

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Rams want to join Lakers, Dodgers on LA's championship run

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

Jared Goff texted congratulations to Cody Bellinger and Joc Pederson right after the Los Angeles Dodgers won the World Series on Tuesday night.

"Cody actually texted me back and said, 'It's your turn now,'" the Los Angeles Rams quarterback recalled Wednesday. "And I said, 'Absolutely.'"

Los Angeles has become a city of champions again in an incredible October, and the Rams (5-2) want to extend this winning feeling into February. They've been discussing it on group chats and in the locker room ever since the Lakers raised their trophy two weeks ago, and the anticipation only increased when the Dodgers claimed their own championship.

"It'd be good to make that a little three-peat with us involved there," Goff said. "It's definitely something that we're conscious of, absolutely."

The Rams were watching and cheering from home while the Lakers won the NBA Finals in Florida just 16 days before the Dodgers raised the World Series trophy in Texas, capping an unprecedentedly quick back-to-back coronation for their metropolitan area's two most beloved teams.

Although the Rams are the city's most popular franchise in the nation's most popular sport, they realize they aren't nestled in LA's heart as snugly as the Dodgers or the Lakers — particularly not after their former owners moved them to Anaheim and St. Louis for 36 years before Stan Kroenke brought them home in 2016.

But the Rams fully intend to be a cornerstone of the sports establishment in the nation's second-largest metro area for decades to come. Kroenke's sparkling new $5 billion SoFi Stadium in Inglewood is a major step toward that goal — and bringing a third championship in four months to Los Angeles just might cinch it.

Can the Rams do it? They've had three straight winning seasons, and they made it to the Super Bowl two years ago. Although they play in the NFL's toughest division, they're off to another strong start this fall as they hit the midway point of the regular season Sunday at Miami (3-3).

"We've got all the pieces," Goff said. "We're winning games. We are playing well on offense, defense, special teams. We always believe in ourselves, and we've been there once with a lot of the same people. We know how to get there. We've just got to finish it off, and hopefully this is the year."

And now there's the City of Champions factor: If there is such a thing as civic momentum, the Rams are riding a big old wave of it alongside the Lakers and the Dodgers.

"You've got to be great to be relevant here in this city, and I think that's awesome," said coach Sean McVay, a boyhood Atlanta Braves fan who now roots for the Dodgers and manager Dave Roberts, whom he describes as a role model.

"Really amongst the team it's, 'Hey, let's continue to produce and do our part to hold up our end of the bargain for the city,'" McVay added. "That pressure is a good thing. I think all 32 teams want to be able to do what the Dodgers just did, so we're no different. But we've got to get to (win) No. 6 first."

The Rams actually arrived in Los Angeles before either the Lakers or the Dodgers, becoming the West Coast's first major pro sports franchise way back in 1946.

But their subsequent moves took them out of many LA sports fans' hearts until they returned to a city that infamously hadn't had an NFL franchise since 1994, when Georgia Frontiere and Al Davis simultaneously left a wildly lucrative market and its millions of hungry sports fans.

Although rings are irreplaceable, the Rams

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BATTLE

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following the plan shared at Malibu's Oct. 12 City Council meeting would create two very unequal school districts.

"Their consultants' projections show Malibu starting at $16,494 per student, while students in Santa Monica would be funded at $13,592. Based on the Malibu formula for revenue growth, in year five, Malibu students will receive $25,998 per student, while Santa Monica per student funding will be $14,264: a five year growth rate of 58% in Malibu vs 5% in Santa Monica," said Dr. Drati.

The City of Malibu is pursuing its petition to create a Malibu Unified School District on account of inequalities between educational opportunities offered in Santa Monica vs Malibu and a strong desire for local control over Malibu schools. Currently, Malibu has approximately 15 percent of the District's population, which hinders its ability to elect local representatives to the seven member School Board and precludes an ability to form a majority Malibu vote on school issues.

Malibu first sent its unification petition to LACOE on Aug 31. 2017, but suspended it on April 9. 2018 in order to negotiate with SMMUSD. Malibu City Council members are unsatisfied by the pace and direction of negotiations and oppose SMMUSD's financial proposals that would require a portion of Malibu's property tax base be permanently redistributed to the proposed Santa Monica District.

"Having sent our children to local Malibu schools, this issue could not be more dear to our hearts. We are disappointed in the SMMUSD negotiations but are encouraged by the work that has been done and are very excited to be moving the City's petition for unification of a Malibu Unified School District forward," said Councilmember Karen Farrer and Councilmember Rick Mullen, members of the City's School District Separation Ad Hoc Committee.

Malibu City Council established school district separation as one of the Council's top three priorities in addition to public safety and Woolsey Fire rebuild for the last two years.

Dr. Drati's letter expressed disappointment that negotiations were abandoned and that the petition was reinstated without consultation of the District. The District is preparing a response to the petition in preparation for the public hearing that will be scheduled by LACOE.

"If the Malibu City Council chooses to return to the negotiating table and embraces a genuine effort to address equity concerns seriously, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District delegation is committed to continuing to work together to find an equitable solution that ensures fairness to both of what will be newly created districts," said Dr. Drati. "We are firmly focused on the future."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Monday Street Sweeping

Street sweeping has resumed the first full week of every month. For November, street sweeping will be Monday, November 2 through Friday, November 6. Please remember to move your car as enforcement has resumed. December dates will be Dec. 7 - 11.

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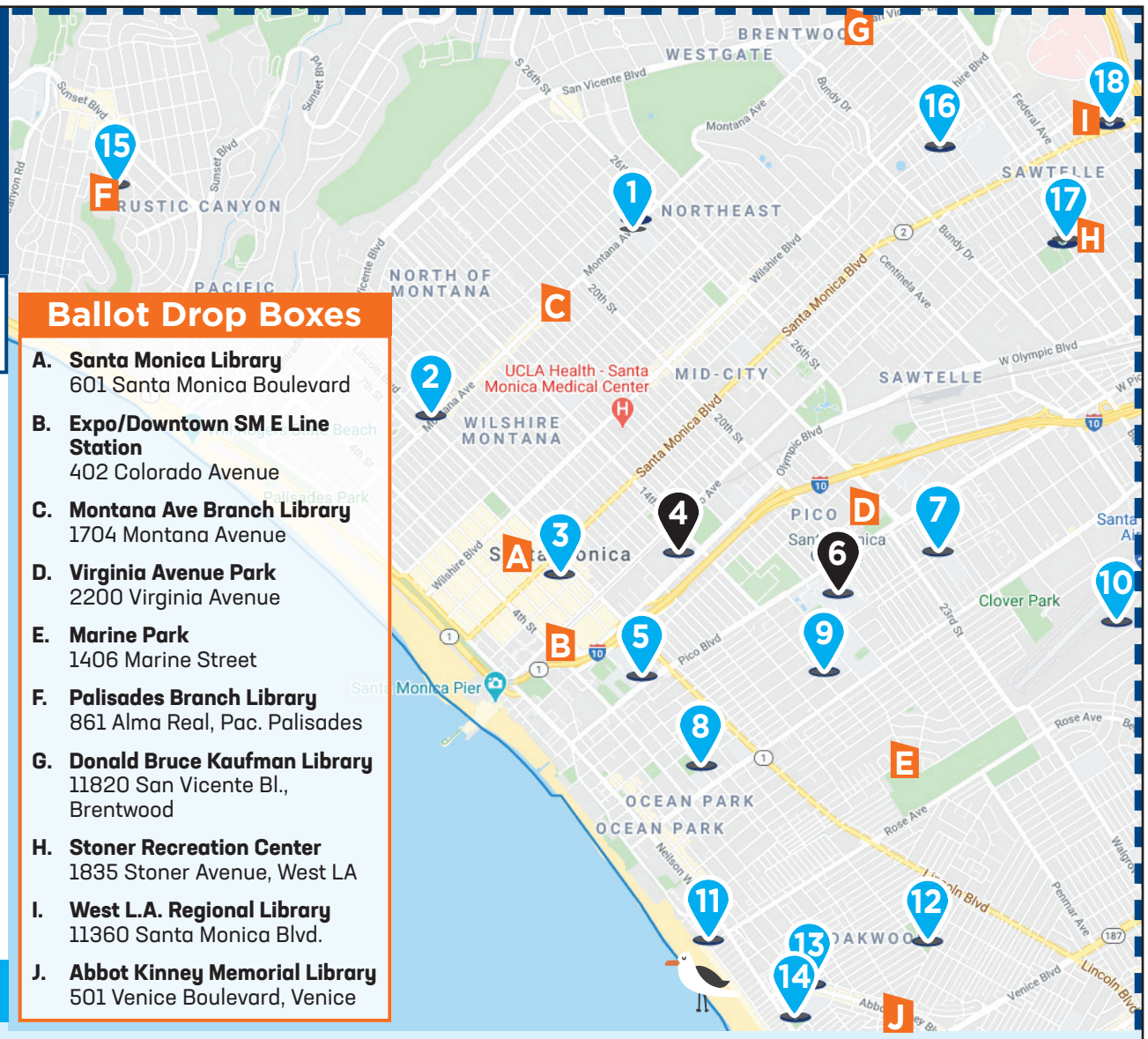
Early Voting Centers & Ballot Drop Boxes

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Registered voters were sent a Vote By Mail ballot earlier this month and they can be returned via the USPS, to a designated **ballot drop box** or in person at a **vote center**. Ballots postmarked by election day and received within 17 days will be counted in the election.

Alternatively, voters can safely vote in-person at any Vote Center in the County. Two local Vote Centers will be available beginning Saturday, October 24. All Vote Centers will be available beginning Friday, October 30.

Vote Centers will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the early voting period. On Election Day Vote Centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Ballot Drop Boxes

- **A. Santa Monica Library**
  601 Santa Monica Boulevard
- **B. Expo/Downtown SM E Line Station**
  402 Colorado Avenue
- **C. Montana Ave Branch Library**
  1704 Montana Avenue
- **D. Virginia Avenue Park**
  2200 Virginia Avenue
- **E. Marine Park**
  1406 Marine Street
- **F. Palisades Branch Library**
  861 Alma Real, Pac. Palisades
- **G. Donald Bruce Kaufman Library**
  11820 San Vicente Bl., Brentwood
- **H. Stoner Recreation Center**
  1835 Stoner Avenue, West LA
- **I. West L.A. Regional Library**
  11360 Santa Monica Blvd.
- **J. Abbot Kinney Memorial Library**
  501 Venice Boulevard, Venice

Voting Centers

1. **Franklin Elementary School**
   2400 Montana Ave, Santa Monica 90403
   Additional Info: Cafetorium
2. **Roosevelt Elementary School**
   801 Montana Ave, Santa Monica 90403
   Additional Info: Auditorium
3. **Former Fire Station 1**
   1444 7th St, Santa Monica 90401
   Additional Info: Apparatus Roo
4. **National Typewriter Company**
   1666 Euclid St, Santa Monica
   1st Floor Gathering Room.
   Open 10/24
5. **Santa Monica High School**
   601 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica 90405
   Additional Info: Cafeteria
6. **Santa Monica Community College**
   1900 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica
   Corsair Gymnasium.
   Open 10/24
7. **Grant Elementary School**
   2368 Pearl St, Santa Monica 90405
   Additional Info: Auditorium
8. **John Muir Elementary School**
   2526 6th St, Santa Monica 90405
   Additional Info: Multi-Purpose Room
9. **Will Rogers Learning Community**
   2401 14th St, Santa Monica 90405
   Additional Info: Cafeteria
10. **Barker Hangar**
    3021 Airport Ave Suite 203, S.M. 90405
    Additional Info: Hangar
11. **The Rose Room**
    6 Rose Ave, Venice 90291
    Additional Info: Rose Room and Entry Room
12. **Oakwood Recreation Center**
    767 California Ave, Venice 90291
    Additional Info: Gymnasium
13. **Westminster Avenue Elementary School**
    1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice 90291
    Additional Info: Auditorium
14. **Westminster Senior Center**
    1234 Pacific Ave, Venice 90291
    Additional Info: Lobby and Auditorium
15. **Palisades Recreation Center**
    851 Alma Real Dr, Pacific Palisades 90272
    Additional Info: Small Gymnasium
16. **Brockton Avenue Elementary School**
    1309 Armacost Ave, Los Angeles 90025
    Additional Info: Auditorium
17. **Stoner Recreation Center**
    1835 Stoner Ave, Los Angeles 90025
    Additional Info: Gymnasium
18. **Felicia Mahood Multipurpose Center**
    11338 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles 90025
    Additional Info: Auditorium

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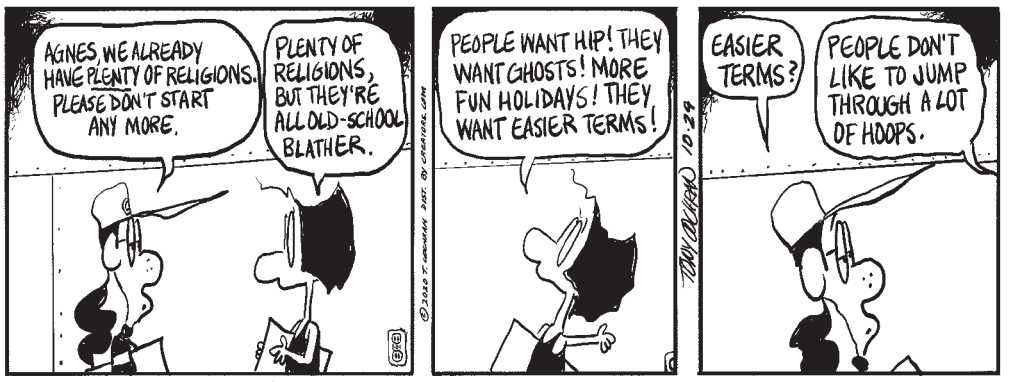
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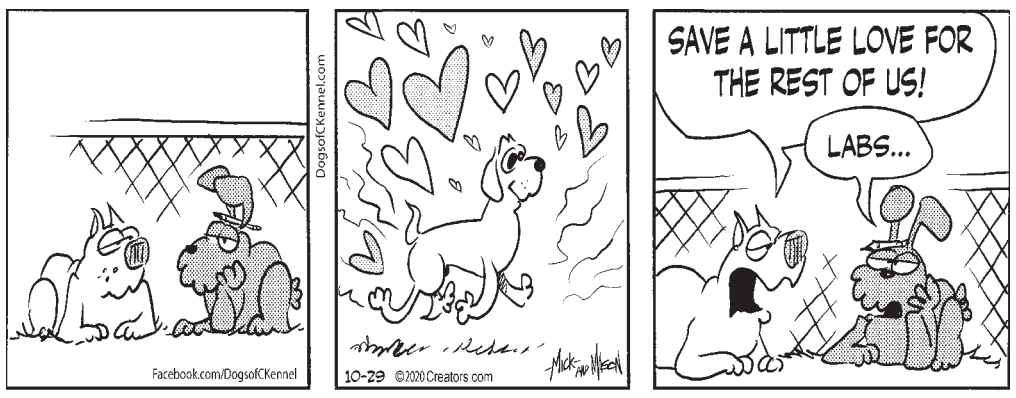
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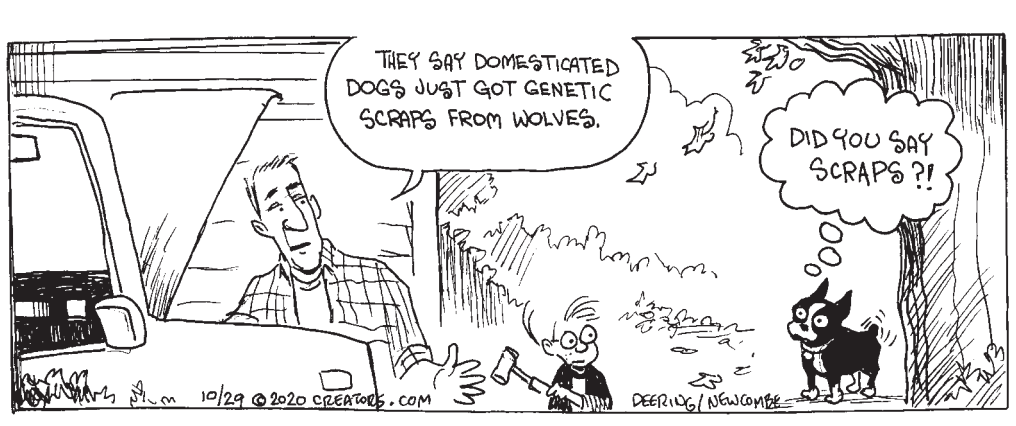
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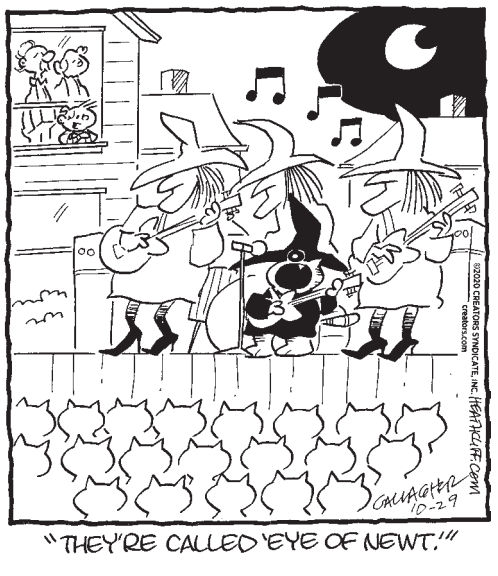
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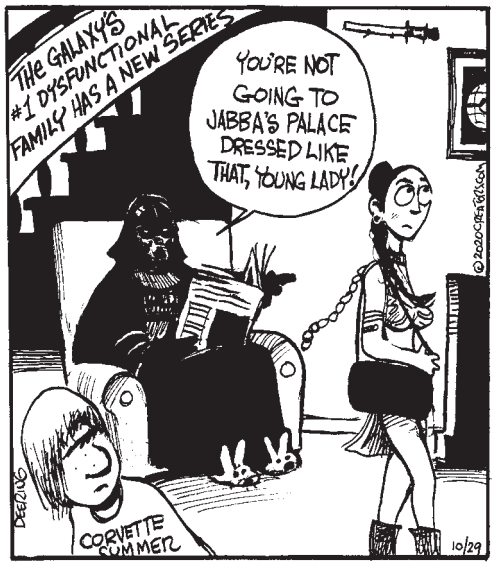
Heathcliff

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Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING





SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 65.78°

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high
Small SSW swell eases and deep high tide just before 9am (which the points struggle on). Clean/glassy early, light crumble/bump PM. Best for big boards.

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high
Lingering SSW swell looking pretty weak. Best for big boards.

WEATHER

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 72.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 70.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 55.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 73.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 57.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2020/10/29	Thu	9:10 PM	4.58	H
2020/10/30	Fri	02:54 AM	1.14	L
2020/10/30	Fri	09:06 AM	5.58	H
2020/10/30	Fri	3:38 PM	0.41	L
2020/10/30	Fri	9:44 PM	4.40	H
2020/10/31	Sat	03:15 AM	1.42	L
2020/10/31	Sat	09:27 AM	5.69	H
2020/10/31	Sat	4:09 PM	0.22	L
2020/10/31	Sat	10:18 PM	4.19	H
2020/11/01	Sun	02:36 AM	1.71	L
2020/11/01	Sun	08:48 AM	5.74	H
2020/11/01	Sun	3:42 PM	0.12	L
2020/11/01	Sun	9:57 PM	3.93	H
2020/11/02	Mon	02:58 AM	2.02	L
2020/11/02	Mon	09:11 AM	5.71	H
2020/11/02	Mon	4:18 PM	0.12	L

DAILY LOTTERY

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Draw Date:10/24
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Power#: 6
Jackpot:116 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 10/23
18 34 44 60 69
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 109 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 10/24
8 20 22 34 35
Mega#: 3
Jackpot:21 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/25
7 14 15 34 36

Daily 3
Draw Date: 10/26
Midday: 5 5 5
Draw Date: 10/25
Evening: 8 0 9

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 10/25
1st:06-WHIRL WIN
2nd: 02-LUCKY STAR
3rd: 05-CALIFORNIA CLASSIC
RACE TIME: 1:48.78

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (OCTOBER 29)

When you were younger you sought the shiny prize, though you've long since realized that the real riches are good relationships, cultivated with care. Now, in addition to the shiny prize, you'll reap the benefit of your habitual pattern of thoughtfulness, attentiveness and tenderness. Great joy flows through your days. Virgo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 10, 33, 21 and 36.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Because you listen and try to understand the other person's point of view, arguments can bring you closer together. The relationship gets better because you know each other better.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You love security as much as anyone, and yet, today, you're feeling restless and bold enough to give some of that up for a thrill, some solid entertainment or a chance at the big prize.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've been slowly getting to know someone for a while now. Yet, when you think about this person, there are still more questions than answers. It's a good place to be. Curiosity is just what the relationship needs.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). While you may be having a deeply moving experience of joy, there is part of you that cannot fully accept and revel in this unless you know that another person is in it with you. Is it too early to reveal your feelings?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've been known to be overcome by fits of fatalism, though you're stronger now. You may still have that thought, every once in a while, that things won't go your way again. But you'll battle the idea and win.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The proverb suggests, "Pride goeth before a fall." You can avoid the fall by checking the pride. Carefully estimate the elements and humbly assess your ability to navigate them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Caring too much, doing too much and giving too much knocks you off your game. Balance is always a stronger position. Whatever you can do to move toward balance will be a move toward strength.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A loving person is attuned to your feelings and responsive to your needs. That's the baseline for what to expect from your inner circle. If that line is not being toed, then it's something to either address or move on from.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There is no such thing as a "casual invitation" today. Oh, the opportunity may be delivered with nonchalance, but you can be certain that it's as significant as anything altering the course of destiny.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). This pile of work in front of you isn't pretty right now and won't be later either. Its best look is "gone." Start with what interests you, and you'll gain the energy necessary to tackle what doesn't.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Most traps are invisible and yet they hold as powerfully as physical constraints. No one likes to feel like they are being held against their will. But is this really the case? Test it. What happens when you break free?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't give yourself enough credit. If you're not going to do it for you, do it for the ones who need you. Because, believe it or not, you're the model that someone else is following closely.

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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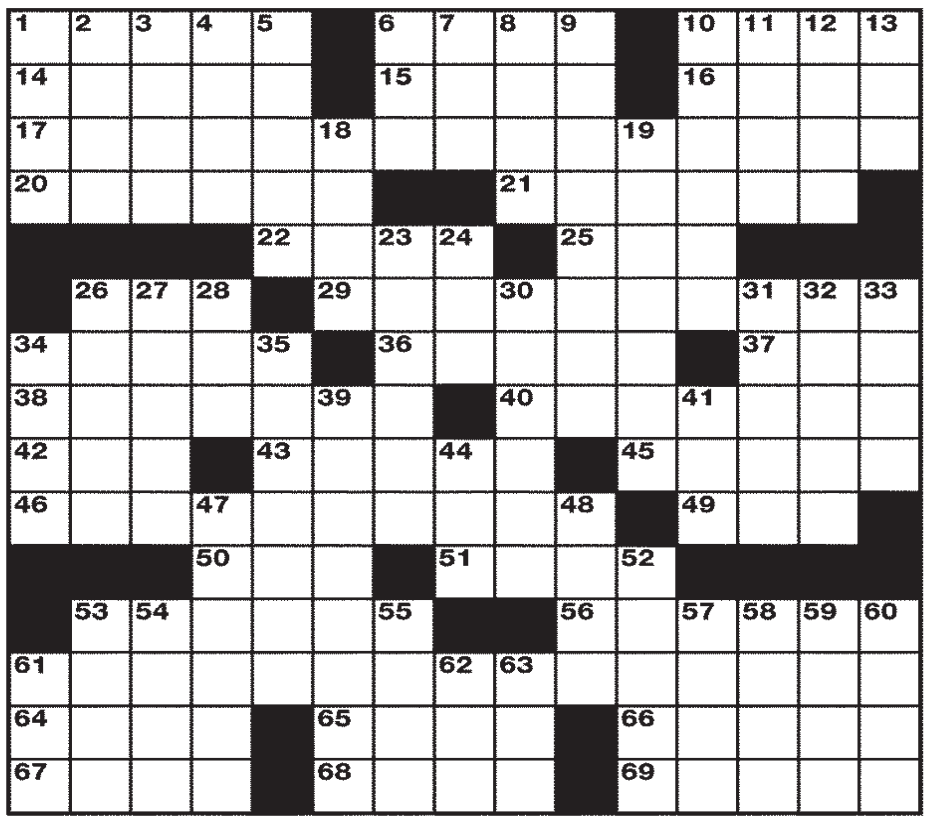
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Good thing to have
6 Company
10 Informal eatery
14 Snow White's nonspeaking pal
15 Water color
16 Pac-12 school
17 One on a dental school faculty
20 Quintet of faculties
21 Tear dabber
22 Ready to eat, in a way
25 Afternoon hour
26 Much more than miffed
29 Cutter is beyond repair
34 Sports rebound
36 Italy's principal port
37 Expert
38 Yokohama "thanks"
40 Theoretically
42 Corrosive cleaner
43 Greet subtly
45 High gloss
46 Nail salon storage area
49 Genesis 7 setting
50 Astronaut Jemison
51 Genesis 25 twin
53 "Are we good?"
56 Fairy tale figures
61 Carpenters, while shaving wood
64 Mumbo jumbo
65 National name on some euros
66 Cosmologist Hubble
67 Appear to be
68 Tiny bit of a min.
69 Newspaper posts

DOWN
1 Tacks on
2 More than miffed
3 Board-game turn, at times
4 Slippery critters
5 Perry of the Madea films
6 Summer cooler
7 Measures of brightness
8 Baseball's "greatest drawing card"
9 Extended event
10 Roadrunner relative
11 Dramatic beginning
12 Cold sheet
13 Piano tuner's skill
18 Pharoah-era goddess
19 Prepares to nuke
23 Buddhist shrine
24 Barnyard mom
26 Queen Elizabeth predecessor
27 Movie mermaid
28 Follow closely
30 Govt. interest-paying instruments
31 Word before class or crust
32 Mediterranean cuisine
33 Wind instrument
34 Baby bison
35 Landslide winner's claim
39 Got to impatiently, as a present
41 "That's it!"
44 Breathless emotion
47 Oscar-winning rapper
48 26 Actoss emotion
52 Lacking guidance
53 "Just kidding!"
54 Except for
55 Mr. Kringle
57 __ Tyme (bygone, in brand names)
58 Sounds from a litter
59 Phantom of the Opera
60 Payroll IDs
61 Overnight attire
62 Mine output
63 Muscle worked in push-ups



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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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DELIVERY VEHICLES

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allow leeway for companies as long as they were to acquire a business license and ensure the bots would be controlled by humans and not act autonomously. But Mayor Kevin McKeown was adamant that the city's highest priority was safety, and he wondered if the council and staff could guarantee no harm would come from the bots in the process of their deliveries.

The mayor also noted the council was responsible for being proactive, not reactive, but staff said the company has already operated bots in limited circulation in Santa Monica, and they were not aware of any particular injuries that have been incurred.

"I had a conversation with Councilmember Davis today, and she had seen them operating in the field — safely navigating a crosswalk on Main Street, maneuvering out of the way of pedestrians," Winterer said, stating it may be beneficial to include the remote-controlled delivery bots in an upcoming zero-emissions pilot program that's expected to launch in 2021.

"I was gonna start out saying I may be the only person who's actually seen them in operation and I saw them twice," Davis added as she detailed how the bots pulled over when they came across a skateboard, scooter wheelchair and heeded the right-of-way to pedestrians.

Davis said nobody knows when the pandemic will end and remote-controlled delivery seems like a good way to minimize contact.

"I'm fine with exempting piloted vehicles from the moratorium and leaving the moratorium in place for A.I.-operated vehicles because I don't think that that's a technology that's ready for our streets yet," she said.

Himmelrich asked councilmembers to consider how their actions will affect people who are currently doing deliveries who may lose their jobs because of these bots before a Dodgers' victory sparked some confusion in the Zoom. But Winterer motioned to approve the moratorium on autonomous vehicles with two modifications. The first of which is a proposal that would allow human-piloted bots to act as delivery vehicles in the zero-emissions delivery zone, and the second is the moratorium on these such devices does not become effective until January 1 so the company that's already deployed bots has a chance to continue operations until it enters into the pilot program on January 1.

As City Attorney George Cardona and councilmembers continued to hammer out the details of the emergency ordinance in a Word document on-screen, Cardona noted the city lacks a business license that is specific to this instance, so staff will have to work with operators of the remote-controlled bots before it can resume operations and become part of the pilot program.

"We can always come back and modify the terms of distance as circumstances change," Cardona added, detailing the moratorium can be extended or bots can be allowed to enter other parts of the city.

Prior to the unanimous passage, McKeown took issue with companies who are operating in the city without a proper license and asked how the council can be better prepared for the new technologies and businesses, which have never before been thought of, coming to the Westside in the future.

Interim City Manager Lane Dilg commended the council for being nimble and allowing new technologies and economic opportunities to hit the streets of Santa Monica.

"So what I would say to all of those innovators who are out there and entrepreneurs is please contact our business license office and know that we want to work with you but we want to do it safely," Dilg said. "So help us to help you by making your disruptive technology happen as quickly as possible — but without the kind of disruption that moves us backwards."

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CHAMPIONSHIP RUN

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are steadily building their case to deserve LA's love. They've been winners since McVay took over in 2017, and the league machinations that subsequently landed the Chargers in LA instead of the Raiders — the childhood favorite team of most Generation X and many millennial Angelenos, thanks to their thrilling 13-year run in the Coliseum from 1982-94 — undoubtedly benefited the Rams' quest.

Just ask Kai Forbath, the Rams' new kicker.

The 33-year-old UCLA product is a Los Angeles native who lives in West Hollywood in the offseason. He grew up with season tickets at Dodger Stadium, and Kobe Bryant is his childhood hero.

"I don't think anyone really was" a Rams fan in Los Angeles during his childhood, Forbath said. "I didn't have a team."

"Just being an LA native, it's crazy, because (the Rams) are the team here now," added Forbath, who signed with the Rams last week. "All my friends and family here are Rams fans now, so it's very exciting to be a part of it."

NOTES: TE Tyler Higbee was listed as being limited in Wednesday's practice, even though the Rams only did a walkthrough. Higbee missed the win over Chicago with a hand injury, but McVay is optimistic he will be able to play this weekend, although Higbee is still feeling pain in his hand. ... TE Gerald Everett and WR Trishton Jackson skipped the walkthrough with an illness. ... Defensive coordinator Brandon Staley is being cautious about DT A'Shawn Robinson, who could make his season debut this weekend in Miami. Staley won't decide how much Robinson will play, if at all, until later in the week.

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NOTEWORTHY

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He was well liked at the station, but I had no sense of what he was like above ground. A loner, it seemed. When he left the Duke City he went to Denver and worked in radio for a while. Then he moved to the Pasadena area, and on one of my forays out, anticipating my move to LA, I visited him. I remember a nice old house, Pasadena style, and a huge flock of screaming wild parrots. I can't swear to this, after 50 years, but I think he revealed, or broadly hinted during our visit, that he was gay. Which would explain a lot. Even in the music biz, in the late '60s in New Mexico, it was probably the best choice to keep that to yourself.

"KUNM: Up Against the Wall FM" can be found until around Nov. 8 at https://kunm.net/listen/archive/player.php. It's a little tricky. You'll see the page for Saturday, 24 Oct 2020, 8 p.m. to Sunday, 25 Oct 2020, 1 a.m., broken into 15-minute segment strips. Click on 10 p.m. and it will begin, and will play right through to 1 a.m. If you wanted to hear my part, including songs by Steppenwolf, Merle Haggard and Spirit, it begins about one minute into the 12 a.m. segment, and winds up about 4:30 into the following 12:15 a.m. slice.

NICOLE RECOMMENDS:

WATCH "AMAZING GRACE" (2018) -- the long awaited Aretha Franklin concert film finally got its theatrical release after decades in the can. For the unacquainted, the performance, which was released at the time as a live concert album, took place at the New Temple Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles in 1972. Franklin is accompanied by James Cleveland and the Southern California Community Choir, before an audience of largely black attendees from the community. It is nothing short of transcendent. Regardless of your religious beliefs, this performance feels deeply spiritual and significant, and I feel blessed that it was captured and that we are all able to see it now. As one reviewer put it, "Don't worry about tissues. Bring a towel."

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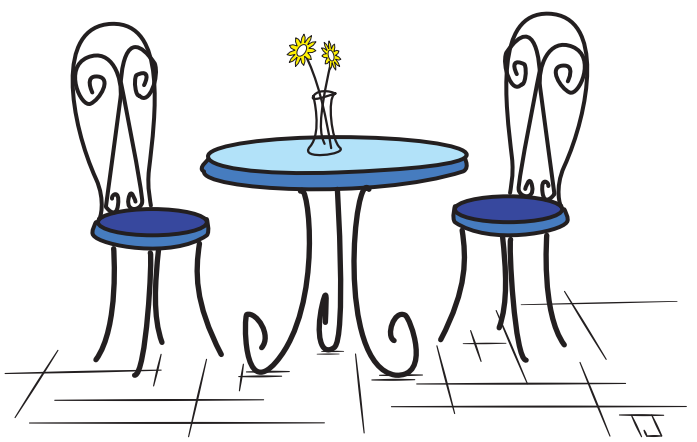
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