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Business leaders discuss Santa Monica's future at Chamber event

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Complete with a Santa Monica-inspired rap performance, the Chamber of Commerce held one of its first events under new CEO Judy Kruger this week, bringing together business leaders from around the City to discuss the future of business in Santa Monica in the wake of the pandemic.

"We are proud and honored to have [Judy]," Chairman of the Board Greg Morena said at the event. "She comes with a depth of experience that is just so unique and perfect to what we need right now in the City."

Since Kruger came into the position several months ago she said the Chamber has been working on a new strategic plan, which she introduced at the event. "We came up with three impact pillars that I think are going to guide us well over the next year," she said. The pillars include building the chamber's brand through strong advocacy and policy programs, broadening and diversifying membership with more networking events and greater engagement with local communities as well as international partners.

Four panelists also weighed in on the discussion of the City's business future: City Manager David White, Laemmle Theaters President Greg Laemmle, Quantgene CFO Jo Bhakdi and Snap Inc. Public Policy

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Bomb threat prompts multi-hour lockdown at Samohi



Matthew Hall

SCHOOL: Students were released from campus at about 2 p.m. after a bomb threat locked down campus.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Students at Samohi spent most of the day Thursday in lockdown following a bomb threat to the campus.

At approximately 11:42 a.m. the school switchboard operator received a phoned-in bomb threat, alleging the bomb was set to go off within five minutes.

The school contacted the police immediately following this phone call and the security team, including SMPD, bomb sniffing dogs and administrators swept the campus.

Parents were advised to stay away from the school as students were kept in their classrooms while the search was conducted but some gathered at the main gate anyway in anticipation of students being released.

Once the campus was declared safe and the threat deemed a hoax, students were released at about 2 p.m.

"The Santa Monica Police Department has given an all-clear that our school is safe to resume as normal. Students have been dismissed to go to lunch and allowed to leave campus at this time. This will be the dismissal bell," said SMMUSD in a statement sent to parents. "Thank you for your patience during this Shelter-In-Place. We did this to ensure that we did not have movement around campus after a disturbing phone call that required investigation. Our students acted appropriately and were cooperative during this time."

'Do better': Newsom pauses $1B in homelessness spending

ADAM BEAM AND JANIE HAR
Associated Press

California's plans to reduce the nation's largest homeless population aren't good enough, Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom said Thursday, prompting him to halt $1 billion in state spending for local governments as he seeks to reset the state's strategy ahead of his expected second term in office.

California's homeless population — likely higher than the 161,000 people estimated in 2020 — is one of the state's most pressing and public problems as the high cost of living has only increased the size and number of homeless encampments that dot cities throughout the state.

For decades, California's state government has viewed homelessness as a local issue, handing cities and counties tens of billions of dollars in state tax dollars to design and run programs aimed at getting people off the street and into permanent housing. That included a recent commitment by state lawmakers to spend $15.3 billion over the next three years.

But the state's homeless population seemed to grow in concert with increased state spending, frustrating officials. California's counties, 13 largest cities and groups of homeless service providers were in line to receive about $1 billion in state

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Pacific Palisades

Missing Pacific Palisades Student

The family of Pali High senior Andrew Jason Wright and the Los Angeles Police Department's Missing Persons Unit are asking for the public's help in locating him.

Wright was last seen on foot, on October 31, around 6 p.m., near the 1700 block of Federal Avenue. He hasn't been seen since and his family is concerned.

Wright is described as an 18-year-old male Asian with brown hair and brown eyes. He stands 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs approximately 190 pounds. He was last seen wearing a black coat, maroon vest, gray pants, and black leather shoes.

If you have seen, or have any information regarding the whereabouts of Andrew Jason Wright, please contact Los Angeles Police Department, Missing Persons Unit, at (213) 996-1800. Case # 220816256.

During non-business hours or on weekends, calls should be directed to 1-877-LAPD-24-7 (877-527-3247). Anyone wishing to remain anonymous should call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477). Tipsters may also contact Crime Stoppers by texting to phone number 274637 (C-R-I-M-E-S on most Keypads) with a cell phone. All text messages should begin with the letters "LAPD." Tipsters may also go to LAPDOnline.org, click on "webtips" and follow the prompts.



ANDREW JASON WRIGHT

SUBMITTED BY WESTSIDE CURRENT

Malibu

Malibu Joins Los Angeles County and Santa Monica Mountains Communities in Introducing the Community to the County's New Official Disaster Response and Evacuation Zones

The City of Malibu joins Los Angeles County public safety agencies, County Board of Supervisors District 3, and the Cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, and Westlake Village in introducing the community to the County's newly established official disaster response and evacuation zones and the County's new Zonehaven AWARE online tool.

"Being able to safely and efficiently evacuate a community during a wildfire or other disaster is crucial to ensuring public safety, especially here in Malibu, where we have very limited routes in and out," said Mayor Paul Grisanti. "I applaud the efforts of our County partner agencies towards improving evacuation planning, and I encourage everyone in Malibu to 'know your zone'."

The County's new zones in the Malibu area are the same as the City of Malibu's Evacuation Zones that are part of the Mass Evacuation Plan that the City Council adopted February 24, 2020 following a recommendation from the Malibu Disaster Council. The Mass Evacuation Plan, an update to the City's Emergency Operations Plan, was created by a working group convened after the 2018 Woolsey Fire to improve communication, coordination and response on wildfire evacuations in Malibu.

Using the Zonehaven AWARE platform, first responders and members of the public can now refer to the same set of Zone maps used for planning and conducting evacuations during wildfires, earthquakes or other emergencies. Residents, businesses, students, employees and other community members can enter an address into the Zonehaven AWARE interactive map at https://community.zonehaven.com using the search bar in the upper left. A pop-up window will show the Zone name and valuable information specific to the Zone, including emergency services, real-time status updates, shelter options and more.

The system will be used during large-scale incidents that require evacuations. When Evacuations Warnings or Orders are issued, alerts and messaging from agencies such as Los Angeles County Sheriff's and Fire Department will include Zone designations in addition to major streets and intersections. The Zone map will be updated in real time, so residents should check it regularly for status information.

As part of wildfire and disaster preparedness, community members are encouraged look up the Evacuation Zones they frequent, including their home, work, school, or homes of loved ones, and keep them in an easily visible place such as the refrigerator or next to the front door. Zones will be used in emergency alert notifications, so knowing the name of your Zone is an important part of your emergency plan.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Healing our wounded School District

Editor:

My name is Wendy Dembo. I am a Santa Monica resident and my daughter attends SAMO. Last year, she applied to and was accepted to Windward, Archer, and Crossroads. But I believe in public education. We moved to Santa Monica for the schools. Ultimately, my daughter decided to go to SAMO and I decided to do what I can to help SMMUSD. For that reason, I have been volunteering with Angela, Esther, Miles, and Stacy, who are running for the SMMUSD Board of Education. They are a collection of parents with kids in Santa Monica schools and an educator with extensive and invaluable knowledge of education and conflict resolution. They firmly believe our schools are the most important public institution in our community. The four are running because they love our district, believe in it, and see how good it is and how it can be even better. I have been working with them to outline a list of specific areas that they feel can and must improve.

Since they began this race as a group of four people from different backgrounds with different perspectives and beliefs, they have encountered a near-constant onslaught of identity politics attacks and erroneous whisper campaigns. Because they are a broad coalition, they naturally have a wide range of opinions on many issues, but they share a common foundation and policy goal: to improve educational outcomes and keep all of our kids safe and thriving. Each has stated in every public forum and interview, they believe in the dignity of every person and think each person deserves respect. They all believe in LGBTQ+ rights and are staunchly anti-racist. As elected officials, they will commit to using their positions of public service to protect marginalized students and families, bring our educational communities together, and bring practices and policies that allow all to thrive and excel. It suggests desperation from a board that has had little constructive success to run on and few, if any, new ideas, that they refuse to engage with them on the issues. This board has never been challenged like this, and the use of identity attacks, not ideas, affirms why SMMUSD needs new leadership.

It is so frustrating. It is a clear distraction from what this race is and really should be about; our schools and our kids. The campaign has placed its policies and ideas against the reputation of the existing board, to draw a comparison and to show how would govern differently. The opponents' campaign of identity politics, name-calling, and bullying instead of substantive dialogue is indicative of the greater problem. They see it permeating our school administration and at the board level and it is a major reason the four parents are running. They want parents and teachers to be included and listened to, not excluded. They have seen that nothing in our district changes unless parents step up and make it change.

They saw it ten years ago when Malibu High was rife with PCBs and the board did nothing until they were sued by parents into compliance. They saw it this past year when John Muir Elementary was shuttered due to toxic mold. Families were shut out of the conversation until they rallied and got the media involved suddenly – a flurry of district-wide emails went out and promises were made for the first time. Then, just last week two non-verbal autistic students who were abused for four months were awarded $45 million. The successful lawsuit alleges that administrators were aware of the abuse but took no steps to stop it. It took the twins' parents to intervene to change their kids' situation.

The pattern is clear – it takes parents to stand up and make necessary changes in our district when needed. Our district has lost a tremendous number of our students since 2018 and continues to lose families. Our cohesive school community is splintering and as are parents who care deeply for these schools they are standing up to try to heal what they see as a wounded district. It is the core principle of a healthy democracy: the people stand up and hold our leaders accountable. In this case, they are the parents who are standing up and asking our community to elect them to make changes that they see as necessary. Our coalition is so broad because, like the people who live in the cities of Malibu and Santa Monica, have different ideas and views of the world. The beauty is that they are parents who can listen to one another, respect each other's opinions and forge something new and better for our kids.

Our new board will focus on kids and education. They are calling for transparency, community engagement, and accountability. Here is a list of their top 10 action items they will accomplish once elected:

Bring our reading, writing, and math student achievement in line with our comparable coastal Districts all of which receive less funding.

Lower class sizes by hiring more teachers and raising our starting teacher salary to attract the best and brightest.

Create a culture of accountability by 1) hiring independent outside auditors for construction, operating financials, and legal expenditures 2) acting to make budget line items more detailed and transparent, and 3) reconsidering our conflict engagement practices to mitigate lawsuits.

Create a master plan for all SMMUSD campuses that includes open spaces, functional bathrooms, more green space, and trees, before any more construction begins.

Open school board meetings to show speakers, restore public speaking time and compile written comments for public viewing.

Form a Technology District Advisory Committee and develop a student data protection policy that includes third-party annual data purges to protect our kids' digital identities.

Work toward zeroing our budget, to analyze the cost/benefit of programs, including academic programs, professional development contracts, and administrative structures to reaffirm the efficiency and effectiveness of our current spending.

Fix the master schedule to meet student needs for music, arts, language, sports, and other electives without having to take AM or summer school and ensure that our elementary-age kids have enough recess time to succeed in the classroom.

Hire district and site administrators with a solid track record who will stay for 10 or more years to establish continuity and commitment to our programs and their outcomes.

Add term limits to the ballot in the next election and ensure a culture of leaders taking responsibility from the very beginning. will not allow retribution or passing the buck any longer.

I ask that you look at their ideas. And look at who they are as people, individually and as a foursome. Look past the mud-slinging and false accusations. Look at what they want to achieve for our kids, yours, and future generations of students. They are parents who are showing up to make our schools the best they can be.

Wendy Dembo, Santa Monica

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Transparency at PACs

Editor:

In his letter dated 11/2/22 "Attack the Messenger," Wade Major urges voters to cast their ballots for school board candidates backed by a PAC called "A Brighter Future," as they are purportedly dedicated to transparency and accountability with the goal of "restoring trust."

What Major fails to mention is that "A Brighter Future" willfully ignored mandatory state deadlines for disclosing donors to its PAC and belatedly revealed that, of $33,585 in campaign donations received during its most recent reporting period, $30,000 (89%) was donated by a single non-resident dentist from Glendale. So can we trust candidates backed by a PAC which can't muster donations locally and has to resort to funds from a wealthy out-of-town donor? And why is a Glendale dentist so interested in the Santa Monica-Malibu school board race?

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OPINION **LAUGHING MATTERS**

Jack Neworth

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Careful When Getting the Mail



Courtesy photos

MAIL: As a police detective holds a snake, Paul is questioned by the press in his hospital bed.

The late Paul Morantz and I were on our high school basketball team but I hadn't seen him again until 1978 when he was on the TV news having been nearly murdered in a shocking manner. Paul was a lawyer whose practice involved liberating people kept against their will in cults. One case involved Synanon here in Santa Monica, a so-called drug rehab founded by Charles Dederich. He may have started with good intentions but power and money (estimated as high as $30 million) turned Dederich into a tyrant.

For example, on his order three Synanon residents placed a rattlesnake in Paul's mailbox with its rattles cut off to avoid him hearing the imminent attack. During the 1978 Dodger-Yankee World Series, Paul retrieved the day's mail. But when he reached into the mailbox the huge snake bit his arm and wrist inflicting indescribable pain. Inexplicably calm, Paul shut the living room door so his dogs wouldn't also get bitten.

Paul pounded on a neighbor's door who, as fate would have it, had just completed a Red Cross rattlesnake course. Otherwise, Paul would never have survived and gone on to compile such a heroic career battling cults.

While the Synanon building is currently the ultra-plush Casa Del Mar Hotel back then it was decaying badly and the area was extremely seedy. The most violent Synanon members, "The Imperial Marines," often terrorized bike riders and people strolling the boardwalk. By the time police arrived the thugs had sneaked off. However, after 14 years in court Paul eventually caused Synanon to be shut down much to the relief of police and ever-grateful residents.

Years later an example of that gratitude occurred when Paul was in a liquor store on Main Street and Bay buying alcohol for a party he was attending. Examining Paul's credit card the merchant asked if he was Paul Morantz the lawyer. When Paul nodded the owner handed him back his card, "Your money is no good here. You rid us of Synanon which almost ran many of us out of business." (In 2013 the City Council issued Morantz an Official Commendation "For his cases against Synanon and dedication to the welfare of others.")

Paul graduated USC law school and passed the bar but his passion was always writing. In fact he wrote the teleplay for the highly rated "Dead Man's Curve" about surf singers Jan and Dean. He also had articles published in the "Rolling Stone" and in 2013, co-authored a riveting autobiography "Escape: My Life Long War Against Cults."

In the book Paul documented his most famous cases including: Scientology, EST, Jim Jones' The People's Temple, the Moonies and Nichiren Shoshu in his crusade against scam so-called self help organizations. But it was his very first case that changed his life.

In 1974 Morantz uncovered a criminal conspiracy to kidnap skid row alcoholics and sell them to nursing homes where they were kept sedated while Medicare was billed. Morantz testified at public hearings and aided setting up the District Attorney task force on a myriad of nursing home crimes.

As for the rattlesnake attack, on that particular day, Paul had met with the LAPD to discuss a security plan to protect him. Recently Paul had won a $300,000 judgment against Synanon for having kept a resident against her will and Dederich wanted to exact revenge. He actually announced the threat over the Synanon intercom. Talk about "timing is everything," or in this case wasn't, the LAPD security plan for Paul was to go into effect the following day.

Paul made a remarkable recovery from the snake bite, but, rare as it is, the venom can hide in the human body. And

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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An Opinion About Opinions

Editor:

As a matter of course and the political climate we have been in for the past several years, I have distanced myself out of social media and have tried in earnest to be as conscious and deliberate as I can be about my consumption of information on various platforms. It is with this mindset that I have been dismayed by the latest round of articles & opinion pieces I have read regarding our school district, and the lack of effort or regard for printing factually accurate information.

SPECIFIC ARTICLES OF CONCERN:

On October 1, 2022, SMDP published opinion letter "No on SMC" (see: https://smdp.com/2022/10/01/no-on-smc/). The piece states, "As an example, the owner of a home in Santa Monica or Malibu assessed at a value of $1 million will pay $900 a year for the bond," but this is in direct contradiction to an actual article written by SMDP (see "SMC Announces Bond Measure for November Ballot, https://smdp.com/2022/06/09/smc-announces-bond-measure-for-november-ballot/) which states, "If you own your home and your property is assessed at $1 million, your annual fee would be $250." The latter figure is accurate, the one written in the opinion piece is not.

On October 8, 2022, LA Times published "Water damage, mold closed a Santa Monica elementary school. Parents say it follows years of neglect," citing a school board candidate that stated John Muir Elementary was our school district's sole Title I school, only to correct this statement two days later (see: https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-10-08/santa-monica-john-muir-elementary-school-water-damage-mold). The damage having already been done with two days lapsed before the error was corrected, Superintendent Drati had to send out a district-wide email correcting the misinformation, stating "SMMUSD had five Title I schools as of the 2019-20 school year: Muir, Rogers, McKinley, Edison and JAMS. All schools, except McKinley, were over the 40% qualification for Title I in that school year. (Muir 49%, Rogers 40%, Edison 40%, JAMS 42% and McKinley 35% per California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS)."

On October 14, 2022, SMDP published another opinion piece, "Politics and PTAs" which stated, "The SMMPTA is an independent lobbying organization that is using the reputation of our local PTAs to push a ballot measure...." (see: https://smdp.com/2022/10/14/politics-and-ptas/). The SMMPTA is a 501(c)(3) organization. SMMPTA governs over our local school PTAs, and is governed by 33rd District PTA, which is governed by the California PTA or "CAPTA." As 501(c)(3) non-profits, they are not and cannot be classified as "independent lobbying organizations," the characterization is grossly misleading, and our PTAs' right to active participation in the democratic process in promoting education and well-being for students is beyond dispute (SMMPTA has now published their own letter in response that provides a more thorough contextual correction dated October 26, 2022, Letter to the Editor, "PTA Response," https://smdp.com/2022/10/26/letter-to-the-editor-44/).

Note, I am not suggesting that all of the above individuals should not be allowed to raise their opinion about the bond measure, school facilities management, etc.; this is just a request that we are providing accurate facts in our opinions, and on this count I am dismayed to see that neither the letter writers, local candidates nor the newspaper editors have taken appropriate steps to ensure that basic facts beyond dispute are accurately portrayed.

If it is not the newspaper's practice to fact check opinion pieces, as a reader the following two changes would be beneficial: the byline of these opinion pieces should not, at the very top, state "by Staff Report" and rather indicate right at the top of the piece who the letter was written by, and there should be a disclaiming note at the top that the letters were not fact-checked.

I am happy to see a vigorous debate over issues that matter in our local community, but when an opinion or article is published, should we not expect that our newspapers are on a higher footing than social media posts? I invite everyone in our community to put their best foot forward when raising issues that are concerning to them and engage in debate free from misinformation: let's be passionate, not inaccurate. Thank you.

Mila Vecore, Santa Monica

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Next year, if it passes, Measure GS would require the seller of a building in Santa Monica with a sales price of **$8,000,000,** or over, to pay a transfer tax of 5.6%. The minimum would be $448, 000 versus the current amount of **$48,000 ($6/1,000).**

Imagine, next year, a good friend of yours buys an office building in Santa Monica for **$8,500,000.** Six months later he is forced to sell that building for some reason beyond his control for only **$8,200,000.** That is an actual real loss of $300,000, plus he will have to pay real estate commissions (another $400,000 or so) and other costs os a sale.

Under Measure GS, he would be forced to pay $459,200 ($56/$1,000) to Santa Monica, plus LA Country $9,020, for a total of $468,200 (almost half a million dollars) even though he suffered an enormous economic loss.

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A Return in person of Thai Night at AFM proven a success

SANTA MONICA, California, Nov. 3, 2022 – Held at Hotel Casa del Mar on November 2nd, Thai Night 2022 – Thailand Where Films Come Alive is always one of the most high-profile events of the AFM and 2022 was no exception.

Last night in Santa Monica, Thai Night 2022 – Thailand Where Films Come Alive, a gala hosted by the Department of International Trade Promotion (DITP), Ministry of Commerce, Royal Thai Government, as a focal point for the Thai Film industry at the American Film Market 2022, was a resounding success, attracting hundreds of international film professionals keen to learn more about the strong advantages of Thailand as a filming destination and its state-of-the-art film production and creative services. The new "Thailand Transformed" film incentive program drew a great deal of attention and is certain to result in additional projects coming to Thailand.

Presided over by Her Royal Highness Princess Ubolratana Rajakanya Sirivadhana Barnavadi, and with Mr. Jurin Laksanawisit, Thailand's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Commerce, also in attendance, the gala event registered full capacity, with over 250 guests including many distinguished entertainers, creators, filmmakers. Special guests were Ella Bleu Travolta, Hrisheek Panchmatia, Vincent De Paul and John Penotti.

The guidelines provided by Mr. Jurin Laksanawisit, Thailand's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Commerce has laid the groundwork for the DITP to successfully manage the pandemic crisis and create the proper environment for the Thai Film Industry to advance despite the adversity.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Whither Santa Monica?

Editor:

In 2020 more Santa Monicans voted for Donald Trump than in 2016. Really? In the uber-progressive People's Republic of Santa Monica? Yup. As Casey Stengel used to say "You could look it up."

So have the populist strategies of Trumpism taken root in Santa Monica? Let's take a look at the sea change in Santa Monica politics in recent years.

Trump's first tactic was to rile up an aggrieved class and to convince those voters only he could resolve their concerns. Here in Santa Monica, political dissidents began talking and writing about "the residents" as neglected by an allegedly corrupt establishment and fanning the flames of discontent with a decidedly dystopian view of our city. Never mind that the residents of Santa Monica are hardly a monolithic bloc of like-minded individuals. And never mind that not so long ago our political discourse was aspirational rather than divisive and focused on "community" rather than "us v. them."

Baseless conspiracy theories were then promulgated on social media to expand the group of voters who believe "the elites" are working against them. My favorite here in Santa Monica is the absurd hypothesis that certain political groups only want more affordable housing to expand their constituent base – sound at all like the Great Replacement theory?

Phase Two is to win over those unhappy voters and to enlarge that base with bogus campaign promises: for instance, we're still waiting for Mexico to pay for that wall. Locally those pledges included reducing homelessness by 50% in one year; limiting development to no more than four stories; and cutting the size and cost of government.

Once elected, those assurances prove to be empty. While in West Virginia the miners are still waiting for Trump to bring back coal, in our town homelessness remains unabated; there's been no downzoning as the state doesn't allow it; and all City staff were granted substantial raises this year.

Then, having railed against the purported corruption of the prior administration, Trumpism prescribes wallowing in your own cronyism and self-dealings: book Secret Service into your own hotels and appoint your relatives and allies to important posts regardless of qualifications. Here in Santa Monica we've seen a real estate developer who makes large campaign donations and who has one of the notorious "builder's remedy" projects appointed to an important City board; Councilmember meals paid for by lobbyists in violation of ethics laws; and a recent letter to voters from three Councilmembers supporting a candidate on a fake City letterhead, a clear violation of local election code.

Betrayal of rules around confidentiality? When allegations were made that some Councilmembers were leaking information from closed sessions in violation of State law, a majority of the Council voted to thwart an investigation of these possible misdeeds. Can you picture the President of the U.S. having such a blatant disregard for restricted documents? Oh, wait, never mind.

Another facet of Trumpism? Anti-intellectualism. So we had a President who got his "facts" from Fox and Friends rather than source documents. In Santa Monica we have Councilmembers who feel reading staff reports is too much work. The consequences? Intolerably long meetings as our elected have to be spoon-fed information on the dais they should have already digested. Unacceptable errors such as not realizing a non-compliant Housing Element could lead to unconstrained development. And a staff morale at City Hall that's at an all-time low. Can you imagine working long hours to draft a comprehensive report on an agenda item only to have Councilmembers disdainfully ignore your efforts? We're already losing important staff and I hear that next year there will be an exodus of 200-300 people from City Hall. What will happen to City services then?

Cozying up to authoritarian strongmen like Vladimir Putin and Viktor Orban? Four of our Councilmembers just voted No on County Measure A, which would have provided for checks on the reckless behavior of thuggish Sheriff Alex Villanueva, whose support this election cycle comes primarily from Republicans.

Now before anyone bursts a blood vessel, I'm not suggesting the "change slate" Councilmembers and their endorsed candidates are MAGA Republicans, although some might be called DINOs (Democrats in Name Only). But they have followed the Trump playbook so effectively that they are now the ensconced political establishment. Don't believe me? Take a look at the tens of thousands of dollars donated by developers and corporate real estate interests to PACs such as Santa Monicans for Change – the big money knows who's really in charge.

So our city is at a crossroads. Voters can choose on November 8th for more of the same or they can cast their ballots for the progressive Council candidates who seek to restore a culture of inclusiveness, compassion, and competence to our municipal government.

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HOMELESS

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homelessness spending, but only if they submitted plans on how they would use the money. Thursday, Newsom declared those plans were "simply unacceptable" as they would collectively reduce the state's homeless population by just 2% over the next four years.

Newsom said he would pause that spending, calling a meeting with local officials later this month to "review the state's collective approach to homelessness."

"At this pace, it would take decades to significantly curb homelessness in California," Newsom said in a news release. "Everyone has to do better — cities, counties, and the state included. We are all in this together."

Local leaders were not happy.

The California State Association of Counties pleaded with the governor for a "comprehensive statewide plan" that lays out clear responsibilities for cities and counties, and with the money provided for jurisdictions to succeed, executive director Graham Knaus said in a statement.

In San Jose — the 10th largest city in the U.S., with more than 1 million residents — Mayor Sam Liccardo said if Newsom wanted to be bold in solving the homeless crisis, he would dedicate 10% of the state's recent historic budget surpluses to build housing and require homeless people to take permanent housing when it is offered, among other reforms.

"Let's put down the megaphones and pick up the shovels," Liccardo said.

> "Oakland followed the state's process exactly as instructed, so we hope this pause will incorporate our front-line wisdom and improve upon last year's process - Libby Schaaf"

In Oakland, Mayor Libby Schaaf, who leads a coalition of mayors of the state's 13 largest cities, said she shares the governor's need for urgency and accountability, but doesn't understand how delaying funding helps the situation.

"Oakland followed the state's process exactly as instructed, so we hope this pause will incorporate our front-line wisdom and improve upon last year's process," she said.

A common plea echoed by mayors and advocates for the homeless was the need for dedicated funding so cities and counties can plan ahead and ramp up the number of people they expect to help.

Chione Flegal, executive director of Housing California, said $1 billion sounds big but it's a "drop in the bucket relative to the incredible need folks are facing." She said there also needs to be massive investment in public health, affordable housing stock and the social net to really solve homelessness.

Newsom is running for reelection this year and is likely to win a second term as he faces a little-known Republican state senator. But Newsom's political future, including a possible run for president, could be complicated by California's persistent homelessness crisis.

Since taking office in 2019, Newsom has been more aggressive in setting and enforcing a statewide homelessness policy. In 2019, the Newsom administration sued the Southern California city of Huntington Beach, accusing local officials of ignoring the state's affordable housing requirements.

Earlier this year, the Newsom administration launched a first-of-its-kind investigation of San Francisco's housing policies aimed at figuring out why it takes officials there so long to approve housing projects. And last month, the Newsom administration and the state attorney general joined a lawsuit against the city of Anaheim alleging officials there violated state housing laws.

In the past year, the Newsom administration says it has cleared 1,600 homeless encampments, cleaning up 2,227 tons of trash, enough to fill more than 40 Olympic-sized swimming pools. He also signed a new law that will let judges force some homeless people into treatment — a controversial proposal opposed by civil rights advocates who say it goes too far.

Advocates for the homeless say compelling treatment when there are not enough beds or services and cleaning up encampments will not seriously reduce the number of unhoused people in California.

"People experiencing homelessness are not garbage to be thrown away," said Flegal.

But Jim Wood, a Democratic member of the state Assembly whose district includes the North Coast, said he "wholeheartedly applaud(s)" Newsom's decision.

"The money is not going to go very far and you're not going to make much of a dent unless you figure out a different way to do things," he said.

Har reported from San Francisco.

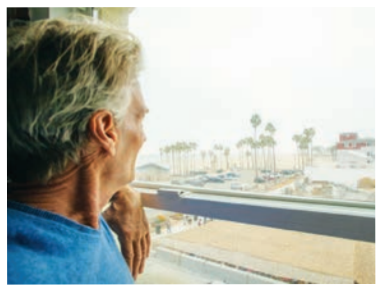
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LAUGHING MATTERS

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so it was a few decades later it resurfaced in Paul. So for the remainder of his life he needed blood transfusions every two weeks. Paul jokingly confessed, "I've developed simpatico with Dracula."

I talked to Paul a few weeks ago and he sounded great. He even e-mailed me his screenplay "Little Soldier Boy" about WWII hero 5'5" Audie Murphy who was also a surprisingly good actor featured in 40 movies. He wanted my opinion but the script arrived the day Paul passed. (A Morantz type joke crossed my mind that wherever he is apparently they had WI-Fi.)

I gather Paul had recently suffered a severe fall in his Pacific Palisades home that may have led to his passing. In addition to the untold numbers of people Paul had helped free, closer to home, he leaves behind his son Chaz, a leading engineer at NASA of whom he was eternally proud.

Paul often responded to my columns. I only wish he could have seen this, or rather, that his final sad circumstances didn't compel me to write it. (Wherever he is, in case there is Wi-Fi, "Your script was excellent!")

"Escape: My Lifelong War Against Cults" is available at Amazon. Fascinating video interview with Paul about his life and often dangerous career, go to YouTube "Legally Speaking, Paul Morantz" Jack is at: jackdailypress@aol.com.

CHAMBER

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Manager Jasson Crockett. Although each represented very different backgrounds and sectors, all expressed hope about the future of business in Santa Monica.

"There are lots of things that we've seen and done through the course of the pandemic, lots of new ways of regulating businesses and bringing businesses in," White said. "And we've worked very hard to turn those innovations during the pandemic into permanent new ways of doing business here, and it's keeping that flexible mindset as we move forward that's going to help us continue to have a very robust economy in the City."

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General Mills, Audi pause Twitter ads

MAE ANDERSON
AP Business Writer

General Mills and Audi are the latest big advertisers to pause ads on Twitter as questions swirl about how the social media platform will operate under new owner Elon Musk.

Spokesperson Kelsey Roemhildt on Thursday confirmed the move by the Minneapolis-based maker of food brands such as Cheerios and Annie's macaroni and cheese.

"As always, we will continue to monitor this new direction and evaluate our marketing spend," she said.

Audi spokesperson Whaewon Choi-Wiles said the German automaker is pausing ads and "will continue to evaluate the situation."

Advertisers are concerned about whether content moderation will remain as stringent under Musk — a self-described "free speech absolutist" — as it has been, and whether staying on Twitter might tarnish their brands.

Shortly before taking over the San Francisco company last week, Musk issued a vow to advertisers that he would not allow Twitter to become a "free-for-all hellscape," an indication there would still be consequences for violators of its rules against harassment, violence, or election and COVID-related misinformation.

But since then some users have posted racial slurs and recirculated long-debunked conspiracy theories in an apparent attempt to see if the site's policies were still being enforced. The NAACP said this week it has expressed to Musk its concerns about "the dangerous, life-threatening hate and conspiracies that have proliferated on Twitter" under his watch.

Last week, General Motors announced that it had temporarily paused its Twitter advertising while it works to "understand the direction of the platform." GM described the pause as a normal step it takes when a media platform undergoes significant change.

IPG Mediabrands sent a recommendation to clients on Monday that they pause advertising on Twitter for a week until more clarity emerges about brand safety on the site, according a person who had seen the recommendation.

Other big Twitter advertisers like Warner Discovery, Coca-Cola and Nestle did not respond to requests for comment about their advertising plans.

Some could evaluate their plans after Twitter's new "content moderation council" meets. Musk has said he will not reinstate any accounts or make major content decisions before it is convened. No date has been announced for that meeting.

About 90% of Twitter's revenue comes from advertisers but it's far from the biggest platform that advertisers turn to for digital marketing. Google, Amazon and Meta account for about 75% of digital ads, with all other platforms combined making up the other 25%.

Twitter will account for 0.9% of worldwide digital ad spending in 2022, according to projections by Insider Intelligence. Meta will account for 21.4% in 2022.

Twitter has lost most of its top executives in the past week, including the one in charge of advertising sales.

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Curiosity ignites your spirit of adventure, and your social horizons follow in an ever-widening pattern. Don't forget there are new worlds within a 10-mile radius of your home and quite inside normal experience. The new season is a flood-fill of romance and music. The financial picture improves with a sale. Sagittarius and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 10, 3, 31 and 40.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Whether you think of it as an equation to be solved or a recipe to be put together, the essential thing to consider is the feelings of the people involved. The choice that supports people is the choice of your own soul.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In the situation you're looking at now, someone will win, and it could be you. It may as well be you, right? You're still deciding whether and how to make your move. Take your time. This one will take a while to play out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Extra energy kicks in and you'll keep moving quickly through the day. There are things you shouldn't do fast, though, and talking is one of them. You'll get more respect from a calm, slow delivery.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It will be important to take care of yourself before you give to others. You'll be as generous as you can possibly be while still maintaining enough of your own time and resources to get your work done.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Having to fight for what you want has made you better. You've found that sweet spot between your natural talents and the role you've been cast in. Take heart and keep going. There are aspirations you long to express.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Why does it matter so much to have a clean car or a certain pair of shoes? Because the symbols of our lives say something about who we are and why we do what we do. This will be a theme of your day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You give your all to the projects and people around you, so choose your work carefully. You're so deeply committed and motivated; don't waste this energy on anything other than what you really, really want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have a way of making people feel safe. New people will be attracted to you as you demonstrate your strength. Your gift of strength comes in many forms -- intellectual, physical and emotional.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Having too many choices is almost worse than none. You long for just the right amount of structure. You want to feel free to customize your time, and you'll like the options available for you to do so.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Just as a goat might back up to get a running start up the hill, you assess the pitch of the challenge ahead, throw it into reverse, gather your gusto, then shoot up the mountain in a quick burst.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Actions that are normally simple and straightforward, such as driving, shopping or dialing the phone, can be made suddenly difficult by elevated stress levels. Nervous? Reduce your expectations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A father figure will have a role in the way karma unfolds. You effortlessly attract helpful people to you. Earth signs (Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn) will work especially hard on your behalf.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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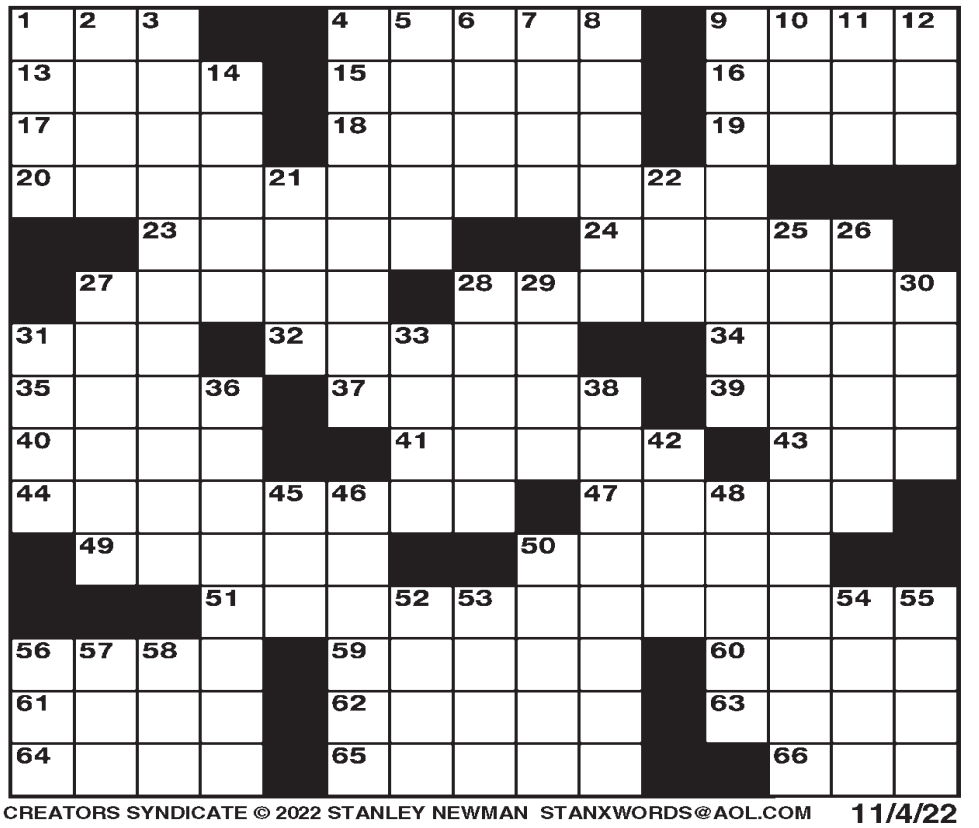
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9 Harsh sound
13 Theater tier
15 From port to starboard
16 Heckled
17 Numerical suffix
18 FDR VP John __ Garner
19 Chances often taken
20 Expression of indifference
23 Lose it
24 Keep talking
27 Needing training
28 Expression of indifference
31 Price of admission
32 Comparison with a colon
34 Gaming giant
35 Unreliable source
37 Expression of indifference
39 Cable car kin
40 Cicero's existence
41 Beyond unexpected
43 Dearborn and LaSalle, in Chi
44 Expression of indifference
47 Heard all too often
49 "Today is the last day of __ past": Yeltsin
50 Cheery sounds
51 Expression of indifference
56 Pole, for example
59 Type of columns supporting the Parthenon
60 Press secretary, e.g.
61 Field trip of a sort
62 Choose to hold office
63 Tech review website
64 What a date ends with
65 Icy fields
66 Premium purchase

DOWN

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3 Thomas Paine topic
4 Colorful neckwear
5 Online loan source
6 Shrove Tuesday follower
7 Insufficiency
8 Egyptian sun god
9 How set-for-max toast comes out
10 Shape of some pretzels
11 Put into the mix
12 "Just what I was hoping for!"
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21 Sideways look
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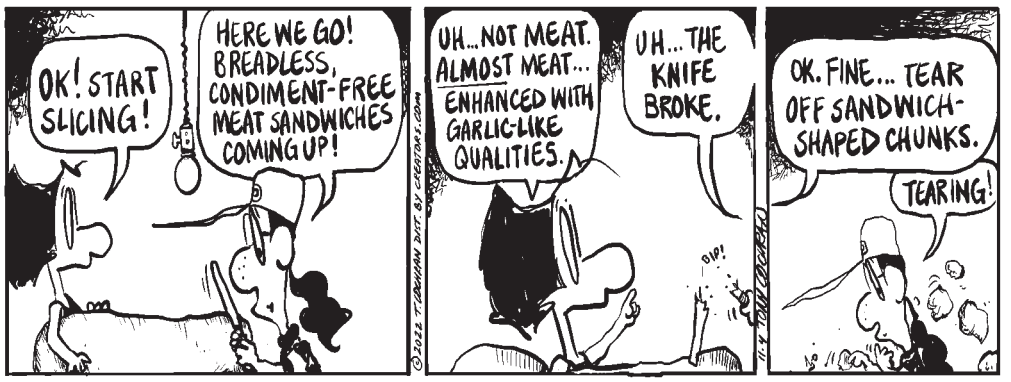


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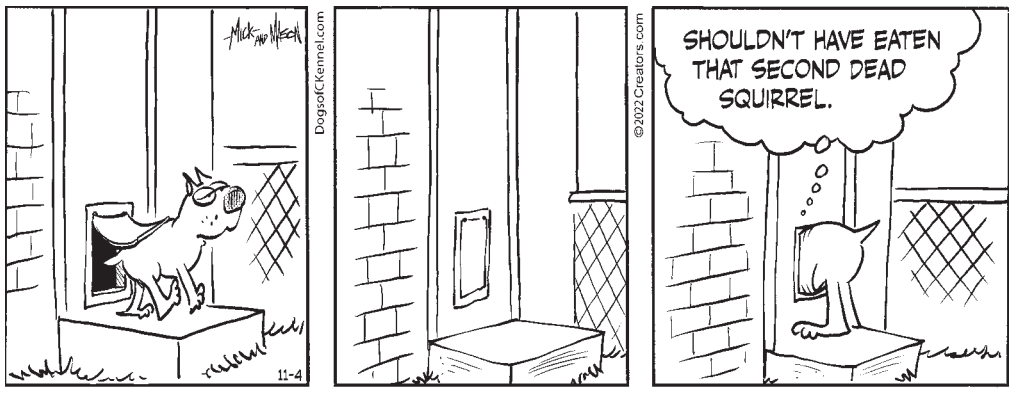
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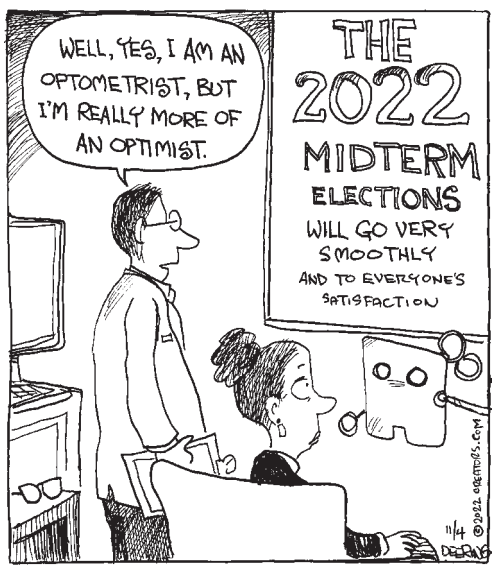
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FIND THE WORDS

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 17 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 4

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, LOW

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. Contact Olga Saucedo at (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org to enroll. Pico Branch Library, 10 - 12:30.

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 5

INTRO TO UKULELE FOR ADULTS

Get started playing the "happiest instrument in the world" with Cali Rose. Bring your own uke or borrow one of ours. Space and instruments are limited and available on a first-arrival basis. Program will take place in the Montana Avenue Branch Library patio. Montana Avenue Branch, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

OCEAN PARK BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Join a community-led discussion of books chosen by the group. This month's title is Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World - and Why Things Are Better Than You Think by Hans Rosling. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the Zoom link. Main Library. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

MARINE PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN GRAND OPENING

The City is excited to welcome the fifth garden to the Community Garden program and expand the City's urban agriculture. The Marine Park Community Garden will include individual garden beds, a communal growing space, rainwater harvesting, community composting and dwarf fruit trees. Come join us as we roll up our sleeves and start planting. Learn more with compost demonstrations and even inoculate your own worm bin with a few little red wigglers. Tours will be conducted throughout the event. There will be refreshments, kids activities, giveaways and a raffle for fruit trees. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Marine Park 1406 Marine St., https://www.eventbrite.com/e/marine-park-community-garden-grand-opening-tickets-434032321357

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 6

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT ANTIQUE MARKET

A destination for decorators, designers, boutique owners, families with their friendly dogs and collectors of all ages. Shop for ancient to antique, Victorian to Mid-Century, from vintage to the eccentric. Dealers bring; shabby chic, architectural salvage and industrial furniture, paintings from listed European and American artists, original vintage prints, posters and lithographs, estate jewelry, vintage to couture fashion, books, candelabras, outdoor furniture and garden accessories, rugs from around the world, tribal and African art, sculpture and beads, exotic plants and more. Located next to the Museum of Flying. Santa Monica Airport, 2800-3200 Airport Ave. 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

MONDAY | NOVEMBER 7

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

An ongoing series of citizenship 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. The classes help students complete and submit their U.S. citizenship applications, and prepare them for the official review. Enrollment is through the SMMUSD Adult Education Center (310) 664-6222, ext. 76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org. Pico Branch Library 12:45 - 3:15 p.m.

TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 8

INTERNATIONAL GAMES WEEK: FAMILY GAMES

Challenge fellow game enthusiasts at family board games. For All Ages. Main Library, Children's Activity Room, 4:30 - 5:30

TUESDAY TALES

Our engaging, monthly storytime with stories, songs, and rhymes travels to Montana Branch in November. For ages 2-5. Montana Avenue Branch Library. 10:30 - 11 a.m.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

The Zoning Administrator issues land use permits that are minor in nature and may adopt specific findings of fact to support the resulting decision, or require specific conditions. Some Zoning Administrator permits are administrative determinations, while others require a noticed public hearing. 10:30 a.m. https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Zoning-Administrator/

WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 9

CLEAN BEACHES & OCEAN COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Clean Beaches & Ocean Parcel Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee. An agenda will be posted online closer to the meeting date at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PublicWorks/ContentCivEng.aspx. 6:30 p.m.

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **63.0**

FRIDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Small run of SSW swell will continue and there will still be some NW swell in the mix for peaky beachbreak surf. Offshore wind in the morning, just account for the early high tide.
SATURDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	SSW swell continues, as NW swell drops. AM winds look favorable but mid the early/mid AM high tide.

WEATHER

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 65. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50. West wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 69. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/11/04	Fri	01:03 AM	0.08	L
2022/11/04	Fri	07:34 AM	5.34	H
2022/11/04	Fri	1:40 PM	1.13	L
2022/11/04	Fri	7:31 PM	4.90	H
2022/11/05	Sat	01:40 AM	0.34	L
2022/11/05	Sat	08:02 AM	5.73	H
2022/11/05	Sat	2:24 PM	0.51	L
2022/11/05	Sat	8:22 PM	4.78	H
2022/11/06	Sun	01:12 AM	0.70	L
2022/11/06	Sun	07:29 AM	6.04	H
2022/11/06	Sun	2:04 PM	0.03	L
2022/11/06	Sun	8:08 PM	4.58	H
2022/11/07	Mon	01:41 AM	1.10	L
2022/11/07	Mon	07:56 AM	6.22	H
2022/11/07	Mon	2:42 PM	-0.28	L
2022/11/07	Mon	8:52 PM	4.33	H
2022/11/08	Tue	02:08 AM	1.52	L
2022/11/08	Tue	08:22 AM	6.26	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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Draw Date: 11/1
5 9 15 16 17
Mega#: 25
Jackpot: 119 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 11/2
7 9 14 39 43
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 39 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/2
10 14 16 27 33

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EVENING: 3 9 2
Draw Date: 11/2
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3rd: 08 - Gorgeous George
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