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SMPD to remain on 'maximum deployment' through weekend

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Polling stations are closed, but the Santa Monica Police Department will remain on maximum deployment this weekend to ensure the city is secure and residents are safe from potential unrest.

Interim Chief of Police Jacqueline Seabrooks said earlier this week that the voting process in Santa Monica went well and there were no incidents that occurred Tuesday related to the election. But with tensions high and uncertainty remaining, SMPD leaders believe it best for the department to continue its high-profile presence until Sunday at the earliest.

As of 4 p.m. Thursday, there has been no information about any direct threats to our city, Seabrooks said. "Nevertheless, I want you to be certain about this: the women and men at the Santa Monica Police Department will continue to have a strong presence throughout the community. This presence includes both high visibility patrols in our commercial and business centers and in our residential neighborhoods. You'll also see our helicopter overhead."

SMPD understands this may be a bit disconcerting, but aerial coverage is an invaluable resource that provides officers with additional situational awareness and enables officers to quickly deploy and manage field resources.

"Because of the uncertainty our community has expressed to us, we

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SHINE ON SANTA MONICA

Auto industry drives forward

We have faced big challenges this past 8 months, but have worked remarkably hard to turn our economy around. Since March, we have seen our community support one another by looking local for the everyday essentials, creating a positive outcome for our local economy. Our local automotive industry has quietly kept us on path generating 25 percent of the overall sales tax income, the highest sales tax generator for the City. The auto industry has quickly adapted to the new health and safety standards and since July, has made huge efforts to turn things around

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Local bus driver wins 32K on Who Wants to be a Millionaire

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

When Santa Monica bus driver Eric Bailey received a message from an ABC Instagram account inviting him to participate in *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*, he assumed it was a fraud "like one of those Nigerian prince schemes," he said. Little did he know he would soon be walking out of Sony Studios $32,000 richer.

Bailey is one of several frontline workers featured in this season of *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*, hosted by Jimmy Kimmel. During the show, which was released on Nov. 1, Bailey successfully answers 10 consecutive questions on a wide range of subjects from K-pop, to SNL, to air fresheners.

"I approach a lot of situations

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Courtesy photo

TV: A Santa Monica BBB employee was recently featured on a national game show.

Cold, wet weather heading to parched California



Courtesy image

WET: It will be wet and cold in the coming days.

Associated Press

Warm and dry conditions Thursday across California will give way to distinctly cooler and wet weather heading into the weekend, the National Weather Service said.

Showers, rain, mountain snow and gusty winds were predicted for many areas as a low pressure system moves down from the Pacific Northwest into California on Friday,

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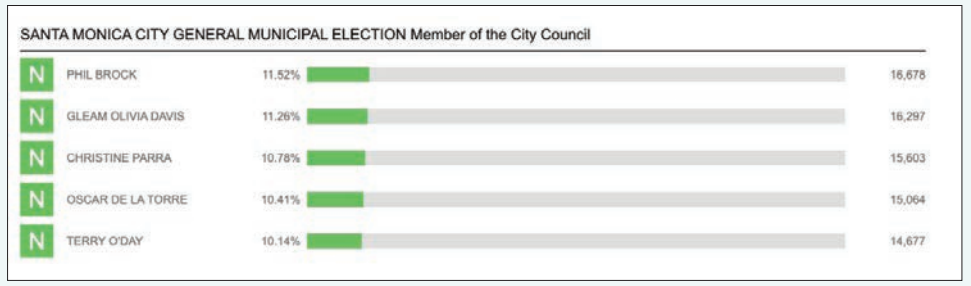


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ELECTION: Candidates for City Council have declined to claim victory pending the full results of the election but after several updates, the top four continues to be Phil Brock, Gleam Davis, Christine Parra and Oscar de la Torre.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 21 CALLS ON NOVEMBER 04

EMS 4th St / Pico Blvd 12:02 a.m.
EMS 800blk 7th St 2:32 a.m.
EMS 400blk Expo Line 2:41 a.m.
EMS 300blk Pico Blvd 4:16 a.m.
EMS 600blk Bay St 5:02 a.m.
EMS 300blk Colorado Ave 8:01 a.m.
EMS 700blk Pico Blvd 8:43 a.m.
EMS 1900blk 19th St 10:06 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 14th St / Montana Ave 11:40 a.m.
EMS 1600blk 11th St 11:42 a.m.
EMS 2300blk 4th St 12:28 p.m.
EMS Neilson Way / Hollister Ave 1:45 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500blk 12th St 2:45 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 3:04 p.m.
EMS 1000blk Pico Blvd 4:14 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:41 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500blk 2nd St 6:52 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 7:02 p.m.
EMS 700blk 17th St 8:07 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 1000blk Ocean Ave 8:15 p.m.
EMS 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:58 p.m.

Study: Fix to food climate problem doesn't require veganism

SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

The world likely can't keep global warming to a relatively safe minimum unless we change how we grow, eat and throw away our food, but we don't need to all go vegan, a new study says.

Researchers looked at five types of broad fixes to the food system and calculated how much they fight warming. They found that sampling a buffet of partial fixes for all five, instead of just diving into the salad bar, can get the job done, according to a study published in Thursday's journal Science.

If the world food system keeps on current trajectories, it will produce near 1.5 trillion tons of greenhouse gases (almost 1.4 trillion metric tons) over the next 80 years, the study found. That's coming from belching cows, fertilizer, mismanaged soil and food waste. That much emissions — even if the globe stops burning fossil fuels which produce twice as much carbon pollution as food — is enough to likely warm Earth by more than the goals set in the 2015 Paris climate accord.

"The whole world doesn't have to give up meat for us to meet our climate goals," said study co-author Jason Hill, a biosystems engineering professor at the University of Minnesota. "We can eat better, healthier foods. We can improve how we grow foods. And we can waste less food."

The researchers from the United States and the United Kingdom found:

— A nearly complete switch to a plant-rich diet around the world could slash almost 720 billion tons of greenhouse gases (650 billion metric tons).

— If almost everyone ate the right number of calories based on their age, around 2,100 calories a day for many adults, it would cut about 450 billion tons of greenhouse gases (410 billion metric tons).

— If farming got more carbon efficient — by using less fertilizer, managing soil better and doing better crop rotation — it would slice nearly 600 billion tons of greenhouse gases (540 billion metric tons).

— If farms could increase yield through genetics and other methods, it would trim almost 210 billion tons of greenhouse gases (190 billion metric tons).

— If people waste less food either on their plates, in restaurants or by getting it to people in poorer countries, that would eliminate nearly 400 billion tons of greenhouse gases (360 billion metric tons).

Or if the world does each of those five things but only half way, emissions would plummet by almost 940 billion tons (850 billion metric tons). And that, with fossil fuel emissions cuts, would give the world a fighting chance of preventing another 0.5 to 1.3 degrees (0.3 to 0.7 degrees Celsius) of warming, which the Paris accord aims to do, the study found.

Hans-Otto Poertner, who leads the United

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City of Santa Monica

**Ordinance Number 2656 (CCS)
(City Council Series)**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA CREATING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.12.1055 TO ESTABLISH A ONE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON THE DEPLOYMENT AND OPERATION OF AUTONOMOUS DELIVERY VEHICLES OR DEVICES ON SIDEWALKS AND PEDESTRIAN PATHS OF TRAVEL

The following is a summary of Emergency Ordinance Number 2656 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

This ordinance imposes a one-year moratorium, commencing October 28, 2020 and continuing through October 28, 2021, prohibiting the operation on City sidewalks or pedestrian paths of travel of any autonomous delivery vehicle or device, which the ordinance defines as a motorized vehicle or device used to transport items, products, or any other materials on City sidewalks or pedestrian paths of travel for commercial purposes, without its movements being actively and physically controlled by a human operator, either in person or remotely.

The ordinance also imposes a moratorium, commencing January 1, 2021, or at such time as the pilot program being overseen in Santa Monica by Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator ("LACI") commences, and continuing through October 28, 2021, prohibiting the operation on City sidewalks or pedestrian paths of travel of any remotely controlled delivery vehicle or device, except as part of the LACI pilot program within the voluntary zero emissions delivery zone as defined for purposes of that pilot program.

The ordinance also imposes requirements on operations of any autonomous or remotely operated devices not prohibited by the ordinance as follows: (1) insurance and indemnification requirements imposed as conditions of the grant to the operator of a required Santa Monica business license; (2) devices shall yield the right of way to pedestrians and bicycles; (3) devices shall obey all signs and signals governing traffic and pedestrians; (4) devices shall not interfere with the maintenance of paths of travel for persons with disabilities; (5) devices shall not transport waste or hazardous materials (including flammables or ammunition); (6) devices shall be equipped with headlights that operate at night, sunrise, and sunset; and (7) each device shall bear, in markings of a size sufficient to be clearly legible to passing vehicles and pedestrians, a unique identifier for the device together with the name and contact information of the operator.

The Emergency Ordinance took effect immediately upon adoption, that is, as of October 28, 2020.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 266 CALLS ON NOVEMBER 04

Assault W/Deadly Weapon Just Occurred 1900blk Ocean Ave 12:00 a.m.
Party Complaint 800blk Pacific St 12:18 a.m.
Party Complaint 2900blk 4th St 1:01 a.m.
Party Complaint 800blk Pacific St 1:07 a.m.
Battery Report 300blk Olympic Dr 1:26 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 300blk Olympic Dr 2:40 a.m.
Fight 1900blk Ocean Way 4:08 a.m.
Party Complaint 2900blk 4th St 6:11 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 6:23 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 1600blk Berkeley St 7:51 a.m.
Found Property 2300blk Arizona Ave 7:57 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 300blk 11th St 8:44 a.m.
Harassing Phone Calls Report 1000blk 18th St 8:51 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 900blk 18th St 9:13 a.m.
Panic Alarm 900blk Euclid St 9:14 a.m.
General Parking Problem 2200blk Colorado Ave 9:19 a.m.
Found Property 2400blk 23rd St 9:30 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1800blk Arizona Ave 10:08 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1200blk 17th St 10:22 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1200blk 17th St 10:23 a.m.
Loitering 300blk Montana Ave 10:32 a.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 3100blk Highland Ave 10:43 a.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:45 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2700blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:55 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1200blk Hill St 11:12 a.m.
Loitering 1300blk Arizona Ave 11:15 a.m.
Construction Noise 1200blk 17th St 11:16 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1000blk Bay St 11:19 a.m.
Fraud Report 1300blk 7th St 11:22 a.m.
Prowler Report 1900blk 10th St 11:24 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 1900blk 19th St 11:25 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 14th St / Montana Ave 11:39 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 2900blk Ocean Park Blvd 11:40 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 1300blk 11th St 11:45 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1000blk 9th St 12:01 p.m.
Found Property 1600blk Ocean Ave 12:09 p.m.
Encampment 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 12:23 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1700blk Appian Way 12:27 p.m.
Found Person 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:54 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 800blk 2nd St 1:04 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 700blk 11th St 1:09 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 700blk 11th St 1:10 p.m.
Loitering 1200blk Lincoln Blvd 1:13 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 700blk 21st Pl 1:25 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 900blk 2nd St 1:26 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 1:34 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 700blk Broadway 1:40 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Just Occurred 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:43 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 700blk Broadway 1:48 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 700blk Kensington Rd 1:48 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2100blk 20th St 1:49 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 4th St / Marguerita Ave 1:50 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:53 p.m.
Loitering 1700blk 26th St 2:16 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1500blk 4th St 2:17 p.m.
Fight 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 2:33 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 3:30 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:40 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1700blk Lincoln Blvd 4:02 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1800blk Arizona Ave 4:02 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1100blk 18th St 4:08 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 2500blk Beverley Ave 4:12 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 4:23 p.m.
Arson 1400blk Harvard St 4:45 p.m.
Arson 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:46 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 700blk Ozone St 4:57 p.m.
Found Property 900blk Euclid St 5:02 p.m.
Loitering Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 5:07 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2000blk Yorkshire Ave 5:17 p.m.
Burglary Report 900blk 7th St 5:33 p.m.
Drinking In Public 100blk Broadway 6:01 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2200blk Wilshire Blvd 6:27 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1700blk 16th St 7:03 p.m.
Encampment 2000blk Ocean Front Walk 7:18 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:35 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Ocean Ave / Washington Ave 8:15 p.m.
Construction Noise 900blk 20th St 8:17 p.m.
Burglary Report 400blk California Ave 8:27 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Moomat Ahiko Way / Ocean Ave 8:38 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2100blk Wilshire Blvd 9:01 p.m.
Loitering 300blk Santa Monica Pier 10:04 p.m.
Report Of Shots Fired Lincoln Blvd / Hill St 10:04 p.m.
Panic Alarm 100blk Santa Monica Pl 11:10 p.m.

City of Santa Monica

Ordinance Number 2654 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 9.64.050 TO EXTEND THE REMOVAL OF THE EXTREMELY-LOW INCOME AFFORDABLE HOUSING CATEGORY

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2654 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

On April 9, 2019, the City Council adopted Ordinance Number 2605 (CCS), which removed the extremely-low income category as an option for satisfying affordable housing production obligations until November 27, 2019. On October 22, 2019, the City Council adopted Ordinance Number 2622 (CCS), which extended the elimination of the extremely-low income category as an option for satisfying affordable housing production obligations until November 27, 2020. This Ordinance Number 2654 (CCS) further extends the elimination of the extremely-low income category as an option for satisfying affordable housing production obligations until February 28, 2022.

The Ordinance will take effect thirty days after its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

City of Santa Monica

Ordinance Number 2655 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 6.22.020 AND 6.22.100 TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIMARY RESIDENCE AND PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM RESIDENTIAL LEASING REQUIREMENTS

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2655 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

On September 8, 2020, the City Council adopted Ordinance Number 2650 (CCS), adding Santa Monica Municipal Code ("SMMC") Chapter 6.22: Residential Leasing Requirements (the "residential leasing regulations"), which required, among other things, that: residential housing units may be leased only to natural persons (Section 6.22.040); residential housing units may be leased only to tenants who will use and occupy the units as their primary residence (Section 6.22.050); residential housing units may be leased only if the initial lease term is of no less than one year (Section 6.22.060); and residential housing units may be leased only unfurnished (Section 6.22.070).

This Ordinance Number 2655 (CCS) revises the residential leasing regulations to:

- Add as a form of documentation that can be submitted as one of the two required to establish primary residence proof of payment of resident tuition to a California public institution of higher education, including proof of payment in accordance with an exemption to payment of nonresident tuition under California AB 540, the California DREAM Act;
- Exempt from their application leases that provide for temporary relocation housing for tenants who are subject to temporary relocation under SMMC Section 4.36.100 or 8.100.030.
- Exempt from their application leases of rental housing units that at the time of the lease satisfy all of the following: (1) the unit is occupied by the owner as the owner's primary residence; (2) within the ten prior years a tenant did not leave the unit as the result of an owner-move-in eviction, an Ellis Act eviction, or the buy-out of a rental agreement to implement an owner-move-in or Ellis Act eviction; (3) the unit is leased by the owner for less than one year with the intent of the owner to return to reoccupy the unit as the owner's primary residence at the end of the rental period; and (4) the unit is rented out no more than two times per calendar year for a total period of less than six months.
- Exempt from their application leases of rental housing units that are ADUs or JADUs for which plans have been submitted for plan check by no later than December 31, 2020 if all of the following apply: (1) the unit is located on a parcel improved with a single-unit dwelling occupied by the owner as the owner's primary residence; (2) the unit is rented for a period of more than 30 days and less than one year; and (3) the owner of the single-unit dwelling lives on site through the duration of the lease.

The Ordinance will take effect thirty days after its adoption.

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The Ghost of Roy Cohn



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TRUMP: A young Donald Trump receives lessons in deceit from Roy Cohn in 1973.

By the time you read this, hopefully we'll know more regarding the presidential election. For those who worried about our democracy these past four years, it's a nightmare to imagine what further damage Trump could do in another term. (If there were "Trump Anonymous" meetings, I'd be there right now.)

Trump's re-election strategy has been right out of the late Roy Cohn's playbook of "deny, deny, deny," "if you're accused of wrong doing accuse your accusers of worse," and "if you lose claim victory." Reportedly closeted gay, Cohn, often described as a ruthless sociopath, first came to prominence in the 1950's as demagogic Senator Joe McCarthy's lawyer/hatchet man during the infamous "Communist witch hunt" hearings that ruined the lives and reputations of vast numbers of innocent Americans many of whom fled the country.

For his unethical practices, in 1954 the Senate Republicans (back when they valued ethics) censured McCarthy. Bitter, Joe proceeded to drink himself to death at age 49. Meanwhile middle-aged sociopath Cohn became the mentor to young sociopath Trump.

Ultimately, Cohn was disbarred and disgraced and died a lonely death from HIV/AIDS. Even on his deathbed he denied he was gay, claiming, "I just liked sleeping with men." Of no use to him anymore, Trump didn't once visit Cohn in the hospital. Then again, five years prior, when Donald's older brother, Fred Jr., was in the hospital dying, Trump went to the movies.

As for the election, after voting I went to the 99-cent store at Rose and Lincoln. I always find it ironic that the 99-cent Store is next door to Whole Foods where items are so pricey, Bill Maher says the store should be renamed "Whole Paycheck."

So there I am in the 99-Cent Store at the frozen food section when an elderly woman asked me why I was buying so much. I politely explained that, since the pandemic, I don't shop that often so when I do I tend to stock up. But she persisted. "Are you sure you don't own a restaurant?" Exasperated, less politely I replied I was a writer and this Q and A session was over. But it wasn't to be.

As fate would have it, she and I crossed paths four more times in the store and she continued grilling me. For example, why was I buying two bottles of shampoo instead of one? Getting considerably annoyed, I replied, "With all due respect ma'am this is ridiculous." "I was just curious" she said, feigning innocence rather than confessing to being a busy body.

And wouldn't you know, when I went to check out she's ahead of me as the checker is scanning her items. Seeing me she blurted out, "There he is now," as it was obvious she had been telling him about me. The checker was congenial and looked like he had a sense of humor so I explained, "On my late mother, I swear this woman stopped me five times asking about why I was buying what."

As he laughed, she didn't deny it but came up with a line I found so amusing I couldn't continue being mad at her. "Yes, maybe I did," she said almost flirtatiously, "but when has a woman as attractive as I am paid this much attention to you?" A sucker for humor, I replied, "You've got a point there, ma'am." (Ironically, later at home as I was crowding my groceries into the refrigerator and even needed to use the mini-frig in my bedroom, damn if I didn't think the nosey woman, for all her faults, had been right!)

Mark Twain once observed, "Never do today what you can put off to tomorrow." So it is I'm writing this Wednesday at midnight. With the election results that could impact the country for a generation still up in the air, U.S.A. could stand for the "United States of Anxiety." That said, Tuesday night the picture for a majority of Americans was so grim restful sleep was just a theoretical concept.

With his family surrounding him, Trump declared he'd won the election. Chris Christie, fresh off six days in the I.C.U from Covid likely contracted while prepping Trump for the second debate where no one in the room was wearing masks, and Rick Santorum, both normally "Toadies for Trump" criticized him

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, AT APPROXIMATELY 11:16 P.M.

Officers responded to a "Hot Prowl" call on the 1400 block of 19th St. An intruder had broken into an apartment and had an altercation with two individuals that were inside. The intruder ran off as one of the victims chased after him, eventually losing sight of him. The intruder then tried to break into a neighbor's apartment while one of the first victims was on the phone with Dispatchers. When Officers arrived, they began to gather statements from the victims when suddenly the sound of glass breaking was heard nearby. The intruder was then spotted hiding behind a palm tree and began to run after Officers asked him to stop. Michael Vladimir Mathison was apprehended shortly after and booked for 459 PC- Burglary, 243 PC-Battery, and 594 PC- Vandalism.

Your column here

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

A letter written by Craig Foster, one of our SMMUSD School Board colleagues, was published this week in various local outlets. It leveled some very harsh, inflammatory and unfair accusations at Superintendent Ben Drati concerning recent developments about "unification" (separation of Santa Monica and Malibu schools into two separate and distinct districts).

In this day and age, it is increasingly critical to our discourse that we acknowledge over and over again that everyone is entitled to an opinion, but not to their own version of the facts. As board members, we feel compelled to set the record straight by addressing the factual inaccuracies and baseless assertions raised in the letter.

First, Dr. Drati serves as the superintendent for all 9,700 students in SMMUSD, not just the students who live in Santa Monica. To imply anything else perpetuates a fallacy that is dragged out every so often by Malibu residents who support separation from SMMUSD and actively seek examples of their perceived mistreatment by the district to justify that action. In fact, over the past few years, significant progress has been made to enhance Malibu schools' local control over fundraising, construction, and curricular choices. Dr. Drati has been a leader in helping SMMUSD achieve these very interests. The unification proposal submitted unilaterally by the Malibu City Council ignores two years of discussions and negotiations that have been grounded in an abiding belief in the possibility of an equitable separation of our two communities to form two school districts. As the guardian of all students in the school district, Dr. Drati had no choice but to respond as he did in his letter. The Malibu City Council's petition not only seeks to severely reduce student opportunity in Santa Monica where 87% of the students in the district attend school, but it also ignores the manner in which schools have been funded in California for more than 40 years.

Some important facts to know about the process to date:

1. The negotiating teams were very close to an agreement which would have accomplished equity for all students when the Malibu team stopped communicating and ultimately made a decision to re-file its petition with the County without observing the common courtesy of sharing their intentions with our superintendent (or any of us).

2. There have been attempts to deliberately draw attention away from the stunning inequity in Malibu's proposal by pointing to how well-off SMMUSD is compared with other districts, as if that somehow justifies the harm that would come to the larger and more diverse part of the district that is in Santa Monica. This misdirection is intended to take the focus off of the real issue at the heart of this controversy; namely, equity. Let's be clear: Malibu's proposal would leave the students of Santa Monica worse off than they would have been if we remained SMMUSD while simultaneously creating a small, 1,250-student, largely white, highly affluent school district in Malibu.

3. After the City of Santa Monica and its voters have repeatedly voted to tax themselves to provide additional funding for ALL students for years – those in Santa Monica and Malibu – Foster has the audacity to imply that the property taxes that are paid by Malibu residents should all go solely to support only the dwindling numbers of students in Malibu schools, a position grounded in a completely inaccurate understanding of the way school funding works in California.

4. Any attempt to blame the declining enrollment in Malibu's schools on SMMUSD is absurd and dishonest as are mischaracterizations of the PCB and the Woolsey fire responses. Furthermore, accusations about cutting teachers and programs in Malibu belie reality. In truth, SMMUSD spends more per student in Malibu than in Santa Monica, the student to teacher ratio in Malibu schools is lower than in Santa Monica, and we continue to support measures that help Malibu schools stay vibrant despite their small numbers. Malibu's schools are highly ranked by every publication that indulges in the ranking of California's public schools, and with good reason.

5. To talk about the "price of Malibu's freedom" and attempt to draw bizarre parallels between Malibu's desire to separate and actual freedom movements is sadly in keeping with the dangerous direction of our country in which seeking the common good is no longer a shared value. It is increasingly being replaced by greed and selfishness and the "I've got mine" mentality exhibited by the Malibu City Council.

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SANTA MONICA SHINES

Local adaptations during a pandemic preserve jobs and drive sales

AUTOMOTIVE

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for themselves, and subsequently our community. If you're looking to purchase a car, look no further than your neighborhood.

When looking to buy a car, Santa Monica residents know to head down to Santa Monica Blvd., housing over 20 auto dealerships and 30 plus car repair services. The Boulevard has historically been a hot spot for auto services, with some dealerships dating back to the 1950's, such as Santa Monica Ford Lincoln. 70 years later, Santa Monica's auto industry continues to adapt. The popularity of electric and hybrid vehicles are surging, and computerized systems in vehicles are already setting the standard. Today, there are 151 City-owned electric vehicle charging stations available to the public, while California is phasing out gas powered passenger and transport cars in favor of zero-emission vehicles by 2035. As the automotive industry moves towards the future, Santa Monica is leading the way and vehicle purchases have the power to reinvigorate our economy at the same time.

The March shutdowns hit every sector of our community, but most notably the automotive industry. What was once the highest sales tax generator for the City took a steep dive, with a 26% decrease in City tax revenue out of an overall 34%, according to Santa Monica's second quarter tax update. As the months went on, the automotive industry implemented some innovative changes to adapt to our new climate, and sales recovered by August. Many dealerships have begun pushing online sales, choosing to conduct minor repair services at a client's home without interaction, no-touch pay options and much more. Although the car buying experience might be a little different this year, auto dealerships are still offering their impeccable customer service and are predicting a great holiday season.

Gary Schneider, General Manager of Santa Monica Ford Lincoln has made the best out of his current situation. In the early stages of the pandemic, Schneider was able to keep Ford Lincoln's doors open and about 20% of his staff employed. Since then, Schneider has been able to turn things around, returning to near "pre-COVID level staffing" by early June.

Over the course of time, Schneider quickly implemented strategic changes to the car-buying experience, making it a COVID-19 friendly environment for staff and clients. Schneider "moved into digital marketing" and began providing home-deliveries. For those in need of basic maintenance, such as oil changes or recall maintenance, a technician is able to perform these services at your home while you pay online or through text, for a no-contact experience. Schneider says that people "like the model" for its convenience and is a great way to promote business, as well as keeping demand up to employ his staff. As business began to surge once again in July and August, Schneider says that used cars and car leases are what's selling, leading to a high surge in used car prices over the summer.

As for the future of the business, Schneider is confident that demand will continue to increase into the holidays, as Ford is releasing an electric Mustang and re-introducing the notorious Ford Bronco. As for buying local, Schneider says that it's "important" to buy local because "any money spent in Santa Monica will stay here," funding public services like our fire department and public schools.

"Buying local keeps our essential services running. Santa Monica businesses fund over $160 million toward our parks, libraries, and public safety," says Jennifer Taylor, City of Santa Monica's Economic Development Manager.

Native Santa Monica resident, Mike "Sully" Sullivan, better known as the LA Car Guy, has been in the Santa Monica auto-business since opening Santa Monica Volkswagen in 1964. 56-years later, Sullivan now owns four other dealerships in Santa Monica, including Honda, Toyota, Lexus and Subaru. His friendly business model has attracted Santa Monica residents for years, but in March, Sullivan closed his dealerships in an effort to keep his staff and clients safe. After a four-week closure, he was able to open again in May, when tragedy struck again; Sullivan's Toyota dealership was looted and vandalized during the riots.

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- **Trapeze School New York**
- **Tribe Pilates**
- **Viceroy Santa Monica**
- **Water Grill**
- **Westside Music Conservatory**

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During the subsequent clean up, Sullivan was touched by the community that "came out to help," says Sullivan. Since reopening, Sullivan says that "business has been dramatically better" with the top-sellers being pick-up trucks and SUVs for those weekend warriors looking for a COVID-friendly adventure. He also noted that the sale of luxury vehicles has decreased. As he continues to navigate this new landscape, he is confident that the auto industry will continue to support Santa Monica's economy and that "Santa Monica will come back."

In the world of change we are living in, a little normalcy can be refreshing. At Mini of Santa Monica, General Manager Seth Waskow is still providing the best and safest customer experience possible.

Waskow shared the same sentiments as many other dealerships, that March was an extremely difficult time. Waskow evaluated the best course of action and decided to temporarily close his doors for the safety of his staff in mid-March. To ensure that the dealership would be well prepared for re-opening, and with safety measures in place, including shorter hours and appointment-only service, they reopened on May 1st. As of today, Waskow has been able to increase hours to near pre-COVID levels because of the increase in demand. After a lull in sales from March to early June, Waskow says that they experienced a "kick" in July and by August, they have been experiencing "some of the best months we've ever had."

Although larger auto-dealers are riding on a high, many independent dealerships are still experiencing economic strife. Grant Woods owns Cars with Class on Airport Ave. next to the Barker Hanger by the Santa Monica Airport, and he focuses on the sale of classic cars. Since the shutdown he has struggled to bring back the business he once had. He attributes most of his sales and inquiries from patrons out of state (who find him online), but believes that local sales will increase once people see the "good investment" potential of classic cars.

As we near the end of 2020, with the holiday season quickly approaching, it is more important than ever to look locally for any car buying needs. Interest rates are at an all time low and you are supporting the largest sales tax revenue service in the City. The car-buying experience is safe and easy and you can also take advantage of contactless maintenance for a vehicle you already own. Take a trip down Santa Monica Blvd. and talk to a friendly sales representative to see if now might be the time to purchase a car and feel good knowing that you played a role in supporting your local economy.



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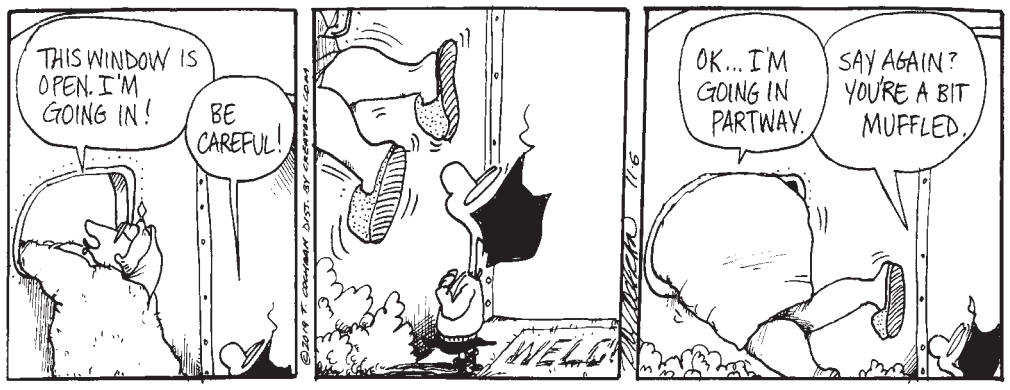
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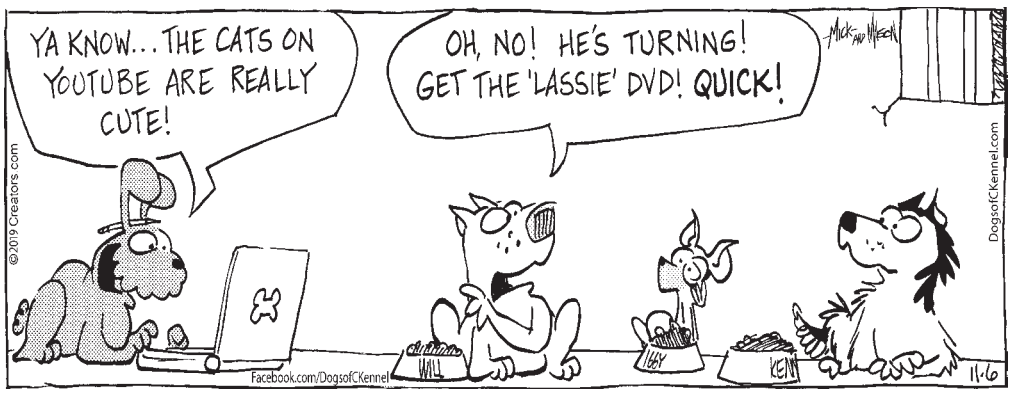
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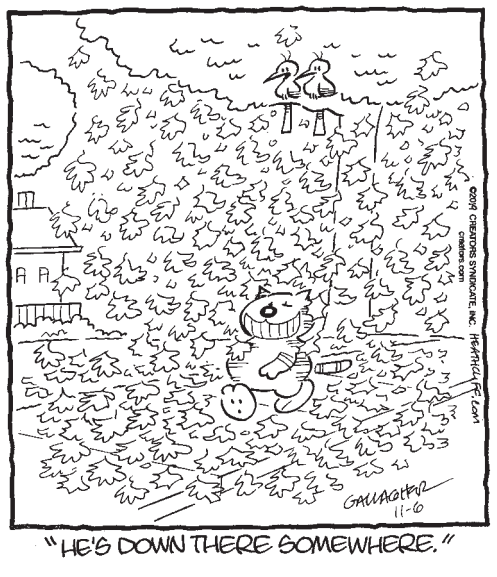
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WATER TEMP: 63.1°

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high occ. 5 ft
Fresh SSW swell tops out and holds. Small NW swell in the mix. AM wind looking more favorable across the board.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high
SSW swell starts to ease as next pulse of SW-SSW swell builds underneath.

WEATHER

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 80. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 10pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 60. West northwest wind around 5 mph becoming southeast after midnight.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66. East wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west northwest in the morning. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

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2020/11/05	Thu	6:43 PM	0.49	L
2020/11/06	Fri	11:32 AM	4.89	H
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2020/11/07	Sat	12:49 PM	4.59	H
2020/11/07	Sat	9:13 PM	0.52	L
2020/11/08	Sun	05:01 AM	3.83	H
2020/11/08	Sun	09:13 AM	3.35	L
2020/11/08	Sun	2:31 PM	4.44	H
2020/11/08	Sun	10:13 PM	0.38	L
2020/11/09	Mon	05:23 AM	4.24	H
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2020/11/10	Tue	05:48 AM	4.72	H
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Power#: 13
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Mega#: 22
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Jackpot:22 M

Fantasy 5
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Draw Date: 10/30
Midday: 9 0 0

Draw Date: 10/29
Evening: 6 2 3

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're free of social restraint, emotionally open and highly creative. Use this daring mood! Put something singular into the world. It may require an investment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Conversations have a way of veering out of control today, which can be a whole lot of fun in the right setting. Go where you think you'll be well-received.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You will focus on your own wants without imposing them on others. You'll follow your desire only to the extent that the pursuit helps those around you by generating business or inspiration.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People on their phones give the impression they'd rather be somewhere else. Since attractiveness is typically in and of the moment, being on the phone is inherently unattractive and ideally tended to in private.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are many paths to feeling better about who you are. You'll choose the quick way -- to turn up the self-care and self-acceptance. It's much better than the hard way of aggressively trying to prove yourself or lowering others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What do you wish you would have known back when you were struggling? You'll get the chance to articulate this for someone else and feel mightily fulfilled in the sharing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Apps can make a person look better in pictures. The right clothes and words can also help a person appear improved. But you don't want to appear better, you want to be better, which is a bigger investment and the only one that matters.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be getting in touch with what makes you feel alive. It has to do with novelty and the freedom to explore the unknown. Real gratitude isn't felt just because you tell yourself to feel it. It's more of a discovery.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Fun has a lot to do with whose idea it is. Even pleasurable things can seem like chores if you feel that you absolutely must do them instead of having options and free will.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The greater degree of control people have over their own thoughts and feelings, the less drawn they will be to controlling one another. A sense of emotional safety will calm everyone down. Create it wherever you can.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). To what degree are you willing to alter your agenda for someone else? This is the big negotiation of the day. It comes with an awareness of just how much another person seems willing to sacrifice for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Imbalanced relationships can work for a while, but they are not usually built to last. Highly functional relationships are about a balanced give and take so that no one is only giving or always taking.

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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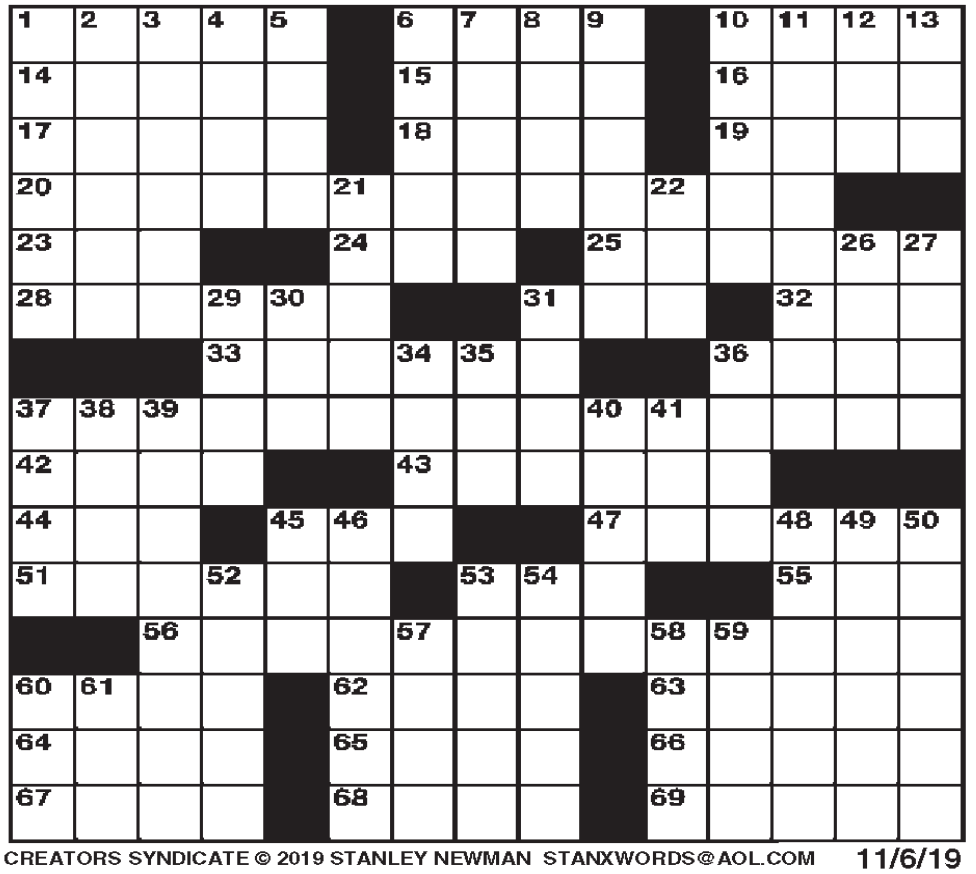
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ACROSS
1 Snatches away
6 *Gone with the Wind* estate
10 Easy task
14 Update cartography
15 Pub drinks
16 Prefix for space or nautical
17 Orchard fruit
18 Weed-chopping tools
19 End-table lighting
20 Patrol-car driver
23 Before, in poetry
24 __ down (disappoint)
25 Gloomy
28 Took long steps
31 Farm pen
32 Yale student
33 Country cut by a canal
36 Rural water source
37 Touchdown caller
42 Washrooms, for short
43 Approved
44 Enjoyed a meal
45 Poetic tribute
47 City maps on state maps
51 King's seat
53 Finish in first
55 Marina Del __, CA
56 School zone traffic stopper
60 Digital music player
62 Worrisome engine sound
63 Norwegian playwright Henrik
64 Silent street performer
65 Three-layer cookie
66 Formation fliers
67 Jury member
68 Evaluate
69 Impressive assortment

DOWN
1 Vineyard fruits
2 Newscast story
3 More abundant
4 Indonesian tourist isle
5 Architectural detail
6 Lake near Reno
7 Up in the sky
8 Coral formation
9 Help out
10 Witch trial town
11 Low-alcohol brew
12 Sofa part
13 Bubble-bursting sound
21 Justice Kagan
22 Playfully shy
26 *Vogue* competitor
27 Antagonize
29 Chooses, with "for"
30 Small amount of lotion
31 Lee of cakes
34 Natural skin balm
35 Jan. holiday honoree
36 Ties the knot
37 Deflated tire
38 Sworn statement
39 Get the better of
40 Watching intently
41 Swampland
45 Yoko __
46 Tyrannical ruler
48 Chalkboard cleaner
49 Mother __ (Peace Prize nun)
50 Biggest Australian city
52 Military command
53 Claret and Cabernet
54 Gold bar
57 Title to call a king
58 "Billion" prefix
59 Lyft competitor
60 Little rascal
61 Last course with a crust



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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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DEPLOYMENT

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want to make sure we are here and available to quickly respond or show our visual deterrence in the city," SMPD Lt. Joseph Cortez said. "Currently, we have no personnel responding outside of the city outside of our prior arrangements. So, we have been able to maintain posture inside of our boundaries, and that's because we really want everyone in the neighborhood or business areas to see a police officer."

Cortes said he and local officers expect the weekend to be quite calm and people will go about their business as usual. "It's just we're in a state where we don't know exactly what's going to happen," so it's best for everybody to be proactive.

"But since we have so many officers around in the community, we are sure we have the ability to keep everybody safe," Cortes said. "We have comprehensive plans in place that take from the best practices across the country; and to quote a lieutenant who's been very involved with everything — 'We're ready. We got this.' So I want the community to feel they can trust our preparation and know we are taking the necessary steps to produce the highest level of public safety."

"As always, we encourage you to keep communicating with us online and via telephone," Seabrooks added in the video. "Our strong relationship with you is the key to us being able to keep Santa Monica safe."

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WEATHER

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followed by a second system during the weekend, forecasters said.

A winter storm watch starting in the Sierra Nevada on Friday warns of possible heavy snow above 5,000 feet (1,524 meters) with accumulations of 6 inches to 12 inches (15.2 to 30.48 centimeters), with localized amounts up to 15 inches (38.1 centimeters) .

Significant snowfall was also forecast for Southern California mountains. State highway officials advised motorists that chain controls will be in effect at higher elevations, and there could be delays because of rock falls or debris flows from burn scars.

The forecast of an abrupt change in the weather follows a long, hot summer and early fall marked by disastrous wildfires feeding on a parched landscape.

About 9,000 fires have scorched more than 4.1 million acres (16,970 square kilometers) in California so far this year. More than 10,400 structures have been destroyed or damaged, and there have been 31 fire-related fatalities.

Several thousand firefighters continue working to complete containment of more than 20 big fires.

The U.S. Drought Monitor reported Thursday that more than 84% of the state — the northern and eastern regions — is now experiencing moderate to extreme drought or abnormal dryness.

Since Jan. 1, San Francisco has had just over 4 inches (10.1 centimeters) of rain, a deficit more than 10 inches to date.

The coastal counties from Monterey south to San Diego remain free of drought indicators, according to the monitor. But there has been little rain.

Since Jan. 1, downtown Los Angeles has had 7.8 inches (19.8 centimeters) of rain, nearly 4 inches (10.1 centimeters) less than normal.

California is expected to be warmer and drier than normal this winter, according to a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration outlook released last month.

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LAUGHING MATTERS

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harshly.

Though his path is narrow, if Trump wins (biting my tongue) he'll owe it to Roy Cohn's ghost. Whereas if he loses Arizona and thus the election, given Cindy McCain's support for Biden, he'll owe it to John McCain's.

If Trump is ultimately escorted out of the White House, (fingers crossed which would explain any typos) I look forward to writing about less dystopian and more uplifting subjects. For example, how soon will Melania dump Donald? (Oops. Sorry about that.)

For a laugh, go to YouTube and type "Donald Trump's 50 most ridiculous excuses." Jack is at: jackdaily-press@aol.com.

BUS DRIVER

FROM PAGE 1

with far more confidence than I should—it's both a gift and a curse that I've had throughout my life," said Bailey. "I think that's why I was able to get through as many rounds as I did."

Bailey faced Kimmel's questions with confidence and bravery, which is the same attitude he has used to navigate life as an essential worker during the pandemic.

"You can't really convert driving a bus to a working from home type of job," said Bailey. "Of course there are those concerns of safety and health, but one: I still had a duty to do, and two: I still had a family to provide for, so I had to go out there and keep doing my job."

As for his $32,000 prize money, Bailey intends to set it aside to help buy a house one day for his wife and three-year old child. During the filming Bailey got the chance to chat and joke with Jimmy Kimmel who also has a three-year old and shares many of the same parental joys and struggles.

The filming of the show this season looks a little different than in prior years. The guests are either essential workers or celebrities playing for charity. Although there is no live audience, contestants had the chance to invite an expert guest to come with them on set and help them answer questions.

Bailey invited his friend Alberto Argueta to be his guest who he described as "definitely the smartest person I know." Bailey met Argueta at his first ever job working as a ticket seller at universal studios, and the two have been friends for the past sixteen years.

Bailey is originally from Lynwood and has worked as a Santa Monica bus driver for seven years. While Covid-19 has brought new challenges and stresses to the job, Bailey said he enjoys working for the city and looks forward to the eventual return of its tourists.

"There's not a lot of jobs where you can meet somebody that lives off 4th and Wilshire, but the next person you meet grew up in Melbourne, Australia," said Bailey. "It's been really fun seeing literally everyone from all over the globe come to this city just to check the pier out."

Who Wants To Be A Millionaire airs Sundays at 9:00pm on ABC and can be streamed on FuboTV and Hulu + Live.

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YOUR COLUMN HERE

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Make no mistake, Dr. Drati is, and has always been, fiercely committed to providing opportunities for all students in SMMUSD. His responsibility does not change once he drives north on PCH and Foster well knows that. Dr. Drati's commitment to equity is one of the reasons he enjoys the support of all Board members. The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District must always make decisions based on the best interests of its students in Santa Monica AND Malibu. Dr. Drati is the Superintendent of students in both of our communities. To attack him as being biased in favor of Santa Monica is not merely false, but it is unacceptable coming from someone who has spent six years serving both communities and who knows better.

To reiterate, we believe there is a pathway for the creation of two independent school districts, but that pathway is inseparably connected to the principle of equity. We remain committed to continuing down the same path of negotiating an equitable separation that we embarked upon arm-in-arm with the City should the City wish to do so.

Sincerely,
Jon Kean, President
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Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Board Member
SMMUSD Board of Education

FIX TO FOOD

FROM PAGE 2

Nations science panel looking at world climate change impacts, said the study makes sense in laying out the many paths to achieving the needed emission reductions.

"There are many innovations that are possible with stopping food waste as well as stopping unsustainable practices such as cutting tropical forests for soy production and its export as (animal) feed," said Poertner, who wasn't part of the study. "It cannot be ignored that reducing meat consumption to sustainable levels would be important."

A Mediterranean diet of less meat and animal fats, along with cutting portions, would do the trick and make people healthier, Hill said.

"Something like convincing the whole world to go vegan was always going to be an impossible large sell," said Breakthrough Institute climate director Zeke Hausfather, who wasn't part of the study. "This paper shows that a mix of different behavioral and technological solutions can make a real difference."

While most of the world's heat-trapping gases come from the burning of coal, oil and natural gas, one-quarter to one-third of the greenhouse gases come from agriculture, Hill said.

John Roy Porter, a professor of agriculture at the University of Montpellier in France, said some of the calculations from Hill's study double counted emissions, which Hill disputes, and said he worried that "the only people really to profit from such a paper will be the fossil fuel lobby who can divert attention from oil wells to farmers' fields."



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